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Point Lookout Civic Ass'n Acted
To Reduce Taxes

OUR TOWN TAX BILLS for 1963 (in Point Lookout) would have been higher if alert members of the Civic Association had not taken prompt action last October. The tax bill would have been $18.50 higher for a house assessed at $5,000.

As soon as copies of the proposed Town budget for 1963 were available, your Civic Ass'n secured a copy and made a careful analysis of the rates proposed for the numerous taxing districts which include Point Lookout properties.

It was noted that a levy of 33 cents per $100 of assessed valuation was proposed for the Point Lookout Sea Wall Assessment area which includes all taxable property between the Inlet and Town Park. (Taxing District No. 105, created to levy on Point Lookout properties, each year for the rock wall cost of constructing the rock wall assessed at $5,000.)

From 1944 through 1954, $12,500 was collected each year for the rock wall from Point Lookout taxpayers making a total of $137,500. Since 1954, no tax has been levied and the district has had an accrued surplus. Expenditures were made last year for needed repairs to the wall following the severe storm in March, however, the district still showed an accrued surplus of $23,968.51 in the budgetary figures for 1963.

These facts were brought to the attention of Town officials by your Civic Ass'n with the result that, at the October public hearing, the Town Board deleted the proposed tax of 33 cents per $100 on Point Lookout properties - the only reduction made in the entire town budget proposed for 1963 according to reports in the press.

CHRISTMAS EVE

The congregation and friends of the church went in for a treat this Christmas Eve, for in addition to the beautiful decorations of the church which consisted of two huge Christmas trees twinkling with lights, the candle lit aisle and festoons of ground cedar and huge masses of red poinsettias, we had the privilege of viewing for the first time the beautiful and inspiring "Service of the Nine Lessons".

The parts were taken by all the different departments of the church, with music of the lovely Christmas carols sung between each lesson; some with audience participation and others by the choir alone.

The lessons gave "The Creation of Man in the Image of God", followed by the singing of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"; next "The Disobedience and Fall of Man" with Bach's "Break Forth, O Beautiful Heavenly Light"; the "Prophetic Vision of the Peace of Christ" and the Coke-Jephcott carol, "In Quiet Midnight", "The Annunciation of the Angel to the Virgin Mary" with Corner's carol, "A Babe Lies in the Cradle"; and "The Birth of the Holy Child", with Praetorius' carol, "Lo, How a Rose"; followed by "The Gentiles See His Light and Glory", with the rollicking English carol, "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"; then "The Love of God Is Manifested Among Us", with the happy French theme, "Ding Dong Merrily"; and finally "The New Heaven and the New Earth" with the negro spiritual "Go, Tell It On The Mountain".

The Lessons were beautifully executed and showed the hard work Dr. T. F. H. Candlyn, our Choir Master, had put into the presentation and the many hours of work with the senior and junior choirs.

It made the "Happy Christmas" the members of the congregation wished each other afterwards a more significant and deeper meaning than ever before.

Carolyn Gates

A DAY TO REMEMBER

On Friday, December 28, 1962, the Confirmation Class and the Junior Choir of the Point Lookout Community Church took a trip to New York City. There were about 25 of us, counting the chaperones.

We went by train and arrived in the city about 12:30 a.m. From Penn Station we went to Radio City Music Hall to see the Christmas show. Mrs. Maurer, summer resident of Point Lookout, supervisor of the Rockettes, acquired tickets for us so we wouldn't have to wait on the long line. Jumbo, the movie, and the show were very nice. Everyone in our group enjoyed it. After the show Mrs. Maurer took us backstage. There we saw a horse, a camel, a baby lamb, a sheep, and costumes and scenery used in the stage show.

At about two o'clock we ate lunch at the Horn & Hardart Automat.

Then we enjoyed visiting St. Thomas' and St. Patrick’s Cathedral. From St. Thomas’ we visited Rockefeller Center. After seeing the Christmas decorations, we went back to Penn station and started our trip back to Long Beach. We arrived back home at approximately five o'clock, after a great day.

The confirmation class and junior choir are very grateful to Mr. Henning and Mr. Gates for making this wonderful day possible.

Respectfully submitted,
CHRI S TIAN STEWARDSHIP

There is an old familiar hymn with the words, "We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be, All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee." Basically, this hymn describes very simply and profoundly the nature of Christian Stewardship. We live as stewards, caretakers of God's world. All that we possess, our time and our treasures, are gifts from God.

A few Sundays ago, I mentioned that our time is short and uncertain so that it is therefore valuable. Our time can be spent with the idea that it is a precious gift from God, or it can be ungratefully wasted. How will we spend our time in 1963? There are certainly enough demands upon it from all directions. It really requires pretty careful planning when you get right down to it.

However, if time is a gift from God, and the Christian faith certainly proclaims that it is, how much time can we set aside especially for Him? Can we afford to set aside an hour each week for worship? Perhaps it would be better stated by saying, "Can we afford not to set aside an hour each week for worship?" As a familiar anthem rings forth: "Another year is dawning. Dear Father, let it be, in working or in waiting, another year with Thee." Whatever they may say, good habits are easy to develop as bad ones. In 1963 let us put church attendance high on our list of good habits.

Our treasures also come from God. "We plow the fields and scatter the seeds on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand." As there are tremendous demands upon our time, there are also demands upon our finances. We find ourselves constantly reaching in our pockets or checkbooks for important or not-so-important items and activities.

The Church of Christ needs our support. It would be very nice if the church did not need to bother with finances but the fact of the matter is, that the church, in order to operate its building, its educational activities and its missionary enterprises, needs regular financial assistance.

Jesus tells us, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also."

So, may God's richest blessings rest upon you in the new year and with our time and treasures, forget not our Father in Heaven.

Rev. Allen D. MacLean

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday evening, December 2nd, the Group had a gala evening, having one of their most enjoyable affairs of the year.

Mr. Harold Gates was the guest speaker, choosing as his subject, "The Meaning of Christmas". He brought in that there were other religions and religious beliefs which millions at the present time hold as the only true faith. He gave as examples, Confucious, the Chinese philosopher and teacher; Buddha, in India; Zarathustra, in Persia. But the greatest of these was Jesus, the Nazarene, whose birth we are celebrating this Christmas.

After an initial blow-out of the projector, due to defective wiring in the West wall necessitating the calling in of Herb Ulph with his projector. Mr. Gates showed colored slides of the church as it gradually rose from a coast guard station to the present beautiful edifice. Among the pictures was the first Christening, with Caran Chisholm, and Karan Eberhart the infants being baptized. Caran was so excited she ran home and got her mother and grandmother to see the miracle.

Another picture was the first Christmas pageant with many of our young people, with background of unfinished walls and cement floors, as they were ten or so years ago. They loved it.

To top off the evening, a delicious cake was discovered in the refrigerator (evidently a left-over from the Christmas Fair of the previous day) which the young people proceeded to enjoy, with many thanks to the person responsible for placing it there.

JIM LAMB

Jim Lamb probably had more friends in Point Lookout than any one other person; so his departure leaves many saddened people!

Jim's last act in life was one of service; his last words were to Jane, kind and gracious words; a moment of relaxation, with his beloved granddaughter running towards him, and he passed away - surely, a fitting end for the man we knew so well!

Jim was part of life at Point Lookout; we are grateful that the town was thoughtful enough to tell him what they thought of him while he could hear it; just last year he was presented with a testimonial from the Civic Association, the Fire Department, the Fishing Club, his family, Bingo, his club, and, most important to him, his Church.

A smiling Christian, he left some thoughts for us: never complaining in suffering, he would say he could not understand how a man who had health could be unhappy!

Wednesday, January 16th, 1963, was not a good day for Point Lookout!

Charles H. Bohle

SYMPATHY

Mrs. Mary Hardenburgh, a long time resident of Bellmore Avenue, Point Lookout, passed away on Thursday, December 27, 1962. Our deepest sympathy to her husband, Joseph, and her three daughters.

We were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Vincent Petti of Cedarhurst Avenue, Point Lookout, on December 28, 1962. Our thoughts are with his family.

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Julia Kehoe of Point Lookout, on Sunday, January 13, 1963. Our deepest sympathy to her children.
RECREATION LEAGUE

The Recreation Hall was open during the Christmas vacation under the supervision of Duffy Mahoney. Open House prevailed and was attended each night with attendance varying between forty and fifty. Special events were a movie which was very popular and teen-age bowling for which only nine showed. The attendance was very disappointing and bowling cannot be continued unless better participation is shown as the bus expense is too costly for so few. Come on teenagers, you can do better.

The Teen Dance proved it. About sixty danced to the live music of the Kobus Trio and everybody enjoyed the twist, cokes and pizzas. A semi-formal dance pep up the vacation and gives the girls a chance to look their prettiest which they certainly did. Door prizes were won by Dana Cullen, Ed Agnew, Moochie Keenan and Jerry Nelson. Everyone had a marvelous time and most topped off the dream evening with a visit to Long Beach for pizza. The chaperones were Mrs. Eunice McGarry, Mrs. Laurel Mahoney, and the Messrs. Ed Korndorfer and Ivar Malmstrom.

The winter season brings open house, bowling and movies. The movies for small fry and teenagers are scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on February 9, March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1 under the direction of the Blakes and the Nelsons. Bowling for teenagers is scheduled for January 19, February 16, March 23, April 20, and May 18. Open House is scheduled for the rest of the Saturday nights when other community events are not programmed. Following are the dates—January 26, February 9 and 23, March 9 and 30, April 27, May 11 and 25. We URGENTLY ask the parents to cooperate as chaperones when asked which will be two to three weeks in advance. If we can't have the cooperation of two sets of parents for each Open House, we won't be able to complete our schedule. Please make every effort to help as our young people need supervised programs and if all parents cooperate, then the load is more evenly distributed and you will be only asked to chaperone one Saturday night which is not too much of a sacrifice.

Ivar Malmstrom

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WEDDING

On Saturday, December 29th, 1962, Linda Carol Laako became the bride of Mr. Ivar Malmstrom, Jr. The Rev. Allen MacLean officiated at the beautiful candlelight ceremony which was held in the Point Lookout Community Church. When the stirring strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin heralded the start of the wedding procession, this writer had a feeling of complete joy which she will feel only once more. The bride's matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Frank Koegler; the bridesmaids were the Misses Ellen Corwin, Elaine Goldberg, Sandy Malmstrom (sister of the groom), Frances Price and Patricia Rossi. The groom was attended by Steven McCabe, the best man; ushers were the Messrs. Russ Bliss, Richard Borawski, Edward Quinn, Martin Sheehy and William Walbroehl. Following a wonderful reception at Carl Rossi's in Baldwin, the couple left for a honeymoon in St. Thomas and Puerto Rico. They are now back and are living in Newark, New Jersey.

(Ed. Note: if this account seems a bit short, we quote from the editorial "It is our intention to reprint some of the articles of bygone days which we believe would be of interest to present Point Lookouters. From the March 1948 issue we have an article titled "Point Lookout Beginnings" by Mr. Howard Arrighi, a former resident and an accurate historian.)

"Who started it first? Was it the dinosaurs who roamed the land when Ambrose Channel was a debris pile for the Great Hudson River Glacier and left their bones to be brought to light by the Bright Eye Scallop Dredgers finally to be deposited on the shelves of the Museum of Natural History in New York City? Or was it the Indians who roamed the wide beach, spearing frost fish and gathering shells for making wampum?"

"The first official mention of Point Lookout is found in the records of the Town of Hempstead, which shows that on Christmas Day, 1678, the Town Council allotted parts of the beach to forty-two free holders, apparently for use as fishing camps. From that time on our community has been officially designated as Point Lookout.

"In the by-gone days the burghers who farmed the Hempstead Plains, like us, loved the glittering sea, and the bainy salt breezes, and every fall when the harvest had been gathered in and the pickles and preserves safely stored in the great farm cellars, they trekked to the beach in the ox-drawn wagons to cut the salt-marsh grass for winter fodder.

"Marshing", as it was called, became the occasion for a regular fall festival. Sometimes whole families lived in shelters erected from driftwood. While the men cut the grasses, the rest of the family gathered shell fish from the mud flats, went crabbing and eeling and fished from the shore.

"Copying Indian methods, deep pits were dug and filled with driftwood which was burned until the pits were a mass of glowing embers, upon which was piled seaweed. As the fragrant steam rose, the pit was filled, layer by layer, with fish and clams, topped off by ears of corn in their husks, and all again covered with more seaweed.

"At eventide when the family gathered together again the pits were opened and the succulent odors lent added zest to their hearty appetites and on & all feasted until they could hold no more. Around the dying fire hymns were sung in a spirit of thanksgiving for the blessing of the harvest. Thus was the institution of the Long Island Clam Bake born.

"Now, two and one half centuries have gone by since those days, but Point Lookout has remained though all the years a place of rest and recreation for young and old".

Just one more thing—we received the "Teenagers Plea", a letter asking for more planned activity for the high school group. We have not had a chance to properly study this request, but we would suggest two things—first, avail yourselves of some of the after-school activities in Long Beach (there is a school bus to bring you home late in the afternoon) and second, please read the Recreation League article on page 3 of this issue. You will find that there are things planned for you, but the League needs the support of you and your parents.

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THE OUTLOOK

January is the birthday of the "Outlook". The first issue was published in January of 1948—a one page paper. We quote from the editorial "It is our plan to issue regularly a monthly bulletin which we hope will be of community interest—We have only apologies for the first issue, but a beginning must be made, and we will try to improve as we gain in experience. What we will need is the help of those interested in gathering factual and pertinent notes of doings on the Point and all contributions will be appreciated". That editorial could have been in 1963, February 1948 saw the "Outlook" grow to 2 pages, in March it had four, and in April it started accepting advertising. The first editors were Mr. and Mrs. George Goldie, and an excellent job they did!

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January, 1963
Again we come to that time of year when we want to warn our neighbors to make sure that snow is kept cleared away from the hydrant nearest your homes. By making it possible for our firemen to immediately spot the hydrant location and hook up the hose without hindrance it can make the difference between getting a blaze under control quickly or letting it reach serious proportions before anything can be done about it. And don't decide to "let George do it". Form a pool among your immediate neighbors and take turns, and if they are reluctant to cooperate, so what! Play safe and do it yourself. It will only take five minutes of your time.

While on the subject of fire safety - a little girl was seriously burned when her dress caught fire because she came too close to an electric heater. An elderly woman's dressing robe was ignited when the loose sleeves brushed the burner of a kitchen stove. A small boy, playing with other children, was fatally burned when he fell or was accidentally pushed into a bonfire. These are typical cases taken from the files of the Nassau County Fire Marshall's office. Clothing fires are a major cause of fire deaths each year, as well as thousands of painful and sometimes disfiguring injuries. The most frequent victims are children and the elderly. The trouble starts when people fail to keep a respectful distance from flames, sparks, etc., and be particularly careful with matches, smoking materials, stoves, heaters of many types, fire places, outdoor fires, etc. Some types of clothing and fabrics are more prone to catch fire than others. Be careful of lightweight, loosely-fitting clothes, ruffles, flounces, long and loose sleeves, filmy nets and gauges. Some sweaters with brushed long fibres ignite easily. Little girls' flared and many-petticoated party dresses are risky, as are many improvised children's costumes. If clothing does catch fire, the first and lifesaving rule is this: DON'T RUN. ROLL ON THE GROUND OR FLOOR. SMOTHER THE FIRE WITH A COAT OR BLANKET. AND LOSE NO TIME
HAVE YOU HEARD?

We’re not going to talk too much about the deep freeze over the first of the year. I imagine some people are still struggling with broken pipes and flooded rooms, but it’s over now—on to a winter!”

It’s a baby boy for the Bruno Piattellis of Mineola Avenue, and a baby girl for Guy Balls; A very special birthday greeting to Mrs. Miriam Shaw of Garden City Avenue—a truly remarkable and very charming lady. Heartiest birthday wishes to all of the following: Larry Murphy, Loraine Hardy, Nancy Murphy, Michelle Ball, Frank Frieli, Jr., Tom O’Hare, Jr., Regina O’Hare, Lisa Laskas, Jannine Laskas, Mary Joanne Laskas, Robert Manning, Mary Miller, Brian and Margaret Reavey, Stephen Merola, C.J. Sutcliffe, Beth Henderson, Laura Samson, Jane Rooney, Gerald Lowree, Dave Morton, Barbara Molzon, Winnie Jorgensen, Dottie Puletz, Amy Levensky, Ann Marie McPhillips, Regina Scaduto, Paul Bublin, Cathy Dugan, and Tommy Peck.

As is to be expected during the winter months what with tricky temperature changes and occasional storms, we have had quite a few Point Lookouters hospitalized, but are happy to report that all have either made complete recoveries or are well on the way to good health. George Thompson spent a few days in the hospital but is now up and around—in fact he’s back at work. Benny Marchioli (of John MacDonald’s) broke his leg—knee I believe—and aloho’ he’s home, he’s still in a cast and will be laid up for a while. Doesn’t seem right to see the MacDonald trucks without Benny behind the wheel of one of them. John Guerin injured his back but is recuperating nicely. Mrs. Ebers, a little lady of over ninety, was blown off her feet in the big wind and was hospitalized for the very first time in her life. Quite a record. She is now home again and feeling pretty well. Rae Maginn broke her ankle and will be sporting a “boot” for a few weeks. Betty Merola is in Massapequa General Hospital in traction, walking around with her back out of place had caused the muscles of one leg to contract so she is now having traction applied to even her off. (If any Doctors read this medical journal, please make allowances for the new terms which I’m sure come as a shock to you). Mrs. Helen Kane of Mineola Avenue has been hospitalized—come home soon. Mrs. Katie Quigg was hospitalized for a couple of days but is home once again. Aileen Bolckom fell on the ice while skating and broke her leg. She will be wearing a cast for the while. Both each and every one who has been laid low thru illness or accident, a sincere “Get Well Soon.”

From the Wall Street Journal of January 2, 1963, we quote the following: “Pocket Books, Inc.—Justin C. McCann was named a vice president of Benjamin Co., the advertising, special projects and special sales affiliate of this publishing concern. He was formerly premium sales manager for Doubleday & Co.” Congratulations!

We hear that Charles O’Shea, Jr. has broken ground for O’Sheas Funeral Home in East Meadow, N.Y. We hate to see his delightful young family move away from the Point, but we wish him every success in his business.

We’ve also learned that George McPhillips has opened his own law offices in Mineola. Good luck to you, George.

It was nice to see some of our service men home for the holidays—among them Tony DiDomenico, Bill King Jr., and Billy Dierkes. Also many of the college group—Lynee McCauley, Priscilla Hookahan, Billy Giasi, Mike Peloquin, Duffy Mahoney, Richard Schulleri, and Teddy Xavier.

Ralph Giasi, an Ensign in the United States Navy, has left for overseas duty in Germany.

Christmas greetings were received from Nan and Bill Kennedy, formerly of Lynbrook Avenue—they wrote: “Our new house is now finished and we moved in about a month ago. We are both very happy here. It was a bit rugged pulling up stakes and making the move, but I think it was worth it. Naturally we miss our friends and Point Lookout, but North Carolina (Southport) is a wonderful place to live.”

It’s been reported that certain residents are planning to pave the way for extensive new home building in the Point this spring—a building supply establishment will be set up with materials free for the taking—supplies will include bits of old sheetrock, horsehair, bits of cotton, yarn, twigs and leaves—all with an eye to persuading some of the migrating birds which have been having brief stops at the Point each spring to stay with us for the summer. With more trees and shrubs reaching a respectable size, don’t think the hopes are in vain... If you have a cat, PLEASE equip same with a big bell!

Mrs. Mae Babenstien left for Florida last week; Gus Henning leaves for the South the end of the month; Rev. Allen MacLean went North for his vacation—home to Rockport to visit his Mother, Ralph and Carolyn Vail are in Florida; Carl and Peter Wertheimer home from a vacation in sunny, warm Puerto Rico; the Jimmy Woods spent Christmas in Fla. (If we report these peregrinations briefly, it’s because we’re jealous and to dwell on them at length only makes us feel worse!)

Bob Rose of Mineola Avenue had a most unusual, and he reports, thoroughly delightful experience recently. He visited former President Harry Truman at the latter’s home in Independence, Mo. Had a three hour conversation with President Truman which he says was interesting, informative, and stimulating.

We hear that Bobby Skirbe has been awarded an athletic scholarship to the University of Valparaiso, Indiana. Bob is also very much in the running for an academic scholarship. Congratulations! His parents, Emily and Joe are fairly bursting with pride—we don’t blame them.

Ivy and Albert Thompson are home from a two week stay in Florida where beautiful weather greeted them each and every day. They had planned a real vacation, right through to February 1st, but unfortunately they found that their North Miami house had been damaged on the inside during their long absence, and this turned them around to Point Lookout and home. While in Florida, Herb Fernandez invited the Thompsons and several of his neighbors to Christmas dinner at his Hialeah homestead, and this proved to be a banner event. Herb’s old friends, Bob and Lillian Gould, chuffed the dinner—traditional all the way—and all that and no snow. Three cheers and a tip for Herb, Bob and Lillian.

Point Lookout can make a valid claim to colonial settlement and the Bob Kelly’s are doing a beautiful job in bringing back the colonial atmosphere with their remodeling activities on Cedarhurst Avenue—the blue stone driveway laid by Frank Quinto adds a lovely touch (provides excellent drainage, too).

And just one final note—have you seen Martha Mellon’s sporty new red Volkswagen? It’s a beauty!
IMPORTANT
"No Parking"

The Paint Lookout Civic Association wishes to advise all residents that our year round "No Parking" regulations are to be strictly enforced by the Police Department throughout the year, and all residents are urged to cooperate, so that none of our cars will be tagged with a violation. No doubt those of us who have interest in the good and welfare of our community will feel this is a step in the right direction because the so-called "off season" leniency has been taken undue advantage of and in some direction has gotten out of hand. As far as those attending the Community Church are concerned, those who have been parking on Garden City Avenue are urged to park only within the posted legal parking area near the corner, or on Lido Boulevard. As far as those who generally park on Freeport Avenue are concerned, it is hoped that permission can be obtained to permit them to continue the practice during Sunday and other religious service periods, but until such permission is obtained and is officially announced it is urged that they too play safe by henceforth confining themselves to parking in the posted legal parking area near the corner of Lido Boulevard or on the Boulevard itself. One of these days a parking area within the church property itself will very likely be made available, which will provide space for many, if not all, who come to church by car, and thus minimize the inconvenience, but until that can be undertaken, let all of us cooperate willingly in this and any other movement designed to protect the good and welfare of our community.

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Mrs. Paula Dorel, of Paris, France, was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Mertz, of Leamington St., flying back to Paris on Sunday the 13th. She spoke no English but as Pierre was born in Paris and has visited there quite often, she had no difficulty in getting along. The Mertz' gave a small dinner party for her at their home on the 10th, and on the 11th the Gateses took her to the Advertising Club in the City for dinner and moving pictures by the Swedish Steamship line. She was, of course, taken to all the historical places that time permitted, including the U.N. and Teddy Roosevelt's grave. A beautiful and gracious French lady, who loved America and is now attached to it by the fact that her grandson, born in December, is the son of Lawrence Mertz, Jr. of Boston. Our Representative John W. Wydler (formerly V.P. of L.B.C.A.) is keeping in the public eye by making front page news almost every day. He must have a good press agent. We are all for you, Jack.

Chester J. Dodge, Jr., who was practically raised on Harrogate Street, but married now and living in Manhasset, was among one of the four promotions made within the Nassau attorney's office as deputy county attorney. Good luck and keep going.

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