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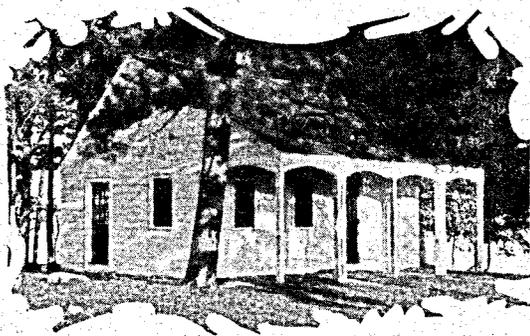
TO CONVEY the charm that can be yours at Governor Estates is almost beyond the scope of pictures or type. For this is truly a lovely spot with everything that makes for comfort, relaxation and enjoyment.

There is gaiety when you wish it; your best loved sport when you desire to play; quiet when you want to rest; and always the tonic of sun-sweetened, pine-scented, lake-cooled air—fresh from the waters of America's most beautiful lake—commonly called "the Smile of the Great Spirit."

It is a distinct pleasure to present this book, and discuss with you the possibilities for health and happiness which ownership in a summer home affords here amidst the delightful surroundings of New Hampshire. Governor Estates on Governor's Island in Lake Winnipisauke offers you every advantage, and the finest vacationland that can be found.

*Clifton R. Hayes*

*President.*



*Office at Entrance to Governor Estates*

Sturdy Wentworth viewed the island,  
As his uncle had before;  
Looked, and loved the lonely island,  
With its hills above the shore,  
And its birch and pine and maple,  
And its woods and flowered store.

Thought he'd build himself a dwelling,  
From this spot would rule the land;  
Hear the wavelets shoreward swelling,  
As his laws and rules he planned;  
Thus in quiet would he govern  
On this peaceful wooded strand.

But the minute-man and soldier  
Drove the English ruler out;  
And the island never echoed  
To the hunting-party's shout;  
Stayed as quiet as the waters  
That enclosed it all about.

And so down through the decades  
Of our country's rise and fame,  
Of its noise and strife and hurry,  
The island stayed the same;  
Quiet, peaceful to the present,  
Even as when Wentworth came.

—*J. D. Fleming.*



*Entrance to Governor Estates*



*Bird's Eye View of Governor's Estates—two miles long, one mile wide.*

## CHAPTER I

*"There is not in the wide world a valley so sweet as that vale in whose bosom the bright waters meet."*

—Moore.

### GOVERNOR ESTATES

AS FAR back as 1727—more than 200 years ago—Governor Wentworth, attracted by the rare beauty of this island, requested that it be reserved for him under the grant of the King of England. In this way the island became known as Governor's Island.

It was this same beauty that attracted a group of men to the property two years ago. These men immediately recognized it as the most delightful spot in all New England. They saw in it tremendous advantages for exclusive summer homes.

Such was the beginning of Governor Estates on Governor's Island.

Before outlining what has been done to make this estate ready for you, let us briefly describe this wonder spot.

Governor's Island, two miles long and one mile wide, has five and one-half miles of shore on the sparkling, blue waters of Lake Winnepesaukee. There are excellent beaches with gradually sloping bottoms of hard, white sand. There are woodlands of beech, maple, birch and pine. The island is in the shadow of the famous White Mountains of New Hampshire. To see the sun rise in gorgeous splendor across the Lake behind Wolfeboro or to watch it sink behind the distant mountains, leaving a breath-takingly lovely sky, is something never to be forgotten.

And the lake! Lake Winnepesaukee is far famed. It has been acclaimed the most beautiful lake in the United States. It is 30 miles long—with more than 300 islands scattered through its broad expanse. Around the lake are 184 miles of picturesque bays and charming coves, with many magnificent summer homes along its shores.

Beauty abides on every hand. Nature has provided the setting for Governor Estates on Governor's Island. It remains only for us to utilize this beauty—to make the island ready for those who will love its seclusion and charm.

This work was started in May, 1928. Miles of scenic roads were built along the five and one-half miles of shore through the heavy woodland scattered over the island.

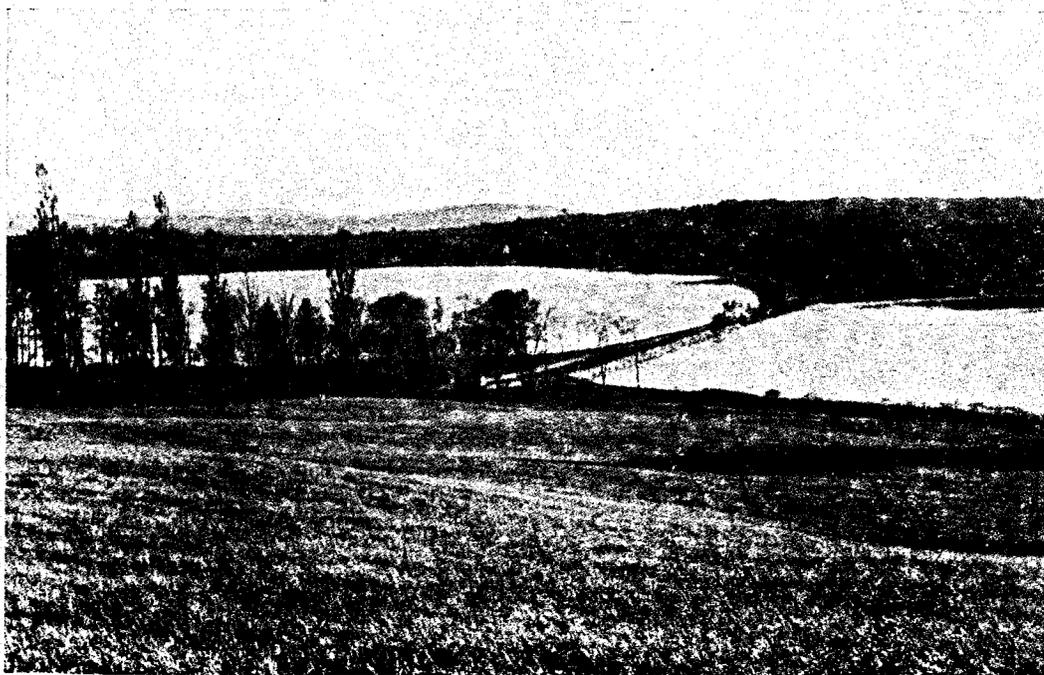


The land was subdivided into large building sites and a tentative eighteen hole golf course laid out. Plans were made for the remodelling of the old Colonial mansion house, which is to be used as a community center. Restrictions have been made on homes to be erected, so that they will conform somewhat to a plan, which will contribute to the general harmony and beauty of the island. Only such restrictions, however, have been made as will be for the good of all.

Telephone and electric light lines have been installed and everything made ready so that the new home owners will have every convenience and comfort. These were not completed until late last summer. And until everything was ready Governor Estates was not opened.

Governor Estates is ready now. A group of cultured, beauty-loving folk are already erecting summer homes here in this veritable paradise. You are invited to join with them and partake of the island's hospitality.

The complete story follows. Read on.



*The drawbridge which separates the island from the mainland.*

## CHAPTER II

*"The best prophet of the future is the past."*  
—Byron.

### HISTORY OF GOVERNOR'S ISLAND

**M**ORE than 200 years ago, the King of England granted to Lieutenant Governor Wentworth of New Hampshire the "500 acres of land and a house lot" which now comprises Governor's Island.

It later came into the possession of the second Governor, John Wentworth, who intended to make it the summer capital of New Hampshire. The break between America and England forced him to flee to Canada for safety and the island returned to the State, and then went to Joshua Pierce, one of the prospectors of the original Mason Grant. Later it came into the possession of the Eleazer Davis family, who built the drawbridge and causeway from the island to the mainland to facilitate travel. (This is still the means of reaching the island from the mainland.)

In 1882 the island was purchased by Honorable Stillson Hutchins, a prominent politician and newspaper publisher of Washington, D. C. Several miles of road, two sets of farm buildings, and the beautiful large stone mansion now facing The Weirs and overlooking the lake were built. Enormous amounts of money were spent to make it one of the finest gentleman's estates in the country. During Hutchins' occupancy the island revived its old time splendor as a gathering place of celebrities. President Cleveland and several foreign ambassadors were royally entertained.

Just before the World War the German Embassy leased the property and it was the scene of several diplomatic world controversies.

This wonderful estate still has many interesting relics scattered about its land and buildings, remembrances of Colonial days. The old grey stone mansion preserved in its original state is replete with the splendor of days when men high in the halls of fame were entertained with great pomp and ceremony. An old English tallyho, pride of generations, is still housed in its stables. The old private drawbridge over which one must pass before gaining admission to the island from the mainland is still standing.



And now—for the first time in many generations—the island is open for your inspection.

### CHAPTER III

*"Her blooming mountains, and her sunny shores,  
With all the gifts that heaven and earth impart,  
The smiles of nature, and the charms of art."*

—Addison.

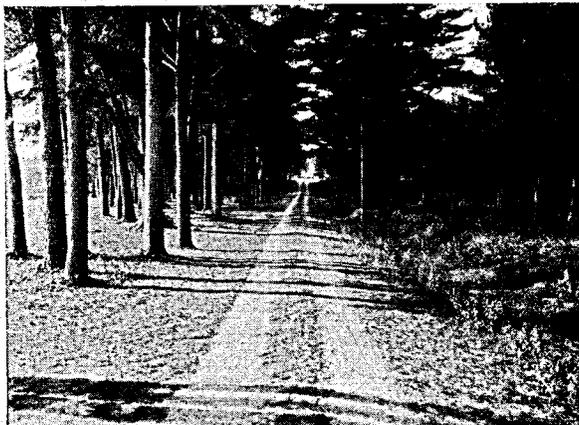
### AN UNSURPASSED COMBINATION

SO BEAUTIFUL is Governor's Island that it is often called the Bellagio of America. In fact, in appearance and surroundings it is almost identical with the Bellagio of Italy—far acclaimed as the most beautiful of all islands in the world.

Never before have you seen anything quite like Governor's Island. Nowhere else in New England will you see anything quite like it. For truly this island provides an unsurpassed combination. The peaceful lake. The wooded shores. The fine, hard, white beaches and, in the background, the majestic White Mountains—silent sentinels of beauty unsurpassed.

Simply pass over the drawbridge which separates the island from the mainland and you are in a paradise all your own. From every part of the island one can share in the vivid pictures of tremendous beauty—the Belknap Mountains, the Ossipee Mountains, the White Mountains—all rising beyond the shores of the lake. Clad in a wealth of beautiful trees—they present a landscape of original charm. One may likewise enjoy, from any part of the island, the broad expanse of sapphire lake, broken here and there only by a tree covered island or the white sand or rocky shore of the mainland but a short distance away.

No spot has a lovelier location. Nowhere will you find quite the same sense of exclusion and privacy without remoteness, which you will know when you come to Governor Estates on Governor's Island.

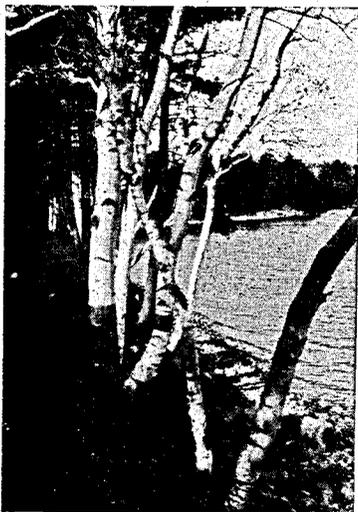


*Fifty acres serve as a park at the entrance of Governor Estates*

## CHAPTER IV

*"There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,  
There is rapture on the lonely shore,  
There is society where none intrudes."  
—Byron.*

### ABSOLUTE SECLUSION



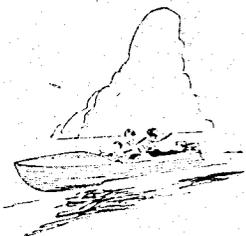
*Clumps of beech, maple, birch and pine are along the shores of Governor Estates*

the property serves as a beautiful park at the entrance of Governor Estates on the mainland. The 500 acres on the island have been subdivided into large building sites. Building restrictions have been placed on the homes to be erected to protect each owner in his investment. Likewise, the number of homes which may be erected is limited.

In short, you and your family may summer here—quietly and happily relax into a period of complete rest or recreational activity, measured only by the length

of your stay, with the full assurance that you will be away from the prying eyes of the curious. For Governor Estates on Governor's Island is your property—with entrance to the island permitted only to home owners and their guests.

You will truly love the seclusion Governor Estates gives you.



## CHAPTER V

*"His own especial pleasure attracts each one."*  
--Virgil.

### AND WHEN YOU WISH FOR RECREATION

**N**OTHING we can say about the recreational activities at Governor Estates can prevent your being genuinely surprised when you step across the old drawbridge onto the island. No matter how delightful these many activities look to you as you read or think of them—you'll find the reality finer! We know—because we've had the experience—and others have told us so—repeatedly.

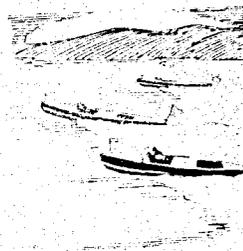
You may come here and stay the whole summer through and be pleasantly occupied every minute—or you may just loaf and do nothing for days on end—and be happy.

That's perhaps the chief charm of Governor's Island! Undisturbed quiet for those who would rest in this invigorating atmosphere. Every conceivable sport for those who wish to play.

First, of course—in the midst of a lake—is the bathing—one of the most popular of all sports at Governor's Island. Sandy stretches of shore that shelve off to deep water very gradually, attract young and old into the health giving waters of Lake Winnepesaukee. When you have had enough swimming, there's your sandy beach of pure white sand to rest and play upon. The youngsters must not be forgotten. The gradually sloping beaches make it safe for them to wade, splash and play to their heart's content.

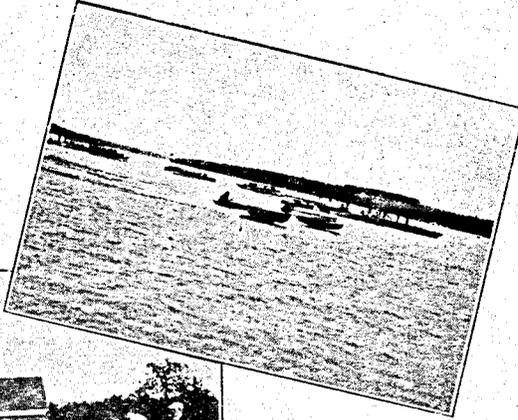
Boating of every sort may be enjoyed on Lake Winnepesaukee. Here you may use, with every safety, the graceful canoe, the row boat, motor boat, sail boat, or speed boat. Lake Winnepesaukee is 30 miles long and ten miles wide at its broadest point. Its picturesque islands and deeply indented shores, fringed with birches, maples, beeches, and pines, lure the boat enthusiast on and on with ever-changing beauties. If one prefers, he may take the Steamer Mt. Washington at The Weirs making the round trip up and down the lake, enjoying its extreme beauty, the bracing air, and viewing the magnificent summer homes along the shore.

Each week throughout the summer, speed boat races are held in plain view of the island. These races have become nationally famous. To watch these speed boats whizz past is most exciting. In fact, Lake Winnepesaukee is a mecca for speed boat enthusiasts.





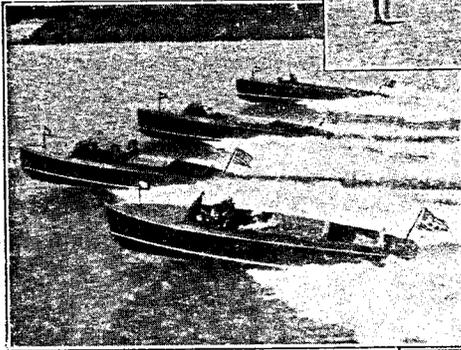
*Dog races are held at Laconia and are nationally famous*



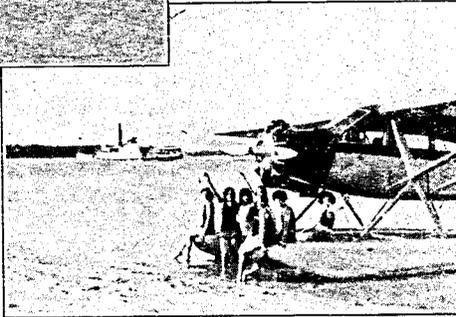
*Speed boat races are held every week. Governor Estates in the background.*



*Golf is always a favorite recreation.*



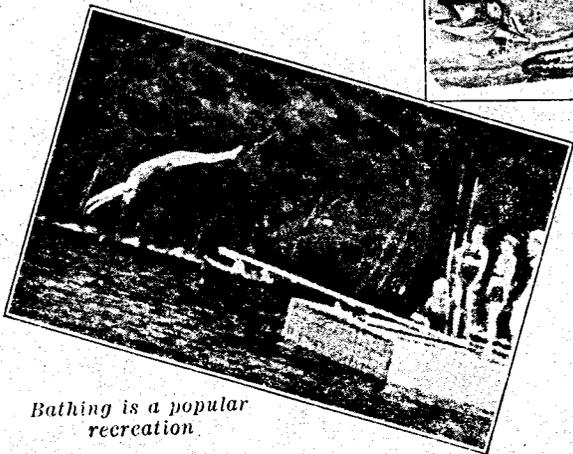
*Lake Winnepesaukee is a mecca for speed boat enthusiasts*



*On the shores of Governor Estates. The Steamer Mt. Washington in the distance.*



*The Lake abounds in bass, trout and pickerel.*



*Bathing is a popular recreation.*



*Boating of every sort may be enjoyed*

If you are looking for a real thrill, there are airplanes ready to soar into the air with you. Airplanes may land at a field but six miles distant. Hydroplanes stop at the island.

Fishermen love Lake Winnepesaukee. For them this lake proves a never ending delight. With bright skies above him and his lungs full of this wonderful lake air—with the line screaming through his reel as a game fish strives for freedom; with the joy of battle in his heart and the final thrill of victory—real sport indeed! Fishermen are inexpressibly happy at Governor's Island. The lake abounds in bass, trout and pickerel.

One hundred and fifty acres on Governor Estates has been plotted for an 18-hole golf course. This course will be one of the finest in the entire country with its natural hazards. Until this is ready you may play at the excellent, sporty, 18-hole course at Laconia, but six miles away, where the Country Club with its perfect appointments and its attractive public rooms may be enjoyed. Or if you prefer to travel further, there are several other delightful courses, all within an hour's ride.

Miles of roads winding in and out among the clumps of beech, maple, birch, and pine and along the beaches of Governor Estates make for delightful automobile rides around the island. They are perfect for horseback riding, or for hikes. And rising from the shores of the lake are the forest-skirted White Mountains. But a short trip and one may enjoy the fascinating sport of mountain climbing.

Nightly dancing may be enjoyed at the pavilion at The Weirs, but one mile away. Here one dances to excellent music, caressed by gentle lake breezes.

Winter sports must not be forgotten. For a summer home at Governor Estates is more than just that. It is a place where one may come any time of the year and find genuine pleasure. The dog races held each year at Laconia are nationally famous and thousands of people come from all over the country to see them. The long sloping hills of the island make for wonderful skiing and tobogganing. A tramp over the snow-covered island on snowshoes is great fun. Lake Winnepesaukee is famed for its ice fishing. Its coves and long straight stretches are perfect for skating and ice boating.

Governor Estates on Governor's Island offers you recreation in full variety. Every day spent at your home here—whether in the spring, summer, fall, or winter, will be a notable event.





GOVERNOR ESTATES AS V



VIEWED FROM THE WEIRS

## CHAPTER VI

*"And richly, by the blue lake's silver beach,  
The woods were bending with a silent reach."  
—Longfellow.*

### MANY EXCELLENT BEACHES

**I**T IS indeed a rare feat of nature that hard, white sandy beaches are all along the shores of this lake island.

These provide for excellent bathing. And make a delightfully pleasing spot upon which to lounge or play through many happy hours. Children come with their pails and shovels and play by the hour. Grown-ups bring their favorite book and bask under the bright sunlight through hours of contentment.

The beaches further provide an excellent place to harbor your canoes and row boats. And hikes of exploration to other beaches along the shore is real sport.

The sandy beaches are but one more of the many splendid advantages nature made for you at Governor Estates.



*Bathing is one of the most popular sports.*

## CHAPTER VII

*"Like friendly colors found our hearts unite,  
And each from each contrast new strength and light."  
—Pope.*

### THE COUNTRY CLUB



*The stately old stone mansion*

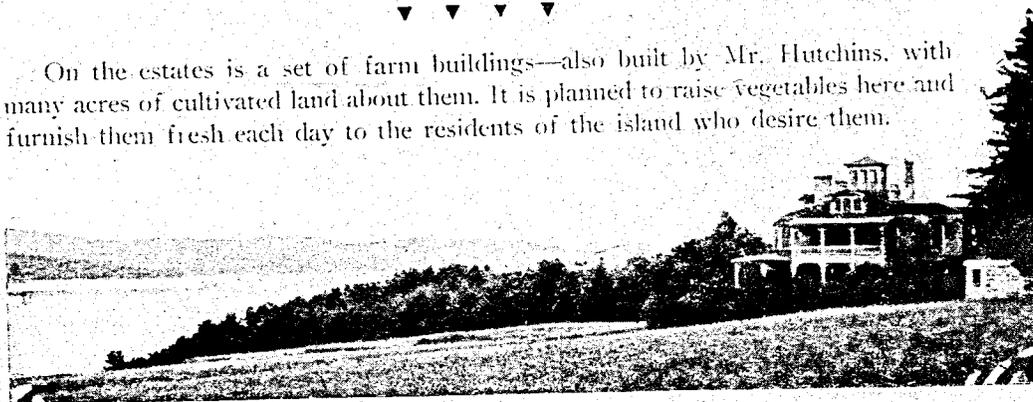
**A** GENUINE spirit of friendliness, so necessary to happiness in any community, will prevail at Governor Estates.

The stately old stone mansion, illustrated on this page, was built in 1882 by the Honorable Stillson Hutchins, a prominent politician and newspaper publisher of Washington, D. C. Atop a high hill, facing The Weirs and overlooking the lake, its location is superb.

It will make a delightful sport and social centre for the residents of Governor's Island. The mansion will be entirely renovated. It will be a modernized club house. Its spacious old rooms, with their great old fireplaces, its broad verandas and beautiful grounds make it a place for friendship—and good fellowship.



On the estates is a set of farm buildings—also built by Mr. Hutchins, with many acres of cultivated land about them. It is planned to raise vegetables here and furnish them fresh each day to the residents of the island who desire them.



## CHAPTER VIII

*"I will conduct thee on thy way  
When next the southern sun inflames the day."  
—Dryden.*

### MILES OF GOOD ROADS FOR SCENIC DRIVES

THE island itself provides several miles of good roads winding in and out among the clumps of beech, maple, birch, and pine trees and along the sandy shores, where one may leisurely motor along and view the true charms of this delightful spot.

Crossing the old drawbridge and passing through the beautiful tree laden park you are on the Lake Shore Road, less than a mile from the Daniel Webster Highway. Here are paved highways which will lead you everywhere—calling you, if you enjoy motoring, to the unrestricted enjoyment of the open road, with the zest of glad new life in every mile.

The White Mountain trip is perhaps the most delightful of all. Such diversity of scenery is seldom to be found as is presented here. There are the towering forest-skirted summits, intervalles, lakes, and mountain streams. Mt. Washington rises 6,293 feet and from its summit one may enjoy the broadest view east of the Rockies—a magnificent panorama—extending 100 miles in all directions. Mt. Washington is in Crawford Notch, 74 miles from Governor Estates—a pleasant day's trip. Along this trail you will also see Tuckerman Ravine, King's Ravine, and other remarkable geological formations.

Among the natural curiosities of the White Mountain region, are the "Old Man of the Mountain," the Flume, the Pool, the Basin, the Lost River—lost for a space beneath mysterious subterranean caverns from which it emerges and flows blithely on its way. All of these are in Franconia Notch—but 56 miles away.

Beautiful Dartmouth College in Hanover, N. H., is but 80 miles. Concord, the capital of the state, with its magnificent homes, is 38 miles away. Manchester, with its huge textile mills, 56 miles. Famous Bretton Woods is 75 miles. Bethlehem, a charming mountain town with thirty hotels and palatial residences, nationally known for its mountain scenery, is 70 miles.

St. Johnsbury, Vermont, at the foothills of the Green Mountains and the maple sugar centre of the country, is 85 miles.

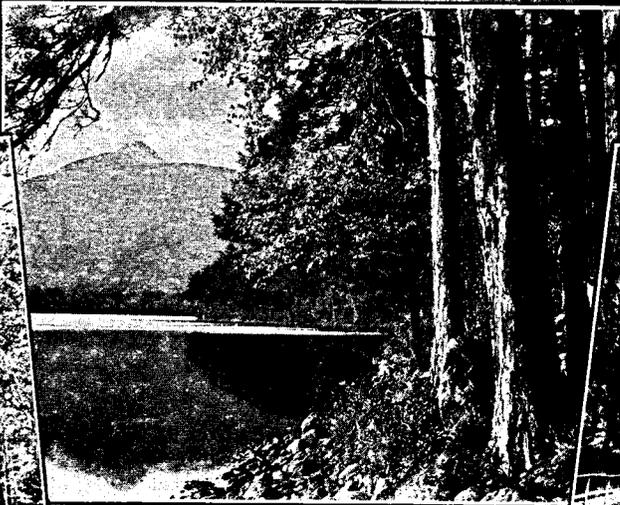




*Silver Cascade—  
Crawford Notch*



*The Old Man in  
the Mountains*



*Profile Lake in Franconia Notch*



*Birch Drive in the  
White Mountains*



*The Flume—  
Franconia Notch*

Circling around Lake Winnepesaukee is a delightful trip. Meredith, Center Harbor, Wolfeboro, and Alton Bay, all are fascinating summer towns facing the lake.

And the beaches! York Beach, Maine, is but 69 miles. Old Orchard Beach, Maine, 73 miles, beautiful Kennebunkport, Maine, 67 miles, and Rye Beach, New Hampshire, 95 miles.

Portland, Maine, is 94 miles from Governor Estates. Poland Springs, 96 miles. Bethel, Maine, 108 miles.

This is but a partial list of the many excellent drives one may take. Having his summer home at Governor Estates, one could spend days of great pleasure visiting the many wonderful and interesting places not too far away to be easily reached.

## CHAPTER IX

*Perfected with those things so important to our welfare now.*

### EVERY MODERN CONVENIENCE

**W**ITH all confidence we add the assurance that every effort has been made at Governor Estates in the interest of your personal enjoyment.

The seclusion of Governor Estates is perfected with those things so important to our welfare now. A pure water supply. Private telephones. Electricity. Modern sewerage. All of these are already available for you.

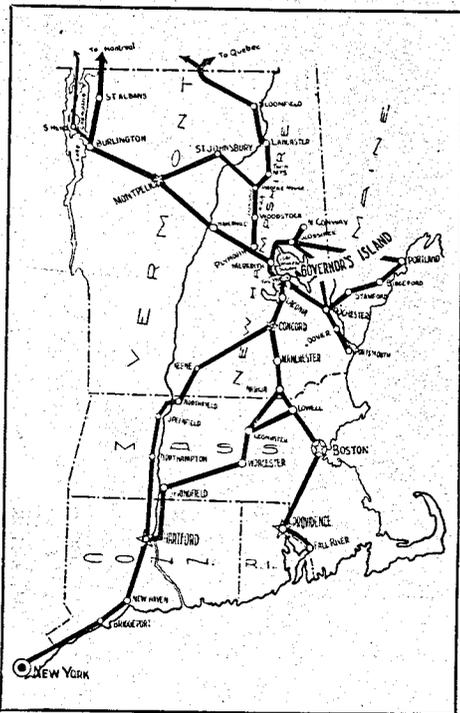


*Looking across the wide expanse of Lake Winnepesaukee*

## CHAPTER X

*Unbelievably easy of access. No arduous trip with many changes.  
Simply a short Pullman ride from New York, Boston, and Montreal.*

### HOW TO REACH GOVERNOR ESTATES



**G**OVERNOR ESTATES on beautiful Governor's Island is located six miles from Laconia, N. H., a city of 15,000 inhabitants, and one mile from The Weirs, the famous New Hampshire summer resort.

It is easily accessible from all directions by highway, railroad, or boat.

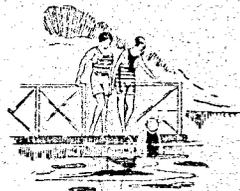
The island is located near the junction of the Lake Shore and the Daniel Webster Highways. It may be reached over perfect state roads from any part of the country.

Pullman trains direct from New York, Boston, and Montreal, connecting with all other points throughout New England, stop at The Weirs, only one mile distant.

A landing field is within ten minutes' ride from the island, where private planes may land. A special plane with a competent pilot may be leased for long or short trips on short notice.

Miles of newly made scenic automobile roads on the island, winding in and out among the trees and along the beaches make all parts of the island easily accessible.

Truly, Governor's Island offers you a most desirable location for a summer home—easy of access—yet fully secluded.



## CHAPTER XI

*"True happiness  
Consists not in the multitude of friends.  
But in the worth and choice."*

—Ben Jonson.

### WHO HAVE CHOSEN GOVERNOR ESTATES FOR A SUMMER HOME?

**T**HOSE of us who are developing Governor Estates have been most discriminating in adding to the island's tenants. Here you will find a cultured, beauty-loving group of people—folks you will be happy in knowing and proud to have for neighbors.

Surrounded by beauty on every side—the lake, the mountains, the countryside—truly a wonder spot—these people saw the island when it was opened late last summer, saw the tremendous advantages to them in owning a home here, and immediately purchased.

- Arthur D. Speedie,  
33 Oxford St., Winchester, Mass.
- F. Burton Beckwith,  
8 Knickerbocker Ave., Ridgewood, N. J.
- Mrs. George C. Knaur,  
1216 W. Gandy Street, Denison, Texas.
- John C. McGregor,  
41 Concord Street, Nashua, N. H.
- Crescens Hubbard,  
White Plains, New York.
- Newton I. Steers,  
White Plains, New York.
- Dr. Charles I. Lambert,  
Scarsdale, New York.
- Harold W. Bridge,  
Concord, N. H.
- Fred L. Johnson,  
Concord, N. H.
- Vaughn Griffin,  
Manchester, N. H.
- James S. Thompson,  
White Plains, New York.

## CHAPTER XII

*"An institution is but the lengthened  
Shadow of a single man—or a group of men."*

### WHO ARE THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS?

**O**F IMPORTANCE in arriving at an estimate of any development are the standing and capacity of the officers and directors.

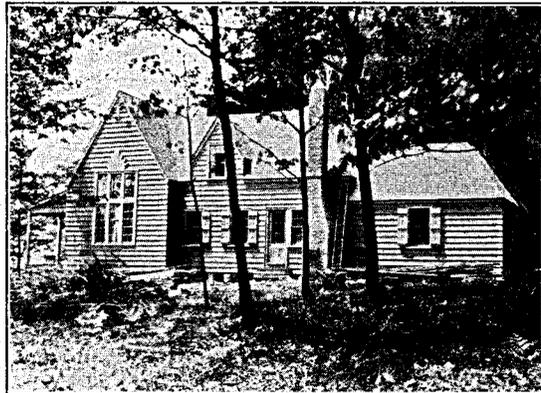
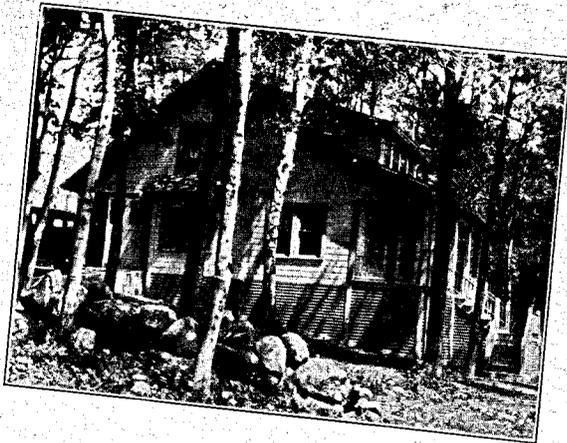
The men directing Governor Estates are particularly influential in their respective callings. They are interested in Governor Estates—not from any selfish point of view, but rather from a civic interest. They are men who know Governor's Island, have lived near it, and realize its tremendous beauty.

Numbered among them is a prominent banker. Another is a leading manufacturer, whose products are sold the country over. Then there is a real estate man. A journalist on a metropolitan newspaper. A manufacturer of water sports equipment. The owner of one of the largest hatcheries in New England. Two leading brokers. A public official. And a well-known agriculturist in New Hampshire.

Such are the men who have consented to direct Governor Estates. It is their intention to carry on a type of development that is artistically attractive and they are lending their skill in making this spot, which they all love, one of the finest summer home sites for a desirable group of people.



*Belknap Mountains as seen from Governor Estates*



*A few of the New Summer Homes in Governor Estates.*

## CHAPTER XIV

*"Such blessings nature pours,  
O'er stocked mankind enjoy but half her stores;  
In distant wilds, by human eyes unseen,  
She rears her flowers and spreads her velvet gown."  
—Young.*

### VACATION LAND COMPLETE

**I**N THE very heart of the lake and mountain region of New Hampshire—  
is Governor Estates on Governor's Island in Lake Winnepesaukee:

- where five and one-half miles of shore faces on the most beautiful lake in the United States.
- where a man and his family may enjoy real health and happiness, secluded in beauty and peace—yet not far off or in a remote spot difficult to reach.
- where boating, bathing, fishing, riding, golf and other recreational activities are at their best.
- where you are easily accessible from distant points and conveniently located.
- where many excellent beaches slope gradually and are safe for children.
- where a country club will be developed from the 25-room old stone mansion on the island with its broad verandas and open fireplaces—  
—a place of rare charm.
- where there are miles of good scenic drives.
- where several fine families have already bought land and are building homes.

All this—and still the story is not told. We've not said one word about the amusements and shops in the nearby city of Laconia.

We haven't even suggested the water carnivals held at The Weirs.

Oh, we've left many things for you to discover about Governor Estates on Governor's Island when you come here.

The best way to realize the tremendous advantages of Governor Estates is to come and see. Why not set aside a week and right now? Write us when you expect to arrive so we may personally show you the estates and the island.

## History of Governor's Island

Governor's Island, near the Weirs, was originally a part of the old Gilmanton grant, which formerly included the present town of Gifford, of which the island is now a part. About 50 acres bordering the lake--between the main highway and Island was included in Governor's Island (so I was told) and there were about a dozen houses there, a church, school, etc--it was called old Davisville.

The island itself was reserved for Acting Governor, Wentworth at his own request. But as nothing was done in the way of development of this region for about 40 years after the Gilmanton grant was made, the island remained in its natural state until the third Governor Wentworth came into office as governor of the Province of New Hampshire.

Governor John the Second, as he was called, aware that his uncle, Governor John the first had been granted Governor's Island, applied for a transfer of the grant to himself, for the purpose, tradition states, of establishing here a magnificent permanent summer capital. The title was not fully straightened out until 1772,-- when Governor John Wentworth the second was given a clear title to Governor's Island. Governor Wentworth was in possession of the island three or four years, until dispossessed by the colonists, when it seems to have reverted to the State of New Hampshire during the Revolutionary War. During his brief ownership of the Island, he caused it to be surveyed and partly laid out, in accordance with his elaborate plans including the broad approach or roadway leading up to the site of the former great colonial mansion half way up the hill. Whether the governor planned and partly built this fine old structure and the numerous out-buildings that stood until about 1870 is not definitely known, but it seems unlikely that the later owners would have erected such an imposing and expensive structure. The writer retains a distinct recollection of the fine old mansion and its elaborate surroundings, concerning which he marveled much, not knowing its interesting history.

The locality and its surroundings seemed much more picturesque than at present, and there was considerable settlement upon the island, and up on the mainland in the vicinity of the causeway. The picture of Old Davisville, the name which the place was then known, inserted in this booklet is crudely drawn from memory.

After Governor Wentworth was dispossessed, Joshua Peirce one of the 15 proprietors of the old Mason grant, who owned all the islands in the lake at one time, secured possession of the island and he and his heirs retained it until 1799.--tho it does not appear to have been improved to any great extent during their occupancy, with the exception of the clearing on the southerly side, in the vicinity of the old mansion, the island remained nearly covered with a heavy growth of large pine trees, which were comparatively worthless at that time, because there were no saw-mills and no means of getting the logs to market.

Sage of Davisville that's what they used to call him. The man who could make people think it was a pleasure to work for him for nothing just for the sake of hearing him talk and spout wise sayings. "No he didn't expect them to work for nothing and board themselves. He made his big mansion a fine home for them, with plenty to eat and everthing. But it was mighty seldom they could get any money out of him. They had to work and work hard and that is how Old Matt got his big island farm in such fine shape. It didn't cost him much of anything except wise talk and a little encouragement." After filling them up with a lot of grub and high faluting talk, he would show them the work to be done, pat them on the back, tell them what fine fellows they were and urge them to go to it.--That was all they seemed to require and most of them would nearly break their backs trying to see who could do the most. Those who wouldn't work were not allowed to partake of Matt's generous rations. Yes, that was Matt Davis, who put Governor's Island on the map--made it known far and wide--and one time it was considered the starting point for the Celestial Kingdom. You have probably read of the Millerite movement in 1845, that spread all over New England and I don't know how much further. Well, Matt Davis, down there on the island was the leading spirit of that movement in this vicinity. He got the people hereabouts, a good many of the, to thinking the world was coming to an end that summer so it was no use to plant crops and that the chosen gathering place, and point of departure was this farm on Governor's Island; I think the island got its name from having been the property of Gov. Westworth--But this island, with a good many others about the lake, got into the hands of a man named Pierce, who came from Dover, I think. (A descendant of one of the Mesochian proprietors.) Matt Davis father, Eleazar Davis, purchased the island from this man Pierce, and for a very funny purpose, you will say. The aged resident, John Lovett of The Weirs said, "Matt, the boy, who was wild and uncontrollable, finally ran away down South and became slave-driver on a cotton plantation and one day he struck down a slave and killed him.

Now, according to the laws of those days, anyone who killed a slave must reimburse the owner and the value of 2 such slaves, and until the payment was made, the offender must be held in custody by the owner of the deceased slave. Matt was in a serious predicament. But he finally persuaded his father to send along the required amount, and his father insisted upon his immediate return home. When Matt arrived, his father took him to the island, which he had acquired in the meantime, for just this purpose, and told Matt to staythere. The island was then almost an unbroken wilderness, but Matt was glad to get out of his trouble so easily and took possession immediately. Realizing the necessity of hustling, he settled right down to steady, hard work. But after awhile, he conceived the idea of getting work done in the manner first mentioned, in which he was quite successful. The plan never failed until Matt got in good, prosperous circumstances, when as stated, he got religious and his conscience seemed to trouble him.

Noting Matt's evident reform, his father relented sufficiently to assist him clearing the island and completing a large mansion, in a commanding position with a wide tree-lined roadway leading straight up from the causeway, imposing and elegant enough for a Governor's summerresidence.

The fine old mansion was destroyed by fire, many years ago, and the splendid surroundings, including the magnificent natural approach, remain about as they were immediately after the mansion was burned, previous to which time, Matt had died (1857) and the property had fallen into other hands.

After his escapades, Matt became industrious and prosperous; and made the island an excellent farm--supplying the Bostonmarket, in early days, with a large amount of grain and other products, generally forwarded to Portsmouth by boat and teams, making use of the old "Gundalows" across the lake to Alton Bay. Matt was possessed of a remarkably variable disposition, sometimes being wholly unapproachable, and at other times, when in the right humor, extremely kind, and generous to a fault.

Before he became entirely converted, he had no use for ministers of the gospel, though he built a church near the island and worshipped therein according to his own ideas. He believed that ministers should do hard manual labor as well as other people; hence his contempt for ministers who labored not with their hands. He would not allow them in his church at first--finally, Rev. Edwin Burnham, who later became a noted preacher in Boston came up from Dover, and Matt gave his grudging consent to allow him to preach in his church. Just before service began, Matt entered the church with a characteristic scowl on his face and took his seat. Burnham was a very eloquent preacher and it seemed his sole purpose on this occasion was to move Matt's flinty heart. He wasn't half through his persuasive discourse, before Matt began to blubber and finally broke down completely and he started the collection with a ten dollar gold piece. The preacher had won Matt's heart and thereafter, Matt couldn't do enough for him. When the preacher left the next morning, he found his wagon loaded with produce from the big farm. The incident was said to be a turning point in Matt's life and thereafter he was devoted to the cause of religion.

It was under his fostering care that the Millerite movement got so firmly established in this vicinity in 1843. Certain it is that his groves on Governor's Island, east of the causeway, his big mansion house, half way up the hill, and the broad fields on top of the hill, were the principal gathering places of these religions. Enthusiasts, and though the inhabitants of the surrounding country were then widely scattered, these meetings are said to be the largest religious gatherings ever assembled around the lake. Miller, the founder of the doctrine, was present as Matt's guest at various times and the island was adjudged the "New Zion/"

Davis Bridge, or Davisville, as it was called, gave promise in Early Times of becoming quite a business center. The nucleus was there consisting of a large coopering establishment, where many barrels and hogheads were made and shipped to Portsmouth for use in the West India trade. Black smith shops, one or two stores, a church, a school-house and about a dozen residences, not to mention a prosperous farming community. Even at the present day the locality was indication of a most charming former village site, backed by the possibilities of a beautiful little bridge and causeway and the magnificent slopes of Governor's Island.

It is interesting to note that before Matt Davis's time--before he was "dispossessed" upon the island by his father, a few acres had been cleared and cultivated and some buildings erected under the direction of Gov. Wentworth and his successors. Thus the pathway was considerably smoothed for Matt.

The island was originally covered with a fine old growth of pine timber--which was practically valueless in those days and in order to get rid of it, it was piled up and burned. Matt Davis usually had a large gang of men working for him, first in clearing the land and afterward in cultivating it. Matt was a giant in stature and prided himself upon his physical strength, which however, was reserved for exhibition purposes mostly. But there is an earlier and perhaps more interesting chapter in the history of Governor's Island dating back to the period just before the American Revolution when the island and its immediate vicinity seemed destined to become the abiding place of Royalty, and the island itself the colonial summer capitol of the Province of New Hampshire.

The following narrative tells about the three royal governors named Wentworth--two of whom acquired "reservations" on Lake Winnepesaukee, and how one planned and partly executed great things for the lake region.

Nathaniel Davis was a stalwart and commanding person and exercised his gifts as a leader in matters of free church order in preaching and public discussions.

He and his two wives (and others) are buried in the Davis family cemetery on Davis (Governor's Island.) He had 6 sons by his 1st wife and 4 more children by his 2nd. Several graduated from Dartmouth. One became a teacher, one a Dr., another a bank president, another an agent for the Factory Co. at Lake Village (now Lakeport). The daughters married well. His grandson, Dr. Silas Davis was a leading physician in Winchester, Mass. He graduated from Dartmouth and also Dartmouth Medical. His two sons graduated from Dartmouth and one lives in Concord, New Hampshire, and the other in Springfield, Mass.

In one history, I read the following: "Following the cold summer of 1816 there was a scarcity of corn, and the well filled granaries of Nathaniel Davis and his generosity in dealing with buyers for many miles around are a charming picture of the "Good Samaritan."

## YOUNG PEOPLE

On Thursday, August 30, from 4:30 until 7:30, the young people on the Island held a Beach picnic under the direction of Mr. William Russell. Sports including tennis, relays and bag smashing were under the supervision of Joy Beckers. The food consisting of roasted hot dogs, watermelon, pop and candy was served by Bernice Bankowski and Virginia Gauntlett. The relay teams were made up of the following people:

- Duane Clarridge — first**  
 Van Burgess  
 Paul Kopperl  
 Donald Langmuir  
**Jack Beattie — second**  
 Bobby Loverud  
 Jack O'Callahan  
 Peter Provost  
**Bruce Langmuir — third**  
 Bob Beattie  
 Phil Rowe  
 Bickford Rowe

The following young people attended the picnic: Donald Langmuir, Bruce Langmuir, Duane Clarridge, Cynthia Clarridge, Paul Kopperl, George Kopperl, Meredith Trout, Carolyn Trout, Jack Beattie, Bob Beattie, Philip Rowe, Bickford Rowe, Joan Speedie, Constance Speedie, Peggy Younge, P. Dennis Younge, Jack O'Callahan, Ronald O'Callahan, Patricia Wyman, Mary Alice Kreutzer, Robert Loverud, Peter Provost, Bernice Bankowski, Sally Ann Winter, Beebe Edgcomb, Claire Burgess, Frederic Stoessel, Joy Beckers, Van Burgess, and Virginia Gauntlett.

The beach picnic ended the season as far as the young people are concerned. This year has been a successful one for the Young People's Association. The people of the Island have been very kind by being ever so helpful in all ways. The treasury now stands with a \$35.00 balance on hand.

## LETTER TO EDITORS

Dear Editors:

For a long time we have been wondering just when our house (the studio) was built. Judging by the similarity of the house to the barn, I would say they were built by the same architect and at the same time.

In the August 18th issue, you stated that the two places were built in 1880 by Stillson Hutchins which most probably is true. But yet I am perverse enough not to accept it quite yet. A few years ago I met a person in Laconia whose name was Smith and claimed that she had lived in the creamery, as it was then, as a girl. Since then I have come across a map, dated 1859, with three houses on Governor's Island all marked Smith. I have also talked with a school teacher in Laconia who knows that some ancestors of her's named Smith lived on the island way back and she thought that they might have owned it.

All of which makes me wonder if it's possible that the studio could have been built before the time of Stillson Hutchins. There is not much proof either way. It is true that the barn and the creamery are not marked on this map but one would not necessarily mark the barn along with the owner's home.

Another thing that fits into the pattern is this: At that time

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## Minutes of Property

## Owners Association Meeting

Minutes of Meeting at Barn on Sept. 2, 1945, at 10:30 A. M.

The meeting called to order at 10:45 by President Hubbard. The secretary, Mrs. Nellie Chase, was unable to attend the meeting and Joy Beckers was elected secretary for the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as read.

Mrs. Steers read the report of the Treasurer, which was accepted as read.

Reports of Committee Chairmen: Mrs. Steers gave the report of the Road committee for Mr. Edgcomb. The total cost of road repair for the season amounted to \$267.03. Mrs. Winter said her husband had nothing to report on the sanitation committee. At the present time, there is no chairman of the tennis committee. There was no report from the entertainment committee. Mr. Russell gave the report of the Young People's Association who have been very active this summer. They sponsored movies every Saturday night, climbed Mt. Belknap and Red Hill, had a scavenger hunt, beach party, took charge of a Sunday service, and kept the second tennis court in playing condition. Mrs. Hubbard re-

porting for the committee on the minister said we had been able to have a service every Sunday during the season. Mrs. Steers gave the report of the budget committee.

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|---------------|-------|
| Roads         | \$350 |
| San.          | 50    |
| Tennis        | 100   |
| Sturrock      | 350   |
| Miscellaneous | 150   |

Total \$1,000.

Discussion on the budget followed and it was asked if the increase in the budget for tennis next year would be sufficient to keep the courts in order all season. Mrs. Steers reported that after the initial cost was paid the \$100 should be sufficient to keep the courts in good condition. Mr. Little asked if any provision had been made for collecting dues from the new property owners. Mrs. Steers said none had been made and felt it was hardly fair to charge people who only own lots for service they would not receive. Mr. Sturrock made the motion that all purchasers of lots should be billed \$10.00 for dues for the coming year and that when

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## EDITORIAL

The staff of the Island Item takes this opportunity to thank its faithful advertisers, readers and subscribers, who because of their aid have made it possible for the Island Item to operate.

We thank the merchants who have given their whole-hearted co-operation, as well as the many islanders who through their business, advertise in this paper.

We thank the subscribers and our faithful readers; and we thank our printers, Bridge & Byron, of Concord, who have done such a grand job of printing our paper in these difficult times of shortages.

And finally we give our personal gratitude to Betty Lambert Duschatko, who has been our guardian and advisor, and who has given her time and effort to help make the Island Item successful.

There will be no Christmas Issue this year because with both editors away at college, the

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We wish each and every individual a happy and prosperous year, and we hope that next year will be a normal one with everyone meeting once again on Governor's Island.

Until then — so long,  
Betsy Griffin,  
Janet Pray.

## QUIZ KIDS

Answers to last week's  
Questions

1. Harriet Beecher Stowe was the author of the famous book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

2. The assassination of President Lincoln, on April 14, 1865 inspired Walt Whitman to write the poem, "Oh Captain! My Captain!"

3. Baltimore, Maryland, is the so-called Convention City.

4. During the first World War (a) President, Woodrow Wilson, (b) Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, (c) Commander-in-Chief of the A. E. F., General John J. Pershing, (d) Commander of the United States Navy in Europe, Admiral William Sims and (e) head of the conscription service of the draft, General Enoch Crowder.

With this last issue of the Island Item, we conclude the quiz kids for the season. With school beginning for all the young people on the Island, we deem it advisable to let summer school out until next year.

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

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they built their houses they should be billed \$20. Motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Dominick asked if \$350 would be adequate for the new road. Mr. Dominick made the motion that the \$350 for roads be restricted to the roads where the cottages are now built. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Sturrock raised the question as to whether or not the oiling of the swamps was to be a corporation expense instead of being paid for by Mr. Stock and Dr. LaFrance. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to reimburse Mr. Stock for the oiling of the swamps. Mr. Langmuir made the motion that the budget be increased by \$50 to pay for oiling of the swamps next year. The motion was carried and \$50 was added to the budget under the sanitation committee for oiling of the swamps. Nomination Committee composed of Dr. Provost, chairman, Dr. Clarridge and Mr. Stanley Potter presented the ballot for election of officers and committee heads. President, John Langmuir; Vice-President, James Winter; Secretary, Mrs. Nellie Chase; Treasurer, Mrs. Newton Steers; Sanitation, Mr. Aaron Hoyt; Patrolling, Mr. Samuel Hodgson; Entertainment, Mrs. C. Hubbard; Tennis, Robert Beattie; Beach, Arthur Saltmarsh; Young People, Mr. Wm. Russell; Roads, Mr. Griffin, Chairman, Mr. Dominick and Mr. Wiley. A motion was made that the report of the nominat-

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ing committee be accepted with thanks and the committee discharged. The motion was accepted. A motion was made and carried that the secretary be instructed to cast 1 ballot for each of the respective members. The secretary cast the ballot and the gavel was turned over to Mr. Langmuir but he requested Mr. Hubbard to conduct the meeting so he might work on the by-laws.

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## TENNIS

A Labor Day singles tennis tournament was held for the young people on the Island, last Monday, at the Community Beach. Mr. Harry Edgcomb donated two trophies, which were awarded to the two winners of the tournament—Skip Sutton and Bob Beattie, Jr. Those who participated in the tournament were: Skip Sutton, George Kopperl, Frederic Stoessel, Joy Beckers, Janet Pray, Paul Kopperl, and Bob and Jack Beattie.

The tournament was divided into two age groups and opponents were drawn from a hat.

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# Newsy - Nosey

Jackie Stock spent a few days in Portsmouth as the guest of Mr. Steve Morang last week.

The Shovans, who have been renting the Sauer cottage for the season, returned to Concord last Friday.

The Russells received a letter from Don last week after not hearing for some time. He is still in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark and son Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chafer and son Godfrey and Dick Clapp with the V-12 unit at Dartmouth, spent last week-end as guests of the Stocks.

Mrs. Allen Chase and daughter Susan spent ten days in Maine, visiting her sister and aunt. Her sister, Miss Mary Thompson, returned with them for a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Maroney from New York were guests at the Chases last week-end.

Miss Priscilla Moore from Manchester spent a few days with Betsy Griffin last week.

The Robert Saltmarshs left the Island last Monday after spending a week at their cottage. Bob Saltmarsh arrived home unexpectedly on Saturday night on a week-end leave from Rutgers. Ensign Loring Clark, submarine officer of Burlingame,

California, was the guest of Betty Saltmarsh for a few days.

The Prays returned to the Saltmarsh cottage. They will be here until early in October.

The Griffins left the Island last Tuesday after spending the summer at their cottage. They returned last evening to spend the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence P. Worcester of Chestnut Hill, Mass., are spending the week-end as guests of the Prays.

Richard Grider, S2c, reported at Boston last Monday after spending seven days leave at home.

The M. O. Kopperls left the Island for their home in Short Hills last Tuesday.

Dr. Provost and family are leaving today for their home in Manchester.

Mrs. Richard Sendelbach plans to stay for a while after returning from Georgia with Mrs. James Moore (Beverly Bridge).

Jackie O'Callahan and Phil Rowe caught a good sized bass off the Island last week.

Jeanne Sturrock is leaving Monday for college at Nasson, in Sanfrod, Maine.

Mr. Crescens Hubbard left the Island last Tuesday after spending a short vacation at his cottage. Crescens Hubbard, Jr., arrived on the Island last Saturday to spend a week.

The Thompsons left the Island last Tuesday after spending several weeks at their cottage.

Breck DeRiemer and the Burgeses left the Island last Tuesday after visiting for a short while.

Bob Sutton recently discharged from the Air Corps has been visiting his cousin Skip for a while.

Tech. Sgt. Ed Barry is now stationed at Truax Field, Wisconsin.

Oscar Wagner, Dean of the Julliard School and Mr. and Mrs. Buketoff from New York City arrived last Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. Stoessel.

Miss Shirley Barron arrived last Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. Alfred Duschatko and Mrs. Lambert.

Mrs. Hubbard, Lt. and Mrs. Clifford Lord and son, Crescens Hubbard and Miss Joy Beckers, left Friday.

Mrs. DeReimer left Friday for her home.

The Suttons left Thursday but will return the 20th of September for a few days.

The Wainwright family left last Tuesday for their home in Manchester.

The editors were sorry to hear of the demise of Mr. Beattie's dog, Trumps.

## MINUTES OF MEETING (Continued from Page 2)

New Business. At the July meeting a committee was appointed to revise the by-laws, Mr. Beattie was chairman but Mr. Langmuir gave the report. The constitution was revised so as to be a set of more or less inflexible policies. Several changes were made in the constitution and by-laws and it was decided to change the time and date of the last meeting to the Saturday night, 7:30 before Labor Day.

Mr. Langmuir took over the gavel. A vote of thanks was given to the editors of the Island Item and to their advisor, Mrs. Duschatko for their fine job this year. Mr. Thompson suggested that we give Mr. Edgcomb a vote of thanks for his service as road commissioner. He also made the suggestion that we recompense the postman for his services. A motion was made and carried to give the postman \$10 at this time. Mr. Chase made the motion that the sanitation committee authorize Mr. Sturrock a raise from \$350 to \$400 to collect garbage from those who live here all winter. The motion was accepted. The meeting of the Property Owners Association adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Beckers,  
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(1859) the island was a farm. The mansion of the island as I understand it was where the present Sturrock home is. There was another house across the road from where the present house that Mr. Sturrock moved from the Wiley lot stands, and one down in the direction of Doctor LaFrance.

Somewhere there has to be a barn. Perhaps there was one where the present barn is, and Mr. Hutchins may have built over the old one. I don't know. If anyone can help me on the problem I would be most delighted to receive aid.

This map also marks the Weirs as Steamboat Landing, with a mark for the depot; Paugus Bay as Long Bay; Meredith Bay as North West Cove; Varney Point as Smith Neck; Loches Island as Thompson Island; Lake Winnisquam as Great Bay; Lake Opechee as Round Bay and Mount Major as Mount Mayor.

Sincerely,  
Frederic Stoessel.

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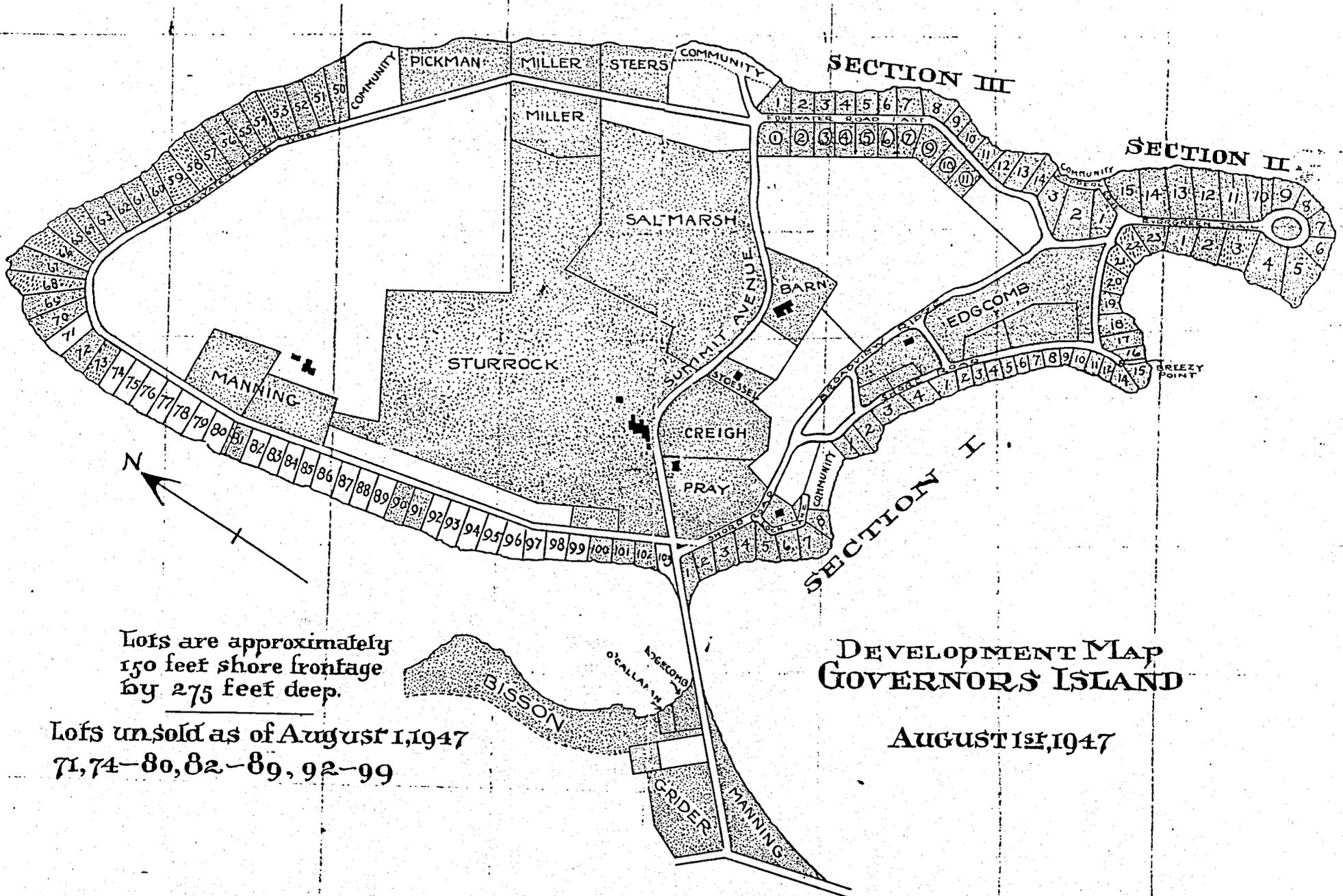
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From camp on Governor's  
Island

Top of the island circa 1939  
Saltmarsh property - Old stone  
Barn on right

Frederic Staessel  
House on the lower center was built by  
a minister I think named Mellianson-



From Camp on Governor's  
Island

Top of Governor's Island  
Saltmarsh property  
Facing Belknap Mt -  
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From our Camp on  
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2001- From what is now Evergreen Trail  
looking out to the Bessipes -  
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Party at old stone Barn - Governor's Island

Some time during WWII

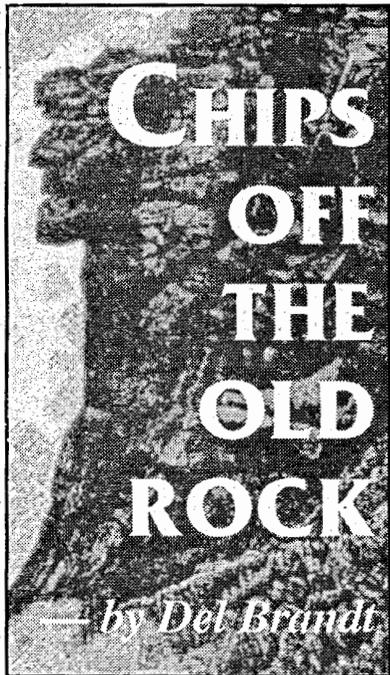
Door at far right

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**Stilson Hutchins**  
 Founder of the Wash-  
 ington Post, owner of  
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by Del Brandt  
 Contributing Writer

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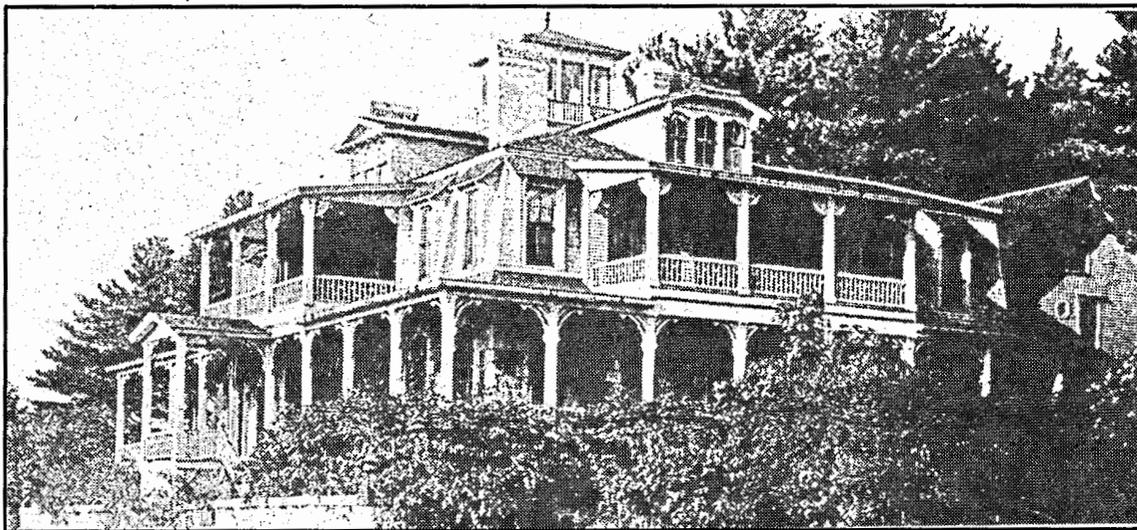
Born in Whitefield in 1838  
 to Stilson and Clara (Eaton)  
 Hutchins, the younger  
 Stilson was educated in  
 Hopkinton and Dana Prepa-  
 ratory before going on to  
 Harvard. After working as a  
 young reporter in Boston,  
 he set out for the west and  
 founded a paper in  
 DuBuque, Iowa, at age 18.

In St. Louis, Mo., he built  
 up the St. Louis Times to a  
 point where he was able to  
 sell it at a profit sizable  
 enough to buy the Washing-  
 ton Post. That move  
 brought Stilson back east.

**Buys Governor's Island**

Hutchins, although lured  
 out west by business enter-  
 prises and then to the Dis-  
 trict of Columbia, never  
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 executive quarters. No gov-  
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also became an exclusive  
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 Hutchins family entertained  
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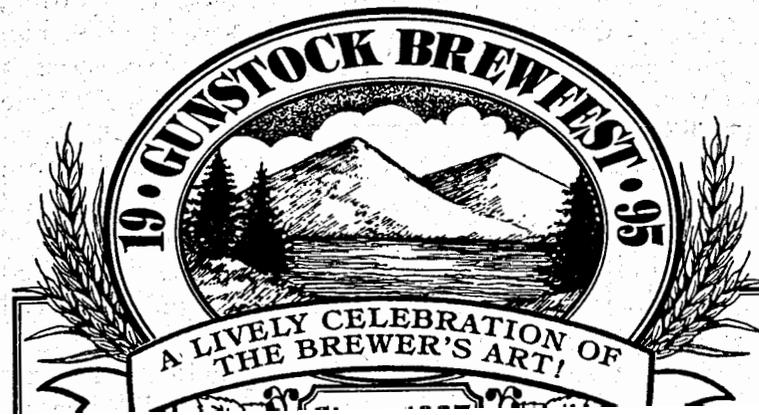
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 Weekly Patriot, purchasing  
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against Ulysses S. Grant.

He lost in marriage, too.  
 His first wife was Teresa  
 Martin, whom he married in  
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Island, was named after  
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When Hutchins launched the Post in 1877, he said he was doing it because he thought Washington D.C. needed a good Democratic newspaper to help balance the scales of public opinion.

There was already a Republican paper on the scene - the Washington National Republican. Oddly enough, both newspapers ended up sharing the same building but their editorial views/often as different as night is to day.

The Post's founder pledged to "promote intelligence and do what we can to improve the conditions most favorable to the success and prosperity of our institutions by preaching sound democracy."

Hutchins was already known as a fire-eating journalist when he came to Washington, having edited or owned newspapers in Iowa and in Missouri where as founder of the St. Louis Times, he gave Joseph Pulitzer his first job as a reporter writing in English.

...istrict of Columbia, never lost contact with, or love for, his home state. He always tried to hold on to a piece of it, and in the case of Governor's Island, a substantial piece.

He purchased the 600-acre island on Lake Winnepesaukee when it was still known as Davis Island and built a huge stone mansion fit for a governor's summer executive quarters. No governor ever lived in it but Hutchins, it was said, harbored a secret desire to win a New Hampshire governorship some day, and in that event, he would have an official residence ready to escape the cares of office and the heat of Concord during the summer months. So in sort of a wistful vein, he named it Governor's Island.

Hutchins was elected to the legislature from Laconia but the closest he got to being governor was Governor's Island which became a lush dairy farm. It

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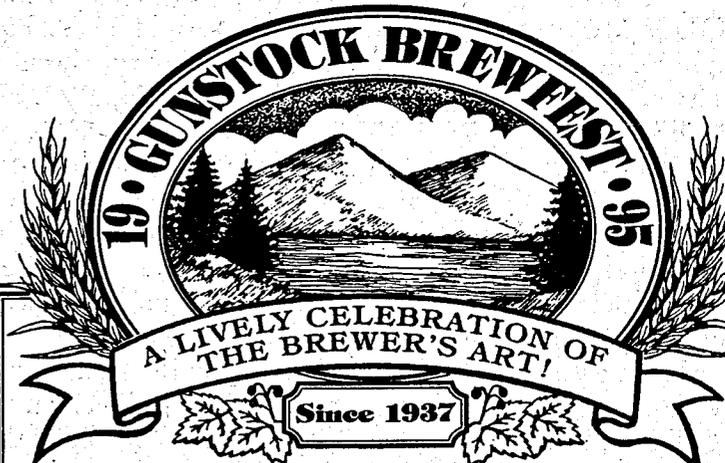
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Hutchins, with two associates, was credited with starting the Manchester Morning Union and owned the Concord Daily Monitor and Weekly Patriot, purchasing the latter from U.S. Senator William Chandler, a political ally and/or foe, depending on which election and what happened to be at stake at the time.

His influence as the publisher of a national organ in Washington, notwithstanding, Hutchins backed a number of losers in presidential races, including Horace Greeley, a fellow native of New Hampshire, when the New York Tribune editor sought the Presidential nomination in 1872

...Martin, whom he married in Iowa. They had three children, two sons and a daughter. One of the sons, who later inherited Governor's

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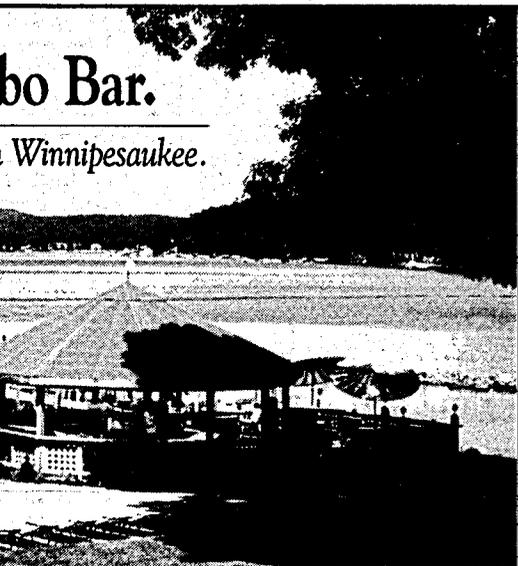
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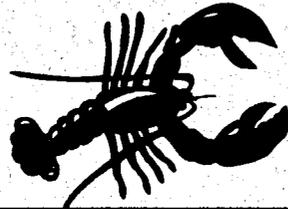
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1883 and he promptly married Sarita Morrison Brady, a U.S. Treasury employee. She died 13 months later at age 35. President Chester Arthur attended her funeral. In 1890, Hutchins took his third wife, Rose Keeling, daughter of an Episcopal clergyman and a prominent opera singer in Washington. The marriage to Keeling survived until Hutchins' death in 1912 but wasn't always smooth, especially over money and property matters.

Hutchins held on to the Washington Post until 1889 when he sold his interests in the paper to raise capital to invest in a type-setting machine invented by Ottmar Mergenthaler, a German who emigrated to the United States in 1872.

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In his lifetime, Stilson Hutchins walked with the great and the common folk with equal ease and aplomb. His accomplishments were many, not the least of which was his founding of the Post.

As mementoes of his stay in Washington, he left the District of Columbia handsome statues of two of his favorite heroes, Benjamin Franklin and Daniel Webster.

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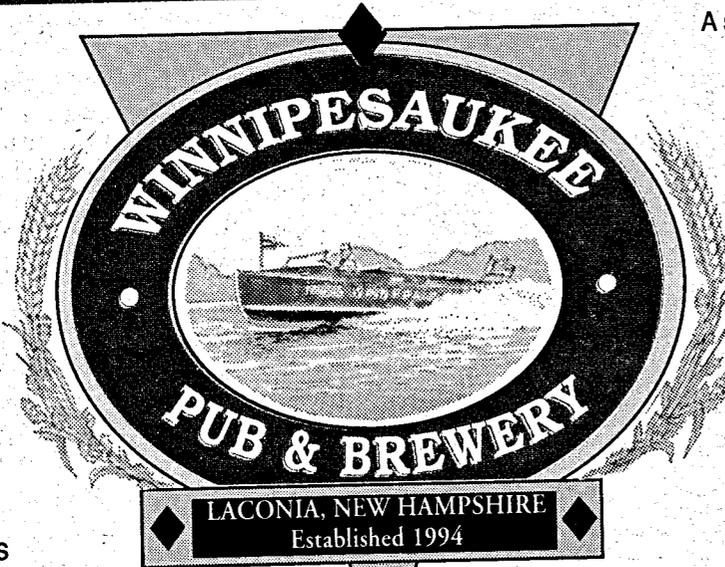
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