



Island of Martha's Vineyard, seven miles off southeast coast of Massachusetts. Winter population, 6,000; in summer, 40,000. Twenty miles from city of New Bedford. Eighty miles from Boston, and 150 miles from New York.



Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., Friday, November 29, 1963



Devoted to the interests of the six towns on the Island of Martha's Vineyard, viz.: Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury (Vineyard Haven), West Tisbury, Chilmark, Gay Head. These, with Gosnell, constitute Dukes County.

KENNEDY MEMORIAL IS CONTEMPLATED

Edgartown Searching for Most Fitting Type

Although the shock of the loss of President Kennedy abated somewhat in the week progressed, Edgartown continued to feel the loss acutely. On Wednesday, there was talk of a memorial to the President who had often visited the harbor.

Much of the inspiration for a memorial came from an expected quarter, Judge Abner L. Braley, a life-long student of history, particularly the history of the United States.

Another suggestion was the question that naturally followed. Someone suggested that perhaps the triangular park bordered by Main and Cooke streets and West Tisbury road might be a fitting location. This park is usually thought of as a meadow, but Judge Braley is not sure that it was ever officially dedicated exclusively to the Civil War.

Someone else has suggested the town wharf, which already memorializes those who fought in the World War. The late President himself served in World War II. It was pointed out that the wharf would be a fitting memorial for one who served in the Civil War, World War I, and one who had continued to demonstrate a love for sailing.

Another suggestion is a memorial was the area at the foot of Main street, an area which now gives access to a number of finger piers but is otherwise used as a parking lot almost exclusively. If it became a memorial to the late President, it would almost certainly have to undergo some beautification, a step which, many citizens have felt, the area could have benefited from long before now.

Two of the selectmen, Robert J. Carroll and John W. Osborn, were considering the suggestions on Wednesday, and no doubt the third selectman, Edward F. Case, has been brought into the deliberation by this time. Mr. Carroll said that he and his fellows would like to hear other suggestions.

In a letter to the editors, another suggestion is made by Winifred Smith: to name the Edgartown-Oak Bluffs Beach Road the John F. Kennedy Drive.

Williamston Trial Is Set Aside for Later Date

The hearing on Dec. 2 has been set aside for a later date, as yet undecided, in a higher court, for consideration of the charges against Rev. Henry L. Bird and others of the Massachusetts unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Williamston people who were jailed with them. The change in judicial level is thought to be a gain, and another circumstance, such as Raleigh white people going to Williamston in aid of the movement, is encouraging.

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Yale Student, Chilmark Summer Resident, Tells of Non-Violent Mission in Mississippi

Two Yale students whose families are long-time summer residents of the Vineyard came back recently from a trip to Mississippi under the sponsorship of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. In the Gazette of Dec. 23, Michael C. Straight told of the mission at its outset. Here his companion, Robert M. Ferris, gives in intimate, day by day account of his experiences.

The diary-narrative gives a vivid picture of the life and conditions encountered in Mississippi, supplementing the relatively brief reports in the daily press. Among the surprising observations recorded is of the resentment shown toward a Virginia license plate in Mississippi. The "Henry campaign" referred to by Bob Ferris was the unofficial project of polling a large protest vote for Aaron Henry, a Negro, for governor as a demonstration against the official election in which Negroes are largely disenfranchised.

Here is the narrative:
Left Friday.
Standing on the corner, waiting for the car, people stopped to ask us where we were going, to offer congratulations, advice and joking warnings. We were told that the boys whose parents wouldn't let him go, yelled out. We stopped and he bent over to shake our hands through the window. Confronted with jokes, nervous and indulgent. Then New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

We motored through Washington, D.C., seeing the Capitol lit at night, symbolic of the cause we were moving for.

Harbor Study Ordered

Tisbury Selectmen Announce Decision of Army Engineers

In consequence of correspondence between the board of selectmen of Tisbury, and Congressman Hastings Keith, in addition to a personal interview with Mr. Keith by Manuel M. Maciel, a selectman of Tisbury, the order for a survey of Lagoon opening and a five slip portion of Vineyard Haven harbor has been ordered by Army Engineers. While it is not yet known when the survey will be made, the possibility of early action is indicated by the latest word from Mr. Keith.

This matter was discussed at a meeting of the selectmen on Tuesday night. The following announcements were also made.

The board went on record as favoring the necessary constitutional amendment which would allow prayers to be offered at the beginning of each daily session in public schools.

The board granted a variance in favor of Michael Carroll, in the erection of a wall on West Chop Road. The frontage of the lot was 112 feet, instead of the 125 stipulated in the zoning by-law. The report stated that while one letter objecting to the variance was received, no other or nearby property owner objected, or in fact appeared at the hearing.

Deer Killed or Wounded

The 1963 Massachusetts deer season will open on Monday, Dec. 2, and continue through Saturday, Dec. 7, with daily shooting hours from 6 a.m. through 5 p.m. Hunters may take one deer of either sex providing they have not previously taken a deer during the current calendar year.

The killing or wounding of a deer must be reported, in writing, over the telephone, to the nearest Game Warden, within forty-eight hours to the director, Division of Fisheries and Game, 7 Tremont street, Boston. The report must include the date of the killing or wounding, the town in which it took place, sex of the deer, approximate weight, and whether taken by shotgun or bow and arrow.

Deer hunters are required by law to wear at least 200 square inches of daylight fluorescent red or orange material about the chest and back, or the head, chest and back during the shotgun week.

To Run Again

Nomination papers have been taken out by the selectmen of Tisbury by Thomas J. Rabbit Sr. who seeks reelection to the offices of selectman, assessor and board of public welfare.

Mr. Rabbit is the veteran member of the board and the senior in tenure among town officials.

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We Have All Had a Part in Slaying, Dean Sayre Says in Sermon

Speaking vigorously in the aftermath of recent days of deep tragedy, several leaders of thought and faith have raised the issue of public responsibility. Dean Francis B. Sayre Jr. of the Washington Cathedral, a boyhood visitor to West Chop, declared in his Sunday morning sermon, "We have been present at a new crucifixion—this one following the murder of Medgar Evers in Mississippi and the bomb-murders of eight Negro children in Birmingham.

"All of us," Dean Sayre went on, "have had a part in the slaying of our President. It was the good people who crucified our Lord, and not merely those who acted as executioners.

"By our silence; by our inaction; by our willingness that heavy burdens be borne by one man alone; by our readiness to allow evil to be called good and good evil; by our continued toleration of ancient injustices... we have all had a part in the assassination.

Chief William W. King Dies of Heart Ailment

Tisbury's Third Police Chief Was Man of Notable Good Humor Had Been Seriously Ill

William Wallace King, chief of the Tisbury police force, died last night of a heart ailment. Mr. King, who was 54 years old, died very suddenly at his home in Tisbury on Wednesday, Dec. 27, after a heart attack which had him hospitalized for some weeks.

Born in Vineyard Haven, the son of Manuel King, who survives his wife, Chief King had been associated with the police force since his early life. He served on the Tisbury force from early manhood, and during World War II served at Oils Air Force Base on Cape Cod.

He became chief of the Tisbury force upon the death of Chief Simon C. Pinkham in 1957. He was the third officially designated chief of police in the town's history, and is the third to die in office.

One of Exceptional Personalities

Chief King was one of the exceptional personalities of Vineyard Haven and of the Island. He was possessed of the congeniality associated with men of portly build. His humor was a gentle, easy-going, and his many friends, particularly among the children, for whom he had a particular fondness.

One of his lifelong interests was horses, and as a young man he kept a stable of driving horses and ponies, which he exhibited in several places. Besides his father, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ellen Blankenbiller, two sons, Albert and Robert; three stepdaughters, Mrs. [Name], [Name], and [Name].

Senator Jones Advocates Modified Sales Tax

State Senator Allan C. Jones of Barnstable addressed the Martha's Vineyard Lions Club at the luncheon meeting on Tuesday, speaking for the most part upon generalities connected with a proposed sales tax which would occupy him in behalf of his district. He did, however, bring up a number of subjects calculated to arouse the interest of his listeners.

The state budget, he pointed out, is nearing 600 million dollars, a stable of state revenue, and he still feels very strongly that this should be done. He also said that it is his belief that a new revenue must be found next year, and that a modified sales tax, which has met with some favor, might be the answer to the problem.

News of President's Death Brings Tears, Anger to High School

By Sandy Smith

It was not yet 2:30 when the announcement was made over the High School intercom system. President Kennedy has been shot. The words echoed through the sudden silence of the school, and along the empty hallways. It felt as if a heavy shock—then terror and tears.

The radio was switched on from the public address system, and students and faculty listened with horror as the fatal news was broadcast. As the minutes passed, the more were tears, bitter anger, sorrow for the fallen man's family, and a sense of doom. As they listened, they felt that this was not merely a tragedy, but a tragedy that belonged to another century and to other people; that the man who was so much a part of our lives was not suddenly a part of American history.

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A Stunned Vineyard Mourns for Dead President During Hushed Weekend of Prayer, Contemplation

Like the rest of the world, the Vineyard was stunned by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy last Friday afternoon. In disbelief and then in fear and dismay, they heard the news over the radio in hushed tones. It seemed as if the world had stopped in the period between the first news broadcast and the subsequent one announcing the President's death.

A prayer service had already been set for the President at the Edgartown Federated Church at 4 p.m. when the news came. He had died from the gunshot wounds received in Dallas. That service was then delayed until 7 p.m., and actually became a memorial service, actually two services, one held at the Federated Church and one held at Sacred Heart Church in Chilmark.

Time of Regular Service

Friday night was the time of the regular weekly service at the Martha's Vineyard Hebrew Center, and the regular service traditionally includes a memorial for the dead. On this occasion, of course, the memorial was for President Kennedy.

The regular Sunday services at all churches became memorial services, too, over the Island, at the Gay Head Baptist Church, with Mr. R. Noyes, at the Chilmark Methodist Church with Mr. Hill, at the Lambert's Cove Methodist Church with Mr. Biebler, and at the First Congregational Church of West Tisbury with Dr. Elden H. Mills, in addition to the churches in the larger towns.

Sundays were held on Monday, the day of President Kennedy's funeral at St. Matthew's Church in Washington and his burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

To Mexico City

Posterior L. Silva Is to Be Guest of President Mateos

Two Edgartowners, Walter Bettencourt and Posterior L. Silva, were on a tour of the Carling Brewery in Natick, last Friday, personally conducted by Carling's general manager, when news was received of the President's assassination. All the workers in the plant were spellbound in disbelief, and rushing to their cars to listen to their radio for the news—it was all too true.

When the islanders returned to Tisbury, a telegram had just arrived for Mr. Silva from a top-ranking official in the Washington office of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, youngest brother of the late President. It requested that Mr. Silva be there by Dec. 5.

Not a Passive Resister

This was where it became apparent that Dr. Nevin could not qualify for the passive resistance method which requires the complete control of any will or impulse to retaliate, and even of the natural reflexes involving self defense or counteraction.

Dr. Nevin, however, not only stated his weight, but could not resist tripping his assailant with his foot so that the man struck the wall and floor. He then removed his hand, but the woman ticket-seller interfered in great distress lest she lose her job. A policeman standing near by then intervened, and Dr. Nevin stayed in his car, his gathering of more outboard passengers gave the protection of numbers. In the assault, and the first man lunged at him.

DUNES DON'S

Our friends and guests understood why we curtailed our doings at the Dunes last weekend. Since our President had given his life for his country, it was a time for us to meditate and consider "Not what our country can do for us but what we can do for our country—and our neighborhood. And in line with President Johnson's wish to show the world our system can survive such a shock we can do no less than renew and increase our efforts to serve our community in the months to come.

This is written before Thanksgiving Day but the many reservations on hand indicate we will have served many families a Thanksgiving Dinner.

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