

his vegetable garden. Harry gave two prizes, and Vivian MacDonald went home with a generous box of fresh vegetables and Helen Uebele with a flowering plant. Next they saw Evelyn Kincaid's garden and then Mrs. Phillips Coleman's garden on Salter Path Road where, they tell us, the display of day lilies is fantastic. Vivian reports that "all members were inspired by these fine gardens and hoped a little of their know-how would help their own gardens. Happy gardening!"

NEW NEIGHBORS: Just moved in on Oakleaf Drive are KIT and TOM BLISSERT. Tom was in newspaper advertising in Virginia before he retired here where he and Kit can follow their hobby - fishing. They were originally from Long Island so they know salt water, but Kit says they have to learn how all over again. Their two children are still in Virginia where Susie is a school librarian working with children in five different grade schools. Steve is in college. The Blisserts are interested in learning about vegetable gardening in a beach area, but first they have to finish unpacking and settle in.

On Willow - and they have been here six months already - are JEANNE and ROBERT BALLARD and young ROBBIE. They moved here from Washington, D.C., and they love this area. They had vacationed here before they moved down, and they plan to make this their permanent home. Eventually they want to live on the canal. Robert fishes, goes clamming, catches crabs. Jeanne plays softball in the women's softball league.

SHORELINE STAFF EXPANDS: As the town grows so grows the Shoreline group. VERNA ARMSTRONG "persons" the typewriter to do the stencils these days, while steady reporters AUDREY HOFFMEYER and NEWELL HALLER cover everything from Commissioners' meetings to new neighbor interviews and LOUISE BAKER helps in the news of the Historical Association. Original editors have been absent from the scene lately more than they care to be and are heartened by the help that's been rallied to get this little paper to press each month.

ALLOW US to go poetic in a big way - didn't you read Keats in your youth and didn't you skip over some of it to wallow in the love poems, and didn't you perhaps miss the beauty in this one?

ON THE SEA

It keeps eternal whisperings around
Desolate shores, and with its mighty swell
Gluts twice ten thousand caverns, till the spell
Of Hecate leaves them their old shadowy sound.
Often 'tis in such gentletemper found,
That scarcely will the very smallest shell
Be moved for days from where it sometime fell,
When last the winds of heaven were unbound.
Oh ye! who have your eye-balls vexed and tired,
Feast them upon the wideness of the Sea;
Oh ye! whose ears are dinned with uproar rude,
Or fed too much with cloying melody,
Sit ye near some old cavern's mouth, and brood
Until ye start, as if the sea-nymphs quired!

Isn't that sonnet a refreshing way to remind us that our best escape from all the every-day-ness is a stroll along the seaside?

The DAISY PATCH on the Atlantic Beach Causeway is a new shop filled with tasteful merchandise falling loosely into the category known as "Gifts". What exactly? An original line of small children's clothes, including much in a western mood, plenty of things for the home, like glassware, hangings, baskets, some intriguing mirrors that look like old windows, in worn-ish wood, bird cages, and lots of little pick-up items. Pam Cooper of Atlantic Beach runs the shop and is herself making attractive pillows that she is selling there.

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