

★ Andre

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Even knowing that he was domesticated and was not likely to do more than take a playful nip, she and a Times photographer both played a cautious game as they approached in hopes of getting a close-up picture and fearing that a human approaching or the click of the camera would scare the seal off.

"No way was he scared," Gruppe said after watching two sets of cameras and several neighborhood children stalk their way toward Andre at the end of the float.

"The people were more scared than he was," Gruppe laughed.

Word spread quickly around the immediate Rocky Neck area and a few more curious onlookers came down to see the complacent seal.

"He wasn't bothered by anything," Mrs. Tiramini said. "He's used to people," she added, referring to the exploits of the seal as recounted by Goodridge, who raised Andre from a pup, and his author friend Lew Dietz in their book, *A Seal Called Andre*.

As low tide approached yesterday afternoon, Andre left the float, dove to the bottom of the cove and returned with a flounder, which he flipped onto the dock and prepared to eat over the protests of seagulls circling above.

"He made it pretty clear that he was going to eat the fish and didn't plan to share it," Gruppe said.

Late in the afternoon, with the tide almost dead low, the workmen floated another extension of dock into place alongside Andre's and apparently frightened him off.

"He swam around a little, did a couple of circles — nothing fancy — and headed on out," Gruppe said. "He might be back."

But he didn't reappear. Hoping for one last glimpse of him, the curious came to the cove again this morning, but Andre was gone.

His traveling show, according to Thalice Goodridge at home in Rockport, would probably play in several more coastal harbors before he lopes into his home port.

"We just hope he doesn't get too comfortable and decide not to come home," she said.

That was something of a problem several years ago in Marblehead, who he appeared in search of shelter during an extended coastal swim out of Rockport.

Just as they do in Rockport, Maine, during summer, Marblehead fishermen and waterfront frequenters befriended Andrew and not knowing his real identity or his sex, dubbed him Josephine.

"But he came home that time and we sure hope he'll come this time, too," Mrs. Goodridge said. "He's part of the woodwork around here."

Since joining the household 17 years ago as a pup, Andre has become more and more a resident of the Goodridge home and focal point for "command performances" for the tourists who flock to Rockport in the summer.

In the winter, though, he has become something of a menace, playfully bouncing his way into lobster boats in the harbor and generally creating havoc.

At other Rockporters' requests, Andre has wintered for the past three years at the Boston aquarium and is released in mid-April for the swim home.

"We just know he'll make it. We know he'll come back," Mrs. Goodridge said. "But then, he's a little like a kid. You don't know he's safe until he's home."

Yesterday, he made it past Gloucester. "Tomorrow, maybe he'll be in Maine," she said. "Pretty soon he'll be home."



Tim Sullivan photo

Andre interrupts his swim to Rockport, Maine, to visit Rocky Neck—here he strikes a benign pose

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While Maine awaits Andre, seal detours to Gloucester

By TIM SULLIVAN

Andre, the famous harbor seal from Rockport, Maine, interrupted his annual spring swim home yesterday to bask in the sun and chase down a meal in Smith Cove.

Tuesday, the playful delight of the Rockport waterfront in summer and big seal in the pool at Boston's New England Aquarium in winter was trucked to Marblehead for release to swim home to Maine and his master, Harry Goodridge.

Would he be his usual showman self or was he going to play it straight as he did last year and swim directly home, attempting to break his personal record for the 200-mile swim completed last year in 95 hours?

There was speculation both ways from the 500 onlookers gathered on the dock to see the slightly paunchy, 17-year-old Andre depart.

He's going for the record, onlookers thought as Andre bounced his 250-pound self off the wharf into Marblehead Harbor and was off, supposedly for Maine.

There would be none of the hanging around this year. Andre was anxious to get home, the observers thought.

But it was not to be. Workmen at Bickford's Marina on Rocky Neck Avenue at the end of Smith Cove found Andre on the end of a float when they reported for work yesterday morning.

"He just came right up here and laid down like he owned the place," fisherman Bobby Gruppe said of the then-identified seal shortly after noon.

Twice during the morning, Andre went from the float into the cove, "did a few tricks for me, swam around and got back out," Gruppe said.

Kathryn Tiramini, one of the owners of the marina, took interest,



Andre basks in the sun in Smith Cove yesterday

recalled hearing about Andre's release the day before and called the aquarium in Boston.

Andre, she was told, had three things that would distinguish him from other seals. There was a scar on his head, more scars on his neck and a gray spot in his left eye.

"Besides, he's about the biggest

harbor seal you're ever going to see," said Rosalyn Ridgway at the aquarium. "He's been pretty well fed."

"That is Andre," Mrs. Tiramini concluded — absolutely no doubt about it.

Rockporters Stand Watch Awaiting Andre's Return

ROCKPORT — Several cases of mistaken identity have sent Andre fans and Harry Goodridge up and down the coast in the last day or so in search of the famous old seal.

Andre has been reported sighted in Owls Head, off the Rockland Coast Guard Base and in the Lincolnville Beach area, but each sighting has proved to be a false alarm.

Rockport's honorary harbor-master stopped over in Port Clyde Harbor Sunday and Monday but then disappeared into the sea after trainer Harry Goodridge prodded him from his comfortable perch in a rowboat and fed him some fish. It was expected that, as in years past, that the seal would soon make his way to his home port of Rockport.

Coastal residents and visitors have been keeping a continuous vigil in the small harbor, waiting for the first sign of Andre.

A report around noon Tuesday that the seal was at the Coast Guard Base attracted several folk to the pier there to see for themselves, but they were disappointed. Another report of Andre in the waters off Owls Head was also a false lead.

Goodridge was called to Lincolnville Beach Tuesday night and again Wednesday morning when a seal was spotted in the harbor there. Goodridge saw the seal, called to it, but got no response and has assumed it was a wild one.

Goodridge is "bewildered" his daughter said Wednesday, adding that "Andre's never done this before."



Rockport residents keep a watch on Andre's cage for first sign of flippers.

Hammer Photo

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The Homecoming

Andre the seal noses up to his trainer Harry Goodridge after the trained mammal's return yesterday to the harbor of Rockport, Maine, following a two-week, 180-mile swim from Marblehead, Mass. Andre,

Rockport's honorary harbor-master, will spend the summer with Goodridge before swimming back to Marblehead where he comfortably spends the winter inside in an aquarium.

Andre's left Cape Rosier

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CAPE ROSIER (AP)

— Andre the seal on Sunday again disappeared, with no evidence that he was heading straight home.

His trainer Harry Goodridge said the pet seal Saturday drew a large crowd here, about 15 miles north of his summer home in Rockport.

Goodridge said he had been telephoned by a selectman that Andre in characteristic style had climbed into a boat here to bask in the sun.

He was reported to have left by Sunday morning.

Andre, who spent the winter at the New England Aquarium in Boston, has been leisurely making his way up the coast.

In the past the trained seal has swum the 180-mile distance from Massachusetts to Maine in three or four days. But Goodridge said he's uncertain Andre this summer will return to Rockport. He may have decided to return to the wild, at least for a while, Goodridge said.

Andre the seal returns to Maine

Rockport, Maine

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Andre's still too fat 1976

What is the status of Andre the seal? Did he make it home? I understand there is going to be a book published about him. Do you know the name of the book, the author and where I might purchase it?

L. H. Haverhill

Andre made it, 180 miles back home to Rockport Harbor, Me. He left his winter home at the New England Aquarium on April 13, and concluded his third annual swim on April 26. My first assistant, Herald American Reference Librarian John Cronin, kindly dug those facts out for me, and Ros Ridgeway of the N.E. Aquarium says the book on Andre is on the stands now. It's entitled, "A Seal Called Andre: The two Worlds of a Maine Harbor Seal," written by Harry Goodridge, published by Raeger, and it sells for \$7.98.

Seal Swims¹⁹⁷⁶ To Summer Season Gig

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He made several stops along the route, and was often sighted lolling aboard a fisherman's skiff in various harbors along the Maine coast. Mrs. Goodridge said it was easy to tell when Andre showed up, because no other seals clamber aboard boats.

She said her husband brought him a fish to eat, then escorted him to his floating pen where he spends the summer, entertaining tourists with daily performances from a repertoire of more than 50 tricks.

Goodridge found Andre in 1961 when he was a young pup who had become separated from his mother. The seal used to run free, but his trick of climbing onto boats caused some complaints from fishermen and eventually prompted the Goodridges to keep him penned up.

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Rockport's ¹⁹⁷⁶

Seal Late For Lunch

ROCKPORT, Me. — (UPI) — A local resident who spends his summers in Rockport and his winters in Boston seems in no hurry to return this year. Andre, the harbor seal, is still lolling off the coast.

Andre has been spending his winters at the New England Aquarium in Boston the past three years, swimming back to Rockport for the summer, usually in three or four days.

He left Marblehead, Mass., a week and a half ago and although he has been spotted within 20 miles of Rockport, his trainer Harry Goodridge said he has not returned to Rockport Harbor.

Andre was spotted early one morning snoozing in a small boat moored off Deer Isle but a few hours later disappeared again, Goodridge said.

"He was in the boat when the tide went out," Goodridge said, "and apparently that kind of discouraged him."

Goodridge said the seal easily could swim from Deer Isle to Rockport in two to three hours if he wanted to. Since seals will travel at night, especially moonlit ones, Goodridge said Andre could return at any time.

When he does get back to Rockport Harbor, Andre will find Goodridge ready with 500 pounds of frozen herring for his summer lunches.

Andre's Down East

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ROCKPORT (AP) — Trainer Harry Goodridge said Friday a caller had reported seeing a seal she thought might be Andre at Surry.

Surry is about 30 miles up the coast from Rockport, among a group of waterways.

Goodridge said the Surry report was unconfirmed. He said that when the seal at Surry jumps into a boat, he'll know it's Andre.

The tame harbor seal left his winter quarters at New England Aquarium in Boston 11 days ago. In past years, he has made the 180-mile spring swim in as little as three days.

The last confirmed sighting of the 260-pound seal came Thursday in Deer Isle, where he lumbered into a rowboat and slept. Deer Isle is about a 20-mile swim from Rockport, although it's much farther than that by land.

"I think he missed his port of call and got confused," Goodridge said Friday night.

Asked if he thought the extended trip this year might mean Andre were becoming wild, Goodridge said, "That's what I always wished he would do," but added, "no, because he keeps going in and sleeping in boats."

Andre resting at Port Clyde

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By JUDY LARSEN
Press Herald correspondent

PORT CLYDE — Andre the seal, Rockport's honorary harbormaster and performing superstar, has apparently decided to vacation aboard a skiff at Port Clyde prior to resuming his swim to his summer home at Rockport Harbor.

Surrounded by picturesque docks and fishing vessels, the seal spent a second day Monday basking in the warm sunshine aboard a skiff owned by Lee Cushman and moored about 200 feet from the cold storage wharf at Port Clyde.

Children on school vacation rowed boats around the whiskered sea mammal. Only to see him occasionally raise his head to look at them, give a great big yawn and lay his head down again.

In the afternoon, Andre's Rockport trainer, Harry Goodridge, went to Port Clyde, where he "had Andre perform a few tricks, patted him and made him realize I was there."

Goodridge said Andre appeared in good condition and had no difficulty performing his routines. He also said he fed the seal some fish, that he was "fairly hungry, but had probably been catching some himself."

Goodridge said he couldn't speculate why the seal hadn't left Port Clyde. "Who knows why? I wouldn't even try to guess. Maybe there's a shark in waters outside the cove. Maybe he's content and just doesn't want to leave yet," he said.

Goodridge said the seal's weight had broken the seat of the Cushman skiff. He explained that Andre is heavier than ever, about 260 pounds, because of the rich diet given him at Boston's New England Aquarium, where he spent the winter.

Fog had settled over the cove at Port Clyde by late afternoon so that Andre's usual watchers were unable to see if he was still aboard.

Goodridge said late Monday afternoon that he didn't expect the seal before 7 p.m. and that perhaps he wouldn't arrive home at all on Monday.

Mrs. Goodridge estimated the swim from Port Clyde to Rockport would take the seal at least four or five hours.

Mrs. Goodridge also said that this year's 180 mile journey from New England Aquarium via Marblehead, Mass., harbor to Rockport has taken the friendly seal his record longest time in the three years he has made the trip. Last year Andre made the swim in a marathon speed of three days and the previous year in four days, she said.

Mrs. Goodridge said the entire family is anxious to have their friendly seal "back home" as soon as possible.

She also reported that the family telephone has been ringing constantly since Andre was released at Marblehead last Tuesday.

Among those inquiring about Andre have been a Toronto newspaper, NBC and CBS from New York.



Andre rests KJ 4-21-76

Andre, Rockport's honorary harbormaster was sighted in Rockland Tuesday and is reportedly taking his sweet old time returning home. He was seen at Port Clyde Sunday sprawled out in an old skiff. Trainer Harry Goodridge has given up predicting

when Andre will arrive home. "I just don't know," Goodridge said, "Everytime I predict something he does the opposite." Andre is returning from the New England Aquarium. He usually makes the return swim three or four days. (UPI)



ANDRE THE SEAL is released by the New England Aquarium at State Street Wharf before unexpectedly large crowd of several hundred persons. Crowds waited in vain for Andre in Rockport over the warm Easter weekend. On Tuesday morning he was frolicking in Port Clyde, Me., about 20 miles from home. Obviously, Andre was in no hurry this year in his annual swim from Marblehead to Rockport. Photo by Marcia Mack.

Andre Turns Up (Just Resting) In Deer Isle Skiff

By JUDY LARSEN
Area Correspondent

DEER ISLE — With just his eyes peeking out over a rowboat in the harbor here, Andre's mysterious vacation from the public eye ended.

"It was about 6:15 a.m. Thursday and I was on my way to work when I saw Andre," said Alan Webb of Stonington, who first discovered the missing seal.

Andre previously was seen aboard a skiff in Port Clyde harbor Monday afternoon. For two days rumors circulated about his whereabouts, but none were

substantiated.

Webb said, "there were three little rowboats moored at Deer Isle Village harbor and there in one of them was Andre, only his eyes showing. I really don't know how I managed to see him, but I did and knew instantly it was Andre."

WEBB SAID the gray-whiskered seal appeared tired, but "when I called his name he lifted his head up and looked around."

Webb asked Jack Billings, working at a nearby lumber company, to notify the seal's trainer, Harry Goodridge, in Rockport.

Billings said Andre left the boat at about 10:30 a.m., shortly before the tide went out and left the boat stranded.

Andre entertained the many spectators he had attracted by rolling over a few times and then left the harbor, Billings added.

Mrs. Goodridge said she thought the seal at Deer Isle was Andre, because "what other seal would jump into boats the way Andre does?"

MRS. GOODRIDGE voiced pleasure about Andre's travels. "He's doing just what my husband wanted, getting a little freedom before coming to Rockport."

Mrs. Goodridge said late Thursday that she had received no reports of Andre's location after he left Deer Isle harbor. "We were beginning to worry about Andre, but feel much better now that he's been seen. We always knew he could take care of himself because he's intelligent and fast. But it's nice to hear where he is."

Though Deer Isle is about 100 miles from Rockport by car, Mrs. Goodridge said the distance is only about 20 miles by water across Penobscot Bay.

Goodridge Monday said that he suspected his friendly seal might be "back to his old tricks" of disappearing for several days.

Andre is making this year's swim from the New England Aquarium and Marblehead, Mass. harbor, his longest in the three years he has made the 160-mile trip. This year's journey already has spanned 11 days. Last year the excursion took three days and the previous year, four days.

Andre makes belated return

MARBLEHEAD — He lollygagged and hammed it up and created anxiety among his loved ones, but Andre has come home!

Andre, the famous harbor seal, was found cavorting in his floating cage at 5:30 a.m. today by two Rockport, Maine, youngsters.

The family of trainer Harry Goodridge was awakened with the news and verified it as soon as they rubbed sleep out of their eyes shortly before 7 a.m.

Andre certainly broke no records this year in his annual swim from State Street Wharf to his summer home, having departed April 13 before a crowd of more than 500 well-wishers.

Andre dawdled in North Shore waters for a few days and dilly-dallied to Maine waters, sunning himself in moored dinghys along the way in favorite ports. He also attracted onlookers at his stopovers and willingly

performed some of his tricks before disappearing.

The last report on Andre's whereabouts came Friday, when he was sighted playing around Deer Isle waters.

There was a variety of theories regarding Andre's tardy return. Some blamed his 20 pounds of extra girth acquired during his winter at New England Aquarium. Others thought he might be chasing a female, or following a school of herring. There was also speculation that there might be sharks or a killer whale at the mouth of Rockport Harbor, making him wary.

But Goodridge, who raised Andre from a pup probably knows him best.

"He's a ham and on top of that he has a warped sense of humor, and I think he was doing it to aggravate me," grumbled Harry, who had to admit that Andre's behavior "was making me a bit nervous."



You see, it was like this . . .

Andre the Seal and trainer Harry Goodridge share a moment after the seal completed its roundabout swim from Marblehead, Mass., to its summer home at Rockport, Maine. (AP Photo)

Trainer relieved

Andre ends odyssey

By John Hubbard
NEWS Correspondent

ROCKPORT — Andre the Seal proved again Monday morning that he is full of surprises as he returned to his summer harbor home after 13 days and more than 220 miles of cruising up the Maine coast from Marblehead, Mass.

Trainer Harry Goodridge visited the seal's cage in the morning for feeding time and a few tricks, obviously relieved at Andre's return.

There have been some moments of uncertainty since Andre was released April 13 from Marblehead by New England Aquarium

officials. He weighed about 250 pounds at the time, an all-time record for the 16-year-old. But on Monday, Goodridge said that the weight gain, due to a rich diet at the aquarium over the winter months, had been offset at least partially by the long ocean journey that went as far north as Surry, 30 miles north of Rockport Harbor and perhaps as far north as Andre has ever been.

The wear and tear of the swim told on Andre. "He's been fighting," Goodridge said Monday morning. "There are a few new scratches around his neck where he was fighting with

some wild seals." The scratches were minor, however, and Andre has a clean bill of health, if not the full weight he gained during the lazy winter days at the aquarium.

There was a tone of relief in Goodridge's voice as he told of the seal's tricks performed nightly at the harbor cage where hundreds of visitors witness Andre's frolics during nighttime feeding.

"It's been 13 days," Goodridge confirmed. He had been worried over Andre's going to Canada, possibly to join a wild herd, although that is what he (Cont'd. on Page 2, Col. 4)

Andre ends his odyssey

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had expected for years.

Andre has never been a truly captive performer. While he is not wild in the sense that he fears all people, he is very much free to come and go as he proved in nearly a half month on his own. But he

Engine recall is possible

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Seven types of automobile engines, used in 2.3 million cars during 1973 and 1974, may have to be recalled because they fail to meet federal air pollution standards, congressional investigators said Monday.

Ford, Chrysler, Volkswagen and Mazda used the engines, which do not meet clean air exhaust rules, the investigators said.

Rep. John Moss, D-Calif., chairman of the House commerce oversight subcommittee, accused the Environmental Protection Agency of "extraordinary delay."

knows a good thing when he sees it and all the freedom of the Atlantic does not make up for the herring, alewives and other fish delicacies his trainer provides for a few tricks.

Goodridge stopped for a moment to recount some more humorous episodes of Andre's winter stay in the aquarium. "He even makes people laugh when he's asleep. That's no fooling," Goodridge commented.

"Last winter at the aquarium I went down to see him and when I got to the pool there was this man standing there laughing. Andre was asleep; and I got laughing, too, when I saw him. He was lying on the edge of a stand rocking toward the edge. Every time he got to the edge, he'd stop himself in time to keep from falling."

What may not be so funny this year, however, is the food shortage which may be caused by another seal in the harbor. Goodridge said that he hoped to have held from the aquarium in obtaining a female partner for Andre, but providing fish will, as

usual, fall on his shoulders.

"I'm thinking very seriously about the female and there's still about a month left before I have to decide," Goodridge said.

The New England Aquarium supplied 500 pounds of fish for Andre during his winter stay. The additional seal, if Goodridge decides to have it, would make feeding much more of a chore.

Speaking of food for the seals, Goodridge was very much to the point. "I get it wherever I can. when the alewives run I get as many as I can, but it's quite a problem. I don't know where I'll go." Sardine factories are another source of fish supply, but Goodridge said he is forced to buy food.

For the hundreds of people who watch Andre's act each day, jumping through hoops, putting out fires and other antics are the only things to consider. For Harry, as much as he loves Andre and the tricks at the public landing, there's always tomorrow's dinner to consider.

Seal prefers boat

Andre snoozing, not swimming

United Press International

ROCKPORT, Maine — Andre the seal spent yesterday lounging in a small boat in nearby Port Clyde, occasionally using his flippers to splash himself with water.

Andre was supposed to be swimming from Marblehead, Mass., to Rockport Harbor. But apparently that plan wasn't made sufficiently clear to him.

The 16-year-old harbor seal has spent every summer of his life swimming around Rockport Harbor. In the fall he is taken to the New England Aquarium in Boston, and in the spring he is trucked north to Marblehead to begin his swim back to Maine.

Last year he made the trip in three days. But this year trainer Harry Goodridge said Andre had eaten a bit too well at the Aquarium — he ballooned up to 240 pounds — and

he might require a bit more time this year.

Andre left Marblehead last Tuesday. Early Sunday morning Ernest Wilsdon of Port Clyde spotted Andre snoozing aboard a skiff moored about 200-foot offshore.

Wilson said Andre looked tired. Once in a while, when someone called his name, Andre would pick up his head and peer over the side of the boat. Then he would go back to sleep.

He's still on the boat," Mrs. Harry Goodridge said. "If he doesn't get off, my husband plans to go down there and try and get him to get moving."

Andre was a pup who had apparently been abandoned by his mother when Goodridge found him in 1961.

Mrs. Goodridge said it was unusual for Andre to stay away from Rockport Harbor for so long, but she said she wasn't worried about him.

Tame seal nears his summer home in 180-mile swim

ROCKPORT, Maine (AP) — Andre the seal, a bit heavy after a long winter in the city, is expected to complete a leisurely swim 180 miles up the coast from Boston to spend the summer.

Reports of a merry, portly seal approaching a couple on a beach at Ipswich, Mass., sunning on a rock at Gloucester, Mass., or lolling in a skiff in Port Clyde preceded Andre up the coast.

The tame harbor seal was reported seen seven miles south in Rockport late Tuesday — a week after he had left the New England Aquarium. But trainer Harry Goodridge was unable to confirm that report.

"It's up to him. He calls the shots. That's why I let him go — to do his thing," said Goodridge, the Rockport harbormaster.

Since 1974, when Andre's eagerness to clamber aboard and make friends became too much for area fishermen, he has wintered at the aquarium.

Each April, he is released to make his own way home to this resort town, where his antics entertain crowds on the dock each evening and where he is known as "honorary harbormaster."

The Port Clyde appearance Saturday put him just 20 miles away, and Goodridge said about 1,000 cars came and went by the harbor here the next day.

Andre's first two spring journeys took only three days, but Goodridge said the seal was slowed this year by some extra poundage. He said Andre had been eating 15 pounds of fish daily during the winter and weighed 260 pounds.

"He's had a pretty good winter and he's pretty fat," said Goodridge, who took Andre in almost 15 years ago when he was a 19-pound pup.

Slow or not, Andre's navigation continues to amaze scientists. Goodridge explains it by saying, "He thinks I'm his mother. He thinks he's coming back to his mother."

Louis Garibaldi, the aquarium's curator, said an instinct similar to the one that guides migrating birds might be directing Andre to his summer home here.

"But you really can't call this a migration," he said. "Harbor seals generally don't migrate, and the distance is only 180 miles.

"Maybe he has extraordinary smelling ability. Nobody really knows how he does it. The Navy would love to find out."



ANDRE TAKES A REST
On swim from Boston to Rockport

Andre seen seven miles from home

Associated Press

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ROCKLAND, Maine — Andre the seal was reportedly sighted late yesterday afternoon seven miles from Rockland, where trainer Harry Goodridge has been awaiting his arrival for a week.

Mrs. Goodridge said Andre might decide to extend his leisurely, 180-mile swim up the coast from Boston another day. "I just don't know. Everytime I predict something, he does the opposite," she said.

Last Tuesday, Andre left the New England Aquarium in Boston, where he spends his winters.

Sunday, Andre was sighted in Port Clyde, 20 miles south of Rockport, and Goodridge traveled there to see him. "I yelled at him from about 200 yards away. He recognized my voice and came right in," Goodridge said.

Andre has made the journey twice before — in 95 hours in 1974 and in three days last year. This year "he's too fat," said Goodridge. "He weighs 260 pounds."



Andre lets go with a yawn as he relaxes in boat at Port Clyde where he stopped Sunday en route to Rockport. (UPI)

Where, Oh Where Can Andre Be?

By JUDY LARSEN
Area Correspondent

ROCKPORT — Andre The Seal's trainer says he has 50 pounds of fresh herring awaiting the seal's return, but Harry Goodridge admitted Wednesday he's wondering where Andre is.

Andre was last seen Monday, relaxing and sunbathing aboard a skiff 200 feet off the cold storage wharf at Port Clyde. He was taken from the New England Aquarium in Boston, Mass. and was released into Marblehead, Mass. harbor ten days ago.

Goodridge said Wednesday it was possible that Andre "had gone back to his old tricks." He explained that several years ago, before Andre spent winters at the Boston Aquarium, the seal would sometimes disappear from Rockport harbor for two or three weeks.

"One winter he disappeared for three months," he added.

SINCE MONDAY Goodridge has been investigating reported sightings of the friendly seal along midcoastal waters. He said he hasn't located Andre and that the sightings apparently were false.

Goodridge Tuesday night visited the Coast Guard base at Rockland where Andre had been reported seen by a local resident. But Goodridge said the seal was nowhere to be found.

Harold Pendleton of Belfast, working at National Sea Products plant near the Coast Guard base, also reported Tuesday that he had fed fish to Andre off the company wharf.

PENDLETON said the seal approached him and ate a piece of fish from his hand.

After hearing of Pendleton's experience with the seal, Goodridge said, "It sounds like Andre, but who knows." Goodridge said it was also possible the seal was "Jesse", another seal he had trained and then released in the area when it was six or seven months old. Goodridge explained that Jesse, like Andre, is not wild.

Andre's trainer has followed two leads to Lincolnville. The first was a seal, but not Andre. He said he didn't see a seal on the second trip, but suspected it was the same seal he saw first.

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Andre Continues Tour Of Bay

ROCKPORT — Andre the seal entered his twelfth day of freedom Friday and his trainer says he's anxious for Andre's return here.

Harry Goodridge said Friday he had received a report that Andre might be at Newberry Neck near Surry, about 13 miles north of Deer Isle where he was sighted Thursday.

Goodridge said a woman telephone him saying she had seen a seal that might be Andre resting on a rock in the water at Newberry Neck. Goodridge said he alerted the woman of Andre's characteristics and she agreed to call him if she recognized Andre.

Goodridge said one very good way to recognize Andre is his practice of jumping into boats. He said the woman reported no boats near the seal she saw.

Andre has jumped aboard skiffs at Port Clyde and Deer Isle since his release 12 days ago from New England Aquarium at Boston, Mass. into Marblehead, Mass. harbor.

Goodridge said Andre can take care of himself, but that after a week and a half of waiting for the seal, he's getting anxious.

The seal's trainer said he doesn't believe Andre is lost, but that he's just enjoying his freedom before returning home.

Andre has wintered at the New England Aquarium for the past three years and each summer swims to Rockport and Harry Goodridge.

Last year Andre made the journey from the aquarium to Rockport in a racing speed of three days and the previous year in four days.

A Day In The Sun Proves Delightful, Andre Dallies

By JUDY LARSEN
Area Correspondent

PORT CLYDE — Andre the seal, Rockport's honorary harbormaster and performing superstar, has apparently decided to vacation aboard a skiff at Port Clyde prior to resuming his swim to his summer home at Rockport harbor.

Surrounded by picturesque docks and fishing vessels, the seal spent a second day Monday basking in the warm sunshine aboard a skiff owned by Lee Cushman and moored about 200 ft. from the cold storage wharf at Port Clyde.

Children on school vacation rowed boats around the whiskered sea mammal, only to see him occasionally raise his head to look at them, give a great big yawn, and lay his head down again.

In the afternoon, Andre's Rockport trainer, Harry Goodridge, went to Port Clyde where he "had Andre perform a few tricks, patted him, and made him realize I was there."

Goodridge said Andre appeared in good condition and had no difficulty performing his routines. He also said he fed the seal some fish, that he was "fairly hungry, but had probably been catching some himself."

Goodridge said he couldn't speculate why the seal hadn't left Port Clyde. "Who knows why? I wouldn't even try to guess. Maybe there's a shark in waters outside the cove. Maybe he's content and just doesn't want to leave

yet," he said.

Goodridge said the seal's weight had broken the seat of the Cushman skiff. He explained that Andre is heavier than ever, about 260 lbs., because of the rich diet given him at the New England Aquarium where he spent the winter.

Fog had settled over the cove at Port Clyde by late afternoon so that Andre's usual watchers were unable to see if he was still aboard.

Mrs. Goodridge estimated the swim from Port Clyde to Rockport would take the seal at least four or five hours.

Mrs. Goodridge also said that this year's 180-mile journey from New England Aquarium via Marblehead, Mass. harbor to Rockport has taken the friendly seal his record longest time in the three years he has made the trip. Last year Andre made the swim in a marathon speed of three days and the previous year in four days, she said.

On Easter Sunday Andre spent more than eight hours sunning himself aboard the Cushman skiff and left only when a larger boat came to tie up at the mooring in late afternoon. By dark he was spotted again in the boat and was there when first seen Monday morning.

On Saturday Andre had been spotted near the mouth of the Sheepscot River at Boothbay. He was then in a playful mood, following the oar of boatman Robert Adams of Boothbay "like a kitten follows a weaving string."



Larsen Photo

Sun's out, the fish are running, and all's well with Andre

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A True Seal Of Approval

Sun-Sentinel Wires

Andre the seal returned to his summer home in Rockport, Maine, yesterday, completing a leisurely two-week swim from his winter quarters in Massachusetts. Mrs. **Harry Goodridge**, the wife of Andre's trainer, said the 15-year-old harbor seal was spotted around 5 a.m. on a floating dock at a Rockport marina. Andre, who lives in Boston's New England Aquarium during the winter, began his annual 180-mile swim from Marblehead, Mass., on April 13. His previous unchaperoned trips were made in as little as three days, and there was some concern when Andre appeared to be in no rush to come home. He made several stops along the route, and was often sighted lolling aboard a fisherman's skiff in various harbors along the Maine coast. Mrs. Goodridge said it was easy to tell when Andre showed up, because no other seals clamber aboard boats. She said her husband brought him a fish to eat, then escorted him to his floating pen where he spends the summer, entertaining tourists with daily performances from a repertoire of more than 50 tricks. Goodridge found Andre in 1961 when he was a young pup who had become separated from his mother.

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Andre Makes Quick Visit In Deer Isle

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DEER ISLE — Andre made several new friends Thursday as he spent the morning hours in the harbor at Deer Isle and then disappeared again.

The seal flopped into a skiff around 6:15 a.m. catching the rays and taking a nap. "The whole town gathered at the shore to see him," said Jack Billington who works at a lumber yard not far from where Andre's sunning spot was.

As usual the friendly seal acknowledged the attention of local sightseers, but as low tide approached, he headed out to sea, leaving the skiff in the mud.

Harry Goodrich called a couple of times that morning to see if Andre was still there, but did not attempt to see the seal in person.

The Thursday spotting was the first definite sign of the famous voyager since he left Port Clyde late Monday. There had been several false sightings in the interim, but no definite sightings until he arrived in Deer Isle.

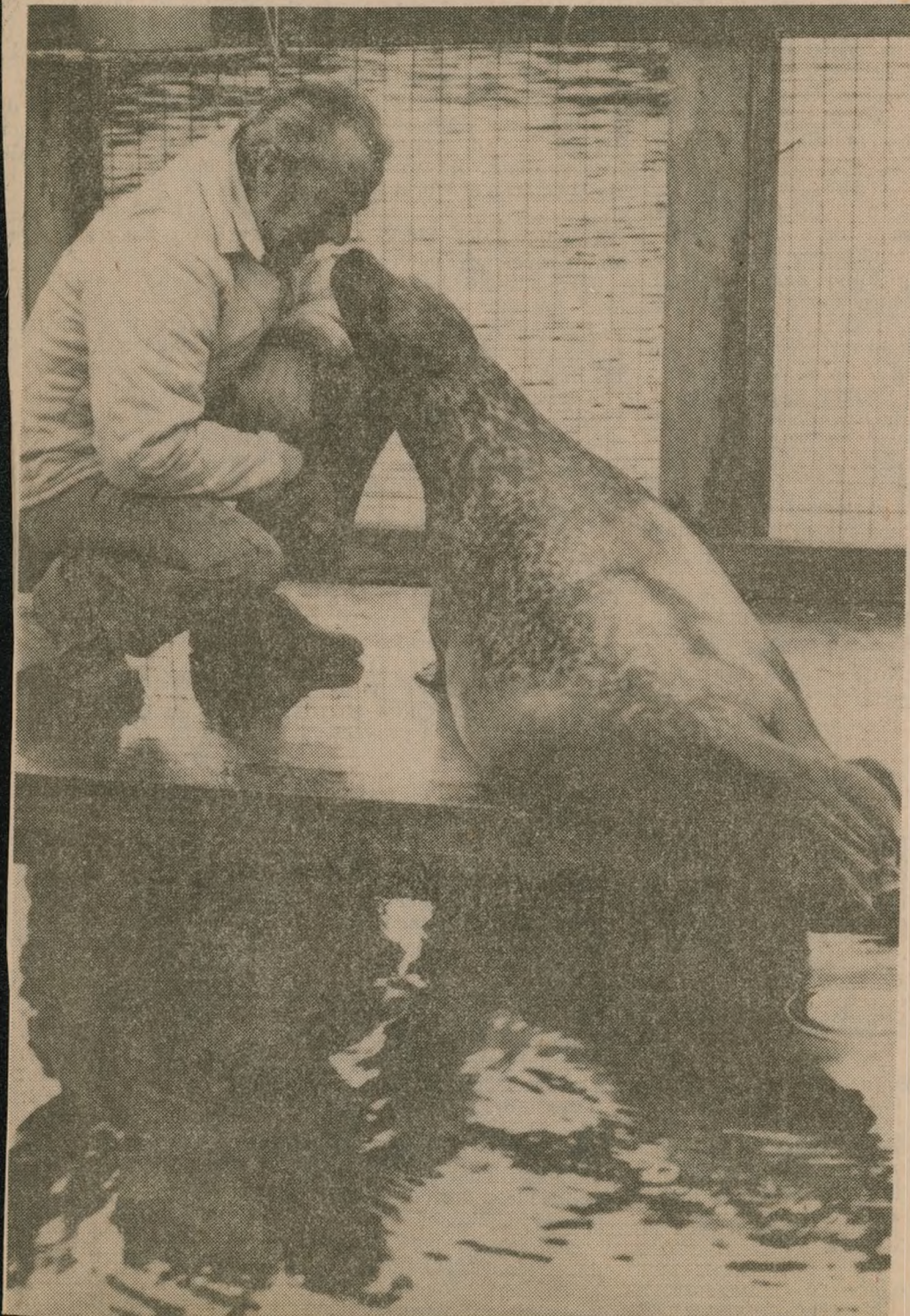
Andre had not been spotted Thursday afternoon or Friday as he continued his excursion tour of the mid-coast area.

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Andre's Back In Rockport!

Andre the seal seems to be telling his trainer Harry Goodridge about his 180-mile swim from Marblehead, Mass. Andre returned to his pen at Rockport Monday after two weeks at sea. See story on Page 17. (AP)

Andre swims home

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"We've always hoped he would go wild," Mrs. Goodridge said at the time. "We hate to keep him cooped up all year. But if he comes back, there's a place for him and plenty of fish."

Good Morning



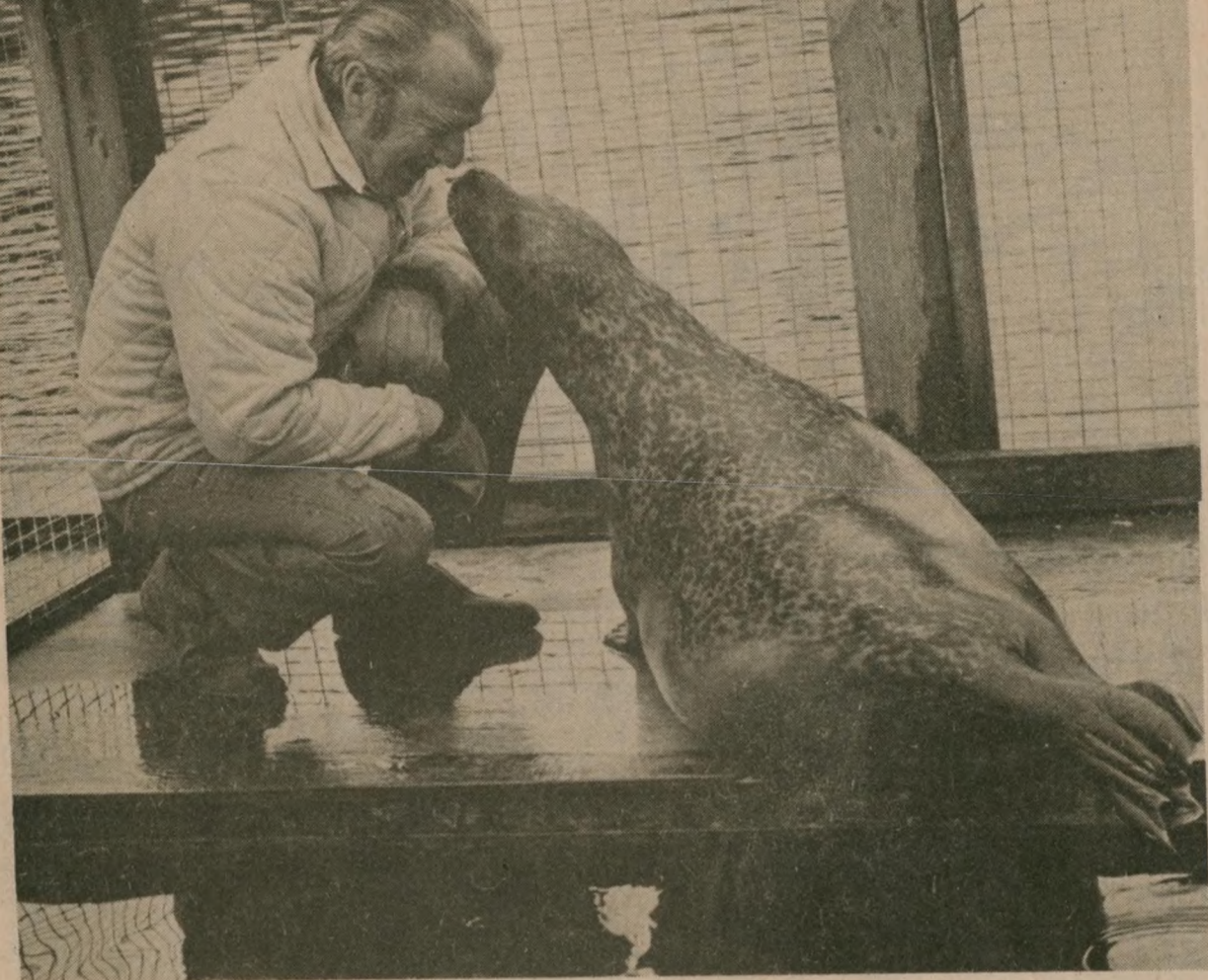
Andre, the free swimming seal, nuzzles up to his trainer, Harry Goodridge. The seal swam from Marblehead, Mass., to Rockport, Maine, where he will be busy entertaining vacationers. Story on Page 6A

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Daytona Area Forecast

Partly cloudy through Wednesday. High near 80; low tonight in the low 60s. North to northeast winds, 10 to 15 miles per hour. More about the weather on Page 2B.

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ROCKPORT SEAFARER CHECKS IN — Andre the seal returned to Rockport for the summer Monday and both he and trainer Harry Goodridge were obviously very glad to see one another. Andre eagerly went through some of his tricks just to show he hadn't forgotten a thing. Barnes Photo

Welcome Home Andre . . . Finally!

ROCKPORT — Almost two weeks after his departure from Marblehead, Andre the wandering seal returned to his homeport of Rockport Monday morning. He was noticed around 5:30 a. m. by two local boys who summoned Harry Goodridge to the harbor. David Jenkins, 13, of Rockport,

first spotted Andre on Luke Allen's dock. Jenkins had gone down around 5 a. m. to haul lobster traps before school when he found Andre at the landing. David went to find his friend Gordon Gates and together they fetched Goodridge to the dock. Andre was 'just waiting to be noticed,' Gordon's mother, Mrs. Polly Gates, said. The two boys had been looking every day for the seal who was long overdue in his yearly swim from winter quarters in Massachusetts.

When Goodridge arrived at the landing, Andre seemed quite happy to see him and swam cooperatively into his pen. Goodridge fed him a few fish, then returned home. He went back with more goodies for Andre later in the morning and put the seal through some of his tricks for early welcomers.

The seafarer had lost some of his excess weight, Goodridge said, and was able to jump through a rubber hoop with little difficulty. Andre had apparently run into some misadventures along his route as his neck had several scratches and cuts under the chin. Goodridge surmised that he had been in a fight with another seal. He gave the seal a small lecture on fighting and the seal promptly put one flipper over his eyes in mock chagrin, one of his favorite tricks.

Goodridge said that "it might happen" that Andre will have a mate for the summer, a favored

seal from among the many at the Boston Aquarium where he has spent the last three winters.

During his two weeks of freedom, Andre spent one day in Gloucester, Mass., was sighted later in Boothbay by a lobster fisherman, and then turned up in Port Clyde where he rested and sunned himself for two days. He disappeared again, only to take up residence briefly in a skiff in Deer Isle Harbor and lastly was reported off Cape Rosier.

As news of Andre's arrival spread, residents and visitors trooped down to the harbor to welcome the traveler home despite cold and rainy weather. Several people had kept vigils along the harbor's shoreline during the two-week interval, hoping to be the first to spot the well-known Rockport resident. National television, newswires and papers have been keeping the Goodridge household busy with inquiries about Andre's whereabouts.



"GIVE ME A KISS" — Andre was happy to oblige his old friend with a welcome back kiss after his two-week excursion tour along the Maine coast. The seal has lost some excess weight and sports some battle scars on his neck apparently from a fight with another seal. Barnes Photo

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If Andre's so smart, how come Smoke doesn't bother him?

By HAROLD BANKS

ROCKPORT, Maine — All I ever hear about this seal, Andre, is how smart he is.

Look, look! He's jumping into Harry Goodridge's boat; he's kissing Harry; he's shaking Harry's hand; he's splashing Harry; Harry's "shooting" him; he's playing dead; he's clapping his hands; he's bouncing a ball; he's blowing a whistle; he's blowing his nose in a handkerchief; he's posing for pictures.

AS FAR AS I'M concerned, Andre the seal is a ham — and the worst kind: the jealous kind.

Harry Goodridge, the harbormaster who has been training Andre since he was a pup 16 years ago, says to him, "You saw Flipper doing his act. What do you think of it?"

Andre lets go a big fat "bazoo." That's got to be jealousy. Flipper spends the winter in Florida. Andre spends the winter in the New England Aquarium in Boston.

Everybody thinks it's fabulous that somebody from the aquarium dumps Andre into the water off Marblehead about the middle of April and that he makes the 180 miles all the way back to the harbor here on his own — without a map. What's so wonderful? All he has to do is keep swimming north and hug the coast. If he had a map, would it do him any good? As smart as he's supposed to be, he can't read.

Also, how smart can he be? There's

this cute little seal chick, Smoke, at the aquarium. One of the snuggling seasons for seals is the month of June. So, as I say, the aquarium sends him back here in April — and he lets 'em.

There's another snuggling season for seals in October. So Goodridge sends Andre back to the aquarium in November — and he doesn't bark about it. So how smart can he be? If I were Andre, I wouldn't kiss Harry Goodridge — I'd give him a big fat "bazoo."

RIGHT NOW, Harry Goodridge is raising money to build a new pen for Andre — 32 feet long, 8 feet deep and 8 feet wide.

He needs \$2000 for that, and the money is coming in from people all over New England, but there isn't nearly enough yet.

The reason Goodridge needs that new pen is because the old one is just about worn out — and Andre isn't smart enough not to be a pest.

Goodridge can't let him out during the day because he gets in everybody's way — jumps in boats, grabs oars, annoys the fishermen, splashes around like a regular show-off.

Goodridge takes him out for a little run, maybe three-quarters of an hour, every evening about a quarter of 7.

If they'd listen to me, they wouldn't need a cage for him and he wouldn't make a pest of himself. All they have to do is send Smoke or some other slick chick up here to snuggle.

Smoke would keep Andre plenty busy.



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Disappoints Harbor Crowds — Andre Takes Time Returning Home

Andre, Rockport's harbor seal, has kept his audience waiting two days with no word whatever.

Crowds gathered in the sun at Rockport harbor over the weekend, cameras ready, speculating about his time of arrival.

By Wednesday afternoon, Andre was last seen in Port Clyde Monday where his owner and trainer, Harry Goodridge, went down, called him from a skiff in the harbor, and put him through a routine of tricks.

"I told him to go on home," Harry said later. But Tuesday and most of Wednesday came and went and Andre had not

returned to his cage in Rockport harbor.

Meanwhile calls have deluged the Goodridge household from all parts of the country and radio and television station from Miami to Toronto, including NBC and CBS networks in New York, have inquired about the seal's journey.

Andre has spent the past three winters in the New England Aquarium in Boston where he achieved superstar status. Each spring, Goodridge releases him from Marblehead — where Andre had been sighted in free winter periods in years past — for the 180-mile trip to Rockport. The

first year, Andre swam the distance in four days, considered record time. Last year, he clipped almost a day off that record, arriving with a pound fish hook snagged in his lip. Surgeons from the Aquarium came to Rockport to remove it.

Andre, carrying a good 30 to 40 pounds extra weight, was released from Marblehead Tuesday a week ago. He swam on to Gloucester Wednesday, startled a couple in Ipswich on Thursday, then was not seen until he showed up in Boothbay on Saturday.

The 16-year old seal spent Easter Sunday sunning himself on a skiff in Port Clyde while a

watchful crowd gathered in Rockport hoping for his return before sunset.

Monday came and Andre was still in Port Clyde where Goodridge went to see him.

During the next two days, Goodridge received several calls from persons reporting they had seen Andre in Rockland near the Coast Guard station and also at Lincolnville Beach. Goodridge went to Lincolnville, saw a seal and called to him. But the mammal turned away with no sign of recognition and Goodridge is confident it was not Andre.

By Wednesday afternoon Goodridge speculated that his

seal might simply be enjoying his freedom, found a girl friend, or was doing some fishing on his own. Goodridge also suggested that the extra weight may cause Andre to take more time getting home than usual.

However, in the years before Goodridge shipped Andre to Boston for the winter, the seal would swim free during winter months, showing up periodically. It was not unusual then to lose track of him for weeks at a time.

Admitting to some nervousness, Wednesday, Goodridge said, "In view of the last few years, this behavior is unusual."



WAITING FOR ANDRE — Over the Easter weekend crowds gathered at Rockport harbor waiting for Andre, the seal, to return home from his swim from Marblehead. Word came of a sighting in Boothbay, then Andre was seen at Port Clyde, but the 16-year old harbor seal obviously was taking the leisurely route home.

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Anchorman and chief reporter for "CBS Reports" beginning June 1 will be **Bill Moyers**, 42, former Peace Corps director and White House aide during the Johnson years and host of his own news show on the Public Broadcasting System. The position on the program has been vacant since last December when **Dan Rather** left to become co-editor of the network's "60 Minutes" show.

"The Abbess of Crewe," **Muriel Spark's** 1975 "modern morality play" satirizing Watergate, is being turned into a movie called "Nasty Hab'its," now being made in London. **Glenda Jackson** is playing a nun's role that is based on former President **Richard Nixon**. **Melina Mercouri** has a role based on Secretary of State **Henry Kissinger**. And **Anne Meara**, is playing a role based on **President Ford**.

The Independent Government of the Isle of Man is showing its independence (with the consent of **Elizabeth II** of Britain, but not, it's presumed, with the other notable involved) by issuing 30,000 sterling silver 25-pence coins (or 1 crown) as a tribute to the U.S. Bicentennial. One side shows the Queen; the other, **George Washington**. This is said to be the first British coin ever to bear the likeness of a U.S. president. During the Bicentennial year it will be circulated on the Isle of Man as legal tender. Other editions will be minted for collectors.

Crown Prince Akihito will pay an official visit to Yugoslavia June 12-15, becoming the first



Andre and Goodridge
... together again.

member of the Japanese royal family to visit a Communist country. Yugoslavia's President **Tito** was in Japan in the spring of '68 and while there invited Emperor **Hirohito** to visit Yugoslavia. Akihito is making the trip in his father's stead. He will also visit Jordan and Britain.

Lauren Bernstein, 20, a bank teller from Brooklyn, N.Y., has won \$1.1 million in a damage suit against a department store which falsely accused her of shoplifting. **Korvette's** immediately moved to have the verdict set aside as excessive. Miss Bernstein told a jury that since her arrest on Oct. 23, 1972, she had suffered from nightmares, excessive fears and anxieties. She and two other women were arrested in **Korvette's** Brooklyn store. The other two admitted that they had been shoplifting. They said they didn't know Miss Bernstein. She was taken to a police station and although no merchandise was found in her possession and police wanted to let her go, the store detective insisted that she be booked for acting in concert with the admitted shoplifters. In February, 1973, a jury found her innocent of the charges. She later filed the damage suit.

—SAMUEL JUSTICE.



GETTING ACQUAINTED — Downeast Airlines pilot, Harvey Huff of Rockland, makes friends with his special passenger, Andre the Seal, Tuesday at the Owls Head Airport before Andre and his trainer, Harry Goodridge, were flown to Boston where the seal will stay for the winter. Barnes Photo

Sleeps Most Of The Way

Andre Arrives At Aquarium — Unimpressed With Plane Ride

by Helen Barnes

OWLS HEAD — Andre the seal took his first plane trip right in stride Tuesday according to his trainer Harry Goodridge. "Andre was rather unimpressed with the ride," the Rockport man said after the short Downeast

Airlines flight from Owls Head to Boston.

The seal was flown by chartered plane to Boston this year instead of taking a long and difficult truck ride to the New England Aquarium. Contributions from local fans and visitors to

Andre's summer Rockport Harbor pen made it possible for the trip to be paid out of his own savings account. Several seats were removed from the chartered plane to make room for the traveling cage and the seal's retinue. Accompanying Andre was Goodridge, Lew Dietz of Rockport, who wrote a book about the seal with Goodridge, and two Camden men, Richard Donovan and Ron Dodd, who helped carry the seal and his cage in and out of the plane. Harvey Huff of Rockland piloted the plane.

Goodridge said Andre was a bit nervous at take off, but that he fell asleep during the smooth trip to Boston.

At Logan Airport, the famous seal was greeted by a clutch of reporters and photographers as well as several fans and representatives of the New England Aquarium where he has made his winter home for several years.

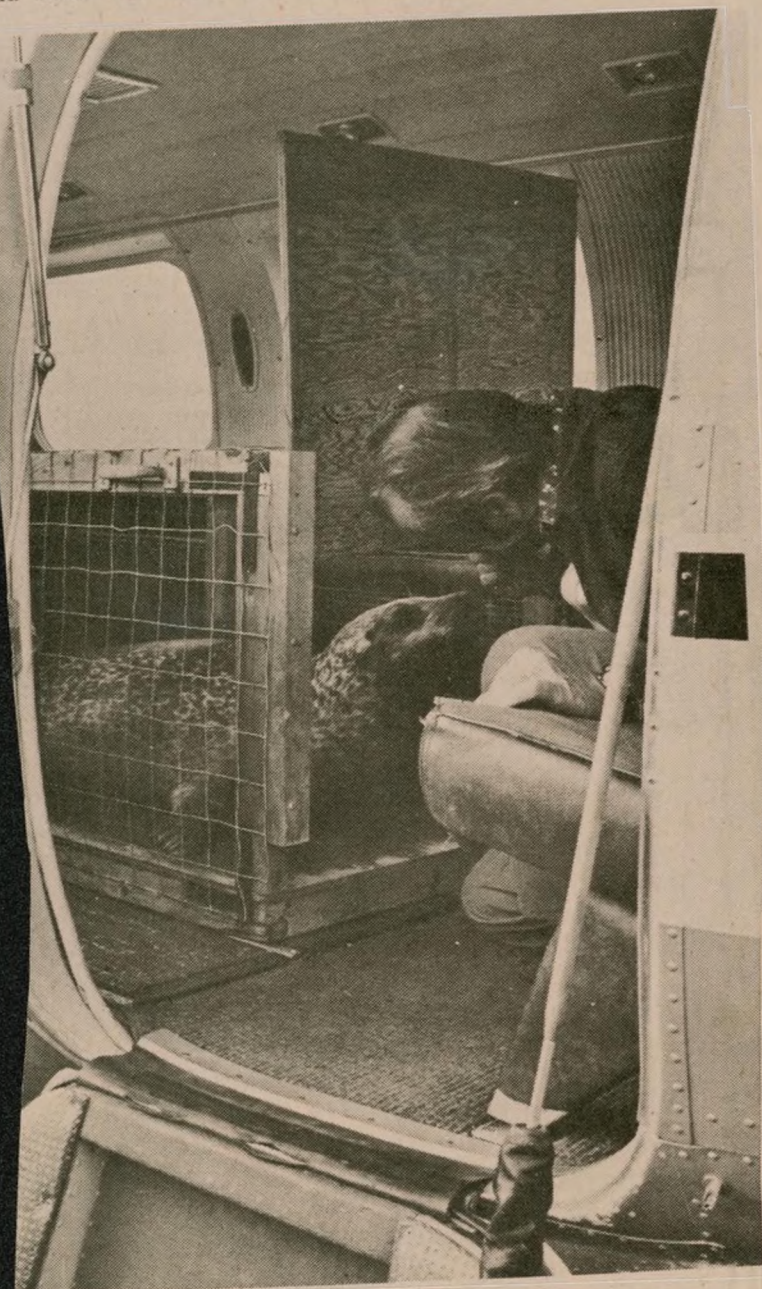
After the trip to the Aquarium, Andre was greeted with enthusiasm by many visitors and a huge welcome home sign. The seal put on a performance for the folks, just as he has done daily in Rockport all summer. Also on hand to welcome him was Carla Skinder of the Aquarium staff who looks after Andre during the winter.

The seals who will share the pool with Andre were not so impressed, Goodridge said. "They were a bit ho-hum about his arrival except for one young female named Lucy who followed him around."

It has been hoped that Andre would take a mate to produce offspring and "things look good for this summer," Goodridge said. The seal has had two favorite females at the Aquarium, and other wild seals have been visiting in Rockport Harbor during the summers.

Other plans for next summer include the building of a new cage, to be financed by contributions. Andre will return in the spring to his old cage and will then be transferred to his new digs when the new cage is built, his trainer said.

After he returned from Boston, Goodridge said the plane trip was definitely a good idea and he hopes that Andre will be able to make a similar trip next year, depending on the size of his bank account. "People have been very generous to him this summer," the trainer said.



LAST MINUTE TALK — Harry Goodridge has a last minute talk with Andre about the impending trip to Boston on Tuesday. Once the seal's cage was put aboard the chartered airplane, the door was opened momentarily so Andre could properly say good-by to the many well-wishers who came to say good-by. Barnes Photo



It's about time, Andre

(UPI)

Harry Goodridge of Rockport, Maine gets a welcoming smooch from his adoptive pet seal, Andre, who decided to make his annual two-to three-day swim from Marblehead a two-week excursion along the Maine coast. Andre delayed in coming to his summer home and played the showman in some of his favorite ports, performing

some of his 50 tricks, sunning himself, feasting on flounder. He finally swam into Rockport Harbor Monday, displaying a few new scars from tussles with wild seals and having shed a few of the pounds the portly 260-pounder packed on during a lazy winter at the New England Aquarium.



ANDRE CHECKS OUT A ROWBOAT ON HIS ANNUAL TRIP TO ROCKPORT.

(UPI)

He's Enjoying Vacation

Andre Heckles Lobstermen

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Andre, a 16-year-old harbor seal, was released in Marblehead Harbor in Massachusetts two weeks ago for his annual swim to Rockport. Andre usually takes three or four days to get home, but this year he lazed around coastal Maine for two weeks, sleeping in rowboats and harassing lobster boats.

"A couple of kids came up here this morning to tell me Andre was back," said the seal's trainer, Harry Goodridge. "I went down to the harbor and he was there heckling a lobsterman, grabbing his oars."

"When he saw me, he jumped right into his cage."

Andre was a pup when Goodridge found him. He

learned a full repertoire of tricks and performs them in the harbor during the summer. He used to spend his winters free, but three years ago Goodridge began taking him to the New England Aquarium in Boston for the winter.

In the spring he is released in Marblehead Harbor for the swim home.

Andre got to Port Clyde, about 10 miles south of Rockport, fairly quickly. But instead of coming home, he climbed into a rowboat and slept for two days.

Later, Andre was spotted at Deer Isle and Cape Rosier— each time snoozing in rowboats.

"He was just enjoying his vacation, I guess," Goodridge said. "I began to get a little worried when he didn't come home, but I kept thinking that he was free for years and he's always come back."

Burlington Free Press!

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Andre and Goodbridge
... together again.

Local Lookout

Mary P. Keohan, 190 Broad St.; Joan R. Mersch, 80 Constitution Ave.; Mary E. Pumphrey, 88 Sea St.; and Nancy M. Spadorcia, 121 Sunnyplain Ave., will be among the graduates at Emmanuel College's 54th commencement Sunday. Miss Keohan, an English major, was on the Dean's List four years and will graduate with honors and distinction in her field of concentration. She plans to attend law school. Miss Mersch, a Psychology major, has been accepted at Assumption College, Framingham, in the masters program in clinical psychology. Miss Pumphrey, a Biology major, was on the Dean's List for three years and will be graduating in August. She will attend the Cambridge Hospital School of Medical Technology. Miss Spadorcia, a Spanish major, was on the Dean's List for two years and plans to travel to Mexico or Spain after graduation.

Nancy J. Fiske of South Weymouth and Thomas J. Frazar of Weymouth are among the candidates for degrees at the 153rd commencement of the University of Maine scheduled for Saturday at Orono.

The Board of Selectmen announce a vacancy on the Street Lighting Committee. Interested parties may obtain more information by calling the Selectmen's Office, town hall.

AK3 Daniel F. Kelly, 39 Dorothea Dr., and BM2 Robert A. Porter, 35 Pearl St., both naval reservists, have completed two weeks of active duty with their unit, Naval Air Station [NAS] 1201 at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station. The unit provided technical and administrative support to the air station in keeping with the mission to furnish qualified officers and enlisted personnel for an operating forces Naval Air Station in the event of mobilization.

John W. Sears, Chairman of the Republican State Committee has announced that the locations for all 12 Congressional District Caucuses have been set. The Caucuses will select delegates to the Republican National Convention in Kansas City which will be held in August. Two delegates and two alternate delegates pledged to Gerald Ford and one delegate and one alternate delegate pledged to Ronald Reagan will be selected at each of the 12 caucuses by registered Republicans in attendance. Any registered Republican is free to attend and vote in the Caucus for their district. Any registered Republican who can produce a certificate of enrollment and who resides in the district from which he or she is seeking election can run as a delegate. The Twelfth Congressional District will meet at Mass. Maritime Academy Gymnasium, Buzzards Bay, Bourne. Caucuses will be held simultaneously on May 23. Doors open at 12:00 Noon. For further information, please contact the Republican State Committee, Room 525, 73 Tremont Street, Boston 02108 - (617) 523-7535.

Mark R. Murphy has qualified as a registered representative of John Hancock Distributors, Inc., broker-dealer for John Hancock mutual funds. Murphy is associated with the insurance company's general agency in Braintree. To meet federal and state requirements for securities salesmen, he has passed the NASD qualifying examination and complied with all State of Massachusetts regulations. Murphy, his wife Mary and their children, Diane and Marilee Marotta, live at 79 King Cove Beach.

Doreen F. Milani, 58 Mt. Vernon Rd. and Ronald S. Williams, 46 Wingate Rd., both of East Weymouth have been accepted at Bunker Community College in Charlestown for the Fall semester.

The second annual Flea Market for the benefit of the children at The New England Home for Little Wanderers will be held rain or shine June 5 at The American Mutual Insurance Company in Wakefield, Exits 34 or 35 off Rte. 128. Friends Chapters throughout the Greater Boston area assist The New England Home for Little Wanderers through fund raising, sewing, knitting and finding families for children at The Home. Officers for the South Weymouth Chapter are: Mrs. Richard Watts, President; Mrs. Robert Juström, Secretary; and Mrs. Cecil Milbery, Treasurer.

Under The State House Dome

by J. J. Smith

My friend, Josh P. Nitpicker, suggests that Mike Dukakis is in real trouble with the voters and will be ill-advised if he ever tries to run again for anything. Nitpicker offers Andre the Seal as a viable alternative for Democrats to consider as their party's standard-bearer in 1978.

"Let's face it," asserts Nitpicker, "Mike is a cold fish and if we're going to have a cold, wet type in that corner office at the State House then Andre is the obvious choice."

"Besides, Andre's got it all over Mike as a politician. Every time you see or hear about him, or see photographs of him, he's jumping into somebody's boat, kissing people, shaking hands and doing all the things Mike thinks are undignified."

"And Andre's playful — can you picture Mike splashing Kevin Harrington or Tommy McGee or even Teddy Kennedy? Andre does that stuff all the time, and folks love it. Getting splashed by Andre will be as big a status symbol as being pushed into Ethel Kennedy's pool used to be."

"As a politician, Andre's a real throwback — but a lovable one. He'll do anything for publicity...clap his hands, whistle, bounce a ball. You name it, he'll do it...and, Southie will love him!"

Nitpicker was just warming up as he fired out more ideas on why Andre would be the logical, if somewhat unorthodox, choice by Democrats as a gubernatorial candidate.

"Listen, this is a real character. He even plays dead realistically, and we all know there are times when it's best for a governor to roll over and play dead if he wants to get certain programs through the Legislature. Right?"

"What's that? What? You say party regulars will worry about him blowing the whistle? Forget it, Andre's no stool pigeon, he's a seal, remember? When he blows the whistle, it's just a whistle, see...you know tweet, tweet, tweet...not blowing the whistle on someone. I'm telling you, Andre's a politician to his flipper tips."

"Another important thing about Andre, he's open-minded with a wide variety of interests. Of course, he'd lose some votes because he absolutely refuses to ride the MBTA Green Line but he'll pick up a lotta votes because he's big on both water and highway safety."

"Yeh, you wouldn't catch Andre turning down \$51-million in Federal dollars for highway safety projects. When folks travel — remember, Andre swims 180 miles each year to his summer quarters at Rockport, Me. — he thinks they should be safe. Yeh, this is one seal who won't flip-flop on highway safety."

"Besides, Andre figures that Federal money will put another 4,000 'hard hats' to work. He likes people working, their pockets jingling with cash, cuz then they're more apt to toss him fancy goldfish or stuff for gourmet snacks."

By this time, Nitpicker could scarcely restrain himself — that highway talk got him into high gear, so to speak.

"Listen to me, Andre is **RIGHT** for the times. All the young voters talk about finding themselves, and Andre's really on target here. He spends each winter at the New England Aquarium in Boston, and then skedaddles up to Maine for the warm weather. How's that for finding yourself?"

"Andre has the smarts all right. He makes this trip without a map, and, besides, a map wouldn't help him cuz he can't read. I tell you, this guy's instincts are right — which is more than you can say about Mike. What's more important, the right instincts or being able to read?"

But Nitpicker, we protested, Andre's got a terrible handicap — he's a bachelor, and when did Massachusetts voters last put a bachelor into the governor's chair?

"That's stereotyped, old-fashioned political thinking, my boy," Nitpicker squelched us. "Look at Jerry Brown, a bachelor. He not only made it as Governor of California but he's even running for President. And what does Jerry have as a politician that Andre can't match? Austerity? Andre will make Mike and Jerry look like high-life boys!"

"Besides," Nitpicker confided slyly, "Andre may not be a bachelor by the time the primary is held in 1978. He's got a little thing going with this cute little seal chick, Smoke, at the Aquarium. Remember, the world loves a lover."

"As a matter of fact, that's the main reason Andre wants to run for governor. He feels that, with just the threat he'll get elected, there's a better chance to see more of Smoke."

"Andre's big on romance, but the big 'I love you' season for seals is the month of June — and those Aquarium folks boot him out in April to fend for himself until fall. That means no Smoke and no — ha, ha — fiery romance. Get it? Smoke-fire? What incentive for a winning campaign!"

"Of course (reflectively), after Kitty maybe the voters would prefer a bachelor!"

Okay, Nitpicker, okay! You've made your point. Now we're telling our readers, and asking them:

What do you think? Any "Andre for Governor" volunteers out there?

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Andre The Seal Steals The Show

ROCKPORT, Maine (UPI) — Most Mainers have a love-hate relationship with summer people, but it's just pure love for Andre the seal. He's Rockport's mascot and honorary harbormaster.

The 14-year-old Andre valiantly swam 170 miles with a devil's hook in his mouth before arriving at his summer place Sunday. He was welcomed by Joe, a trained seagull who competes with his buddy for fish thrown into the harbor by local fans, and by his friend Harry Goodridge.

"Andre's the real superstar," trainer Goodridge said. "I'm just the straight man."

Andre was released into the ocean near Marblehead, Mass. last Wednesday after wintering in the New England Aquarium in Boston. He spent a day racing sailboats and gearing up for his journey.

Then somewhere on his three-day trip he tangled with the fishhook and steamed into Rockport harbor with the hook and some line dangling from his mouth. Goodridge

extracted it and by Monday a weary Andre was gulping down pounds of his favorite herring and settling in for his 15th season as this coastal town's summer star.

Goodridge taught Andre as a pup to jump through hoops and toss basketballs. Harry, Joe and Andre have been delighting local folk and summer people ever since.

"Andre never forgets," Goodridge said. "He's a real intellect and learns most of his routines in five or ten minutes."

But Andre has a hangup. He loves human contact and developed a disconcerting habit of heaving his 240-pound bulk into the boats of local fishermen, waving his flippers at them, then choosing a good spot aft to bask in the sun.

He's taken by truck to Boston every autumn to spend some time in the tank. Although they love him, the fishermen say it's a little hard to work with a ham in the boat.

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Andre's Tax-Free With Bank Account

ROCKPORT — A precocious seal called Andre now has his own bank account.

Andre's trainer and lifetime friend, Harry Goodridge, said Monday a contingent of Andre's fans opened a savings account for the 260-pound seal at a Camden bank.

Goodridge said the money may be used to build Andre a new floating cage as well as buy some delicious fish — of his choosing.

ACCORDING TO Goodridge, Andre's cage is 10 years old. A new cage would cost about \$2,000, Goodridge added. The present cage, he said, is 32 feet long, eight feet wide, and eight feet deep with six-and-one-half feet under water. Goodridge said the new cage would be nine feet deep.

Goodridge said he conferred with officials of the Internal Revenue Service in Augusta. IRS officials reportedly told Goodridge that the money which accumulates in Andre's account will be tax-free.

Goodridge said the account is in Andre's name and he will be Andre's "custodian," he said.

"Just make your checks payable to Andre," quipped Goodridge, "and I didn't solicit this."

GOODRIDGE SAID the savings account will help defray the cost of Andre's voracious appetite. Goodridge reported he now spends \$200 to \$250 a month for fish to feed the plump seal.

"I just bought Andre some nice alewives over in Warren," Goodridge said. "He loves them. I bet he'll be good tonight."

Goodridge said Andre eats about eight pounds of fish daily.

Andre returned last month to the harbor here after his winter stay at the New England Aquarium in Boston. Photos and stories about the 16-year-old seal abounded nationwide as Andre's fans awaited his annual return to Rockport, the town that named him honorary harbor-master.

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Andre saving up for new quarters

ROCKPORT — Andre the seal, whose epic voyage from Marblehead, Mass., to Rockport last month caused a stir throughout New England, has continued his flair for publicity. He has a bank account supplied by donations which might get him a new cage.

His trainer, Harry Goodridge, said Monday that the idea of beginning a non - profit organization and banking account for the seal, whose tricks entertain hundreds of visitors at Rockport Harbor on summer nights, was the brainchild of two local women.

As of Monday morning the total in Andre's account was \$400, Goodridge said. But the cage might cost as much as \$2,000. But next year, if the cage which Goodridge refers to as an office — materializes, Andre might be more tempted to make a quick trip from the New England Aquarium rather than take his time, Goodridge said.

The old cage was made entirely of wood to ensure that it would float, but the part under water is deteriorating badly and Goodridge has been forced to replace slats exposed to the salt water.

"It cost \$1,000 seven or eight years ago," Goodridge said of the old cage, "so I imagine it would cost \$2,000 now."

The old cage is a bit small, also, so Goodridge wants one a foot or more deeper.

"I've checked with the IRS in Augusta and they said not to worry about it as long as it's a non - profit organization and the result of donations," Goodridge said.

(Cont'd. on Page 2, Col. 4)

A Thinner Andre Back (At Last) Aboard Harry's Gravy Train

By JUDY LARSEN
Area Correspondent

ROCKPORT — Under the cover of darkness, Andre the seal swam through the icy waters of Rockport Harbor and into his floating stage unnoticed, avoiding all the fanfare planned for his return home.

Andre, who summers here, was first discovered at the harbor at 5 a.m. Monday, 13 days after his release from the New England Aquarium at Boston, Mass., where he winters, into Marblehead, Mass. Harbor.

Fourteen-year-old David Jenkins said, "While I was on the dock getting ready to go lobstering, Andre came up behind me and really gave me a scare. I'd been looking for him some, but didn't expect to see him then. I was really happy to be the first person to see him, though."

Jenkins and a friend, Gordon Gates, notified Harry Goodridge, Andre's trainer. Goodridge said he immediately thawed out some fish and went to offer these to his friendly seal.

GOODRIDGE said when he arrived at the harbor, Andre was "heckling a lobsterman, playing with the oars of his boat." He added, "when Andre saw me, he played around and kept jumping in front of my boat. He was really lively and glad to see me."

Goodridge said Andre gave him a great big kiss, ate about six pounds of fish and then performed a few of his famous tricks.

"Andre has lost a little of the weight he gained while at the New England Aquarium, but is still a little fat," said the trainer. The seal weighed about 260 pounds when he left the aquarium, primarily because of the rich diet fed him there.

Andre also has multiple cuts, though not serious, on his neck, which Goodridge said were probably the result of "fighting with other seals" during his journey home.

BY 9 A.M. Monday Andre was swimming around his performing arena, oblivious to the light rain starting to fall and seemingly enjoying the scenic harbor with its numerous small boats. His appetite had returned and he jumped through a hoop, clapped his flippers and again kissed his trainer — all for a reward of more fish.

Goodridge confided, "it's quite a relief having Andre home again. In the back of my mind I felt sure he'd come home, but I still couldn't help but worry a little."

Andre journeyed from the New England Aquarium to Rockport in a racing speed of three days last year and four days the previous year.

On April 19, just four days after his release from the aquarium, Andre was sighted near the mouth of the Sheepscot River at Boothbay Harbor. He spent the next two days basking in the sunshine

aboard a skiff moored off a cold storage wharf at Port Clyde.

AFTER ANDRE'S departure from Port Clyde late Monday or Tuesday, his whereabouts became a mystery and false sightings were reported all along the seacoast.

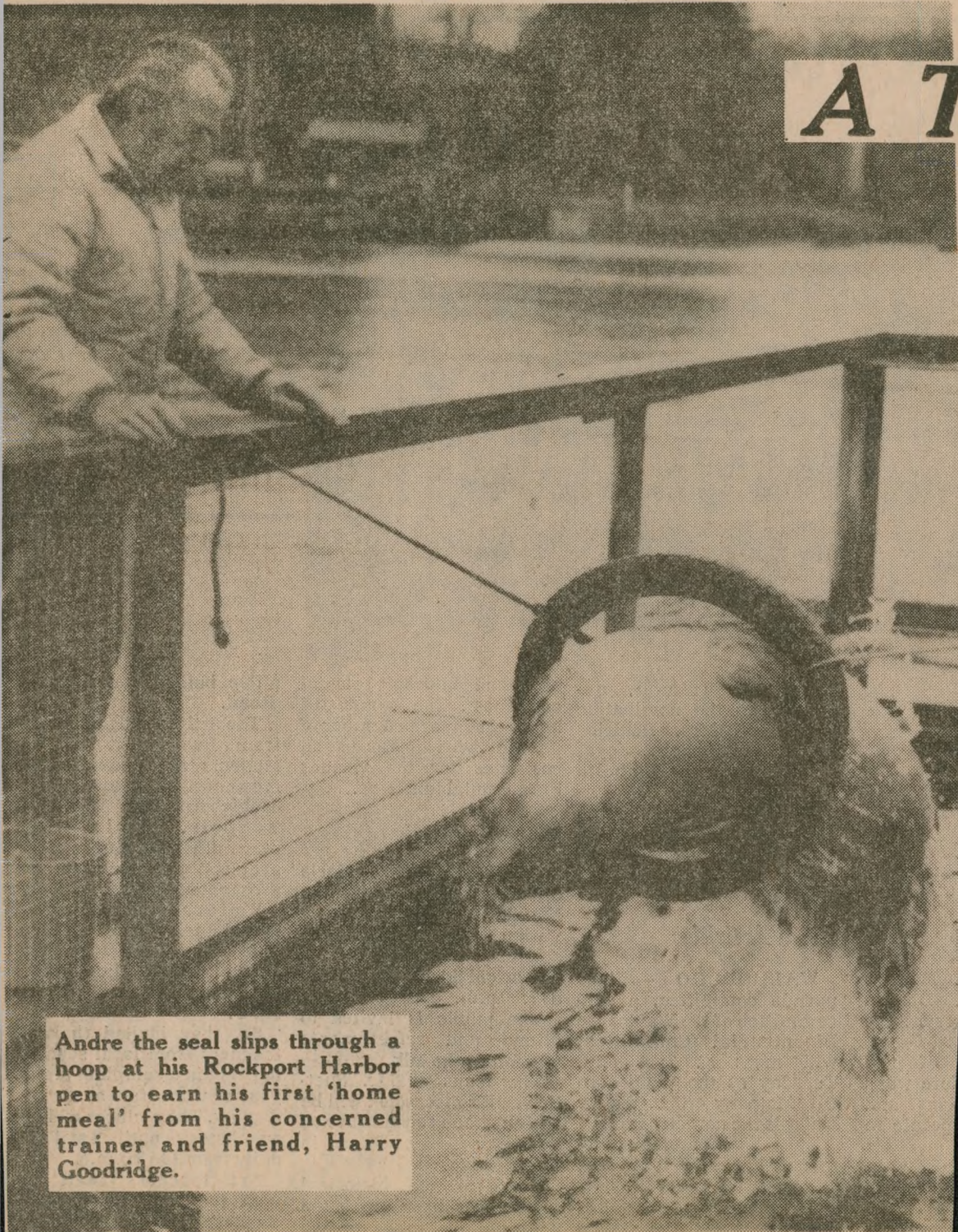
On Friday Andre came out of hiding for a brief appearance in a skiff at Deer Isle and again on Saturday at Cape Rossier, about 10 miles north of Deer Isle.

Goodridge said that on Saturday he also received a report that Andre was in Lincolnville "fooling around someone putting a boat on a mooring." He theorized that the seafarer was probably enroute home.

Goodridge said he'll keep the friendly harbor seal in his floating stage for several days "to get him accustomed to it again," but that this is a usual procedure following the seal's return from the aquarium.

The trainer said he hasn't yet scheduled any performances for Rockport's honorary harbormaster, who is usually quite a show-off, but that he'll allow him to rest and just enjoy being home.

For almost two weeks the harbor here has been lined with Andre's camera-toting fans hoping to photograph their celebrity seal returning home. Apparently what Andre wanted was just a quiet welcome from Harry Goodridge.



Andre the seal slips through a hoop at his Rockport Harbor pen to earn his first 'home meal' from his concerned trainer and friend, Harry Goodridge.

Maine Breeds Harbor Seals

By BILL CALDWELL
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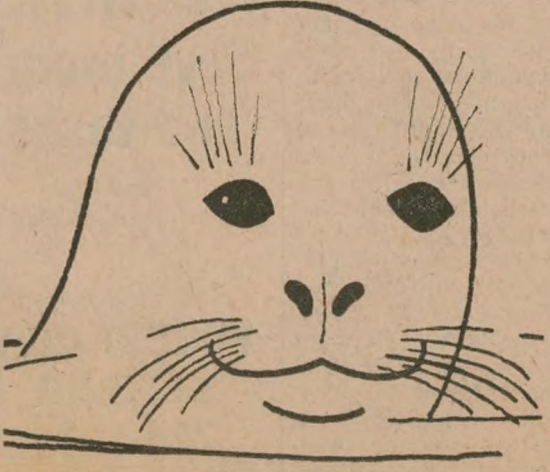
My heart jumps every time I see a seal's funny face pop out of the sea and look quizzically at me and my boat.

There is something about those long droopy whiskers and those liquid bulbous eyes and the tilt of that sleek shining head that fills me with affection and laughter every time I see a seal.

And you see seals almost every day you are out on Maine salt waters. Lew Dietz and Harry Goodridge, guardians of Andre the Rockport seal, say there are between 7,000 and 9,000 seals in Maine — all of them harbor seals.

The Maine harbor seal is a fish-eating mammal of the group called 'pinnipedia', which is Latin for "Fin-footed."

There are 15,000 species of mammals, including man. Mammals are distinct from all



other animals because they have vertebrae, hair, and self-regulating body temperatures. The females have milk producing mammae.

Maine is the breeding ground for the harbor seals of the entire eastern United States.

The females come up the rivers to give birth. From my house, I look onto ledges in the Damariscotta River where mothers and their new born pups sun and frolic in springtime.

The fathers are not around. They stay at sea, lolling on offshore rocks and ledges, fishing to their heart's content.

Seal pups can't swim when they are born. The mothers nudge them into the water and teach them how. When they are tired, the pups climb on their mothers' backs and hitch a ride home.

When born, the pups are a light grey, almost white. For the first four to six weeks, they nurse rather like a newborn puppy nurses. The milk of a seal mother is ten times as rich as cow's milk.

Seals are so widespread in Maine that more than 40 harbors, islands and coves are named "Seal." Indians used seal oil as a skin beauty treatment, as medicine to heal burns and also to bring people out of fits. Seal steaks were served



at weddings. And, of course, seal skins have always made fine coats.

But seals eat tremendous quantities of fish, and they can ruin fish nets. So Maine passed a law in 1900 placing a bounty on harbor seals. Town clerks paid a dollar for each seal nose brought in as evidence of destruction. But some Indians killed one seal and made a dozen 'noses' out of a single skin and collected \$12. After five years and \$25,000, the state rescinded the bounty.

But because of the damage to their nets, fishermen often shoot seals. In 1972 a federal law was passed to protect seals and other marine mammals. Now anyone touching, let alone shooting, a seal is liable to a \$10,000 fine.

Lew Dietz trains seals for the Navy and other government agencies. He trains them to locate distant divers and to carry tools back and forth on command. Trained seals could save lives and become man's underwater helpers. But they also might be trained as a deadly and unsuspected torpedo.

Till then the friendliest face in the sea is the seal's.

INACCURATE (typical of Bill Caldwell)



Andre and trainer Goodridge

- UPI

Andre to winter in Hub

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publicized 180-mile ocean swim in an average of three days.

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“LIKE THIS, ANDRE” — Andre, Rockport’s renowned harbor seal will fly to the Boston Aquarium this year, for the first time passing up the long journey overland. Due to fly Down East Airlines early Tuesday (today) if the weather holds true for a 10 a.m. takoff, Andre has been getting information on just what an airplane is from Harry Goodridge, his trainer. Jill Melissa Goodridge, 8, an official “niece” of Andre, and Harry’s granddaughter holds a tag he might need, and a can of Maine sardines for a snack on the hour long hop to Boston. Andre expects to return next spring in his usual manner, by swimming the 180 miles to Rockport. (Moore Photo)

Andre To Become Flying Seal

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Andre's fans give the seal a plane ticket

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ROCKPORT (AP) — Fans of Andre the trained seal have made it possible for him to take his first plane trip.

Trainer Harry Goodridge of Rockport Monday said the 15-year-old pet seal would fly in a stripped down charter plane to his winter habitat, the New England Aquarium in Boston.

In past years Andre has been taken by van, but Goodridge said the flight would cut travelling time from four hours to about 50 minutes.

Goodridge said visitors who watched Andre perform here during the summer took up a collection to buy Andre a new cage. Funds were put into a separate bank account, and once the cage was purchased there was enough money left to pay the \$270 fare.

Goodridge said Andre is scheduled to leave on Nov. 16 from Knox County Regional Airport at Owls Head for Logan International Airport.

Andre, whom Goodridge raised from a pup, for the past several years has wintered at the Boston aquarium where he is known for a wide-ranging repertoire of tricks.

Each spring he has been driven to Marblehead and released into the ocean to find his way back to Rockport where he spends his summers with Goodridge.



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500 see THE seal

More than 500 spectators line Marblehead's State Street Wharf Tuesday afternoon as employees of the New England Aquarium in Boston lugged Andre the Seal

(inset) to the water for his annual swim to his summer home in Rockport, Maine. Story on Page 2.

(Peter Zaharis)



Back in the big town

Andre the Seal arrives Tuesday in Boston after a flight from Rockland. From left are trainer Harry

Goodridge, and helps Ron Dodd and Dick Conovan, both of Camden. (AP Photo)

Andre flies to Boston aquarium

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As for the winter at Boston, Goodridge said that there are two females at the aquarium and that Andre has been "quite a hit" with them in the past.

The only problem is his competition at the aquarium. The two females may prove to be the source of jealousy after Andre arrives. Another seal, younger than 15-year-old Andre, has been known to sulk at the bottom of the pool, Goodridge said, only coming to the surface long enough for a breath of air and then submerging to the depths again.

But for Goodridge on Tuesday morning, the only problem to be faced was how to get Andre from the harbor to the waiting plane, and then to Boston.

However, the trip went

well. The UPI reported from Boston that the honorary harbormaster of Rockport arrived at the New England Aquarium to the hand clapping of staffers.

The popular mammal had Goodridge in tow.

"This seal can do anything," exclaimed Goodridge, a free spirited Down East type. "The flight down didn't bother Andre one bit."

To prove the point, Andre, enjoying all the attention of his arrival, rolled his eyes and posed for another picture by shutterbugs who attended him like it was a premier.

"Welcome Back Andre," the sign over the seal pen read.

All the commition was not lost on other aquarium

seals which suddenly stopped frolicking.

Hoover, the regining king of the pen wore a doleful look on his bewiskered face. He realized his days as top banana were numbered. Lucy, the sleek female seal, immediately began chasing the handsome newcomer.

"There's no doubt about it, he's a real ladies' man," said Carla Shinder, the Aquarium's seal handler.

John H. Prescott, the Executive Director of the New England Aquarium, calls Goodridge and Andre's relationship "one of the longest between man and any wild marine animal."

When it was time for Goodridge to return to Maine, he bent down, shook Andre's flipper and kissed him on the snout.

Andre takes first flight

By John Hubbard
NEWS Correspondent

ROCKPORT — Downeast Airlines pilot Harvey Huff had seen stranger assignments than the one he faced Tuesday morning when Andre the Seal, Rockport's famed entertainer, was prepared to board the twin engine plane for his first taste of air travel.

Huff once transported 300 green turtles, he said, and that must be some kind of record that even Andre's flight could not match. But for Andre, the flight was a first and probably much appreciated event. During the past three years, he has been transported to his winter quarters at the Boston Aquarium by truck.

Neither Huff nor Andre's trainer, Harry Goodridge, expected the flight to present any problems for the seal, although a bag of kitty litter was brought on board, just in case.

Goodridge had prepared Andre the day before for his flight. "I told him he was going to fly to Boston," Goodridge confided Tuesday when Harry tried to entice Andre into a travel cage. When asked if Andre understood what he was told, Goodridge said it was not hard to believe the seal knew more than many people had guessed.

The special flight was arranged by Goodridge to prevent long and grueling hours of travel by truck. Next spring, Andre will make his accustomed trip back to Rockport on his own. But in order to take him from his native harbor, Goodridge must ship him each year.

Everything went smoothly. Andre was lured by fish snacks into the travel cage placed on a float in the harbor. Goodridge had forbidden anyone but himself on the float, saying that Andre might become suspicious and decide he didn't want any part of the cage.

The hard part was hauling the cage and Andre up the ramp to dry land as four men struggled with the clumsy wooden box. The plane waiting at the airport had been stripped of most of its passenger seats to make room for the cage.

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Long lines tell the story of Lynnfield taxpayers at South Hall

(Item Photo: Crosby)

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And it appears that Andre's winter will be sparked by a bit of romance, since interest in the celebrity was evidenced by Lucy, a sleek female seal.

It was more than a special occasion for the 240-pound, 14-year-old mammal, captured when he was a pup by his trainer and long-time friend, Harry Goodridge, because he made the trip from Maine via a chartered plane flight.

Andre generally journeys in a van, but proceeds realized by passing the hat at his summer per-

formances in Rockport Harbor enabled Harry to purchase a new pen for the seal and finance a more comfortable transit.

"The seal can do anything," said a proud Harry who, with Lew Dietz, has authored a book on his life with the remarkable marine mammal. "The flight down didn't bother him a bit."

When it came time for Harry to say good-by to Andre for another season the gruff Down Easterner bent down, shook Andre's flipper and kissed him soundly on the snout.

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Come on in, Harry

Andre, the famous harbor seal who each spring swims from Marblehead to Rockport, Maine, arrived Tuesday at his winter quarters at New England Aquarium with great fanfare. Preparing to jump into the seal pool where he will be the star attraction, Andre grabs hold of the pant leg of trainer and adoptive "daddy" Harry Goodridge, a maneuver that has on other occasions resulted in Harry joining the 240-pound mammal for an impromptu swim.

Andre hams it up for us....and Lucy

BOSTON — Hoover's whiskers drooped a bit, but svelte and comely Lucy's eyes reflected a new gleam, as Andre The Seal got back into the swim of things Tuesday at the New England Aquarium's seal pool.

Hoover is the reigning king of the seal pool dethroned by the arrival of the famous harbor seal, who swims each spring from Marblehead to Rockport, Maine and returns in the fall to the aquarium.

Andre hammed it up as usual and mugged for the cameras as he arrived by plane with all the glare of publicity which accompanies a Hollywood premiere.

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"Nothing like flying," barks Andre, Rockport's famed seal, upon his arrival Tuesday in Boston for his winter stay at the New England Aquarium. Checking Andre out are his trainer, Harry Goodridge, left, and a helper, Ron Dodd of Camden. (AP)

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Andre Flies To Hub

By TED COHEN
District Reporter

ROCKPORT — Andre the migrating seal borrowed the wings of man Tuesday for a chartered flight to Boston's New England Aquarium where he'll spend the winter. He later was reported "getting adjusted" to the seal pool, despite a cool reception from another male seal.

The 15-year-old, 240-pound seal, who for three successive years was trucked from this harbor to the aquarium, was loaded onto a Downeast Airlines plane for the 50-minute flight.

"If we hit the water, hold onto Andre," quipped the pilot, Harvey E. Huff. His only experience with flying sea creatures came during a stint in the Navy when he ferried 25,000 green sea turtles from Costa Rica to the Caribbean.

In Boston, the aquarium's public relations director, Rosalyn Ridgeway, reported that Andre was welcomed with a sign that read, "Welcome Back, Andre."

"Andre was somewhat subdued when the plane's door was opened at the (Logan International) airport," said Ridgeway. After being brought by van to the aquarium, she added, "Andre's cage was carried to the seal pool and he just got out and swam into the pool."

The overly friendly seal's return caught the fancy of several aquarium visitors but drew the wrath of "Hoover," another male seal "who is close in age and intelligence" to Andre, Ridgeway said.

Hoover snubbed his nose as Andre was fed on a platform over the pool, Ridgeway reported. She said Hoover had to be "discouraged" from stealing the show.

Hoover last year went into a brief depression and refused to eat for several days following Andre's return, Ridgeway said.

Prior to 1974, Andre spent the winters in Rockport. But his trainer, Harry A. Goodridge, arranged for the winter retreats at the New England Aquarium because of Andre's habit of jumping into the skiffs of unsuspecting fishermen.

Goodridge, who nursed Andre from infancy to his distinguished niche on the mantle of Rockport Harbor history, early Tuesday motored a skiff out to Andre's floating harbor cage for a breakfast of alewives.

"Good morning, Andre," said Goodridge, a tree surgeon and professional diver. The breakfast came while newsmen wielded television and still cameras as

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THIS TIME HE FLEW—Andre, the seal known in the East for his summer migration from Boston to Rockport, Me., returns to Boston, this time on a plane. Andre spends the winter at Boston's Aquarium, then is released in the Atlantic to

swim back to his summer home in Rockport where his trainer, Harry Goodridge, left, is harbor-master. There he stays in a submerged pen. But, at night, Andre frequently draws crowds by performing some of his tricks on the dock.



Summer home remains unoccupied

The Larry Gress family of Kennebunk was in the Rockport area; so stopped at the public landing to see if Andre the Seal had arrived. He had not, and the

wooden float at left where he stays remains empty. Others at the harbor spent their time playing with the mooring lines and listening to the radio. (Hubbard Photo)

Andre visits Deer Isle, then vanishes

By John Hubbard
NEWS Correspondent

ROCKPORT — Andre the Seal, overdue at his Rockport summer home, was reported Thursday to be at Deer Isle, but he left the same day.

It has been more than a week since Andre navigated his way from Marblehead, Mass., up the Maine coast.

Taking his time, he has avoided Rockport Harbor, where there has been a steady flow of curious people for eight days.

Andre had spent the winter at New England Aquarium in Boston, and was released April 13.

Deer Isle was the last place Andre was seen Thursday, some 14 or more miles east of Rockport,

beyond Vinalhaven, North Haven and the smaller Eagle and Butter Islands. They may have been used by Andre as stepping stones to Deer Isle.

But by mid-morning, Andre was gone, according to Mrs. John Billings who was able to watch him swimming in the ocean after he left a skiff.

Linda Beck and Alley Webb reported seeing a seal at Deer Isle on the way to work about 6 a.m. Thursday. A third and unconfirmed report from a little boy, however, may be the key to Andre's tardiness in Rockport. He said he thought he saw two seals frolicking in Deer Isle harbor.

Others watching from the Deer Isle Library and the

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Andre at Deer Isle for the day

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narrow bridge over the Mill Dam confirmed that the seal in the punt flipped over the gunwales at 9:30 a.m.

The trips to the New England Aquarium were begun three years ago when Harry Goodridge, Rockport's harbor master, received complaints from lobstermen that Andre was swamping boats during the winter.

No one minded so much that Andre was in the harbor. It was just the cold December brine into which a fisherman could be swamped as Andre climbed aboard a skiff. That was the trouble. Robert Lowberg told of such a December day when he was out in his skiff. Andre wanted to make a new friend. So he climbed over the transom of Lowberg's skiff to say hello. The whole skiff almost went under, unbalanced by 250 pounds of the seal.

Boats this year, too, have been the seal's favorite resting place. In Port Clyde for about three days, Andre basked in the sun and slept safely in skiff until fishermen lured him from his berth.

Scattered reports, if few confirmed sightings, were made during the first of this week that Andre was in Rockland Harbor. People who knew Goodridge and Andre checked out the reports, but no Andre.

Thursday at 6:15 a.m. was the big breakthrough for Harry and the seal's fan club. That is when Jack Billings of Deer Isle and Linda Beck and Alley Webb saw Andre.

Goodridge said later Thursday that he did not know if Andre would return or remain out of Rockport. He didn't seem particularly worried over his friend; Andre has done this before and can take care of himself very well.

Goodridge was glad to hear that Andre had left the boat before low tide settled it in the mud. "That was a mistake, but he got out when he saw what was happening," Goodridge

said. "He probably knows more about tides than the rest of us, anyway."

Andre remains locked in his cage during the summer days, only let out at evening long enough to show his talents to several hundred people each night as he goes through his repertoire of tricks.

"There probably will be about 3,000 people watching this summer," Goodridge surmised. "I don't know how there'll be enough room."

But that is if Andre's taste of freedom doesn't become too tempting for him.

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Rockport awaits Andre

By JUDY LARSEN
Press Herald correspondent

ROCKPORT — Large crowds jammed the public landing here throughout Easter Sunday, but by nightfall Andre the seal had not yet been sighted at his summer home. Like many celebrities, Rockport's honorary harbor master and performer of tricks was apparently in no hurry to make his entrance. The latest estimate put his arrival today.

At 6:30 a.m. Sunday morning, Ernest Wilson sighted Andre at Port Clyde aboard a skiff owned by Lee Cushman and moored about 200 feet from the coal storage wharf.

Wilson said the seal appeared tired and spent about eight hours basking in the warm sunshine.

Wilson said Andre "every once in a while would take his flippers and flip water over himself from the bottom of the boat." He said many fans gathered to watch the gray whiskered seal and that when Andre heard his name called, he would occasionally lift his head, look around, and then lay his head down again.

Wilson said Andre left the skiff at about 4 p.m., when a larger boat came to tie up at the mooring. "Andre flopped over the side of the skiff quickly and was on his way, presumably toward Rockport although it was hard to tell," Wilson explained.

Mrs. Harry Goodridge, wife of Andre's Rockport trainer, estimated that Andre could make it to Rockport Harbor about four or five hours after leaving Port Clyde.

Andre reportedly makes an annual visit at the Rockland Coast Guard Base on his journey to Rockport, but a Coast Guard spokesman said the seal had not been sighted there by 5:30 p.m.

Andre was released from the New England Aquarium via Marblehead, Mass., harbor on Tuesday. The 180 mile journey to his summer home in Rockport took three days last year, but Goodridge said this year Andre may set a record for the longest trip home in the three years he has made the journey.

Mrs. Goodridge described her husband's activities Sunday as constant "traveling between home and Rockport Harbor." She said the entire Goodridge family was anxious to see the seal.

Goodridge said Saturday that he has 500 lbs. of fish on hand to greet the friendly seal.

Andre was sighted early Saturday morning near the mouth of the Sheepscot River at Boothbay Harbor. Robert Adams of Boothbay said the seal approached his boat there and started playing with the oar, "following the oar as a kitten follows a weaving string." Adams said Andre was "fat, playful, and looking very good."

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Throughout Sunday, cars drove into the congested parking area at Rockport Harbor, most having to drive immediately back out for lack of parking space. Those fans who were lucky enough to find parking spaces were reluctant to give them up and most spent hours hoping to be the first to sight Andre.

The spectators, most carrying cameras to record the arrival, stared into the floating stage where Andre performs his tricks and hoped that every floating log was really the seal arriving home. Nearly every fan carried a copy of Andre's biography, "A Seal Called Andre."

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Andre may have foresaken tame life, trainer theorizes

By John Hubbard
NEWS Correspondent

ROCKPORT — Andre the seal, after nearly 16 years of captivity and care by harbor master Harry Goodridge, may have decided to become wild. At least that's the latest speculation by the Goodridges since they heard Friday that Andre was heading north, probably into Canadian waters.

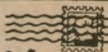
Andre has been noted for years as being a tame, friendly, trained seal who, with

the help of Goodridge, entertains thousands of visitors every year at Rockport Harbor.

Why he has not returned to his cage at the harbor where food and shelter await him, no one has been able to say. But it has been more than 11 days since his release from the New England Aquarium in Boston where for the last three winters he has been kept in the care of marine specialists.

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Letter to the Editor



Tues. Jan. 6th 1976

ENJOYED BOOK ABOUT ANDRE

Dear Sirs,

I have just finished reading a most delightful book which I would recommend to anyone, young or old. The book is called, "A Seal Named Andre." This most enjoyable story, written by Harry Goodridge and Lew Dietz, can make you cry and laugh at the same time.

The exploits of Andre and the other seals Harry trained, seemed to reach into some inner sensitivity which hadn't been stimulated in years. I felt as if I were right there when Andre was a pup being weaned and also on his long journey home after a winter's stay in Boston.

The easy reading*and "the down to earth" language used, made the chapters just fly by. If you want to buy a good book for your children to read which they will cherish for years to come, run down to the local book store. Who knows you may find yourself thumbing through the pages.

Cynthia R. Woodman
Rockland

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Maine Harbor Seal Shows World His Unusual Abilities

"A Seal Called Andre," The Two Worlds of a Maine Harbor Seal, by Harry Goodridge and Lew Dietz, Praeger Publishers, 111 Fourth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10003, 1975, 181 pp. \$7.95.

Reviewed by
David R. Getchell

Editor

One's introduction to Rockport's Honorary Harbormaster can be surprising, if not downright unnerving.

Many a visiting yachtsman, daydreaming as he rowed his dinghy shoreward from his anchored boat, has all but fallen overboard as a long sleek body has suddenly risen from the water and thrown itself across one of his oars.

Or a woman gingerly climbing down a wharf ladder to a waiting boat has been well soaked by cold harbor water splashed at her by the front flippers of this same sleek animal waiting in ambush.

In less startling, but impressive manner, thousands of others have watched from the high wharf of the Town Landing as Harry Goodridge and his long-time companion and playmate, Andre the seal, have displayed an amazing relationship through a series of intricate tricks that alternately have one another playing the stooge.

Full of Surprises

Having had several boats in Rockport Harbor at one time or another, this reviewer was fairly well acquainted with Andre by the time I moored my big dory on a haul-off opposite the Town Landing. But even past experience had not prepared me for all of this seal's shenanigans.

I powered my boat with a small outboard motor working through a well, and since I frequently left the boat for long periods without using it, I would remove the motor and check the boat occasionally to test the lines and bail it. The latter was an easy chore since I could get down on my knees on the floorboards and empty my bailing scoop through the well. It was the sort of mindless routine that is part of the fun of messing around boats.

It was following a heavy rainstorm and I had been bailing for a good five minutes staring at the slowly receding water level with my mind a hundred miles away. As I made what seemed like my thousandth scoop, there was an explosion of water and air right beside me and I was eyeball to eyeball with this glistening seal nearly the size of a man which had popped up to "waist" level in the well to say hello. I nearly peed my pants.

Thus I review this book about Harry and his friend from a front-row seat. The background of Harry's early years and experiences with harbor seals that occupies the opening chapters of the book have special meaning, for Harry and his seal friend are something special. Their relationship is now in its 15th year and this book is their story.

Available Helper

Over the years, Harry and Andre have proved to the world

that man has a ready, willing and highly intelligent helper in the sea who needs only the understanding and patience of a human to show him (or her) what is wanted. As Harry has demonstrated with Andre and other seals, the animals are quite capable of taking things from that point.

A human can only marvel at Andre's capabilities — his quickness to learn, his homing instinct, his ability to detect another being in the water hundreds, and even thousands, of feet away, his comprehension, his memory and his wonderfully carefree and confident personality.

Harry Goodridge has recognized this animal's capabilities and by working with Andre has brought them to light. But he doesn't "own" this seal, it

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is not his "pet," in the usual sense of the word, nor does he attempt nor need to keep Andre from "getting away." Harry has been forced to contain Andre's exuberance at times in the busy summer harbor by enclosing the seal in a big floating pen, but apparently neither Andre nor Harry have looked upon this as any form of incarceration.

With the help of veteran writer Lew Dietz, Harry Goodridge has turned out a highly readable and fascinating book. If the world, and especially the mammalian experts, are not quite ready to believe all that is written here, that is their loss.

However, this reviewer will be happy to vouch for Harry, Lew — or Andre.

Home is where Andre swims to

United Press International

ROCKPORT, Maine — While other kids spent Easter Sunday looking for colored eggs and chocolate bunnies, in Rockport they kept their eye out for **Andre** the homing seal.

Andre, a 16-year-old, 240-pound domesticated harbor seal, is hopefully headed for his summer home in this scenic coastal town after swimming 180 miles up the Atlantic Coast from Boston, where he spends the winter in the New England Aquarium.

It is the third year in a row Andre has made the trip. Aquarium officials, joined by a crowd of 1,000 well-wishers, released him for his long swim home Tuesday from a Marblehead, Mass., pier.

The first time Andre swam home, he did it in only 95 hours. Last year it took him four days.

"He's dawdling this year, having a good time along the way, judging from the reports," **Harry Goodridge** said.

Goodridge adopted Andre in 1961, when he found him as a two-day old pup apparently abandoned by its mother off Rockport. They first kept him in a basement bathtub, then moved him to a half-submerged wood cage in the harbor. Andre quickly learned a number of tricks, and Goodridge released him nightly to perform his antics before crowds.

One of his tricks is ramming and swamping their boats as he tries to make friends, a gesture that has not endeared him to some boaters and fishermen.

Andre was last spotted Saturday in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, 40 miles south of Rockport where a fisherman found him using his boat as a sundeck.

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Andre's in the swim—again

By Richard Hudson
Special to The Globe

Andre the Seal is expected to arrive "home" in Rockport, Maine, today, on his third annual swim from the New England Aquarium in Boston to the land "of his father."

No one is quite sure how the 16-year-old domesticated seal finds his way through the 180 ocean miles to his home in Rockport harbor. But, once again, reports of an unusually gregarious seal that nearly swamps boats in his exuberant attempts to make new friends, have followed Andrew up the Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine coast this week.

"We've had calls about him on and off," said Andre's owner, Harry Goodridge, a Rockport harbor master who trained the seal from a two-day-old pup to a 240-pound mass of amiable blubber.

"He's doddling this year, having a good time along the way, judging from the reports," said Goodridge in his strong Maine accent. "He'll probably be here (today)."

Andre began his annual journey Tuesday from a Marblehead pier, where he was released by Aquarium officials.

After spending the winter in a tank at the Aquarium, along with several other harbor seals, it was

time to spend the spring and summer in Rockport with his family.

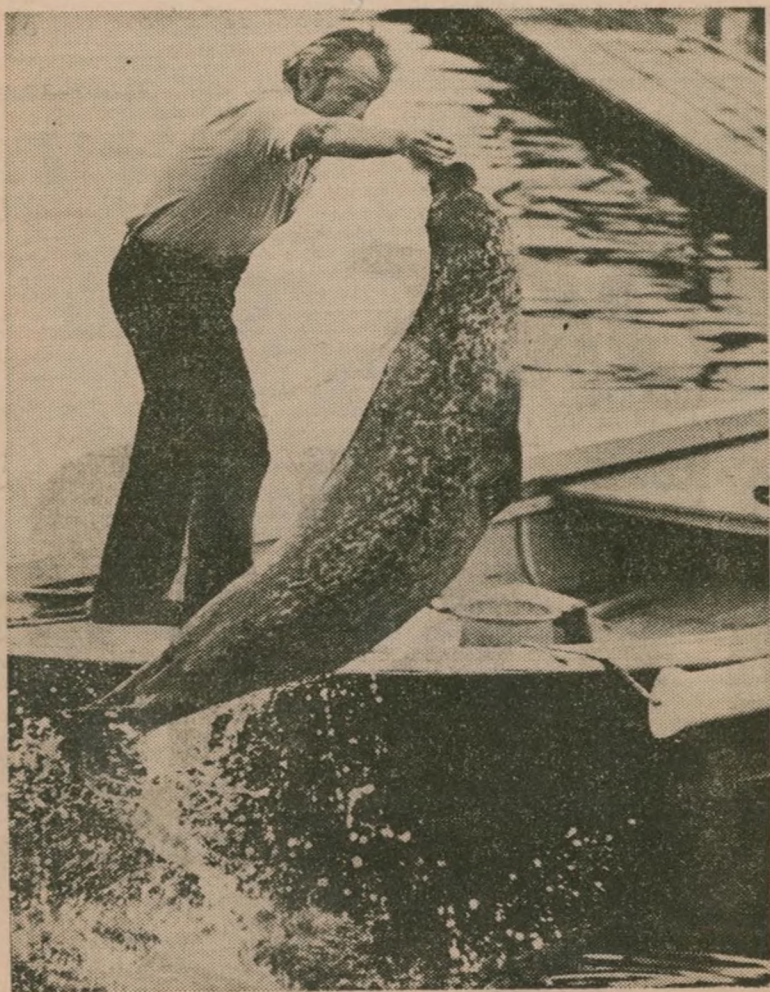
A crowd of well-wishers gathered on the dock and shore in Marblehead as Andre was escorted to his watery embarkation point by Louis Garibaldi, Aquarium curator. "There must have been a thousand people there," Garibaldi said yesterday. "It was like a scene from 'Jaws,' with masses of people in brightly-colored clothing waiting to see the shark.

"We just opened his cage door, and he flopped out on the pier, fell into the water without ceremony and disappeared," Garibaldi said.

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ANDRE THE SEAL



Mayor Moon Landrieu poses near the Superdome. (AP)

Andre the seal back in the swim

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The next day, Andre surprised a group of workmen at Bickford's Marina in Gloucester by pulling his bulk up onto a float in Smith Cove. He spent most of the day in the cove, alternately sunning himself and diving for fish. Watched by curious tourists, he fought off the attacks of circling gulls as he defended his right to eat a flounder by himself.

Later that night, he surfaced at Crane Beach in Ipswich, according to Garibaldi.

"We got a call from some young guy who was on the beach with his girl. They were upset.

"He grabbed the man by the pantleg and wouldn't let go. Of course, they didn't know that Andre is trained to grab your leg when you shake it in front of him. He only lets go when you shout, 'fish!' The man did not leave his name."

After a three-day silence, more reports of Andre were called in from Boothbay Harbor, Maine, yesterday morning. The harbor is 40 miles south of Rockport. When lobsterman Wallace Pitcher went to his skiff near the Southport Bridge, about 10 a.m., he found a massive seal entrenched between the bulwarks.

"They couldn't get him out of the boat," said Mrs. Goodridge. "We got a call from the Coast Guard asking us how to get Andre to budge. Just lure him with a fish, I told them."

"We expect him (today)," she said. "He'll just swim through the door of his cage (in Rockport Harbor), or climb into a boat.

"He isn't very demonstrative. He'll just lift his nose up and smell my husband's hair, maybe nudge us to greet us. He's really very phlegmatic."

Andre was adopted by the Goodridges in 1961, when Harry Goodridge found the pup near Robinson's Rock, a gatherup spot for seals, miles off Rockport. The pup had apparently been abandoned by its mother.

Prompted by an "itch for submarine companionship," as Goodridge puts it in his book about Andre, he lifted the small seal into his powerboat and carried it home.

"I do a lot of scuba diving," said Goodridge yesterday. "I was thinking it might be nice to have a pet for that, like a hunter has a dog on land."

Andre's first playpen was a basement bathtub. Before he was three he was a skilled performer: He could dance the twist, shoot baskets, imitate poorly-trained porpoises, and of course, pull your leg.

Until 1974, Goodridge kept Andre in a half-submerged wooden cage in the harbor. He released him nightly to perform his antics free of charge before crowds.

But Andre's fondness for human companionship began to grate on some fishermen and boaters, who were getting tired of having their boats swamped and rammed by his enthusiastic attempts at friendship. So Andre now spends the winter at the Aquarium, and the rest of the year at Rockport.

This is the third year he has swum home from Marblehead. And, like a reluctant son who procrastinates in his homeward voyage to delay his arrival, this is also his longest time en route. The first spring, he made the trip in only 95 hours; the following year he took four days.

Exactly how Andre finds his way home is a scientific mystery. "Nobody really knows how he does it; the Navy would love to find out," said Garibaldi.

An instinct, similar to the one that guides migrating Canadian geese to their traditional breeding grounds, might be behind his navigational skill, Garibaldi said. "But you really can't call this a migration. Harbor seals generally don't migrate, and the distance is only 180 miles."

He speculates that Andre simply learned to navigate the New England coast, just as the men do who fish its waters.

Goodridge used to frequently release Andre for several days at a time. On the first such swim, he was found in Gloucester. "He swam back that year, as well," Garibaldi said. "He just explored his way along."

On the other hand, Goodridge has conducted a few experiments with Andre that suggest the seal might have some unusual powers of navigation. If Goodridge waited underwater in one part of the harbor he would and Andre was in another, the seal could find Goodridge so quickly he would have had to travel in a straight line. "Maybe he has extraordinary smelling ability," said Garibaldi.

He said the Navy Underwater Research Team is now conducting experiments with sea lions, Andre's distant relatives. "They're trying to train them to find and retrieve objects on the ocean floor — such as undetonated bombs," Garibaldi said.

He add that the Aquarium is considering giving Andre some female companionship this summer. "He's still young for a seal (the average life expectancy is 40 years). There's a four-year-old female, 'Smoke,' who was in the tank with him this winter. Maybe we can get some little Andres."

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Andre The Seal Begins His Swim Home Today

ROCKPORT — Andre The Seal, the sea mammal who put Rockport on the map, is scheduled today to begin his annual 160-mile swim from Marblehead, Mass., but trainer Harry Goodridge is predicting a longer-than-usual swim "because Andre is so fat."

According to Goodridge, the seal is "pretty fat, so he may be slowed down. He weighs 240 pounds now.

"But when he went down to the New England Aquarium, he was pretty thin. They've been feeding him about 15 pounds of fish a day."

Goodridge says Andre's journey last year took about three days.

The trainer says he's trying to buy fish from the aquarium to feed the plump seal. It's cheaper and of higher quality than what he buys in southern Maine, he says.

Andre's food bill runs about \$500 a month, according to Goodridge.

He says Andre is scheduled to be released from Marblehead at about 3 p.m. Goodridge says Andre's harbor antics and child-delighting shenanigans will be offered here for the 15th season.

Local aquatic pundits reportedly are predicting a good percentage from the floor for Andre (he plays basketball) but refuse to discuss his recalcitrant technique of jumping into the fragile rowboats of unsuspecting skippers.

Is Goodridge looking forward to seeing his friend? "Absolutely," he exclaimed.

Andre's visit this year comes less than a month after an infant sperm whale, who found itself beached at Rockport Harbor, died after being transported by truck to the New England Aquarium.



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No one's seen Andre. Four days at sea, the honorary harbormaster of Rockport has not been sighted on his long swim home from Massachusetts.

The big seal — ²⁴⁰~~420~~ pounds after a good winter — left Friday from Marblehead Harbor on a 168-mile journey estimated to take two weeks and no one reported seeing him by Monday afternoon.

Nary a lobsterman nor a trawler nor even a lighthouse keeper has repoted spotting Andre on his lonely ocean swim.

"I never planned to set any records," Andre was quoted as saying before starting off. "This long-distance swimming is fine for young pups, but you start feeling your age when you're 13 and getting along in years."



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Associated Press Wirephoto

Andre the seal and trainer Harry Goodridge celebrate in Andre's pen in Rockport, Maine, after seal's 180-mile, two-week swim up coast from Marblehead, Mass.

Andre Disappoints His Fans But May Make It Home Today

By JUDY LARSEN
Area Correspondent

ROCKPORT — Large crowds jammed the public landing here throughout Easter Sunday, but by nightfall none had captured a glimpse of Andre the seal arriving at his summer home. Like many celebrities, Rockport's honorary harbor master and performer of tricks was apparently in no hurry to make his entrance.

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Mrs. Harry Goodridge, wife of Andre's Rockport trainer, estimated that Andre could make it to Rockport Harbor in four or five hours after leaving Port Clyde but that it was unlikely now that he would be seen before Monday.

Andre reportedly makes an annual visit at the Rockland Coast Guard Base

on his journey to Rockport, but a Coast Guard spokesman said the seal had not been sighted there by 5:30 p.m.

Andre was released from the New England Aquarium via Marblehead, Mass., harbor on Tuesday. The 180-mile journey to his summer home in Rockport took three days last year, but Goodridge said this year Andre may set a record for the longest trip home in the three years he has made the journey.

Goodridge said the seal is heavier than ever, about 260

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lbs., because of the rich diet given him at the New England Aquarium. He explained that he had expected the added weight to slow the seal down.

Just how he manages to find his way home is something the U.S. Navy would like to find out, said Aquarium Curator Louis Garibaldi. An instinct similar to the one possessed by migrating Canadian geese, might be the answer, he said, although harbor seals generally do not migrate.

On the other hand, Andre may simply have learned to navigate the New England coast the way fishermen have, Garibaldi said.

Mrs. Goodridge described her husband's activities Sunday as constant "traveling between home and Rockport Harbor." She said the entire Goodridge family was anxious to see the seal.

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there and started playing with the oar. "Following the oar as a kitten follows a weaving string." Adams said Andre was "fat, playful, and looking very good."

When Andre arrived in Rockport Harbor last spring, he had a large fish hook lodged in his lip. People who have sighted the seal this year report that he appears in fine condition.

Throughout Sunday, cars drove into the congested parking area at Rockport Harbor, most having to drive immediately back out for lack of a parking space. - Those fans who were lucky enough to find parking spaces were reluctant to give them up and most spent hours hoping to be the first to sight Andre.

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Andre At Harbor; May Make It Home Today

ROCKPORT — Andre the Seal may be back in Rockport Harbor Sunday, after being seen Saturday morning during a playful in-terlude with a row-boater in Boothbay Harbor. Andre is making his way home from the New England Aquarium in

Boston, where he spends his winters. The friendly seal was seen Saturday for the first time in more than three days.

Robert Adams of Boothbay reported sighting Andre about 7:15 a.m. near the mouth of the Sheepscot River while rowing out to check pilings in the harbor.

"All of a sudden I saw this seal approaching me," Adams said. "At first I was startled, but then I realized it might be Andre. I called his name and he came right up to my boat and started playing with the oar."

"It must be Andre. It's just like him," said Mrs. Harry Goodridge, wife of Andre's trainer.

Adams described the seal as "fat, playful and looking very good." Andre, he said, followed his oar "like a

kitten following a weaving string."

For days Rockport Harbor has been lined with friends, all waiting to welcome their honorary harbor master home. Children sat staring at superstar Andre's still vacant floating stage — the place where each summer he presents his show of balancing balls on his nose and jumping through hoops.

Goodridge also said Saturday that during the mating season, which is from the middle of June to the first of July, a female seal may be brought to Rockport harbor from the New England Aquarium. In other words, next year there may be a little Andre swimming around," he explained.

Andre had been last

spotted in Ipswich, Mass. on Wednesday. Mrs. Goodridge said she and her husband were becoming concerned about the 16-year-old seal.

Known as the unofficial harbor master at Rockport, Andre annually makes the 180-mile journey from Massachusetts to his summer home.

Andre was set free at Marblehead Harbor on Tuesday, to begin his third journey along the coast. Last year he made it in three days, but Goodridge said he expected the trek to take longer this year because Andre has gained weight on the rich diet at the aquarium.

According to Mrs. Goodridge, Andre may be home by Sunday, if he doesn't stop to play along the way.

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2,000 Crowd Marblehead Harbor To See Andre Depart

ROCKPORT — Andre the seal's trainer says that as far as he knows, Andre is making his merry way towards Rockport from Marblehead, Mass.

Harry Goodridge said about 2,000 people jammed the Marblehead harbor to witness the departure of the seal. "I've never seen anything like it," he said.

But Goodridge says Andre is heavier than ever this year "so it may slow him down a bit." Goodridge respectfully declined to predict how long it would take the seal to swim the 160-miles from Marblehead to the town that crowned him honorary harbormaster.

Andre was transported Tuesday from the New England Aquarium to Marblehead harbor. Goodridge said the seal showed some reluctance to leaving the aquarium, where he spends his winters.

"I guess he wanted to play games," said Goodridge.

But he said that Andre, released from his metal carrying cage at Marblehead, "flipped out of the cage and took off." Andre surfaced several times, however, prior to his apparent

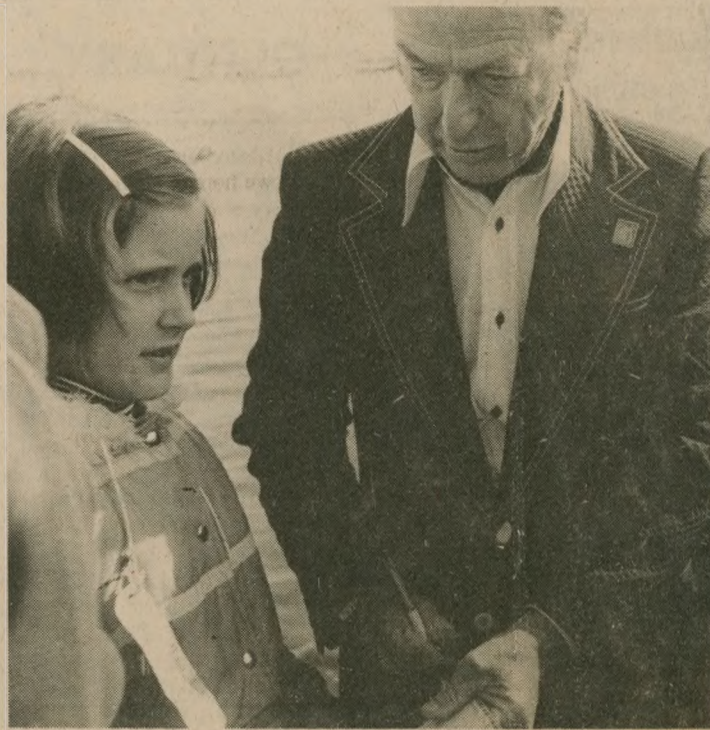


departure for points north, Goodridge reported.

The first sighting of Andre was reported in Gloucester, where the harbor seal lolled on a dock before continuing his 160-mile sea journey.

Goodridge said most of those watching were schoolchildren, some of whom clutched the book "A Seal Called Andre." He said he signed about 200 autographs — on little pieces of paper and in the books themselves.

"A Seal Called Andre," is about the friendly seal who has chosen to summer in Rockport and winter in Boston. Andre's winter respite, however, isn't really his own choice. It was a decision dictated by fishermen who didn't relish having a 240-pound seal unexpectedly jumping on board.



BON VOYAGE PARTY — Rockport Harbor seal Andre is released in Marblehead Harbor by master Harry Goodridge on Tuesday. Above, Andre waits for the cage door to swing in his favor and, left, moves out toward the water to start his epic return voyage to

Rockport after a winter stay at the New England Aquarium. Right, Goodridge signs an autograph for a young admirer. Photos by Irv Dierdorff, Marblehead Messenger.

Released From Marblehead — Andre Begins Swim To Rockport

Rockport's harbor seal, Andre, is on his way home.

The 16-year-old whiskered sea mammal said goodbye to the New England Aquarium, where he wintered, to the cheers of aquarium visitors, and has begun his marathon 160-mile expedition back to the waiting cage of his master, Harry Goodridge.

Andre departed from Marblehead where he was released into the Atlantic Tuesday afternoon.

Rockport harbormaster Goodridge was on hand at the seal launching party, and predicted a slightly longer return trip this year than last, when it took three days. Goodridge says that Andre is heavier than ever, tipping the scales at 260-odd pounds, and the added weight may slow him down some. "Or he may just take his time anyway," says Goodridge.

Last spring Andre lost a battle with a large fish hook, but

Goodridge had it removed in a kitchen table operation. Now, though, Andre can be recognized

even more easily by area boaters who may glimpse him close up.

Goodridge said that Andre was coaxed from his cage at the New England Aquarium after half an hour or so on Tuesday, and was loaded into his transportation cage for a truck ride to Marblehead Harbor. There, to the clicks of thousands of camera shutters and the applause of spectators, Andre slid quickly from his cage, down a float, and into the water.

Andre played around for a few minutes, enjoying a bit of exhibitionism, and then he disappeared below the waves and is assumed to have headed for home. Goodridge said that he hung around for half an hour or so, just to make sure Andre had really taken off.

So far Goodridge has heard no reports of sightings of Andre as he is hoped to be plying his way up the coast with the Gulf Stream, but the Rockport trainer is confident that his friend will show up within the next few days. "After 16 years, he's pretty predictable," says Goodridge.

Rockport harbor residents are keeping a close eye out for Andre, and have promised to send word to Goodridge as soon as they see him. "But I'll be going down to the landing nights for a while anyway," says Goodridge.



Farewell

Andre, the harbor seal, has a farewell kiss for trainer Harry Goodridge of Rockport Tuesday. Andre finished his last act of the season at the New England

Aquarium and was shipped to Marblehead, Mass., for his annual swim to Maine. (UPI)

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Andre heads down east

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Andre completed his last performance of the season at the aquarium Tuesday with Goodridge giving directions.



Season finale

Andre, the harbor seal which winters at the New England Aquarium in Boston, performs the final show of the season Tuesday under the command of owner

Harry Goodridge of Rockport. Andre was put into the Atlantic off Marblehead, Mass., later Tuesday to begin the 160-mile journey to his summer home in Rockport. (AP Photo)



FAREWELL KISS — Internationally known harbor seal Andre, who "winters" at the New England Aquarium, ended his stay with a closing performance for his fans yesterday and kissed trainer-owner Harry Goodridge goodbye before starting his third annual swim to his

summer home in Rockport, Maine. Andre was trucked to Marblehead Harbor to begin his 160-mile journey, where he is sure to renew acquaintance with fishermen when he decides to sun himself in their boats.

Staff Photo by Bob Howard



Andre busses trainer Carla Skinder

Andre's back in the swim

MARBLEHEAD — It seems like only yesterday that Andre caused a splash by nipping the knee of a young lady at a local beach.

But it was one year ago, and the famous harbor seal who calls Marblehead his second home will be back in town Tuesday to show off his highly developed sense of direction.

Having wintered at the New England Aquarium, the seal will leave State Street Wharf at 3 p.m. to swim to Rockport Harbor, Maine, where he will summer in a floating cage under the eye of trainer and friend, Harry Goodridge.

Andre each year beats his own record, making

the trip last year in only three days. The distance between the two points is nearly 200 miles. Last spring he played around the harbor and beaches and gave what was said to be a playful bite to an aquarium employe when she made a friendly advance. She was treated and released at Salem Hospital and blamed her exuberance for the incident.

Andre almost broke tradition this year when aquarium officials planned to have him leave Central Wharf in Boston as the feature of a gathering of aquarium officials. When Harry got wind of the plan change he registered a protest, and the site for departure remains the same.

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A Perfect Joy

For some time I have been intending to write to you to tell you how much more I have enjoyed your newspaper since you have been including what I call "human interest" articles on the front page — and do not have it loaded with scare headlines. It is good to read about what people of this area are doing in all sorts of fields, people that are good and normal and that return some faith to us in this world of today.

With your delightful saga of Andre I can keep silent no longer. It has been a perfect joy to read each day of his antics, reported in such a way as to bring a smile, and to look forward to what the morrow might bring of news of him.

I have been amazed at the interest he created as I have talked with people. Even with people who admitted that they did not care for such animals, they said they just couldn't help being interested in him. Everywhere he was the topic of conversation and it was all due to your fine reporting. Thank you for your lovable reports of this seal.

Incidentally your report of the whale was equally fine, even though it had a tragic ending, but it showed the great concern of so many people, and that is most heartening.

Helen Pitman
S. Portland

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Well, everybody can get back to work. No more hanging around Rockport Harbor. He's home.

It took 13 days, but Andre, Rockport's harbor seal, is back in his cage. Eating fish morning and night. Sleeping, sunning when there is some, and going through his evening performance at supertime.

Harry Goodridge, Andre's owner and trainer, was mightily relieved to hear the 16-year old seal was back in the harbor. He figures Andre swam over 300 miles since he was released from Marblehead, Massachusetts, April 13 after a winter in the New England Aquarium in Boston.

Tickling off the known stops on Andre's trip home Goodridge said he definitely was sighted in Gloucester, at Boothbay, at Port Clyde where Harry went down to see him.

Then Andre began to play out his own suspense drama. He swam past Rockport, keeping his audience waiting. Harry got a flurry of calls but none substantiated until he heard Andre was

seen off Deer Isle village. Later, he says, the seal "definitely" was sighted at Cape Rosier. Now he's inclined to believe that the seal reported in Lincolnville really was Andre.

Early Monday morning, two Rockport youngsters, David Jenkins and Gordon Gates found Andre was home when they started out to go lobstering.

Jenkins said he first noticed Andre when he "blew his nose." The boys found him at the end of Luke Allen's dock and said "hello, Andre." The seal barked back.

Then the boys raced up to Harry Goodridge's house about 5 a.m. and they couldn't raise anybody there. They went lobstering for an hour or so and report that Andre followed them on their way in. Back to Goodridge's, they got Harry who started to get some fish thawed for the seal's breakfast.

It was the first morning Harry hadn't beat someone else to the landing. When he got in his boat, he said Andre "came right over

to me." He noticed the seal was wearing a few scratches on his neck, battle scars from brushes with other male seals, Harry surmises.

Andre at 16 is just in the prime of life. Seals live to be about 40, roughly two years to every one of the average human life, Harry says. And while he was in the Boston Aquarium, the Rockport seal claimed the attention of several female seals.

Goodridge reports that Aquarium officials are receptive to the idea of allowing one of the females to be bred to Andre. That would mean shipping a female here to stay with Andre in his cage during the mating season about mid-June.

"I don't want to push the idea," says Harry. He'd rather leave any decision about breeding up to Aquarium officials. However, Goodridge — an acknowledged authority on the harbor seal — does not know of one being born and raised in captivity. Of course, one of Andre's pups

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would be highly desirable.

During the two weeks that elapsed since Andre started his swim, Goodridge has been inundated with calls for telephone interviews from across the country. Tuesday morning he gave a live 15-minute telephone interview for a station in Los Angeles and another the same morning with an Ames, Iowa, station.

Crews from Boston to Bangor television stations were in Rockport Tuesday, and prior to that Harry has been interviewed for Toronto radio and several times with Boston stations. Mrs. Goodridge did an interview for the Good Morning Show.

After publication this past fall of the book, A Seal Called Andre by Goodridge and Lew Dietz, the seal gained national fame. In past years before he wintered in the Aquarium, Andre swam free in the winters — once gone for five months and later for three months — without causing much stir about his whereabouts except in the Goodridge family.

Not so anymore. Someone reported to Harry that a disc jockey had dedicated a song to Andre the other day: "Have You Ever Been Lonely?"

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(AP)



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The plump seal was described by Ridgeway as a "big, friendly animal . . . bigger than any you'd usually see in the Rockport harbor. He's had a good winter and he's pretty fat."

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Andre last year set a record pace, making the 160-mile voyage in three days — but before he left, he dawdled in the harbor here and was spotted about five hours after being released racing a woman in a sailboat.

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banker, who was appointed chairman.
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generate 830 megawatts of electricity, would provide a new source of electricity for Maine, and would meet 18 per cent of the peak-use demands of New England in the mid 1980s, according to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Longley said the eight-member panel would serve as a "sounding board for the Maine public."

He told a news conference that he wants the people of Maine to understand the proposed economic benefits of the project, including energy production, flood control and recreation.

Longley said he also wanted determination of the adverse social and economic consequences of the project and an airing of environmental factors, including the impact on forest growth, water quality, wildlife and vegetation.

"Simply stated, because Dickey is a project of such unusual magnitude, we are adding the committee as a further means of obtaining public participation and evaluation," the governor told reporters.

Col John Mason, division engineer of the New England Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, said he is looking forward to a "full and candid examination of the impact on the people of Maine."

The Corps of Engineers would construct the dams if the project wins congressional approval.

Mason said the first draft of impact



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Andre Departs For Annual Trip To Rockport

Taking all factors into consideration . . . coastal currents, the mackerel supply, water temperature, wind conditions, and even a slightly increased weight figure . . . it should be the end of the week when Andre, Rockport's popular harbormaster, pulls into Deep Harbor and flops into the nearest rowboat.

Owner/Trainer Harry Goodridge said that the well known seal will be released from New England Aquarium Tuesday at about 3 p. m. He will be "launched," as Goodridge put it, at Marblehead, Mass., and then presuming he doesn't suddenly decide on a tropical vacation, will start on his annual 180 mile journey north to Rockport.

This is the third year of wintering at the aquarium. In the past two years Andre made the venture in three days (1974) and four days last year. It was last year that he had the untimely encounter with a one pound treble hook jig. "I don't believe he'll make that mistake again," Goodridge added.

Before his release, Andre and Goodridge will be taking part in a fund-raising luncheon at the aquarium.

It's anyone's guess, and perhaps could even be a sporting betting proposition, to determine when the Rockport entertainer flippers his way into home waters. Goodridge offers a couple of tips if anyone is taking odds.

"He's a little heavier than he has been. Also, he usually stops at various locations along the way," he noted. Last year Andre was spotted in the Portland-Kittery area and again around Port Clyde as he took his leisurely cruise up the New England coastline.

Disappoints Harbor Crowds — Andre Takes Time Returning Home

Andre, Rockport's harbor seal, has kept his audience waiting two days with no word whatever.

Crowds gathered in the sun at Rockport harbor over the weekend, cameras ready, speculating about his time of arrival.

By Wednesday afternoon, Andre was last seen in Port Clyde Monday where his owner and trainer, Harry Goodridge, went down, called him from a skiff in the harbor, and put him through a routine of tricks.

"I told him to go on home," Harry said later. But Tuesday and most of Wednesday came and went and Andre had not

returned to his cage in Rockport harbor.

Meanwhile calls have deluged the Goodridge household from all parts of the country and radio and television stations from Miami to Toronto, including NBC and CBS networks in New York, have inquired about the seal's journey.

Andre has spent the past three winters in the New England Aquarium in Boston where he achieved superstar status. Each spring, Goodridge releases him from Marblehead — where Andre had been sighted in free winter periods in years past — for the 180-mile trip to Rockport. The

first year, Andre swam the distance in four days, considered record time. Last year, he clipped almost a day off that record, arriving with a pound fish hook snagged in his lip. Surgeons from the Aquarium came to Rockport to remove it.

Andre, carrying a good 30 to 40 pounds extra weight, was released from Marblehead Tuesday a week ago. He swam on to Gloucester Wednesday, startled a couple in Ipswich on Thursday, then was not seen until he showed up in Boothbay on Saturday.

The 16-year old seal spent Easter Sunday sunning himself on a skiff in Port Clyde while a

watchful crowd gathered in Rockport hoping for his return before sunset.

Monday came and Andre was still in Port Clyde where Goodridge went to see him.

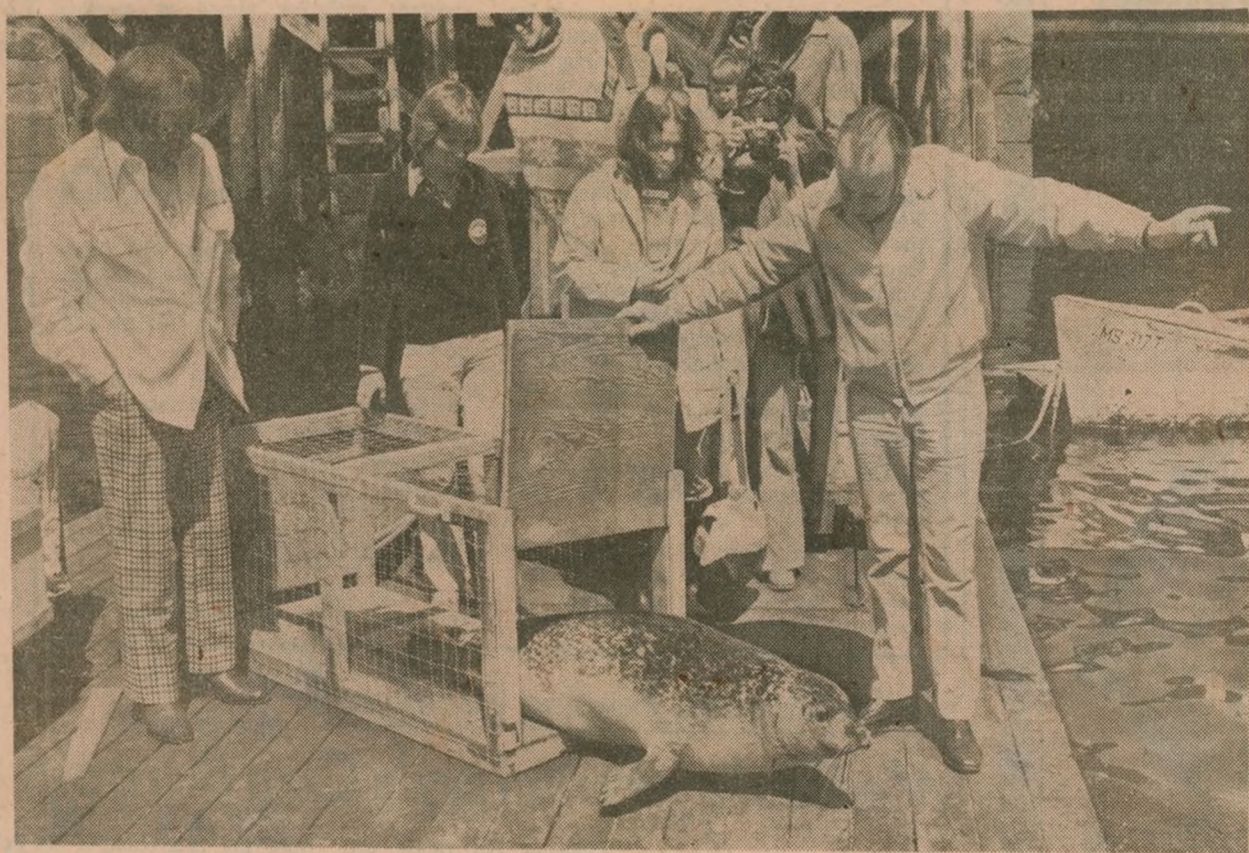
During the next two days, Goodridge received several calls from persons reporting they had seen Andre in Rockland near the Coast Guard station and also at Lincolnville Beach. Goodridge went to Lincolnville, saw a seal and called to him. But the mammal turned away with no sign of recognition and Goodridge is confident it was not Andre.

By Wednesday afternoon Goodridge speculated that his

seal might simply be enjoying his freedom, found a girl friend, or was doing some fishing on his own. Goodridge also suggested that the extra weight may cause Andre to take more time getting home than usual.

However, in the years before Goodridge shipped Andre to Boston for the winter, the seal would swim free during winter months, showing up periodically. It was not unusual then to lose track of him for weeks at a time.

Admitting to some nervousness, Wednesday, Goodridge said, "In view of the last few years, this behavior is unusual."



GO HOME, YOUNG MAN — Trainer Harry Goodridge of Rockport, Maine, points out the way to Andre, the harbor seal, for 160-mile swim to his summer home after being trucked from New England Aquarium to Marblehead. The husky 240-pound, 14-year-old seal winters in Boston because of Maine fishermen's complaints about Andre's

leaps into their boats to sun himself. During the summers he stays in a 32-foot pen in Rockport harbor maintained by Goodridge and would be freed into the Maine waters after tourist season until he became unpopular with the scared fishermen. So tie a yellow ribbon around the pier because Andre is coming home.

Staff Photo by Gene Dixon

Andre the Seal

Maine Animal Lover Takes Flipped Friend Into His Home

By HARRY GOODRIDGE and LEW DIETZ

This is the true story of a unique human-animal relationship—the 14-year-old friendship between Harry Goodridge and Andre, a harbor seal who is as comfortable in the Goodridge home as he is in Maine's Penobscot Bay.

For Harry Goodridge, a tree surgeon and freelance scuba diver, Andre represents the fulfillment of a long-held dream: An ocean-going companion to join him in deep water.

From the moment of his arrival as a newborn pup, Andre has been everything Harry Goodridge hoped for. The seal learned to suckle on a sponge-rubber substitute mother. He travels happily in the backseat of the Goodridge car. He inhabits a doghouse, and learned to swim with Goodridge.

In his natural habitat, he quickly learns tricks taught him by Goodridge—perhaps the first time a wild sea creature has been trained in a free-release situation. He became Rockport's honorary harbor master, and the Portland Press Herald said he "ranks second only to Andrew Wyeth as the state's most acclaimed resident."

Rarely has a close relationship between man and animal been maintained over so long a period.

ALTHOUGH this is the story of Andre, a Maine harbor seal, it must unavoidably be told from my point of view. Needless to say, a seal lacks the tool we call language. Andre can tell me when he's hungry, but he has no word for fish.

Nonetheless, we have little trouble communicating. Andre holds a slight advantage: He seems to know what's on my mind most of the time, but I'm not always certain what goes on in his. Perhaps this is just as well.

Someone once remarked that it would be interesting to read "Moby Dick" from the whale's point of view. It would indeed. I'd like to listen to what Andre has to say about the present arrangement, if only as a courtesy.

I don't think I'll ever learn all there is to know about Andre, but certainly my long association with harbor seals has confirmed my youthful conviction that animals are well worth knowing.

Andre's training began during his recuperation from infection. It wasn't my intention to display Andre. What was to become a tradition of regular evening performances came about by happenstance.

I found it necessary to confine him to his floating pound and feed him each day during his convalescence. After my day's work was done and I'd had my supper, I'd bring a ration of fish to the pound. I'd feed him, and we'd socialize a bit, going through his routine of tricks.

Once these "playtimes" became regularized, word got around quickly. Crowds began to gather at the seawall. Soon, Andre's fan club began to expect a show every night, and both Andre and I found



ANDRE STARTS down a flight of stairs after leaving the warmth of the Goodridge kitchen.

ourselves working command performances.

I didn't object to the attention. I must confess there's a bit of the ham in me. Andre seemed to enjoy the applause too: It gave him a chance to exercise his highly developed sense of play.

I've never thought of such displays as educational. I've been to many of the aquariums where marine animals perform for people more for their amusement than enlightenment. Seeing animals perform gives people a nice comforting feeling of superiority.

"He's almost human!" is the

Book Feature

most common response to Andre's repertoire. Man cherishes the delusion that he is the center of the universe. Invariably, he will view what he sees in terms of human behavior. Moreover, he will be inclined to rate animal intelligence according to the degree to which it conforms with human behavior.

I much doubt that it occurs to the fellow in the shorts and funny hat that Andre isn't acting "almost human" when he pushes a ball to me; he's acting like a seal. Seals have been pushing things around with their noses since before man learned to throw his first rock.

A seal requires no training to retrieve. He is a natural retriever. Although wary, he is also naturally inquisitive. Andre will investigate any unusual sound so long as it isn't loud or frightening. He will investigate any strange object as well.

It's a myth, of course, that a seal can be charmed by music. A seal has little interest in music as such, but if I should play a guitar, he most certainly would swim over and investigate.

ALTHOUGH few seals have been trained in recent times, there have been several instances of harbor seals tamed by man. A century or more ago, a guard on an island in the Firth of Forth (an estuary of the Forth River in Southeastern Scotland that flows into the North Sea) had a seal that accompanied him to the mainland in a small boat and guarded the boat while he was ashore. Reputedly, the seal was also trained to catch fish in the sea for his master.

According to a yellowed clip-



ANDRE LOVES boats. He won't hesitate to climb aboard a vacant one to sun himself. Rockport, (Maine) fishermen soon got accustomed to his loose behavior.



SWEET LIFE: Sue Goodridge, the oldest of the author's five children, cuddles Andre as a pup. Andre especially enjoys having his belly rubbed. Many times he will swim alongside fishermen's boats and roll over so they can rub it with an oar.

ping someone sent me a few years ago, a pair of "learned harbor seals" entertained audiences at the Aquarial Gardens in Boston. The date of the clipping was November, 1859.

My motive for establishing a regimen of training was not to exploit Andre or entertain an audience. I simply wanted to prove to myself that harbor seals are trainable. I'd been rather awed by what trainers had accomplished with animals. I learned to my astonishment that training an animal endowed with the high intelligence of a harbor seal is not nearly so complicated as I had been led to believe.

I didn't consider myself a professional trainer, nor do I today. However, I appear to have a way with animals. My early association with them had taught me one thing of cardinal importance: You don't get very far with wild creatures unless you respect their intelligence. To succeed, the first step is to shuck off any attitude of condescension.

We refer to the man who beats his wife as a "beast," when it should be noted that man is the only animal given to such ungentlemanly behavior. Unthinking, we call the fellow who stuffs himself a hog, when as a matter of fact a hog is a finicky eater. It's all very well to dismiss a flighty woman as a "birdbrain," but if you think of a bird as stupid, you'll never succeed in getting to know one.

An old fellow in Maine who has been very successful in taming wild birds at his feeder put the rule this way:

"Whether you believe it all or not, always try to behave as if a bird can and does reason, as if in some things he is smarter than you."

From the beginning I had an advantage over most professional trainers. I had spent hours with Andre in his world, and I knew him to be a great deal smarter than I in many ways.

I had another advantage. I had learned as a youngster, and later from my children, how quickly a wild creature will recognize a friend. Children are believers. They accept animals as equals and

readily identify with them. When my daughter, Toni, was little she treated wild birds as friends. Because she liked them, she assumed that they liked her.

Not being a professional trainer—that is, my living didn't depend upon the exploitation of an animal's intelligence—I was not obliged to "teach" Andre anything. A bear must be taught to ride a bicycle; a poodle must be taught to walk around on its hind legs and drink tea. Andre has never been asked to do anything he did not do naturally.

ASEAL will stretch voluptuously and in the process commonly cover his eye with a foreflipper, oddly like a child who is told he should be ashamed of himself.

When I caught him in this position one day, I said, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself, Andre!" and gave him a fish.

Once he responded to that direction, I worked it into some stage business. He might splash me with a flipper or nip my trouser leg and then, on command, he'd assume that attitude of contrition. It was astonishing to me how quickly he got the idea.

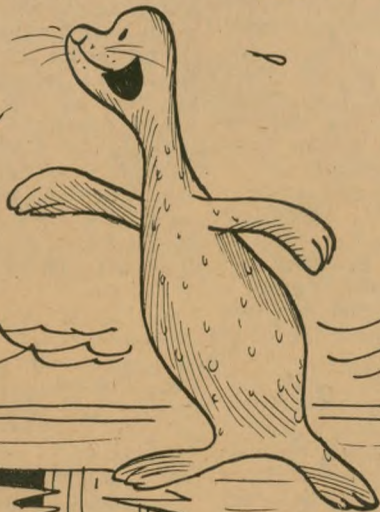
A seal spans the water with a foreflipper as a warning of danger to a pup, much as a beaver slaps the water with its tail when alarmed. I'd set fire to a piece of newspaper and drop it on the deck of my boat. When it was flaming briskly, I'd tell Andre to put it out. He'd splash until the fire was extinguished. No problem.

I'd watched Andre after he'd been fed and was feeling good. He had a habit of arching his body and nibbling on his hindflippers, often holding this rocker pose for some moments. I caught Andre in this posture one day. I said, "Pose for the camera, Andre." Once he had this command, I used it when I saw a camera in the crowd pointed at him.

Once Andre had a command, he never forgot it. I might forget some piece of business for months, even for a year; Andre never did. It would always be there stored in his brain when I

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" Gee, Harry, I was
just making a
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Everyone's Asking, Where's Andre?

By JUDY LARSEN
Area Correspondent

ROCKPORT — Andre the seal has apparently ended his two-day vacation at Port Clyde, but his whereabouts remained a mystery late Tuesday.

The seal, Rockport's honorary harbormaster, left Port Clyde Monday night or Tuesday morning, according to Mrs. Harry Goodridge, wife of Andre's trainer.

Mrs. Goodridge said her husband had checked Tuesday morning with Port Clyde residents who had been watching the seal.

Andre had not been seen since late Monday when heavy fog obscured the view of the whiskered seafarer, who had been sleeping and sunning aboard a skiff 200 feet from the cold storage wharf in Port Clyde, she said.

Harold Pendleton of Belfast, working at National Sea Products in Rockland, reported that he had sighted Andre near the company wharf.

Pendleton said he was sure the seal was Andre because the seal approached him and ate a piece of fish from his hand.

But a coast guardman

stationed at the nearby Rockland base said he had seen a seal but didn't think it was Andre. He said there are "a couple of seals who hang around here anyway."

Mrs. Goodridge said she received a report at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday from an unidentified woman who said Andre had been seen at the Coast Guard base. Mrs. Goodridge said she believed the report unfounded because Coast Guard officials denied seeing the seal.

Mrs. Goodridge said her family isn't worried about Andre, but "just wish he'd get back home." Since

Andre left New England Aquarium via Marblehead, Mass., harbor a week ago, Goodridge has made frequent trips to Andre's floating stage at Rockport to see if the seal had returned home.

Goodridge Monday traveled to Port Clyde, hoping to lure Andre away. He said he "had Andre perform a few tricks, patted him, and made him realize I was there."

On Saturday Andre had been spotted near the mouth of the Sheepscot River at Boothbay Harbor. He was then reported in a playful mood.

Andre's story told with skill, sensitivity

By PATRICIA BABCOCK

ROCKPORT, Maine — It gave scuba diver Elray Kimball quite a jolt when he was grabbed from behind and hugged soundly by a pair of flippers while exploring the ocean floor one day off Rockport Harbor.

Toot, an amiable beagle, was kicked out of his comfortable dog house by this same flippered creature.

The Portland Free Herald dubbed this celebrated mammal as "second only to Andrew Wyeth as the state's most acclaimed summer resident."

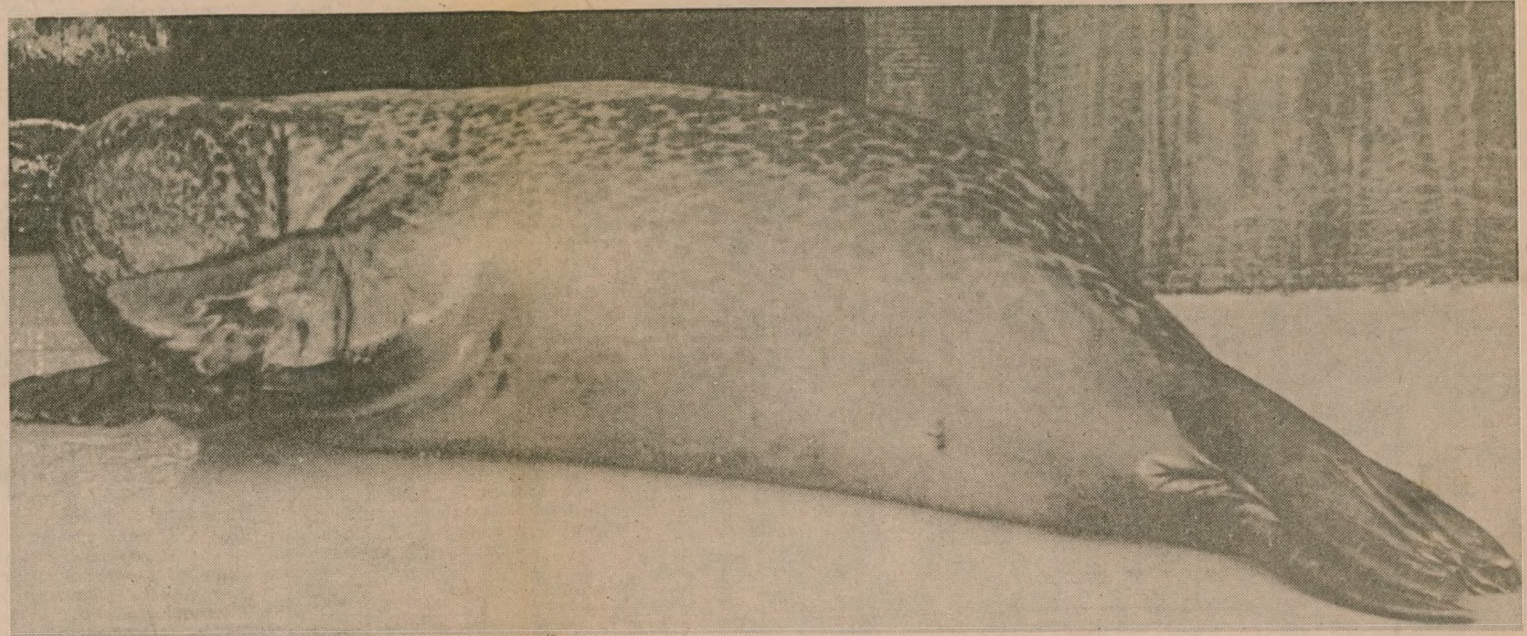
Such anecdotes are included in the definitive biography of Andre the famous harbor seal, which has been written by his mentor, trainer and friend, Harry Goodridge, in collaboration with nature author Lew Dietz.

"A Seal Named Andre" is a remarkable book because it is a story penned straight from the heart, without being cloyed by sentiment.

And it reveals what we Andre followers have been suspecting all along. Behind that beautiful marine mammal is an equally as beautiful human being.

Harry Goodridge is a man with soul. It is only such people as he who can find that kinship between the human and animal worlds which makes one wonder, after all, whether there is a complex chain of being linking levels of life.

"A Seal Named Andre" demonstrates that such a kinship is based on the same bonds that relate person to person. Between Harry and Andre there is trust, love, loyalty, comradeship, good humor and perhaps, most important of all, Harry's recognition that he will not or cannot ever possess this seal or any wild animal.



See the shy seal: Marblehead's favorite marine mammal hams it up.

Harry acquired Andre as a pup in the summer of 1961, searching local waters for a replacement for the two seals he had previously adopted and lost.

His early motives for seal adoption were prompted by a desire for companionship on his scuba diving expeditions.

A pup he had named "Marky" had died after attempts to feed him by human hand failed. And "Basil" met a more spectacular and tragic end, being devoured by a shark. Harry battled that shark for two hours and killed it, confirming the grisly fact of the pup's death by finding three pieces of Basil's body in the stomach of the 1,200 pound monster.

Harry tells us that it was when he had to return to shore without Basil that he realized his heart was hooked on harbor seals. He vowed his third seal "would be a winner."

Andre's life story is written in cadences and with images that have Biblical overtones. The writing is simple and vivid and close to the earth, expressive of the author's reverence for life.

There is an almost mystical quality in one of the most beautiful passages of the work: Harry's explanation of the abiding and underlying fascination and wonder with the harbor seal:

"As a boy hunting in the salt marshes I would see an occasional harbor seal. I recall being stirred one day by the sight of an old bull. He rose

up suddenly just beyond the grasses and, droplets glistening on his patriarchal whiskers, bade me a pleasant good morning. I felt a tingling thread of communion running between us. It was my feeling then and later that seals are wise and friendly creatures. I had the curious sense that they wished to be friends. In the case of Andre, this wish has come to pass. Even as I changed a wild seal's life by deliverance, so he changed mine. Certainly life has not been the same for either of us since."

Among the many anecdotes of Andre's development included in the work is the account of how Marblehead became a place close to the heart of the seal. Harry tells of his elation when after he had despaired that Andre would never return from his winter journey in the winter of 1962, he read a clipping from the Marblehead Messenger, mailed by a friend.

The article told of the antics of a friendly harbor seal dubbed Josephine by the citizenry and the rallying of town officials to protect the visitor from any would-be hunters.

Andre's love affair with Marblehead continued through the years as he made several round trip long-distance swims between Marblehead Harbor and his Maine home.

Harry notes he was pleased by the decision of New England Aquarium officials to let Andre swim from Marblehead Harbor to Rockport,

Maine, after his winter stay at the aquarium.

How Andre became a star at the aquarium; how Harry became a self-taught trainer; the role of the Goodridge family in the raising of Andre; the fascinating experiments that Goodridge conducted with other seals to demonstrate their superior homing and sensory capabilities and high intelligence; the feats, exploits and good and bad deeds of Andre that prove beyond a doubt that the mammal's understanding of humankind is uncanny. These are all part of Andre's wonderful biography.

John H. Prescott, executive director of New England Aquarium, has commented that the book provides a valuable contribution to the science of animal behavior.

Indeed it does. Harry Goodridge has made giant strides in his 15 years with Andre to advance an understanding of the remarkable species of the harbor seal.

But I would defy the tools of science to ever dissect what makes Harry and Andre tick in what has to be one of the most beautiful man-animal relationships of all time.

If you're lucky this winter, you might coordinate a trip to the New England Aquarium with one of Harry's periodic visits to friend Andre. They'll be swapping reminiscences of this past summer together in Rockport Harbor, in their own special language, of course.

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Traveling Seal

Associated Press Wirephoto

Andre the seal basks in a convenient boat in Port Clyde, Maine, during his annual 180-mile swim from Boston to Rockland, Maine. Andre was adopted by Harry Goodridge of Rockland in 1961 after he apparently was abandoned by his mother. He spends his winters at the New England aquarium in Boston and his summers at Rockland, where he performs tricks on the dock each evening for crowds of 200 to 300.

even more easily by area boaters who may glimpse him close up.

Goodridge said that Andre was coaxed from his cage at the New England Aquarium after half an hour or so on Tuesday, and was loaded into his transportation cage for a truck ride to Marblehead Harbor. There, to the clicks of thousands of camera shutters and the applause of spectators, Andre slid quickly from his cage, down a float, and into the water.

Andre played around for a few minutes, enjoying a bit of exhibitionism, and then he disappeared below the waves and is assumed to have headed for home. Goodridge said that he hung around for half an hour or so, just to make sure Andre had really taken off.

So far Goodridge has heard no reports of sightings of Andre as he is hoped to be plying his way up the coast with the Gulf Stream, but the Rockport trainer is confident that his friend will show up within the next few days. "After 16 years, he's pretty predictable," says Goodridge.

Rockport harbor residents are keeping a close eye out for Andre, and have promised to send word to Goodridge as soon as they see him. "But I'll be going down to the landing nights for a while anyway," says Goodridge.

Andre comes home to a hero's welcome

Boston Evening Globe
11/17/76
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By Brenda Bernard
Special to The Globe

There were no first flight jitters for Andre the seal as he winged his way into Boston yesterday to face a barrage of photographers, reporters and fans.

Andre reacted to all the fuss like a seal who is used to the VIP treatment. His huge brown eyes staring into the cameras with an arrogant air, looking half bored with all the hoop-la.

The famous seal has been a winter resident of the New England Aquarium for the last four years, sharing the limelight with Hoover, his rival, who has been with the Aquarium for six years.

Every year Andre comes to Boston by van, a trip that usually lasts 5 or 6 hours. But this year, a \$270 plane trip was financed by Andre's own bank account, made up of donations from his admirers.

In the spring, Andre will swim the 180 miles back to Rockport, Maine where his owner resides, unassisted.

The 15-year-old Andre was found and trained by Harry Goodridge when he was just a pup, and since then has gained notoriety by his aquatic antics.

Goodridge had to find a winter home for Andre because of his free-spirited habit of climbing aboard boats in the harbor to sun himself. Despite that annoying habit, he still carries the title of Rockport's honorary harbormaster.

At the Aquarium, a large sign over the filtered pool read "Welcome Back, Andre" as he cavorted, frisky as ever, in the water with the Aquarium's 13 other seals. He congenially posed, head straight back and tail high, for photographers, guided a bucket back to Goodridge with his snout, and snorted a song on cue. The true showman.

His keeper and an animal technician at the Aquarium, Carla Skinder, described Andre's basic routine, which includes eating 15 pounds of herring a day. His present weight is 190 pounds. Skinder said he could live to be 30 years old.

Andre is completely housebroken according to Goodridge and is allowed in his kitchen, "but my wife won't allow him in the living room." On one venture into Goodridge's living room Andre watched TV for about 10 minutes before becoming bored.

Andre and the other seals will remain in the outdoor pool all winter. A special filter system keeps the water from freezing.

Goodridge said he would visit Andre three or four times this winter, before calling the Aquarium in the spring with the signal to release Andre for his journey home.

When he returns, his home will be a special pen in the Rockport harbor, paid for by a fund set up by Andre's fans. And judging from his Boston reception, he's got plenty of them.



Andre the famous harbor seal who spends his summers in Rockport, Maine, climbs toward owner Harry Goodrich of Maine and New England Aquarium staffer Carla Skinder for a bite of fish. The 15-year-old, 240 pound seal swims the 180 miles back to Maine each spring but winters at the Aquarium. (Globe photo by Charles Dixon)

Fanfare Attends Andre's Boston Trip

Andre the Seal left Rockport harbor for his winter home Tuesday in Boston's New England Aquarium. The trip was the seal's first by plane, from Owls Head Airport, in his last three winters away.

A crowd of about 40 people — Andre's master Harry Goodridge and his family, other Rockport residents, newspaper and TV photographers — were at the airport for Andre's departure. Only an hour earlier Goodridge had coaxed the seal from the harbor into a cage for the flight.

"We hated to see him go," said

Mrs. Thalice Goodridge after the 10 a.m. takeoff. But returning from Boston later that day, Harry Goodridge reported, "This seal can do anything — the flight down didn't bother Andre a bit."

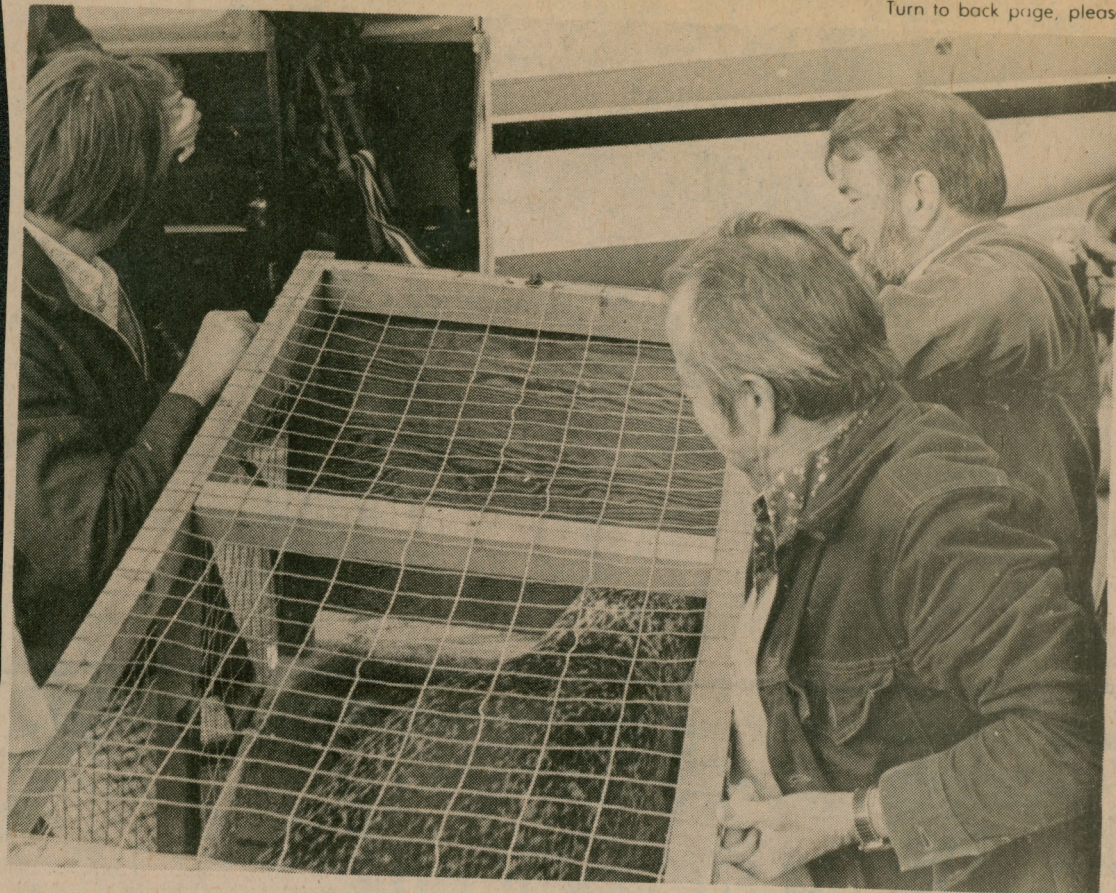
Andre spends his winters at the Aquarium because, in the wild, his friendliness with people poses a danger to small boat owners. He will flop into any boat in sight, seeking a place to sun, and plays with the oars on small craft. "We got complaints," said Goodridge. "Andre is kind of heavy — we wouldn't want him to capsize a boat."

The UPI reported from Boston that Rockport's honorary harbor-master arrived at the New England Aquarium to the handclapping of staffers. With Goodridge in tow, Andre posed for pictures. "Welcome back Andre," the sign over the seal pen read.

Andre is a big hit in Boston. His arrival was broadcast over radio stations, pictures appeared in the city's dailies, and he is a major attraction at the Aquarium.

Andre entered a pen with 13 other seals, and in no time was

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FLIGHT TO BOSTON —

Moore Photo

Rockport High Sidewalk Committee Meets — Bids To Include Masonry Construction

Bids for both wood and masonry construction in the restoration of Rockport's high sidewalk will be sought, it was announced following a meeting Monday of project coordinator Mrs. Polly Gates, architect Richard Bernhard, and town manager Carl Betterley.

Asking bids for both methods of construction represents a change in Rockport selectmen's original vote to accept figures for a wood sidewalk with only masonry supporting ends. The change was due basically to public suggestions that both methods be explored.

Mrs. Gates reports that cost was the major consideration that led to an all-wood proposal presented in a public hearing three weeks ago. She explains, "If cost was not a factor, sure we would love to have them (the high sidewalks) restored as they are now."

The sidewalk is located on the Goose River Bridge end of Pascals Avenue across the street from the entrance to the Rockport Marine Park. It was estimated to have been built about 1875, and is mostly of masonry with wooden steps, but it has deteriorated in recent years that it was closed to pedestrian traffic for safety reasons.

Rockport town crew workers have effected temporary repairs to the sidewalk and it was recently re-opened.

Preliminary plans were drawn up and presented in the public hearing by Rockport resident Oliver Foster, Camden architect William Sepe, and Bernhard, consisting primarily of wood construction. Water seepage from the ledges there and the high cost of masonry work were cited as principal reasons for the

selectmen's vote to restore the sidewalk with a wooden structure.

Pricetag of the wooden structure was estimated at \$6,500 to \$7,000. Town appropriations for sidewalks, voted two years ago by the town for general sidewalk construction, total \$7,000.

As a result of Monday's meeting, an undisclosed local contractor will reportedly study the sidewalk and meet later with the sidewalk group with a set of plans. Bids however, it was pointed out, will be invited for both wood and masonry construction from all interested contractors.

Mrs. Gates says she would welcome any expression of opinion by townspeople on the matter. The question is expected to be brought before Rockport voters in the March town meeting. Construction could

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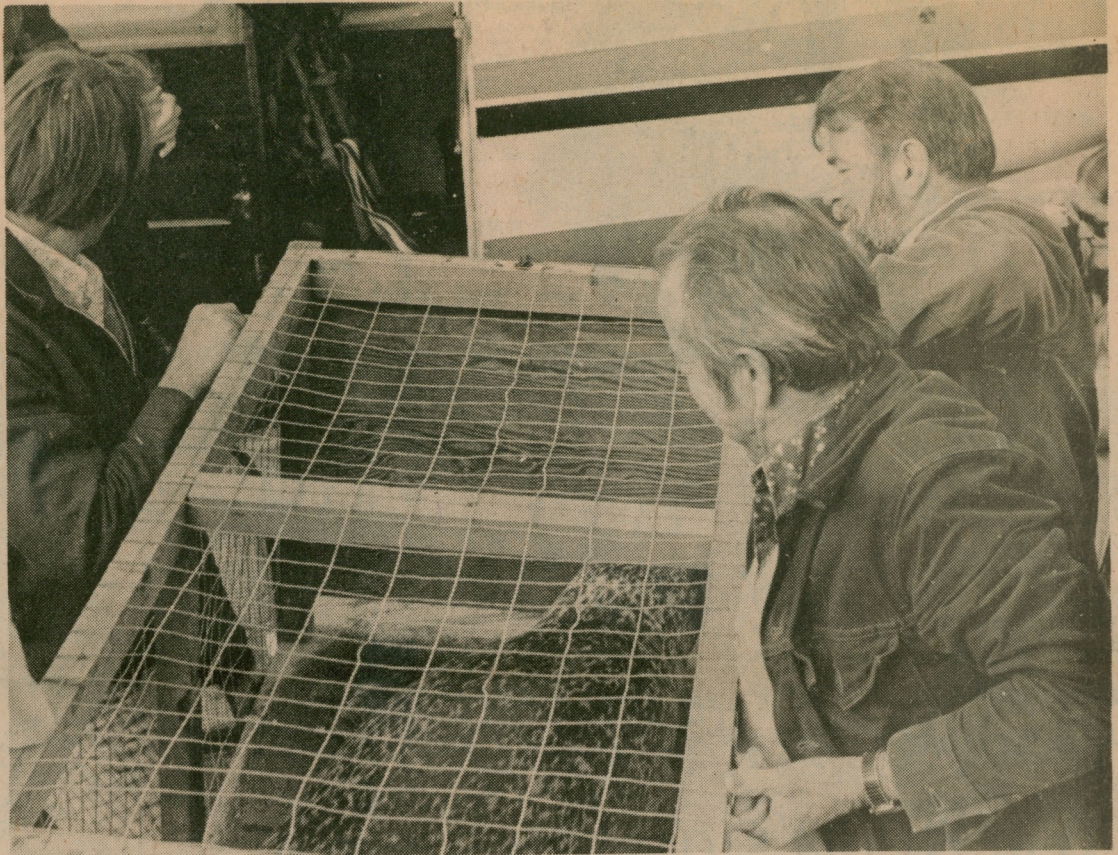
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FLIGHT TO BOSTON —

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The Camden Herald, Camden, Maine, November 18, 1976

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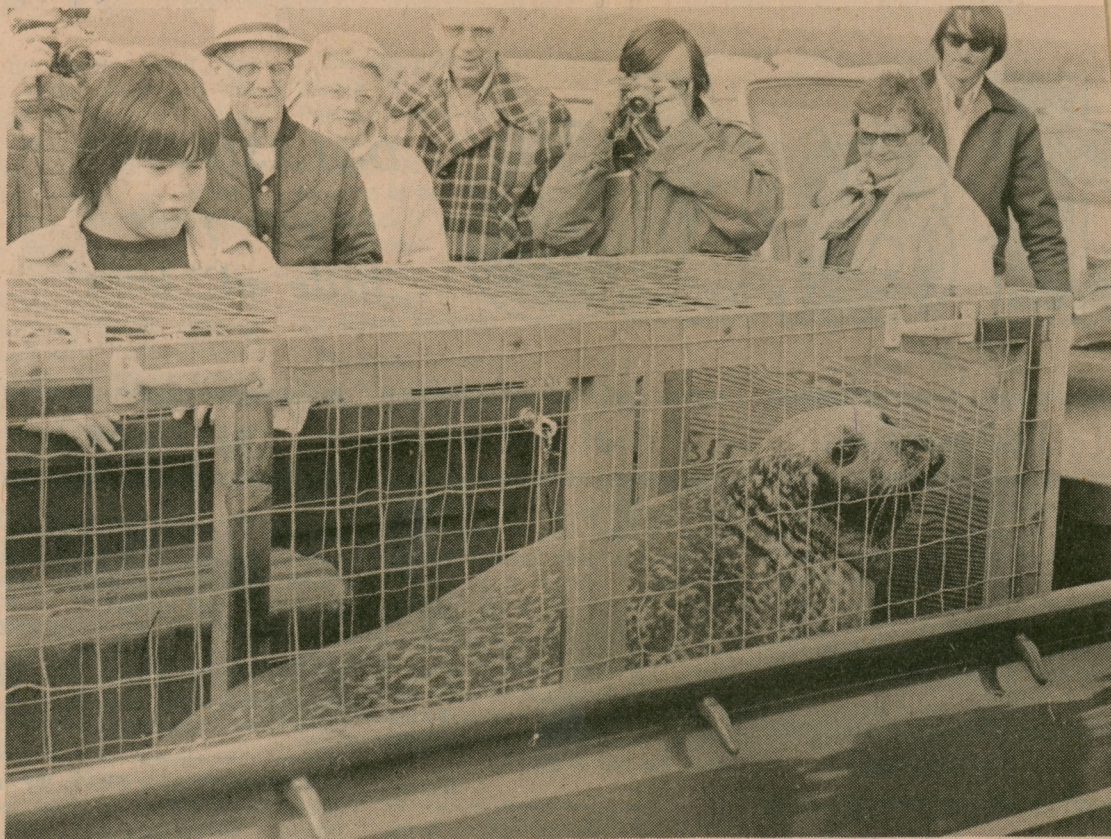
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being chased by a sleek female named Lucy. When it was time for Goodridge to return to Maine, he bent down, shook Andre's flipper, and kissed him on the snout.

Goodridge was assisted on the trip by Ronn Dodd and Dick Donovan of Camden.

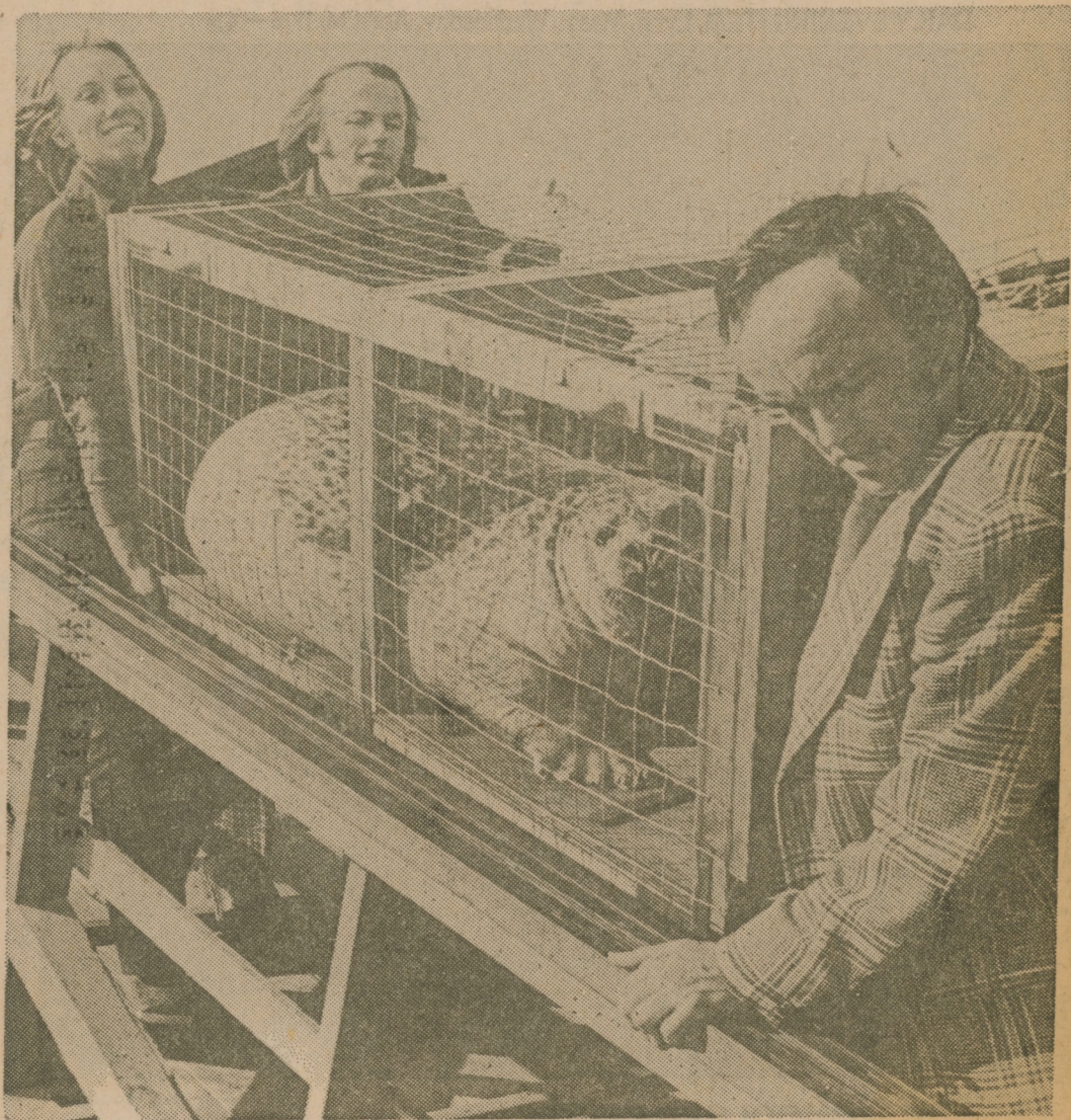
Andre will be released from the aquarium and return on his own — a week-long swim up the coast — to Rockport in April. Sixteen years old (seals live to be around 40), he will return to draw crowds in the hundreds to his summer stunt shows in Rockport harbor.

Meanwhile, a book on Andre by Goodridge and Rockport writer Lew Dietz is in its successful fifth printing.



LAST LOOK AROUND —

MOORE PHOTO



(Item Photo: Hoey)

Andre makes a splash

Andre, the famous harbor seal, began his annual swim to Rockport Harbor, Maine Tuesday from the traditional starting point at State Street Wharf, Marblehead. New England Aquarium trainer Carla Skinder, left rear, helps

heft the cage of the talented mammal who winters at the aquarium. That is not an easy job, since Andre has put on a few pounds from his rich diet at the aquarium's seal pool.



Andre

. . . on his way home

Seal of approval

Andre the seal worked hard to earn his plane fare home this winter. Andre, a trained seal, is a winter resident of the New England resort area where he entertains the summer tourists with aquatic tricks. After the season's over, Andre usually takes a van back to Boston but this year the seal's fans took up a collection to buy him a new cage and a plane ticket home, so Andre has a reservation on a charter flight to fly home today.

A St. P. Times

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— MARY EVERTZ

Thursday, November 25, 1976

The Ellsworth American.

Editorial Page

Good Luck To Andre

We are glad that Andre the Seal made a successful trip from Rockland to Boston and pleased that he now is safely installed in his winter quarters at the New England Aquarium. Let us hope that his return trip next Spring will also be an agreeable one.

The story of the fifteen year friendship of Andre and Harry Goodrich of Rockport is

a delight and a relief in the deluge of news about disaster and calamity. The photographs of the two are a pleasant variation from newsprint covered with photographs of deer shot by hunters. It is nice to know that such agreeable relationship can exist. It is a delight to discover that there are people like Goodrich and animals like Andre.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1976



ANDRE, MAINE'S FAMOUS HARBOR SEAL, who usually swims 180 miles from Rockport to the Boston Aquarium for the winter season, was to fly there for the first time this week. Trainer Harry Goodridge gets an argument about the plane after showing Andre a model. (UPI)

Do you know
Andre??



ANDRE'S BACK IN TOWN — Andre, the seal known for his summer migration from Boston to Rockport, Maine, returns to Boston, this time by airplane. Andre spends the winters at Boston's

aquarium, then is released in the Atlantic to swim to his summer home in Maine. From left are trainer Harry Goodridge and helpers Ron Dodd and Dick Donovan, both of Camden, Maine.

Spring 1976

'Dawdling' seal awaited at home port

ROCKPORT, Maine (UPI) — While other kids spent Easter Sunday looking for colored eggs and chocolate bunnies, in Rockport they kept their eye out for Andre the homing seal.

Andre, a 16-year-old, 240-pound domesticated harbor seal, was headed for his summer home in this scenic coastal town after swimming 180 miles up the Atlantic Coast from Boston, where he spends the winter in the New England Aquarium.

It is the third year in a row Andre has made the trip. Aquarium officials, joined by a crowd of 1,000 well-wishers, released him for his long swim home Tuesday from a Marblehead, Mass., pier.

The first time Andre swam home, he did it in only 95 hours. Last year it took him four days.

"He's dawdling this year, having a good time along the way, judging from the reports," Harry Goodridge said. "He'll probably be here (Sunday)."

Goodridge adopted Andre in 1961, when he found him as a two-day old pup apparently abandoned by its mother off Rockport. They first kept him in a basement bathtub, then moved him to a half-submerged wood cage in the harbor. Andre quickly learned a number of tricks, and Goodridge released him nightly to perform his antics before crowds.

One of his tricks is ramming and swamping their boats as he tries to make friends, a gesture that has not endeared him to some boaters and fishermen.

Just how he manages to find his way home is something

the U.S. Navy would like to find out, said Aquarium Curator Louis Garibaldi. An instinct similar to the one possessed by migrating Canadian geese, might be the answer, he said, although harbor seals generally do not migrate.

On the other hand, Andre may simply have learned to navigate the New England coast the way fishermen have, Garibaldi said.

Andre was last spotted Saturday in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, 40 miles south of Rockport where a fisherman found him using his boat as a sundeck.

"We got a call from the Coast Guard asking us how to get Andre to budge," Mrs. Goodridge said. "'Just lure him with a fish,' I told them."

Andre not home yet

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ROCKPORT (AP) — Andre, the trained seal, who set out a week and a half ago from Massachusetts on his third annual swim up the coast, Wednesday failed to show up at his ocean home here.

Sunday and Monday he spent the day at Port Clyde, 20 miles south, and his fans thought he would be back in Rockport within a day.

Since then there have been reports that Andre was sighted in nearby Lincolnville and Rockland. But trainer Harry Goodridge visited both sites and said the Lincolnville seal was wild and he could not confirm the Rockland sighting.

"I think there's a lot of fish out there, or he's chasing females or he's acting like he was free," he said.

"If he does show up this year there's sure going to be crowds on the dock, you wouldn't believe," Goodridge said.

The Rockport harbormaster raised the now-16-year-old seal from the time he was several weeks old. But since 1974, when Andre's eagerness to clamber aboard fishing vessels became too much for area residents, he has spent the winter at the New England Aquarium in Boston, where he delights audiences with a full repertoire of tricks.

And then, each spring he is released to

make his way back to his summer home here.

In the past Andre has swum the 180-mile distance from Marblehead, Mass., to Rockport in three or four days. But Goodridge said that during the winter Andre gained close to 50 pounds on a diet of 15 pounds of fish daily.

"He's fat," weighing 260 pounds, he said.

Goodridge said that Andre, who has been named Rockport's honorary harbormaster, is easily capable of fending for himself in the ocean depths. During the first 12 years of his life he frequently used to take off, some times for several months, Goodridge said.

"For 15 years I've always been unconfident," that Andre would return, "but he always has," Goodridge said.

Andre's navigation skills continue to amaze scientists. Louis Garibaldi, aquarium curator, says it may be instinct or extraordinary smelling ability that allows Andre to find his way home from a 180-mile distance.

"Nobody really knows how he does it. The Navy would love to find out," he said.

Goodridge has another explanation. "He thinks I'm his mother. He thinks he's coming home to his mother."



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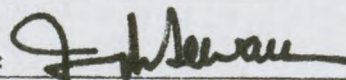
ON ANDRE'S RETURN FROM HIS ANNUAL SOUTHERN SOJOURN

We the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgment be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

In Testimony Whereof, We have
hereunto set our hands and seal
this Fifteenth day of
April, 1976

Attest:


President of the Senate

Attest:

Speaker of the House of Representatives



received the affirmative vote of 30 members of the Senate was Passed to be Enacted and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Katz of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, it has been called to my attention that the prayer that is given in the morning is not on the record, and I thought that perhaps I could give an impression that I did not overlook the distinguished Senator from York County, Senator Roberts, by making these remarks on the record; that obviously the Senate could not possibly overlook the distinguished service of a man who has served as judge of probate, served at county level with such great success, and capped his career off with service in the Senate, and I am sure that the Senate would like to join me in wishing well to Senator Roberts also.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table the following:

Bill, "An Act to Provide Grants and Loans for Health Education." (S. P. 760) (L. D. 2310)

Tabled — Earlier in today's session by Senator Speers of Kennebec

Pending — Consideration

Mr. Katz of Kennebec then presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "A", Filing No. S-581, was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the same Senator.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, this amendment which has just been distributed and is directly in front of you actually is a bill because it changes the title, but it accomplishes the basic purposes of the bill that the Senate supported the other day. It is a much simpler bill and it results in a consensus feeling between members of this body and some members of the other body.

You will notice that it completely takes out of consideration the rather complicated feature of the other bill in establishing a committee or a process whereby we can identify shortage areas of various health professionals in the State of Maine. It provides for repayment of the contract prices by the students who do benefit from our appropriations and who do not return to the State of Maine to practice. It for the first time builds into Maine law some demonstrable benefits for Maine taxpayers as well as Maine students.

I would be the first to admit that subsequent legislatures will expand and develop this bill to a greater extent than we see it in front of us now, but it is a beginning to attempt to establish a state policy to steer some of the health professionals who are in these very expensive programs back to the State of Maine, and I move its adoption.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Hichens.

Mr. HICHENS: Mr. President, I would ask for a division on the motion to adopt this amendment. I would draw your attention to Section 2273 on page 2 of this amendment, reading it for you: "Agreement of state contract student with commissioner — Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, any state contract student who commences his professional education on or after the 1976-77 academic year shall, as a condition precedent to the commencement of such education, enter into an agreement with the State under which the student will agree that upon the conclusion of his professional education, including internship, residency and obligated military service, he will return to the State of Maine and practice his profession, upon being duly licensed by the State of Maine. This

student shall further agree that in the event he fails to practice his profession within the State for a period of 4 years, he shall become obligated to pay to the State an amount of money equal to the amount expended by the State in purchasing the student position which he occupied as a state contract student."

I agree that this brings students back into the state, but it doesn't obligate them as to where they might go. They all might land in the City of Portland, where we have enough physicians at the present time, and it wouldn't bring them up into Millinocket and the upper parts of the state where we so badly need these professional physicians and medical students. So I feel that the bill or the amendment passed in the other body is the one which more aptly handles this situation, so I would ask for a division on this motion.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ: Mr. President, I find it very difficult to disagree with the tinkering of the Senator from York, Senator Hichens, as to the direction we should ultimately go. I have been persuaded by debate in the last couple of days that we may not yet be ready to establish the proper procedure for identifying the shortage areas. Presumably we will have to establish some pretty hard standards as to what constitutes a shortage area and a procedure for arriving at that. But I would ask the Senate to go along with this bill as the first step in going in the direction. I understand the HFA is presently involved in a statewide effort at trying to bring some sense into just what we need and where we need it, and perhaps the Senator from York, Senator Hichens, on that basis can look upon this not as the ultimate but as a first step in that direction.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question? The pending question is the adoption of Senate Amendment "A" to L.D. 2310. Division has been requested. Will all those Senators in favor of adopting Senate Amendment "A" please rise in their places until counted. Those opposed will rise in their places until counted.

A division was had. 22 having voted in the affirmative, and six having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

House Amendment "B" was Read and, on motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, Indefinitely Postponed in non-concurrence.

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed, as Amended, in non-concurrence.

Under suspension of the rules, sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to take up the following:

Orders

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland,
STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-six

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of Andre-the-Seal and His Friend and Mentor Harry Goodrich on Andre's Return From His Annual Southern Sojourn

We the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (S. P. 807)

Which was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Merrill.

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. President and Members

of the Senate: I have noted with some alarm over the last few days the great proliferation of orders that have been coming our way, and I have up until now attributed that to the fact that many of us are running for re-election and we all do some strange things when we are under that sort of pressure. I commented to a colleague the other day that if we continued up until election day we would probably have enough orders to fill a phone book. Unfortunately, however, I can't attribute that motive to the gentleman who has offered this one because it is my understanding that he doesn't have that excuse in that he has decided not to run again.

I would simply like to ask the gentleman whether it is his intent that this order be framed and presented to the recipient.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I must admit that in the waning hours of every session there are always a few of us who bend a little bit under the tension, and maybe I am too, I don't know. But, as the good Senator says, I am not running for re-election, so this isn't really a total self-publicity seeking gesture.

Andre is certainly tied into the State of Maine in many ways and he comes back here of his own free will and accord every year, and it seemed only fitting that Mr. Goodrich receive, as his friend and mentor, the best wishes of this session of the legislature for Andre's good work. I think with our cutting off of all the publicity that we have been doing and so forth, Andre is one of the best items of good will that the State of Maine has working for it now, and I hope he comes back to Maine many, many springs in the future.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Merrill.

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I have to admit that my initial impression on seeing this order was to move for its indefinite postponement, but on some reflection, I think it is a fitting tribute to the career of the person who is offering it, and, therefore, I would hope the Senate would pass it.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate that this order be passed?

Thereupon, the Joint Order was Passed and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland,
STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-six

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of Mrs. Jean Childs on the Completion of Her Distinguished Term of Service to the State of Maine as a Member of the Board of Environmental Protection

We the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (S. P. 808)

Which was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Jean Childs has built up an impressive record as a member of the Board of Environmental Protection. She has been on there quite a few years. She has been, as was reported in the article covering her resignation, a member who firmly believed in conciliating

State of Maine

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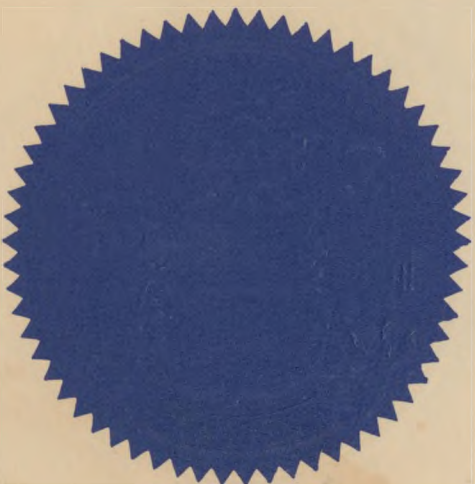
HARRY GOODRIDGE

ON ANDRE'S RETURN FROM HIS ANNUAL SOUTHERN SOJOURN

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In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and seal this Fifteenth day of April, 1976



In Senate Chamber
Read and Passed

April 15, 1976

James H. Berry
Secretary

Attest:

J. M. Mearns
President of the Senate

Attest:

John L. Martin
Speaker of the House of Representatives

House of Representatives
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April 15, 1976

Ed C. Voss
Clerk

Sponsor: Senator Richard Berry
County: Cumberland

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Thin, Dawdling Andre Arrives At Rockport, Maine

ROCKPORT, Maine (AP) — Andre the seal's two-week swim along the New England coast ended Monday when he entered his underwater pen and established summer residency in this coastal village.

"He's beautiful," said an elated Harry Goodridge, who rushed to the harbor after receiving word that Andre had come home.

Goodridge said the 15-year-old harbor seal was considerably thinner after his swim from Marblehead, Mass., and bore a few neck scars from fights with wild seals.

"He doesn't seem to be the big blob he was when he left the New England Aquarium," said Goodridge, who found Andre in 1961 when he was a two-day-old pup who had become separated from his mother.

Goodridge said Andre appeared to have lost some 30 pounds during the 180-mile swim to Rockport, which was lengthened when the seal elected to take a roundabout route circling Penobscot Bay.

Andre, who lives in the Boston aquarium during the winter, set out on his annual swim on April 13. His previous trips were completed in as little as three

days, and there were some expressions of concern when Andre appeared to be in no hurry to come home.

Mrs. Goodridge said the seal was spotted at 5 a.m., relaxing on a floating dock at a Rockport marina.

"We're relieved," said Mrs. Goodridge. "So many people have asked about Andre, and so many people were worried about him."

Goodridge brought Andre a fish to eat, then watched him head for his floating pen where he spends the summer.

Every evening he emerges for a fish dinner, then goes through a few of his more than 50 tricks, drawing hundreds of tourists for each performance.

The duration of the shows can vary from five minutes to a half hour, according to Andre's mood, his trainer explained. "It all depends on him. He calls the shots," said Goodridge.

He said it will be a few days before Rockport's honorary harbor master starts shooting basketballs or jumping through hoops.

"I won't let him out of the cage for the first couple of days," he said. "I want him to get accustomed to the new routine."

Mrs. Goodridge said neither she nor her husband were overly worried about Andre during his leisurely swim. "We just felt he was enjoying his freedom. After all, he's penned up all of the year."

Andre made several stops along the route, and was occasionally spotted basking in the sun aboard a fisherman's skiff in various harbors along the Maine coast.

In recent days, he turned up in Port Clyde, Deer Isle and Cape Rosier.

Mrs. Goodridge said it was easy to tell when Andre showed up in a harbor because no other seals were in the habit of clambering aboard boats.

Andre used to remain in his pen during the summer, but was allowed to roam free in winter. He was penned up year-round after fishermen complained that their boats were nearly swamped by an



AND HOME AGAIN — Andre the seal noses up to trainer Harry Goodridge after return to pen in Rockport, Maine, following a two-week, 180-mile swim from Marblehead, Mass. — AP Laserphoto

overly friendly seal who tried to hop aboard.

Over the past weekend, Goodridge and his wife speculated that Andre might have forsaken the life of a pet seal in order to go wild.

"We've always hoped he would go wild," Mrs. Goodridge said at the time.

"We hate to keep him cooped up all year. But if he comes back, there's a place for him and plenty of fish."

Tinter, Hoberman To Address Club

The education and legislation committee of the Greenwich Democratic Women's Club will host a meeting tonight to discuss problems and programs in traffic and transit in Greenwich.

Alan Tinter, traffic engineer, F. Richard Ford, III, coBdirector of the Greenwich Transit District, and Norman Hoberman of the Planning and Zoning Commission will lead the discussion.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 at the home of Mrs. F. Champion Ward, 31

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Smart Cookie, That Andre

Funny how a "dumb" animal can capture the fancy and affection of thousands of people who may never meet him in "person."

An example of this phenomenon was the public interest in Andre the Seal's annual pilgrimage from his winter quarters in Massachusetts to Rockport, Maine, where he holds the post of honorary harbormaster.

Andre is no "dummy," though. Many a seal can balance a ball on his nose, bark to 10, or clap his flippers. But how many would have the brass to climb into a perfect stranger's skiff—a down-Easter's, at that—demolish one of the seats, and then take up squatter's rights for a couple of days—basking in the warm sunshine and yawning in the faces of gawping sight-seers who ventured near? And getting away with it?

Somehow, we suspect Lee Cushman's skiff in Port Clyde will become something of a curio. "Andre slept here," the stern plate may read.

While hundreds waited in vain for his "scheduled" arrival in Rockport last week, unhurried Andre lolled in indolent ease 20 miles away, cannily suspecting that good old Harry Goodridge would be along pretty soon with some choice seafood to lure him back to Rockport. Observers at Andre's Port Clyde way station were left with the uneasy suspicion that "luror" Goodridge had become the "luree." Andre never said as much, but those who watched him earn his "snack" with a few tricks thought they detected a definite smirk behind those sleek whiskers as trainer Goodridge patted him on the head.

Then after the Port Clyde idyl, it was on to Deer Isle and Cape Rosier, while Mr. and Mrs. Goodridge pretended not to fret.

Now that Andre is back in his pen for the summer, one is compelled to ask the question: Who has trained whom?

April 28 - Waterville 1976
Morning Sentinel editorial.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Goodridge:

The day after I mailed Andre's letter I was at Rockland Senior Citizens' luncheon program for a board meeting. Afterward, five of us drove over to see Andre - not too close a look, but satisfactory. We were very pleased that we caught a glimpse of him, even from afar.

I thought you might enjoy this clipping. Daisy B. Seney

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IN CONCURRENCE

Edwin Scott
CLERK

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IN SENATE CHAMBER

Rules Suspended

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SENT DOWN FOR CONCURRENCE

HARRY N. STANBACH, Secretary

Richard Berry
(R. Berry)
Sponsor

County Cumberland

THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION. *G. Harry Stine.* Putnam, \$7.95

The first industrial revolution was ushered in by the steam engine and the second by the computer. The third, says Stine in this optimistic look into the future, has already been started by man's first halting steps into space. As Stine envisions it, the next century or two will see all of earth's industry moved into space, where it can pollute to its heart's content, and earth will once again become the green paradise it was 100,000 years ago. And this will be accomplished not by lifting industry from our planet, but by utilizing the resources elsewhere in our solar system. Raw materials will come from the other planets, energy will be derived from the sun, an environment can be created along the lines of Skylab and delivery of the products will be very easy. The book is a must for futurologists, industrial planners and engineers; general readers may find it sticky going. Eight pages of photos. [October 29]

THE CARTOON HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. *Michael Wynn Jones.* Putnam, \$20

Jones, English author of a cartoon history of Britain from Hogarth's day to the present, became interested in the American Revolution during a 1967 Harvard seminar. Out of his research since then he has produced this large-format volume in time to make it one of the fresher contributions to the Bicentennial flood of books. Reproducing nearly 150 cartoons, prints and mezzotints of the revolutionary years in England, America and Europe, Jones adds his own running text and cartoon-commentary to flesh out a truly illuminating "graphic" history of unfolding events. Since few newspapers and journals flourished in the "colonies," there are relatively few American cartoons to show. Hence Jones very largely draws from British sources, presenting a view of the intense conflict between George III's Tory group that precipitated the American revolt and the King's "loyal opposition." The cartoons, too complex and elaborate by today's standards, nevertheless bear intriguing witness to traditional English freedom of expression and offer an eye-opening vista to American readers. Maps; index, etc.

[October 30]

THE GENTLE GIANTS:

The Gorilla Story. *Geoffrey H. Bourne with Maury Cohen.* Putnam, \$10

From King Kong to Patty Cake, gorillas, fictional and real, have captured the public fancy. Early hunters and explorers fostered an image of sinister strength and ferocity; modern scientists have found the gorilla a placid vegetarian, immensely strong in maturity but reasonably predictable in its actions. Bourne (Yerkes Primate Research Center) and Cohen begin their story of man's closest relative

with hunters' myths and movie monsters; they tell at length about notable pets (Gargantua and Toto) and the problems of private ownership. Gorillas are an endangered species, so there is more than ordinary interest in zoo animals and breeding programs. The authors discuss studies of the animal in the wild, its sex life and learning ability. They conclude with a long chapter on the mythical Yeti or Bigfoot. This is a rambling, sometimes repetitive narrative, but it ought to satisfy the average gorilla-watcher. Many photos. [October 31]

THE MYTH OF THE HYPERACTIVE CHILD: And Other Psychological, Chemical and Legal Means With Which the State Controls Your Children. *Diane Divoky and Peter Schrag.* Pantheon, \$10

A profoundly disturbing book claims that the government, empirical educational systems, doctors and drug manufacturers are systematically feeding Dexedrine, Ditalin and other drugs indiscriminately to children, to make them more "manageable." The authors show the detrimental side effects of this treatment, forced on nearly a million children yearly, with the consent of most parents. Parents who object are persecuted. Also discussed is the universal practice of allowing prospective employers, police and federal agencies access to "dossiers" on students although what most of these records contain is not much more than gossip—data which neither parents nor students are allowed to see without a fight. The book offers advice on opposing Big Brotherism. [October]

GENOCIDE? Birth Control and the Black American. *Robert G. Weisbord.* Greenwood Press/Two Continents, \$7.95

In his opening chapters, Weisbord builds a most effective justification for black American paranoia. Then, launching into the highly charged subject of birth control and whether its aim is to eliminate blacks, he manages to steer an admirably even-handed course between the Scylla of white racism and the Charybdis of the black lunatic fringe. Most blacks, particularly black women, he demonstrates, are in favor of family planning, contraception and abortion, but many of them have little access to information on these matters. And their unwillingness to swallow the genocidal theory of groups like the Panthers and the Muslims is in part a result of the voluntary nature of population control; were it compulsory, the attitude might change. For the moment, then, the notion of birth control as black "genocide" is not a danger; but Weisbord says, until most blacks are lifted into the middle class, it will remain alive. Notes, etc. [October]

MATHEMATICAL CARNIVAL.

Martin Gardner. Knopf, \$8.95
Gardner is again offering a real brain-bash for intellectual puzzle-addicts out of

the pages of *Scientific American*, whose puzzle editor he is. Gardner's "carnival" can stretch even the most intelligent reader's mind, but that's the nature of its excitement—challenges and more challenges to the mind intrepid enough to wade into its offerings. These range from a tantalizing game called "sprouts" devised by a Cambridge professor and a graduate student in 1967 through coin puzzles, a maddening venture beyond "three-space" into the world of "hypercubes," a whack at "Mrs. Perkins' Quilt," Piet Hein's superellipse, card puzzles, some 23 braincrackers calling for knowledge of modern physics and much more—including a chapter on Einstein's excursion into numerology with his friend Dr. Fliess, Pascal's Triangle, etc. Gardner closes his chapters with some "sass" out of letters from his *Scientific American* readers, and it adds to the literate fun. Some 115 drawings make it all clear [sic]. [October]

A SEAL CALLED ANDRÉ.

Harry Goodridge and Lew Dietz. Praeger, \$7.95

Harry Goodridge is a tree surgeon and the harbor master at Rockport, Maine; he's also a lover of all kinds of animals with which he's been on intimate terms most of his life. With his co-author, the naturalist has written a delightful story of his adventures with André, a harbor seal he adopted when it was a pup and which he raised, with the help of his wife, Thalice, and their five children. For over 15 years, André has been a member of the Goodridge household and a beloved citizen of Rockport. The mischievous seal loves to play games and to play tricks on his unsuspecting friends. One of his favorites is to pretend to be asleep, then dash his flippers to spray his human playmates when they approach him. André also likes to play hide-and-seek. It's most entertaining to follow his adventures here and equally amusing to read about bureaucratic efforts to invoke a law, forcing the Goodridges to relinquish their "child." [October]

DAUGHTERS AND MOTHERS:

Mothers and Daughters. *Signe Hammer.* Quadrangle/New York Times, \$8.95

Variations on the women's liberation theme are still being spun off, and Signe Hammer does not make waves or augur future shock in the women's struggle but her book does get a lot of dialogue going. The dialogue, in fact, consists of taped conversations among a group of mothers, daughters and grandmothers—some 75 partaking. Certainly here's an across-the-board view of the way recent generations of women have thought and responded to their hitherto assigned roles in society—and for many this will be enlightening reading and an authentic "inside" view of probably most women's lives in our time. Signe Hammer (she previously edited "Women: Body and Culture") invokes

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