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CORRESPONDENCE

'Carbis' Was Known In Stage Coach Days

To the Editor of "The St. Ives Times"

Dear Sir,—In yesterday's "The St. Ives Times," it is stated that the name "Carbis Bay" was invented by the Great Western Railway Company.

In the eighteenth edition of "Paterson's Roads," which appears to have been printed in the year 1831, there are details of a route from Penzance to St. Ives, as follows:

From St. Ives	From	From Penzance
10½	Penzance, Cornwall	
	Along the coast, to	
8½	Junction of the road, (Forward to Marazion 1m.)	2½
6½	Crowlis	4
5½	White Cross	4½
4½	Higher Treloweth	5½
3½	Lelant	7½
1½	CHIENGWHEEL CARBIS	9½
	St. Ives	10½

Thus the name "Carbis" seems to have been known in the days of stage coaches, but the spelling of Chiengwheel has since been altered.

There is also a note: "There is another road from Penzance to St. Ives, by GULVALL and NANCLEDRY, over the mountains, distance about 8 miles; but it is not passable for carriages." The spelling of Gulvall and Nancledry is exactly as printed in the book. There is no mention of "Carpis Water" in the book.

Yours faithfully,

F. A. FOWLER.

Kernow,
Carbis Bay.

October 30, 1954.

Save For England

From Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edward Bolitho

Dear Sir,—Doubtless thousands of Cornish men and women heard the Duke of Edinburgh broadcast over the wireless in connection with the new Savers Campaign, when Lord Mackintosh aims at getting a further two million. In the past Cornwall has always played its part, and more than its part. The target set for the county is 10,000 new savers before the end of March. Surely we can do this. Do you remember what the Duke of Edinburgh said?—"Saving should become a habit." What better advice could any man give?

May I say "save in case of a rainy day and money is urgently needed: save for a fine day so that you can have a good holiday, or possibly buy something you really want and, finally, save because in doing so you are helping our great country—England?"

I feel sure that all mayors and chairmen of the councils will play their part.

Yours faithfully,

E. H. W. BOLITHO,

H.M. Lieutenant for Cornwall.

Trenwainton,
Penzance.

October 27, 1954.

Impressions of America

Mr. Colin Haycraft of Torquay, who stud-

TOPICS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY was Halloween—or All Hallow's Eve—but as the festival bears no relation to church observance, and probably had its origin in pagan times, it was celebrated on Saturday by most people who still keep up the old custom.

In St. Ives some of the Halloween "rites" were revived in a jolly romp organised by the West Cornwall Scottish Association. But in days gone by the extraordinary notions connected with the festival were taken very seriously. Apart from the belief that Halloween was the night set apart for a universal walking abroad of spirits, it was regarded also as the time for prophecy in love affairs. "And many lads' and lassies' fates are there that night decided," sang Robert Burns.

One custom was for a lassie to eat an apple before a looking-glass with a view to discovering her future husband, whom she believed would be seen peeping over her shoulder.

"Wee Jenny to her granny says:

'Will ye go wi' me, Granny?

I'll eat the apple at the glass,

I gat frae uncle Johnny'."

"Indifferent Substitute"

One of the more sportive ceremonies was diving and ducking for apples in tubs of water. At Saturday's St. Ives party, this custom was modified by dropping table forks from a height and trying to spear the floating apples.

In Chamber's Book of Dates reference is made to this modern tendency of turning what used to be a manly display of Halloween aquatics into a mere exhibition of marksmanship, and it is suggested that the modern game was introduced by "some tender mammas, timorous on the subject of their offspring catching cold It forms, however, but a very indifferent substitute for the joyous merriment of ducking and diving."

But, fond mammas apart, even Scotsmen on Halloween are conscious of their obligation not to turn a restaurant into a swimming bath.

Lucky Landing

FLYING home from Majorca after a fortnight's holiday in the sun, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hirth, the St. Ives photographers, were two of 13 passengers on a Viking air-liner making its 13th and last flight on that particular route.

The circumstance was either lucky or unlucky, whichever way you look at it. For after flying for half-an-hour with trouble in its starboard engine, and gradually losing height, the aircraft made a perfect forced landing near Orleans.

"Fortunately we had cleared the Pyrenees when the plane gave a lurch and the starboard engine began to belch smoke," Mr. Hirth told me on Monday. "We were instructed to put on our safety belts. Everyone remained calm, but it was the worst half-hour I have ever experienced in my life."

After landing at Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Hirth and their fellow passengers travelled by train to Paris and from there flew home by Elizabethan.

Space for Sitting

If you wish to take your own deck chair on to the beach at St. Ives without paying a fee for the privilege of doing so, you must sit at extreme low water during an abnormal spring tide. And what is more, you must convey your chair to the beach by boat, otherwise you will be carrying it over corporation property and in consequence will still be liable to a charge if you sit upon it on the beach at extreme low water.

There is one other way to dodge the fee imposed by the corporation for sitting on your own chair on your beach, and that is by suspending the chair by helicopter over the bit of beach that takes your fancy. App-

shore for bathing and recreation only the right to use it in connection with the purposes of navigation.

The foreshore, for the purpose of navigation, is that part of the shore high and low water medium tide. The Corporation not only owns all the land in the borough, with one exception, but also the land from high water mark met to and including the rocks.

So, good citizens, let's face it: a leg to stand on—nor a chair to sit on—unless we pay up and look pleasant. We take our chairs to the beach during the autumn and the attendants are at home to toes by the fire.

Crying Shame

THE Town Crier, St. Ives Tradition have been officially appointed as such. In that case who may be the Crier? No-body seems to know, the answer is that, like Topsy, he is not.

But if the office is not official, stop Tom, Dick or Harry equip with a nice pair of breeches and shoes and a wig and doing a broadcast in the streets, the aid of a silver-plated microphone put this question to the Town Crier he said with a smile. "We shall have to take steps if too many people have that idea."

I rang up Lyme Regis and found out how their celebrated town crier, Mr. John Fowley (population 3,200) crier official status. His uniform, the corporation, was passed down to him by his predecessor. He renovated it himself and has just been equipped with a new

Uniform Gifts

Fowley's O rare Ben Johnson, Britain's champion town crier, appointed nor kitted-up by the corporation, but he receives a grant of three pounds a year when he goes to Haslemere for his annual competition. His press was provided by Lady Du Maurier, who is soon to have a new outfit, provided by other well-wisher in recognition of his championship honours.

"Mr. Johnson is neither a paid nor a salaried man," said the Town Clerk. "But he is a civic function. I don't know how much he is paid."

What happens when Mr. Johnson dies? "Well," said the Town Clerk, "about 40, but when he retires, we appoint a successor."

John R.

Carbis Bay Observed
All Saints' Day

Carbis Bay Parish Church observed the annual festival on Sunday—All Saints' Day—with Festal Ives, which there was a procession.

There was a large congregation at the service was conducted by the Vicar, A. S. Roberts (Rural Dean), and the organist was Mr. Kenneth Olds.

Scottish Dancing

There were many new faces at the Scottish dancing club when the St. Ives Club's winter season of Scottish dancing began. The dances, which are arranged by the Ladies' Committee, were held each Tuesday. Among the new recruits are Commandos in training at

Footballers Hold S

Members of Carbis Bay United Football Club rounded off a successful season on Saturday with a social at