

The St. Ives Times

2d.

Founded 1910. Circulates in St. Ives, Carbis Bay, Lelant, Halsetown, Hayle and District

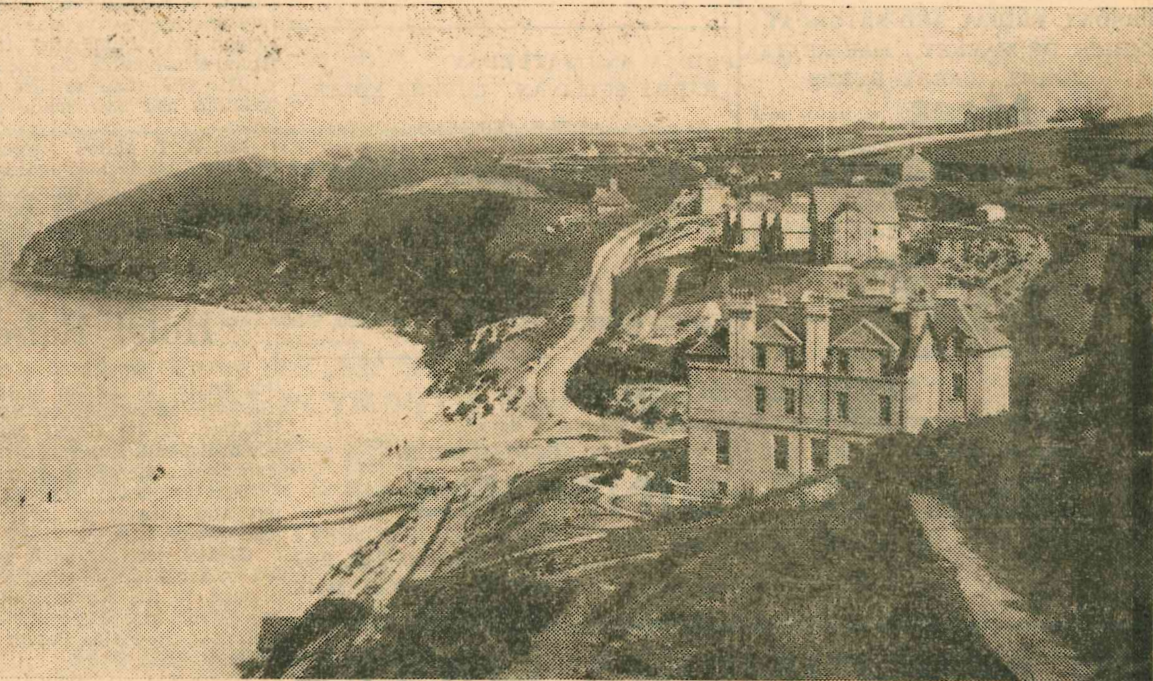
No. 2298

Registered as a Newspaper.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1954

Published Every Friday

HOW CARBIS BAY WAS 'INVENTED'



Once 'Barrepta Cove'

"CARBIS BAY" was invented by the Great Western Railway Company. Of course, this bay within a bay was always there, but before the coming of the railway it was known to some of the fishermen—it had no "official name"—as Barrepta Cove, and by others as Barrippa Cove. The name is a corruption of a Cornish descriptive of its topographical character.

In its original form, the expression was probably Bar (high)—ryp (adjoining)—with (a beach), although some etymologists argue that it was a corruption of the French Beau Repaire.

The change of nomenclature to "Carbis Bay" came about in an almost casual way. At the head of the valley, through which a stream, was a tiny hamlet called Carpis Water. Well, thought somebody on the railway executive, "Barrepta" wasn't such a name for a prospective pleasure beach; "Carpis" wasn't very euphonious; and "Water"—well, water did less than justice to the sapphire seas that flooded the cove.

So it was, that the name "Carbis Bay" appeared on the station signboard. Just like that; and "Carbis Bay" it has been ever since.

LOST INDUSTRIES

The top picture, taken soon after the building of the Carbis Bay Hotel, in the right foreground, in 1892, depicts a very different scene from that presented before the coming of the railway. Up to about the middle of the Eighteenth Century, the beach, like the fishing industry, served the purposes of the fishing industry. Capstans for warping in the big pilchard nets studded the shore. There were, too, several small wooden huts. These were used by men engaged in another lost industry, tin-streaming. The metal was brought down to the shore from Providence Mine by the river, which has its source near Worvas.

The tin deposits, "washed," from the stream, were originally carried inland on

pack-horses. With the coming of wheeled vehicles, a primitive form of bridge was constructed across the stream at a point some way up the valley. And, in a devious way, that was how the name "Carpis" came about, for "Carpis" is a Cornish word meaning "Cartbridge."

Reverting to the Carbis Bay of the picture, in one of the three villas visible above the chimneys of the hotel, lived, in retirement, Mr. Josiah Thomas, for many years the most prominent figure in the Cornish mining industry which, in the middle of the Nineteenth Century, was producing nearly half the tin used in the world and three quarters of the copper.

Perhaps the biggest single contribution to that great output was Dolcoath Mine, of which Mr. Josiah Thomas was the controller.

In another of the villas resided one of his sons, Mr. J. Vivian Thomas, who practised

as a solicitor at Penzance; was for several years a member of the Penzance Council; and became Mayor of the town in the early Nineties.

The isolated building at the right-hand top corner was—and, since enlarged, still is—"Hendra's Hotel."

DONKEYS AND CREAM TEAS

What looks, with its white rails, like a miniature race-course in the middle background, was a picnic ground.

With the coming of the railway, "picnicking" at Carbis Bay became very popular with Cornish folk. "Sunday School treats" were annual events, and it was to "Payne's Picnic Grounds" at Carbis Bay that the children, each carrying a mug and an enormous saffron bun, journeyed.

There were swings and donkey rides for the youngsters, and, for their elders, little

(Continued on Page 2)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1st for 3 days
RITA HAYWORTH, JOSE FERRER,
ALDO RAY

Miss Sadie Thompson

From Somerset Maugham's story (A)
Daily at 3-40, 6-10, 8-40

UNIVERSAL NEWS

3-25, 5-55, 8-30

SAGINAW TRAIL
2-30, 5-05, 7-40

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

DERRICK DE MARNEY, HARRIETTE
JOHNS, LARRY BURNS

Meet

Mr. Callaghan

A murder and detection drama (A)
Daily at 2-40, 5-40, 8-40

UNIVERSAL NEWS

2-30, 5-30, 8-30

SINGAPORE
4-10, 7-10

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, for 2 days

RICHARD CARLSON, BARBARA RUSH,

CHARLES DRAKE

It Came From Outer Space

A planet monster drama (A)

Daily at 6-25, 8-40

LOVE, HONOUR AND OH BABY

5-30, 7-45

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

BARRY SULLIVAN, LUTHER ADLER,

ADELE JERGENS

The Miami Story

A crime action drama (A)

Daily at 6-35, 9-00

CHINA VENTURE

Edmond O'Brien

5-20, 7-50

SPECIALISED FILMS

At the SCALA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, for 2 days

PIERRE FRESNAY, MADELEINE ROBINSON, DANIEL GELIN

ISLE OF SINNERS

A thrilling French Island drama (A)

Daily at 6-00, 8-30

and, FULL SUPPORTING PROGRAMME

PALACE CINEMA, HAYLE

Telephone: HAYLE 3261

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, November 1 and 2

STEVE COCHRAN, "WILDFIRE" (the Wonder Horse)

THE LION AND THE HORSE

In Warnercolor (U) 6-00, 9-00
Frank Lovejoy THE SYSTEM 7-20

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, November 3 and 4

JANE WYMAN, STERLING HAYDEN, with NANCY OLSEN, STEVE FORREST

SO BIG

(U) 5-45, 8-45 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO STORY

Joel McCrea, Yvonne de Carlo

7-10 p.m.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, November 5 and 6

AKIM TAMIROFF, DONALD SINDEN, SARAH LAWSON

YOU KNOW WHAT SAILORS ARE

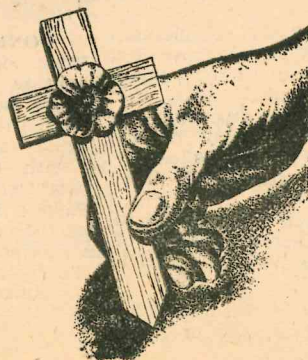
In Technicolor (U) 6-00, 9-05 (Sat. 2-55)

Audrey Hepburn, Jules Munshin MONTE CARLO BABY (U) 7-25 (Sat. 1-30 4-25)

Remember POPPY DAY

BRITISH LEGION, HAIG'S FUND
PALL MALL, LONDON, S.W.1

(Registered under the War Charities Act 1940)



This space
given by
**Watters
& Cock**

Because of lack of public support for St. Ives Rotary Club's Christmas tree effort last year, there is a possibility that there will be no illuminated tree in the town centre this Christmas.

St. Ives Traders' Association are concerned about this, and at their meeting on Tuesday it was decided that the committee should approach the Rotary Club with an offer of support and a contribution towards expenses should the Rotary Club agree to erect a Christmas tree again.

Mr. J. R. Carver, chairman, said the committee felt that the custom was desirable if only for the sake of the children.

Major C. J. Chapman said that although he was in sympathy with the idea of a town Christmas tree, he thought the site chosen for it in recent years was unsuitable. A possible alternative was the Malakoff, on which an illuminated tree could be seen from considerable distances.

The chairman replied that various suggestions had been made as to alternative sites.

Mr. E. T. Marsh suggested that if the Rotary Club decided against a tree this year, the Chamber of Commerce might be asked to arrange one. This would bring the hoteliers as well as traders into the effort.

Harvest Service At Hotel Raises £25

When he conducted a harvest thanksgiving service in the bar of the Western Hotel, St. Ives, on Sunday evening, the Rev. P. J. Moffett, of the Royal Naval Air Station, Culdrose, said this was a new experience for him which he found stirring.

The bar, beautifully decorated with flowers and sheaves of corn, was crowded for the service.

Glasses were put aside and everyone joined heartily in singing the old harvest hymns, to the accompaniment of a piano played by Mr. W. Temlett, organist of St. John's-in-the-Fields Parish Church, Halse-town.

There was an abundance of fruit, vegetables, produce and other gifts of various kinds, brought by customers of the hotel, and after the service these were auctioned off by Mr. Hubert Dunn, of James Lanham Ltd.

Bidding was generous and as a result of the sale and a collection taken at the service, over £25 was raised for Group Captain Leonard Cheshire's home appeal.

Death of Mr. E. P. Peak

Mr. Edward Peters Peak, who was for 34 years employed at St. Ives General Post Office, died on Sunday at his home, 15, Wesley Place, St. Ives. He was aged 69.

A native of St. Ives, Mr. Peak joined the Post Office staff as a youth. He served in the Royal Navy during the first world war, and returned to the Post Office after demobilisation. At one time he was employed as caretaker-telephone operator, and has also served as auxiliary postman.

Mr. Peak leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Money Matters

The St. Ives Borough Treasurer, Mr. W. Scott, addressed St. Ives Wesley Men's Meeting on municipal finance, explaining the system by which money obtained through the rates was apportioned and distributed.

His interesting talk gave rise to plenty of discussion and he was thanked by the chairman, the Rev. R. Hubert Luke.

CARBIS BAY STORY

(Continued from Page 1)

wooden huts, with thatched roofs, where "cream teas" were served.

The "cream tea" tradition is maintained in the modern "Payne's Picnic Grounds." One of the founder's descendants, Mr. John Payne, has been a member of St. Ives Town Council for several years, was elected Alderman in 1953, and was Mayor in 1949-50.

Under the headland, called Carrack Gladden Point, are what, to the uninitiated, looks like two caves. In reality they are entrances to two adits leading to the shafts of an old mine.