

SHOREHAM SCRIBE

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SHOREHAM 25 YEARS AGO

By A.W. Varian

On one's arrival by train at Shoreham 25 years ago (and there were very few automobiles in those days) one ascended the steps in front of the present station and his or her eyes rested pleasantly on a trim young woman in a dark blue uniform; skirt to the heels; jacket drawn in at the waist line in that wasp like fashion of those days, puffed sleeves; regulation military collar on jacket with letters in gold "L.I.R.R."; regulation railroad hat with the words "Station Agent" in gold letters. This young woman greeted all arrivals with sparkle in her eyes. She was not only station agent but she operated a farm and was post mistress and telegraph operator at Shoreham. This was Miss Sadie Randall, now perhaps better known to the newer inhabitants as Mrs. James Robinson. Sadie discarded the uniform when she received notice from the company that all railroad employees were required to keep their pants in press and would be subject to periodic inspections.

Passing Sadie, you located the conveyance to take you a mile further on to the village. The conveyance was an old time stage coach that had two long seats on each side. It would seat about twenty people. It was hauled by two horses, both over slightly thin. Polvent, the Frenchman, generally known as "Frenchy", drove it. In the cooler weather the floor was strewn with straw. It operated from the station to the Shoreham Inn, via Woodville Road, stopping at all crossroads. It met all trains, The roads were then all plain dirt roads, mostly sand. When Frenchy could get the team going faster than a walk, the dust would fly. After you knew the way, you generally walked, starting up the Briar Cliff Road and then cutting through the woods on a path that lead to the Woodville Road at a point half-way between the railroad crossing and the present store.

Continued next week.

EUROPEAN GARDENS

Saturday evening, July 21st, at the Shoreham Club, Loutrel W. Briggs, landscape architect, will give a lecture, illustrated with lantern slides, on the gardens of Europe. Mr. Briggs was formerly head of the department of Landscape Architecture at the New York School of Fine and Applied Art, during which time he took a party of students to Italy, France, and England for the purpose of studying the garden design of those countries. His talk is arranged to be both instructive and entertaining, and contains many practical points for the amateur gardener. A number of the slides show interesting views of places not generally known or seen by the traveller. After the lecture, Mr. Briggs will be glad to answer questions relating to garden design.

By the way, Mr. Briggs is the owner of "Catfish Row", made famous in the Theatre Guild Production of "Porgy", where it appears as a negro tenement; its status before its recent reclamation. Now it has acquired respectability without loss of its quaint atmosphere and is one of the sights shown to tourists who visit old Charleston, S. C. "Catfish Row" will again be seen on the stage when George Gershwin completes the music for the new opera based on the original play "Porgy".

Among the garden organizations before which Mr. Briggs has lectured on various phases of garden design, are; The Horticultural Society of New York, The International Garden Club, the local clubs of Greenwich and Stamford, Conn., Pelham Manor, New York, Albany, New York, Charleston and Columbia, in South Carolina, and the Convention of Federated Clubs at Miami, Fla. He has designed a number of estates and gardens on L.I., in Westchester County, and also in the south. An article by him on old Charleston gardens appeared in the recent May issue of House and Garden.

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SUNDAY NIGHT SONG SERVICE

Mr. Edward F. Stevens attracted a large attendance to the first Song Service of the season last Sunday evening. Mrs. Lucian A. Eddy assisted by playing the piano while Mrs. John Bates lead the singing.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1934

Saturday, July 14 Shipwreck Dance
 Tuesday, July 17 Children's Dance
 Saturday, July 21 European Gardens Illustrated
 Tuesday, July 24 Children's Dance
 Friday, July 27 Miniature Players
 Saturday, July 28 Charade Night-Dance
 Tuesday, July 31 Children's Dance
 Saturday, August 4 Monte Carlo Night
 Tuesday, August 7 Children's Dance
 Saturday, August 11 Dance
 Tuesday, August 14 Children's Dance
 Saturday, August 18 Strolling Players
 Tuesday, August 21 Children's Dance
 Saturday, August 25 Shoreham Follies
 Tuesday, August 28 Children's Party
 Saturday, Sept. 1 Cabaret Night
 Monday, Sept. 3 Tennis Tournament
 Community Services every Sunday night during July and August.

SHIPWRECK DANCE ON JULY 14th

On Saturday night, July 14, there will be a Shipwreck Costume Dance with a dance orchestra playing the latest popular music. Come as if you dressed in great haste, anything from First Class to Steerage, or native. Masks to be worn for grand march. Bring a surprise package to be sold at auction (something that might have been salvaged). There will be a Club Surprise Package too. Tables may be reserved ahead. Charge, one dollar per person and half-price for children.

NEW ROPE TO RAFT

Mr. Edwin D. Belknap, personally, has added another safety line from the large float to the shore with twenty corks forming an enclosure from which inexperienced swimmers may not be carried by strong tides.

SWIMMING EVENTS

Saturday afternoon, July 21, at three o'clock there will be speed swimming races for boys and girls of all ages.

MINIATURE PLAYERS

C. Robert Kase, Director of Dramatics and English at the University of Delaware has kindly consented to coach the young boys for the Miniature Players Group.

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ON BIRDS

Many of the Shoreham Garden Club members made the trip to Belle Terre Manor last Monday to hear Mr. William Vogt, Curator of the Jones Beach State Bird Sanctuary, deliver his lecture on Birds.

All the Garden Clubs in this section subscribed to this meeting and each was well represented at the lecture. It was a large and responsive audience.

Mr. Vogt devoted his time on this occasion to a description of the life and habits of the Marsh Birds, the Shore Birds and the Water Fowl of Long Island. His talk proved most interesting and instructive. In the opinion of those present the trip was well worth the effort.

The Shoreham Garden Club meets next at the home of Mrs. DeWitt Bailey, on July 17, at 2.30 p.m. This meeting is the second in a series of three informal flower exhibits arranged for the purpose of instructing the members on judging.

Susan Bird Miles, now aged 4, directed her birthday party, July 9th, with great success. She expressed definite ideas to the men arranging the table and had no difficulty seating her guests according to her own plan. As to tearful guests, Sue was heard to announce, "I'm very sorry, but we don't want cry-babies." Her guests were, Pamila Miles, Judy Kase, Mary Varian, Christopher Birch, Tony Hapgood, John Hapgood, Sonny Nulty, Croquet on the lawn, an exciting peanut hunt and frantic attempts to pin the tail on the donkey were among the games with which Sue amused her friends. A gallon of ice cream had been provided - not to mention the birthday cake and numerous other goodies, so a good time was had by all.

Both Grandmothers, Mrs. Herbert G. Miles, and Mrs. John W. Queen, and her Aunt, Miss Lola F. Miles, were here for the occasion.

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SHOREHAM TIDES

July	(High)	(Low)
13	12:46 AM 1:19 PM	6:43 AM 7:16 PM
14	1:16 " 1:46 "	7:13 " 7:43 "
15	1:49 " 2:17 "	7:46 " 8:14 "
16	2:26 " 2:53 "	8:23 " 8:50 "
17	3:06 " 3:32 "	9:03 " 9:29 "
18	3:50 " 4:16 "	9:47 " 10:13 "
19	4:36 " 5:04 "	10:33 " 11:01 "

Average rise of tide about 7 feet.

Temperature of water last week about 72°F
 (on warm days)

Shoreham is about 70 miles from New York City by Automobile - Easily made in 2 hours. About 27 miles across the Sound is New Haven.

WATCH OUT

There are a number of people who walk to the village store, nightly, in Shoreham for the mail and for the walk. They are inclined to be careless, especially the younger people, and walk nonchalantly in the middle of the road. This is very exasperating for the drivers because they can see only as far ahead as their headlights will permit, which isn't very far. A driver may not see a person walking on the dark, unlighted roads and serious consequences may result. It is just as easy to walk on the side of the road and save our drivers that much worry.

LE DERNIER CRI

Mrs. Donald B. Upham was seen wearing the latest thing in necklaces. It is made of Shoreham's own beautiful little sea shells

Mr. Frank E. Beckwith celebrates his tenth anniversary in Shoreham on July 28.

PLAY AT PORT JEFFERSON

The Blackfriar Guild Players of Port Jefferson are offering on July 17th and 18th at the Port Jefferson Theatre, Clare Kummer's delightful comedy, "Pomeroy's Past". For the first time in the history of the Blackfriars, this play is being double cast. With the exception of the role which Miss Murry plays, each part is played by two people. The part of Pomeroy is played by Alfred Anderson and Lawrence Bachman. Evelyn Rowley and Irma Lawrence will pose as Mary Thorne. Edward March is portrayed by Harry Purvis. Others who lend their talent to make this probably the most outstanding effort of the little theatre group to date, are: Margery Kuehn, Nancy Olsen, Veronica Matfield, Judy Hancock, Henry and Fredrick Trinkhaus, Louis Dondero, Bud Heatley and Clement Atkinson.

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A LITTLE NOOK

New arrivals in Shoreham ask where the nearest Tea Room is - something different and distinctive. Most all Shorehamites have at sometime visited the Orchard Tea Room in Coram, within ten miles of Shoreham. It is a quaint two hundred year old house on the middle island road. Many women from the Hamptons drop in here in the afternoon for tea. If you look thru the register as you enter, you will see in it the names of many Shorehamites. Tell Jessie (of the laughing eyes) that you are from Shoreham and maybe you will get an extra large piece of their famous chocolate or orange cake.

NEW FIRE HYDRANT

A new fire hydrant has been installed at the entrance to the Florence Lee Finn's property. This will be the seventeenth to be installed by the Village of Shoreham.

AIRPLANE SERVICE

A single winged hydroplane dropped down in the water off Shoreham Beach the other day and towed to shore three canoes

SHOREHAMITEMS

By Jane Eddy

Mrs. Norman Zeno, for many years a summer resident of Shoreham, has returned to be the guest of Mrs. Claude V. Pallister for a week. Her many friends are happy to greet her again and numerous informal social gatherings have been held in her honor.

Miss Peggy Elliott is visiting Mrs. Munroe Howse in Naples, New York for three weeks.

Miss Janet Waters has changed her plan to go out West and will, to the delight of her many friends, remain in Shoreham for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Varian Jr. and daughter are spending two weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Varian.

Mrs. Hawkshurst is spending a week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cary D. Waters.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Savage are staying at the "Maples" for the week-end.

Mrs. James Conahan and daughter are occupying the Sherman house for the season.

Mr. John Healy was unable to visit Miss Mary Ida Cross, but Mr. John Ealy is her guest instead.

Mrs. Hanford Wentforth Eldridge will stay at the "Maples Hotel" for the summer.

Grace Ann Nulty is one year old on July 13th. Lucky 13!

LOST & FOUND

A pair of child's water wings were lost on the beach near Black Rock. If they are found, kindly return them to the Post Office for Mrs. H. W. Rudolph.

FLASH, FLASH, FLASH,

By "Walter Twitchell"

Donald B. Upham received a calling-down the other day from the Belknap's maid, when he delivered some squab late. Donald had good-naturedly tried to help out when the "S.Q.S." truck broke down by delivering personally. When Mrs. Belknap looked from the window and saw Mr. Upham getting into his car with a broad grin, and then later heard what happened, she nearly passed out.

Mr. and Mrs. Belknap are going away for a two week cruise - and rest.

Margaret Haggood Birch got a ticket for speeding at the junction of the Middle Island Road and the Radio Road a few days ago because she thought the cop's motorcycle couldn't go as fast as her Buick which was going eighty miles-an-hour.

A subscriber asks if the yellow trousers seen at different times on various members of the Hughes family are the same pair. The answer is "no, one pair buttons on the side."

Tommy Miles says an apple a day keeps the doctor away - especially Hildrick's aged in wood.

Richard and Sonny Rowley's farewell cruise among the porpoises, aboard the Drayton is still a topic of conversation. Most of Shoreham's youthful population were invited.

The High Tea Party given by Dr. and Mrs. Henry J. Kohlmann was a delightful affair. Do it again, Doctor, when you return from Europe.

PORT JEFFERSON THEATRE

- FRI. 13 "THE CRIME DOCTOR" with Otto Kruger, Karen Moreley, Mils Asther
SAT. 14 (Double Feature program, evening performance starts at 6:30 P.M. and matinee prices prevail until 7 P.M.)
"WHIRLPOOL" with Jack Holt, Jean Arthur and Lila Lee - Also Paul Lucas and Fay Wray in "COUNTESS OF MONTE CRISTO"
SUN. 15 "WE'RE NOT DRESSING" with Carol Lombard, Bing Crosby, Burns-Allen
TUE. 17 Jack Oakie and Victor McLaghlen
WED. 18 in "MURDER AT THE VANITIES"
THU. 19 Bette Davis, Donald Woods and
FRI. 20 Margaret Lindsay "FOG OVER FRISCO"

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- SAT 14. "PRIVATE SCANDAL" Mary Brian and Philip Holmes - also Tom Tyler in "WHEN A MAN RIDES ALONE"
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