



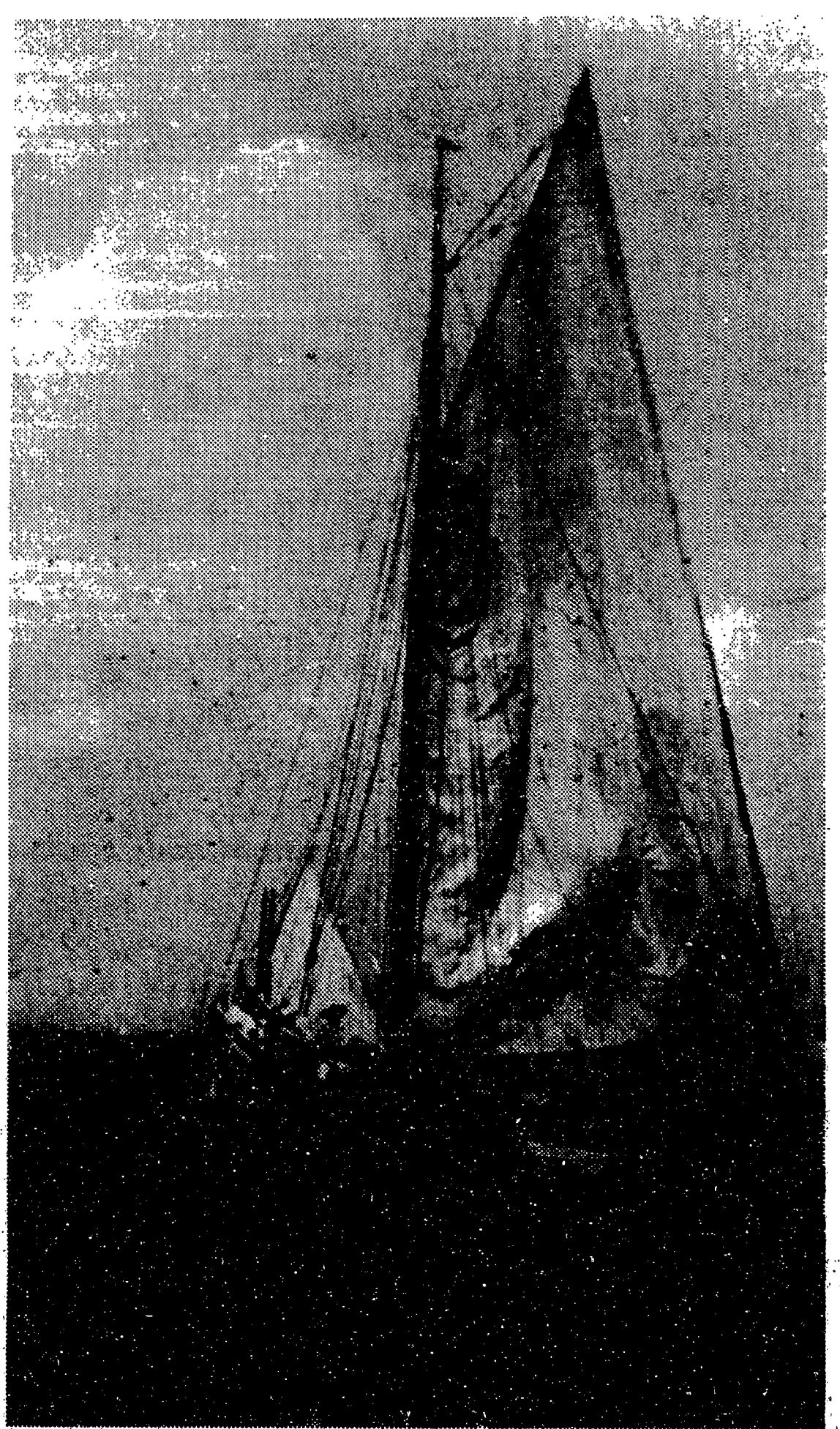
## Reflections of the Past

by Ruth Dougherty

In the early 1900s, the "Emma Crum" (right) was the ferry that left the dock at the foot of Candee Avenue, Sayville, and sailed to Water Island, today known as Barrett Beach. The fare was 35¢ roundtrip, and the boat accommodated only a few passengers. The length of the voyage depended upon the wind. Sometimes there was none, so a calm day made for a long sail.

Seventy-nine years ago, this family-sail (above) occurred aboard a party boat on the way to Water Island. The boat probably sailed out of Browns River. At left is Claude Gentry. The other two men are not identified, but one was probably the skipper of the boat. The young lady was Claude's daughter, Claudia Gentry Wilson. Others were Mrs. Baumfort, Miss Sanger (the maid), Alice Gentry DeVoe and Arthur DeVoe. The others are not identified. The Gentrys for many years had a summer home on Colton Avenue, Sayville. Claudia Gentry Wilson, the young lady pictured, died this past March at age 99 in Baldwin where she lived with her son, William.

This fine old photo is from William Wilson. It was taken when sails were the power for excursion boats and the folks dressed quite formally and protected from the sun to take sail across the Bay and to sit on the ocean shore. ■



**90** The Ladies Aid Society of the First Reformed Church of West Sayville had elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Peter DeGraff; Vice President, Mrs. Jack Buys; Secretary, Miss Johanna Van Essendelft and Treasurer, Mrs. Tunis Buys.

Nine converts to the faith of the Seventh-Day Adventists had been baptized in the Mill Pond in the presence of several hundred spectators.

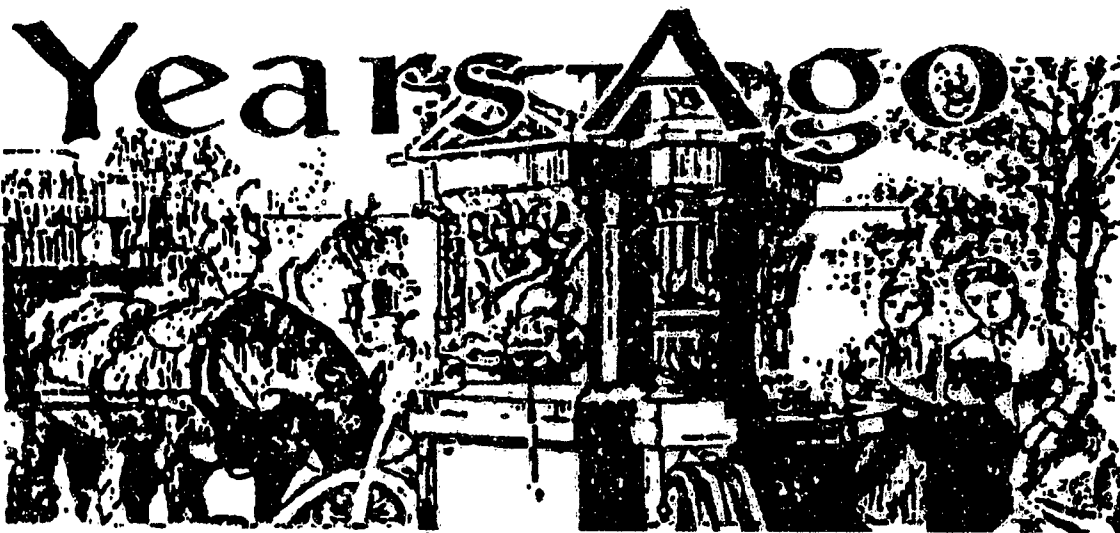
G.W. Rogers and Sons, of Bayport, were advertising brick and loose ice cream at 30 cents a quart.

Miss Irene Seaman of Brooklyn had been married to Peter Kaan of West Sayville.

**80** Captains August Bahr and Leonard Beebe, accompanied by Ira Beebe, had witnessed the dramatic holdup of an Austrian freighter by the British cruiser Essex off Fire Island Light. The Austrian vessel, however, had left port before war was declared and was finally allowed to proceed to New York.

A victory for the small fishermen of the Great South Bay had been accomplished in the conviction of two Patchogue men on a charge of operating a beam trawl in the main channel at Fire Island.

**70** The following had been elected directors of the Sayville Golf Club for two years: John P. Zerega, Franklin H. Miles, Charles G. Raynor, Sydney A. Jackson, Russell J. Perrine and John



H.A. Sansom.

The 65-foot sloop "Five Brothers" owned by the Schaper Bros. of West Sayville, but operated by a Nantucket crew of four, had been sunk and wrecked beyond repair near Northport.

The business and plant of the Sayville Hygeia Ice Co., founded nearly 30 years before by C.M. Rogers, had been sold to the Knickerbocker Ice Co.

**60** "Sistie" and "Buzzie" Dall, President Roosevelt's grandchildren, were visiting in Bay Shore under the guard of Secret Service agents, after a kidnap threat.

A branch store of the National 5-10-25 Cent Department Stores was about to open here in the Arata Building with Jacob Strasser in charge.

Emile Openhym, 71 years old, had died in Miami. For 18 years, he was a resident of Sayville.

**50** Joseph Klecak had died after a short illness at the age of 61 years.

Pfc. Edward Septa of Bohemia had been killed in action in the Pacific. He was 32 years old.

Miss Lilian Campbell of Sayville had been married to Edwin Goral of Hartford, Connecticut.

Cpl. Victor F. Ruzicka and Pfc. Francis P. Mens of Bayport had been wounded in action.

**40** Residents of the Colony Drive section of West Sayville had organized to protest a zone change to prevent the erection of a \$2,000,000 shopping center in Oakdale.

**30** Islip Councilman Herman Hamner was pushing for the creation of a sewer system to halt the annoying growth of seaweed and stop the bay from becom-

ing polluted.

Sayville couple Mr. and Mrs. George Osika and their children were preparing to leave on a three-year stay in Argentina to help the poor in that country.

A Bohemia woman, Mrs. Mary L. Peterson, and her family had been found safe in the Adirondacks after having been reported lost overnight in the woods there.

**20** A legislative hearing had been held in Hauppauge to discuss major ways in which town government could be restructured. Chief among the suggestions was to make the job of town supervisor an executive position.

Voters were about to go to the polls to decide whether or not to build a library in the Connetquot School District. The district was the only one in western Suffolk without such a facility.

Sayville civic leaders John Astor and Charles Ehrenberg were about to be honored for their contributions to community life.

A hundred-year-old shed which had been moved to Broadway Park in Sayville and was to be restored had been overturned and nearly destroyed by vandals. ■