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The Whidbey Island Story-

North, Central and South Whidbey

Oak Harbor is the business center of North Whidbey, with modern shopping facilities, excellent schools, theater, bowling, restaurants and motels. Located on a natural harbor, its water ront forms part of a municipally owned Beach Park, where an Olympic-size tidal pool, children's wading pools and play equipment is installed. Another portion of the waterfront is also city-owned and is being developed into a public small-boat harbor and marina.

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As might be expected on an Island, emphasis is on water sports, fishing, beaches, and boating. People respond to their Island environment with boats and fishing gear; the county and town of Oak Harbor furnishes adequate boat ramps and public beaches. At Oak Harbor City Beach this summer a travel-trailer court is also being established, with overnight parking for 28 trailers.

An annual "Old Fashioned Fourth of July" is held in downtown Oak Harbor and at the City Beach Park. Navy groups and civilians work together to produce a "home town" flavored event, beginning with a parade and ending with traditional fireworks on the water-front, Another annual event is the Aug-

Another annual event is the August 13 Boat-e-o and Navy-Neighbor
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Central Whidbey, location of Coupeville, Island County's seat of government, was one of the earliest settled areas in the northeastern part of the State. Situated on a gentle slope of land on Penn Cove where Master Joseph Whidbey anchored his small boat while taking soundings and exploring the shores, the town was named after Captain Thomas Coupe, one of the scores of deep-sea Captains who settled the area.

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Coupeville became the lone surviving settlement of three; the seat of government was originally located at the head of Penn Cove and called Coveland (near San de Fuca) Ebey's Landing was also the site of Whidbey's first permanent settler, Col. Isaac N. Ebey, whose death at the hands of northern B.C. Indians was an early day tragedy. The Landing was used for several years by passing boats with cargo and passengers. But with the establishment of Coupeville, settlers gradually gravitated to this growing pioneer town.

The most prominent attraction of Coupeville is its historic monuments, four Indian blockhouses of the 1850 era located in and near the town. Front Street has well-preserved architecture of early days when water water travel was its only connection with the main-(Continued on page 10)

If you occasionally yearn for the bright lights, but would rather see mountains in the morning and if you feel like moving when you can see your neighbor's chimney smoke, but like being near a modern supermarket—South Whidbey may be for you.

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ern supermarket—South Whidbey may be for you.

Over 70 per cent of South Whidbey is vacant, except for trees and the remaining is almost all farm land. There are, however, stores, churches, underground (elephone wires, a modern grade and high school, a weekly newspaper, two libraries and one incorporated town. There are people, but you don't see most of them—they are hiding down lanes by the beach or back up a hill in the woods. But then some 3,000 part and full-time residents simply don't fill up 40,000 acres.

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But if the population of South Whidbey isn't exactly booming—Langley only incorporated town, has yet to reach 500—no one is crying about it. The advantage as far as they are concerned is the fact they are close to Everett and Seattle, yet cut off from them. Since a large portion of the "newcomers" have come here to escape from smog, noise and a fast pace of life, the 15 minute ride from Mukilteo is more of a blessing than an inconvenience. But if anyone gets (Continued on Page 8)

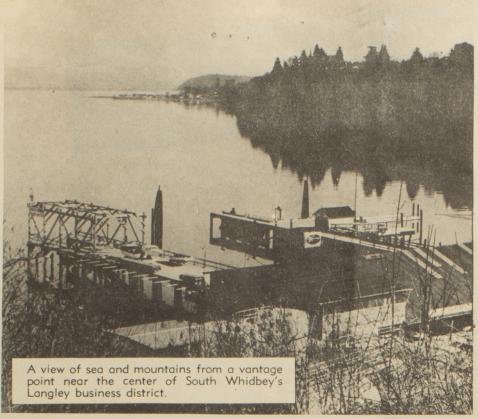
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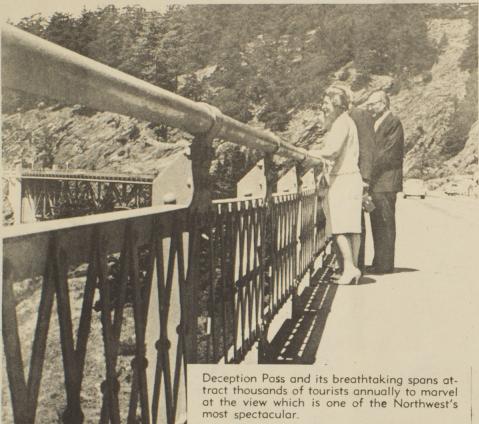
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AN EXCITING PRESENT

Today Whidbey Island has all the charm of the country combined with the facilities and comforts of the city. Whidbey is a land of forests, rail fences, wind swept bluffs and sandy beaches covered with driftwood — a place in which to find relaxation, contentment and enjoyment of life.

Automobile access to Whidbey is by way of the Washington State ferries from Mukilteo or by Highway 525 from Mount Vernon and the Deception Pass Bridge. An increasing number of Northwest residents find the trip an ideal Sunday outing.

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AN HISTORIC PAST

Captain George Vancouver named this land Whidbey's Island in honor of Joseph Whidbey who discovered Deception Pass on June 10, 1792. Later the same year Vancouver sent a small boat to investigate a bay on the Southwest shore of the island. It ran aground so he wrote "Useless" across the chart. Thus, Useless Bay was named.

United States Marshall Anderson took the first Island County census in the fall of 1853. At that time there were 195 inhabitants and 80 voters in the County. (By comparison, King County including Seattle, had only 170 inhabitants and 11 voters.) In 1964 the population of Island County stood at more than 20,000 including about 4,600 military personnel and 700 civil service workers.



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South Whidbey . . . lonely driving down roads all by himself—they would definitely want out of here.

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The Island is famous, as everyone knows, for both its salt and fresh water fishing and saying it again only repeats something you hear all the time. It is important, therefore not to neglect the clam, oyster and crab grounds. In this respect it's a good idea to become chums with one of the "natives" or you will have to discover the best spots all by yourself—and trying to be sneaky by following other people around just won't work because there aren't many people, they go at odd hours and might not appreciate you following them around.

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Islands are notorious for attra-tiong recluses and whether a per-son arrived here to raise thorough-bred race horses or buy a holly

orchard on a bay, they all adore their freedom and privacy. The place is a natural for artists or anyone with an "odd ball" hobby simply because the trees insist on looking windswept, the cliffs spectacular and the beaches empty, but better yet just full of items to collect for that corner by the window.

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Scenery? Did someone mention scenery? Well now if you have one of those hard-to-come-by brochures you will note the following under scenic spots: Possession Point, Glendale, Bush Point, West Beach, Saratora, Halmer, Harber, Mitting Glendale, Bush Point, West Beach, Saratoga, Holmes Harbor, Mutiny Bay and Lone Lake. But this would leave out places like Useless Bay, Baby Island, Cultus Bay, Goss Lake, Deer Lake and of all things South Whidbey State Park. The fact of the matter is if you want to find someplace unscenic you will have to hunt a low place—there are none—in the middle of South Whidbey where you can't see the Puget Sound and the Olympic Range on one side or the Puget Sound and the Cascade Range on the other. You might be able to find a place where you can't see the Sound, but trees and mountains you can't lose them.

And if you plan on submerging

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And if you plan on submerging yourself in the one incorporated town of Langley, its right on the edge of that water and plans to take more advantage of the fact by installing a large boat marina—the present public dock can accommodate beyween 10 and 15 boats. And the setting must be nice because the federal government has decided to make Langley the site of a modern senior citizens village, which will be completed in lage, which will be completed in two years.

Industry? Well there are two saw mills

Property for sale? About 7,000 lots of it.

Fun celebrations? The annual Crab Feed happened in March so the next big event is the Island County Fair, August 26, 27 and 28

at Langley. Clubs? All sorts including hobby groups and an Over-Fifty Club.

History? It's in the brochure—if you can't find one talk to the natives.

Miscellaneous: flowers grow well, the rainfall is less than 20 inches, people say hello when you pass them.

Here's a few places where you can stay for a day or several weeks.

Maxwelton Park: ball park, picnic grounds, kitchen, swimming

South Whidbey State Park: beach, secluded picnic areas.

Dan Porter park in Clinton: ball

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boat storage Shore Meadows: pool, 12 boats, 13 cabins

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North Whidbey .

Salmon barbecue held at the City Beach Park. The public is invited to both of these events.

In 1900 Oak Harbor existed around a cluster of small store buildings on the waterfront. Farming supported the community, but from 1900 to 1920 the town began to grow A cannery, a creamery, docking facilities were added, high school classes opened, and a new elementary school appeared. The town was incorporated with Jerome Ely as its first mayor and Ed Vanderzicht its first town marshall. Churches were built; a high school; an improvement club; a lodge hall. Until 1935 two ferries linked North Whidbey with the mainland; at Deception Pass and between Camano and Olsen's Landing. But with the construction of Deception Pass Brdge, a project of long standing, Whidbey Island was opened to a stream of traffic from the mainland and the beginning of another era.

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Deception Pass State Park is the most popular of all Washington state parks, with both salt and fresh water, camping and trailer sites, and unsurpassed scenery.

In 1941 the Navy arrived to change the economic and cultural status of North Whidbey. The bayside village of less than 700 population is now a well planned third class city with population of 5,000; the district includes a senior high school, a junior high school and four modern elementary schools that rank high in state in educational facilities. Complete shopping and professional services, and available in the community.

Navy people take an active part in community activities, combining ideas from all over the world with pioneer traditions and local customs.

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At present Whidbey Island is on the threshold of another era; the introduction of the A6A jet bomber squadrons, the first on the West Coast. The resulting Navy buildup

of facilities for the A6 program is expected to increase Navy personnel and indirectly the civilian population greatly within the next two years; new businesses and services are mushrooming on North Whidbey; school officials are planning for a substantial increase in population; and activities are being stepped up in preparation for one of the biggest Navy and community developments since 1941.

Central Whidbey.

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land; and its "Port of Sea Captains" history is embelished with the si'ks and satins of the far-east.

Just south of Coupeville lies Admiralty Head where Fort Casey was built in pre-World War I day; and which now is a State Park. The lighthouse is now a ruseum of early-day fort memorablia, and a caretaker oversees the steady stream of tourists who come to inspect the extensive bunkers and cannon placements of the First World War.

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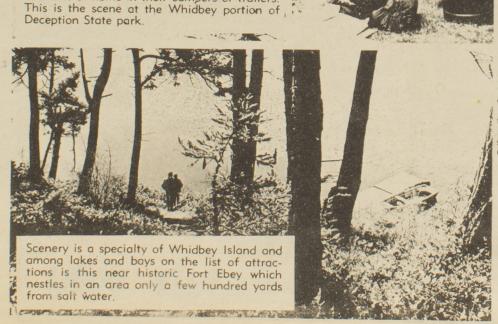
A small close-knit community works for area improvement and cultural advantages. Yearly the Coupeville Festival Days combine an arts and crafts festival on Front Street with a two day salmon derby and Indian barbecue on Sunday to host hundreds of tourists and people from nearby communities. This year the festival will be held August 20-21 and the public is in-August 20-21, and the public is in-

August 20-21, and the public is invited.

County parks near Coupeville include the Keystone Park adjacent to Fort Casey, where there is a boat ramp and trailer park and good fishing. Here also is the Keystone Ferry landing terminal for the ferry between Keystone and Port Townsend on the Olympic just south of Coupeville on highway 525, displays twentyfoot rhododendrons bloom in May.

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