

For a long time, they only had water access, no way they could possibly get to their place through Ungers or Browns, neither the _____ or the Browns wanted to give them access, but eventually Public Works made the Browns give them access, just the corner of one field; Baptys had been grown a big garden, kept sheep.

Jim Monk, early BPS teacher, taught for several years.

Miss Crawford, ~1911-2 teacher @ BPS

How long at that place? 1921 to 1946, when did Donald? start selling, took it over after he came back from overseas, sold the Menhinnick subdivision in 1951, all those waterfront lots were first subdivision ... sold to Beachs, the last part

Peebles, that's other end of the property; Donald Frazer sold it to Vera and Walter Luxton [Samuel Peebles died 2016 August]

Trage and Spikerman just went in for fruit growing, 1500 trees in 1891, legislative records

Ruckle fruit all shipped to the Empress Jam Co. in Vancouver, used apples for filler ... continued until CPR stopped bringing boats into the BP wharf, bec. ferry started running from Swartz to Fulford, put a crimp in all that sort of shipping, because it was handier for us and everybody at Beaver Pt when the boat came in here

BP had boats three days a week, Tues, Thurs, Saturdays

CPR ran to Ganges from Fulford, didn't stop at BP

fruit market -- younger bros, Frank & Donald, started taking it into Victoria after '46, Frank left the farm, Don took over, wasn't terribly successful fruit packer, suffered so terribly his legs as a result of his service, couldn't climb the trees, everything fell apart by about 1948; wasn't a disappointment to sell, didn't get a thing out of it, had nothing when he left the property, moved up to PF, Dawson Cr first, worked on the dam in the office, married a school teacher, she was teaching school, kept the wolf from the door; gradually moved back to the coast, Marj went on teaching

Donald loved to write letters. Wouldn't have been Beaver Pt Park if not for Donald (Frazer). Thought BP Park should be named for Spikerman & Trage. When Ganges decided to close BPSchool & preserve 40 acres in 1951, he got busy with the MLA at that time, got it organized, done

Andrew Stevens always got credit for it, but actually, Winnie Harris has the correspondence that Donald had, certainly was Donald's initiative that started the ball rolling; made Mr. Mouat -- Gavin -- got very angry, wanted to log all that timber. He wouldn't like that

story, no use dragging it up.

Japanese: oh the work those people did ...

Mr. Kinzo, Rev. Wilson referred to, had his own piles, sending to China,

group of Japanese contractors, helping to clear pre-emptors' land, grampa had them, 1870s, 50 cents a day and rice; McLennan had Japanese people from Victoria, contracted the work, who was in charge, I have no idea

one couple on Ruckle farm in a little house in the fir patch, Omadan and his wife, don't know what his last name was ... when daddy was little boy ... still have a photograph of those two, house is incorporated into the pig-pen now

Kahn: 1960s, brother Donald must have sold a piece off ... Leonard was about grade 3

Lotus married 1930 Jul 13

<http://saltspringarchives.com/audio/12aLoutusRuckle.htm>
taped 1977

arrived SSI 1921 Feb 2, 10th birthday
mother and step-father owned all 600 acres of Reginald Hill
father killed in an accident
picked tons of apples for the Empress Jam Co
sheep ran all over Reg Hill
3 bros and a sister -- Ruth, Jack, Lotus, Donald, Frank

BPS, finished out year of 1921, all of '22, wrote gr 8 exams then went to highschool in 1925 in Ganges, boarded at Moaut's boarding house, only member of her family to go to highschool

times very good when came to the island, post-war boom, then things went from bad to worse, were rather poor as children

mother a fine seamstress, sewed all family clothes, down to underwear worked outside with Mr. Menhinnick, learned farm skills
born in St. Paul, MN, lived in Salem and Portland, OR, married in Revelstoke to Fraser, cooked in a bunkhouse, transferred from Salem to Revelstoke

used old Trage house on the property for extra bedrooms; bungalow had been built for Bridgman's hired man, had a v lg front room & fireplace, fairly good sized kitchen, 1 bedroom off the kitchen, 2 bedrooms off the living room

father believed that with good books and a garden, kids won't go very wrong

neighbours -- King family, Monk kids -- names them, Frank Reynolds family

nothing but Little Red School house, no community hall, if you wanted to have anything, it was in different homes

father had been an actor, had his own company, and there were a lot of things left from the Fraser Dramatic Co, esp. wigs

Christmas party at their place, Monks would come, some of the Kings, they'd see all the things we got, then we'd go to their houses to see what they got

lay preacher, Cecil Abbott, put the first organ in the school, he lived in Ganges, father Long Harbour, moved to Victoria, in later years gave away everything they had, believed they didn't need any possessions

Cusheon Cove, went down when the mill was in operation, one girl came to BP school, we went to visit her, walked up through McLennan's

school was focus of social activity; Lotus only had Mr. Monk, and then the last year Miss McQueen, Mr. Monk had left

wanted to be a teacher, no money to go to Normal School
became companion/housekeeper for Mrs. Bridgman, would take that for a year, then go to Normal School, but ended up doing it for Gordon Ruckle, got married

Ingrid Dololman, Mrs. Steven now, lived in Peavine place, started a girls' club, during years Lotus home, met at Peavine place once a week to do embroidery, that kind of thing, started a newspaper, all hand-written, about 10-12 in the club, a schoolgirl had lived with Do-ly, Edna Fraser was one of them, 2 or there the Monk girls, 2 of the Kings, boys collected to walk home with the girls

wrote articles, current gossip about different girls, sheep that eluded capture on Reginald Hill for year, Buck the Big Horn
it was a while before we all had radio, had to make own fun, had a very good time, beach parties, picnics, house parties, and so on

the small things they got at Christmas meant more to them than the big things kids get now

vegetables were pitted in the ground, put straw on them, dirt on top of them, didn't take them out until the heavy frost was gone in the spring; root cellar entirely separate building

went to Victoria 2-3 times/year, mostly to get dental work done; had lawyer friends there, went to Mikado play, the Crystal Gardens, got there on boat to Sidney, trains stopped running then, took bus to Victoria

on arrival, raining, five children, all worldly possessions towed on scow behind barge, Mr. Neaves, who had been manager on the farm, hitched the team to move them up, couldn't move until after dark, bec. Mrs. Neaves wasn't ready to move, mother made sandwiches while they waited

Dr. Sutherland was here, a lady doctor, meant hitching a horse up and spending all day going to the doctor, horse and buggy to Ganges

Gordon, Norman, and Helen all born in the house on the farm, doctor had to come from Duncan, never arrived on time, Grandma Ruckle was a pretty good midwife

Mr. Bulman's sister also was a midwife, was on island when both boys born

no public health nurse until the 1940s

South End Pioneers: <http://saltspringarchives.com/audio/174Southend.html>

November 14, 2001, Central Hall

Panel of pioneers from Beaver Point, Fulford and Isabella Point, and their families, talking to the Historical Society..

Very poor recording, loud humm.

Lotus's parents were married in Victoria, lived there for two months, then moved.

had come from a one-room log house in Beaton, BC -- by Keenleyside dam, Kootenays

at Beaver Pt School: one difference was the use of slate, had been used to using pencils & paper, but Mr. Monk thought that was a dreadful waste of paper. He was a forerunner of saving trees, so we all had to purchase slates. They made a great clatter when they were dropped, and they made a great screech every time somebody a nail was dragged across, however that was a mere detail.

recreational activities: finished grade 8, then went home, joined the farm labour group, helped Mother in the house, helped others

outside ... had an outdoor basketball court at the Peavine place, played softball on one of our fields, we had beach parties, always swimming in the ocean, then there was a teacher who was a most enthusiastic person, got the older girls to form a girls' club. We learned to knit, crochet, do fancy work, showed us how to prepare our crafts, had the original BP craft sale. Had dances in the old Little Red Schoolhouse; that's what led to the building of the first BP Hall.

Mr. Pyatt volunteered to donate the land, to build the first hall. Lost that to fire, but the insurance from it allowed us to build the BP Community Hall on BP Park property.