

# From our Files... From our Files...

## 100 YEARS AGO

July 3, 1903

THE first prosecution under the bylaws for made by the County Council for the suppression of betting was brought this week in the in the JP Court in Kilmarnock. A betting agent, or bookmaker, was fined 50s or 15 days' imprisonment. The fine was paid under protest.

A CORRESPONDENT calls attention to the practice of the carriage-hirers plying between Ardrossan and Saltcoats charging more than the understood fare. Twopence is the recognised charge.

THE presentation of prizes to Ardrossan Academy pupils took place in the Town Halls, Saltcoats, on Tuesday. Mrs Spottiswood presented the prizes and the medallist were John Gibson and Janet Reid. Elocution prizes were gained by Esther Stitt, Maggie Kirkwood and Bessie Sweet. The medallists at Saltcoats Public School was Alex Gibson, a brother of the Academy Dux.

KILWINNING School Board have decided to open an infant school at Lyleston and have appointed as teacher Miss Jeanie Stewart, of the infant department of the Public School.

THE officers of the Channel Squadron who were permitted to use the golf links at Lamlash have offered the club a present of a carriage clock to be competed for, as an acknowledgment of the kindness shown to them.

## 50 YEARS AGO

JULY 3, 1953

A WEST Kilbride man got a sixpence with his change which made him curious. The opposite side from the crown head was upside down. He wonders if this is unusual.

LAST Sunday, a seven-year-old Glasgow girl visited Saltcoats with her uncle and aunt on a day's outing. Ten minutes after arriving at the shore she went into paddle and received a nasty cut on her heel from a broken piece of glass.

DURING the weekend, the Ardrossan Putting Green room was entered and some articles taken away. The Ardrossan Co-Operative Society's boot and shoe department was also entered and some footwear taken.

THE number of arrivals at Ardrossan Harbour for the week ending Saturday 27 was 52, which included two oil tankers. While the tankers are fewer, they are much larger than the usual type.

SEVERAL days this week a man was observed dancing on the prom to music from the loudspeakers.

He certainly was an attraction. One woman not so young also gave a demonstration that pleased onlookers.

DESPITE the heatwave, members and their friends turned out in large numbers for the popular weekly whist drive held on Tuesday evening in the British Legion Hall, Saltcoats.

THE Rev Peter T Bisset, MA, who succeeds the Rev JM Nimmo as minister of Livingstone Church, Stevenston, was welcomed by the congregation at an induction social on Thursday evening of last week.

Tea was served in the church hall and later the company adjourned to the church where the proceedings opened with the singing of the 24th Psalm and prayer.

A HAPPY and informal gathering was held in Murchie's Tearooms, Ardrossan, on Friday afternoon, the occasion being a presentation to Mr George D Guthrie & Sons to mark the recent centenary of The A&S Herald.

## 25 YEARS AGO

JULY 7, 1978

LOVELY Janine Tortolano of Saltcoats was chosen Miss Ardrossan of 1978 at the Ingeldene Hotel on Friday at the first event to set the Civic Week ball rolling.

The seventeen-year-old, dark-haired beauty is a pupil at St Andrew's Academy and is keen on all sports with a special enthusiasm for basketball and swimming. Janine is studying French and Spanish and hopes to get a job involving her linguistic abilities when she leave school.

ANGRY parents in Stevenston have launched a petition protesting at the 'continued delay' in building a replacement school for Ardeer Primary.

This follows the revelations in last week's Herald that the new £320,000 school was in the balance following a recommendation by the Health and Safety Executive that it should not be built.

The safety experts feel it is risky because the school would be too near to the Nylon Plant.

The final decision rests with Cunninghame District Council and parents are pressing for its go-ahead. This week they organised a door-to-door petition.

FRESH fears for the future of Glengarnock Steelworks sprang up this week with news that the British Steel Corporation lost £443million last year.

But at a crunch meeting with MPs from steel constituencies on Tuesday, BSC chairman Sir Charles Villiers assured Central Ayrshire MP Mr David Lambie that no decision to close the Glengarnock works had been taken or would be taken without full prior consultation.