19 Nov 1925: CYCLIST'S ACCIDENT - A pupil named Crighton MERRILL was cycling home from the Grammar School at mid-day, on Wednesday, in last week when he crashed into Messrs. Chaplin's heavy motor lorry at the junction of Melville-street. He was thrown over the handlebars into the windscreen of the car, which was smashed by the impact, and the cycle was almost wrecked. MERRILL sustained cuts about the head and face, and was later removed to the County Hospital. *(IW Times)* 

17 Oct 1929: Mr. Crighton MERRILL, a former head prefect at Ryde Grammar School, and son of Mr. Charles MERRILL of "Lainston Grange," Apley, has passed the Intermediate Bachelor of Laws examination of the University of London. He was coached by Dr. W. G. H. COOK, of Southampton. *(IW Times)* 

16 Nov 1961: HOLIDAY TRADE - At the monthly meeting Councillor Crighton MERRILL said "It is incredible that any member of this council thinks that without the holiday trade we can exist----it is the life blood of the borough. Every inhabitant of this town has to realise that he must sacrifice personal convenience in the summer months so that he can live through the winter. We should thank God for living in such a lovely place. To say our amenities are poor is frightening." *(IW Times)* 

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