

OCTOBER 13, 1935

DOUGLAS AND JUNEAU JOINED AT LAST!

The formal opening of the Juneau-Douglas Bridge was a monumental event in 1935. Dedication ceremonies, a parade, crowning of queens from both cities, and a frenzy of cross-channel events marked the union of the two cities on the Channel.

The big day marked the opening of the bridge to the general public. However, a group of hooligans from Douglas, led by Mayor A.E. Goetz, had made an early-morning preemptive crossing on September 2, taking a tour of downtown Juneau before breakfasting with Juneau Mayor Izzy Goldstein, and then returning to the Island.

The *Daily Alaska Empire* ran a special edition on October 13, and reported in detail on the 14th. Some excerpts of the *Empire's* coverage follow.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO AND THEN TODAY

**COLORFUL CEREMONIES ARE
PROMISED TODAY AS BRIDGE
IS OPENED TO TRAFFIC BY
BIG DEDICATION SERVICES**

Procession to Form at Triangle Place at 1 o'Clock and
Will Move to New Bridge on Tenth Street Where
Governor Troy Will Dedicate Structure; Program
to Be at Natatorium in Douglas Presided Over by
Queens from Both Channel Cities



**CLOSER COMMUNICATION TO
AID DOUGLAS CAMPAIGN FOR
COMMUNITY OF RESIDENCES
AND INCREASED POPULATION**

Discovery of Gold at Ready Bullion Creek Beginning of
Spirit Which Has Survived Many Setbacks and
Which Is Again Showing Strength; Building of
Bridge Expected to Bring Homemakers and In-
crease Business on Both Sides of Channel

**ALL JUNEAU and
All DOUGLAS will be there!**

Bridge Queen's Coronation Ball

ELKS HALL TONIGHT

The Greatest Social Event of the Year

Discover DOUGLAS

**DID SOMEBODY SAY COLUMBUS? WHY THAT GREAT EXPLORER NEVER SUSPECTED WHAT AMERICA WAS . . .
AND IT'S JUNEAU THAT HAS FOUND OUT WHAT A GREAT PLACE DOUGLAS IS!**

Columbus found the continent but it took the people of Gastineau Channel to "PUT THE BRIDGE ACROSS" and the means they used have put old Chris to shame . . . airplanes, motor trucks, trains, steamships . . . modern expeditions that all of his ingenuity and all of Isabella's wealth could not conceive!

Small wonder Juneau gets a thrill out of visiting Douglas . . . all you have to do is to make the trip and you are sure of a genuine welcome.

Then again, Juneau merchants bid welcome to the residents of Douglas . . . just walk into our stores, ask for something . . . almost anything that comes into your head . . . and there it is, a genuine piece of Americana.

Try it. Drop into one of the stores listed below, ask for something that Cousin George boasts about having seen in Florida or Aunt Emmy tsk-tsk's about Cousin Jane paying such high prices for in New York. Because right here in Juneau you'll find you can discover the best America produces . . . and it doesn't cost you a great deal more than it does California's Native Son or Georgia's Favorite Peach or Gotham's jolliest Playboy.

By A. E. GOETZ
Mayor of Douglas

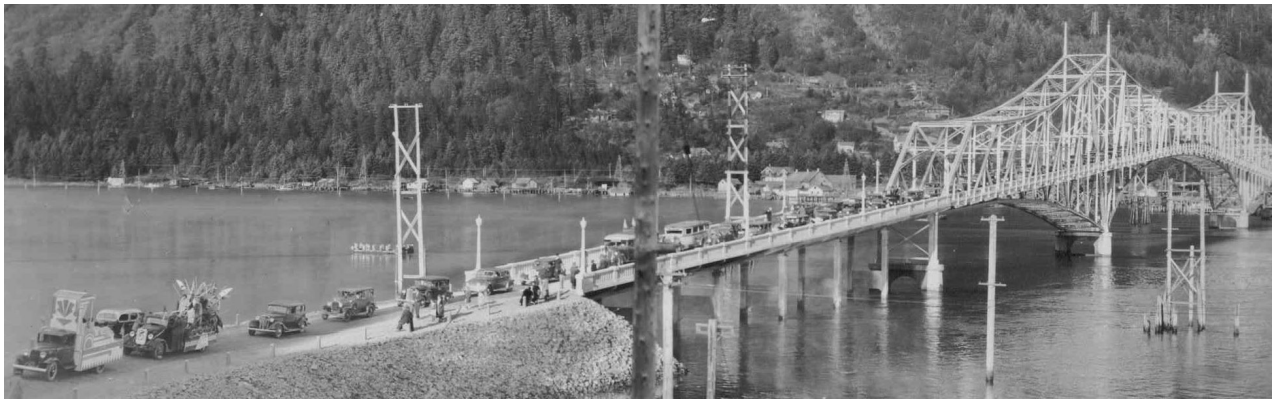
Cooperation has been the theme song of the picture which has been before the eyes of both Juneau and Douglas for more than twenty years and has at last been realized—the building of the Douglas Bridge, linking the two communities in bond of eternal friendship. My work with the Juneau committeemen and business men on the celebration of the bridge dedication, has been one of the high lights of my business career, and I look forward to many years of close contact with the people of Juneau. The bridge is like adding to a house to take care of an increasing family—everything is more convenient and comfortable and the family is happy.

By I. GOLDSTEIN
Mayor of Juneau

Juneau and Douglas have been friendly rivals for forty years, but always in truth they have been members of one community. Now the bridge brings them closer together than ever and emphasizes their essential unity.

The bridge gives us the opportunity to become better acquainted, to make us better neighbors, and for that reason alone we have cause to be grateful for the splendid structure that spans the Channel.

Let the dedication of the bridge inspire the people of Gastineau Channel to dedicate themselves anew to the cause of community cooperation and friendliness.



While Sun Glistens On Steel Girders, Officials Exchanged Greeting, History Written In Fellowship Pact of Two Cities.

The dream of over 20 years was realized Sunday afternoon when the \$255,000 Douglas steel bridge connecting Juneau and Douglas, was officially dedicated and opened for traffic.

The weather was perfect and the sun glistened on the steel girders of the bridge as dedicatory ceremonies were held.

The parade moved from Juneau to the center of the bridge where the delegation from Douglas waited, separated by a tiny strip of white crepe paper.

Headed one way, was the float of Juneau Queen, Birdie Jensen and her attendants. On the opposite side of the tape was the Douglas float with Queen Phyllis Edwards and her attendants headed toward Juneau.

NEW DOUGLAS BRIDGE BUILT WITH PWA FUNDS AT COST OF \$225,000, CONNECTING TWO GASTINEAU CHANNEL CITIES

From Plan Conceived Some 20 Years Ago, Fine Steel Structure Now Spans Waterway Between Tenth Street in Juneau and Douglas Island; Construction Carried on Under Supervision of Alaska Road Commission; Steel Arch Longest of Its Kind in Territory

O.H. Stratton, former Construction Engineer of New York State and one of the co-architects of the famous St. John's bridge in Portland, designed and supervised the construction of the Douglas Bridge which he declares to compare favorably with any of the 50 or more steel bridges with whose design and construction he has been associated during his career

"My intention in designing the Douglas Bridge has been not only to give the best bridge possible for the money available, but to design a bridge that would fit in and become a part of the surrounding beautiful scenery", he said today. "I believe I have succeeded in that purpose". A picture of this bridge will be submitted to the American Institute of Steel Construction in their annual contest for the most beautiful steel bridge built during the year 1935.

Perhaps the only folks not celebrating were the operators of the ferry service that, for nearly 70 years, had linked Douglas, Treadwell, Thane, and Juneau. Service was eventually shut down on October 31.

ISLAND FERRY COMPANY

Gas Boat "GENT"

FARE 15c.

COLE'S DOCK, Juneau CITY DOCK Douglas

Leave Juneau for Douglas

6:00 A. M.	2:30 P. M.
7:30 A. M.	3:30 P. M.
8:30 A. M.	4:20 P. M.
9:30 A. M.	6:00 P. M.
10:30 A. M.	6:40 P. M.
11:30 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
12:30 P. M.	8:30 P. M.
1:30 P. M.	9:20 P. M.
	10:00 P. M.

(Saturday only) 11:30 P. M.

Leave Douglas for Juneau

7:00 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
8:00 A. M.	4:00 P. M.
9:00 A. M.	5:25 P. M.
10:00 A. M.	6:20 P. M.
11:00 A. M.	7:00 P. M.
12:00 Noon	8:00 P. M.
1:00 P. M.	9:00 P. M.
2:00 P. M.	9:40 P. M.
	10:30 P. M.

(Saturday only) 12:00 M.

Leave Juneau for Thane (Via Douglas)

6:00 A. M.	4:20 P. M.
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Leave Douglas for Thane

6:15 A. M.	4:35 P. M.
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Leave Thane for Juneau (Via Douglas)

6:35 A. M.	5:05 P. M.
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