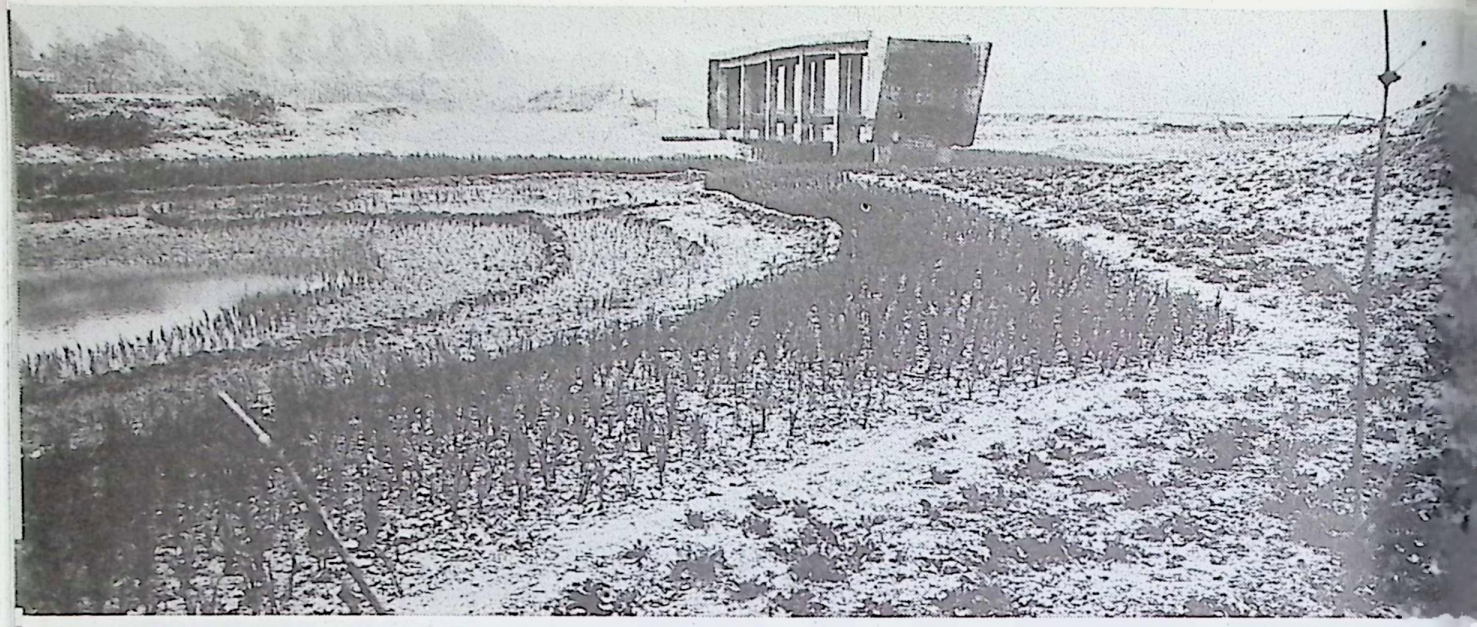


There is only one high school and a few primary schools on the island, and a small local market opened on Fridays and Mondays. The nearest other market in Chilmare is an hour away by boat. There are no government health clinics here either, and only a medicine store. Once, there was a *jolthana* here, the only floating police station in Bangladesh.

Many kinds of crops are grown on the land here, 90 per cent of which is covered in sand, such as jute, wheat, peanut and various spices. The farmers say they never needed fertilisers in the past, unlike today.

