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There can be no doubt that these shores were visited by Europeans long before the time of Columbus. May we not imagine, from the many pre-historical, yea, pre-traditional, architectural and engineering remains found, that this world which is called the new, is, in reality, the old. But this cannot interest us as does the fortune of that small band of Pilgrims, our fathers, strong, true men inspired by a firm belief in the direct, active and ceaseless interest of God in their daily lives, to exchange home, friends, the comforts of a well ordered society, for the discomforts of an inhospitable wilderness. One cannot do better to show the connection of this place with their advent here than to quote from Sylvester's "Provincetown."

"It was at Provincetown that the Pilgrims first landed November 11, 1620. Here the storm-tossed, weather-worn Mayflower, with her precious freight, found her first safe anchorage. Here those sturdy Pilgrims first trod New England soilhere they kept their first Sabbathhere those devoted women, so long confined in a crowded vessel first refreshed themselves and began the performance of housewifely duties -here these men, who believed in work, did their first work in the new world, as they cut the wood and sawed the timbers for their new shallop—here the redoubtable Myles Standish assumed command of the first armed band of citizen soldiery -here they caught their first glimpse of the Indians-here the first child was born-here the disease that was so soon to make sad havoc among them began its fatal work; and here Mrs. Bradford met her untimely end-here the colony itself was formed into a body politic, and here the first election was held. Nay, more, on that memorable

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MAIL TIME

It is 8 o'clock in the evening and the mail is about to arrive. All "up along" and "down along" the deep rutted lanes people are wending their way with great care, for the freshly fallen rain has turned the roads into blankets of mud. Men in so-wester and hip boots, women in black calico, held high over their black knee-high boots, their faces tanned by the salt spray of years. In the eyes of those who pass shine the eager light of expectancy—for after all—wind or weather today the Mail comes in. . . .

At the Post Office folks are gathered in groups, each one relating to the other the latest bits of information gathered by "grapevine" (a phrase meaning house-to-house gossip—and still used today). Dusk has turned to darkness and inside the Post Office a faint glow of lamplight and the red glow of coals in the old pot-bellied stove gave a warmth to the chill of the weather outside. . . .

At last the time has come. . . The stage has arrived . . . The mudsplattered, groaning vehicle with its once crimson wheels now soaked with clay. For 25 miles it had traveled over roads almost at times impassable. The mail then took 12 hours or better from Boston by steam, being transferred to the waiting stage, which not only carried mail but newspapers and passengers as well. . . . Over the drifting sand dunes, to the clay pounds of North Truro it came, over Mayflower Heights, past Pilgrim Lake -along Beach Point and finally into Provincetown, discharging passengers on the way.

What exciting mail it carried in those days. Letters from war corners of the world. Letters from husbands and children, circulars from mail order houses showing the latest fashions, bits of this and that, all eagerly perused by the receiver and then handed about to friends and neighbors to be read again. . . .

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Local buses, operated by the Provincetown Bus Lines, Inc., commence daily at 9 a.m. and continue until 11:15 p.m. Line runs from Mayflower Heights (opp. Preston's Camps) to the Provincetown Inn and the New Beach. Last bus leaves Town Square for Mayflower Heights at 11:00 p.m. Fare 10 cents one way, 15 cents to the beach. Bus stops at all intersections.

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Provincetown to Boston 8:45, 10:45, 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 6:45

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POST OFFICE HOURS

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

St. Peter the Apostle (Roman Catholic), Prince Street, just off Bradford Street. Rev. John A. Silvia, Rev. Francis M. Coady. Masses Sundays, 6, 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. Sunday evening devotions 7:30 p.m. Morning masses at 7 a.m. on weekdays. Confessions on Saturdays at 4:30 to 6 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Confessions also on eve of First Friday, same hours.

Provincetown Methodist Church, Commercial and Center Streets. Rev. Arthur O. Dewey, Minister. Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. Church School Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. Church Vespers.

St. Mary's of the Harbor (Episcopal), East End on Commercial Street. Rev. Carl Lemm-Marogg, Rector. Sundays, Holy Communion, 8:30 a.m. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a.m. Fridays, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. Saints Days 8:30 a.m.

Christian Science Society, 418 Commercial Street. Sundays 11 a.m. Wednesdays 8 p.m. Reading room open Saturdays 2:30 to 4 p.m.

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Cup presented the Rose Dorothea by Sir Thomas Lipton, for the winner of the Fishermen's Race, Selectmen's Office, Town Hall . . .

The Museum, maintained by the Research Club with Donald B. Mac-Millan's Arctic Collection. Commercial Street near Post Office . . .

Lighthouse and Fog Bell at Long Point.

Bas-relief, Signing of the Compact, at the base of Monument Hill . . .

Tablet commemorating the landing of the Pilgrims, with text of the Compact, erected by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Town Hall lawn . . .

Pilgrim Spring in Truro, where the Pilgrims drank their first water in the New World . . .

Old Fire Engine, built especially for Provincetown in 1836. Basement of Town Hall . . .

Tablet marking the spet first trod by Pilgrim feet. West End of Commercial Street, near P'town Inn . . .

Governor Prince's Door Stone, at the entrance to the Monument . . .

Climb to the top of the Pilgrim Monument and behold the beauty of the scenery . . .

Tablet in memory of the Pilgrim passengers who died here, December 1620. At eastern approach to the Monument. Erected by the Society of Mayflower Descendants . . .

Provincetown Playhouse at the wharf at the foot of Gosnold Street.

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