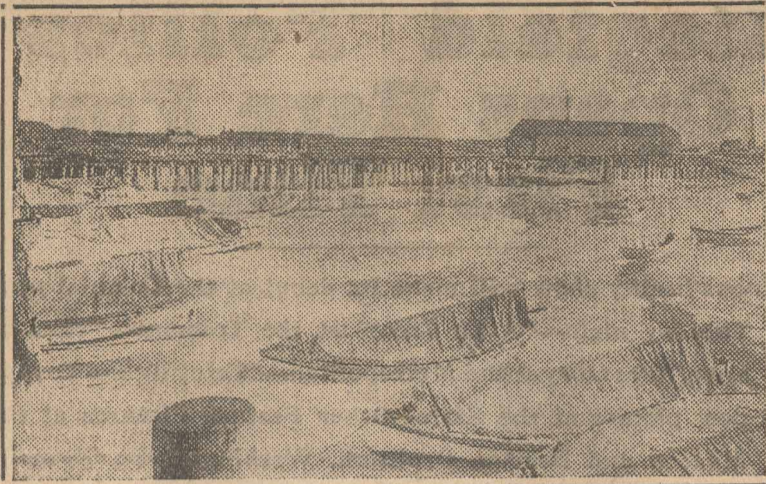


PROVINCETOWN AT 200TH ANNIVERSARY

Scene of Pilgrims' Landing to Have Colorful Celebration --- Governor to Attend



THE DOCK AT PROVINCETOWN

Provincetown as a town will celebrate its 200th anniversary on August 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The U. S. S. Arkansas under the command of Admiral Robertson will enter the harbor on the morning of the 4th. Among the thousand men aboard the vessel is a fine band of selected musicians. They will furnish music during the celebration with concerts both on shore and on the boat, which will be open to guests every day from 1 until 5 o'clock.

The reception on Friday, the 5th, will have as guests Gov Fuller, Senator Walsh, Admiral Robertson and John C. Howe of the House of Representatives. Elaborate guest medal badges will be presented to these guests, which bear significant inscriptions and dates.

The Committee

The celebration committee comprises Edwin Paine, Jesse Rogers and Hersey Taylor. A parade will be given on the 5th, depicting the history of Provincetown, with numerous floats of appropriate design. On that day Ye Old Town Crier will be a conspicuous figure. Those entering floats in the parade include the Old Whalemens, the Research Club, the American Legion Auxilliary, the Sunshine Club, the Nautilus Club, the Wharf Players, the New England Order of Protection, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Tennis Club, the Beach Combers' Club, the Victory Club, the Masonic Lodge, the Provincetown Art Association, the

Visiting Nurse Association, the Portuguese Fraternity, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters of America, St Peter's Aid Society, the Mashpee Indians of Middleboro, the Cape Cod Life Guard and the art class of Charles Hawthorne, which will lend a colorful note with a smock ensemble.

The school children of Provincetown under the direction of Miss Katherine McIntyre will offer a pageant, "The Book of Memory," dealing with important history of the town. With the turning of each book-leaf will be revealed a different episode. Mrs Nancy Paine Smith, a native daughter, has contributed valuable research work from her published book, "The History of Provincetown," for this event.

Arthur V. Deihl, Charles Hawthorne, Ambrose Webster and other artists will contribute to an art exhibition extending 3½ miles in length along the water front.

The Monument

The Provincetown Monument, erected by the Cape Cod Pilgrim Association in 1908 and bearing the inscription of the late Dr Charles W. Elliot, will play its part in the anniversary drama. At nightfall great ropes of dancing electrics will sparkle a scintillating welcome and a jeweled sign will sparkle the impressive dates, 1727-1927, from the towering height (255 feet) of the monument.

The same harbor arms will greet guests for this celebration which enfolded the Pilgrim Fathers and the Mayflower when it anchored off the point in 1620.

At the west end of the town, at "the Terminal of the King's Highway that Goeth Into Billingsgate," is a tablet erected by the Research Club, which reads, "The First Landing Place of the Pilgrims, November 11, 1620. O. S." A spring nearby, where the Pilgrims drank, is now cemented and properly marked for the modern passerby. The place where the Pilgrim Fathers first found corn is also marked and still bears the name they gave it of Cornhill.

Had Various Names

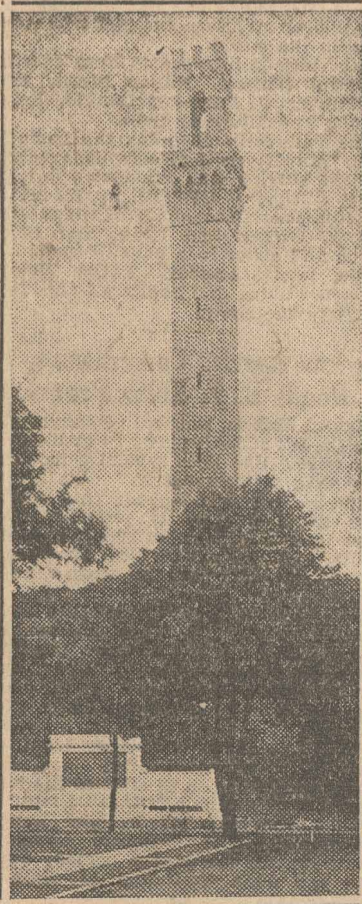
In 1620 "Bart" Gosnold christened the place Cape Cod from the first fish he caught there. Previously it had been called by various explorers Keel Cape, Cape of the Cross, Cape Blanc and Cape James. The name Cape Cod applied to the entire county of Barnstable (from the English Barnstaple, meaning big barns).

In 1650 the Governor of the Commonwealth, under orders of the General Court, purchased the tip end of Cape Cod from an Indian named Samson "for the said colony's use."

This included all the shore of Cape Cod Harbor from Long Point east to the pond next to Eastern Harbor and north to the back sea. In 1712 Provincetown became a precinct of the town of Truro. Old records of the Town Hall show that the name of Herrington was crossed out, and in its place the name of Provincetown inserted. The stretch of water between West End and Race Point is still called Herrington Cove.

Inhabitants of Provincetown are descendants of the Mayflower and the two boats which followed soon after, the Fortune and the Ann. The Portuguese citizens of Provincetown came over on the whalers from Cape de Verde Islands. The Portuguese cling steadfastly to their traditional motto, "Our Savior fed the multitude two thousand years ago. We are fishermen."

Now the sand dunes of the "Sahara of Cape Cod" with the pale moon of Summer, the prim nodding rows of hollyhocks and door knockers of bygone centuries, join in one welcome and send forth their voices of characteristic greeting. And the quaint streets of Provincetown that are continuations of old town landings wave in gay splendor of coloring, for the town of



THE PROVINCETOWN MONUMENT

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Provincetown is proudly 200 years old.
—Mary Larrimer.



THE TOWN CRIER