

## Early Founders Of Provincetown's Art Colony Fame



Here assembled in the garden of the North Truro home of the late Will H. Young, first president of the Provincetown Art Association, at a summer party given by him for the first Beachcombers, are men whose names are bright in the artistic and literary fields. In a large measure many of them were responsible for turning the national spotlight on Provincetown as a meeting and working place for artists, both those who are beginning or for the more mature workers.

The Advocate is indebted to Mrs. Frank H. Desch of Bradford Street for the use of the above photograph, taken about 1918, of a group of men who were making and continued, for years, to make history in art and literature. Among them are the founders of the present Beachcombers organization, and also of the Provincetown Art Association.

Although valuable help was given by some contemporary townspeople in identifying those in the party, it was not possible to ascertain the names of all. Possibly Advocate readers may be able to supply the names not determined.

First row, left to right, Frank H.

Desch, noted figure painter; (unknown); Tod Lindenmuth, painter, etcher, block printer; (unknown); Leon Gaspar, Russian painter; possibly Arthur Heinzelman, etcher; Charles W. Hawthorne, painter and noted art teacher who established the widely known Hawthorne School to which the future great flocked; second row, Dr. Percival J. Eaton, physician; Frederick Marvin, painter; Will H. Young, banker; Charles Gardner, art dealer; (unknown); Joseph Birren, Chicago painter; George Elmer Browne, painter and teacher; Richard E. Miller, painter.

Third row, Gerrit Beneker, noted World War I poster painter and art-

ist; Melzer Chaffee, musician; William Paxton, artist; Lester Hornby, etcher for Harper's, Scribner's and leading magazines of the time; Wilbur Steele, author and journalist; some believe man above Steele to be Harry Campbell, art supply dealer and for many years secretary of the Beachcombers; Max Bohm, head turned, mural painter, also painter of a number of Mary Baker Eddy portraits; George Senseny, etcher; Adolf Blonheim (top of side head showing) painter; Ambrose Webster, painter; Modjeska (first name unknown), engineer, and son of the famed operatic singer.



Artists at Work, Provincetown, Mass.

