

- April 16, 1959 -

WORK ON THE face-lifting of the Historical Museum is going on and it is now possible to get an idea of what the building will look like when work is completed. The ugly "brownstone" paint, which simulated the brownstone so popular in the Victorian era, is being removed, and the Museum will emerge in pearl gray with darker gray shutters.

May 14, 1959

CURATOR ARTHUR BICKERS is a bit disturbed because the painting and rejuvenating of the Historical Museum is taking so long—longer than he anticipated anyhow—but he figures things will be in shape to open for the Memorial Day weekend. The front of the old building has its new soft gray paint and the sides will be worked on even after it opens if necessary. And three of the rooms in the Museum are being papered. It was impossible to match the old Chinese paper but the new paper, also Chinese, duplicates the old design as closely as possible. And Charlie Hayward is even having a bit of trouble with the new paper because it is so delicate and tears so easily.

- August 27, 1959

OPEN
FROM 9 UNTIL 5 O'CLOCK
Every week until October 16
ADMISSION: Adults 50c
Children: 25c
The Tower is open for the first time this year

The
HISTORICAL
MUSEUM

July 20, 1960
NEW BEACON

An outdoor display case has been added to the Historical Museum. Colonial in design and painted white, the case has three sections for displaying a few of the many fascinating items to be found inside the museum. We always try to visit the Museum at least once every season, for it seems impossible to really view everything on one or two trips. We always discover some new oddity or corner we haven't seen before, and we always enjoy listening to curator Arthur Bickers, who knows more amusing anecdotes about the town's past and its people, than anyone we've yet met.

- October 19, 1961 -

THIS IS MOVING WEEK for the Historical Museum as director Arthur Bickers and assistant Mrs. Dorothy Foster clear out the thirteen rooms and basement of the old former Lancey Victorian mansion on Commercial Street and see that the priceless possessions as well as a number of items not so precious are moved to the new building on the grounds of the Pilgrim Memorial Association. Those who have gone through the turmoil of moving will agree that it is one thing to scramble an egg and an entirely different feat to unscramble it.

Historical Museum

The former Benjamin Lancey House is the home of the Historical Museum in Provincetown. It contains a fine collection of ship models, whaling implements, old glass China and shells collected by seafaring people. The third floor is given over to an Arctic exhibit arranged by Admiral Donald B. MacMillan.

This year visitors will be able to enjoy the view from the lookout at the very top of the house. This room is reached by a circular staircase. The view of the lower Cape and the harbor is excellent.

During the winter the building has been repainted and many rooms redecorated. It has a fresh appearance without losing the charm of the original features.

A friendly welcome awaits you.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM
SANDWICH GLASS SHIP MODELS
MacMILLAN COLLECTION DOLLS

- August 1959 -

- February 2, 1961 -

Historical Museum Will Be Moved To Grounds Of Pilgrim Monument

Cost estimates are being obtained for a new building to house the present Historical Museum on Commercial Street, according to G. Fillmore Miller, president of the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association, which about two years ago took over the Museum from the Research Club.

According to present plans the new museum will be located on the grounds of the Pilgrim Monument and will be an entrance structure through which all visitors must pass in visiting the monument and its grounds.

The late George F. Clements had been engaged by the Association to draw up plans for the structure and at his death Richard S. Gallagher of Barnstable was engaged to continue the plans. It is understood the new structure will be of cement block construction and fire-proofed throughout. It will

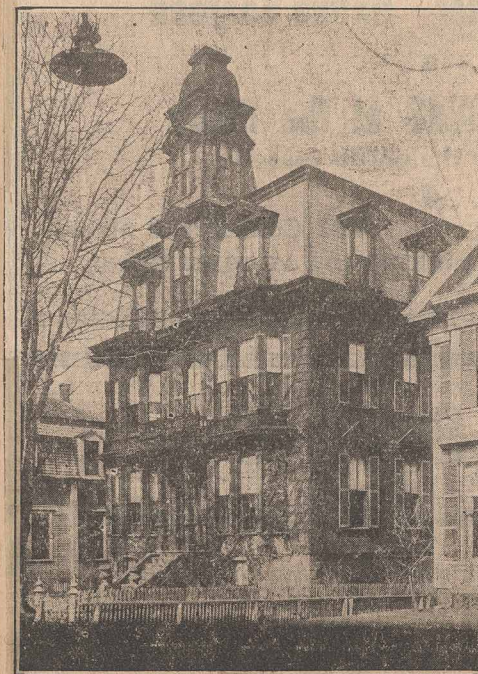
consist of one very large room with partitions dividing the various exhibits. Among those advocating removal of the museum treasures to an entirely fire proof building on the Monument grounds is Malcolm Nichols of Bass River, an association vice-president.

It is understood that the present museum will eventually be sold by the association. It was built by Benjamin Lancey for his bride many years ago and the 18 room building was regarded by Cape Codders as a mansion. It was inherited by Mrs. Gertrude DeWager, daughter of Benjamin Lancey, and she was an outstanding pioneer in initiating and building up the museum exhibits. At her death the building went to the Research Club of which she was one of the founders and an enthusiastic and able worker.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1962 - NEW BEACON

FORMER HISTORICAL MUSEUM PURCHASED BY SHORE STUDIO ART GALLERIES

The former Historical Museum on Commercial Street, one of Provincetown's much publicized landmarks, has been purchased by the Shore Studio Galleries, and will be used in part as one of the Galleries' exhibition quarters. Sale of the property was confirmed yesterday by Robert Campbell, director of



the art firm which maintains winter galleries in Boston and summer galleries at 47 Commercial Street. No major architectural changes are planned for the building, which, however, will be repainted and refurbished to accommodate the Galleries, a shop, an apartment and business offices. Landscaping of the grounds will also be done, Mr. Campbell revealed.

The Museum was established in the building in September, 1923, by the former Research Club, an organization made up of Mayflower descendants. A few years ago it was taken over by the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association, who operate the Pilgrim Monument, and last year the Museum's contents was moved to a new building, constructed on the Monument grounds.

The old Historical Museum was

- April 4, 1962 -

FOR SALE

The Old Historical Museum

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