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Post Office, left (Cupola). Paige's Garage. Next building, right, is where John Adams' Grocery used to be. Note the architecture over the doorway, in both pictures.

PAIGE BROTHERS GARAGE

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COMMERCIAL STREET

HUDSON
AND
ESSEX CARS

EXIDE BATTERY
SERVICE STATION

TRUCKING AND AUTO
HIRE

TIRES AND ACCESSORIES
SERVICE AND STORAGE

New Beacon, Feb. 10, 1960

A much needed facility will be established in Provincetown with the transformation of Paige Brothers Garage on Commercial Street into a boating center. These are the plans of Matt Costa, well-known striper fisherman, bass guide and owner of The Meadows, and Don Gleason, presently patrolman on the local police force, electrician and wiring inspector, who have joined forces and purchased the real estate and the Paige Brothers corporation from former owner Warren Roderick. Some remodeling, cleaning up and a general painting and brightening of the property has already begun and the boys hope to open their new business on April 1st. An official name hasn't yet been chosen for the venture, which will feature a boat launching ramp with equipment to launch boats during all tides, a boat and motor rental service, winter storage inside the former garage for small boats, and a deep-freeze which will contain a stock of bait at all times. Warren Roderick will continue on at his old garage, as service manager for Matt and Don, and will also continue to sell gas and oil as in the past. Paige Brothers Garage, which was started in 1919 and completed in 1921 is believed to have been Provincetown's first all brick building. It certainly was the town's first or one of the first garages and has been operated as a garage continuously for around forty years. The garage will get a new spurt of life now, as the ever-increasing number of small boat owners who come to Provincetown, get the kind of service and facilities that have long been needed here.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1960

Stopped by for a quick inspection tour yesterday at Don Gleason's and Matt Costa's new Provincetown Marine. Never would have believed this was a garage just a few weeks ago! Outside the building has a fresh coat of white paint and a shipshape blue and white sign, inside all the walls have been painted in a light blue and the sun was streaming in through newly washed windows (this latter Mrs. Gleason's unenviable task.) And everywhere boats and flags and rope and floats and gear to make any sailor happy or any landlubber jealous. Our eyes lit on a bright yellow Sailfish with a yellow nylon sail, which we discovered could be ours, or yours too, for \$346. Adding to the happy atmosphere at Provincetown Marine yesterday was a box in which one dropped a card entitling him to a chance at various door prizes and the presence of three lovely young ladies, Christina Segura, Nancy Souza and Judy Ormsby, togged out in spring and summery apparel for a fashion show courtesy of Malchman's.

JANUARY 23, 1963

Native Fish Aquarium To Be Built Here

Provincetown's newest summer enterprise, a \$400,000 salt water aquarium, began construction last Friday at the Provincetown Marina on Commercial Street.

Donald T. Gleason of Bradford Street, owner of the Marina and head of the new aquarium corporation, said that the project, a portion of which will be ready for opening by June 1, will be known as the Provincetown Aquarium and will display all varieties of native fish and some seals.

Mr. Gleason said that the front of the Marina building, which is 110 feet long and 85 feet wide, will be remodeled and that the interior will house eye-level, glass-front, full-view tanks measuring from 10 to 60 feet in length. Cost of the construction will be supplied from private capital, he said.

The salt water aquarium will be modeled after the aquarium operated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Woods Hole and will receive technical assistance from Charles Wheeler

operator of the Woods Hole installation.

According to Mr. Gleason, the aquarium will be managed by John O'Connor, biology instructor at Provincetown High School and one of the project's incorporators. John C. Worthington of Truro, Manager of the Atlantic Coast Fisheries, will assist in obtaining specimens of local fish and will give freely of his knowledge of local fishing conditions.

Captain Ralph Gray, skipper of the sportfishing craft Flora K., will be engaged to collect fish for the exhibition, and arrangements will be made for immediate transfer of the specimens from fish traps in the harbor to the aquarium tanks.

As for the prospects of his project, Mr. Gleason said that "We realize we have a three-month season here, but we feel that in time we can extend the season. We feel we will have enough to attract more visitors to this area after the regular season ends."

The Provincetown Marina, which handles rentals of boats during the summer, will still operate, but from a different location, Mr. Gleason said.