

### May 31, 1955 Pastor To Retire From Ministry

Next Sunday the Rev. Arthur O. Dewey will preach in the Provincetown Methodist Church for the last time as its pastor. He will attend the Methodist Conference in East Providence, R. I., from June 6 to June 10, and plans to retire June 14 to make his home in Hampton, New Hampshire.

Mr. Dewey will have completed 12 years as pastor of the Provincetown Methodist Church, the longest continuous pastorate in the 158 years of the church's history. He is a native of Iowa, and began his ministry in 1913. He was graduated from Simpson College, Iowa, and received his degree of STB from Boston University School of Theology in 1918. He served as chaplain in the first World War.

His wife, Julia Locke Dewey, is a graduate of Wellesley College, and was a social worker in Boston, before their marriage in 1919. At the present Mr. Dewey holds the longest pastorate of full time ministers serving the Southern New England Conference.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dewey have been active in civic, as well as religious affairs, wherever they have lived. Mr. Dewey served on one of the mayor's committees in the city of New Bedford.

During the twelve years that Mr. Dewey has been in the Provincetown Methodist Church, he has taken 156 into church membership. There have been several major improvements of the church property. At a cost of over \$12,000 repairs were made on the church structure and the building has been painted. The entire downstairs was redecorated, a new burner bought for the furnace, a new range bought for the church kitchen, a new Baldwin organ, choir robes, two new dorsals, a baptismal font, a film projector and floodlights and evergreens on the church lawn.

For the parsonage, a complete renewal of the outside with tile shingles, and paint, a new flooring in the kitchen, an oil furnace installed, new parlor rug and refrigerator bought.

### Church Attracts Many Visitors

#### Cape-end Building Is Fourth on Site

PROVINCETOWN—Thousands of visitors each year sign the book in the Provincetown Methodist Church, one of the interesting buildings to see here.

It was established in 1795 through the efforts of one Captain William Humbert who sought refuge in Provincetown Harbor for his ship which was battling heavy seas. The present building, the fourth on the same site, was built in 1860 facing the sea, its tower topped with a "widow's walk" and containing a light that can be seen far at sea.

A chapel is on the ground floor, reached by beautiful, curving, twin stairways, that attracts the most attention. Here will be found a 126-year-old tracker organ, a replica of the one on which Johann Sebastian Bach composed in Leipzig, Germany.

From the ceiling hangs an old brass chandelier. Three of the lamps are the kerosene type with shades of Sandwich glass. An interesting large circular clock, attached to the choir loft rail, faces the pulpit. The age-darkened pews, now comfortably cushioned, are built with high backs and seats and are complete with quaintly fashioned footstools or kneelers. Mellowed by age is the earth-pink and light blue frescoing, conventional in design.

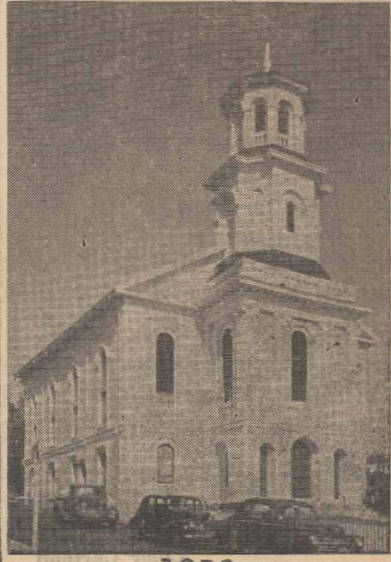
The church's doors are open from 8 in the morning to the same hour at night, with a host or hostess on duty during the Summer months.

During the twelve years of his pastorate in Provincetown, Mr. Dewey has never missed a Sunday service because of illness.

The Deweys have one daughter, Mrs. Jane Alcock, whose husband, James Alcock, is guidance director in the high schools of Chatham and Harwich.

## Provincetown Methodist Church

NOTED LANDMARK FOR SHIPS AT SEA



Active the Year-Round

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16  
9:45 a. m. Church School. Classes for all ages.  
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship  
Sermon: "The Touch of the Master's Hand"  
Anthems by the Adult Choir  
Mrs. Isabel Hatch, Choir Director  
Mrs. Eleanor B. Rowland, Organist  
7:30 p. m. Evening Vespers.  
Favorite Hymn Sing.

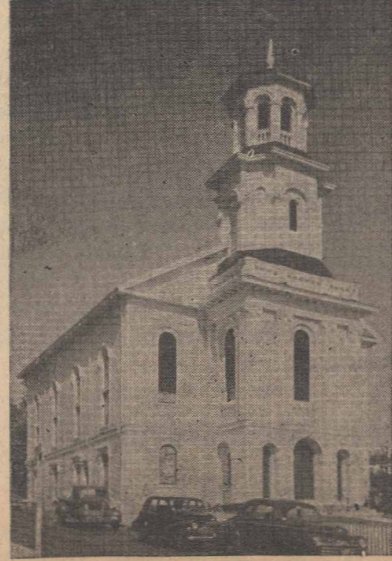
Ample parking nearby

REV. GILMAN L. LANE  
Pastor  
"People of all faiths welcome at all services"

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FROM ALL OF US  
TO  
ALL OF YOU  
A Merry Christmas

REV. GILMAN L. LANE  
Pastor

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## MAJORITY FAVOR FUND RAISING FOR NEW METHODIST CHURCH

### SPECIAL QUARTERLY CONFERENCE VOTES TO APPOINT FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

#### Selectmen Grant Permit To Store Gasoline

The Board of Selectmen after holding a public hearing, voted at their closed meeting last Monday night to grant a permit to Edward Salvador to store gasoline on premises located on the northwest corner of Bradford and Standish Streets where the restaurant "It's Hubert's" now stands. The restaurant building will be torn down, and Mr. Salvador hopes to construct a filling station at the site.

Mr. Salvador, owner of Marcey's Oil Company, had requested the hearing. Merrill Worthin of the Gulf Oil Corporation spoke for the permit. He pointed out that the corner is more or less "blind" and that the proposed service station would be set back from the street and would "open up" the corner.

At the open meeting, one objection was voiced that entrance from Standish Street might cause a traffic hazard for children. However, it was admitted that the corner would be "opened up" which would help to lessen congestion of traffic. Selectmen asked for a show of hands on how those attending the meeting felt about the matter. About 14 favored granting the permit, and no one expressed formal protest.

At a special Quarterly Conference, held at the Provincetown Methodist Church last Sunday, a large majority present voted to establish a committee to raise funds for a new church building.

A recommendation from a previous church meeting, requesting such action, was presented by Wesley Felton, Lay Leader. The conference authorized the church's Board of Trustees to appoint the committee, members of which will be announced by the Board of Trustees probably some time during the coming week.

This action came after more than a year's study by a study committee of the church's needs, in comparison with its physical property. Frequent meetings with professional consultants, and

a professional survey made during the past summer, have been parts of the building study.

The Rev. J. Kenneth Pearson, District Superintendent of the New Bedford District of the Methodist Church, presided at the conference and delivered the morning sermon.

The Provincetown Methodist Church was built in 1860, and because of its beautiful architectural style and interior, attracts hundreds of visitors every summer. The first Methodist to visit Provincetown was Captain William Humbert, who became an important instrument in shaping the religious heritage of the then little fishing port. A local preacher, he was on his way aboard his own vessel from New York to St. John, New Brunswick, when adverse winds forced him to seek refuge in Provincetown Harbor.

Coming ashore in 1793, he proclaimed the distinctive doctrines of the Methodist Society. Soon a preacher, the Rev. George Cannon, came to cultivate the field. The town by vote declared that the Methodists should not erect a church here. These were days of persecution. So great were the grievances that nearly 50 members moved to Maine to worship God according to their own desires.

However, the tide turned, and a great revival broke out. Soon there were two Methodist Churches, each seating over 900 people. Now the two Churches are united at the Provincetown Methodist Church.

The Church, which in its long life has been damaged by fire and hurricanes, still stands as a famous landmark. In 1960 the Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary in its present building.