

**Ancient Cape End fire engine now spending its retirement in the Johnson Street fire house.**

In keeping with Fire Prevention Week, October 2 through 8, is shown one of the three ancient fire pumpers, which were pulled through the streets by hand. Then the same rugged men pumped furiously the bars on each side to send a stream of water about 150 feet. Pictured above is the rear view of the "Benjamin Franklin" now housed at the Johnson Street fire house. Behind it can be seen part of the "U. S. Grant" now being kept at the Provincetown Water Pumping Station in Truro along with the "George Washing-

ton". On each side of the pumpers is a hand-painted portrait in full color, of each celebrity for whom the pumper was named.

Two years ago, in a Fourth of July celebration, the "Franklin" and "Grant" were put in operation and once again pumped a stream of water about the same distance. And according to Wilbur Cook, clerk and engineer of the Fire Department, they really had to hang onto those bars and go up in the air with them as the other side went down because if they let go they were very likely to get a broken jaw.

**NEW BEACON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1962**

**Fire Trucks Getting New Radios**

New Motorola radios are currently being installed in Provincetown's fire trucks, as part of a project which will ultimately include the placing of the fire alarm system in the police station. Funds for the radios, which are being placed in the five fire trucks, the Rescue Squad ambulance and the fire department's utility truck, were appropriated over a period of two years. A total of \$7,600 was voted at two successive town meetings for the job and the contract was awarded on a low bid of \$6,585. Half of this sum will be reimbursed to the town under a Civil Defense match-

ing funds program.

So far the new radios have been installed in Pumper No. 4 at Johnson Street and No. 5 at Anthony Street. Sets will be installed in Pumpers No. 1 and No. 3 shortly and will be put in the new truck which will replace Pumper No. 2 at Court Street.

The radios will operate on the regular fire department band, according to the Board of Fire Engineers. In addition to the regular speaker on each set, each truck will also have an outside speaker which can be turned off when not needed. The base station will be located in a new room, yet to be constructed by the Police Station, and will be used once the telephone dial system goes into operation.

**New, Modern Pumper Adds Muscle To Fire Department**

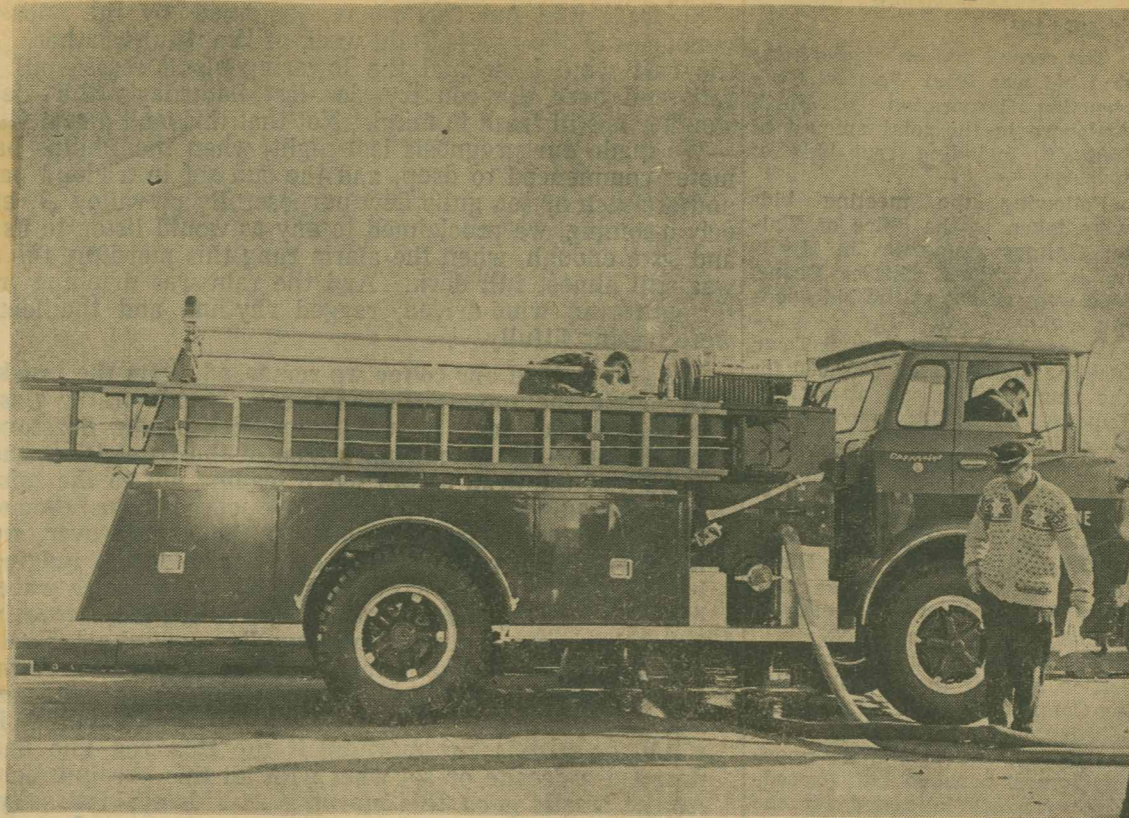


Photo by Dick Medeiros

**Firemen look over the equipment of the new No. 2 Pumper, which arrived this week. Fire Chief Wilbur Cook is on the ground, Bert Stranger, Jr. in the cab, with Bobby Perry in the rear.**

Provincetown Fire Department's new truck for which voters appropriated \$18,000 at the last annual Town Meeting was officially turned over to the town last Thursday when Joseph Murphy, sales representative of Maxim Motors of Middleboro, the supplying contractors, handed the keys to Chairman of Provincetown Selectmen Ralph S. Carpenter and Town Manager Walter E. Lawrence.

A spectacle for admiration, the gleaming new red truck was inspected with acclaim by townspeople who saw it being delivered to the Court Street station.

The new engine to be known as Pumper No. 2, as was its predecessor, the 1930 La France apparatus, cost approximately \$19,000, completely equipped. It has a Chevrolet chassis purchased from Duarte Motors, Inc. by Maxim Motors, who installed the pumper and equipment.

It was reported by Engineer Frank Carreiro that the new

pumper is capable of delivering 750 gallons of water per minute. He added that it has 1850 feet of two and one-half inch hose and some 750 feet of one and one-half inch hose. It is also equipped, he said, with a foam eductor, an Ansul dry chemical extinguisher, a carbon-dioxide extinguisher, and a 500-gallon booster tank.

New Pumper No. 2 is equipped with a radio for communication. It boasts 12 pairs of rubber boots in firemen's red for the regular crew and 4 pairs in black for the Civil Defense Auxiliary firemen. It carries a 35-foot ladder and a roof ladder, both wooden. Asked why wooden ladders that can burn, Mr. Carreiro replied that metal ladders are hazardous conductors of electricity particularly in the presence of water.

The new apparatus will also be equipped with an alternator generator for supplying emergency electrical power for smoke ejectors and flood lights, the fire engineer said.

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**FIRE TRUCKS.** Two new fire trucks have arrived in Provincetown. Wilbur Cook, fire chief, said one of them will be kept in Station No. 4 and the other in No. 5. Both have front-mounted pumps.