

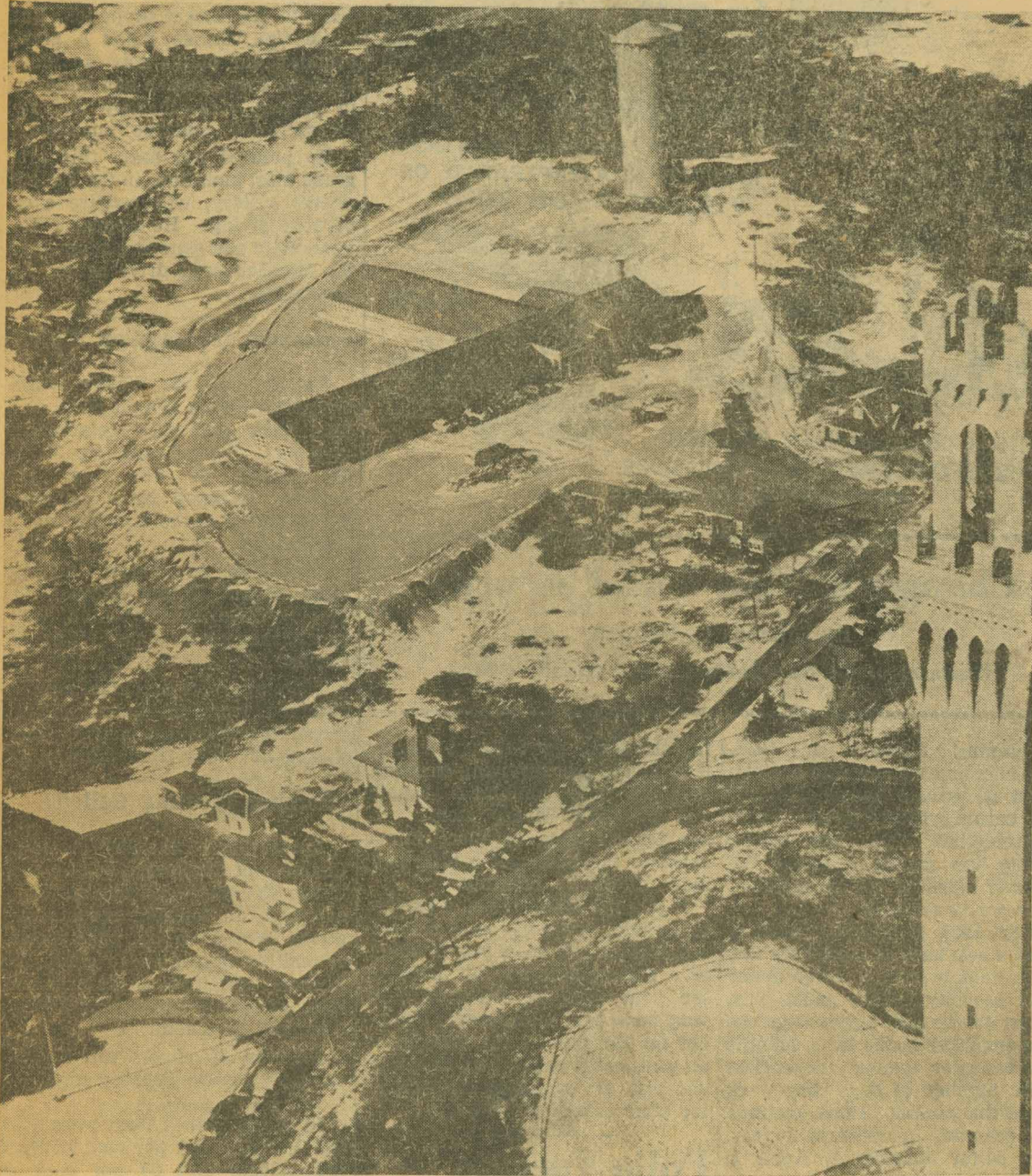
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PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1955

Aerial View Of Elementary School Nearing Completion



NOW RAPIDLY NEARING completion is Provincetown's modern elementary school. This picture taken from a plane gives an excellent idea of its exact location, with the close-up of the top of Pilgrim Memorial Monument at the extreme right, the water reservoir tank, to background, and a part of the High School with flagstaff and flag in the lower left hand corner. Cutting across the lower right hand corner is Winslow Street.



Children at Recess at new Veterans School
Taken from top of Monument - Sept. 1955

-December 31, 1959-

THERE IS SOMETHING of a history to that bell that was recently installed on the flag pole at the Veterans Memorial School. Back in 1920 the children of the town, learning that a freighter was to bear the name "S. S. Provincetown", collected pennies, nickels and dimes to buy the ship's bell as the gift of the town. The bell served its purpose, and well, but finally the freighter was marked for disposal. In other words it was being junked by way of Japan. At that time Irving S. Rogers was running a column, "Puffs and Pot-Shots" in The Advocate and he went to bat for the bell. He enlisted the aid of Ray Avellar, Provincetown boy, then with The New York World-Telegram. Ray lost no time and got in touch with Admiral Emory Land, chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission. Captain Grandville Conway located the bell, set it aside, and shipped it to Provincetown. Here it got into the hands of Ralph Carpenter who makes a hobby of collecting bells. Irving found out about this when the bell was stolen last Summer from Ralph and he insisted that it be returned to the town. It was and is now firmly fastened to the school flagpole. Alton Ramey, then superintendent of schools, made the presentation of the bell to the S. S. Provincetown and the late Martha Atkins read a poem written especially for the occasion.

Yarmouth Register Seventy-Five Years Ago

March 1889

Provincetown has been surveyed, drawings made and estimates of \$65,000 to furnish the town with a complete system of water works. A standpipe on Town Hill, in all 160 feet high, will give the pressure.