



*Boston Belle Approaching  
Provincetown*  
Cape Cod, Mass.

- 1957 -

... Note how the...  
color in these  
postcards gets  
better and  
better every  
year.



*Boston Belle, docked  
at Provincetown*  
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NEW BEACON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1961

## Wilson Excursion Line Is Sold To Washington Concern

Four boats, including the 240-foot Boston Belle which operates between Boston and Provincetown during the summer, and other properties of the Wilson Excursion Lines, has been sold to the Wilson Steamship Corporation, a Washington, D. C., excursion boat line. The purchase was announced by Joseph Goldstein, head of the Wilson Steamship Corporation, who said the purchase price was in "excess of \$1,500,000." The two firms have no connection with each other, despite the similar names.

The Wilson Excursion Lines operated in addition to the Boston Belle, summer excursion and charter services to New York with the Hudson Belle, a 221-foot long motor vessel and the steamship John A. Meseck, which is

240 feet long. The other vessel in the transaction is the 192-foot steamer Bay Belle, which has been operating out of Baltimore.

Mr. Goldstein's company operates two excursion vessels on the Potomac River, the Diplomat and the Mount Vernon. He said two more vessels were being built for his concern and added that he was considering a summertime service around Manhattan. He plans to keep the Hudson Belle and Meseck in the New York area.

Also included in the purchase were piers, offices and amusement parks in Pennsville, N. J., and Tolchester, Md.

The Wilson Excursion Lines, established 71 years ago, was purchased in 1953 by the City Investing Company of N. Y. for \$1,000,000, who continued ownership until the present sale. With the Hudson Belle and John A. Meseck, it has operated Long Island Sound cruises, as well as services to Rye Beach and to Atlantic Highlands, N. J., during the racing season at Monmouth Park.

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AUGUST 15, 1962

Some people of influence in town are beginning to wonder, too, if and when the end of MacMillan Wharf, relatively new, is going to be repaired of extensive damage purportedly done by the "Boston Belle" and various fishing vessels. Although a jury-rigged job was done for the "Martha's Vineyard," Captains Lewis and Bradstreet have had to ease her alongside with the impact of a powder-puff as they have been doing daily for three weeks, but it is a problem the Selectmen and voters must face at next Town Meeting, whether the Town's suit against the Wilson Line is resolved or not.



Boston Belle at foot of wharf - 1962