

DECEMBER 14, 1961

Harbormaster Hauls Out Winter Flag

Harbormaster Arthur B. Silva has announced that, effective Monday, a red and white flag flying from the end of MacMillan Wharf signifies there is fresh water available for boats. The system now in effect will continue through the cold weather months, because of the danger of pipes freezing. Pipes carrying the fresh water are open the length of the pier. When temperatures are above 32 degrees, the fresh water will be turned on, and when below freezing it will be off, the harbormaster said.

November 10, 1962

Harbormaster Silva Found Dead In Car

Provincetown harbormaster and wharfinger, Arthur B. Silva, of 557 Commercial Street, was found dead Saturday morning by police in his parked car on Route 6A near Beach Point in North Truro. He was 69.

He had left home at 1 p. m. the previous day and apparently was sea-clamming on the beach there in the afternoon. His wife, not being able to locate him, called Provincetown Police at 2:30 a. m. on Saturday. Patrols were sent out and shortly after 3 a. m. Patrolmen Manuel H. Jason, Jr., and Warren Crawley, Jr. sighted the vehicle on Route 6A with Mr. Silva in it.

Dr. Daniel H. Hiebert, medical examiner was called and said that the harbormaster had died about 4:45 p. m. Friday, and tentatively attributed the cause of death to coronary infarction, possibly from over-exertion.

Born in Provincetown, Mr. Silva was the son of Manuel C. and Mary Silva and had lived here most of his life. He was a retired fisherman and sealer of weights and measures in this town for many years. He was also a car salesman for several years prior to becoming full-time harbormaster.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Peter the Apostle, a member of Bishop Feehan Assembly, 4th Degree, K. of C., was past Grand Knight of the Walter Welsh Council, K. of C., of Provincetown, and was a member of St. Peter's Holy Name Society. Also he had served with the Provincetown Fire Department for many years, having been captain of the old Number 4 Fire House before his retirement four years ago.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Margaret Dutra Silva of Provincetown; two sons, Arthur F., of Truro and Clement S., of Provincetown; a sister, Mrs. Agnes M. O'Neil of Hyannis; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Requiem Mass was said Monday morning at the Church of St. Peter the Apostle with burial in St. Peter's Cemetery. The Nickerson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Apr. 4, 1963
Town Gets Harbor Master

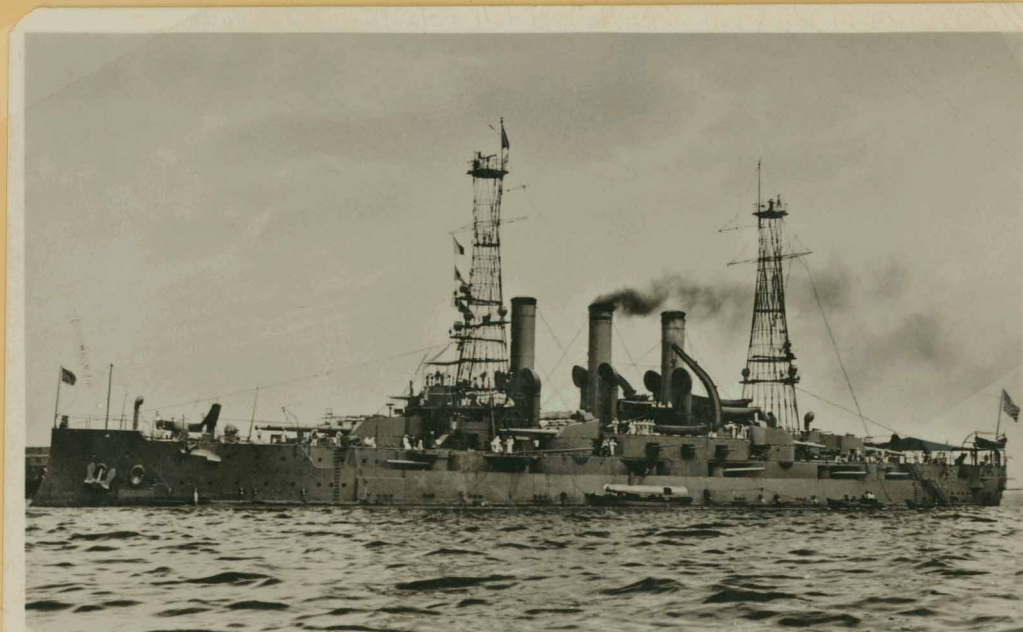
Stanley Carter of 7 Conant Street, who has been named to fill a vacancy in the Provincetown post of harbor master and wharfinger, started his duties Monday. Mr. Carter was also appointed special police officer for MacMillan Wharf and the surrounding area, it was announced by Town Manager Walter E. Lawrence.

Frank Flores, who has been serving as harbor master-wharfinger temporarily while Winter weather made it impracticable to work at his regular post of Cemetery Superintendent, returned Monday to his work at the Provincetown Cemetery.



6-712 Winter Scene, Railroad Wharf, Provincetown, Mass.

Railroad Wharf & the Mackerel Fleet - - 1910



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Battleship Vermont in Provincetown Harbor.