

Anthony P. Tarvers Has 60-Day Permit, 40-Passenger Vehicle

PROVINCETOWN, Aug. 9—Provincetown will have another bus in operation by tonight, if all goes well, and, if not then, by tomorrow morning at the latest, Anthony P. Tarvers, Provincetown taxi operator, said today.

Mr. Tarvers has purchased a 40-passenger bus from Anthony George of Barnstable and will put it on the road to fill the gap in transportation caused by cancellation of insurance of Paige Brothers Garage, Inc., which caused stoppages of bus transportation within the town Thursday.

The new operator said he had been issued a temporary 60-day franchise by the State Department of Public Utilities which will be good until Oct. 7 for bus operation within the town. But, he added, he plans to halt operations Sept. 30 unless business warrants continuance.

Boston Conference Held

Mr. Tarvers flew to Boston yesterday for a conference with State officials where every phase of his new business was discussed. Later yesterday he purchased the bus, drove it to Buzzards Bay where it was inspected, tested and he was given a driving test to determine he was capable of operating the vehicle.

The new line, to be known temporarily as the Provincetown Bus Line, will operate between Mayflower Heights via Commercial Street to New Beach, then return to Mayflower Heights via Bradford Street, to run continuously, Mr. Tarvers said.

The operation, purely temporary and to cover the emergency, will have no bearing on Mr. Tarvers' petition before the Public Utilities officials for a bus line in Truro and Provincetown.

Flat Rate Planned

A flat rate for fares has been set, he said, at 20 cents no matter how far a passenger may ride. The bus will be in operation from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., if the business warrants, he said.

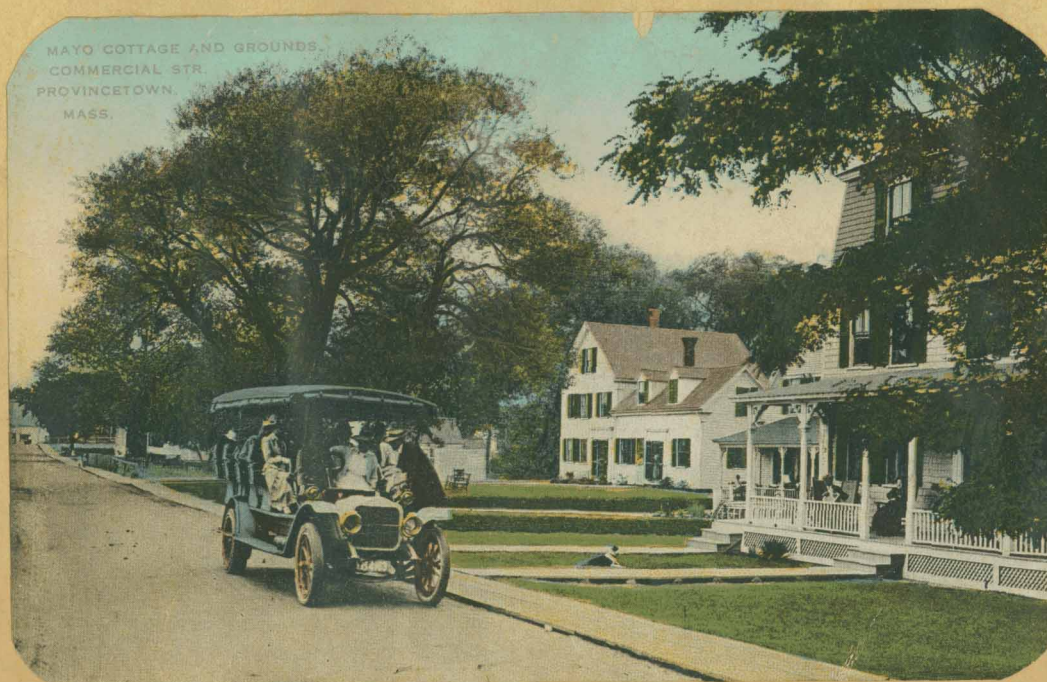
The bus he expects to operate formerly was used by Mr. George in transporting pupils to and from schools in the Town of Barnstable.

"This is purely an emergency measure," Mr. Tarvers said, "and is all for the purpose of serving the public of Provincetown which has been deprived of all bus transportation by the cancellation of the insurance of Paige Brothers Garage."

Mr. Tarvers has all rights to operate, including that of the State and town, he said.



The new Tarvers' bus, beside depot. Sept. 1946.
Center M.E. Church Steeple in background.



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Burt H. Paige Dies Funeral Monday

Funeral services with requiem mass at the Church of St. Peter the Apostle were held Monday morning for Burt Henry Paige, 59, of 551 Commercial Street, who died Friday in the New England Baptist Hospital after a long illness. Interment was in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Mr. Paige, for many years a member as well as chairman of the Provincetown Board of Health and prominent and active in a variety of civic affairs was born in Provincetown, a son of John S. and Christina Paige. For a number of years he and his brother, William, operated a local transportation service, starting in 1910 with horses and changing in 1915 to motor driven vehicles. Until only a few years ago they operated the famous open air buses which were so popular and so much a Provincetown institution and which they, themselves designed. They also started the business in 1919 of the Paige Brothers Garage which still bears the original name under new ownership.

For many years Mr. Paige was active in the work of the Provincetown Board of Trade, was its vice president and served on a number of its committees. He was first president of the Lions Club, a trustee of the Seamen's Savings Bank, and frequently served on special town committees. He was a communicant of the Church of St. Peter the Apostle.

Some years ago Mr. Paige acquired a property in the center of the business section of the town and remodeled it into apartments in the upper floors with a gift shop which he and his wife operated on the ground floor.

Survivors include his widow, Marie Azum Paige of Provincetown; a son, Captain Ronald A. Paige of Dayton, Ohio; three brothers, Frank S. and William H. of Provincetown, and Joseph of California, and a half sister, Mrs. Manuel Cook of Provincetown.