

## SEAMEN'S SAVINGS BANK

of Provincetown

Incorporated  
1851

## President

Robert A. Welsh

## Vice President

Myrick C. Young

## Vice President

George F. Miller, Jr.

## Clerk

Herbert F. Mayo

## Treasurer

William F. Silva

## Assistant Treasurer

Helen F. Rogers

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George F. Miller, Jr.	Sivert J. Benson
Warren C. Silva	

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Herbert F. Mayo	William H. Watts
Harold W. MacFarlane	Myrick C. Young
Jesse Meads	Robert A. Welsh

All officers have been notified of their election and they have severally accepted the trusts and have been qualified according to law. The above list of officers and the names of all the members of the Corporation are now published in conformity with the statutes.

HERBERT F. MAYO, Clerk

Provincetown, Mass., July 3, 1963

## Trustees Welcome Visitors At Seamen's Open House



photo by Dick Medeiros

On hand to greet many friends and visitors at the opening of their new building were the Board of Trustees of the Seaman's Savings Bank. Shown left to right they are Warren C. Silva; Judge Robert A. Welsh, president; William F. Silva, treasurer; Dr. Daniel H. Hiebert; William H. Paige; Chester G. Peck, Jr., George F. Miller, Jr., vice-president; Herbert F. Mayo; Sivert J. Benson; John F. Rosenthal; Alton E. Ramey; Robert F. Silva and Myrick C. Young, vice-president.

## Crowds Attend Holiday Open House At Seamen's Savings Bank New Home

By Elizabeth Cole

A sparkling bright October 12 holiday favored the Open House at Seamen's Savings Bank Monday afternoon, and drew such a crowd of townspeople and neighboring well wishers that all officers and many corsaged and boutonnaired friends of the bank were kept busy from 1 to 6 p.m., conducting guided tours of the handsome new quarters.

It was a little over 113 years ago that Seamen's Savings Bank incorporated and received its first deposit of \$36 from one Leander Rockwell of Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, presumed to have been a Grand Banks fisherman who welcomed a safe place to store his small fortune. In those days the bank's location was at the Town's West End, handiest to the early settlers — about 200 of them — who lived on Long Point. Since then Seamen's Savings Bank has

had two other locations — the first in the Union Exchange on Commercial Street, and the most recent at 274 Commercial Street where the bank has been housed since 1892.

Despite its dependable atmosphere of business-like serenity at 274 Commercial Street, the officers and tellers have been working under cramped conditions. Decision to relocate and build new quarters was intended to overcome this handicap, and to enable the bank to offer its depositors and

borrowers more and better facilities. In anticipation of the transfer, two new staff members have been added so that the present officers and tellers now number seven. They are William Silva, treasurer; Frank M. Oliveria, vice-treasurer; Miss Helen Rogers, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Katherine Marshall, Mrs. Celia Anthony, Miss Helen Martin and Mrs. Mary St. Amand, tellers. All of them were on hand at Monday's Open House to show off their new working home to the hundreds who came to see it. In addition to the bank's employed staff several trustees and their wives served as guides for the new building tour, and as hosts and hostesses for the refreshments served in the all-purpose room of the basement. Miss Rogers presided at a guest register where visiting children received candy sticks and balloons and there was something for everybody to take home as a souvenir of the opening day.

The new building's main floor is sunlit throughout. It is arranged with teller's windows to the east and officers' desks to the west. Between the two business areas of the bank is ample space for easy circulation. The gray green of walls, carpeting and draperies contrasts with modern wall furniture. A machine room toward the rear of the building's first floor is equipped with a kitchenette, and the full basement includes a lower vault and storage to cover all anticipated needs of the bank for many years to come.

A feature of the downstairs refreshment table at Monday's Open House was a cake-replica of the new bank building. Upstairs T. L. Cottrell, designer and builder of West Harwich was present to receive congratulations on a job well done. He didn't bake the cake, but he could take his share of credit for its inspiration, and for the completion on time of the fourth home of the century old Seamen's Savings Bank.

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First depositor Leander Rockwell's \$36 would have been good deal safer if he could have waited the century intervening to see it find its way into today's foolproof vault. Not only that, but had Leander deposited today and had the misfortune to get locked up with his money, his worries would be few. The vault is equipped with a telephone, an air vent and even a device for receiving liquid nourishment through a tube should his stay extend overnight. Bank officials fear no such catastrophe to befall any of their employees or clients, and point out the precautionary equipment with more amusement than concern.

The spacious and well-equipped vault is the least of changes and amenities Leander Rockwell would note. Today his hip boots would fall on soft gray-green wall to wall carpeting. His financial questions would be discussed in a sun-lit treasurer's private office. His eyes would rest on oil paintings by Charles Kaeslau on west walls and follow along to photographs by John W. Gregory. He would admire a portrait by S. Edmund Oppenheim of the bank's treasurer, Mr. Silva. If he arrived at the bank on foot he would find a handy walk-up window, and he would find it open for business at a proper early hour for a seafaring man — from 8:30 a.m. If on horseback, Leander probably would take advantage of the drive-in window to the east of the new bank building. He would find entrance and exit easy along curved driveways, and he could tarry in the rear to enjoy a glorious harbor view where the parking lot is designed to accommodate 30 cars or so.