

Summer Job (\$1.96/hr. plus tips)

Looking for a summer job in Provincetown that pays \$1.96 per hour, plus tips, and merely requires you to roam the streets and speak your piece?

Well, Provincetown needs a new Town Crier. And after two weeks of advertising the job, no one has applied.

Fred Baldwin, Provincetown's venerable Town Crier for many years, notified the town that he would not be able to serve again this summer. He is now living in Harwich.

Town Manager Michael Botelho said Tuesday that he would be willing to consider a younger person for the job if that person would agree to the town's conditions of employment. The deadline for applications for Town Crier is May 24.

The Town Crier must work from 10:00 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon, seven days a week, from June 15 to August 30.

He gets paid \$900 for the season, payable twice monthly. His schedule adds up to 78 days for six hours each day. It works out to about \$1.96 an hour. The Town Crier is allowed to accept, but not to solicit, gifts and tips. He is also made a special police officer.

The conditions of the employment are these: "The Town Crier is required to be in uniform of an authentic styling, furnished and owned by the town, but kept in clean, presentable condition at his own expense.

"He must be of neat personal appearance at all times. It is understood that he will not associate himself with any particular business establishment, or favor one over another."

His duties are these: "The



Town Crier Fred Baldwin, who retired earlier this year.

Town Crier is expected to appear in uniform during all of his hours. He may enter shops, stores, restaurants, etc., but shall not loiter therein.

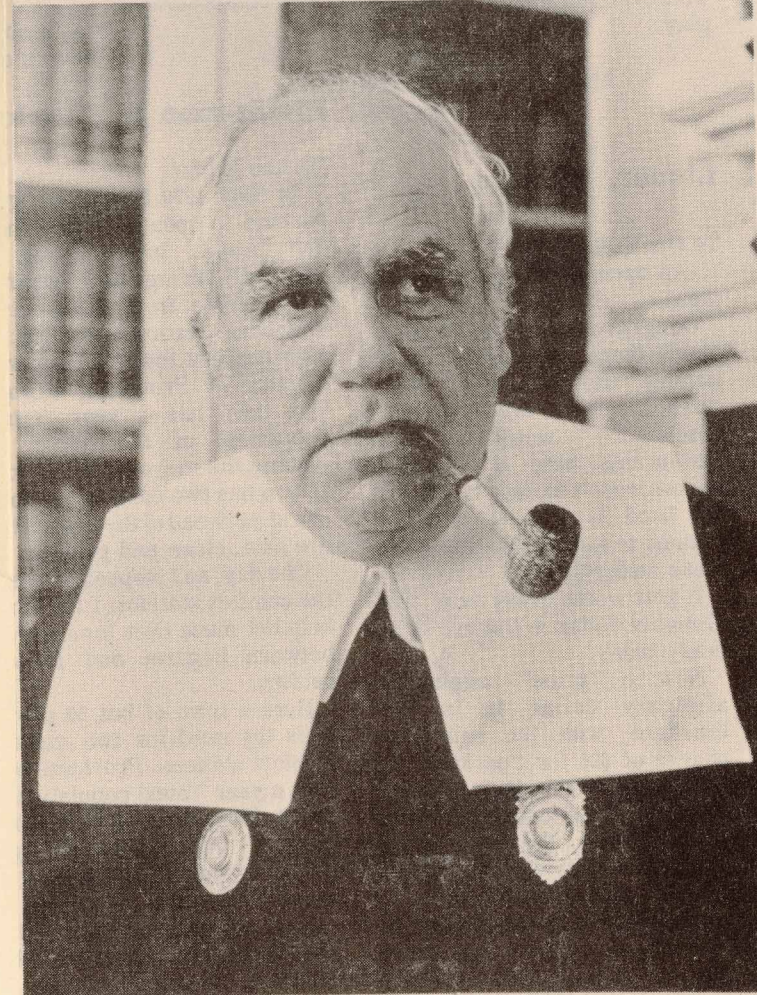
"He shall spend as much of his time as possible on the public streets in the business section of town, on or near the town pier, and in the vicinity of the Town

Hall and the Chamber of Commerce Building.

"He is expected to converse with tourists, give courteous answers to questions, and to pose for photographs upon request.

"He shall, from time to time, ring the Town Crier's bell and cry the news of the day."

Boston Man Bags Town Crier Job



Provincetown's new Town Crier, James Grogan.

Town Manager Michael Botelho announced the new Provincetown Town Crier this week.

The Town Crier is James Grogan, 57, a retired advertising agency executive and freelance artist from Boston, who has spent several summers in Provincetown.

The announcement of the choice and the introduction of Grogan to members of the press from all over the country in the Town Hall at 10 am this morning (Thursday) closed out weeks of suspense and national publicity about the opportunity to become one of the only town criers in the world.

Grogan also paints with water colors and pastels. He has a strong baritone voice, and embarked on a musical career before World War II during the Depression.

At that time he entered the Atwater-Kent contests to find talent for radio shows. Grogan won all the New England contests, but finally lost the big one in New York City to Thomas L. Thomas, who later became a national singing star.

Starting on June 14, Grogan will be in the streets where he will "from time to time, ring the Town Crier's bell and cry the news of the day."