



Toward the Back Side, right of Coast Guard .. Scenes from Grand View platform.

- October 19, 1956 -



.. Toward Town, with the Center Methodist Church, on the left

September 11, 1961

Fire Damages Grand View Tower

The wooden lookout tower on Grand View Hill in the Province Lands nearly went up in smoke about 4:30 last Monday morning when a fire which Provincetown fire officials said was deliberately set, extensively damaged the structure.

Flames, which were first spotted by the lookout at the Race Point Coast Guard Station about a mile away, and who called the Provincetown Fire Department, were mostly brought under control by the Coast Guardsmen of the station by the time the local department arrived. Fire Chief Wilbur Cook said that there was no question in his mind that the fire had been set. He added that there was evidence that someone had chopped up some of the steps and railing to the observation tower and had used these for kindling, piling it up around the posts which support the structure.

According to Chief Cook an investigation of the blaze is underway and the lookout tower, which attracts thousands of visitors during the Summer, can not be used until repairs are made.

The tower was constructed several years ago by the State to provide visitors with a magnificent view of the surrounding area, which includes the wide expanse of the Province Lands with the ocean and the bay in the background.

- August 16, 1962 -

IT IS GOOD to see the observation tower on the road to Race Point has finally been repaired, after the steps were badly burned in a fire last Summer. Since its completion several years ago, the tower has always been a source of enjoyment to the Summer visitor, always marveling at the fine view it affords of the Lower Cape.



Lookout - Highest point in Provincetown
with a view of both Ocean and Bay.
Cape Cod, Massachusetts

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