



flotsam and jetsam

Several times each day we are forcefully reminded of the problem which has dogged the Board of Selectmen, confounded Board member Ralph Carpenter, and raised the ire of numerous residents in this immediate area. We refer, for the umpteenth time, to the mess of litter which nestles in the shrubbery around Town Hall, extends for some way in each direction toward Ryder Street and Masonic Place and wends its way around along Gosnold Street and continues up along Winslow Street. We refer again, not only to the litter, but to the filthy stains on the sidewalks caused by numerous applications of syrupy drinks. Selectman Carpenter can't understand why this area can't be kept clean, and neither can we. We are sympathetic to the problems of the Town Manager and the Street Department, but believe the solution to the situation lies elsewhere. It's our belief that the numerous teen-age bench warmers who congregate in front of Town Hall, and who are responsible for a good deal of the mess (though some adults contribute their share, too,) might be quite a bit more careful of disposing of their trash if they had to spend a few hours every week cleaning it up. Littering, we seem to recall from a discussion at a Selectmen's meeting last spring, is a punishable offense, but the litterbug has to be caught in the act. From what we've seen every single day around this area, this shouldn't prove to be any trouble, and according to the old maxim that the punishment should fit the crime, what could be more fitting than to have those who are responsible for some of the mess, clean up the whole thing. The Selectmen declared a "clean town this summer" policy last spring, which sounded very good. Probably it was better than other summers; we really can't remember. How about a "clean town this winter" policy?

Selectmen Enjoy Quiet Meeting

There were no scheduled hearings or bid openings at Monday's open Selectmen's meeting of the Provincetown Board. There were no reports from Town Manager Walter E. Lawrence. No new matters were brought to the attention of the Board.

A letter from Anthony P. Tavers addressed to the Board of Selectmen was read in which he submitted his resignation as an

alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals as a result of his election to the Provincetown Board of Selectmen last week.

Selectman John Snow moved that his resignation be accepted with regret and Selectman Joseph Lema seconded. Selectman Ralph Carpenter said, "I don't think it is proper to accept it with regret. That mean's we're sorry he's a Selectman."

Chairman William McKellar cautioned, "You just keep quiet." Selectman Snow withdrew his motion "with regret".

Chairman McKellar announced, "The resignation is accepted."



This is the same picture as on next page. John R. Smith used to like his pictures light, but notice that the South Truro Meeting House on hill in center does not show in next picture. Corn Hill also shows up plainly in back of Destroyer on left.



Around These Parts

By Frank Crotty

SEALS OFF P'TOWN—An unusually large number of seals has been seen off Provincetown since Jan. 1. The town pays a bounty of five dollars per seal. The noses of six have been presented to Town Treasurer Frank Bent so far.

Dorothy Lambert of the Provincetown Advocate got to wondering what Frank Bent did with the noses so she asked him.

"What do I do with the noses?" he repeated with astonishment. "Why, I throw 'em in the wastebasket, what else?"