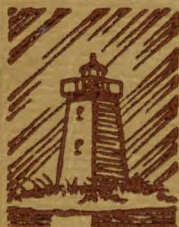
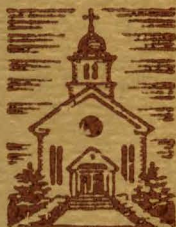


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PROVINCETOWN

MASSACHUSETTS



YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER
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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS and DEPARTMENT HEADS

of the

Town of Provincetown, Massachusetts

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

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Warren Silva
Frank Perry

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Manuel F. Patrick
Sivert Benson
Frank Barnett

**WELFARE, BOARD OF
Town Manager**

WIRE INSPECTOR

*Converse L. Montgomery
Donald T. Gleason
*Resigned

From the Town Manager

To the Citizens of Provincetown:

In submitting to you the second annual report of the Town of Provincetown under the Selectmen-Manager form of government, only minor changes have been made in the form and content of this book. When the citizens vote to have an administrator coordinate the activities of the various municipal departments, they are entitled to a detailed account of his stewardship. Having been with you for only a few weeks of the fiscal year, however, such an accounting could not be made for 1955. As a result, the various departments and committees are herewith reporting directly to you, and the signatures which were omitted from these reports last year are now included. It is anticipated that future reports will be somewhat modified in attempt to present to you a clearer picture of the operation of your municipal government. Your suggestions to improve the annual report will be sincerely appreciated.

Although 1955 continued to be a year of progress for the Town of Provincetown, we must realize that we still have a long way to go. Progress involves more than capital improvements, and now that we have taken steps to solve some immediate problems by the construction of such sorely needed improvements as a new elementary school, a new water supply, and a new municipal wharf, we must direct our energies to other important matters which have been neglected. Some of the problems we faced a year ago have been solved, but others are still with us. We have established equitable values for tax purposes, for example, but we have not yet satisfied our parking and traffic flow needs. We shall have to give serious attention to the financial condition of the Town to assure continued operation on a sound basis, and every effort must be made to effect economies without impairing efficiency.

I look to the job ahead of us with full confidence that it will be done to your satisfaction. The guidance and counsel of the Board of Selectmen and the cooperation of the municipal employees are valuable assets for which I am truly grateful. Your continued interest in municipal affairs and your insistence upon formulating opinion on the basis of facts rather than on rumors will assure the future of your community.

JAMES V. COYNE, JR.
Town Manager

Water Department

NEW STATION

Fuel oil on hand January 1, 1956	5210 gallons
Ursa No. 30 engine base oil January 1, 1956	50 gallons
Gear drive-case oil January 1, 1956	5 gallons
Highest water level in well field April 7, 1955	14' 1" to water
Lowest water in well field July 25, 1955	16' 9" to water
Engine and pumping equipment started to operate July 1954.	
Engine and pumping equipment has operated 4090 clock hours.	
Engine and pumping equipment has operated 2421 metered hours.	

NEW STATION 1955 PUMPAGE

January	
High day January 30th	228,100 gals.
Low day January 1st	112,210 gals.
Total for month	4,119,132 gals.
February	
High day February 9th	148,930 gals.
Low day February 25th	122,010 gals.
Total for month	3,786,370 gals.
March	
High day March 11th	246,790 gals.
Low day March 24th	124,510 gals.
Total for month	5,023,660 gals.
April	
High day April 13th	164,880 gals.
Low day April 4th	63,000 gals.
Total for month	5,175,800 gals.
May	
High day May 28th	610,870 gals.
Low day May 6th	160,670 gals.
Total for month	8,881,820 gals.
June	
High day June 30th	1,113,780 gals.
Low day June 12th	202,800 gals.
Total for month	24,030,310 gals.
July	
High day July 20th	1,196,350 gals.
Low day July 7th	452,310 gals.
Total for month	28,136,456 gals.
August	
High day August 2nd	1,210,810 gals.
Low day August 14th	344,080 gals.
Total for month	20,279,940 gals.

September

High day September 5th	531,580 gals.
Low day September 24th	261,210 gals.
Total for month	10,899,600 gals.

October

High day October 3rd	363,040 gals.
Low day October 28th	160,230 gals.
Total for month	7,304,510 gals.

November

High day November 18th	318,250 gals.
Low day November 19th	94,550 gals.
Total for month	6,646,660 gals.

December

High day December 7th	321,550 gals.
Low day December 4th	138,310 gals.
Total for month	5,206,200 gals.

Total pumpage New Station 1955	129,490,478 gals.
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OLD STATION

Fuel oil on hand January 1, 1956	7,810 gallons
Ursa base engine oil January 1, 1956	50 gallons
Turbine oil	7 gallons
Highest water level in well field April 30th	13.90' to water
Lowest water level in well field September 24th	14.90' to water
Engine and pumping equipment started June 1950	
Engine and pumping equipment has operated 34,119 clock hours	
Engine and pumping equipment has operated 23,109 metered hours	

OLD STATION 1955 PUMPAGE

January	
High day January 2nd	151,000 gals.
Low day January 14th	41,000 gals.
Total for month	1,689,000 gals.
February	
High day February 10th	112,000 gals.
Low day February 23rd	47,000 gals.
Total for month	2,332,000 gals.
March	
High day March 29th	170,000 gals.
Low day March 19th	25,000 gals.
Total for month	1,750,000 gals.
April	
High day April 30th	140,000 gals.
Low day April 6th	66,000 gals.
Total for month	3,121,000 gals.
May	
High day May 22nd	508,000 gals.

Low day May 13th	35,000 gals.
Total for month	8,087,000 gals.
June	
High day June 30th	611,000 gals.
Low day June 8th	143,000 gals.
Total for month	12,835,000 gals.
July	
High day July 23rd	621,000 gals.
Low day July 25th	404,000 gals.
Total for month	16,304,000 gals.
August	
High day August 3rd	625,000 gals.
Low day August 12th	327,000 gals.
Total for month	14,547,000 gals.
September	
High day September 8th	460,000 gals.
Low day September 26th	156,000 gals.
Total for month	9,432,000 gals.
October	
High day October 6th	246,000 gals.
Low day October 30th	160,000 gals.
Total for month	5,824,000 gals.
November	
High day November 11th	203,000 gals.
Low day November 19th	99,000 gals.
Total for month	3,980,000 gals.
December	
High day December 29th	191,000 gals.
Low day December 18th	64,000 gals.
Total for month	3,373,000 gals.
Total pumpage Old Station 1955	83,274,000 gals.
New Station	129,490,470 gals.
Total pumpage both stations for year 1955	212,764,470 gals.

The Auxiliary Station pumped 3,213,700 gallons during the nine days that it was opened.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

53 1-inch service pipes were renewed
 9 new 1-inch services were installed
 7 new 2-inch services were installed
 1 new 1½-inch services were installed
 220 feet of 2-inch wrought iron pipe was used
 578 feet of 1-inch wrought iron pipe was used
 37 feet of 1½-inch wrought iron pipe was used
 487 feet of 2-inch plastic pipe was installed on the New Winthrop Street
 4 hydrants were renewed

Additional Water Supply Committee

Final Report

Your committee which was appointed at the Annual Town Meeting in February 1952 have attended to their duty and the new Pumping Station which was put in operation in July 1954 is now complete in every detail.

In the construction of this new additional water supply 7.2 miles of 12 inch transite pipe was laid. This is a direct line from the new well field to Gosnold Street with no take offs. A well field fifteen hundred feet long was constructed and 8 eight inch gravel packed wells were installed, capable of producing 800 gallons of water per minute. A pumping station was constructed in the center of the well field, equipped with a Caterpillar Diesel Engine and all other pumping equipment necessary for the operation of the station.

At the Annual Town Meeting in February 1952 the sum of \$375,000.00 was appropriated. Of this amount, \$335,836.73 has been expended leaving a balance of \$39,163.27.

The State Department of Public Health analysis of samples of water collected since the wells were placed in operation shows that the water is of high quality, low in iron content and contains no manganese.

Your committee respectfully call to your attention the recommendation in the additional water supply committee report which was given at the Annual Town Meeting held on February 8, 1954 which stated as follows: We recommend that the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Public Works and the Town Manager be requested not to install any hydrants or service connections to the new water supply main.

Your committee also recommends that some thought be given to the installation of gravel packed wells in the old well field at North Truro. The balance of our appropriation could not be used for this purpose.

Although the additional water supply is ample, this does not necessarily mean that water can be wasted by leaving sprinklers on for 24-hour periods.

MARION PERRY, Chairman
 WARREN ALEXANDER
 MANUEL F. PATRICK
 FRANK H. BARNETT
 SIVERT J. BENSON
 WILLIAM H. PAIGE, Secretary

Town Collector and Treasurer

During the year 1955 receipts totaling \$1,192,565.51 were received by this office and total disbursements were in the amount of \$1,489,768.53. Detailed statements of these receipts and disbursements will be found in the Town Accountant's Report.

At the close of business on December 31, 1955, 85% of the 1955 Real Estate commitment had been collected.

Tax payers are reminded that delinquent accounts after November 1st of the year of commitment carry an interest charge of 4% dating back to October 1st, and accounts unpaid on October 1st the year following date of commitment are satisfied by the taking of tax titles.

In the past, delinquent water taxes were allowed to be carried on the books as outstanding for periods of four to five years. This practice has been ended as far as possible, by discontinuing service to these delinquents and it has brought results in the amount of about \$11,000.00. This practice will be in effect until all delinquent water taxes are paid. Two temporary loans were made in 1955 in anticipation of revenue, each for \$50,000.00 and both were paid on due date.

As authorized by vote of the Town Meeting, the Selectmen and Treasurer sold a bond issue in the amount of \$225,000.00 to finance the building of a new Town Pier, dated August 1, 1955. Interest is at the rate of 2.40% payable annually over a period of 20 years.

I wish to thank Mr. James V. Coyne, Jr., Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen for their wonderful cooperation and understanding and to the whole office personnel for their kind and helpful assistance throughout 1955.

FRANK S. BENT

Deputy Collector of Taxes

In the early Fall I was appointed Deputy Collector of Taxes whose job it is to collect delinquent taxes. To date I have been working on Poll and Personal Property Taxes and have turned into the Town of Provincetown \$329.43.

It has been a pleasure to find all the people I contacted most cooperative.

JOSEPH A. ROGERS

STATEMENT OF TAX COMMITMENTS REAL ESTATE

Year	Commitment	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	Abated	Tax Titles	Collected	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956	Refunds
1955	\$378,915.30	\$40,854.53	\$5,378.20	\$549.30	\$322,719.26	\$51,347.19	\$1,192.15
1954		13,337.90	484.20	421.80	34,385.41	5,571.65	24.80
1953			78.00	941.91	12,026.93	101.80	23.40
				POLL			
1955	\$2,672.00		582.00		\$1,858.00	\$236.00	\$4.00
1954		\$223.00	2.00		94.00	126.00	
1953						6.00	
				PERSONAL PROPERTY			
1955	\$30,540.10	\$2,089.30	\$577.60		\$26,517.58	\$3,448.52	\$3.60
1954			331.70		1,300.22	467.13	9.75
1953			13.65		410.30	345.15	
1952					63.22	130.80	
1951						19.00	
				MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE			
1955	\$32,631.17	\$7,650.45	\$2,304.90		\$27,396.28	\$3,816.48	\$772.93
1954		238.69	160.09		5,760.12	1,806.64	137.88
1953				VESSEL EXCISE	524.00	233.45	
1955	\$1,525.84	\$172.00			\$1,399.84	\$126.00	
1954		103.00	\$20.00		69.00	103.00	
1953		10.00				83.00	
1952				WATER SERVICE CHARGES		10.00	
	\$85,954.21	\$15,361.51	\$942.80		\$70,510.12	\$14,559.49	\$58.20

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1952		10.00				10.00	
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	\$85,954.21	\$15,361.51	\$942.80		\$70,510.12	\$14,559.49	\$58.20

Assessors' Report

VALUATION JANUARY 1, 1955

Real Estate	
Land	\$2,951,355.00
Buildings	5,444,315.00
Total	\$8,395,670.00
Personal Estate	666,950.00
Total Real and Personal	\$9,062,620.00

1955 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Expenditures	
Town Appropriations	\$773,454.22
Court Judgment	612.40
State Assessment	6,729.80
County Assessment	44,841.00
Overlay	13,265.50
Gross Amount Raised	\$838,902.92
Revenues—Non-Tax	
Estimated Receipts	\$268,163.87
Overestimates 1954	10,953.15
Available Funds	149,300.00
Total non-tax Revenues	\$428,417.02
Tax Revenues	
1,334 Polls @ \$2.00	\$2,668.00
Personal Property Tax—\$666,950 x \$45	30,012.75
Real Estate Tax—\$9,062,620 x \$45	377,805.15
Total tax	\$410,485.90
December Commitment	
Total tax—Real Estate, Personal Property and Polls	1,654.50
Total Tax Revenue, 1955	\$412,140.40

JOHN I. KING
MANUEL RAYMOND
THOMAS FRANCIS

Town Clerk's Report

The following annual report of the Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1955, is herewith submitted.
The report of fees collected is as follows

SPORTING LICENSES

36 Resident Citizens Fishing	@ 3.25	\$117.00
134 Resident Citizens Hunting	@ 3.25	435.50
14 Resident Citizens Sporting	@ 5.25	73.50
6 Resident Citizens Minor Fishing	@ 1.25	7.50
2 Resident Citizens Female Fishing	@ 2.25	4.50
1 Resident Citizens Trapping	@ 7.75	7.75
19 Special Non-Resident Fishing	@ 2.75	52.25
3 Non-Resident Citizens Minor Fishing	@ 2.25	6.75
7 Non-Resident Citizens Fishing	@ 7.75	54.25
1 Non-Resident Citizens Hunting	@ 15.25	15.25
3 Duplicates	@ .50	1.50
Total		\$775.75
Paid to State		\$720.00
Town Clerk Fees		55.75
		\$775.75

DOG LICENSES

161 Male Dogs	@ 2.00	\$322.00
87 Spayed Female	@ 2.00	174.00
12 Female	@ 5.00	60.00
Total		\$556.00
Paid to County		\$504.00
Town Clerk Fees		52.00
		\$556.00

TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS

24 Marriage Certificates	\$12.00
83 Birth Certificates	42.30
80 Death Certificates	40.00
125 Chattel Mortgages Recorded	303.06
32 Chattel Mortgages Discharged	36.50
8 Business Certificates Filed	8.00
51 Marriage Intentions	102.00
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$543.86

BIRTHS			
Month	Male	Female	Total
January	8	2	10
February	3	5	8
March	5	4	9
April	9	3	12
May	6	6	12
June	9	2	11
July	5	4	9
August	2	4	6
September	1	3	4
October	5	3	8
November	2	4	6
December	4	3	7
Total	59	43	102

DEATHS			
Month	Male	Female	Total
January	8	2	10
February	4	5	9
March	2	6	8
April	1	2	3
May		3	3
June		2	2
July	7	1	8
August	3	4	7
September	3		3
October		1	1
November	3	1	4
December	2	2	4
Total	33	29	62

MARRIAGES		Total
January		1
February		4
April		9
May		2
June		4
July		12
August		2
September		8
October		5
November		2
December		5
Total		54

Town Accountant

I respectfully submit the following report of the financial transactions of the Town for the year ending December 31, 1955.

We have continued the procedural innovations adopted by my predecessor and are pleased to report that the accounting system now being used by the Town is excellent.

It is an extreme pleasure for me to be again in the employ of the Town of Provincetown after a lapse of almost twenty years. I wish at this time to thank each and every one of my fellow-workers for their wonderful cooperation.

Even though I have been Town Clerk and Accountant for the short period of only seven months, I can now realize the work done and the responsibility shouldered for thirty years by my good friend George Chapman. The Town owes him a debt of gratitude. If I can be half as good on this job as he was, I will be truly grateful.

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN Balance Sheet December 31, 1955

	Debit	Credit
ASSETS:		
Cash—General		\$173,314.41
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Poll, Levy of 1953	\$6.00	
Poll, Levy of 1954	126.00	
Poll, Levy of 1955	236.00	
		368.00
Personal Property, Levy of 1951	19.00	
Personal Property, Levy of 1952	138.80	
Personal Property, Levy of 1953	345.15	
Personal Property, Levy of 1954	467.13	
Personal Property, Levy of 1955	3,448.52	
		4,410.60
Real Estate, Levy of 1953	101.80	
Real Estate, Levy of 1954	5,571.65	
Real Estate, Levy of 1955	51,347.19	
		57,020.64
Motor Vehicle Excise, Levy of 1953	233.45	
Motor Vehicle Excise, Levy of 1954	1,806.64	
Motor Vehicle Excise, Levy of 1955	3,816.48	
		5,856.57

Vessel Excise, Levy of 1952	10.00	
Vessel Excise, Levy of 1953	83.00	
Vessel Excise, Levy of 1954	103.00	
Vessel Excise, Levy of 1955	126.00	
		322.00
Tax Titles		4,165.47
Departmental:		
Town Manager	927.80	
Board of Health	168.57	
Welfare Aid		44.33
Old Age Assistance	3.49	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,442.18	
Disability Assistance		37.16
Disability Assistance Administration	6.81	
Veterans Benefits	621.76	
		4,089.12
Aid to Highways:		
State	5,795.68	
County	3,145.68	
		8,941.36
Water Rates and Charges		14,559.49
Court Judgment		1,000.00
		\$274,047.66

	Debit	Credit
LIABILITIES & RESERVES:		
Barnstable County Dog Refund		\$470.87
Tailings		74.31
Premium on New School Loan		335.20
Barnstable County Tax	\$6,652.45	
State Mosquito Control	9.58	
State Parks and Reservations		112.52
Benjamin Small Library Fund		103.12
Library Book Fund (Special Deposits)		530.44
Cemetery Perpetual Care		325.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund		2,036.85
Parking Meters		3,175.79
Comfort Stations		149.45
Old Age Assistance Recoveries		1,800.00
Disability Assistance Recoveries		70.00
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	\$581.68	
Old Age Assistance Administration		147.58
Aid to Dependent Children	14.27	
Aid to Dependent Children Administration		66.81

Disability Assistance	17.73	
Disability Assistance Administration		45.78
Smith-Hughes-George Barden Fund		213.19
		1,023.04
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch Program		1,905.68
School Athletic Program		37.42
Provincetown Airport		4,491.74
		6,434.84
Unexpended Appropriation Balances		66,760.00
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		14,697.94
Sale of Real Estate		3,200.00
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1951		19.00
Levy of 1952		194.02
Levy of 1953		5,326.58
Levy of 1954		9,051.02
Levy of 1955		6,624.20
		21,214.82
Revenue Reserved until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise		5,856.57
Vessel Excise		322.00
Tax Titles		4,165.47
Departmental		4,089.12
Water		14,559.49
Aid to Highway		8,941.36
		37,934.01
Surplus		120,261.49
Total Liabilities & Reserves		\$274,047.66

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or		Serial Loans	
Fixed Debt	\$959,000.00	Additional Water	
		Supply	\$3,000.00
		Airport Loan	6,000.00
		New Water Main	20,000.00
		Water Loan, Acts of	
		1952	345,000.00
		New School Loan	360,000.00
		Wharf Loan, Acts of	
		1955	225,000.00
			\$959,000.00

SCHEDULE OF DEBT AND INTEREST

	Matures	Debt	Interest	Total
Additional Water Supply	1958	\$3,000.00	\$78.75	\$3,078.75
Airport Loan	1957	6,000.00	90.00	6,090.00
New Water Main	1965	20,000.00	1,990.00	21,990.00
Water Loan, Acts of 1952	1978	345,000.00	99,187.50	444,187.50
New School Loan	1973	360,000.00	71,280.00	431,280.00
New Wharf Loan, Acts of 1955	1975	225,000.00	52,200.00	277,200.00
		<u>\$959,000.00</u>	<u>\$224,826.25</u>	<u>\$1,183,826.25</u>

UNEXPENDED BALANCES, APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Assessors Maps	\$1,178.85
Tax Revaluation Survey	2,677.58
Business and Industrial Commission	200.00
Rescue and Emergency Truck and Equipment	43.63
Light & Power Committee	500.00
Civilian Defense	1,410.02
Civil Engineer—Parking Zones	300.00
Street Reconstruction	4,000.00
New Sidewalk Construction	1,713.62
1955 Chapter 90	1,406.62
Harbor Development—Engineering Services	8,500.00
Infirmery Repairs	500.00
School Department—Capital Outlays	1,749.35
Vocational Schools	1,909.84
School Cafeteria	266.45
Adult Naturalization	154.00
New Elementary School Building	58.62
Governor Bradford School	33.12
Nickerson Street Playground—Capital Outlay	910.50
Howland Street Playground—Capital Outlay	34.53
Water Loan—Acts of 1952	39,163.27
	<u>\$66,760.00</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH YEAR 1955

Cash Balance January 1, 1955	\$470,517.43
Cash Receipts 1955	
Taxes	
Current Year	
Real Estate	\$322,719.26
Personal Property	26,517.58
Poll	1,858.00
	<u>351,094.84</u>

Previous Years		
Real Estate	\$47,497.45	
Personal Property	2,105.44	
Poll	94.00	
	<u>49,696.89</u>	
From State		
Corporations	\$23,112.67	
Income	41,216.84	
Meal Tax	2,932.49	
Charities	13,812.35	
Old Age Assistance	51,476.28	
Veterans Benefits	2,725.31	
George Barden Fund	100.00	
School Construction	5,034.06	
	<u>140,410.00</u>	
From Federal Government		
Old Age Assistance	\$52,110.02	
Aid to Dependent Children	15,808.91	
Disability Assistance	1,047.97	
	<u>68,966.90</u>	
Chapter 90 Construction		
State	\$14,704.32	
County	7,104.32	
	<u>21,808.64</u>	
Tax Titles		1,007.54
Barnstable County—Dogs		470.87
Premium on Wharf Loan		725.00
Libraries		
Fees	\$114.11	
Book Fund	85.00	
	<u>199.11</u>	
Cemeteries		
Bequests	\$2,264.00	
Trust Fund Income	2,872.75	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	165.00	
	<u>5,301.75</u>	
Recoveries		
Old Age Assistance	\$6,001.05	
Aid to Dependent Children	80.90	
Disability Assistance	70.00	
	<u>6,151.95</u>	
Sale of Real Estate		2,700.00
Temporary Loans		100,000.00
Wharf Loan		225,000.00
Departmental Accounts Receivable		2,676.32

Revolving Funds		
Airport	\$1,429.20	
Parking Meters	2,655.46	
Comfort Station	298.90	
School Lunch	18,494.41	
School Athletics	820.50	
		23,698.47
Refunds and Cancelled Checks		5,345.94
Withholding Tax		24,839.27
Contributory Retirement		4,751.16
Local Non-tax-rate Revenue		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$32,667.70	
Local Licenses	17,067.50	
Fines	740.00	
General Government	10,978.59	
Protection of Persons and Property	100.50	
Health and Sanitation	766.07	
Schools	20,183.39	
Public Service Enterprises	69,303.82	
Interest and Costs on Taxes	1,876.28	
Vessel Excise	1,468.84	
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,568.17	
		157,720.86
Total Cash Balance and Receipts	\$1,663,082.94	
Deduct Disbursements 1/1/55-12/31/55	1,489,768.53	
Cash Balance December 31, 1955		\$173,314.41

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS
December 31, 1955

	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1955		\$106,233.00
Add:		
Chapter 90 Receipts		11,069.03
Tax Title Collections		1,006.95
O.A.A. Recovery Adjustment		4,535.33
Refund 1954 School Payment		77.00
Town Pier Adjustment		50,000.00
Adjustments per State Audit		2,082.58
A.D.C. Recovery Adjustment		29.93
Refund E. & D. Surplus		1.00
1955 Revenue		43,578.64
		<u>\$218,513.46</u>

Deduct:		
Treasurer, Petty Cash	\$100.00	
Adjustment per State Audit	4,978.62	
Appropriations voted to be taken		
from surplus 3/14/55	64,000.00	
Same as above 10/30/55	17,700.00	
Additional Tax Titles	1,363.71	
Estimated Receipt Credit	3,209.64	
Town Wharf Repairs		
Chapter 44, Section 31	7,000.00	
		<u>\$98,351.97</u>
Surplus Balance December 31, 1955		\$120,261.49
Less: Outstanding Taxes:		
1951 Levy	\$19.00	
1952 Levy	130.80	
1953 Levy	452.95	
1954 Levy	6,164.78	
1955 Levy	55,031.71	
		<u>\$61,799.24</u>
Free Cash		<u>\$58,462.25</u>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 1955

	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Appro- piation	Other Credits		Total	*Transferred or Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 1955	To Revenue	Forward to Jan. 1, 1956
			*Res. Fund **Other						
New School	\$184,120.48		**	\$241.95	\$184,362.43	\$184,303.81	\$58.62		\$58.62
Town Pier	68,000.00	\$68,000.00	**	225,000.00	361,000.00	* 68,000.00			
						293,000.00			
Chapter 90 (Commercial St.)	10,008.70				10,008.70	9,638.15	370.55	\$370.55	
Chapter 90 (Winthrop St.)		6,500.00			6,500.00	5,093.38	1,406.62		1,406.62
Treasurer's Check Writer		435.00	*	65.00	500.00	498.50	1.50	1.50	
Selectmen's Office		500.00			500.00	500.00			
Grading Town Hall Yard		1,650.00			1,650.00	1,649.07	.93	.93	
Rescue Truck and Equipment		3,000.00			3,000.00	2,956.37	43.63		43.63
New Rubbish Truck		7,500.00			7,500.00	6,840.17	659.83	659.83	
Front End Loader		4,500.00			4,500.00	4,471.69	28.31	28.31	
Street Reconstruction		4,000.00			4,000.00		4,000.00		4,000.00
New Sidewalks		2,000.00			2,000.00	286.38	1,713.62		1,713.62
Prince St. Reconstruction		8,200.00			8,200.00	*2,500.00	165.45	165.45	
						5,534.55			
Purchase Land—Winthrop St.		4,000.00			4,000.00	4,000.00			
Purchase Land—Prince St.		1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00			
Grading Parking Lots		500.00			500.00	500.00			
Infirmery Repairs	500.00				500.00		500.00		500.00
School Department		9,000.00	*	1,548.08	10,548.08	8,798.73	1,749.35		1,749.35
Razing Center and Western Schools		1,600.00	*	400.00	2,003.60	2,003.60			
			**	360					
Grace Hall Property		30,500.00			30,500.00	30,500.00			

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	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Appro- piation	Other Credits		Total	*Transferred or Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 1955	To Revenue	Forward to Jan. 1, 1956
			*Res. Fund **Other						
Painting Library	913.32	200.00	*	285.00	1,398.50	1,398.50			
			**	.18					
Nickerson Street Playground		1,000.00			1,000.00	89.50	910.50		910.50
Howland St. Playground		1,200.00			1,200.00	1,115.47	84.53		84.53
Assessor's Maps	1,000.00	2,000.00			3,000.00	1,821.15	1,178.85		1,178.85
Tax Revaluation Survey		13,500.00			13,500.00	10,822.42	2,677.58		2,677.58
Business and Industrial Comm.		200.00			200.00		200.00		200.00
Light & Power Committee	500.00				500.00		500.00		500.00
Civil Engineer—Parking Zones	300.00				300.00		300.00		300.00
Harbor Development Committee		4,500.00	**	7,000.00	11,500.00	3,000.00	8,500.00		8,500.00
Additional Water Supply									
Chapter 439, Acts of 1952	39,331.11		**	4,755.00	44,086.11	4,924.84	39,161.27		39,161.27
Total	\$304,675.61	\$175,485.00		\$239,298.81	\$719,459.42	\$655,246.28	\$64,213.14	\$1,226.57	\$62,986.57

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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES 1955

Court Judgment	\$612.40	\$612.40	\$612.40	
Barnstable County Tax	44,841.00	44,841.00	51,493.45	-\$6,652.45
State Audit	2,680.77	2,680.77	2,680.77	
Pest Control	3,114.07	3,114.07	3,123.65	-9.58
Parks and Reservations	934.96	934.96	822.44	112.52
Overlay 1955	13,265.50	13,265.50	6,641.30	6,624.20
Total	\$65,448.70	\$65,448.70	\$65,374.01	\$74.69

1955 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY
(Excluding Capital Outlay and Miscellaneous Appropriation)

	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Appro- piation	Other Credits *Res. Fund **Other	Total	*Transferred or Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 1955	To Revenue	Forward to Jan. 1, 1956
General Government								
Moderator		\$50.00		\$50.00	\$50.00			
Finance Committee		110.00	* 5.00	115.00	115.00			
Selectmen's Expenses		400.00		400.00	392.15	\$7.85	\$7.85	
Town Manager—Salary and Expense		8,940.00	* 22.97	8,962.97	8,814.16	148.81	148.81	
Town Clerk—Salary and Expense		2,600.00	** 15.15	2,615.15	2,601.96	13.19	13.19	
Town Accountant—Salary and Expense		3,400.00		3,400.00	2,941.04	458.96	458.96	
Treasurer, Collector— Salary and Expense		5,725.00	* 7.23	5,732.23	5,724.36	7.87	7.87	
Assessors—Salary and Expense		3,230.00	* 9.53	3,239.53	3,088.81	150.72	150.72	
Legal		1,200.00	* 800.00	2,000.00	1,560.57	439.43	439.43	
Planning Board		225.00		225.00	104.23	120.77	120.77	
Zoning Board of Appeals		50.00	* 50.00	100.00	93.13	6.87	6.87	
Elections and Town Meetings		1,130.00		1,130.00	1,048.94	81.06	81.06	
Annual Reports		810.00		810.00	807.25	2.75	2.75	
Town Crier—Salary and Expense		650.00		650.00	650.00			
State Census		350.00		350.00	260.60	89.40	89.40	
Town Hall—Salary and Expense	\$137.32	6,500.00	* 218.62	6,855.94	6,855.94			
	\$137.32	\$35,370.00	\$ 1,128.50	\$36,635.82	\$35,108.14	\$1,527.68	\$1,527.68	

	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Appro- piation	Other Credits *Res. Fund **Other	Total	*Transferred or Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 1955	To Revenue	Forward to Jan. 1, 1956
Protection of Persons and Property								
Police—Salary and Expense		\$23,690.00	** 112.50	\$24,077.50	\$23,391.75	\$685.75	\$685.75	
			* 275.00					
Fire Dept.—Salary and Expense	\$104.10	12,957.00	** 7.23	13,971.78	13,871.78	100.00	100.00	
			* 903.45					
Police and Fire Insurance		600.00		600.00	584.05	15.95	15.95	
Dog Officer		150.00		150.00	150.00			
Ambulance Hire		1,750.00		1,750.00	1,750.00			
Bounty on Seals		100.00		100.00	5.00	95.00	95.00	
Street Lighting		11,700.00		11,700.00	11,698.01	1.99	1.99	
Shellfish Constable		2,340.00		2,340.00	2,340.00			
Sealer of Weights and Measures		150.00		150.00	150.00			
Building Inspector		250.00		250.00	250.00			
Wire Inspector		500.00		500.00	500.00			
Dutch Elm Protection		100.00		100.00	100.00			
Pest Control		400.00		400.00	399.50	.50	.50	
Civilian Defense	2,411.31			2,411.31	1,001.29	1,410.02		\$1,410.02
Parking Meters		500.00	* 100.00	600.00	574.00	26.00	26.00	
	\$2,515.41	\$55,187.00	\$ 1,398.18	\$59,100.59	\$56,765.38	\$2,335.21	\$925.19	\$1,410.02

	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Appro- priation	Other Credits *Res. Fund **Other	Total	*Transferred or Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 1955	To Revenue	Forward to Jan. 1, 1956
Health and Sanitation								
Health—Salary and Expenses		\$6,000.00	** \$429.00	\$6,429.00	\$5,883.29	\$545.71	\$545.71	
Public Works								
Street Dept.—Salary and Expenses		\$28,335.00	** \$3.43	\$28,338.43	\$26,701.53	\$1,636.90	\$1,636.90	
Town Wharf—Salary and Expenses		5,105.00		5,105.00	4,093.54	1,011.46	1,011.46	
Rubbish Dept.—Salary and Expenses		12,785.00		12,785.00	11,766.21	1,018.79	1,018.79	
		\$46,225.00	\$3.43	\$46,228.43	\$42,561.28	\$3,667.15	\$3,667.15	
Charities and Veterans Benefits								
Administration		\$6,492.00	** \$2,642.63	\$9,134.63	\$9,134.63			
General Relief		6,350.00	** 240.75	6,590.75	6,576.12	\$14.63	\$14.63	
Welfare—1954 Bills		75.40	** 1.20	75.40	75.40			
Town Infirmary		4,940.00	* 677.69	5,618.89	5,618.89			
Old Age Assistance		75,448.00	** 741.90	83,622.53	83,547.43	75.10	75.10	
			* 7,432.63					
Aid to Dependent Children		18,800.00	** 578.55	20,528.55	20,528.53	.02	.02	
			* 1,150.00					
Disability Assistance		4,214.00	** 100.35	4,314.35	4,293.30	21.05	21.05	
Veterans Services		8,000.00	* 277.54	8,337.54	8,337.54			
			** 60.00					
	\$124,319.40		\$13,903.24	\$138,222.64	\$138,111.84	\$110.80	\$110.80	

	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Appro- priation	Other Credits *Res. Fund **Other	Total	*Transferred or Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 1955	To Revenue	Forward to Jan. 1, 1956
Schools and Libraries								
School—Main Account		\$168,765.00	* \$13,342.87	\$182,271.90	\$179,115.30	\$3,156.60	\$3,156.60	
			** 164.03					
Vocational Schools	\$1,599.62	8,565.00	* 2,038.52	12,700.21	10,790.37	1,909.84		\$1,909.84
			** 497.07					
Cafeteria		8,000.00		8,000.00	7,733.55	266.45		266.45
Adult Naturalization	154.00			154.00		154.00		154.00
Gov. Bradford School			* 100.00	100.00	66.88	33.12		33.12
Public Library		6,500.00		6,500.00	6,245.12	254.88	254.88	
	\$1,753.62	\$191,830.00	\$16,142.49	\$209,726.11	\$203,951.22	\$5,774.89	\$3,411.48	\$2,363.41
Recreation and Unclassified								
Playgrounds		\$2,785.00		\$2,785.00	\$2,779.37	\$5.63	\$5.63	
Swimming Instruction		325.00		325.00	309.00	16.00	16.00	
Summer Baseball		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,310.95	189.05	189.05	
Patriotic Observances		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,717.34	282.66	282.66	
Christmas Lighting		3,000.00	** \$6.00	3,006.00	2,806.72	199.28	199.28	
Advertising Town		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,391.43	108.57	108.57	
Hurricane Damage	\$1,626.96			1,626.96	1,626.96			
	\$1,626.96	\$12,110.00	\$6.00	\$13,742.96	\$12,941.77	\$801.19	\$801.19	
Enterprises and Cemeteries								
Water Department		\$65,129.41	** \$3.13	\$65,132.54	\$61,376.07	\$3,756.47	\$3,756.47	
Cemeteries		1,000.00	** 50.00	1,050.00	1,048.12	1.88	1.88	
	\$66,129.41		\$53.13	\$66,182.54	\$62,424.19	\$3,758.35	\$3,758.35	

	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Appropriation	Other Credits *Res. Fund **Other	Total	*Transferred Balance or Expended	Dec. 31, 1955	To Revenue	Forward to Jan. 1, 1956
Miscellaneous Finance								
Maturing Debt		\$23,000.00		\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00			
Interest on Debt		8,252.50		8,252.50	8,252.50			
Interest on Temporary Loans		1,000.00		1,000.00	564.10	\$435.90	\$435.90	
County Retirement Fund		2,245.91		2,245.91	2,245.91			
Workmen's Compensation		2,100.00		2,100.00	2,076.23	23.77	23.77	
Reserve Fund		10,000.00		10,000.00	8,184.90	1,815.10	1,815.10	
Parking Lot Leases		550.00		550.00	401.25	148.75	148.75	
Insurance—Public Buildings		13,650.00		13,650.00	10,117.24	3,532.76	3,532.76	
		\$60,798.41		\$60,798.41	\$54,842.13	\$5,956.28	\$5,956.28	

Welfare Department

This is my fourth annual report as Welfare Agent. The second report for responsibility supervising the General Relief program and as Administrator of the Town Infirmary.

In our 1954 report considerable space was devoted to a general summary and with much detail of the responsibilities of this department and its personnel. Therefore it should not be necessary to repeat or review as the taxpayers should have a fairly good idea as to our departmental operations. In addition to our last year's report we have also had public news stories and items in the local newspapers.

During the year ending December 31, 1955, we made a total of eight hundred and fifty-three (853) visits to recipients of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance. (These visits were for those three categories only.) All O.A.A. and D.A. cases must be visited every six months, including those cases out of town in nursing homes, hospitals, boarding homes or living with relatives or friends. Besides these regular visits and revisits many special visits are made to explain changes in grants or because of numerous other factors.

The Aid to Dependent Children cases are visited at least once every month and these visits require considerable time being spent with parents and/or children, or both, discussing the financial, medical, educational, social, emotional or psychological problems.

The General Relief cases are also revisited, but due to their generally temporary nature, usually get an average revisit of once each year. Of course the Town Infirmary inmates are constantly under supervision—being custodial care cases—and the Matron usually handles and discusses their problems with and through the Agent. The Agent visits the infirmary regularly and confers frequently with the Matron.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES O.A.A.

Expenditures 1955

Federal apportionment	\$49,317.85
State	56,022.88
Town	24,964.04
Total	\$130,304.77

(Included in the \$130,304.77 total is \$50,825.02 Medical payments.)

Hospitalization:

General	353 days	\$4,539.20
Chronic	417 days	5,331.70

Physicians:		
House visits	2,936	11,413.00
Office	517	1,525.40
Nursing Homes:	14 cases	18,386.52
Drugs		7,982.75
Dental Care	12 cases	642.20
Outpatient Care	1	2.00
Optometry	37	693.80
Other		308.45
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		\$50,825.02

The highest case load was 135 in the month of January

The lowest case load was 125 in the month of August

New cases added during the year	11
Cases closed during the year	13
Cases denied during the year	2
Appeals for increases denied by State Referee	7
Provincetown cases aided in other cities and towns	4
Other city and town cases aided by Provincetown	5
Present case load January 1, 1956	133
Unsettled (State) cases	9

LIEN LAW AND RECOVERY ACCOUNT

There is a balance of \$1,800.00 in the O.A.A. Recovery account and \$70.00 in the D.A. Recovery account waiting to be apportioned by the Bureau of Accounts. We received apportionments on \$3,145.95 which was credited to the proper category during the past fiscal year.

Four O.A.A. Liens have been discharged and \$4,945.95 was recovered during 1955. There are two cases in process for recovery under the Lien Law and Section 4-A, of Chapter 118-A and law-suits have been entered or are about to be instituted in both cases.

Claims against the Estates of persons for Welfare granted under Chapter 117 (General Relief) have been made in two cases and the Town (through its Welfare Department) has taken possession of the real estate of one deceased person by the use of Section 30, of Chapter 117. (No administration having been taken in thirty days the town may sell all or a portion of said real property.)

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES A.D.C.

Expenditures 1955	
Federal apportionment	\$10,566.41
State	10,940.36
Town	11,314.32
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Total	\$32,821.09

(Included in the \$32,821.09 total is \$8,902.30 Medical payments.)

Hospitalization:		
General	147 days	\$1,451.04
Chronic	302	4,077.00
Physicians		
House visits	224	878.00
Office	246	730.11
Nursing Homes	1 case	101.58
Drugs		821.62
Dental Care	20	619.00
Optometry	13	209.00
Other		14.95
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Total		\$8,902.30

The highest case load was 24 in June

The lowest case load was 16 in July

New cases added during the year	18
Cases closed during the year	15
Cases denied during the year	4
Appeals for increases denied by State Referee	4
Parents under court orders	11
Monthly amount of court orders	\$474.65
Number cases receiving O.A.S.I. Benefits	4
Monthly amount of benefits	\$188.90
Whereabouts parents unknown	5
Cases in process for legal action	3
Cases where parental adjudication is non-existent	2
Case load January 1, 1956	22

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES D.A.

Expenditures 1955	
Federal apportionment	\$529.99
State	1,491.69
Town	673.89
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Total	\$2,695.57

(Included in the \$2,695.57 total is \$1,986.87 Medical payments.)

Hospital:		
General	27 days	\$378.00
Chronic	67	806.50
Physicians:		
House visits	44	176.00
Office	13	39.00
Nursing Homes	1	475.00
Drugs		108.64
Other		3.73
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		\$1,986.87

The highest case load was 3 in January	
The lowest case load was 1 in February	
New cases added during year	1
Cases closed during year	1
Cases denied	0
Present case load January 1, 1956	2

GENERAL RELIEF

In December 1955 the case load for this category was eleven (11) of which five (5) were able-bodied and employable males. Work projects were created, such as cleaning and painting the police quarters, cell block, and included the painting and white-washing of the town hall basement. These projects have been satisfactorily completed by using welfare recipient labor solely. The Caucus Hall, Court Room and offices, corridors, Town Manager's quarters and welfare offices have also been cleaned and repainted wherever necessary and work in the corridors nearing completion.

When and if the town hall projects are completed, and assuming that these able-bodied welfare recipients are still on our rolls, they will be assigned on a as needed basis to other departments or wherever extra labor is required.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES G. R.

Total expenditures 1955		\$5,917.64
Included in the \$5,917.64 total is \$1,850.28 Medical payments.)		
Hospital:		
General	99 days	\$1,536.53
Chronic	12	162.00
Physicians:		
House visits	11	44.00
Office	12	36.00
Drugs		53.75
Outpatient	2 patients	11.00
Dental	1	7.00
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		\$1,850.28

The highest case load was 12 in December	
The lowest case load was 2 in June	
Cases denied	10
Employable cases	6
Cases settled other cities and towns	1
Provincetown settled cases aided elsewhere	5
State cases	5
Present case load January 1, 1956	11

TOWN INFIRMARY

At the time this report is in process of being written there is considerable and much favorable comment relative to possible conversion of the Town Infirmary (Town Home) into a Public Medical Institution (Nursing Home). The need for such a facility is urgent and obvious and cannot be over emphasized. Particularly in view of the fact that the nearest nursing home is 50 miles.

During the year and because of a health situation Edna Tasha, former Matron, and her husband, who were in charge of the Home from 1928 to May 1, 1955, a period of 27 years, resigned. The Town had been quite fortunate over this long period of time to have two such loyal and competent persons supervising the institution and the inmates received a kindly and personally interested supervision. We were also fortunate in making a replacement of these trained and experienced employees. The present Matron and husband both have the personal knowledge, interest and ability, to continue the institutional operation according to the high standards set by the retiring couple. Mr. William Tasha and wife Irene, Matron, are giving the inmates and property the same care and treatment.

As Agent Administering the Town Infirmary I strongly recommend that it be abandoned as a Town Home (Poor House). The name Town Infirmary is erroneous as we do not have facilities or provisions to take care of any ill persons. Inmates who become ill and require any amount of care and treatment must be immediately transferred to a hospital or nursing home. As long as the facility is operated by the Town in its present capacity and status, it will continue to be more costly each year. The average of 4 inmates would be both financially and mentally much better off under a categorical assistance program for which they are qualified and eligible. They would be allowed to live in apartments of their own and all of their needs would be met on a as needed basis.

If the Infirmary is not, or cannot be, converted into a modern nursing home, I advise that its use be abandoned as a poor house, which is unnecessary and not needed under the broadened provisions of today's public assistance laws. I have recommended its abandonment to the Town Manager and Finance Committee, who were empowered to study the situation and make a specific report and recommendations as to their findings. My recommendations have been fully supported by carefully investigated facts and data, which were submitted in writing. In conclusion, we wish to thank all public officials, town officers, court officials, private organizations, school staff, visiting nurse, charitable groups, churches and the general public, for their splendid cooperation with this department and its entire staff.

IRVING S. ROGERS, Welfare Agent

Veterans Agent and Service Officer

I hereby submit my second report as Veterans' Agent and Service Officer for the Town of Provincetown, for the year ending December 31, 1955.

During the year of 1955 this office has handled 152 Service cases and processed 128 various types of forms for Veterans and their dependents. These were handled for both the Veterans Administration and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In addition the Veterans' Agent attends meetings once a month at various Cities or Towns in the State.

As of December 31, 1955 this office has a case load of 16 families receiving Veterans Benefits.

In closing may I again assure the Veterans of Provincetown that it has been a pleasure to serve them as Veterans' Agent and Service Officer.

GEORGE A. BAKER

Constable's Report

The following is my report of my activities as one of the Constables of Provincetown.

My work as Constable this year was chiefly devoted to the easing of traffic jams, keeping entrance and exit to Town pier free at all times for the easy flow of traffic. Helping visitors find an appropriate parking place was almost a daily ritual. I realize how difficult and confusing it is for tourists to quickly find a proper parking space, in crowded traffic conditions such as we have in the summer. However conditions were much better last summer due to the opening of three new parking spaces. I always tried to be courteous with all visitors giving them all the information they sought. I admonished would-be speedsters and firmly stated our speed limit on the main streets. Most of them were very courteous and stated they had not realized the speed at which they were traveling.

Another of my duties was to post warrants for the Town Meetings, Elections, etc.

JOSEPH A. ROGERS, Constable

Lower Cape Ambulance Association

Balance on hand December 31, 1954 \$1,102.95

RECEIPTS

Town of Provincetown—Appropriation	\$1,750.00	
Town of Truro—Appropriation	700.00	
Town of Wellfleet—Appropriation	1,050.00	
Services and donations	289.50	
		3,789.50
		\$4,892.45

EXPENDITURES

Gas and Oil	429.70	
Drivers	1,174.00	
Upkeep and Repairs	259.51	
Equipment	52.31	
Laundry	19.17	
Meals	69.35	
Insurance	283.91	
Telephone	50.60	
Social Security Taxes	50.63	
Miscellaneous	84.07	
		2,473.25
Transfer to Replacement Fund		2,000.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1955		419.20
		\$4,892.45

REPLACEMENT FUND

Balance on hand December 31, 1955		\$4,598.35
On deposit in Seamen's Savings Bank	\$2,298.22	
On deposit in Wellfleet Savings Bank	2,300.13	
		\$4,598.35

Number of trips		137
Provincetown	68 — 50%	
Truro	24 — 18%	
Wellfleet	39 — 28%	
Mutual Assistance	6 — 4%	
(Orleans—3)		
(Eastham—2)		
(Camp Wellfleet—1)		

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CYRIL W. DOWNS

Fire Department

We hereby submit the following report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Fire Report

JANUARY 3, 1955. Still alarm at 10:30 A. M. for fire in car owned by Richard Baumgartner. Caused by short circuit.

JANUARY 21, 1955. Silent alarm at 5:30 P. M. for fire at 283 Commercial Street. Apartment occupied by Francis Marshall, and owned by Joseph DeCosta. Grease on stove caught fire, no damage to building.

JANUARY 29, 1955. Silent alarm at 12:30 A. M. for brush fire on Province Lands. Pumper No. 3 responded. No damage.

FEBRUARY 13, 1955. Silent alarm at 4:15 P. M. for fire at dwelling owned by Edward Loring and occupied by Hubert Summers on Bradford Street. Caused by defective fireplace, burning wall around it.

FEBRUARY 14, 1955. Alarm sounded at 10:45 A. M. for fire at 22 Alden Street, dwelling owned by Victor Viegas, occupied by Anthony Jackett. Fire under bathroom floor caused by thawing out water pipes.

FEBRUARY 19, 1955. Alarm sounded at 4:45 P. M. for fire at 520 Commercial Street, dwelling owned by Ted Robinson. Caused by flare-up of hot water oil heater, no damage to building.

FEBRUARY 20, 1955. Alarm sounded at 3:00 A. M. for fire at 352 Commercial Street, dwelling owned by Frank Diego. Fire was confined to bed, mattress and one wall. Probable cause was smoking in bed.

FEBRUARY 20, 1955. Alarm sounded at 9:00 A. M. for fire on boat Papa Joe, owned by Joseph Corea. Caused by short circuit.

MARCH 17, 1955. Silent alarm at 2:00 P. M. for fire at Town Dump. Pumper No. 3 responded, no damage to woodland.

MARCH 27, 1955. Silent alarm at 10:30 A. M. for fire at Town Dump. Pumper No. 3 responded, no damage.

MARCH 28, 1955. Alarm sounded at 7:30 P. M. for fire at Race Road, dwelling occupied by Mary Allen. Caused by overheated wood stove igniting a mattress, causing a considerable amount of smoke.

APRIL 28, 1955. Silent alarm at 2:45 P. M. for fire at Standish Street dwelling owned by Marion Perry. Caused by overheated stove.

MAY 5, 1955. Silent alarm at 8:30 p. m. for fire at 430 Commercial Street, dwelling occupied by Alice Alexander. She was locked out and food was cooking on stove, no damage by fire.

MAY 11, 1955. Silent alarm at 3:00 P. M. for brush fire on Province Lands. Pumper No. 3 responded, no damage to woodland.

MAY 14, 1955. Silent alarm at 6:00 P. M. for brush fire near State Highway. Pumper No. 3 responded.

MAY 16, 1955. Alarm sounded at 2:30 A. M. for fire at 299 Commercial Street. Bakery owned by Antone Brito. Caused by broken furnace grate, no damage to building.

MAY 16, 1955. Alarm sounded at 6:00 P. M. for brush fire at State Highway. No damage to woodland.

MAY 18, 1955. Alarm sounded at 5:15 P. M. for brush fire behind cemetery. No damage.

MAY 22, 1955. Alarm sounded at 6:00 P. M. for brush fire near the Breakwater Motel. No damage to property.

MAY 27, 1955. Alarm sounded at 12:05 noon for fire at Harbor Lights Cottages. Investigation found only woman burning rubbish.

MAY 27, 1955. Alarm sounded at 6:00 P. M. for fire at Franklin Street property occupied by Mary Towne. Investigation found woman burning rubbish.

JUNE 1, 1955. Alarm sounded at 7:00 P. M. for fire at Bangs Street, cottage owned by Charles DeRiggs. Caused by short circuit in refrigerator.

JUNE 15, 1955. Alarm sounded at 5:15 P. M. for brush fire at Franklin Street near Robert Brown's dwelling. Caused by children playing with matches.

JULY 2, 1955. Silent alarm at 8:30 P. M. for fire on Town Pier. Caused by cigarette.

JULY 6, 1955. Silent alarm at 10:30 P. M. for brush fire at New Beach. No damage to woodland.

JULY 9, 1955. Silent alarm at 9:00 P. M. for car leaking gas on Commercial Street. Pumper No. 3 responded.

JULY 14, 1955. Alarm sounded at 8:30 P. M. for fire at Town Dump. No damage to woodland.

JULY 22, 1955. Alarm sounded at 4:45 P. M. for fire at Tip for Tops'n Restaurant. Caused by burnt out motor, no damage to building.

JULY 29, 1955. Alarm sounded at 4:50 P. M. for brush fire in empty lot on Franklin Street. No property damage.

JULY 31, 1955. Silent alarm at 3:35 P. M. for fire at Town Pier. Caused by cigarette, no damage to pier.

AUGUST 1, 1955. Alarm sounded at 9:00 P. M. for fire at 5 Atlantic Avenue, dwelling occupied by Richard O'Donnell. Caused by faulty gas water heater, damage confined to kitchen and a small room.

AUGUST 8, 1955. Alarm sounded at 7:00 P. M. for fire at Beach Point property owned by Paul G. Lambert. Caused by someone who entered building, and apparently was smoking in a bed as fire started in a mattress.

AUGUST 9, 1955. Alarm sounded at 7:15 P. M. for fire at the Board of Trade building. Caused by someone throwing a cigarette in rubbish near a stairway.

AUGUST 13, 1955. Alarm sounded at 2:15 P. M. for fire at Bradford Street cottage owned by George Yater. Caused by electric hot plate too close to wall.

AUGUST 13, 1955. Silent alarm at 3:00 P. M. for fire at Town Dump. Pumper No. 3 responded.

AUGUST 18, 1955. Silent alarm at 2:45 A. M. for refrigerator leaking gas in store on Commercial Street occupied by Roger Rilleau.

AUGUST 27, 1955. Silent Alarm at 1:55 P. M. for brush fire near the Moors Restaurant. No damage to property.

AUGUST 27, 1955. Alarm sounded at 2:00 P. M. for fire at 6 Atlantic Avenue, dwelling owned by Mrs. Frank Cabral. Fire started in mattress.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1955. Silent alarm at 2:30 P. M. for fire at 65 Commercial Street, dwelling owned by James Flagg. Investigation found no fire.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1955. Alarm sounded at 1:00 P. M. for brush fire near the Moors Restaurant. No damage to building or woodland.

OCTOBER 14, 1955. Alarm sounded at 11:50 A. M. for fire at 313-315 Commercial Street, building owned by Investment Realty Co. of Boston. Investigation found workmen had been sweating copper pipes, and scorched timbers in attic.

NOVEMBER 2, 1955. Alarm sounded at 9:00 P. M. for fire at 9 Court Street. Flooded oil burner, no damage.

DECEMBER 3, 1955. Alarm sounded at 8:30 P. M. for fire at 8 Pearl Street, dwelling owned by Henrique DeJesus Duarte. Caused by clothing articles, etc., too close to furnace. Damage was done to wiring.

DECEMBER 7, 1955. Alarm sounded at 8:30 A. M. for fire at 25 Mechanic Street, dwelling owned by David Brown. Flooded oil heater, no damage.

DECEMBER 9, 1955. Alarm sounded at 3:00 A. M. for fire in shack on School Street. Caused by clothing too close to oil heater.

DECEMBER 11, 1955. Alarm sounded at 3:30 P. M. for fire at 194 Commercial Street, a club owned by John Atkins. Caused by wood piled too close to stove. No damage to building.

DECEMBER 17, 1955. Silent alarm sounded at 6:30 P. M. for fire at dwelling owned by Anna Rogers, Commercial Street. Caused by faulty oil burner, no damage to building.

DECEMBER 23, 1955. Alarm sounded at 4:00 A. M. for fire at 16 Franklin Street, small shack owned by Francisco Cabral. Mr. Cabral was fatally burned in this fire.

DECEMBER 25, 1955. Alarm sounded at 7:30 P. M. for fire at 466 Commercial Street, dwelling owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Carlos. Chimney fire, no damage.

DECEMBER 30, 1955. Alarm sounded at 5:00 P. M. for fire in shack on Race Road. No damage.

Fire Alarm

The Town is divided into five districts:

- First, Provincetown Inn to Franklin Street
- Second, Franklin Street to Court Street
- Third, Court Street to Johnson Street
- Fourth, Johnson Street to Howland Street
- Fifth, Howland Street to Town Line

JOSEPH E. MATTA, Chief
WILLIAM PIERCE, Asst. Chief
MANUEL A. WHITE
EDWARD A. NOONES
JOSEPH A. DUTRA
MANUEL F. MORRIS
WARREN A. ALEXANDER

Provincetown Rescue Squad

Since the Provincetown Rescue Squad first went into operation in June, 1953, 64 calls have been answered and 5 emergency trips have been made to Cape Cod Hospital. Following is a report of the calls answered in 1955.

JANUARY 3, 1955. Squad member Wilbur Cook gave first aid to William Fields for gunshot wound. When Dr. Hiebert arrived the injured man was taken to Cape Cod Hospital.

JANUARY 6, 1955. Called by Dr. Perry to go to St. Peter's Parish Hall to administer oxygen to Mr. Leland Crosby who had suffered a heart attack. Resuscitator was used for 40 minutes, until man was put into Ambulance.

FEBRUARY 1, 1955. Squad called when it was discovered that Brock Papetsas, 3 years old had swallowed a toy jack. Squad member Wilbur Cook removed jack. Dr. Hiebert was called and took over.

FEBRUARY 4, 1955. Squad member John Edwards was called to barber shop of Anthony Souza, as Frank Silva had suffered a heart attack. Mr. Silva was put on a stretcher and taken home in the Rescue Truck.

FEBRUARY 5, 1955. Called at 1:00 A. M. to go to the home of John Craves. Oxygen was administered to Mr. Craves who was unconscious, and a broken arm was put in a splint. He was then sent to Cape Cod Hospital in Lower Cape Ambulance.

MARCH 17, 1955. Called to accident at junction of Route 6 and Corn Hill Road. Injured woman was taken to Dr. Hiebert's office in Lower Cape Ambulance. Squad members helped remove her from Ambulance to office.

MAY 10, 1955. Call came to assist Mrs. Mary Days who had become very ill. She was taken to doctor's office and after treatment taken home.

MAY 17, 1955. Rescue Squad called for motorcycle accident in which James Roderick, driver, was injured. Mr. Roderick was taken to office of Dr. Perry and then taken to Cape Cod Hospital in Rescue Squad Truck.

JUNE 4, 1955. Call from Nurse Doris Enos to bring Francis Martin to Dr. Hiebert's office for X-Ray of broken leg. He was then taken home in Squad Truck.

JUNE 26, 1955. Called to Catholic Church to administer oxygen to Mrs. Raymond Francis, who had suffered a heart attack. She was then taken home in Squad Truck.

JULY 3, 1955. Called by Dr. Hiebert to take Charles Hibbets home as he had been badly injured.

JULY 4, 1955. Called by Telephone Operator to go to home of Dr. Corea. Oxygen was administered for 45 minutes.

JULY 9, 1955. Squad called to Airport where James Ward had been injured by a plane propeller. The man was given First Aid, his leg put in a traction splint, and he was removed to the office of Dr. Hiebert. After treatment he was put in Lower Cape Ambulance.

JULY 18, 1955. Call came from Dr. Hiebert to bring in Mr. Brigadier for X-Ray of injuries sustained in an accident. After being X-Rayed he was taken home and put in bed by Squad members.

JULY 23, 1955. Call from Telephone Operator to go to garage of Antone Silva in North Truro. Mr. Silva was found unconscious. Squad used resuscitator and administered artificial respiration.

AUGUST 3, 1955. Called by Lower Cape Ambulance driver to carry Mrs. Mabel Costa upstairs to her apartment.

AUGUST 6, 1955. Called by Mrs. Willis Carlos to help carry her father, Mr. Marx, from Lower Cape Ambulance up to their apartment and into bed.

AUGUST 29. Called to assist woman who had fallen down and needed help. Upon arrival, Squad found that the police had removed the woman to Dr. Hiebert's office.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1955. Squad called to attend Eric Cook, 1 year, 10 months old, who had fallen on a bottle and was badly cut. He was taken to the office of Dr. Perry and after treatment, the child was taken to the Cape Cod Hospital by Squad member Wilbur Cook.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1955. Called by Fire Chief Matta to go to the home of Harry Jordan who was locked out of his apartment. Squad members climbed in a second story window and opened the door for Mr. Jordan.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1955. Called by Telephone Operator to go to West End A & P Store where Mr. Thomas Tibbetts had suffered a heart attack. Mr. Tibbetts was taken home and put in bed.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1955. Called by Dr. Hiebert to go to Gifford House where Mr. Daniel Merrill had become very ill. Mr. Merrill was taken upstairs and put in bed.

OCTOBER 19, 1955. Called by Dr. Hiebert to go to Town Wharf. Joseph Lisbon, on one of the fishing boats, had suffered a heart attack. Mr. Lisbon was removed from the boat by means of an enclosed wire stretcher and taken to his home in the Rescue Squad Truck.

OCTOBER 20, 1955. Called by Dr. Hiebert to go to the Breakwater Motel, where Mrs. Alice Van Arsdale had suffered a heart attack. Oxygen was administered with inhalator for 30 minutes.

OCTOBER 21, 1955. Call from Police to transport injured sailor from Dr. Hiebert's office to Town Wharf.

OCTOBER 27, 1955. Called by Dr. Hiebert to bring in Mrs. Annie Starr for X-Rays. After being X-Rayed, Mrs. Starr was taken home by Squad members.

NOVEMBER 1, 1955. Call from Dr. Hiebert to bring in Mrs. Mary Perry for X-Rays of a possible broken hip. After X-Ray Mrs. Perry was put into Lower Cape Ambulance by Squad members. She was then taken to Cape Cod Hospital.

NOVEMBER 11, 1955. Called by Dr. Hiebert to bring in Mrs. Annie Starr for further X-Rays of broken ankle. Mrs. Starr was then taken home in Rescue Truck.

NOVEMBER 15, 1955. Called to Town Pier where construction worker had been injured when crane toppled over. The injured man was taken to Dr. Hiebert's office.

NOVEMBER 28, 1955. Called by Dr. Hiebert to bring in Mrs. Annie Starr for X-Rays. Mrs. Starr was then taken home in Rescue Truck.

JOSEPH A. DUTRA, Captain

Dog Officer

Dogs licensed		Animals removed from Highways	
Male	161	Dogs	76
Spayed Female	87	Cats	115
Female	12	Skunks	12
Dogs impounded	12	Rats	5
Dogs destroyed at Pound	11	Racoons	7
Dogs returned to owners	19	Foxes	3
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			218

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Animals inspected during 1955	
Horses	4
Cows	8
Steers	2
Swine	3
Goats	5

CLARENCE E. PIERCE

Playground Committee

The Howland and Nickerson Street playgrounds have enjoyed a very busy summer and fall season and have furnished hundreds of hours of clean fun and healthful outdoor play to our Provincetown children and to our summer visitors.

It was most gratifying to the Committee that we were able to make some improvements on the west-end basketball court, and to build the needed stretch of backstop fence there. It was a disappointment however that it was not possible to put more surfacing on as was planned but this work will be carried out when weather conditions permit in the spring. Similarly, it was a privilege for the Committee to plan and construct the new basketball area at the East end. Surfacing which was not possible this fall, will be carried out at the first opportunity to obtain hot mix and equipment for the work, and at the same time that the West end is done.

Supervision was furnished on both playgrounds on as thorough a basis as the \$1,800.00 appropriated would permit. This gave after school supervision during busiest play hours, and a fairly full day and evening supervision program for the summer vacation period. It is obvious that complete supervision can never be feasible and it is always urged that mothers accompany very small children to the playgrounds. This year, the Committee was fortunate to have the help and advise of Mr. Frank Stark who did so fine a job of keeping equipment in repair and in maintaining the two playgrounds. It is important that such capable work be done each spring and that a year around check be maintained of equipment to prevent damage and give maximum service and safety.

After the spring work is completed in the coming year, the sand should be removed from both the Howland and Nickerson playgrounds, and be replaced with clean sand. This clean sand is available at any time loaded free by Whitehead Brother's sand pit, for the use of the playgrounds.

The Committee hopes the voters will continue to support the program outlined for the two playgrounds.

MILDRED W. GREENSFELDER, Chairman
MRS. NELLIE BENT
WARREN A. ALEXANDER

Librarian - Public Library

Time certainly has a strange manner of getting away from us—1955 has come and gone—as have many of your friends and mine. Our library year has been a busy one keeping us “on the go” most of the time.

Our Circulation of 18,000 books gives us a certain assured feeling that television has not completely absorbed our reading public.

From the Reading Room comes the encouraging word that 4,363 patrons have visited with us.

Our New Resident Borrowers total 156—again I might add that our school children have been more than often our most perturbed borrowers—especially when book reports or reference material sources confronted them—what seemed a mountain-high task more than often within a rather short span of time, gave way to one less painful by using a bit of sound reason. The book reports not only included the entire High School English department pupils but also many of the fifth and sixth grades. I think on a whole we've been fortunate to supply most of their wants and needs by being able to help them locate the required books or substitutes for same. Believe me it's more than a rewarding phrase when the folks return to tell us that the book or some particular part of it proved of interest to them.

On our Non-Resident agenda for the past year—we note 170 visitors—several were our annual “carry-overs” from one year to another—still others were friends whose visits we eagerly await as another summer season begins—while many of our visitors were with us for the first time. I believe the Bahamas and the Virgin Islands brought our most distant patrons to us.

Our New Book department afforded us 354 books including adult and juvenile fiction and non-fiction. Although the number of books purchased this year fell below last year's figure please appreciate the fact that the book prices have risen also and we do try to keep our many patrons happy by supplying them with the nation's “Best Sellers” along with many other books. We added 10 more Landmark books and 5 new World Landmark books to our increasing series for our young folks—then too a set of “Children's Hour” books which are proving most delightful. Along with our annual adult reference books we have a new set of “Do-it-Yourself” encyclopedia which Popular Mechanics published recently. I'm sure much helpful material will be found within these many volumes.

I do wonder if many of you enjoyed as we did an expression which resounded this past summer—“the Library has a new face.” What a

pleasant, heartwarming remark it was when uttered by visitors and townfolk alike as they walked past the freshly painted building. The once dismal, paint-peeled structure has now assumed its rightful appearance. What a pleasure it was to turn one new key in a new lock instead of struggling with a sorely neglected lock which required two keys.

I'm sure we all want to look ahead for future improvements and I so hope that in due time—when some of the heavy indebtedness has been lifted from the Town—it will be possible to expand our Library. We are more than desperate for shelf space as it is now for our books, especially on the first floor where we house our complete fiction department, all of our juvenile books, our biography section and most of the reference books—even with some discarding of rarely used books, the space is not adequate.

ELEANOR B. ROWLAND

Advertising Fund

The advertising and publicity committee of the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce, designated by the Selectmen as responsible for allocating your Advertising Fund, is pleased to submit its report:

The allocation followed a somewhat different pattern from 1954 in that magazine advertising was omitted; newspaper space was more heavily concentrated in the East; and a billboard was used for the first time.

A study of some 15,000 pieces of mail, plus experience, showed clearly that Provincetown's tourist customers are predominately from the Northeast, with the state of New York by far our most lucrative source. It became clear, too, that the cost of magazine advertising was beyond the effective range of this modest fund. The billboard was carefully designed and placed to remind the casual tourist that Provincetown is a short driving distance from Cape Cod Canal.

Over the whole, it is your committee's opinion that the key to its advertising program is the Chamber of Commerce's 48-page, illustrated brochure. This mailing piece, now in the process of being brought up to date, has a circulation of about 20,000 each year. Bulk of this total goes to automobile clubs, travel agencies and to members for their own advertising follow-ups. No brochure goes out unless requested. Thus, there is a minimum of waste circulation.

Money spent on advertising is of no avail unless the means exist to close the sale once the interest of the potential customer is aroused. Provincetown's brochure is a detailed, comprehensive and colorful closing piece.

Your committee believes the job of selling Provincetown to be a year-round task. It is a job that is constantly improving, particularly since you have made the annual appropriation for advertising available. The town as a whole, working through the Chamber of Commerce, can obtain its share of the highly competitive tourist business for less money than most similar places spend by simply remembering that no business is run by accident. There must be an over-all plan. The one we have now is good. It should be continued and improved—always improved.

Following is a break-down of money expended in 1955 from the Advertising Fund. Cost of processing, handling and mailing brochures and answering all types of inquiries was borne by the Chamber of Commerce:

Cape Cod Standard-Times	\$97.13
Boston Globe	252.00
Boston Herald-Traveler	120.00
Boston Post	18.20
New York Times	451.20
New York Herald-Tribune	86.83
Philadelphia Bulletin	210.00
Cleveland Plain Dealer	146.96
Washington Post	281.60
Montreal Star	157.58
Toronto Star	164.92
Total	<hr/> \$1,986.42
Donnelly Advertising Co. (billboard)	384.00
Miscellaneous	
Mitchell's Taxi	15.00
S. E. Rose	6.50
Total expenditures	<hr/> \$2,391.92
Unexpended	\$108.08

NATHAN MALCHMAN, chairman
M. F. PATRICK
DUNCAN BRYANT

Police Department

I hereby submit my tenth annual report as Chief of Police for the Town of Provincetown.

CRIMES PROSECUTED

	Male	Female	Total
Crimes against the person			
Assault and Battery	7	2	9
Rape, Assault with intent	6		6
Robbery	2		2
Crimes against property			
Breaking, entering, larceny	5	1	6
Larceny, and attempt	2	2	4
Malicious mischief	4		4
Using M. V. without authority	3		3
Crimes against public order, etc.			
Adultery		1	1
By-laws, violating	2	2	4
Delinquency	6		6
Disturbing the peace	8		8
Driving M. V. to endanger	17	2	19
Driving M. V. under influence	25	2	27
Drunkenness	139	11	150
Idle and disorderly	16		16
Illegitimate child act	1		1
Lewdness	21	1	22
Liquor laws, violating	1		1
Motor vehicle laws, violating	25	2	27
Neglect, non-support	5	1	6
Vagrancy	1	2	3
Unnatural act	3		3
Totals	<hr/> 299	<hr/> 29	<hr/> 328

Arrests for other departments	9
Automobiles transferred	115
Accidents investigated	37
Citizens complaints investigated	488
Closed property checks	331
Courtesy tags issued	175
Disturbances suppressed	29
Investigations for other police agencies	23
Parking tickets issued	198

Street lights reported out	35
Cruiser trips to House of Correction	14
Taunton State Hospital, committed	5
Summons served for other police departments	35
Arrests made for other police departments	7

WILLIAM N. ROGERS,
Chief of Police

Street Department

During 1955, 4,800 gallons of asphalt were used to sealcoat the following streets—West Vine, Soper, Cottage, Mechanic, School, upper and lower Franklin, Pleasant, Montello, Conant, Winthrop, Alden, Pearl, Dyer, upper Bangs, Anthony, Hancock and Kendall Lane.

Highlighting construction work for 1955 was the grading and paving of the Center and Western School yards for parking purposes. Also, the widening of the parking area recently acquired at the western end of Commercial Street was accomplished.

Three wells for drainage were installed. One, at the high school with which 100 feet of 14-inch pipe was laid. Another, was at the Town Pier parking lot and the third on Nickerson Street.

In carrying out its usual maintenance tasks the Department buried approximately 500 barrels of squid which were washed onto the beaches this summer. The men also put in 125 feet of curbing for the sidewalk adjoining the Grace Hall parking lot.

The money appropriated for new sidewalk construction and street surfacing was not expended during 1955 for various reasons. It has been carried forward for expenditure during the 1956 construction season, when the surfacing of the Chapter 90 project between Route 6 and Bradford Street will assure that hot mixed bituminous concrete will be available in this area.

Summer Baseball Committee

EXPENSES	APPROPRIATION	
	(Supervisor's Salary)	
11 weeks at \$75.00	\$825.00	\$1,000.00
Balance to revenue	175.00	
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

EXPENSES	APPROPRIATION	
	(Merchandise and Repairs)	
May 31, 1955, Mdse.	\$207.41	\$500.00
June 30, 1955, Mdse.	50.22	
July 6, 1955, Gas	.75	
July 31, 1955, Lawn Mower	140.95	
July 31, 1955, Repairs	7.25	
Aug. and Sept., Gas	9.70	
Aug. and Sept., Refreshments		
to visiting team	7.60	
Aug. and Sept., Mdse.	1.40	
Oct., Trophies	60.67	
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	\$485.95	
Bal. to Rev.	14.05	
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

Itemized statements submitted to Town Treasurer for above merchandise

Total balance to Revenue Baseball Club	\$14.05
Total balance to Revenue Supervisor	175.00
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Total balance to Revenue 1955	\$189.05

In the opinion of the Summer Baseball Committee the season was again most successful and they recommend that it be continued.

JAMES J. CORDEIRO, Treasurer
GORDAN DUTRA
CLAYTON ENOS
JOHN MEADS
FRANK CARLOS
ROBERT COLLINSON
HAROLD SOULTS
JOAQUIN RUSSE
HARRIS ADAMS
RAYMOND SOUZA
FREEMAN WATSON
THOMAS F. PERRY, M. D.

Health Department

Public Health Nurse

January 1, 1955 to December 31 1955

Total number of house calls	1,337
Maternity cases	14
Ambulance call	1
Old Age Assistance calls	659
Free visits	321
Sunday, holiday and night calls	83
Chest clinic	104
T.B. follow-up clinic	21
Conferences and lectures	10
Toxoid clinics	4
Collections paid to Town	\$136.50

Following along with the previous year's interest in diabetes, it was my pleasure to attend a series of lectures at the Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, Mass. Dr. H. C. Likerson, head of the American Diabetic and Dietetic Association, presented a most interesting lecture.

It has been a privilege to meet several foreign students in the Public Health Field. These students are registered nurses taking advanced courses at college. They come from strange and interesting places like Thailand and the Dominican Republic in the West Indies.

In November, we had the opportunity of having a student nurse with us for two months field training. Miss Dorothy Curtin, a graduate nurse from the Waterbury Hospital, Waterbury, Connecticut, had also worked as a Staff Nurse at her home hospital, and at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Prior to coming here from Simmons College, she had spent two months working at the Boston Visiting Nurse Association. By describing some of her activities, it will be possible to give you an insight into the duties of this part of your Board of Health.

During her stay here, she actively participated in all local work, house calls, deliveries, clinics, such as Chest, Toxoid and Nutrition. She visited the school nurse, Mrs. Helen Pierce, while she was testing hearing and doing the annual physical examinations with Dr. Fred Moore. She took part in the demonstration of the care of the new born, geriatrics, investigations, and follow-up care of communicable diseases, referrals and assisted with the problem of alcoholism and addiction. Miss Marjory Stimpson, Professor of Public Health Nursing at Simmons College and Miss Mary Susich, Director of Public Health Nurses on the Cape met here for a conference on December 9th, 1955.

Miss Curtin had the opportunity of meeting members of our local

government, including the Welfare Department, the Civic Association, Camp Fire Girls and the Police Department. She attended the Crippled Children's Clinic in Hyannis, Massachusetts, Vision and Hearing Clinic in Harwich, Massachusetts, the Public Health Club at the Cape Cod Hospital, and the Polio follow-up Clinic at Barnstable County Sanatorium, Pocasset, Massachusetts.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Everett A. Eldridge, Sanitation Agent for Barnstable County, and appreciated his taking extra time to show us the way he made inspections.

Two conferences were held, one with Miss Ann Holiday, from the Mental Health Department and one with Miss Lucy Haeselich, Epidemiologist.

Miss Curtin had the chance to visit both schools and Mrs. Lopes' kindergarten. A bright spot was a tea with the Carl Murchison's and a chance to see and appreciate their fine Art Collection.

It will, also, be interesting to note that the student pays her own room and board, and the tuition that she pays to Simmons College is paid by Simmons to Provincetown, Massachusetts. She was graded an "A" student while here in Provincetown.

JESSIE T. HATHAWAY, R.N.

Health Agent

PERMITS NOT REQUIRING FEES

Burial	43
Funeral Directing	4
To Keep Swine	1
Sanitation Construction	41

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES REPORTED

Mumps	2
Venereal Disease	1
Measels	286
Chicken Pox	2
Tuberculosis	2
Dog Bites	20
Hepatitis	3

There were complaints received pertaining to the Beach and sanitary conditions which were all taken care of in a proper and fitting manner by those involved. There are at present a few conditions which are in the process of being eliminated.

J. DARROW ADAMS

Board of Appeals

The following appeals were granted:

Arnold F. Dwyer to extend garage at 329 Commercial Street; Seafood Packers to erect trap shed at 233 Commercial Street; Animal Rescue League to build animal shelter, employment residence and garage off Snail Road; Russell Watts to build auto body and repair shop, Court and Winthrop Streets; William McCurday to extend dwelling at 532 Commercial Street; Alice Van Arsdale to extend motel near Route 6; H. B. Snelling to build bathroom, second story, at 65A Commercial Street; Hubert Summers, extension on building at 130 Bradford Street; Louise Joseph to convert dwelling, 6 Winslow Street, to eating place; John G. Summers to extend barbeque stand at 315A Commercial Street; Herman and Rose Tasha to build handcraft shop, 15 Howland Street; Patricia Weissberg to build dwelling and garage at 211 Bradford Street; Menalkas Duncan to extend building for shop at 136 Bradford Street; Lucille Donahue to extend 2-story porch toward sea at 431 Commercial Street; Anthony and Florence Menangas to raze garage and erect dwelling, 11 Alden Street; Arthur D. Lockwood, to open dentistry office at 14 Brewster Street; Eugene Perry to move office and retail sales room to new Winthrop Street; Darwin Melis to build a 6 unit Motel with office, north side Route 6A; Socony-Mobile Co. to rebuild gas station, 137 Bradford Street.

The following appeals were denied:

Beachcomber Corporation to erect motel and coffee shop on Route 6; Maurice H. Lopes to build skating rink, 30 Alden Street; Anna and Manuel Martin to rent property at 30A Nickerson Street to Gordon Linen Supply Co. for storage and transfer point; Frank Martin to build ground-floor and second story beyond lines of original building; Frank J. Diego to extend premises at 352 Commercial Street within 2 feet of Center Street.

The first case was denied because the Board had no power to grant it. The other cases were denied because of numerous objectors.

The following appeals required two hearings:

Animal Rescue League—because the full board was not present at the first hearing.

Manalkas Duncan, because the objectors were not satisfied with the distance from street as originally planned.

Louise Joseph, because no one appeared at the hearing for her.

Herman and Rose Tasha, because the land proposed to be used did not belong to petitioners.

Lucille Donahue, because first petition asked for enclosure of porch extension.

The Petition of Tiago A. Avelino to enlarge sunporch at 156 Bradford Street, was withdrawn before hearing.

The Petition of C. H. Porter, Joseph Alves, lessor, to house poultry for a 4-H Club project on Bradford Street Extension, was not acted upon because no answer was received to the Board's request for fuller details on the proposal.

Of the 25 appeals filed, 19 were granted, 4 denied, 1 was withdrawn and 1 was not acted upon.

The Board respectfully calls attention to two important conditions that attach to the granting of a variance: a) the purpose for which the variance is requested and the areas and distances involved in the application must strictly be adhered to, to avoid the results which must follow any violation; b) any construction involved in any variance must be started within 90 days and proceed in good faith continuously to completion so far as is reasonably practical, otherwise a new application for a variance should be filed.

ETHEL ARCHER BALL, Secretary

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Total number sealed	316
Total number not sealed	12

COMMODITIES

Total weighing and measuring sold or put up for sale	
Total number tested	513
Total number correct	475
Total number underweight	38

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Peddlers Scales	29
Ice Scales	3
Marking on Bread	81
Food Packages	171
Vegetables	76
Peddlers and Hawkers Licenses	19
Other Inspections	173

Sealer's Fees turned in to Town Treasurer \$84.50

ARTHUR B. SILVA

Airport Commission

Airport Manager

This is the eighth Annual Report of the Airport Manager to the Provincetown Airport Commission. It is with pleasure that I advise that for the second consecutive year all previous records for passenger traffic and activity at Provincetown Municipal Airport were broken during 1955. The increase in number of passengers flown between Provincetown and Boston by the Provincetown-Boston Airline was up 21% over the record of the previous year.

7,379 passengers flew the Provincetown-Boston route during 1955 compared with the 1954 total of 6,054. These passengers were en route to and from all points in the United States via the connecting carriers at Boston, with whom the local airline has standard interline agreements. In addition there were flights on a regular daily basis between Provincetown and Bedford with about 1,800 passengers being carried on this segment. Besides this Provincetown aircraft operated on a charter basis to airports throughout New England. Effective October 1, 1955 the local airline commenced year-round scheduled passenger and freight service between Provincetown and Boston for the first time, instead of suspending schedule through the winter months as formerly. The U. S. Mail was again carried from the first of July through the 15th of September, and this will be resumed again in 1956 under an existing contract between the Post Office Department and the local airline.

Transient aircraft continued to visit Provincetown Airport in increasing numbers during 1955, with a group fly-in held in September consisting of about 25 airplanes.

All of the above activity pointed out some of the shortcomings of existing facilities and the need for planning for future requirements as mentioned in my report a year ago. The problem of providing adequate service to transient aircraft became more obvious during 1955. As a long range program I feel that it will be necessary to provide additional personnel to service these desirable visitors, including the keeping of records, parking, and providing gasoline and tie-down facilities. The problem of expanding plane parking areas, car parking areas, and seal-coating existing surfaces must be met and solved in the near future or the Town will not reap the maximum benefit possible through the existence of the airport.

In connection with the seal-coating, your Manager met in the fall of 1955 with the District Superintendent of the CAA, and it was strongly recommended by that official that existing surfaces definitely be

treated during 1956. Tentatively, October 1956 has been set up as the date for doing this work. Steps are underway to determine to what extent Federal and State aid may be forthcoming on this project. The Town's Airport Account had on hand as of December 31, 1955, \$4,491.74 derived from airport revenue, and although this would probably not pay the entire cost of necessary maintenance, it would be sufficient if outside aid were forthcoming. Vigorous pursuit of this aid is strongly recommended.

I sincerely believe that more and more residents of the Cape Tip area have come, during the past year, to appreciate the definite economic asset that the Provincetown Municipal Airport is to the community. There is no reason to doubt that this position will continue to strengthen during the coming years with the natural expansion of air travel. Town facilities must be ready to accommodate this increased demand.

JOHN C. VAN ARSDALE

Cemetery Trust Fund

The following statement is the total amount of Trust Funds of the Town of Provincetown that are in my custody to date.

CEMETERY TRUST FUND	
Seamen's Savings Bank Cemetery Trust	\$76,181.69
First National Bank Cemetery Trust	2,700.40
Seamen's Savings Bank Cemetery Trust Income	20,652.14
First National Bank Bonds at Par	12,000.00
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	\$111,534.23
Care of Lots	\$2,310.25
Post War Fund	\$481.33
Benjamin Small Fund	5,399.67
Benjamin Small Premium Account	469.95
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	FRANK S. BENT, Town Treasurer

Elementary School Building Committee

Final Report

At a special town meeting on June 22, 1953 the town voted to appropriate \$480,000.00 to build a fourteen room elementary school on the so called Grace Hall lot.

The building was completed and occupied on April 15, 1955.

It was dedicated as the Veterans Memorial School by the veterans organizations on May 1, 1955.

Following is a detailed classified accounting of the expenditure.

Appropriation	
Bonds	\$380,000.00
Free Cash	31,583.16
Post War Reconstruction Fund	68,416.84
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Total available funds	\$480,000.00

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Building:	
General Contract	\$373,360.81
Kitchen Equipment	14,789.66
Hardware	6,700.00
Cape & Vineyard Electric Company	60.90
F. A. Days & Sons	2.91
Howard Burch	44.95
Cape Cod Gas Co.	248.28
Castino & Neumann	599.50
Millar Co., Inc.	1,062.00
Clarks Shop	75.00
B. H. Dyer Co.	27.50
Steele's Oil Co.	237.15
Welding Works	33.00
Arthur Avila	24.00
Higgins Lumber Co., Inc.	137.25
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	\$397,402.91
Administration:	
Walter Gaffney, Architect	\$26,240.30
Clerk and inspector	5,000.00
New England Tel. & Tel.	132.14
Expense to office of Comm.	46.50
Silva's Trucking	35.00
Higgins Lumber Co., Inc.	5.57
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	\$31,459.51

Insurance:		\$1,701.00
Builders Risk		
Advertising:	\$146.00	
Robert Wood Engraving Co.	51.30	
Provincetown Printery	91.42	
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Site Development:		
Warren J. Silva	\$1,449.70	
H. V. Lawrence	646.95	
Charles Porter	70.10	
M. F. Roach Co.	7,700.00	
Higgins Lumber Co., Inc.	7.20	
Ralph Santos	2,295.36	
David Lawrence	4,655.00	
Spanger Brothers	274.75	
Legal fees, Engineering Land taking, Deeds Surveying, Etc.	410.45	
Nilsson-Stewart Fence Company	1,515.00	
James Santos	284.16	
Raymond Zawalick	119.16	
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Furnishings and Equipment:

Gledhill Bros., Inc.	\$14,256.62
Arnold's, Inc.	2,945.95
Jackson Chairs, Inc.	1,838.40
Lands End Marine, Inc.	60.30
State Institutions	513.95
Halsil Products Co.	1,527.12
Charlbets	975.19
B. H. Dyer Co.	332.42
Higgins Lumber Co., Inc.	45.05
B. L. Tallman, Inc.	60.00
H. J. Dowd Co., Inc.	114.54
Ressco Co.	442.70
Henry J. Wolkins Co.	122.20
Ernest Irmer	30.75
H. B. Motion Picture Service	278.50
Cinema, Inc.	696.00
J. L. Hammett Co.	11.71
Shipping Room Suppliers, Inc.	39.50
H. M. Meserve	210.50
Voit Rubber Corporation	44.00
Zawatsky & Sons, Inc.	18.00
Nat Faunce	69.50
Golden Associates	1,430.00
Beckley-Cardy Co.	156.00

American Mat Corporation	520.37
Consolidated Bronze Tablet Co.	221.76
Schieber Sales Co.	2,611.00
Cutler's Pharmacy	12.50
W. C. Bonner Co.	20.30
Freight	56.58
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	\$29,661.41
Total Expenditures	\$479,941.38
Balance Unexpended	58.62
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Appropriation	\$480,000.00
Total reimbursement Authorized from State of Mass.	\$96,414.69
Paid to date	5,034.06
Annual payments to be	5,114.86

- RALPH S. CARPENTER, Chairman
 MARY E. VAN ARSDALE
 JESSE D. ROGERS
 FRANCIS J. ALVES
 FRANK H. BARNETT
 FRANK BENT
 MANUEL PATRICK
 DR. THOMAS F. PERRY
 HERBERT MAYO

Jury List

Men Jurors

Alexander, John J.	512 Commercial Street	Laborer
Alexander, Philip W.	248 Bradford Street	Business
Avellar, Justin	439 Commercial Street	Business
Benson, Clarence	375 Commercial Street	Mechanic
Boogar, William F.	186 Bradford Street	Artist
Cabral, Frank E.	6 Atlantic Avenue	Business
Carlos, Frank	29 Mechanic Street	Laborer
Coelho, Manuel S., Jr.	480 Commercial Street	Meat Cutter
Crawley, Joseph	4 West Wine Street	Bus Driver
Days, Joseph H.	206 Commercial Street	Business
Days, Joseph M.	5 Brewster Street	Fisherman
Days, William	118 Commercial Street	Custodian
Dutra, Manuel	377 Commercial Street	Retired
Enos, Alfred R.	145 Commercial Street	Fisherman
Euler, Reeves E.	4 Brewster Street	Artist
Fratus, Gabriel P.	25 West Vine Street	Custodian

Gaspie, Edward	148 Commercial Street	Fisherman
Gray, Richard A.	3 Winslow Street	Plumber
Henrique, Manuel	42 Pearl Street	Retired
Jason, John P.	506 Commercial Street	Business
Jason, Joseph A.	5 Bradford Street	Laborer
Jennings, Richard A.	376 Commercial Street	Plumber
Lehsten, Henry H.	422 Commercial Street	Laborer
Lopes, Thomas J.	18 Conwell Street	Retired
Matenos, James	212 Commercial Street	Retired
Nunes, John C.	3 Baker Avenue	Laborer
O'Donnell, Richard W.	5 Atlantic Avenue	Fisherman
Pavao, Isaac	5 Anthony Street	Contractor
Perry, Anthony	28 Conwell Street	Clerk
Perry, Joseph	61 Franklin Street	Laborer
Raymond, John R.	24 Court Street	Retired
Raymond, Manuel	34B Pearl Street	Carpenter
Rogers, Jesse D.	6 Winthrop Street	Merchant
Rose, Edwin F.	7 Freeman Street	Laborer
Santos, Anthony R.	3 Conwell Street	Fisherman
Simmons, Manuel U.	9 Point Street	Fisherman
Somes, Thomas D.	282 Bradford Street	Laborer
Souza, John	8 Washington Avenue	Retired

Women Jurors

Adams, Marjorie A.	60 Commercial Street	Clerk
Baumgartner, Louise W.	48B Bradford Street	Housewife
Cabral, Margaret	7 Conant Street	Clerk
Cook, Dorothy E.	7 Gosnold Street	Housewife
Crawley, Lucille	11 Atlantic Avenue	Clerk
Enos, Doris	32 Conant Street	Nurse
Goveia, Agnes L.	31 Pleasant Street	Housewife
Gregory, Adelaide G.	72 Commercial Street	Housewife
Hancock, Anna W.	262 Bradford Street	Merchant
Robinson, Martha	582 Commercial Street	At home
Salvador, Mary J.	5 Dyer Street	Housewife
Santos, Mary	7 Pleasant Street	Clerk
Snow, Melissa	263 Commercial Street	Printer
Tasha, Genevieve E.	8 Atlantic Avenue	Clerk
Witherstine, Elsie H.	47 Commercial Street	Nurse
Meads, Hortense Orrie	10 Atlantic Avenue	Housewife

Jurors Drawn 1955

Jesse D. Rogers	6 Winthrop Street	Merchant
Joseph Crawley	4 West Wine Street	Bus Driver
Thomas J. Lopes	18 Conwell Street	Retired
Anthony R. Santos	3 Conwell Street	Fisherman

Planning Board

During 1955 the Provincetown Planning Board conducted two Public Hearings and participated in two Town Meetings involving changes in the Zoning By-Law.

On February 11, 1955 the Planning Board held a hearing to consider appointing two alternates to the Board of Appeals, permitting Retail Stores in Bradford Street Extension Area, and reclassifying an area along new Route 6 to permit business development. The matters were acted upon by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting with the first and last matters approved but the second defeated. Also at the Town Meeting the voters approved a resolution to have the Planning Board study Sub-Division Control.

On April 15, 1955 the Planning Board held another Public Hearing, this time in reply to a request for hearing, which considered the permitting of Retail Stores in a limited section of the Bradford Street Extension area previously considered. This matter was acted upon by the voters at a Special Town Meeting held September 30, 1955 and passed favorably.

In October the Chairman of the Planning Board left town for the winter and another member resigned with the result that the remaining members awaited further appointments before meeting again. At the close of 1955 the members had under consideration the matters of Regional Planning, Repetitive Petitions to the Board of Appeals, and Sub-Division Control.

HAWTHORNE BISSELL, Chairman
JOHN J. ALEXANDER
GEORGE A. BAKER
MATTHEW J. COSTA
JOHN C. VAN ARSDALE

Swimming Committee

The Swimming Committee respectfully submits the report of Miss Martha Malicoat, Red Cross Swimming instructor, who this past summer has so ably carried out the program authorized by the voters for 1955.

Miss Malicoat serving as instructor for the third summer was able to take full charge, thus requiring very little effort from the Committee. Under her guidance, the program of swimming instruction has grown

steadily, and the Committee feels that it is a very fine project justifying continued support of the voters.

Printed schedules which were placed in many windows throughout the town, at the start of the courses, were most helpful, and greatly relieved the Committee and the instructor of telephone inquiries and these posters, costing only a few dollars, should be used each season.

The present appropriation of \$320.00 would seem to be sufficient to maintain the Red Cross swimming courses in 1956, and the Committee recommends that a teacher be engaged who will also serve as a part time playground supervisor preferably at Howland Street. By doubling as a swimming teacher and playground instructor, Miss Malicoat has been able to present a full eight week program on the small sum appropriated. It is not certain that Miss Malicoat will be available this coming summer.

FRANCIS SANTOS
ROBERT E. MANNING
MILDRED GREENSFELDER

Report of the Red Cross Swimming Instructor—1955

It pleases me to report that the swimming program offered for the third year to both local and summer residents has proved more successful than in previous years. 336 children enrolled in the courses which were offered: beginners, intermediates, swimmers, and junior and senior life saving. 175 completed these courses and 95 satisfactorily passed them.

The last three weeks of August were beset with bad weather. 36 children enrolled for classes but were not able to complete them. However they did benefit from what instruction was possible. It must be remembered that it is not particularly important that a child passes a course. The fact that so many children exhibited an interest in the courses and did attend the lessons is indicative of the growing popularity of this program.

73 beginners enrolled, 25 passed the test
59 intermediates enrolled, 34 passed the test
37 swimmers enrolled 30 passed the test
3 passed junior life saving and 3 passed senior life saving

MISS MARTHA MALICOAT

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
and
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
of
Provincetown, Mass.
for the
Year Ending December 31, 1955

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

At a recent meeting of the School Committee it was voted:
To accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools and to present it
to the town as the report of the School Committee.

HERBERT F. MAYO, Chairman
FRANCIS J. ALVES
JOSEPH ALVES
MRS. CATHERINE CADOSE
GEORGE S. CHAPMAN, JR.
WESLEY G. FELTON
GEORGE SILVA
School Committee

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Herbert F. Mayo, Chairman

Herbert F. Mayo	Term expires 1956
George Silva	Term expires 1956
Wesley G. Felton	Term expires 1956
Francis J. Alves	Term expires 1957
George S. Chapman, Jr.	Term expires 1957
Joseph Alves	Term expires 1958
Mrs. Catherine Cadose	Term expires 1958

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Augustus Keane

Office: Provincetown High School

Office open from 8:15 to 12 and 1 to 4:00 p. m., except Saturday. The
Superintendent may be seen at his office by appointment. Telephone
560.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Fred L. Moore, M. D., Hyannis

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Helen Pierce, R. N.

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

George E. Rogers

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

PROVINCETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Name of Teacher	Where Educated	Began Service
George F. Leyden, Prin.	Holy Cross College, B. A.	1926
Noel V. Coletti	Bowdoin College, B. A., Northeastern University, M. Ed.	1954
Joseph Condon	Brown University, A. B., University of Wisconsin	1954
Edward J. Dahill, Jr.	University of Notre Dame, B. S., University of New Hampshire, M. Ed.	1943
Elizabeth DeRiggs	Sargent College, B. S. in Physical Education	1939
Thomas C. Hennessey	Boston College, B. A., Boston University, M. A.	1952
Loretta F. Keane	Framingham Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1955
Mary C. Lewis	Bridgewater Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1934
Arthur P. Malchman	Boston University, B. S. in Ed.	1940
Robert Manning	Arizona State Teachers College, B. A., Boston University, M. A.	1952
Kathleen J. Medeiros	Salem State Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1941
David J. Murphy	Holy Cross College, Ph. B.	1930
Richard M. Santos	Fitchburg State Teachers College	1948
Irene L. Silva	Hyannis Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1947
Francis X. Valois	Tufts College, University of Paris, A.B., M. of Ed.	1955
John F. Williams	Bridgewater Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1947

PROVINCETOWN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Salvatore Causi	Brighton Vocational School	1953
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VETERANS MEMORIAL SCHOOL

William L. Roche, Prin.	Suffolk University, A. B., M. A.	1953
Mary W. Alves	Hyannis Teachers College	1951
Lucinda Anthony	Lesley Normal School	1930
Grace L. Collinson	American International College, B. A.	1937
Bessie E. Corea	Hyannis Teachers College	1918
Miriam C. Corea	Hyannis Teachers College	1913
Hilda M. Dennis	Hyannis Teachers College	1924
Delphine C. DeRiggs	Perry Normal School	1945
Andrew DeVito	Boston University, B. S. in Ed.	1955

Eva Dutra	Central State Teachers College, Wisconsin	1954
Frances D. Francis	Fitchburg Teachers College	1928
Wilhelmina Lopez	Hyannis Teachers College	1946
Florence G. Nickerson	Salem Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1948
Mary Rogers	Hyannis Teachers College	1951
Helen M. Sylvia	Bridgewater Teachers College, B. S. in Ed.	1916

MUSIC SUPERVISORS

Staniford Sorrentino	Los Angeles City College, A. A., Boston University, B. M. and M. M.	1955
Beatrice M. Welsh	American Institute Normal Methods	1927

ART SUPERVISOR

Ruth Cabral	Layton School of Art, Milwaukee, Milwaukee State Teachers College, Drake University, DesMoines	1955
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HANDWRITING SUPERVISOR

Mary E. Quigley	Boston College, B. A., M. A., Boston University; Advanced Certificate	1953
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SCHOOL NURSE

Helen C. Pierce	St. Peter's Hospital, Albany	1941
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CAFETERIA WORKERS

Josephine Cook	Provincetown Junior-Senior High School
Margaret Aresta	Provincetown Junior-Senior High School
Mary Lincoln	Provincetown Junior-Senior High School
Fannie Fields	Veterans Memorial School
Lillian Costa	Veterans Memorial School
Florence Perry	Veterans Memorial School
Mary Tasha	Veterans Memorial School

JANITORS

Frank Aresta	Provincetown Junior-Senior High School
Kenneth P. Jennings	Provincetown Junior-Senior High School
George E. Rogers	Provincetown Junior-Senior High School
James Sants	Veterans Memorial School
Raymond Zawalick	Veterans Memorial School

SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY

Isabel M. D'Entremont

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1955

Appropriation for:	
Public Schools	\$172,785.00
By Special Appropriation	8,490.71
School Cafeteria	8,000.00
Vocational Education	8,565.00
Balance as of January 1, 1955	1,599.62
1955 Vocational Receipts	734.02
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Total Available Funds	\$200,174.35
Total Expenditures	193,157.75
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Unexpended Balance December 31, 1955	\$ 7,016.60

Reimbursements and Receipts:	
Chapter 70—General School Fund	\$20,664.61
Tuition—State Wards	666.00
Truro—Tuition	14,007.25
Vocational School	3,362.12
George Barden and Smith Hughes Funds	100.00
Deposits to Town Treasurer	20,183.39
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	\$ 58,983.37

COST OF SCHOOLS

Total Expenditures	\$193,157.75
Total Reimbursements	58,983.37
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Net Cost of Schools by Local Taxation	\$134,174.38

SUMMARY OF ALL SCHOOL EXPENSES

General Expense:	
Superintendent's Salary	\$2,899.92
Superintendent's Expense	348.00
Secretary	2,720.50
Office Supplies	164.64
Census	40.00
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	\$ 6,173.06
Expenses of Instruction:	
Teachers' Salaries	\$90,981.40
Principals' Salaries	8,978.25
Guidance Counsellor	4,333.10
Supervisors	6,230.83
Substitutes	1,097.00
Supplies	3,163.40
Textbooks	1,642.71
Workbooks	1,867.88
Guidance Supplies	743.15

Manual Arts	542.79	
Athletics	3,415.46	
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Operating Expenses:		
Janitor's Wages	\$12,411.70	
Janitor's Supplies	1,548.02	
Fuel	8,033.64	
Electricity	2,274.89	
Telephone	560.05	
Water Tax	303.88	
Other Expenses	514.13	
	<hr/>	\$ 25,646.31
Capital Outlay:		
Permanent Improvement	\$5,597.67	
New Equipment	2,040.06	
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Maintenance of Plant:		
Repairs	\$5,974.89	
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Auxiliary Agencies:		
Nurse's Salary	\$2,204.50	
Nurse's Supplies	83.40	
Graduation	78.90	
Libraries	281.32	
Driver Training	201.69	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,849.81
Emergency Electrical Installation:	\$4,042.63	
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New Roof Account:	\$1,115.00	
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Household Arts:		
Salary	\$1,660.00	
Supplies	292.06	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,952.06
Cafeteria:		
Salaries	\$6,690.00	
Supplies and Equipment	1,043.55	
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Evening Practical Arts:	\$483.50	
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Boys' Day Vocational School:	\$6,553.24	
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Total Expenditures	\$193,157.75	
Balances Unexpended	7,016.60	
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Total Available Funds	\$200,174.35	

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNT	
Balance on hand January 1, 1955	\$ 889.93
Receipts January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955:	
From Lunchroom sales	\$13,287.92
Federal reimbursements	4,275.53
Lions Club	930.96
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	\$ 18,494.41
Total Receipts for 1955	\$ 19,384.34
Total Disbursements for 1955	17,478.66
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Balance on hand December 31, 1955	\$ 1,905.68

PROVINCETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1955-56

Open September 7, 1955		
Close December 23, 1955 (noon)	16 weeks	73 days
Open January 3, 1956		
Close February 17, 1956	7 weeks	34 days
(Vacation one week)		
Open February 27, 1956		
Close April 13, 1956	7 weeks	34 days
(Vacation one week)		
Open April 23, 1956		
Close June 15, 1956	8 weeks	39 days
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	38 weeks	180 days

Provincetown Elementary School will close on June 8, 1956—175 days.

HOLIDAYS

Barnstable County Teachers Convention, Friday, October 7, 1955.
 Columbus Day, Wednesday, October 12, 1955
 Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 1955
 Thanksgiving Recess, noon, November 23 to November 28, 1955
 Good Friday, March 30, 1956
 Memorial Day, Wednesday, May 30, 1956

HOLIDAYS DURING VACATION

Christmas Day, Sunday and Monday, December 25 and 26, 1955
 New Year's Day, Sunday and Monday, January 1 and 2, 1956
 Washington's Birthday, Wednesday, February 22, 1956
 Patriot's Day, Thursday, April 19, 1956

ENROLLMENT, PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PROVINCETOWN

Grade	October 1955		
	Veterans Memorial	Jr. High	Sr. High
I	58		
II	82		
III	71		
IV	63		
V	64		
VI	43		
VII		66	
VIII		65	
IX			52
X			51
XI			29
XII			30
Vocational School			14
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	381	131	176

SCHOOL CENSUS, OCTOBER 1955

Ages	Boys	Girls	Total	No. not in School
5-7	37	36	73	41
7-14	222	201	423	6
14-16	34	49	83	1
Over 16	31	26	57	68
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	324	312	636	115

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR, 1954-55

Total Enrollment	695
Average Membership	647
Average Attendance	596
Percent of Attendance	92
Number enrolled between 5 and 7	168
Number enrolled between 7 and 16	497

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January 1 of the year following the fall term when he wishes to enter school, may be admitted into the first grade. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

AUGUSTUS KEANE

With the opening of the Veterans Memorial School, Provincetown can now be proud of its elementary school plant. The interest of townspeople in the education of their children and the way they have worked together to improve their schools have been most encouraging.

The following changes and additions in personnel have taken place during the past year:

1. Mr. James Sants and Mr. Raymond Zawalick as custodians at the Veterans Memorial School.
2. Mr. William L. Roche as Principal of the Veterans Memorial School.
3. Mr. Andrew DeVito as teacher of Grade VI.
4. Mr. Kenneth Jennings and Mr. Frank Aresta as custodians for Mr. Frank Carlos at the High School.
5. Mrs. Fannie Fields as cafeteria manager, Mrs. Florence Perry as assistant at the Veterans Memorial School.
6. Miss Isabel D'Entremont for Mrs. Inez Johns as Secretary.
7. Mr. Staniford Sorrentino for Mr. Hawthorne Bissell as Supervisor of Instrumental Music.
8. Mrs. Ruth Cabral for Mrs. Ruth Condon as Supervisor of Art.
9. Mr. Arthur P. Malchman as full-time Guidance Counsellor for elementary and secondary levels.
10. Mr. Francis X. Valois as teacher of French and English at the High School.
11. Mrs. Loretta Keane for Mrs. Marion Roy as teacher of Vocational Household Arts and Lunchroom Supervisor at the High School.
12. Mrs. Mary Tasha and Mrs. Lillian Costa as cafeteria helpers at the Veterans Memorial School.
13. Mrs. Mary Lincoln as cafeteria helper at the High School.
14. Mrs. Anne W. Roche for Miss Miriam Corea as teacher of Grade V.

When in May only seven boys signified their intention of enrolling in the Vocational High School for the following school year, it appeared that the school would be closed. Through the effort of the Advisory Committee and the Guidance Counsellor however, interest was revived and the year has been a very productive one for the seventeen boys enrolled. It is hoped that boys of mechanical bent will consider carefully the opportunities offered there.

The following maintenance and improvement projects were effected during the year:

1. Steel typewriting tables and chairs were purchased for the Business Training Room.
2. Plaster was applied to ceiling and walls where needed at the High School.
3. Basement floors, the boys' locker room, and stairways, were painted.
4. An electric duplicating machine was purchased for the High School.
5. Window shades were installed where most needed.
6. A new demonstration desk and sink were installed in the Science Room.
7. Soundproofing material was applied to the ceiling in the Boys' Locker Rooms and the Manual Training Room; shower facilities were improved.
8. New lockers were installed in the Boys' Locker Room.
9. The front of the high school building was waterproofed.
10. New curtains were installed on the stage of the high school auditorium.
11. New furniture was added to the teachers rooms.
12. A twenty-year-bonded, tar-and-gravel roof was applied at the high school.
13. Emergency electrical repairs and rewiring in the basement was done at the high school to complete the first of two stages in the electrical work needed.
14. Handrails were installed on steps to parking area.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

GEORGE F. LEYDEN

I herewith submit my nineteenth annual report as Principal of Provincetown High School.

ENROLLMENT

High School Enrollment by classes as of December 23, 1955 is as follows.

Class	Girls	Boys	Total
Senior	14	17	31
Junior	17	10	27
Sophomore	28	21	49
Freshman	30	21	51
Automotive		16	16
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Total Enrollment			174

Junior High Enrollment by grades is as follows:

Grade Seven	31	36	67
Grade Eight	34	29	63
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Total Enrollment			130
Grand Total			304

REGISTRATION BY CLASSES

Elementary Algebra	20	General Mathematics	29
Applied Mathematics	14	Latin I	19
Automotive History and Civics	16	Latin II	10
Art	114	Manual Arts	77
Biology	40	Physical Education (boys)	145
Bookkeeping	13	Physical Education (girls)	140
Building Citizenship	17	Plane Geometry	29
English I	53	Problems of Democracy	20
English II	46	Stenography I	11
English III	27	Stenography II	6
English IV	31	Typewriting I	29
American History	27	Typewriting II	7
World History	7	Typewriting III	7
Life Adjustment	18	Vocational Drawing	16
World Geography	9	Vocational Math	16
Vocational English	16	Vocation Science	16
Business Arithmetic	36	Vocational Household Arts	12
General Science	54	Instrumental Music	15
Introductory Business	28	Chemistry	26
Solid and Trig.	11		

COURSE OF STUDY

Five different courses are offered in our high school. They are as follows:

1. The General Course
2. The Commercial Course
3. The College Course
4. The Vocational Household Arts Course
5. The Automotive Course

Each of these is organized for a definite purpose. Each pupil is given ample opportunity to secure the type of Education best suited to his need, aptitudes and capacities.

Parents should consult freely with the principal and faculty advisors in order that the curriculum and electives selected by the pupils will be in keeping with these important factors.

The above courses offer an opportunity for the pupils to master fundamental processes which are necessary equipment in everyday life. We offer an ample number of courses designed to inculcate proper training in the common ideas necessary for tolerant living in a complex society. Such courses as Building Citizenship, Problems of American Democracy and Life Adjustment, are included in the curriculum for the purpose of affording the pupils the opportunity of learning patriotism, love of the country, and to acquaint them with some of the essentials of the complicated political and social problems which confront us today.

PUPILS ATTENDING SCHOOLS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Katherine Mayo	Lasell Junior College
Stephen Perry	Amherst College
Paul Cook	Bentley School of Accounting
George Bowley	U. S. Naval Academy
Wilfred Costa	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
Manuel Ferreira	St. Mary's Seminary
Martha Malicoat	Oberlin College
Dennis Aresta	Boston College
Mylan Costa	Boston University
Paul Chapman	Norwich University
Richard Hopwood	Northeastern University
Conrad Malicoat	Oberlin College
David Murphy	University of Massachusetts
Joseph Patrick	University of Miami
Robert Welsh	Holy Cross College
George Bryant	Wesleyan College
Chester Cook	Boston College
Patricia Duarte	Chamberlain School of Design
George Felton	Boston University

Loretta Santos
Stephen Goveia
Donna Hurd
Denis Mooney
Carol O'Donnell
Kenneth Santos

Bentley School of Accounting
Boston University
Merrimack College
University of Massachusetts
Wilfred Academy
Boston University

MARKS AND ATTENDANCE

Students are marked with letters. The significance of these letters is as follows:

- A—High honor mark indicating outstanding achievement.
- B—High honor mark indicating a quality of accomplishment which is commendable and which certifies to college the individual without special examination on the subject.
- C—Satisfactory work indicating a quality of accomplishment sufficient for continuation of the subject.
- D—A passing mark but not satisfactory.
- E—Not passing; no credit allowed.

Marks are a measure of the educational growth of a student in any one subject insofar as that growth of a student can be estimated by the teacher. In making this estimate the teacher considers a number of factors including contributions to class discussion and the result of oral and written tests. Two factors which commonly cause able students to receive low marks are poor attendance and lack of home study. Any student who wishes to succeed in High School and compete with other students must have a quiet place at home to study and make very good use of that place. Parents interested in the progress of their children, should insist on regular attendance at school, health permitting. They should also make a special effort to provide a quiet place for study at home.

Provincetown High School is a member of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

CAFETERIA

Our cafeteria is under the supervision of Mrs. Loretta F. Keane, our Household Arts teacher. The planning and preparation of meals for our pupils is a very important function. It is very important that our pupils have something to eat during lunch time, in as much as the school day is long and the human body needs replenishing with food in the interim between breakfast and the time they arrive home. The meals we have are efficiently prepared by two excellent cooks, Mrs. Josephine Cook, Mrs. Margaret Aresta and assistant Mrs. Mary Lincoln. The Cafeteria is self-supporting. Each meal consists of a main dish, bottle of milk, dessert, bread, and sandwiches. These meals cost 25c. It is gratifying to note that there are more pupils taking advantage of the excellent meals which are being served daily in our cafeteria.

ATHLETICS

Our athletic program is well balanced and under the capable direction of our respective coaches. The program includes both an intramural and inter-high school competition. This program is an important part of our curricular activities. It is my fond hope that we may continue to have intramural and inter-scholastic activities in football, baseball, and basketball. We could do much in the way of intramural athletics and thus involve more pupils in various activities for longer periods of the day. The organization, however, of such a program, would require additional personnel and increase costs.

GUIDANCE

I am very happy to report that Mr. Arthur Malchman, our Guidance Counsellor, has been functioning since last September as a full-time counsellor. Already, in such a short time, there have been many indications of the worth and necessity of such a position in our school system. It is regrettable, however, that after such a long period of time that Mr. Malchman has not a suitable place for his office. The nature of guidance counselling is such that the utmost privacy is desirable. Thus far it seems we have been unable to find suitable quarters in which Mr. Malchman can function as he should.

CONCLUSION AND APPRECIATION

During the past year there has been a number of physical improvements within the building. For these and for those that I hope will come in the near future, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the School Committee and to the new Superintendent, Mr. Augustus Keane. To the good citizens of Provincetown, my sincere appreciation for their loyal support and their patience in supporting our school activities. I wish to thank the faculty for their whole-hearted cooperation.

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

ARTHUR P. MALCHMAN

I hereby submit my first annual report as full-time Guidance Counsellor for the schools of Provincetown.

It is the basic philosophy of any good guidance program to attempt to handle each student on an individual basis. When a student encounters difficulties, whether it be social, scholastic, psychological, or moral, that student gets the benefit of many hours of collective work by myself and those teachers who are concerned. It is with regret that I cannot cite any specific case because the very nature of this work is highly confidential to prevent any stigma being attached to the child.

The cumulative records on which I reported last year, as a part-time

guidance worker, are in the hands of the teachers of the Veterans Memorial School and it is with some personal pride that Mr. Roche, Principal, tells me that they are proving fruitful and their continued use will bear even richer rewards.

I am working very closely with Miss Ann Halliday, Social Worker, Barnstable County Mental Health. At the moment she has several students with whom she is working.

For the first time in my recollection we have a formalized testing program consisting of group scholastic aptitude tests, group interest inventories, and group diagnostic tests. Students who present more acute academic problems are given the Stanford Binet Intelligence Test and other tests.

I feel that the testing program not only assists our teachers but enhances the students' academic work by virtue of knowing more about himself.

In summary, the Guidance Counsellor is a tester, social worker and performs liaison duties between principal and teacher.

BOYS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

DAVID J. MURPHY

I herewith submit my annual report as Director of Boys' Physical Education in the Senior and Junior High School.

PROGRAM

Our program during the past school year contained the activities listed below. Activities that we have found from experience have helped to contribute to the health, well being and physical fitness of the individual boy.

A slight change was made in our ruling regarding enrollment in Physical Education classes. In former years we have excused only boys who submitted doctors' certificates requesting they be excused from any strenuous physical activity. This year we have excused from classes those members of our varsity teams who feel that they obtain sufficient physical exercise from the sport in which they participate. If a boy does not participate in all varsity sports he must report to physical education classes during the time he is not engaged in varsity competition. He receives the same semester credit as any other boy who participates in our program.

Our intramural basketball program has been changed from Tuesday and Friday afternoon to a Saturday morning program. This change has been made because it has become increasingly difficult to main-

tain a full afternoon program and then prepare for two boys' games on the same night, particularly so if these games were out of town.

IMPROVEMENTS

The complete renovating of the locker room has been an excellent project. The new lockers have afforded us ample storage space for our varsity teams, the soundproofing of the ceiling has confined the noise, and the painting of the walls and floors has added a neatness that is appreciated by the students.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Floor mats used in gym classes are now used for protection against injury on the north and south walls of the gymnasium. The use of these mats for protective padding deprives us of the use of the mats for floor work. May I recommend that thought be given to the possibility of purchasing padding for these walls and the mats be released for the purpose for which they are intended.

ACTIVITIES

A complete list of the activities in our program may be briefly stated as follows:

1. Marching drills
 - military—high school
 - rhythmic—junior high
2. Gymnastics
 - fundamentals—junior high
 - advanced—senior high
3. Calisthenics
4. Competitive games and relays
5. Apparatus
 - rings, parallel bars, climbing ropes, horizontal bar, vaulting box, vaulting horse
6. Lectures on personal hygiene, and rules and regulations of major sports
7. Sport Activities
 - a. Football (touch)
 - b. Basketball (intramural)
- c. Volley-ball
 - d. Baseball
 - e. Soft-ball
 - f. Track and field

CONCLUSION

Supervised physical activity is a need in any adolescent life. It plays a tremendous part in rounding out the happy existence of a growing boy. It is as vital to a well coordinated educational system as subject matter itself. We have tried to become alerted to the important part it plays and we have attempted to offer a program that fits the individual need of each student.

GIRLS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

ELIZABETH DeRIGGS

I herewith submit my annual report in Physical Education in the Junior and Senior High School.

Our program during the past year has been substantially the same as offered last year. The objective of the Physical Education program through the activities offered during the year is to develop techniques and skills of various sports; to develop good living habits; to develop the student physically, socially and emotionally; to teach the girls to work and play together; and to help them develop leadership qualities. A list of the activities offered during the years are as follows:

1. Marching
2. Danish Exercises
3. Tumbling and Pyramid Building
4. Apparatus
 - a. Rings
 - b. Ropes
 - c. Buck
 - d. Swedish Box
 - e. Parallel Bars
5. Basketball (Rules and Fundamentals)
6. Volleyball (Rules and Fundamentals)
7. Softball (Rules and Fundamentals)
8. Relays and Competitive Games
9. Intramural Activities:
 - a. Basketball
 - b. Volleyball
 - c. Badminton
 - d. Bowling

In closing I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation received during the past year.

VOCAL MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

BEATRICE M. WELSH

I herewith submit my report as Supervisor of Vocal Music. Rhythmic orchestras have been started in the first two grades and as usual the children are most enthusiastic. The pupils in the High School are enjoying their new music books. Singing is the core of the music program in the elementary school. To maintain interest, the ways of presenting songs are varied. Some are taught by the phrase method, and some by the whole method. One of the main objectives in elementary schools is to get children to love music and to give every child the

best use of his singing voice. One new method of teaching note reading is through the use of film strips. Edgar Dale, in his book *Audio Visual Methods in Teaching*, says, "People learn much better through pictures and words than through words alone." Anything that is audible or visual appeals to children so much more because they are so accustomed to listening to the radio and watching television. Children or adults, simply by turning a dial, can listen to fine music and see the performers on the screen. There is a new series of film strips and recordings entitled "Young America Sings" produced by Young America Films, Inc. These units are available for Grades Three, Four and Five. The purpose of this unit is by means of selected songs to bridge the gap from note singing to note reading. All activities in the unit are built around the active participation of the students: they chant the rhythm of songs, become aware of note values, find repetition of phrases, sing songs with syllables while the artist sings with neutral syllable "loo." Each lesson ends with the students singing the songs with the artist. I hope that it will be possible for us to purchase these film strips and recordings before the next school year. Children need variety in their studying and learning. I wish to express my thanks for the cooperation received during the past year.

MANUAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT RICHARD SANTOS

I wish to submit my report for the Manual Training Department for the year 1955.

Since its beginning in 1931 the shop program here at the High School has consisted of woodworking for boys from the seventh to the twelfth grade. In the Junior High School the program is compulsory to all boys for two periods per week, and in the High School the course is elective for the same amount of time.

Throughout the years, attempts have been made to venture into other fields such as leather and plastics, but the cost of continuing this type of work has always been prohibitive.

We have always carefully chosen the type of projects in the Junior High program to be reasonably sure the construction was not beyond the abilities of the boys. After two years in the program some boys emerge with more abilities than other boys and they are allowed to choose projects of their own liking within reasonable limits.

In the opinion of the instructor there is a definite need for part of the program to be concerned with some phase of mechanical drawing because the boys do not understand simple plans and do not appreciate good form and design. I would recommend that at least a half-year of basic mechanical drawing be given in the eighth grade of Junior High.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT KATHLEEN J. MEDEIROS

I herewith submit my annual report of the Commercial Department of the Provincetown High School.

Our typewriting room has been brought up-to-date with the acquisition of twenty gray metal tables and posture chairs. The new furniture was voted on at the last annual town meeting and in September the furniture was installed. The posture chairs and the light but sturdy tables are easily moved and adjusted to the individual needs.

This year we also received a new liquid process duplicator operated by electricity. It is now possible for the students to duplicate several hundred copies of P-TA notices or other material in a matter of minutes. An electric outlet was installed near the machine and it really saves a good deal of valuable class time to get the exams, notices, etc., duplicated in a few minutes.

Again this year we were fortunate in placing the graduates from the Commercial Course. One of our graduates, currently employed in Boston, ranked high in the stenographic test given by the firm. It is indeed gratifying to be called upon to supply some business man with a typist, bookkeeper, or stenographer since that means the culmination of our aims. It is also satisfying to learn from the employer how our graduates are progressing. A check with both the employer and the employee also determines what we can teach the students in order to better equip our present students for the business world.

Enrollment in the bookkeeping class has increased this year and the class is rapidly assembling all the information necessary to handle the accounts of a business for the period of two months. The class has also done work on individual records for clubs, fund raising campaigns, and personal bookkeeping.

Accuracy and speed continue to be our aims in both Stenography and Typewriting.

The Electric Typewriter has also brought our typing room up to modern standards. After complete instruction on the standard machine, the students are assigned to the electric machine for a period of two weeks. Students then compare the work done on both machines and thus are aware of the increased speed, touch, carbons, etc. Occasionally art typing is illustrated and students are given an opportunity to display some hidden artistic talent on the typewriter. All duplicating work is done by the advanced students in the course.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the assistance and cooperation I have received.

HOMEMAKING DEPARTMENT

LORETTA F. KEANE

I herewith submit the annual report for the Household Arts Department of the Provincetown High School.

Household Arts is a required course for all Junior High School girls. In Foods classes the objective is to gain a better knowledge of the fundamental principles of nutrition and cooking. In Clothing classes, the time is devoted to learning the basic steps in clothing construction.

The Vocational Household Arts program is an elective two years course for High School Freshmen and Sophomores. Its objective is to aid girls to become more helpful members of the family group. Practical work in Foods, Clothing, and Home Management is offered. Time is also devoted to such related subjects as: Nutrition, Grooming, Consumer Buying, Child Care, Family Relationships, Selection and Care of Clothing, Meal Preparation, and Planning.

PROVINCETOWN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

SALVATORE A. CAUSI

I hereby submit my annual report as instructor in the Provincetown Vocational School.

Vocational education is contributing its share in helping our youth prepare themselves to make an honest living. We cannot minimize its significance.

Last year a new program was set up by our Director, Mr. Augustus Keane, which made it possible for more boys to realize the advantages offered by the vocational school. If a boy has successfully completed the 8th grade, he can take the vocational course and be eligible to receive a high school diploma as well as a certificate. Then, if he cares to, he can go on to a technical school of higher learning.

There are many parents who put too much emphasis on the three R's which results in the false belief that vocational education does not contribute to that end. Boys appreciate the thrilling personal experience of being able to successfully finish a project and understand that it is through these projects that learning takes place. In this school the student acquires the basic knowledge that is important to modern living.

Parents are urged to encourage pride by visiting the school so they can see for themselves what is being accomplished here.

To those who have cooperated in keeping this program alive, for the sake of our boys, I wish to express my gratitude.

ART SUPERVISOR

RUTH CABRAL

The drawings upon the walls of the cavern of primitive man were probably his first graphic expressions. They represented the animals of the period and recorded the method of the hunt. We find such records in the remains of several early civilizations.

Art is a basic impulse. It has always existed. Man has never been satisfied with the bare means of material existence. He has always sought to make them more pleasing to his senses and emotions.

The Art program in the public school is designed to stimulate creative thinking and to provide pupils an opportunity to express through drawing, painting, modeling, printing and two and three dimensional design their observations, thinking and planning as children at work, at play, at home and in their community.

The pupils are taught to recognize, know and to use color according to their age level. For example in the first grade fruit, flowers, crayolas, etc., in second grade to know primary and related colors, in third grade to know grayed colors, in sixth grade color intensity and complements, monochromatic and analagous colors become more important in the upper grades. Color is related to home and environment.

The pupils illustrate stories, poems and social studies. This is done through pictorial composition, dioramas, murals and pictorial maps which may be two or three dimensional in design. Mediums used are crayons, chalk, powder paint, showcard colors, ink and water color.

The pupils create and express design in painting, drawing, paper construction, stenciling and block printing.

Clay, paper, wire papier mache and many types of discarded materials are utilized in three dimensional construction. The pupils design and construct mobiles. They carve soap and linoleum.

Lettering and poster design are taught from the fourth grade through high school.

Costumes are designed and backgrounds and props for dramatic plays are painted.

A child naturally passes through certain stages of growth. These may be classified as manipulation, exploration, intuitive design, conscious design, preplanning, overlapping and designed reality. At no time in his development should his work be criticized from an adult point of view. Children draw what they believe to be true, what they feel, and not what they see. As the child develops, provided there is a wise selection of subject matter, his work will progress. Along with his vivid imagination certain suggestions from time to time will help him to

express more easily, use color more freely, draw large objects and fill the paper more satisfactorily. Encouragement and calling attention to what is good in his work are two valuable ways parents and teachers may help.

Valuable contributions to our Art program have been made by Mrs. Henry Helmer and Peter Hunt in the loan of exhibition material and demonstration.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SUPERVISOR

STANIFORD A. SORRENTINO

I herewith submit my first annual report in instrumental music for the elementary and Junior-Senior High School.

PROGRAM

The instrumental music program in the Veterans Memorial Elementary School begins in the fourth grade with the "Symphonet" which is a small, inexpensive flute-like instrument of some transfer value. In the fifth and sixth grades, class instruction is offered in the brass, woodwind, string and percussion instruments for beginners and more advanced pupils. This year there are 41 boys and girls receiving instruction of which only seven are not beginners. However, both first and second year students participate in the orchestra and other small ensembles. It was impossible for the school to supply all the instruments necessary for our much expanded program. Therefore, arrangements were made with "Gott's Music Store" of South Yarmouth for the rental of instruments to the parents of interested children. The rental fee for new instruments was \$15.00 for three months. Upon completion of the three month period, the entire \$15.00 rental fee could be applied toward the purchase of the instrument. All sales through this plan received the benefit of the 10% school discount.

In the Junior High School we offer activities such as orchestra and small ensembles, as well as instruction in all instruments used in the band and orchestra for a limited number of beginners and advanced students.

As the result of problems in scheduling, we are only able to offer one period of orchestra a week at the High School. There are only 11 students in our Senior High School Orchestra and only two have the skill comparable to the average high school orchestra member. I am sure that this situation will improve as the result of the strong elementary program started this year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There are 41 pupils receiving instruction in band and orchestra instruments at the elementary school. All these lessons plus orchestra

rehearsals crammed into one day is indeed a herculean task and it is my hope that next year more careful scheduling at the Veterans Memorial School will allow more time to teach instruments at this level. Pupils in less isolated and more urban communities than Provincetown have a wealth of excellent private music teachers available and large numbers of school children take private lessons. This makes the school more of a place to organize and work with bands, orchestras and small instrumental ensembles. However, at the present time there is not one pupil in the program who is studying an instrument other than piano privately. Our geographical location puts a relatively heavier load on our instrumental music classes, therefore, extra time must be allotted particularly at the elementary school in order to effectively build and maintain an adequate instrumental music program throughout the system.

CONCLUSION

Music is particularly suited to the development of fine character traits, because it endows with a pleasant emotional tone everything that it touches. Pure instrumental music i. e., music without words or program, is as potent with children as with adults in strengthening the appeal of any situation or idea with which it is appropriately associated. The aim of music instruction is to provide boys and girls with enjoyment, relaxation, recreation, and personality development.

HANDWRITING SUPERVISOR

W. L. RINEHART, Director

Once again I am pleased to report on the operation of the handwriting program for the past year in the Provincetown schools.

Your teachers have continued to give us the splendid cooperation that has become traditional in your schools and for the many courtesies extended to me and my personnel I am most grateful.

Our records show at the conclusion of June 1955 that 91% of the papers scored were Excellent or Good. It is reasonable to conclude, therefore, that 91% of the papers were eminently satisfactory. Only 9% of the papers were rated Fair or unsatisfactory.

During the school year we graded and diagnosed approximately 3,600 formal and 10,800 informal samples of handwriting for your pupils. A formal test was administered at four teaching-week intervals and a report was furnished each teacher in writing giving a careful diagnosis of the handwriting of each pupil in the room. We supplied the following instructional and motivational materials to your pupils and teachers: teacher outlines and folders, pupil folders, motivation graphs, individual certificates to pupils who qualified, diagnostic charts, hand- edness tests, term envelopes, seals, etc.

Our primary objective is to teach your students to read and write both cursive handwriting and hand lettering in order that they may have these two tools as efficient aids in school, business, and social correspondence. At each grade level we attempt to achieve the standard norm in speed and never lose sight of the fact that the concomitants of neatness, accuracy, and attention to detail in doing work are desirable characteristics that need to be developed along with technical skill.

SCHOOL NURSE

HELEN C. PIERCE, R. N.

I hereby submit my annual report as School Nurse.

During the winter and early spring there were two hundred seventy-two cases of measles in the schools. Most of these cases were in the Elementary School.

Inspection was held weekly in the Elementary School, and monthly in the Junior-Senior High School, except when daily inspection was found necessary.

In February a toxoid clinic was held at Town Hall at which time forty-two children were inoculated, twenty-one boosters given and thirty-three vaccinated. Thirty-three children in the fourth grade were given boosters at school.

In May one hundred sixteen children were given the Salk Polio vaccine in the first and second grades.

In June, fifty children entering school in September were examined by Dr. Gerald N. Hoeffel with the parent of each child being present. A number of defects found at this time were corrected before the child entered school.

The Audiometer tests were given to five hundred and fifty-two pupils with four failures. The Massachusetts Vision test was given to all pupils in schools with twenty-four failures. Most of these have been corrected. All routine work has been completed.

In December, Dr. Moore gave thirty-four boosters to children in the fourth grade; however he has not as yet completed his physical examinations.

During the year I have attended conferences for professional improvement. In closing, may I express my sincere thanks to all for the cooperation and assistance that I have received.

VETERANS MEMORIAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

WILLIAM L. ROCHE

I herewith submit my first annual report as Principal of the Veterans Memorial School.

ENROLLMENT

Teacher	Grade	Enrollment
Mrs. Frances Francis	1	20
Miss Hilda Dennis	1	21
Mrs. Mary Rogers	1	21
Miss Lucinda Anthony	2	27
Mrs. Eva Dutra	2	27
Miss Helen Sylvia	2	26
Miss Bessie Corea	3	37
Mrs. Florence Nickerson	3	37
Mrs. Mary Alves	4	31
Mrs. Delphine DeRiggs	4	31
Mrs. Grace Collinson	5	30
Miss Miriam Corea	5	31
Mrs. Anne Roche		
Mr. Andrew DeVito	6	21
Mrs. Wilhelmina Lopez	6	21
Total		381

On April 15, 1955, the elementary school children of the town brought their books and belongings to the Veterans Memorial School for a day of "getting acquainted" with their new surroundings.

On April 25, 1955, classes convened and the Cafeteria opened.

At this time, the only change in the teaching staff was the appointment of Mr. Andrew DeVito as a teacher in a sixth grade class.

A graduation exercise was held for the sixth grades on June 7, 1955.

The town of Provincetown lost an excellent teacher in December, 1955, and the Staff lost a respected friend and consultant, when Miss Miriam Corea's health demanded that she retire.

Mrs. Anne W. Roche was appointed to fill this vacancy in the fifth grade until June, 1956.

Under the direction of Mrs. Fannie Fields and her three assistants, the cafeteria program has been very successful.

Mrs. Fields serves the Type A lunch, so parents can be assured that the children are receiving a well-balanced and appetizing lunch every day.

Eighty-nine per cent of the children participate in the lunch program daily. This is considerably higher than the state average. This would seem to indicate the success of the program.

Mrs. Helen Pierce, our school nurse, continues to make a very difficult and exacting job appear easy.

The Classroom Teachers, Supervisors, Guidance Director, Cafeteria workers, Custodians, School Committee, and Superintendent have my sincere gratitude for making my work a very pleasant and gratifying task.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

F. L. MOORE, M. D.

The usual routine physical examinations of school children have been carried out throughout the year including those specially referred to the school nurse by the teaching staff. Parents of those children who were to enter school in September were invited to bring their children to a series of clinics, which were held in the spring of the year, for health evaluation. This department furnished the services of Dr. Gerald Hoefel who conducted the clinics.

Immunization procedures to protect children against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough were carried out both in the schools and at a series of clinics held at the town office building. During the month of May, one dose of poliomyelitis vaccine was administered to children in the first and second grades.

Inspections of food handling practices in the school cafeterias have been routinely carried out.

Advisory services in both the field of mental health and public health nursing have been made available to school personnel by this department.

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

GEORGE ROGERS

I herewith submit my annual report as Supervisor of Attendance.

Number of investigations	220
Number of truants returned	3
Number of truants not returned	12
Number absent from sickness	155
Number absent for other reasons	50

GRADUATION PROGRAM

Processional: O Canada	C. Levalle
Junior P. H. S. Orchestra	
Invocation	Rev. Leo J. Duart
Juvenile Delinquency and Education	Catharina Silvia
Pathatique Sonata	Beethoven
Piano Solo—Constance Pavao	
Ave Maria	Gounod
Violin Solo—Stephen Goveia	
Melody of Love	Glazer-Tngelmann
P. H. S. Chorus	
The Value of a Liberal Arts Education	Robert Welsh
Selection: Con Amore	Beaumont
Piano Solo—Avis Joseph	
You'll Never Walk Alone	Rogers and Hammerstein
Trumpet Solo—Richard Berrio	
The Under Educated	Patricia Duarte
I'll Walk With God	Brodzsky
P. H. S. Chorus	
Peace Time Use of Atomic Power	George Bryant
The Lord's Prayer	Albert Hoy Malotte
Vocal Solo—Carol O'Donnell	
Presentation of Diplomas	Herbert Mayo, Board Chairman
Benediction	Rev. Harold M. M. Nicholas
Recessional: Flying Ace	Glen Lawrence

CLASS OFFICERS

Chester Cook	President
George Bryant	Vice-President
Kenneth Santos	Secretary
Denis Mooney	Treasurer
Miss Kathleen J. Medeiros	Class Advisor

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Catharina Silvia	Arlene Joseph
Patricia Duarte	George Bryant
Robert Welsh	
Leadership — Scholarship — Service	

CLASS COLORS

Blue and Silver

CLASS MOTTO

Honor and Virtue

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Constance Pavao	Donna Hurd
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GRADUATES

Ronald Edward Amaral
Richard Martin Berrio
George Duncan Bryant
Chester Orlando Cook
Neil Joseph Cordeiro
Jeannette Mae Stephanie DeCosta

Patricia M. Duarte
George Perley Felton
Edwin Manual Ferreira
James Manuel Ferreira
Stephen Charles Goveia
Donna Marie Hurd

Arlene Louise Joseph
Avis Ursula Joseph
Thomas Joseph Kane
Anthony Lema, Jr.
Denis Joseph Mooney
Rebecca Hall Morris

Carol Ann O'Donnell
Arlene Barbara Packett
Carolyn Eunice Patrick
Constance Ann Pavao
Avis Frances Perry
Olivia Carolyn Ramos

Nancy Jane Roda
Malcom Adrian Rose
Josephine Frances Ross
Marcia Mary Russell
Nancy Lee Salvador
Kenneth Anthony Santos

Loretta Frances Santos
Joyce Amelia Silva
Richard Lawrence Silva
Catharina Charlotte Silvia
Horace Jon Watson
Robert Aloysius Welsh
Donald Frank Wood

1955 Town Meetings and Elections

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, March 14, 1955 at 7:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened by the Rev. Father Leo J. Duart who said a short prayer.

Moved by Mr. Kacergis to dispense with the reading of the Warrant. Motion carried.

Moved by Frank Henderson that Article 1 be taken up after Article 52. Motion carried.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Moved by Joseph Lema, Jr., that the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 2A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws establishing a Development and Industrial Commission for the promotion and development of the industrial resources of the Town. (on request of the Selectmen)

Moved by Joseph Lema, Jr., that the Town vote to accept Section 2A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws establishing a Development and Industrial Commission for the promotion and development of the industrial resources of the Town. Motion carried.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the expenses of a Business and Industrial Commission to promote business and industry in the Town. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Joseph Lema, Jr., that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the expenses of a Business and Industrial Commission to promote business and industry in the Town. Motion carried.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee consisting of five (5) members to plan and carry out a suitable community lighting program for the 1955 Christmas season. (on request of the Selectmen)

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town vote to appoint a committee consisting of five (5) members to plan and carry out a suitable community lighting program for the 1955 Christmas season, said committee to be appointed by the Moderator.

Motion carried.

Moved by Francis Santos that Articles 53 and 54 be taken up next.

Motion carried.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting held Monday, September 20, 1954.

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town rescind the action taken under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting held Monday, September 20, 1954.

Motion carried unanimously.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$293,000 or any other sum for the purpose of constructing or reconstructing the municipal wharf and determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation of available funds in the treasury including the maintenance of pier account and by borrowing under authority of a special legislative act, enacted, or to be enacted in the current session of legislature. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Francis Santos that the sum of \$293,000 be appropriated to meet the Town's share of constructing a new municipal wharf; and that to meet said appropriation, the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated from available funds in the treasury; the sum of \$18,000 be transferred from the maintenance of pier account and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow the sum of \$225,000 under authority of Chapter 139 of the Acts of 1955.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by John Van Arsdale to take up Articles 29 and 30 at this time.

Motion carried.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to rescind, revoke and repeal its action taken under Article 25 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, February 13, 1950, being the Zoning By-law of the Town, so-called, together with all subsequent amendments thereto. (on request of William A. White and others)

Moved by William A. White that the Town vote to rescind, revoke and repeal its action taken under Article 25 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, February 13, 1950, being the Zoning By-law of the Town, so-called, together with all subsequent amendments thereto, and that a committee of five (5) be appointed by the Moderator to submit a full report before the next Annual Town Meeting.

Motion ruled out of order under Section 6, Chapter 48 of the General Laws, this being, the necessity of a public hearing required to change a by-law of the Town.

Article 30. To hear a report and recommendations of the Planning Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 27 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, and to see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt or amend and adopt any or all of the following proposed changes in the Town of Provincetown Zoning By-law, as amended, or take any action relative thereto:

1. Paragraph 2 of Section VII, Administration, the following subparagraph shall be inserted between the first and second subparagraphs: "The Board of Selectmen shall also appoint a Number 1 and Number 2 alternate to the Board of Appeals to serve in this order at any time there shall be less than five members present at any meeting of the Board of Appeals."
2. Paragraph 1 of Section I, Establishment of Districts, as amended, in so far as it applies to Bradford Street Extension shall be further amended so as to permit **retail stores**.
3. Paragraph 1 of Section I, Establishment of Districts, as amended, the words "Zoning Map dated November 24, 1954" shall be stricken out and the following inserted in place thereof: "Zoning Map dated January 24, 1955."

(on request of the Planning Board)

REPORT OF THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with Section 27 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, the Town of Provincetown Planning Board submits the following report:

Since the action of amending the Zoning By-law taken by the voters at the Special Town Meeting December 17, 1954 the Planning Board has met frequently to discuss some of the zoning problems existing under the present law. While there are many broad changes deemed necessary and to be discussed further in this report, the Planning Board is recommending at this time three changes to the existing Zoning By-law, as amended. Public hearing, as required, was conducted on these proposed changes February 11, 1955.

On the first proposed change the Planning Board would like to point out that, at the present time, although it is required that five members sit on the Board of Appeals, frequently this is not possible due to other plans of the individual members. By having two alternates there would always be five members available when the Board sits, and with less obligation on each individual member.

On the proposal to permit retail stores in the Bradford Street Extension area, the Board feels that the action taken at the last Special Town Meeting in this area was too restrictive to further development. By amendment the voters accepted the area as a business district limited to motels, cottages, and arts and crafts shops. While the Planning Board agrees that unlimited business development might not be desirable in this area, the addition of retail stores is in the public interest of overall development and in keeping with the development already in the area.

The change in the zoning map is proposed so as to create a potential business district along the south side of Route 6 from Winthrop Street west to the boundary of the Province Lands. The Planning Board is bringing up this matter at this time because objections were made previously that this was not a matter for a Special Town Meeting but rather for the Annual Meeting. The Planning Board is definitely unchanged in its original opinion that the proposed development would be in the overall interests of the Town of Provincetown by creating a shopping center offering basic commodities while the center of town will be relieved of some of the present summertime congestion caused by non-tourist shoppers. The result will be more room in the center of town for visitors and a relief in the parking problems. Aside from their basic issue are the opportunities for increased employment during construction and in operation, the rights of freedom of enterprise, as well as additional taxable property of both a residential and business nature. As a future outlook the Planning Board feels that the entire Zoning By-law should be rewritten to make it more applicable to the Town of Provincetown. The Board plans to meet with the Board of Appeals and any interested citizens in the near future to start this large project. The Board also is requesting at this meeting through resolutions the attitude of the voters on sub-division control and a building code. The Planning Board exists to carry out the desires of the majority of the voters and earnestly requests any recommendations for changes.

Respectfully submitted March 14, 1955.

Provincetown Planning Board
Hawthorne Bissell, Chairman
John J. Alexander
John Van Arsdale
William F. Gilman
George A. Baker

Moved by John Van Arsdale that Article 30 be taken up in three sections with an individual motion on each sub-paragraph.
Motion carried.

Moved by John Van Arsdale that Paragraph 2 of Section VII, Administration, the following sub-paragraph shall be inserted between the first and second sub-paragraphs:

"The Board of Selectmen shall also appoint a Number 1 and Number 2 alternate to the Board of Appeals to serve in this order at any time there shall be less than five members present at any meeting of said Board of Appeals."
Motion carried 77 YES to 0 NO.

Moved by John Alexander that Paragraph 1 of Section I, Establishment of Districts, as amended, in so far as it applies to the Bradford Street Extension Area shall be further amended so as to permit retail stores.
Motion not carried—60 YES to 93 NO.

Moved by George Baker that Paragraph 1 of Section I, Establishment of Districts, as amended, the words "Zoning Map dated November 24, 1954" shall be stricken out and the following inserted in place thereof: "Zoning Map dated January 24, 1955."

Amended by S. Osborn Ball that the vote be by secret ballot.
Amendment not carried—60 YES to 79 NO.
Motion was carried—128 YES to 51 NO.

Resolved by Hawthorne Bissell that the Planning Board investigate sub-division control and bring before the voters not later than the next Annual Town Meeting recommendations for adoption of Sub-Division Control to the Town of Provincetown's Zoning By-law.
Resolution was carried.

Resolved by Hawthorne Bissell that the Planning Board investigate and study various Building codes and bring before the voters not later than the next Annual Town Meeting a proposed amendment to the existing Zoning By-law so as to incorporate a Building Code.
Resolution not carried.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee consisting of not more than twelve members for the purpose of administering and supervising a boys' summer baseball program. (on request of the Selectmen)

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town vote to appoint a committee consisting of not more than twelve members for the purpose of administering and supervising a boys' summer baseball program, said committee to be appointed by the Moderator.
Motion carried.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of not less than three members to supervise and direct a summer swimming instruction program. (on request of the Selectmen)

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town vote to appoint a committee of not less than three members to supervise and direct a summer swimming instruction program, said committee to be appointed by the Moderator.

Motion carried.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of not less than three members to direct and supervise the playground program. (on request of the Selectmen)

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town vote to appoint a committee of not less than three members to direct and supervise the playground program, said committee to be appointed by the Moderator.

Motion carried.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to St. Peter's cemetery, that portion of Town-owned land, formerly known as high hill, that adjoins St. Peter's cemetery on the east and that is within the southerly boundary of St. Peter's cemetery extended in an easterly direction to a point at the base of high hill on land of Town of Provincetown; also a twenty foot right of way running in a westerly direction from Alden Street adjacent to and parallel with land of St. Peter's cemetery to the above-described parcel. (on request of the Selectmen)

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to St. Peter's cemetery for the sum of \$1 that portion of Town-owned land, formerly known as high hill, that adjoins St. Peter's cemetery on the east and that is within the southerly boundary of St. Peter's cemetery extended in an easterly direction to a point at the base of high hill on land of Town of Provincetown; also a twenty foot right of way running in a westerly direction from Alden Street adjacent to and parallel with land of St. Peter's cemetery to the above-described parcel.

Motion carried.

Article 10. To see if the Town will grant an easement to Flora N. Peters leading from South Hollow Road in North Truro, Massachusetts over the most eastern end of the Well Field Area, so-called, to other land of Flora N. Peters for the purpose only in ingress and egress from South Hollow Road in a southerly direction to other land of Flora N. Peters. Said easement to be 21.20 feet in width and 143.80 feet in length for the purpose of carrying out agreement made with said Peters and the new Additional Water Supply Committee on January 10, 1954, as part of the settlement with said Peters for the taking of 14.88 acres

of land from Flora N. Peters, all as appears on Plan of Land North Truro, Well Field Area, Town of Provincetown, Francis J. Alves, Civil Engineer, dated June 1953. Said easement to be without further consideration. (on request of Additional Water Supply Committee)

Moved by Marion Perry that the Town vote to grant an easement to Flora N. Peters leading from South Hollow Road in North Truro Massachusetts over the most eastern end of the Well Field Area, so-called, to other land of Flora N. Peters for the purpose only in ingress and egress from South Hollow Road in a southerly direction to other land of Flora N. Peters. Said easement to be 21.20 feet in width and 143.80 feet in length for the purpose of carrying out agreement made with said Peters and the new Additional Water Supply Committee on January 10, 1954, as part of the settlement with said Peters for the taking of 14.88 acres of land from Flora N. Peters, all as appears on Plan of Land North Truro, Well Field Area, Town of Provincetown, Francis J. Alves, Civil Engineer, dated June 1953. Said easement to be without further consideration.

Motion carried.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, the sum of Seventy-five dollars and forty cents for the payment of unpaid bills of the Welfare Department for the year 1954, or take any action in relation thereto. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Irving S. Rogers that Seventy-five dollars and forty cents be raised and appropriated to reimburse the following persons and vendors for services and materials furnished Welfare recipients in 1954: Daniel H. Hiebert, \$23; Adams' Pharmacy, Inc., \$7.40; Max A. Berman, \$10; George T. Corea, \$28; and A & P Tea Company, \$7.

Motion carried unanimously.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Finance Committee to study and report on future use or uses of the Bradford School property and report their findings not later than the next Annual Town Meeting. (on request of the Selectmen)

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town vote to instruct the Finance Committee to study and report on future use or uses of the Bradford School property and report their findings not later than the next Annual Town Meeting.

Motion carried.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to raze the Town-owned dwelling known as the Smith House, located at 42B Bradford Street, and direct that the land be graded and used for parking purposes. (on request of the Selectmen)

Moved by Irving S. Rogers that the Selectmen be authorized and instructed to raze the Town-owned dwelling known as the Smith House,

located at 42B Bradford Street, and that the land be graded and used for parking purposes provided that no action be taken under this motion until suitable and satisfactory arrangements have been made for the present occupants of the building and the Selectmen are satisfied that no hardship is created by moving the occupants.

Motion carried.

Article 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder the Town-owned property located at 26 Cottage Street formerly of Lucy Souza Amalia if in the opinion of the Selectmen said highest bid represents a fair sale price for this property. (on request of the Selectmen)

Moved by Irving S. Rogers that the Town authorize and instruct the Selectmen to sell the Town property, at 26 Cottage Street, Lucy Souza Amalia property, so-called, to the highest bidder if in the opinion of the Selectmen said bid represents a fair sale price for the property or take any other action to dispose of the property which they deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

Motion carried.

Moved by Paul Jason to take up Article 18 at this time.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to install and maintain a street light on Pole No. 44 on Howland Street. (on request of Paul Jason and others)

Moved by Paul Jason that the Town vote to install and maintain a street light on Pole No. 44 on Howland Street.

Motion carried.

Article 15. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of the Town and salaries of Town officers and departments for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955:

1. General Government
2. Protection of Persons and Property
3. Health and Sanitation
4. Public Works
5. Charities and Veterans Services
6. Recreation and Unclassified
7. Public Service Enterprises and Cemeteries
8. Education and Library
9. Miscellaneous Finance Requirements

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of the Town and salaries of Town officers and departments for the year ending December 31, 1955 the sums recommended in the Finance Committee's Report.

1. Moderator—Personal Services	50.00
2. Selectmen—Expenses	400.00
3. Town Manager—Personal Services	8,200.00
Expenses	740.00
4. Town Clerk—Personal Services	1,900.00
Expenses	700.00
5. Town Accountant—Personal Services	3,000.00
Expenses	400.00
6. Treasurer-Collector—Personal Services	4,200.00
Expenses	1,525.00
7. Finance Committee—Personal Services	100.00
Expenses	10.00
8. Assessing—Personal Services	2,830.00
Expenses	400.00
9. Law Legal Expenses	1,200.00
10. Planning Board Expenses	225.00
11. Zoning Board Expenses	50.00
12. Elections and Town Meetings—Personal Services	600.00
Expenses	530.00
13. Annual Reports	810.00
14. Town Crier—Personal Services	600.00
Expenses	50.00
15. State Census	350.00
16. Town Hall—Personal Services	3,120.00
Expenses	3,380.00
1. Police Department—Personal Services	21,200.00
Expenses	2,490.00
2. Fire Department—Personal Services	5,175.00
Expenses	7,782.00
3. Police and Firemen's Insurance	600.00
4. Dog Officer—Personal Services	150.00
5. Ambulance Hire	1,750.00
6. Bounty on Seals	100.00
7. Street Lighting	11,700.00
8. Shellfish Constable—Personal Services	1,840.00
9. Sealer of Weights and Measures—Personal Services	100.00
Expenses	50.00
10. Building Inspector—Personal Services	200.00
Expenses	50.00
11. Wiring Inspector—Personal Services	500.00
12. Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering	—
13. Moth Control—Personal Services	400.00
14. Dutch Elm Protection—Personal Services	100.00
15. Health Department—Personal Services	3,650.00
Expenses	2,350.00
1. Street Department—Personal Services	18,600.00
Expenses	9,735.00

2. Rubbish Disposal—Personal Services	10,400.00
Expenses	2,385.00
3. Town Wharf—Personal Services	2,400.00
Expenses	2,705.00
4. Public Works Department	—
1. Welfare Administration	6,492.00
2. General Relief	6,350.00
3. Old Age Assistance	75,448.00
4. Aid to Dependent Children	18,800.00
5. Disability Assistance	4,214.00
6. Veterans Benefits—Personal Services	900.00
Cash Grants	7,100.00
7. Town Infirmary—Personal Services	1,300.00
Expenses	3,640.00
1. Playgrounds—Personal Services	1,800.00
Expenses	985.00
2. Swimming Instruction—Personal Services	300.00
Expenses	25.00
3. Summer Baseball	500.00
4. Patriotic Observances	1,000.00
5. Christmas Lighting	3,000.00
6. Maintenance of Motta Field	—
1. Water Department—Personal Services	20,460.00
Expenses	44,669.41
2. Cemetery Maintenance—Personal Services	100.00
Expenses	900.00
1. School Maintenance—Personal Services, Superintendency	5,520.00
Expenses	615.00
Personal Services, Instruction	117,600.00
Expenses	12,700.00
Personal Services, Janitors	9,300.00
Expenses, Janitors and Plant	1,500.00
Personal Services, Auxiliary Agen.	2,400.00
Expenses	975.00
Utilities	7,155.00
Repairs to Buildings and Equipment	6,000.00
2. Vocational School—Personal Services	1,600.00
Expenses	6,965.00
3. School Cafeteria—Personal Services	6,500.00
Expenses	1,500.00
4. Public Library—Personal Services	4,350.00
Expenses	2,150.00
1. Maturing Debt	23,000.00
2. Interest on Maturing Debt	8,252.50
3. Interest on Temporary Loans	1,000.00
4. County Retirement Fund	2,245.91
5. Workmen's Compensation Insurance	2,100.00

6. Parking Lot Leases	550.00
7. Public Building Insurance	13,650.00
8. Reserve Fund	10,000.00
9. Court Judgments and legal bills	—

Moved by William White to amend \$500 recommended for Wire Inspector to \$250.

Motion not carried.

Moved by M. F. Patrick that under Miscellaneous Finance Requirements No. 8 Reserve Fund be amended that the Town appropriate by transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund. Amendment carried.

Motion as amended carried for a total of \$592,513.82.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of completing tax maps of the Town, and determine how the appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise or take any action in relation thereto. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee.)

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of completing tax maps of the Town. Motion carried.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus, the sum of \$13,500 for a revaluation survey of all real estate in the Town; said survey to be conducted by an outside independent firm of appraisers under the direction of the Board of Assessors, or take any other action in relation thereto. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Francis Santos that the sum of \$13,500 be raised and appropriated for a revaluation survey of all real estate in the Town; said survey to be conducted by an outside independent firm of appraisers under the direction of the Board of Assessors.

Motion carried.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to install and maintain one 2,500-lumen street light on Carver Street at the intersection of Carver Court with said Carver Street to replace the present 600-lumen light now in use at that location. (on request of John C. Snow and others) Moved by John C. Snow that the Town vote to install and maintain one 2,500-lumen street light on Carver Street at the intersection of Carver Court to replace the present 600-lumen light now in use at that location.

Motion carried.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$6,500 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of Chapter 90 Construction Allotments for the years 1955 and 1956 and to be used for the construction of a new Town Way leading from Winthrop Street to Bradford Street as laid out by the County Commissioners. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Joseph Lema, Jr., that the Town appropriate by transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$6,500 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of Chapter 90 Construction Allotments for the years 1955 and 1956 and to be used for the construction of a new Town Way leading from Winthrop Street to Bradford Street as laid out by the County Commissioners.

Motion carried.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to lay out Railroad Avenue, so-called, from Conwell Street to the junction of Center Street and the railroad crossing as a public street. (on request of Fred W. Rogers and others)

Moved by Fred Rogers that the Town authorize the Selectmen to lay out Railroad Avenue from Conwell Street to the junction of Center Street and the railroad crossing as a public street.

Motion carried.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to lay out Johnson Street from Bradford Street to Railroad Avenue as a public street. (on request of Fred W. Rogers and others)

Moved by Fred Rogers that the Town authorize the Selectmen to lay out Johnson Street from Bradford Street to Railroad Avenue as a public street.

Motion not carried.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept Point Street as a Town Way from Commercial Street to Bradford Street Extension and appropriate a sum of money for constructing and paving same. (on request of William W. O'Donnell and others)

Motion was made on this article by Marion Perry but withdrawn because the sum of money to be appropriated was not known by him and must be specified in such a motion.

Moved by Irving Rogers to indefinitely postpone Article 23.

Motion carried.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 from the parking meter revenue account for the purpose of maintaining parking meters. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Joseph Lema, Jr., that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 from the parking meter revenue account for the purpose of maintaining parking meters.

Motion carried.

Resolved by Frank Henderson that the citizens go on record as being in favor of naming the new pier in honor of Admiral Donald B. Mac-Millan.

Resolution passed.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the purchase of a front end loader for the Street Department; and determine how the appropriation shall be raised whether by transfer from available funds, by taxation, or otherwise or take any other action in relation thereto. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the purchase of a front end loader for the Street Department.

Motion carried.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the purchase of the following equipment for the School Department:

1. Steel table and chairs—\$1,000
2. Fireproof sink and table with bunsen burner—\$150
3. Electric duplicating machine—\$350

(on request of the School Committee and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Dr. Thomas Perry that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the purchase of the following equipment for the School Department: 1. Steel table and chairs, \$1,000; 2. Fireproof sink and table with bunsen burner, \$150; 3. Electric duplicating machine, \$350.

Motion carried.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the following permanent school improvements:

1. Stage curtains—\$1,800
2. Waterproofing High School—\$2,000
3. Blackboards—\$400
4. Soundproofing ceiling—\$2,000
5. New shades—\$300
6. New shower fixtures—\$300
7. Replacement of obsolete furniture—\$700

(on request of the School Committee and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Dr. Thomas Perry that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the following permanent school improvements: 1. Stage curtains, \$1,800; 2. Waterproofing High School, \$2,000; 3. Blackboards, \$400; 4. Soundproofing ceiling, \$2,000; 5. New shades, \$300; 6. New shower fixtures, \$300; 7. Replacement of obsolete furniture, \$700.

Motion carried.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 for the purpose of purchasing a loud speaking system for Town Hall. (on request of the Selectmen and not recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by M. F. Patrick that Article 28 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion carried.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4 of Article III of the Town By-laws by striking out the words "shall meet in the Selectmen's office in the Town Hall on Monday of each week" and inserting in place thereof the words "shall meet in the Selectmen's office on the first and third Monday of each month." (on request of the Selectmen)

Moved by Frank Henderson that the Town vote to amend Section 4 of Article III of the Town By-laws by striking out the words "shall meet in the Selectmen's office in the Town Hall on Monday of each week" and insert in place thereof the words "shall meet in the Selectmen's office in Town Hall on the first and third Monday of each month."

Motion passed unanimously.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-law to be designated as Section 27 of Article III:

The School Committee and Superintendent of Schools shall meet in Caucus Hall, Town Hall on the second Monday of each month and at such other times as shall be determined by a majority of the Committee, except when the second Monday is a holiday, then they shall meet on the following night at the same time and place. All such meetings of the School Committee shall be open to any interested members of the public and the press.

(on request of the Selectmen)

Moved by Frank Henderson that the Town vote to adopt the following By-law to be designated as Section 27 of Article III: The School Committee and Superintendent of Schools shall meet in Caucus Hall, Town Hall, on the second Monday of each month and at such other times as shall be determined by a majority of the Committee, except when the second Monday is a holiday, then they shall meet on the following night at the same time and place. All such meetings of the School

Committee shall be open to any interested members of the public and the press.

Motion carried by a vote of 59 YES to 14 NO.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the purpose of painting the Public Library. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Clarence Kacergis that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the purpose of painting the Public Library.

Motion carried.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for lighting and other improvements in the Selectmen's offices. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Joseph Lema, Jr., that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for lighting and other improvements in the Selectmen's offices.

Motion carried.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purpose of grading and improving Town parking lots. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Joseph Lema, Jr., that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purpose of grading and improving Town parking lots.

Motion carried.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the construction of a fence around Town Hall lawn. (on request of the Selectmen and not recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by M. F. Patrick that Article 36 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,650 for the purpose of grading, seeding and planting shrubbery on the Town Hall lawn. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Joseph Lema, Jr., that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,650 for the purpose of grading, seeding and planting shrubbery on the Town Hall lawn.

Motion carried.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for a new rubbish collection truck with packing unit and

determine how the appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, by transfer from available funds or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Clarence Kacergis that the Town raise and appropriate from the excess and deficiency account the sum of \$7,500 for a new rubbish collection truck with packing unit.
Motion carried.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for street reconstruction or take any other action in relation thereto. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Joseph Lema, Jr., that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for street reconstruction.
Motion carried.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Finance Committee to study and report on the advisability of abandoning the operation of the Town Infirmary. (on request of the Town Manager)

Moved by Irving Rogers that the Town vote to authorize and instruct the Finance Committee to make a thorough study, evaluation and report, on the advisability of abandoning the Town Infirmary and the committee be further instructed to report at any Special Town Meeting and/or not later than the next Annual Town Meeting.

Motion carried.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for advertising the advantages of the Town with special reference to its facilities for summer vacations, recreation, seashore advantages and residential purposes, said appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen. (on request of the Chamber of Commerce and recommended by the Finance Committee)

Moved by Gaylon Harrison that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for advertising the advantages of the Town with special reference to its facilities for summer vacations, recreation, seashore advantages and residential purposes, said appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Motion carried.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for a check writer for the Treasurer's office. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Joseph Lema, Jr., that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$435 for a check writer for the Treasurer's office.

Motion carried.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for new sidewalk construction or take any other action in relation thereto. (on request of the Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for new sidewalk construction.
Motion carried.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Committee consisting of not less than five members to investigate the possibility of a regional school with the Town of Truro. (on request of the School Committee)

Moved by Dr. Thomas Perry that the Town vote to appoint a Committee consisting of not less than five members to investigate the possibility of a regional school with the Town of Truro.

Moved by Dr. Perry to amend the motion by adding the words said committee to be appointed by the Moderator.
Amendment carried.

Motion as amended carried.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay for the services of a fulltime supervisor for the summer baseball program. (on request of Dr. Thomas Perry and others)

Moved by Dr. Perry that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to pay for the services of a fulltime supervisor for the summer baseball program.

Moved by Dr. Perry to amend the motion by adding the words and that the Town Manager handle the funds.
Amendment not carried.

Moved by John Van Arsdale to amend the motion by adding the words and that the summer baseball committee handle the funds.
Amendment carried.

Motion as amended carried.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500 from the appropriation for Prince Street reconstruction to the appropriation for grading and surfacing the school property adjacent to Prince Street. (on request of the School Committee and Selectmen and recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500 from the appropriation for Prince Street reconstruction to the appropriation for grading and surfacing the school property adjacent to Prince Street.

Motion carried.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Fourth of July celebration. (on request of William H. Bickers and others and not recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by William H. Bickers that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Fourth of July celebration.

Motion carried.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to complete the construction of the Nickerson Street basketball court and area, and said fund to cover cost of high fencing of south side, rubberized asphalt safety surfacing on court, and grading of north bank, or take any action thereof. (on request of Mildred Greensfelder and others) Finance Committee recommends an appropriation of \$600 for fencing only.

Moved by Mildred Greensfelder that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to complete the construction of the Nickerson Street basketball court and area, and said fund to cover cost of high fencing of south side, rubberized asphalt safety surfacing on court, and grading of north bank.

Motion carried.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 for the purpose of construction of an outdoor basketball play area at the Howland Street playground. Said sum to be used to provide necessary high fencing, surfacing and grading, and goal post equipment; or to take any other action in relation thereto. (on request of Mildred Greensfelder and others and not recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Mildred Greensfelder that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 for the purpose of construction of an outdoor basketball play area at the Howland Street playground. Said sum to be used to provide necessary high fencing, surfacing and grading, and goal post equipment.

Motion carried.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for such expenses as are necessary from time to time for the Harbor Development Committee to further develop the "Master Plan for Development of Provincetown Harbor" as presented and recommended. (on request of the Harbor Development Committee and recommended by Finance Committee)

In connection with Article 50 the recommendations were read by Elmer Greensfelder in the absence of the Co-chairmen and are as follows:

It is hereby moved that the Town of Provincetown accept the following

recommendations of the Provincetown Harbor Development Committee: A) That the report of the Committee be accepted; B) That the Committee be continued; C) That the Committee be instructed further to develop the plan, as outlined, by: 1. Having plan approved by State; 2. Having plan approved by Department of Engineers, U. S. Army; 3. Developing legislation necessary for implementation of plan—State, Federal and County; D) That the Town vote to finance its proportional share of cost, not to exceed 25% of total—with stipulation that Federal Government, State and County bear remaining cost.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Greensfelder that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for such expenses as are necessary from time to time for the Harbor Development Committee to further develop the "Master Plan for Development of Provincetown Harbor" as presented and recommended.

Motion carried.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a Committee of not less than nine members to study the needs for a new School gymnasium. (on request of Thomas Perry and others) Moved by Dr. Perry that the Town vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a Committee of not less than nine members to study the needs for a new school gymnasium.

Motion carried.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be used by the Gymnasium Committee for the preparation of preliminary plans for a gymnasium. (on request of Thomas Perry and others and not recommended by Finance Committee)

Moved by Dr. Perry that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be used by the Gymnasium Committee for the preparation of preliminary plans for a gymnasium.

Motion not carried.

Article 1. To hear the reports of Town officers and Committees and to act thereon.

REPORT OF THE LIGHT AND POWER COMMITTEE

The Committee on Light and Power have not received any complaints from any firm or individual during 1954, that the light and power service was unsatisfactory.

Any outages, were either an act of God, or, in normal operation. The Committee feels that the Light and Power service in Provincetown for 1954 was satisfactory.

For the best interests of the Town the Committee recommends that the Committee be continued.

Signed:

William H. Paige, Chairman
Joseph A. Days
Marion Perry
Frank Prada

Moved by Irving S. Rogers that the Report of the Committee on Light and Power be accepted and the Committee continued.

Motion carried.

Moved by Bernard Days that births, marriages, and deaths be listed in the Town Reports as they have been in the past and the Articles of all Town Meetings be listed separately with a detailed report of any action taken.

Motion amended by Elmer Greensfelder to take up each part separately. Amendment carried.

Moved that henceforth births, marriages, and deaths be listed in the Town Reports as they have been in the past.

Motion not carried. 32 YES to 41 NO.

Moved that the Articles of all Town Meetings be listed separately with a detailed report of any action taken.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE LAND AUCTION COMMITTEE

The following is a report of the land auction committee. We recommend the Town sell at public auction, the land off Howland Street, within the bounds of land owned by Herman Tasha.

Respectfully submitted

Clarence M. Nelson
Herman Janard
Cyril T. Patrick

Moved by Joseph Lema, Jr., that the report be accepted.

Motion carried.

Moved by Irving Rogers that the meeting be adjourned to March 21, 1955 at Caucus Hall at 11 A. M. then and there to vote on Article 55.

Motion carried.

The Moderator opened the meeting at 11 A. M. on March 21, 1955.

Moved by Frank Bent to take up Article 55.

Motion carried.

Article 55. To choose the following Town officers on one ballot:

one Selectman for a term of three years
one Moderator for a term of one year
one member of the School Committee for one year
one member of the School Committee for two years
three members of the School Committee for a term of three years.

The Moderator then declared the polls open.

Election officers: Mabel Stillings, Ballot Clerk, J. Darrow Adams, Francis Packett, Richard A. Jennings, Marjorie Roza, Josephine Mitchell, George Baker, Francis Alves, George Rogers, Warren C. Silva, Clifton Crawley, Thomas Francis. William A. Garten, and Francis Steele, Tellers.

The Tellers were supplied with lists of the registered voters of the Town, the ballot box was shown to be empty, and the key was delivered to the Chief of Police, William N. Rogers.

The first fifty ballots were taken from the ballot box at 11:35 A. M., and at seven P. M. the polls were closed, 726 ballots having been cast, 10 being absent voters.

The votes were counted and recorded. The result of the election was read by the Moderator as follows:

Moderator, one year	665
Francis J. Steele	
Selectman, three years	562
Frank D. Henderson	108
Charles Bowen	40
Eldred Mowery, Jr.	
School Committee, one year	65
Mary I. Mowery	403
George J. Silva	237
Mary E. Van Arsdale	
School Committee, two years	371
George S. Chapman, Jr.	145
Mildred Wood Greensfelder	201
Raymond W. Souza	
School Committee, three years	521
Thomas F. Perry	406
Joseph Alves	416
Catherine B. Cadose	351
Wesley G. Felton	182
Gaylon J. Harrison	

Moved by Clifton Crawley that the meeting be dissolved at 7:10 P. M.
Motion carried.

Special Town Meeting

Friday, September 30, 1955 at 7:30 P. M.

Moved by Francis Santos to waive the reading of the Warrant.
Motion carried.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Eugene J. Perry, subject to such terms as they may deem advisable, the following described parcel of Town-owned land:

Bounded southwesterly by Winthrop Street as altered and relocated by the County Commissioners in 1955, 100 feet; bounded northwesterly by land of the Town of Provincetown, 100 feet; bounded northeasterly by land of the Town of Provincetown, 100 feet; bounded southeasterly by land of the Town of Provincetown, 100 feet. Containing an area of 10,000 square feet.

The southeasterly corner of the premises being located at station 25+88.28 on the northeasterly side line of the aforesaid Winthrop Street layout.

Moved by Francis Santos that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Eugene J. Perry, subject to such terms as they may deem advisable, the following described parcel of Town-owned land:

Bounded southwesterly by Winthrop Street as altered and relocated by the County Commissioners in 1955, 100 feet; bounded northwesterly by land of the Town of Provincetown, 100 feet; bounded northeasterly by land of the Town of Provincetown, 100 feet; bounded southeasterly by land of the Town of Provincetown, 100 feet. Containing an area of 10,000 square feet.

The southeasterly corner of the premises being located at station 25+88.28 on the northeasterly side line of the aforesaid Winthrop Street layout.

Motion carried unanimously.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Frank E. Brown, subject to such terms as they may deem advisable, the following described parcel of Town-owned land:

Bounded northeasterly by other land of the grantees herein 110 feet; bounded southwesterly by Winthrop Street as altered and relocated by the County Commissioners in 1955, 44 feet; bounded northwesterly by other land of the grantors herein 110 feet; bounded northeasterly by the land of Manuel E. Brown et ux 36 feet. Containing an area of 4,400 square feet.

The southeasterly corner of the premises being located at station 26+83.57 on the northeasterly sideline of the aforesaid Winthrop layout.

Moved by Francis A. Santos that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Frank E. Brown, subject to such terms as they may deem advisable, the following described parcel of Town-owned land:

Bounded northeasterly by other land of the grantees herein 110 feet; bounded southwesterly by Winthrop Street as altered and relocated by the County Commissioners in 1955, 44 feet; bounded northwesterly by other land of the grantors herein 110 feet; bounded northeasterly by the land of Manuel E. Brown et ux 36 feet. Containing an area of 4,400 square feet.

The southeasterly corner of the premises being located at station 26+83.57 on the northeasterly sideline of the aforesaid Winthrop layout.

Motion carried unanimously.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$2,800 to be used for the purchase of fuel oil for the High School and Elementary School.

Moved by Francis J. Alves that the Town vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$2,800 to be used for the purchase of fuel oil for the High School and Elementary School.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$3,000 to be used for making emergency repairs to the wiring system at Provincetown High School.

Moved by Francis J. Alves that the Town vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$3,000 to be used for making emergency repairs to the wiring system at Provincetown High School.
Motion carried unaniomusly.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$7,000 to be expended by the Harbor Development Committee for the purpose of engaging engineering services for the preparation of plans and construction specifications for bulkheading and other work necessary in the construction of a parking area to be located between the Freeman Street Town Landing and Monument Wharf Landing, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Moved by Joseph E. Macara that the Town will appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$7,000 to be expended by the Harbor Development Committee for the purpose of engaging engineering services for the preparation of plans and construction specifications for bulkheading and other necessary work in the construction of a

parking area to be located between the Freeman Street Town Landing and Monument Wharf Landing, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion carried, 156 YES to 5 NO.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt or amend and adopt, the following proposed change in the Town of Provincetown Zoning By-law, as amended, or take any other action in relation thereto:

Paragraph 1 of Section I, Establishment of Districts, as amended, in so far as it applies to the Bradford Street Extension Area shall be further amended so as to permit RETAIL STORES along the north side of Bradford Street commencing at a point 470 feet, more or less, southwest of the southerly-most bound of land of Matthew J. Costa, thence following said Bradford Street Extension to the intersection of Province Lands Road then westerly to Bound "B" of the Province Lands.

(on request of Max Finkel and others)

Moved by Chester Peck to see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the following proposed change in the Town of Provincetown Zoning By-law, as amended:

Paragraph 1 of Section I, Establishment of Districts, as amended, in so far as it applies to the Bradford Street Extension Area shall be further amended so as to permit RETAIL STORES along the north side of Bradford Street commencing at a point 470 feet, more or less, southwest of the southerly-most bound of land of Matthew J. Costa, thence following said Bradford Street Extension to the intersection of Province Lands Road then westerly to Bound "B" of the Province Lands.

Motion carried 173 YES to 6 NO.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$7,400 for Old Age Assistance and to meet the appropriation \$2,500 be transferred from the Disability Assistance account and \$4,900 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency account.

Moved by Irving Rogers that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,400 from Old Age Assistance and to meet the appropriation \$2,500 be transferred from the Disability Assistance account and that \$4,900 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency account.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Joseph Macara that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

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