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### 50 Years Ago on Cape Cod

The Pullman Car Company placed one of its fine parlor cars on the line between Boston and Provincetown under the management of Conductor Howes. The car was called Portia. It was fitted up with appliances for comfort and ease. The upholstery was of light blue and the chairs were easy, reclining ones. A luncheon apartment was attached to the car. It was noted that at one end of the car was a room for gentlemen and at the other end rooms exclusively for ladies. The car was said to be the finest and most luxurious ever placed on the Cape Cod line for the traveling public.

**June 1941**  
**Cut Cape Service**  
 All passenger train service on Cape Cod from Yarmouth to Provincetown will be discontinued, effective tomorrow, under an order issued today by the Public Utilities Commission. The order applies to service at and between the stations of South Dennis, Harwich, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown. In the past years the road has been running a gasoline-electric car during the summer months between stations. The Old Colony Railroad has the service of the Cape Cod line by bus, England order vice.

Mount Gilboa. The 2:30 train leaving for Boston.  
 From Snail Road - August 1930

Provincetown, on the first day of August, 1890, paid the last installment of the railroad loan which had been outstanding for many years. At the beginning of 1890 the town debt amounted to \$25,235.62 net. During the year the town paid, or anticipated paying, toward the reduction of that sum, \$2,100 on the railroad loan; \$788, the last installment on the schoolhouse loan; \$4,600 on the Town Hall loan. This left the net debt of the town reckoned at about \$18,000. The principal item of outstanding debt was the balance of the Town Hall loan. Relief afforded taxpayers by the removal from the annual assessment of \$3,000, nearly one-tenth of the annual expenditures for town purposes, was appreciated.

July 21, 1938  
**Last Train Chugs Over Last Trip**

Run From Provincetown to Yarmouth Saturday Marks Close of Service

In accordance with previously announced plans, the New Haven railroad wound up passenger service from Yarmouth to Provincetown on Saturday. The last train, which has been making a daily round trip from Hyannis to Provincetown, going down in the morning and coming back in the afternoon, made its last run, on Saturday.

Engine 1019, with William Smith at the throttle pulled into Yarmouth station at 4:35 p.m., Saturday. Other trainmen making this historic run were: Sylvester Francis, baggage man, and Isiah H. Young, conductor, both of Hyannis, and E. C. Everett, fireman, of West Chatham.

Cape stations now receiving no rail passenger service are: Bass River, South Dennis, North Harwich, Pleasant Lake, Brewster, East Brewster, Orleans, Eastham, North Eastham, South Wellfleet, Wellfleet, South Truro, Truro, also on the upper Cape: Bourne, Sagamore, East Sandwich and Gray Gables.



The same view August 1940; only we have a gasolene car now, which leaves at 4:04

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