



10 O'CLOCK—ALL'S WELL IN PROVINCETOWN

.. Town Crier Fred Baldwin on Commercial Street. (Steve Van Meter photo)

## Relic of Cape Cod Antiquity Survives in Provincetown

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Globe Staff

### PROVINCETOWN —

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!

He's been photographed more than Raquel Welch. A black pilgrim hat sits jauntily on his head and long cotton white stockings run from his knickers to his Pilgrim shoes with their brass buckles.

His form is encased, no matter how hot the temperature, in a blue denim costume with a big white collar and cuffs.

In his hand he carries a bell and when he rings it he says, "Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!"

The bearer of whatever tidings come next is Fred Baldwin, at 84 years young believed to be the only town crier in the Western Hemisphere, let alone the United States.

Baldwin, once was superintendent of schools in Westport, was going about his work yesterday on the street corners of this Cape-tip town with his usual gusto.

Fred doesn't announce the news anymore. "That part of the job went out with newspapers, television, and radio," he explained during a break on a bench outside the town hall.

When Fred isn't making announcements he can often be found on a bench outside the tall white colonial town building discussing the day's news or explaining town history to tourists.

Fred never refuses to pose in his quaint costume for tourists. He never takes a tip, either. It's not in Fred's nature.

"These days," Fred said, "most people have heard the news before the town crier gets out of bed so my job here is to make announcements about coming events, such as the symphony, the Provincetown Players, the ballet, horse shows, and the like. I won't accept anything unless it's cultural. While it isn't news, it gives people an idea of what used to be done."

Fred Baldwin is the 16th town crier in Provincetown's history. The town made him honorary town crier — "the

only one in its history," Fred said proudly — six years ago, but then he became official town crier two years ago.

Fred also is sort of a good will ambassador for Cape Cod. A winter resident of Bradenton, Fla., he travels a lot and is always making people honorary citizens of Cape Cod. These have included Joe DiMaggio, Joe E. Brown, governors and the president of Lions Club International.

Once, someone made Fred a Kentucky colonel.

Fred Baldwin was born in Manchester, N.H., where his father was teaching school, but he considers himself a Cape Codder by birth. "My father taught in Dennis while he was still a senior at Dartmouth College and when he was here he fell in love with my mother, who was a Nickerson" (an old family name on Cape Cod).

Fred's family lived in various places where father taught school — Somerville, Connecticut and New Jersey. Fred himself was graduated from Somerville Latin School in 1903, a three-letter

man in athletics, baseball, football and hockey. Later, he graduated from Dartmouth College and started his teaching career. While he taught, Fred also coached football and baseball and at one time was a school principal.

During the depression, Fred was custodian at the Barnstable town offices and became an indelible part of Cape Cod lore. Once a great sports fisherman, Fred was president of the Cape Cod Anglers Sportsmen's Club and as such his picture adorned the cover of a Cape Cod magazine. For 10 years he was known as "the old salt of Cape Cod."

Fred, a widower, has two sons living in Massachusetts.

He has no thoughts of retiring as town crier, or as anything else. In Florida, Fred is even more active than he is here. A Lions Club member, he is director of the Florida Lions Eye Bank, and proudly tells of signing up more than 300 people to donate their eyes after death. "I don't want to retire, I like to do things of service," he said.

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## Salvador takes Mrs. King's place as town clerk.

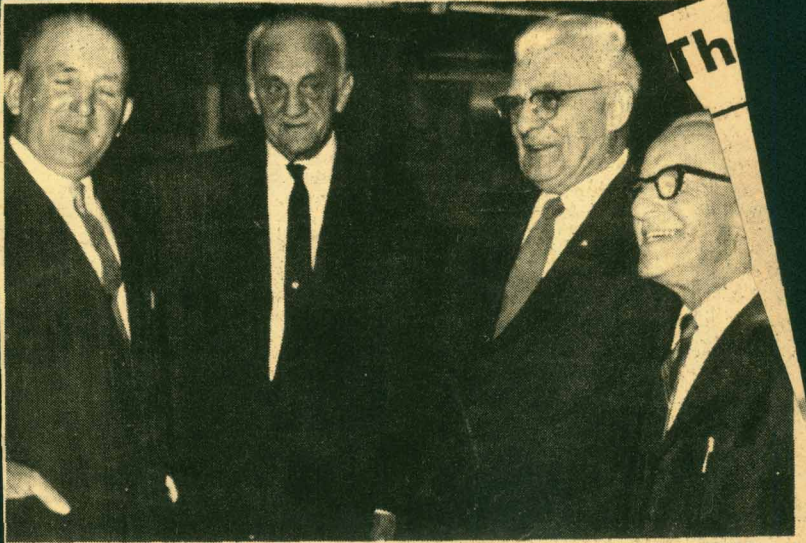


**ROLAND SALVADOR**

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Roland Salvador was sworn in Monday morning as town clerk and accountant, replacing Mrs. Barbara King. A graduate of Provincetown High School in 1952, he attended St. Mary's College in St. Mary's, Ky., then St. Francis College in Loretto, Pa., graduating from there with a B.A. degree in sociology and mathematics.

Prior to his appointment as town clerk, Mr. Salvador had done accounting work for Provincetown business firms and worked for a time at the Provident Institution for Savings, Boston.



**FROM LEFT, Frank Flores, Anthony Jason, Joseph Lewis, Frank Bent**

## Retired workers honored.

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Four retired town employees were honored at a send-off party attended by almost 100 fellow-employees and friends Friday night at the Bonnie Doone restaurant. Frank Bent, Anthony Jason, Joseph Lewis and Frank Flores all received electric wristwatches. Mrs Bent, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Flores and

Mr. Jason's daughter, Mrs. Nancy Murray, all received corsages pinned on by Mrs. Alice Reis, administrator of the Cape End Manor.

After dinner, the four honored guests spoke, as did Howard Doyle, representing the union of which the Provincetown Town Employees Association is a branch local. The union sponsored the affair.

## Two Club Licenses Granted, Third Denied

*Advocate 3/31/65*  
Meeting in executive session Monday night, the Provincetown Board of Selectmen granted two new club licenses and denied a third.

By a 4-1 vote the board granted a club license to the Provincetown Mews Wine and Food Tasting Society, Inc., however the club must stop serving at 11 p. m.

On a unanimous vote the board refused a license to the Ancient Mariner Club, for in its judgment it was not over 500 feet from the nearest church.

Also by a 4-1 vote the board granted a club license to the Weathering Heights Club on Shank Painter Road.

This license was granted last year by a 3-2 vote of the board, but was later rescinded by the State Alcoholic Beverages Commission.

## Good Government Day To Be Held Here Friday

*Reader 3/31/65*  
Good Government Day will be observed in Provincetown on Friday, when students from Provincetown High School will take over town posts from 9 a. m. to noon. Thirteen high school pupils will take part in the program and will attend a meeting of department heads at 10 a. m. This day will give the students a greater insight into the workings of the town government.

Taking part in the program, and the post they will assume will be: Town Manager, Christopher Ward; Town Accountant, Ann Merrill; Town Treasurer, Carol Bennett; Town Assessor, Elizabeth Lema; Welfare Department, Charles Rogers; Highway Department, Bruce Aho; Water Department, Leo Gracie; Cemetery Department, Alan Souza; Police Department, Virginia Motto; Wharfinger, Michael Coelho; Health Department, Donna Corea; Cape End Manor, Shelia Days; and Recreation, Jeffrey Kane.



# \$627,000 Nursing Home

## Grant Denied by Agency

PROVINCETOWN — The Economic Development Administration has denied a federal grant to build a modern nursing home in Provincetown.

This was announced by Town Manager Robert Hancock at a regular meeting of selectmen.

Hancock read a letter from Arthur P. Doyle, Northeastern area director of the Economic Development Administration, which said: "We find that your project is not sufficiently related to the purposes of our act."

Cape End Manor, a public medical institution, houses 26 patients, employs 24 persons, and has for 12 years existed in an antiquated 100-year-old building.

### New Building Proposed

To provide modern facilities, meeting Medicare standards, the town proposed a \$627,000 new building. They raised \$121,400 (20 per cent) of the cost, and Health, Education and Welfare Department approved a 40 per cent grant of \$250,000. A supplementary grant of 40 per cent was sought from EDA and denied through the letter to Hancock.

But selectmen and Town Manager Hancock believe that the Cape End Manor does fully relate to the purposes of the act, and said so in letters to U. S. Senators Edward Brooke and Edward Kennedy, and Rep. Hastings Keith.

Hoping to open the application for reconsideration, Hancock wrote:

"We emphatically disagree with the premise that our project is not sufficiently related to the

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purposes of the Economic Development Act. This project is number one in priority preference of the Provincetown-Truro OEDP Committee. Both the town's action (raising \$121,000) and HEW's approval (of the project) were based on recognition of the need of the project and the OEDP Committee and the town believe that the project will fulfill not only medical and care needs, but will materially contribute to the economic advancement of the community for the following reasons:

### Improve Opportunities

A — the project will improve the area's opportunity for expansion of commercial activities as follows: 1) local medical service;

2 — local drug supplies; 3 — local laundry and dry cleaning service; 4 — local food suppliers; 5 — local service and maintenance trades.

B — the project will assist in creation of some 20 year-round, long-term jobs. (And the project will preserve 24 year-round, long-term jobs which may otherwise be lost).

Hancock concluded his letter by saying that the project would fulfill a second basic federal goal of better care for the aged citizens, and offered to assist the congressmen in presenting Provincetown's case to EDA officials. He closed by saying, "Your assistance in this project will be appreciated by the entire Provincetown citizenry."



# Rezoning Proposal Opposed

*Cape Times*

*2/13/69*

PROVINCETOWN — Town Manager Robert Hancock described as "regressive" a proposal by the Planning Board to rezone to residential the commercial Zone B between Routes 6 and 6A from the Truro line tHowland-St.

Hancock said yesterday that a petition signed by 75 voters in opposition to the change asked amendment of the proposal to reduce the size of the area in question or to withdraw the article from the town meeting warrant.

A public hearing on the Planning Board article will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Town Hall. Hancock reiterated his strong opposition to the proposal and called for selectmen and all

interested persons to attend the hearing.

## Opinion Given

"In my judgment t h i s proposal to rezone Zone B, primarily to construct single homes, is not in the best interests of the community and is regressive with respect to the economic development of the community," Hancock said.

Reporting on other business of the selectmen's meeting held Monday, the town manager said the Provincetown Firemen's Association, by letter, had declined to organize and run future July 4 celebrations.

He said the selectmen would ask the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion to plan the July 4 celebrations.

Selectmen also voted to accept the layout of King's Way which runs between Pleasant St. and Conant St. Ext.; denied the application for sale of wines and malt beverages by the Antique Inn and Gourmet Cellar.

In denying the license to the Gourmet Cellar located on 377 Commercial St., selectmen ruled that the area was adequately served by similar establishments and that the best interests of the community would not be served by granting another license.

## Application Denied

Also denied was the application for a Sunday entertainment permit by a non-alcoholic night spot featuring

folk singers and known as the Blues Bag.

The board granted a license to David Furness of Wellfleet to operate a record shop in Provincetown.

Common victualer and weekly entertainment licenses were renewed for the Provincetown Inn, the Viking Restaurant and the Town Restaurant. Also renewed was a Sunday entertainment permit for the Provincetown Inn.

A bike rental and riding stable permit was renewed for Clifton Nelson.



# Zoning Board Grants *Advocate 2/13/69* Gas Station Variance

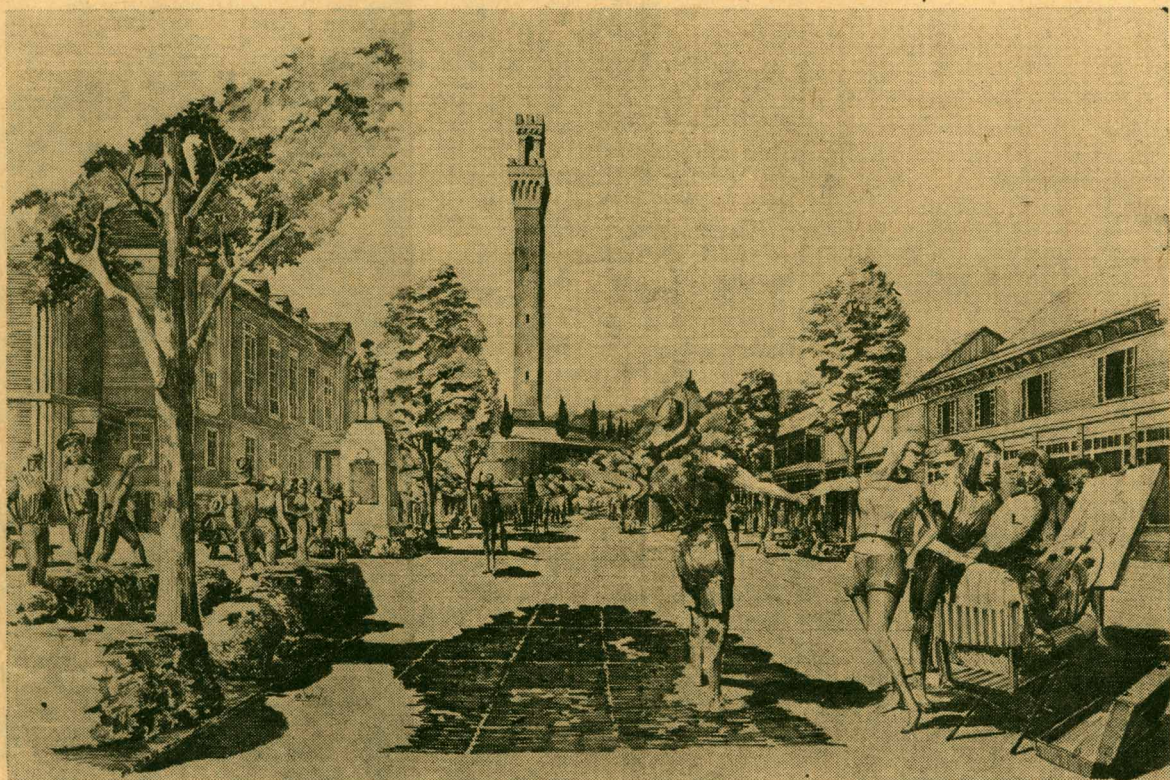
Gulf Oil Corporation received approval Tuesday night of most of its requests for variances from the Zoning Appeals Board. This action clears the way for planned removal of Neil's Service Station and the Fishermen's Market and construction of a new gas station on the two parcels at 128 and 130 Bradford Street. Construction will begin in April.

Extension of non-conforming use permits expansion of automotive services. Side line and front line variances permit building less than five feet from neighboring property and less than ten feet from the street.

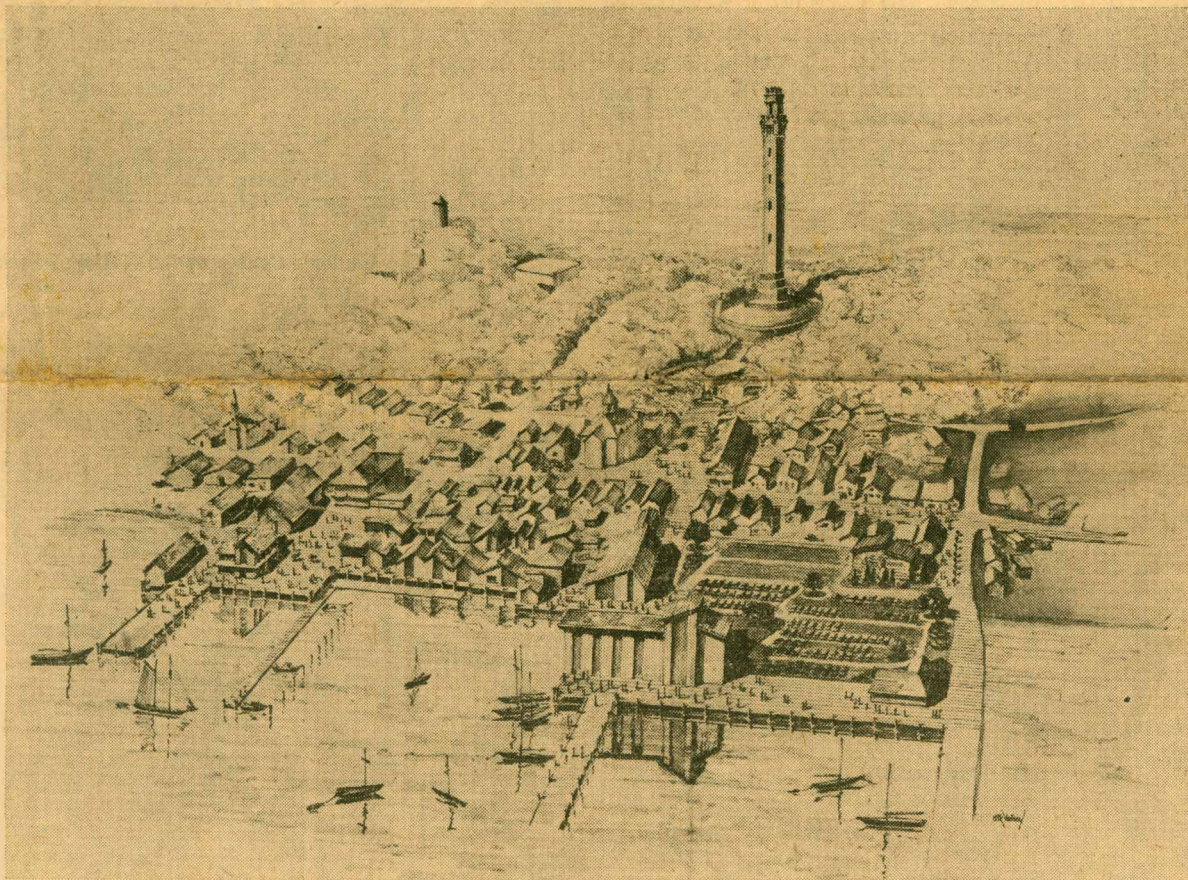
Denied was the request for permission to erect a neon sign exceeding 16 square feet in area. The board ruled, however, that Gulf Oil could continue using the existing sign on the premises.



## Planners: Future Is Up To You



Provincetowners will hear a point-by-point explanation of their Master Plan next Thursday, January 9 at Town Hall. This is the first of the hearings by the Planning Board to learn citizen's wishes. Two views of "upgraded Provincetown" show Ryder Street as a spacious mall, with buildings replacing the parking lot behind the former Seamen's Bank; and a bird's eye view of the mid-town waterfront extended seaward on made land. Planners say these improvements would pay for themselves and save Provincetown from becoming "a commercial honky-tonk."





*Advocate 3/27/69*  
**IN OUR MAIL**

**Scotty Himself Speaks Up**

Editor, The Advocate:

Today I received a copy of the March 20, 1969 edition of The Provincetown Advocate in which the results of the recent Open School Committee Meeting were published.

Having to utilize my own discretion concerning my personal involvement in this matter, my intention at the beginning was one of complete non-participation and indifference, partially because whatever statements were made were made indirectly, and partially because my purpose for being in Provincetown does not include fighting any cause.

However, after having read your account of the recent school committee meeting it is for my own satisfaction and eventual peace of mind that I respond to whatever false implications were made in my absence.

First, however, I must admit that I in no way regret having aided Mrs. Young and her class on their field trip, and should the occasion arise again in the future, I would without any reluctance offer my assistance in escorting any student or students with no more or less forethought than I have in the past. I have absolutely no regret whatsoever, because my services were intended more in the interest of Mrs. Young's students than in aiding Mrs. Young.

Supt. Malchman requested my presence in his office to discuss this incident as a result of Mrs. Young's exposure and eventual resignation. During that conference, he suggested that I submit a letter to the Provincetown Advocate to the effect that:

(1) I had not experienced any undesirable racial encounters during my residence in Provincetown and during my affiliation with the school system.

(2) I would advise the Parents of Provincetown that an open school committee meeting would not be in the best interest of the town, therefore all efforts would be to no avail.

**Out of Orçer**

First, it would have been foolish and unwarranted for me to have made any statement concerning my racial affiliations during my residence in Provincetown. Such a statement would have the same meaninglessness as extending Christmas Greetings at Easter time, very much out of order and without cause.

Second, the responsibility of discouraging the parents of Provincetown, and its citizens in general, from an open school committee meeting which they found necessary, was not a fair one to put on

my shoulders. I thought surely that any entertainment of that idea was undeserving on my part.

Please be advised that I made no commitment to Mr. Malchman in the way of submitting any correspondence whatsoever to the Advocate. I did, however, state that I would use my own discretion and if I thought a statement was in order surely "I" would decide.

As for my belief or disbelief in Mrs. Young's accusation I can only say that personally Mrs. Young has never given me reason to doubt her word. This conclusion is exclusively mine and remains unaltered at the date of this letter. The truth of the matter is, I exonerate no one.

Mrs. Young and I discussed this matter of race and her recollection of Mr. Malchman's statements to her, and asked if I would object to a letter written by her to the Advocate. My conclusion was that it would be less than human of me or anyone to deny her the defense of her beliefs and principles.

I would not be honest with myself by pretending to you, or anyone for that matter, that the initial outbreak of this incident did not disillusion me about the image Provincetown has managed to maintain over the years.

**Leaving Town**

As a result my thinking, and over-all functioning became affected; thus, disquiet and mental discomfort. My discomfort, I assure you does not include Provincetown nearly as much as it includes the racial stigma which will remain in your minds just as it will in mine. It would be just as hypocritical and bigoted as those who found it convenient to pretend to objectivity about my color if I were to judge and become bitter toward an entire community of people because of the stupidity and immaturity of a minority.

It is rather obvious that the subject of race did come up as a result of my interest in and association with your children. That, however, is not my cross to bear. I dare not judge anyone because I seem to be too busy being judged myself.

Although I am a black man I have never allowed racial consciousness to become a part of my character because it would require much too much of my time. And I am aware of the fact that merely because I have not been personally exposed to any racial disorder in Provincetown, does not necessarily mean that none exists. What undeserving human beings we would be if any of us were to entertain the fantasy that prejudices are non-existent! It is unfortunate indeed when those in public office fail to divorce their personal feelings from their public and administrative duties and responsibilities.

I am afraid I would become much too uncomfortable by remaining in Provincetown as a permanent resident. My fantasies must be abandoned for my own benefit. I assure you that it is not an easy thing to do but very necessary for my present state of mind.

I sincerely appreciate the hospitality Provincetown has given me and I will be forever indebted to those who expressed their views publicly and privately during my involvement in this issue.

The Provincetown Advocate should be commended for its participation. I do so personally.

Thank you,  
 William Scott  
 4 Railroad Avenue  
 Provincetown, Mass.

**Says School Committee Held 'Kangaroo Court'**

Editor, The Advocate:

On the basis of the evidence I heard at the public hearing conducted by the Provincetown School Committee in the high school auditorium, Friday evening, March 14 I submit my opinion that the decision of the committee is 100 per cent wrong.

The insidious, subtle type of racial discrimination that only rarely is brought to light is far more damaging, in long-range view, than is the open type of discrimination by segregation, inasmuch as the former is difficult to catch in action, whereas the latter can be quickly caught and brought to justice.

Perpetrators of the subtle, obscure type of discrimination, while giving lip service to principles of equality and justice put into effect a powerful modus operandi in the form of an unwritten, unspoken policy of avoidance, or a silent policy of omission of equal treatment rather than of commission of unequal treatment. Such persons may be blissfully unaware of the damage they are doing. However, ignorance of the law is no excuse for breaking it.

**The Hearing**

An allegation of discrimination of the subtle type was brought to light at the above-mentioned hearing. A specific charge of racial discrimination was brought against Superintendent of Schools Arthur P. Malchman by Mrs. Margaret Young. Mrs. Young has resigned her position as kindergarten teacher following a conference with Mr Malchman relative to a call he had received from one or several (his testimony was not consistent in regard to number) unidentified persons who had complained about the undisputed fact that a black man, later identified as Mr. Scott, had served in the capacity of a teacher's aide on a kindergarten field trip to the local police station.

In my opinion, the evidence presented at the hearing converged

to the following conclusion: Superintendent Malchman, on a specified day, on the school premises, put into effect in the Provincetown public school system — in the specific instance of his inflicting a humiliating and unwarranted chastisement upon Mrs. Young — an administrative policy of racial discrimination under pressure of a complaint from an unidentified person.

Mr. Malchman testified in some detail as to his personal regard and admiration for Mr. Scott. The superintendent also testified to his complete lack of racial prejudice.

In my opinion Mr. Malchman made credible denials of personal prejudice and presented credible self-testimonials to his lack of prejudice with regard to race. Also in my opinion, Mr. Malchman made a credible, self-incriminating admission on the one, and only one, racial discrimination count with which he was charged.

**'Blue Book' Regulations**

Despite the admission of the school administrator on the one count on which he, and only he, was charged the School Committee published the following decision: "No credible evidence has been presented, in the opinion of the school committee, to justify allegations of racial discriminations on the part of the faculty, administration or school committee."

In my opinion the one discrimination charge against the defend-

ant was proved by the defendant's own admission. Therefore, I find the committee's decision 100 per cent wrong.

Brought out at the hearing were extenuating circumstances in regard to the "blue book" regulations of the school system, a specific article of which prohibits any teacher from using as an aide any person who has not been awarded an official clearance from the school principal.

If supported by evidence of even fairly consistent enforcement of the "blue book" regulations, such extenuating circumstances might have served as an effective counter-charge to show that Mrs. Young had no valid basis for complaint while she herself was acting in violation of her principal's orders and of a consistently enforced "blue book" regulation.

However, her principal apparently had not given her any orders; the relevancy of "blue book" regulations could not be established because of their non-enforcement for more than a dozen years. Also it became apparent that the "authorization" question was raised secondarily by Mr. Malchman as a result of his investigation of the racist complaint telephoned to him by an unidentified person.

Therefore, the chastisement of the fledgling schoolteacher who had been in the Provincetown system only one-half of a year was, in my opinion, proved unwarranted

on the grounds of "blue book" regulations. It is obvious that the only difference in this teacher's aide situation as compared with other teacher's aide situations over the past dozen years was that this teacher's aide was black.

**"Kangaroo Court"?**

Having called an open hearing, the School Committee was honor bound to conduct the hearing fairly and to give a just decision on the basis of the evidence presented. I believe the people of Provincetown will not tolerate being pushed around by their School Committee. Provincetown citizens will not submit to being held in contempt by their elected representatives by being duped into the promise of a fair hearing that turned out to be a "kangaroo court."

It has been said that "power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely"; and it is true that inherent in power is the temptation to abuse it to attain desired ends that cannot be otherwise attained. The well-worn cliché bears repeating here: "The ends do not justify the means."

To err is human and school committees are subject to human fallibility like everybody else. I suggest that an honorable thing for the present post-election school committee to do would be to reconsider voluntarily the pre-election committee's decision on the hearing or to remand the case via tape-recordings made at the hear-

ing to a higher tribunal of the Commonwealth. It is clear that the pre-election members of the committee, because of their announced preformed opinions at the opening of the hearing and because of their obviously partisan manner of conducting the hearing, cannot give a fair decision on this case.

The hearing and decision were the work of the pre-election School Committee, comprising Chairman Herman DeSilva, James Meads, Mrs. Mary L. Silva and Mrs. Martha Roderick (an unfilled vacancy remained because of the resignation some weeks earlier of Mrs. Ann Phelps). Mr. Meads' term of office expired with the election two days after the racial hearing.

The two newly elected members, Salvatore Del Deo and Mrs. Josephine Cook, have stepped into a difficult situation. I urge them to keep up the good courage that prompted them to run for office in the face of problems in dire need of solution, and not to allow themselves to be persuaded to compromise their principles.

Sincerely yours,  
 Helen M. Davis  
 Provincetown



*Sunday Herald*  
*3/23/69*

# Provincetown Slowly Dying

PROVINCETOWN—All over town they've been asking, "Will Provincetown ever be the same . . . ?"

The answer is pretty simple of course . . . Well, no. Provincetown will never be the same and neither will Cape Cod. But the change didn't all start just with the finding of the four bodies near the South Truro graveyard. Cape Cod itself has been disappearing for the last ten years under a crowd of milling people who have come here for different reasons.

The digging up of the girls' four mutilated bodies earlier this month was the final act that catapulted Cape Cod into the big league, the very biggest. It wasn't just something like the creepy Boston Strangler in Boston. It was more . . . It was a ghoulish reminder of that ghastly case in New York City some years ago when parts of this young girl's dismembered body began appearing in some trash cans around the neighborhood. The girl was an attractive young lady from Pennsylvania who had come to the big city for the usual excitement.

**NOW THIS BIG TIME KIND** of notoriety has come to Cape Cod and the natives are still a little stunned over the whole thing. It's not just a nightmare, this is real, it happened and in Provincetown the people are saying why blame it on Provincetown? The bodies were found over there in Truro.

The excuse is so lame that nobody actually pursues it or takes the trouble to point out that all the principals in this grim slice of life revolved around Provincetown.

All four girls disappeared from this quaint, charming fishing village that creative people like Eugene O'Neill, Sinclair Lewis, Hans Hofmann, Harry Kemp, Karl Knotts, Norman Mailer, Edward Hopper, Robert Motherwell, Imogene Coca, Kay Ballard and a thousand others found amusing and a good place to work.

These girls disappeared from the same narrow, European streets that vivacious ladies of society like Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis, Helena Rubenstein, Mrs. Walter P. Chrysler, Jr., Mrs. Harry Stimpson, Mrs. Paul Mellon and hundreds more found exhilarating and enjoyed shopping.



**THESE GIRLS ENDED TRAGICALLY** in this once unspoiled part of the Cape that in ten years has fallen onto hard times, morally. First—a haven for Ol' Salty's "cosmic society", then the long trail of beatniks that has since degenerated into a colony of run-aways, tosspots, marijuana smokers and free living, so-called.

But from this psychedelic dump heap, came a way to make money. Anyone visiting Cape Cod plans a day trip to Provincetown to see the hippies and the wild living. And so with everything else, Provincetown let go of its legitimate reputation as a place for professional people and plunged into the world of the fast buck, junk shops and seedy rooming houses.

Only writer Norman Mailer and a few others have stayed to lend it the appearance of an "art colony." Mailer, the saviour and a sort of rejuvenated Hemingway who gathers around him beautiful people and makes Provincetown sing again, if only for one night.

Don't call us P'town, say the townfolk, but P'town it will be to many forever more. Boy, we could cry when we remember the good things . . . those nights under the misty lemon-yellow lights of the Rumpus Room, the beginning of the Barbarians, Mailer and Bob Costa working together at Act IV, the New York girls dancing at the Atlantic House and the food and wine tasting society at Nicky Wells' Inn At The Mews.

**IT WAS ALL SUCH FUN**, only nobody knew that Provincetown was dying. In 1967, Conrad Aiken, the poet, said in Brewster that the whole Cape was fading rapidly and that in ten years there wouldn't be any kind of Cape Cod left that he remembered as a young man.

When Victor F. Adams retired from office not long ago after 33 years as town father in Barnstable, he said the thing that disturbed him the most wasn't the growth so much, as it was the breakneck pace the Cape had set for itself. "There's just too much growth coming at one time," said Victor. "And there doesn't seem to be enough time to make it an orderly planned growth."

This is the way it is . . . Cape Cod is still a beautiful woman in certain places, but the money and fast-living is beginning to have effects on her health.

She really died a little at ten minutes past two on the afternoon of March the 5th when Trooper Edgar Gunnery of the South Yarmouth State Police Barracks threw his shovel up on the South Truro soil and then reached down to pick up the arm of a teen-age girl.

These are changing times, especially for Cape Cod.





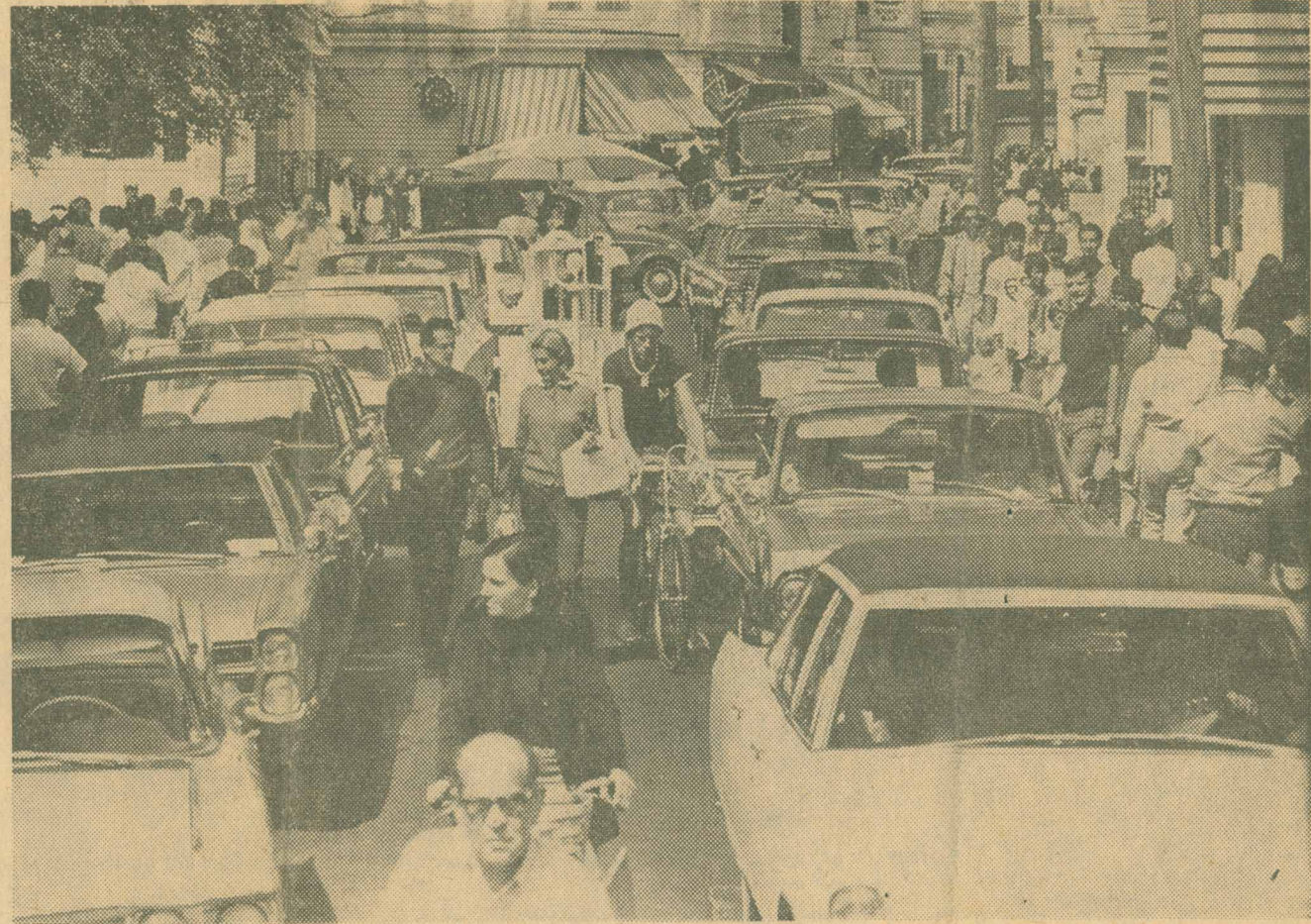
## Cape-tip's New Selectman

Marion Perry, left, newly-elected Provincetown selectman, is sworn in by Mrs. Barbara King, town clerk. Selectman Ernest Irmer was re-elected in Monday's election. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson) *Cape Times 3/21/69*



*How do you fare? I shall make my base for another month at Hotel Normandie, Rockland, Maine  
Mrs. Greene Page 29*

## New Pilgrims in Provincetown: Cape Cod Village Is the Site of a 'Beatnik' Beachhead That Is Angering the Local Residents



Tourists and autos jam Commercial Street, site of pizza parlors and discotheques à la Greenwich Village streets

Town Hall and World War I monument are backdrop for young visitors to Provincetown





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# Beatniks Worry Village on Cape

By STEPHEN R. CONN  
Special to The New York Times

PROVINCETOWN, MASS., July 24 — "They're taking our own away from us," Manuel Phillips, a fisherman, said the other day. By "they" he meant what townspeople call the "beatniks." Many of the 3,400 permanent residents of this picturesque village, which springs out of the sand dunes on the northern tip of Cape Cod, fear that "beatniks" are threatening Provincetowning — to turn the first landing place of the Pilgrims into a Greenwich Village by the sea.

The fishermen, artists, retired people and merchants attribute much of the beatnik invasion to the tourist explosion that has taken place since the summer of 1961. At that time the Federal Government made a strip of the Cape from Chatham to Provincetown a National Seashore.

To the townspeople a beatnik is almost any transient with dirty clothes, long hair, little money and a beard who does not work if he can help it and will sleep virtually anywhere. But to Kent Ancliffe, a 23-

## Provincetown Says They Threaten to Take Over

year-old unemployed artist with long sun-dyed blond hair, a red beard and dirty khakis, who is temporarily painting houses here, "just about anyone the people were unfamiliar with would be called a beatnik."

What the residents call beatniks are mirror images of the youngsters who jam New York's Greenwich Village on a hot summer night. In fact, many of the same people probably frequent both places.

THIS town is a mosaic of old wood frame homes and narrow, meandering streets. Overlooking its harbor is a 225-foot granite monument to the Pilgrims.

The rotting piles of its once thriving wharves are testimony to its declining fishing industry, a distant second to tourism as a source of income. When the temperature plum-

met in the winter, unemployment soars. In February of 1965, unemployment hit 39.2 per cent, with many residents on welfare. In August of 1965, at the height of the tourist season, the unemployment rate dipped to 2.2 per cent.

With cod and mackerel plentiful the year round, only the fishermen are safe from unemployment after the tourist season. Restaurants close ("You're lucky to get a meal in town," said one man), souvenir shops close, rooming houses are empty and, except for its dwindling fishing fleet and related activities, the town sleeps.

The National Seashore brought a new kind of visitor, according to John C. Snow, the town counsel.

Mr. Snow said that the inducements were the Seashore's new beaches, motels, roads, bicycle paths, camp sites and attractions and publicity.

The Town Hall published an economic report in March that last summer, 130,000 persons visited the Pilgrim Monument. This compared with 84,000 visitors in 1962.

"A lot of young people now think, incorrectly, that they can live the free life in Prov-



Staniford Sorrentino, owner of 140-year-old Crown & Anchor Inn, entertains guests. The inn now

incetown," Mr. Snow said. "Days on the beach, nights over draft beer and sleeping anywhere they please."

Some people still talk about the 13 youths who slept in a chicken house and the youth who slept in an open tomb most of last summer.

COMMERCIAL STREET is the Macdougall Street of Provincetown.

There are the pizza parlors and crowded sidewalks, virtually impassable on weekends, motor-

cycles and bikes that inch along in the traffic, the discotheque music that pours out of the dance lounges.

After years of cocktail music, the lounge at the 140-year-old Crown & Anchor Inn reluctantly converted to rock 'n' roll this summer.

Staniford Sorrentino, the hotel's 35-year-old owner, doesn't like the new music but said:

"I give the people what they want and the people who have been coming to Provincetown lately want this."

The Provincetown Playhouse retained a lawyer last month to get the Crown & Anchor next door to reduce the volume of its music.

This year the Playhouse is marking the golden anniversary of the start of Eugene O'Neill's career with an O'Neill Festival. Fifty years ago the original Provincetown Playhouse was the setting for the artist's first work, "Bound East for Cardiff."

The Playhouse is afraid that the loud music from the Crown





# The ADVOCATE

on the tip of Cape Cod

PROVINCETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

where the Pilgrims First Landed

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Public Health  
RULES AND REGULATIONS

to prevent pollution or contamination of any or all of the lakes, ponds, streams, tidal waters and flats within the Commonwealth or the tributaries of such tidal waters and flats

The Department of Public Health, acting under the authority of Section 5, Chapter III of the General Laws, appearing in the Tercentenary Edition thereof, as amended by Chapter 615 of the Acts of 1945, and every other act thereto enabling, hereby prescribes and establishes the following rules and regulations to prevent the pollution or contamination of any or all of the lakes, ponds, streams, tidal waters and flats within the Commonwealth or of the tributaries of such tidal waters and flats.

1. No sewage and no human excrement or compost containing human excrement, and no house slops, sink wastes, or waste water which has been used for washing or cooking, or other polluted water, shall be discharged or put into any lake, pond, stream, tidal water and flat within the Commonwealth, or into a tributary of such tidal water and flat, except as may be approved by the Department of Public Health when in the opinion of the said Department the best practicable and reasonably available means to render harmless such sewage, human excrement, house slops, sink wastes, waste water or other polluted water have been provided in accordance with plans approved by the Department.

2. No garbage, manure, or other putrescible matter whatsoever, shall be discharged or put into any lake, pond, stream, tidal water and flat within the Commonwealth, or into a tributary of such tidal water and flat, except as may be approved by the Department of Public Health when in the opinion of the said Department the best practicable and reasonably available means to render harmless such garbage, manure, or putrescible matter have been provided in accordance with plans approved by the Department

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4. No refuse, or waste product, or polluting liquid, or other substance of a nature poisonous or injurious either to human beings or animals, or putrescible organic matter whatsoever from a tannery, currying shop, or other establishment or place where the skin, wool, hair, or fur, of any animal is treated, or from a slaughterhouse or other building for carrying on the business of slaughtering cattle, sheep, or other animals, and no wastes from a melting or rendering establishment shall be discharged or put into any lake, pond, stream, tidal water and flat within the Commonwealth, or a tributary of such tidal water and flat, in a manner which may be injurious to the public health, or many tend to create a public nuisance, except as may be approved by the Department of Public Health when in the opinion of the said Department the best practicable and reasonably available means to render harmless such refuse, waste product, polluting liquid, substance, putrescible organic matter, or wastes have been provided in accordance with plans approved by the Department.

Vlado A. Getting, M. D., Dr. P. H.  
Commissioner  
Prescribed and established by the Department of Public Health at the Meeting of its Public Health Council held on Tuesday, August 14, 1945.

Vlado A. Getting, M. D., Dr. P. H.  
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Approved by Governor and Council on September 19, 1945.

Nov. 7, 1946

Provincetown, Mass., November 13, 1946

I, Paul George Lambert, editor and publisher of the Provincetown Advocate, a weekly newspaper published and circulated in Provincetown, Massachusetts, do hereby state that the "Rules and Regulations to prevent pollution or contamination of any or all lakes, ponds, streams, tidal waters and flats within the Commonwealth or the tributaries of such tidal waters and flats," prescribed by the Department of Public Health at the Meeting of the Public Health Council held on Tuesday, August 14, 1945, were duly published in the said Provincetown Advocate in the issue of Thursday, November 7, 1946; a copy of such publication being attached, herewith.

*Paul George Lambert*  
Editor-Publisher, The Advocate

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Barnstable ss

November 13, 1946

Then personally appeared the above-mentioned Paul George Lambert, editor and publisher of the Provincetown Advocate, and made oath that the above statement by him subscribed is true-

Before me

*John W. Cigna*  
Notary Public

*July 25, 1952*  
My Commission Expires



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# Tax Rate A Possible \$65 Or \$66

## Town Meeting Goes Three Nights

*Advocate 3/11/69*

Provincetown voters approved with little debate an operating budget of \$1,376,893 at the first session Monday night of the annual Town Meeting — \$830,915.31 of it to be raised and appropriated — but the 17 articles they disposed of at that session consumed nearly four hours and there were 59 articles in the warrant.

Debate ranged wide on a number of issues — on a frost-proof water line for MacMillan Wharf, on playgrounds and in particular on the purchase of land on Ship's Way for a new Cape End Manor.

The voters turned down the authorization of \$25,000 for the land purchase after brisk debate that involved Town Manager, Finance Committee and Planning Board as principal participants with an assortment of voters joining in the verbal fray. The vote was 193 against the purchase and 65 for.

Town Manager Robert Hancock told the voters at the start of the meeting that while he lacked information on which to base a tax estimate for 1969, he could say with certainty there would be an increase above and beyond a December estimate of a "probable \$62" rate per thousand valuation.

### Tax Rate

Mr. Hancock said he had talked with the State Department of Corporations and Taxation and "the best they could say" was to repeat Governor Sargent's statements on the Commonwealth's dire need of money.

Pointing out that the Local Aid Fund — state revenue to the town — would be depleted by an estimated one-third, the Town Manager urged the sharpest economy.

"If you follow closely the Finance Committee's recommendations," he said. "the tax rate will be probably in the neighborhood of \$65 or \$66. We have left no stone unturned to provide the things badly needed. We are not as badly off as some Massachusetts communities but we must spend money only for the things that are essential."

The voters authorized \$46,916 in a dozen special articles plus \$2,000 and a bond issue of \$40,000 for a new public works building under article 13. The \$2000 will be transferred from the Comfort Station Receipts Account and under authorization by the following article, Article 14, town-owned property at 351 Commercial Street will be sold and the proceeds used to reduce the amount of bonds authorized in Article 13.

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citizens, therefore were denied the right to express themselves on these matters and we feel that a town is in an unfortunate and potentially dangerous position when town officials take it upon themselves to withhold from the voters items that an authorized and duly appointed board of the town, after much study and work, submits for their consideration."

### The Manor And EDA

Town Manager Robert Hancock made no reply to the statements.

The article to acquire land on Ship's Way for the proposed new Manor had initially been recommended by the Finance Committee but when it came to the floor the committee members had changed their minds.

The long debate, with general participation, hinged on a number of factors: the site was a quarter of a mile from the road and construction there would entail large costs for paving and water installation; failure so far to obtain funds from the Economic Development Administration did not justify expenditures for land purchase at this time.

Mr. Hancock fought back. He pointed to the approval of \$250,800 for the project from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the efforts now being made to get a hearing from the Economic Development Administration, whose grounds for rejecting the application had been that the project was not sufficiently related to the Economic Development Act.

The EDA, which grants funds principally for economic development, had said the Manor did not "legally" meet requirements of the Act but Mr. Hancock declared that no reason beyond "policy" had been given and that he was convinced that the Town's application fulfills the requirements of Congress when it (the Act) was voted.

### Manor Debate

Congressman Hastings Keith and Senators Kennedy and Brooke are now working to obtain a meeting with the EDA Administration at which local officials may also be present. The Town Manager declared he was not willing to accept "No" for an answer from the EDA until the Congressman and Senators were also willing to accept it.

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In its resolution it got voter support of its declaration that the work of town boards constitutes an extension of the "operating and governing structure" of the Town itself and that articles submitted by such boards should be automatically incorporated in the warrant "without the need for formal petition and supporting signatures."

#### **Cites Role Of Boards**

By recognizing the official status of the town boards and enabling them to insert articles in the warrant, the resolution said, the interests of the voters themselves were served. The voters were enabled to receive the "further views and submissions of such bodies" and to make "orderly disposition of any matters brought to their attention by the orderly process of a Town Meeting."

The three articles the Planning board charged had been left out of the warrant dealt with: "acute traffic problems" and a request for \$500 for signs for public parking places and the guidance of visiting motorists; the master plan and a request for \$1000 for the Planning Board for expenses relating to the plan, and the opening up of Point Street.

The Planning Board said that for the past seven years steps taken toward the opening up of Point Street had been approved by the voters.

"This year," the board said, "the final step was to be presented" — the appropriation of \$26,000 for completion of the street. "Although the initial amount seems high," the board commented, "taxes from the new building there would more than offset the cost, once the land was available."

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Nicholas Wells said he had hoped that "someone might convince EDA and we'd get the money." He said, however, that the voters had been assured last year that construction would not be started until funds had been received from both agencies (HEW and EDA, in similar amounts). Approval of 80 per cent of the funds would be necessary before building would be started, he said the voters were assured.

The debate reviewed much of the Manor discussion at last year's Town Meeting.

"It is beyond the rights of the Town to buy for investment," Mr. Wells continued. "If the land is for use it is for construction — and construction cannot be begun if we don't have the money."

"I did not say or promise that we would get it," Mr. Hancock replied. "I did say that we wouldn't get it if we didn't apply for it. I promised it would be difficult."

Neither, he said "do we mean that construction should not start until we have the funds. We have a suitable site for the Manor. The grant we already have (from HEW) was based primarily on patient need and had to be approved by federal authorities after a statewide study before it was granted."

He pleaded against any turning back on the project. "The Manor isn't for me; it's for you," he said.

#### **Care Of The Elderly**

The issue, he said, came down to the question: "Do you still feel you should have the Manor?" The way will be found, he said, "even if more money will have to come from the Town." He argued for the economic soundness of the proposed new Manor and the economic benefits to the Town.

"Your relatives may be involved," he added. "If you don't think there's a need to take care of elderly people, vote it down." But the vote, he added, would enable the Town to act when it was ready.

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# Town Meeting-

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At one point in the long debate, Police Chief Francis Marshall reminded voters and officials that if they didn't end the discussion soon "many of us will be eligible for the Manor — we'll be that old!"

"By voting down the article," said Munro Moore of the Finance Committee, "by no means does it mean that you are voting down the need of a new Manor." Mrs. Ray Martan Wells asked the voters to make the same distinction. Although Article 8 was voted down — \$25,000, including a bond issue of \$20,000 for the land purchase — voter comments made it clear that the vote was not to be construed as a vote against a new Manor.

A number of articles went routinely along: approval of \$2500 for a 1969 police cruiser, with the trade-in of the 1967 Chevrolet station wagon; \$1616 for two walk-talkies for the police department; \$1,800 for additional Instalerts for the fire department, and \$10,000 for construction and improvement of town sidewalks. Of this last amount \$6,196.14 will be raised and appropriated and \$3,803.76 represents the balance remaining from 1968 funds for sidewalk construction.

## Playgrounds

As the hour grew late and there were voters departing, John Bell of the Finance Committee moved for consideration of Article 28, taking it out of its place in the warrant. The article sparked as much debate as anything else in the first night's session.

The article called for converting the sandy portions of both the East End and West End playgrounds into public parking areas and to approve \$3,500 from parking meter receipts to pay for the conversion.

The Finance Committee recommended converting the East End playground into a parking area and relocating the recreational facilities, authorizing \$3,500 for the cost. Munro Moore moved the recommendation itself as a motion.

Recreation Director Arthur Roderick asked the voters to consider a central playground and he recommended land the highway department is vacating adjacent to Motta Field. The present playgrounds in both the East and West Ends could be transferred there, he said, with benefit to the children.

The town lacked a central playground, he said, and the needed equipment for one. "By centralizing the plan," he said, "we're not taking anything from the kids" and the youngsters would get a playground with such attractions as a tennis court.

Both John Jason Sr. and John Jason, Jr., however, urged that the East End playground be retained.

Stephen Cook believed the traffic flow at the playground could be regulated by a traffic sign. And if the new playground proposal were based on the parking study of two years ago, he pointed out, it was made obsolete by the master plan.

Town Manager Hancock said he was reluctant to see the playground facilities transferred but he was concerned about the "little tots" sitting around in the unsanitary sand. Mrs. Malicoat wondered why the playground was allowed to get into the "condition it's in now."

Mrs. Ray Wells agreed something should be done to protect the children at the East End playground but a central playground was needed. "We should be guided by the master plan," she said.

"Let's have all three playgrounds!" suggested Mrs. Josephine Del Deo, who got instant support. "I think we could use them!"

"No one can accuse me of being against playgrounds," declared Police Chief Francis Marshall, who was the first recreation director in the town, and who argued for relocation of facilities at Motta Field.

## Parents Win

It was the safety of the children that concerned him, he said, and at Motta Field the playground "would be away from the traffic." He had seen children without supervision at the playground, he said, and it would be on one's conscience if a child were injured there.

But the voters wanted the East End playground to remain. Mrs. Alain Whitman, Mrs. Wilhelmina DaRoza, Mrs. Grace Atkins, Le Gracie, James Forsberg, Roger Rilleau and others asked for its retention and the Town vote granted them their wish.

Article 10, to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to be used with \$12,000 appropriated last year for a frostproof water line to the town-owned building on MacMillan Wharf, produced almost as much debate.

In the end the voters approved an amendment authorizing \$10,000 to be used with previously appropriated money. This was for a six-inch line to a hydrant within 500 feet of the building and for a two-inch line for the rest of the way to the building.

The finance committee had sharply questioned the original article and Marion Perry maintained not enough study had been done on the proposal: "If we must pay \$27,000 we should see what we can get for this."

The \$15,000 figure requested in the article was decided after bids on a two-and-a-half-inch pipe came to \$19,000, the Town Manager said.

(To be continued)



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### **Parents And Playground**

The younger Mr. Jason contended that the Town had "never fixed up the East End playground." Parents agreed it had not been properly cared for and had sanitary problems but they wanted to keep it. It was needed, they insisted.

"It would be a shame to take the playground," said Sidney Buffington, who agreed there were traffic hazards in the area. But he wouldn't risk letting a child walk the distance to a central playground, he concluded.



# P-Town Building Permit Issued For Holiday Inn Construction

*Cape Times 3/21/69*

PROVINCETOWN — Permit has been approved and issued for the construction of a new Holiday Inn here with estimated cost of construction set at \$200,000, building inspector Fernando

Gonsalves said.

The permit was issued to Fred Sateriale and Daniel Prelack, whose address is the Breakwater Motel, Route 6A, Provincetown. Site of the proposed new structure would

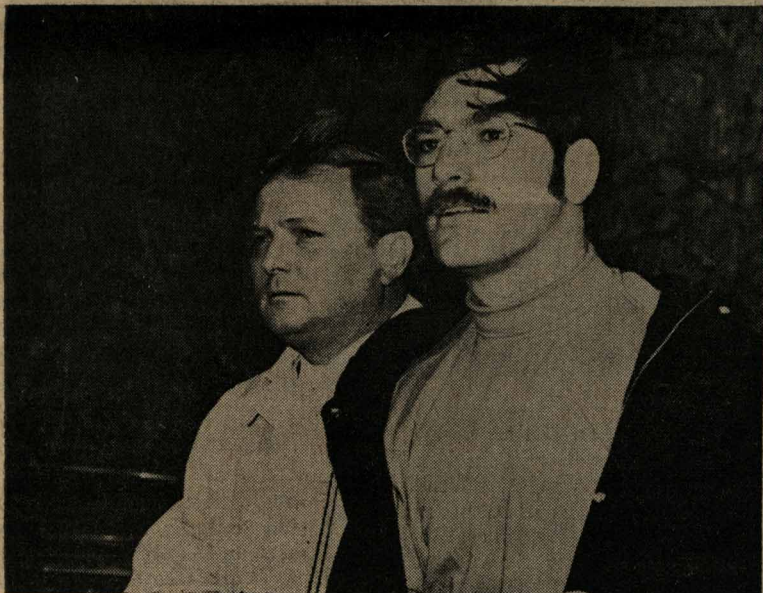
be just west of the Breakwater Motel at the junction of Snail Road and Route 6A. First phase of the construction calls for 50 units with swimming pool.

Gonsalves said the permit calls for start of construction within six months of the issuance of the permit and has two years to be completed.

Issuance of the permit followed action at town meeting last week when voters turned down a bid to rezone the overall area in which the site is located, from class B residential to class C residential. Class B residential would exclude motels and business of any kind from the area.



# More Clues Found In Truro Woods As Police Information Accumulates



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL KOCH

Arriving from State Police barracks at South Yarmouth last Thursday morning, murder suspect Antone Costa is escorted by State Detective Lieutenant Bernard Flynn for arraignment in Second District Court in Town Hall.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL KOCH

One of two sites from which the dismembered remains of two young Rhode Island women, Patricia Walsh and Mary Ann Wjsocki, and a third, still unidentified woman, were disinterred March 5 by local and state police. The shallow grave, pictured, about 5 feet long, is in a wooded section near the old South Truro cemetery.

Bit by bit, information is accumulating in the investigation of the murders of four young women whose bodies were dug from shallow graves in the isolated woods of South Truro.

Some of the information is material to the pressing search for all the pieces in the bizarre picture. Other incidents and scraps of information, if not strictly close to the key pieces in the puzzle, nevertheless indicate how much the social environment of an accused criminal can be involved in his criminal acts.

The cunningest criminal at some points in his activities, has contacts with others and these and their involvement, knowingly or unknowingly, can lead to key evidence.

Intensive search yesterday of the narrow lonely road beside which the dismembered bodies of two Providence, R.I., girls were found, produced three .22 caliber bullet casings and a woman's undergarment buried beneath a tree in the area of the shallow graves.

The metal casings were located by a Park Service ranger using a metal-detector in the foot-by-foot search of the area in which Truro, Provincetown and state police, assisted by National Park Service rangers, have been intensively engaged.

Autopsies by Dr. Daniel Hiebert of Provincetown and Dr. George Katsas of Harvard Medical School revealed bullets in the heads of the two Providence girls who had patently been subjected to other violence before their deaths and dismemberment. The undergarment found yesterday was stained with what police say may be blood.

Antone C. Costa, 24, of Provincetown is now undergoing psychiatric examination at Bridgewater State Hospital after his arraignment last week here on charges of murdering Patricia Walsh and Mary Ann Wjsocki, both of Providence. Their remains constituted two of the four dismembered bodies police have found in the same lonely area.

Mr. Costa, as his counsel, Attorney Maurice Goldman of Brewster points out, is to be considered innocent until he is proven guilty. Meanwhile two large knives with bloodstained handles have been found by police in a Boston apartment. Mr. Costa was arrested in the Marlborough Street apartment of his half-brother, Vincent Bonaviri, after the finding of the three bodies March 5. The fourth body had been found early last month during a search for the Providence

girls who were then missing. Two Provincetown men are said to have been involved in assistance to Mr. Costa when a car he claimed as his was moved from one spot in the wooded area to another. One of the two is said to have later driven Mr. Costa to Boston in the 1968 Volkswagen that had been the property of the murdered Patricia Walsh.

The Provincetown man is said to have then returned to Provincetown. Mr. Costa drove the Volkswagen to Burlington, Vt., where it was later found by police. Police say the defendant declared he bought the car from Miss Walsh for \$900 and he produced a bill of sale for it now in the hands of investigating officers.

Mr. Costa, a carpenter, was formerly employed by Joseph H. Beaudry of Route 6, in the Long-nook area of Truro.

Defense counsel Goldman has criticized Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis for statements to the press suggesting horrifying aspects of the killings.

Boston Radio Station WEEI, however, in a public editorial, has praised the police for their judicious handling of information under pressure from the press — and has also praised the restraint exercised by news reporters in their handling of the story. Investigating reporters have by no means written all the widely assorted information they have come upon in the combing of clues.



*Cape Times 4/22/69*

# Cape-tip Breakwater Funds Cut

Ottaway News Service

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Nixon Administration has cut from the budget most of the funds for continuation of work on the Provincetown breakwater.

The \$800,000 appropriation recommended by the Johnson Administration was cut to \$100,000.

Last year, \$1,067,000 finally was approved for start of construction on the project.

The cut announced today is one of a number of cuts affecting projects by the Army Corps of

Engineers, including several large river and harbor projects in Massachusetts. Nation-

wide, the Administration cut \$142 million for the Corps' construction budget.





... It's a calm summer day about 50 years ago . . . passengers off the steamer Dorothy Bradford saunter up Railroad Wharf or ride in William "Billy Nick" Nickerson's chain-driven accommodation . . . past photographer Irving Rosenthal standing on top of a New Haven Railroad boxcar . . . toward the Chamber of Commerce building with its wide porches. Some of them visited the relatively new Pilgrim Monument. Others may have gone to the "moving pictures" at Frank Atkins' theatre (center). One or two may even have visited the Congregational Church, whose spire rises at the left of Town Halls imposing cupola.

*Advocate 6/12/69*

Courtesy Cyril Patrick



# No 'underground' films at Provincetown

*Cape Times 4/30/69*

PROVINCETOWN — Provincetown definitely will not have "underground" films this summer, as a result of action by the Provincetown Board of Selectmen in executive session Monday night, after two telegrams had been received during the day, one of which hinted of possible censorship and in-

terference by the town. For several meetings, the application of Joseph Roman of 119 West St., Southbridge, for an underground movie theater, had been in the hands of selectmen for licenses to operate such theater and for a common victualler license in connection with it.

The proposed "underground movie theater" had been planned for the P.A.C.L. building on Commercial St. in the West End.

Roman, who had been at several meetings, had said he had operated a similar theater, by the same name, in Yarmouth last year, only because he couldn't find a suitable place in Provincetown.

Early on Monday, a telegram was received from Roman, directed to the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, as follows: "Please withdraw our license application."

At 2:45 p.m., the same day, another telegram arrived from Southbridge as follows:

"Please disregard telegram requesting withdrawal of license ap-

plication. We need your decision regarding showing underground films, with assurance of no censorship and interference from the town."

This was signed by Joseph Roman, 119 West St., Southbridge.

In a letter from Mrs. Barbara King, town clerk of Provincetown, sent out on Tuesday, Roman was advised that "your application for licenses were denied at the selectmen's meeting on April 28, 1969 . . ."



# Cape-tip to mark Pilgrims' landing

*Cape Times 5/11/69*

PROVINCETOWN — A special meeting of selectmen has been set for May 5 in Town Hall to which all citizens interested in serving on committees relative to the 350th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims are invited.

Town Manager Robert A. Hancock said the meeting has been called for 8 p.m. with special invitations to those interested in serving on the main committee, or any subcommittees. Initial meeting on this subject was held last week when the Provincetown Taxpayer's Association sponsored an open session to hear ideas Selectmen and the town manager attended that meeting.

Townpeople authorized appointment of a committee to have charge of planning and carrying out the 350th anniversary celebration at the annual town meeting in March.

At Monday night's regular selectmen's meeting in Town Hall, several items of civic nature were discussed and selectmen were notified of several forthcoming events, including the convention of the Massachusetts Jaycees at Provincetown Inn May 9 through May 11.

Selectmen have been invited to the convention dinner the night of May 9 at the inn, the town manager said.

In other matters, selectmen and other town officials were notified and invited by the Cape Cod National Seashore to formal dedication of the new visitor's center near Race Point at 2:30 p.m. May 25.

Selectmen also were notified by the State Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission that the appeal of Arnold R. King from an adverse decision of the local licensing authority on his application for package store beer and wine license, has been dismissed.

In a letter from the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, it was disclosed that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation had inquired as to Provincetown's plans for a July 4 celebration as it was understood this organization had expressed a desire to send camera crews to the area.

taken over by the Provincetown Recreation Department, of which Dr. Arthur D. Roderick is director. Plans call for a full scale celebration, including parades, bands and the like. The Cape chamber will be informed, so as to notify the CBC, Mr. Hancock said.

Selectmen also were notified that the fourth annual institute of the Cape Community Council will be held at Provincetown Inn May 14.

A letter also was received from the Highland Fish and Game Club calling attention to the fact that breaks in the West End breakwater have not yet been repaired. Hancock said he has contacted Army Engineers requesting information as to their plans, but has received no answer as yet.

A request from Kenneth Dunham was received asking that se-

lectmen place a sign signifying public landing at the foot of Washington Ave.

However, Hancock said this area is not a public landing—in fact, the town doesn't own it. That is the reason the sign was taken down in the first place, Hancock explained.

Hancock announced that, at the request of the Massachusetts Bar Association, May 1 has been proclaimed as Law Day in Provincetown.

A letter was received from the UN Association requesting the board name a local UN chairman. David J. Murphy, assistant principal of Provincetown High School was reappointed to that position.

At the request of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, the Provincetown board voted to contact their state senator and

representatives expressing opposition to House Bills 1340 and 2567. These bills, in substance, relate to the fact that if collective bargaining doesn't end satisfactorily, state fact finders could be brought in for facts and findings. These findings would then be binding on the municipalities.

Hancock also announced that the Provincetown-Truro Overall Economic Development Program Committee's annual report has been approved by Arthur T. Doyle, director of the northeastern area office of the Economic Development Administration, meaning that the area's 80 per cent eligibility is still in effect.

A request from Dr. Daniel H. Hiebert for permission to install two leaching basins on a town landing near Captain Jack's Wharf at the foot of West Vine

St., was granted.

It was announced that resignation of Gene Poyant from the

Board of Appeals has been received and accepted. There are no new appointments.



# Cape-tip Harbor Project Uncertain

*Cape Times 4/23/69*

PROVINCETOWN — It is not clear at this point what impact a proposed cut from \$800,000 to \$100,000 earmarked for the Provincetown Harbor Breakwater project will have if Congress goes along with the cut, town manager Robert A. Hancock reported today.

In the proposed budget of President Johnson, \$800,00 was earmarked for use on the project during the next fiscal year. President Nixon has recommended a cut to \$100,000.

Hancock said the overall cost of the harbor protection project has been set at \$3,550,000. A breakwater project that has been authorized by Congress for more than 20 years.

In 1948 when first authorized, Congress failed to provide funds. This was the case, until last year. The proposed breakwater would protect Provincetown's fishing fleet, and provide pro-

tection from southeast winds and storms.

Hancock said that with federal funds already allocated for construction, non-federal funds also have been made available, including the town's share of \$380,000, voted unanimously at a special town meeting last November. This is the same amount the state is providing.

So far, there has been no indication that Army engineers will change their plans for advertising the project for bids later this year. The \$800,000 was to be used on construction during the next fiscal year, town manager said. However, the final sum hasn't been set as yet, and the original amount might still stand.

Hancock said he doubted if the lower sum would halt the project, with the amount of money already allocated for the breakwater.



# Kennedy Assures Breakwater Will Survive \$ Slash

Senator Edward Kennedy, in a letter read Monday night at the Board of Selectmen's meeting, said the Provincetown Harbor of Refuge project would be completed as planned. He expressed dismay at President Nixon's slash from \$800,000 to \$100,000 in funds budgeted for fiscal 1970 by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Town Manager Robert Hancock added that the Corps already has \$1,067,000 in federal funds and \$760,000 in state and local monies. Engineers had planned to advertise for bids late this month, with construction to begin in July or August. Now, however, due to President Nixon's "economies," bids will not be asked before fall and possibly not until next spring.

Completion date remains unchanged. Army Engineers told Mr. Hancock Tuesday that they expected the job to progress more rapidly, once it is begun, than they had thought earlier.

On the brighter side, said Mr. Hancock, the delay allows Provincetown to postpone borrowing its \$380,000 share, with a resulting saving in bond interest payments. To avoid increasing the 1969 tax rate, it had been planned to borrow on short-term notes with relatively high interest rates. Long-term bonds will be sold later this year.



# A.I.M. offices open

## for season at Cape-tip

*Sunday Cape Times 6/25/69*

PROVINCETOWN — University physician's and surgeon's college.

Provincetown medical offices of A.I.M. will open on Monday, and will be located on Bradford Acres, just west of the Howard Johnson restaurant, off Bradford St.

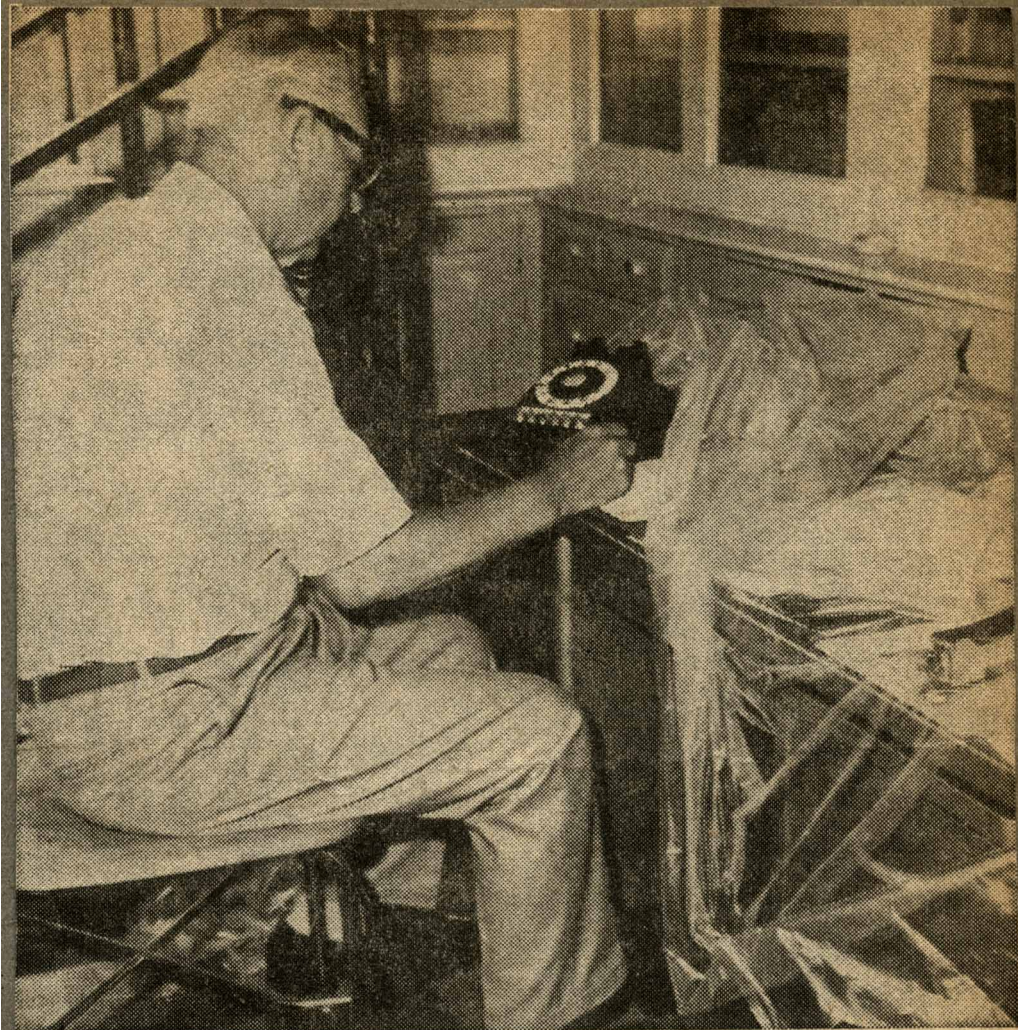
The offices will consist of a waiting room, two examining rooms, a consultation room, an X-ray room and an emergency room.

Office hours will be from 2 to 5 p.m., six days a week, until July 1, and thereafter from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Telephone number is 487-9395.

The office will be staffed by Dr. William Locke, a semi-retired general physician and surgeon and Dr. Thomas Lewis. Dr. Locke for many years headed his own clinic in Hyde Park, N.Y. He is a graduate of Harvard, where he received his A.B., and a graduate of Columbia

Dr. Lewis, who will enter the service in Mid-September, is a graduate of the University of Vermont school of medicine, and has recently completed his internship at Mary Fletcher Hospital, connected with that institution.





*Cape Times*  
*6/13/69*

## **Under extreme difficulty**

Provincetown's Town Manager Robert A. Hancock is shown here laboring at his desk under extreme difficulty, the result of seepage from the men's public rest rooms on the second floor of Town Hall—directly above his office. When the leak first started it came through the ceiling but fortunately the water fell in back of his desk, and on the floor, so no damage resulted. However, repairs haven't been completed and, the situation gets more acute. Hancock is shown here using the telephone which, when not in use, is protected by a plexi-glass covering. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)

*Friday the 13th!*



# Monument Dock getting badly needed facelifting

*Sunday Cape Times 6/22/69*

**PROVINCETOWN** — Provincetown Harbor is in process of getting "dressed up," and one of its two main wharves, long neglected, will take on a new look, later on this summer, and in a few short years will be the center of a new boating industry.

The lengthy pier, parallel with the town-owned MacMillan Wharf, and more recently known as Monument Dock, will be a thriving, bustling center of pleasure vessels, if plans of the new owners, Fishermen's Wharf Corp. are carried out to the letter.

Robert Cabral, president of this corporation, is sparking the plans for a rejuvenation of this lengthy pier, long in disrepair and, in fact, in danger of falling into the harbor.

## Floats to flank wharf

This dock, earlier known as Sklaroff's Wharf, then Monument Dock when owned by the Monument Fish Company, and now to be known as Fishermen's Wharf, is to be flanked, ultimately, on both sides with floats to care for the wants of pleasure craft.

Already there is a large scow, laden with piling, alongside the end of this wharf, and Cabral said a small pile driving machine is expected daily, to install pilings the length of the east side of the wharf, for a series of 24 floats.

These floats already are under construction at Fairhaven Marine, the company which will install the pilings and do the major part of the construction.

For the present, Cabral said, there will be floats, with all 24

together some 864 feet in length.

## Fire destroys buildings

Fishermen's wharf, as it will be known from now on, has been in disrepair for many years, at least 10, when a fire destroyed buildings at the end used by the fish company. Since that time the pier had been used as a mooring place for fishing boats but gradually winds and weather have raised havoc with the structure.

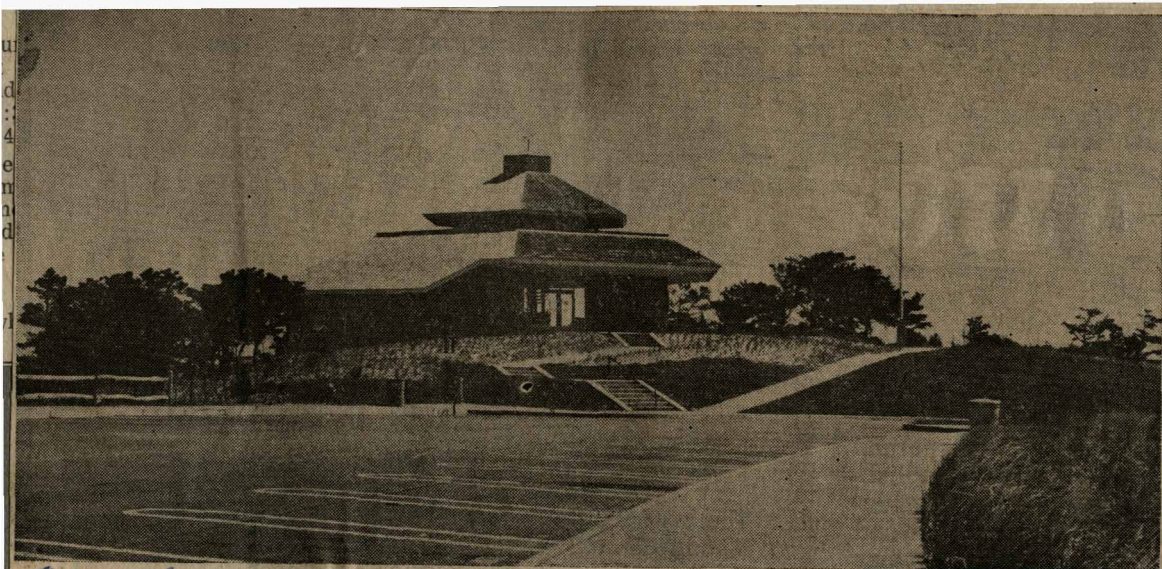
Future plans call for reconstruction of the 2½ story structure at the end of the pier for fish buying, other commercial ventures and for two apartments. Ultimately, when the wharf is rebuilt, there will be 22 shops for craftsmen along its length, Cabral said.

The structure was purchased last year by Cabral from Howard Dykeman.

The new owner said the proposed breakwater for Provincetown Harbor will give added incentive for pleasure craft to come here.

The Fishermen's Wharf Corp. is an offshoot of the Ceejay Corp., of which Capt. Bill Cabral is president. Robert, his son, feels that the Fishermen's Wharf Corp. and facilities will add immeasurably to the economy of the town, as the facilities will be available to at least 70 boats, with the possibility of that number bringing in between 200 and 400 people who can add to the economy of the town.





## Visitors Center To Be Dedicated Here On Sunday

Governor Francis W. Sargent will be the principal speaker at dedication ceremonies of the new Province Lands Visitor Center and Amphitheater of the Cape Cod National Seashore on Sunday, May 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater off Race Point Road.

Congressman Hastings Keith and former Senator Leverett Saltonstall, two of the original three sponsors of Legislation establishing the Cape Cod National Seashore (the late President Kennedy was the third sponsor) will also participate in the ceremonies.

Under Secretary Russell E. Train will speak for the Department of the Interior. The Department of the Interior will further be represented by Deputy Assistant Secretary Charles G. Carothers, III, Fish and Wildlife Parks and Marine Resources, Northeast Regional Director Lemuel A. Garrison and Superintendent Leslie P. Arnberger will represent the National Park Service.

A unit from the Race Point Coast Guard Station will serve as color guard. The Provincetown High School Band will provide music and Provincetown High School students will be ushers.

Governor Sargent, who has served in State and Federal office for 20 years, is a longtime friend of conservation. Before going to Washington under Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy to serve four years as Executive Director of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review, a Commission charged with planning for recreational needs of the United States, he was Commissioner of Natural Resources in Massachusetts. Before being elected Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts in 1966, he

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was Chairman of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Works. On January 22 of this year he became Governor when former Governor Volpe entered the Nixon Cabinet.

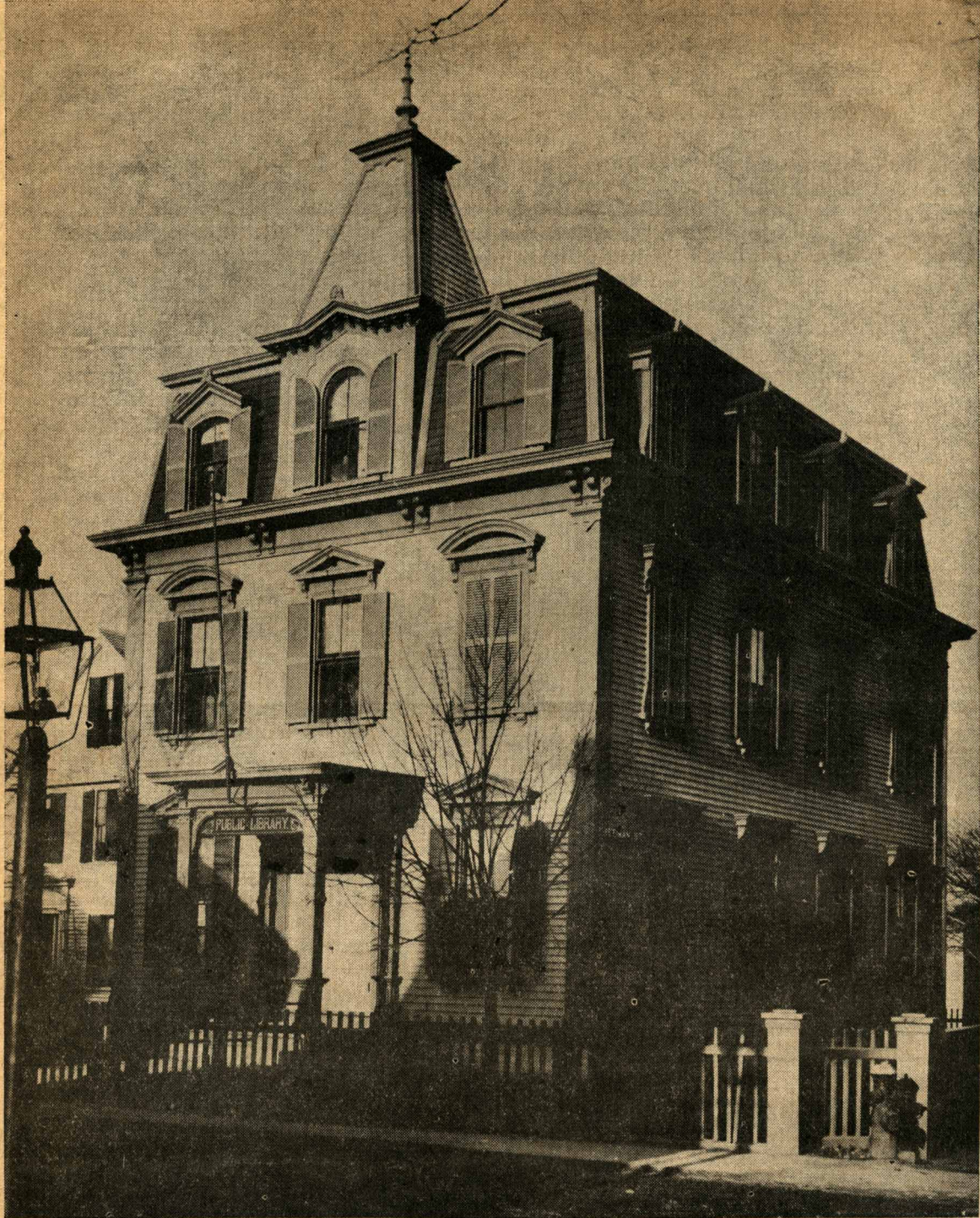
The Province Lands Visitor Center is the second such facility in the Cape Cod National Seashore. Salt Pond Visitor Center in Eastham was the first, opened in 1965. Located at a high point in the dunes along Race Point Road, this new center will be the major contact station for visitors in the northern section of the Seashore.

Following the same architectural theme of other interpretive facilities in the Seashore, its hexagonal shape combines concrete, steel, glass and weathered shingles to blend with the surroundings. The two-story structure has an information desk, fishing exhibit, 100-seat auditorium and Ranger's office on the first floor. On the second story are weather exhibits. From the second story, which can be reached from either an outside ramp or inside stairway, the visitor has a magnificent 360-degree panoramic view of the surrounding Province Lands area, the Atlantic Ocean and Provincetown Harbor. An outside boardwalk leads to a Grand Banks dory, and later there will be other outdoor exhibits illustrating the human and natural history of the Province Lands area.

Adjacent to the visitor center is the 750-seat amphitheater where evening talks, programs and concerts will be given. A parking area is provided for visitors to the area.

Superintendent Arnberger extends a cordial invitation to residents and visitors to attend the ceremonies.





When was this picture taken of the Provincetown library? When the towering linden in the front yard was the sapling you see above, when kerosene lanterns like the one at left were the only street lighting. Built in 1873 and donated to the town by banker Nathan D. Freeman, the building housed a library on the ground floor, YMCA rooms on the second, and the photography studio of George Nickerson on the third floor. The photo, however, is the work of Irving Rosenthal, father of the late Jack Rosenthal. *Advocate 3/10/69*



# The Blessing: Pageant In Trouble

by Joel O'Brien

Twenty-two years ago Gloucester was getting ready to have its first blessing of the fishing fleet and invited Provincetown to join the ceremony. The late Arthur Silva who was then fishing said the Portuguese equivalent of, "Thank you, but no thanks, we'll have our own." And with the solid help of Domingues Godinho, retired skipper of the Clara M and the cooperation of other colleagues, the Provincetown Blessing was born.

Through the years the Blessing of the Fleet has been held on the last Sunday in June and the celebration usually filled three days with varied activities. Last Sunday the ceremony started at 9:30 with a parade of fishermen and two musical units from MacMillan Wharf to the Church of St. Peter the Apostle. The procession was led by fourth-degree Knights of Columbus and four fishermen carrying a statue of St. Peter, patron saint of all fishermen.

After the 11:00 mass the procession returned to the wharf and the statue was put aboard the Shirley and Roland, skippered by Sonny Roderick, Chairman of the Blessing of the Fleet Committee. Then the scrubbed and flag-bedecked fishing boats went out in the harbor in a huge circle and one by one passed the reviewing stand at the end of the pier to be blessed. But without the

Bishop of Fall River who was scheduled to officiate. When he failed to arrive the Right Reverend Leo J. Duarte, pastor of St. Peter's, took over the duties.

The decorated fishing boats (and some pleasure boats) were led past the wharf by a Coast Guard 44-foot motor lifeboat whose deck was festooned with the nuns who teach at St. Peter's Parochial school.

Traditionally, the boats of the fleet, carrying friends and relatives, would put out to sea at full speed after being blessed, anchor off Long Point, and have a picnic for the rest of the afternoon. Last Sunday only three boats went out for a picnic. The rest circled back to the wharf, tied up and the crews dispersed.

The Blessing was over a little after 1:30.

Not all the boats participated by any means. Some didn't even bother to decorate. One that was decorated kept tied up to the wharf during the ceremony, and others were out of commission.

The day before, Stanley Carter, Provincetown Wharfinger, watched some of the boats unloading fish. "They never used to fish the day before the Blessing," he said. "Saturday was part of the celebration. But three days cost the fishermen a lot of money. They put on the show and the shopkeepers benefit. But it doesn't look like much of a Blessing this year."

Saturday evening, Captain Fred Salvador of the Michael Ann said, "Nobody's told me anything. I don't know what's going on. All I told my crew was, 'We'll decorate the boat, but we won't leave the



One of the handful of dressed ships....



wharf." As it happened, Captain Salvador did make the big circle, but his attitude was indicative of a general discontent.

Louis Salvador, who sold his boat last year, said, "They didn't push it enough. No advertising - no publicity. One man drove all the way from Connecticut for the Blessing, asked a policeman what time it was going to be and the cop didn't know!

"One day is no good. It used to run around seven thousand dollars to put on the Blessing. We'd have three bands, a block dance in Ryder Street by the Town Hall, a clambake, a banquet, the Bishop of Boston, boat races, games.


"Cooperation is the big thing. The fishermen, Town Hall, and all the shops that make money from the holiday."

This sentiment was underlined by Justin Avellar, skipper of the schooner Hindu. "You have to get more cooperation among the town," he said. "The merchants make money. They should all be behind it."

When the Shirley and Roland returned to MacMillan wharf after a picnic off the Point, Skipper Roderick said, "We lost six boats in addition to the ones that didn't participate. Three are on the ways here, two in New Bedford and one in Gloucester. I'm surprised it went off as well as it did, the parade and all."

"We've had worse Blessings," said Don Thomas, crew member of the Shirley and Roland. I've been on the Blessing Committee for 22 years, ever since it started. It seems to go up and down in cycles. But it's a shame to let it go like this."

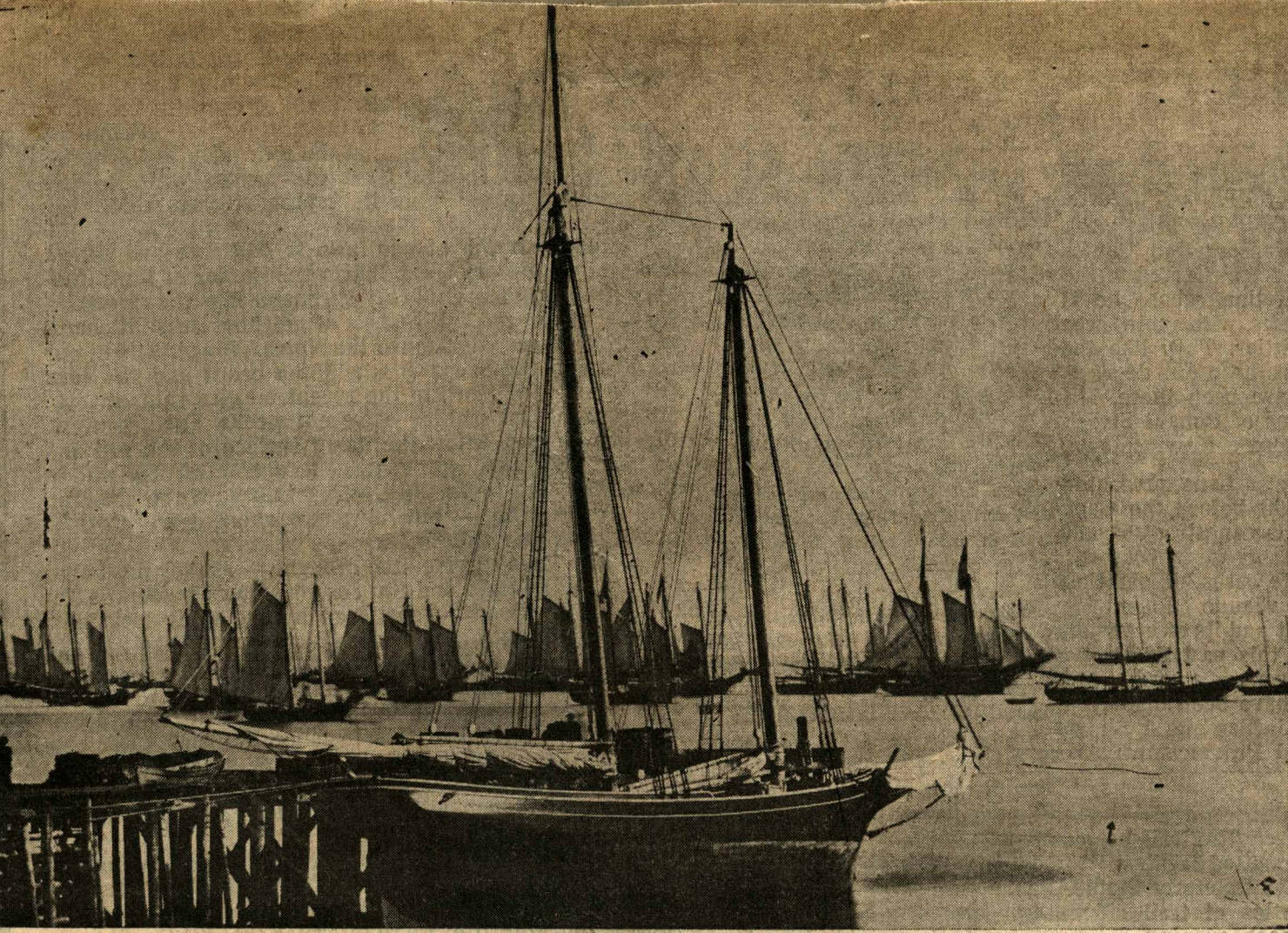
"I'll tell you something, Sonny said. "I had about \$200.00 left over from last year's Blessing. So, in January I thought



.....Watched by only a handful of people.

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The sight of the Provincetown mackerel schooners getting under way at dawn has been compared with "a flight of birds taking wing." At the turn of the century the major part of the fleet consisted of such boats; the whalers had hung up their harpoons shortly after petroleum discoveries in Pennsylvania ruined the market for whale oil. The schooner at the wharf did not go out with the fleet this day — she's aground at low tide, one fluke of her anchor showing above water. *Advocate 7/17/69* Courtesy John W. O'Donnell



*Sunday Cape Times 7/20/69*

# Cape-tip ponders future

Take the average tourist, turn him upside down, shake him briskly, and the first question that will fall out will probably be, "What do you do here in the winter?"

There is a ready answer that most Cape Codders could give, but in Provincetown it's no joking matter. The Cape-tip, a mecca for all shapes and shades of summer tourists, almost literally goes into hibernation from November to May and that is the biggest problem the town has.

Provincetown's industry has two directions: fishing and tourism. The former is more or less a year-round business and the latter, at the moment, is virtually a hot-weather affair.

## Ups, downs

The imbalance, a cause of concern for many Cape-enders, is reflected in a variety of ways.

There are more than 50 gift shops and arts and crafts shops open during the summer, and only two gifts shops open during the winter.

Approximately 30 bars are open during the summer; five during the winter.

Most core business — markets, drygoods stores and so on — remain open through the winter but the flow of money slows

from a flood to a trickle from November to May.

The employed population of Provincetown during 1968 fluctuated from 1,550 in January to 1,530 in March to 3,390 in July to 1,760 in December. The peak months were July and August. This is hardly a healthy situation for any town, seasonal-oriented or not.

Provincetown occupies a peculiar geographic and economic position, and despite its national fame, for one reason or another, it has peculiar problems. Bounded by Truro and the National Seashore to the south and west, it looks more like a map of Omaha Beach than the average New England town. Its directions of expansion, again economic and geographic, are firmly bounded by its neighbor and by the Seashore.

John Bell, for six years a member of the Provincetown Finance Committee and chairman for two, said that there are two camps of opinion regarding the future growth of the site of the Pilgrims' first landfall.

"One group favors expansion of summer activities," Bell said, "and the other wants to see the growth of year-around activities, especially the development of residential areas which would add to the tax

base. The debate has become more intense in recent years."

Bell, who clearly favors the year-round schemes, claims that in the long run expanded residential areas, especially for retired people, will be of a great benefit to Provincetown. "Planners maintain that, square foot for square foot, more funds would accrue to the town from expanded residential area than from things that are seasonally oriented," he said.

The opening of a road along the right-of-way of the old New Haven Railroad tracks, parallel to Route 6, would open new housing areas, Bell said, and could also relieve the unbelievable summer traffic congestion in the center of the town.

"Something has got to be done in a hurry," Bell said, "or Provincetown is going to strangle on its traffic." Anyone who has tried to drive the length of the town on a summer day, weekend or otherwise, has a vivid idea of what Bell and other town officials mean.

## New parking

Robert A. Hancock, Provincetown town manager, said that one solution to the traffic problem would be to establish extensive municipal parking areas near Route 6 and the new road.

These would be served by small public transportation vehicles, bringing in those who did not care to walk the half mile into town. Whether the parking area would be free or not is still undecided, but it is almost certain that it will be built.

Hancock said that an alternative to the Mid-Cape parking area would be the extension of the present ones in the town's beach areas. Whether this would do the job, however, is a matter of conjecture. There is an axiom that traffic expands in the same proportion as new roads, and this might be equally true of parking lots.

John Bell said that he sees a place for small industries in the future of Provincetown to aid the town through its winter doldrums. One such activity he suggested would be the creation of a souvenir-manufacturing cooperative. "Most of the Provincetown souvenirs we sell today are made in Brooklyn," he said, "or Japan."

Hancock said that the establishment of a fish food processing plant would be a major asset to the town, and it is a project which he said is being given serious consideration. "Industry likes to settle where

it is near the raw material and where there are minor transportation problems. There is certainly raw material enough around Provincetown."



Another project that Hancock and others would like to see underway is the expansion of Cape-End Manor, a nursing home and medical facility for the Cape-tip. All that is lacking now is the allotment of funds from the federal Economic Development Authority. EDA's reticence, which has lasted for more than a year, is frustrating, since plans call for a doubling of the manor's facilities.

Closer to the start of construction is a breakwater to be strung across the waterfront to transform Provincetown into a "harbor of refuge", an important designation since the federal government picks up the tab for construction and maintenance. In the case of Provincetown this is not a matter of pork-barrelling. The harbor suffers terribly from the fierce onslaughts of south-easter storms, acting as a catcher's glove for the winds and tides. Both Hancock and Bell agree that the building of a breakwater would add immeasurably to the protection, and the development, of the harbor. "Not only would it protect the fishing fleet," Hancock said, "but it will also encourage private boating in Provincetown, and this in turn would be a benefit to the town."

Bell sees a place in Provincetown for an oceanographic school. "We are situated right at the boundary between two ecological environments," he said, referring to the cold flow of water down from the north into the Bay and the warmer flow from the south along the outer Cape. Bell maintains that there is room enough for a marine school in Provincetown, and he says that the idea is being explored.

A p p a r e n t l y Provincetown looks to the future in less expansive terms than other Cape towns. This is dictated by geographic necessity. But it is equally apparent that the town will change. The pressure is too great to allow it to remain as it is now.





10 O'CLOCK—ALL'S WELL IN PROVINCETOWN  
 .. Town Crier Fred Baldwin on Commercial Street. (Steve Van Meter photo)

*Boston Globe 8/20/69*

# Relic of Cape Cod Antiquity Survives in Provincetown

By **GLORIA NEGRI**  
 Globe Staff

PROVINCETOWN —  
 Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!  
 He's been photographed  
 more than Raquel Welch. A

only one in its history," Fred said proudly — six years ago, but then he became official town crier two years ago.

Fred also is sort of a good will ambassador for Cape

man in athletics, baseball, football and hockey. Later, he graduated from Dartmouth College and started his teaching career. While he taught, Fred also coached football and baseball and at



black pilgrim hat sits jauntily on his head and long cotton white stockings run from his knickers to his pilgrim shoes with their brass buckles.

His form is encased, no matter how hot the temperature, in a blue denim costume with a big white collar and cuffs.

In his hand he carries a bell and when he rings it he says, "Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!"

The bearer of whatever tidings comes next is Fred Baldwin, at 84 years young believed to be the only town crier in the Western Hemisphere, let along the United States.

Baldwin, once was superintendent of schools in Westport, was going about his work yesterday on the street corners of this Cape tip town with his usual gusto.

Fred doesn't announce the news anymore. "That part of the job went out with newspapers, television, and radio," he explained during a break on a bench outside the town hall.

announcements he can often be found onn a bench outside the tall white colonial town building discussing the day's news or explaining town history to tourists.

Fred never refuses to pose in his quaint costume for tourists. He never takes a tip, either. It's not in Fred's nature.

"These days," Fred said, "most people have heard the news before the town crier gets out of bed so my job here is to make announcements about coming events, such as the symphony, the Provincetown Players, the ballet, horse shows, and the like. I won't accept anything unless it's cultural. While it isn't news, it gives people an idea of what used to be done."

Fred Baldwin is the 16th town crier in Provincetown's history. The town made him honorary town crier — "the

Cod. A winter resident of Bradenton, Fla., he travels a lot and is always making people honorary citizens of Cape Cod. These have included Joe DiMaggio, Joe E. Brown, governors and the president of Lions Club International.

Once, someone made Fred a Kentucky colonel.

Fred Baldwin was born in Manchester, N.H., where his father was teaching school, but he considers himself a Cape Codder by birth. "My father taught in Dennis while he was still a senior at Dartmouth College and when he was here he fell in love with my mother, who was a Nickerson" (an old family name on Cape Cod).

Fred's family lived in various places where father taught school — Somerville, Connecticut and New Jersey. Fred himself was graduated from Somerville Latin School in 1903, a three-letter

one time was a school principal.

During the depression, Fred was custodian at the Barnstable town offices and became an indelible part of Cape Cod lore. Once a great sports fisherman, Fred was president of the Cape Cod Anglers Sportsmen's Club and as such his picture adorned the cover of a Cape Cod magazine. For 10 years, he was known as "the old salt of Cape Cod."

Fred, a widower, has two sons living in Massachusetts.

He has no thoughts of retiring as town crier, or as anything else. In Florida, Fred is even more active than he is here. A Lions Club member, he is director of the Florida Lions Eye Bank, and proudly tells of signing up more than 300 people to donate their eyes after death. "I don't want to retire, I like to do things of service," he said.



# Traffic Engineer To Study Hazards

## At Scenes Of Multiple Accidents

*Advocate 7/31/69*

Town Manager Robert Hancock told the Board of Selectmen Monday night he had again written the Department of Public Works, seeking correction of hazards that contributed last week to three serious accidents at one spot. In one a woman was killed and seven others injured. The accident site is on Route 6 at the intersection with Snail Road, entrance to the east end of Provincetown. State traffic engineers examined conditions there, and at the exit to Shank Painter Road, two months ago. Nothing was done although both intersections are high-accident locations. Tuesday morning the manager had word that a DPW man would visit here Wednesday.

Mr. Hancock said he would recommend signs requiring drivers to make a full stop before crossing the eastbound lanes of Route 6. Due to higher land in the median strip, plus growth of brush, visibility at both sites is poor.

Further reporting to Selectmen, Mr. Hancock noted that work is progressing at "what may become known as Memorial Park" at the head of Ryder Street. The Dorothy Bradford tablet and the memorial formerly opposite the police station have been re-erected flanking the bas-relief showing Pilgrims signing the Compact. Shrubs have been planted, and a macadam sidewalk along Bradford Street now connects the walks leading into the park. A pedestrian lane is to be painted across Bradford Street just east of Ryder Street.



This work was authorized by article 39 of the 1969 Town Meeting and funded under Article 32 in which \$1500 was voted.

To prevent access to the area behind the Compact Memorial, fencing will also be erected at each end.

Mr. Hancock has asked the Cape and Vineyard Electric Company to recommend suitable lighting for the area.

### Renewals and Denials

All renewal permits for floats at MacMillan Pier were approved. Selectman Burton Kenney observed that float rental fees would be "cash on the barrel head" this year.

Zoltan Gluck received a gallery license for premises at 424 Commercial Street, across from the Everbreeze Club.

Paul Altstein, owner of 230 Commercial, the former museum building, received two common victualer licenses but was denied entertainment licenses for folk-singers and weekday motion pictures. Several neighbors have complained of noise from the building and from the two new shops in front. Mr. Alstein said he would put up "no loitering" signs on the front steps and has already started eviction proceedings against unauthorized persons living upstairs.

In one of the shops customers may don "hippy costumes" and be photographed, thus getting personalized souvenirs of Provincetown.

Licensee of a shop at 241 Commercial, between the Crown and Anchor Inn and TOE, the light show at the former movie house, asked permission to stay open later than 11 p.m. The closing hour had been set, he said, to control excessive noise, but both his neighbors can stay open until 1 a.m. Selectmen took no action on the request.

Under "public statements" a resident of Bangs Street complained that illegal parking there often blocks her exit from her driveway, and asked that yellow lines be painted on the street. Existing "no parking" signs are being ignored, she said; she "didn't want to bother the police every day."

Chairman Taves said it was a matter for police action. Mr. Hancock doubted that yellow lines would have any legal effect. He said that instead of tagging the cars, police could tow them away, giving immediate relief of the blockage.

Minutes of the previous meeting were not read "because of their extreme length" on motion by Selectman Ernest Irmer. After a bare half-hour of public meeting, Selectmen went into executive session.



# Selectmen Warn Transient Vendors

## Also Move Against Noise Makers

*Advocate 8/14/69*  
In a continuing drive to collect \$300 license fees from summer shop operators, Selectmen have sent letters to six of them. The letter warns that they must apply for transient vendors' licenses or face licensing board action. Another letter voted at Monday night's meeting went to the Atlantic House in response to complaints of excessive noise there, and a new application for entertainment nearby was denied.

Vendors called upon to obtain transient licenses are Leonard Enos, at 323 Commercial, and Premativo Africa, John Woodruff, Samir Barber, Malcolm Paul Newman at 6 Lovett's Court, and Phyllis E. Schlosberg. John Woodruff, needing no license to paint portraits adjacent to the Knights of Columbus building, was told by Chairman Marion Taves that he needs a retail license to sell picture frames.

Penny Lane, a restaurant and late-evening coffee house in the former museum building at 230 Commercial, was denied an entertainment license for folk-singing until 1 a.m., although the applicant argued that it would make less noise than other licensed establishments in the neighborhood.

Renewal licenses were granted to speedboat operator John Merrill and sportsboat operator Robert Woods. Arthur Costa's application for a dunes taxi permit from the Royal Coachman, and Lawrence Souza's request for permission to take surf-casters to National Seashore beaches were both approved.



Town Manager Robert Hancock reported that the new street drain installed last spring in Standish Street appears to have cured the flooding of Freeman Street by diverting much of the runoff from sudden downpours. A new tide gate has also minimized flooding in the vicinity of the Surfside Arms at a low point in Bradford Street.

Town crews, he said, have been working on maintenance of streets and erection of signs. The new pedestrian walk in front of the bas-relief monument is completed, and curbing on Ryder Street straightened, although bituminous concrete to patch the paving is delayed by an asphalt workers' strike.

He reported also that Gilbert C. Martin, manager of the Cape and Vineyard Electric Co. here, plans to begin installation of ten light poles at the Grace Hall parking lot extension and along the access road to Shank Painter Road. Barring delays, the work may be finished before Labor Day. Selectmen approved plans for this compulsory hearing held Monday night.

#### **Future Action**

Hearing was scheduled for August 25 on a complaint by the Alcoholic Beverages Commission that liquor was sold to a minor at the Foc'sl on July 18. Also scheduled for Selectmen's next meeting will be action on a one-day permit to sell beer at a public supper for the benefit of the Universalist Church, to be held August 28 on the church lawn. Universalists are working to build a church Restoration Fund.

At the press conference Tuesday morning, Attorney John C. Snow announced that surveys made by Engineer Francis Alves for Fishermen's Wharf improvements are completed. Division of Waterways permit to moor finger piers along the east side of the wharf awaits final processing of the application.



# Just among us campanologists, Fred, you've got yourself a ringing challenge.

You ring a fine bell, Fred Baldwin, no doubt about it.

But hear ye, Fred, You should maybe have wandered West End-ward down Commercial Street last Sunday afternoon and given a listen.

From four pm on, some 60 people from eight to well beyond 80 did.

## NO ORDINARY SUNDAY CONCERT

What they heard at Angele and Raymond Myrer's No. 77 was — forgive us. Fred — bell-ringing as an art. No street-variety bell-ringing here. (Or campanology, if you want it-fancy instead of plain.)

For that matter, no ordinary Sunday concert in more ways than one. It was the annual summer's end performance for the Myrer's neighbors, the Hatchway nursing home.

It was one of the best-known and best-loved bell-ringing

groups in the country, The Beacon Hill Handbell Ringers or the Wharf Bell Ringers to their summer friends here, earnestly coaxing from their 36 brass-cast, leather-handled instruments with elegant sweeps and stabs, one-handed and two-handed in mathematically precise 4/4 time, a sound that seemed part chimes, part spinet or harpsichord, part full-blown brass section. And all beauty.

## A VIRTUOSO SEXTET

It was, all told, Angele and Raymond, a Boston financier, and the Mrs.' Ferrol Warthen, Robenia Smith and Gladys Maynard, and Miss Vivian Schumann, well-known local print-maker, ringing through a syncopated English-Welsh-Mexican-Brazilian-Spanish repertoire that drew "oh's" and "ah's." And more than one "Ole!"

Fred, even the after-echoes were something special.

We may be presuming on your job, Fred, but a thought. Why not work a chorus of their "Might I Be the Wooded Fernbrake" into your rounds. Definitely music to keep time by.

Or for walking down MacMillan Wharf, "The British Grenadiers."

Or for stirring a lazy afternoon, "David of the White Rock" or "The Oak and the Ash."

Or for soothing the evening air, Lully's "Minuet" or Brahms' "Cradle Song."

Or a tango up Commercial and a Mexican air back Bradford.

## SOME HELPFUL LOCAL HANDS

You might even get The Beacon Hill Handbell Ringers to give you a hand with your arrangements, Fred. Like all good campanologists, they do their own.

Their helpfulness is a matter of record. As friendly fun over the past few years, for instance, they have gathered their bells at No. 77 and gone out to raise funds for the

Provincetown firemen, the Truro Girl Scouts.

And while we hesitate to suggest it, Fred, you might go the whole route.

## NO SHORTCUTS HERE

You might put in the years of practice that takes The Beacon Hill Handbell Ringers from Christmas Eve caroling on Beacon Hill to regular summer sessions at our music-minded port.

You might wait the 18 months it took them to get their specially cast bells at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London.

(Be patient, old fellows, Whitechapel told them. We have, after all, been casting bells like Big Ben and the Liberty Bell for almost 400 years.)

Then you might be ready, Fred, to triumph at the Ipswich Festival as the Beacon Hill Handbell Ringers did last year and this.

To tour the country giving concerts.

To make regular television ap-



# Selectmen Listen At Three Hearings

Managers of three Provincetown night spots were called on the carpet by the Board of Selectmen Monday night to answer to a variety of complaints. Attorney for the Crown and Anchor Motor Inn challenged the town's action against exhibition of allegedly obscene photographs. Reginald W. Cabral said unruly crowds outside the Atlantic House, not in it, caused excessive noise there. And Joseph Perry, manager of the Foc'sle Bar, brought his staff to answer a charge of selling beer to a minor July 18.

Selectmen voted in executive session to suspend the licenses of the Foc'sle and the Atlantic House for three days, but simultaneously suspended this action, leaving the two establishments open. The record will show, however, that the Selectmen's action went beyond a warning.

## Nude Poster

Attorney Francis J. DiMento, representing manager Staniford Sorrentino of the Crown and Anchor, declined Chairman Marion Taves' invitation to defend his client against the charge that photographs showing four nude people sitting at the Cellar Bar were displayed and offered for sale. "I would prefer," he said, "to quote the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court, which held, in 338 Massachusetts 442, that nudity is not obscenity. The law is clear on this point."

Chairman Taves retorted, "The Selectmen think it's not nice. We have our own rules here. Mr. Sorrentino, has it improved your business?' Do you think it's good for Provincetown?"

Mr. Sorrentino said the photographic posters had been intended as a comic advertisement similar to ones appearing in LIFE and TIME. "Tastefully done," he said "they would not be injurious to the town. These are perhaps in poor taste."

He argued strongly, however, that he would not have used the nude photo if he had known the Selectmen objected to it. All anyone had to do, he said, was tell him. "But no one said anything about the poster until suddenly I was arrested. I have been here for 15 years — taught school here — and I consider it an injustice to be hauled into court. I always worked with town officials, never made any issues. To be arrested was something I don't know how I'll get over!"



Attorney DiMento said he thought the Selectmen were inquiring into the police action, not Sorrentino's poster. "I don't know what you meant," he said, "about having your own rules here."

"The licensing board," answered Mr. Taves, "can review, suspend or revoke licenses. Nothing to do with other laws."

"Your power over licenses," replied DiMento, "is not without limits. All of us are subject to federal and state laws, and no public official can deprive citizens of the freedom of speech and the press. The photograph most certainly involves freedom of publication."

Selectman Marion Perry asked "Why did the police arrest Mr. Sorrentino, then, if there was nothing wrong?"

"The chief of police was probably unaware of the pertinent laws," replied Di Mento. "He needs more enlightenment."

Mr. Perry commented, "This stuff will be cut out when we issue next year's licenses, or decent people won't come here." And Mr. Taves added, "This is OUR town, and we don't want this nonsense going on."

#### Who Sold The Beer?

After Inspector Frank Sullivan of the Alcoholic Beverages Commission gave routine details that showed Janie F. White of Worcester had been served served beer without being asked for proof that she was 21, Foc'sle Bar owner Joseph Perry said he had been absent at the time. Bartender Francis Henrique said he had sold two beers to an adult male. Waitress Teresa Cronin had been in and out, working a split shift, but "I always check everyone's identification papers. I didn't serve beer to a minor."

Mr. Perry noted that there had been no trouble in his 14 years of operating the bar. "We even had compliments from the ABC."

#### Masonic Place Noisy

Attorney Francis W. Keating of Falmouth, representing Reginald Cabral, told Selectmen that his client would make every effort to minimize the noise coming out of the Atlantic House, and would cooperate in any way possible. He sat down.

Selectman Burton Kenney asked, "How many times in the last six years has the -House been warned?"

Mr. Cabral answered, "One time two years ago. A neighbor complained. I found someone had left a side door and window open, and I closed them, and that took care of "



He said he had called police eight times about crowds of young people in Masonic Place. Too young to buy drinks, they danced outside to the music from Atlantic House entertainers, and defied all attempts to disperse them.

"Now that the Grace Hall parking lot is expanded," he commented, "Masonic Place is a thoroughfare for people who park there and walk down. And when motorcyclists gang up in the alley, it's unbelievable the noise they make."

When Mr. Cabral sat down after talking for some minutes, Attorney Keating quipped, "Thanks for asking me to come!" and assured Selectmen the music would be toned down.

#### Other Business

Minutes of the previous meeting recorded that Selectmen had found unacceptable the terms of a compromise settlement of the legal argument between the town and abutters to the proposed site for a public comfort station. Attorney Mrs. Carrie Seaman, representing the abutters, had offered to buy the contested site at the north edge of the main parking lot, paying enough to cover costs of relocating the comfort station elsewhere, including new engineering plans.

Ronald White asked permission to open a driveway from his new home on Franklin Street to Race Road, around the corner. Selectmen granted the request.

Kay Rawlins, new manager of the multi-shop complex in the former Museum building, asked for a one-day entertainment license to present folk singer Richie Havens in a benefit performance aiding the Cancer Fund.

Complaints of noise and loitering had caused Selectmen to deny owner Paul Altstein entertainment licenses twice before. Said Miss Rawlins, "I want to do this as a gesture to the town to make up for all the trouble." She also asked that a town official be on hand to collect the \$3 admittance fees, so there would be no question about the charity getting the money. Selectmen granted her request later.

They also approved a taxi operator's license for Wayne Davis, and a license to Robert Thatcher, driver of a dunes taxi owned by A. Philip Tarvers.

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DROPPED CARELESSLY on beaches, streets, walks, litter adds sweeping chores to garbage pickups.

*Advocate 9/18/69*  
**Is it time that we consider Litter Maids?**

Garbage-conscious Americans were not slow to comment when triumphant astronauts successfully departing from the surface of the moon last July left expendable pieces of equipment behind. Among the resulting folk jokes were the quips, "They didn't need the flag to identify the visitors," and "That's carrying this littering thing a bit too far."

On the Lower Cape, particularly in Provincetown, litter is no longer a joke.

Sanitation department costs, other than salaries, have almost doubled since 1966. As the accompanying photos show, while the three-man sanitation crew makes a clean sweep of streets and sidewalks in the center of town, trash accumulates above high water mark on the town beach. Cost of

cleaning beaches may be the subject of an article in the next town meeting warrant.

Enforcement of anti-littering by-laws has been limited by summer burdens on Provincetown police to little more than the posting of signs warning of \$50 fines for littering. Only one court case was reported last summer, and in that case the offender appeared to have discarded trash deliberately in the patrolman's presence.

Summer employment of a special detail has been suggested. Similar in function to the "meter maids" who enforce parking regulations, the detail would be authorized to issue littering tickets. Ticketed offenders would have to report to the police station, and repeaters would pay fines up to \$50.

Sanitation workers collecting trash on a twice a week schedule say three common problems are getting worse. First, although regulations permit two trash containers per living unit, many householders and businessmen fill more. Second, people lacking enough containers overfill those they have, and spillage makes unsightly, unsanitary messes, often attracting animals to tip over the barrels. Third, the use of uncovered or unapproved containers is growing, and "telling people not to doesn't help."

Worst offenders, it is said, are multi-apartment houses rented to large groups. As in other Cape towns, in some of which by-laws may be enacted to control "group rentals," their number is increasing in Provincetown.





# Chrysler is planning to leave.

*Advocate 9/25/69*

*See: OVER (reverse side)*

## Says he's had "no support" from the town.

Ending speculation fed by rumors over several years and by a report in the Hartford (Conn.) Times last week, Walter P. Chrysler, Jr., said this week that, yes, he was planning to move the Chrysler Art Museum and the Chrysler family out of town.

Mr. Chrysler told the Advocate that he was having talks about probable relocation of the museum with representatives of several cities. "It is true," he said, "there have been conferences with the Santa Barbara, California, museum, its president, staff and other interested parties.

### NORFOLK INTERESTED, TOO

"We have also been approached by the mayor and members of the city government of Norfolk, Virginia. We expect to see them again shortly."

Mr. Chrysler pointed out any move "would take a considerable time to accomplish. We couldn't move a collection worth many millions of dollars in a short time."

Also, he said, turning to a sore point problem of his Provincetown location, "We will not go unless we get assurances of adequate space." He added that conditions in general would have to meet his approval.

### FINAL DECISION?

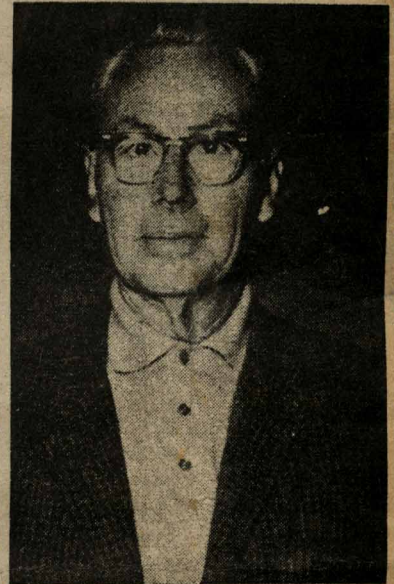
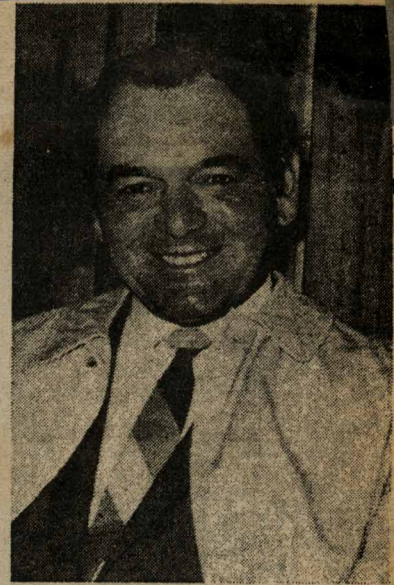
At the same time, in his wide-ranging discussion of his frustrations and even bitterness over his experience here, Mr. Chrysler left the door ever so slightly open to the possibility of staying.

Was the decision final? That "depends entirely on what people might come up with." It would have to be "something both generous and practical. So far, everyone has been interested in his own pockets. A museum cannot exist that way. It cannot live on one person's generosity."

Any move, Mr. Chrysler also said, would be colored by personal regrets. "Mrs. Chrysler and I expected to spend the rest of our lives here. We like the town and the life. We have many dear friends here. But we can't stay someplace where there is no support."

### A DIFFERENT REGRET

Provincetown, in the persons of



**CHAIRMAN OF the Board of Selectmen Marion Taves (top) and Town Manager Robert Hancock (bottom) discuss town's reaction.**

## Regret, denial, hope all part of the reaction.

Regret over Walter P. Chrysler, Jr.'s plans for leaving Provincetown, denial of many of his specific charges and their implications, and hope that Mr. Chrysler his museum and the community might still join forces constructively and harmoniously — all this emerged from town reaction, as expressed by Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Marion Taves and Town Manager Robert Hancock in a session with the Advocate this week.

**DOES NOT AGREE**



**DEPARTURE** may be soon for the Walter P. Chrysler, Jr.



jected move. (See the adjoining story.)

The feelings of Messrs. Taves and Hancock carried their own note of regret. An honest regret toward Mr. Chrysler's plans. And with it, a regret and strong denial of many of the items and implications of Mr. Chrysler's bill of particulars.

They also hoped, they said, that however right or wrong Mr. Chrysler's charges, he and the town might still get together on staying here.

On the matter of support, Mr. Chrysler was quite specific.

### HIS PROBLEMS

"The artists have been generous," he said. "The town hasn't. Nobody in Provincetown has at any time offered us anything. And we don't intend to continue fighting the town."

The space problem was high on his list. "Unlike the town's museum, we have no adequate parking facilities. And when we applied for a loading platform a few years ago, it took us three years to get final approval. When we built it, we found it was occupied by everyone but us."

Mr. Chrysler also took maintenance services in town to task. He said that he has had trouble getting trash removed, that his water pressure has been inadequate and that even though his paintings and glass demanded tight control of temperature, he has been unable to get heating people in to clean the burner "in reasonable time" to get heat.

### THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSIBILITY

But Mr. Chrysler left the heavier burden of his specifics to the townspeople. "There is not one resident, not one merchant who has made a serious contribution to the museum," he said. Over the past 11 years, they have had plenty of opportunity. "You can't exist as a museum without the active support of the more successful men of the community."

"When we first started," he stated, "we asked a few leading people in the town to head up a drive. All of them refused."

He added, "We have offered a corporate membership in the museum at \$20 a year. Not one business in town has taken out such a membership."

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### RESULTS CAN HURT

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agree with Mr. Chrysler in the things he says and suggests about the town."

Many of the things that he says need improving, Mr. Taves stated, have been or are being improved. Some others are problems that just don't have fast or easy solutions. "We're working on them, however, and you can look for a change for the better in the coming year."

As for the cultural direction of the town, Mr. Taves, who is also a director of the Provincetown Academy of Living Arts (PALA), feels "it is going the right way." Very slowly so, he added, but enough so a noticeable difference will be seen in the near future.

### SHOULD REMAIN

Mr. Hancock pointed out that the very reason the Chrysler Museum is here is because Provincetown is an art and cultural center. "And," he said, "it should logically remain here."

He stated there is little doubt that the museum is a tremendous cultural asset "and that it follows it is a great economic asset as well."

He traced the thread of Provincetown's tradition from the Pilgrims' landing through the town's fishing days and its attraction for artists, then tourists, to the museum itself, then said, "The town is known worldwide today for all those things. The loss of any of them would be a serious loss to the community."

### TOWN HAS TRIED

According to Mr. Taves, the town has tried its best to help Mr. Chrysler and the museum as much as possible. In some cases, he said, "the line has to be drawn or else we are offering privileged service."

"In the matter of trash," he said, "we pick up twice a week. And we pick up just as regularly for Mr. Chrysler as anyone else."

In discussing some of the other problems suggested by Mr. Chrysler — the crowds and downtown shops, for instance — Mr. Taves said it was his feeling that "this

town is no different from many other towns, except that it's at the tip of a cape. On a foggy or rainy day, everyone comes here. And certainly, it gets crowded."

### STEPS TO IMPROVE

In spite of this, he continued, there are many steps being taken for 1970. One of these, he said is stricter traffic control through patrolling and policing.

Mr. Taves lists another step as keeping out ugly down-town shops. Until now, he said, many shops



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All this adds up to an inertia according to Mr. Chrysler, that has to be harmful. "It is my feeling," he said, "that we have brilliant people in the community who would be most happy to help and advise.

"But one by one, we tend to push all people of intelligent pursuits out of the area. And one by one, we bring in all the hot dog stands, the junk jewelry stands, the cheap gift shops."

"Even this is all right in a sense. After all, we all have a right to make a living."

"But there should be room for culture to expand as well. Room to bring people of talent into the community."

Particularly now, he suggested. "I feel the citizens of Provincetown would agree that the loss of

the Chrysler museum, as in the loss of any other of our principal assets, is a loss to the community.

"There may be much more concern and support for the museum," he said, "than readily appears on the surface."

"Because I am an honorary trustee on the museum's board of directors," Mr. Hancock said, "I may be more aware of Mr. Chrysler's problems."

### HE PAYS MUSEUM TAXES

"While in my understanding, the museum is an eleemosynary institution, the real estate is held and the taxes are paid personally by him. This is a fact I don't think many of our citizens understand.

"I am also aware of Mr. Chrysler's strong wish to expand the museum's physical facilities. If he and the trustees foresee and develop such plans for suitable expansion, I feel they should make these plans known so the community would have an opportunity to help implement them.

"I feel, too, that the community should not be condemned unless or until it indicates an unwillingness to participate."







# Rec program gets cheers.

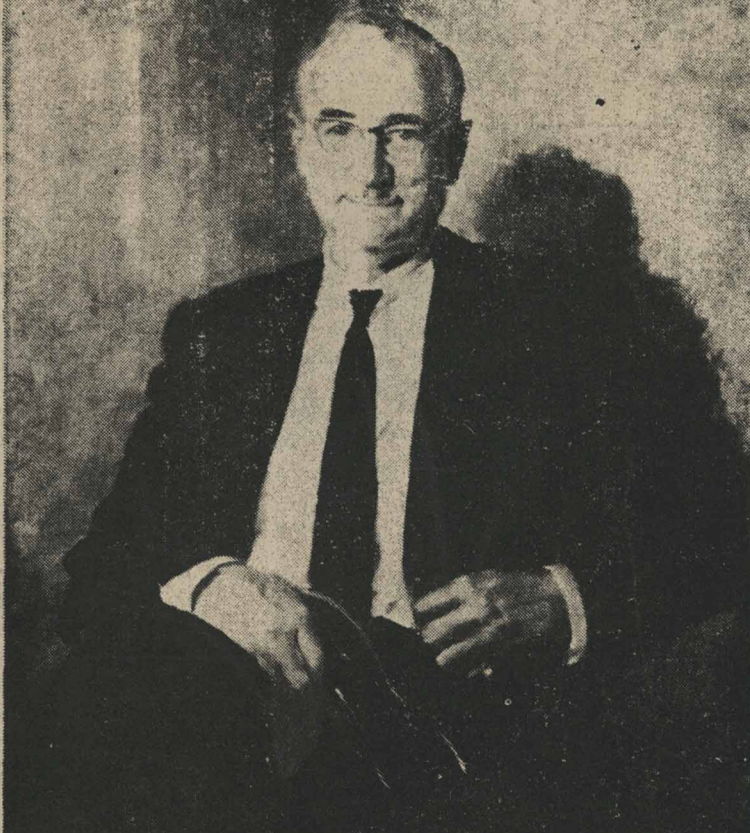
*Advocate 9/25/69*  
Arthur D. Roderick, Community Center Director for the Recreation Commission of Provincetown, reports results of the summer children's program financed by a federal grant of \$5000. Negotiated by the Community Action Committee of Cape Cod and the Islands, the program is called Summer Activity Volunteer Education (SAVE). Forty-five children between the ages of six and 13 were enrolled last summer with supervision financed through the grant.

General activities and special field trips conducted five days a week between nine am and three pm included sports at Motta Memorial Field, ceramics instruction supervised by Linda Samson, swimming lessons given by Stephen C. DeRiggs and David Oliver. Also pony rides, dune hikes, picnics bicycle trail rides, painting and drawing.

## SCENES VARIED

In addition the children went on visits to the Bassett Animal Farm in Brewster, to Nickerson State Park, and to Fenway Park in Boston to see a Red Sox game. They were taken to National Seashore headquarters in South Wellfleet, the Provincetown Marine Aquarium, the Lincoln Amusement Park near New Bedford.

Other local outings were arranged on the fishing boat Barbara Lee, the sightseeing launch Cee-Jay, and in beach taxis for a tour of the sand dunes during the 10-week program. *Advocate 9/25/69*  
Rachel White, Fran...



*Advocate 9/25/69*

Dr. Daniel H. Hiebert, practicing physician in Provincetown for the past 50 years, has been selected by the Alumni Association of Boston University Medical School to receive a 1969 alumni award for distinguished public service.

The annual alumni awards dinner is scheduled for Oct. 10 at 6:30 pm at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel in Boston. By-laws of the alumni association governing the awards require that the nominee be present to receive the recognition.

Dr. Hiebert said, "I'll be there."

Graduated from Boston University Medical School in 1918, Dr. Hiebert came to Provincetown the following year.

He set up practice, and has been serving the lower Cape communities since 1919.

Now 80 years old, he is medical examiner for the district and U. S. Public Health physician.

Among the many other honors he has earned over half a century as a physician, he was elected practitioner of the year in 1960.



were also shown movies at the Delight Theater at 120 Commercial. Harwich Junior Theatre entertained them here several times. They joined in the Junior Olympics against Harwich, and saw puppet shows. A pet show was one of the highlights of the summer.

"It was a very successful program," said Director Roderick. He added "We hope to be able to provide the same sort of thing next year."

### **MOTTA FIELD**

Other activities supported by Provincetown directly were supervised athletics at Motta Memorial Field for children in or out of the SAVE program. These included softball, kickball, baseball, touch football, volleyball and badminton. Some 95 boys participated in Little League baseball, forming seven teams. Other boys joined the teenage Pony League, and adults played softball as members of five competing teams.

In addition the recreation department sponsored the first Cape Cod Spring Interscholastic Regatta in cooperation with the West End Racing Club. Prizes and trophies were awarded.

Instructors and supervisors included Stephen C. Goveia, Frances Collinson, Rachel White, Frank Reis, Mark Silva, Kathleen Kacergis, Helen Santos, and Joyce Packett.



# Special town meeting set.

*Advocate 9/25/69*

At least six articles will come before Provincetown voters on Oct. 27 in a special town meeting, announced Town Manager Robert Hancock Tuesday morning. Four of them deal with money. Two others will seek names for one existing and one future road. As presently planned, none of them will affect next year's tax rate except indirectly.

"Of course," said Mr. Hancock, "every expenditure of money by the town sooner or later affects the amount we must raise by taxes."

Hospital bills for two Provincetown veterans will require a vote to transfer some \$9,000 from left-over federal reimbursements to welfare accounts. Later part of this money will be reimbursed to the town under veterans' assistance laws.

The town's \$360,000 in 10-year bonds and \$20,000 in cash — its share of mid-harbor breakwater costs — now can be re-authorized in the form of a \$380,000 bond issue and no "going in" money. By terms of special legislation recently enacted by the General Court, Provincetown may now borrow the entire amount against 20-year bonds, and do so outside the town's debt limit.

Such action could free for other uses the \$20,000 appropriated two years ago.



## **\$40,000 NOT ENOUGH**

Bids on building a municipal DPW garage off State Road, said Mr. Hancock, ranged from slightly under \$60,000 to \$66,000. Voters had approved spending \$40,000 for the building designed by Gaffney Associates of Orleans. Coupled with this action was their vote to sell the Water Department garage at the foot of Center Street and apply the proceeds to reduce the bond issue on the DPW garage.

Rather than sell the Water Department garage first and use the hoped-for \$20,000 proceeds to build the \$60,000 DPW garage, Mr. Hancock decided to submit the project to the voters again. He said he is unwilling either to cut down the building's size or postpone construction. Road machinery now on hand needs all but one of the planned eight parking spaces, and building costs are rising rapidly.

## **STREET NAMES**

Before the new road from Shank Painter to the Grace Hall parking lot extension can be named, voters must accept the layout. This legal technicality affects development of privately owned land on both sides.

Last of the known articles will seek a name for the proposed road along the railroad right of way from Conwell street to a point near the Provincetown-Truro line.



## Road plans questioned.

*Advocate 9/25/69*

Plans to construct a new town road following the former New Haven Railroad bed from Conwell Street to within 400 feet of the Provincetown-Truro line were questioned Monday night by planning board chairman Robert A. Shartle. He asked Town Manager Robert Hancock if the town had obtained title to three parcels of railroad right of way sold to individuals. Purchases had been made by Mrs. Elizabeth Schwartz, who subdivided and sold part, and by Helen Rogers.

Mr. Hancock said the town has made offers to buy all three parcels. Negotiations are continuing. No appropriation will be asked at the special town meeting Oct. 27, since exact prices are not yet known. He thought an article in the annual March meeting might finalize the matter.

### POOL BYPASSED

Near the Truro line, another privately owned parcel now has a swimming pool on it. Mr. Hancock said no attempt has been made to buy it because the new road can be joined to Route 6 before reaching there.

Mayflower heights residents, said Mr. Shartle, had tried to buy the right of way between Snail Road and the town line. At least one home there extends a few feet onto the railroad land, and other owners have expressed opposition to the road.

# Town still below a boil on head of steam for 350th.

*Advocate 10/2/69*

If town committees for planning the 350th anniversary celebration of the Pilgrims' landing are still only pro tem, and if the plans themselves are something less than firm, it's not for lack of fire.

It's more for lack of hands.

This fact came clear at Town Hall Monday night when Attorney John C. Snow opened the meeting that was to be a town-wide rally of volunteers, the first real roll-up-the-sleeves-and-go-to-work session. Fifteen people attended.

### WORK TO DO

It also emerged that if the townspeople were hanging back, the work wasn't. In the words of one of the group, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Marion Taves, the time to get the thing off the ground was now.

Although start of the celebration is planned for Memorial Day weekend, 1970, a heavy amount of advance work must be done in many areas where committee help is necessary. A few of these: hospitality, historical, art, publicity, program, finance and liaison.

Part of the instigation to act came in a request from the Plymouth Anniversary Committee for close coordination of the two towns' 350th efforts. The group agreed that as soon as a permanent steering committee was set

up, it would communicate with Plymouth.

The recruiting itself was referred to the next regular meeting of the Selectmen Tuesday evening, Oct. 14. In the face of Town Manager Robert Hancock's report that no volunteers had turned up at his office, it was decided to carefully select a few from townspeople who had earlier shown interest.

### WHERE TO GET MONEY?

When the meeting turned from hands to funds, most present were skeptical that contributions could be expected from the U. S. Congress, the Commonwealth or for that matter, from any of the other Cape towns.

In reply to a suggestion from Mrs. Barbara Malicoat that an article in the warrant for the special town meeting Monday, Oct. 27, might take care of the matter, Town Manager Hancock said the article would probably have to be supported by a specific budget. At this late date, he pointed out, this would pose problems.

Mr. Hancock himself volunteered to recommend at a special meeting of the Selectmen shortly that \$500 be allotted from existing funds to cover the committee's operating expenses.

Decision was deferred until the committee's next meeting on designs submitted by Mrs. Malicoat for the Art Committee. Themes of the designs, which will be used for medals, letterheads, plaques and the like, were various combinations of the Mayflower under sail, the Compact signing and the numeral 350.

In a letter to the group, Howard Mitcham offered to design and strike off a 350th medallion in the tradition of one he made for the Chimney Sweeps of New Orleans. The letter suggested the piece could be made for about 30 cents and sold as souvenir for 75 cents to a dollar.

It was the group's opinion that Mitcham should be named not only to the art committee, but the finance committee as well.





**VARIANCE WOULD ADD second trailer park at left, across Shank Painter Pond.**

## **Plea for new trailer park is withdrawn.**

*Advocate 10/2/69*

Charging prejudicial action by the Provincetown Taxpayers Association, and failing to get Zoning Appeals Board chairman Cyril Patrick to withdraw, Attorney Frederick V. Long withdrew his client's application for a zoning variance last Thursday night. He represented Joseph B. McCabe, who had asked permission to build a trailer park and campsite on residential zoned land off Shank Painter Road. The hearing, attended by some 75 residents, thus ended for lack of anything to hear.

Taxpayers secretary Mrs. Barbara Malicoat and director Heaton Vorse had mailed out 95 copies of a letter outlining the variance request. The letter ended, "If you are against granting this variance please sign and mail the enclosed post card. And if possible you

are urged to attend the meeting in Town Hall . . ." The letter was signed "Taxpayers Association."

Enclosed cards addressed to the chairman of the Zoning Appeals Board read: "I am opposed to the granting of a variance for the purpose of making a trailer camp or campsite on Shank Painter Road."

### **NO CONFLICT**

Mr. Long asked if any Zoning Appeals Board member was also a member of the Taxpayers. None was. He said he thought the cards prejudicial to his client's case. Chairman Patrick replied that he saw nothing wrong in such an expression of citizen opinion.

Then Mr. Long asked chairman Patrick to withdraw from the hearing, adding that unless he did his client would withdraw the variance request.

Saying he was impartial, and therefore saw no reason to withdraw, the chairman declined. The request was withdrawn and the hearing ended abruptly.

Under zoning law, Mr. McCabe may reapply at any time. If refused a variance, he would have to wait two years.

### **OTHERS GRANTED, DENIED**

Finalizing earlier hearings, the board granted Robert Motherwell a side line variance at Commercial and Allerton streets. The town's site for a municipal garage was approved.

Prior hearings Thursday night resulted in a sideline variance granted to Custodio Silva of 8 Standish Ave. The board voted 3-2 to deny a variance to Nathan and Ruth Littlefield of 11 Tremont street.





**Lotsa lobster** *Cape Times* 9/29/69

This is a lot of lobster. At the rate lobster meat sells in the market, this monster must be worth a lot of money. Joseph Creamer of Bangs St., Provincetown, is shown displaying a 14½-pound lobster he obtained at MacMillan Wharf, Provincetown. The lobster was taken from waters off the Cape-tip. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)



**Boosted from \$100,000 to \$250,000**

# Cape-tip jetty aid jumps

*Cape Times 10/3/69*

**OTTAWA NEWS SERVICE**  
By Robert Berger  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The House Appropriation Committee has boosted funds for construction of the Provincetown Breakwater, and approved funds to start studying several other Cape Cod area harbor and navigation projects.

Funds for Provincetown were boosted to \$250,000, a substantial increase from the \$100,000 requested by the Nixon administration.

Other area projects approved the committee include:

—\$20,000 for a study of navigational improvements needed for Bass River.

—\$5,000 for similar studies at Buttermilk Bay, Taylor's Point, where a boating basin is planned.

—\$15,000 for a study leading to channel improvements at Popponeset Bay.

## Bumpy Road

The Provincetown Breakwater project has had a bumpy course in Washington this year. The Johnson administration recommended an \$800,000 appropriation for the project. The Nixon administration during April's budget revision, slashed that figure to \$100,000. Committee action raised the figure to \$250,000.

U.S. Rep. Hastings Keith, R-Bridgewater, asked the committee to increase the Nixon figure. His efforts were aided by U.S. Rep. Edward P. Boland, D-

Springfield, who is a key member of the Public Works Appropriation subcommittee.

At Keith's request, Boland raised the figure in the subcommittee, and the action was confirmed Thursday by the full committee.

The entire \$4.5 billion public works package, including the Cape Cod projects, will probably go to the House floor Wednesday. No objection to the Cape Cod projects is anticipated.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has not yet acted on the public works budget for the 1970 fiscal year.

## \$3 million cost

The Provincetown project will cost an estimated \$3 million over several years. About \$332,000 has been spent to date.

Work includes construction of a 2,500 foot breakwater which will be 15.5 feet above mean low water. The breakwater is designed to provide a protected anchorage for the commercial and recreational boating fleet.

The Army Corps of Engineers estimates that the completed project will produce annual benefits to the area of \$250,000 in boat damage prevention.

## 21-year plan

The breakwater project was authorized by Congress in 1948. Initially the project was estimated to cost \$1.5 million. Town Manager Robert Hancock said today. Of that amount Congress set the non-federal share, the amounts to be paid by the town

and by the state, at \$750,000.

Hancock said the non-federal share has been raised by the state and town, and is available.

Last year, he said, Congress approved \$1 million for the breakwater. There are other engineering sums authorized which added to the non-federal share, last year's authorization, and now this quarter of a million dollars means a definite commitment to build the breakwater, Hancock said.

The breakwater would begin about 800 feet seaward of the end of MacMillan Wharf.

## Channel study

The study at Bass River will examine the advisability of improving the channel entrance and the inner channel, and providing a mooring basin near the river mouth. Extension and modification of existing jetties at the river mouth will also be studied. To date, \$13,000 has been spent on the study which will cost an estimated \$50,000.

The Popponeset Bay project received \$4,000 last year. The total cost over several years will be \$51,000.

The study will concentrate on uncontrolled shoaling at the entrance to the bay, which has an effective depth of only 2 feet at mean low water. The advisability of stabilizing and deepening the entrance channel and providing a mooring basin inside the bay will be studied.

The Buttermilk Bay project will cost \$36,000 over three years. The study will focus on the need for a recreational boating basin in the harbor.

## Island projects

Projects approved for the islands include \$20,000 this year for a study of beach erosion at Gay Head, Mar-

tha's Vineyard. This project will cost a total of \$90,000, including \$45,000 spent in the last two years.

Also, \$20,000 to begin a \$65,000 study at Madaket Harbor, Nantucket Island. The study will consider the feasibility of closing a large breach in the barrier beach bar to prevent shoaling.

*Sept. 30  
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Some of the hundred and twenty peace marchers in Provincetown as they filed by the plaque commemorating the signing of the Mayflower Compact in Provincetown Harbor. As it was elsewhere in the country the march was peaceful and without incident. The age of the marchers ranged from teenagers to the elderly. When some of the very elderly got tired they were taken into a car pacing the march for that reason.



# In gear now, 350th is built on Compact.

The way Provincetown's Pilgrim 350th Anniversary Committee—now its official name — moved into its work load last Thursday, you'd never know it had been stalled out for weeks.

While the 20 people who came hardly crowded Town Hall, they moved through decisions on the makeup of the various working committees, the outlining of key commemorative events, the establishing of a liaison structure for working with neighboring towns.

Attorney John C. Snow, chairman, said committee members would be announced once they had been contacted. This will probably be done, he added, at the committee's next meeting Friday, Nov. 14 at 8 pm.

## **FOCUS ON HARBOR EVENTS**

Meanwhile, focal points for the Lower Cape's celebration were determined. They include a re-enactment of the original signing of the Mayflower Compact Nov. 21 1620 in Provincetown harbor and bringing to life the Pilgrims' first washday on the following Monday.

These events were turned over to the program committee, now being formed, for further development.

As part of the committee's liaison with Plymouth, Truro, Wellfleet and Eastham in particular, representatives from these towns will be invited to get involved with its future sessions.



## Vessel responsibility sought

*Cape Terrier - Oct. 1969*

# Oil boom demonstration bombs

### WEST FALMOUTH —

Increasing feeling that negligent vessels be required to contain and collect oil spills was the downfall of a demonstration of a Norwegian-built oil slick boom here Wednesday.

About 30 selectmen and fire, conservation and shellfish officials gathered at the pier at Old Dock Road here to witness the demonstration put on by David Connor of East Coast Services, Inc. of Weymouth.

Consensus of the group was less than favorable toward the purchase of such equipment by individual towns.

Falmouth selectman John DeMello Jr. voiced the opinion "tankers and barges should be required to be equipped with the booms and to collect and contain a spill. They are the first to know about it," he noted.

Connor said his staff of more than 30 men, have been trained to install the boom which contains spillage, and in the technique of removing oil.

Manufactured by Trygve-Thune A. S. of Oslo, Norway, the T-T boom as it is called, is made of nylon, coated with protective compounds impervious to salt, oil and contaminant. It is supported by plastic buoys every three feet,

providing a continuous fence one foot above the water and two feet below.

Connor told the group a spill could be contained by use of the demonstrated boom and his crew within a half hour's notice of the spill.

Chairman of Falmouth selectmen Antone Mogardo countered asking, "How do we know within half an hour that we have an oil spill?"

Connor explained conditions where similar booms are owned by petroleum depots in Boston and East Providence. The argument was countered by onlooker noting local coastal conditions and oil spills possibilities resultant damage were not comparable.

Mogardo said the fact some oil terminal operators had booms, estimated to cost

approximately \$1,700 for a 164 foot section of boom was a different matter.

"Why should taxpayers directly pay out sums for units similar to the oil slick boom, have them scattered far and wide and perhaps watch them rot from disuse."

The consensus was that more strict regulations should be applied to ship, tug and barge owners to include some protective device, such as a boom, as standard equipment as with life saving devices and emergency rafts and lifeboats."

The Senate Wednesday unanimously approved legislation requiring negligent vessels to assume responsibility for cleaning up oil spills.

The legislation also sets up an Office of Environmental

Quality to assist the president in the review and development of environmental programs and policies. Basically, the office would provide staff support to a board of environmental quality advisers proposed by the senate interior committee in another bill.

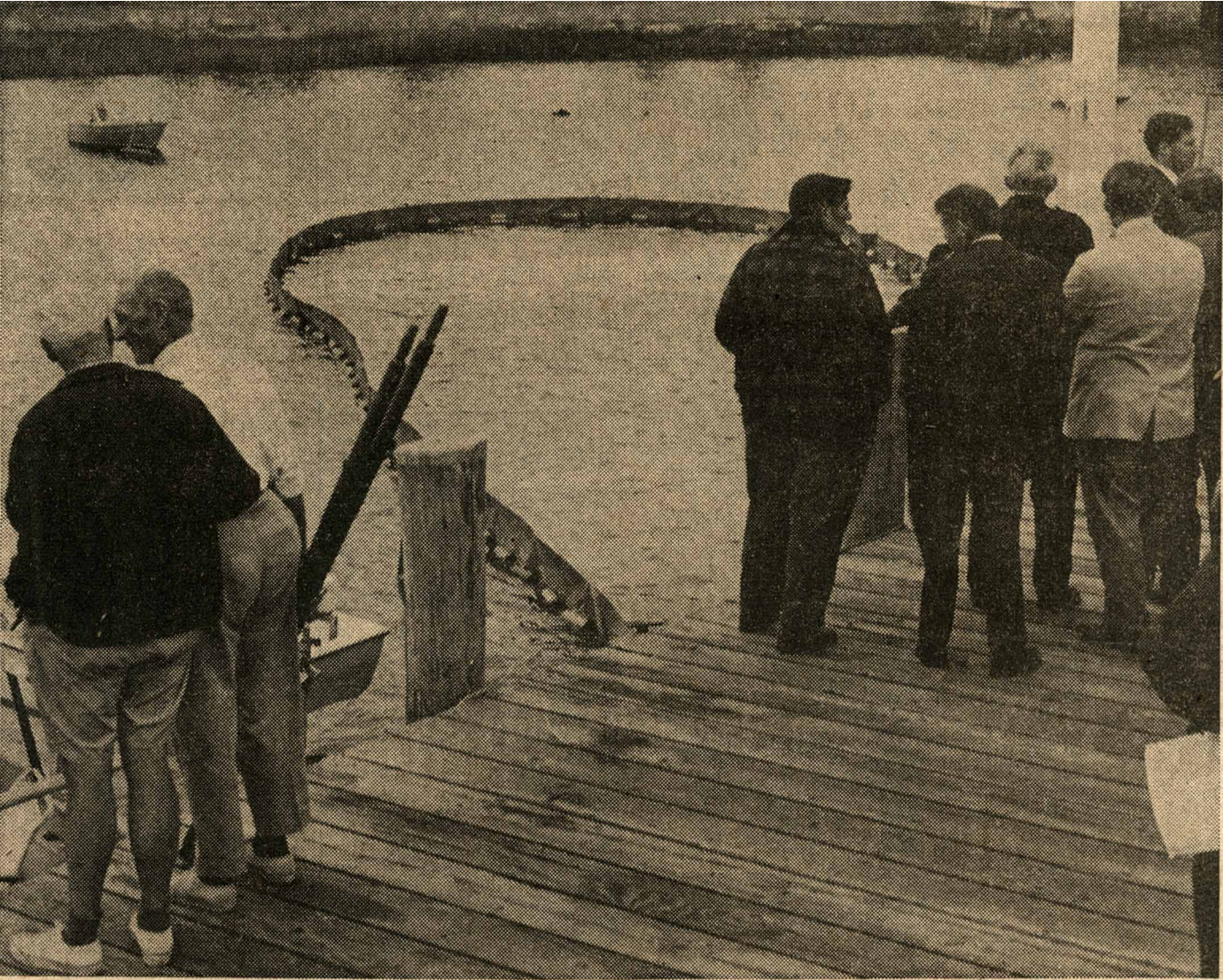
In a floor speech in support of the bill, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. called attention to the increased incidence of accidental oil spills with particular emphasis on the recent spill off Falmouth.

Kennedy praised sections of the bill which require vessel owners to establish and maintain financial responsibility and which require the operator of a vessel involved in a spill to prove that he was not negligent.

The bill as passed included a strengthening amendment proposed by Kennedy and adopted by voice vote which authorizes the Department of Interior to set specific standards for chemicals to be used in oil spill clean-ups. These would go into effect on June 30, 1970.

The bill was passed by a vote of 86 to 0. It now goes to conference to resolve differences between it and a House-passed water pollution control bill. The Senate bill is generally considered to be stronger than the House-approved legislation.





With the Norwegian-built oil slick boom in the water at West Falmouth, a group of selectmen, conservationists and shellfish

officials question David Connor of East Coast Services, Inc., of Weymouth, demonstrating the unit. (Staff Photo by Richard Fox)



# Town "deteriorated".

Dear Advocate, *Advocate 9/25/69*

I was very disturbed and disappointed to read of the Chrysler Art Museum's leaving Provincetown. A visit to the museum has often been the highlight of my holidays on the Cape.

The departure of the museum is not a complete surprise, however. In the past few years, Provincetown has deteriorated. Commercial Street has been subjected to the crass commercialism of a tawdry carnival midway. Hippie boutiques and honky-tonks abound, without regard to the unique character of the town. Fine old buildings have been architecturally altered to provide a showcase for junk souvenirs. The local entrepreneurs find the fast buck in satisfying the demands of the new youth culture. What will be left when the hippie fad has passed and bored homosexuals find other playgrounds? The special charm of the town will have been destroyed by then.

Clearly, zoning and licensing laws could have preserved the character of Provincetown. By their neglect and commercial interest, the selectmen and city fathers are responsible for this latest cultural loss and the the general decline of this once quaint village.

Yours truly

William S.

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Conr.





**MEET ARTHUR BICKERS**, museum curator and Provincetown historian.

*Advocate 10/23/69*

About 20 years ago, the curator of the Provincetown Historical Museum, Miss Elsie Long, asked Arthur Bickers if he wanted her job; she was tired and not well. "They offered me enough pay," he recalls, "so I went." Today, although nearly 80 and stiff-legged enough to be taking a sick leave, he is still curator.

About 1910, the Research Club put on a public drive for \$6,000 to buy the Benjamin Lancy home at 230 Commercial Street and give it to Provincetown as a museum. About 50 years later, the Provincetown Historical Society deeded everything to the Pilgrim Memorial

voyage. Her father died in Barbados, and she had some bad experiences coming home." Arthur himself cares little for fishing. "It never appealed to me to sit waiting with a baited line."

He was eight and living on Franklin Street when the Portland Gale of 1898 struck Provincetown. He remembers seeing men in dories rescuing people from flooded houses at the corner of Franklin and Commercial. His father, Capt. George H. Bickers, was in the thick of the hurricane as keeper of the Wood End Life Saving Station.

**DIDN'T LIKE GOOF-OFFS**



incetown Historical Society deeded everything to the Pilgrim Memorial Association for \$1. In 1960, 37 truckloads of Americana went to new quarters on Monument Hill, and the Association sold the Lancy home. Arthur took up his duties in the new museum.

### SHIP-BUILDING FATHER

His family has roots in England and Portugal. His grandfather, Joseph H. Bickers, came from England to learn shipbuilding from Donald McKay in East Boston; he married Elizabeth Freeman of Wellfleet and lived in Wellfleet during the Civil War. His mother's grandfather, Manuel Caton, came from Oporto, Portugal.

"Mother never liked the water," he said. "When she was six, her parents took her on a whaling

### DIDN'T LIKE GOOF-OFFS

During World War II Arthur worked in Groton, Connecticut, as an inspector for a submarine building company. He's still disgusted with the flagrant waste and the goofing off he saw there.

Returning to Provincetown when his father died, he took care of his mother, until she too went, ten years later. He lives alone now, except for his boxer Koko, in the old home at 6 Central Street.

He's looking forward to a January visit to the Algarve, southernmost state in Portugal. Friends of his, guided by retired Provincetown fisherman Manuel Zora, bought a condominium there. Koko boarded out during his absence will miss him.



# Officials perambulate towns' line.

*Advocate 10/23/69*

Francis J. Alves, Provincetown civil engineer, and Vincent Benson, Truro Selectman, met Sunday afternoon at the Truro-Provincetown line to re-enact the historic "perambulation of the boundary" required every five years by state law. The purpose is to see if boundary stones remain undisturbed between the adjacent towns.

Using a map dated 1952, they located two of the stones, granite markers marked on the Truro side with a T, on the Provincetown side with a P. One of them projects out of ground about six inches on the south side of Route 6-A. The other was in a clump of beach plum bushes between 6-A and the former railroad bed.

A third stone north of Mt. Ararat in the sand dunes was not visible. Mr. Alves said it might have been toppled by winds scouring the loose sand away from it and later buried. Or it might have been covered where it stood, also by drifting sand.



**BENSON and Alves study map.**

one on Cape Cod. It crosses the "wrist" of the Cape, a distance of slightly over one mile between Provincetown Harbor and the Peaked Hill Bars area on the Atlantic side.



## CROSS-CAPE LINE

From an unmarked point in Pilgrim Lake the boundary extends in a straight line NNW to another stone near the Atlantic Ocean. No attempt was made to locate this stone. Mr. Alves supposed that it was buried deep under a sand dune, for he had had to dig six feet down to find it when he surveyed the line in 1952 for Whitehead Brothers, operators of the nearby sand pit.

During the 1952 survey, however, he placed five concrete bound stones along the Truro-Provincetown line "to hold down the line"; he was confident that some of these were still visible.

This boundary is the shortest

## DOG LEG

From the west end of Pilgrim Lake the boundary turns south by west to the harbor shore, then extends as an imaginary line running south 1 degree west out into the harbor.

The two stones actually inspected determine the line crossing Beach Point from Pilgrim Lake to the harbor. A post standing near the shore was said to indicate its end, but this was not inspected.



# Hearing previews issues.

*Advocate 10/23/69*

## Fish plant seen hottest for special meeting.

Thirty-five citizens and town officials attended Tuesday night's hearing at the court room and discussed the 10-article warrant for the enlightenment of the Finance Committee. After three hours, it was tacitly agreed that the same amount of concern expressed by a quorum of 100 would cause the Oct. 27 special town meeting to run two nights.

Hottest arguments came on Article 8, which asks a vote authorizing Town Manager Robert Hancock to enter into a long-term lease of an unspecified amount of the 48 acres of town-owned land north of Route 6. Voters will be asked to declare by their vote that they consider the erection of a modern fish-processing plant there to be consistent with "the municipal purposes of developing the Town's economy and its industry."

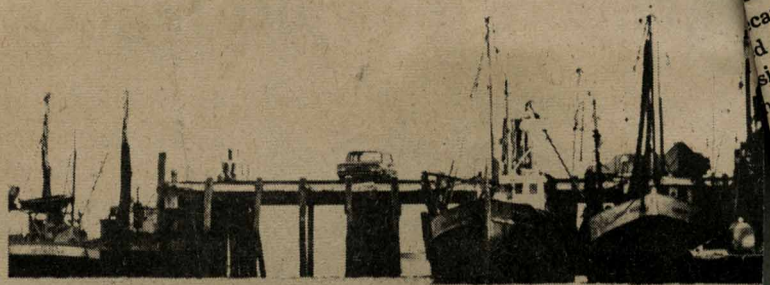
### "FOUR TO 5 ACRES" SOUGHT

The state has just signed a deed giving 48 acres to the town of Provincetown for "such municipal purposes as may hereinafter be voted." The land includes Evans Field and the former town dump. George A. Colley Jr. of the Seafood Packers, Inc., seeks a 50-year lease on "some 4 to 5 acres" of it in order to build a modern fish-processing plant.

(See Page 3.)

Although questions outnumbered answers, the consensus after an hour's debate (often heated) was that the plant might aid the fishing industry and a lot more answers were needed. Mr. Hancock urged voters to okay the lease. He noted that the town charter already empowers him to sign a lease, and there was time to get answers after the project won approval.

### MINOR SKIRMISHES



THE FLEET TODAY, about half the size it was only a decade ago.

## Brooke, Keith seek to turn tide for fishermen.

Senate hearings begin today on five bills designed to bring relief to beleaguered New England fishermen, said Senator Edward W. Brooke (R. Mass.) by telegram to the Advocate. He urged local interests to send statements of support to the Senate Commerce Committee during Thursday and Friday sessions on the five bills.

Yesterday the Advocate replied by wire: "Be assured that we on the Lower Cape stand behind all constructive decisions on present fishing crisis. The higher they reach, the better. The more of them, the better. The sooner they come, the better."

Two of the bills being considered are being presented by Senator Brooke and Senator Edward M. Kennedy. They offer a comprehensive approach to rejuvenating all aspects of the industry.

Responding to the Advocate's message also, Representative Hastings Keith of the 12th Congressional District urges New Englanders to contact Senators Kennedy and Brooke, asking that they push the new Fishing Fleet Improvement Act. This act, carrying twice the previous authorization of funds for new construction and modernization, has been passed by the House and now awaits Senate action.

Repr. Keith has recently filed a Fisheries Protection Act, a bill to ban transfer of foreign caught fish to American boats for delivery to American ports. The bill is the result of a recent meeting he held with fishermen and officials of the Coast Guard, Customs Bureau, and Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

He also introduced two bills designed to guard the fishing industry against foreign competition. One would amend tariff

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#### MINOR SKIRMISHES

Article 1, transferring \$9,000 to pay veterans' hospital bills, was explained by FinCom Chairman Munro G. Moore. There were no other questions.

Raising an extra \$20,000 to meet the low bid on a DPW garage estimated to cost \$40,000 was explained by Mr. Hancock. Reeves Euler asked why a \$60,000 building had been estimated at \$40,000, and William A. White said building costs had risen 27% since last March.

Herman DeSilva suggested that if the town had set aside five or ten thousand dollars a year toward a breakwater, starting in 1948, we would not now be asked, under Article 3, to authorize as much as \$380,000 in 20-year bonds. The article revises action voted last March.

#### ROAD-NAMING DEBATE

Paving the Conwell Street parking lot for \$2,000 drew no comment after the transfer had been explained. Work is to be done in connection with building

a new road along the railroad bed to Howland Street.

Accepting and naming the new road from Grace Hall parking lot to Shank Painter Road will not be as routine as it looks, if Planning Board procedures must be followed first. Mr. Hancock and Planning Board members Robert A. Shartle and Robert Gutzler disagreed politely, but town hall devate is expected.

Voting \$500 to the 350th Anniversary committee, the money to come partly from Veterans Day budget, sparked questions from Mr. DeSilva, but Mr. Hancock assured him enough money would be found for Nov. 11 functions.

Cyril J. Patrick's petition to have drainage corrected at Bradford and Howland streets brought Mr. Hancock's promise that conditions would be corrected before Oct. 27. He will move to table the article.

An all-weather water line down MacMillan Pier is a certainty but not the method of achieving it. FinCom members and Mr. Hancock differed on ways to save part of the \$22,000 authorized by previous town meetings.

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#### AID FOR BOATS

Increased financial assistance to fishermen, both for new construction of boats and for conversion of older boats to new types of fishing, is in the works. Presumably the latter would extend previous aid toward fitting trawlers for pollock fishing with mid-water trawls.

New forms of marketing, proposed by one or more bills, would seek to maintain the price of fish at equitable levels. Foremost among fishermen's woes have been price fluctuations at the docks that are not reflected in retail prices. Low prices during heavy fish landings and high prices when fish are scarce have indirectly discouraged modernization of fishing methods.

Said Senator Brooke, "I look forward to these hearings as an opportunity to start overhaul and replacement of many of the programs set up to service our fishermen which have, in the final analysis, proved of little assist-

to ban transfer of foreign caught fish to American boats for delivery to American ports. The bill is the result of a recent meeting he held with fishermen and officials of the Coast Guard, Customs Bureau, and Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

He also introduced two bills designed to guard the fishing industry against foreign competition. One would amend tariff laws, limiting imports of groundfish to average levels imported in 1963 and 1964. The other would require that imported fish be processed under the same conditions that are required for domestic fish, and would provide loans to domestic processors to help them meet higher standards.

He has asked the chairman of the House Fisheries and Wildlife subcommittee to hold public hearings to investigate the situation, and expects them to be under way by the end of October.



# Chrysler 'if': will stay if can grow.

*Advocate 10/30/69*

Walter P. Chrysler, Jr., told the Board of Selectmen, Town Counsel John C. Snow, Town Manager Robert Hancock and Finance Committee chairman Munro G. Moore last Thursday that he wanted to stay in Provincetown if he could. His Chrysler Art Museum and his Institute of Glass, he said, would remain here if they could be helped to reach their full artistic and educational potential.

"Otherwise," he said frankly, "it is only wisdom to move elsewhere." He cited a number of invitations he had received. Only that day he had had a telephone call from Plymouth; other inquiries had come from Santa Barbara, Calif., Norfolk, Va., Hyannis and Taunton.

## SPECIAL CHRYSLER MEETING

Mr. Chrysler had been invited by the Selectmen to talk over his situation at a special meeting of the board. Immediately after chairman Marion Taves opened the session, Mr. Hancock noted in the minutes that Selectmen had voted to go into executive conference, "so that a free discussion can be held." He promised a "press release" following the meeting.

Mr. Chrysler described at length the history of the museum he had established in the former Methodist Church building on Center Street, and the problems he had encountered. Chief among them, he said, was lack of community support. "The museum must grow, must exert an educational influence in the fine arts, or it cannot survive."



## STUDY CENTERS ENVISIONED

He considers his museum collections not merely "tourist attractions" but priceless study material for young artists and sculptors. With the Chrysler Art Museum as a background, and additional space for studios and classrooms, his institution would not only remain in the Provincetown art community but could add greatly to its heritage.

The museum's pre-Columbian treasures come close, he said, to being superior to those in any other collection. In addition, it has Persian art works going back to Hamurabi and Darius the First. Japanese arms and armor form another fine collection; museum examples of baroque painting are among the best.

## GLASS-BLOWING CLASSES

In the Glass Museum are rareties "greater than Sandwich and Tiffany glass." He would like to see classes established that would train today's artists in the techniques of glass-blowing and moulding. "I'll be glad to work with everyone," he said, "to build these two institutions."

The Board of Selectmen warmly agreed that the Chrysler Museum has been and should remain a Provincetown asset. They assured Mr. Chrysler that, in every way possible, they would cooperate. His troubles with parking, with freight handling, with security, posed problems that could be alleviated if not completely solved, they said, although parking problems bothered every business, not only the museum.



# Study of industrial park north of town postponed.

*Advocate 10/30/69*

The town meeting question (Article 8) of authorizing Town Manager Robert Hancock to lease public land for a fish processing plant never reached the talking stage Monday night. Mr. Hancock's substitute proposal, for a three-man study committee to consider establishing an industrial park north of Route 6 and to report to the Planning Board, encountered Planning Board opposition. Voters indefinitely postponed the matter.

Phrasing of Mr. Hancock's motion was intended, he said, to get from voters a declaration that an industrial park "to build the town's economy" was "pursuant to municipal purposes." Terms of the deed conveying state land to Provincetown stipulate that the 48 acres are to be used for municipal purposes only.

## COLLEY WITHDRAWS

Before making his motion, Mr. Hancock told voters that George A. Colley, Jr., after consulting with his corporation directors, had written asking that Article 8 be withdrawn. As printed, it would have authorized leasing about five acres for construction of a modern fish processing plant, a project Mr.



**CYRIL J. PATRICK, JR.**

Colley had planned. Following the FinCom hearing Oct. 14, Mr. Colley cited hostility toward his plans as the reason for withdrawing.

## WELLS OPPOSES

Nicholas Wells, Planning Board member and champion, opposed Mr. Hancock's motion to create an industrial park commission of one

fisherman, one banker and one businessman. "It's too specialized," he said. "Also, it would arrogate to itself some of the planning board's functions.

"We must first consider how these 48 acres should be zoned to prevent some undefined purpose from intruding on the land." Possibly some municipal use should be made of it, he said, such as an Evans Field recreational area, or the proposed new Cape End Manor, or a replacement for the "white elephant" Town Hall.

He reminded voters that they still had the services of John Atwood, planning consultant. Also, the Master Plan, so called, with which they had not yet come to grips. Possibly the land could be exchanged for National Seashore acreage, creating a site for out-of-town parking. He moved that Mr. Hancock's motion be indefinitely postponed.



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## HANCOCK REBUTS

"If we postpone this," answered Mr. Hancock, "somebody else could present a proposition which would be to the benefit of the town." Without an industrial park commission, it seemed, such propositions could not be entertained. "If we have no body to consider them, we're right back where we are now. I'm only asking for a commission of three men as a completely separate and independent entity from the planning board."

## PATRICK ADDS

"Any motion," responded Cyril J. Patrick, chairman of the Zoning Appeals Board, "that weakens a town commission is not to the benefit of the town. This is a particular function which is the right of the planning board. I'm against moving on a piece of property we've had only three weeks."

After a reinforcing comment from Mrs. Ray Wells, Mr. Well's motion to indefinitely postpone was put to a vote, and the ayes had it.



# Treasurer

## a grandma—

### 3 times

*Cape Times 11/9/69*

By NEIL G. NICKERSON

PROVINCETOWN — Mrs. Jeannette Segura, newly appointed town treasurer and tax collector for Provincetown, one of the few women to have such a combined position, is also a grandmother, three times — with two more grandchildren expected soon.

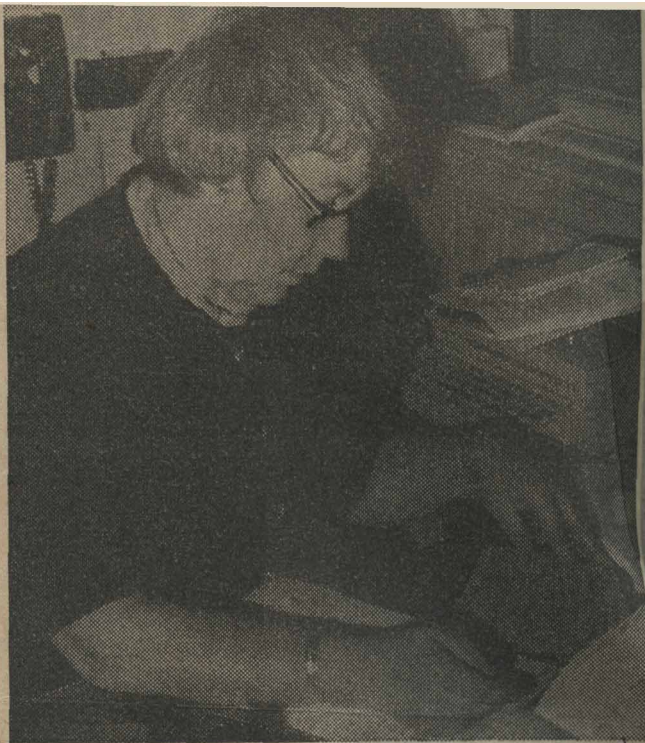
Mrs. Segura, serving in her combined terms since Oct. 1 on the retirement of Frank S. Bent, had been Mr. Brent's secretary, and had been in town employment for six years.

Wife of Francis L. Segura, the couple have lived on Fishburn Court for 30 years and have passed their 43d wedding anniversary. They have three children, Richard Segura, teacher at Barnstable Junior High School; Christina, now Mrs. Walter Barry of Quaker Hill, Conn., a registered nurse; and Kenneth, unmarried, living at home and employed as a civilian with the Navy Department.

Mrs. Segura said that Richard has two children, "with one to go, and her daughter also has one child, and also one more expected.

Born in Brookline, daughter of Joseph C. and Christina (Chisholm) Brazil, she went to high school in Brookline, but graduated from Provincetown High School.

One of her hobbies is sewing, she said "I love to sew," and in fact taught it for several years in the adult education classes in Provincetown and Truro. She plans to teach advanced sewing in the adult pro-



Mrs. Jeannette Segura, new town treasurer and tax collector at Provincetown, is shown above seated at her desk poring over financial matters. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)

gram Monday nights, she said.

She worked as bookkeeper for several years before working for the town, and served in that capacity at the A and P store when it moved to its new location, and also was employed at the First National Bank and with salt water fisheries in Provincetown.

She said she had learned that another Provincetown woman had recently been elected treasurer of a municipality, with Mrs. Germania Jensen, the former Germania Lopes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lopes of Alden Street, recently elected treasurer of Waterbury, Conn.





# Cape-tip airs breakwater furor

*Cape Times 11/12/69*

By NEIL G. NICKERSON

PROVINCETOWN — A public hearing has been scheduled for Dec. 8 to determine whether or not this town is in favor of having the gap in the West End breakwater closed.

This decision was made by selectmen in executive session following Monday night's open meeting, in which selectmen expressed their opinion that the breach should remain open. They felt residents would concur.

The breakwater has a wide break in it, about 300 yards from the traffic circle. Repairs are reportedly planned for sometime during this fiscal year, Matthew Costa, president of the Highland Fish and Game Club, said.

Announcement of the planned repairs was contained in a letter to Costa from U.S. Representative Hastings Keith, R.Mass., who said the Army Corps of Engineers plan to "contract for these repairs

in this fiscal year, probably in the spring of 1970."

The club favors repair of breach.

Selectmen indicated if a public hearing was held on closing the break, far more would oppose it than there are members of the Highland Fish and Game Club who are for it.

When selectmen were asked if they had a letter relative to the engineers repairing the break, the town manager said a copy of the letter sent to Matthew Costa had been sent to them, but wasn't on the agenda.

Costa had said he was assured in the letter from Keith, that the break would be repaired by Army engineers "probably in the spring of 1970." Keith had called this "good news."

Selectmen Chairman Marion Taves said a public hearing should be held, with Keith attending, to get "both sides." He said, "There would be more in favor of keeping the breach open than closing it."

He called attention to the number of boats that seek refuge in the area west of the 60 year-old breakwater, even some of the members of the fish and game club, and termed it "very important it be kept open."

Selectman Marion Perry said he also opposed to closing it.

Selectmen believed the opening should remain, with a sluiceway maintained so in storms boats can get across on the tide and into the safety of the area.

Keith's letter was in reply to a letter from the club asking that something must

be done before irreparable harm be done to the marshes beyond. Costa said it is the belief of the members that the current rushing through the breach would damage the marshes.

The breach in the breakwater measures almost 50 feet wide, and is in the area of 20 feet deep at the base — wide enough that a large dragger can get through on a high tide.

The breakwater was built some 60 years ago, in an attempt to contain the tip end of the Cape. Part of the mile long breakwater apparently was set on quicksand, as at intervals of about 7 to 10 years, the gap slowly appears, and has to be repaired.

Congressman Keith's letter said:

"Good news!

In response to your request for assistance on the breakwater, I wrote the engineers

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and they are going to come through for us.

“They have advised me that they share our concern for the possible threat caused by the break in the breakwater, and they plan to ‘contract for these repairs in this Fiscal Year, probably in the spring of 1970.’ ”

The Dec. 8 hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular selectmen's meeting.

If the majority wants the breach left alone — it has served many boatowners as entry to a haven of safety during storms — Army engineers will be so apprised.



# Cape-tip planning board meets on zoning for 48 acre tract

*Cape Times*

11/15/69

PROVINCETOWN—An open discussion on possible types of zoning for the new 48-acre tract of land deeded to the town by the Commonwealth, on the north side of Rte. 6, highlighted a hearing sponsored by the Provincetown Planning Board in Town Hall Thursday night.

The transfer of the property, many years in process, was finalized in September, when the deed was passed from the Commonwealth to the town. This area includes Evans Field, the vicinity of the old town dump, part of the land near Clappers Pond and other lands.

Under the town by-laws, the planning board is required to hold a public hearing before any recommendations are made by the board.

Robert Shartle, chairman of the planning board, who presided at the hearing, said the board will study minutes taken of the proceedings, and arrive at some form of zoning formula, which then will be presented to the town for its action in the form of articles for the next special or regular town meeting.

From the amount of diversified discussion at the Thursday night hearing, the chairman said it might be necessary for another open meeting to clarify some of the points raised.

Numerous suggestions were voiced, including recreation;

conservation was discussed at length; there was mention of possible municipal use, and some discussion of a possible industrial park, the chairman said.

No final decisions for recommendations will be made until extensive study has been made of the minutes, he said. The board, of which only three members were present: Nicholas Wells, Robert Gutzler and Shartle, also plans to send copies of these minutes to the Community Planning Services, Boston, who developed the original master plan, and now has been engaged to continue work on the plan.

The minutes will be presented for their evaluation and study, particularly where they apply to the master plan and possibly to parking, one of the town's major problems.

Possibility of setting aside a part of the 48 acres for recreation, with the possible

improving of conditions at Evans Field, also was discussed.

When and if the board decides on another public hearing on the problems, the board will set a date and notify the public, the chairman said.

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# Industrialize, conserve, trade off the 48 acres?

Clearer picture of Provincetown's newly-acquired 48 acres north of the Route 6-Shank Painter Road intersection emerged Thursday night.

At the first Planning Board hearing on future uses of the land, not all the courtroom seats were filled. But 35 citizens, including three Selectmen and a dozen other officials, presented a long list of options ranging from immediate development to "hands off for now."

Facing them were planning board chairman Robert A. Shartle and members Nicholas Wells and Robert Gutzler. Absent were new members Richard Oppen and Elmer Baker, Jr.

Up for separate consideration were conservation, municipal functions, modified industrial and "other" uses. Proposals and counter-proposals, however, ignored the ground rules.

## STRINGS ATTACHED

Early in the two-hour session, questions arose as to where the boundaries of the 48 acres were, and what land adjoined them. Town Manager Robert Hancock produced a map and the deed of conveyance.

He told the gathering that the eastern boundary lay "at or near the pond" (Anthony's Pond, east

of Evans Field), that the line ran west along Route 6 almost 3200 feet, and at the western end it was 440 feet deep from the highway.

This description left doubt as to whether Clapps' Pond at the western end lay inside, outside, or partly included.

Mr. Hancock thought the deed might prohibit trading any of the land to the National Seashore, as some citizens suggested. Conservationists favored putting Clapps' Pond under federal safeguards; others would trade part of the land in return for better-situated parking areas, as recommended by the town's master plan.

## MANY POSSIBLE USES

John Bragdon suggested using the land, or part of it, for an oceanographic institution, perhaps high-rise apartments. Mrs. Ray Wells objected in principle to high-rise construction.

Selectman Ernest Irmer saw it as one answer to the thorny question of where to build a new Cape End Manor. Later, he also suggested the Chrysler Art Museum might expand onto it.

George Colley, Jr. charged the planning board with denying the people a chance to salvage their fishing industry through a modern fish processing plant. Mr. Wells assured him the board's function was to study, then report to Town Meeting. "Only the citizens decide how to use the land."

Leo Gracie, Matthew Costa and Cyril J. Patrick urged that marsh and pond areas be dedicated to conservation. If they could be traded to the National Seashore, so much the better.

Said Charles Mayo, "Brunswick, Georgia and other southern ports are intolerable since they allowed industrial parks to get in. The very concept is wrong for Provincetown—even the words don't go together." He liked the idea of an oceanographic school.

## MUNICIPAL USES

On question, Mr. Hancock asserted that the state would probably interpret liberally its "municipal use" restriction, going along with a fish processing plant if the townspeople voted that it



if the townspeople voted that it was in their best economic interest to establish one.

After a year's search for a site, Mr. Colley had asked the town, said Mr. Hancock, "to lease him four or five acres, or a portion" of this land for a fish processing plant. If the town established an industrial park zone, he added, "we would be eligible for grants we can't get now."

Mr. Colley, before he had to leave, said, "Everybody's planning municipal use here. I hope the planning board can plan for the needs of the fishing industry that we have now!"

Mr. Hancock urged the board to consider this use. He saw a modern processing plant, "Mr. Colley's or anyone else's," as vital to the rebirth of the fishing industry.

## EVANS FIELD

Arthur D. Roderick, head of the recreation department, described the congestion on Motta Memorial Field, where boys' and girls' field hockey and other activities were tightly scheduled on a too-small playing field. He hoped that soggy Evans Field, known to visiting teams as "Gull Field", could be graded higher and restored as the town's football field.

Although warned by several that the town must think of reserving land for sewage disposal, central fire station, an incinerator, even a new Town Hall, no one disagreed that Evans Field should remain and be improved for recreation.



# Pilgrim Anniversary Funds Bid Threatened

*Standard Times 11/20/69*

By ROBERT A. BERGER

Ottaway News Service  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Plans for the 350th anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing seem to be as fraught with uncertainty as was the voyage of the Mayflower in 1621.

Committees from Plymouth, Provincetown and the surrounding area hope to begin a major celebration next September, lasting 14 months. They want the event to receive federal assistance and to take on national significance.

But at the moment, any federal financial help for the

celebration seems a pretty distant possibility.

Planners of the celebration from Plymouth stopped off in Washington last week to talk with U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., U.S. Sen. Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., and U.S. Rep. Hastings Keith, R-Mass., about the federal role in the anniversary.

## Better Plans Needed

Staff members of the legislators didn't draw much encouragement from the visit. They get a strong impression of tardy planning, indecision, factionalism and uncertain local enthusiasm for the whole scheme.

As a result, they seriously wonder about their prospects for drumming up substantial federal assistance for the project.

The immediate need is for local planners to come up with more concrete plans for the celebration, and more specific requests for federal assistance. Most important of all is the requirement for quick action.

Three proposals for federal assistance to the celebration are floating around at the moment. They include:

—A bill to make the area surrounding Plymouth Rock a national park. Action on the bill is still awaiting final local ac-

tion to acquire parking facilities.

—A bill to appoint a national commission to plan a Plymouth-Provincetown anniversary. Sen. Kennedy, who introduced the bill, requested \$100,000 in federal funds to help with the planning. Local planners now say they will need \$200,000.

—A request for a further appropriation of \$2 million to help carry out the celebration itself. Neither Brooke nor Keith has been informed of this request, according to their offices.

According to the legislators, time is just about exhausted now. Yet they still have no solid case to present to Congress. For example, there is no clear com-

mitment of local and state funds to the celebration.

Plymouth planners last week outlined what one congressional staffer called some "grandiose" plans for the celebration, involving President Nixon, communications satellites, international participation and the like. Congressional reaction has been characterized by a shrug of the shoulders, and mumblings of "pie in the sky."

From an historical point of view, the 350th anniversary of Plymouth-Provincetown may be laden with significance. But from a congressional point of view, plans for the celebration are laden with doubt.



# New Cape End Manor planned on 3.5 acres.

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11/7/69

The Cape End Manor Committee, said Town Manager Robert Hancock at this week's Selectmen's meeting, has unanimously approved new plans to build the proposed public medical facility on a 3½-acre lot recently acquired from New Haven Railroad trustees. The land is a widened portion of the railroad bed east of Howland Street, commonly known as the "Y."

The site has advantages, said Mr. Hancock, of being near a public water supply and electric power, and of needing little site development.

Previously considered sites have been larger than the new one. At the same time, they have involved purchase of land and development of a road.

Original plans for a two-story building will need to be re-drawn. New state and federal regulations require a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse on duty on each floor of a multi-floor facility. Shortage of qualified personnel for the proposed 40-bed new Manor makes it necessary to place all beds on a single floor.

Mr. Hancock added that state people administering the Hill-Harris Act (under which grants are made for building such facilities) have asked him to make a new application for funds.



## PROGRESS REPORT

Good Templar Place, the public landing that runs between Flyer's and Taves' Boatyards, has been regraded and paved, reported Mr. Hancock. Recent rains proved that drainage is good; rainwater no longer overflows into adjacent buildings.

Sidewalk construction between Pearl and Johnson streets is complete. New sidewalks, beginning at Winthrop Street, will be built westward to Whorf's Court "or as far as weather and money permit," he said.

A letter from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, said Chairman of Selectmen Marion Taves, announced a public hearing on the Cee-Jay Corporation's application to build marina floats. The hearing was scheduled for last Tuesday. Mr. Hancock suggested a phone call to the Department of Waterways, recording the Selectmen's approval of the application.

Chairman Marion Taves read applications for renewal liquor licenses; all were approved without discussion.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

In further discussion Tuesday morning, Mr. Hancock announced that Selectmen had appointed Anthony Thomas of 8 Freeman Street as alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, replacing A. Philip Tarvers.

License was issued to Warren Costa and Samuel Janoplis to sell Christmas trees at the Portuguese Bakery.

A letter from the Highland Fish and Game Club restated the club's stand that the gap in the west end breakwater should be repaired as soon as possible.





**WILL NEW CAPE END MANOR evict spring peepers from this marsh?**

## **Site only start to Manor. For now, it lives on borrowed time.**

*Advocate 12/4/69*

Cape End Manor Committee's unanimous approval of a new site for the proposed medical facility, announced last week by Town Manager (and committee chairman) Robert Hancock, raised curiosity among Advocate readers. Most often heard was the question, "Where is the old railroad Y?"

Three of the committee members described it differently. One thought it lay near Snail Road on level ground free of brush and grass. Another thought it lay west of Howland Street. Another knew its location east of Howland, but remembered the land as high, level ground.

Guided by information from Clerk of Assessors John C. Corea and by looking at assessors' maps, the Advocate found the 3½ acre site and photographed it. It is bounded on the west by Howland Street, on the south by land of Herman Tasha et ux, on the east by state land, on the north by Route 6.

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## LAND NEEDS FILL

It is roughly 250 feet wide (north to south) and 650 feet long (east to west), although it is not perfectly rectangular. Its area includes the railroad right of way earmarked for the projected "Harry Kemp Way."

To reporters, last week, Mr. Hancock said the site would require about 20,000 cubic yards of fill before the Manor could be built on it. Except for the Y-shaped railroad beds, most of the area is covered with dense brush standing in swamp water.

Committee members Ralph Carpenter, Mrs. Amy McKain and Mrs. Alice Reis all emphasized that the present Manor cannot meet either state or federal minimum standards for extended care nursing homes.

## PRESENT INADEQUACIES

Although the building is equipped with a sprinkler system, it is not of fireproof construction. It lacks the elevator required for two-story buildings. Its doorways, while wide enough for stretchers, should be wide enough to roll a bed through. Its toilet facilities are ancient and inadequate. It lacks a recovery room, a terminal room, and all but minimum space for nurses' stations.

Mr. Carpenter played a major role, some years ago, in replacing the Manor's furnace. At that time, a 30 by 30-foot basement was built and roofed with reinforced concrete. Plans then were to build a two-story addition to the present building, adding eight rooms. Yesterday Mr. Carpenter suggested that this would be a way to alleviate a critical problem at the Manor.

At present there is only one bathroom on each floor, and utility spaces are tucked under stairways. With eight more rooms added, two older rooms on each floor could be converted into separate bathrooms for female and male patients, and the existing bathrooms could become utility rooms.



## ON BORROWED TIME

All committee members the Advocate talked to agreed that the state licensing authorities are permitting the Manor to continue only because replacement or improvement has been promised. Said Mrs. Reis, head nurse-administrator, "I'd rather have the Manor here, but state and federal standards are impossible to meet here."

Mrs. McKain doubted the state authorities would throw Manor patients out into the cold. There would be difficulty in placing them elsewhere. Other extended care facilities on the Cape, she said, do not want welfare patients. They make room first for hospital patients who qualify for the higher Medicare payments. But the state is increasingly disapproving of existing Manor conditions.

Mr. Hancock has worked toward erecting a new Manor capable of holding 40 patients. He is currently preparing new applications for federal aid grants.





## Taves gets first sticker. All can join 'Eat more fish' parade.

*Advocate 11/27/69*

The "Eat more fish" slogan of E. J. Kahn, Jr. is finding its way into the public consciousness in a new way, starting this week. On Lower Cape car bumpers.

First bumper sticker for the effort was presented to Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Marion Taves. The sticker, developed by local designer Jackson Lambert and tastefully done in two tones of blue on a silver background, carries the words, "Eat more fish. A health suggestion from the Provincetown Advocate."

Actual size of sticker is four inches by 10 inches. Each is supplied with protected self-adhesive backing.

After an initial trial, it has been

decided to offer the stickers for sale at 25 cents each. To keep the campaign the non-profit enterprise for the Advocate it has been, all proceeds above cost will be periodically donated to worthy Lower Cape charities.

Locally, stickers will be available for sale at the Patrician Gift Shop, Provincetown Book Shop, the Advocate office and possibly other outlets.

Off Cape people are invited to mail their requests for stickers, enclosing 25 cents each for stickers desired, to Eat More Fish, Provincetown Advocate, 200 Commercial St., Provincetown, Mass. 02657.

Maybe the ideal gift for the motorist who has everything?



Army engineers will decide

# Cape-tip opinions vary on breakwater repair

*Cape Times 12/10/69*

By NEIL G. NICKERSON  
PROVINCETOWN — A hearing on whether to close or allow to remain open a large gap in the west end breakwater highlighted a meeting of selectmen Monday night in town hall.

But when the feeling of the 100 there was sought, 59 wanted the gap closed, 18 didn't, and about 20 didn't even vote.

Leo Gracie, secretary, and Matthew Costa, president of the Highland Fish and Game Club, led the discussion for the closing of the 50-foot wide gap. Francis Santos, proprietor of Flyers' Boatyard, and a former selectmen, led the group that wanted the hole to remain.

The fish and game maintained the gap should be closed for conservation reasons or the marshes would be destroyed.

The opposition maintained the hole allowed a passage to safety for small boat owners and that the town had never done anything for the small boat owners. They said the marshes wouldn't be harmed.

## Letter from Ted

Costa read letters that had passed between the club and public officials, and read the most recent notice from Army engineers by way of Sen. Kennedy, that funds are

included in this year's budget for maintenance of the breakwater.

Santos presented a petition signed by some 60 persons, mostly boat owners, who wanted the hole to remain, thus affording access to the calm beyond in case high winds.

The fish and game club quoted Col. Eugene C. Clarke, marine biologist, as much in favor of closing the gap, as for the army engineers plan.

Discussion for the most part was orderly, presided over by Chairman of Selectmen Marion Taves, who allowed those wanting the hole closed first chance to talk, and then the others. He told the gathering that the opinions would be passed on to the Army engineers if they so requested. He added that frequently the engineers have asked what the public wants, but no written request for such information had been received.

## Gate suggested

Town counsel Attn. John C. Snow advanced a third plan, that of the installation of a gate, which could be utilized in an emergency, so it could be opened when the time

came if needed to protect the vessels.

Santos said that in his lifetime the gap had occurred three times, because of quicksand in that particular spot. "It's about time the town did something for the boat owners," he said.

Mrs. Josephine Deldeo said she felt Snow's idea was a good one and asked how the fish and game club felt. Gracie answered that it had taken two years to get the project ready for repairs, and if it isn't done now he wasn't sure what year it would be done.

Other speaking for closing the break included William A. White, Reginald Enos, Robert Collinson, Justin Avellar and Heaton Vorse.

Others speaking for having it remain open included Joseph Andrews, Robert Cabral, Manuel Phillips, Herman Desilva and William Souza.

## 50,000 years

Costa said that it took 50,000 years to build the marshes, and asked that they be preserved. Santos said he was a real conservation man but said there was more marine there was in the marshy area.



Matthew Costa, president of the Highland Fish and Game Club of Provincetown, points to pictures at a public hearing on breakwater damage repair in the west end. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)



# Taxpayers' group cites 22 cases of town manager's 'down-hill' path, urges change.

Complaints alleging the town management of Provincetown has been characterized by "neglect of duty, poor judgment and willful disregard of the people's wishes" were made public Tuesday afternoon.

They came after directors of the Provincetown Taxpayers' Association voted to release to the press their letter of Dec. 1, addressed to the Board of Selectmen.

The letter asked Selectmen to consider instances of "work not done" and "disregard of voters wishes" by Town Manager Robert Hancock. It further questioned his conduct of municipal affairs.

Chairman Marion Taves told the Advocate the Selectmen had given Mr. Hancock a copy of the letter last Monday night. They had also scheduled a meeting for the following Monday, Dec. 15, to discuss it with him. A statement to the press, Mr. Taves added, was planned for Tuesday, Dec. 16.

"We could not have a meeting on it last Monday," he said, "before giving Mr. Hancock a fair chance to study it. You can't try a man on hearsay and let it go at that."

## RELEASE TIMING

Taxpayers' directors, in a covering letter signed by secretary Barbara Malicoat, said they had "voted not to publish its contents before



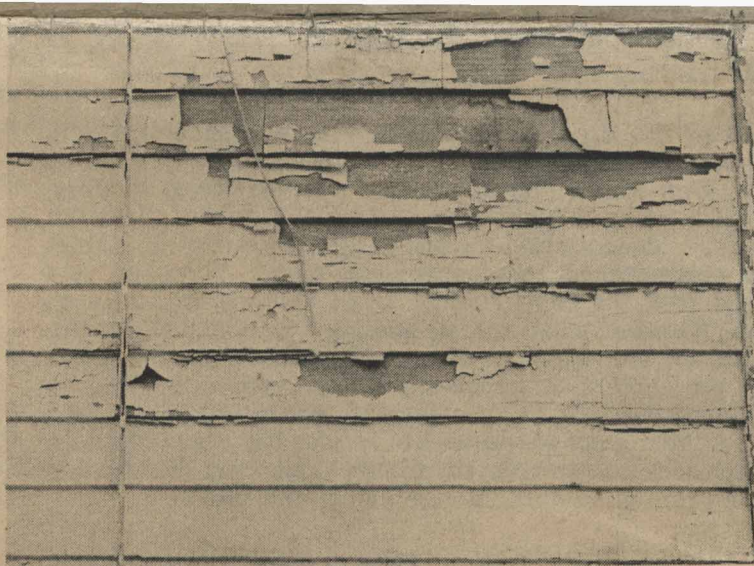


the Selectmen's meeting of Dec. 8, at which time we expected them to read our letter to the public."

Chairman Taves told the Advocate that the Dec. 8 meeting had been so fully occupied with their hearing on repairing the west end breakwater that the Selectmen had not had time to deal fully with the Taxpayers' letter. When Mrs. Malicoat and attorney Carrie Seaman publicly inquired about the letter Monday night, Selectman Marion Perry moved to discuss it in executive session and later write a reply to the Taxpayers. It was so voted.

Reasons for releasing their letter of complaint are contained in the Taxpayers' covering letter. "In fairness to our membership of over a hundred taxpayers and to the reading public, and also to counteract false rumors circulating around town, we feel this letter should now be made public. It was signed by nine members of the Board of Directors of the Provincetown Taxpayers Association and is not in any way intended to implicate the membership as a whole."

The letter's origin was traced to Article II of the Association's By-Laws. This says objects are "to foster, encourage and promote a non-partisan interest in and study of the civic, business and fiscal activities of local, county and state governmental agencies . . . and by cooperation with such agencies, strive to assist in (See 22 CASES, page 3.)



**BACKLOG OF WORK (top to bottom) includes Prince Street sidewalk for safety of churchgoers; a bulkhead between John Edwards house and the cemetery; and repairs to No. 5 firehouse.**



# 22 cases.

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procuring the greatest possible efficiency at the lowest possible cost."

## THE DIRECTORS MEETING

A letter signed by Taxpayers member Joseph B. McCabe was delivered to the Advocate by Building Inspector and Health Agent Fernando Gonsalves last week. It charged that "a small group purporting to be representative" had held a secret meeting, after which a letter was sent to the Selectmen.

The directors' Dec. 9 letter comments, "Since the publication of Mr. McCabe's letter in the Advocate of Dec. 4, we, the directors of the Taxpayers Association, have been asked by many of our members about our recent letter to the Selectmen and why they, as members, were not notified of its contents while Mr. McCabe had obtained knowledge of it."

By-laws of the Association provide for notifying all members of annual or general meetings. They also provide that the president may call a board of directors meeting at any time.

## NO COMMENT

When questioned Tuesday morning, Mr. Hancock declined to comment on the letter to Selectmen. "I can't say when I'll have any comment to make. The Selectmen will discuss it in executive session, and I assume they will ultimately answer it."

He said he would have to study its contents and report to the board at a future time. Asked if the letter contained any allegations against him, Mr. Hancock replied, "It proposes questions that the Selectmen want me to provide answers to."

Following release of the letter to the press, Mr. Hancock was invited by the Advocate to offer his comment for publication with the letter. He again declined and said he would have no comment until after the special Selectmen's meeting next Monday.



# Full text of released letter.

The letter "To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town of Provincetown" reads as follows:

We the undersigned believe the management of Provincetown has gone down hill. We feel there is neglect of duty, poor judgment and willful disregard of the people's wishes as shown by their votes. We ask you to consider the following:

## WORK NOT DONE

1. Layout of street between 34 and 36 Pearl Street, voted under Article 33, 1965 Town Meeting.
2. Sidewalk on Prince Street between Holway Ave., and Mozart Ave., voted under Article 18, 1968 Town Meeting.
3. Repairs to #5 firehouse, voted under Article 24, 1969 Meeting.
4. Bulkhead between John Edwards property and cemetery, voted under Article 28, 1967 Town Meeting. Bid exceeded appropriation, but no move to ask for more money has been made.
5. Layout of Carnes Lane, voted under Article 52, 1968 Meeting.
6. Layout of Washington Ave., Article 53, 1968 Meeting.
7. Layout of Cook Street, Article 54, 1968 Meeting.
8. Three bicycle racks, voted under Article 47, 1968 Meeting.
9. Ten foot easement to be taken for drainage purposes across the easterly end of the Consolidated Cold Storage, Article 44, 1969 Meeting.

## DISREGARD OF VOTERS WISHES

1. Under Article 21, 1968 Town

Meeting, \$500 was voted to stabilize the eroded bank under a drain at the rear of the Meadows Motel. Instead, this drain was continued eastward along Creek Road to a low spot near the north end of Nickerson Street. Matthew Costa reports the erosion of his land is continuing.

2. Article 19, 1968 Town Meeting. The amended Article called for improvement of sidewalk between Ryder and Gosnold Streets, using material conforming with the material already there (concrete). Instead, a few cracks were cemented, and a portion of the sidewalk was rebuilt with asphalt. During the debate on the Article, the Town Manager said, "Tell me what you want, and I'll do it."

3. Article 20, 1966 Town Meeting, transferred \$9,450 to match State funds for street construction on Bradford Street (Franklin to Nickerson), Commercial Street (Gosnold to Seamen's Savings Bank) Cemetery Road, Ryder Street and any other road requested by Selectmen and approved by the State DPW. Commercial Street has never been repaired under this article.

4. Article 35, 1968 Town Meeting, provided \$2,500 to resurface Nickerson Street between Tremont and Bradford Streets, and to place concrete block curbing along the edge of the playground. Instead of blocks, plank curbing was installed.

5. Article 20, 1968 Town Meeting, raised \$7,000 to resurface (See **FULL TEXT**, page 3.)



# Full text of released letter.

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with asphalt "Race Road, portions of Creek Road and West Vine Street Extension, and Good Templar Place." All but \$846.49 was spent on the first three streets. A 6-inch water main was laid in Race Road without voter authorization. Good Templar Place was left undone, and more money had to be appropriated for it under Article 27, 1969 Town Meeting.

6. Article 12, 1969 Town Meeting, raised \$6,000 for installation of drainage facilities on Standish Street from Bradford Street to Lopes Square, and for replacing the sea shore end of existing facilities easterly of the East End Cold Storage plant, and for any other drainage work deemed necessary by the Selectmen and Town Manager. The Howland St. drainage work was not done until after residents petitioned a special Article for this at a cost estimated at \$3,000.

7. Article 30, 1968 Town Meeting, raised \$3,000 to put a new 6-inch water main in Cottage Street between Bradford Street and Creek Road, and to make temporary repairs to the surface. Instead, the water main was installed halfway, and half of the

street was permanently paved.

## CREDIBILITY GAP

Article 15, 1968 Town Meeting, authorized construction of a new Cape End Manor. The Manager said that the present site of the existing Manor was chosen because "both the State and Federal people approve it. It met the location and size qualification if we acquire the Lopes property." (Page 64, 1968 Annual Report) In arguing against Nicholas Wells' amendment to locate it on other land owned by the town, he stated that the town does not own enough land anywhere else.

In previous talk, during hearings on the warrant, statements were made by the Manager that although the present Manor site is less than the five acres required by the Hill-Harris Act, Motta Memorial Field could be counted because it abuts the Manor site. It was also stated that the Hill-Harris Act requires the Manor to be centrally located. Much was said about the patients being able to walk down town.

Article 8, 1969 Town Meeting, asked the Town to purchase land of Allen S. Klonick on Ship's Way, west of Shank Painter Pond Road. Town Manager stated that this land was approved by the Hill-Harris people. The parcel consists of less than five acres. It is also remote.

More recently, another site was announced as having been unanimously approved by the Cape End Manor Committee. It is almost half a mile from downtown, and it is even smaller than the Klonick property.



## PERSONAL CONDUCT

1. The Town Manager has displayed arrogance and contempt for citizens by telling them he has no time to talk about their problems.

2. When the Town Manager's decision or judgment is questioned, he responds by saying, "Sue me."

3. The Town Manager is frequently absent from town during working days and not on town business.

4. His lenient attitude toward town employees has resulted in increasing tardiness and early home-going, plus a conspicuous amount of "goofing off" on the job.

5. His conduct at recent Town Meetings indicates that by political activity the Town Manager has organized town employees into a voting unit. This organized support for any program he wants, and against programs he opposes, is contrary to the democratic process of the open Town Meeting.

The undersigned are in favor of the Selectmen-Town Manager form of government for Provincetown. We do not favor a return to the three-man Board of Select-



men and government by popularity contest.

In view of the above, however, we feel the time has come to consider whether the present management of Town affairs is in the best interest of the citizens. We feel that unless changes are made, the present form of government has only four months to survive.

Board of Directors,  
Provincetown Taxpayers  
Association.

Theodore Malcolm  
Raymond Rice  
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Frances T. Euler  
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Heaton Vorse



# Special meeting planned.

## To look at Manor, Chrysler needs.

To a special meeting next Monday, Dec. 15 at 8 pm in the courtroom, Selectmen will invite the Economic Development Committee, Finance Committee, Planning Board, Zoning Appeals Board, Manor Building Committee and Provincetown department heads, announced Town Manager Robert Hancock Tuesday morning.

The combined boards will discuss a new site for the Cape End Manor "and hopefully establish unanimity on our selection," said Mr. Hancock.

They will also consider specific requests from Walter P. Chrysler, Jr., in terms of town cooperation with his Art Museum.

Although these were the only two subjects announced, it developed a few hours later that the Selectmen also planned to discuss in executive session with Mr. Hancock a highly critical letter received from the Provincetown Taxpayers Association, (See page 1.)

### HANCOCK'S REPORT HEARD

In executive session following their Monday night public hearing on the breakwater gap, Selectmen heard Mr. Hancock's bi-weekly report.

Sidewalk reconstruction would continue, said Mr. Hancock, west from Atlantic Ave. as far as weather permitted.

Reinforced concrete portions of the new DPW building off State Road have been formed and poured. Concrete block laying will follow.

The state DPW will receive bids on Harry Kemp Way (former railroad route), to be opened Tues. Dec. 16, at 2 pm in Boston.

### SEARCH PERMIT ASKED

National Seashore officials have been asked to give Provincetown a one-year extension of a special use permit to seek water supplies in North Truro. They were also asked to develop a long-term arrangement that will permit the town to seek federal funds for pumping and transporting water from new well fields.

Selectmen declared an emergency to permit prompt repairs at MacMillan Pier by the Lake Co., which has wharf-building equipment in the harbor now.

The Selectmen's office will remain open during noon hours for the convenience of working citizens wishing to do business in Town Hall.



# Captains to argue rules on haddock.

Angry Provincetown fishing captains met Tuesday night with fish buyer George A. Colley Jr. and Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission member John C. Worthington to look over the new regulations on haddock fishing.

Regulations were recommended by an international fishery study committee. They are about to be put into effect by J. M. Patton, acting director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. Similar meetings are being held in New Bedford and Boston.

"Prior to the final adoption of the proposed amendments, consideration will be given to any data, views, or arguments . . . submitted in writing to the Director, . . . within the period of 20 days from the date of publication," instructions note. This Dec. 12 deadline will be met with dozens of telegrams to Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Senator Edward W. Brooke, Rep. Hastings Keith — and perhaps even to Acting Director Patton.

Nub of the telegrams will be "Unfair, discriminatory, unenforceable!"

## BOOKKEEPER ON EVERY BOAT?

"We're not against conservation," said Mr. Colley. "But I for one am against this way of going about it."

Briefed, the new regulations would (1) set up an annual quota of 12,000 metric tons of haddock taken from Browns and Georges Banks, (2) close three prime spawning areas during March and April, and (3) require every fisherman and fish buyer to keep records, with penalties of five years in prison and/or \$5,000 fines for disobedience of any regulation contained in 2,000 words of fine print.

Commented Capt. Ferdinand Salvador of the Michael Ann "They don't want us to read them. This is worse than an insurance policy.

Credit — or discredit — for the rules is given to fish biologists attempting to save the dangerously over-fished haddock species from extinction. Strict obedience to the rules might accom- (See HADDOCK, page 11.)



# Haddock.

(Continued from Page 1.)

plish this, said Mr. Worthington.

Strict obedience, answered the fishermen and Mr. Colley, would require a bookkeeper on every boat and a whole new reporting system ashore.

## NETS AND LOOPHOLES

Before the meeting got under way at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, Capt. Henry Duarte showed Mr. Worthington proof that foreign fishing nets have much finer meshes than any allowed on American boats. Recognizing the conservation value of larger-mesh nets (that allow small fish to escape), Capt. Duarte and other fishermen are angry over "clean sweep" methods of foreign vessels.

Mr. Colley listed five specific objections to the proposed regulations, some of which pointed to legal loopholes large enough to let a foreign factory ship pass through sideways.

One hole is in regulation 240.9, paragraph b. It says that a vessel that leaves port on a haddocking trip before the closed season starts may continue fishing for haddock "without restriction as to quantity until the fishing voyage has been completed. . ."

Said Mr. Colley, "A foreign factory ship, under this rule, can start fishing these grounds the day before they close and stay there right through the closed season, until it fills up."



## CONSERVATION?

Another loophole lurks in paragraph d, which allows vessels to take haddock while fishing for other species. The limit is 10% of haddock on a boat having 90% other kinds of fish.

Said Mr. Colley, "This is by weight. It gives a big advantage to large vessels where they can fillet their haddock. It punishes our small vessels which land gutted fish. Big boats can bring in two and a half times as much haddock in fillets as you can."

Capt. Ralph Andrews of the Cap'n Bill asked, "If I catch more haddock after the limit is reached, do I throw them overboard dead? Where's the conservation in that? You can't help catching haddock when you're after yellowtails."

Capt. Joseph Roderick of the Jimmy Boy posed a hard one: "Suppose I catch 4,000 pounds of haddock early in the day. Then suppose I can't find enough other kinds of fish so that my 4,000 of haddock is 10% of the total. What do I do—dump part of my haddock?" Sympathetic laughter followed his remarks.

Capt. Bernard T. "Sonny" Roderick of the Shirley & Roland had been reading the fine print. "I can't find anything here that will benefit U.S. fishermen. We'll all have to hire bookkeepers."



Capt. Seraphine Codinha of the Peter & Linda called the rules "baloney! If they want all this information, let them get it from the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries!"

### **LOCAL AREA CLOSED**

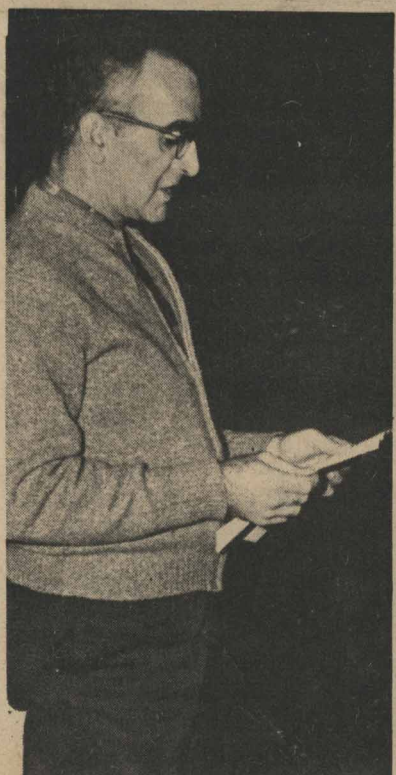
In addition to reporting exact weight of every type of fish they catch and doing so within 72 hours of landing or (in Mr. Colley's case) purchasing and selling fish, plus keeping these records for two years and risking heavy penalties for violations, Provincetown fishermen would be barred from part of their fishing grounds.

An area off Cape Cod, extending southeast from off Race Point to well below Nauset Light, would be closed to haddock fishing in March and April. The assembled captains studied the chart gloomily; this is one of their prime fishing grounds.

New Bedford and New York fishermen are expected to react similarly to another regulation barring them from fishing for silver hake (whiting) between January 1 and March 31 during the next three years, in another area southwest of Long Island.

Mr. Colley made the only positive suggestion heard in the first hour of the meeting. He had been objecting to "unrestricted mid-water trawling during closure", saying that egg-bearing haddock would be taken by these nets. He thought that if prime haddock spawning grounds were to be closed for two months, they should be closed to all types of fishing for all species of fish.





**PRO CLOSING** are Matt Costa (top) and Leo Gracie.

**AND CON** are Francis "Flyer" Santos (top) and Robert Cabral.

*Advocate 12/11/70*

**Sharp debate on gap ends with 59-18 vote to close it.**



If the future of the west end breakwater were determined by the vote taken among citizens Monday night by the Selectmen, the 50-foot gap would be closed immediately.

Of the nearly 100 voters present at the Selectmen's hearing on whether the gap should be closed or left open, 59 were counted in favor of closing it, 18 opposed, and one in favor of building a storm gate there.

According to a letter read during the hearing, the Engineers will let the contract for repairs next May, and the gap filling should be completed by late in 1970.

Matthew Costa, president of the Highland Fish and Game Club, read the letter during his testimony in favor of closure. Answering Senator Edward M. Kennedy's inquiry to the Corps of Engineers, the letter assured the senator that the breakwater "storm damage" would be repaired.

#### FOR CLOSING IT

Leo Gracie spoke first, urging that "this damaged Federal breakwater" be repaired without delay. In view of rising costs, he feared that delay might make the project so expensive that it might never be done. "Those who want to delay this," he said, "will have to take the responsibility." He cited damage to the marsh, to the shellfish, to the harbor. "It's already caused the loss of part of the marsh."

Matt Costa, following, read a number of letters and pointed to a display of photographs showing the breakwater gap and effects of tide currents. On both sides of the hole, five-foot sandbars have built up. Some of the marsh peat has been undermined to the point where it broke away.

Costa cited a letter to Town Manager Robert Hancock from W. R. Fogarty, operations chief of Army Engineers, saying that the Corps had included repair costs in its budget for fiscal year 1970.

Another letter, from Senator Edward W. Brooke, assured the Highland Fish and Game Club that "he would do all in his power" to see the breakwater mended.

Referring to boats that passed through the gap during threat of storms, Mr. Costa said only three were commercial fishing boats, the rest pleasure craft. Small boats could be hauled out on the beach, he said.

#### OBSERVED EROSION

William A. White, former Selectman and west end resident, said he admired the club's conservation work. His own on-the-spot observations proved the outgoing tides carried sand out of the marsh. "I plan someday to have a

pleasure boat," he said, "but not at the cost of conservation. When a storm comes, I'll pull it up. I want to go on record as in favor of closing this gap."

Reginald Enos, shellfish constable spoke of the force of tidal currents through the gap. "It takes my 40-horse outboard at full throttle to go against that current."

Robert Collinson believed the flow through there "would pollute the flats in time," and called for preserving the marsh for posterity.

Justin Avellar also spoke briefly in favor of closing the hole, and Heaton Vorse noted that a 45-acre area of the marsh, including the broken breakwater, would soon revert to the Cape Cod National Seashore. "We should return it to them in the same condition it was in when we got it."

#### FOR LEAVING IT OPEN

Francis "Flyer" Santos, former Selectman and boat builder, spoke first in opposition. He presented a petition with some 60 signatures, "four fifths of which are from boat men who use this gap to gain shelter during storms." Frank (See SHARP DEBATE, page 6.)



## Taxpayer's charge answered

# 'Secret meeting' denied

*Sunday Cape Times 12/17/69*

PROVINCETOWN — Charges of a "secret meeting" of the Provincetown Taxpayers Association made by Joseph B. McCabe of Beach Point have been denied by Ted Malcolm, president of the association.

A letter to the association from McCabe was made public this week. It follows:

"When I joined the Taxpayers Association years ago, it consisted of a group of

concerned citizens who conducted the business at open and above-board meetings, of which all members had been notified and to which the public had been invited.

"This past Sunday, a secret meeting was held by a small group purporting to be representative of the entire taxpayers association. I was not notified of any such meeting, but I understand

that as a result of it a letter has been sent to selectmen.

"As a matter of principle, I protest any group acting as my agent without my knowledge, and I would think that any responsible member would be similarly concerned."

In answer to a query, Malcolm said that a session held at his home on Sunday was an official board meeting of directors of the association.

"We have had no general meeting this fall," Malcolm said.



# Board fired up over Cape-tip manager

*Cape Times 12/16/69*

By NEIL G. NICKERSON

PROVINCETOWN — Provincetown Taxpayers Association's board of directors today made public its "letter" of last week, mentioned at a hearing Monday night, containing several charges against Town Manager Robert A. Hancock. One was that he "displayed arrogance and contempt for citizens" of Provincetown.

The three-page letter, made public today by Mrs. Barbara Malicoat, corresponding secretary of the taxpayers association, was accompanied by a statement from the board of directors with reasons for making the letter public at this time.

The general letter, signed by nine members of the board of directors, states that "the undersigned believe the management of Provincetown has gone down hill . . ." and lists four separate and general categories for this, ending up with "personal conduct" of the town manager himself. Other categories include "work not done," "disregard of voter wishes" and "credibility gap."

"secret meeting" of the association, Malcolm, head of the organization, said, there had been no general meeting and there hadn't been one this fall, but that the meeting at which the three-page letter was formulated, was an "official board meeting, held at his home, off Commercial Street.

## Statement follows

The statement of the directors follows, in part:

"Since the publication of Mr. McCabe's letter . . . the directors of the taxpayers association have been asked by many of our members about our recent letter to the selectmen and why they, as members, were not notified of its contents, while Mr. McCabe had obtained knowledge of it. We answered that we had voted not to publish its contents before the selectmen's meeting of Dec. 8 at which time we expected them to read our letter to the public. We also said that we had no knowledge of the source from which Mr. McCabe received his information.

association are to foster, encourage and promote a non-partisan interest in, and study of, the civic business and fiscal activities of local, county and state governmental agencies as such activities may affect both the resident and non-resident taxpayers of Provincetown, and by cooperation with such agencies, strive to assist in procuring the greatest possible efficiency at the lowest possible cost."

## 5 complaints

In the "personal conduct" category, all of which involved the town manager, the directors' letter lists five, as follows:

"The town manager has displayed arrogance and contempt for citizens by telling them he has no time to talk about their problems.

"When the town manager's decision or judgement is questioned, he responds by saying 'sue me'.

"The town manager is frequently absent from town during working days and not on town business.

"His lenient attitude toward town employees has resulted in

against programs he opposes, is contrary to the democratic process of the open town meeting."

## Twin system backed

The letter further states, "The undersigned are in favor of the selectman-town manager form of government for Provincetown. We do not favor a return to the three-man board of selectmen and government through popularity contests.

"In view of the above, however, we feel the time has come to consider whether the present management of town affairs is in the best interest of the citizens. We feel that unless changes are made, the present form of government has only four months to survive."

There is no suggestion as to what should be done. The last

paragraph apparently alludes to the stipulations of the charter itself which states that, under Article 29, "at any time after the expiration of three years from the date of acceptance of this act, and not less than 60 days before the date of an annual town election, a petition signed by not less than 10 percent of the registered voters of the town may be filed with the selectmen, requesting that the question of revoking the acceptance of this act be submitted to the voters. . . ." It would then go on the official ballot of the next annual town meeting.

The charter was passed by the Legislature in 1953. Since then there have been a couple of attempts to revoke it by ballot, but the vote was far in favor of retaining it.



### Signers listed

Signatures on the general letter, copies of which were sent to each of the five selectmen, but none to the manager, include Theodore Malcolm, president of the association; Raymond E. Rice, Margaret E. Jensen, Barbara Malicoat, Betty S. Shaw, Frances Euler, Joan M. Pereira, Reeves Euler and Heaton Vorse.

Hancock was contacted immediately and his comment was "no comment at this time." Chairman of Selectmen Marion Taves, also contacted, said the board "will discuss the letter" following a special meeting Monday night and later they will have an answer for the taxpayers association.

Last week, when Joseph McCabe, long time member of the taxpayers association, complained in an open letter about what he called a

"Monday night the selectmen voted to take the letter up in executive session without first reading it to those present. In reply to inquiry, they said that the taxpayers' board would later receive an answer from them.

"In fairness to our membership of over a hundred taxpayers and to the reading public, and also to counteract false rumors circulating around town, we feel that this letter should now be made public. It was signed by nine members of the board of directors of the Provincetown Taxpayers Association and is not in any way intended to implicate the membership as a whole. Our reason for writing to the selectmen is in accord with Article 11 of our association's by-laws, which reads:

"The objects of this

town employes has resulted in increasing tardiness and early home-going, plus a conspicuous amount of 'goofing off' on the job.

"His conduct at recent town meetings indicates that by political activity the town manager has organized town employes into a voting unit. This organized support for any program he wants, and



# Cape-tip agencies to discuss site for new medical facility

*Cape Times 12/11/69*

PROVINCETOWN — Provincetown selectmen have approved a meeting of several departments and boards for Monday to discuss in particular the proposed new site for the Cape End Manor, a public medical institution.

Units include the overall Economic Development Projects Committee the finance committee, planning board, board of appeals, Cape End Manor building committee and department heads of the town government.

Town manager Robert A. Hancock said the proposed meeting was called to get some idea of the thinking in the selection of a new Cape End Manor site. The building on Alden Street has been in use for many years, and the

desire is to replace it with a new one-story structure.

## No approval

Since there is no official site approval as yet, there is no federal grant. There was once a grant available, but this was withdrawn when the site was turned down by voters at the annual town meeting.

The town must file new application for funds, and the deadline is Dec. 31.

Also, on the agenda are the needs of the Chrysler Art Museum and what the town will be willing to do for it. Hancock said the basic needs as related to him and the selectmen will be outlined, and the future of the museum in Provincetown.

## Substantial expenditure

The town manager said requests by Walter P. Chrysler Jr., president of the museum, would entail a substantial expenditure of money.

The town manager also reported that arrangements are in effect for the town offices to be

open during the noon hour daily.

The selectmen are sending a half of the Ceejay Corp. relative letter to the governor on behalf of the establishment of a fee by the state for the use of tide lands. The corporation is developing a marina at the site of Monument Dock, renamed Fishermen's Wharf, and the fee, would be to the state for permission to use the area.

The town manager also announced that bids for the chapter 90 work by the State Department of Public Works on the railroad right of way will be open at 100 Nashua St. Dec. 16.

Hancock said that three petitioned articles were presented by the Nautilus Club for insertion in the annual town meeting. One of these would establish a park department to maintain the town's parks and squares and would provide \$2,000 for expenses; the second would petition that electric wires go underground; and the third would provide \$3,000 for beautification of town property.



# Cape-tip workers deny pressure by manager

By NEIL NICKERSON

*Cape Times 12/15/69*

PROVINCETOWN — A flat denial that any town employes of Provincetown were swayed in any way by the town manager, was issued today by Arthur D. Roderick, president of local 1462 which includes all employes under the salary administration plan for Provincetown. It includes about 70 people.

In answer to allegations by the board of directors of the Provincetown Taxpayers Association that the town employes were a "rubber stamp" for the town manager, Roderick said that no such thing ever existed.

He said that in no instance has Town Manager Robert A. Hancock asked the employes to support or vote against any particular issue.

The town manager technically is the boss, Roderick said, in the sense that there must be a supervisor. But there never has been any influence brought to bear on "how we work or how we vote, and no leniency has been shown us in any manner," he said.

## Purely social basis

"Any associations we have had with Mr. Hancock have been purely on a social basis," the president said. "As town employes we do not wish to become embroiled in any personal matter involving the town manager and the taxpayers association."

The fact is, Roderick said, the town manager is a hard bargainer, and Howard Doyle, state president of the Council of Municipal Employes, A.F.L.-C.I.O., agreed. He termed Hancock at times "arbitrary," and dedicated toward saving the town money.

The town manager is "a nice guy to talk to," Doyle said, "but he is not easily persuaded. In fact he fired one and suspended another over which we have no recourse."

He said the Provincetown employes covered by the contract do not have what they wanted in the way of a contract.

The statement issued by the town employes local was compiled in an emergency meeting of union officers in answer to the allegations of the taxpayers, Roderick said. Since the allegations were contained in a release from the board of directors of the taxpayers, he has had numerous calls from town employes objecting.

## Has not existed in past

"We feel we have been unjustly accused of something which has not existed in the past and will not likely occur at any time," Roderick said.

"We, as town employes, and also taxpayers and residents of Provincetown will not be coerced into supporting anything we do not believe in and will, in the future, as we have in the past, vote in accordance with our consciences and belief."

Roderick summed up the town employes feeling by citing the purposes set forth in the union agreement. "It is for the promotion of harmonious relations between the town and the union, the establishment of equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences and the establishment of rate of pay, hours of work, an other conditions of employment," he said.

# Hancock calls charges 'tempest in a teapot'

*Cape Times 12/16/69*

PROVINCETOWN — Town Manager Robert A. Hancock, in his first public statement since criticisms and allegations against him were made public last week, has termed the incident a "local tempest in a teapot."

Hancock, bringing official greetings of the town to the Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, on its 35th anniversary, said he was speaking for the "silent majority," and said there were "nine residents who probably would say I do don't speak for them."

The nine he referred to are members of the board of directors of the Provincetown Taxpayers Association who signed a three-page letter, made public last week, critical of Hancock and claiming "the management of Provincetown has gone down hill."

The town manager called his critics the "militant minority who seek to impose their will over the silent majority."

The letter specifically charged Hancock with displaying arrogance and contempt for citizens "when they want him to discuss their problems. When his decision or judgment is questioned," they charge, "he responds with 'sue me.'"

The letter also charges him with being frequently absent from town during working days not on town business; having a lenient attitude toward town employes, and further charges his "conduct at recent town meetings

indicates that by political activity the town manager has organized town employes into a voting unit. This organized support for any program he wants . . . is contrary to the democratic process of the open town meeting," the critics say.

This last charge brought a flat denial from town employes through Arthur D. Roderick, president of Local 1462, Municipal Employes, which represents 70 local town employes. Roderick said it was absolutely not the case, and lashed back at the critics, saying the town employes were not "rubber stamps" for the town manager.

Howard Doyle, president of the State Council of Municipal Employes, said that, on the contrary, Hancock was inclined to be "arbitrary, a good man to talk to but strictly for the town . . . bending over backward for the town when it came to spending money."

The taxpayers letter charges at least seven instances of disregard for voters wishes and nine instances of work not done. The letter also charged a credibility gap, relative to the construction of the Cape End Manor.

There have been no specific answers to specific charges, except for the town employes denial of being "rubber stamps," and Hancock's statement that the whole thing is a "tempest in a teapot."

Selectmen plan a statement on the matter after complete discussion of the letters in executive session.





**TRURO DUMP** shows "conspicuous consumption" and its durable result.

*Advocate 12/18/69*

## As Refuse Disposal Board sees it.

Following are the suggestions for improving disposal areas, as submitted to Lower Cape towns by the Barnstable Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Board:

1. Have area gated. Open 8 am to 5 pm in winter. Open 8 am to 8 pm in summer. (For use only by taxpayer in the town. Charge others)

2. Have custodian on duty all of the time and a suitable shelter for him.

3. Cover rubbish every night with six inches of sand. This will require a tractor and a building to house it. (Or use outside contractor).

Additional procedures:

Have the public divide refuse

into 3 groups: glass bottles, cans and dirt; newspapers and magazines and garbage.

You can then crush bottles and cans with the tractor without covering that area every night.

Bundle or bail the paper and sell it.

Later, get a wood chipper and chip all the trees and wood demolition material and sell it on a regional basis.

Charge contractors clearing land or demolishing buildings by the ton or by the load. (Put it in the chipper).

Suggestions were sent by letter over the name of Sven M. Osthagen, vice chairman of the board.



# Letter reply due after Dec. 25.

*Advocate 12/18/69*

Provincetown Selectmen, said Chairman Marion Taves following their special meeting Monday night, discussed with Town Manager Robert Hancock the critical letter from the Taxpayers' Association, point by point.

They then voted, because of the late hour, to postpone drafting a public statement on their position until after Christmas.

In his office in Town Hall, Mr. Hancock said Tuesday morning that he would have no statement to make to the Advocate, at least not until after the Selectmen had issued one.

## ALSO WITHHOLDS COMMENT

Ted Malcolm, president of the Taxpayers' Association and one of the nine signers of the letter, said this morning, "The letter was addressed to the Selectmen. Mr. Hancock has apparently replied to them. Since the Taxpayers directors have not heard from the Selectmen, it would not be suitable for us to say anything now."

Mr. Hancock referred to the letter publicly Saturday night, however, in a talk to some 200 guests at the Veterans of Foreign Wars 35th anniversary party.

He termed it "a tempest in a teapot." Saying he spoke for "the silent majority" of Provincetowners, he called the nine signers of the Taxpayers' letter "the militant minority who seek to impose their will."

## DENY VOTING PRESSURE

Replying to the letter's allegation that "by political activity the town manager has organized town employees into a voting unit," Arthur D. Roderick, president of the municipal employees local here, denied that any pressure had been exerted on his members to vote as a body in town meetings.

Paul Flores, recently appointed as Cemetery Superintendent, also denied that town employees voted as a unit. "The Taxpayers don't know what they're talking about."

This morning Mr. Hancock declined to add anything to his previous statement.



**TOWN MANAGER HANCOCK.**



# Manor site gets vote of confidence.

Representatives of five Provincetown boards and several department heads met with Selectmen and Town Manager Robert Hancock Monday night to discuss a new site for the Cape End Manor and the needs of the Chrysler Art Museum. After nearly two hours of debate on the Manor, that question was left to the Manor Building Committee to decide.

It took only ten minutes more to consider the Chrysler request. (See story elsewhere.)

Mr. Hancock reviewed the history of the two-year attempt to find a suitable site for a new extended care medical facility in Provincetown. Limited land resources, plus difficulty in securing federal aid in building the facility, plus disagreement on where it should be built, he indicated, leave the town with existing facilities the state hospital board will not relicense.

## WOULD REAPPLY FOR FUNDS

If the proposed new site at the former railroad Y is approved, he said, he would ask the town again for funds and would re-apply for a grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

New regulations require a qualified nursing attendant on each floor of such a building. Since nurses are in short supply, he had asked the town's architect to redesign the Manor on one floor. Estimated cost was said to be \$700,000.

Chairman Munro G. Moore of the Finance Committee noted that with a 40% HEW grant the Provincetown share of costs would be \$420,000. He added that architects' estimates on two previous projects have been 33% too low.

Replied Mr. Hancock, "Unfortunately, building costs have gone up while we talked." He quoted the architects' estimate of \$28 per square foot. Recent HEW surveys show, he said, that an average cost is \$27.70 per foot.



## REGIONALIZATION?

Chairman Cyril J. Patrick of the Zoning Board of Appeals asked if any thought had been given to building a regionalized Manor.

"Yes," said Mr. Hancock, "but we haven't proposed this because of the difficulty of getting even one town to agree on where to build it. Very likely Wellfleet would want it closer, perhaps in Truro. This would move some of the jobs out of town."

Ralph Carpenter of the Manor Building Committee asked that the discussion focus on the proposed building site.

## EDA PROBLEMS

Chairman Robert A. Shartle of the Planning Board asked what difficulty had arisen with the Economic Development Administration, from which Provincetown had asked for a 40% grant in aid.

EDA's original refusal, answered Mr. Hancock, was followed by changes in administrative personnel. The agency's next reply to the Provincetown request was that EDA did not have funds for projects of this kind.

Mr. Carpenter again called the discussion back to the question of the proposed new building site. He had walked over the ground, he said. "It's a perfectly good piece of land. A good location." He scoffed at the Advocate's representation of it as a flooded woodland.

Robert G. Gutzler of the Planning Board agreed that the question was where to put the Manor, not how to finance it.

## WHAT OF STANDPIPE SITE?

Warned Mr. Moore, "When a project has been okayed, it starts to roll. Before this one starts rolling, let's keep in mind that it will cost close to half a million to build." He asked what objection the Manor Committee had to building it on town-owned land near the older standpipe.

"It isn't large enough," replied Mr. Hancock. "It's only about two acres with the standpipe in the middle. We'd have to acquire part of the Holmes property to provide for expansion area."

Mr. Gutzler said the Planning Board had met the day before and talked about this. Although not sure of the criteria for a Manor site, four of the Planning Board had agreed that the standpipe area was the best location. "It's a friendly area of town," he said, adding that the Howland Street site would be noisy with traffic.



Town Counsel John C. Snow and Manor Committee member Mrs. Ann Cote both opposed the hilltop site near the standpipe. They thought the view of the cemetery would depress Manor residents. Added Mr. Snow, "As for noise, you could hardly find a noisier spot than next to a school."

### **STILL NO MONEY**

Mr. Carpenter reviewed the situation, saying the town had spent two years "fussing around with this, and we still have no money. It will take two years to build a new Manor. It is a grave question whether we could qualify for EDA on the basis of providing new jobs.

"One day I may advocate remodeling the present Manor, for a small fraction of what it would cost to build a new one," he stated.

Selectman Marion Perry asked Mr. Hancock if there were any other part of the railroad property (recently sold to Provincetown) less expensive to fill than the proposed site. Mr. Hancock said no. Continued Mr. Perry, "The cost looks like \$800,000, not \$700,000. Let's build for Provincetown, not a 40 or 50-bed place for the rest of the Cape. If we're going to build that big a place, let's regionalize."

### **PRESENT MANOR'S NEEDS**

When Mr. Moore asked what regulations the existing Manor could not meet, Mr. Carpenter described the needed improvements. Four bathrooms instead of the present two, wider corridors and doorways, more kitchen space and storage area.

Reading from a letter, Mr. Hancock quoted state authorities as saying that no further extension of time would be allowed Provincetown after March, 1970. It served final notice on the town, in effect, that the Cape End Manor would have to be improved, or a new Manor begun, through action taken at the annual town meeting.

"Perhaps I should get a plan for remodelling and extending the present Manor," said Mr. Hancock. "The new one is no monument to me."



## VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Chairman Taves asked for a show of hands on whether to approve the Howland Street site. Apparently unprepared for the question, only two hands went up.

"Before we vote," said Mr. Moore, "a question: could we also apply for financial help in remodelling the old Manor? This should at least be considered."

Mr. Hancock replied that it would be difficult to complete an application for such help before the December 31 deadline.

"What is the purpose of our vote here?" asked Gilbert C. Martin of the Finance Committee.

"It's a vote of confidence," answered Mr. Taves. Having heard no objections to the proposed site except Selectman Kerney's, he indicated that the Manor Building Committee's approval of the site would prevail. He did not ask again for a show of hands.



# Sewerage crisis worsens

*Cape Times 12/26/69*

PROVINCETOWN — Provincetown faces a critical need for a sewer system because of the "extremely bad" condition of present cesspools, health agent Fernando Gonsalves said today.

Gonsalves said the condition of cesspools in

Provincetown, especially in the Commercial Street area is so bad, that a sewage system is much needed. Since 1964, septic tanks have been required with all new cesspool installations.

The condition is worse on the so-called "front street," nearest the water, where the "ground is saturated," he said. A number of years ago, septic tank overflow and residue drained into the harbor. This has been illegal for many years.

## Worse near water

The condition of the disposal area, off Race Point Road, in the Cape Cod National Seashore area, is not good, Gonsalves said. He said bringing the area up to requirements and in line with suggestions by the Barnstable County Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Board, of which he is a member, would cost up to \$50,000.

Gonsalves has never used the word "pollution" relative to water systems, he said. He stated emphatically that because Provincetown's water comes from wells in Truro, it is "impossible to pollute our drinking water."

He believes, however, that residents will not go along with the suggestions of the regional planning board, when the cost of carrying them out is considered.

## Cites costs

"This would mean three

trucks, three men, a new bulldozer and loader and other items needed to bring in sand for covering. It would cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000," he said.

A study of a possible sewage system has been in the works for some time.

Suggestions of the regional refuse planning board include having the area gated, to be opened 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in winter, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in summer, with dumps to be used only by taxpayers of the town; others would be charged. The custodian would be on duty whenever the dump is open and suitable shelter would be available for him.

Refuse would be covered every night with 6 inches of sand or dirt. This would require a tractor and building to house it, or hiring an outside contractor, Gonsalves said.

## Needs trucks

Gonsalves said the need for three trucks is seen in the suggestion that all rubbish be separated, one container for garbage; one for bottles and the like, and another for tin cans and such.

The planning board also said in its suggestions that towns not complying with these suggestions after a period of six-months will be reported to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.



*Cape Times 12/19/69*

# Manor, museum a matter of funds

By NEIL G. NICKERSON

PROVINCETOWN — There was no question of the need for a new Cape End Manor, nor did any one question the desirability of the Chrysler Art Museum staying in Provincetown — the matter boiled down to a matter of money — can the town afford a possible \$500,000 cost for a new Manor, and can it afford what needs to be done to keep the museum here.

The Cape End Manor project was discussed for one and a half hours by a representative group of department and board heads and citizens with the matter likely to be left to the choice of townspeople at the annual town meeting, or subsequent special town meetings. The question before the group last night in Town Hall boiled down to where the Manor should be built, if a new one is voted, and whether or not the town can afford what it would have to come up with for a new one.

On the matter of providing needs for the Chrysler Museum to stay in Provincetown, Chairman of Selectmen Marion Taves, who conducted the meeting, said that Walter P. Chrysler, president of the museum corporation "is asking for the impossible dream." What he is seeking, Taves said, is both illegal and

Hancock said he was of the opinion the concensus of the town meeting was that the \$60,000 asking figure was much too high.

## Planners met

Robert Gutzler of the planning board, and also a member of the Manor Building Committee, said the planners had met Sunday and had felt the ideal site would be town owned land near the standpipe, adjacent to the school. However, this was said to contain only two acres, there would need to be more land acquired, and others felt that it would provide a depressing sight for older people to look out at a cemetery every day.

Concensus was that the railroad property would be the ideal spot, and Hancock said he would apply for a federal grant, which must be in by Dec. 31. Also, at the suggestion of Munro Moore, chairman of the finance committee, he was asked to inquire whether or not any funds could be acquired for renovating the existing building, said to be about 100 years old.

Hancock brought out that the existing one doesn't meet health standards at present, and there likely won't be an extension of permission to use the existing one unless there is an iron clad program for

Cape met with disapproval from some.

## Need not in doubt

Selectman Marion Perry, speaking on a possible regional Manor, said there is no doubt there is need for new one but if there is to be one built, "let's build one for the people of Provincetown."

Hancock said the discussions had included a one-floor building, with facilities for 40 patients, with enough land so later if needed it could be expanded.

The town manager listed several alternatives, including remodeling of the existing structure, "which can be done, he said, but added there will be no grants, that he knows of, for remodeling, it will be entirely at town cost, and the possibility of building on a few rooms over the concrete basement area which houses the heating unit.

The matter was left that various articles would be inserted in the annual warrant relative to the Manor, and let the voters make the choice. "I want no monument to me," Hancock said. "It's not for me to decide, but the people. Give them a choice of action." He said that federal grants wouldn't be for more than 40 percent — the former possibility of 80 percent funding with federal grants no longer exists.

to aid in the Christmas lighting of the Pilgrim Memorial Monument, only to find it to be illegal. Only by a special act of the legislature could this be done, it was said.

Hancock said that Chrysler had indicated the area around the post office, including the building, if the town could persuade the government to build a new one, with adjoining buildings, would be ideal. If the present post office would be turned over to the town, it could be leased to Chrysler, was the feeling. Others felt it would be impossible to meet the requirements. The post office building itself was built in the early '30's. Patrick asked why Chrysler didn't ask for Town Hall to be thrown in.

Others felt, and Mrs. Carrie Seaman went along with this, that the old Canteen Building, at Gosnold and Bradford Streets, had been left to the town for specific use as a library, and said that Chrysler had indicated he could make use of it for that purpose.

It was felt that a gesture of goodwill should be made, and perhaps offer a lot in the area next to Evans Field, but it was brought out that this has just been turned over to the town, and hasn't been zoned as yet.

Selectman Taves said that Chrysler had been offered



dream." What he is seeking, Taves said, is both illegal and impossible.

#### Site discussed

The question of a site for a new Cape End Manor, a public medical institution, for older people, was discussed at length and boiled down to the fact that the manor building committee had come up with the old "Y" area of railroad property recently acquired, about three and a half acres, and, according to Ralph Carpenter, long time member of the building committee, ideal land for the construction site.

Town Manager Robert A. Hancock said that some of the land is low, but would be built up with surplus sand from along the roadside east of Snail Road, and not too far from the proposed site.

Hancock said the Manor committee's first choice of sites was that adjacent to the present Manor on Alden Street, but there are apparent difficulties, including what was termed the excessive cost of the adjacent property, which would be needed. The figure of \$60,000 was said to be the asking price.

The plan had been to build on the new site, and, when completed, move the patients and then tear down the old place for parking and landscaping.

A previous town meeting had turned down the possibility of acquiring the area by eminent domain, and

the existing one unless there is an iron clad program for bettering the facilities, either by extensively remodeling, or building new.

Moore brought out that a new structure would cost upwards of \$700,000, based on a \$28 per square foot estimated cost, and that the town's share would be in the area of \$500,000, as only about 40 percent could be obtained through a grant. He questioned the town's ability to absorb this cost.

Hancock said that cost of the bonding can become a part of the overall costs of operation, so that the funding won't be all from taxes. A suggestion by Cyril J. Patrick that a study be made for a regional Manor for the lower

landings with federal grants no longer exists.

The town manager said that needs of the Chrysler Museum appear basically the need for additional space for the expanding collection, the need for a reference library, and also additional buildings for an educational program.

He said that Chrysler knows it would be costly, but the magnitude of the collection and the cultural value to the community, as well as the economic value would be high.

#### Legality questioned

Some felt the community should help, but there was some doubt if the community would and could, legally, assist, as some called attention to the years the town had been providing funds

Selectman Taves said that Chrysler had been offered land but it appeared that he didn't want it. He agreed that the museum is an asset to the town, but said what Chrysler is asking "is an impossibility."

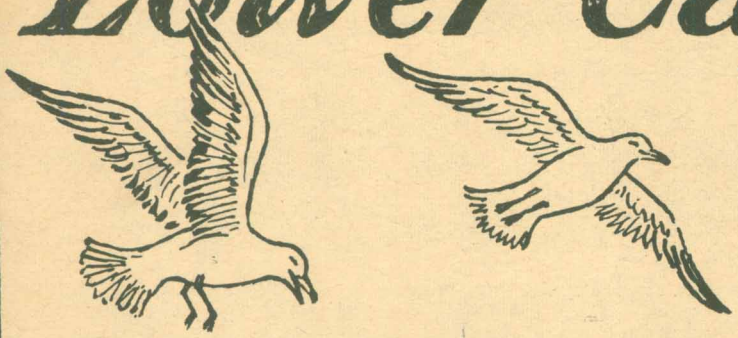






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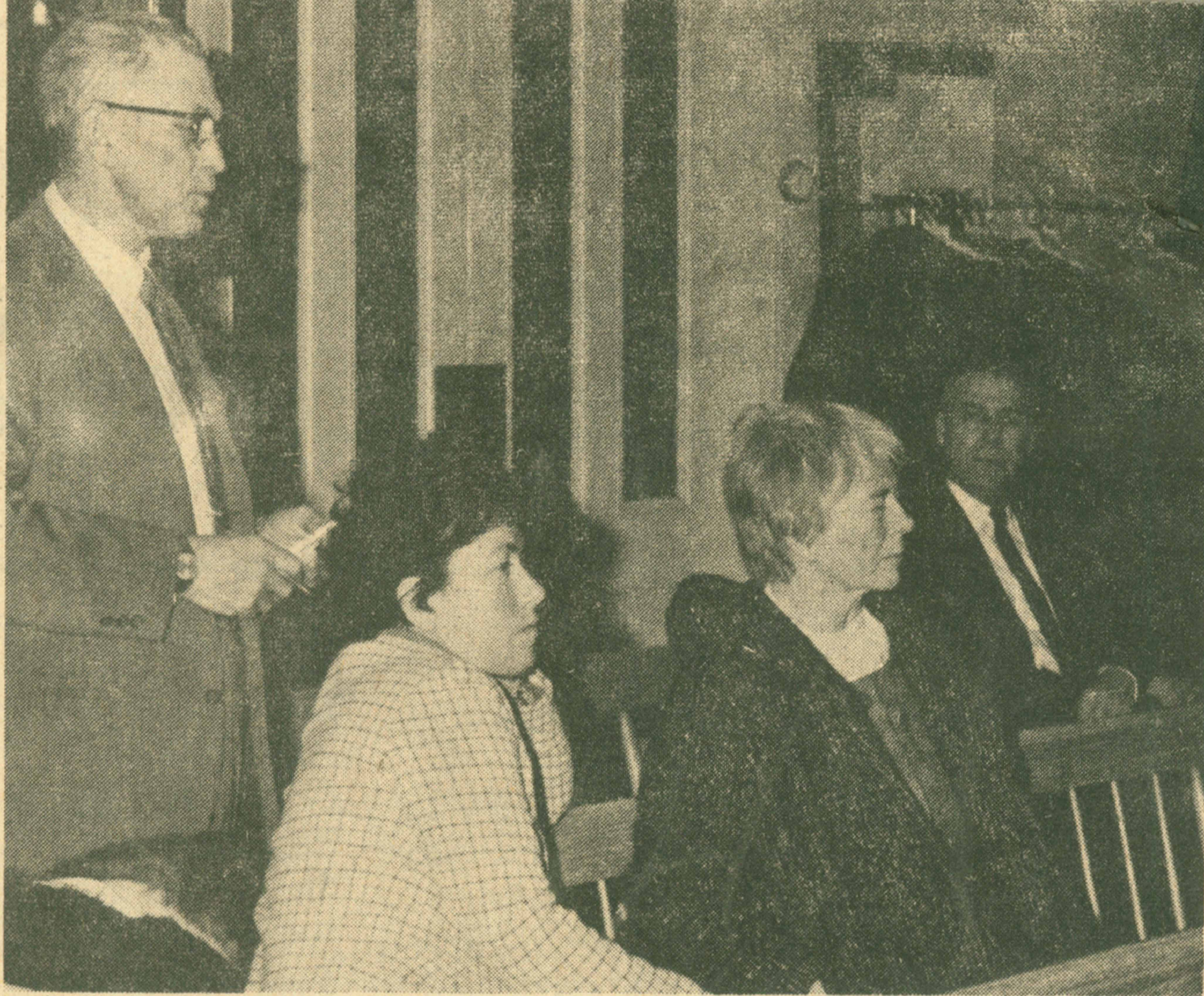
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PEACEFUL P-TOWN -Provincetown and the harbor under a warm autumn sun, dominated by one of the most famous landmarks on the East Coast. In the middle foreground is the Veterans Memorial Elementary School, left, and Provincetown High School, right. Just beyond the upper shore of the harbor is Pilgrim Lake, which used to be called Eastern Harbor and the Atlantic in the background. (See Page 2)

(Aerial photo by Richard C. Kelsey, Chatham)





**TAXPAYERS** heard Selectman Marion "Bert" Perry call for return to electing town officials now appointed.

## More elective jobs urged as change in charter.

*Advocate #/29/70*

Ways to effect changes in the Provincetown charter are to be explored, it was announced following last Thursday's general meeting of the Taxpayers Association at the Universalist Church. Some 40 members and citizens examined other forms of local government and concluded, in the words of businessman Nathan Malchman, that "it's time to take the kinks out of the charter."

Commented Mr. Malchman, further, "Our charter was an overzealous bid to change the government of the town. One result has been public apathy. We elect only the Moderator, the Selectmen and the School Committee. There would be more public interest in the government of Provincetown if there were more elective offices."

### SOME ADJUSTMENTS

After examining a blackboard comparison of the selectmen-manager form of government with the three-selectman form and the selectmen-executive secretary form, the group heard Nicholas Wells of the Planning Board argue that "All forms of government are good, time-tested forms. I am for the town manager form. But political changes in a community may call for adjustments."

He noted that when a new town manager takes over he must rely on other town officials, particularly the selectmen, in making his appointments. "Why not have the selectmen make them?" he asked.

He emphasized that he was not recommending a charter change. In New Jersey, he said, citizens in his home town had switched forms of government several times without realizing a real improvement.



## ALWAYS OPPOSED

Selectman Marion Perry agreed that good government depended less upon its form than upon the men in it. He stated his own position frankly: "I've always said I was opposed to the manager form. I am now, and I always will be. If we are going to keep this charter, there should be some changes. There should be fewer appointed and more elected officers."

He recalled an instance where a man handed in a bill for expenses and the town accountant refused to approve it. The town manager at the time ordered the bill paid. "If the accountant had been elected by the people and directly responsible to them, he wouldn't have paid that bill."

Mr. Perry said it was "a shame that no Provincetowner can be town manager now. We're in bad shape when we have to go out of town for one. We have people right here who could do the job."

He recommended that an article be submitted to Town Meeting calling for a committee of three or five to study the charter and report to the following annual meeting, recommending changes. The committee would be appointed by the moderator and the selectmen, he said.

Later, Town Moderator Francis Steele said the correct method was to petition the General Court for special legislation changing the charter, then accept the act by vote of a subsequent Town Meeting.

### "WHO RUNS TOWN?"

Robert A. Shartle, chairman of the Planning Board and a director of the Taxpayers Association, asked, "Is the manager or are the selectmen running the town?" He noted that the manager gives each selectmen a copy of the agenda just before their Monday night meetings.

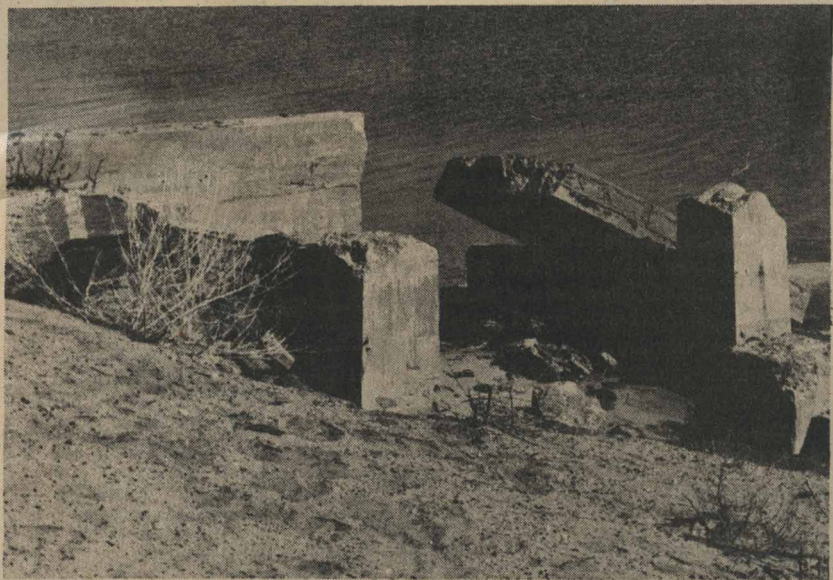
Selectman Perry answered that the agenda is arranged by conference between the chairman of the board with the town manager, then given to the other board members. "I would like to see the agenda sooner," he said, "preferably on the Friday before, so we can look into things that need some study."

Mr. Shartle observed that the manager can "create a political entity through his appointments." From the pages of a Town Report book, he read the names of positions and committees filled by managerial appointment.

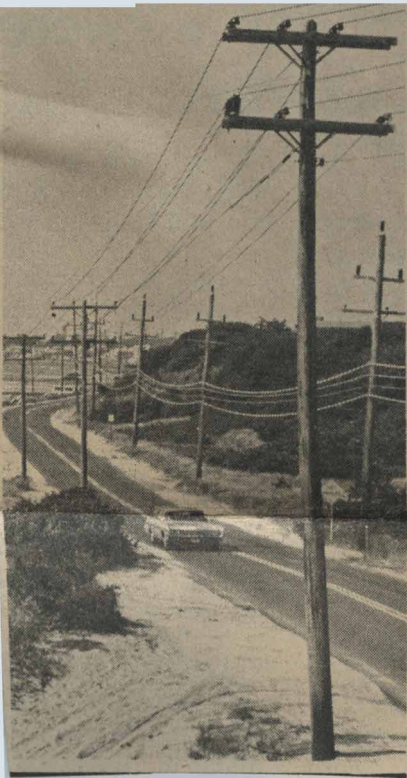


PROVINCETOWN'S MEETING.

The four-letter word for budget and taxes: more.







**THREE LOCAL SCENES** will be discussed -- perhaps lengthily -- at Provincetown's town meeting. Top, what to do with concrete at west end parking lot? Middle, will we remove benches in summer? Left, start burying poles and wires?

## School, operating budgets are both at record levels.

*Advocate 2/26/70*

The question awaiting Provincetowners at their annual town meeting a week from next Monday, Mar. 9, is not whether their taxes will go up, but how much.

The 64-article warrant contains proposals for spending over \$200,000 above and beyond record-high operating and school budgets. Town Manager Robert Hancock will ask for an estimated \$948,000 in salaries and department expenses. School Committee chairman Herman DeSilva will present a package estimated at \$600,000.

Public safety agencies - police and fire departments - are asking for \$13,610 in five separate articles, mostly for new equipment.

Miscellaneous requests, including two big ones, total \$103,615. One big one calls for metering water to commercial establishments. The other is "an asking price" for funding the 350th anniversary celebration of the Pilgrims' first landing here.

### HOUSEHOLD CHORES

Seventeen articles deal with one or more of three things that could be called improvements and maintenance. Street paving, new water mains and drainage problems will require \$75,250 this year if all the jobs are done at the prices named.

New water mains and paving are asked for Arch Street, Cudworth Street, two sections of Cottage Street, Kendall Lane and Pleasant Street. The Kendall Lane job is intended to improve fire-fighting water supplies on east Commercial Street.

New water mains alone (with only the necessary road repairs) are asked for several locations, all of which will improve fire safety.

One such article would lay about 210 feet of pipe under the Grace Hall parking lot, to put a hydrant closer to the high school.



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### **FIRE PROTECTION**

Another would establish a hydrant at the southwest corner of the main parking lot, adding protection for visiting boats using Fishermen's Wharf and the boat basin. Fire Chief Frank Carreiro and the board of engineers cited two fires there last summer, and the high value of visitors' boats.

One thousand dollars, would replace an existing two-inch dead-end pipe in Baker Avenue with a six-inch main. No resurfacing is planned.

For an estimated \$4,000, new homes on the unnamed access road, from Shank Painter Road to the Grace Hall parking lot, would be served by a six-inch main ending at a hydrant.

Finally, \$7,000 is asked for a six-inch main to the town dump. Fire department officers see danger in tying up fire-fighting equipment at dump fires, leaving the rest of town unprotected.

For the first time in years, the annual appropriation from "free cash" to reduce the tax rate will be indefinitely postponed. Reason: there's only \$6,900 available, and a special town meeting later might need it all.

An auxiliary police force will be developed if voters approve the \$5,000 asked for financing it.

Article 12, the second of two dealing with the Cape End Manor, seeks \$90,000 to remodel and add onto the present building. The purpose is to bring the building closer to meeting state Bureau of Hospitals requirements, and making it licensable.

This article is preceded by one asking \$700,000 to build a new Manor on a site not mentioned in the wording. The money would be raised partly by a transfer, partly by taxation, but mostly through borrowing. Mr. Hancock, chairman of the Manor Building Committee, said a federal grant in aid would be applied for, but the prospect of getting one has dimmed.

### **PARKING IMPROVEMENT**

Article 33 would authorize improving the west end parking lot by building a bulkhead and resurfacing the area. Price tag of \$82,500 surprised Finance Committee members, and they suggested less expensive alternate plans.

Under Article 34, a boat ramp would be incorporated into the plans for this parking lot, for an estimated \$7,500.

Several Nautilus Club articles ask (1) \$3,000 for beautifying the town, (2) \$2,000 to maintain town parks, and (3) a vote to have town officials request Cape & Vineyard Electric and New England Telephone to begin putting wires underground and removing poles.



# Finding The 'Be-baa' Proves Valuable

*Lower Cape Cod Chronicle 2/26/70*

Saturday evening about 8:15, Chronicle correspondent Joel O'Brien was asked by his brother to listen to a strange sound coming in off Provincetown Harbor. It sounded like a two-tone electronic alarm signal, similar to that on a rescue squad car, but faster and a bit higher in pitch.

There was a stiff off-shore breeze blowing and the sound ebbed and flowed with the velocity of the wind. O'Brien phoned Race Point Coast Guard Station, described the sound and asked if they could throw any light on the matter. They couldn't, but would investigate and call back. In twenty minutes came the report: A car had been sent to MacMillan pier but they hadn't been able to hear the sound described.

Was the cutter there?

Yes, the Cape Horn was on duty at the pier but no one aboard had heard anything either.

O'Brien went outside. The signal was still there -- bee-ba bee-ba bee-ba -- loud and clear. So he, his brother and a friend drove out to the end of MacMillan wharf, turned off the motor and got out. The signal was still there -- fainter from that point, but there, and seemed to be coming from the direction of Truro.

The Cape Horn was berthed on the west side of the pier, with the huge fish shed between her and the sound, which by now had been going on for almost an hour. The officer of the deck came out from the warmth of the bridge. No, he couldn't hear anything unusual.

O'Brien could, very faintly, but he knew what he was listening for, which made a difference. Boy, it's getting cold. Guess I'll get back inside, but we'll find out about that noise, said the OD.

Back home with the signal coming in as loud as ever, O'Brien phoned the Truro Police Department. Chief Harold Berrio answered and said he'd contact their cruiser. Then things started to happen. In five minutes the police phoned O'Brien, said the cruiser was headed down to the beach and suggested that he phone the Provincetown police. "Sgt. Crawley is on duty in the Provincetown cruiser. When he hears the signal ask him to phone me."

So the story was repeated to Officer Joseph Lema on duty at the Provincetown Police De-

partment. In five minutes Lema phoned back to say that Sgt. Warren Crawley and Patrolman Antone Martin were on their way out to MacMillan wharf to ask the Coast Guard to investigate.

As luck would have it, Martin heard the signal and recognized it as an alarm aboard the 50-foot Revenge, Provincetown's only stern trawler, riding at mooring some distance south-east of the pier. The cruiser informed the Coast Guard and raced to the home of Charles Malaquais, captain of the Revenge. Time, 10 P.M.

The next morning Charles Malaquis Jr. told the Chronicle what had happened. The Revenge has an automatic bilge pump to take care of water seeping in through old joints.

Attached to the pump is the two-tone electronic alarm which is triggered by a float if water in the bilge rises as high as the floor boards in the engine room. This depth was reached Saturday evening after the bilge pump blew a fuse.

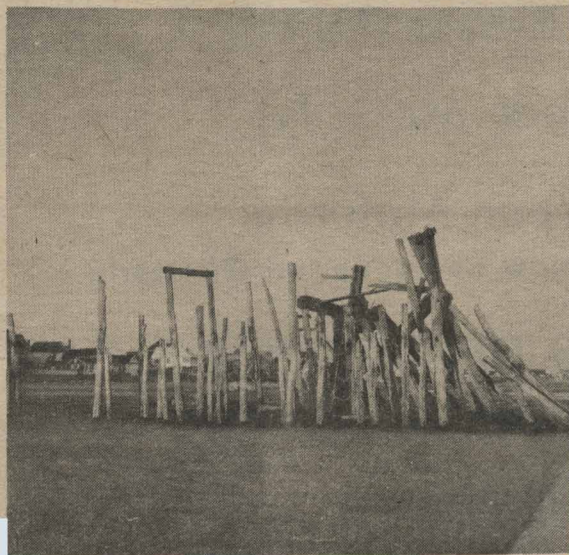
The alarm system was designed, built and installed by the younger Charlie just two weeks ago. He works as a field engineer doing computer maintenance for Univac Corporation in Hanscom Field, Mass. "It's nice it worked out this way," he said simply. He and Patrolman Martin are old friends.

Well, all's well that ends well. Especially these days when you can have an electronic engineer in the family.

Couldn't have happened before.



When ice floes pack into Provincetown Harbor, as they did recently, there is always tribute exacted for their stay.





# Woodstock in Provincetown?

*Advocate 3/5/70*

The possibility that thousands of teenagers might converge on Provincetown (a la Woodstock) for a Memorial Day rock festival prompted selectmen chairman Marion Taves to call a special meeting for last night. Leslie Arnberger, superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore, was to attend, as were representatives from the Provincetown Academy of the Living Arts. Cause of the concern was the second annual PALA rock festival at the Province Lands Seashore amphitheatre Saturday, May 30. As last year, it is scheduled to



# 'Mr. Moderator--I Move That the Town

## Town Meeting Report



Nicholas Wells for the Planning Board.

—Paul Koch

Provincetown voters spent 11 hours in debating 63 warrant articles at this year's Annual Town Meeting. True to tradition, they spent more time in discussing by-law changes than in deciding how to spend their money. A summary of the action follows:

After they indefinitely postponed any transfer to reduce the tax rate (only \$6,900 was available) and raising the Veterans' Services Director salary to \$1,800 by a vote of 184-43, they approved the general budget and school budget as recommended. Budget total, over \$1.6 million.

Articles 6 through 10, for a new police cruiser, for teleprocessing equipment, fire department radios, fire department study group and \$5,000 for auxiliary police, were passed.

A new Cape End Manor for \$700,000, not recommended, was indefinitely postponed. A remodelled Manor for \$90,000 was approved, \$80,000 of the money to be borrowed. Mrs. Rilla Alexander urged repairing

the 100-year-old building, and applause showed voters agreed with her.

In public works articles, all recommended, voters approved \$5,500 for a new Arch Street main, \$3,500 for a main to a hydrant near Fisherman's Wharf, \$6,000 to re-pipe and repave Cudworth Street, and \$1,000 for a main in Baker Avenue.

Also, \$4,500 for a new main and paving on Cottage Street from Tremont to Bradford, \$13,500 for the same on Pleasant Street between Bradford and Brown Street (using 8-inch pipe), and \$4,000 for a 6-inch main alongside the new road connecting Shank Painter Road with the Grace Hall parking lot.

Also, \$1,000 to pave the northerly end of Soper Street, \$3,000 to continue the water-main and paving job on Cottage Street to Creek Road, \$5,000 for an 8-inch main in Kendall Lane to improve water pressure on Commercial Street, and \$7,000 to run 6-inch pipe from Race Point Road to the municipal dump.

This article (No.24) had been

*Advocate 3/19/50*  
asked by fire engineers. The Finance Committee, explained chairman Munro Moore, had recommended reactivating the existing 2-inch water line and restoring the fire hydrant at the dump. An oversight left the FinCom report reading "recommended" only. Eloquent arguments for the 6-inch new main, particularly by fire engineer Joseph Andrews, won resounding approval for it.

### Meeting Warms Up

As the "Ayes" flowed smoothly with little argument, fisherman Manuel Macara rose to ask, "Can all these jobs be done this year?" The answer from Town Manager Robert Hancock: "We'll have to wait and see."

The yearly \$10,000 to continue rebuilding the town's sidewalks was cut by voters to \$7,000 after Mr. Moore explained there is \$3,600 left from last year's appropriation. Voters were silent on Mr. Hancock's suggestion that the concrete in front of Town Hall could be prettied for the Pilgrim Anniversary year.

Allerton Street got \$3,000 worth of new drainage. Motta Memorial Field again received \$5,000 for improvements. Voters will raise \$3,250 and borrow \$9,750 toward building Harry Kemp Way over the old railroad bed, paying off the notes with Chapter 90 reimbursements, when received.

Flooding of the Charles Mayo property at Duncan Lane, for which \$2,500 was asked, was cured by a dry well and some 150 feet of drain pipe installed the day after voters approved \$1,000 for the job. Rain on Thursday caused no flood there.

Selectmen will appoint a Drainage Committee, with \$500 for engineering, although Herman DeSilva argued that this study was the job of the present Department of Public Works.

With \$7,600 the town will buy a new sand spreader body, trading in the corroded one, and will trade a 1965 truck for a new one.

### A Ramp But No Bulkhead

Half an hour's debate went

into Article 33, asking \$82,500 to bulkhead and repave the West End parking lot, even though revised plans called for only \$56,000. First the voters amended it to include parking meters; then, after Selectman Marion Perry opposed the project in its present form, voters rejected the article, 89 to 60.

Chairman Moore then moved to postpone construction of a



Pat and Ciro Cozzi vote on pay plan

boat ramp re-estimated to cost \$5,000, since there was no new bulkhead to extend it from. Most voters thought the town needed a launching ramp somewhere, and by a 104-15 vote, they approved the original \$7,500 asked.

Former Selectmen John C. Snow and William A. White relived the history of attempts to get state aid for an all-tide launching ramp in the center of town. The specter of traffic tie-ups caused by boat trailers caused police Chief James J. Meads to wince. Voters refused to try again for state aid.

### Miscellaneous Articles

Under "miscellaneous" articles, \$1,000 will continue the



shellfish seeding program; \$847.25 was transferred to the Public Library, and the Nautilus Club's request for \$3,000 to beautify town property was trimmed to \$1,000. Highland Fish and Game Club again go \$350 to feed birds and improve wildlife conditions, and the Blessing of the Fleet was endorsed. The town approved \$1,500 toward expenses of Old Home Week.

Taves had moved the article as printed. Voters said no.

Mr. Moore's \$2,000 to establish a stabilization fund was amended by him to \$100 "to help the tax rate but get the bankbook opened." Only Selectman Burton Kenney voted no.

A housing authority for Provincetown, supported by planning board member Mr. Wells and Patrick Walsh of the state welfare board, was rejected by a close vote.

Reconsideration failed by 16 votes.

But a similar article to

with the \$5,000 recommended and voted.

Chairman Snow got \$20,000 for his 350th Anniversary Committee's needs, despite Gilbert C. Martin's bid to make it \$15,000, as FinCom had recommended.

John Bell argued for a \$350 fire alarm at MacMillan Pier to safeguard the under-insured building there. So voted.

The 20-foot layout of Carnes Lane was rejected when residents and other voters said, in effect, it should be 17 feet wide.

#### Land Sales

Land abutting the Watson property on Shank Painter will be sold at public auction, not by sealed competitive bidding.

Voters approved \$10,200 to buy parcels of railroad right of way from Helen F. Rogers, Elizabeth Schwartz and Esther Locke. The town needed these to build a new road through there.

Chief Meads moved to amend the by-laws to control mobile habitations that created problems last summer by squatting on public parking lots. Several amendments offered by Mr. White, Mr. Snow and Manuel Macara, adding or subtracting Selectmen, the building inspector and the police (as officials who could give permission) were argued at length. The original Article 59 passed intact.

Towing illegally parked cars is now official. Parking fines now follow Chapter 90 of the General Laws. But the article to register and regulate bicycles failed when Town Counsel Snow found a legal irregularity in the printed booklet.

At 10:30 P.M. last Wednesday night, voters quickly raised \$500 toward the Child Guidance Clinic and adjourned until election day. Results of the election appear elsewhere.



... as do Ted Malcolm and Kurt Ruckstuhl.

—Paul Koch

plan change

— Paul Koch

Foreclosing tax liens needed \$1,000 in legal work. A new photo copier for Town Hall will cost \$1,800. In routine action, voters accepted \$2,544 donated to library and Manor trust funds.

Former Cemetery Superintendent Frank Flores, absent in Florida, had opposed setting up a Park Department unless it were merely a new name for the Cemetery Department. His quoted arguments may have moved voters to reject Article 43 unanimously, as they did.

Retired utilities man Claude Jensen objected to the costs of burying utility wires, and Nicholas Wells urged voters to indefinitely postpone Article 44. Chairman of Selectmen Marion

FinCom members joined the applause when Mr. White moved to drop the idea of removing benches from in front of Town Hall. They had recommended removal in summer only.

Voters unanimously voted \$1,650 for printing a new assessors' valuation book; it will show revised valuations at 100% of market prices. Mr. DeSilva's amendment to have the book show "non-statutory abatements" was adopted. John C. Corea, clerk and one of the three assessors, took the podium to say that abatements had been granted for good reasons Mr. DeSilva had not investigated. Non-statutory ones, he said, would occupy less than a page in the book.

Unanimously, the town voted \$1,000 to buy trash baskets on street sign poles and a two-wheeled rubbish cart.

establish an historical commission, objected to on similar grounds -- it would infringe Home Rule -- passed unanimously, shortly after Mrs. Mildred Bent said, "Don't throw your history away!"

Controversial Article 52, for a committee to study charter updating, brought arguments only on the method of appointing members. Philip Malicoat moved to have appointments made by the Moderator, Selectmen and Planning Board members "as being a wider spectrum of appointing officers." Mr. DeSilva and Mr. Perry thought Moderator Francis J. Steele could handle the job alone, and voters agreed.

More water meters for commercial establishments, for which \$20,000 was asked by Article 53, will be purchased



## Town meeting uses portables

# Yarmouth unveils mini-mikes

By ROGER MURRY

WEST YARMOUTH — Those cordless traveling mini-microphones that were used by numerous speakers during the beginning of Yarmouth's annual town meeting this week may have initiated an electronic precedent for future Cape Cod town meetings.

With the mini-mike, any voter can stay in his seat and speak — his voice booming throughout the hall — without walking to a conventional "stand-up" mike. It's a time

and motion saver, town officials believe.

In appearance, they resemble a microphone mounted on a flashlight.

Actually the unit is a tiny radio transmitter with which a voice of a speaker some distance from the rostrum can easily be heard through an electronic amplification unit at the front of the hall and behind the stage.

### School idea

The microphones are school property and are an integral

part of the Yarmouth Middle School's audio-visual educational program.

At the initial town meeting session Tuesday night, several students volunteered to bring the mini-mikes to speakers who were seated some distance from the moderator's rostrum. The process was repeated Wednesday night.

Daytime television fans have often seen them in operation in audience-participation programs.

The mikes have been used occasionally in the middle school here during assemblies and for other educational purposes but, few Yarmouth adults apparently had any experience with them prior to the town meeting session.

officer is forced to leave the cruiser in an emergency and wants to contact police headquarters immediately.

The small microphones can be carried in a patrolman's pocket and would be readily available on a remote transmission basis.

Reynolds said that he had occasion to test out the portable transmitters some time ago and commented that "they work like a charm."

For many years, traditional microphones with their long and frequently clumsy rolls of electric cord have been used by town officials and speakers at town meetings in most Cape Cod communities.

The mini-mike may change that picture.





# \$90,000 Voted for Cape End Manor

The long controversy over what to do about the Cape End Manor was resolved at the Provincetown Town Meeting Monday night with an overwhelming vote in favor of a proposal to invest \$90,000 to improve the present structure.

The controversy had centered mainly on rehabilitation versus replacement altogether of the 100-year-old home for the elderly. The state has been threatening to close the Manor because the antiquated premises are in violation of various Massachusetts hospital and nursing home regulations.

At immediate issue at the meeting were Articles 11 and 12. Article 11 calls for raising \$700,000 for the construction of a new manor. Article 12 is the proposal for \$90,000 in rehabilitation funds. The Finance Committee recommended rejection of Article 11 and approval of Article 12.

Town Manager Robert Hancock reviewed the history of the Manor controversy, including the disappointments at the state and federal level with regard to financial aid for a new facility. The effect, he urged realistic acceptance of the fact that rehabilitation rather than replacement was the logical course in view of the sums involved. He also warned that unless action were taken soon to widen doorways and make other improvements, the state would close the Manor.

The issue produced one of the sharpest debates of the evening.

Among the questions raised from the floor were whether it made any sense to remodel a 100-year old building; whether \$90,000 was in fact adequate to cover the required changes; whether Provincetown should consider the alternative of participating with other Cape End towns, in construction of a regional home for the aged; and whether the \$90,000 investment might represent throwing good money after bad since a new manor would have to be constructed eventually anyway.

As for the latter argument, Mr. Hancock acknowledged that at some point, the town certainly would need an entirely new facility. But he said there was every reason to believe that the \$90,000 investment would ensure a good many more years of operation in the present premises. Builder William A. White, who has constructed several additions to the Manor, supported Mr. Hancock in that view. He described the Manor as a solidly built building structure that would "outlast us all."

As foreseen, the key vote was on Article 12 (no one expected any wide support for approval of the \$700,000 called for in Article 11). On Article 12, the vote was 275 "yes", one vote "no". The negative vote was cast by Henry Rose, who had urged that a team of architects resurvey the property to determine whether \$90,000 would in fact produce the desired results.





**CAPT. BERNARD T. RODERICK**

# \$20,000 for 350th Fete

Provincetown will invest \$20,000 to commemorate this year the 350th landing of the Pilgrims on these shores. The sum, voted at the Town Meeting Monday night, was \$5,000 more than the amount recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 54, in fact, called for a sum of \$50,000 for the celebration. But John C. Snow, chairman of the 350th Pilgrim Anniversary Committee, explained that the \$50,000 figure had been put in the warrant as a maximum amount before plans for the celebration had begun to take shape.

The issue of the 350th turned out to be about the liveliest of the Town Meeting, with heated debate focused on a statement by Chairman Munro G. Moore of the Finance Committee that somewhere between \$6,000 and \$11,000 would be needed for the salary of an executive director for the event.

Capt. Bernard T. Roderick argued that the proposed fee for the director—who would be employed only for about six months—pro-rated out to more than Provincetown was paying its Town Manager. Gilbert C. Martin of the Finance Committee unwittingly brought down the house with the rejoinder: "Yes, but we're talking about a professional."

With regard to the controversy with Plymouth over the actual site of the initial landing, Herman DeSilva, outgoing chairman of the school committee, argued that it was futile to spend money to try to substantiate Provincetown's claim. "We've been arguing this for years," he said, "and

← Two eloquent speakers



**WILLIAM A. WHITE**

it hasn't changed a history book yet."

Mr. Snow appeared nonplussed when someone asked for a vote on whether the majority of the townspeople wanted a 350th celebration at all. "I thought that issue was settled by the vote at the Town Meeting last year," he said.

After the meeting, Mr. Snow told The Advocate that some half dozen candidates were under consideration as executive director. The committee hopes to find the right man soon so that planning can get underway in earnest for the commemoration activities which will begin this spring and reach a climax on landing day in November.





# Lease-back Plan Also Ran Into Opposition in Congress

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assurance that he has heard nothing of such a proposal for the Cape Cod Seashore. Mr. Arnberger, in keeping with his vocation, is a conservationist and conservation is a priority written into the Act Establishing the Cape Cod National Seashore.

Although superintendents of Park Service preserves do not make the top decisions of that agency - nor are they given to publicly discussing inter-agency matters - it is considered highly unlikely here that Mr. Arnberger would be an enthusiast for any such plan for the Cape seashore.

Chairman Nickerson of the Advisory Commission to the Cape Cod Seashore says it is "inconceivable" to him that the Point Reyes plan would be put forth for Cape Cod.

## Great Differences

The amount of acreage, he points out, differs greatly in the

two preserves. Compared with the 30,000 acres still to be acquired for Point Reyes, only 7,519 acres in the Cape Cod National Seashore now in private hands remain to be purchased for the Seashore here. The fragile ground cover holding down the sandy Cape soil is especially vulnerable to destruction from over-use.

Mr. Nickerson is also certain that anything like the Point Reyes proposal for Cape Cod would be met with formidable opposition here. When the Department of the Interior finally won authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore it had come through the hardest fought battle in its history to obtain a national preserve. Concessions in the Act of Establishment governing private ownership of homes - made as a result of that opposition - were without precedent at the time. Park Service officials freely

admitted that the national attention focused on the Cape Cod battle made the Cape Cod National Seashore a uniquely sensitive property of the Department of the Interior and one to be handled with special care.

The chairman of the Advisory Committee also points out that the Cape Cod Seashore is to large extent a community of homes bound up with villages and scarcely lending itself to lease-back development. The Park Service itself has made it clear that it would wholly leave development - and the revenue from it - to the communities outside Seashore boundaries. In part, this was to give the towns losing tax revenue from land acquired by the Park Service the full benefit of income from their own business development.

## Park Land Motels

A few commercial enterprises already in operation when the bounds of the National Seashore were set have been permitted to continue, on short-term arrangements subject to review. Three motels continue in operation, the Governor Prence Motel in North Truro, the Salt Pond Motel in Eastham and Nauset Knoll Motor Lodge in Orleans. These met an already existing demand that the Park Service said it recognized.

The nine-hole Highland Golf Course in North Truro, acquired by the Park Service with the purchase of other large holdings in that area, is operated by the Town of Truro on a five-year lease plan.

Truro has lost sizeable tax revenue from the sale of real estate to the Park Service and the lease was approved for the benefit of the municipality. It does not fall into the category of a "private deal." (Now in its third year of town operation, the Highland Golf Course netted \$5,000 over and above expenses





Donald Kurlander, curator of the Chrysler Art Museum of Provincetown, is shown here with the returned Hieronymous Bosch "Landscape with Conflagration," valued at \$500,000, which

was stolen over the Feb. 1 weekend. The painting was returned March 16. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)

*Cape Times 3/24/70*

### Museum chief expresses thanks

# Chrysler high in praise of police

PROVINCETOWN — Walter P. Chrysler, Jr., president and chairman of the board of Chrysler Art Museum, has praised police efforts here in the return of a stolen Bosch painting.

Chrysler, in a letter to Robert A. Hancock, town manager here, said, "As you know, the theft of the Hieronymous Bosch from the Chrysler Art Museum was

reported to the Provincetown Police Department on Feb. 1.

"The enormity of this loss could not be calculated in dollars. Works by this master are exceedingly rare anywhere in the world. Only two or three examples by him exist on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States.

"On March 17, I received a telephone call from Acting Chief, James Meads, of the

Provincetown Police Force that this painting had been recovered virtually unharmed and would be returned to our possession late today.

"This overwhelmingly efficient, rapid, thorough and careful work on the part of the Provincetown Police Department is a source of enormous pride to an institution such as the Chrysler Art Museum, and

should be of great comfort to all of the residents of the Town of Provincetown and its neighbors.

"I would be remiss if I did not include appreciative thanks for the cooperative efforts of the State Police of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the splendid assistance of the FBI.

"However, without the persistent and determined vigilance and work day and night during these past six weeks on the part of Acting Chief Meads, the recovery of the Bosch would not have been accomplished and the painting would not be returning to us today."



# NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

## Restraint of Dogs

Under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 140, Sections 167, 168 and 173, it is hereby ordered that all dogs shall be restrained from running at large in the Town of Provincetown, effective this date. (4/17/70)

The penalty for failing to comply with this order shall be \$25.00.

Per Order  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*Advocate*

Apr. 16, 1970.



# Officials of 3 Lower Cape towns to confer on sanitary fill dumps

*Cape Times 4/24/50*

TRURO — Truro selectmen, who act as the board of health for the town, plan to meet with selectmen and officials of the neighboring towns of Wellfleet and Provincetown, to discuss problems of town disposal areas.

Correspondence in each town from the state Board of Health have indicated that necessary steps must be taken to initiate a sanitary fill method of solid waste disposal.

Officials of the three towns will discuss this problem at a meeting to be called soon.

Meanwhile, Truro selectmen believe that the municipal disposal area in Truro is definitely not a health menace, and is more nearly like what is required by the state than any other in the area.

Chairman of selectmen Vincent Benson, said the Truro

dump was one of the best maintained dumps on the Lower Cape. He said that the highway department maintains this disposal area.

"I can't see any problem as far as Truro is concerned," he said, at a meeting of selectmen in town hall here Tuesday night.

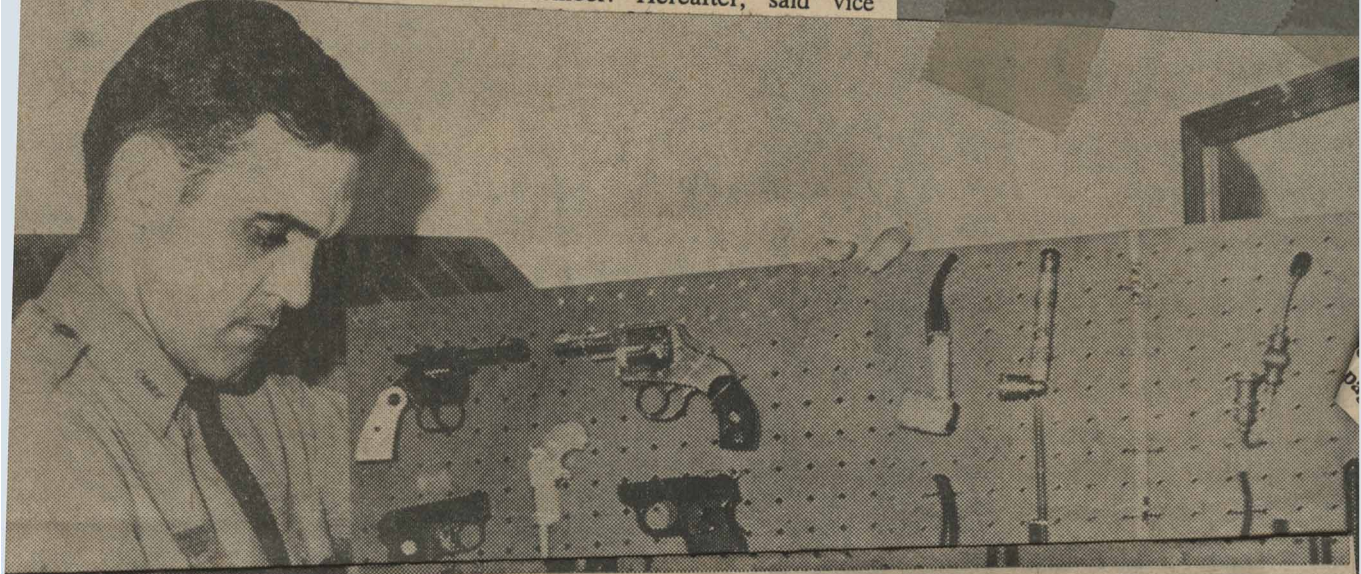
## RECORD QUARTER

NASHUA, N. H. — (UPI) — Nashua Corp. had earnings of \$1.32 million on net sales of \$26.63 million, up 14 percent for the first quarter of 1970. Officials said Wednesday it represented the company's best first quarter.

Net income was 33 cents per share, same as a year ago.

The board received one bid for a two-way radio authorized by voters at the annual town meeting. This bid was from A. J. Neilson Radio Inc., Hanover, for \$995. Voters appropriated \$1,000 for the purchase.





Acting Chief James J. Meads of the Provincetown Police Department is shown here with a full display of knives, pipes and pistols, most of them taken from persons under arrest, or in furthering investigations, or as in the case of knives, taken from

people before there could be arrests. The displays will be used to illustrate talks he plans for the future to various organizations. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)

*Cape Times 4/30/70*

# Provincetown police inaugurate drug talks

By NEIL G. NICKERSON

PROVINCETOWN — Provincetown Police Department has inaugurated a series of illustrated talks before various groups, particularly on the use of hard drugs, and will enlist co-operation of all citizens in a campaign to stamp out the drug problem.

Acting Chief James J. Meads said today that the department has amassed a complete display of various equipment and pipes, used in "smoking pot" and will use this display and others to illustrate the talks.

In all, there are three large display boards, one each for pistols, pipes and knives — and the display represents virtually all types of each of these that could be used at any time in the perpetration of crimes anywhere.

The pipes are of all shapes and fashions, from corncobs to the more sophisticated types. Pistols include the tiny derringer — this one a home made one from a toy pistol, but just as deadly as the rest — to 38's and 45's, both long and short, and the knives range from bayonets, to dirks, all evil looking, up to and including the machette.

The pistols were not actually used in perpetrating a crime in this area, other than it being a crime to have them, but were usually found in the course of investigating other crimes.

The knives were taken off lots of people, either as a result of arrests for one thing or another, or taken away from individuals to prevent their being arrested. In these instances, they never returned for them.

Talks will be set up before organizations, acting Chief Meads said, specifically on the subject of hard drugs,

such as heroin, LSD and speed.

In the talks, he plans to enlist citizen support and co-operation, asking that they come forward with knowledge they might have as to any use of drugs.

"Hopefully," the acting chief said, "this will be before any of our local citizens die from the use of the hard drugs."

The acting chief said "if a person knows of anyone addicted and will come forward, we will do all in our power in the form of rehabilitation, rather than in prosecution."

He said, "I can't feel we can do a proper job unless we have the complete co-operation and confidence of everyone."

The campaign, through talks, will let the community know of any existing conditions. "It can be done only with 100 percent co-operation and confidence of the people," he said.

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brating the holiday on May 25, a Monday.

Police will be enforcing the meters and other parking regulations, and the new system of tickets will be in force. These were finalized earlier in the

meads, and on selectmen.

These include a \$2 fee for meter violations; \$3 for general parking violations, and \$5 for parking in a tow away zone, in addition to cost of towing charges.

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# Town May Buy Ice House To Make It A Playground

*Advocate 5/21/70*

The Town may be able to negotiate an amicable purchase of the former ice house property on Commercial Street in the East End.

At a Finance Committee hearing Monday night in Town Hall, Gary Ross, owner of the ice house site, told the FinCom he would be willing to negotiate with the Town.

His comments were made during discussion of an article on tonight's Warrant authorizing the sum of \$86,000 to take the property.

The article was placed on the Warrant as the result of a petition circulated by FinCom Vice Chairman Munro Moore, who disqualified himself from the FinCom during discussion of the article.

Mr. Moore said his interest in the old ice house property dates back to shortly after last year's Annual Town Meeting when he found children playing in the hulking concrete structure.

He said it was nighttime. And while chasing the children out of the ice house, he noticed an open 40-foot elevator shaft.

The dangerous situation prompted him to go to the Building Inspector who had it boarded up.

Mr. Moore said he has discussed the ice house with various Town boards and officials since the Annual Meeting to try and find out how the Town could acquire the property.

He said the site would be ideal to relocate the present East End playground, which, he said, is located at the site of a former coal yard on a busy intersection. The traffic is dangerous to the children who play there, he said, and the coal dust filters through the sand-covered playground making it a very dirty place to play.

He said the problem of where to move the East End playground has been brought up at various Town Meetings, but never resolved because an alternate site was not available.

The present playground could be turned into a parking lot—handling at least 30 cars, he suggested.

The parking meter revenue from a metered lot at the playground site and that from parking spaces which could be created along commercial Street

at the ice house would amount to \$4,000 a year, he said.

The total cost of taking and demolishing the ice house would amount to approximately \$100,00, he estimated.

A number of federal programs exist, he said, which might contribute to paying at least some of the cost of the project.

"I spoke to a local contractor," Mr. Moore said, "he estimated—and he was interested in bidding on the job—that the ice house could be demolished for \$15,000 to \$20,000."

The cost of the parking lot at the old playground site would not affect the Town budget, he said, because there is money in the parking meter fund which is earmarked specifically for parking lots.

Willis Carlos argued that the matter should be brought before an Annual Town Meeting. A Special Town Meeting cannot be legally used to raise and appropriate money for the acquisition of land, he said.

Mr. Moore said that he'd checked this point with an attorney—a specialist in Town government—who assured him that the matter could be brought before a Special Town Meeting.

"It's all right as long as the Town is not raising money after the tax rate has been set," Mr. Moore said.

Mr. Carlos also questioned whether the Town can set a figure of \$86,000 for the property. State law, he said, prohibits Towns from spending more than the average of the last three years' average assessed value plus 25 per cent.

Mr. Moore said that he had checked the statute and found no such provision.

"Well," said Mr. Carlos, "I'd hate like the devil to see the Town get in a peck of trouble."

Building Inspector Fernando Gonsalves said he signed the petition requesting that the ice house article be placed on the Warrant. However, he added, "what I wanted to see was for the Town to take the cold storage building and turn it into a parking lot."



Salvatore Del Deo said he would like to get the opinion of the owner of the ice house property. He asked also how the proposed playground and parking spaces would affect the drainage problem in the area.

In wet weather the area under discussion is often flooded.

Mr. Moore said the playground and parking facilities would not affect the flooding. The solution to the flooding would be a pump, he suggested.

Mr. Ross was then recognized. He said he was "struck by a great many curiosities" about the move to take his property. "Everything was quiet until I started to get construction started."

However, Mr. Ross said he would be willing to negotiate with the Town about selling the property "prior to the commencement of building." He plans to start building within 30 days, he said.

He did say that he "resents" the use of the words "eminent domain" in the article. "Its me today," he warned, "tomorrow it could be anybody."

Mr. Moore said state law requires that the article include the wording Mr. Ross found offensive.



# Low Bid For Breakwater

## \$3,535,000

*Advocate 5/7/90*

The apparent low bidder for the Provincetown Breakwater—with a bid of \$3,535,000—was announced this week by the Corps of Army Engineers, which expects the contract to be awarded within the next ten days.

The low bidder, Thomas DiCenco Co. of Calais, Me., came in \$1.2 million below the figure which the government estimated the project would cost. The low estimate could affect the amount the Town agreed to contribute as its share of the cost—\$380,000.

There were six other bids on the project, ranging up to \$6.8 million.

Under the terms of the contract, the successful bidder must complete the 25,000 foot breakwater within 370 calendar days after the contract is awarded. An estimated 328,000 tons of stone will be needed.

All bids, besides that of the apparent low bidder, must be evaluated for accuracy and responsiveness to the terms of the contract, before the award is officially made, the Corps said.

Other bidders and bids were: Perini Corp, Marine Div., \$4,757,500; Gencarelli Corp. Inc. of Westerly, R.I., \$5,871,720; Campanella Corp., Marine Div., of Forestdale, \$4,196,500; White Construction Co. of Needham, \$6,888,800; and Peter Kiewit Sons Co. of Tenafly, N.J., \$5,963,890.

Provincetown, to pay its share of the breakwater costs, will sell \$380,000 in 20-year bonds. The bonds were authorized at a Special Town Meeting in October of 1969.

The project was delayed for over a year when President Nixon cut the Corps of Engineers' budget. The state will match the Town's share of the cost. The project was originally authorized 20 years ago to shelter the fleet from harsh northeast storms.

The breakwater, as now envisioned by designers, will be slightly closer to shore and 500 feet shorter than it was originally planned.



# Trailer Permit Torn Up, Selectmen Claim Mistake

The dispute about a mobile home at the old ice house on Commercial Street was apparently resolved by the Selectmen at an informal hearing Monday night in Town Hall.

Nearly 50 persons attended the session in the courtroom to protest the trailer and to complain about its continued presence without a permit from the Town.

Gary Ross of New York, who did not attend the meeting, has placed the 40-foot trailer on the east side of former ice house, which he plans to renovate for apartments.

Building Inspector Fernando Gonsalves was the only person in the crowded courtroom to speak in favor of issuing the permit. Marion Taves, chairman of the Selectmen, said that nearly 20 letters were received from those opposing the trailer.

What Mr. Taves described as an opportunity for residents to air opinions about the permit, "without argumentation", quickly turned into a hot debate.

Mr. Gonsalves maintained he was "not in favor, not against" issuing the temporary permit. "I only do what the law requires," he said. "If any person comes to me and asks for a permit to build or have an addition put on his property — if he's within his rights — I issue a permit."

He said he received a request for the temporary permit and, as required by the Zoning Bylaw, presented the request to the Selectmen for their signatures.

"They signed it", he said, pulling the permit from a folder

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to display to the objectors. "I will keep this," the inspector declared, "Because this may wind up in court."

"May I see that?" Mr. Taves asked politely. Mr. Gonsalves handed over the permit which disappeared from view for the moment.

Cyril Patrick, chairman of the Appeals Board, sought recognition. But, Mr. Gonsalves, stationed by the Selectmen's table, issued a warning. If an Appeals Board member "raises his voice now" and the matter comes before that board, "he'd be biased," he said.

Mr. Taves then read a letter from Mrs. Barbara H. Malicoat, corresponding secretary of the Taxpayers Association. She said the bylaw provision, allowing issuance of permits for temporary structures to be used during construction at a building site, does not allow that temporary structure to be used for a residence.

The provision's reference to "occupancy" does not mean human occupancy, but, rather, the structure's occupancy of the land. This interpretation was also argued by her husband, Philip Malicoat, former Planning Board member, and others.

Mrs. Malicoat requested that the matter be referred to the Appeals Board.

Mr. Gonsalves disagreed with her definition. "Look it up in 'Webster's,'" he said. (Webster's International Dictionary, Second Edition, gives as the preferred definition of "occupancy".... "Act of taking or holding...").

Mr. Taves then said the Selectmen signed the permit unwittingly. "It was honestly a misunderstanding," he averred. "We told him (Mr. Gonsalves) to hold on to it and not issue it."

Mr. Patrick, promising "to be very careful" about his remarks "especially if Mr. Gonsalves is going to represent the opposing party", said that, even if the permit (still in Mr. Taves' possession) was given to the trailer owner, it would not be legal.

never actually issued.

"Once again," Mr. Taves emphasized, "may I say the Board of Selectmen has not taken action on this at all."



**MARION TAVES**

Munro Moore, vice chairman of the FinCom, asked why Mr. Gonsalves had allowed the trailer to be placed on the property without a permit.

Mr. Moore asked if he, himself, built a house without a permit, the inspector would require him to have a permit. Mr. Gonsalves said putting a trailer on a lot and building a

house are "not the same thing."

Under questioning by Mr. Taves, Mr. Gonsalves said he had given "verbal permission" for the trailer to be placed on the property.

"Can I get verbal permission to build a building?" asked Mr. Moore.

"Oh, my God," exclaimed the inspector, "I'll see you gentlemen later." He started to leave the courtroom, but halted at the doorway.

Mr. Patrick asked "what right has the building inspector to interpret the Zoning Bylaw when the Board of Appeals interprets only with the help of an attorney?"

"I know it seems like too much power sometimes," Mr. Gonsalves said, "but that's the way it is."

Kurt Ruckstahl said that the intent of the people when the Zoning Bylaw was approved was



trailer owner, it would not be legal.

He said that Selectmen may not "usurp the authority of the Board of Appeals" without also following the legal procedure required by state law for exercise of that authority. A properly advertised public hearing would have to be held, he said.

He said he had consulted with legal counsel on the proper procedure which should be followed. "It's a state law and takes precedence over Town law," the Appeals chairman noted.

Mr. Gonsalves said a permit was issued, the one which the Selectmen signed, but was never given to Mr. Ross. Mr. Moore suggested that, therefore, it was

Kurt Ruckstahl said that the intent of the people when the Zoning Bylaw was approved was to prohibit the type of use which the inspector now wanted approved.

The wording of the bylaw allows a "broad" interpretation, Mr. Gonsalves said. "A judge is the only one who's going to say I'm right or you're right."

Reeves Euler pointed out that a permanent foundation has been added to the trailer since the Selectmen withheld the permit. He questioned the "temporary" intent of the owner.

Mr. Patrick charged that the trailer case exemplifies the type of zoning enforcement which exists in Provincetown. He said temporary permits have been issued illegally by the Selectmen over the years.

As an example, he cited an artist's stand at the Knights of Columbus Building. Mr. Gonsalves, he added, has told the Appeals Board that permits have been issued for such temporary uses, "but he won't show us the permits."

Mr. Patrick also asked "why people are getting innholders licenses all over Town, so they can get restaurants in residential zones?" People should not be encouraged to take advantage of "loopholes," he said.

Mr. Malicoat, Matthew Costa and Robert G. Gutzler, all former Planning Board members,

raised the question of whether or not the entire ice house was condemned several years ago. They said they would check the board's minutes.

If the entire building was condemned, they said, the entire construction project there would be illegal. Mr. Gonsalves said only a wooden section was condemned (Mr. Ross plans to use part of the ice house foundation for his seven-unit apartment complex).

Selectmen Marion Perry said, "I didn't know what we were doing the day I signed this permit."

"Let's tear it up," he suggested. "I so move."

"Mr. Chairman," Mr. Gonsalves said. "Mr. Chairman...Mr. Chairman...Mr. Chairman." He was not recognized by Mr. Taves. The Selectmen voted unanimously to destroy the permit.

"The permit is now torn," announced Mr. Taves.

Mr. Gonsalves said the Selectmen were fully informed about the permit before they signed it and said their action put a "black spot" on his record.

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Mr. Taves said the Selectmen did not intend their vote to be a reflection on Mr. Gonsalves' conduct. Mr. Gonsalves walked out of the room, but returned after a short time.

The chairman stressed that the meeting was not a hearing. He noted that Mr. Ross was invited to attend, but was out-of-town.

"Now that the trailer has no permit," Mr. Munro asked, "what is the next step?" "In my opinion," said Mr. Taves, "this should go to the Board of Appeals."

He added that Mr. Gonsalves could, as he insisted he would, make out another permit and seek approval from the Selectmen. However, he predicted that such approval would not be forthcoming.

"What's going to happen to the trailer now?" asked Neil G. Nickerson. "Well," said Mr. Taves, "I don't know."



# Attorney Ball Dies At Home

*Advocate 5/28/20*

Popular Provincetown attorney, Sheldon Osborn Ball, 74, died at his Commercial St. home May 24.

He was born in New York City, the son of the late S.W. and Lucy Osborn Ball.

His schooling in New York University was interrupted by service in World War I. Later he graduated from the University, and attended Harvard Law School. He has been practicing law in Provincetown since that time.

Mr. Ball operated cottages at Ballston Beach in Truro.

His widow, Ethel Archer Ball, ran a real estate agency, which he took over after her death.

He is survived by a brother, William Warren Ball of New Bedford; two sisters, Mary Washington Ball of Harwich and Mrs. Katherine (Ball) Rich of Truro; eleven nieces and nephews; and two step-daughters, Mrs. Katherine Sanford and Mrs. Elizabeth Baekeland.

The flag at Ballston Beach is being flown at half mast in Mr. Ball's honor. There will be no services.



# Gov't To Study Cape's Erosion

*Advocate 6/4/70*  
The constantly shifting sands of the Outer Cape may be the subject of a federal study.

Congressman Hastings Keith has requested an "immediate investigation of the extensive erosion of the outer shore" by the federal Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

He has asked the House Public Works Committee to call upon the board to take immediate action "to determine the advisability of works improvement along the easterly shoreline...in the interest of beach erosion control, shore protection, navigation and other allied water uses."

Keith's request has the support of the Selectmen of the six Lower Cape towns and the Cape Cod National Seashore.

The Selectmen, representatives of the seashore and the Corps of Army Engineers met with Keith in January to discuss beach erosion which in some places is washing away sand at the rate of six to 12 feet a year.

"In many cases," says Keith, "shoreline facilities and certain popular natural features are being threatened."

Leslie P. Arnberger, superintendent of the seashore, in a letter to Keith, expressed dissatisfaction with present methods of controlling erosion.

"There are many instances," he said, "where erosion problems have been intensified through well intentioned, but ill advised control methods."

Arnberger told The Advocate that the stretch of beach between Truro and Orleans receives the worst punishment from wind and water. "Actually," he said, "most of the sand washed from this section winds up in Provincetown and Truro."

He noted, however, that Provincetown's Herring Cove Beach and Long Point are regularly threatened by nature.

Herring Cove has been partially protected by the concrete erosion wall constructed some years ago (the wall is very often covered by sand in the summer months, but is exposed the winter northeast winds).

"The Long Point hook has been broken through by the ocean number of times," the superintendent said. Over the years, the Seashore has tried to counter the effects of nature by erecting snow fences to build up dunes on the point.





Salvatore Del Deo (top) explains voke article. Voters line up to cast ballots. *Advocate 5/28/70*

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# All Three Towns Vote At Meetings To Approve New Vocational School



# Cape gets \$26,450

## for economic growth

*Cape Times 6/10/70*

Approval of a \$26,450 grant to continue planning for economic growth in Barnstable County was announced today by Robert A. Podesta, assistant secretary of commerce for economic development.

The Cape Cod Planning and Economic Development Commission of Hyannis is the applicant for the funds from the Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

They will be used to help pay the administrative cost of the commission's program for one year.

The program is aimed at the

creation of new, permanent jobs in the county.

The commission will provide \$11,936 to complete the \$38,336 total cost of continuing the program.

The planning organization's staff conducts research, planning, counseling and promotional activities and works with other local, state and federal development programs in the county.

During the coming year, it will place special emphasis on developing long-range programs for the Bourne and Provincetown-Truro areas, which are eligible for EDA assistance because of high unemployment.





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Pictured above are your neighbors and friends who help make up the staff of the "Provincetown Bank". Missing from the picture are Mr. William T. Mayo, presently serving as a director, Mr. Daniel C. Merrill, Past President and now Director Emeritus, John Roderick, and the newest addition to our staff, Dan Duarte. Seated left to right:

Pauline Lisbon, Theresa Daisy 1st row left to right: Joseph Manta, Alice Fratus, Regina Costa, Stanley Snow, John Weinig; back row: Joseph Duarte, Kenneth Enos, Eugene Tellier (Bank's President) Robert Hendrickson, Thomas Francis, Milan Costa



# Neighborhood Hassle Aired

*Advocate 6/11/70*

A neighborhood squabble erupted at Monday night's meeting of the Provincetown Selectmen at Twon Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Steele, owners of a Bradford Street guest house, complained about what they feel is too much noise coming from a nearby gasoline service station, owned by Austin Rhodes.

Mr. Rhodes was also present, as were neighbors, some of whom supported the Steeles, others who supported Mr. Rhodes.

The debate, at times, grew heated. The Selectmen listened bemusedly and, in the end, took no action.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele said they last guest last summer because of noise and foul language emanating from the service

station "late at night and in the wee hours of the morning."

Mr. Rhodes disagreed. "There's no question," he said, "that since I've been there for the past two years, I've operated with the utmost consideration for my neighbors."

He said Mr. and Mrs. Steele are against any business operating late at night.

Mr. Rhodes asked the Selectmen what type of action they could take against him if they found the Steele's complaint was justified.

Chairman Marion Taves said the Selectmen could order the gas station to close at an earlier hour. He added, however, that the earlier closing hours would have to apply equally to all gas stations in Town.





—KOCH

"Nobody wants a dirty Town," he noted, "although the tolerance level of some people is lower than others." Tourism is "the lifeblood of the community's commerce," Mr. Wells said, "but tourists won't want to come here unless the Town is kept clean."

Marion Taves, chairman of the Selectmen, said he agrees with the petitioners. "The signs give fair warning of a \$50 fine," he

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## Disagree

One of the signers of the anti-litter petition presented to the Selectmen Monday night says he and a number of other signers object to the statement attached to the petition by Mrs. Kurt R. Ruckstuhl.

Robert J. Martin said he expects that those who disagree with the letter and statements made at the Selectmen's meeting will make their views known to Town officials.

He said Mrs. Ruckstuhl's letter gave the impression that the police were intentionally allowing laws to be broken.

Acting Police Chief James Meads said he will issue a statement about the petition sometime soon.

said. "Frankly, I think the police should pick up anybody who litters."

Selectman Marion Perry agreed that the petitioners "have cause for complaint." He said litterers should be put to work cleaning up the center of Town.

The fine for violating the anti-litter law was raised several years ago from \$20 to \$50; however, no one at the meeting could recall a case where the law has been enforced.

## Bombs

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outside Wellfleet Harbor during World War II. And Assistant Public Affairs Officer Jim Harrington replied that he could find no record of such an operation.

This information was passed up to the higher command and resulted in the operation to remove the live bombs which was carried out this week.

Meanwhile, Congressman Hastings Keith, who had found out about the target ship accident through his own sources, wrote a letter to Rear Admiral Means Johnson in the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs.

In the letter Keith asked the Navy to investigate the incident and check on the condition of the warning signs in the area. Lieutenant Robert Barron, project officer for the clearing operation, said that his team planned to photograph the area and interview the injured boy.



# Citizens to get police priority

*Cape Times 6/18/70*

PROVINCETOWN — The tremendous increase in crimes of all types, and the limited personnel and equipment provided by the police department's annual budget, has made it imperative that priority be given to responding to calls from residents whose lives and safety may be in danger.

Acting Police Chief James J. Meads, in a statement issued Tuesday in answer to a letter read at the last regular selectmen's meeting, said that the department feels that protection of individuals and their property should not be neglected.

A petition, presented to the board of selectmen by Mrs. Irma M. Ruckstuhl, and signed by approximately 140 "indignant citizens," states that "We, the undersigned voters and-or taxpayers of Provincetown, hereby request and strongly urge that you instruct the police department to immediately enforce, with-

out discrimination, the littering laws now in effect." A letter of criticism, written by Mrs. Ruckstuhl, also was read to the board of selectmen.

## Limited personnel

"Those persons who take the trouble to familiarize themselves with the work of their police department know what limited personnel and equipment are provided us by the funds available in our annual budget," the acting chief said.

"One only has to glance at any of the daily newspapers to become aware of the tremendous increase in crimes of all types, including narcotic drugs, assaults with dangerous weapons, breaking and entering and other serious criminal matters.

"Although litter may be unsightly, and efforts to enforce the littering laws are being made within our limited capacity, we feel that priority should be given to responding to calls from distressed citi-

zens whose lives and safety, as well as the security of their homes and property, are being endangered.

## Protection important

"This department feels that protection of these citizens and their property should not be neglected by diverting personnel to have police officers ready to arrest every kid who drops a paper cup or a gum

wrapper on the sidewalk," he continued.

"As long as I remain the acting chief of police," Meads said, "I shall continue to direct the work of your police department, within the means provided, according to long established and well recognized priorities for the greater benefit and safety of all the citizens."



# Selectmen Argue Litter, Apartment

*Advocate 6/11/70*

## Debate Litter Enforcement

## Revoke License

A petition, signed by 140 Provincetown residents, asking for strict enforcement of the Town's anti-litter law, was presented to the Selectmen Monday night in Town Hall.

In presenting the petition, Mrs. Kurt R. Ruckstuhl of 510 Commercial Street complained of the "deteriorating atmosphere" in Town and asked the Selectmen "as our elected officials, to instruct the Police Department to enforce the littering law" which provides for fines of up to \$50.

"We have a law," she said, "and we have signs advertising that law, but like so many other regulations here, we have no enforcement, and consequently complete disregard of that law."

Town Manager Robert Hancock disagreed urgency of the problem. He said that the

litter problem here is not as serious as it was painted in a newspaper editorial to which Mrs. Ruckstuhl referred.

He said he inspected the center of Town the Monday following the national Memorial Day "and I never saw the Town on the morning after a holiday with less litter. This, to me at least was encouraging."

Mrs. Nicholas Wells, a petition signer, suggested that, if the police are too busy during the summer to enforce the anti-litter bylaw, meter maids could issue summonses to violators. The problem of litter is more serious than meter violations, she said.

Mrs. Wells and Philip Malicoat, former Planning Board member who was recently appointed an alternate member of the Board of Appeals, also asked that the Town regulation requiring garbage and rubbish cans to be covered be enforced.

"Trash cans are put out," said Mr. Malicoat, "but the trash doesn't always land in the trucks."

Town center. This would complement the early morning cleanup by Town crews, he said.

Nicholas Wells, a Planning Board member, said the Selectmen should take a strong stand against litter. "What is needed," he said, "is a sense of direction from the governing body."

The Provincetown Board of Selectmen, reacting to Building Inspector Fernando Gonsalves' charges of "filth" and unsanitary living conditions, revoked two apartment building licenses Monday night. The licenses were for buildings at 104 Bradford Street and 4 Franklin Street, owned by Edgar M. Levy.

Mr. Gonsalves, brandishing pictures taken that morning, stated that the buildings are full of "filth", and that the apartments in question had been rented to "a bunch of you-know-whats."

"People?" Chairman Taves asked.

"If you want to call them that," replied Mr. Gonsalves.

The three pictures used as evidence of Sanitary Code violations were, in fact, of just one apartment, at 105 Bradford. The license for 105 Bradford approves 10 apartments.

Mr. Gonsalves admitted to The Advocate that three weeks ago, when the license had been issued, he had inspected only six

garbage pits. He also said that for tenants' complaints, although it was not mentioned in Mr. Gonsalves report. Piles of trash and garbage lie accumulating in one corner of the courtyard of the building at 105 Bradford. The tenants had been told that their trash would be picked up

there by the landlord.

Judging by the amount and the

## Town Water Has 'Excessive' Salt

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# The Meeting Place

BY ALAIN WHITMAN

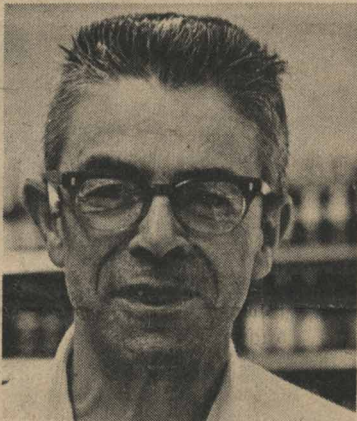
Francis Steele

Advocate 6/11/70

Francis Steele has been Provincetown's fair and moderate Town Moderator going on 17 years now—steering the town through Town Meetings in the roughest weather and hardly ever losing his cool. (Just enough to remind us he's human.)

Asked why he keeps getting re-elected year after year, without ever exactly running, he characteristically answers: "Nobody else wants the job."

The truth is he's invaluable. Not only because he knows the town inside out, and "after studying the Articles of Warrant, pretty much what to expect from speakers on the floor," but because he manages a neat balance among factions no matter what his personal opinion may be.



Umpire

## Homecoming

Francis shot back to Provincetown, "quick as a bunny," and went to work as a grocery clerk at Nelson's Market (now the L & A)—where he still is and still claims to be "no more than a grocery clerk."

He also went back to coaching and umpiring Provincetown kids in sports, and to church activities (past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus), though not to studies for the priesthood.

He married Kathrine Hill of Provincetown in 1952. Their son Tommy, 17, is at Junior High now.

## Politics

Just before his marriage, Francis and four other townsmen, concerned about inefficiency in the then 3-man Selectmen form of town government... (still prevalent



His sense of the proper use of rules began early, through his intense interest in sports.

At Provincetown High (he was president of his junior and senior class, incidentally), he was eventually knocked out of sports competition because of his small--though wiry--frame.

Not the type to be a spectator, he shifted to umpiring and coaching, and stayed with it most of his adult life wherever he happened to be.

Grown-up Little Leaguers here remember his coaching skill, and he their performing skills, with mutual admiration.

The Steele family has deep roots in Provincetown.

The grandparents lived here, and Francis' late father, Joseph, and mother, Cecilia Enos (who still lives here) were both born on Court Street.

Joseph Steele was in the Coast Guard at Cutty Hunk; migrated briefly to New London, Conn., for just about long enough to marry Cecilia and start a family. So Francis spent his first seven years in New London, along with two younger brothers. (A little sister emerged later, in Provincetown.)

Returning, Joseph became engineer for the old cold storage fish plant. (Long gone, it stood opposite Tarver's store.)

## Changes

After schooling here, Francis prepared for the Catholic priesthood, for which he thought he might have a vocation.

In his sophomore year of seminary studies at Marianapolis in Connecticut, war broke out and he had "an outburst of patriotism. Though I wasn't quite sure where Pearl Harbor was."

He served the army as an anti-aircraft operator in Boston, then Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, finally Oklahoma ("where I suddenly found myself in the field artillery").

He was still at Fort Sill, umpiring a baseball game, when peace broke out on Nov. 30, 1945. In the uproar he still kept his head (somewhat inappropriately he wryly admits), by yelling: "But the game's not over yet! Do you want me to call it?"

elsewhere on the Cape), formed a committee to study the system.

The other four were: Joseph Lema (grocer), Clarence Kacergis (welder), Frank Henderson (coast guardsman, now dead), and Joseph Ferreira (barber). All four eventually served as Selectmen. (Francis could not, because he got tapped as Moderator.)

To make a long story short, this Committee, with legal help and the confidence of the voters, drew up the town's first charter, recommending the Town Manager system, with five Selectmen.

Such a change required approval from both houses of the state legislature, and the Governor. The Committee got that, in time.

Then in 1953, at a special Town Meeting, the town itself accepted the new plan (543 Yes; 469 No).

The new Selectmen--all the above, with Francis ("Flyer") Santos in place of Francis Steele--were voted in and the first Town Manager appointed. That was Tom Libby. After him came James Coyne, Walter Lawrence, and Robert Hancock the incumbent--all serving for one and a half to 5 years.

Now, this year, it is once more "charter-study" time, and Francis Steele had to appoint a new study committee. He himself believes it is time. "We couldn't have done everything right the first go!"

## At Home

"What do you do in your time off?" the reporter asked foolishly--as if there were much time off in the grocery business. (The cozy and bright Steele living room and Kathrine's hospitality are lulling).

"Anything special? Fishing? Making things for the house?" "No. My wife does the decorating and fixing," Francis says. (Kay also works days at the Camera Shop.)

"How about cooking?"

"Cooking? I can't boil water without burning it."

"Then what?" the reporter tries, and gets an answer eloquent of a happy marriage:

"I just like to come home."



# Chief Says Police Are Too Busy To Enforce Laws Against Littering With Other Crimes

Acting Police Chief James Meads this week responded to a petition presented to the Selectmen last week asking for strict enforcement of the anti-litter regulations.

In a letter to the Advocate, Chief Meads said that, with the limited funds and personnel of his department, more serious crimes must have a higher enforcement priority than the anti-litter laws.

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He added that a number of the petitioners disagree with critical statements made in a letter attached to the petition by Mrs. Irma M. Ruckstuhl. Mrs. Ruckstuhl presented the petition to the Selectmen.

The text of the letter follows:

As reported in the local press recently, it would appear that approximately 140 indignant citizens have petitioned the Board of Selectmen and subscribed to the criticism in a letter under date of June 8, 1970 signed by Irma M. Ruckstuhl. The words of the petition, as signed by these persons, are as follows: "We, the undersigned voters and/or taxpayers of Provincetown hereby request and strongly urge that you instruct the Police Department to **immediately** enforce, without discrimination, the littering laws now in effect." No more, no less!

Those persons who take the trouble to familiarize themselves with the work of their Police Department know what limited personnel and equipment are provided us by the funds available in our annual budget.

One has only to glance at any of the daily newspapers to become aware of the tremendous increase in crimes of all types, including Narcotic drugs, assaults with dangerous weapons, breaking and entering, and other serious criminal matters.

Although litter may be

unsightly, and efforts to enforce the littering laws are being made within our limited capacity, we feel that priority should be given to responding to calls from distressed citizens whose lives and safety, as well as the security of their homes and property, are being endangered. This Department feels that protection of these citizens and their property should not be neglected by diverting personnel from these duties, which very often involve hardened criminals, in order to have Police Officers ready to arrest every kid who drops paper cups or gum wrappers on the sidewalk.

In fact, I have discussed with many of the petitioners the priorities they would give these duties and the answer should be obvious to all, including the press. They also informed me that they did not see the above letter in advance, nor did they subscribe to its' sentiments.

As long as I remain the Acting Chief of Police, I shall continue to direct the work of your Police Department within the means available according to long-established and well-recognized priorities for the greater benefit and safety of all the citizens and with discrimination towards none.



# Provincetown plans drug center

*Cape Times 6/25/70*

PROVINCETOWN — A "Help of Provincetown" program, with the prime purpose of assisting anyone who feels in need of aid in combating further drug use, is being organized in Provincetown and a telephone number to call will be published within a few days.

Arthur D. Roderick, Provincetown recreation director and member of the advisory committee, said that funds are needed on a voluntary basis for the program — \$50 already has

been received, he said — to cover any costs incurred, such as telephones, manning the phones and the like.

The program will try to go into effect by July 1, he said. It is being co-ordinated by the Barnstable County Mental Health Department. Contributions to "Help of Provincetown" can be made to Mrs. Anna Moon, Pearl Street, Provincetown.

The advisory committee includes Roderick; Atty. Frederick V. Long Jr., public defender; the Rev. John

Perry, assistant pastor, Church of St. Peter the Apostle; the Rev. Stephen Smith, pastor of the United Methodist Church; Mrs. Amy McKain, welfare supervisor; James J. Meads, acting police chief; Mrs. Moon, school nurse, and Doris Enos, town nurse.

Roderick said that the selectmen have approved a room with telephone for use in the program, to be used when youths or grown ups are in trouble from drugs.



# Selectmen Reply

Editor, The Advocate: 6/18/70

Your one-man campaign against the Selectmen's executive session was rebuffed June 8, when Chairman Marion Taves told you to "make your objections in your paper." His irritated remark does not, however, justify the strong language in your front-page editorial of June 11.

Take a cooler look at the Open Meeting Law that you say the Selectmen "directly defied." It reads in part:

"Such executive session may be held only for the purpose of discussing, deliberating or voting on those matters which...might adversely affect the public security, the financial interest of the town...or the reputation of any person."

(There's more to Section 23A, Chapter 39 of the General Laws, but this much is what you're talking about.)

Someone has to decide what matters on the Selectmen's agenda should be in open meeting, and what should be in private. The agenda is compiled by Chairman Taves in consultation with Town Manager Robert Hancock. They know who has business with the Selectmen, and how hot the subject is. Often they know in advance that remarks will be made in anger, remarks that could adversely affect a person's reputation. Executive session.

If you will listen to the minutes of the previous meeting next time, you will hear the record of the executive session—with the angry talk boiled down to cold facts and official actions. Nothing secret except the slanderous language that was used. This is in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

People often ask the Selectmen to hear their problems in private. Sometimes the matters prove suitable for the public session, but the Selectman could not know this in advance. The minutes, as required by law, record the results.

Then there's the ancient tradition that men speak more freely, and waste less time, if they don't have to "watch their words." This is arguable. Perhaps it would be an improvement if everybody had to think carefully before speaking. But the fact remains -- as you should know -- that works spoken during a meeting look very different in print, especially if a reporter quotes them out of context. And we both know that a newspaper hasn't room for all the context.

So the Selectmen, for considered reasons, conduct part of their meetings behind closed doors. In your editorial you admit that "there is no way of knowing why the Selectmen are so secretive." You might give them the benefit of the doubt.

Sincerely,

Marion Taves, Chairman  
Ernest Irmer  
Burton Kenney  
Marion Perry



# Cape-tip board slams \$10 Seashore fee

By NEIL G. NICKERSON

PROVINCETOWN — Selectmen, here, were unanimous in their opposition to the announced \$10 seasonal fee at Cape Cod National Seashore this summer, announced on Saturday by National Park Service Director George B. Hartzog Jr.

"It's an outrageous fee; very undemocratic, and ridiculous that people have to pay this fee to get to a beach, which they have used all their lives," Chairman of Selectmen Marion Taves said.

Other Selectmen expressed feelings along similar lines, with each of the five feeling resentful that they have to pay to park at beaches that they, as natives, have used all their lives.

Selectman Marion Perry said he was resentful of the fact that "we have to pay to use our land . . . local residents shouldn't have to pay anything," he said. He was favoring a sticker program.

## Unify opposition

Chairman Taves said he is very much against charging anyone anything. "People pay enough taxes in this country without paying a fee to go onto a beach that belongs to them," he said. He plans to bring up the matter at Monday's night's regular meeting, and urge the board to unify its opposition in a letter to the National Seashore Headquarters.

Selectman Burton Kenney said he felt

*Cape Times 6/24/50*  
natives should have a chance to get to their own beaches, without paying. "The National Park rode roughshod over the local people in this matter," he said. He indicated he hated to see any partiality, and was definitely against any charge, that "all people should use them free of charge."

John D. Bell, when told of the \$10 fee, said he felt it to be better than a daily charge. "It's unfortunate that it is necessary to pay any fee," he said, "but it's better than a daily fee."

## Good at all beaches

He also indicated that if it was to be a daily fee, this same slip could be used at any of the beaches on that particular day.

Selectman Ernest Irmer joined with the other board members in opposition to the payment, resentful, he said, "at having to pay to use beaches we've used all our lives; it's wrong, being natives, to have to pay."

Town Manager Robert A. Hancock said he naturally would prefer that something be worked out so that local residents could use the beaches without paying. However, the \$10 seasonal fee would be much preferred over the \$1 a day fee that was in effect briefly as a result of the termination of the Golden Eagle pass. It was anticipated by the National Seashore that Congress would provide a new Golden Eagle pass, but at a higher figure, he said.



# Fourth Of July Will Feature Fireworks, Parade Through Town

*Advocate 6/25/70*

The combination of Independence Day and the 350th Anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims will provide Provincetown with one of its biggest July 4 celebrations.

The traditional fireworks will be set off on the evening of July 3, this year off Long Point instead of off MacMillan Wharf. Following the fireworks will be a block dance, held in the parking area of the Veterans Memorial School, off Winslow St.

The annual parade, to be held on July 4, will feature marching bands and floats. All local organizations have been invited to enter floats in the parade. The floats are to center on the theme of the 350th Anniversary. The parade will assemble at the

Grace Hall parking lot, and is scheduled to move out by 10 am.

Music in the parade will be provided by St. Ann's CYO Band, from Neponset. The Provincetown Fire Department will also be parading some of their equipment.

The route of the parade will be to move along Bradford St. to Howland St., then to Commercial St., west to Franklin St., then to Bradford St., and back to Grace Hall.

Other activities of the celebration will be a sunfish sailboat race, sponsored by the West End Racing Club (which can be viewed off MacMillan Wharf), and a concert, at 2 pm, by the St. Ann's Band.



# Cape-tip calls public hearing

*Cape Times 6/25/80*

By NEIL G. NICKERSON

PROVINCETOWN — Selectmen here, have called for a public hearing Monday, in Town Hall Auditorium on the request of the Provincetown Fisheries Co-operative to construct a building on the east end of the "T" of MacMillan Wharf.

Town Manager Robert A. Hancock said that the decision for the hearing was made following considerable discussion of the matter in executive session Monday night, and at a meeting of the board and representatives of the co-operative at the site on Tuesday morning, which he attended.

The proposed construction would provide a covering for the already existing platform, and would provide space for trucks to load the boxes of fish.

Hancock said that the purpose of the public hearing is to get the feeling of the residents on the matter. He also said that there are no funds appropriated by the town available for this purpose.

In other action, as a result of the Monday night regular meeting of the board, the selectmen denied a permit, requested by the Homophile Society of Boston, described as a civil rights group for homosexuals, for a parade in Provincetown on July 4.

This request brought considerable discussion, mostly against, but there were those who believed the society had the right to make such a request.

The request was denied because of the traffic hazards and

also because the town has its Independence Day parade planned by the recreation department. The request was presented the selectmen by Frank Morgan.

At the open meeting, Mrs. Barbara Malicoat brought up the subject of the plaque in Winthrop Street Cemetery which states that four members of the original Mayflower party died during the ship's stay in Provincetown. Hancock said he and Paul Flores had inspected the cemetery Tuesday morning and plans are being made to beautify the area.

A request from the Southern Massachusetts Bus Line, which proposes to run from Chatham, to Harwich, to Provincetown, was read, and discussed. It requests towns along the route to approve. The request was tabled for further study.

Selectmen voted to make Arch Street one-way from Bradford to Commercial Streets, on request of petitioners from the area, with the change to be on a 30-day trial basis. They voted to continue existing parking restrictions on Prince Street, from

Cudworth Street to Holway Avenue.

A petition for "Children, Go Slow" signs on Race Road and the area of the trailer park was voted, and selectmen voted to request the state Department of Public Works for a stop sign on Franklin Street, at its exit on Kelley's Corner in the West End.

Selectmen granted limited permission to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness to chant religious names in Provincetown, except that on the street chanting will be prohibited, because of the possibility of traffic jams. However, selectmen will allow such chanting on the beaches back of K of C hall, Hancock said.

Hearings also were held on an application of the Sail Loft Inn, in the East End, for an innholder's liquor license for beer and wines, and on the application of the Howland Street package store, also for beer and wines. Both were taken under advisement.

In the matter of the Krishna Conscience chanting, it was pointed out that this

organization is religious, and that it works to keep people from using drugs, and to promote brotherly love.

Selectmen discussed further the matter of push cart operation, and voted to extend the area of usage, with the regulation only that they follow the regular traffic pattern. Hours of permitted operation will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Hancock announced that the Chapter 90 contract for a highway along the old railroad right of way between Conwell Street and Howland Street, named Harry Kemp Way, memorializing the late famed Poet of the Dunes, has been completed; that sprinklers have been installed in Memorial Park, across Bradford Street from Town Hall; that work on repairs to MacMillan Wharf already have started; that the Army engineers opened bids on June 18 on repairs to the West End breakwater; that the new police cruiser for the local department was delivered on Monday, and that bids will be opened for guard rails on Harry Kemp Way on July 2.



# CHANTING IN THE STREET

*Advocate 6/25/70*

The Selectmen have unfortunately decided to deny a request by members of the Society for Krishna Consciousness for a permit to "chant the names of God in the streets of Provincetown". They also decided to allow this new group to continue distributing their literature on the streets.

The members of the Krishna movement are among the most purely-motivated people who have ever come to Provincetown. Their desire is to "reestablish love of God" and, as they explained at the Selectmen's meeting to get young people to stop using narcotics by offering them something more fulfilling.

Their request to chant in the street was denied because it was thought that the chanting would gather a crowd that would block traffic. But it isn't clear that this would happen if the members of the Krishna movement chanted, as they suggested at the meeting, only one or two hours per day and did so only in pairs which kept moving.

The issue of freedom of speech is a somewhat relative to the situation. In this case town has a definite need to see that the traffic isn't blocked. However, the Selectmen should have been quite certain that the chanting would have caused the problem they expected.

It seems that the Selectmen could work something out with the members of the Krishna movement to allow a little singing in the street unless the Selectmen underneath it all just don't want to hear the chanting.



# 23rd Blessing Will Combine Worship and Celebration

*Advocate 6/25/70*

By Heaton Vorse

This year of 1970 will see the biggest and best Blessing of the Provincetown Fishing Fleet ever; the 23rd of a series that had seen the flag-decorated local craft taking a close course to the nor'west corner of MacMillan Wharf to be blessed in turn as they pass in parade by the roofed over grandstand erected for the occasion.

This year it will be Most Reverend James L. Connolly, Bishop of the Fall River Diocese who will sprinkle holy water from the spurgis as the ships sail by him on the last Sunday in June.

The actual blessing will be preceeded by a Fishermen's Mass of Thanksgiving at the church of St. Peter the Apostle and a parade from the church to the wharf to the marching music of the Braintree Drum and Bugle Corps and the CYO band from Rosindale, and followed by a picnic in the harbor on the freshly-cleaned and freshly-blessed decks of the draggers, large and small.

The picnic, in turn, will be followed by cocktails and a banquet for the fishermen and their wives at the Royal Coachman on Beach Point.

## BLESSING OF THE FLEET PROGRAM

**Saturday, June 27**

Morning: Decoration of the boats and MacMillan's Wharf

Afternoon: Quahog party at the VFW.

Evening: Block party at the Veteran's Memorial School Parking lot 8 to 11.

**Sunday, June 28**

Morning: 9-Bands and fishermen will form up for parade on MacMillan's wharf.

10-Parade to the Church of St. Peter the Apostle

11-Fisherman's High Mass of Thanksgiving. The Most Reverend James L. Connolly, Bishop of the Fall River Diocese presiding.

Noon-Parade return to MacMillan's Wharf.

Afternoon: 1- Individual blessing of the boats followed by a sail around the harbor and picnics on board near Long Point.

6:30- Cocktails at the Royal Coachman.

**Monday, June 29**

Morning: Picnic for the youngsters at Motta Memorial Field. Hot dogs, ice cream, fun and games for the children of Provincetown.

Afternoon: Athletic events. Rowing races. Walk the greased pole.



That takes care of Sunday. Since the celebration will last for three days this year both Saturday and Monday have to be accounted for. On Saturday morning the crews of the boats will set flags a-flying from the rigging of their craft, berthed along side the wharf as Wharfinger Pidge (Stanley) Carter oversees a similar dressing up of the wharf itself.

Beginning at noon there will be a collation served at the VFW on Jerome Road. That means the opening of almost as many quahogs as will be dug on the West End flats all year long.

During the evening, from 8 to 11, Expressway South will furnish music for the block party and dancing on the parking lot at the

Veterans Memorial School atop Town Hill.

Ten local merchants have contributed the prizes that will go to the lucky winners who have downed the right balloon during the chase after the numbered thin rubber bubbles that are to be let fly cometime during the night.

Monday morning will see further fun atop the hill as the fishermen give the youngsters a chance to consume all the hot dogs and ice cream they can put down between the innings of a baseball game where everybody is an umpire and the score is always tied.

Monday after noon the party returns to the harbor for row boat races and a tight rope walk along a greased pole extending out over the basin between the wharves. The chap who makes it out to the end before taking a ducking will get a green slip of paper with a picture of Alexander Hamilton and some interesting numbers on it.

Tuesday morning, weather permitting, it will be fishing as usual with the added job of taking down the flags and stowing them below for another year.

There has not been a sail around every year since the late Arthur B. Silva and Father, now Monsignor, Silvia helped start the first Blessing of the Fleet in 1948. Sometimes the weather has kept the boats at the dock and there were a few years when the fishermen simply did not participate.

Painting and cleaning up takes too much time. Getting the

festivities organized causes too much trouble.

This year the Blessing will serve a double duty, as usual, that of opening the season and also that of kicking off the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims in Provincetown.

And it costs each and every fisherman about \$100 out of pocket just to stage the production. Captains pay ever more. Then at the last minute the sailors tumble all over themselves and a good celebration is put on with Monsignor Duarte blessing the ships as they berthed along side the pier.

The schooner Hindu will be crewed for the day by a band of modern puritans in old-fashioned costumes as she sails about the harbor on June 28th. It is rather doubtful that any of the Pilgrim maidens will step ashore to do their washing, however.

1970 will be a full scale show from the decorating of the boats on Saturday morning to the greased pole contest Monday afternoon. The only thing that can't be counted on is the weather.

In this respect most of the Blessings in the past have been lucky. As has been said, there were a few rainy days.

Once a sharp squall struck as the boats were doing their sail around and everybody had to run for cover.

But rain or shine, one thing is certain. The amount of camera film, both still and movie, color and black and white, will be phenomenal.



# Krishna Society Approved By The Selectmen, But Denied A Permit To Chant In The Streets

For the past few weeks four young people in long orange Indian robes — two boys and two girls — have been walking through the streets of Provincetown selling incense and literature about an East Asian meditational religion, and reciting over and over again the chant, "Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare."

They have formed here a new chapter of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. They explained to the Advocate that "Krishna" is a name they use for God.

But it is only a name, they say, because the God they worship is the same one that is worshipped in the Bible, the Koran, the Bhagavat Gita, and other famous religious books of many cultures.

They are here to spread their religion and to help "reestablish love of God". They came to Provincetown in particular because there are many people, particularly young people, in the streets here during the summer.

There are chapters of the Krishna Consciousness movement in almost all of the major cities of the country. There are now over 35 different chapters in the United States including one in Columbus, Ohio, and one in a town in West Virginia.

The chant is called a "mantra" in Hindu and other Eastern religions. It helps them to meditate and achieve a spiritual enlightenment, which they think

is necessary for understanding God.

Of the different words of the chant, "Krishna is a name for God, "Hare" means the energy of Krishna, and "Rama" means the enjoyment of pleasure. The whole chant is a repeated praise of God.

The members of the Krishna movement say that by just hearing the chanting other people will be "spiritually advanced".

For the last few weeks they had been chanting and distributing their literature in Provincetown. However, several times the police asked them not to chant because they thought the chanting would draw a crowd and possibly then create a disturbance.

As a result, one of the members of the movement, Mark Perlman, petitioned the Selectmen at their Monday night meeting for a permit to "chant the names of God in the streets of Provincetown" and also for approval to disseminate their literature.

Attached to their petition were letters of approval from the Commissioner of the Boston Police Department and John Davoran, the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The Krishna group also said that one of its purposes was to get young people to stop using drugs by "giving these kids something that is much more fulfilling than narcotics, which is only artificial enjoyment."

At the open part of the

Selectmen's meeting, several people in the audience spoke in favor of granting their permit by arguing that anything that could be done to fight narcotics was a good idea. Police Chief Meads said that they were "a bonafide religious organization chartered under the Commonwealth", and added that he had spoken to some of the members.

Then Buildings Inspector Fernando Gonsalves said that when he had observed them chanting they would soon be followed by someone with a guitar and this would result in the gathering of a crowd.

There was quite a bit of discussion around the idea that the chanting would gather a crowd and thereby clog the streets. The Chief suggested that they chant down on the beach where many of the kids hang out.

A member of the Krishna movement replied that they would be able to reach more people in the streets, and that they would be willing to chant in pairs for only an hour or two per day.

Later, in executive session, the selectmen voted to permit chanting only on the beach behind the Knights of Columbus building and to the west of the town parking lot. They also voted to allow them to disseminate their literature as they have been doing in the streets.

Mark Perlman, who was the Krishna spokesman at the Selectmen's meeting, indicated when he heard their decision that he was disappointed that

chanting would not be allowed in the streets.

Perlman is 20 years old and has been in the Society for Krishna Consciousness for about two years. He has changed his name to "Sri Dama Das", which is a Sanskrit name. Sanskrit is an Indian language, every syllable of which has a separate meaning.

He is married to one of the girls in the Provincetown chapter. The other boy and girl in the chapter are also married to each other. The four have set up a temple in their apartment at 104 Bradford Street.

They often invite people they meet in the street to come home with them to eat. And every Sunday at 11:00 am, they hold a feast for anyone who wants to come.

They eat mostly "dahl" (a split-pea soup with spices), their own homemade bread, rice, and water. Sometimes they eat such things as raisins and peanuts mixed with a base of cocoanut and honey. All their food is "prasadam", which means it has been offered as a sacrifice to God.

They regulate their lives very strictly, always going to bed at midnight and getting up at 6:00. They eat at 11:00 in the morning and at 4:30 in the afternoon. They take two showers a day and are currently in the process of moving to a new apartment next door because their present one isn't clean enough.

Mark Perlman says that the Krishna Consciousness movement is the biggest religious

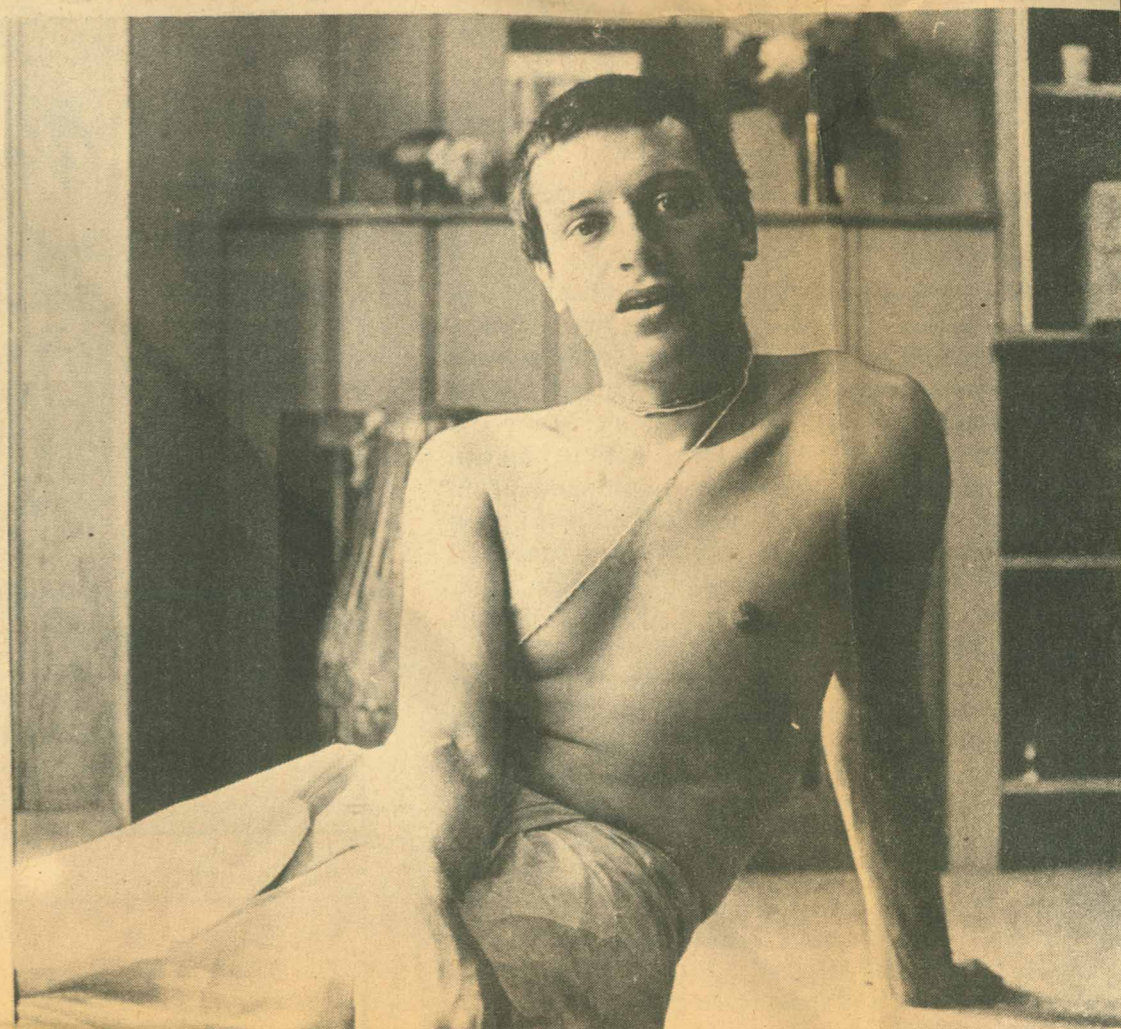
movement in the world. They are responsible to a master teacher, the swami A.C. Bhaktivedanta. This master was born in Vrindavan, India, and was then told by his religious teacher to spread Krishna Consciousness to the English-speaking world.

He started the International Society for Krishna Consciousness in New York City in 1966. And it has since spread all over the world. It started in Boston in 1967. The swami Bhaktivedanta now lives in Los Angeles, where there are a hundred members of the movement chanting in the streets every day.

The Krishna Consciousness movement is unusual because it says that all religions are good and that the gods of the different religions are all the same one that they worship. It originates in India, which is dominated by the Hindu religion.

The Hindu religion is more of a regional tradition of faith based on the writings in the Bhagavat Gita than it is a precise religion like Christianity. The Krishna followers insist that the Hindu god Vishnu is Krishna, or, in other words, simply God.

The Krishna movement differs from the Hindu tradition by not recognizing the Hindu demigods, such as Siva. Most of the practice of the Krishna movement involves the chanting of the mantra to God, "Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare."



Mark Perlman, now named Sri Dama Das, (above) explains the Krishna Consciousness movement. In the pictures below a girl sells incense and literature on the street and another works on a spiritual painting.





# Buildings Inspector Works For Detective Agency Which Is Servicing Bars In Town

*Advocate 7/2/70*

A detective agency has been soliciting business from Provincetown bar owners.

Fernando Gonsalves, town building inspector, health agent and health inspector, has been personally connected with the detective agency, according to bar owners questioned by the vocate.

Mr. Gonsalves, himself, refused to comment when asked if he was an employee of the agency. He said that there is a "vendetta" against him, but did not elaborate.

Mr. Gonsalves has acted as doorman at the Madeira Club, which has hired the detective agency to guard its entrance. The

operator of the club, Manuel Brazo said Mr. Gonsalves is not paid by the club, but is in charge of the guards supplied by the agency.

He and another bar owner said that Mr. Gonsalves fills in if a guard does not show up for work.

None of the bar owners questioned Mr. Gonsalves honesty in the matter.

As town health agent and inspector, Mr. Gonsalves is charged with seeing that restaurants and bars comply with health and sanitary regulations; however, none of the owners felt that Mr. Gonsalves would purposely give special treatment to owners who hired the agency.

One of the owners did say that the inspector "could cause a lot of trouble if he wanted to."

The Advocate attempted to find out the nature of Universal Detective Incorporated's operation in Provincetown.

The following phone conversation took place Wednesday afternoon.

"Hello, Universal Detective Agency. May I help you?"

"This is the Provincetown Advocate calling... we're doing a story on your agency's business in Provincetown, and would like to know if your could give us some information on your operation."

"I'm sorry, that's classified information. We can't give it out."

"Well, perhaps there's some one else there I could talk to."

"No, I'm the office manager."

"I see. Could you tell me the names of the officers of the agency?"

"There's only one other, and I can't give you his name."

"Could you tell me your name?"

"I'd prefer not to."

Universal Detective Incorporated is listed with the Massachusetts Secretary of State and the State Police.

It was incorporated April 21, 1970 and its corporate offices are located at 335 Boylston Street, Newton, according to the records on file at the State House.

In the articles of organization, Kevin G. Mahoney of 53 Savin Avenue, Norwood, is listed as president. Ross W. Billings of 16 Ludwig Road, Needham, is vice president, clerk and treasurer. Also listed as vice president is



Also listed as vice president is William R. Carlo of 84 Crest Road, Wellesley.

The three men are also listed as the directors of the corporation, which has issued 500 shares of common stock. The owners of the stock are not named.

The State Police issued a license to Mr. Billings as manager of the agency.

A bar owner said the agency promises that it will cover any loss sustained by a bar under contract to the agency, if that bar is closed for serving alcoholic beverages to a minor.

Besides the Madeira Club, establishments using the agency include The Surf Club, the Old Colony, and the Governor Bradford Restaurant. Leonard Enos, owner of the Old Colony, said he is completely satisfied by the service provided by Universal. He emphasized that he had not been pressured to hire the agency.

Agency representatives were introduced to at least two owners by Mr. Gonsalves, the owners said.

Mr. Gonsalves did not comment on the possibility that his Town positions might possibly conflict with activities on behalf of the agency.

According to the state Attorney General's office, Massachusetts has one of the Nation's most comprehensive conflict of interest statutes. However, a spokesman added, "it is an extremely difficult law to interpret."

The Attorney General, he said, does not as a rule act in conflict matters unless a state employe is involved. He said that any matter involving a town or city employe is handled by town officials.

Chairman of the Selectmen Marion Taves said he would not comment on the possibility of a conflict until he received more information.

The state Conflict of Interest Law (Chapter 268A) sets standards of conduct for public employes and specifies administrative action that may be taken if the standards are breached.

It forbids a public employe from pursuing a "course of conduct" that could raise suspicions that the employe is acting in violation of his public trust.

No "reasonable basis" for suspicion that an employe is apt to be "unduly influenced" because of his outside activities should be allowed, the law says.



# Gigantic crowd jams

## Cape-tip for Fourth

*Cape Times 7/5/70*

By NEIL NICHERSON

PROVINCETOWN — This July 4 weekend here will probably go down in history as having the heaviest traffic ever, the most people walking, and probably the most of everything else, including two parades.

Several minor accidents were reported, including two motorcyclists who came up second best in collisions with motor vehicles, and two visitors at a restaurant early Saturday morning who were treated by a physician for burned backs when hot coffee spilled on them.

The Provincetown parade,

on the theme of the 350th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, was held in the morning. Float prizes went to the Mayflower float, sponsored by the 350th Anniversary Committee and constructed by the morning recreation classes, and the Cape Fire Girls float, which came in second.

Prizes also went to the Jug Marching Band and the Beachcombers.

Judges for the floats included Heaton Vorse, Mrs. Helen Fernald and Deirdre Chetnam, who were dressed in Pilgrim costume.

The regular July 4 celebra-

tion was sponsored by the Recreation Department, and included parade to music by the St. Ann's Band from Neponset, and was made up of children-laden fire trucks and several floats.

The other parade, an impromptu affair according to Acting Police Chief James J. Meads, began at MacMillan Wharf.

Acting Chief Meads said this began shortly after noon, and was stopped in front of the Town Hall. Then the decision was made to allow it to continue, under police escort, which it did up Commercial to Winthrop to Bradford Streets and then to Herring Cove Beach.

Numerous accidents were reported, with two motorcyclists suffering what were described as minor injuries. Ronald Kretz, 21, of Chesterland, Ohio, suffered a sprained ankle and was brought to a physician by the Provincetown Rescue Squad.

The second mishap took place during the afternoon at the Conwell St.-Rte. 6 intersection and the traffic lights. The patient had to be brought to the office of Dr. Daniel H. Hiebert because traffic was so heavy that he couldn't get his car out. The second victim was Robert Hicks, 21, of Debon, Pa., who suffered contusions and sprain of left knee.

Suffering burns from hot coffee were Thomas Demorrow of New Haven and Susan Ware, Rockville, Conn. Dr. Hiebert said they were first- and second-degree burns.

Provincetown police made 25 arrests for assorted reasons Friday night and early Saturday, ranging from setting up tents and sleeping in the open to possession of marijuana.

In Truro there were several accidents in the early hours of Saturday, with a motor vehicle being operated by Brian S. Corrigan, 19, of Braintree, going out of control on Rte. 6, tearing up a rest area sign and plunging down an embankment into a parked car owned by Louis J. Savoie of Manchester, Conn. The Savoie car was a new one with less than 500 miles. Both re- but no personal injuries resulted.

Shortly afterward, at 3:50 a.m., a car operated by David R. Smith, 21, of Brockton, went out of control on Route 6A, North Truro, and smashed into a guard rail and utility pole.



## Thousands Watch 23rd Blessing; Bishop Connolly Receives Honor

The fleet has been blessed; the summer has begun.

As thousands watched from MacMillan Wharf on Sunday afternoon, and hundreds more from the fishing boats themselves, the most Reverend James L. Connolly, Bishop of the Fall River diocese, gave his blessing to each member of the Provincetown fishing fleet, and numerous pleasure boats, as they passed the reviewing stand at the end of the wharf.

Having received their blessings, the fishermen steered their boats for Long Point, where their traditional picnic was held.

The warm, clear day began at 11, as the statue of St. Peter, the patron saint of the fleet, was carried into the Church of St. Peter the Apostle for the fishermen's Mass of Thanksgiving read by Msgr. Leo Duarte. Bishop Connolly gave the sermon in which he told the fishermen that they were especially close to God, through St. Peter.

He closed by reminding them of what the blessing meant.

The procession then marched from the Church to the wharf, accompanied by flag bearers, a band, the Town Crier, and a car carrying the Bishop and his two chaplains, Reverend William M. McMann of Orleans and Reverend Henry Durant of Brewster.

Arriving at the end of the

wharf, the members of the clergy proceeded to the reviewing stand, and the fishermen to their boats. Many of these were already crowded with relatives and friends, and were colorfully decorated with flags and fresh paint.

The ships left their moorings, and headed out into the harbor. Henrique Duarte, chairman of the committee organizing the blessing, skippered the lead boat, the Charlotte G, and had the honor of carrying the statue.

After the members of the fleet had passed, the small pleasure boats made their appearance, and were duly blessed. When the final boat came by, somewhat behind the others, Bishop Connolly looked behind himself helplessly, and asked, "Where's my holy water?"

When none could be produced, he turned back to the boat, and apologetically blessed it with his hands.

With that, the actual ceremony of the blessing was completed.

The blessing, now in its 23rd year, has customarily been associated with the formal beginning of the summer season. It is always held on the last Sunday in June.

Just prior to the actual blessing, Bishop Connolly was presented with a formal proclamation by Town Crier Fred Baldwin, who read its text to the crowd. The proclamation,

signed by Baldwin, the Cape Cod Anglers and Sportsmen's Club, the Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the Provincetown fishermen, stated that Bishop Connolly was now an "honorary citizen of Cape Cod."

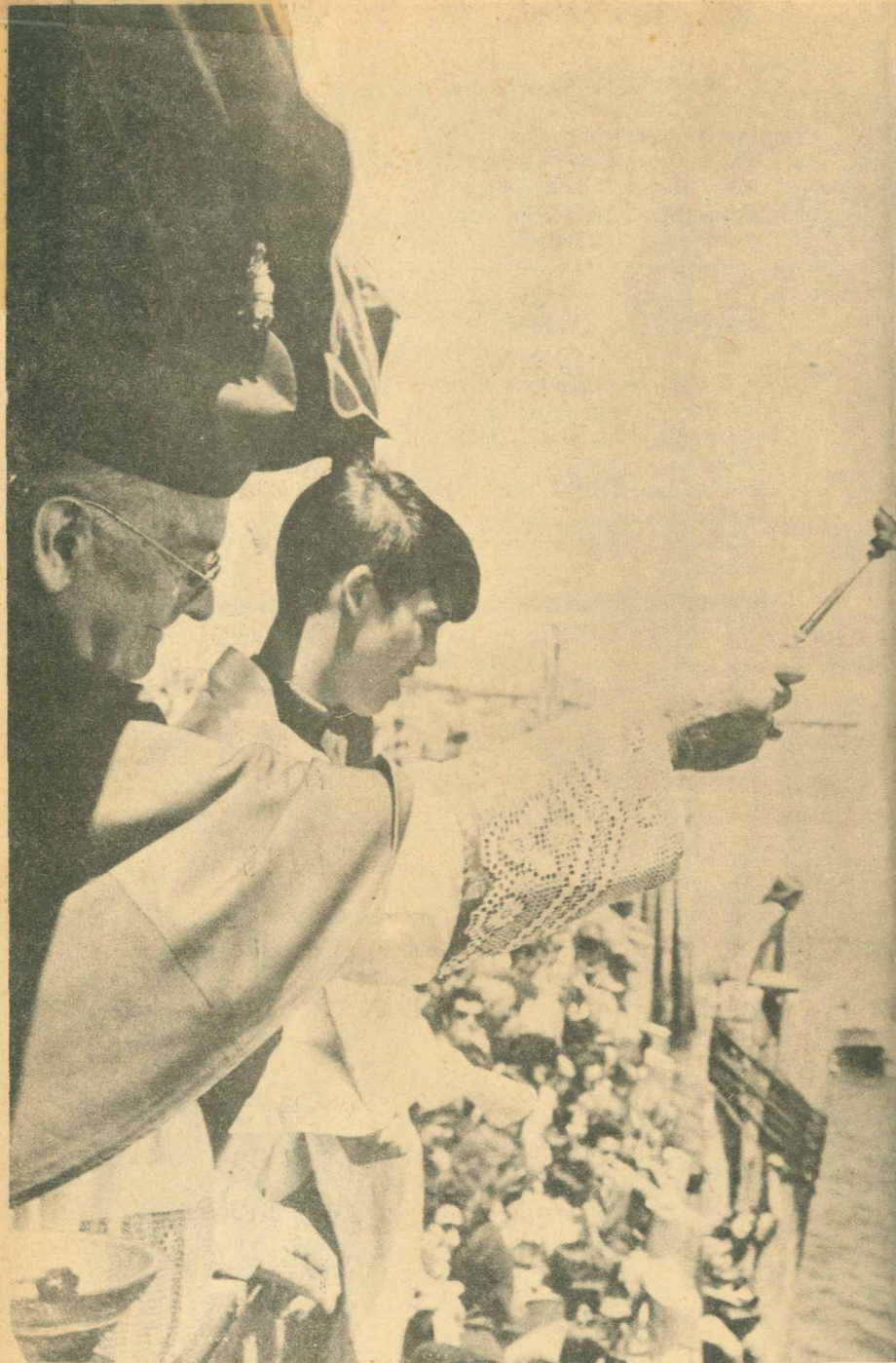
It read: "This certifies that Most Reverend James L. Connolly by virtue of his interest in the land of the Pilgrims and his contribution to the art of humanism has been awarded this certificate."

On Saturday night, the fishermen sponsored a block party in the parking area next to the Veterans Memorial school. A rock band played, and refreshments were served at a nominal cost, but the cold, damp weather kept the size of the crowd down to around 175.

Although the blessing had ended, celebration continued on Monday and Tuesday, highlighted by a picnic at Motta field Monday morning given by the fishermen for the town's children. Attended by some 400 kids, it featured hot dogs and games.

It was described by one individual as "the fishermen's way of sharing their blessing with the children."

The dory races and greased pole contest were finally cancelled because of inability to find a convenient time to hold them.





## POLICE USE DISCRETION

The Provincetown Police acted with commendable discretion in handling two major showdowns on the 4th of July.

First, in the afternoon, they were confronted with a march that had been started by members of several different homosexual organizations. The group had asked the Board of Selectmen for a parade permit two weeks before. The Selectmen had tabled the request, if effect denying it.

The homosexual group announced after that Selectmen's meeting that it planned to demonstrate anyway. Then, on Saturday, a march began on the town wharf and started down Commercial Street. The police met it in front of the Town Hall.

The march at this point was fairly small, clearly peaceful in its intent, and was proceeding quite rapidly down the street heading out of town.

Beyond this practical aspect of the situation was the legal consideration that this parade was clearly a political demonstration. The marchers were carrying signs demanding equal rights for homosexuals.

Political demonstrations, such as this one; are traditionally protected by the Constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. The courts have several times asserted the rights of political groups to demonstrate even if a city or town does not want to issue a permit.

The homosexual demonstration has been a touchy question in this town. And Chief Meads reacted to the situation with the kind of fairness that earns the police respect.

In the second confrontation on Saturday night, the Chief and 20 of his men were faced with 200 to 300 young people gathered in a mass on the beach. After talking with them and getting them to remove the wood they had gathered for a fire, the Chief agreed to allow them to stay on the beach for the night.

In comparison to the relative peacefulness of Provincetown, a riot was started in Yosemite National Park on the same day, when rangers and police tried to arrests some members of a crowd of 500 young people who were camping out.



# Co-op Plan Gets OK After Hearing

*Advocate 7/2/70*

The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing in the Town Hall auditorium Monday night to discuss plans of the Fishermen's Co-op to construct a building on the eastern side of the T-shaped end of MacMillan Wharf.

After the meeting, at which those present voted unanimously in favor of the proposed construction, the Selectmen voted to approve the building pending the arrangement of the terms of the lease to the Co-op.

During the meeting, Marion Taves, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, explained that the building would be 47 feet by 69 feet, and that the Co-op would bear all financial responsibility for erecting it, putting in the plumbing and electricity, and paying for the insurance.

Frank Reis, speaking on behalf of the Co-op, said the building would be put up with no cost to the town. He pointed out that the Co-op started with a dozen boats six months ago and was now up to 25. The Co-op boats, he said, paid 50 cents per ton to the Town to use the unloading facilities.

George Colley, president of the Seafood Packers company, which leases the existing building on the wharf, led the opposition to the building.

He questioned whether a 60-foot truck would be able to turn



George Colley, president of the Seafood Packers company, questions the Co-op's plans for a building on MacMillan Wharf at Monday's public hearing.

around in the space the building would leave on the wharf. Matt Costa, speaking for the Co-op, answered that the building would not be used to house trucks, and that the dimensions of the unloading operation would allow virtually the same space that is used now to turn around.

Colley and Costa then argued

in detail about the specifications of the plans and how much space the new building and the parking of the Co-op trucks would leave on the wharf.

Colley said the Co-op was "going to fence the whole thing in, and then extend the platforms up" to cover even more of the wharf area than the operation covers now.

Costa replied, "We have not asked for any more area than the Co-op has been allowed now." He added that the Co-op probably would expand its facilities in the future to handle increased unloading work.

Colley made the point that his company pays \$10,400 rent per year for his use of the building on the wharf while he thought the Co-op had paid only \$80 to \$90 for the 3 months they had been using their unloading platform.

Selectman Marion Perry countered later by saying that the 50-cents-per-ton unloading fee that the Co-op paid provided considerable income for the town. He added that the Co-op would be constructing and maintaining their building while the other building was built and maintained by the town.

Costa said that the Co-op had doubled the prices for fish, and had raised wages by one-third. He said that the building could be disassembled and sold if the Co-op changed its plans for using the wharf area.

After several non-fishermen spoke in favor of the proposal, Marion Taves called for a vote by those present on the construction of the building. There were about 60 people in the auditorium. All who voted were for the building.

Then after the hearing the Selectmen met in executive session downstairs. They voted to approve the building pending the arrangement of the terms of the lease with the Co-op.

The next step is for the Co-op to submit its plans to the buildings inspector for a building permit.



# Zoning Appeals Board Asks Inspector To Act On Series Of Violations

*Advocate 7/9/50*

The Provincetown Appeals Board has asked Building Inspector Fernando Gonsalves to immediately investigate and correct 15 zoning violations.

The Appeals Board, which is charged with granting variances from the zoning bylaws, feels that Mr. Gonsalves, the zoning enforcement agent, should not have issued permits in the 15 cases cited.

In 15 registered letters to Mr. Gonsalves (with copies sent to the Selectmen, Planning Board and Town Counsel), the Appeals unit announced its unanimous vote on June 24 to ask the Building Inspector to act in the following instances:

"Trailer at East End Cold Storage - existence of trailer is in violation of Section 1 and Section 2, inclusive, under Article 9, Zoning By-Laws. Issuance of building permit on this property is illegal because the floor space exceeds 3500 square feet. Residency in trailer is not allowed under Article 9 Sections 1 and 2 inclusive. Issuance and rejection by the Board of Selectmen did not follow the procedure as set down by State law which states in part "they must follow all the procedures of the Zoning Board of Appeals in issuing a special permit".

Antique Inn - the two on Bradford Street - have no right to

Violation of Class W Residential. Innkeeper's license does not allow sale of antiques.

Seaview Restaurant - structure on Westerly boundary is in violation of setback requirements in Class R Commercial.

Karen B. Katzel Book Gallery - Kiley Court area - is in violation of non-conforming use in Class W residential. We respectfully ask immediate remedy of this by closing this operation upon receipt of this notice, since the variance was denied and they are now in direct violation of the Zoning Board of Appeals as well as our local zoning by-laws.

Marine Specialties - Outside display of goods - Zoning By-Laws Section 4 "Other Uses" Paragraph 3.

No. 236 Commercial Street - Outside display of posters: Zoning By-Laws Section 4 "Other Uses", Paragraph 3.

Property at 10 Bradford Street - extension of building with no variance for setback requirements and no foundation minimum.

Abe Sader - downstairs store "Zabo's" - exceeds sign limits - Zoning By-Laws Section 3, Class R Commercial, Paragraph 10.

Shell Shop, Court and Commercial Streets - Articles 11, Section 11, Paragraph A, of the Zoning By-Laws.

Shore Restaurant - sign violation. Signs exceed 16 square feet. Off-premises signs allowed for directional use only. May be only 16 inches long and 4 inches wide.

K of C Building artist stand - Section 4 "Other Uses" Page 4, Paragraph 4, of the Zoning By-laws.

Chamber of Commerce Building artist stand; Section 4 "Other Uses" in the Zoning By-Laws, Paragraph 3, Page 7.

Shadowlawn Restaurant - off-premises parking not allowed.

Levy Property - old Light and Power Building - now contains 10 apartments. Exceeds

minimum apartments without required parking.

Chinese Kitchen, Shank Painter Road - Zoning By-laws, page 4 - Violation of Class P parking regulations.



# Police Allow Crowd To Stay On Beach To Avoid Trouble

The Provincetown Police let about 200 people stay on the beach on Fourth of July night in order to avoid a large confrontation. Officials at the Cape Cod National Seashore also allowed people to sleep in their cars and campers and to use the facilities of the rest areas for the night.

Early on Saturday evening in Provincetown a crowd of 200 to

## Seashore Plan

A public meeting to review the draft of the revised Master Plan for Cape Cod National Seashore will be held September 9, at 2:30 pm at the Salt Pond Visitor Center in Eastham.

Copies of the Master Plan draft are available for public inspection at the Salt Pond Visitor Center and the Province Lands Visitor Center. A brief summary of the plan may be obtained by request to the superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02663.

300 people started to build up on the beach to the west of the wharf parking lot.

As darkness came, Acting Police Chief Meads gathered together 20 men from the auxiliary force, from the State Police, and from the regular police officers, many of whom had already been on duty for 12 hours that day.

This force went down to the beach. And, as lights from the cruisers shown on the crowd and spectators gathered along the guardrail of the parking lot, Chief Meads and a state trooper walked into the middle of the crowd and talked to representatives of the people there.

Meads said firecrackers were thrown at the police and some officers were hit in the face by small objects. One boy, who said that he had been on the beach then, admitted that someone in the crowd had thrown a sparkler at the police.

Meads said that he was going to give them permission to stay on the beach if they would not ignite any more firecrackers and if they would remove the wood they had gathered for a fire. About a dozen members of the group then carried the wood down to the water and threw it into the harbor.

Meads later explained that he had decided to let them stay there to avoid the kind of riot which occurred in Harvard Square on April 15. He thought that if the crowd was driven from the beach most of its members would have no place to go to in the town.

He said there was a possibility the crowd would riot after they were forced into the streets. It was also possible, he said, that many men would be hurt and damage caused in the dispersing action, itself.

Also, by that time on Saturday night, the Provincetown jail was almost full. There were about five or six people in each cell. If the police had made arrests, there would have been no space to hold them. The police were also outnumbered almost 10 to 1 by the crowd on the beach alone.

Chief Meads said that the total number of people in town Saturday was "the largest crowd I've ever seen in Provincetown in 10 years of police work."





Members of several homosexual groups leading a march through town are stopped in front of the Town Hall on the Fourth of July by Police Chief Meads.

## Homosexual Group Holds March

*Advocate 7/19/70*

Provincetown had two Independence Day marches.

The second, a good deal smaller than the town's official parade, occurred shortly after the first had ended. It was sponsored by the Homophile Union of Boston, a homosexual civil rights organization.

The second parade began at the parking lot on MacMillan Wharf at approximately 12:30. The marchers numbered close to 100, with both males and females participating.

Frank Morgan, president of the Homophile Union of Boston, led the parade, arm in arm with other members of his organization, and of the Gay Liberation Front, headquartered in New York. The marchers traveled a preplanned route from the Wharf along Commercial to West Vine Street to Bradford, and finally ending at Herring Cove beach.

Shortly after the parade left the

Wharf, they were confronted by Acting Police Chief James Meads in front of the Town Hall.

Chief Meads explained to them that they couldn't parade without a permit, and that they were obstructing traffic. Flanked by two other officers, he told them that they could only get a permit from the Chief of Police.

The streets were still crowded with those who had viewed the official parade, and as the discussion continued, people began to gather in the street to listen.

Meads asked who had requested the parade, and Morgan answered that he did, as a representative of his group. Meads then asked what the purpose of the march was, and was told that the march was to symbolize the independence homosexuals are seeking today.

When asked where they were going, the marchers answered, "To the dunes!"

"All of these?" Meads questioned, looking over the marchers.

He reiterated that they were marching illegally without a permit, and again told them they were obstructing traffic.

When they made no move to disperse, Meads called for a police cruiser to come down Commercial Street, and told them that he would let them continue, with the cruiser leading as an escort.

"Next time, come to me for a permit first," he warned them as the parade restarted.

The marchers thanked him, and began chanting, "We love policemen," as they left. Many of the crowd that had gathered around applauded.

Some of the marchers carried signs saying "Bring the Boys Home", with "Gay Liberation Front" printed in smaller letters

at the bottom. Other signs said "195 years later We declare Our Independence," "Liberty and Justice for all including Homosexuals" and "Gay is Good."

Reaction from those on the sidewalks was varied, although there were few signs of open hostility. Many thought it was "some kind of a peace march," while others watched bemusedly. Although Morgan had hoped to attract a number of marchers from the bystanders, actually very few joined the parade once it was in progress.





Participants in the annual pet show sponsored by the Provincetown Recreation Department gather in Pilgrim Park against the background of the bas relief that depicts the signing of the Mayflower Compact in Provincetown Harbor in 1620. *Cape Times 7/13/70*



## Dog wins top honors at Cape-tip pet show

By NEIL G. NICKERSON

PROVINCETOWN — Provincetown's annual pet show, with all types submitted for judging, held Friday morning at the Pilgrim Park area across Bradford St. from Town Hall, saw a New York visitor winning the "grand championship."

The annual event is held each year at this park, sponsored by the Provincetown Recreation Department, and this year, Laura Hopgood, from New York, and her black and white dog, Papoose, took top honors in the dog category, and also won the grand championship.

Chief judge of the event, Don Westover of the Animal Rescue League, said the winner was extremely well kept, and shows a lot of work.

First three prizes in the dog category went to the grand championship winner Laura Hopgood, first; Judy Enos, with Sarge, second; and Miriam Nechur, third, with Myam. Miss Hopgood's dog was named Papoose.

In the puppy category, winners were Jilly Sawyer, with Cindy; Mary Lou Cordeiro, Gigi; and Roberta Meads, Shaba, in that order. In the cat category, Karen Crawley, with Mitten, took top honors; Karen Santos, with Ebony, second; and Milo Swerling, with Corona, third.

It seems that a favorite name for kittens is Smoky, with these names taking first and second in that category. First was won by Carol Pierce and second by Roberta Costa, with Holly Gervais and her Muffin taking third place.

In the miscellaneous category, Carl Sawyer with his rabbit Speed took first; Fae Souza with a rabbit named Easter, second, and Brian Lisbon with his turtle called Slow Poke, third.

Westover and another employe at the Animal Rescue League in Brewster, Robert Masterson, were judges, and Mrs. Fran Collinson was recorder.



# 'Golden Eagle' screams heard at Cape-tip

Cape Times 7/15/70

PROVINCETOWN — Cape-tip residents are desparately looking for a "Golden Eagle." Until they get it, they apparently will still "give the bird" to the Cape Cod National Seashore.

The reason: the eagle would entitle them to park at Seashore facilities without paying what they consider exorbitant fees.

The permit, sold in Washington or anywhere off Cape Cod, will not be recognized on the Cape, making Cape-tippers "very unhappy," Mrs. William Stephan told the Provincetown selectmen's session Monday night.

This all came out at discussion of the so-called "Golden Eagle" permit, which is supposed to entitle people to use all national park facilities. Apparently, the new Golden Eagle extension hasn't

been passed in Congress as yet, and the ones in use locally are ones issued by the Cape Cod National Seashore headquarters for \$10, which represents a \$3 increase over last year.

This also was a bone of contention, with people believing that there should be no charge to people who had used the beaches free all their lives. The selectmen and town representative on the Seashore Advisory Commission, Nathan Malchman, are both on record against paying the fee.

In other matters, Russell Perry, deputy fire chief, asked that Howland Street, between Commercial and Bradford streets, be posted, "No Parking, Tow Away Zone," because of the fact that recently the parking has been so tight that fire trucks and rescue units can't get

through. Selectmen took it under advisement.

Mrs. Catherine Cadose had a brief written statement deploring the lack of suitable town comfort station facilities, and Edward Careiro, owner-operator of the Tip for Tops'N Restaurant asked that the parking restriction on the north side of Bradford Street, between Shank Painter Road and Pleasant Street be lifted, as it is an extreme hardship to him. This was also taken under advisement.

Charles Mayo Jr. asked that larger speed limit signs be posted on the town streets.

Under requests for permits, Yeffe Kimball and Don Pablo, from the Scottsdale, Ariz., Indian Reservation, sought permit to sell arts and crafts made by the Indians, with

proceeds to help the American Indian Achievement Foundation.

The question arose whether or not a permit is necessary, or if selectmen could grant it, and this was left this way.

Russell Palmer, whose family has been operating the Cape Cod Bus Co., was on hand to discuss with selectmen a petition of a competing company to also run from Hyannis to Chatham to Provincetown.

## Competitor named

"If permit is granted the Almeida line, it will wipe us

out," he said. Chairman Taves said the Cape Cod line had stuck with the route through good times and bad, and told Palmer, "We're for you 100 percent."

In answer to a question from Marion Perry, as to why some of the older buses are still in use, Palmer said it is because the heavy damage done to the buses while they are parked overnight in Lopes Square.

He said that the buses are damaged extensively, windows are broken, and they provide sleeping quarters for beatniks.



## Hancock declines comment

# Cape-tip manager quits

*Cape Times 7/15/70*

By NEIL G. NICKERSON

PROVINCETOWN — Robert A. Hancock, town manager of Provincetown for the last six years, has submitted his resignation to the board of selectmen, effective as of Aug. 1.

Hancock, the fourth manager since the selectmen-manager form of government was adopted here in 1954, handed selectmen a two-paragraph letter and made his decision public on Tuesday afternoon.

He planned to begin a vacation, his first since he came to the Cape-tip, later in the week.

His letter read:

"I hereby tender my resignation to become effective Aug. 1, 1970. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to have worked these past six years with the board of selectmen, the other boards and committees of the town, the own employes and citizens.

### "Generally harmonious"

"The generally harmonious working relationships have resulted in progress and accomplishment for Provincetown, and you, the board, are certainly entitled to take pride as participants and contributors toward this growth and progress, as I take pride in having made my working contribution.

"Very truly yours," signed Robert A. Hancock, town manager.

Asked the reason for his resignation, the answer was "no comment." He also was asked if he had been considering the step, and he said, "For a time."

"Was there anything that brought your decision to a head now?" he was asked. The answer was "no comment."

### No statement

Asked about his future plans, he said he would issue no statement at present.

He said he is and has been considering a number of possibilities. He has been in civic administration for the last 15 years, he said.

Immediately prior to his six years in Provincetown, he spent four years as town manager of Randolph. Prior to that he was public works manager for two years in Bedford, and before that he was town manager and village manager of Randolph, Vt., for three years.

Before he went into public jobs, he held several managerial positions with construction contractors, building roads and bridges, and earlier he was a school teacher, having taught in Franklin High School for six years.

### Holds degree

He holds a bachelor of science in education from Bridgewater State College in 1935.

While Hancock is on vacation, selectmen have named one of their own, John D. Bell, as interim manager, which is allowable under the charter, and has a number of precedents.

Bell was sworn in to his post as interim manager this morning.

John D. Bell, interim town manager, was sworn into his new office at 9:30 a.m. today, by Chairman of Selectmen Marion Taves. Bell will serve until a permanent appointment is made.

Hancock's appointment had until next March to run. The acting town manager said that Hancock is now on a three-week vacation, and reiterated that it was Hancock's first real vacation since taking over the post six years ago.

### Helping hand

The former town manager was in Town Hall this morning giving Bell a hand with paperwork.

Bell said that the board of selectmen has no formal statement regarding the resignation at this time, but promised there will be one, possibly Monday night.

On that night, he said, a meeting of selectmen and every other board and committee of the town, including the school committee, will be held at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall. The public has been invited, as well as the press.

Purpose of this meeting, Bell said, is to acquaint the various groups with the changed situation and ask for their co-operation.



ROBERT A. HANCOCK

... bows out



# Hancock Resigns As Town Manager Under Pressure By The Selectmen

*Advocate 7/16/50*

Town Manager Robert Hancock has resigned under pressure from the Board of Selectmen. Selectman John Bell has been appointed temporary Town Manager until a permanent replacement for Mr. Hancock can be found.

Although the ouster of the \$12,000-a-year town executive came as a surprise to most observers, opposition against him has been rising to a crescendo during the past six months.

In December the Provincetown Taxpayers Association charged in a letter to the Selectmen that Mr. Hancock was guilty of "neglect of duty, poor judgment and willful disregard of the people's wishes."

In addition to listing seven articles, approved by the voters at Town Meeting, but not, at that time, carried out by the Town Manager, the letter charged that Mr. Hancock, through his actions had created a "credibility gap".

Three "personal conduct" charges were also made:

"1. The Town Manager has displayed arrogance and contempt for citizens by telling them he has no time to talk about their problems.

"2. When the Town Manager's decision or judgment is questioned, he responds by saying, 'Sue me.'

"3. The Town Manager is frequently absent from town during working days and not on town business."

The letter, signed by the board of directors of the association, concluded: "In view of the above"... "we feel the time has come to consider whether the present management of Town affairs is in the best interest of the citizens.

"We feel that unless changes are made, the present form of government (Town Manager-Selectmen) has only four months to survive."

The Town Manager-Selectmen form of government has survived longer than the four months predicted in the letter, but pressure has been mounting steadily to remove Mr. Hancock from the manager's office.

In answer to the Taxpayers' letter, four Selectmen, Marion Taves, Burton Kenney, Ernest Irmer and Charles H. DeRiggs, wrote that they were generally satisfied with the progress being made on the items mentioned, but ignored the "personal conduct" and "credibility gap" charges. Selectman Marion Perry refused to sign the reply.

Mr. Perry said he was "not fully satisfied with the answers to some of the questions that were asked in the Taxpayers' letter."

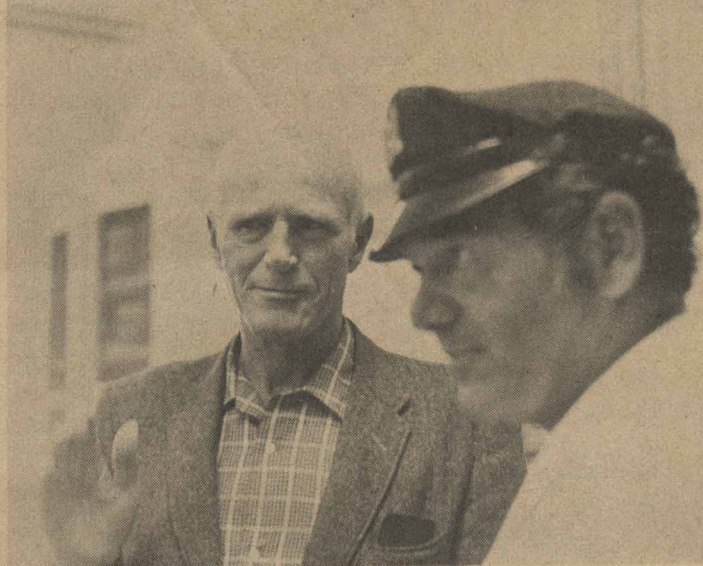
Then John Bell, a leader in the anti-Hancock forces, defeated Mr. DeRiggs, chairman of the Board of Selectmen and a Hancock supporter, in the last election by a 190-vote margin. Mr. Bell's campaign slogan: "Ring in the New...Bell for Selectman."

Mr. Bell's victory was considered a slap in the face for Mr. Hancock and was the first really clear indication of how low the Town Manager's popularity had ebbed. It was one of the most stunning political upsets in recent town history.

In February, Selectman Perry indicated what his position was when he called for removing much of the appointive power from the Town Manager and returning it to the people, by making many of the appointive positions elective.

Gradually, Selectman Taves, who succeeded Mr. DeRiggs as chairman of the board, and Selectman Irmer began to align themselves with Mr. Bell and Mr. Perry on certain issues. Burton Kenney remained a Hancock stalwart.

Reportedly, when the showdown came Monday night, Mr. Kenney was the lone board member who did not support the...



The new Temporary Town Manager, John Bell, shortly after being sworn in by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Marion Taves (right), on Wednesday.

The Selectmen got together privately several times in the past week to discuss Mr. Hancock. They were prodded by the fact that the Taxpayers Association was preparing a petition demanding that the Town Manager be fired.

With the change in the political climate signaled by Mr. Bell's

election, the Taxpayers were confident that the petition would attract sufficient support to force the Selectmen to take action.

The recent actions of Hancock appointee Fernando Gonsalves, building inspector and health agent, also strengthened the position of the Town Manager's opposition.

The Zoning Appeals Board charged last week that Mr. Gonsalves has not been enforcing the zoning bylaw. The Advocate two weeks ago raised the question of conflict of interest on Mr. Gonsalves part because he is working for a detective agency which deals with bars that he inspects as agent for the Board of Health.

So, Monday night the stage was set. After hurriedly dealing with a few pressing matters in open session, the Selectmen held a lengthy secret session with Mr. Hancock.

Reportedly, the Town Manager was given a choice: resign immediately or be fired. The following afternoon, a copy of his letter of resignation was released to the press.

The letter, dated Monday, follows:

"Gentlemen:

## Letter To Board Legal Action

The Provincetown Selectmen received a letter from an attorney for the Seafood Packers Company threatening legal action to halt construction of the proposed building over the unloading facilities of the Fishermen's Co-op on the municipal wharf.

The letter was read at the open meeting of the Selectmen on Monday night after quite a bit of debate over whether or not it should be taken up later that night in secret session.

Matt Costa first addressed the Selectmen, "I understand you have a letter from an attorney in Orleans which is supposed to be read."



"Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation to become effective August 1, 1970. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to have worked these past six years with the Board of Selectmen, the other Boards and Committees of the Town, the Town employees and citizens.

The generally harmonious working relationships have resulted in progress and accomplishment for Provincetown, and you the Board are certainly entitled to take pride as participants and contributors toward this growth and progress, as I take pride in having made my working contribution.

Very truly yours,  
Robert A. Hancock  
Town Manager"

A continuation of the Monday night meeting was convened Tuesday evening. The press had been invited and it was anticipated that the Selectmen would issue a statement explaining their action.

However, after discussing several unrelated matters, the board again went into secret session, promising that a statement would be ready by Wednesday morning.

When the press showed up at Town Hall Wednesday at 9 am for the swearing in of Mr. Bell as temporary Town Manager, Chairman Taves said that the statement had again been delayed.

He explained that all five Selectmen want to agree on a single statement they can all sign. He suggested that agreement might be reached by next week.

Mr. Hancock did not attend the swearing in. He remained in the Town Manager's office which Mr. Bell will use until a new manager can be found.

"I hope we can find one as soon as possible," commented Mr. Bell, who must now serve in a dual capacity as Town Manager and Selectman.

Mr. Hancock will take three weeks vacation, due him, starting this week.



# Petition urges Hancock return

*Cape Times 7/30/70*

By NEIL G. NICKERSON

PROVINCETOWN — Town employes here and friends of the former town manager, Robert A. Hancock, 150 strong, honored him at a testimonial Wednesday night at the Royal Coachman Motor Inn.

Along with the food and drink, many facts came to light that were hitherto unknown.

The town employes originally planned the testimonial, but it was expanded to include friends of the former manager. Town counsel, Atty. John C. Snow, was master of ceremonies during the brief remarks which followed the dinner.

## Greeted all

Hancock greeted all and spoke briefly following the

dinner, enlightening many on some of the factors which led to his resignation.

In his remarks, Hancock told the group that the issue was not whether Hancock got the short end of the deal, but really "whether Provincetown or the residents of the town got the short end."

He told the audience that he was led to believe by the selectmen that there were many complaints over his sins of "ommission and commission." So much so that four members of the board of selectmen "convinced me that it was in the best interests of Provincetown that I resign."

The fifth member of the board of selectmen, Burton Kennedy, didn't feel that way, and was the lone dissenter. He was the only member of the board to

attend the testimonial.

Hancock announced his resignation on July 14. A statement was subsequently issued by the selectmen—four of them, that is stating that it was because of the numerous complaints they had heard.

"If you people feel what happened was not in the best interests of the town and yourselves, you should make known your feelings to the board of selectmen," he said. "If you feel a mistake has been made, find a way to let them know."

Robert Martin, commander of the Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, interrupted him and told him that he should have asked for an open hearing.

Master of ceremonies Snow also had a few words to say and clarified his stand relative to his allegedly giving

advice that the building inspector-zoning appeals board controversy should properly come before the personnel appeals board.

Snow said he was misquoted and that he had never advised the board of selectmen that the controversy should properly go before the personnel appeals board.

Hancock also spoke briefly about the high mortality rate of town and city managers. "Two and a half years on the job is about average," he said. He had six. He cited the many accomplishments, and said he was "gratified to have served you people."

"I have one last request," he said. "Presently you have a temporary town manager. He will find it difficult. I ask you to help him and co-

operate with him in every way. I ask you also to cooperate with and assist in every way the new town manager when he is appointed, so that the program of building can still go on.

During the discussion, Arthur D. Roderick, president of the town employes union, spoke and said that never had the town manager tried to influence the employes to vote a certain way.

## Reads petition

Then Roderick read a petition, that was signed by 77 of those attending, which is scheduled to be turned over to the board of selectmen at the Monday night meeting. Text of the petition follows:

"We, the undersigned

citizens of the Town of Provincetown petition the selectmen to request that Robert A. Hancock withdraw his resignation as town manager, and that he be re-appointed as town manager to continue the progress and good government we have enjoyed since he held that position. We need him and want him."

When the activities following the dinner got underway, the master of ceremonies said that as far as he was concerned, "we are proud to be friends of Bob Hancock."

## Guests introduced

He then introduced guests at the head table, including Mr. and James J. Cordeiro, Moderator and Mrs. Francis Steele, Mrs. Bernese Shears, and William A. White, a former selectmen.

Others included Mr. and Mrs. Kenney; former selectman and Mrs. Gene Watson, and former Police Chief and Mrs. Francis H. Marshall.

Also introduced were Town Crier Fred Baldwin, and other town employes and department heads. Roderick then presented the former town manager with a check from all hands.



# Generators may move

*Cape Times 7/17/50*

By NEIL G. NICKERSON

PROVINCETOWN — Discussion of ways and means for alleviating the noise, vibration and fumes from the Cape and Vineyard plant off State Road were discussed at length at a meeting here.

Several suggestions appeared to be acceptable to both parties.

Five representatives of the power company met with selectmen, members of the board of zoning appeals, and three aggrieved neighbors who also entered into the discussions.

A spokesman for the company went over the history of the original complaint hearing, and said that during the interim the company had engaged an engineering firm which made an exhaustive survey of the problem.

## Neighbors present

Neighbors of the plant area chosen to attend included Robert Collinson, Charles all of whom had definite complaints.

Major proposal of the power company representatives was only a slight abatement of noise by use of mufflers and baffles.

He explained that the amount of noise is measured in decibels. Gray's house showed 82 decibels, and the proposal would reduce that by only 15 decibels.

It was brought out by some that this would be but a little less than that which already exists.

Even this, a company spokesman said, would cost in the area of \$30,000.

The three neighbors were all of the opinion that if the emergency generators were used only for the Truro-Providence emergencies, they wouldn't mind, and could get along with it. They couldn't see why it must be used for other areas.

## Not feasible

A spokesman for the power company said it wouldn't be feasible to use only for local emergencies. The Cape and Vineyard is tied in with the New England Power Exchange, and that when more power is needed, on go the emergency plants here.

However, in answer to a query whether or not they could move to another area within the district, spokesmen said that would be an answer.

In answer to a question by Chairman Marion Taves if they would move to another area if one could be found, the answer was "we would consider that now."

It was brought out by a company representative that the hope is that as time goes on, there would be less and less use of the local emergency generators, as other areas were built up. He couldn't give the town officials and neighbors too much to look forward to in alleviating the complaints immediately.

It was brought out that Gray's house had a filmy covering of oil from the diesel engine, and Collinson and Whitney both said the noise, vibration and fumes were extremely objectionable.

## Request withdrawn

However, the neighbors said they will go along with attempts to move the plant from the area, and even went so far as to withdraw their request for a hearing next week before the zoning appeals board.

Selectmen and acting town manager John D. Bell discussed at length the area of the old town dump, off Route

6, which has access, and would be large enough. It is town owned, with little or no chance to have a building anywhere nearby, because it is virtually surrounded by marsh land.

The power company men acknowledge that they would have no further information to give next week. So the next meeting, set for July 23, before the zoning board of appeals, will not be held, but will be refiled for in late August.

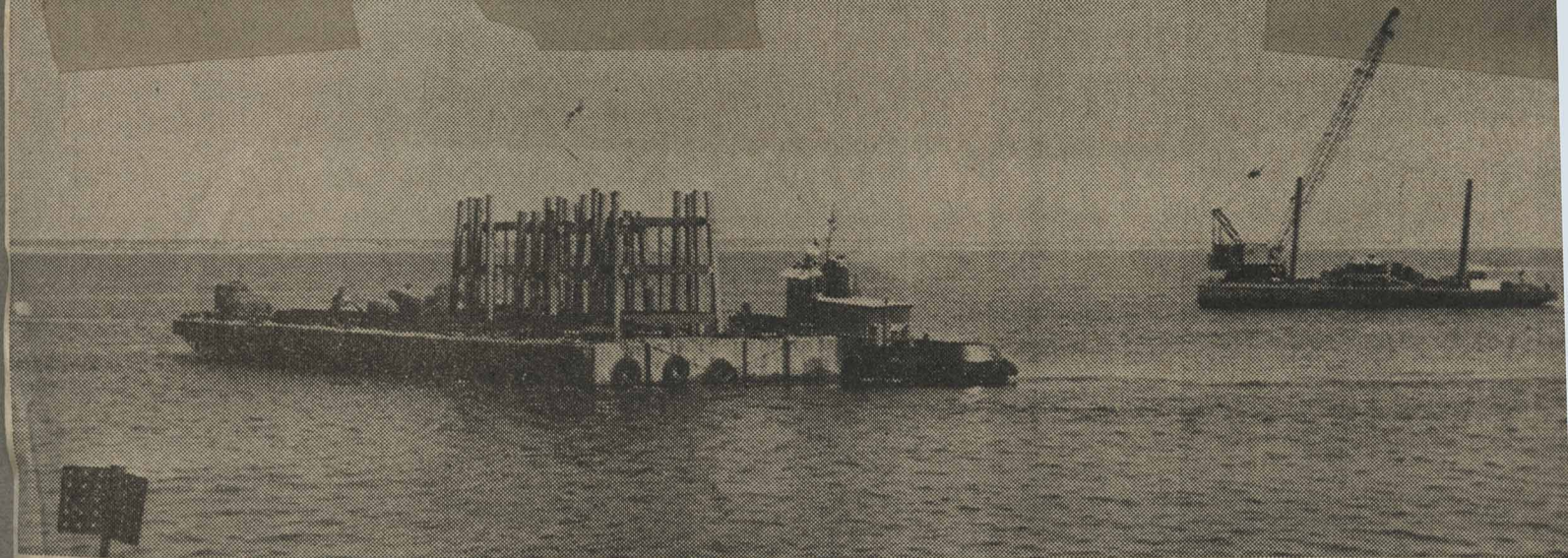
The neighbors said that they got along all right when the old plant was in operation, and were told by Martin that even if the old plant was still in operation, it would be used for the same purposes the generators are now used.

## No additions planned

The power plant spokesmen said that there was no plan at present for any additional generators, and it was brought out that if conditions demanded, there would have to be an increase.

The spokesmen said the company would be pleased to consider a new area, and the meeting, which lasted more than two hours, ended on that theme.





Prefabricated stone-like dolphins are floated out on the barge — and a crane on another — for work along limits of the new Provincetown breakwater project. The barges with rock for the actual breakwater will be tied to the dolphins. Cam-

panella Corp. has the contract for the 2,500 foot breakwater. (Staff photo by Neil G. Nickerson)

*Cape Times 7/21/70*

## Cape-tip barrier work starts

By NEIL G. NICKERSON  
PROVINCETOWN — Work on Provincetown Harbor's new breakwater is under way.

Wilfred Livramento of Harwich, project supervisor for the Campanella Corp., which has the contract, said that the stone work probably would commence late next week.

Livramento urged all boat owners to keep their craft away from the project site. There are four buoys with cables, and there is a danger to boats, if they run onto them.

### Warning to boaters

A warning to mariners has been sent out through the Coast Guard, but already several have hit the cables. Fortunately no damage has been caused.

The breakwater is expected to be 2,500 feet in length. The westerly end will be installed first, it was learned.

Prefabricated dolphins, which are mooring spars, were taken out and put in place on Friday. To these, the barges hauling the

stone for the breakwater, will be fastened. They will come from New Bedford.

Livramento said the project office will be on MacMillan Wharf, and that Arthur Hallam is manager of the marine division of Campanella Corp.

### Large crane

The dolphins were lifted from barges and put in place by a large crane that also is on another barge.

The Provincetown breakwater has long been a dream in the minds of many residents. It was approved by Congress in 1948, but no funds were provided. Then along came the Korean

conflict, and there was no money.

That was the situation for the next 15 or more years, until in the late '60's. Congress supplied some funds at different times until at last there was enough money to get started. Specifications were issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the contract let to the Campanella corp. last spring, for \$4.3 million dollars.

The amount of non-federal funds required for the project was pegged at the start at \$760,000, which is to be divided equally between town and state. Provincetown has had

its share available for years, voting a \$380,000 bond issue by unanimous vote at the 1967 town meeting.

### Slight circle

The breakwater will be installed some distance off MacMillan Wharf, extending in a southeasterly direction, with the southeast end circling slightly toward the shore, to protect the center from southeasterly and easterly gales.

Winds for this direction have a broad expanse of water to traverse, whereas winds from other directions hit land before they get to the shorefront, the wharves, and the fishing fleet.



# Ask new parking plan

*Cape Times 4/29/70*

PROVINCETOWN — A petition for a parking sticker system to aid townspeople was presented to selectmen at their meeting Monday night.

The petition asked that a sticker system be inaugurated to alleviate the pressure on workers who have to use their vehicles.

Flores said that many of those who do use their cars get the \$3 ticket and urged that a specific fee for the season be set.

Domingo Godinho asked why the town has made available two parking areas on MacMillan Wharf for the Campanella Corp., while it puts in the breakwater, but

the townspeople can't get such consideration.

Nicholas Wells felt there was merit to the sticker system. He said that in other areas with simiar problems, there are areas so designated restricted to sticker parking.

Godinho said he felt that the Campanella Corp. did "nothing for the fishermen."

Chairman of Selectmen Marion Taves said that up to a few days ago, total taken in by meters was in excess of \$23,000.

He said that if there were no meters or sticker system to compensate, the charge could be as high as \$60 for a season for a sticker. But he suggested \$25 stickers could be issued for the season.

Selectmen also read a letter

to the public from the FBI in which the acting Chief James J. Meads and Sgt. Warren R. Crawley Jr. of the Provincetown department were commended highly for their part in the apprehension of one Raymond F. Duffy, wanted on a federal warrant.

Selectmen were advised that the parking area off Conwell St., in the area where the new chapter 90 highway, Harry Kemp Way, was installed is poorly lighted.

It was called a raceway for fish trucks.

Selectman Marion Perry also asked that the selectmen write to the chamber of commerce asking that their rest room facilities remain open until at least 9 p.m.

# Chrysler Museum tag \$210,000; patron-owner says everything to go

*Cape Times 4/29/70*

By NEIL G. NICKERSON  
PROVINCETOWN — The Chrysler Art Museum's patron-owner has put a price tag of \$210,000 for its sale, he confirmed Tuesday night.

Walter P. Chrysler Jr., board chairman, said the figure, plus brokerage fees, was for the building and grounds.

Chrysler reportedly paid \$40,000 in 1957 when he bought and converted a 98-year-old Methodist church into his museum.

A "For Sale" sign was set up among the art works Saturday on the museum lawn in two parts. One part bore the observation, "Shame on Provincetown."

Chrysler said eventually everything will go, buildings and grounds, including the Museum of Glass on Bradford Street, and also his home, at Bradford and Ryder Streets.

At present, however, he speaks only for the old Methodist Church building, which he purchased in 1957 and opened in July of that year, and the grounds.

Already there have been inquiries, Chrysler said.

Thoughts of moving the museum collections, including works of the great masters, and paintings of modern day artists, have been mulled over

for two years, after it became certain there was need for expansion, and nowhere to expand, he said.

Chrysler said so far there have been 48 offers to house the collections, including a Cape Cod town and New Bedford, as well as communities all over the country.

Latest of these have been Denver, Colo., Houston, Tex., and a San Francisco suburb.

Thus far, Chrysler said, two

East Coast areas appear to be in the lead, with suitable structures in both. He declined to identify them.

Many people believe it will be a great loss when, and if, the museum leaves Provincetown.

To date, there has been little done to prevent it.

There are no parking facilities, except the public's metered parking space at the end of Johnson Street, a half block away.



# Cape-tip sale to aid Indians

By NEIL NICKERSON

PROVINCETOWN — The American Indian Achievement Foundation in Scottsdale, Ariz., stands to benefit completely from a special sale of Indian craft ready to start in Provincetown.

A truckload of Indian craft, all hand made by Indians in the reservations in Arizona, New Mexico and other states, arrived in Provincetown not long ago, driven by a half-Indian, 72-year-old Don Pablo.

Yeffe Kimball, an artist, herself a part Indian and until recently working closely with the space program, and Pablo will conduct the sale of the work of all types, from the truck across Commercial St. from the artist's home at 422 Commercial St.

Both appeared at the Monday night's selectmen's meeting requesting the permit, which the selectmen said they could issue because of the nature of the project.

Miss Kimball, part Osage Indian from Oklahoma and married to Dr. Havey Slatin, atomic physicist, director of research and development for Harstan Chemical Company, Brooklyn, N.Y., said entire proceeds of the sale will go directly to the foundation.

"There is no personal gain whatsoever," she said, and added that money received from sale of the craft will be deposited in a local bank, and then transferred to the foundation.

Pablo, at 72, is participating wholeheartedly in the program, and, in fact, turned over his home and more than 100 acres of land in Scottsdale to the foundation.

Miss Kimball was scheduled to leave Thursday for Scottsdale to attend and participate in the American Forum on International Study, a special Indian studies program. The program will acquaint people with the culture of the Indians, by lectures, field trips to various reservations. Students will be on hand from all parts of the world, seeking to learn something about the American Indian.

She was born in Oklahoma several years after it became a state from its former status of Indian Territory, and is on the board of directors of the American Indian Achievement Foundation.



*Cape Verde 5/19/70*

Yeffe Kimball, Provincetown artist, inside the truck, and Don Pablo of the Scottsdale, Ariz., American Indian Achievement Foundation, are shown here with some of the Indian craft the two hope to sell in Provincetown. All proceeds will go to the foundation. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)