

Peddlers limited to back street

The Provincetown selectmen voted Monday night to restrict peddlers to Bradford Street, because fruit vendors here violated terms of an earlier permit that allowed them to sell on side streets adjoining Commercial Street.

Chairman Mary-Jo Avellar said the peddlers set up their carts four feet from Commercial Street, blocking traffic and adding to congestion in the area. Selectman Munro Moore, who complained about the problem earlier in the summer, said the peddlers' license system was not working.

The board voted unanimously to amend the peddlers' license restricting them to Bradford Street. The new rule will take effect Aug. 8.

The board also granted two new peddlers' licenses. One is for a flower cart, the other for an Amherst man who sells bread baked in animal shapes. The selectmen, hungry during a lengthy meeting, sampled a turtle-shaped loaf of onion bread.

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PROVINCETOWN'S ONLY FARM

The success of the only farm in Provincetown, Mass., writes R. Zagoren in the New England Homestead, is due to its owner's ability to produce grass pasture for his cows on the sandy soil of the famous artists' town. The same sand that the wind has heaped into picturesque dunes and which attracts artists and tourists to the peninsular towns also presents a problem to dairy farmer Joseph Alves, owner and operator of the Galeforce Farm. The farm derived its name, incidentally, from the strong wind currents that sweep the farmlands.

By carefully reinforcing the soil with a fertilizer of the 5-10-10 formula (five parts of nitrate to ten parts of phosphorus and ten parts of potash) at frequent intervals, and spreading well-rotted manure over the pasturelands in the fall and leaving the manure on the ground throughout the winter, Joseph Alves maintains a dairy of 35 cows. It has taken long years and many hours

of work by Mr. Alves and his father before him, to make the sandy soil produce.

Japanese millet is one of the crops that grows successfully on the Provincetown farm. Japanese millet grows its full seven feet on his carefully tended soil. Green feed grass and vetch also grow well on this basically sandy soil. Mr. Alves is content to have good green pastures for his cows and some silage. He purchases the greater part of his hay from Truro, Mass., farmers.

"I think we are doing pretty well raising and producing our own pasture grass and part of our hay, for farming on this soil is constant uphill work," he said. His two older sons are helping him work the farm, and they enter into the work with the same spirit in which Joseph Alves helped his father years before.

Of the herd of 35 Guernsey and Holstein cows, about 20 are milking at present. The other 15 are in various stages of growth. Besides producing his own milk, Mr. Alves pasteurizes the milk produced on Galeforce Farm.

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Citizens of Provincetown, refusing to pay 7 cents a quart for milk, dealers had it spoil on their hands and the price was reduced to 6 cents a quart.