



ANCIENT WHARF - 1954 -
This old shack has heard many a salty yarn.

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Long Point in the background. This is the wharf burned in above article. Also this wharf can be seen on far right in the panorama preceding page.

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SUNDAY MORNING MANY of the townspeople were treated to an unheralded spectacle with the burning of an ancient shed which stood on piles out from the shore and Flyer's Boatyard at the rear of Cookie's Tap. Once the property of the Atlantic Coast Fisheries, it was taken over by Flyer when he bought the site for his present marine railway and boatyard. No one can remember when it wasn't there and guesses are that it must have been 80, 100, maybe more years old. It was a shed of considerable size, as sheds go and for years it was used by trap fishermen for storing their gear, working on nets and drying them. In it was a gasoline pump to fill the tanks of the Lathrop-engined trap boats. Once connected with the shore by a catwalk, years of storms removed this. It had taken on an air of secretiveness and withdrawal, having severed all connections with the world it had known and its activities, leaning heavily on its ancient pilings and asking for nothing. And it had about it an air of peace, of remoteness that seemed to extend an invitation for quiet hours of contemplation. How many more years its echoes might have whispered back to the coming and going tides or groaned with the roaring surf is anyone's guess but it was deemed a hazard and shortly after 9 Sunday morning it was set afire as the fire department pumper jeep and three pumpers stood by. The wind came gently from off shore as flames burst through the shed and in less than an hour most of the old structure had been consumed although cross timbers on the old piles burned until high tide that night and then were extinguished by dousing with sea water.



Flaves Marine Railway from the Cape Cod
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