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"We suggest," writes R. P. Teele of Boston, "that you remove from your list of places for visitors to explore, the Atkins-Mayo Road to the scene of the Buried Forest. As far as this road is concerned, it is a thing of the past. The new State road has shut it off entirely and it is no longer passable, which seems a mistake of the town to allow this to happen as it was one of the most interesting of any to wend its way to the sand dunes."

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### Plea For Atkins Mayo Road

Editor, The Advocate:

Evidently the old Atkins Mayo Road has been completely cut off by the new Route 6. That old road is one of the oldest, most historical, and scenic roads in town, and it certainly is a shame to have that road cut off. It is used by thousands of people. The north end of that road is where the Buried Forest is located, it crosses the old Mill Arms road which runs east and west through the woods, entering from the Race Pt. road near the present electric light plant. The jeeps use it and the beach buggies, to take out people to see the Buried Forest, and thousands of people walk out over it. Even now since it was cut off, one can see thousands of foot prints where people have climbed the present sand bank to reach the old road.

Here is hoping that some of the citizens that have used and are still using that road will get up a petition to have it opened up again. If the town would trim it up a little each year and do a little work on it each year it could be made a very scenic road, even more so than it now is.

Let's hear from some one else on this subject, now is the time to get it opened again.

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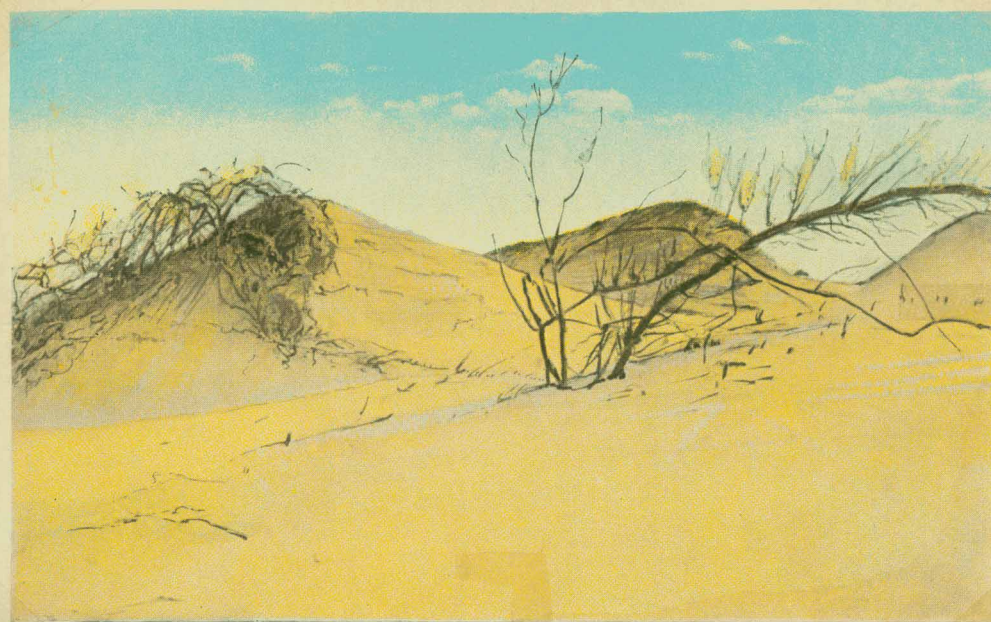
P.S. The old Atkins Mayo Road leads from Commercial St. through Kendall Lane across Bradford St. and out to the railroad, then crosses to the new Route 6, where it is, at present, cut off.

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### Saved from the Sand!

TOO much of a good thing is no good, so when sand threatened to travel in and ultimately bury Provincetown, something had to be done to stop its progress. Even a forested area at the tip of the Cape had been "inundated" by the ever-traveling sand, every wind seeming to keep it moving ever onward. Finally, the forest itself was engulfed. Then was tried the experiment of planting scrub pine and special dune grass that had the ability to take root in sand, to live there, and to present itself as a living fence to stop further advance of the sand. Thus Provincetown outlived the threat of extinction by sand.

If you take the Mayo Atkins Road there, you can walk out and see for yourself "the Buried Forest" and the frightful devastation that "little grains of sand" can cause.



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