

March 30, 1960

Wharf Suit Settled Out Of Court

A suit brought by the Town of Provincetown to recover \$1,300 paid under protest by the Puritan Fish Company, Inc., has been settled out of court.

The lawsuit is the result of action taken by the town last year in blocking access from the old Baxter Fish Wharf to MacMillan Wharf over a dispute regarding non-payment of rent by the Puritan Fish Co. The firm then paid \$1,300 under protest, pending a court decision on the matter.

In accordance with the settlement, the Town has signed a five-year lease at \$500 a year with Salt Water Fisheries, Inc., present owners of the Baxter wharf, which permits them to attach a connecting ramp between the town owned pier and the old wharf. The agreement covering the \$1,300 stipulates that it be applied toward rent; \$300 for 1958, \$500 for 1959 and the remaining \$500 for 1960.

The lease was signed by the Board of Selectmen at their executive meeting on March 21. Judge Robert Welsh represented the Town in the court action.

July 26, 1962

Wharf Building Suffers \$20,000 Fire As Firemen Quickly Quell Blaze

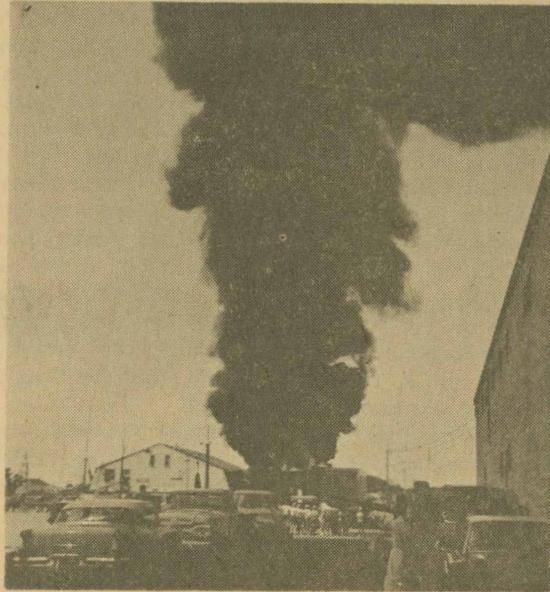
Prompt action by the Provincetown Fire Department had a flash fire in a new addition to a building at the end of MacMillan Wharf quelled in 20 minutes early last Friday afternoon, but not before an estimated damage of more than \$20,000, according to Fire Chief Wilbur Cook.

The blaze, which was confined to the new addition to the Saltwater Fisheries, Inc., building, caused dense billows of smoke and fishing vessels tied up nearby were moved away. Sparks that had ignited the older part of the building were quickly extinguished as firefighters pumped water directly from the harbor in battling the flames.

The department was called out at 1:10 p.m. and in 20 minutes the fire was out but Chief Cook said damage to the structure and icemaking machinery in the building could exceed \$20,000. The blaze is believed to have been started by a spark from a welding torch, as welders working in the area told Chief Cook that the flames seemed to appear everywhere at once.

Later that afternoon the department was called out again because of a short circuit in an exhaust fan at the Sil Vous Plait Restaurant on Commercial Street. Electricity to the fan was cut off, but there was no damage, according to Fire Chief Cook.

\$20,000 Fire Damage To Saltwater Fisheries



Dense black smoke billows into the air above MacMillan Wharf shortly before the fire at Saltwater Fisheries was brought under control. The small white area about one-third of the way down the smoke cloud is flame, which shot to a great height above the burning building.



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