

- April 25, 1957 -

Popular High School Teacher Chosen To Fill Post As Official Town Crier



Thomas C. Hennessey of the faculty of the Provincetown High School yesterday was appointed official Town Crier for the period of a year by the Selectmen and Town Manager, James V. Coyne, Jr., with Provincetown the only community in the country to have an official Town Crier.

Mr. Hennessey came to Provincetown in 1952 and taught Latin and English at the High School for several years. He now is instructor in social studies and history. Born in Wakefield, he came here from Watertown with a B.A. degree from Boston College and his M.A. from Boston University. In 1955 he married the former Edith Costa, bookkeeper at the Atlantic Coast Fisheries. Their home is at 424 Commercial Street.

The new Town Crier succeeds Arthur P. Snader who was official Town Crier for several years. Mr. Snader resigned in September of last year because, as he stated, he could not afford to do the work for the annual \$600 authorized by the citizens for this unique assignment.

Mr. Hennessey will be the latest addition to a long line of distinguished Town Criers from George P. Ready down.

Thomas Hennessey

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This familiar character still walks the Provincetown streets as in days of old when he was the only source of news and information.

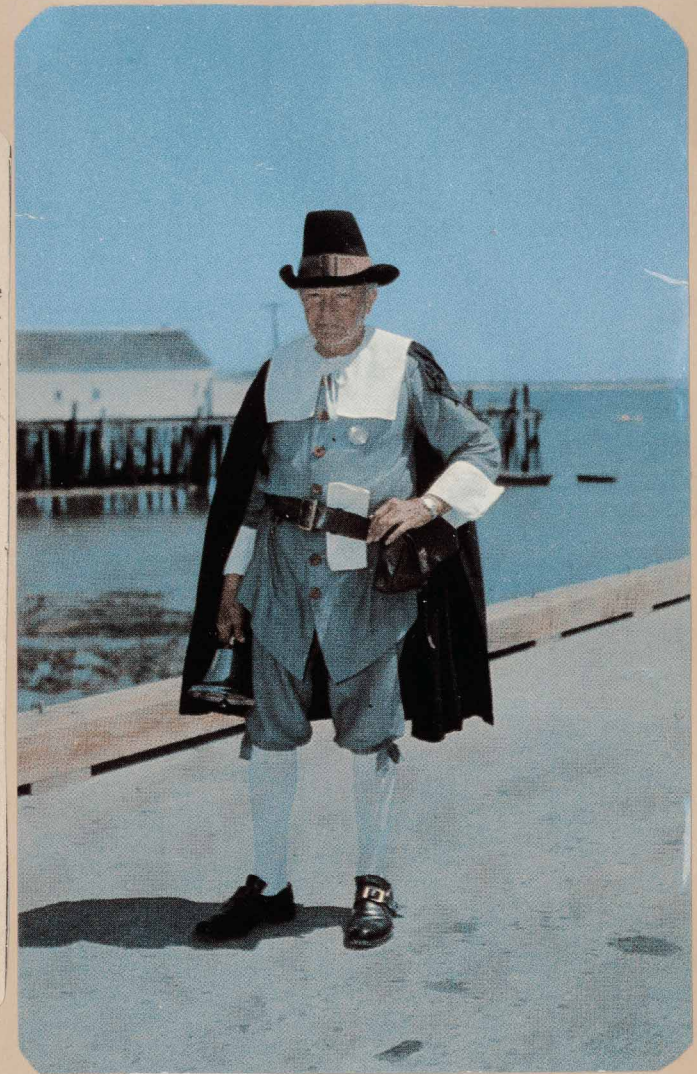
THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1958

Art Snader Back As Town Crier

Art Snader, for many years the popular Town Crier of Provincetown returned to his old post yesterday. The town had been without a Town Crier since last Thursday, when Erwin Bailey of Roslindale, who had taken the job on June 15, suddenly gave it up and left town.

Town Manager James V. Coyne, Jr., said that he and Mr. Snader had discussed the job, and that Mr. Snader is willing to take it for the balance of the season. He suggested that the hours of work be from 11 in the morning to 5 in the afternoon, instead of from 10 to 4, the hours kept by Mr. Bailey. Mr. Snader reasoned that by 11 o'clock, he will know how many passengers are on the Boston Belle and by working until 5, he will be able to see the boat off. Mr. Coyne agreed to the arrangement.

Mr. Snader was Town Crier during the Summers of 1952 through 1956. Last Summer Thomas Hennessey took over the post, but was forced to resign this Spring because of ill health.



Town Crier, Provincetown
Cape Cod, Mass.

Arthur Snader on Town Wharf
(Higgins Wharf, background)

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THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1958

New Town Crier Named For Summer Season In Provincetown

Erwin Bailey of Roslindale has been named Town Crier for Provincetown this summer, Town Manager James V. Coyne, Jr., announced today.

Mr. Bailey, 39 years old, is a former Vermont radio announcer. He is unmarried and

was selected from several applicants. He will start his duties June 15 and will be on duty daily through Labor Day. His hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week, according to Mr. Coyne.

Thomas Hennessey, a member of the faculty of the Provincetown High School, was Town Crier last season but had notified Town officials that he would be unable to serve again this year.

- May 1959 -

TOWN CRIER — Glad to note that the Provincetown selectmen and town manager have reappointed my old quahauging buddy — Art Snader — as town crier for 1959. There was a bit of a hassle over the matter for awhile and our mutual friend — poet Harry Kemp — threatened to picket the Town Hall in favor of Art. I guess that did it! The officials knew it would be too hard on Harry with his sore feet.