

March 10, 1955

Provincetown has been without its noonday siren because of a burned out motor, according to town officials. The siren, installed in 1939, atop the forepeak of Town Hall, is being repaired by Frank Prada who will install a rebuilt motor.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT BOOK:

A few lines from the first treasurer's account book headed with these lines listed below: "This book belongs to the precinct of Cap Cod for ye Treasurys acompts 1724."

April 24th, 1724. To Cash paid Mr. Samuel Spear for part his Sailerly 10 Shillings. Paid for this book for ye precits acompts o L—10s 6d.

Jan. 12th, 1736. 1½ pint licker O L—2s—Od corn and molasses by Done O L—11s 6d.

April 13th, 1734, fore curing the School-masters Wife 3 pounds.

In the year 1738 on May 2nd the following transaction was recorded: Ye town of Ephrim Done former Trasyer to blong 4 L—15s 7d. Mr. Sper ordered me to tack out of my rate he od me 2 L—6s—0 d, making 7L—1s 7d.

Yarmouth Register-

Feb. 14, 1891

PROVINCETOWN.

TOWN MEETING.

Moderator, James Gifford; town clerk and treasurer, Seth Smith; selectman, for three years, James A. Small; school committee, for three years, A. P. Hannum; trustees of public library, for three years, A. P. Hannum, M. N. Gifford, James H. Hopkins; tax collector, John W. Swift, at 1 per cent.; vote on license: Yes, 72; no, 220.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Watch and Police,	\$ 750 00
Town Hill and Fences,	25 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Cemeteries,	50 00
Health Department,	50 00
Jetty System,	500 00
Roads and Walks,	2500 00
Street Lights,	800 00
Interest on Demand Loans,	350 00
Support of Poor,	4000 00
Discount and Collection of taxes,	750 00
Abatement of Taxes,	550 00
Incidental Expenses,	1700 00
Fire Department,	2500 00
Public Library,	350 00
Public Schools,	8900 00
School Incidentals,	400 00
School Repairs,	400 00
Free Text Books,	700 00
Ventilation,	500 00
Watering Commercial street,	500 00

AUCTION OF TOWN PAUPERS

Voted—Mar. 6, 1820

That all Paupers that were able to work should be sold at auction which was accordingly done. John Swift, took Patty L. Wareham, and he is to receive of the Town, one shilling per week for the year ensuing. Joseph Fuller took Betsy Newcomb and he is to receive of the Town 25c per week for this year. Oliver Bowley took Rebecca Newcomb and he is to give her one dollar for the year ensuing. Henry Atwood took Catherine Waiss and he is to receive of the town 75c per week for the year ensuing.

1784

Voted at a meeting of the inhabitants to pay the Rev. Mr. Parker 45 pounds for the year 1783—Voted to buy a Bible for the town L 1:16—Voted to buy a record book for the town, 8 shillings. Voted to bring every man a Burden of Brush to the Meeting House. The constable to have 3 pounds for his office—Selectmen to have a shilling. Each meeting house keeper the price of 4 bushels of corn.

Jan. 17, 1786

Voted at the yearly meeting to give the Rev. Mr. Parker 3 pounds to get his fire wood cut. Benjamin Kinyon and John Conant to have the Mill pond meddow and to provide Mr. Parker three Lode of Hays. Each man to fetch one Burthen of Brush by the last of January. Voted that there should be no Coles Burnt in the Woods. Voted that there should be a lock put on the Meeting House and a box to put the Bible in. Voted to raise 12 pounds to fence the burying place.

Samuel Arwood
Town Clerk.

FIRE PROTECTION
INVENTORY 1836

One engine—stored at Cook's Store
100 feet of leading hose
30 second hand leather buckets.
14 ladders—one at Long Point, one at Race Point, and two in each of the school districts
7 fire wardens



SELECTMEN OF PROVINCETOWN
CHARLES W. HAWTHORNE
American, 1872—
Presented by the Friends of American Art.

Caleb Rich, right
Solomon Dyer Nickerson,
Center
Heman L. Cook, left

Nov. 7, 1957

ONE OF THE last trees around Town Hall to lose its foliage is the Chinese elm planted by the Provincetown Civic Association in honor of Susan Glaspell, who was so disturbed by the loss of several old trees when Ryder Street was widened through the efforts of the Association. Seems as though the little tree which was battered by storms and hurricanes in its infancy and came through to grow into a sturdy lovely one, might well bear a small plaque, as does the Francis building in the East End in memory of Eugene O'Neill, permanently honoring Susan Glaspell, a writer of note and Pulitzer Prize winner.