



WOOD END LIGHT-HOUSE. PROVINCETOWN. MASS.

October 6, 1960

WOOD END LIGHT, one of three on the Lower Cape which required personnel to operate, is now operating her flashing red beacon automatically. Located on the bay shore south of New Beach, the last three Coast Guardsmen stationed there have been transferred to Race Point. These men had been at the light for a time to see that it worked correctly. Although the light now works automatically, the fog siren still must be turned on, and this is handled from the Post Office. Now both Long Point and Wood End lights operate automatically. Only other lights still having personnel station to operate the facilities are Race Point Light in Provincetown and Cape Cod Light, better known as Highland Light, in North Truro. For many years, Wood End Light and Lifeboat Station was an important installation on Cape Cod Bay shore, and it was from this station that an observer witnessed the collision in December 1927 of a Coast Guard cutter and the S-4 submarine. The submarine sank with loss of the crew.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1962

### Lightning Knocks Out Wood End

A maintenance crew from Woods Hole Coast Guard Station was due here last Friday to make repairs to the wiring system at Wood End Light, caused when a bolt of lightning hit the utility pole carrying power to the facility during a late afternoon storm Saturday. Power was interrupted for some 40 minutes, until personnel from Race Point Coast Guard Station could make emergency repairs and set an auxiliary power unit in operation to restore power to the navigational aid.

However, the lightning caused considerable damage to exterior wiring which was to be replaced in order that normal power might be restored.

July 20, 1916

Mr. Philip Smith, keeper of Wood End light, should feel proud of his record at that light station, but if he is, he shows no sign of his gratification. Not a word has he said concerning rewards for efficiency that have come his way in the past and present for Smith is a modest man, not one given to self-laudation. From another source we learn that Mr. Smith has for five consecutive years earned, not only the star that is bestowed annually for efficiency in his line of work, but the district pennant, highest reward in the department's gift and which is awarded the keeper of the best kept light in each light-house district each year. This second district of ours must have an exceptionally good keeper in "Phil" Smith, otherwise he could not have received the pennant five years in succession.

-October 14, 1956-

#### Mrs. Marion H. Smith

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Fisk Funeral Home for Mrs. Marion H. Smith, 94, widow of the former keeper of the Wood End Lighthouse, Phillip R. Smith. She died in Provincetown Sunday after a long illness. The Rev. Gilman L. Lane, pastor of the Provincetown Methodist Church officiated and interment was in the Provincetown Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith was born in Provincetown, a daughter of the late John W. and Martha Jane Beaty, and received her education in the Cape End schools. She lived to be one of the oldest persons in town. Her husband died several years ago.

Sept. 1, 1960

TWO WEEKS AGO while skin diving for lobsters at Wood End Irving "Deeda" Roderick found a live torpedo—a relic of World War 2. He took a land mark and reported it. Three skin divers were sent from Newport, Rhode Island in command of Ensign Becknell of the U. S. Navy and finally retrieved it after a couple of tries when it was sent back to Newport. According to Ensign Becknell, the serial number on the torpedo tells when, where and by whom the torpedo was spent. And "Deeda" was told he will get a letter from the Navy with a reward.



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