

Mayflower II Moors

in Cape-tip Harbor

Chief Gets Greeting



(Cape Cod Standard-Times Photo)
The Wampanoag Indians of Mashpee, the same tribe the Pilgrims met when they landed at Plymouth in 1620, will be represented in Provincetown when the Mayflower II arrives at this port, where the Pilgrims first landed nearly 350 years ago. Chief Wild Horse—Clinton Haines—of Mashpee, who arrived in full regalia yesterday afternoon, is greeted by William W. McKellar, executive secretary of the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce, who also presented the Indian chief with a copy of the Mayflower Compact.

Replica Towed Final Miles Into Port

Thousands Line Shore;
Fog Hampers View;
Wind Kicks up Sea

Bulletin

PROVINCETOWN, June 12—The Mayflower II tied up at her mooring in Provincetown Harbor at 1:10 p.m. today.

PROVINCETOWN, June 12—Under a bleak sky and partially obscured by fog, the Mayflower II came into port today, rounding Long Point Light into Provincetown Harbor shortly after noon.

Mayflower II rounded the light under tow by the Coast Guard tug Yankton and escorted by a U. S. Navy destroyer, a Norwegian training ship and private craft.

The arrival gained a realistic touch which harkened back to the original Pilgrims, when the ship came through a heavy sea, under bleak skies. Observers on the shore had their view of the ship slightly obscured as fog hung over the harbor.

Cars Line Beach

Hundreds of cars lined New Beach all morning to get a glimpse of the Mayflower II.

Parking spaces were at a premium at New Beach, which overlooks Cape Cod Bay as thousand of persons sought a glimpse of the famous replica.

Confusion was the rule in the center of town as newspapermen, radio men, television officials and cameramen sought ways of getting out to the vessel when she came in. The Chamber of Commerce Building was a clearing house for official visitors and newspapermen and up to 11:30 a.m. some 150 official visitors had checked in, including selectmen from most Cape towns, State officials and newspaper representatives from as far off as Chicago.

Hampering Wind

A preliminary run was scheduled by the Mayflower II Reception Committee prior to the official ceremonies this afternoon as the cameramen were hoping to meet the vessel as she came around the extreme end of Cape Cod. The ceremony of welcome at the boatside was scheduled for around 3 p.m. with Horace F. Hallett, chairman of the Committee, to make a presentation and welcome, and Louis Cataldo to make a presentation of a scroll for Tales of Cape Cod, Inc. of which he is president. The formal welcome was to be presented by Chairman of Selectmen Joseph Lema Jr., who had a proclamation of the selectmen ready to present.

A southwest wind was hampering the operation and at noon was blowing 30 miles an hour with gusts reported to be high-

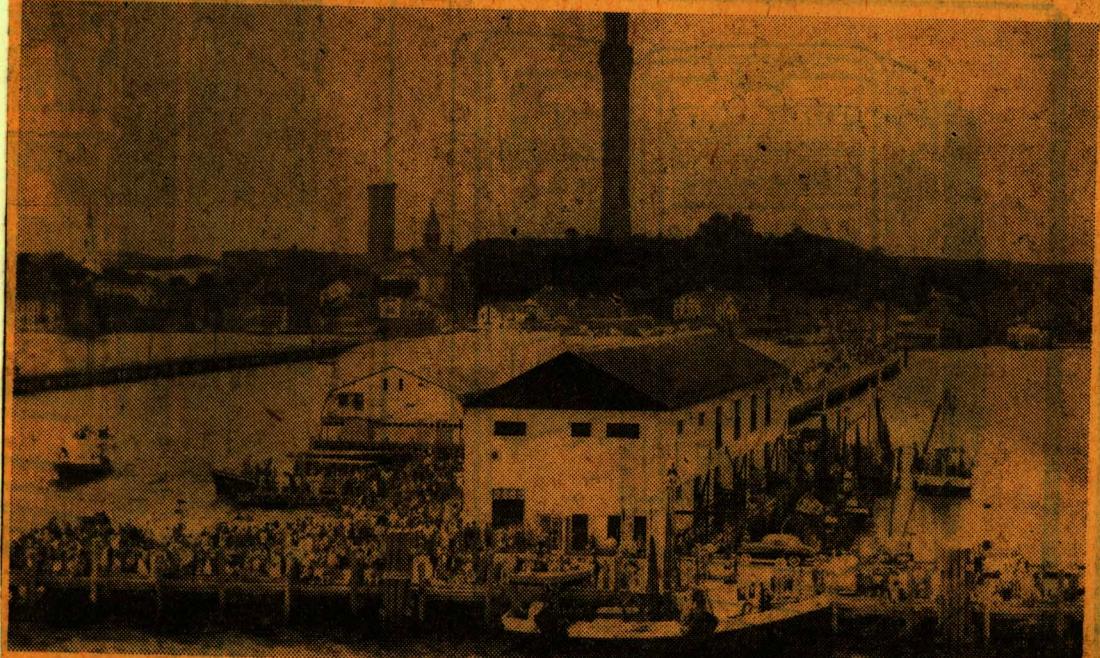


REUNION AND GREETINGS—Commander Alan Villiers, skipper of the Mayflower II, and his wife, Nancy, smile happily at wheel of the vessel after they were reunited at Provincetown. At right, Chief Wild Horse of the Wam-



Associated Press Wirephotos

panoag tribe of Provincetown, shakes hands with crewmen of the replica of the Pilgrims 1620 ship.



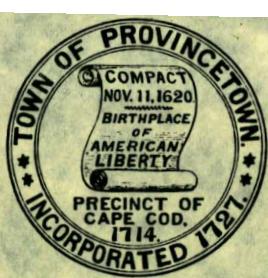
WATCHING MAYFLOWER ARRIVE—Part of the crowd that swarmed into Provincetown to see the arrival of the Mayflower II watches from pier. In background is famous Pilgrims Monument.

Mayflower Pact Has Modern Touch

PROVINCETOWN, June 13 (INS) — Every precaution was taken to re-enact the historic signing of the Mayflower Compact aboard Mayflower II in authentic detail.

Bard of the sand dunes Harry Kemp was on hand to provide a running commentary in correct Elizabethan English. The Mayflower's crew in authentic costumes, gathered around Captain Alan Villiers as he affixed his name to the Compact.

He signed with a ballpoint pen.



PROCLAMATION

Whereas: In November 1620 the Mayflower made landfall in what became Provincetown Harbor and the Pilgrims, after living on board the anchored vessel for a month, proceeded on to what became the permanent settlement at Plymouth;

Whereas: The Mayflower Compact was signed aboard the Mayflower while in Provincetown waters and became the governmental foundation of the successful Plymouth Colony;

Whereas: In 1910, The Pilgrim Monument, the tallest all-granite structure in the United States, was completed atop High Pole Hill in Provincetown to commemorate the landing of the Pilgrims in 1620 and the signing of the Mayflower Compact, the New World's first democratic charter;

Whereas: In 1955, to commemorate Anglo-American friendship during the World Wars, the construction of a full-sized replica of the original Mayflower was undertaken in Devonshire, England from plans commissioned by the Plimoth Plantation from naval architect William A. Baker of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

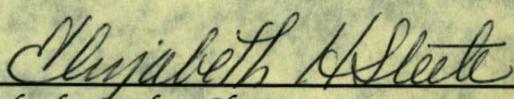
Whereas: The Mayflower II set sail from England on April 20, 1957 and arrived in Provincetown Harbor June 12, having crossed the Atlantic Ocean under her own sails;

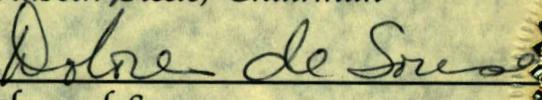
Whereas: The Mayflower II embodies the historic bond between Provincetown, the sheltering harbor first encountered by both Mayflowers, and Plymouth, the sustaining home of the original English settlement and its authentic recreation at Plimoth Plantation;

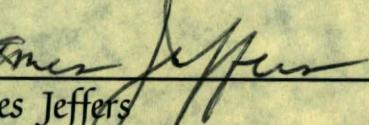
Whereas: We, the selectmen of Provincetown, fervently reaffirm this bond and hope for the further cultivation of our friendship through numerous visits of the Mayflower II to our harbor;

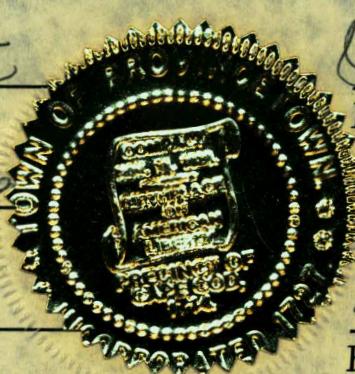
Therefore: Be it known to everyone this day, Friday, June 14, 1991, that we heartily welcome the Mayflower II together with her stalwart captain, John Burke, his crew and passengers, and bid you all a pleasant stay and successful homeward voyage.

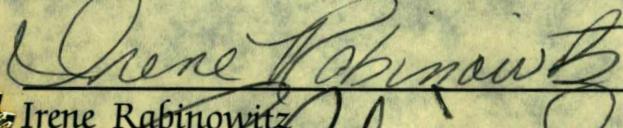
Signed by the Selectmen and Town Manager this fourteenth day of June, 1991


Elizabeth Steele, Chairman

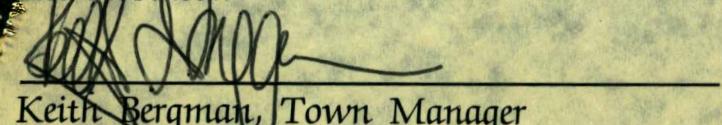

Dolores de Sousa


James Jeffers




Irene Rabinowitz


Lee Robinson


Keith Bergman, Town Manager

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

By His Excellency

GOVERNOR WILLIAM F. WELD

1995

WHEREAS: On the twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord Sixteen Hundred and Twenty, in the reign of King James I, the Mayflower landed in New England with its "band of exiles"; and

WHEREAS: Some few days before, in Cape Cod Harbor, these exiles, to be known for all time as the Pilgrims, formed an instrument of government, the Mayflower Compact, from which is descended the constitutions of a great and free land; and

WHEREAS: The Pilgrims, living in remarkable amity with their neighbors who were the original inhabitants of New England, celebrated a feast of Thanksgiving in the year Sixteen Hundred and Twenty-One from which descended America's oldest national holiday; and

WHEREAS: The Pilgrims, with their homely virtues of thrift and industry, their belief in education and civic virtue, their commitment to the rule of law, and their ardent faith in God, have become in some measure the spiritual ancestors of all Americans; and

WHEREAS: The public celebration of their virtue and enterprise, which first began in 1770, has forever established the Pilgrims in the hearts and minds of the nation's citizens; and

WHEREAS: The 375th anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing is being celebrated in Provincetown this year, with special ceremonies occurring between July 19th through July 23rd, 1995, when the Mayflower II will be anchored in Provincetown Harbor; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate that all Massachusetts citizens recognize the importance of the Pilgrims to the history of our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM F. WELD, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the year of 1995, as

PILGRIM YEAR, 1995

and urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and nineteenth.

William F. Weld

WILLIAM F. WELD

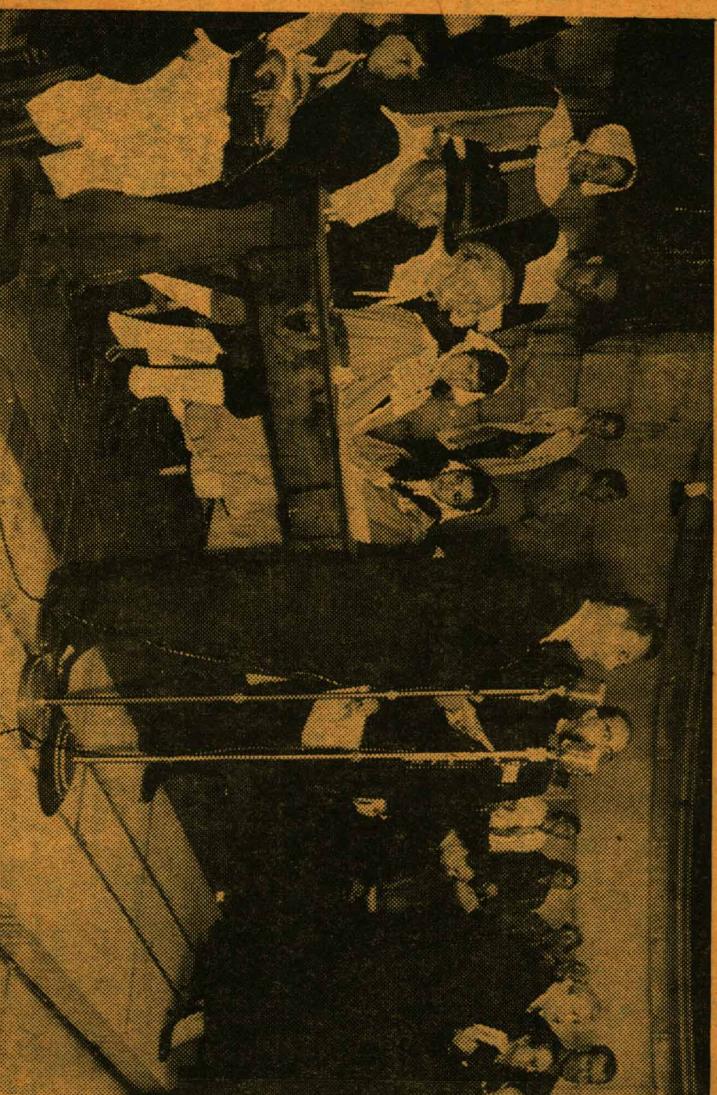
By His Excellency the Governor

W.F. Galvin
WILLIAM F. GALVIN
Secretary of the Commonwealth



GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

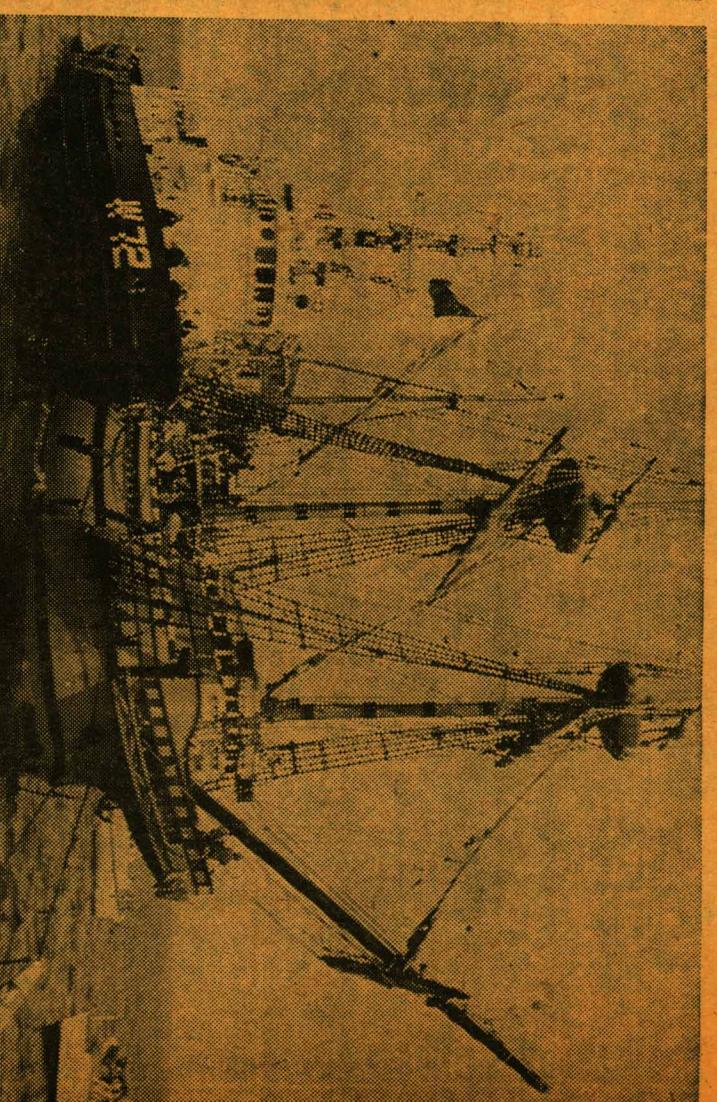
Scenes as Mayflower II Reached Port at Provincetown



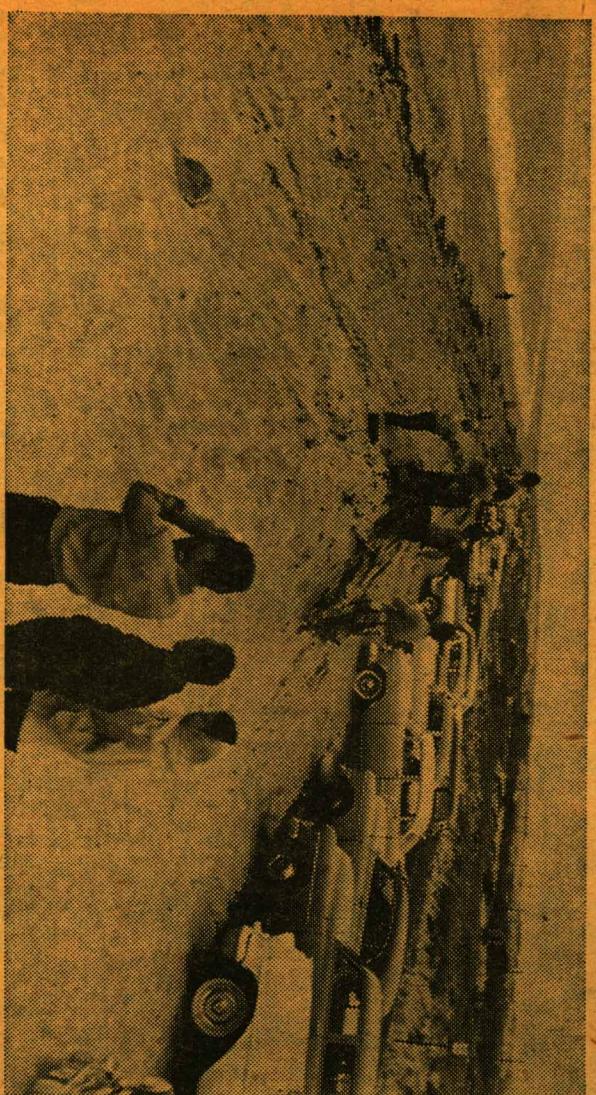
Provincetown Town Manager James V. Coyne Jr. reads a proclamation honoring the arrival yesterday of the Mayflower II at the Cape-tip in ceremonies at the Bas Relief.



Mrs. Alan Villiers, wife of the captain of the Mayflower II, chats with observers as the Mayflower came into the Cape-tip harbor. She is facing the camera.



(Cape Cod Standard-Times Photo)



Hundreds of motorists lined New Beach at Provincetown to glimpse the Mayflower II coming into the harbor.

Town Manager Coyne Recalls Historic Pilgrim Contribution

PROVINCETOWN, June 13—Text of greeting by Provincetown Town Manager James V. Coyne Jr. at shoreside ceremonies at the bas relief is as follows: "Your honors, the officials of our State and local governments, distinguished representatives of many notable organizations, ladies and gentlemen:

"We are gathered here to commemorate an event unique in human history. The relentless march of time has been stopped in its tracks, and the pages of history have been turned back to a day that dawned 337 years ago. On that memorable day, there rounded the end of Long Point, a storm-battered little ship called Mayflower. She was a vessel of some 180 tons burden, wracked, bruised and beaten by nine weeks of cruel assault by the heartless elements. Unspeakably over-crowded, she carried 102 passengers besides her master and crew. They had suffered the severest torments of sickness, uncertainty and the grim perils of the deep.

Holy Dedication

"Yet there was something of a holy dedication within them. They carried in their bosoms a great flame that could not be quenched by any of the hazards that had confronted them; a consuming fire—the holy determination to be free.

"None of them knew, on that bleak November day of 1620, the great conflagration that would be spread from the flame they bore within their bosoms. For the sanctifying fires of freedom that were ignited by that flame have swept and purified vast continents, to purge them of oppression and to liberate their peoples.

"How was this accomplished? By the writing and signing of an

immortal instrument known as the Mayflower Compact, now recognized by historians as the first written constitution in human history. Once they had done that, the Pilgrims might have vanished from the face of the earth and mankind would yet bow in reverence before their memory, for never again would they, nor could they, rise to such immortal heights; never make another comparable contribution to the emancipation of mankind. For in that document was planted the seed which, a century and half later, blossomed into the glory of the basic human rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness was irrevocably established as the ideal charter of free men everywhere.

"That ideal will never perish. The seed sown in the Mayflower Compact will one day flower and bear its live-given fruit wherever the breath of life is drawn by living men.

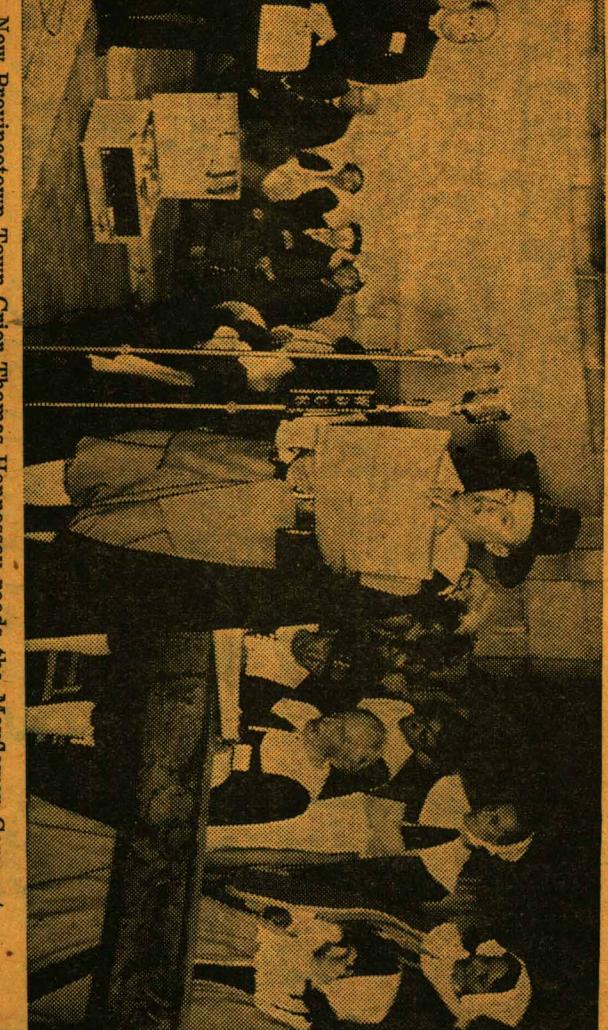
Noble Truth

"And where was this great deed done? Right here in the waters of Provincetown Harbor. That document was drawn and signed before any of those valiant voyagers was permitted to set foot on the soil of this continent.

"We see pictured before us on this monumental tablet the scene of this unrivaled deed, to remind us all and all the free world that here, and nowhere else, is the true and unquestioned birthplace of our human liberties. And on this very day, out in the waters of our harbor, and in the cabin of Mayflower II, this very scene was re-enacted to testify to that noble truth.

"Little wonder then, that Provincetown is proud of her historical heritage. Little wonder that we welcome the Mayflower II, as it commemorates so outstanding an event in human history.

"And welcome her we do, in a due and grateful tribute to those who have made this moment possible: The Pilgrims of 1620 and the Pilgrims of 1957, who have turned back the march of time, that we may better value the blessings that time has brought."



New Provincetown Town Crier Thomas Hennessey reads the Mayflower Compact.

Cape Cod Standard Times - June 13, 1957



Town of Provincetown

Massachusetts

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

MARION TAVES, JR., CHAIRMAN

ERNEST IRMER

BURTON KENNEY

MARION PERRY

JOHN BELL

Mayflower

November 25, 1970

His Excellency, the Governor
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State House
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Governor Sargent:

The Town of Provincetown is proud to have the framed Mayflower Compact Day Proclamation signed by you, as Governor, to display in our Town offices.

To go along with this Proclamation, we would very much also like to have the pen with which you signed it.

We have several Declarations, among which is one, signed by the ~~then~~ Governor Calvin Coolidge, proclaiming Provincetown as the First Landing Place of the Pilgrims. This Proclamation includes the pen with which he signed.

Our thanks to you for past and present consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Marion Taves, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

✓
Rec'd 12/1/70

MT:mcc

HOUSE No. 3114

By Mr. Albro of Harwich, petition of Harry B. Albro that the town of Provincetown be authorized to appropriate money for expenses pertinent to events in connection with the celebration and reception of the Mayflower II. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR EXPENSES PERTINENT TO THE RECEPTION OF THE MAYFLOWER II.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The town of Provincetown is hereby authorized to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars, to be expended for entertainment and other events in connection with the proposed celebration and reception of the "Mayflower II" in the years nineteen hundred and fifty-seven and nineteen hundred and fifty-eight. The money so appropriated shall be disbursed under the direction of the town manager.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance at a special town meeting called for the purpose during the current year, but not otherwise.

YOUR HONORS, THE OFFICIALS OF OUR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,
DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY NOTABLE ORGANIZATIONS, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN:

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TO COMMEMORATE AN EVENT UNIQUE IN HUMAN HISTORY.
THE RELENTLESS MARCH OF TIME HAS BEEN STOPPED IN ITS TRACKS, AND THE PAGES OF
HISTORY HAVE BEEN TURNED BACK TO A DAY THAT DAWNED THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-
SEVEN YEARS AGO. ON THAT MEMORABLE DAY, THERE ROUNDED THE END OF LONG POINT,
A STORM-BATTERED LITTLE SHIP CALLED MAYFLOWER. SHE WAS A VESSELL OF SOME 180
TONS BURDEN, WRACKED, BRUISED, AND BEATEN BY NINE WEEKS OF CRUEL ASSAULT BY
THE HEARTLESS ELEMENTS. UNSPEAKABLY OVERCROWDED, SHE CARRIED 102 PASSENGERS
BESIDES HER MASTER AND CREW. THEY HAD SUFFERED THE SEVEREST TORMENTS OF
SICKNESS, UNCERTAINTY AND THE GRIM PERILS OF THE DEEP.

YET THERE WAS SOMETHING OF A HOLY DEDICATION WITHIN THEM. THEY CARRIED
IN THEIR BOSOMS A GREAT FLAME THAT COULD NOT BE QUENCHED BY ANY OF THE HAZARDS
THAT HAD CONFRONTED THEM; A CONSUMING FIRE -- THE HOLY DETERMINATION TO BE
FREE.

NONE OF THEM KNEW, ON THAT BLEAK NOVEMBER DAY OF 1620, THE GREAT
CONFLAGRATION THAT WOULD BE SPREAD FROM THE FLAME THEY BORE WITHIN THEIR
BOSOMS. FOR THE SANCTIFYING FIRES OF FREEDOM THAT WERE IGNITED BY THAT FLAME
HAVE SWEEPED AND PURIFIED VAST CONTINENTS, TO PURGE THEM OF OPPRESSION AND TO
LIBERATE THEIR PEOPLES.

HOW WAS THIS ACCOMPLISHED? BY THE WRITING AND SIGNING OF AN IMMORTAL
INSTRUMENT KNOWN AS THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT, NOW RECOGNIZED BY HISTORIANS AS
THE FIRST WRITTEN CONSTITUTION IN HUMAN HISTORY. ONCE THEY HAD DONE THAT,
THE PILGRIMS MIGHT HAVE VANISHED FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH AND
MANKIND WOULD YET BOW IN REVERENCE BEFORE THEIR MEMORY, FOR NEVER AGAIN WOULD
THEY, NOR COULD THEY, RISE TO SUCH IMMORTAL HEIGHTS; NEVER MAKE ANOTHER

COMPARABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMANCIPATION OF MANKIND. FOR IN THAT DOCUMENT WAS PLANTED THE SEED WHICH, A CENTURY AND HALF LATER, BLOSSOMED INTO THE GLORY OF THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS OF LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS WAS IRREVOCABLY ESTABLISHED AS THE IDEAL CHARTER OF FREE MEN EVERYWHERE.

THAT IDEAL WILL NEVER PERISH. THE SEED SOWN IN THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT WILL ONE DAY FLOWER AND BEAR ITS LIVE-GIVEN FRUIT WHEREVER THE BREATH OF LIFE IS DRAWN BY LIVING MEN.

AND WHERE WAS THIS GREAT DEED DONE? RIGHT HERE IN THE WATERS OF PROVINCETOWN HARBOR. THAT DOCUMENT WAS DRAWN AND SIGNED BEFORE ANY OF THOSE VALIANT VOYAGERS WAS PERMITTED TO SET FOOT ON THE SOIL OF THIS CONTINENT.

WE SEE PICTURED BEFORE US ON THIS MONUMENTAL TABLET THE SCENE OF THIS UNRIVALLED DEED, TO REMIND US AND ALL THE FREE WORLD THAT HERE, AND NOWHERE ELSE, IS THE TRUE AND UNQUESTIONED BIRTHPLACE OF OUR HUMAN LIBERTIES. AND ON THIS VERY DAY, OUT IN THE WATERS OF OUR OWN HARBOR, AND IN THE CABIN OF MAYFLOWER II, THIS VERY SCENE WAS REENACTED TO TESTIFY TO THAT NOBLE TRUTH.

LITTLE WONDER THEN, THAT PROVINCETOWN IS PROUD OF HER HISTORIC HERITAGE. LITTLE WONDER THAT WE WELCOME THE MAYFLOWER II, AS IT COMMEMORATES SO OUTSTANDING AN EVENT IN HUMAN HISTORY.

AND WELCOME HER WE DO, IN A DUE AND GRATEFUL TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THIS MOMENT POSSIBLE: THE PILGRIMS OF 1620 AND THE PILGRIMS OF 1957, WHO HAVE TURNED BACK THE MARCH OF TIME, THAT WE MAY BETTER VALUE THE BLESSINGS THAT TIME HAS BROUGHT.

J.V. Cagney, Jr.

T. Mgr.



Plane Sees Mayflower III 400 Miles Off Cape-tip

Mayflower I Awkward Craft

Cape Man Describes Ship's Sailing Traits

(E. Milburn Carver, 13 Eldredge Square, Chatham, is a radio operator at the overseas station at Chatham, has kept in touch with Mayflower II as she has sailed west and now north from Plymouth, England, to Plymouth, Mass. Interested in ships, he offers some comments here on the replica, her predecessor and ships and the sea generally).

By E. MILBURN CARVER

The Mayflower II is the world's most remembered vessel, historically, of course. The honor does not alter the fact that both the original and her present day replica are unhandy craft in a North Atlantic gale.

Mayflower I was a merchant vessel which plied a coastal trade between England, Spain, France, and The Netherlands. Possibly she made occasional trips past Gibraltar to Marseilles, France. At no time would she have had much occasion to be out of sight of land if this was her regular itinerary.

The Mayflower has not been classified to suit my particular fancy. She is not a ship, nor will she fit into one of the lesser categories of sailing vessels: Brig, brigantine, bark or barkentine.

Spanish Design

I am certain that she is of Spanish design, as were most craft of that era, carrying a lateen mizzen and awkwardly high poop. The word "poop" is of Latin origin, meaning "stern" (puppis).

This particular "rig" does not steer well unless there is a following wind, and with 3,000 miles of ocean, that does not occur too often except in the "trades" zone, near the Tropic of Cancer. A veering or changing wind catching the high poop causes such a vessel to "yaw," a maneuver similar to being pushed sideways in a swing.

The wind spills out of the sails, they flap thunderously and the seamen scurry madly to trim them again, then the whole episode is repeated with another veering gust of wind.

This may cause some wondering as to why ship designers ever built such a style. There were advantages. First and foremost is the fact that such an architectural styling creates a nearly impregnable fortress. In case of mutiny the master and his officers could hold off any mutineers by arrows, spears, boiling water and starvation.

Were in Fashion

High-poop'd vessels were in vogue for centuries, were not abandoned until the 18th Century. The type of seaman hadn't improved much, but the type of firearms had, and it was the ship's officers who possessed them. My grandfather was a master's mate (equivalent 19th Century term for chief officer) and he said he would rather see all his sons dead than ship in a forecastle.

Perhaps you might be led to believe that the Pilgrims embarked in a little vessel having a tonnage less than the rudder on the Queen Mary because the world of the 17th Century possessed nothing better.

Not so.

Remember the Pilgrims were political refugees and they could not afford anything larger or better. There were some pretty good-sized vessels afloat in this era. The East India Company built the Trades Increase, 1,200 tons in 1599, more than six times as large as the Mayflower. One of the Spanish Armada's vessels, wrecked on the west coast of England in 1588, boasted 900 tons.

The Madre de Dios, a Spanish merchantman captured by the English in 1592, drew 26 feet of water, had a 121-foot mainmast (which would just clear the Sagamore Bridge at Cape Cod Canal), and was 1,600 tons burden. The Dutch, always enterprising business people, operated the Golden Lion and the White Elephant, both in the vicinity of 1,500 tons.

*Standard Times
June 10, 1957*

Otis Crew Spots Pilgrim Replica

Ship Reported Making Fast Time

OTIS AIR FORCE BASE, June 6—An Air Force RC-121 Super-constellation from Otis reported today spotting the Mayflower II moving along rapidly in the Gulf Stream less than 400 miles south of Provincetown.

The crew of the radar picket plane reported spotting the replica on the radar scope and then seeing her visually in a break in the clouds between 300 and 400 miles from the Cape-tip.

On the basis of the Otis plane report, the Mayflower has proceeded some 300 miles in less than two days since she last reported her position to the Radio-marine Corporation radio station at Chatham. On Tuesday afternoon, she reported being some 700 miles south of her first American stop, Provincetown Harbor.

No Radio Contact

The Otis plane crew said it spotted the Mayflower at 6:50 this morning. The report supercedes a report from Ronald Forth of the Plymouth Mayflower Committee, who said earlier today the vessel was 730 miles away and was due in Plymouth on June 14 and Provincetown either late June 13 or early June 14.

The ship has not made radio contact with the Chatham station since Tuesday and was expected to make contact at noon today but did not. Its next contact would be at 7 tonight, if there is any communication, spokesmen at the Chatham station said.

With the ship approaching rapidly, Provincetown officials were accelerating plans for the arrival and greeting in that town.

Approximately 180 invitations to Federal, State and town officials were dispatched yesterday, including President and Mrs. Eisenhower and Governor and Mrs. Furcolo.

Given Go-Ahead

Everything can be ready by early next week, Captain A. D. Turnbull, spokesman for the Provincetown Mayflower II Reception Committee, said. The committee was notified yesterday that funds appropriated by the special town meeting last month are available and the go-ahead sign for spending the sum was given by town officials.

When the Mayflower II is four days away from Provincetown, the Coast Guard will turn over virtually hourly reports on her progress to the town committee, Captain Turnbull said. The committee, he said, will have at least four days leeway to make final plans. He made his remarks prior to the report from Otis.

The replica of the Pilgrim's ship was reported by the crew of the Otis plane at 37.25 degrees north and 71.50 degrees west.

The Superconstellation was making a regular routine turn on her Atlantic radar patrol when Colonel Robert Waltz, a passenger aboard the plane, and pilots spotted the small, multi-sailed vessel, an Otis official said.

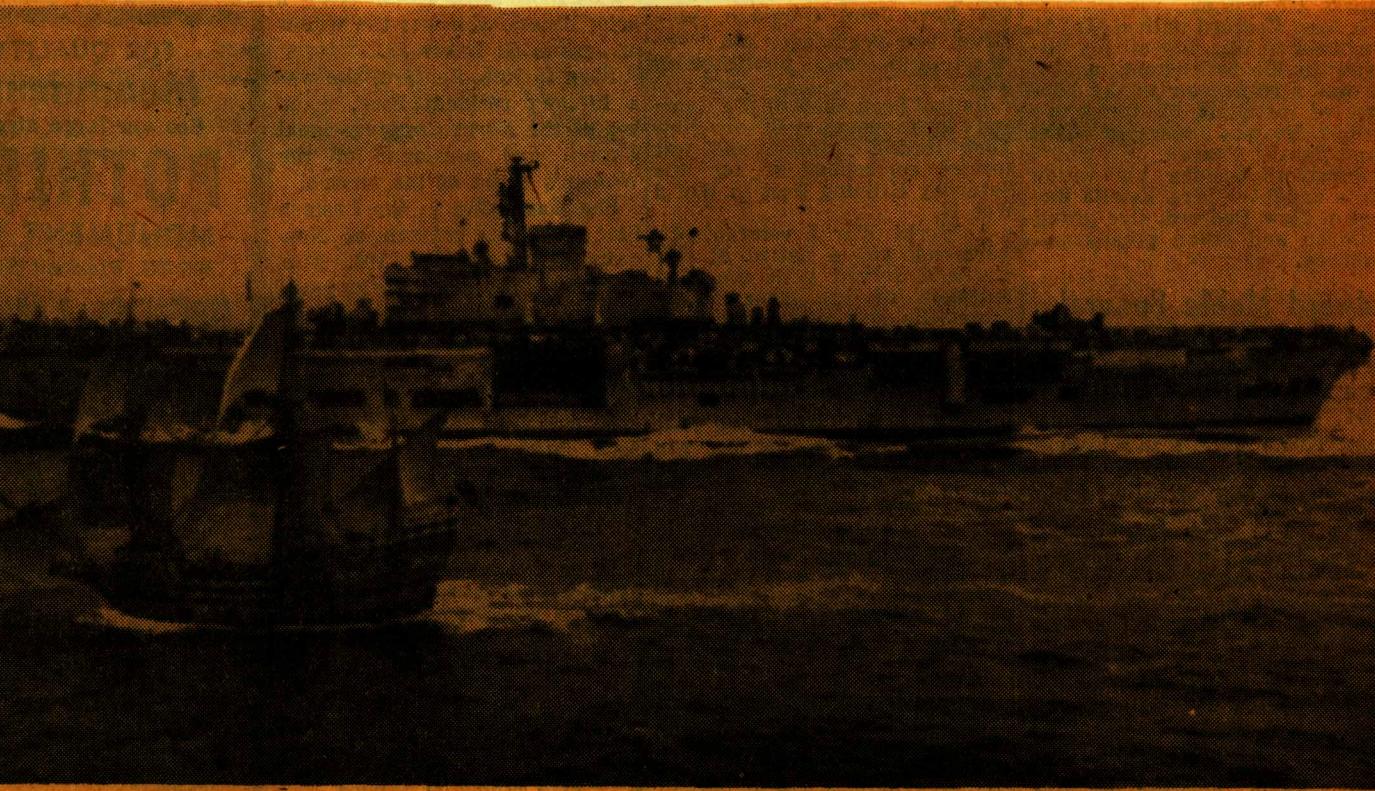
Sails Spread Wide

Actual visual contact was made at 6:50 a.m. from a height of approximately 10,000 feet, "making the ship look mighty small," but "with her sails spread wide," Major William Simpson, pilot, said.

Among the crew aboard Major Simpson's plane were Lieutenant Donald A. Balch, co-pilot and Lieutenants Joe Hathaway and Arthur C. Valas, navigators. Colonel Waltz is deputy commander of the Boston Air Defense Sector.

Gale Force Winds Slow

Progress of Mayflower II



NEW AND OLD AGE MEET—36,800-ton British aircraft carrier Ark Royal dwarfs the Mayflower II as the two vessels meet on the high seas. Carrier was enroute to International Naval Review at Norfolk, Va. Photo was made by helicopter from Ark Royal.

Associated Press Wirephoto



THE SEAGATE, a 50-foot sports cruiser, has been made available to The Standard-Times by Morse Twist Drill and Machine Company for newspaper and WNBH coverage of the Mayflower II's arrival. Reporters and a photographer boarded her early today to rendezvous with the Mayflower off Nantucket Lightship. The Seagate, equipped with the latest in communication gear to relay news ashore, will accompany the Mayflower until it arrives in Plymouth.

Speed of Vessel Cut to 2 Knots By Bow-on Blow

But Change in Breeze Is Expected to Boost Speed, Villiers Says

Headwinds of "fresh gale force" slowed the Mayflower II to a pace of 2 knots last night as it neared the end of its trans-Atlantic crossing.

Commander Alan Villiers reported his ship's position as east of Newport News, Va., and 200 miles south of Nantucket. The official readings, as reported by Chatham Marine Radio Station, were 37 degrees, 20 minutes north latitude and 70 degrees west longitude.

Nauset Coast Guard station reported that winds in the area were of Force 8, blowing at 38 to 40 knots. However, Commander Villiers said the wind was expected to shift to the south later and give the vessel an assist toward its rendezvous with the Coast Guard off Nantucket Lightship. This meeting is scheduled for this afternoon.

Doubt About Ceremonies

The reception committee waiting at Provincetown, first landing of the Pilgrim ship replica, has prepared various ceremonies for the ship's pause there, but there was some doubt all would be carried out.

Jack Barry, executive secretary of the Plymouth reception committee, said last night only one person, other than customs and quarantine officials, would be allowed aboard the boat at Provincetown.

This is to be John Lowe, one of the promoters of the venture, Barry said. Customs service rules of long standing, he added, provide that the first person aboard will be a quarantine officer, followed by customs officials who must clear the ship's cargo before anyone else may be allowed on board.

An exception will be made for Mr. Lowe, Barry said. He is to ride the Mayflower II from Provincetown to Plymouth. The only ceremony during the brief pause off Provincetown, he said, will be the lowering over the side of a replica of the Mayflower Compact.

This will be transferred from the Mayflower II to the shore-based flotilla of Provincetown boats, and taken ashore. Then the Mayflower II is scheduled to proceed on its way to Plymouth.

To Present Scroll

The reception officials at Provincetown announced, however, that they plan to present a scroll to Commander Villiers containing signatures of several hundred Cape area dignitaries.

Horace Hallett chairman of the Provincetown committee, said the scroll will be presented by Louis Cataldo, president of Tales of Cape Cod, Inc., and Miss Dorothy Worrell of Centerville.

Hallett added that if the Mayflower II arrives before 10:30 a. m. Monday, "boat-side ceremonies will proceed immediately. After this service, the flotilla will go ashore and re-enact the signing of the compact at the bas-relief across from the town hall."

If the ship arrives between 10:30 a. m. and 3 p. m., Hallett continued, boat-side ceremonies

(Continued on Page 10)

Headwinds Slow Mayflower Pace

(Continued from Page 1)

will be at 3, with shore services following. Different arrangements will be announced if the ship arrives in Provincetown Harbor after 3.

A reception is planned at the Provincetown flotilla's flagship after the two services. Invited are visiting dignitaries and guests.

Minor Controversy

A minor storm of controversy has also blown up in Plymouth over an announcement that promotions of the Mayflower II voyage have forbidden crew members to give interviews to the press for a full year after arrival of the ship.

Mr. Barry announced a press conference has been set up immediately after the official ceremonies are over on arrival day. At that time, Commander Villiers, Joseph F. Meany Jr. of Waltham, the ship's American cabin boy, and the two English promoters, Warwick Charlton and John Lowe, will answer questions about the trip.

"All newspapers will have a chance," Mr. Barry said. "There will be no exclusives."

Status of the other members of the 32-man crew as to interviews was not made immediately clear. It has been reported that the promoters had them sign an agreement not to talk about the voyage because Charlton, who traveled on the ship as a crew member, plans to write a book about it, or otherwise sell the story.

A final conference with Plymouth officials is being arranged by Mr. Lowe, who arrived there yesterday from New York to talk with Henry Hornblower 2d, president of Plimoth Plantation, and Paul Bird, president of Mayflower Limited, New York promotion group which has snared the ship for the Summer.

No Changes in Plans

No changes have been made in plans for the official reception to the Mayflower II when it arrives at Plymouth, but arrival day is still not definite, due to vagaries of the wind and weather. Mr. Barry said he still expects it will be Tuesday.

If the ship arrives at Provincetown on Monday, Tuesday will be the big day "for sure," he added.

The Coast Guard cutter Yankton is the vessel chosen to rendezvous with the Mayflower II off Nantucket Lightship. She will escort the vessel from there to Provincetown and Plymouth.

Another problem which has arisen to plague planners of the Plymouth reception for the Mayflower II is how to transport members of the reception committee from the shore out to the ship after it drops anchor in Plymouth Harbor.

Excursion boat owners were reluctant to offer their craft for the duty because it is more lucrative for them to take paying sightseers out into the harbor.

A hope that some yacht owner would volunteer his craft has been voiced by a spokesman for the reception committee.



—Standard-Times Staff Photo

WARMING UP FOR M-DAY is Provincetown's "Poet of the Dunes" Harry Kemp, center, who will read an original poem for the occasion when the Mayflower II arrives in Provincetown. Shown aiding Kemp, also in Pilgrim garb, are Lawrence J. Daigeneault Jr. and Mrs. Rose Tashea.

Tug Achieves Sea Rendezvous With Replica

Coast Guard Escort
Hails Mayflower
150 Miles Off-Cape

CHATHAM, June 11—"Mayflower II is nearly up to Nantucket Lightship approaching from the west side, winds are from the west-southwest at seven to 10 miles an hour, speed is five knots," Commander Alan Villiers reported to Chatham Radiomarine Station at noon today.

Earlier this morning Nauset Coast Guard Station reported the Coast Guard tug Yankton was rendezvousing with the 17th century square rigger 29 miles south of the lightship. Boatswain Warrant Officer Leonard Tarvers noted the ship made only 37 miles yesterday while it was virtually becalmed.

Near Doria Scene

Lieutenant Albert H. Hauser, commanding officer of Woods Hole Coast Guard Base, reported the replica of the 17th-Century Mayflower was "very close to the spot where the Andrea Doria sank last Summer."

He noted the ship was "way inside the dangerous Nantucket shoals" and would have to steer a more easterly course to negotiate safely the deep water channel lying between the shoals and Georges Bank. It would mean a 40-mile run eastward to safe water and would not appreciably decrease the distance to Provincetown, he said. This apparently is the course which Commander Alan Villiers has decided to take.

Lieutenant Hauser said there is "a vague possibility the Mayflower II may come through Nantucket Sound between Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Island. The ship has reached the dividing line and it's now up to Captain Villiers to make his route choice."

Provincetown Mayflower II reception committee met last night and put final plans in order for "any time the ship arrives." There were no additions to previously announced plans and the group is "watching and waiting like the rest of Cape Cod" for the arrival, a spokesman said.

Bark Saluted

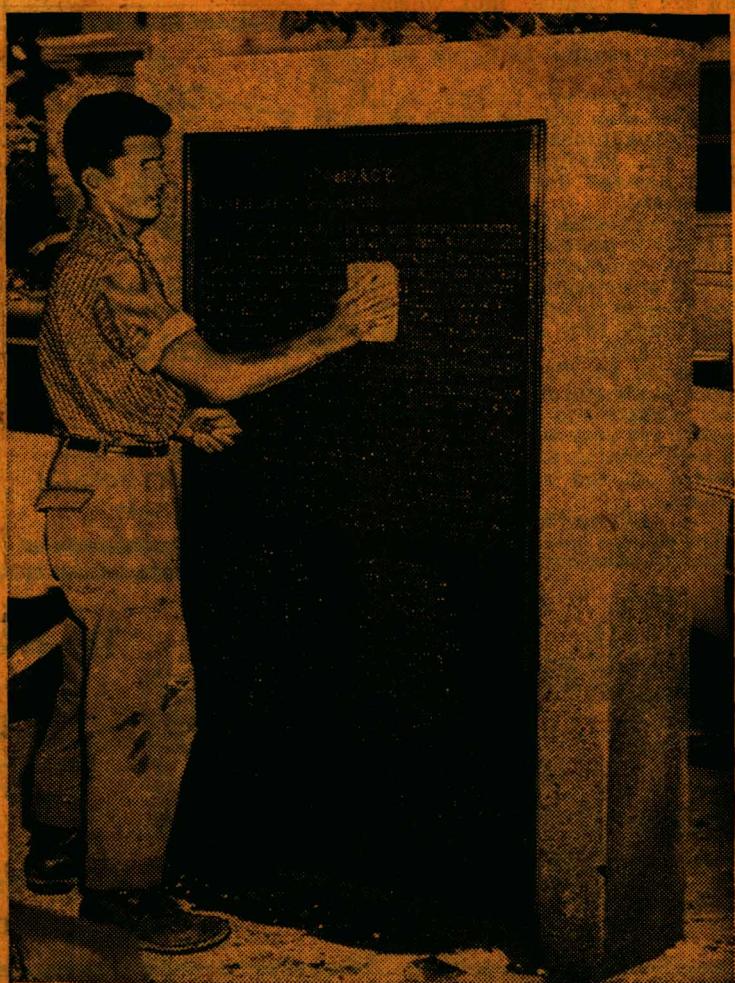
Meanwhile, the Mayflower II is being welcomed by ships other than her official escort Yankton. Pleasure boats, fishing craft and ocean liners are circling and saluting the tiny vessel.

Shortly after dawn the Queen Elizabeth, famed ocean liner, passed the ship, saluted and exchanged greetings with the crew. A short time later a cruiser, with the father of the ship's cabin boy aboard, hove to alongside and Joseph Meany Jr. talked with his father while other passengers passed cigarettes to bearded crewmen.

Local boats will be utilized to transport committee members, guests and members of the press, radio and television crews out to the Mayflower II when she arrives in Provincetown, the Captain committee said. Coast Guard auxiliary units are not able to do this, it was said.

Local boats scheduled to take part include the Dolphin, Captain Albert Avellar Jr., and the Caroline, Captain William Cabral. The auxiliary schooner, Coaster, owned by Howland Jones of Shor Hills, N.J., and Harwichport, will take out a group in Pilgrim costume, Captain A. D. Turnbull, spokesman for the committee, said.

Compact Plaque Cleaned



Carl (Chapman) Sawyer, (Cape Cod Standard-Times Photo)
Provincetown highway department employee, cleans the Mayflower Compact plaque on Ryder Street, east of Town Hall, in preparation for the arrival of the Mayflower II.

Mayflower Towed

to Provincetown

Coast Guard Help Accepted Reluctantly in Heavy Seas



—Standard-Times Staff Photo

INDIAN HONORS are conferred on Mrs. Alan Villiers, wife of the Mayflower II's captain, in ceremonies at the Hornblower Eel River estate in Plymouth. Princess headband is given Mrs. Villiers by Becky Berry, 10, granddaughter of Floyd E. Maytubby, governor of the Chickasaw Nation, left. Looking on are Allie Reynolds, center, Bobby Boyd of the Chickasaws and Justice Napoleon Bonaparte Johnson of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

The Standard-Times Cape Cod Bureau

PROVINCETOWN, June 12

—Under tow by the Coast Guard for its last few miles, the Mayflower II neared her Provincetown Harbor moorings today as heavy seas and darkening skies kept small craft from heading out to escort her in.

Captain Alan Villiers reluctantly accepted a tow line from the Coast Guard tug Yankton after he had brought the replica of the famous Pilgrim ship under sail all the way from England.

Villiers, world famous windjammer skipper, took the towing hawser as the Coast Guard station at Cape Cod Light, better known as Highland Light, broke out the red triangular pennant spelling small craft warnings.

Weather Is Windy

The weather worsened as Mayflower slogged along at the end of the tow line, with the wind piping up to 30 knots in gusts. She had furled all her canvas, blighting expectations of those who gathered here hoping to see her under sail.

This was Mayflower's 53d day out of Plymouth, England. Her historic predecessor required 66 days to reach Cape Cod, according to a consensus of historians, some of whom are a bit vague on the point. The latter even include the first recorder of the voyage, Governor William Bradford.

However, it is clear, the 66-day figure applies to the time between Plymouth, England, and Cape Cod, for Mayflower spent about a month at Provincetown before proceeding to Plymouth.

Would Take Hours

By then it had become apparent that to beat around the tip of Cape Cod would require many hours—perhaps days unless the winds were more than commonly accommodating—and Mayflower has numerous commitments, made urgent by her promoters.

Only a brief call at Provincetown was planned before proceeding to Plymouth for a 12-day call after which the vessel continues to New York, there to remain as a tourist attraction throughout the Summer.

Until she returns to Plymouth in the Autumn she will continue to fly the Union Jack. Then she will be formally turned over to Plimoth Plantation as a permanent exhibit in a reconstructed Pilgrim village.

Mayflower II passed Peaked Hill Bar at 8 a. m. with a squally, 30-knot southwesterly wind whipping the sea into whitecaps. The bar has ended numerous voyages in the past.

Chief Boatswains Mate William Joseph, skipper of the Coast Guard station, could discern with sea-trained eyes that the replica of the original Mayflower was under tow, but others could not pierce the mist.

9 Miles From Shore

Joseph estimated she was 9 miles off shore, comfortably outside the bar and only about 20 miles from Provincetown.

Coast Guardsman Edward Widberg of Canton, Mass., stationed at the Nauset Coast Guard station on Cape Cod, sighted Mayflower II about 7 or 8 miles offshore in the morning's first light.

He said the 180-ton square-rigged vessel was slipping through the water at about 7 knots with the help of a brisk southwesterly breeze.

Nauset is about 50 sea miles from Provincetown at the tip of Cape Cod.

Mayflower II made landfall almost exactly where the original

Standard Times - June 13, 1957

Sun and Dignitaries Greet Mayflower II



(Cape Cod Standard-Times Photos)
It was Mayflower II Day in Provincetown yesterday when the replica of the famed Pilgrim ship came into the Cape-tip harbor to conclude the first leg of its long journey from England. At the left the ship, sails furled, floats in the harbor. At the right, the signing of the Mayflower Compact is re-enacted. (Other pictures on Page 8).

Sun, Dignitaries Greet Replica

(Continued from Page 1)

Guard cutter and exchanged greetings with her husband after the ship had been cleared. Some wit remarked it "must have been her twin . . . since Plymouth Reception Committee reported she spent the day there."

First man aboard the Mayflower II, 12 minutes after it moored, was Dr. Daniel H. Hiebert, U.S. Public Health Service officer in Provincetown. He said all 33 men were in "exceptionally fine health and spirits." About the only thing they needed, he reported, were shaves. After extending his personal "good wishes" to the Captain and crew, Dr. Hiebert permitted dignitaries and town officials aboard for presentation ceremonies.

Commander Villiers was presented with a scroll signed by several hundred Cape Cod dignitaries. Louis Cataldo, president of Tales of Cape Cod, Inc., made the presentation after a welcoming speech by Chairman of Selectmen Joseph Lema Jr. the first American officially to greet the ship and crew.

Also included in shipside ceremonies was a speech by Senator Edward C. Stone of Oyster Harbors and presentation of a commemorative medal by Horace Hallett to Captain Villiers.

Compact Signed

A re-enactment of the signing of the Mayflower Compact by Provincetown natives dressed in Pilgrim costumes was transferred from the Great Cabin to the poopdeck of the high-riding ship. It was explained the cabin was "too small to accommodate everyone since it is about half the size of an ordinary living room." Poet of the Dunes Harry Kemp was the first person to sign the historic document.

Thousands of persons lined the shoreline from Nauset Light at Eastham to New Beach in Provincetown early in the morning to catch a glimpse of the historic vessel. The weather conditions were not too conducive for a good view but the people seemed

Cape Cod Standard Mayflower II Co-Sponsor Appears on TV

PROVINCETOWN, June 13—Warwick Charleton, one of the co-sponsors of the Mayflower II, was a guest on Garry Moore's "I've Got a Secret" television show, appearing as a final guest shortly before 10 last night, and gave a brief account of the Atlantic voyage which ended at Provincetown yesterday.

Mr. Charleton was not a contestant on the show but appeared briefly and, in answer to questions, outlined some of the highlights of the voyage.

He appeared in Pilgrim costume as he told the master of ceremonies they were the only clothes available.

He was the only man who made the trip on the Mayflower II to get ashore and was returned to the vessel for its morning sail today to Plymouth. Accompanying him on the flight to New York from Provincetown Airport were John Lowe and Felix Finston, also sponsors of the ship, who had boarded the sailing vessel after it reached the Atlantic coast.

The trio was flown to New York in a Provincetown-Boston Airline plane piloted by Normand Paulhus, with Thomas Jones as co-pilot.

Cape Cod Standard Newspapermen Throng Cape-tip

School Closes Early for Rites

PROVINCETOWN, June 13—More than 100 press representatives were in town yesterday for the Mayflower II greeting, William W. McKellar, executive secretary of the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce reported. He said 12 to 15 London newspapermen had been in town since Sunday covering preparations for the arrival.

* * * * *
Provincetown Junior - Senior High School closed at noon to allow students to witness the historic occasion.

* * * * *
It appeared that most of the out-of-town visitors came from the Cape itself, with not too many cars noted from other States.

* * * * *
Regular police, auxiliary policemen and six State Patrolmen aided in handling traffic. They described it as heaviest around noon. An estimated 6,000 persons came for the ceremony.

* * * * *
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Grand Rapids, Mich., told of timing their vacation to coincide with the arrival of Mayflower II. They said it was "enjoyable" and they were glad they came to Provincetown instead of Plymouth because "there was too much of a carnival atmosphere across the bay." Mrs. Johnson said she "was so impressed with the area she was taking a jar of sand back to put in her shoes from time to time."

* * * * *
Only one injury was reported in connection with the trans-Atlantic crossing—Herrick Herrick, a Hollywood motion picture director in charge of filming the entire trip, received facial cuts and bruises when a wave slammed him to the deck of a motor launch in the crowded harbor.

Cape Cod Standard Cape Cod Scroll Cites Replica Trip

PROVINCETOWN, June 13—Scroll presented to Captain Alan Villiers by Louis Cataldo, president of Tales of Cape Cod, Inc., reads as follows: "In ye name of God, Amen.

"To Captain Villiers and his company, We the people of Cape Cod greet you and your good ship Mayflower II, as you proudly sail into Provincetown Harbor. It is with great pleasure, as well as pride, that we welcome you to

Cape Cod Standard Times Press, Official Party Board Mayflower at Provincetown

PROINCETOWN, June 13—As a result of vigorous protests by newspapermen and photographers aboard the reception committee boat Charlotte in Provincetown Harbor yesterday, consent finally was granted to about 80 newspaper representatives and dignitaries to board the Mayflower II at her mooring in the harbor.

Among those who clambered over the side of the replica of the 1620 ship were Paul Stiles, manager of Stations WOCB-WOCB-FM, and Ed Semprini, newscaster for the stations.

"Unbelievable and amazing" were their descriptions of the wooden ship as they inspected the crew quarters, galley, the

captain's quarters and below decks.

They said they found it hard to believe that men could live and sail a boat of this type some 3,000 miles across the Atlantic and secondly, and that more than 100 original Pilgrims could ever have survived that trip in 1620 under even more adverse conditions.

The two WOCB representatives were among the first reporters to interview Captain Villiers aboard the craft and also his wife, who had boarded the Mayflower from the Coast Guard ship in the harbor after transferring from the committee boat.

During the interview on board

Captain Villers said, "The ship handled beautifully; she sailed perfectly, and could easily make the return trip to England if she had to." He praised the crew and particularly the cook.

He told how men used sea water for all purposes except drinking, and how the crew collected rainfall for that purpose.

He said the ship suffered only negligible damage on the 53-day crossing, and that was a mast that split but only slightly.

The newsmen spoke with many members of the crew, virtually all of whom said they would make the trip again.

However, at the reception

Rear-Admiral Donald MacMillan

told the group that in his talk with Captain Villiers, the Mayflower skipper said, "Never again."

The visit to the Mayflower was described as a thrilling experience. Other Cape residents, who inspected or took part in ceremonies aboard the replica, were Louis Cataldo, president of Tales of Cape Cod Tales, Inc.; Horace Hallett, head of the Provincetown reception committee; William Cabral, postmaster of Provincetown, who made the first official delivery; Norman H. Cook, executive secretary of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Cook; and Sheriff Donald P. Tulloch.

Cape Cod Standard

Proclamation Greets Vessel

Cape-tip Selectmen Welcome Mayflower

PROINCETOWN, June 13—Proclamation delivered by chairman of Provincetown selectmen Joseph Lema Jr. aboard Mayflower II follows:

"Know Ye that We, the Government and People of the historic Town of Provincetown, the First Landing Place of the Pilgrims, conscious of the True Worth and Meaning of this Memorable Moment, do hereby bid heartfelt Welcome to a sturdy Ship, the Mayflower II, and her valiant crew of dauntless Venturers.

"Setting forth, in the Grace of Almighty God, as did your hardy prototypes of 337 years ago, from the Port of Plymouth in England to your ultimate destination in our esteemed neighbor town of Plymouth, you have attested your fidelity to History by stopping first in the waters of this ancient Town of Provincetown, on Cape Cod, where your forefathers first touched foot on the soil of the Western Hemisphere.

"Your forebears came into these waters and onto this land to seek the priceless benediction of Freedom.

"It is not Freedom from oppression that drove you forth from your native land in this year of Grace 1957, for that Freedom you and we now share in Divinely appointed bounty.

"There is but one freedom that we are now empowered to confer upon you, our distinguished guests. And as your first hosts in this our glorious land, we delight to bestow it on you.

"To the matchless Mayflower II, we therefore, in the name of the people of all America, are privileged to extend unbounded Welcome. To you, Captain Alan Villiers, and to your incomparable crew, we are honored to bestow the Freedom of our Waters, the Freedom of our Land, and the Freedom of our Hearts.

"Given this historic 12th day of the month of June in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven, under our Hand and Seal, and speaking with the full voice of the American People.

The Selectmen for the People of Provincetown, Joseph Lema, Francis Santos, Joseph Bent, Frank Henderson, Joseph Ferreira."

Cape Cod Standard Visitors Throng Provincetown For Exercises

Ceremonies Held On Shore, Reliving Scenes of Pilgrims

PROINCETOWN, June 13—Thousands of visitors thronged Provincetown yesterday for the Mayflower II reception. Police reported the influx was slow but picked up tempo around noon and reached its peak in mid-afternoon when off-Cape visitors reached the Cape-tip. By nightfall the town was back to normal.

Most of the visitors came to take a look at the 17th-Century replica from Town Wharf, take a trip through the harbor in an excursion boat and watch the shore-side ceremonies at the bas-relief across from Town Hall.

With a backdrop of the original signing of the Mayflower Compact giving authenticity to the program, some residents of Provincetown, dressed in Pilgrim costume, re-enacted the affair claimed as the "initial step toward constitutional government and a forerunner of the United States Constitution."

Crowd Waits
Combined choirs from St. Peter the Apostle Church, St. Mary of the Harbor Church and Provincetown Methodist church entertained spectators, waited from 3 until 6:30 p.m. for ceremonies to start.

The Rev. Gilman Lane, pastor of Provincetown Methodist Church and chairman of shore-side ceremonies, welcomed the crowd and the Rev. Francis M. Coady, assistant pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Church, offered a prayer of thanksgiving, reminding the audience they "should be thankful for the safe voyage of Mayflower II and mindful of the original voyage of the Pilgrims."

Town Manager James V. Coyne Jr. extended greetings from the town and recalled the Mayflower Compact, "recognized by historians as the first written constitution . . . an ideal charter of freedom anywhere." He pointed out it was little wonder Provincetown could be proud of its heritage.

A short dramatization of the signing of the Compact was portrayed by persons in Pilgrim costume. Harry Kemp, poet of the dunes, led the ceremony as he had on board the Mayflower II replica.

Enforced Absence

While the signing was taking place, Town Crier Thomas Hennessy read the Compact to the assemblage and the choir sang "O God Our Help in Ages Past." Mr. Lane offered a prayer to close the colorful ceremony.

State Senator Edward C. Stone of Oyster Harbors extended greetings to Mayflower II and commented on the absence of the "valiant skipper and crew—an absence enforced by immigration and customs officials."

He noted the crossing of the broad Atlantic could have been accomplished by only one other man, "Provincetown's own Rear-Admiral Donald B. MacMillan," famed Arctic explorer.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary
State House, Boston 33

Edward J. Cronin

Secretary of the Commonwealth

June 12, 1957.

I Hereby Certify the Attached to be a
True Photostatic Copy.



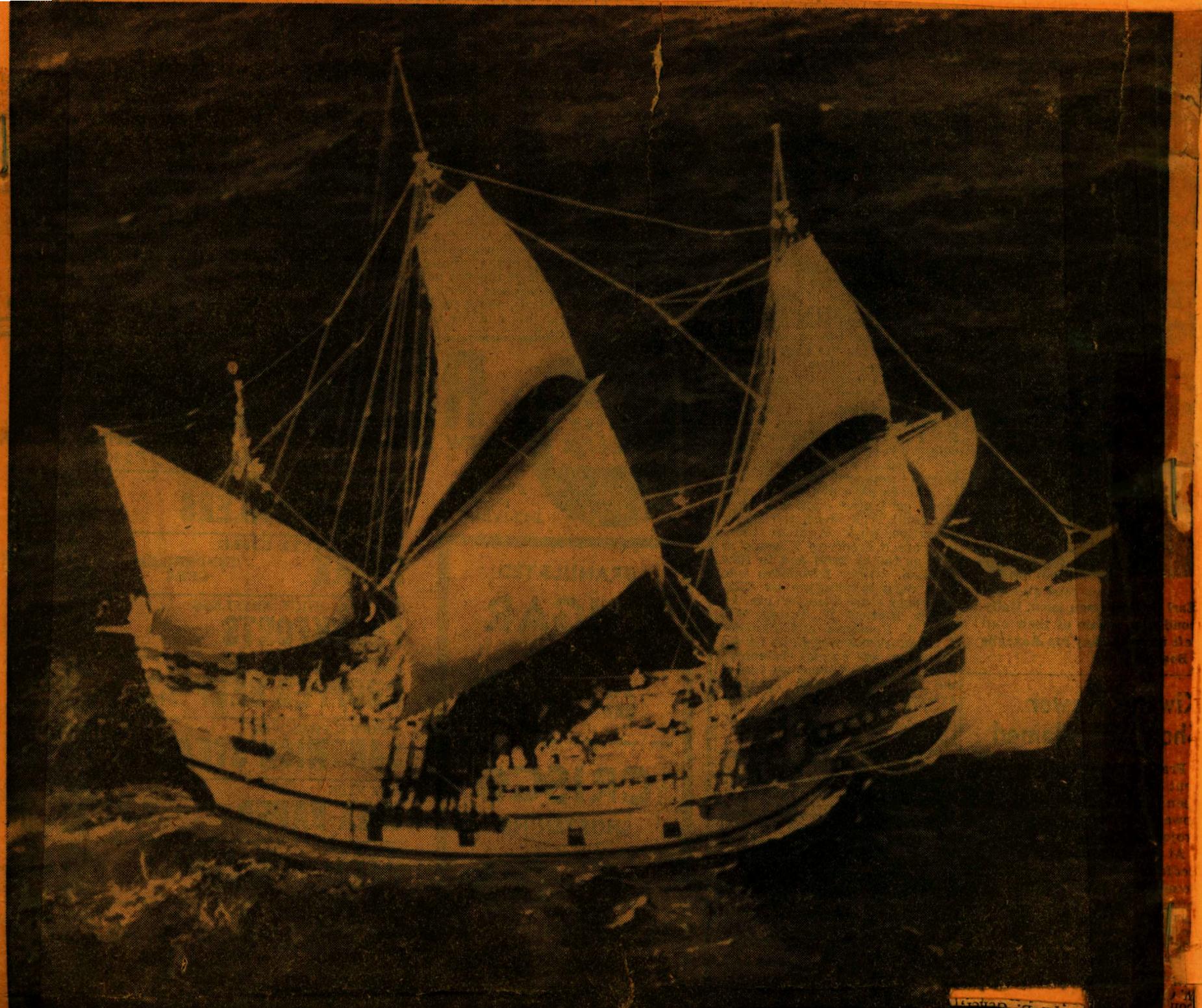
Witness the Great Seal of the Commonwealth.

Edward J. Cronin

EDWARD J. CRONIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

New Bedford
June 6, 1957



MAYFLOWER UNDER FULL SAIL.—Reaping the benefits of a stiff breeze, Mayflower II sails through waters some 200 miles southwest of Bermuda.

Associated Press Radio

You are hereby appointed as a member of the COMMITTEE TO WELCOME MAYFLOWER II on its arrival at Provincetown, Massachusetts, tentatively set for early next Spring.

It is imperative that this committee become organized at the earliest possible date for the performance of a very important function relative to the arrival in Provincetown Harbor of the MAYFLOWER II. It is the desire of this board that you kindly accept this ~~responsible~~ appointment of responsibility in behalf of our historic town.

For organizational purposes, and, in order that the committee may elect a permanent chairman, the first meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. 8 November, 1956, at the First National Bank.

In order to initiate the desires as outlined in above paragraph, Mr. Horace F. Hallett, President of the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association, has been selected as temporary chairman, until such time as a permanent chairman is elected by the members of the committee.

The following members have this date been appointed to this committee:

Ralph S. Carpenter	Irving T. McDonald	Admr. Donald B. MacMillan
John C. Vansdale	Mrs. John C. Van Arsdale	-Mrs. Anthone C. Tarvers
Rev. Leo. J. Duart	Capt. A.D. Turhull	Mrs. Leslie Baumgarter
Manuel F. Patrick	Horace F. Hallett	Paul G. Lambert
Myric C. Young	Neil A. Nickerson	James V. Cayne
Herbert L. Mayo	Harry Kemp	Miss Edith L. Bush
	Mrs. Daniel C. Merrill.	

Very truly yours,

~~XxxxxxxXxxCayne.~~

Since it is impracticable for the selectmen to attend all meetings, they have designated Mr. James V. Cayne, Town Manager, to represent them.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wm V. Coyne Jr.
May 23, 1957

Mr. Harry Fraser
Division of Beaches
State House
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

The Provincetown Mayflower II Committee has requested that I contact you about the cleaning of the large monument across the street from Town Hall. The grounds are being kept in excellent condition but nothing has been done as yet to clean the stains from the bronze or to point the granite seams.

The Committee is planning some sort of service at this monument in connection with welcoming the Mayflower II, and they are concerned that visiting officials should see the monument in its present condition. If your department is making arrangements to have this work done, I would appreciate being advised as to the estimated completion date so that I may notify the Committee.

Very truly yours,

James V. Coyne, Jr.
Town Manager

JVC:mcg

October 9, 1958

Mr. Henry Hornblower, President
Plymouth Plantation Inc.
Plymouth, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The Provincetown Board of Selectmen, understanding that the Mayflower II is to be permanently enshrined in Plymouth soon after Thanksgiving Day, have asked me to request of your group that this wonderful gift of the British people to the American people be allowed to come once more to Provincetown Harbor.

For many years now, Mr. Harry Kemp of Provincetown has had a group in Pilgrim costume re-enact the First Landing annually on November 21. Although the ceremonies held on shore are very realistic, he has used a fishing vessel to bring the "Pilgrims" in to the harbor. Our Selectmen feel that this is the one year in which it would be possible for Mr. Kemp to stage a completely realistic First Landing pageant, and they ask your cooperation in making the Mayflower II available for this purpose.

Very truly yours,

James V. Coyne, Jr.
Town Manager

JVC:mcc

PLIMOTH PLANTATION



BOX 1620

PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS
Tel: Plymouth 348

Cable: Plimtation

FIRST HOUSE OF PLIMOTH PLANTATION
From a wood engraving by T. W. Nason

Mr. James V. Coyne, Jr.
Town Manager
Provincetown, Mass.

Dear Mr. Coyne:

There is really nothing very complicated about lending you the Pilgrim Shallop so far as we are concerned. It's just that, for the sake both of the people and the boat, we'd want to be sure that someone with a good deal of sailing and boat handling experience was in charge and that he had competent help. I'm afraid that all of those around here who have had much experience with the Shallop are too tied up at that period to take the time necessary for this expedition. But I should think there ought to be plenty of qualified persons in Provincetown. If they are going to sail the vessel (and for dramatic effect I think she should be sailed), the skipper and one or two of his top hands ought to drop over here ahead of time as there are a couple of tricks about handling her rig that can best be demonstrated. I would assume the simplest way to get her to Provincetown would be by tow. We have towed her very easily at a good 10 knots with a 32 ft., 210 H.P. sports fisherman.

I assume you would want to get the Shallop a day or two ahead of time and would return her the day after the observance or as soon thereafter as weather permitted. Also that your group would be responsible for righting any damage or other losses not covered by our insurance and for any actual out-of-pocket expenses. Under the above arrangement, I do not anticipate that we would have any such expenses, but you might.

If the above appeals generally, perhaps some one (or more) of you would like to come over and discuss details.

Sincerely,

David B. Freeman
Director

dbf/rft

Mayflower II

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Pilgrim Fathers, in their quest for religious freedom in a new land, first set foot on American soil on the shores of Provincetown, precinct of Cape Cod, Massachusetts on November 21, 1620, and,

WHEREAS the first great draft of our democratic form of government in this new land was made and signed and designated the Mayflower Compact in Provincetown Harbor on November 21, 1620, in the cabin of the Mayflower:

NOW THEREFORE as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, I hereby proclaim November 21, 1958 to be First Landing Day and it is respectfully urged that the people of Provincetown by appropriate ceremonies and celebrations commemorate the signing of the Compact and the First Landing of the Pilgrims in Provincetown, and wherever possible attend and assist in the re-enactment of the Landing of the Pilgrims at the west end of Commercial Street near the breakwater at noon on Friday, November 21, 1958.

Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of November, 1958

Joseph Lena, Jr., Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Mayflower Arrival Awaited at Cape-tip

Ship Reported Off Norfolk

Cape Scroll Signed To Honor Villiers

PROVINCETOWN, June 8—Provincetown Mayflower II reception Committee has readied final plans for the possible arrival Monday of the replica of the 17th Century Pilgrim ship, which the Coast Guard says will rendezvous tomorrow noon off Nantucket Lightship with the tug Yankton.

Latest position radioed to Chatham Radiomarine Station at 5 a.m. today by Commander Alan Villiers placed the vessel at 36 degrees, 58 minutes north and 69 degrees, 46 minutes west, or almost opposite Norfolk, Va. Commander Villiers said his speed was 4 knots, the course "northeast by north" and "all well" among the crew.

Only addition to the previously announced program at Provincetown will be the presentation of a scroll to Commander Villiers containing the signatures of several hundred Cape dignitaries. Louis Cataldo, president of Tales of Cape Cod, Inc., and Miss Dorothy Worrell of Centerville will present the scroll.

Reception Schedule

Horace Hallett, chairman of the reception committee, announced today that "if the Mayflower II arrives before 10:30 a.m. Monday, boatside ceremonies will proceed immediately. After this service, the flotilla will go ashore and re-enact the signing of the Compact at the bas relief across from Town Hall."

If the ship arrives between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Mr. Hallett continued, boatside ceremonies will be at 3, with shore-side services following. He added "different arrangements will be announced if the ship arrives in the harbor after 3."

A reception will be held at the Flagship for visiting dignitaries after the two services.

Mr. Hallett said boat and identification insignia and assignment to boats can be obtained at Chamber of Commerce headquarters at the head of Town Wharf.

Visitors Instructed

Visitors who are uncertain where to park were asked to contact the first patrolman they see. He will direct them to parking lots where transportation will be provided to Town Wharf.

Boatswain Warrant Officer Leonard E. Tarvers, commander of Nauset Coast Guard Station, said two boats from Race Point Station have been assigned to surveillance patrol after the Mayflower II enters the harbor, and a third boat from Cape Cod Canal Station will transport Immigration and Customs officials to the ship's side.

Mayflower II Is Be Calmed Off Nantucket

Arrival Time At Cape-tip Now Seen Uncertain

CHATHAM, June 10—Winds of fresh gale force which slowed down the northerly travel of Mayflower II over the weekend have now died down and the vessel is becalmed about 60 miles south of Nantucket Lightship, Chatham Radiomarine Corporation Station reported today.

Commander Allan Villiers reported at 9 a.m. the vessel was making "about 2 knots" and was becalmed.

Weather Bureau at Logan International Airport in Boston said there was "a generally stagnant condition in the area" and they could not foresee "much change within the next 24 hours." The wind then should be out of the southwest. Nantucket reported this morning 10-mile-an-hour winds were blowing over the island.

Plans for reception of the replica in Provincetown and Plymouth are now finalized, awaiting hourly reports of the vessel. It isn't known whether the Coast Guard tug Yankton, supposed to meet the Mayflower II this afternoon, will tow the ship into port or whether Commander Villiers is going to sail directly into Provincetown.

The 110-foot tug Yankton, in Provincetown Harbor for the weekend, left at 8:20 today and later radioed to the Race Point Coast Guard Station she was proceeding to the vicinity of Nantucket Light ship to rendezvous with the Mayflower. The rendezvous time was expected to be about 8 tonight.

Tug Role in Doubt
Wharfinger John Silva reported traffic on Town Wharf at Provincetown yesterday was heavy, with visitors hoping to get a glimpse of the famous vessel.

To Re-enact Compact
Actual dramatization of the signing of the Mayflower Compact will take place at the bas relief at the Cape-tip following the formal welcome of the ship at its mooring just inside Long Point.

This will include signing by residents in costume and is expected to include poet of the dunes Harry Kemp.

The signing of the compact will take place on an old 16-foot ship's table and will be done with a quill-type pen. While the signing is in process, Town Crier Thomas Hennessey will read the compact.

Town Manager James V. Coyne Jr. will deliver a talk at the plaque while Chairman of Selectmen Joseph Lema Jr. will welcome the boat at its mooring, reading a proclamation which is being drafted by selectmen and the town manager.

Services Slated

Services of thanksgiving will be conducted both on shore and at the ship's side and combined choirs on shore will sing the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past." Mrs. Herbert Stranger Jr. will lead in singing of "America."

The committee this morning said the additional time afforded because of the delay in arrival will allow members to "square away" plans in relation to boats needed to welcome the sailing craft. These boats, to be used by committee members, town officials and the press are expected to be from Coast Guard auxiliary units from several off-Cape points. Other plans are flexible enough to go into effect at a moment's notice, they said.

Plaques and markers in Provincetown memorializing the town's part in the Pilgrim's history were getting a facelifting this morning, with both State and town crews busy preparing them