

And now we have the Provincetown Methodist Church building their new Church on Shank Painter Road (which was almost called "Hell Town Road!" - see preceding page). Previous happenings to this Center Methodist Church may be found in this book at the location of Commercial and Center Streets, before the Town Wharf.

Methodist Church Sold-- Bought For Art Museum

The sale of the Provincetown Methodist Church to Walter Chrysler, Jr., art connoisseur and heir to the automobile fortune, for the establishment of an art museum was consummated Monday following a meeting of the official board of the church on Sunday.

The 98 year old church will be made into the Cape's first art museum, housing world-famed paintings, including many from the extensive Chrysler collection.

The estimated purchase price of \$40,000 will be used in the construction of a new church on Shank Painter Road.

Announcement of the sale was made jointly by Mr. Chrysler and the Rev. Gilman L. Lane, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Simultaneously Mr. Chrysler said he is forming a charitable corporation to be known as the Chrysler Art Museum of Provincetown Inc., for the purpose generally of creating a museum for the preservation and exhibition of works of art; making, maintaining, and exhibiting collections of such works and generally promoting, and encouraging and fostering advancements of the cultural interests of the town of Provincetown and of Cape Cod.

Because of limitations that the existing structure presented to religious and social activities of the church, a survey was instituted 18 months ago and completed last Fall by the Philadelphia office of architects of the National Methodist Church, employing the firm of Hellman and Wilson, architects of Falmouth and construction engineering consultants, Ernest Lavalley of Boston.

This survey revealed the structure to be inadequate for the proper functioning of a church in this community without an expenditure of about \$185,000 to completely renovate and remodel the church edifice to meet the specifications and requirements of Methodist churches.

Since last Fall church leaders have been considering alternate sites starting a building program. It has been estimated for a cost of \$119,000 such a church can be constructed and a site has been selected off Shank Painter Road.

Methodist Church Oct. 1 To Hold Services 1958 In Masonic Hall

This Sunday, October 5, the Provincetown Methodist Church will observe World-Wide Communion Sunday, with services once again at the regular hour of 11 a. m., and the first fall sessions of the Sunday School to begin at 9:45. Mrs. Adelaide Gregory will hold Organ Meditations at 10:45 a. m., with all of the Church services and activities, being held as of this Sunday, in the Masonic Dining Hall on Commercial Street. Until the new Methodist Church is ready for use sometime in the Spring, the Masonic Hall will be used, through the courtesy of the Masonic Building Association. Entrance to the dining hall from either Commercial or Bradford Streets is by way of Masonic Place.

SITE OF PROPOSED NEW METHODIST CHURCH



Proposed site for new structure of Provincetown Methodist Church at Shank Painter Road and Brown Street. Bradford Street may be seen in the background. The land is now owned by Mrs. Florence Waldin.

Trustees were authorized in February to name a fund-raising committee and to go ahead with plans for a new church. A special quarterly conference in connection with the morning service Sunday was held and trustees were authorized to complete negotiations for the sale. This was approved by the Rev. J. Kenneth Pearson, district superintendent of the New Bedford District of the Methodist Church.