

Photo by Dick Medeiros

While the Historical Museum on Commercial Street, popular attraction for visitors, has been closed this Summer, a new museum building has been taking shape in the shadow of the Pilgrim Memorial Monument. Of concrete block and steel construction it is being built by Jean Kaeslau with Richard S. Gallagher, the architect. Shown above is the rear of the new building.

The new building is a part of the Pilgrim Memorial area and will be tied in with a visit to the monument as admission to the museum will also admit visitors to the monument. The one-story building is about 34 feet in width and 120 feet in length. There will be 14 alcoves about 11 by 8 feet with 7-foot partitions, each devoted to individual museum collections. The Arctic treasures brought home by Admiral Donald B. MacMillan will occupy a much larger section, extending across one end. There will also be a Colonial kitchen and a Captain's parlor. Along the aisles will be cases for the display of small objects.

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Provincetown Museum drew 85,000 visitors this summer

The operations figures of attendance at the museum attached to the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Monument at Provincetown have shown totals which exceed even the most optimistic forecasts of museum officials.

Opening in mid-May without any

preliminary publicity or advertising, the attendance by the closing date, a few weeks hence, will be approximately 85,000 persons, some 60 percent above the most sanguine estimates.

AS a result of this most suc-

cessful season the museum authorities have started an expansion program which will increase the attractiveness of the exhibits for all visitors.

Two new sections for displays are to be added to the existing nine to permit additional exhibits, which include a reproduction with original period furniture of the living room of a Cape Cod sea captain's residence of the 1800-1825 period. This is being done with the help of experts in the subject.

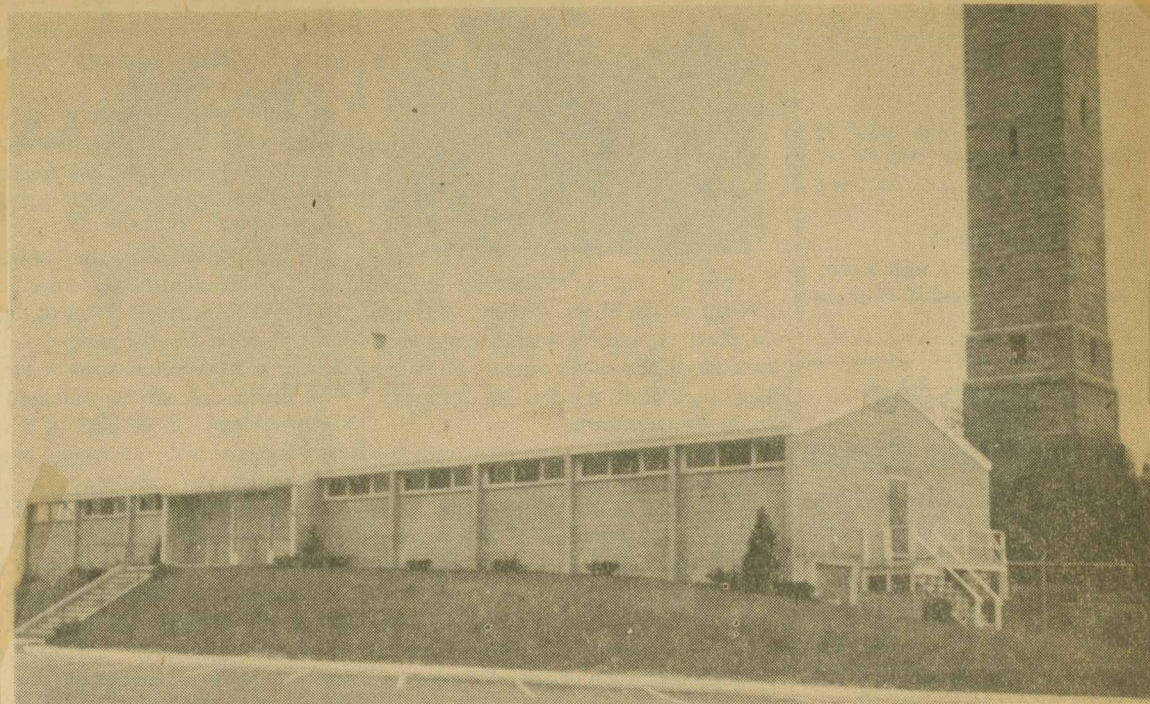
Additionally the museum authorities have contributed \$1,000 to

move a sandhill near the property to enlarge the nearby town athletic field and playground. This will also increase the parking lot adjacent to the museum, and relieve this year's congestion there.

As a part of the building extension, there will be installed a large modern comfort station for the use of museum visitors and also those patronizing the athletic field and playground.

The museum authorities plan an aggressive advertising campaign to acquaint summer visitors with what the museum has and will have to offer. Thus with the cooperation of the local press, chambers of commerce and motel interests, the field of interest for visitors will be widened.

Provincetown Museum Plans Expansion After Peak Season



Well over 80,000 persons visited the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Monument and Museum in Provincetown this year, according to museum officials. This estimate, for the season lasting from mid-May to the beginning of this month, is some 60 percent over the pre-season forecasts and over twice the total for last year.

Because of the unusually large at-

tendance the museum is planning an expansion program for additional exhibits and increased physical facilities. This will include the construction of two new 12 foot sections to be added to the nine present ones, to provide for new exhibits including a reproduction of the original period furniture of the living room of a Cape Cod sea captain's residence from the early 19th

Century.

Below the 24-foot building extension will be provided large, modern rest-rooms for the free use of museum visitors and patrons of the nearby Motta Memorial Field and playground. In addition, the museum authorities are contributing \$1,000 to the expansion work on the athletic field, which will also enlarge the museum parking lot.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1961

Mrs. Mary Sparrow Dies, Was Co-founder Of Historical Museum

Mrs. Mary Evelyn Sparrow, a native of Provincetown and co-founder of the Historical Museum here, died on Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph S. Barrow of Barnstable. She was 98 and was the widow of Capt. William Chester Sparrow of the U. S. Lifesaving Service.

A lifelong resident of Provincetown, Mrs. Sparrow was the daughter of the late Andrew Thomas and Evelina N. Soper Williams and was a member of

the Provincetown Methodist Church. She had made her home here with her sister, Miss Nina S. Williams of 73 Commercial Street and for the past nine years had wintered with her daughter in Barnstable. Other survivors in addition to Mrs. Barrow and Miss Williams are another daughter, Mrs. Gertrude M. Spooner of Boston and two nephews and a niece.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Barnstable by the Rev. Paul Clark Martin, rector, and burial was in Provincetown Cemetery.