

The building of Railroad wharf goes briskly on.

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### Officials Expect Pier Construction To Start Here With Advent Of Spring

Mid-March or early April is now seen as the probable time for starting the actual construction of the new Provincetown municipal wharf, as the result of a recent conference in Boston of Cape End officials with Department of Public Works engineers, described by the Selectmen at the open meeting Monday night. Also that the Boston meeting was Rodolphe G. Besette, director of the Division of Waterways.

the Snail Road and Winthrop Streets intersections to direct tourists to the town. According to the Selectmen these signs have been made and will soon be erected.

Provincetown Selectmen and Town Manager Thomas M. Libby were impressed by the vast amount of preliminary detail work which must be done on paper before actual construction on the big project can be started. Chairman of Selectmen Francis A. Santos said that at the present rate of progress, the advertisements for bids would probably be published early in February. Prospective bidders will be permitted possibly a month to study both the plans and the harbor location of the new pier.

Selectman Santos said that the "T" at the end of the wharf will be 230 feet long, with 50 feet extending west of the end of the wharf and the balance east; that the fish houses and all commercial fishing business would be on the east side of the wharf, with party boats tied along the west side. On the west side also would be the pedestrian walk, he said.

The wharf will be approximately 10 feet east of the present structure and its construction will interfere little with activity on the old pier.

Included in the group of Provincetown officials in Boston were the Town Manager and Selectmen Santos, Frank Henderson and Clarence Kacergis.

Town Manager said that so far as he could ascertain no action had been taken on the plan for the West End traffic rotary apart from the allocation of funds for the work.

It was brought out at the Monday night meeting that signs along the new Route 6 were needed at

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The present pier will remain in use during construction of the new one which will be erected east and parallel to the present one. The new structure will be about 1200 feet long, with a "T" wharf 227 feet by 54-feet supported by concrete beams on wooden piles with a concrete deck and 24-foot roadway. On the north side of the pier there will be a two-story concrete block building. The lower floor will be used for fish processing, and the upper story for storage. Street lighting will be installed on the new structure and there will be an eight-foot wide walkway on the south side. Electrical and water supplies for ship's service will also be installed.

More than 90,000 cubic yards of material will be dredged in three locations to 12-feet, 14-feet and 16-feet at mean low water.

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### August 1 Is Date Set To Start Work Constructing \$600,000 Cape End Wharf

A week from Monday work will be started on one of the biggest construction jobs ever undertaken in Provincetown, with the possible exception of the Pilgrim Memorial Monument for on August 1 the Westcott Construction Company of North Attleboro will begin the building of the new municipal pier at a cost that will probably exceed \$600,000.

the \$225,000 bond issue for the Town's share in the cost. To this will be added \$68,000 in cash which the Town has available. It is expected that the construction company will start moving some of its heavy equipment into the harbor even before August 1 to have it ready when the deadline for the work is reached.

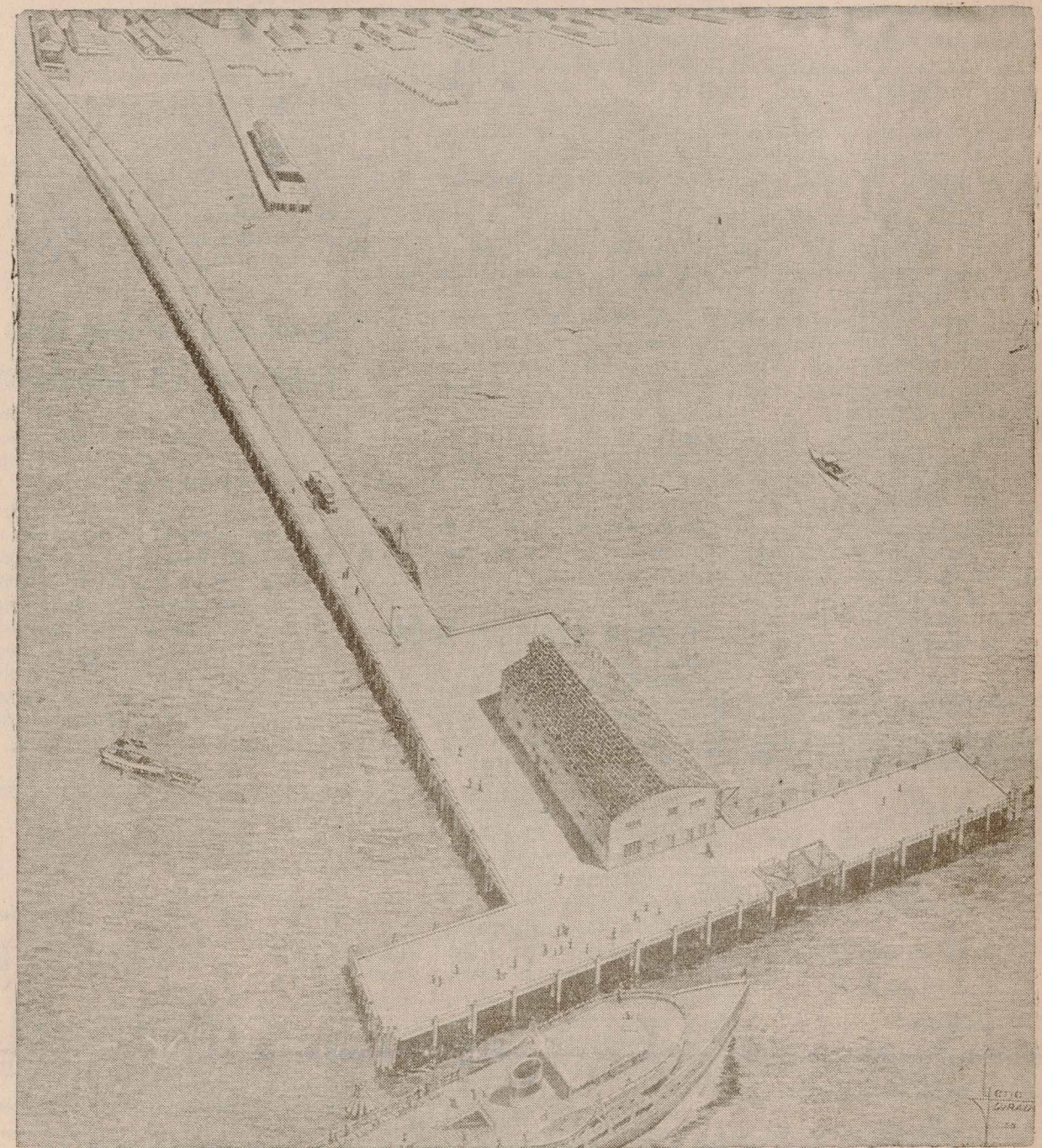
A slight delay in the start of construction, Town Manager Thomas M. Libby explained, has been caused by the work of preparing

The contract calls for the completion of the pier in 400 days but if proper weather is encountered for the various types of work it is possible that it could be com-

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## CEREMONY HELD TO MARK BEGINNING OF WORK ON NEW WHARF



A brief, informal ceremony, to mark the beginning of work on the new Town Wharf, was held this morning at 11 a. m. on the old Wharf. Guests were conducted to the Wharf by Thomas M. Libby, Town Manager. Senator Edward C. Stone lifted the

first piling with a peavey; while news cameras ground and photographs were taken. The movies will be shown on TV Channel 4 at 11 p. m. tonight; or tomorrow at 6:30, 7:15 or 11 p. m. Other guests who attended included Rep. Oscar J. Cahoon; Rudolph Bes-

sette, Director of the State Division of Waterways; and members of the Barnstable County Beach Commission including Manuel F. Patrick, of this town; Joseph Sorrenti and John Tulis. Also John C. Snow, President of the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce.