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Our own town may well be proud of Mr. Nathaniel E. Atwood born here 1807, who acquired a national reputation in his own country and whose name was known by European scientists. Though in his youth he had no opportunity for learning he possessed marked natural ability and unusual powers of observation, and during his years of following the sea, he gained great knowledge of the characteristics of fishes.

Mr. Atwood was of great assistance to Dr. Storer when the latter was preparing his "Fishes of Massachusetts" and Dr. Storer called him "the best practical ichthyologist in our state."

In 1852 Prof. Louis Agassiz visited Mr. Atwood in his home on Long Point, and this was the beginning

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of a life-long friendship and correspondence between the two. Through the suggestion of Professor Agassiz Mr. Atwood delivered a course of twelve lectures upon food fishes before the Lowell Institute of Boston. He was chosen a member of the Boston Society of Natural History, of the Institute of Technology in Boston, and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Mr. Atwood served two years as a representative to the legislature and in 1869-1871 was a member of the state senate. For many years he was associated with the United States Fish Commission, to which he rendered important service. Mr. Atwood died in 1886.

House, Garage Bring \$15 -- But !!

PROVINCETOWN, Sept. 13—The often-heard statement that a person can't buy a house cheaply in Provincetown was thoroughly debunked today when it was learned that two Provincetown men had successfully purchased a seven-room house, with garage, on their bid of \$15.

There is a hitch to it, however—although, based on their initial investment, anything they do with it should reward them handsomely.

The house is the abandoned Long Point Coast Guard Station and the 20-by-20-foot garage, which had been converted to a garage from a boathouse. The hitch is that both must be removed within 45 days.

The successful bidders, both

World War II veterans and members of the Provincetown Police Department, are Harold W. MacFarlane and Manuel J. Goveia, neither of whom had been officially notified this morning of their purchase.

Patrolman MacFarlane, who was appraised of the pair's successful bid, said he hadn't been notified, but that the two probably would tear the property down and bring the lumber to Provincetown. Only one method can be used successfully in getting the lumber over by floating it across the harbor, as was done with another group of houses in the 1800s.

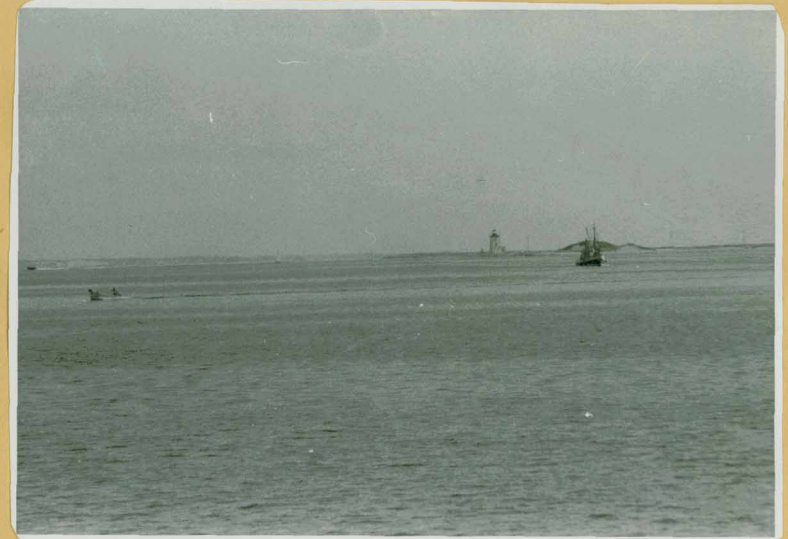
Notification of the successful bid was sent to Coast Guard group office, Nauset, where Chief Boatswain Everett Marshall, officer in charge, said the official notice was dated Thursday.

The building was abandoned by the Coast Guard when Long Point Light was electrified and no one had been living in it for some time. The house is of two-story construction, has heat, but no electricity or running water.

Uncle Bert said that when this Lighthouse was built (the Keeper's House), cement was poured behind the walls because of the strong winds that blew on the Point. Althea went to Mr. MacFarlane after the building was torn down and was given two pieces of slate from the roof of the Keeper's house.



Long Point without the Keeper's House - Sept. 1959



Long Point Light, On Tip End of Cape Cod, Provincetown, Mass.