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## Annual Report, Bangor, Maine: 1949

City of Bangor, Maine

# *Your City Government*



## ANNUAL REPORT BANGOR, MAINE **1949**

Population, 1940 census, 29,882

Area 32.9 square miles



ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
CITY OF BANGOR



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## FOREWORD

During 1949 various improvements were made in civic operations and services but there are still many more improvements left as a future challenge to all of us that we know are needed in order to see our city grow.

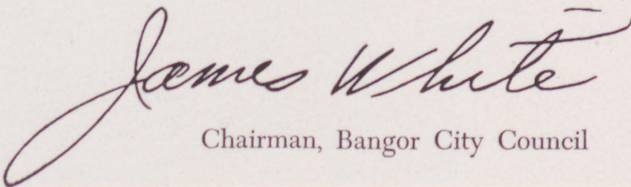
In 1949 plans were made for future school building; new facilities were provided for both study and recreation. The next step in the Wilson report was taken when employment of architects to start the new school project for the West side was authorized but we still have unanswered the need for an expanded school budget that will give an amount sufficient for adequate maintenance and a budget that will enable Bangor to be competitive in the procurement of school teachers.

During 1949 improvements were made to our existing sewer system and additional new sewer lines constructed. But here again we still have areas that need improvement and also areas with no service. We also have not answered the request of many of our people for water service in our outlying districts.

These problems cannot be answered in any one year but rather call for long range planning.

We also recognized in 1949 that we must make further study in the problem of financing a municipal auditorium and steps were made in this direction by the formation of a committee to engage in such a study.

We trust that you feel the year was brought to a successful close as indicated by a substantial cash surplus and by the improvements and the services which were given. The success of operation is due entirely to each employee of the City of Bangor and to each member of the various committees who have given utmost of their cooperation to help make the successful year.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, trailing flourish at the end.

Chairman, Bangor City Council





JAMES F. WHITE, Chairman  
1949 Bangor City Council

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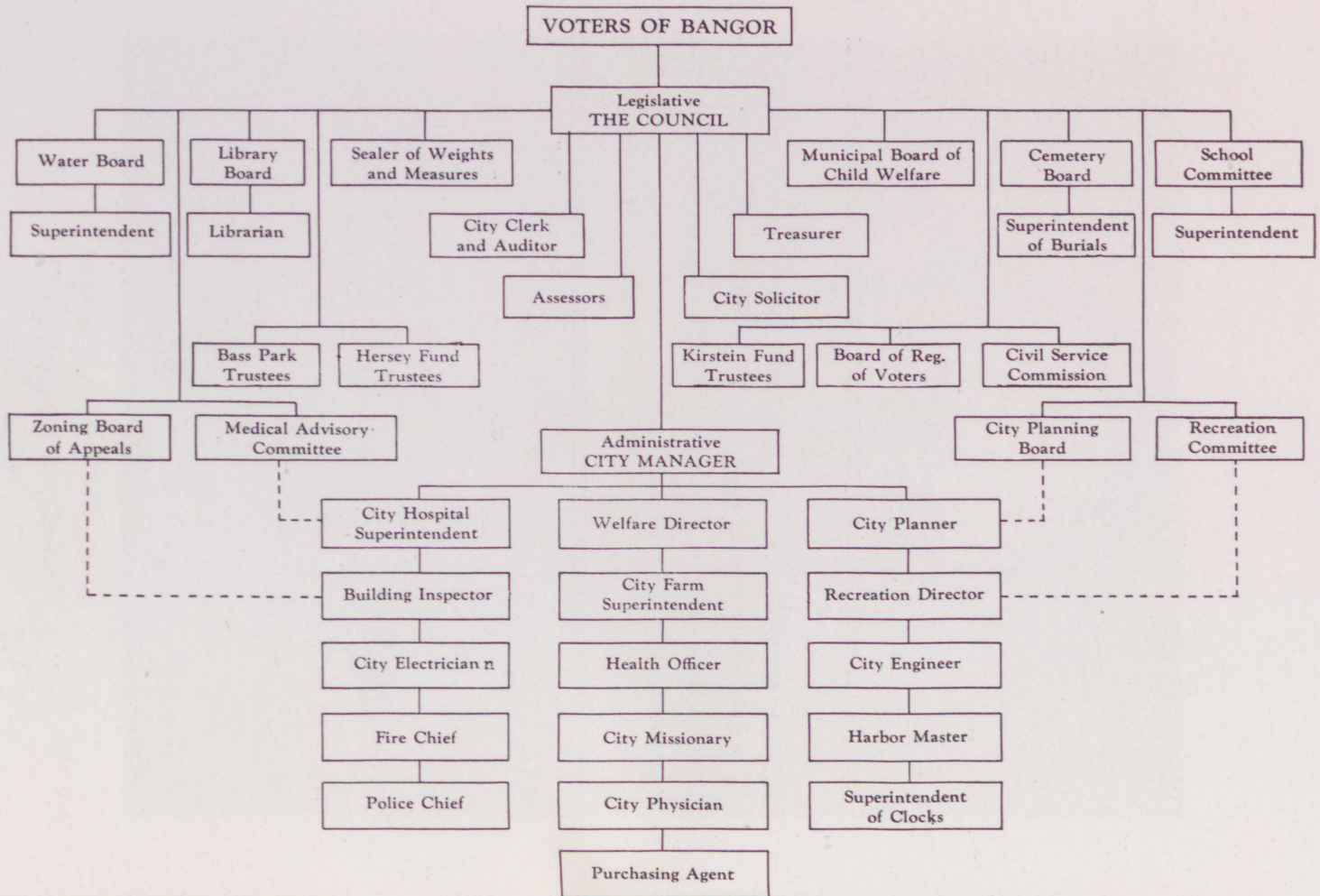
“The Legitimate object of government is to do for a community of people whatever they need to have done but cannot do at all or cannot do so well for themselves in their separate and individual capacities.”—Abraham Lincoln

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# Municipal Organization







BANGOR CITY COUNCIL, 1949

G. Peirce Webber, Charles E. Sheehan, Boutelle Savage, James F. White, Chairman, Charles C. Morris, James A. Hughes, Allan Woodcock, Jr., Frank F. Allen. (Harold E. Kelleher absent)

(Commercial—Morgan)

## BANGOR'S EIGHTEENTH YEAR OF CITY MANAGEMENT

To summarize briefly the progress that was achieved during 1949 by your City Administration:

**Personnel** Further progress was made in employee training. When we consider that more than half of our operating expenditures are for payroll, the importance of learning to do each job with a maximum of efficiency, economy and courtesy cannot be overestimated.

Our Employees' Safety Committee achieved substantial success in reducing on-the-job accidents.

Administrative progress was made through the consolidation of the positions of City Clerk and City Auditor.



#### CITIZENSHIP DAY

Raymond A. Cox, Bangor High School senior and City Manager for the day, dictates to Eleanor Prusaitis, secretary in the Manager's office.

(Commercial-Youngs)

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**Planning** Substantial progress was made in the preparation of a Master Plan for Bangor. Plans and specifications were completed for the proposed new municipal auditorium, and for a portion of the proposed intercepting sewers to eliminate sewage in Kenduskeag Stream.

**Finance** Better budgeting, better expenditure control, more effective central purchasing and more efficient operation produced a year-end operating surplus of \$169,000.

Confidence of investors in our financial policies was responsible for the City borrowing at the exceptionally low net cost of 1.42%, for the financing of our three major capital improvements: the Fairmount School addition, the rebuilding of the City Hospital for the Chronically Ill and the additions to Garland Street Athletic Field.

Our property revaluation project was completed during 1949.





#### CITIZENSHIP DAY

Eugene White, Bangor High School, Superintendent of Public Works for the day, and Wally Gagnon, Bangor High School, City Engineer for the day, check the plans for the new grandstand and fieldhouse at Garland Street Athletic Field.

(Commercial—Morgan)

**Airport** Considerable study was devoted to preparing estimates of receipts and expenditures in an attempt to determine if the City could undertake the operation of Dow Field without financial loss.

The City operated the Bangor-Old Town Airport "in the black" during 1949.

**Public Safety:** High points in progress were the successful change to rotary traffic downtown, stepped-up fire prevention work, and the rat-proofing of the public dump.

The erection of fences along lower Kenduskeag Stream by private owners and City was a high spot in civic cooperation.

A badly needed sprinkler system was installed in the Auditorium. The City's plans for civil defense were brought up to date.



**Public Works:** An exceptionally large volume of sanitary improvements highlighted the City's public works program. All of this department's work was financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. Sewers were completed in Kenduskeag Terrace and Silver Road. Most of the Fifteenth Street sewer was built, and part of the Meadowbrook trunk sewer was put in.

Both the quantity and quality of sidewalk construction was stepped up. An exceptionally extensive program of tree care was carried out.

Financed from earnings of the Harlow Street property, the Public Works Department developed new off-street parking at the rear of the high school, and partially completed the new parking area along the Stream, north of Abbott Square.

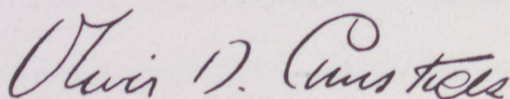
The department increased the economy and efficiency of its operations through the acquisition of several pieces of new equipment, promptly utilizing its new bulldozer to improve the operation of the Essex Street dump.

**Welfare** The outstanding improvement in the City's welfare program was the completion of the rebuilt, re-equipped and re-staffed City Hospital for the Chronically Ill.

**Good Government is** A high degree of citizen cooperation was responsible for much of our civic progress  
**Everybody's Business:** during 1949. It was a pleasure to work with so progressive a Council, and so able a group of boards and citizen committees. Department heads and employees were keenly interested in improving the municipal services rendered by their departments, and in developing new methods for delivering better services.

Your manager is much indebted to Eleanor Prusaitis and Frederick McLaughlin for their able assistance in the preparation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,



City Manager



## CITY HALL CHRISTMAS PARTY

(Seated) Ethel E. Emery, Eleanor D. Prusaitis, Harold L. Miller, Oliver D. Comstock, William J. Largay, Eleanor D. Harper, Daniel L. McClay, (standing) Chief John B. Toole, Chief William J. Nelligan, Jay E. Alley, Merle F. Goff, James L. MacLeod, James M. Walsh, Dr. Harry D. McNeil, Dr. Leo P. Stollar, and Frederick A. McLaughlin, Jr. (Commercial—Morgan)

## CONTINUED WIDE INTEREST IN BANGOR'S COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT

Your City Manager's secretary is best known to our citizens for her efficient handling of citizen suggestions for improved municipal services. Less well known to the public is the service she renders to inquiring folk from outside of Bangor.

**From Far** Two requests for information came from England; one from Mexico; three from Canada; four from Ohio;  
**Away Places** three each from New York and Pennsylvania; two each from California, Maryland and Tennessee; one each from New Hampshire, Indiana, Illinois, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Alabama, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Texas; ten from other localities in Maine.

**To Talk of** The requests ranged from help in finding lost eye glasses (which a bus driver found and returned),  
**Many Things** lost relatives, fishing, potatoes, credit bureaus, employment, Community Chest, hospitals, homes for the aged, banks, attorneys, camera shops and ocean tides.



## How Do you Do It in Bangor?

Questions concerning your city government included one on management problems and two on the preparation of the annual report. Eight inquiries concerned our City's financial services; two, purchasing; two, taxation; one, revaluation; one, financial reporting; one, fire insurance, and one, budgeting.

Six inquirers were interested in public works, including our advance planning for intercepting sewers and the redevelopment of Kenduskeag Stream, street signs, leaf loaders and our plans for adopting the sanitary landfill method of refuse disposal. Three people were interested in building inspection and zoning; one in parking meters; one in rodent control, and one in our airport.

## CITY CLERK

Employees: 3 (1)      Appropriation: \$10,597.00      Per Capita: \$.35

\$\$\$\$\$: The City Clerk's office operated at a profit to the taxpayer in 1949. With expenses of \$10,427.89 and revenue of \$14,331.62, the office ended the year with a surplus of \$3,903.73. This compares with a deficit of \$1,498.99 in 1948, and a deficit of \$281.74 in 1947.

The increase in revenue is due in large measure to new licenses and an increase in contract recordings. The City Council, in consolidating the positions of City Clerk and Auditor, effected a substantial reduction in operating expenses.

**Man-Sized Job:** A total of 3,328 vital records was recorded during 1949. This number is broken down to 1,993 births, 849 deaths, and 486 marriages. Bangor, having approximately 4% of the State's population, records about 9% of its vital statistics.

A total of 13,360 licenses was issued, or approximately 2,400 more than the previous year. This indicates that a license is issued each 8.75 minutes during the City Clerk's office hours.

A total of 4,817 contracts was recorded, in addition to issuing burial permits, notarizing numerous papers, and recording the minutes of each council meeting.



**CITY CLERK AND DEPUTY**

Jay E. Alley, and Archie R. Lovett.

(Bangor Daily News—Maher)

The City Clerk is aided by two office assistants, whose combined service record totals forty-four years. They have an exceptional interest in, and loyalty to their work.

Better public relations has been and will continue to be one of the department's main objectives.

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION**

Employees: 3

Appropriation: \$5,896.00

Per Capita: \$.20

The Board of Registration consists of three members; a chairman, and two members, one Republican, and one Democrat.

**Interest Wanes** During 1949, there were 12,429 registered voters, as compared with 13,058 registered voters for 1948. This loss of 629 voters during the year is accounted for by the loss of persons moving away from the city and state, deaths, and women who have married and have not registered under their new name.



#### PRELUDE TO LAST MINUTE RUSH

Mrs. Hazel McNamara, Mrs. Erminie G. Kelley, Mrs. Mildred M. Merrill.

(Bangor Daily News—Maher)

A continued decrease can be serious in that it indicates a lack of interest on the part of the citizens in their most important duty—that of voting. New citizens are urged to come in and register for voting. One of the first duties of a newly married woman should be to appear at the Board of Registration office to change her name on the voting list. The Board is open each day, except Saturday, for the registration of new voters.

**Citizens, Vote!** Ward lists are prepared for the City Clerk thirty days before election and posted. Voters who do not find their name on the lists should go to the Board of Registration of Voters and make corrections. Changes of address could be made more correctly, and at the time of an election would save much trouble, as the voter's name would appear on the ward voting list where he resides.

**REGISTER AND VOTE!**





#### BANGOR PLANNING BOARD

Paul F. Kruse, Oliver D. Comstock, City Manager, Philip P. Clement, Chairman, Lawrence V. Jones.

(Second row, standing) Arthur C. Comey, Consultant, E. Richard Drummond, and Frederick G. McLaughlin, Jr., City Planner.

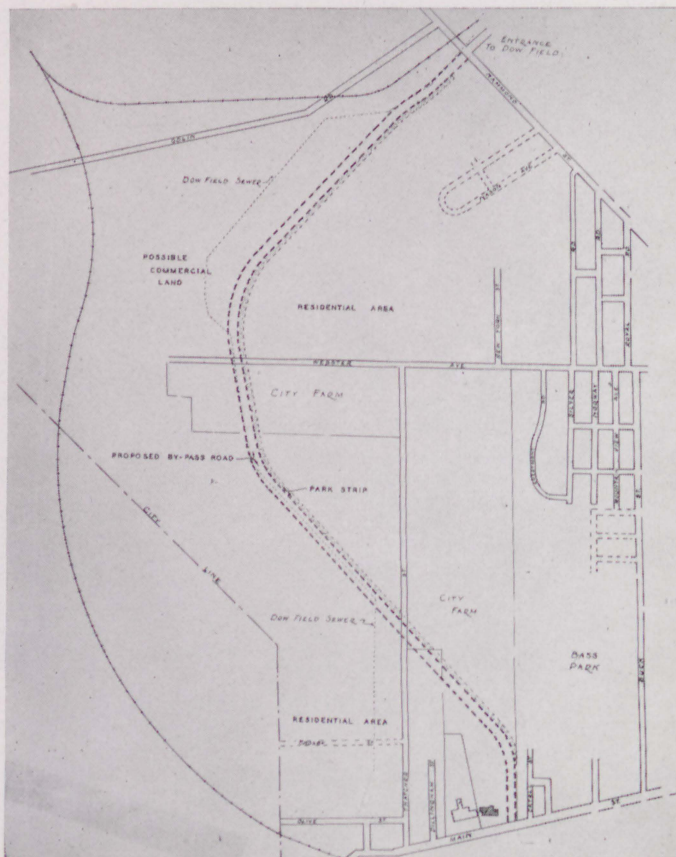
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#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Employees: 1 (1)      Appropriation: \$6,100.00      Per Capita: \$.20

**Basic Tools:** A considerable amount of time in the early months of 1949 was used in preparing the planning "tools". With the aid of the City Engineer and the Building Inspector, a reasonably accurate base map of the urban area at a convenient scale was drafted. This map has since been supplemented by enlarged sectional maps, and a smaller map covering the entire urban and rural area of Bangor.

**Primary Goal:** The primary goal of the Planning Board is a Master Plan for Bangor. When completed, the Master Plan will be a plan for the orderly growth and redevelopment of the City. It will be one coordinated plan for several physical elements—streets, schools, parks, playgrounds, sites for public buildings, housing, sewers, water lines, and other public utilities.



NEW STREET PLAN

**Master Plan:** Progress has been made in 1949 toward completing the Master Plan. A tentative plan for schools, parks and recreation areas was completed during 1949. The Wilson School Report was carried a step further by locating more exact sites for proposed new schools. School play areas were coordinated with other play areas in a plan for active recreation areas. Additional parks of three major types were described and located in the plan for passive recreation. Chief among these were a park along the Kenduskeag Stream and a park on the Penobscot River.

A preliminary plan for streets has been considered by the Planning Board. As a part of this plan a new street has been planned between Hammond Street and Main Street to provide a missing link in our traffic system,



**A Fine Beginning:** The Planning Board held fifteen meetings during 1949. Much of the time was devoted to immediate problems facing the City which could not wait for the completion of the Master Plan. These included: site for a new west side elementary school; an official map; Dakin Park; six and a half city owned lots; a grandstand at Bass Park; the widening of Pine Street; an ordinance for the acceptance of streets; an outdoor swimming pool; sale of the Crosbyville school site; city owned land in Stillwater Park; Bangor-Brewer bridge; an elementary school site on the east side; sale of city-owned property on Harlow Street; Dow Field; trailer regulations; zoning change on Hammond Street; sign and billboard zoning.

**Many Decisions to be Made:** A good start has been made in 1949. Much remains to be done in 1950. Streets, utilities, land uses, zoning, and housing are some of the elements of the Master Plan which must be planned. The continued cooperation and help of City departments and civic organizations will be welcomed by the Planning Board. The carrying out of the planning program for 1950 should substantially complete the Master Plan for Bangor.

## CITY SOLICITOR

Employees: 1

Appropriation: \$4,356.00

Per Capita: \$.15

The City Solicitor has assisted the City Manager by giving opinions and advice on matters pertaining to the administration of city affairs, and attending conferences held with the City Manager and Department heads concerning the administration of city affairs.

**Solicitor** The City Solicitor's work also includes giving advice and assistance to all other departments requiring it. Considerable sums of money have been collected upon old outstanding taxes, and all such sums have been accounted for to the City Treasurer. At the present time there are very few outstanding tax matters and those are in the process of liquidation.

Many consultations have been held with the Board of Assessors relative to proper tax descriptions and assessments, and a great deal was accomplished in the revision of the tax list as to descriptions and methods of assessment.

**Jack-of-all-Trades:** There is not a department which has not required the aid of the City Solicitor some time during the year: the City Clerk calls upon the City Solicitor many times; the Purchasing Agent requires the Solicitor's help in drawing up contracts and proposals for bids; the Welfare Department needs the Solicitor's assistance in settlement cases, etc; the Police Depart-



#### SAFETY PROMOTION COMMITTEE

(Seated) Albert R. Hickson, Water Dept., Perley Drinkwater, Public Works, George F. Price, Chairman, Fire Dept., (standing) Leon J. Cole, Electrical Dept., Forrest F. Comber, Police Dept., and the late Harlan Knights, City Farm. (Commercial)

ment calls upon the Solicitor for assistance in administrative affairs; much work was done with the School Department in drawing up deeds for the proposed new site of the elementary school; claims for damages in the Highway Department are referred to the City Solicitor, and the Fire, Water Departments, as well as the City Council and Civil Service Commission find need for the Solicitor's assistance many times during the year.

#### EMPLOYEE SAFETY COMMITTEE

**Accidents Down:** During 1949, a total of 87 city employee accidents occurred; 29 disabling, which caused 348 days lost time, or an average of 12 days lost time for each disabling injury. This compares with a total of 116 accidents in 1948, 42 of which were disabling, causing 598 days lost time, or an average of 14.2 days lost time for each disabling injury. There were no fatal accidents during the year.



**Effective Committee:** The year 1949 completes the first full year of the existence of an Employee Safety Committee for the City of Bangor. Its job is to identify and help eliminate hazards and to help all employees become safety conscious.

Members of this committee are: George F. Price, Chairman, Fire Department; Leon J. Cole, Electrical Department; Forrest F. Comber, Police Department; Albert R. Hickson, Water Department; and Perley Drinkwater, Public Works Department.

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Employees: 5

Appropriation: \$24,372.00

Per Capita: \$.81

**Equality for All:** With the completion of the project of equalization of real estate values for tax purposes, for the first time in the City's history there is a standardization of values, and each and every owner of real estate in the City of Bangor is assessed a fair and equitable tax. Now he is paying his fair share and that share only. As soon as the project was completed, every owner of real estate was notified what his new valuation would be and given an opportunity to call at the Assessor's office and learn how his valuation was arrived at.

Taxes in the amount of \$2,027,398.25 was assessed for 1949 as follows:

|                        |       |                                  |
|------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| Real Estate.....       | 7,037 | parcels with resident owners     |
| Real Estate .....      | 579   | parcels with non-resident owners |
| Personal Property..... | 2,243 | parcels with resident owners     |
| Personal Property..... | 123   | parcels with non-resident owners |

Polls..... 8,541 individuals

**Efficiency:** There were 1,758 fewer parcels of real estate assessed in 1949 than in 1948. This was achieved by uniting two or more parcels of one ownership and adjoining, where formerly each lot was assessed individually.

About 900 real estate transfers were recorded in the Penobscot Registry of Deeds during 1949. These deeds had to be copied by the Assessors and proper changes made on the tax assessment records. About 200 new photographs of buildings were taken and added to the present file.



LAST MINUTE RUSH TO PAY CITY TAXES WITHOUT PENALTY  
City Treasurer's Office.

(Bangor Daily News—Maher)

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Employees: 5

Appropriation: \$16,412.00

Per Capita: \$.55

### Collection

#### Continues Good:

The tax collection percentage for 1949 was 97.52% of the \$2,027,398.25 commitment, which was 0.46% less than the 1948 collection. The 1949 tax commitment was the largest in the history of Bangor.

Revenue received from motor excise tax during the taxable year 1949 was \$125,264.38; number of receipts issued 10,812, or an average of \$11.58 per car.

### Parking Meters

#### Pay Off:

The City collected \$52,903.65 from the parking meters during the year 1949, this being \$277.00 less than in the year 1948. The largest amount, \$4,949.82 was collected in August, and the smallest amount, \$3,574.42, in the month of February.



**Postage Meter Purchased:** Additional duties were added to the Treasury Department by the installation of a new postage meter machine. All outgoing City mail, except that of the School Department, is now handled through this office.

A new receipting and validating machine was purchased and installed. This machine lists all transactions, as well as receipting all payments.

### City Hall

The City Hall Auditorium was redecorated, and a new piano purchased.

### Auditorium

**Needed Improvements:** During the year, the City installed a new sprinkler system in the Main Street Auditorium, equipped the two front entrances with anti-panic locks, purchased four hundred new steel folding chairs, and repaired and painted the outside of the building.

#### Treasurer's Cash Report, 1949

Cash on hand January 1, 1949..... \$ 11,850.67

#### Receipts

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Accounts Receivable .....              | \$ 106,592.09  |
| Parking Meters .....                   | 52,903.65      |
| Motor Excise Tax .....                 | 112,490.06     |
| Motor Excise Tax Prepaid .....         | 18,698.22      |
| Bangor Water Dept., Sale Water .....   | 222,354.05     |
| Harlow St. Property .....              | 6,063.37       |
| Bangor School Dept. ....               | 18,310.38      |
| Bank Stock Tax .....                   | 23,131.32      |
| Cemetery Income .....                  | 1,446.84       |
| Fairmount School Notes .....           | 100,080.70     |
| Res. for Garland St. Field Const. .... | 70,036.16      |
| Res. for City Hospital Const. ....     | 47,009.11      |
| Taxes .....                            | 1,986,047.66   |
| Tax Deeds Redeemed .....               | 13,853.93      |
| Temporary Loan .....                   | 1,000,000.00   |
| Prepaid Insurance .....                | 3,030.68       |
| Sale of City of Bangor Bonds .....     | 438,328.97     |
| City Clerk Receipts .....              | 14,132.61      |
| Interest .....                         | 2,865.40       |
| Court Fees .....                       | 8,755.09       |
| Misc. Est. Revenue .....               | 21,806.73      |
| Miscellaneous .....                    | 20,452.00      |
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|  | 4,288,389.02   |
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|  | \$4,300,239.69 |

### Expended

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Warrants Paid.....                  | 4,146,654.80  |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1949..... | \$ 153,584.89 |
| Petty Cash .....                    | \$ 500.00     |

## PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Employees: 2

Appropriation: \$6,248.00

Per Capita: \$.28

**Separate Office:** Centralized purchasing is not a municipal function new to the citizens of Bangor. It has been carried on since 1932 with varying types of organizations. During 1949, a separate office was set up, and a purchasing agent appointed to carry out purchasing activities.

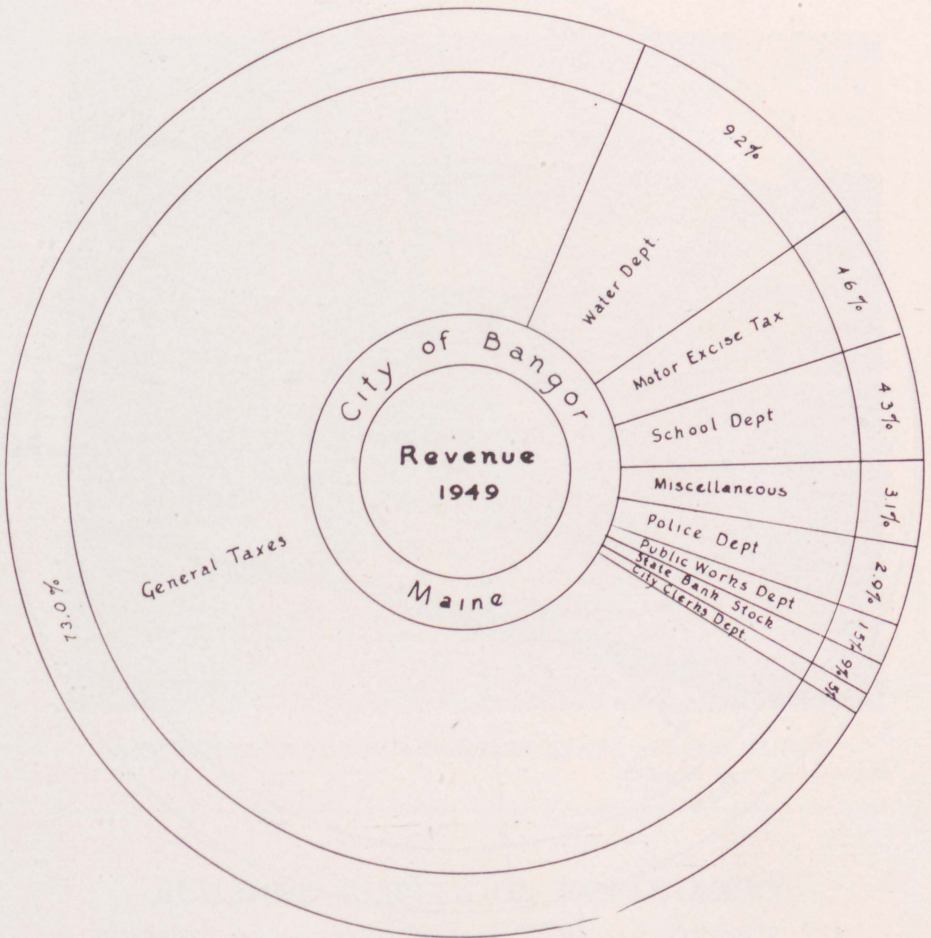
The purchasing office issued about 7,000 purchase orders in 1949. Each purchase order required an average of three telephone calls for pricing and other pertinent information. Twenty-five separate specifications of a semi-technical nature were drawn up by this office during 1949. Another function which is being carried on by this office is the adjustment of all invoices payable by the City of Bangor, before final approval for payment.

**Market Conditions:** For a time, it looked as though the city would benefit greatly from the substantial reductions in the general price picture. Later in the year, however, many of the basic commodities recovered substantially and have evidenced a trend toward even higher prices for 1950. This means that caution must be exercised in buying large quantities of materials at high unit costs. It also means that budgets will have to be adhered to closely to avoid overdrawing of accounts.

Several companies are once again offering the municipality substantial discounts, and long range time payment plans. Delivery of commodities was also generally improved, and an increase in the number of salesmen appearing at the Purchasing office was noted.

**Huge Business:** The City of Bangor spent about \$500,000 for commodity purchases in the year 1949, which compares about the same as 1947 and 1948. It is estimated that a saving of \$25,000 resulted in the taking of bids. This means that for every \$20.00 which the City of Bangor spent for commodities, effective purchasing turns back to surplus \$1.00. Actual savings, however, can be determined only after a long period of time as the quality of merchandise purchased is as important as the actual dollar value.





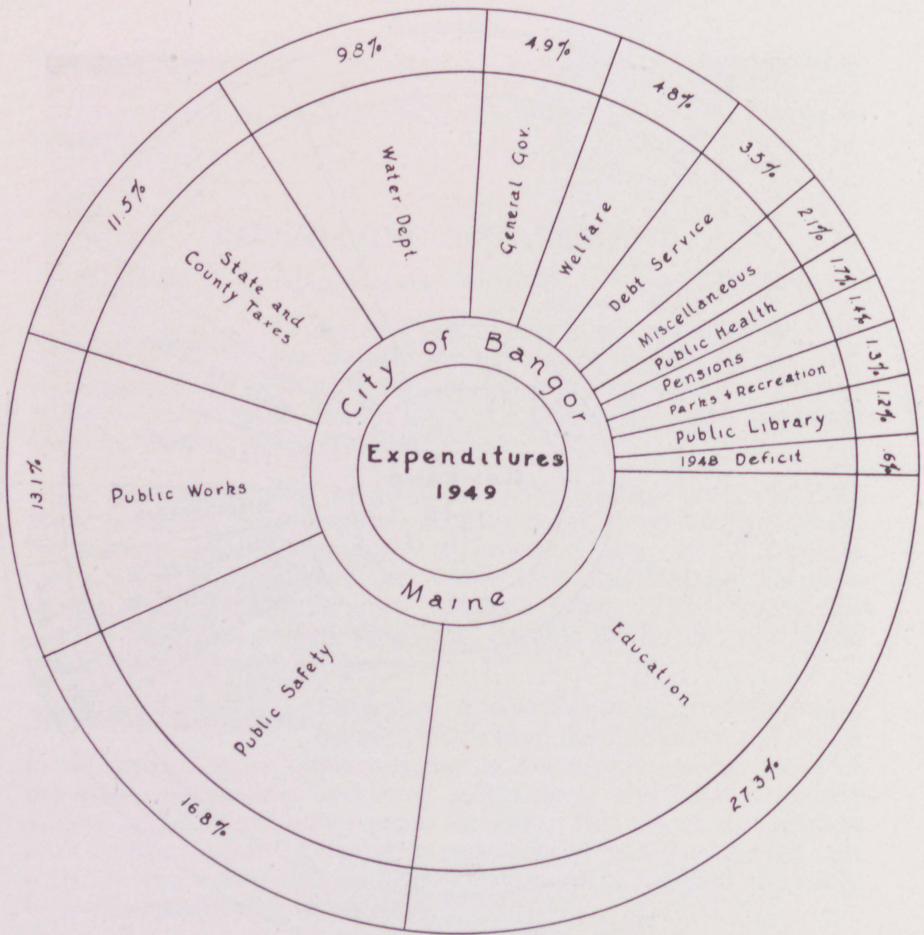
### Purchasing Forecast:

In 1950, Purchasing Department plans:

1. More records in the purchasing department to aid buying activity.

2. Central stores for all office supplies used by the City of Bangor.
3. More duplicating work to be done in the City's own printing shop.
4. Reduction in the number and cost of processing purchase orders.
5. Increased number of commodities bought on an annual contract basis.

The Purchasing Department will look for—THE RIGHT QUALITY at THE RIGHT PRICE at THE RIGHT TIME.



## AUDITING DEPARTMENT

Employees: 4

Appropriation: \$14,604.00

Per Capita: \$.49

**Saving Methods:** Two methods for better control of expenditures were developed in the Auditing Department during the year. These were the use of encumbrance accounts, and monthly expenditure estimates.

**Machine Age:** A new accounting machine was purchased and is used by the Treasury and Assessing departments, as well as the Auditing department. All accounting machines are now located on the second floor of City Hall, thus expediting processing of accounts.

During 1949, the Auditing department prepared 165 Treasury warrants. This was an increase over the number for 1948, brought about by caution to take advantage of cash discounts and to improve public relations through the prompt payment of bills.





NEW SHELTER FOR BUS PATRONS, STATE STREET BRIDGE

(Bangor Daily News—Maher)

## BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Employees: 2

Appropriation: \$7,237.00

Per Capita: \$.24

### Building Levels Off:

During 1949, \$1,121.38 was collected for permit fees and advertising costs. Sixteen new family units were provided in additions and alterations, and eight family units were demolished. Ten non-residential buildings were demolished.

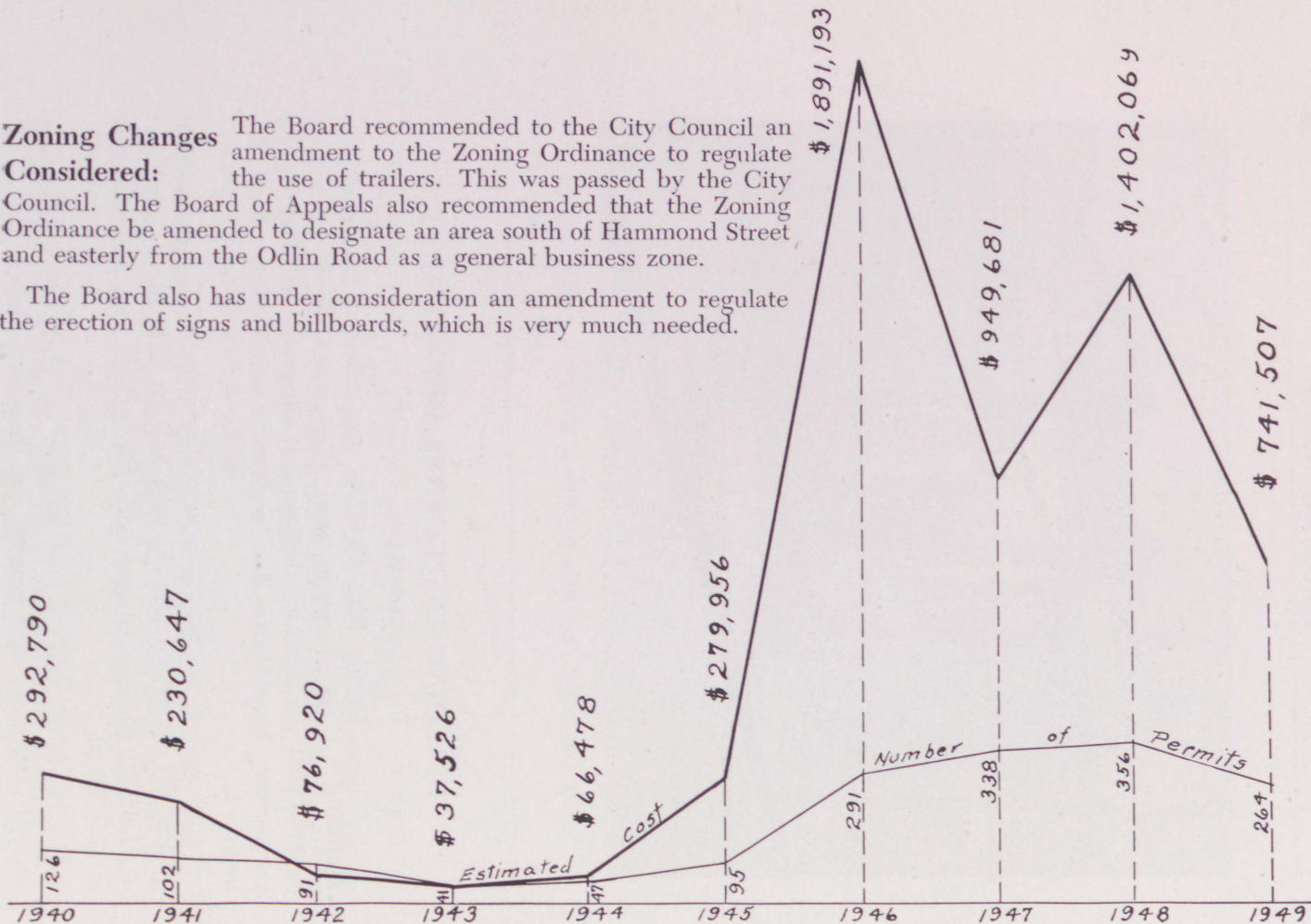
There were 98 dwelling permits issued in 1948, compared with 66 in 1949. The total of permits in 1948 was 356, with an estimated cost of \$1,402,069.00, as compared with 264 in 1949, and estimated cost of \$741,507.00.

The Board of Appeals held hearings on thirty-five applications. Thirty-two of these were granted, and three were denied.

## Zoning Changes Considered:

The Board recommended to the City Council an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to regulate the use of trailers. This was passed by the City Council. The Board of Appeals also recommended that the Zoning Ordinance be amended to designate an area south of Hammond Street and easterly from the Odlin Road as a general business zone.

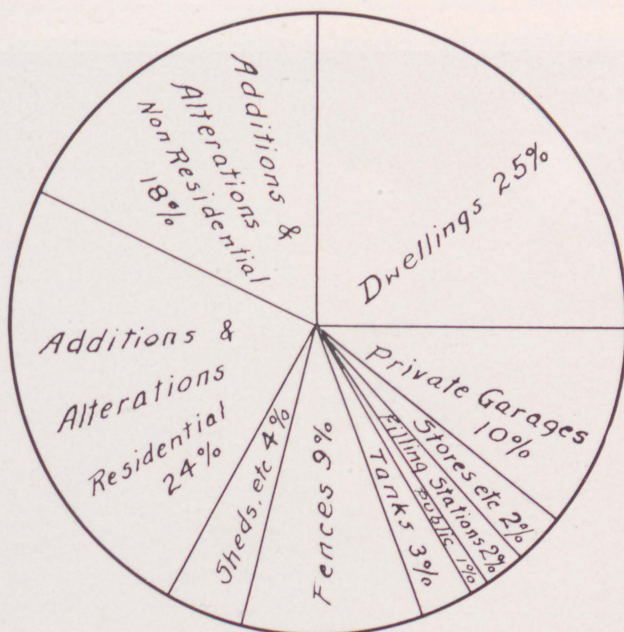
The Board also has under consideration an amendment to regulate the erection of signs and billboards, which is very much needed.



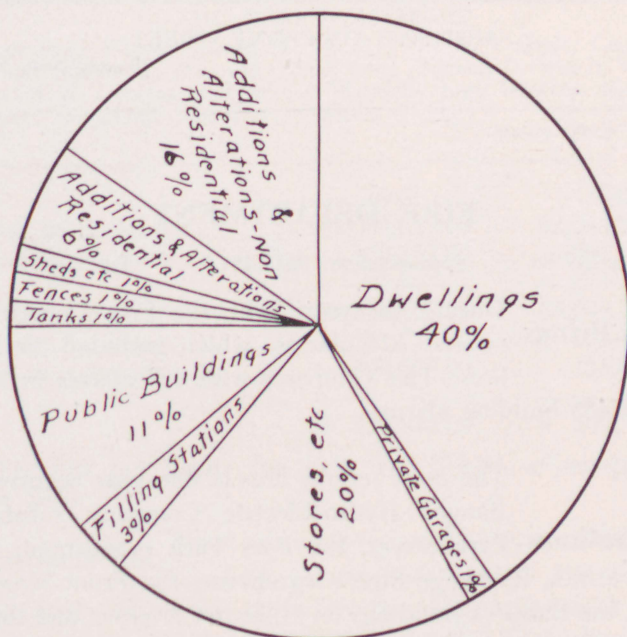
BUILDING PERMITS — NUMBER AND ESTIMATED COST



# BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT.



## PERMITS 1949



## ESTIMATED COST 1949



HOT SPOT ON FRONT STREET

(Bangor Daily News-Webb)

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Employees: 60

Appropriation: \$211,431.00

Per Capita: \$7.05

### Caution Brings Results:

During the year 1949, the Fire Department answered 524 alarms, which included 339 building fires. This compares with 638 alarms in 1948, and a total of 465 building alarms.

### Serious

### Conflagrations:

The most serious fires of the year occurred at the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company substation on Park Street, the Bass Park grandstand, house at 103 Pine Street, Exchange Street warehouse, the Front Street waterfront fire, the Babcock buildings on Stillwater Avenue, and the Pickering square fire.





### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

(Front row) Fireman James H. Morse, Felix R. Veilleux, Capt. John H. Cassidy, and Herbert P. Donovan, (back row) William E. Welch, Theodore A. Jellison, Carl F. Gogins, and Roscoe Blaisdell. Busy between alarms on the Department's annual toy renovation project.

(Bangor Daily News—Webb)

|                          | 1949                 | 1948                 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Value of buildings ..... | \$2,009,313.00       | \$2,548,820.00       |
| Value of contents .....  | 1,326,752.00         | 1,093,425.00         |
| Total valuations .....   | \$3,336,065.00       | \$3,642,245.00       |
| Loss on buildings .....  | \$ 261,771.00        | \$ 108,830.00        |
| Loss on contents .....   | 309,572.00           | 155,054.00           |
|                          | <u>\$ 571,343.00</u> | <u>\$ 263,884.00</u> |

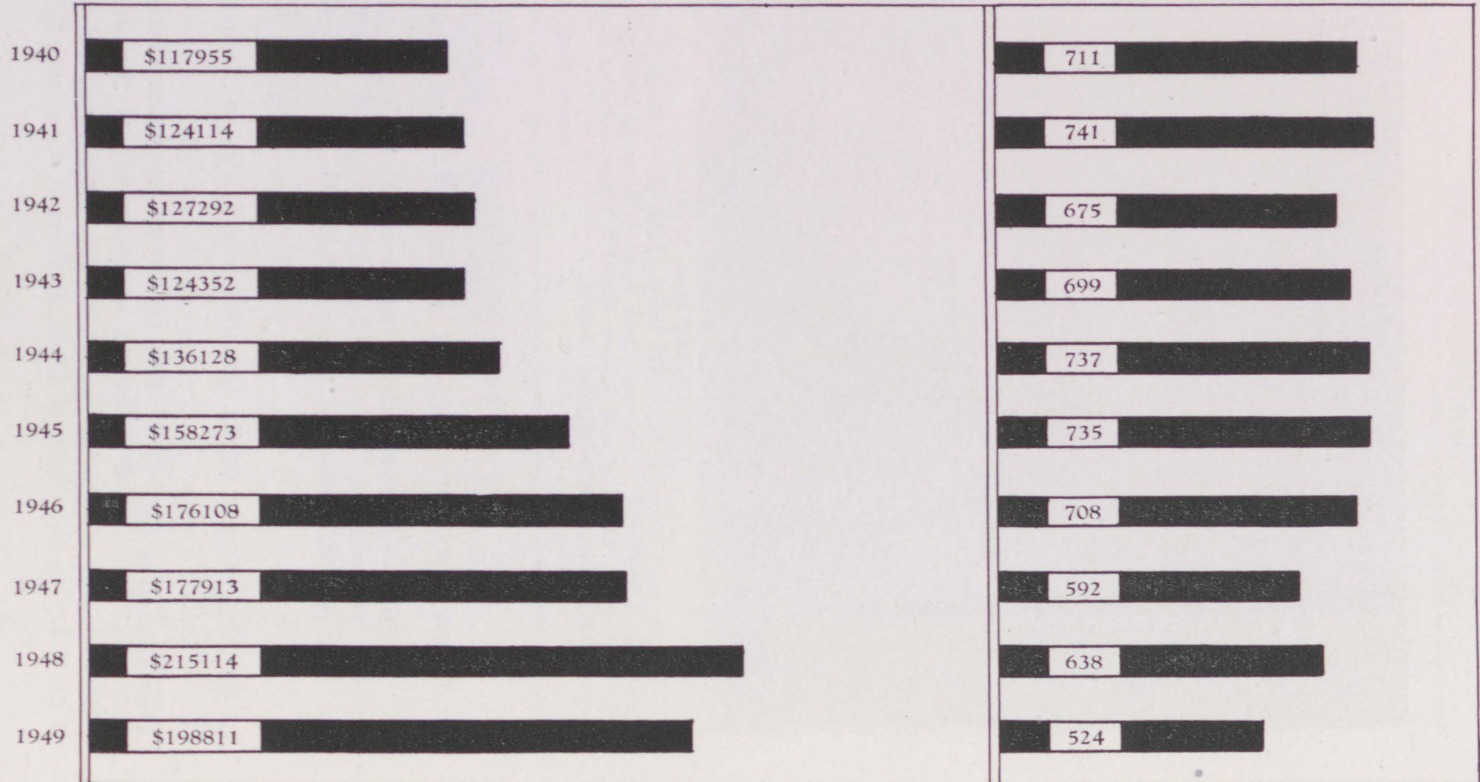
The fire loss per capita for 1949 was \$19.00, as compared with \$8.79 for 1948.

**Our Respects to:** There were no serious injuries or deaths during the year to any members of the department while on duty. However, in September, the department sustained a great loss in the death of Chief Herbert P. Constantine, who ad-

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Operating Expenses

## Alarms







#### FIREMEN PRESENT NEW CHIEF WITH BADGE

Chief Nelligan, Asst. Chief Wilshire

Stanley Gunn, Capt., Charles P. Lee, Cornelius Kelleher, Maurice Freeman, J. K. Morrill, William Conners, John Lewis, Thomas McGlew, George Price, Capt., John Cassidy; (second row) John Constantine, Robert Simpson, Garold Craig, Carleton Willey, John R. Millett and Robert Eslin.

(Bangor Daily News—Maier)

ministered the affairs of the department so ably over a period of years. His passing is a distinct loss to the City of Bangor, as well as a personal loss to the members of the department. He was a real friend to all of his men and was worthy of the esteem in which he was held by them.

**Headaches:** Grass fires, chimney fires, flooded oil burners, continue to be the department's biggest problems. Grass fires are a real hazard at times, and these calls are a drain on the men and apparatus. Grass burning details are sent out as much as possible to reduce the menace in advance. However, it is almost impossible to eliminate the hazard.

**An Ounce of Prevention:** During the year, department inspectors carried out a twelve-months routine inspection service throughout the business district downtown, and throughout the residential sections of the city. The chief and officers of the depart-

ment were called upon several times during the year to deliver fire prevention talks.

During the coming year, the department will strive to educate the public in fire prevention, through the medium of the local service clubs, the press and radio, window displays, and possible department demonstrations of technique.

**Personnel** Daily classes are being held in fire fighting for the personnel, consisting of methods of operating pumps and  
**Training:** aerial ladders, the use of fog and booster lines and all techniques of fire fighting.

The necessity of courtesy is being stressed in the stations, on official inspection tours, on the telephone and in relations with owners of properties that have had fires.

**Vital Aid:** Revitalization of the wartime Auxiliary group for emergency assistance is being planned for 1950. This group will play a major part in combating any large scale fires that may occur, in relieving regular men from outside duties at fires, so that they may go inside and fight the fires.

Please feel free to call at the fire stations at any time. It is good for citizens to know their fire department, its personnel, and its equipment.

## HARBORMASTER

Employees: 1

Appropriation: \$600.00

Per Capita: \$.02

The Government Ice Breaker "Snohomish" opened the river to the Bangor docks February 24, 1949, ten days later than in 1948. The river was opened for commercial craft February 24, 1949, and the first tanker arrived at the port February 26, 1949.

**Open Waters** The port closed to navigation February 5, 1950, totaling 348 days that it was open in 1949, as against 335 days in 1948. This is the longest the river has ever been opened for one season.

There was a considerable decrease in the gallons of gasoline, kerosene and fuel oil brought up the river, due to the new pipe line that has been laid from Portland to Bangor.

**End of an Era** Due to the fire in July that destroyed the coal sheds and unloading towers, no coal was unloaded at the port in 1949. This is the first season for many years that the four coal companies of Bangor have not received coal by water.





### NAUTICAL VISITORS IN THE PENOBSCOT

(Bangor Daily News—Maher)

The services of the Harbormaster were utilized on several occasions to recover drifting craft and to recover several motor craft which were dragging their moorings. His services were also required with the Bangor police in seaching the river and shores.

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Employees: 5      Appropriation: \$36,458.00      Per Capita: \$1.22

**Polio:** Polio proved to be the major public health problem in the City of Bangor starting in May and continuing almost throughout the year. It taxed our capacity to handle the resident cases and those allowed to come in for treatment. There were reported 43 resident and 110 non-resident cases. The advice of the Health Department was sought on numerous occasions both in and out of town, and help was rendered to those seeking this service. At one time there were fourteen respirators at work, and two in reserve for emergency work. There were only two deaths, which is a marvelous record. The Health Officer and his staff cooperated with a hard-working Polio Committee, the physicians working without fees.

The control of communicable diseases has been carried out effectively, as shown by the smaller number of cases, and by the educational efforts in prevention by inoculation and vaccination.

**Dental Health:** The work in the Dental Clinic has proven of great value to the students in our public and parochial schools. The work of extracting, filling, and treating has grown, and plans were made to enlarge the Clinic. The Junior Welfare League and Quipus Club continued their very generous support of the Clinic. During 1949, there were 256 clinics, attended by 2,171 children.

**Fewer Rats:** The rat extermination program at the municipal dump was very effective. It is estimated that 80% of the rats at the dump were killed. The Junior Chamber of Commerce cooperated with a campaign to urge property owners to rat-proof their premises.

**Life and Death:** There were 732 births, as compared with 334 deaths of Bangor residents during 1949. The leading causes of death were accidents, cancer, cerebral hemorrhage, diseases of the heart, pneumonia, and tuberculosis.

The work of the Health Department included taking specimens, providing serums, inoculations, summer camp approvals, and examinations of many kinds.

**Inspections:** The Inspector of Plumbing answered 281 complaints, made 2,361 inspections, and issued 1,720 permits, for which the amount of \$650.90 was received.

The Meat Inspector continued his regular inspection of all meats, totaling 600 for the year. He also investigated many cases where dogs had bitten persons, as a precaution against rabies.

The City's restaurants were regularly inspected, and all food handlers were examined.

### Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Association

**On Guard:** If tuberculosis is to be eradicated, adequate facilities must be made available for chest X-rays of all apparently healthy adults, for suitable follow-up of all cases needing further study and for medical care. Time must be devoted to persons from the age of 15 to 45. This is a major problem and should have our best efforts. In the past three decades, the rate of tuberculosis among children has decreased 95% through concentration of efforts on this age group. Now it is up to us to help decrease the danger among adults by the same percentage.

### Health Department Nurse

The Health Department Nurse assists the Health Officer with numerous immunizations, vaccinations, blood tests for food handlers, physical examinations, venereal disease examinations and the very necessary daily clerical work. The Health Department Nurse carries out the school nurse program at the parochial schools.





#### POLICE SHOW VERSATILITY

John H. Kennedy, patrolman, Carl E. Blomberg, meterman, and John P. Barnes, Inspector at work on headquarters remodeling.

(Bangor Daily News-Webb)

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Employees: 55

Appropriation: \$178,357.00

Per Capita: \$5.94

**Traffic Progress:** The Police Department's major improvement of the year was the change to rotary traffic in our downtown business center. This was accomplished through laying-out a system of one-way streets. Considerable planning, re-signing, changing of lanes and education of the public were involved. The results, measured in smoother traffic flow with increased traffic safety, were well worth the effort.



PARKING METERS AID MARCH OF DIMES  
Officer Edward Connelly, Reynolds Stanley, and Mrs. James Stanley.  
(Commercial—Morgan)

**New Prowl Cars:** The Department replaced its two oldest prowl cars with new vehicles, to insure more effective protection of our residential sections.

The total number of arrests by the department in 1949, as compared with the previous year, follows:

|                    | 1949 | 1948 |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Resident .....     | 1106 | 1141 |
| Non-Resident ..... | 1658 | 1897 |
| Convictions .....  | 2761 | 3035 |

**Many Duties:** The duties of the Police Department encumber not only protection of life and property and prosecution of criminals, but a number of miscellaneous duties such as investigation of breaks, complaint investigations, checking doors, answering fire alarms, emergency transportation of the injured to hospitals, as well as sheltering homeless persons for the night. The public has been well pleased with one of the Department's new acquisitions.





TIME CLOCK RECORD ON PROWL CAR HOUSE CHECKS  
Chief John B. Toole, and Captain Calvin F. Knaide.

(Bangor Daily News—Maher)

It is a time-stamping machine, and enables the patrolmen to leave a record of his checking of premises during the owner's absence.

**Lost and Found:** During 1949, goods valued at \$77,220.89 were lost or stolen, of which the department recovered \$59,973.63. This compares with a total of \$98,482.76 lost or stolen during 1948, and a total of \$74,692.70 recovered.

**Safety First:** Safety Division of the department had a busy year with 14,674 notices of violations issued, and 14,292 convictions, as compared with 11,367 notices issued in 1948, of which 10,960 were convicted.



MORE OFF-STREET PARKING  
New Parking area being developed





ING ON THE WAY  
north of Abbott Square.  
(Bangor Daily News—Webb)





MORE OFF-STREET PARKING ON THE WAY  
New Parking area being developed north of Abbott Square.  
(Bangor Daily News—Webb)





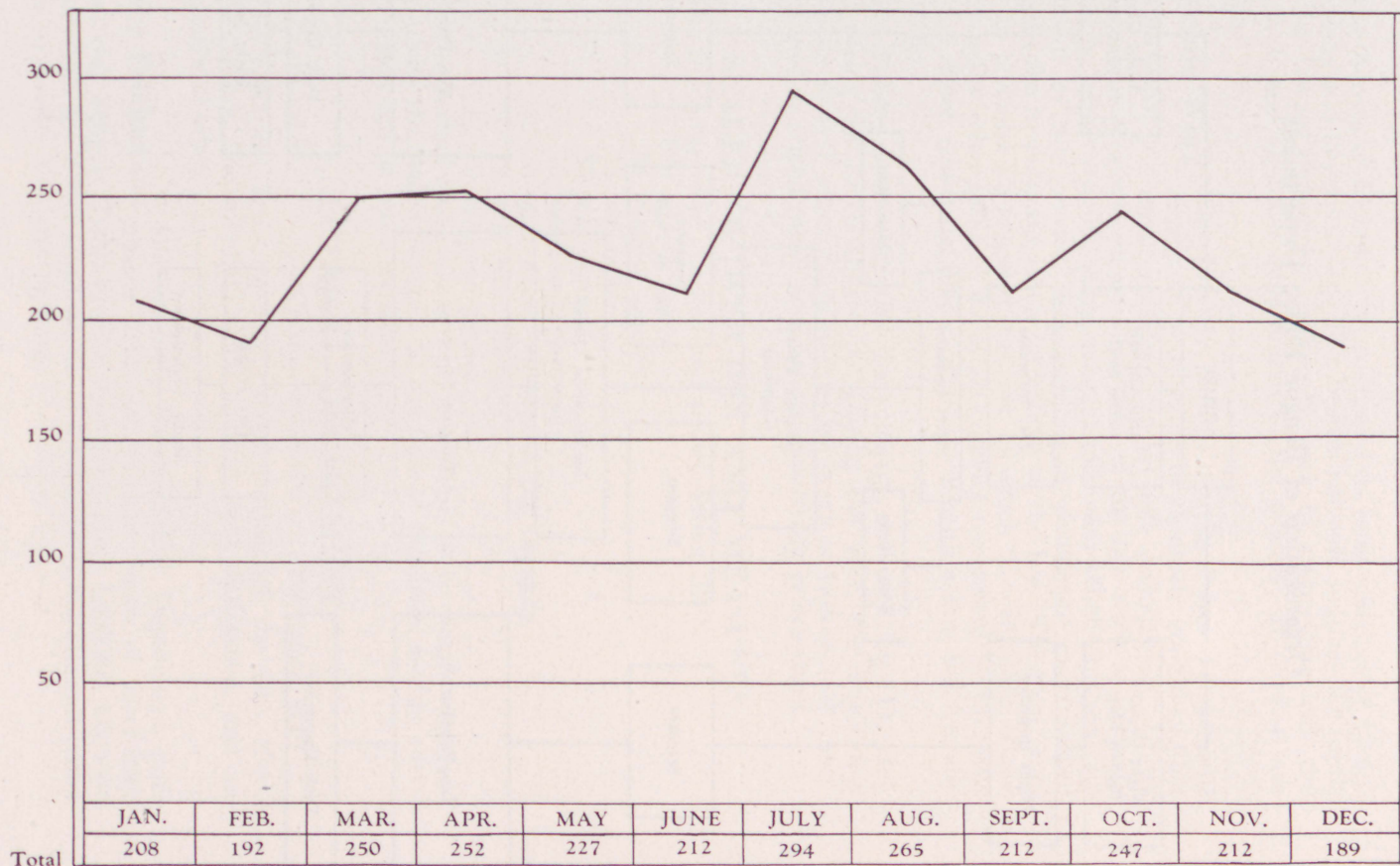
THE SUCCESSFUL CHANGE TO ROTARY TRAFFIC

Before and after, looking east from Main Street, on Hammond and State Streets.

(Commercial—Youngs)

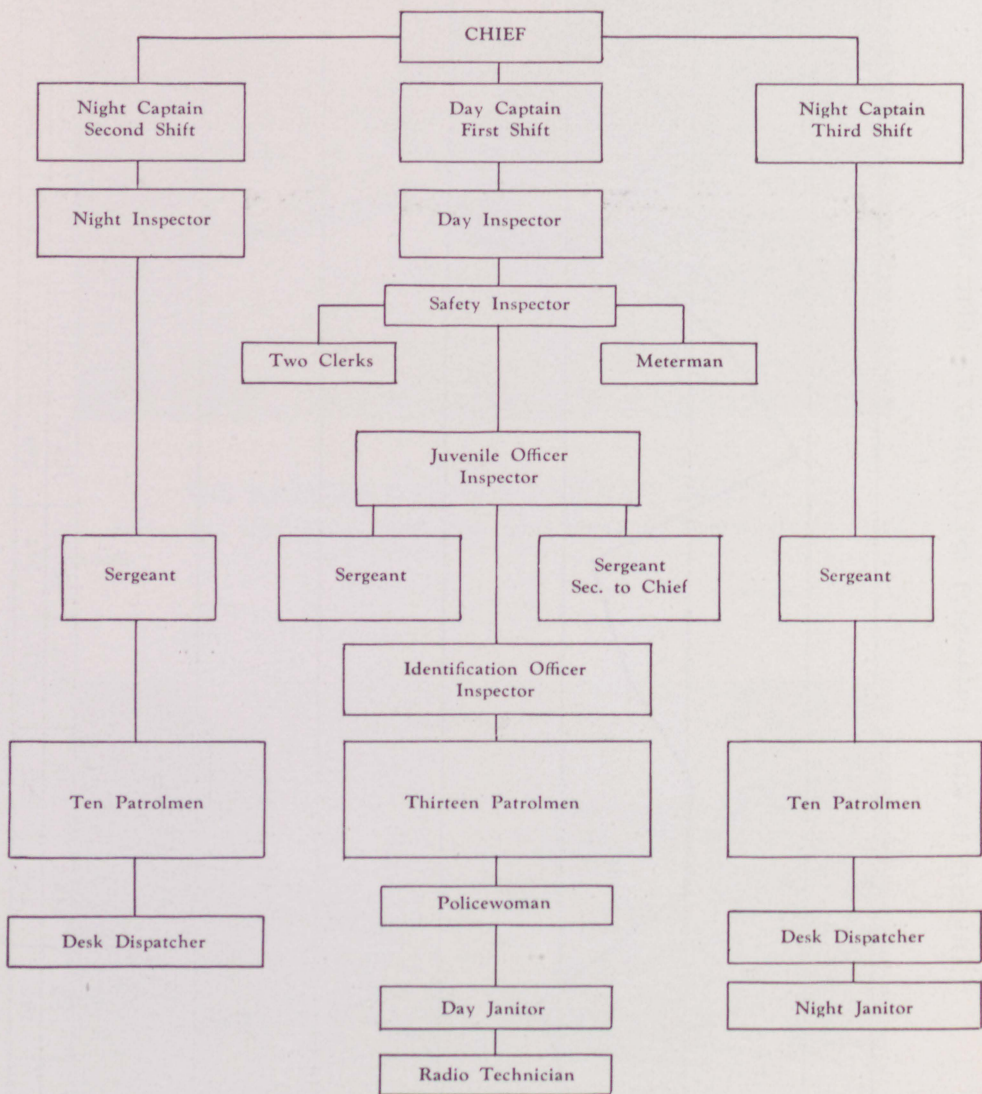


# ARRESTS DURING 1949—NOT INCLUDING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS





# Organization of Bangor Police Department



The Bureau of Identification continued its busy schedule of photographing and fingerprinting. This bureau not only supplies the needs of the Bangor department, but must work in cooperation with the F. B. I. and all other departments in the country, as requests are made.

**Juvenile Work** The Juvenile Bureau of the Police Department endeavors at all times to eliminate conditions that might contribute to juvenile delinquency. Under the present program, minor infractions of the law such as property damage, minor assaults, petty larceny, and many other violations are handled by this bureau, thus avoiding a permanent court record against the juvenile for minor infractions of the law. The total number of juveniles investigated was 562, of which 37 were girls. There were many other cases of minor misconduct committed by juveniles on the street, which the officers disposed of with a firm but friendly warning.

The Policewoman continued her coverage, investigating 119 cases, and caring for 29 commitments. During the year, she was called upon on several occasions to discuss her work at various club meetings, and to attend many conferences concerning police cases.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The following were checked and sealed during 1949:

- 520 sets of scales
- 154 gasoline pumps
- 13 taxi meters
- 55 fuel pumps
- 10 measuregraphs
- 8 tank trucks calibrated for capacity
- 19 bulk plant meters
- 9 kerosene pumps

It is important that citizens with complaints as to weight or measure advise the Sealer promptly at the time of purchase, so that effective action can be taken at once.

## ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

Employees: 11      Appropriation: \$62,574.00      Per Capita: \$2.08

The Electrical Department personnel consists of the City Electrician, clerk, line foreman, three linemen, four stationmen, and an inspector of wires.

**Juice Production:** During 1949, the Electrical Department purchased 1,823,600 kilowatt hours of electricity from the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, and 1,496,200 kilowatt hours from the Water Department. A total of 1,987,821 kilowatt hours was consumed for street lighting.





CHRISTMAS LIGHT PATTERNS IN MAIN STREET



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

James Hodgins, Electrical Department, gets up in the air.

(Commercial-Youngs)

**Traffic Aids:** The police signal branch of the department put up three new three-unit traffic lights at the E. M. G. Hospital, on Main Street near Freese's, and at Main and Buck Streets. Installing the rotary traffic in the downtown section and also installing walk periods in traffic signals constituted a good deal of work, as this meant not only changing the amber lenses to walk lenses, but also rebuilding the traffic timers so that they would handle the walk period.

New sprinkler alarm systems were installed at Dayson Bedding Company, New Franklin Laundry, and Eastman Kelleher Company.

The Electrical Department has taken care of 2,170 complaints, and replaced 2,104 lights this year.

**Football Lights:** The department installed the lights at Garland Street Athletic Field. This work included setting five 80' cedar poles, and one 100' steel pole which carry a total of eighty-eight 1500 watt lamps. This included running a three phase primary from State Street, by way of Harlow Street, to the upper gate of the athletic field. From this junction, all work within the field itself is underground installation.

The department gave 525 permits to do electrical wiring this year, 431 of which required a meter from the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, and the remaining 94 permits being alterations and work which did not require a meter.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Employees: 90      Appropriation: \$378,592.00      Per Capita: \$12.62

Probably the most outstanding accomplishment of the Public Works Department during 1949 was the work completed at the Garland Street Field, which consisted of the erection of the new steel grandstand, construction of the fieldhouse under the stand, and the installation of the floodlights for night football. Most of this work was carried on by contract, with the supervision under the Public Works Department, except for the floodlighting project, which was well handled by the Electrical Department.

### Engineering Division

**Growing Pains:** Street lines were established, descriptions written, plans and profiles prepared, and reports submitted to the City Council for the acceptance of two streets. Plans, specifications and contract forms were prepared for the new fieldhouse at Garland Street Athletic Field, and contracts awarded. Plans for the Fifteenth Street sewer were developed, estimates of cost were made, and a list of possible assessments prepared and submitted to the City Council.





MIST SPRAYING TO PROTECT OUR TREES

(Bangor Daily News—Maher)

**For Better Sanitation:** Plans, specifications, and contract forms were prepared for the public sewer on Silver Road, together with the necessary outfall sewer to the Army trunk line, and the contract awarded. Reports on the construction of the sewer in Kenduskeag Terrace area and completion of the Silver Road sewer were prepared and submitted to the City Council. Numerous surveys were made and estimates prepared for various projects within the department, and all lines and grades for the work carried on by the department were established, as well as the inspection services necessary on all projects being done on a contract basis.



#### HAZARD BEING DEMOLISHED

Unsafe dwelling being removed by Public Works Department.

(Bangor Daily News—Maher)

#### KENDUSKEAG STREAM FENCE

Part of the new fence erected for safety along the stream's banks. Site of proposed intercepting sewers for which plans have been partially completed.

(Commercial—Morgan)







### BIG EARTH MOVER

Frank Crockett operates the Public Works Department's new bulldozer, with James L. MacLeod, City Engineer looking on.

(Bangor Daily News—Webb)

## Highway Division

**Hot Top:** The hot asphalt paving program was carried out as planned on Hudson Street, Ohio Street, Hancock Street between Exchange and Oak, Court Street, and Cumberland Street. The only new street construction undertaken was in the Kenduskeag Terrace area. The tarring program started at the end of May and continued through June and July, using a total of 146,000 gallons of tar and 3,694 cu. yards of sand and peastone.

**Old Man Winter:** The City experienced nineteen snow storms varying from one inch to nine inches with a total snowfall of about fifty-five inches. There was a considerable amount of ice during the winter, and a large amount of salt was used for ice control purposes. The department was constantly on the alert to keep roads and sidewalks in a safe condition at all times.

**Better Walking:** The City Council made available a considerably larger sum of money during 1949 for sidewalk construction than during preceding years. As a result of this en-



#### BETTER SANITATION FOR 15TH STREET

John Preble, Benjamin Hodge and Perley Drinkwater of Public Works Department at work on the new sewer.

(Bangor Daily News—Webb)

larged appropriation, a greatly expanded program was carried out. Hot asphalt was used for the first time in a great many years, and it is felt that these sidewalks will stand up longer under the Crawler type tractors that are used for sidewalk snowplowing.

**Free For All:** The rubbish collection program was continued throughout the year on the basis of one collection every three weeks, and regular collections are made five days each week. More and more citizens are taking advantage of this opportunity to keep their buildings free from rubbish accumulations. The mainten-





### CLEANING UP

The Public Works Department's new snow loader gulps snow in large mouthfuls on Washington Street bridge.

(Bangor Daily News—Maher)

### NEW MECHANICAL LEAF LOADER

Charles Redstone, Clifford F. Dauphinee, operator, Roland F. Dyer, Merle F. Goff, Purchasing Agent, and James L. MacLeod, City Engineer.

(Bangor Daily News—Maher)





#### CLEAN-UP WEEK BEGINS AT HOME

City employees clean up some city property. George Trask, Paul Cox, Roland Dyer, Harold C. Perkins, and Michael O'Connor.

(Commercial—Morgan)

ance of the city dump was placed under the control of the Public Works Department, and a great deal of work has been done here to eliminate the smoke and objectionable odors nuisance.

Every spring, the department is faced with the major job of cleaning up all the streets of the winter's accumulation of sand and debris.

**Off-Street Parking:** In addition to normal maintenance projects, the department completed the work of excavation, surfacing and fencing for a parking area off Spring Street in the rear of the Bangor High School. The excavated material was used for filling material to provide additional parking space in the area between Harlow Street and Kenduskeag Stream. The department also tore down the old house on Highland Avenue which had been condemned; remodeled the old police guard room in City Hall for quarters for the City Planner; built and maintained skating rinks for the Recreation Department; cleaned up the debris after the Bass Park fire; built and maintained baseball and softball diamonds at city parks; repaired the Auditorium; launched and removed the municipal





#### NEW SOFTBALL BACKSTOP FOR BROADWAY PARK

Malcolm Page, John McQuillan, Michael Smart, and Clyde Smith, Public Works Department Employees. (Commercial—Morgan)

#### DE-BUMPING OHIO STREET

Public Works Department paver and roller at work on our 1949 State Aid project. (Commercial—Morgan)



dock and float for the police department, and repaired steps and lawns damaged by sidewalk snowplows.

The Mechanical, Sewer and Park Divisions continued their substantial contributions to the work of this department during 1949.

**Conserving Beauty:** For the first time, mist spraying was used on the city trees for the control of gypsy and brown tail moths. A check later in the year revealed that the spraying was so successful that it will be unnecessary to spray the City's built-up area during 1950. During the course of the year some 95 dead or dangerous trees were removed, and corrective work done on about 200 additional trees.

## BANGOR WATER DEPARTMENT

Employees: 42

Appropriation: \$240,684.00

Per Capita: \$8.02

**Expanding Facilities:** During 1949, street mains were laid on many city streets, in the amount of 6,241 ft., new services in the amount of 79 were installed, 147 services renewed, and 19 services discontinued. At present there are 121 automatic fire services connected with the water system.

**War-Time Drab Erased:** Leaks were repaired, and meters installed. The outside of the Thomas Hill standpipe was again painted white, for the first time since the war, and the inside of the tank was thoroughly cleaned and painted, and some of the balcony flooring was repaired.

**New Rates:** New rates as granted by the Maine Public Utilities Commission went into effect during the second half of 1949. This increase in rates was very necessary to make income meet expenditures. In line with approved water works practice, the installation of meters was continued.

**Basic Need:** During the year, a daily average of 4,498,147 gallons of water was pumped for Bangor consumers. The total amount of electricity used and generated at the plant was 3,019,700 kwh. Of this, 1,494,200 kwh was sold to the Electrical Department.

**Dry Country:** The year 1949 will be remembered as a year of abnormally low rainfall in this part of the country. Although there was more than enough water in the Penobscot River, its quality was very poor. The pollution load remains nearly constant and the qualities depend on the amount of rainfall. During the dry cycles the amount of dilution water is small and the cost of treatment rises while the quality declines.



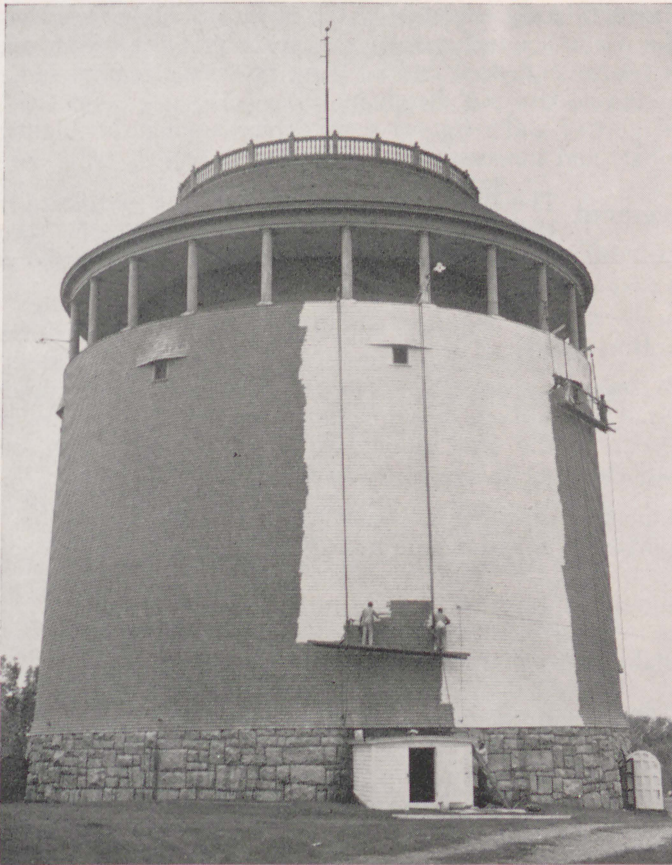


NEW WATER MAIN IN FRENCH STREET  
Water Department men and equipment at work.

(Bangor Daily News—Webb)

**New Source:** In the early part of the year, several special meetings of the Bangor Water Board were held in the study, planning and investigation of the proposed new water supply and in the preparation of the Water District bill, and in its subsequent presentation to the people for vote at the regular municipal election on December 5.

**Expensive Modernization:** If Bangor is to continue on its present source of supply, expensive repair and modernization of the existing plant cannot be deferred much longer. Increasing water consumption will require additional filters and adequate storage for treated and filtered water. The dangerous and unreliable piping layout under the railroad tracks should be eliminated. Obsolete and scattered pumping equipment should be centralized in one building. For these necessary repairs and modernization, capital funds must be used. A new source of supply would solve the many pressing problems resulting from obsolete equipment and plant layout.



### LARGE SIZE PAINT JOB

Standpipe being restored to pre-war white.

(Bangor Daily News—Webb)

**Factual Report:** The complete report of the Water Department is contained in their Annual Report published as a separate report, and may be obtained upon inquiry at the Water Department office.

### CITY FARM DEPARTMENT

Employees: 20      Appropriation: \$30,135.00      Per Capita: \$1.00

**Construction Abounds:** The beginning of 1949 found the City Farm in crowded conditions and difficult circumstances in which to work due to the fire at the hospital. At the last of May, the construction of the hospital was completed sufficiently to move the patients in.



A construction crew worked at the Farm installing new toilets, and changing partitions and stairways, especially in the center and north wings. The second floor middle wing remains uncompleted, but reconstruction on this will begin in 1950.

Social parties and religious services are among the highlights for the patients and inmates at the City Farm.

**Achievement** The Bangor City Farm received a certificate from the University of Maine Extension Service in "recognition  
**Recognized:** of the production by this herd of butterfat per cow for the year ending October, 1949."

**Production High:** Produce raised at the City Farm during 1949 included milk, eggs, pork, beef, roosters, beans, rhubarb, spinach greens, beet greens, cucumbers, corn, apples, potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage, turnips, peas, onions, string beans, broccoli, squash, etc., in the total amount of \$10,454.87. The hay, oats, rye, and silage brought this total up to \$14,179.87.

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|--|----|-----|
| Number of Inmates in Home January 1, 1949                  | 15 |     |
| Number of Inmates admitted during the year                 | 98 |     |
|  | —  | 113 |
| Number of Inmates discharged up to Jan. 1, 1950            | 90 |     |
|  | —  |     |
| Total number of Inmates in Home January 1, 1950            | 23 |     |
| Number of Admissions from Municipal Court<br>for year 1949 |    | 25  |

## CITY HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT

Employees: 10      Appropriation: \$24,768.00      Per Capita: \$.82

**Point with Pride:** In order for Bangor to determine the most modern trends in hospitals devoted to care of the chronically ill, many consultations were held with qualified people. A new, excellently equipped physical plant has replaced that which was gutted by fire. Our citizens can take justifiable pride in this completely rebuilt and professionally staffed 31-bed hospital for the chronically ill.

**City Physician:** The Medical Advisory Committee for the hospital has assisted with advice on standards of patient care. Daily ward rounds are made by City Physician Dr. Edward L. Curran. The City Physician is also on call around the clock.

**Outstanding Service:** The Gray Ladies of the American Red Cross give extraordinary service to the hospital patients. This group of women give voluntarily of time and skill. Much of the occupational therapy will be carried out by the Gray

Ladies. Many other friends have made valued contributions of time, energy and money for the cheer of hospital patients. Christmas decorations were hand made by friends of the hospital. Christmas festivities at the Farm reached out to include the hospital wards.

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Number of patients, January 1, 1949              | 17   |
| Number of patients admitted during 1949          | 65   |
|  | — 82 |
| Number of patients discharged and died           | 67   |
|  | —    |
| Number of patients in Hospital December 31, 1949 | 15   |

## PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Employees: 6      Appropriation: \$76,516.00      Per Capita: \$2.55

**Types of Aid:** Public support of impoverished and sick people has been the community's responsibility since the 1500's. During 1949, the citizens of Bangor invested \$49,061.00 in the health and welfare of their city by providing food, shelter, fuel, clothing and medical care for its needy:

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| For patients in the Eastern Maine General Hospital           | \$ 3,117.77      |
| For patients in the state sanatoria                          | 119.71           |
| Director "outdoor" relief                                    | 24,155.60        |
|  | —————\$27,393.08 |
| City's share of Aid to Dependent Children                    | 15,468.25        |
| Grants to cooperating private agencies                       | 4,900.00         |
| City Physician for examination and care of relief recipients | 1,300.00         |
|  | —————\$49,061.33 |
| In addition, the City paid for burials                       | 3,720.00         |
|  | —————\$52,781.33 |
| Total  |                  |

**Helping Hand:** The City Hall office of the Public Welfare Department carries a separate ledger account for each family or individual receiving aid, with the exception of persons having a Bangor settlement who reside at the City Home or are patients in the Hospital for the Chronically Ill. The total number of active ledger accounts in 1949 was 355, with the total number of individuals receiving assistance being 859. These include the sick, the handicapped, the aged, the deserted, and the unemployed—neighbors in distress who were temporarily unable to help themselves. Some of the applicants necessarily had to be denied or sent elsewhere as not eligible to receive assistance because they had legally responsible relatives who could support them, or were eligible for Federal benefits, or were persons who had cash or assets equal to the subsistence budget allowed by the Department of Welfare.



Of the many who came, none was turned away without help or a courteous explanation of the "Pauper Law" under which the Department operates, and advice as to where aid might be obtained in his particular case. A City Welfare Department cannot adequately function without the continuing cooperation of every other City department and private agency in the community.

### City Missionary

Funds in the amount of \$680.00 were used from the City Missionary trust funds to render assistance to ten people who were outside the Public Welfare category. These disbursements were in compliance with the purpose of these funds to help persons who, because of an emergency, need financial assistance.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Employees: 2

Appropriation: \$21,139.00

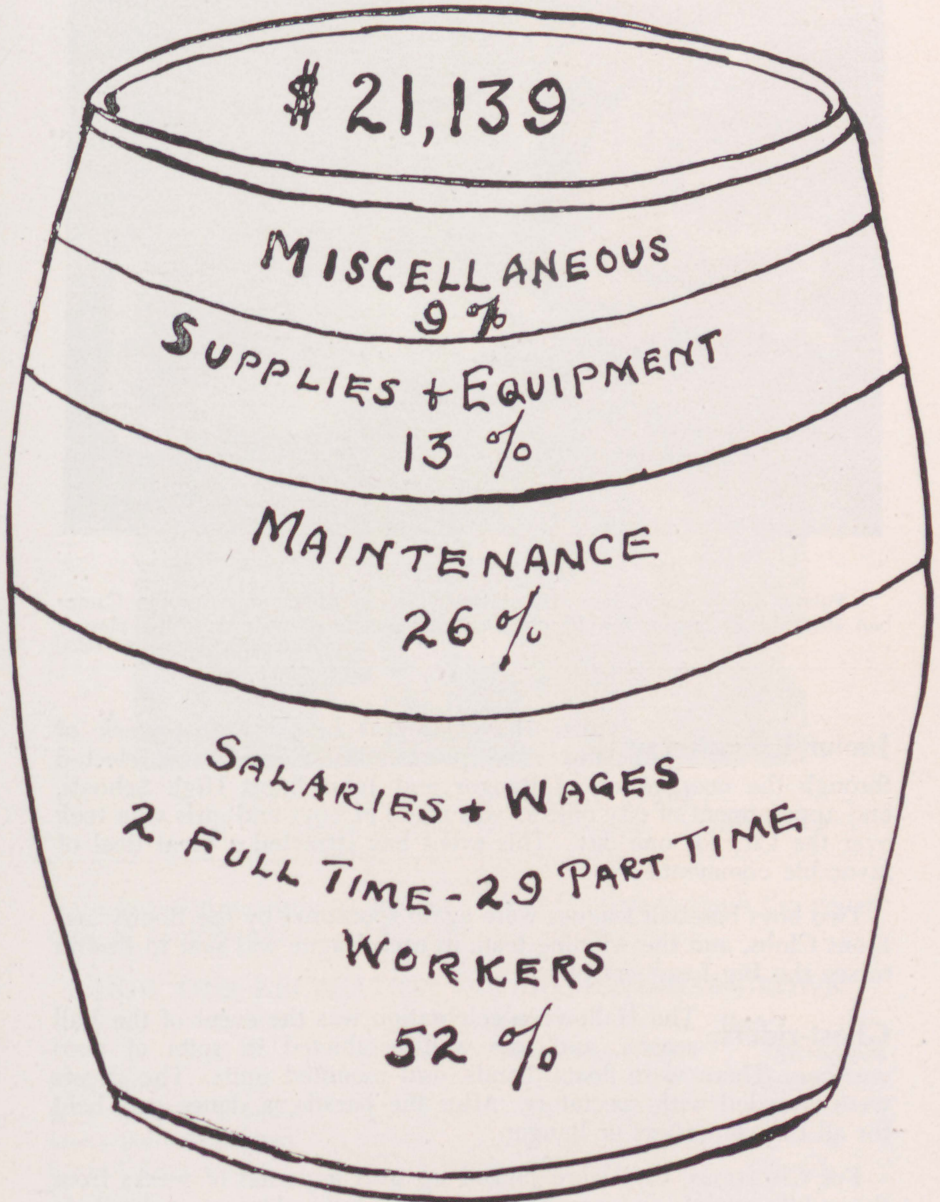
Per Capita: \$.70

**Relaxation for All:** For a full rounded program, a Municipal Recreation Department should provide recreation for all ages, young and old. This department is endeavoring to do just that. However, the greater emphasis is correctly placed upon youth. Our boys and girls are going to take up where we leave off. We may make all the plans, formulate all the policies we choose, but how they will be carried out depends upon these boys and girls.

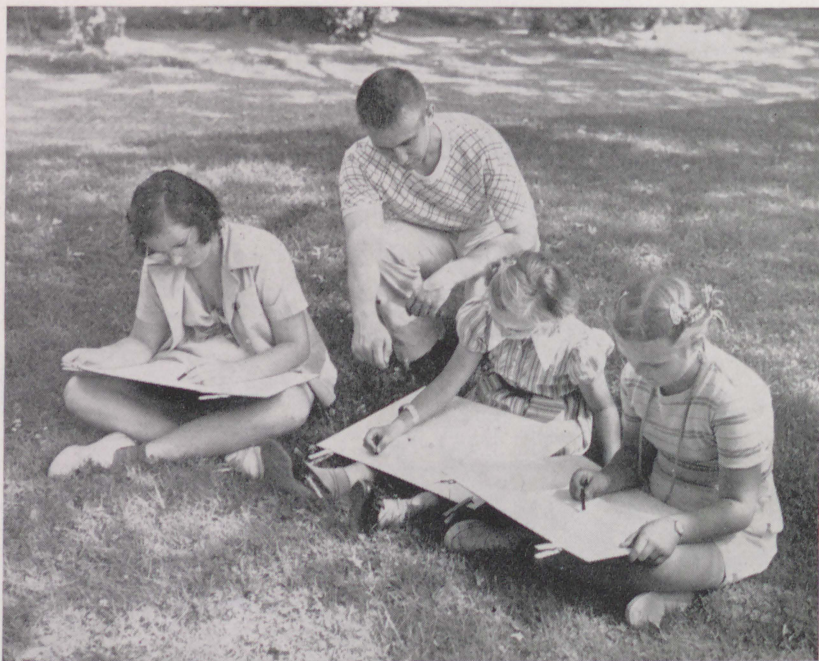
A new playground was opened during 1949 at the Coe Estate on Court Street. Another will be opened on Second Street. Many facilities are still lacking, including shelters, toilet facilities, fountains, and picnic facilities. Gym facilities are inadequate. Also, Bangor youngsters should have at hand a good, safe place to learn to swim, and then to continue to enjoy this fine recreation. Your Recreation Department is trying to help build good citizens. It deserves your enthusiastic support.

In addition to the regular activities, compiled at the end of this report, many special events were held during the year. A basketball jamboree for the benefit of the March of Dimes was held during February. All services were given free and all proceeds went to the Polio Fund.

**Dog Days:** The First Annual Dog Show was held at the Auditorium for boys and girls under 16 years of age. Dogs of all breeds from mongrels to the finest pedigreed stock were entered by 160 boys and girls. Through the cooperation of the Police Department, this event was a huge success.

*Where the Money Goes for Recreation*





#### FUTURE ARTISTS

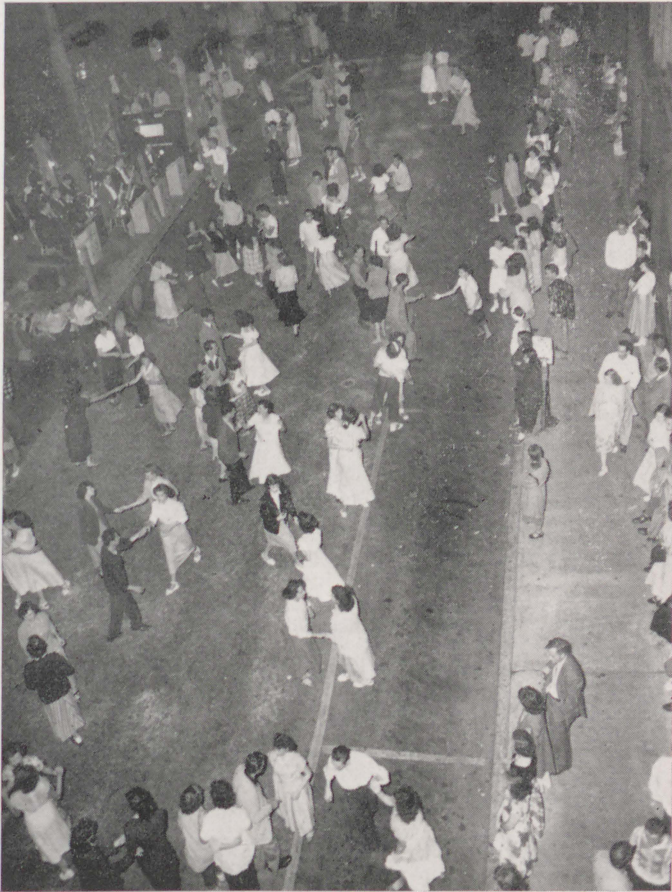
Palmer Libby, instructor, Mary Ranlett, Donna Coffin and Dorothy Campbell students, at one of the Recreation Department's summer sketching classes.  
(Bangor Daily News—Webb)

**Junior Executives:** Citizenship Day was held the first week of May. The Junior City Council was elected through the cooperation of Bangor and John Bapst High Schools, and appointment of city officers was made of boys and girls who took over the City for one day. This event has attracted a great deal of favorable comment.

Two boys baseball leagues were again sponsored by the Rotary and Lions Clubs, and the winning team in each league was sent to Boston to see the Big Leaguers play.

**Ghost-riders:** The Halloween celebration was the event of the Fall season, and was well conducted in spite of poor weather. There were floats, bands, and mounted units. The streets were crowded with spectators. After the parade, a dance was held for all the youngsters of Bangor.

For Christmas, toys were picked up over a period of weeks from the public schools and brought to the Recreation Department, where they were sorted out, repaired and painted. Over four hundred items



STREET DANCE ON COLUMBIA STREET

Species jitterbug, variety Bangoria.

(Commercial—Youngs)

were given to institutions, and individual families through the generosity of contributors.

### HOW OUR RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS GROWN

|                        | 1946    |            | 1949                       |            |
|------------------------|---------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
|                        | No.     | Attendance | No.                        | Attendance |
| Playgrounds            | 6       | 18,216     | 6                          | 72,606     |
| Boys' Baseball Leagues | 6 teams | 60 boys    | 22                         | 264 boys   |
| Men's Baseball Leagues | 0       | 0          | 14                         | 210 men    |
| Softball Leagues       | 8 teams | 120 men    | 28                         | 420 men    |
| Swimming               | 0       | 0          | 1300 children<br>(6 weeks) |            |





### HEY, YOU'RE ALL WET

Freddie Newbury, Buddy and Nancy Michaud, Wally Moro, Carol Sperin, Catherine Hall, Charles Cameron, Joan Burke and Davis Cronin enjoy the Green Lake swimming site.

Patricia Hashey and Charles Kitching, instructors.

(Commercial—Youngs)

### PLAYGROUND VEHICLE PARADE

Winners shown are: Robert Flanagan, Frank Birmingham, Robert Nesbit, Margaret Shaw, and Pamela Flanagan.

(Commercial—Youngs)





## HALLOWEEN PAINTING

Gloria Coffin, Homer Smith and Roland Averill competing in the Recreation Department's store paint contest.

(Bangor Daily News-Webb)

|                            |                     |                  |                  |                |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Street Dances              | 0                   | 0                | 8                | 9,100          |
| Archery                    | 0                   | 0                | Club             |                |
| (Bangor Archery Club)      |                     |                  |                  | 50 members     |
| Tennis                     | 6 courts            |                  |                  | 4 hard surface |
|                            | poor condition      |                  |                  | courts         |
| Riding Club                | 0                   | 0                | 35 members (rode |                |
|                            |                     |                  | 3 times a week)  |                |
| Bangor-Bapst Hi Club       | Bi-weekly, juke box | Weekly dances,   |                  |                |
| (With cooperation of YMCA) | music, all expense  | 6-pc. orchestra, |                  |                |
|                            | Recreation Dept.    | club pays 75% of |                  |                |
|                            |                     | expenses.        |                  |                |



|  |                                |           |   |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Hi-Jay Club for Jr. High<br>(With cooperation of YWCA) |                                |           | Dances twice a month, 3-piece orchestra, club pays 90% of expenses.         |
| Basketball   | 6 teams                        | 60 men    | City League—<br>14 teams, 160 men<br>Jr. City League—<br>16 teams, 190 boys |
| Bowling  | 14 teams                       | 100 girls | Same  |
| Boys' Club (Crafts)                                    | 0                              | 0         | 2 evenings, 30 boys   |
| Skating and Sliding                                    | Hills and rinks about the same |           |   |

BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Employees: 33      Appropriation \$30,197.00      Per Capita: \$1.00

**House of Knowledge:** The Bangor Public Library now contains 264,657 books, totaling 8.87 books per capita. Sixty-two per cent of the people of Bangor are registered as active users of the Library.

The greatest problems of the Library are to employ the very large book funds intelligently and usefully, to supply the public with skilled assistance so that it may make the maximum use of the great collection of books at its command, and to house the books that the Library's large resources require it to supply.

**Gifts:** The Library was generously remembered by many people. All gifts of books are accepted with the understanding that such items as are not needed for actual addition to this library may be given to other libraries or disposed of to the advantage of the Bangor Library.

**Manifold Purpose:** One of the interesting tasks set the Bangor Library by the Public Library Inquiry of the Social Science Research Council, which was concluded in 1949 and whose results are now being published in a series of books, was to define the purpose of the library. In abridged form, this definition was as follows: The purpose of the Bangor Public Library is to preserve the disseminate knowledge and thought as recorded in print; to provide recreation through print; and to provide a maximum of assistance to its clients in the use of its collections. We are a general library, yet we are also a library of record. We aim to provide printed material on all subjects likely to be of concern or interest either to present or potential users of whatever age or education. We recognize the scholarly resources of our neighbor library of the University of Maine, and are interested that each library shall complement the other. The home-use privileges of the Bangor Public Library are free to all residents and to whoever, regardless of place of residence, works, goes to school, or pays taxes in Bangor.

**Request This:** A complete report of the activities and finances of the Bangor Public Library is published yearly in book form, and may be obtained on request at the Library.

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Employees: 240      Appropriation: \$709,237.00      Per Capita: \$23.64

**What Education Costs:** Financing of the schools is a problem of vital importance, concerning as it does the supervising of an expenditure of more than \$700,000 so that the best results may be obtained from the money expended. The gross cost per pupil for the fiscal year was \$149.90.

**New Schools:** With a site purchased and a building committee at work to plan a new 20-room building on Vine Street, the next step in long range planning seems assured. During 1949, work was completed on the addition to the Fairmount School, which greatly relieved the pupil load per teacher in the school.

**Valuable Plant:** The school property is estimated now at approximately four million dollars. Slightly more than \$20,000 a year has been expended for maintenance, a figure which is not enough for good maintenance. It is recommended that custodians of the school buildings be given a training course to enable them to care for a larger part of the maintenance. This would result in a considerable saving once the program was set up and in operation.

**Health Important:** During 1949, more attention has been given to the health program in the schools with complete physical examinations given to all first, sixth, and seventh grade pupils, with notification of any defects being sent to parents with the suggestion that they see the family physician.



## COST PER PUPIL COMPARISONS

| Year       | Enrollment | Total<br>Expenditure | Cost<br>per pupil | Reimbursements | Net Cost     | Net Cost<br>per pupil |
|------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1932 ..... | 4,349      | \$375,902.00         | \$ 86.40          | \$ 68,720.00   | \$307,282.00 | \$ 60.65              |
| 1933 ..... | 5,104      | 324,970.00           | 63.65             | 67,830.00      | 257,140.00   | 50.35                 |
| 1934 ..... | 4,865      | 325,000.00           | 66.80             | 49,484.00      | 275,516.00   | 56.60                 |
| 1935 ..... | 4,848      | 373,000.00           | 78.75             | 52,805.00      | 320,195.00   | 66.05                 |
| 1936 ..... | 4,679      | 359,914.00           | 76.90             | 51,108.00      | 308,806.00   | 65.90                 |
| 1937 ..... | 4,609      | 370,715.00           | 80.40             | 51,370.00      | 319,345.00   | 69.25                 |
| 1938 ..... | 4,742      | 366,742.00           | 79.65             | 51,819.00      | 314,923.00   | 66.40                 |
| 1939 ..... | 4,622      | 365,996.00           | 79.15             | 51,895.00      | 314,101.00   | 67.90                 |
| 1940 ..... | 4,691      | 401,278.00           | 85.50             | 49,185.00      | 352,093.00   | 75.05                 |
| 1941 ..... | 4,581      | 445,754.00           | 97.30             | 50,925.00      | 394,829.00   | 86.20                 |
| 1942 ..... | 4,303      | 446,997.00           | 103.85            | 53,584.00      | 393,513.00   | 91.45                 |
| 1943 ..... | 4,207      | 435,090.00           | 103.40            | 67,214.00      | 367,876.00   | 87.40                 |
| 1944 ..... | 4,421      | 436,161.00           | 98.65             | 75,740.20      | 360,421.00   | 81.50                 |
| 1945 ..... | 4,379      | 481,566.00           | 109.90            | 101,516.00     | 380,050.00   | 86.70                 |
| 1946 ..... | 4,429      | 512,414.00           | 115.60            | 104,356.00     | 408,058.00   | 92.10                 |
| 1947 ..... | 4,537      | 578,420.98           | 127.30            | 117,060.76     | 461,360.22   | 101.50                |
| 1948 ..... | 4,687      | 667,978.88           | 142.70            | 121,612.95     | 546,365.93   | 116.70                |
| 1949 ..... | 4,668      | 699,777.00           | 149.90            | 117,445.38     | 582,331.63   | 124.70                |

## CEMETERIES

Employees: 5

Appropriation: \$8,611.00

Per Capita: \$.29

### Pine Grove

Burials: 47

Appropriation: \$2,775.00

Much improvement in the appearance of Pine Grove Cemetery was achieved during 1949 by road work, cutting bushes in front and back groves, straightening grave stones, cutting down dead trees, filling in sunken graves, and mowing rough lots and front field.

### Oak Grove

Burials: 14

Appropriation: \$1,275.00

The appropriation for Oak Grove Cemetery was badly needed and used to improve the condition of the roads, and for improving the appearance of neglected lots and straightening stones.

### Maple Grove

Burials: 12

Appropriation: \$1,125.00

Improvements at Maple Grove Cemetery during 1949 consisted of grading, rolling and seeding part of terrace, trimming hedge 460 ft. long, pruning trees along fence, pruning shrubbery, righting and cementing three large markers, retopping and sodding edges of one perpetual care lot, raising five sunken graves on perpetual care lots, removing weeds and straightening edges of south road, and installing a hand pump in the well.

### Mount Hope

Burials: 176

Appropriation: \$3,436.00

The regular general care was given as usual, consisting of mowing the grass on the new development, cutting the hay on ungraded, uncared for lots and grass roads, scraping roads, care of water pipes, raking leaves, etc. On Perpetual Care lots the grass was kept mowed and all depressions filled. For permanent improvements, twenty feet of culvert was put in to drain a very wet section in the old part of the cemetery. Gravel was spread on any bad spots in the old roads, and stones were straightened on uncared for lots as far as the appropriation for the year would allow.



## AUDITOR'S REPORT

The following financial statements are from the report of Graffam's Accounting Service, which is employed by your City Council to post-audit the financial transactions of the City.

### BALANCE SHEET

#### CITY OF BANGOR

As at December 31, 1949

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets:

|  |               |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund Cash.....                     | \$ 154,084.89 |               |
| Taxes Uncollected.....                     | 73,464.77     |               |
| Tax Deeds Unredeemed .....                 | 8,746.71      |               |
| City Property Acquired on Tax Titles ..... | 6,792.92      |               |
| Accounts Receivable Secured by             |               |               |
| Sewer Deeds.....                           | 5,747.96      |               |
| Accounts Receivable.....                   | 18,492.87     |               |
| State Aid Grants .....                     | 4,485.83      |               |
| Inventories—Materials and Supplies..       | 99,222.27     |               |
| Prepaid Insurance .....                    | 30,931.75     |               |
| Prepaid Postage Fund.....                  | 500.00        |               |
|  |               | \$ 402,469.97 |

##### Other Assets:

|   |                |               |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Municipal Property.....                             | \$8,133,109.18 |               |
| Uncompleted Construction of Municipal Property..... | 518,661.64     |               |
| Water Department .....                              | 2,897,643.13   |               |
| Bangor-Old Town Municipal Airport .....             | .62            |               |
|   |                | 11,549,414.57 |

##### Municipal Reserve Funds:

|                        |              |            |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Municipal Reserve..... | \$ 93,384.37 |            |
| Capital Reserve.....   | 68,401.84    |            |
|                        |              | 161,786.21 |
| Trust Funds.....       |              | 373,696.74 |

|                   |  |                        |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|
| Total Assets..... |  | <u>\$12,487,367.49</u> |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|

#### LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

##### Current Liabilities:

|   |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Notes Payable .....                         | \$ 46,000.00 |              |
| Accounts Payable .....                      | 16,422.40    |              |
| Due to Other Funds (Water Department) ..... | 3,943.10     |              |
| Accrued Interest.....                       | 831.22       |              |
|   |              | \$ 67,196.72 |

**Deferred Credits:**

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Motor Vehicles Taxes Prepaid.....  | \$ 18,692.82 |
| Harlow Street Property Income..... | 8,269.72     |

26,962.54

**Long Term Debt**.....

922,000.00

**Reserves:**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Municipal Reserves Fund.....                        | \$ 93,384.37 |
| Capital Reserve Fund.....                           | 68,401.84    |
| Uncompleted Construction of Municipal Property..... | 516,682.10   |
| Overlays—Taxes .....                                | 35,447.30    |
| State Aid Road Construction.....                    | 4,485.83     |
| Repair of Municipal Streets.....                    | 2,625.79     |
| Bangor-Old Town Municipal Airport .....             | .62          |

721,027.85

373,696.74

**Trust Funds**.....**Other Liabilities:**

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Water Department..... | 2,897,643.13 |
|-----------------------|--------------|

**Surplus:**

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Capital Surplus.....        | \$6,993,714.50 |
| Unappropriated Surplus..... | 485,126.01     |

7,478,840.51

**Total Liabilities and Surplus....**\$12,487,367.49**ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL SURPLUS****CITY OF BANGOR****Year Ended December 31, 1949**

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Balance, January 1, 1949..... | \$6,692,502.82 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|

**Additions:**

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Bonds Redeemed.....                                    | \$ 43,000.00 |
| Serial Notes Redemption (Harlow Street Property) ..... | 30,150.00    |
| City Farm and City Hospital Additions..                | 75,000.00    |
| Fairmount School Additions.....                        | 100,000.00   |
| Increase in City Property and Equipment .....          | 53,061.68    |

301,211.68

**Balance, December 31, 1949.....**\$6,993,714.50\$28,412,770.00



# ASSESSORS' VALUATION AND COMMITMENT CITY OF BANGOR

Year Ended December 31, 1949

## VALUATION

|                                  |                 |                        |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Real Property:                   |                 |                        |
| Resident .....                   | \$24,904,950.00 |                        |
| Non-Resident .....               | 3,507,820.00    |                        |
| Personal Property:               |                 |                        |
| Resident .....                   | \$ 6,592,457.00 |                        |
| Non-Resident .....               | 1,523,517.00    |                        |
|                                  |                 | <u>8,115,974.00</u>    |
| Total Valuation.....             |                 | \$36,528,744.00        |
| Rate: \$54.80                    |                 |                        |
| Total Assessed on Property       |                 | \$ 2,001,775.17        |
| Polls           9,090            |                 |                        |
| Less: Exempt   549               |                 |                        |
| ——8,541 @ \$3.00                 |                 | 25,623.00              |
|                                  |                 | <u>\$ 2,027,398.17</u> |
| Additional due to fractions..... |                 | .08                    |
|                                  |                 | <u>\$ 2,027,398.25</u> |

## ALLOCATION OF ASSESSMENT

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Municipal Functions..... | \$ 1,705,969.94        |
| State Tax.....           | 231,527.43             |
| County Tax.....          | 63,846.00              |
| Overlays 1949.....       | 26,054.88              |
|                          | <u>\$ 2,027,398.25</u> |

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Taxes 1949.....          | \$ 1,705,969.94        |
| Estimated Revenue.....   | 663,665.00             |
|                          | <u>\$ 2,369,634.94</u> |
| Less: 1948 Deficit.....  | 14,393.94              |
|                          | <u>\$ 2,355,241.00</u> |
| Total Appropriation..... | \$ 2,355,241.00        |

# STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUE CITY OF BANGOR

Year Ended December 31, 1949

| Source                        | Estimated<br>Revenue | Actual<br>Revenue   | Actual<br>Over     | Actual<br>Under   |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>STATE GRANTS:</b>          |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| R. R. and Telegraph Tax ....  | \$ 20,000.00         | \$ 20,302.44        | \$ 302.44          | \$                |
| State Bank Stock Tax .....    | 22,000.00            | 23,131.32           | 1,131.32           |                   |
| Library .....                 | 200.00               | 200.00              |                    |                   |
| <b>TAXES:</b>                 |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| Automobile Excise .....       | 95,000.00            | 125,264.38          | 30,264.38          |                   |
| Supplemental Taxes .....      | 2,500.00             | 3,295.37            | 795.37             |                   |
| <b>LICENSES AND PERMITS:</b>  |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| City Clerk's Fees .....       | 10,460.00            | 14,331.62           | 3,871.62           |                   |
| Electrical Department .....   | 540.00               |                     |                    | 540.00            |
| Building Inspector .....      | 2,430.00             | 2,048.60            |                    | 381.40            |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>         |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| Health Office .....           | 1,900.00             | 2,492.40            | 592.40             |                   |
| Police Department .....       | 70,400.00            | 77,363.27           | 6,963.27           |                   |
| Fire Department .....         | 3,820.00             | 3,264.09            |                    | 555.91            |
| Public Works Department ...   | 33,200.00            | 40,563.79           | 7,363.79           |                   |
| <b>PUBLIC SERVICE:</b>        |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| Water Department .....        | 240,000.00           | 250,455.71          | 10,455.71          |                   |
| <b>CHARITIES AND WELFARE:</b> |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| Welfare Department .....      | 7,509.00             | 13,615.73           | 6,106.73           |                   |
| City Farm .....               | 10,000.00            | 13,605.20           | 3,605.20           |                   |
| <b>EDUCATION</b> .....        | 124,750.00           | 117,693.10          |                    | 7,056.90          |
| <b>OTHER:</b>                 |                      |                     |                    |                   |
| Federal Housing Project ....  | 6,826.00             | 8,405.00            | 1,579.00           |                   |
| Int. on Taxes and Tax Deeds   | 2,500.00             | 3,921.20            | 1,421.20           |                   |
| City Hall Rental .....        | 2,000.00             | 2,676.64            | 676.64             |                   |
| Auditorium .....              | 2,000.00             | 2,906.81            | 906.81             |                   |
| Bangor-Old Town Airport ..    | 3,400.00             | 5,328.08            | 1,928.08           |                   |
| Sale of Cemetery Lots .....   | 1,330.00             | 1,430.47            | 100.47             |                   |
| Bass Park .....               | 500.00               | 735.00              | 235.00             |                   |
| Miscellaneous .....           | 400.00               | 275.91              |                    | 124.09            |
|                               | <u>\$663,665.00</u>  | <u>\$733,306.13</u> | <u>\$78,299.43</u> | <u>\$8,658.30</u> |
| Actual Over Estimated         |                      | \$ 78,299.43        |                    |                   |
| Actual Under Estimated        |                      | 8,658.30            |                    |                   |
| Gain Over Estimated           |                      | <u>\$ 69,641.13</u> |                    |                   |



# APPROPRIATION LEDGER - ABSTRACT

December 31, 1949

|                             | Appropriation         | Expended<br>for Year  | Unexpended         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Legislative .....           | \$ 200.00             | \$ 173.67             | \$ 26.33           |
| Executive .....             | 17,391.00             | 16,130.25             | 1,260.75           |
| Auditing .....              | 14,604.00             | 14,509.53             | 94.47              |
| Treasury .....              | 16,412.00             | 15,338.95             | 1,073.05           |
| Assessors .....             | 24,372.00             | 24,223.00             | 149.00             |
| Legal .....                 | 4,356.00              | 4,208.88              | 147.12             |
| Clerk .....                 | 10,597.00             | 10,427.89             | 169.11             |
| Registration .....          | 5,896.00              | 5,506.87              | 389.13             |
| Elections .....             | 1,112.12              | 1,137.31              | 25.19°             |
| City Hall .....             | 28,953.00             | 25,827.16             | 3,125.84           |
| Auditorium .....            | 18,435.00             | 17,050.32             | 1,384.68           |
| Health .....                | 34,299.58             | 31,880.48             | 2,419.10           |
| Police .....                | 178,757.00            | 172,858.28            | 5,898.72           |
| Fire .....                  | 211,431.00            | 199,538.40            | 11,892.60          |
| Public Works .....          | 387,066.07            | 361,994.03            | 25,071.09          |
| Electrical .....            | 62,574.00             | 59,716.05             | 2,857.95           |
| Welfare .....               | 76,516.00             | 65,927.53             | 10,588.47          |
| City Farm .....             | 54,903.00             | 56,213.53             | 1,310.53°          |
| Miscellaneous .....         | 8,762.00              | 7,827.49              | 934.51             |
| Recreation .....            | 22,639.00             | 19,056.09             | 3,582.91           |
| Cemeteries .....            | 8,611.00              | 7,853.29              | 757.71             |
| Trust Fund Beneficiaries .. | 7,238.00              | 7,237.50              | .50                |
| Unclassified .....          | 54,736.23             | 50,675.85             | 4,060.38           |
| Interest .....              | 20,700.00             | 17,372.86             | 3,327.14           |
| Bond Maturity .....         | 43,000.00             | 43,000.00             | —                  |
| Serial Note Redemption ..   | 30,150.00             | 29,149.20             | 1,000.80           |
| School .....                | 709,237.00            | 699,996.49            | 9,240.51           |
| Water .....                 | 240,684.00            | 250,455.71            | 9,771.71°          |
| Public Library .....        | 30,397.00             | 30,397.00             | —                  |
| Bass Park .....             | 23,975.00             | 2,715.26              | 21,259.74          |
| Building Inspection .....   | 7,237.00              | 6,844.16              | 392.84             |
|                             | <u>\$2,355,241.00</u> | <u>\$2,255,243.08</u> | <u>\$99,997.92</u> |

## BANGOR'S BACKGROUND

The annals of Bangor begin with the visit of Samuel deChamplain. Intrigued by the reports of a fabulous city, Norumbega, Champlain ascended the Penobscot in 1604 only to find an important Indian rendezvous and camping place where the Kenduskeag and Penobscot Rivers merge.

Jacob Buswell, who, in 1769, built a log hut near the present site of St. John's Catholic Church, has the distinction of being Bangor's first settler. In 1776 there were some 75 persons, adults and children, resident in Kenduskeag Plantation, the settlement being in the neighborhood of Penjejawock stream, near Mt. Hope Cemetery. After the close of the Revolutionary War, more settlers arrived and with them was the first pastor, Reverend Seth Noble, a native of Westfield, Mass.

**Incorporation—1791:** Pastor Noble was delegated to appear before the General Court of Massachusetts, of which Maine was then a part, to petition for the incorporation of the growing frontier town under the name of Sunbury. On the long journey to Boston, the clergyman solaced himself by singing his favorite hymn, "Bangor," and when the petition to the Court was made, he asked that the new town be designated "Bangor" instead of "Sunbury". The incorporation was allowed on February 25, 1791.

Bangor was occupied by the British in the War of 1812, and the scourge of war impeded progress until 1820, when new impulse was given by the creation of Maine as a separate State. The first bridge between Bangor and Brewer was built in 1832, and the military road to Houlton, the first connection with the great north section of the State, was constructed in the years 1828-1830.

Bangor was incorporated as a city in 1834 with Allen Gilman as its first mayor.

**Bangor "firsts":** Because of its proximity to the timberlands, Bangor became an important center for shipyards and sawmills which sent their products far and wide. The city grew rapidly, many residents being attracted by the magnitude of the lumber industry, which, about 1870, made Bangor the foremost lumber market of the world.

The first steam railroad in Maine and one of the earliest in the country was the Bangor, Old Town and Milford Railroad. The Bangor Street Railway Company was the second in the United States to operate an electric trolley system. The first iron steamboat built in America was for the Bangor-Boston route and was named "Bangor". The first monument to be erected in the country to the heroes of the War of the Rebellion is the marble shaft in Mt. Hope Cemetery.



**DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICIALS, 1950****Councilmen**

Charles E. Sheehan, Chairman

Harold E. Kelleher

Charles C. Morris

Frank F. Allen

James A. Hughes

Allan Woodcock, Jr.

John T. Barry, Jr.

Hilton Humphrey

James C. Totman

Officers elected by the Council for a stated time:

**Assessors****Municipal Board of****Child Welfare**

Alec M. Wescott, Chairman

William J. Largay

Harry E. Torrens

Rose M. Russell

Ruth M. D'Amico

Esther V. Baldwin

**Superintending School****Committee**

William W. Tulloch

Carol Lord Butler

John P. Vose

Dr. Lawrence M. Cutler

Dr. Martyn A. Vickers

*Appointed by Committee*

Superintendent of Schools—

Roland J. Carpenter

School Agent—

Lawrence H. Striley

Attendance Officer—

Anna L. Fickett

**Water Board**

Dr. Albert W. Fellows

Ernest F. Jones

Clifford Patch

Dr. Manning C. Moulton

Alpheus C. Lyon

Ambrose H. White

Hilton Humphrey, Chairman

*Appointed by Water Board*

Superintendent—

Donald P. Johnston

**Trustees of the Hersey Fund****Student Loan Fund**

Donald S. Higgins

Dr. Manning C. Moulton

Ralph Whittier

William P. Newman

Treasurer of City of Bangor,  
ex-officio

Arthur Smith

Wilfred A. Finnegan

Robert N. Haskell

Abraham M. Rudman

Superintendent of Schools,  
ex-officio

### **Bangor Public Library Board**

Consisting of the Trustees of  
the Hersey Fund and:

Franklin E. Bragg  
George F. Eaton  
Karl R. Philbrick  
Horace S. Stewart

### **City Planning Board**

E. Richard Drummond, Chairman  
Paul F. Kruse  
Lawrence V. Jones  
C. Parker Crowell  
Kent S. Hassen  
City Planner—  
Frederick A. McLaughlin, Jr.  
(Appointed by the City Manager)

### **Advisory Recreational Committee**

Priscilla E. Knowlton, Chairman  
Edward L. McManus  
W. Weldon Dunnett  
James F. O'Connor  
Betty Berger  
Harold E. Kelleher, ex-officio

### **Board of Appeals— Zoning Ordinance**

Ballard F. Keith, Chairman  
Abraham J. Stern  
John A. Vickery  
Associate Member  
Benjamin C. Kent

### **Medical Advisory Committee for Bangor Hospital for Chronically Ill**

Dr. Allan Woodcock, Chairman  
Dr. Henry C. Knowlton  
Dr. Herbert C. Scribner

*(The following officers appointed by the City Council to hold office  
during the pleasure of the appointing power)*

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| City Manager.....                          | Oliver D. Comstock    |
| City Clerk and Auditor.....                | Jay E. Alley          |
| City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes..... | Ralph L. Waymouth     |
| City Solicitor.....                        | Benjamin W. Blanchard |

### **Civil Service Commission**

William R. Ballou, Chairman  
Joseph H. Fleming  
John E. Hess

### **Trustees of Bass Park**

City Manager, Chairman—  
Oliver D. Comstock  
City Clerk, Clerk—Jay E. Alley  
City Treasurer, Treasurer—  
Ralph L. Waymouth



**Board of Registration**

Erminie G. Kelley, Chairman  
Mildred M. Merrill  
Hazel M. McNamara

*(The following appointed by the City Manager and approved by the City Council and hold office during the pleasure of the appointing power)*

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| City Engineer .....                       | James L. MacLeod        |
| Chief of the Fire Department .....        | John J. Nelligan        |
| Chief of the Police Department .....      | John B. Toole           |
| City Electrician .....                    | Murray D. Gallupe       |
| Director of Public Welfare Dept.....      | Ruth S. Lord            |
| Superintendent of the City Farm .....     | Charles H. Newell       |
| Superintendent of the City Hospital ..... | Edith Masterman         |
| Director of Recreation .....              | Bernard Campbell        |
| Inspector of Buildings .....              | James M. Walsh          |
| Purchasing Agent .....                    | Merle F. Goff           |
| City Physician .....                      | Edward L. Curran, M. D. |
| Harbor Master .....                       | Wentworth N. Freese     |
| Inspector of Milk .....                   | Harry D. McNeil, M. D.  |
| Superintendent of Clocks.....             | Sidney E. Noyes         |
| City Missionary.....                      | Jennie M. Johnson       |

*(Appointed by the City Manager and approved by the Board of Municipal Officers and by the Commissioner of Health and Welfare)*

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Health Officer..... | Harry D. McNeil, M. D. |
|---------------------|------------------------|

**Cemetery Board**

Wilmot I. Brookings, Chairman  
Frank McKenney  
Hazen A. Polk

**Superintendent of Burials**

*(Appointed by Cemetery Board)*  
Mount Hope—F. Stanley Howatt  
Mount Pleasant—  
James H. Cuncannon  
Oak Grove—Edgar H. Lewis  
Maple Grove—Harvey H. Garron  
Pine Grove—Walter B. Allen

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

*(Elected by Municipal Officers and approved by the State Sealer of Weights and Measures)*

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Bernard C. Constantine..... | 1 George Street |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|

## Plumbing Inspector

*(Appointed by the Health Officer and approved by the  
State Department of Health)*

J. Edward Friend

*Recommended by the Health Officer and City Manager and  
approved by the City Council)*

Meat Inspector.....Allan J. Neal, D. V. M.

*Appointed by the Health Officer and approved by  
the City Manager*

Restaurant Inspector.....Robert L. Scribner

## Standing Committees, City Council, 1950

Accounts and Finance—Morris, Chairman; Allen, Barry.

Public Works—Kelleher, Chairman; Hughes, Totman.

Public Safety—Woodcock, Chairman; Sheehan, Humphrey.

Engrossed Ordinances—Allen, Chairman; Hughes, Barry.



## MEET YOUR CANDIDATE RALLY

Duncan M. Robinson, Thomas J. McGrath, Hilton Humphrey, John T. Barry, Jr., C. Leo Smith, (back row) Arthur W. Roundy, Donald C. Lewis, Raymond O. Torrey, Oscar Walker, James C. Totman, John J. Young, and Devereaux McCarthy.

(Commercial—Morgan)





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**1949**

Population, 1940 census, 29,882

Area 32.9 square miles