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BANGOR



FIRST FORMAL VISIT TO OUR CITY

OF

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

{ This is the first Formal Visit of a First Lady of the Land to Bangor }

MAY 20, 1941

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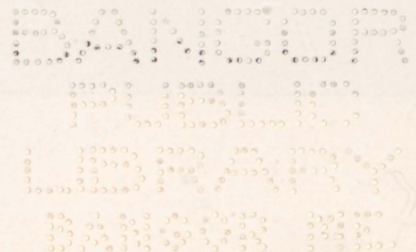
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Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Not many of the people who saw a shy, solemn, black stockinged little girl going in and out of a formal brown stone house on 37th Street during the "Gay nineties" ever expected her to become one of the most popular women in America. But she did.

There was little about the "nineties" which seemed gay to Anna Eleanor Roosevelt who had first seen the light of day in the city of New York in 1884. During the first ten years of her life she lost by death her mother, one of her two brothers and her father. The latter was a brother of Theodore Roosevelt who later became President.

Mrs. Roosevelt has often referred to her childhood awkwardness as causing her great discomfort. When she was feeling ill at ease in her aunts' "hand me downs" she probably never dreamed that some day her wardrobe would be a topic of national interest. Such "cast-offs" did not come to Eleanor Roosevelt because of financial distress but because "making over" the garments of grown-ups for youngsters was the custom of the times. She had gone to live with her maternal grandmother, Mrs. V. G. Hall, when she was seven. That meant dividing her time between a winter home in New York City and a summer one in Tivoli up the Hudson River. As a child she was surrounded by people much older than herself; maids, governesses, uncles and aunts but few companions her own age.

When a girl of fifteen Eleanor Roosevelt went to Europe for three years "to complete her education." She was enrolled in Mlle. Souvestre's school in London where only French was spoken and where the pupils came from many different countries. In such a changed environment this restricted American girl first became interested in outside affairs (the Boer War was in progress then). Her vacations were spent in travel through Europe. She began making friends with people of her own age. Gradually she became less serious.

Evidently it was not meant that she should become carefree for long. Upon her return to America she immediately began shouldering family responsibilities and settling the problems of others. She took over the supervision of her brother's guidance and education.

Mrs. Hall insisted that her granddaughter should "come out" formally. It was a society "must" then. Apparently it never occurred to Eleanor Roosevelt to shirk her duty or displease others just because a task was distasteful. Her determination then to overcome timidity and social discomfort was of value to her in the years ahead. She became an active member of the Junior League doing recreational work with underprivileged children in a settlement house. She also became a member of an organization which investigated the working conditions of young girls.

It was natural that she should want to be of service to others and appreciate the wants of the needy. She belonged to a philanthropically minded family. The women as well as the men had their pet charities upon which they spent much time and money. Her grandfather helped to establish a newsboy's club and an orthopaedic hospital. At an early age the seed was planted which was to bloom into a tireless and generous benefactor of mankind.

Eleanor Roosevelt's first acquaintance with the social life of Washington started during the presidency of her Uncle Theodore. She was a welcome guest at the White House functions but she was awed by the imposing structure. How Fate must have been smiling!

She was to become its mistress by marrying her distant cousin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, on March 17, 1905 while he was still a student at Columbia University Law School. She became a mother six times. One little boy died.

Busy years followed. Mr. Roosevelt entered state politics in 1910. The family moved about a great deal. There were visits to Hyde Park where Mr. Roosevelt's mother lived. There were trips to the family's summer home at Campobello. There was a sojourn in Albany for political reasons. Later there was Washington. Traveling with a large family of children and servants required engineering. Much of this was done by Mrs. Roosevelt, especially when her husband had duties

elsewhere. And all the time there was entertaining to be done, servants to be considered, children's illnesses to be cured, family problems to be solved.

In an address a few years ago Mrs. Roosevelt said, "We are facing a great change in civilization and the responsibility for what we do with our leisure time is a very great responsibility for all of us who have intellectual interests." Invariably, she sought to use hers for self development or the betterment of others. She has taken lessons galore in various fields from cooking to languages. She has always enjoyed all forms of handwork---her fingers are rarely idle---reading has played an important part in her life.

While her children were small Mrs. Roosevelt did not do as much crusading in welfare work. She confined herself to sitting on boards and playing the role of executive. But when war was declared and her husband was Assistant Secretary of the Navy, she seemed to meet all the vicissitudes of the times with constructive contributions. Although she had strong beliefs in peace, there was no alternative once this country was at war. There was knitting to be done, canteens to be worked in, executive work to be done, Naval hospitals to be visited, and countless other problems to need attention. Mrs. Roosevelt often used her influence to improve conditions which she observed from her contact with various groups of people.

Through her social position in Washington Mrs. Roosevelt was in close touch with the diplomats and as soon as the war was over she accompanied her husband to Europe to observe the havoc which had been wrought.

After such an active life of service Eleanor Roosevelt found it impossible to become placid. She sought interests which would develop her---make her a personality in her own rights, regardless of political position. People continued to interest her tremendously, she admired those who accomplished their purpose but was tolerant of those who didn't. She sought more personal contact with the underprivileged.

In 1921 there were more adjustments for Mrs. Roosevelt to make. That summer her husband was stricken with infantile paralysis. Naturally, a very difficult time ensued until a normal routine could be restored. Mrs. Roosevelt had never been especially good in sports of any kind and so had shunned them. She began taking swimming lessons, driving lessons, going camping and other pursuits which she could share with her children now that their father was incapacitated. She was also taking more and more personal interest in politics. And the urge to develop, to learn more, to see more, to understand more, persisted.

Today Mrs. Roosevelt is classed among the nation's best informed authorities on welfare problems. Her warm-hearted and generous nature, coupled with a strong desire to help in any way possible, her thorough knowledge of life as it is lived by all classes of American people, her determination and sincerity of purpose have made her known to the coal miners of Pennsylvania, the peach growers of Georgia, the hog raisers of the Corn Belt and the mill hands of New England. Her interest in all and her willingness to give to and promote all worthy charitable causes have commanded the admiration and love of all who know her.

Diplomats from every country in the world, royalty, socialites, administration leaders and movie stars---all know her as the perfect hostess. Washington society knows her as the country's leading hostess.

Through her modesty and kindness Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt has become the popular idol of millions of Americans.

PROGRAM

OF

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's

VISIT TO BANGOR



GOVERNOR SUMNER SEWALL

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt

TUESDAY, MAY 20 AT 8:00 P. M.

— PROGRAM —

- 3:30 P. M. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt arrives
Visits Airport
- 4:00 P. M. Louis Fleming, acting chairman of the City Council, and committee welcome Mrs. Roosevelt at the foot of the Hannibal Hamlin statue
- 4:20 P. M. Inter-Organizational Committee, headed by Dr. Trust, welcomes First Lady in lobby of Bangor House
- 5:30 P. M. Reception
- 6:15 P. M. Dinner

— AUDITORIUM —

- 8:00 P. M. Bangor Symphony Orchestra Concert---Adelbert Wells Sprague, Conductor
1. Pomp and Circumstance *Edward Elgar*
 2. Ballet Suite from "Faust" *Charles Gounod*
 - I. Dance of the Nubians
 - II. Cleopatra and the Golden Cup
 - III. Danse Antique
 - IV. Cleopatra and Her Slaves
 3. "Emperor" Waltz *Johann Strauss*
- 8:30 P. M. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt enters
- 8:35 P. M. Girl Scouts present colors
- 8:40 P. M. Dr. Harry Trust
- 8:42 P. M. Governor Sumner Sewall presents Mrs. Roosevelt
- 8:52 P. M. **Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt**
- 10:00 P. M. "Star Spangled Banner"

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American Association of University Women

The Bangor Branch of the American Association of University Women is the local unit of a country-wide organization. It consists of nearly 900 branches, with a combined membership of 70,000 women. All of them are alumnae of approved colleges and universities.

The Association fosters a continuing interest in education, in the arts, in our international relations, in problems of our own social structure and it works to preserve values which make the best in American culture.

The American Legion

A patriotic organization formed in France, March 15, 1919 by veterans of the World War. Its cardinal purposes are the rehabilitation of our disabled comrades; the care of the dependents of those who answered the final call, and of those who are suffering the ravages of wounds, disease and want; rightful education of the children of our country, and devoted service to the community, state and nation.

Its more than a million members are dedicated to God and Country.

The American Legion Auxiliary

Provision for the establishment of the American Legion Auxiliary was made by the Minneapolis National Convention of the American Legion in November, 1919. It is the largest and most truly democratic organization of women in the United States today, being composed of women of every race, religion, occupation and political conviction, ever striving to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy.

Throughout the years the American Legion Auxiliary's main activities have been in the following fields: Rehabilitation of disabled veterans, Child Welfare, Americanism, Educational Aid for War Orphans, Community Service, Disaster Relief Activities, National Defense, and World Peace.

Association of Social Agencies

The Association of Social Agencies is the organization which brings together representatives of the health, welfare and character building agencies in Bangor and Brewer. Many Church and Parent-Teacher groups also have representation. The representatives come from thirty-seven different groups and consist of lay members who are appointed by each body and the trained social workers. The purpose is to develop a better and more co-ordinated social service program and to eliminate duplication of effort.

Bangor-Brewer Ministerial Association

The Bangor-Brewer Ministerial Association is an organization the Protestant Clergy and leaders of religious and character-building institutions have united for fellowship, study, discussion and cooperative action in religious and social activities. It includes in its membership the Ministers of the Churches of both cities and of near-by towns, executives of the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Salvation Army, and the Faculty of the Bangor Theological Seminary.

The Association sponsors united religious services at special seasons of the year, and seeks a common approach to the moral and social problems of the twin communities. It is the medium for interdenominational programs, and for cooperative religious enterprise.

The Association will now become a department of the new Council of Churches of Bangor, Brewer and vicinity which was formally organized on May 15, 1941. This Council of Churches has come into being as the result of the study and efforts of the Ministerial Association to find a more effective plan of interdenominational cooperation.

Bangor Business & Professional Women's Club

The Bangor Business & Professional Women's Club was organized in 1922, the first President being Flora Weed. The slogan of the National Federation at that time was: "*Better Business Women for a Better Business World.*" They believe in the Merit System for men and women alike; equal pay for equal work; High School education for all girls and boys.

The Bangor Club has established a revolving fund amounting to \$1,100.00 at the University of Maine as a Student Loan Fund, and in addition a prize of \$10.00 is awarded each year to the girl graduating from Bangor and Brewer High Schools with the highest rank in English.

Bangor Federation of Women's Clubs

The object of the Bangor Federation of Women's Clubs is to promote intellectual progress and civic improvement by forwarding movements requiring the strength of all the clubs, acting in unison.

All clubs of the city which belong to the State Federation are eligible to membership; each club belonging to the Federation shall make its contribution to its members as it sees fit.

The Federation of Women's Clubs developed from the Sorosis Club. It has been in existence since 1889.

The Bangor Hebrew Community Center

The Bangor Hebrew Community Center came into being formally on September 18, 1938. It is an informal, educational institution. It attempts to meet the instinctive desire of mankind for companionship and for community life. The Hebrew Community Center is a medium through which the Jew interprets his ideals in terms of American life and American institutions. It fosters the moral, physical and cultural development of its members and cooperates with other agencies in stimulating a healthy communal life.

Bangor Lodge of Elks

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was founded about 77 years ago by an English actor residing in New York City, primarily to help actors in sickness and distress. The order has since forged ahead rapidly in its field of fraternalism.

Its membership is composed of men in the principal walks of life and from all sections of the country. The organization requires American citizenship---otherwise, the restrictions are the same as any other fraternal order with reference to a man's character, conduct and ability to mix with his fellow men.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has for its objectives, the promotion of true Americanism, help and charity to those who need it---medical assistance to crippled children---aiding worthy young men and women to advance their education, and general good fellowship to all mankind.

Bangor Teachers' Club

The Bangor Teachers' Club was founded in 1907 to promote the welfare and efficiency of its members professionally, to provide opportunities for them to become acquainted with one another, and to encourage an active interest on their part in the affairs of the community at large. Meetings are held once a month during the school year, with programs of both educational and social value.

For a number of years the Club sponsored an annual public lecture, bringing to Bangor such eminent personages as F. Hopkinson Smith, Lady Gregory, Bliss Perry and Helen Keller. It is quite in keeping with its traditions that the Bangor Teachers' Club is cooperating in bringing to Bangor Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Bangor Theological Seminary

Bangor Theological Seminary is one of the oldest institutions for the training of ministers in the United States. It was established by the Society for Theological Education, founded in Portland in 1811, and incorporated in 1812, at a time when Bowdoin College was the only educational institution above the grade of an academy in the northern area of New England.

A charter was granted by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts on February 25, 1814, and in October of 1816 the Seminary received its first students.

Temporarily located at Hampden, Maine, it was moved to its present location in 1819, graduating its first class in 1820.

The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League

Commands were organized in U. S. A. for the purpose of serving needy British and Canadian veterans and all others who fought under the British and American Flags. All veterans enrolled in this organization must pledge their Loyalty to the United States of America and its Flag. We wish to extend our greeting at this time to the First Lady of the Land, Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

They served until death, why not we.

Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce is the bulwark against community and business selfishness. It does not devote its interests and work for any particular group, does not seek to advance one thing to the detriment of another. All problems for the betterment of the community, business and civic, are of equal interest to the Chamber of Commerce. All receive the same merited, impartial treatment. It is the only organization which is non-political, non-sectarian and within the portals of which men and women in every walk of life work for the common good and the welfare of all. It is the first place the stranger visits. It is the city's business information clearing house, its encyclopedia. A city is judged by its civic activity, and the Chamber of Commerce is the organization where such activity is put in motion and then carried to a successful conclusion for the benefit of all.

The Junior Welfare League of Bangor, Inc.

The Junior Welfare League of Bangor was organized in 1928 and although not affiliated with the Association of Junior Leagues of America was modelled on the pattern of member Leagues.

The total membership averages seventy. Active members must not be under eighteen or over forty years of age and must justify their membership through some form of Community and Junior League service. New members are classified as Provisional members until they have satisfactorily completed a training course.

The Board of Directors consists of the officers and all chairmen of the standing committees. They meet monthly just prior to the League's regular luncheon meeting held the first Tuesday of each month.

In addition to the welfare program undertaken by the League, the League holds an annual dance and tea for its members and guests and has a Book Club for the membership.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal and beneficent society of Catholic men, founded in New Haven, Connecticut, on March 29, 1882. It operates in the United States and its territorial possessions, Canada, Mexico, Cuba and the Panama Canal Zone.

The primary object of the Knights of Columbus is to associate Catholic men for religious and civic usefulness. It renders pecuniary aid. Since the First World War, it has been active in promoting "the stability of society, of uniting the ideals of religion and patriotism, and of educating its members, in obedience to the commands of Christianity, in putting the eternal verities in practice."

Little City Parent-Teacher Association

During the past school year the Little City P. T. A. has accomplished many worthwhile projects. At each of the monthly meetings we have heard good speakers. One of our meetings took the form of a very successful covered dish supper, and at our last meeting many of the children took part in a most interesting Quizz Program, conducted on the lines of a Radio Broadcast.

The Hot Lunch Program was continued during the past year with about 160 children being fed every school day. We have two W.P.A. cooks and three helpers at the Mary Snow School. In connection with this project the School Department installed an 8' electric refrigerator.

All sorts of good clothing has been distributed to children in need. Our Committee has repaired, cleaned and pressed all clothing before sending it out.

The Association has furnished about 45 bottles of milk a day to needy children.

We have had one card party during the school year which was quite successful as a money raising project; also one unique method of raising money by giving out ten dollars in quarters to many of the members. Each member put his quarter "To work" and quite a good sized sum was raised this way.

We are now working on the Summer Round-Up for Pre-School Children, May 6.

Order of Ahepa

The Order of Ahepa and its junior auxiliaries, the Maids of Athens and the Sons of Pericles are the foremost Hellenic-American organizations in the United States engaged in promoting loyalty to America and respect for the history and culture of the Hellenic race. Through its chapters in every sizeable city in the 48 states, the Ahepa, which is simply American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, carries out a program of fraternal, social, athletic and philanthropic activities. For years it has operated a scholarship fund for needy students, established a Sanatorium for the use of its members and contributed to various institutions and causes from the Red Cross and war relief agencies to the Theological School at Pomfret, Conn. and the Samuel Gridley Howe Memorial at Brown University. In order to present a rounded and varied program the Ahepa has sponsored essay and debate contests, athletic tournaments and local and district publications as well as social and musical gatherings. As a means of inspiring loyalty to the American ideal of democracy, it is a strong and vital factor in the life of every American of Hellenic descent.

University of Maine

The University of Maine, established in 1865, has an enrollment of 2100 students. Major divisions of the university are the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Technology, College of Agriculture, and School of Education. More than 9000 degree-holding alumni of the university have been trained in engineering, arts, education, agriculture, home economics, forestry, and many other fields. The Maine Agricultural Experiment Station and Maine Technology Experiment Station carry on basic research along many lines. Extension services, particularly in agriculture and home economics, carry on educational work throughout the state.

Young Business Associates

The Young Business Associates were organized in 1938 to develop, advertise and promote industry, and to encourage the civic betterment of Bangor and vicinity.

With the generous assistance of business firms and individuals the Young Business Associates have:

Erected and maintained a Tourists' Information Booth in P. O. Square as a public service.

Conducted a Community Christmas Tree each year with appropriate ceremony and gifts for children.

Co-operated and assisted other organizations in all civic projects.

Published and distributed thousands of copies of descriptive literature on Bangor and vicinity.

Maintains a Students' Advisory Service and has boys and girls attending various colleges under Y. B. A. guidance.

New members welcome.

Zonta Club

Zonta International, of which the Bangor Zonta Club is part, is a classified service organization of executive women in business and the professions.

The name Zonta is a Sioux Indian word meaning "Trustworthy, Honest." Also the word in the Greek language means "the living or vital things." Thus the name centers in the essentials for a happy and serviceable life. Each member of Zonta International pledges herself to help promote and encourage high ideals; to work for the advancement of understanding and good will through a world fellowship of executive women; and, as a part of the Zonta code promises "To keep ever before me the best of all creeds: 'Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them'."

Each individual club chooses its own field of service according to the needs of the community in which it is located. Bangor Zonta Club helps in many ways to carry out the pledge of service; such as assisting worthy girls in gaining an education, at present helping a young nurse through her years of training; paying for eye glasses and necessary small operations needed by school children; sponsor for the Penobscot County Aid for the Blind. Because of the classification system of membership, the group is small, and the field of activities limited.

COMMITTEES

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REPRINT OF PUBLICITY

that appeared in Bangor Daily News and Bangor Daily Commercial on the occasion of the First Lady's visit to our city

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt to Speak on "Peace" May 20

Nation's First Lady Being Brought Here by Community Center and Other Local Organizations

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, will lecture here on Tuesday, May 20, under the auspices of the Community Center and the co-sponsorship of the leading educational, civic, fraternal, social, business and patriotic organizations according to announcement today. Her subject will be "Peace."

Activities

In addition to social activities as the nation's First Lady, Mrs. Roosevelt writes an occasional syndicated newspaper column book and magazine article, keeps going six days a week, watches over the affairs of her children and grandchildren and finds time to fill a limited number of lecture engagements each season.

Her books include her autobiography "This Is My Story," "It's Up to the Women," a commentary on current events; and "My Day," excerpts from her newspaper column. She has also edited and collected her father's papers under the title "Hunting Game in India in the '80's."

Born in 1884, educated by private governesses and abroad, Eleanor became engaged to her fifth cousin once removed when she was nineteen. The wedding was on St. Patrick's Day, 1905, because that was the day her uncle, President Theodore Roosevelt, who was to give her in marriage (her mother died when she was seven and her father when she was ten), was coming to New York to take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Biography

After two honeymoons (a brief one at Hyde Park because her husband's law studies at Columbia University could not be interrupted and a longer one during the following summer in Europe) she settled down to the conventional life of a young matron. Her winters were spent at the Roosevelt's house in Manhattan and her summers in Maine.

In spite of the fact that she was constantly in and out of Washington during two administrations of her uncle, President Theodore Roosevelt, and during the Wilson Administration when her husband was assistant Secretary of the Navy, she says that she did not take a really active interest in political affairs until her husband's unsuccessful campaign for the Vice Presidency in 1920.

Well Informed

Mrs. Roosevelt is today generally acknowledged to be one of the best informed women in the nation on conditions throughout the United States. Her travels to the homes of her children, her varied interests take her to all parts of the country where, through personal contact, study and investigation, she keeps a knowing finger on the pulse of affairs.

Mrs. Roosevelt's Lecture Eagerly Anticipated Here

Leaders of Local Organizations State Enthusiasm over First Lady's Bangor Visit

A. B. Friedman

A. B. Friedman for the Bangor Hebrew Community Center:

"We are happy to present Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt to the citizens of Bangor and Eastern and Northern Maine. Mrs. Roosevelt is more to us than just the First Lady of the land for she has come to typify the American of today. Her inexhaustible energy, reminiscent of her uncle, Theodore Roosevelt, her warm and generous nature and her readiness to assist those in need, all combine to express the America the world has come to love, to appreciate and to look to for salvation."

E. Kelly Crosskill

E. Kelly Crosskill for the Central Council of P. T. A.:

"We are delighted that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is coming to Bangor. We feel that her visit will be particularly beneficial to the youth of the city."

Harold O. Sanborn

Harold O. Sanborn for the Chamber of Commerce: "Bangor considers it an honor and privilege to have Mrs. Roosevelt, 'the First Lady of the nation' as its guest, and of course will manifest its proverbial cordial welcome. I'm sure there will be a general wish to give every assurance of a cordial greeting."

Charles T. Marshall

Charles T. Marshall for the Vimy Post, Canadian Legion:

"Vimy Post, Canadian Legion of Bangor, wishes to extend greetings to the First Lady of the land and hopes she enjoys every minute of her stay here."

Mrs. William J. Currier

Mrs. William J. Currier for the Council of Social Agencies:

"As chairman of the Association of Social Agencies, may I extend greetings to the First Lady of our land and also a wish that her visit here will be a very happy one."

Mrs. Henry Knowlton

Mrs. Henry C. Knowlton, representative of the Junior Welfare League:

"It is a distinct honor and privilege to have the wife of the President of the United States visit Bangor. May her visit here be a pleasant and happy one."

Mrs. Harriett N. Mason

Mrs. Harriett N. Mason for the Bangor Federation of Women's Clubs:

"It is a pleasure and an honor to have so distinguished a person as Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt visit Bangor. She is the First Lady of the land in more ways than one."

C. Everett Page

C. Everett Page for the Bangor Teachers' Club:

"As chairman of the Bangor Teachers' Club and on behalf of the members of the club, I would like to say that we are proud to know the nation's First Lady will honor our city with her presence on May 20th. We sincerely hope that she will enjoy her stay here and we are looking forward to her arrival."

Mrs. Roosevelt's Trip Here Recalls Uncle's Visit In 1902

*First Lady to Be Tendered Reception In Bangor House Room Occupied by
Theodore Roosevelt*

Some of the more colorful pages of American history will be repeated here on May 20 when Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President of the United States, visits Bangor to deliver her address on "Peace and the World Today," under the auspices of the Bangor Community Center and the co-sponsorship of some twenty other leading local organizations. Before making her speech at the Bangor Auditorium, the First Lady will be tendered a reception at the Bangor House in the very same room used by her famous uncle, President Theodore Roosevelt, on his never-to-be-forgotten visit here on August 27, 1902.

Mrs. Roosevelt's itinerary to Bangor will start in Washington where she will board a plane for Boston. From the Bay State capital she will motor to Augusta where she will be the luncheon guest of Governor and Mrs. Sumner Sewall at the Blaine House.

After luncheon she will start for Bangor, accompanied by the Governor's party. Upon arrival in the Queen City, the First Lady and her entourage will proceed to the Bangor House where they will be met by a local reception committee, headed by Dr. Harry Trust, President of the Bangor Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Roosevelt will take a brief rest before the formal reception gets underway at 5:30 in the parlor on the second floor. Dinner will be formally served in the main dining hall at 6:30 during which Dr. Trust will deliver a short address of welcome to the guest of honor.

At the conclusion of the dinner, there will be a short respite before going to the Auditorium.

The First Lady's visit here on May 20th, nearly 39 years after that of her uncle's, will recall to many of the oldtimers that eventful Wednesday on August 27, 1902, when Theodore Roosevelt visited the Eastern Maine State Fair at Maplewood Park as the guest of Hon. Flavius O. Beal, association president.

Thousands lined the streets on that memorable occasion to see the President and his party as they rode through the city, stopping at various places of historical interest. The day was designated as "President's Day" and flags flew from every building in the city. It was without question the biggest day in the fair's history. Approximately 25,000 persons from out of town had flocked to Bangor to catch a glimpse of the President.

A cheering throng greeted him as he alighted from the rear platform of his special train at the foot of Railroad Street and stepped into his waiting carriage. Numerous dignitaries of the day from every walk of life were in the chief executive's party as it started for the Bangor House.

The entourage went down Main Street, up State, around Chapin Park, through Broadway, back to State, up Hammond and out to Ohio Street and the Children's Home. At 12:50, the President went to the Bangor House which he entered through the private entrance of Capt. Horace Chapman. He then ascended the portico on Main Street and delivered a short speech to the tremendous crowd which had gathered below.

Following the speech luncheon was served in a private dining room with 20 of Mr. Beal's friends as guests. One-half hour later the party went to the fair grounds as hundreds of special police tried vainly to keep back the excited, surging crowd which followed the President's carriage as youngsters follow a circus parade.

At the fair grounds, he was introduced by Senator Eugene Hale and delivered a speech the words of which are still ringing in the ears of the oldtimers.

It is doubtful if the First Lady will find time to tour the city or speak from the portico of the Bangor House as did her uncle, but one thing is certain---she will remember every minute she is here the hospitality and kindness extended by Bangor folks to her Uncle "Teddy," idol of her youth, during the heyday of his brilliant career.

BANGOR



As of May 20, 1941

Bangor

In the first fifty years of the 19th century the population of Bangor and Brewer increased by leaps and bounds. Behind these communities were vast forests rich with virgin timber, in front was a river on which to ship the lumber, beyond was a world wealthy with ready markets. Since 1850 the growth of the cities has conformed to the pace of the famed tortoise. Bangor's increase in the last ten years was 3.1%

Bangor		Brewer	
1910	24,803	1910	5,667
1940	29,911	1940	6,510

Bangor's gradual growth slackened after the World War as was to be expected with no new industries. A continuation of this trend would have seemed likely but for the current increase being brought about by the airport development.

English, Irish, Scotch and French Canadians are the leading nationality groups in the twin cities. About 85% of the population was native born in 1930. The negro population is small.

There is a larger female population than male in Bangor-Brewer. And the women marry earlier than the men do. Bangor is, of course, a retail and wholesale center and thus has a disproportionate number of clerking jobs which can be filled by young women. It is also a business school center. The percentage of Maine women seeking work is about the same as that for all women in the United States.

Bangor-Brewer's dwelling units are more completely occupied than those of other Maine urban areas. This is, in effect, the housing shortage about which people sometimes speak in regard to these cities. Maine, in general, however reflects the trend evident throughout New England where the number of vacant rural dwellings is greater than elsewhere in the country. Maine is the 21st state in population size, having 39.4 persons per square mile while the rest of the United States has 40.3. Maine's infant mortality and adult mortality rates exceed those for the United States.

There are about 9,000 young people under 21 in Bangor and about 2,200 in Brewer.

There are 16 parks and six playgrounds in Bangor. They are: Fairmount, Newbury Street, Broadway, Bass Park, Chapin Park and Thomas Hill.

The Bangor Public Library is open to any resident of Bangor. 17,859 persons take advantage of the library's 212,993 books. It has one of the largest per capita circulations in the United States. It is heavily endowed. There are countless magazines and periodicals at the readers' disposal. There is also a splendid music department. The library cooperates with the school system in many ways. There is a readers' advisor. The library conducts educational and artistic exhibits.

On the second floor of the Bangor Public Library and in the basement are spaces set aside by the Bangor Historical Society for a display of beautiful and historic relics. Valuable pictures, old books, garments, firearms, china, glass and many other interesting things can be viewed by the public free of charge.

There are 36 churches in Bangor-Brewer, 29 in Bangor, 7 in Brewer. The activities carried on in these churches for young people include dramatics, music, home-making, social, cultural and religious programs.

This last year in Bangor marked the opening of two new Junior High Schools and the elimination of the suburban schools, the pupils in the outlying districts being transported by buses. There are eleven public schools in Bangor now with an enrollment of approximately 5,000 pupils. There are over 2700 in the elementary schools, 1294 in the Junior High Schools and over nine hundred in the High School.

In Brewer there are seven public schools with an approximate enrollment of 1600. The combined Junior and Senior High Schools having 760 pupils. Although there is only one Senior High School in Brewer there is a Junior High School in South Brewer. There are three parochial schools in Bangor with an enrollment of over 1500 pupils. There is one parochial school in South Brewer. There are also various private schools and colleges. Among the best known are: Beal Business College, Boston School of Music, Gilman Commercial School, Northern Conservatory of Music, Bangor Maine School of Commerce. There are a few other smaller private schools from kindergartens on. Many of the students in Bangor and Brewer avail themselves of the educational opportunities afforded by the University of Maine, eight miles distant. Extension courses, lectures, sports and studies are open to interested people. The Bangor Theological Seminary, located in Bangor since 1819, has the distinction of being one of the oldest institutions for the training of ministers in the United States.

Through the N. Y. A. out-of-school work projects in Bangor and Brewer both boys and girls are receiving vocational training and work experience. The training is along varied lines. It may be: clerical, sewing, radio, woodworking, painting, carpentry, weaving. The National Youth Administration is a Federal project which helps young people financially while learning some vocation. There is also a student work program for boys and girls in high schools whereby they can earn small amounts to enable them to remain in school.

COMMERCIAL RECREATION

Bowling Halls

Boxing and Wrestling Bouts

Meadowbrook Golf Club

Penobscot Valley Country Club

Pool and Billiard Rooms

Public Halls

Riding Stables

Roller-Skating Rink

Tennis

Moving-Picture Theatres

The commercial recreational advantages are as varied in Bangor-Brewer as in larger cities.

Although Brewer does not have, at present, a moving picture theatre one is in the process of construction. Bangor has four moving picture theatres---three connected with a large chain, the other an independent one. The two larger houses offer first-run features, usually ahead of metropolitan theatres. Special features are sometimes brought here too. The other chain member presents double-features, sometimes on second runs. The independent theatre shows films from other companies. Every year about seven hundred and forty feature pictures find their way into Bangor. Adult's admission prices range from ten cents to forty cents. The total theatre seating capacity is 4600.

The bowling-halls in Bangor are especially attractive. There are three of them and they have a total of 31 alleys. One of the halls is housed in a \$150,000 structure which is the largest building in Maine devoted to such a recreational purpose. Each week between eight and nine hundred people patronize these various bowling alleys---bowling individually or in teams. Top prices are at night when strings are two for twenty-five cents.

Boxing and wrestling bouts are popular in Bangor. Artists in this line are brought from various parts of the country to demonstrate their skill before enthusiastic audiences.

There are four pool and billiard rooms in the city. Brewer also has a couple. Each week about five hundred people play at these games.

In Bangor's fifteen public halls, and Brewer's new auditorium, much varied entertainment is held. In two there are four dances a week with music often furnished by local bands. Sometimes "big-name bands" are brought to the city for dancing.

A roller-skating rink is available three nights a week. Admission includes the rental of skates.

Tennis may be played at any of the six double courts owned by private social clubs at a fee. Bangor maintains seven municipal tennis courts.

There are three riding stables in Bangor.

Within an eleven mile radius of Bangor are four golf links---one having eighteen holes and the other three having nine holes each. The average greens fee is fifty cents for nine holes.

NON-PROFIT RECREATION

Bangor Male Chorus

Bangor Symphony Orchestra

Community Concert Association

Maine Festival Association

Lecturers

Little Theatre Group

Salmon Pool

Bird Shooting

Bangor is rated highly as a musical center. And a great variety of choice entertainment is offered the music lovers. The Community Concert Association offers three or four concerts a season, usually presenting famed artists. In past years about 1300 people have seen and heard Mischa Elman, Jascha Heifetz, Helen Jepson, Dorothy Maynor and the Joos Ballet. The Bangor Symphony Orchestra, which comprises about fifty to seventy musicians, usually presents three concerts a year, sometimes with guest artists. About one thousand people attend a concert. Each fall the Maine Festival Association brings some well-known musician to Bangor. This concert is invariably held at the Auditorium before a large audience. There are concerts by the American Legion Boys' Band, The Male Chorus, The Women's Choral Society, and combined groups. Several smaller recitals are put on yearly by the Habenicht String Quartet, The Center String Quartet, The Northern Conservatory of Music, and other local artists.

Innumerable lecturers visit our city. Most of them are sponsored by various organizations in the city. People prominent in many walks of life appear before our audiences during the social season.

The Little Theatre Group have presented plays during the recent winter seasons. This organization is composed of amateur artists and the productions have been well attended. The Maine Masque, connected with the University of Maine, and the Community have put on notable dramatic productions.

The Bangor Salmon Pool is famous all over the country. It attracts the fisherman from miles around as soon as the season opens the first of April. Fishing is likewise excellent in thirty-one lakes, ponds and streams within a twenty-five mile radius of Bangor. The fish caught include: trout, salmon, white perch, yellow perch, pickerel, bass and togue.

Each year more and more enthusiasm is being displayed in winter sports. Some of the parks have been flooded to allow skating. Skiing is attracting more recruits too.

Bangor is one of the best central points for bird shooting. Each fall finds many hunters getting their licenses in Bangor before entering the woods nearby in search of game.

There are a number of baseball fields of various sorts about the city which are crowded nightly with eager players as soon as the mud is dried up. This form of recreation is popular throughout the summer season—in fact, until the pigskin vies for attention.

SOCIAL AGENCIES

Girl Scouts of America

Salvation Army

Hebrew Community Center

Young Men's Christian Association

Katahdin Council of Boy Scouts

Young Women's Christian Association

Bangor is the headquarters for the Katahdin Council of Boy Scouts of America. In the two cities there are about fifteen troops. Each troop is sponsored by a different organization, which is responsible for getting a leader and a place of meeting. A boy can become a "Cub" when he is nine years old and a Boy Scout when he is twelve. There are at present about five hundred boys registered here. Although their program closely follows a national one, they often participate in local service. Many of the Boy Scouts attend summer camp at Camp Roosevelt in Eddington, which is owned by Katahdin Council. There they practice the principles of outdoor scouting, as well as enjoy swimming, boating, etc.

The Girl Scouts comprise a group of 526 girls in 29 troops. Eight are Brownie troops, taking girls from seven to ten years of age. There are fifteen troops for girls from 10 to 14, and six for those from 14 up. As in the Boy Scouts, a national program is followed with civic interests stressed. The Girl Scouts have 61 volunteer workers, a board comprised of twenty-three members and one paid executive. There are innumerable opportunities for study and development, among the most popular are health and safety, dramatics, homemaking and arts and crafts. Girl Scouts may spend their summers at Camp Natarswi, which is operated for them. Last season 96 girls enjoyed its many activities.

The Young Men's Christian Association is housed in a four-story building on Hammond Street. It has 50 beds in 40 bedrooms. There are several recreational rooms and the only swimming pool in the city. Any male from nine years on can join by paying the annual fee, which ranges from three to fifteen dollars. There are three age divisions and clubs of varying interests are formed within the divisions. Athletic teams are also fostered. Swimming, sports and summer camp opportunities are offered underprivileged boys at the Y. M. C. A.'s camp, Camp Jordan on Branch Pond. The age requirement is from 9 to 15.

The Young Women's Christian Association maintains a three-story brick building on Union Street. It contains 23 bedrooms with 33 beds. The Y. W. C. A. sponsors clubs for girls of many ages, and for the purpose of offering useful recreation. Their aim being directed towards better use of leisure time, as well as character building. The Y. W. C. A. conducts a dancing school for boys and girls in which supervision and instruction are offered. Roller skating is also enjoyed at the Y. For eight weeks during the summer Camp Tanglewood is open to all interested girls. 145 campers were in attendance there last year.

The Bangor Hebrew Community Center occupies a two-story building with a ground level that affords the following facilities: auditorium with stage and a seating capacity of about 350; a library, lounge, two meeting rooms, a youth room, ping pong room, and a kitchen. Its activities: Juniors: (boys and girls) nursery, religious school, religious services, Boy Scout troop, Cubs, Girl Scout troop, Brownies, junior band, clubs; holiday programs, dramatics, arts and crafts, and music; intermediates: athletics, clubs, intergroup activities, dramatics, dances, socials; seniors: athletics, gatherings, forums, social; adults: athletics, organizations, lectures, concerts, holiday programs, string quartet, bridge parties, formal and informal dinners, courses, dances, book club, sewing circle, etc. In the year 1939-1940 over 35,000 people attended the 711 different functions that were held in the Center. The Community Center extends its facilities freely to sister agencies or worthwhile causes. It participates actively and cooperates readily in the promotion of projects that will better the social, cultural or spiritual life of the community. Affiliated organizations are: Community Center, Talmud Torah; Auxiliary, B'nai B'rith; Zionists, Hadassah, Sisterhood; Hebrew Ladies' Welfare Society; Book Club; String Quartet; Hi-Ho; Sewing Circle; Athletic Association, Senior Group; Central Council; Youth Council; Junior League; Junior Hadassah; Mu Sigma; A. Z. A.; Center Girls; Hakoach; Boy Scouts; Cubs; Girl Scouts, Brownies; Junior Band.

The Salvation Army offers recreation to children in its neighborhood. There are clubs which start with the primary class, 6 to 11 years. Its programs offer instruction in needlework, color work and the like. The Corpscadet affords a six-year course for those from 13 to 19 who intend to go to the Salvation Army training school. The Boys Club is probably the strongest of all. Membership is open to boys from eight years of age on. Their program is social and athletic.

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

Bangor-Brewer people being gregarious follow the pattern of meeting together for various purposes. There are 17 fraternal orders, each having one or more chapters. Invariably, they are benevolent. And many of them not only give to their own members by means of sick and death benefits but they also do charitable work in the community.

There are many active men's clubs in the two cities. While some are purely social in nature, others are educational and philanthropic. Some of the best known ones which have not been mentioned already are: The City Club, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, and 20th Century Club.

Some of the many women's clubs are specialized along a definite line. It may be patriotic, political or historical. Among such organizations we find the Bangor Bird Conservation Club, The League of Women Voters, The Garden Club, The Daughters of the American Revolution, The Current Events Club, The Schumann Club.

Other women's clubs promote social, educational and cultural interests for their members, but also have pet philanthropic projects. They may furnish a fund for scholarships, clinics, glasses, dental work or other needs. Some of these clubs which one often sees in the press are: The Athene Club, The Charity Circle, Norumbega Club, 19th Century Club, Bangor Woman's Club, Home Culture Club, Quipus Club, and Shakespeare Club.

The churches likewise combine the social, educational, recreational factors along with welfare work and religion.

WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS

The great majority of the private welfare and health agencies of the community are financed by the Bangor-Brewer Community Chest, which holds a single annual appeal for fourteen organizations. Founded in 1938, the young chest has successfully raised in three campaigns the quotas necessary for successful operation of its member agencies. The Association of Social Agencies, largest constitutional committee of the Chest, consists of nearly all privately and tax-supported agencies providing health or welfare service in the Bangor-Brewer area.

Through the association, joint planning of services is carried on and community problems are studied. Among the functions it performs are: giving study courses to volunteers, planning new projects for lay club groups, and coordinating agency programs. It has six representatives on the Chest board of directors.

Upon the recommendation of the Budget Committee, agency budgets are underwritten by the Chest, which finances the deficit estimated after deducting anticipated non-Chest revenue from tentative program costs. All the costs of the annual campaign, collections, staff aides to the Association of Social Agencies are concentrated in one budget.

The result of the Chest-Association operation during 1939 and 1940 is a much greater yearly sum of money available to community agencies, new and increased professional personnel, higher standards of service. Its objective is a well-integrated, adequate social and health program for Bangor-Brewer, made possible through wise use of the community's resources in efficiently and economically meeting its needs.

There are two privately owned and endowed homes for the aged in Bangor besides the Municipal Almshouse. They are the Home for Aged Men and the Home for Aged Women. Both require a ten-year residence in Bangor for admission and a definite sum of money. Medical care is administered and proper burial assured. Bangor's Municipal Almshouse is a large structure on lower Main Street. It can care for about a hundred inmates of both sexes. In Brewer four apartment houses have been rebuilt to house elderly and needy people. Some other people are boarded in private homes. There is a state division of the Old Age Assistance in the two cities.

Many agencies in Bangor and Brewer are giving material help and other service to families who are in need of assistance. Direct relief consists of foods, shelter, fuel, clothing. This is furnished by such agencies as: The American Red Cross, Bangor Fuel Society, Catholic Welfare Council, Bangor Family Welfare, Bangor Charity Department, City Missionary, Brewer Overseers of the Poor, Hebrew Women's Society, Brewer Community Service Council, State Bureau of Social Welfare. In many instances these agencies also help to guide the social betterment and direct child care. The underprivileged family and children are helped by such agencies as: Traveler's Aid, King Daughters' Charity Circle, King Daughters Home, Bangor Children's Home, St. Michael's Orphanage.

As essential as material relief and social guidance are, they are not the whole story. There is always the matter of health. It is handled in Bangor-Brewer both from the preventive and the treatment angle. Some of the following agencies play a vital role in keeping epidemics under control, contagious diseases in isolation and in administering to the sick. They are: Bangor Department of Health, Anti-Tuberculosis Association, District Nursing Association, Bangor and Brewer School Nurses, Bangor Health Officer, American Red Cross, Maternal Health League, State of Maine Venereal Disease Clinic, Good Samaritan Home, Women's Field Army, and the City Physician.

The City of Bangor is conducting a health project in the form of an open air school for children who require more rest and out-of-door life than the public school affords. There is a Summer Day Camp for underprivileged children too. The Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children help support physically handicapped children and furnish transportation for them to and from a special class in school.

There are 243 beds in the Eastern Maine General Hospital. Connected with this institution are the Crippled Children's Clinic, the Pediatric Clinic and the Tumor Clinic. They are held once a month. Many crippled children are referred to the Shrine Hospital, which is out of the state. The head surgeon from this hospital conducts a clinic in Bangor once a year. The Bangor State Hospital is an institution for nervous and mental cases. There are 1106 beds, which are all filled. Connected with it is the Mental Hygiene Clinic. This is free and is held twice a month. There is also an Occupational Therapy room and instruction. There are several privately owned and operated hospitals in the city and one connected with the Municipal Almshouse. The Bangor Sanatorium is a hospital on Valley Avenue which is devoted to the care of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

Social Organizations

American Association of University Women
American Legion
American Legion Auxiliary
Athene Club
Bangor Bird Conservation Club
(Federated with Garden Club)
Bangor Federation of Women's Clubs
Bangor Historical Society
Bangor Humane Society
Bangor Teachers' Club
Bangor Women's Club
Business and Professional Women's Club
Canadian Legion
City Club
Conduskeag Canoe and Country Club
Current Events Club
Daughters of American Revolution
Daughters of Union Veterans
Eastern Maine Smith College Club
Eastern Maine Wellesley Club
Elks
Harvard Club of Bangor
Home Culture Club
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Junior Welfare League
Kiwanis Club
Knights of Columbus
League of Women Voters
Lions Club
Maids of Athens
Masonic Organizations
Nineteen Thirteen Club
Nineteenth Century Club
Norumbega Club
Order of Ahepa
Queen City Grange No. 30
Quipus Club
Rotary Club
Schumann Club
Shakespeare Club
Tarratine Club
Twentieth Century Club
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Women's Auxiliary of the Eastern
Maine General Hospital
Young Business Associates
Zonta Club

Welfare Organizations

Anti-Tuberculosis Association
Bangor-Brewer Community Chest
Bangor Children's Home
Bangor Department of Health
Bangor Family Welfare Society
Bangor Field Society
Bangor Fireman's Association
Bangor State Hospital for Mental Diseases
Brewer Community Service Council
Bureau of Social Welfare
Catholic Welfare Council
Charity Circle
City Missionary
Eastern Maine General Hospital
Eastern Maine Orphanage and
St. Michael's School
Fellows Hospital

Good Samaritan Home
Hebrew Women's Welfare Society
Home for Aged Men
Home for Aged Women
King's Daughters Home
Municipal Almshouse
Overseers of the Poor
Penobscot County Association for the Blind
Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children, Inc.
Red Cross
State of Maine Venereal Disease Clinic
Stinson Hospital
Sunshine Club for Crippled Children, Inc.
The District Nursing Association
The Junior Welfare League of Bangor, Inc.
Travelers Aid Society, Inc.
Women's Field Army, Inc.



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