Dedication of the Bangor-Brewer (Joshua Chamberlain) Toll Bridge

Maine State Highway Commission
DEDICATION
Bangor-Brewer Toll Bridge

TOLL GATE AT BREWER END OF BRIDGE

NOVEMBER 11, 1954
10:30 A. M.
With a piece of the ribbon cut by the Governor in the ceremony of opening the bridge.

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Brewer Methodist Church
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National Anthem  
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Invocation  
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Introduction of Guests  
Norbert X. Dowd

Greetings  
Doris L. Beatham
Mayor of Brewer

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Arnold L. Veague
Mayor of Bangor

Remarks  
Loren H. Thompson
Former State Representative

Remarks  
Allan Woodcock, Jr.
State Senator-Elect

Address  
Hon. Burton M. Cross
Governor of Maine

Cutting of Ribbon  
Governor Cross

Master of Ceremonies
Norbert X. Dowd
Executive Secretary, Bangor Chamber of Commerce
BANGOR-BREWER TOLL BRIDGE
BUILT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF
MAINE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

David H. Stevens, Chairman
Clarence S. Crosby
Harold B. Emery

Harley D. Welch (Term Expired 1954)
Lucius D. Barrows, Chief Engineer
Max L. Wilder, Bridge Engineer

Construction Started - - - May 12, 1953
Bridge Completed - - - November 1, 1954
Total Cost - - - $2,500,000.00

Consulting Engineers . . . . . . Harrington and Cortelyou
Kansas City, Missouri

Resident Engineer . . . . . . . Zint E. Wyant, Jr.

Contractor . . . . . . . . . . . . Verrier Construction Co.
Portland, Maine

Superintendent . . . . . . . . . . . David T. Clark

DEDICATION COMMITTEE

James A. Hughes, Chairman
Joseph R. Coupal, Jr., Secretary
Doris L. Beatham
Norbert X. Dowd
Arthur L. Littlefield

Charles J. Pooler
Ronald E. Stewart
Clairvoy A. Tripp
Allan Woodcock, Jr.
Above—Entrance at Bangor  Below—Entrance at Brewer
Dear Felix:

Thank you so much for your kind letter regarding the prayer at the bridge dedication. I appreciate you taking the time to write and the desire for a copy of the prayer for your records.

I do not write out my prayers but I go over and over them in my mind so they get pretty well established. I have not forgotten the prayer of the 11th and will be glad to send it along.

Our Heavenly Father, this is the day when a wreath will be placed upon the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington.

But we dedicate a bridge.

This is the day when across the length and breadth of our land orators will speak of war and the effects of war.

But we dedicate a bridge.

On this day, one of our high government officials will give an address upon the power of atomic and hydrogen bombs for destruction.

But we dedicate a bridge.

We give Thee thanks our father for all those who in peace and war have helped to build our nation. But, how wonderful it is when man uses his skill and ingenuity and the marvelous resources Thou hast placed at his disposal to participate in constructive enterprise.

Grant 0 Lord, that the nations of the world might soon learn how to construct a bridge of brotherhood and goodwill over which the traffic of peace and understanding might flow in ever increasing volume.

As we dedicate a bridge.

Amen.