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*City of*

*South Portland, Maine*

**1949**

*Sixteenth Year under*

*Council-Manager Government*



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CITY OF  
SOUTH PORTLAND  
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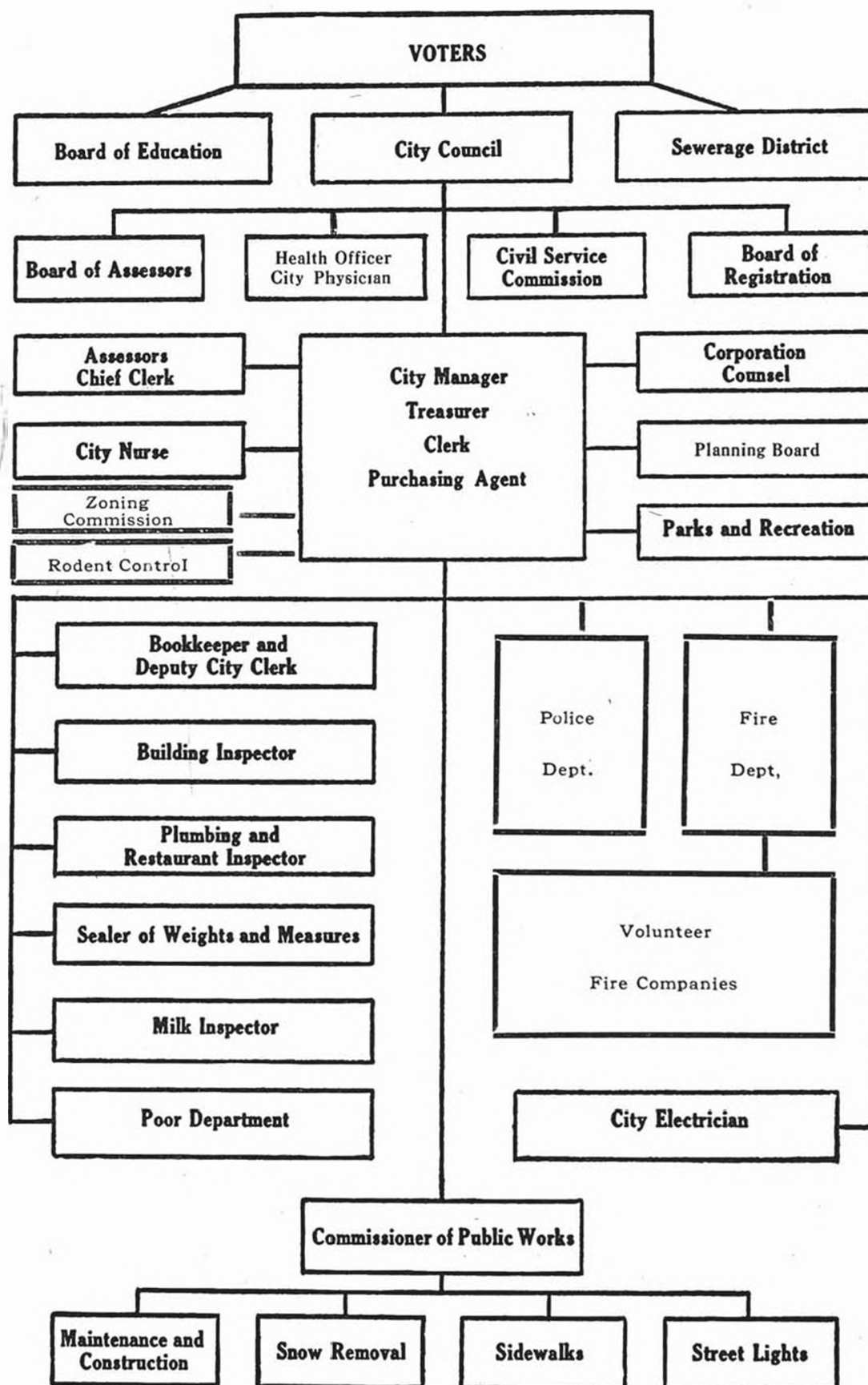
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OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

CITY COUNCIL

(Elected by City vote)

Term Expires

District No. 1, Philip G. Willard, Chairman	December 31, 1950
District No. 2, Raymond L. Henley	December 31, 1950
District No. 3, Gerald E. Lord	December 31, 1951
District No. 4, Edward R. Twomey	December 31, 1951
District No. 5, Lincoln H. Hascall	December 31, 1952

ADMINISTRATIVE

(Appointive) (Term of Office Indefinite)

City Manager	}	J. Harold Webster
City Treasurer and Tax Collector		
City Clerk		
Purchasing Agent		
Secretary to City Manager		A. Patricia Connor
Deputy City Clerks		Elinor S. Whitten
		James R. Nickels
Deputy City Treasurer		Grace M. Miles
Bookkeeper		Grace M. Miles
Corporation Counsel		George W. Weeks
Health Officer	}	Philip P. Thompson, Jr., M.D.
City Physician		
Chief of Fire Department		Horace S. Jose
Chief of Police Department		Frank R. Whitten
Commissioner of Public Works	}	Albert W. Waterman
City Engineer		
Secretary to Commissioner of Public Works		Hiram L. Metcalf
City Electrician		Robert C. Lowell
Assistant City Electrician		James F. Knudsen
Building Inspector		William O. Armitage
Plumbing Inspector and Restaurant Inspector		Ernest X. Dewyea
Assistant Plumbing Inspector		Ruel A. Blaisdel
City Nurse		Stella B. Barry
Milk Inspector		J. F. Boswell
Superintendent Poor Department		Samuel C. Hinds
Sealer of Weights and Measures		Allen H. Cobb
Chief Clerk, Board of Assessors		J. Lowell Goodwin

JUDICIARY

(Appointed by Governor)

Judge, Municipal Court, Term Expires May, 1953	Seward R. Thompson
Recorder, Term Expires August, 1953	Kenneth Baird

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

(All except Chairman elected by city wide vote)

Chairman Ex-Officio ..... Gerald E. Lord  
District No. 1, Meredith L. Trefethen ..... Term expires January, 1953  
District No. 2, John H. Mann ..... Term expires January, 1951  
District No. 3, Raymond H. Frost ..... Term expires January, 1951  
District No. 4, Dr. Waldo T. Skillin ..... Term expires January, 1952  
District No. 5, George E. Taylor ..... Term expires January, 1952

## ADMINISTRATIVE

(Appointed by Board of Education)

Superintendent of Schools ..... George E. Beal

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(Elected by City Council for 1 year term. Must be Members of Council)

Philip G. Willard, Chairman ..... Term expires January, 1951  
Gerald E. Lord ..... Term expires January, 1951  
Lincoln H. Hascall ..... Term expires January, 1951

## BOARD OF REGISTRATION

(Chairman appointed by Governor)

(Two Members—One recommended by Republican and one by  
Democratic City Committee and appointed by City Council)

E. Ethel Jones, Chairman ..... Term expires April 4, 1953  
Lulu B. Cook ..... Term expires May, 1952  
Mary W. Willwerth ..... Term expires May, 1952

## SEWERAGE DISTRICT

(All except Chairman elected by city wide vote)

Philip G. Willard, President ..... Term expires 1950  
Hubbard C. Newell, Trustee ..... Term expires 1952  
Cecil N. Hazlett, Trustee ..... Term expires 1950  
Thomas A. Johnson, Trustee ..... Term expires 1951  
Herman C. Kendall, Superintendent and Engineer  
Herman C. Kendall, Clerk  
J. Harold Webster, Treasurer  
Mavis B. Young, Bookkeeper

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

(Appointed by City Council)

Harrison A. Angell, Chairman ..... Term expires March, 1952  
Albert D. Tilton ..... Term expires March, 1953  
John E. Curran ..... Term expires March, 1951  
Carl N. Harmon ..... Term expires March, 1953  
John W. Flink ..... Term expires March, 1952

## PLUMBING EXAMINING BOARD

(Appointed by City Manager)

Ernest X. Dewyea ..... Term indefinite  
Ruel A. Blaisdell ..... Term indefinite  
Louis C. Anderson ..... Term indefinite



### HARBOR COMMISSION (Port of Portland)

(Appointed by Governor—Two from Portland, two from South Portland)

Philip T. O'Donnell (Portland), Chairman ..... Term expires November, 1951  
Clinton T. Goudy (South Portland), Clerk ... Term expires December, 1951  
E. Perley Bullock (South Portland) ..... Term expires July, 1953  
Capt. Linwood F. McLain ..... Term expires December, 1953

### BOARD OF ZONING Adjustment

(Appointed by City Manager, Confirmed by Council)

Allen H. Cobb, Chairman ..... Term expires January 1, 1953  
Walter W. Winchenbach ..... Term expires January 1, 1951  
E. Perley Bullock ..... Term expires January 1, 1952  
Millard C. Emery ..... Term expires January 1, 1953  
Herbert G. Jewett, Clerk ..... Term expires January 1, 1951  
Clinton Wallace ..... Term expires January 1, 1951  
Egbert G. Farnham ..... Term expires January 1, 1952

### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

(Appointed by City Manager, Confirmed by Council)

George H. Hinckley, Chairman ..... Term expires December 31, 1951  
Gerald E. Lord ..... Term expires December 31, 1952  
Daniel F. Mahoney ..... Term expires December 31, 1950  
Paul I. Davis ..... Term expires December 31, 1951  
Frank M. Tillou ..... Term expires December 31, 1950  
Paul H. Hanly ..... Term expires December 31, 1952  
J. Harold Webster, Secretary ..... Term indefinite  
Henry LaVallee, Director  
Lee W. Shaw, Assistant

### SOUTH PORTLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

(Appointed by City Manager, Confirmed by Council)

Jotham D. Pierce ..... J. Lowell Goodwin  
Allen B. Rowe ..... Albert E. Libby  
Raymond J. Callahan

### SOUTH PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

(Appointed by Council)

Gerald E. Lord, Chairman ..... Term one year  
Henry J. Boland ..... Term one year  
Raymond J. Callahan ..... Term one year  
Charles H. Prout ..... Term one year  
Fred H. Jordan ..... Term one year  
Kenneth T. Burr ..... Term one year

### SOUTH PORTLAND PLANNING BOARD

(Appointed by City Manager, Confirmed by Council)

Merle P. Chaplin, Chairman ..... Term expires April 1, 1953  
Arthur Chapman ..... Term expires April 1, 1951  
Willis J. Walsh, Secretary ..... Term expires April 1, 1954  
Mortier D. Harris ..... Term expires April 1, 1953  
Jesse P. Fuller ..... Term expires April 1, 1952

## OIL INSPECTION

Herbert Nickerson ..... Term indefinite  
Stanley Pettengill ..... Term indefinite  
Ralph Thompson ..... Term indefinite

## SOUTH PORTLAND RODENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

(Appointed by City Manager confirmed by Council)

George Geyerhahn ..... Term indefinite  
George Ratcliffe ..... Term indefinite  
William Kiah ..... Term indefinite

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Chairman and Members  
South Portland City Council  
South Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

Attached is the annual report of the operations of the City Government. It represents a record of the year's activities in all departments, together with the Auditor's Certificate showing the financial condition of the City and the results of its operations as of December 31, 1949.

All major policies determined by the Council were carried out with the cooperation of the department heads; and employees; all departments operated at a very high level of efficiency and service.

The result of the budget operations shows a surplus of \$27,945.61 at the close of the year; \$6,330.42 gain over estimated revenues, and \$21,615.19 below budget appropriations. \$62,000.00 in bonds were retired during the year leaving a bonded debt of \$252,000.00 and serial notes of \$36,000.00. These notes were issued to purchase new equipment for the Fire and Public Works Departments. It is anticipated an additional \$43,000.00 Bonds and \$6,000.00 Serial Notes will be retired in 1950. This will place the City in a very favorable financial position to borrow for capital improvements in the years ahead.

Every day brings new problems and requests from our citizens for services. Although it is impossible to grant all requests we are grateful for their tolerance of our problems.

I hope every citizen will read this report and we welcome your comments and constructive criticism. We have many problems facing us in the years ahead which will challenge our best planning and effort, and to do a good job and place first things first we solicit your cooperation and effort.

Respectfully submitted,

  
City Manager

## CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee on Streets, Street Lights, and Public Buildings,  
Raymond L. Henley, Lincoln H. Hascall, Edward R. Twomey, Chairman  
Committee on Public Safety, Police and Fire, Edward R. Twomey  
Committee on Health & Welfare,  
Lincoln H. Hascall, Chairman, Raymond L. Henley, Edward R. Twomey  
Committee on Finance, Philip G. Willard, Raymond L. Henley  
Committee on Approval of Bills, Lincoln H. Hascall, Edward R. Twomey  
Committee on Claims,  
Lincoln H. Hascall, Raymond L. Henley, Philip G. Willard  
Committee on Civilian Defense, Philip G. Willard

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (estimate)	23,000
Area in square miles	12.50
Area in Acres	8,000
Assessed valuation in 1949	17,655,932
Bonded Debt—December 31, 1949	252,000
Bonded debt per capita	10.95
Tax rate per \$1,000	59.50
Miles of accepted streets	79.553
Miles of unaccepted streets	19.147
Miles of sanitary and storm sewers	56.09

## CITY COUNCIL

The City Council is composed of five members elected at large from the five voting districts. Their term of office shall be for a three year period or until their successor is duly elected and qualified. Each member shall be a voter and resident of the district from which he is elected. The Council elects one of its members as Chairman. He acts for the city in all ceremonial functions ordinarily exercised by a city's Mayor. He also serves as Chairman of the South Portland Sewerage District.

The City Council elects one of its members to serve as Chairman, Board of Education, Ex-Officio.

The City Council meet regularly twice each month on the first and third Mondays at 7:30 P.M., except when the day of the meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting so scheduled will be held on the following Wednesday at the same hour and place. All meetings are open to the public.

## CITY MANAGER

The City Manager is chosen by the City Council; he may be chosen for an indefinite term or on a two year contract.

The City Manager is the Administrative Head of the city and all Department Heads are answerable to him. His duties are to see that all laws are enforced, all municipal activities are carried on efficiently, and to keep the Council informed in regard to city finances, also to appoint, subject to the approval of the Council, the Heads of all Departments.

By provision of the City Charter the City Manager is also the City Treasurer, Tax Collector, City Clerk and Purchasing Agent.

## ELECTIONS

Municipal elections are held annually on the first Monday in December. At each election one or two Councilmen, as the case may be, one or two members of the Board of Education, as the case may be, and one Trustee of the South Portland Sewerage District besides Ward Officers and Constables, are elected.

## NEW ORDINANCES IN 1949

1. Ordinance entitled "Ordinance Establishing License Fees" passed by City Council on March 15, 1948 be amended by inserting therein after the words: "Victualer or Food Vendor" and before the figures "\$5.25" the following: "Meaning exclusively thereby, any person, firm, or corporation who serves food for consumption on the premises or who prepares on the premises any combination of foods for consumption on or off the premises".

2. Amendment to the Zoning Map and Ordinance of the City of South Portland.

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## LIST OF MUNICIPAL MOTOR EQUIPMENT

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

I Buffalo Roller, 6-9 ton	1949
I Caterpillar Tractor, 5 ton	1935
I Caterpillar Tractor, 7¾ ton	1935
I Cletrac 5 ton Tractor & Overhead Shovel	1938
I Cletrac Sidewalk Tractor Case DI	1948
I Cletrac Sidewalk Tractor	1941
I Walters 4 Wheel drive 3½ ton	1930
I Walters, 7 ton	1949
I Walters, 7 ton	1944
I Ford 1½ ton Dump Truck	1938
I Ford 1½ ton Dump Truck	1948
I Ford 1½ ton Dump Truck	1948
I Ford 1½ ton Dump Truck	1948
I Ford ½ ton Pick-up Truck	1940
I Ford ½ ton Pick-up Truck	1940
I 1½ ton Ford Dump Truck	1948
I 2 ton Ford Dump Truck	1949
I Galion Power Grader 9½ ton	1941
I Ford ½ ton Pick-up Truck	1949
I Cletrac Tractor 6½ ton shovel	1945
I Ford 1½ ton Dump Truck	1946
I Ford 1½ ton Dump Truck	1946
I Hudson Business Coupe	1946
I Osgood Shovel	1946

1 Ford 1½ ton Dump Truck	1947
1 Ford 1½ ton Dump Truck	1947
1 Ford 1½ ton Dump Truck	1947
1 Case Sidewalk Tractor	1947
Cover No. 26 Tractor 5E3323 and Case No. 33 Tractor for hauling trailer.	
1 Trailer broom	

#### CITY MANAGER

1 Hudson Business Coupe	1941
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#### POOR DEPARTMENT

1 Ford Tudor Sedan Delux	1950
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#### ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT

1 Dodge 4 door Sedan	1948
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#### ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

1 Ford 1½ ton Express Body	1941
1 Chevrolet Business Coupe	1947

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

1 Dodge Meadowbrook Sedan	1949
1 Ford Tudor Sedan	1950
1 Ford Tudor Sedan	1950
1 Ford Tudor Sedan	1950
1 Harley-Davidson Servicar	1949

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

1 GMC ½ ton Service Truck	1937
1 GMC Ladder Truck No. 2	1928
1 Dodge Engine No. 1	1930
1 Diamond T. Engine No. 3	1935
1 Ahrens Fox Engine No. 4	1924
1 Dodge Engine No. 7	1928
1 Mack Engine No. 5	1937
1 Mack Engine No. 6	1940
1 Dodge Sedan	1948
1 Mack Truck Eng. No. 8	1943
1 Mack Truck Chassis (Ladder No. 3)	1946
1 Mack Truck	1942
1 Ahrens-Fox Pumper	1949

#### PARK DEPARTMENT

1 Dodge ¾ ton Pick-up	1949
1 Super Deluxe Ford Sta. Wagon	1947

#### SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

1 Oliver Tractor	1945
1 GMC Panel Truck	1947
1 Linn Trailer—2 wheel	1939
1 Roller—1½ ton	1940
1 Chevrolet ¾ ton truck	1949

## RESULTS OF LAST MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Dec. 5, 1949

### MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL

Term Three Years

District	Wards	1	2	3	4	5 - 1	Pre 5 - 2	6	Pre 7 - 1	Pre 7 - 2	Tot.
5	Lincoln H. Hascall										
		96	16	30	51	87	33	58	78	72	521
	Scattering Votes									4	4

### MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Term Three Years

1	Meredith L. Trefethen										
		100	15	29	47	90	32	56	76	75	520
	Scattering Votes									2	2

### TRUSTEE SOUTH PORTLAND SEWERAGE DISTRICT

#### MEMBER OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

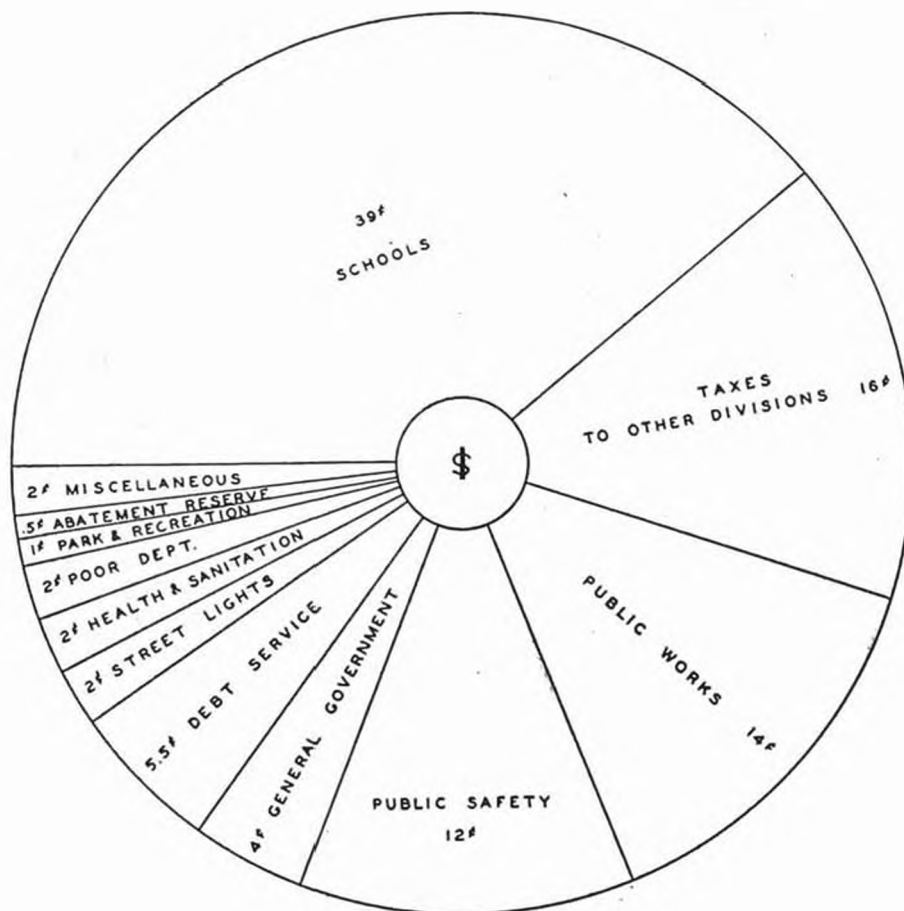
Term Three Years

4	Hubbard C. Newell										
		98	18	30	53	90	32	59	83	77	540

### WARD OFFICERS ELECTED

Ward	Wardens	Ward Clerks	Constables
1	Elizabeth M. Smith	Allen H. Cobb	Richard M. Rice
2	Mary V. Fallona	Alice C. Wilson	Herbert G. Jewett
3	Etta M. Robinson	Elizabeth McGouldrick	Llewellyn McGouldrick
4	Irving Dyer	Christine Carrigan	Perley Wood
5-1	Everett J. Platts	Merle B. Crossett	Harold F. Buchanan
5-2	John A. Knight	Stella D. Briggs	John A. Knight & G. A. Bennett (tie vote)
6	Edwin M. Palmer	Lillian E. Trudell	Arthur K. McDonald
7-1	Ernest W. Huston	Esther E. Skillings	Charles E. Millett
7-2	Blanche M. Parker	Gertrude F. McCarthy	Harold C. Mansur





The graph represents the percentage expended by the various departments from the tax dollar, and other sources of income—1949.

Year	Male	Female	Total
1938	10.5	10.5	21.0
1939	11.5	11.5	23.0
1940	11.5	11.5	23.0
1941	12.5	12.5	25.0
1942	14.5	14.5	29.0
1943	13.5	13.5	27.0
1944	14.5	14.5	29.0
1945	14.5	14.5	29.0
1946	14.5	14.5	29.0
1947	15.5	15.5	31.0
1948	16.5	16.5	33.0
1949	17.5	17.5	35.0

12,066,345	50.00
13,421,535	49.60
13,671,470	49.20
14,015,890	49.20
15,979,325	50.40
15,235,590	50.40
15,418,920	50.40
15,543,308	50.40
15,488,865	50.40
16,243,105	55.00
17,011,675	56.40
17,655,932	59.50

	Bond Debt	Total Debt
2000	100	100
2001	100	100
2002	100	100
2003	100	100
2004	100	100
2005	100	100
2006	100	100
2007	100	100
2008	100	100
2009	100	100
2010	100	100
2011	100	100
2012	100	100
2013	100	100
2014	100	100
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2037	100	100
2038	100	100
2039	100	100
2040	100	100
2041	100	100
2042	100	100
2043	100	100
2044	100	100
2045	100	100
2046	100	100
2047	100	100
2048	100	100
2049	100	100
2050	100	100

Indicates bond debt.

Indicates floating debt. Vertical line indicates legal debt limit—5% of assessed valuation.

## BONDED DEBT AND REDEMPTION TABLE

December 31, 1949

Date of Issue		Purpose	Interest Rate	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1949	Amount Maturing 1950	Amount Maturing 1951	Amount Maturing 1952	Amount Maturing 1953	Amount Maturing 1954	Amount Maturing 1955	Amount Maturing 1956	Amount Maturing 1957
August	1, 1924	Schools	4½%	25,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000			
October	1, 1927	School Lot, Public Works Garage	4½%	40,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000				
October	1, 1928	Schools	4½%	35,000					7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
October	1, 1929	Schools	4½%	35,000						7,000	7,000	7,000
November	1, 1935	Schools	2½%	10,000	5,000	5,000						
February	15, 1937	Schools	3 %	12,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000				
October	1, 1938	Schools	2¼%	5,000	5,000							
June	1, 1939	Roads	1¾%	10,000	5,000	5,000						
June	1, 1940	Roads	2½%	20,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000				
June	1, 1941	Roads, Armory Site, Park	2 %	60,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
				<u>\$252,000</u>	<u>\$43,000</u>	<u>\$38,000</u>	<u>\$28,000</u>	<u>\$28,000</u>	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$19,000</u>	<u>\$19,000</u>	<u>\$19,000</u>

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

### Report for 1949

Total amount to be raised by direct taxation (Exclusive of Overlays)	\$1,055,510.54
Amount in excess of above for overlays and abatements	9,812.46
Supplemental Assessments, Real and Personal	1,912.93
Supplemental Polls, 156 @ \$3.00	468.00
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	\$1,067,703.93
Less Corrections, amounts abated from regular lists and re-assessed in supplemental list	1,034.11
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	\$1,066,669.82

### INVENTORY SUMMARY

Regular List, real and personal and City List	\$1,049,649.18
Regular List, Polls	18,123.00
Supplemental List, real and personal	1,912.93
Supplemental Polls	468.00
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	\$1,070,153.11
Less Corrections, amounts abated from regular lists and re-assessed in supplemental list	1,034.11
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	\$1,069,119.00

### VALUATION ON ASSESSOR'S BOOKS FOR 1949

Real estate, resident and city list	\$10,575,030.00
Real estate, non-resident	4,295,325.00
Personal estate, resident	829,867.00
Personal estate, non-resident	1,940,940.00
Supplemental list, real and personal	32,150.00
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	\$17,673,312.00
Less corrections, etc.	17,380.00
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	\$17,655,932.00

### ABATEMENTS AND OVERLAYS

Balance shown Jan. 1, 1949	\$82,709.51
Overlays for 1949	9,812.46
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	\$92,521.97
Less Assessors' Abatements	
1940	557.09
1941	668.85
1942	3.00
1944	9.00
1945	6.00

1946		13.65	
1947 plus costs	5.46	51.63	
1948 plus costs	5.22	3,345.18	
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1949	10.68	4,184.07	
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		8,838.47	
		10.68	
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		8,849.15	
Council Abatements		27.15	
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			8,876.30
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Balance in Reserve Account December 31, 1949			\$83,645.67

### BOARD OF REGISTRATION

Whole number of registered and qualified voters	7870
Whole number of enrolled voters	6758
Whole number of voters not enrolled	1112

### REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT BY WARDS

	Total Registration	Republicans	Democrats	Not Enrolled	Soldiers
Ward 1	1456	1174	121	161	41
Ward 2	284	178	59	47	12
Ward 3	557	430	87	40	18
Ward 4	732	492	112	128	34
Ward 5					
Prec. 1	1311	1018	112	181	43
Prec. 2	786	461	211	114	11
Ward 6	968	700	125	143	18
Ward 7					
Prec. 1	1337	858	243	236	45
Prec. 2	439	260	117	62	0
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	7870	5571	1187	1112	231

### REGISTERED VOTERS BY DISTRICTS

District 1—Ward 1	1456
District 2—Wards 2 and 3	841
District 3—Wards 4 and 6	1699
District 4—Ward 5	2098
District 5—Ward 7	1776
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	7870

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

526 Permits were issued during the year 1949, as follows:

48 Single Dwellings	\$288,700.00
35 Private Garages	15,480.00
13 Commercial Buildings	109,800.00
178 Alterations and Additions	97,368.00
183 Installations	112,438.75
25 Signs	2,190.00
14 Sheds and Poultry Houses	4,805.00

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\$630,781.75

20 Permits to demolish buildings having a total tax value of \$9,852.80

10 Permits to relocate buildings

Collections amounting to \$963.25 were received and remitted to the City Treasurer, as follows:

Building fees	\$935.25
Code Books sold	28.00

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\$963.25

## ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

Report of the Electrical Department for the year 1949 is as follows:

This Department in 1949 installed three sprinkler fire alarms. These alarms operate the moment a sprinkler heat is released, and automatically send in an alarm over our fire alarm system. The response of the fire department is therefore speeded and the fire, which might have been serious is extinguished before the fire gains any headway.

We now have seven industries in the city with this alarm system. We have one installation to make in 1950, and hope to have, in the future, all sprinkler systems connected to our fire alarm system.

Ten new fire alarm boxes were installed in 1949 and two replacements, making a total of 119 boxes being operated on the fire alarm system as of December 31, 1949.

The following fire alarm boxes were installed in 1949:

Box	Location
156	East End Willard Street
161	Pillsbury and Ocean View
163	Chase and Bellevue
296	Portland Pipe Line (Portland St.)
379	Pine and Sixth Sts.
383	Harriet and Fourth (replacement)
465	Highland and Boothby
542	Cottage and Sawyer
561	Sawyer St., South of Carroll
631	Broadway and Kelley St.
632	Broadway and Buttonwood St.
693	Portland Pipe Line (Hill St.)
719	Lincoln and Curtis Sts.

The following boxes should be installed in 1950:

142	Angell and Coolidge Aves.
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172 Deake and Henry Sts.  
 376 Sawyer and Barstow Sts.  
 49 Cottage and Margaret Sts.  
 546 Mitchell Road and Davis St.  
 571 Ocean St. and Spear Ave.  
 573 Parrott and Fessenden Sts.  
 642 Kelsey and Pearl Sts.  
 739 Cash and Holden Sts.  
 782 Broadway and Hobart St.

The above locations have been approved by Chief Horace S. Jose of the Fire Department.

1950 should see the start of two additional box circuits at the Electrical Building, as we are nearing capacity of the eight circuits now being used.

This Department issued the following in 1949:

65 Master Licenses  
 122 Journeyman Licenses  
 596 Wiring Permits

Fees received from wiring permits totaled \$455.00 and fees from Licenses totaled \$1,060.00; which were turned over to the Treasurer and receipt taken for same.

There have been 1,060 visits of electrical inspection for new work and several inspections for electrical work in poor or dangerous condition. These have been put in first class condition.

## BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

Thirteen meetings were held during the year and ten appeals were heard. Eight appeals were granted, one appeal was denied and one appeal is pending for further information.

Fees in the amount of \$10.00 were retained as per Zoning Ordinance and fourteen zoning maps were sold for \$3.50. A total of \$13.50 has been remitted to the City Treasurer.

### APPEALS GRANTED

Replace riding stable—destroyed by fire, 375 Highland Avenue  
 Construct retail store, 1841 Broadway  
 Construct private residence, Lot No. 5 Highland Road  
 Construct addition to rear of store, 185 Cottage Road  
 Construct auto service station, Cor. Buttonwood & Broadway  
 Construct apartment in house, 6 Bay Street  
 Consent to use of lot for dwelling house, Clifford Street  
 Construct addition to dwelling, 7 Channel Road

### APPEAL DENIED

Construct auto service station, Cor. Main St. & Haskell Avenue

### APPEAL PENDING

Construct auto service station, 675 Main Street

## POOR DEPARTMENT

Number of City cases receiving aid in 1949:

Month	Cases	Persons
January	3	7
February	4	8
March	5	19
April	5	18
May	1	1
June	0	0
July	2	10
August	3	13
September	6	17
October	7	22
November	8	27
December	10	33

Number of City cases in Sanatorium 3

Number of State and Outside Cases receiving aid in 1949:

Month	Cases	Persons
January	43	164
February	35	155
March	35	156
April	28	105
May	23	83
June	21	61
July	22	70
August	34	108
September	34	104
October	28	85
November	37	125
December	35	143

Number of Non-Active cases for 1949 432 1351

Number of Families with So. Portland Settlement Receiving ADC

(As of December)	Cases 23	\$3,284.75
South Portland Cases in South Portland	Cases 54	\$2,551.63
Sanatorium Cases	3	76.72
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		\$2,628.35
South Portland Cases In Portland		\$3,478.18
Biddeford		80.00
Scarboro		207.00
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		\$3,765.18
Deppers Rest Home for 1949		
Cost		\$2,017.40
Credit		\$3,462.78



Keeping step with progress, two Patrolmen and one Sergeant were added to the Force during the present year making the present Force: 1 Chief, 19 Patrolmen, 4 Sergeants, 1 Matron, and 1 Clerk.

Front Row: Left to right, B. Murphy, G. McGrath, W. Murphy, G. Brownell, D. Angell, Chief Whitten, D. McDonough, S. Kierstead, C. Flink. Middle Row: G. McCubrey, R. Dewey, H. Oliver, Sgt. E. Stevenson, C. Ramsey, W. Southard, J. Larsen, Sgt. C. Murphy. Back Row: Sgt. C. Welch, L. Oldham, R. Fellows, E. Powers, K. Sutherland, N. Snow, E. Miller, F. Bernard, Sgt. E. Darling.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Annual Report — 1949

#### PERSONNEL:

During the year 1949 one Sergeant, Edwin T. Milliken, and one Patrolman, Hugh J. Farrell, retired from the Police Department, and three Provisional Officers were appointed.

The late night shift has been increased by doubling the number of officers giving the citizens additional security and protection.

#### EQUIPMENT:

The traffic lights at Broadway and Cottage Road have been re-located and directional green arrows installed designating the control of traffic. At this location 15 signs have been removed.

Three 1950 Ford Sedans were put in service during November.

#### SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

During the year one Sergeant and one Patrolman passed the advance course in First Aid.

#### JUVENILE DELINQUENCY:

Juvenile Delinquency, during the past year, increased the department's work 11.9% over 1948. If strict supervision by the parents and a more cooperative, understanding relationship between the parents, their children and the police department can be established, Juvenile Delinquency is certain to decrease.

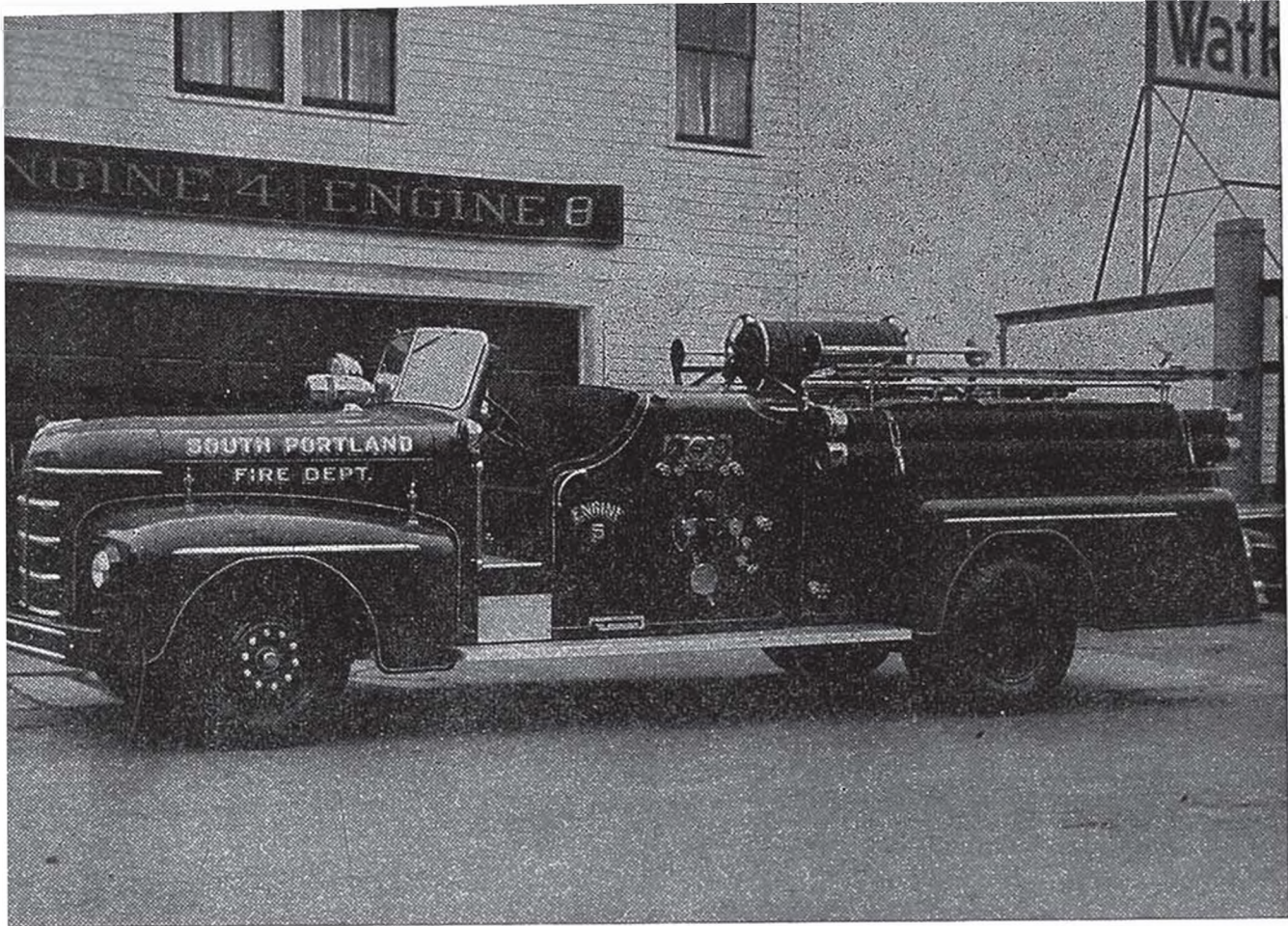
#### ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1949

Manslaughter	1
Burglary, breaking or entering	9
Larceny	35
Auto Theft	9
Assault & Battery	15
Embezzlement & Fraud	3
Carrying weapons	1
Sex offenses	18
Offenses against family & children	11
Drunkenness	187
Vagrancy	7
Gambling	8
Driving while intoxicated	42
Violation of road & driving laws	186
Parking violations	2
Traffic & Motor Vehicle laws	46
Suspicion	69
All other offenses	76
Total	<hr/> 725

Paid & Discharged	262
Continued by Court	27
Committed to County Jail & Other Penal Institutions	28
Probable Cause	5
Appealed	21
Delivered to Other Authorities	67
Probation & Clemency	46
Discharged by Police	215
Discharged by Court	49
Found Not Guilty by Court	5
Total	725
Value of Stolen Automobiles recovered & returned	\$14,550.00
Value of Stolen Property recovered & returned	541.60
Value of Stolen Bicycles recovered & returned	336.00
Value of Property Not Stolen recovered & returned	2,003.26
Total	\$17,430.86
Money taken in for parking tags	78.50
Money taken in for Bicycle Licenses	444.50
Money taken in for Court Fees, fines & ordinances	1,253.00
Total	\$1,776.00
Night lodgers housed at Headquarters	63
Auto accidents reported & investigated	422
Radio calls received at Headquarters	12,769
Radio calls sent from Headquarters	13,462
Complaints investigated	15,345

#### IDENTIFICATION BUREAU

Personal prints taken in 1949	420
Criminal prints taken in 1949	29
Criminal photographs taken in 1949	18
Personal photographs taken in 1949	1
Latent photographs taken in 1949	42
Miscellaneous photographs taken in 1949	6
Photographs developed for Assessors Department	310
Personal fingerprint cards filed in bureau	10,143
Industrial fingerprint cards filed in bureau	3,163
Criminal fingerprint cards filed in bureau	1,414



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Attached is a detailed account of our Fire Activities of our Fire Department for the year 1949.

The personnel of the Fire Department did not change any in 1949. We took delivery of a 750 gallon Ahrens-Fox pumper to replace a small commercial engine which was twenty-one years old. This engine greatly strengthens our response in the western part of the city where we were weak.

Our traffic in Petroleum Products is taking more and more time of our Fire Department for inspections of tankers and shore installations.

The Fire Department promulgated a set of regulations for the loading and unloading of oil which has practically eliminated oil spillages into the harbor and we are now setting up a control to handle the crews of those vessels.

In August an order was given for a sixty-five foot aerial ladder truck to be delivered in the summer of 1950 and which replaces a small commercial unit which is twenty-two years old. With this equipment we shall be able to ladder some of our worst hazards.

This last year our Fire Prevention activities were greatly enlarged and we plan to continue along these same lines in 1950.

### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Amend our ordinance on Handling and Storage of Flammable Products to bring it into line with the improvements that have been made in the oil industry.

2. Establish a Fire Prevention Bureau and pass by ordinance a Fire Prevention Code.

3. Establish by ordinance a Fire District for our so-called High Value District.

4. Construct a Central Fire Station and Drill Tower (our present Central Station is not adequate for the men and apparatus and the amount of work we have to do there.)

5. Remodel the heating plant at Engine 5 as under the present system it is expensive to operate.

No. Fires in Dwellings, Tenements, Barns, Garages, etc.	124
No. Fires in Offices, Institutions, Churches, etc.	6
No. Fires in Retail Stores, Service Stations, etc.	2
No. Fires in Factories, Canneries, etc.	4
No. Fires in Warehouses, Piers, etc.	7
No. Fires in all other Buildings	2
No. Grass & Brush Fires	151
No. Other Outdoor Fires (Autos, Boats, etc.)	99
No. Malicious False Alarms	36
No. Accidental Alarms, Scares, Mistakes, etc.	15
No. First Aid, Accidents, Emergency Calls	20
Total Number Calls for 1949	480

FIRE LOSS:

Estimated Value of Buildings Involved by Fire	\$107,000
Insurance Carried on Above Buildings	110,600
Estimated Loss on Above Buildings	33,522
Insurance Reported Paid on Above Buildings	17,175
Estimated Value of Contents of Buildings	10,450
Insurance on Above Contents	7,950
Estimated Loss on Above Contents	4,237
Insurance Reported Paid on Above Contents	2,987
Per Capita Fire Loss For 1949	1.64



## PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Purchasing of all supplies, materials and equipment for all City Departments, including schools are made through a central purchasing office, which is under the personal direction of the City Manager.

During the year 3,310 purchase orders were issued. Some of the major purchases included:

10 Fire Alarm Boxes for Electrical Department	\$1,603.82
1000 ft 2½" hose for Fire Department	1,021.16
1—1949 Dodge Sedan for Police Chief	1,400.00
3—1950 Ford Sedans for Police Department	4,410.00
1—1949 Ford ½ ton Pick-up for Public Works Dept.	1,364.24
2—1949 Ford 2 ton Dump Truck Chassis & Cabs for Public Works Dept.	4,045.50
2—2½ yd. dump bodies for Public Works Dept.	1,410.00
1—Walter Truck for Public Works Dept.	14,325.00
1—Flink Hydraulic Spreader for Public Works Dept.	838.67
1—Buffalo Roller 6-9 ton for Public Works Dept.	3,085.00
1—Case tractor for Public Works Dept.	1,800.00
1—Frink 1-way Snow Plow for Public Works Dept.	675.00
1—1949 Harley-Davidson Servicar for Police Dept.	560.00
1—1949 Dodge ¾ ton Pick-up for Parks & Rec. Dept.	1,320.00
1—Ahrens-Fox 750 gallon pumping engine for Fire Dept.	15,995.00
1—Mack Fire Truck for Fire Dept.	2,511.79

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### STREETS

During 1949 as in the previous year the work of this Department has consisted principally of a General Maintenance program. No funds were provided for permanent road construction.

A Program whereby practically all streets are surface treated during alternate years is now in complete operation and generally speaking, we have eliminated the war period deficiencies. It is believed that during 1951 our surface treated streets will have a penetration of adequate depth to permit temporary elimination of surface treatment on some streets thereby releasing funds for armor coating or more durable maintenance work.

In addition to properly maintaining those streets previously treated, it has been possible to grade, gravel and surface treat most all streets recently accepted. It is believed the following statistics will clearly indicate the advanced status of our program.

Total Miles Streets	98.7
Total Number Streets	463
Total Number New Streets Treated 1949	22
Total Number New Streets Untreated	12

### NEW STREETS REMAINING

New streets remaining untreated were to a large degree graded and graveled during the early Winter of 1949 ready for surface treatment in 1950.

When the 1950 season ends, it is believed that all accepted streets will have been surface treated. Fifteen years ago only 40% of our accepted streets had been surface treated. A program whereby new streets are surface treated as quickly as possible after acceptance results in a lower maintenance cost, easier plowing and a condition far more pleasing to the traveling public.

### NEW STREETS

Simmons Road—Jackson Street—Pine Haven Terrace—Fore River Prom. — Burwell Avenue — Sunset Avenue — Hillcrest Avenue — Pearl Street—Thornton Avenue—having a total in length of 5,781.02 feet were accepted or extended as public streets.

### SURFACE TREATMENT

During the year 139,016 gallons of Bitumen was applied on those streets not treated during 1948. This represents an increase of 16,666 gallons over that applied during 1948. The gross application is 15,000 gallons short of requirements. While this Department budgets for its seasonal requirements, price variation due to instability of the coal industry, has been the primary cause for yearly deficits in gallonage required to meet minimum needs.

Mulching treatments on all streets with a heavy wire broom drag, a practice inaugurated by this Department, has been continued with exceedingly satisfactory results. This new method of low cost surface treatment has received considerable attention from visiting road officials with the idea of adoption in that it is not generally practiced elsewhere and is resultant in excellent treatments at low cost.

During 1950 we must have 150,000 gallons of Bitumen to meet minimum requirements.

### DRAINAGE

A program of remedial action to correct unsatisfactory drainage conditions has progressed in a satisfactory manner. In many locations construction of catch basins is not permitted by the Sewerage District due to sewers of inadequate capacity. During the year 11 new basins have been constructed and an equal number rebuilt. During 1950 drainage conditions on Elm Street North of Broadway will be improved.

### BITUMINOUS PATCHING

During 1949 a total of 829 tons of Bituminous patch was used for repair of streets and walks. This represents a decrease of 119 tons as compared with 1948 and materially less than quantity used in 1947. The continued decrease in patch requirements is the result of a more adequate surface treating program.

### STATE AID THIRD CLASS

Expenditure of Third Class State Aid Funds was necessarily held in abeyance for use on Broadway West of Main Street during 1950. This fund in the amount of \$6,124.00 is furnished by the State in its entirety.

## SPECIAL RESOLVE

A fund in the amount of \$1,450.00 ear-marked for use on the Cummings Road will become available some time this year. This fund is financed by the State of Maine.

## STATE AID SECOND CLASS

High cost of materials and lack of funds precluded any state aid 2nd class during the past year. The Department has a credit with the State Highway Department of \$19,304.50 equally matched by the City of South Portland. Plans for reconstruction of Broadway between Kelsey and Evans are complete awaiting adequate funds. The accrued balance to date is, however, 50% short of the amount required for financing this project.

Construction of 2nd Class State Aid roads must receive serious consideration for if delayed too long, it will become necessary to re-build those constructed during 1929-1930 prior to proceeding on an expanded program. No State Aid Construction has been carried out since 1939-1940.

## CEMENT WALKS

The progress of repairing old concrete walks, inaugurated in 1947 was continued and progressed very satisfactorily with Public Works employees.

During the season, 843 sq. yds. of broken and unsafe concrete walks were replaced representing an increase of 345 sq. yds. over 1948. In addition 642 lin. feet or 350 sq. yds. of new walk were also laid during the past year which was also an increase over 1948.

During 1949 construction of so-called safety walks was held in abeyance. During 1950 it is planned to complete walk through Thornton Heights.

## STREET LIGHTS

During the year 43 additional street lights were installed throughout the City as requested. Cottage Road between Broadway and the Cape Elizabeth line, Lincoln Street between Broadway and Main Street, also Broadway between Kelley Street and Evans St. were relighted with modern 4000 and 6000 lumen lights.

Type	Installed as of 1-1-49	Installed during 49	Removed during 49	Total Installed 12-31-49
600 L.	753	30	27	756
600 Orn.	6	—	—	6
2500 L.	102	3	15	90
4000 L.	17	30	—	47
6000 L.	58	10	—	68
10000 L.	14	—	—	14
10000 Sod.	24	—	—	24

During 1950 it is planned to improve lighting system on Broadway between Evans and Cash Corner which will correct an unsatisfactory situation in that area.

## EQUIPMENT

During the year the following equipment was purchased.

2—2 ton Ford Trucks complete with dump bodies and plows replacing vehicles 11 years old.

1—½ ton Ford Pick-up replacing 10 year old vehicle.

1—7 ton Walter complete with hydraulic sander and plow replacing vehicle purchased in 1929.

1—6-9 ton Roller replacing vehicle purchased 21 years previously.

1—Case Sidewalk Tractor replacing one purchased in 1941.

Purchase of light equipment is now scheduled on a five year rotation which eliminates excessive capital expenditure in any one year.

The Department has 14 pieces of heavy equipment valued at \$125,900.00, 50% of which is from 10 to 20 years old. This equipment is now scheduled for replacement on a 10 year purchase plan. Any piece of equipment should be replaced when its requirements can be more economically accomplished by new equipment.

## MISCELLANEOUS

During 1949 the following materials were hauled in Municipal owned trucks for maintenance of public streets, summer and winter:

Sand for Ice	1055.75 Cu. Yds.
Snow & Ice	14861.6 Cu. Yds.
Gravel from Sawyer Street	12492.07 Cu. Yds.
Sand to Screen	4512.75 Cu. Yds.
Sand for Surface Treat.	3117.0 Cu. Yds.
Sand for Patch	250.5 Cu. Yds.
Sand Patch	397.89 Cu. Yds.
Rubbish	994.5 Cu. Yds.
C. Basin Cleanings	281.5 Cu. Yds.
Stone From Screen	636.0 Cu. Yds.
Cover to Dump	3052.25 Cu. Yds.
Street Sweeping & Misc. Material	11009.5 Cu. Yds.
Park Dept. —Fill	4830.5 Cu. Yds.
Brush	261.5 Loads
Stone Patch	829.5 Tons
Chl. & Salt to Stockpile	47.15 Tons
Chl. & Salt to Streets	102.75 Tons
Sand for Res. (Bags)	139 Bags

## CONCLUSION

While the appropriation for 1949 was slightly in excess of 1948 said increase was in its entirety due to increased cost of labor and materials. No additional materials were purchased. During the last two years the cost of snow removal has been less than normal. This fancied saving, however, has been more than off set by a substantial increase in maintenance cost. Resultant from heavy vehicle damage during Winter months due to unseasonable wet weather and lack of frost, Summer repair requirements have been materially increased.





Demonstration of Baby's Bath

## CITY NURSE

1949

With a full staff of three nurses during this year, the objectives of the nursing program have been more nearly carried out. This tends toward a better community service.

Although more patients were admitted for nursing care, fewer visits per patient were made than during the previous year. This shows a shorter duration of illness. Health supervision visits were made routinely—that is, to prenatal patients once a month; newborn babies once a week; infants up to one year once a month; preschool children up to two years every three months; and children from two to five years every six months. To communicable disease cases, usually only one visit is made for instructions in care of the patient and prevention in spreading the disease. There were sixteen poliomyelitis cases reported in the city during the year. A follow up visit was made to each patient and an epidemiological report sent to the State Bureau of Health.

The staff assisted at the City Inoculation Clinics started in March and continued through June. 114 children attended. Monthly inoculation clinics held in the office have proved to be very satisfactory with an average attendance of 50 children.

The cost study completed in April showed the cost per visit to be \$1.52. This figure was accepted by the John Hancock and Metropolitan Life Insurance Companies and adjustments on last years visits made accordingly.

In September, Miss Katharine Pierce, Assistant to the Director of the Visiting Nurse Service, John Hancock Life Insurance Company, spent one day with your director. She discussed the set up of the organization and made helpful suggestions.

Your director attended the Annual Meeting of the Maine State Nurses' Association held in Presque Isle October 3rd and 4th.

On Community Chest Day a Child Health Conference was displayed in the window at Woolworths by the Volunteers and nurses of the Association.

To the Board of Directors, Finance and Nursing Committees, the staff wishes to express their appreciation for the interest and time spent in improving the functioning of the organization. To the Volunteer group, our thanks for their splendid work in assisting at Child Health Conferences, and Inoculation Clinics and in transporting children.

Our aim for the future is to improve the service wherever possible in order to carry out a good public health service.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1949

##### South Portland District Nursing Association

	Cases	Visits
Maternity Service		
Expectant Mothers	132	351
New Mothers	147	438
Morbidity Service		
Non Communicable	249	2553
Tuberculosis & Contacts	16	95
Acute Communicable	56	143
Crippled Children	24	143
Health Service		
Newborn	136	392
Infant	400	1055
Preschool	627	1150
Cases not admitted		
School		25
Adult		27
Visits in Behalf of Service		23
Social Service		7
Cases Not Found		209
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Total	1787	6611

##### Child Health Conferences

	Number of Conferences	Number of Babies	Attendance
Office	51	244	734
Redbank	22	81	349



Immunization Clinics		
Number of Clinics	12	
		Immunizations Completed
Whooping Cough		198
Diphtheria		205
Tetanus		201
Vaccination for smallpox		50
Meetings Attended		50

## HEALTH OFFICER AND CITY PHYSICIAN

1949

The past year has been a notable one from the point of view of public health, principally because of an epidemic of infantile paralysis. The epidemic struck South Portland as it did the rest of the country. We had one death, five paralytic cases, and the remaining ten people afflicted developed no paralysis. Of the sixteen cases, only three were under 15 years of age, the oldest being 39 years. This age group range seemed to be typical of the epidemic throughout the state. The commonest single factor among people who developed infantile was that they were over tired.

In regard to other contagious diseases we have had an average year, but with a noticeable decrease in number of cases with scarlet fever. The cases reported are as follows:

Measles	243	Chicken Pox	49	Whooping Cough	4
Mumps	99	Scarlet Fever	18	Tuberculosis	7

Of these diseases, the most important is, of course, tuberculosis so a rise in its incidence is a serious matter. At present the South Portland District Nursing Association are visiting thirty-eight people who have recently had tuberculosis. Of these, six are known to be active or contagious. We have an additional eight people in the sanatorium with tuberculosis. All the contagious cases are under doctor's care, but occasionally these people refuse to follow instructions. These people are the ones responsible for the spread of the disease, but much less often than perhaps your uncle, aunt, or grandparent who has a cough but refuses to see his doctor or have an x-ray taken. In older people tuberculosis is probably as common a cause as cancer for loss of weight, cough, raising blood, sweats at night or being tired. By contacting your Public Health Nurse you may arrange for an x-ray for anyone or all of your family—for as little as nothing or as much as a dollar for each.

Tuberculosis in a home where children are living is much more dangerous than a case of infantile paralysis next door or even in the same house. So weed tuberculosis out of your household, and neighborhood by having everybody get an x-ray of their chest.

In addition to 30 visits to the sick at the request of the Welfare Department, six people were seen at the request of the family physician or the District Nurse for diagnosis of a contagious disease, and sixteen visits were made for complaints of unsanitary conditions.



Upon the request of the health officer a resusitator unit was purchased for the Police Department. Dr. Lincoln of the Department of Anesthesia at the Maine General Hospital gave a demonstration to the Police Department in its use.

## **PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

**1949**

There were two-hundred fifty-one permits issued during the year to install the following fixtures:

Toilets	127
Lavatories	112
Bath Tubs	91
Sinks	101
Laundry Trays	31
Floor Drains	29
Dish Washers	1
Hot Water Units	120
Soda Fountains	2
New Sewer Drains	31
Shower Baths	4
Urinals	1
Drinking Fountains	1
Washing Machines	2

The fees collected and remitted to City Treasurer for above permits amounted to \$432.21. This figure represents two-thirds of total. The State Department of Health receiving the other one-third.

The fees collected for Master & Journeymen licenses amounted to \$487.00.

The total amount for both being \$919.21; all of which was remitted to the City Treasurer.

## **RESTAURANT INSPECTOR**

**1949**

Restaurants, Drug Stores, and places preparing food have all been inspected and found in most cases to be clean and sanitary.

A few recommendations have been made which I hope will be met in the future.

## **CITY CLERK**

The City Clerk is responsible for the recording of all official documents.

Licenses for birth certificates, marriages, hunting, fishing, dogs, and various other types are handled through this office.

Total fees collected for year 1949—\$7,496.00 and paid to City Treasurer.

Hunting and Fishing certificates totaled \$7,210.00 mailed to State Treasurer.

Dog licenses collected and check mailed to State amount of \$1,880.20.

## SOUTH PORTLAND PLANNING BOARD — 1949

Regular monthly meetings were held on the third Friday of each month. A number of special meetings were held to take care of specific matters.

In January of 1948, the Board made certain recommendations to the City Council regarding changes in the Zoning Ordinance. At the same time, recommendations were made for certain changes in the Building Code. Certain additional changes in the Zoning Ordinance were recommended about the middle of that year.

Most of the recommendations as to zoning changes have been approved by the City Council, and the Zoning Map and Master Plan have been revised in accordance with the Council's final approval.

A complete set of Zoning Maps, in accordance with the new Zoning Plan, has been furnished the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

No action has yet been taken by the Council on the recommendations for Building Code changes.

Platting approval was given to six land sub-divisions located in various parts of the City.

Starting early in the year and continuing through much of the summer, a series of traffic studies were made, principally along Main Street, to secure data on two important matters:

1. The effect of the increasing traffic on the safety of
  - (a) the motoring public and
  - (b) the residents, and particularly the school children, of the immediate area.
2. The effect of highway traffic on the business establishments along Main Street,
  - (a) does an increase of traffic necessarily mean an increase of business, and
  - (b) does a diversion of the through traffic necessarily mean a decrease of business.

A number of meetings were held, some of them with the Portland Planning Board, in connection with a proposal to either repair or replace Vaughan's Bridge. As a result of this study, the Board recommended to the Council, and the Council approved, a plan to replace Vaughan's Bridge with a new dual highway-railroad bridge to be located adjacent to the present railway bridge, and providing two access roads to Main Street, as shown on an approved plan prepared by the Public Works Department.

This same plan was recommended by the Portland Board to the Portland City Council and approved by them.

Consideration has been given to the desirability of establishing a fire district to include a part, or all, of the Knightville area. This has been discussed in some detail with the Chief of the Fire Department, and as a result of this discussion, the Board has recommended that a fire district be established to include all of the so-called Knightville area in accordance with a certain plan prepared by the Board and submitted to the Fire Department for their further study and consideration.

The Board has continued its study of City affairs, and has accumulated considerable interesting and valuable data which it intends to publish in some form during the coming year, the exact method and time not yet having been determined.

If and when published, it is hoped that it will lead to a more complete understanding of City affairs by its people, and will encourage ideas and suggestions for its improvement and continued prosperity.

## BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

December 30, 1949

To The Honorable City Council for the City of South Portland

The Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Harbor of Portland, Maine, hereby submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 1, 1949.

### PERMITS ISSUED:

April 4, 1949:—to A. R. Wright Co., to build and maintain a sheet pile bulkhead, and the making of solid fill in back of it at its main discharging wharf at 350 Commercial St., Portland, Maine.

May 20, 1949:—to the Pocahontas Fuel Co., Inc., to redredge its berth on the Westerly side of Long Wharf between said wharf and Central Wharf in Portland, Maine.

August 4, 1949:—to the County of Cumberland, Maine, to build and maintain two fender piers and six pile dolphins to define the ship channel through the draw of Portland bridge, and to provide the bridge with better protection from injuries by ships passing through the draw, and to improve the direction of the channel through the draw.

August 4, 1949:—to the American Oil Co., to build and maintain a pier and ship mooring facilities used for the docking of tankers and barges to replace the existing facilities in the same location at South Portland, Maine.

On January 10, 1949, the board granted the request of the Portland Pilots, Inc., for an increase in pilotage charges, to wit: The rate of \$3.50 per foot as now charged up to and including 12,500 D. W. T., an increase of 25c per foot for each additional 2500 D.W.T.'s or portion thereof.

On January 10, 1949 it was voted that Commissioner Leavitt act with Mr. Sweeney representing the Maine Port Authority in formulating and drafting such rules and regulations as they deem necessary for the Port's protection, in re hazardous cargoes, and report back to the board for action thereon.

On April 4, 1949, it was voted that the clerk on behalf of the board, notify in writing, Oliver T. Sanborn, Chief of the Portland Fire Department that it favors the international whistle signal for ships on fire, for the harbor of Portland.

On April 4, 1949 Phillip T. O'Donnell was re-elected Chairman of the board, and Clinton T. Goudy was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer of the board for the ensuing year.

On June 13, 1949 Harry T. Williams of Portland, Maine was appointed Harbor Master, and Allen H. Cobb of South Portland, Maine was appointed Deputy Harbor Master.

### HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1949

Following is the annual report of the Harbor Master, covering the period starting June 20, 1949 and ending Nov. 30, 1949.

#### Grand Trunk Docks

- Removed flotsam twice
- Secured camel fender once

#### State Pier

- East Side
  - Removed flotsam once
  - Investigated source of oil beneath pier twice

#### Public Landings

- Enforced two hour tie-up privilege 13 times

#### Randall and McAllister

- East Side
  - Cleared dock to prevent blocking fireboat once

#### Custom House Wharf

- West Side
  - Cleared dock for lighters and ship chandlers 3 times
  - Removed flotsam twice
  - Towed sunken motorboat clear once

#### Portland Pier

- East Side
  - Cleared for passage seven times
- West Side
  - Cleared for passage 3 times

#### Long Wharf

- Removed flotsam once

#### Central Wharf

- East Side
  - Kept clear of boats for dredging purposes for one day
  - Cleared for arrival and departure of colliers 30 times
  - Removed flotsam once

#### West Side

- Secured removal of sunken motorboat

#### Union-Widgery Wharf Entrance

- Cleared for passage 3 times

#### Wharf No. 2 (Gas Co.)

- Investigated condition of moored lighter's lines once

#### East End Bathing Beach

- Twice investigated complaints by city officials of refuse littering beach. Source found to be the city dump.

#### Forest City Landing, Peaks Island

- Investigated complaints of city officials of two derelict scows ashore on municipal property. Contacted owner and had same removed. Two trips.

#### Little Diamond Island

Surveyed condition of abandoned lighters ashore in cove. One trip.

#### Anchorage "A"

Investigated complaints of debris floating about anchorage. Source traced to city dump. Two trips.

#### Fore River Channel

Cleared for passage for towed vessels by having dredge shift moorings. One trip.

#### Mill Cove, So. Portland

Investigated complaints of black substance along shoreline. Found to be stack cinders from collier. Cause remedied.

Five trips were made to ground out large pieces of flotsam constituting a hazard to navigation in the inner harbor.

A trip was made to tow a boat into a Portland dock, that had broken adrift from her mooring in the small boat anchorage during a strong southwest wind.

On approval of the Coast Guard, the anchorage buoy "E" was moved to a new location halfway between its old location and the end of the Pipeline wharf. This was made necessary by recent dredging operations, resulting in the widening of the harbor channel.

### REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

1949

There have been tested and sealed during the year:

Scales	83
Gasoline Pumps	74
Oil Pumps	1
Truck Meters	31
Loading Meters	48
Taxi Meters	3
Truck Tanks	79

### REPORT OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION 1949

Last June the Parks & Recreation Department lost the services of its director, Charles W. Wood, who resigned for a similar position at Saco, Maine. The members of the Commission voted unanimously to have a part-time director for the remaining months and elected Henry L. LaVallee, Director of Athletics at South Portland High School, to serve in that capacity. By so doing the board was able to save, on salary, nearly one thousand dollars which was turned toward the maintenance of the "Knightville" Park.

### PLAYGROUNDS

Our Playground situation remained the same as in the past years. Redbank and Brown School grounds were used for all activities, with Willard Beach for the older "folks". Plans for the coming summer have been discussed and an increase in activities already voted upon.

## LEAGUES

A Basketball League was operated during the winter months under the name of City League. Eight teams participated with all games played at the High School Gym. During the summer months a City Softball League and Sandlot Baseball teams were sponsored by the Commission with splendid results. The Portland Department helped immeasurably to make the latter league the success that it was. In the Fall the Grammar School Touch Football League again was active with Henley and Brown Schools having the leading teams.

## UNION ARMORY

This building was again kept open all winter. Complete schedules of activities were maintained by John Goding. The board members feel that this hall should be kept up for winter indoor games and agreed to do everything possible, within means, to repair said structure in 1950-51.

## WINTER ACTIVITIES

Twenty-three streets were posted for sliding, and new warning signs, made by Lee Shaw, placed at appropriate locations to warn motorists. Four skating ponds were kept plowed and in as good a condition as was possible. The "Knightville" Park pond was used more this past winter season than ever before.

## WILLARD BEACH

Again this beach was operated under the Commission and enjoyed by large crowds of people from all over the Greater Portland Area. Mrs. Mary Cole operated the concession for her fourth consecutive year and as in the past it proved to be a rendezvous spot for young and old. As was reported in last year's report, Willard Beach operated at a loss and did again this past summer. This was due to the sanitation and maintenance costs which are always necessary in an endeavor of this kind.

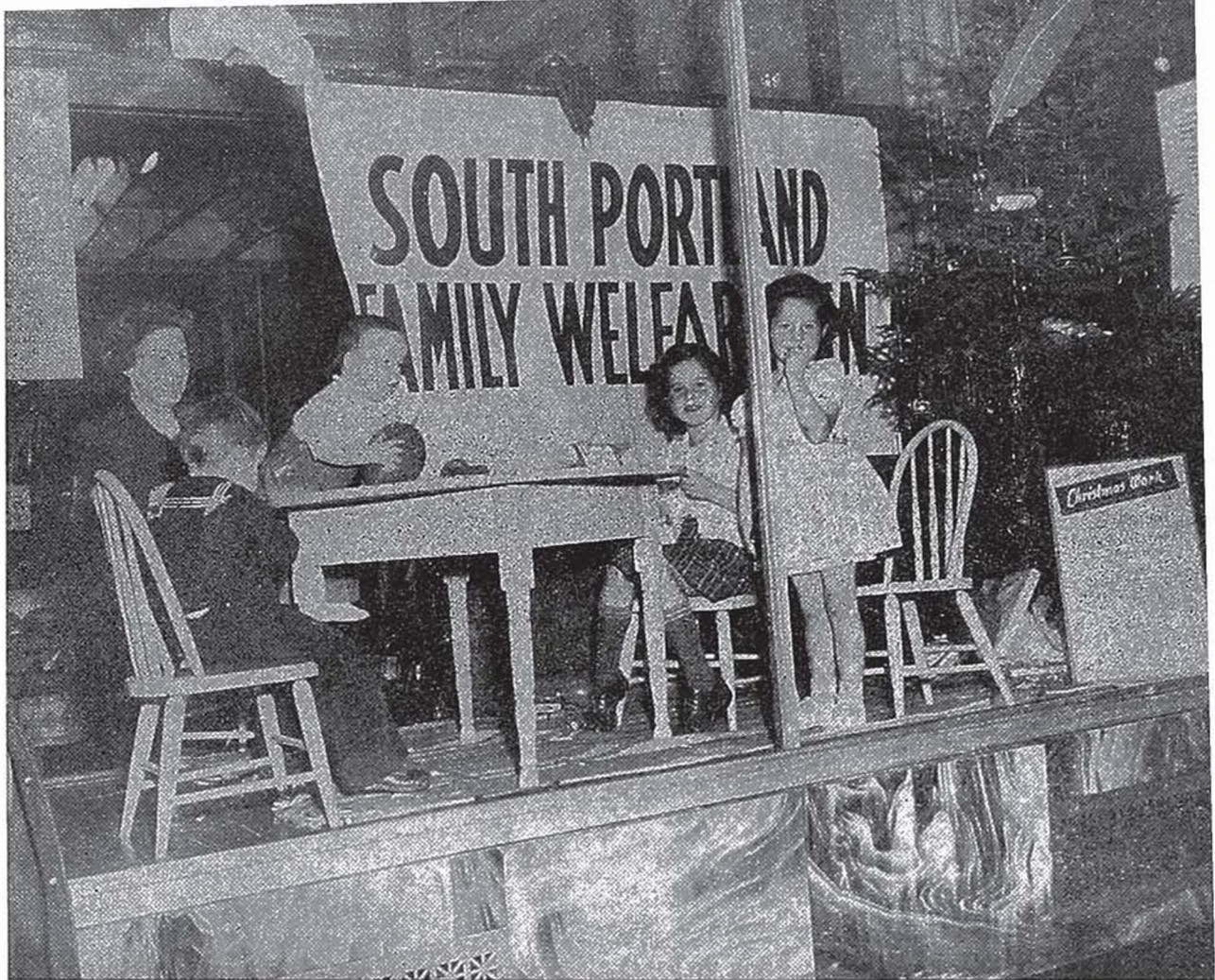
## PARKS

The year 1949 brought about great progress in our "Knightville" Park across from the high school. More than 85% of the area is now covered with loam and about 70% of said area grassed—this was most evident last summer when the maintenance crew was forced to cut it twice weekly and watered same daily.

During the good days, 87 trees were planted. Those were of several varieties with the following most prominent: American Mountain Ash, Silver Maple, Red Maple, Norway Maple, Red Oak, Linden, Chinese Elm, and American Elm. More than 100 shrubs were set-out in decorative areas. These plants will show and prove themselves to be beauty spots when in bloom.

Peary Park, at the corner of Broadway and Cottage Road, was improved upon by the placing of more shrubs and a wire fence surrounding the area. The park on Meetinghouse Hill and the small plot in Pleasantdale were kept up by all available means. A section at the corner of Ocean and Sawyer Streets was plowed and harrowed in preparation for seeding in the Spring.





### THE SOUTH PORTLAND FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION, INC.

This Association is correlated with the work of the Overseers of the Poor, although there is no connection except in the close cooperation between the City financed Overseers and the Community Chest financed Welfare Association.

The Agency is set up to assist with advice and counsel to maintain normal family life, and when necessary on a temporary basis to help financially so that the individual again may become self-supporting.

The Agency is made up of 32 member clubs and organizations and 21 public spirited men and women representing these clubs serve in a non-pay status on the Board. The City of South Portland furnishes office space, heat, lights and work closely in promoting the activities.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1949	\$ 559.36
Received from Community Chest	5,800.00
Reimbursements	792.89
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	\$7,152.25
Relief	\$2,595.06
Salaries, expenses, supplies	4,074.15
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	6,669.21

On hand Jan. 1, 1950

483.04

Total number of cases handled  
New Cases  
Cases still open  
Home visits

\$7,152.25  
283  
53  
62  
336

### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

We have examined the balance sheets of the several funds of the City of South Portland as of December 31, 1949, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures, and surplus for the year ended that date.

In connection therewith, we have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of city and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined, or tested, accounting records of the city and other supporting evidence by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which we considered necessary.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements fairly present, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, the financial position of the City of South Portland at December 31, 1949, and the results of its operations for the year ended that date.

GRAFFAM'S ACCOUNTING SERVICE  
By Fred R. Gould, C.P.A.

February 28, 1950

Exhibit "A"

### BALANCE SHEET City of South Portland At December 31, 1949

#### ASSETS

#### General Revenue Accounts:

Cash, Schedule 4		\$59,435.12
Uncollected Taxes, Schedule 5	\$68,552.01	
Tax Deeds, Schedule 6	25,446.85	

\$93,998.86

Less: Reserve for Overlay and  
Abatements, Sched. 8

83,645.67

10,353.19

City Property Acquired by

Deed, Sched. 7	15,437.63
Accounts Receivable, Sched. 9	2,516.30
Sidewalk Assessments	920.03

\$88,662.27



Protective Reserve:	
Cash	\$ 2,023.71
Special Funds:	
So. Portland Library Fund: Sched. 11	
Savings Accounts	\$13,955.78
U. S. Savings Bonds Ser. "F"	10,640.00
	<hr/> 24,595.78
Equipment Fund	36,000.00
Bonded Debt, Sched. 10	252,000.00
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Total Assets	\$403,281.76

#### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

General Revenue Accounts:	
Vouchers Payable	\$20,568.21
Employees Pension Fund	10,560.45
Reserve for Sidewalk Assessments	920.03
Unexpended Appropriations	
School Department	10,846.92
General Revenue Accounts Surplus	
(Reserve Fund) Ex. "C"	45,766.56
	<hr/> \$88,662.27
Protective Reserve:	
Municipal Building	\$ 23.71
Breakwater	2,000.00
	<hr/> 2,023.71
Special Funds:	
So. Portland Library Fund, Sched. 11	24,595.78
Equipment Fund:	
Notes Payable	36,000.00
Bonds Payable, Schedule 10	252,000.00
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Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$403,281.76

Exhibit "B"

#### COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS City of South Portland At December 31, 1949

##### ASSETS

	1949	1948	Increase Decrease
General Revenue Accounts:			
General Revenue Cash	\$ 59,435.12	\$ 79,525.97	\$20,090.85
Uncollected Taxes	68,552.01	67,758.46	793.55
Tax Deeds	25,446.85	26,629.60	1,182.75
City Property Acquired by Deed	15,437.63	8,828.85	6,608.78
Accounts Receivable	2,516.20	2,384.05	132.15
Sidewalk Assessments	920.03	920.03	
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Protective Reserve:			
Cash	\$ 2,023.71	\$ 2,023.71	
Special Funds:			
So. Portland Library Funds:			
Savings Account	\$ 13,955.78	\$ 11,455.79	\$ 2,499.99
U. S. Savings Bonds Ser. "F"	10,640.00	10,486.00	154.00
Equipment Fund	36,000.00		36,000.00
Bonded Debt	252,000.00	314,000.00	<b>62,000.00</b>
Total Assets	\$486,927.33	\$524,012.46	<b>\$37,085.13</b>

#### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

General Revenue Accounts:			
Vouchers Payable	\$ 20,568.21	\$ 33,254.94	<b>\$12,686.73</b>
Employees' Pension Fund	10,560.45	9,858.59	701.86
Federal Withholding Tax		4,440.68	<b>4,440.68</b>
Reserve for Sidewalk Assessments	920.03	920.03	
Unexpended Appropriations			
School Department	10,846.92	6,304.22	4,542.70
Reserve for Overlay and Abate-			
ments	83,645.67	82,709.51	936.16
General Fund Surplus			
Reserve Fund	45,766.56	48,558.99	<b>2,792.43</b>
Protective Reserve:			
Municipal Building	\$ 23.71	\$ 23.71	
Breakwater	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Special Funds:			
So. Portland Library Fund	\$24,595.78	\$ 21,941.79	\$ 2,653.99
EQUIPMENT FUND:			
Notes Payable	36,000.00		36,000.00
Bonds Payable	252,000.00	314,000.00	<b>62,000.00</b>
Total Liabilities and Reserve	\$486,927.33	\$524,012.46	<b>\$37,085.13</b>

# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, CREDITS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES

Schedule 3

City of South Portland  
Year Ended December 31, 1949

	Balance Forward	Appro- priations	Transfers To	Sundry Receipts & Credits	Departmental Receipts from Estimated Revenue	Total Available	Expenditures	Transfers From	Total Charges	Unexpended	Over Expended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:											
Assessors	\$	\$12,147.30	\$	\$	\$	\$12,147.30	\$11,939.57	\$	\$11,939.57	\$207.73	\$
Board of Registration		1,626.01		338.01		1,964.02	1,671.49		1,671.49	292.53	
Accounting and Statistical		9,537.90		2.06		9,539.96	8,542.15		8,542.15	997.81	
City Clerk		4,763.20				4,763.20	4,296.45		4,296.45	466.75	
City Council		1,500.00				1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00		
City Manager		7,174.25		.45		7,174.70	7,170.15		7,170.15	4.55	
City Building		5,674.21	738.04			6,412.25	6,359.93		6,359.93	53.32	
Corporation Council		1,715.00				1,715.00	1,665.00		1,665.00	50.00	
Election Expense		1,108.00		799.48		1,907.48	2,826.29		2,826.29		918.81
Purchasing Department		2,598.80				2,598.80	2,543.27		2,543.27	55.53	
Printing and Advertising		2,520.00		151.45		2,671.45	3,148.37		3,148.37		476.92
Collection of Back Taxes		800.00		29.88		829.88	542.87		542.87	287.01	
		<u>\$51,164.67</u>	<u>\$738.04</u>	<u>\$1,321.33</u>		<u>\$53,224.04</u>	<u>\$52,205.54</u>		<u>\$52,205.54</u>	<u>\$2,414.23</u>	<u>\$1,395.73</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY:											
Building Inspector	\$	\$ 3,240.00				\$ 3,240.00	\$ 3,031.99		\$ 3,031.99	\$208.01	
Electrical Department		12,340.30		\$ 1,043.43		13,383.73	14,148.08		14,148.08		\$ 764.35
Fire Department		69,611.35		485.23		70,096.58	70,239.48		70,239.48		142.90

Fire Department Special	4,186.30		4,186.30	6,674.76	6,674.76		2,488.46
Police Department	72,437.10	10,845.12	83,282.22	82,782.71	82,782.71	499.51	
Police Department Special	2,921.00	446.00	3,367.00	6,520.97	6,520.97		3,153.97
Harbor Commission	200.00		200.00	200.00	200.00		
Sealer of Weights and Measures	197.00	16.90	213.90	295.79	295.79		81.89
Water and Hydrants	3,200.00	197.50	3,397.50	3,389.50	3,389.50	8.00	
	<u>\$168,333.05</u>	<u>\$13,034.18</u>	<u>\$181,367.23</u>	<u>\$187,283.28</u>	<u>\$187,283.28</u>	<u>\$715.52</u>	<u>\$6,631.57</u>

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION:

City Physician and Health Office	\$ 825.00		\$ 825.00	\$ 789.90	\$ 789.90	\$ 35.10	
City Dump	4,948.90		4,948.90	4,946.34	4,946.34	2.56	
City Nurse	6,577.00	\$2,219.10	8,796.10	8,290.47	8,290.47	505.63	
Milk Inspector	200.00		200.00	200.00	200.00		
Plumbing Inspector	3,005.10	122.75	3,127.85	2,948.03	2,948.03	179.82	
Vital Statistics	35.00		35.00	9.25	9.25	25.75	
Garbage Collection	8,400.00		8,400.00	8,400.00	8,400.00		
	<u>\$23,991.00</u>	<u>\$2,341.85</u>	<u>\$26,332.85</u>	<u>\$25,583.99</u>	<u>\$25,583.99</u>	<u>\$748.86</u>	

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Administration	\$ 8,812.00	\$ 283.10	\$ 9,095.10	\$ 9,901.48	\$ 9,901.48		\$ 806.38
Street Maintenance Labor and Materials	119,929.25	13,011.35	132,940.60	129,212.04	129,212.04	3,728.56	
New Equipment	9,909.31	800.39	10,709.70	10,566.03	10,566.03	143.67	
Snow Removal—Labor and Materials	19,464.00	2,618.53	22,082.53	21,996.08	21,996.08	86.45	
Cement Walks	4,000.00	65.95	4,065.95	3,511.50	3,511.50	554.45	
Patrol State Highway	180.00		180.00			180.00	
Public Landing	500.00		500.00	569.58	569.58		69.58

	Balance Forward	Appro- priations	Transfers To	Sundry Receipts & Credits	Departmental Receipts from Estimated Revenue	Total Available	Expenditures	Transfers From	Total Charges	Unexpended	Over Expended
Land and Buildings							229.09		229.09		229.09
Land Damage		250.00				250.00				250.00	
Forestry		1,500.00				1,500.00	4,352.91		4,352.91		2,852.91
Spraying		800.00		300.00		1,100.00	741.34		741.34	358.66	
Bonus		10,409.08				10,409.08	9,086.91		9,086.91	1,322.17	
		<u>\$175,753.64</u>		<u>\$17,079.32</u>		<u>\$192,832.96</u>	<u>\$190,166.96</u>		<u>\$190,166.96</u>	<u>\$6,623.96</u>	<u>\$3,957.96</u>
STREET LIGHTS		\$21,434.00				\$21,434.00	\$21,035.96		\$21,035.96	\$398.04	
POOR DEPARTMENT:											
Administration		\$ 5,948.20		\$ 359.93		\$ 6,308.13	\$ 6,291.42		\$ 6,291.42	\$ 16.71	
Out Poor		13,305.00			12,791.97	26,096.97	20,866.59		20,866.59	5,230.38	
Aid to Dependent Children		4,000.00				4,000.00	3,284.75		3,284.75	715.25	
Depper Home		5,500.00		3,462.78		8,962.78	2,010.97		2,010.97	6,951.81	
		<u>\$28,753.20</u>		<u>\$3,822.71</u>	<u>\$12,791.97</u>	<u>\$45,367.88</u>	<u>\$32,453.73</u>		<u>\$32,453.73</u>	<u>\$12,914.15</u>	
EDUCATION	\$6,304.22	\$548,369.00		\$3,467.69		\$558,140.91	\$547,293.99		\$547,293.99	\$10,846.92	
TAXES TO OTHER CIVIL DIVISIONS:											
State of Maine		\$122,968.14				\$122,968.14	\$122,968.14		\$122,968.14		
County		31,532.58				31,532.58	31,532.58		31,532.58		
So. Portland Sewerage District		69,287.50				69,287.50	69,287.50		69,287.50		
		<u>\$223,788.22</u>				<u>\$223,788.22</u>	<u>\$223,788.22</u>		<u>\$223,788.22</u>		

MISCELLANEOUS:

Contingent	\$ 9,455.00		\$201.53		\$ 9,656.53	\$ 3,265.05		\$ 3,265.05	\$ 6,391.48		
Damages and Claims	200.00				200.00				200.00		
Insurance	8,567.00				8,567.00	7,762.47		7,762.47	804.53		
Annual Audit	1,000.00				1,000.00	1,200.00		1,200.00		\$200.00	
Union Armory	640.00		154.25		794.25	718.51		718.51	75.74		
Municipal Pensions	13,827.00		217.94		14,044.94	10,743.65		10,743.65	3,301.29		
	<u>\$33,689.00</u>		<u>\$573.72</u>		<u>\$34,262.72</u>	<u>\$23,689.68</u>		<u>\$23,689.68</u>	<u>\$10,773.04</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	
PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$100.00				\$100.00				\$100.00		
PARKS & RECREATION	\$17,012.15				\$17,012.15	\$17,012.15		\$17,012.15			
ZONING COMMISSION	\$827.20		\$13.50		\$840.70	\$602.20		\$602.20	\$238.50		
SO. PORTLAND PLANNING BOARD	\$2,500.00		\$1.00		\$2,501.00	\$1,386.87		\$1,386.87	\$1,114.13		
DEBT SERVICE:											
Temporary Loan Interest	\$3,500.00				\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,016.29		\$ 3,016.29	\$483.71		
Bond Interest	9,851.25				9,851.25	9,851.25		9,851.25			
Bond Retirement	62,000.00				62,000.00	62,000.00		62,000.00			
	<u>\$75,351.25</u>				<u>\$75,351.25</u>	<u>\$74,867.54</u>		<u>\$74,867.54</u>	<u>\$483.71</u>		
RESERVE FOR OVERLAY & ABATEMENTS	\$9,812.46				\$9,812.46		\$9,812.46	\$9,812.46			
RESERVE FUND	\$10.00				\$10.00				\$10.00		
TOTALS	<u>\$6,304.22</u>	<u>\$1,380,888.84</u>	<u>\$738.04</u>	<u>\$41,655.30</u>	<u>*\$12,791.97</u>	<u>\$1,442,378.37</u>	<u>\$1,397,370.11</u>	<u>\$9,812.46</u>	<u>\$1,407,182.57</u>	<u>\$47,381.06</u>	<u>\$12,185.26</u>

Total Unexpended	\$47,381.06	
*Deduct Departmental Receipts from Estimated Revenues	12,791.97	
	<hr/>	\$34,589.09
Less: Carried Forward:		
Education Department		10,846.92
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		\$23,742.17
Total Overexpended		12,185.26
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Appropriations Unexpended		\$11,556.91
Excess of Actual Revenues Over Estimated Schedule 2		6,330.12
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Transferred to General Revenues Surplus Exhibit "C"		\$17,887.03

**GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**City of South Portland**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 1949**

Taxes:	RECEIPTS	
1949:		
Regular, Sched. 5	\$1,030,632.72	
City List, Sched. 5	1,384.41	
	<hr/>	\$1,032,017.13
Prior Years		16,521.27
Tax Deeds, Sched. 6		9,226.01
Appropriation Accounts:		<hr/>
Estimated Revenue	\$ 292,763.82	\$1,057,764.41
Appropriations	41,533.86	
General Ledger Accounts:		<hr/>
Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,287.21	334,297.68
Withholding Taxes	55,810.48	
Teachers' Retirement	20,085.85	
Municipal Pensions	9,832.27	
Sale of City Owned Property	410.41	
Temporary Loans	550,000.00	
Special Equipment Account	36,000.00	
Rental of City Owned Property	35.00	
Miscellaneous Refunds	917.52	
	<hr/>	674,378.74
Total Cash Receipts		\$2,066,440.83
January 1, 1949 Balance—Exhibit "B"		79,525.97
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Total Cash to be Accounted For		\$2,145,966.80
	DISBURSED	
Treasurer's Disbursements by Warrants and Checks		\$2,086,531.68
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December 31, 1949 Balance—Exhibit "A"		\$59,435.12
	SUMMARY OF CASH	
Casco Bank and Trust Company—Portland:		
Regular Account	\$53,472.38	
Protective Reserve Account	2,023.71	
Payroll Account	3,073.95	
	<hr/>	\$58,570.04
Canal National Bank—Regular Acct.		898.47
National Bank of Commerce—Regular Acct.		673.12
Petty Cash Funds		215.00
Undeposited Receipts December 31, 1949		1,102.20
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		\$61,458.83
Less: Protective Reserve Account		2,023.71
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Balance as above—Exhibit "A"		\$59,435.12



**City of South Portland**  
**STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES**  
**For The Year Ended December 31, 1949**

Schedule 5

Year	Balances		Tax		Balances	
	Uncollected	1949	Collected	Abated	Uncollected	
	1-1-49	Added		Acquired	Refunded	12-31-49
1940	\$ 637.87	\$	\$	\$ 557.09	\$	\$ 80.78
1941	1,201.61		12.84	668.85		519.92
1942	164.39		3.00	3.00		158.39
1943	265.18					265.18
1944	1,164.10		52.91	9.00		1,102.19
1945	1,860.79		2.77	6.00		1,852.02
1946	636.37		29.96	13.65		592.76
1947	2,118.18		129.03	42.00		1,947.15
1948	25,554.03		12,999.29	3,301.47	8,614.88	55.28 693.67
1949		27,075.94				27,075.94

\$33,602.52	\$27,075.94	\$13,229.80	\$4,601.06	\$8,614.88	\$55.28	\$34,268.00
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City List Year	Balances		Transferred To		Balances	
	Uncollected	1949	City Property		Uncollected	
	1-1-49	Added	Collected		12-31-49	
1941	\$ 3,213.10	\$	\$ 94.17	\$ 116.35	\$ 3,002.58	
1942	3,659.54		119.63	109.99	3,429.92	
1943	3,581.40		180.87	100.55	3,299.98	
1944	4,150.03		114.71	494.93	3,540.39	
1945	4,297.66		265.03	478.04	3,554.59	
1946	4,314.99		212.60	478.04	3,624.35	
1947	4,854.95		361.87	542.86	3,950.22	
1948	6,084.27		851.37	587.18	4,645.72	
1949		7,156.66	1,381.41	558.99	5,216.26	
	\$34,155.94	\$7,156.66	\$3,581.66	\$3,466.93	\$34,264.01	

**TAXES OF 1949**

**Charged to Collector:**

Original Commitment	\$1,067,772.18
Supplemental Commitments	2,380.93
Refunds by Treasurer's Warrant	57.12

**Total Charges**

\$1,070,210.23

**Credited to Collector:**

Cash Received	\$1,030,632.72
Abatements	4,184.07
Transferred to City List	7,156.66
Transferred to City Property Owned	1,160.84

**Total Credits**

1,043,134.29

**Uncollected**

\$ 27,075.94

## City of South Portland

Schedule 6

**STATEMENT OF TAX DEEDS**  
**For The Year Ended December 31, 1949**

Year	1948 Taxes		Transferred To		City Owned		Balance
	Balance 12-31-48	Transferred To Tax Deeds	Costs	Collections	Property Abatements		
1932 and Prior	\$ 3,315.06	\$	\$	\$ 176.34	\$ 112.28	\$	\$ 3,026.44
1933	1,194.49			15.83	32.25		1,162.95
1934	2,996.89			60.86			2,919.49
1935	2,413.66			65.37			2,348.29
1936	1,809.82			126.74			1,683.08
1937	2,288.88			33.94			2,254.94
1938	628.03			4.91			623.12
1939	763.09			102.10			660.99
1940	789.70			99.93			689.77
1941	679.96			73.59			606.37
1942	1,109.92			102.05	406.18		601.69
1943	932.96			53.63	408.12		471.21
1944	1,130.33			99.05	413.82		617.46
1945	706.19						706.19
1946	604.63			8.96			595.67
1947	1,878.61			1,352.64			562.90
1948	3,387.38			1,498.49		15.09	1,836.87
1949		8,614.88	865.05	5,351.58		48.93	4,079.42
Totals	\$26,629.60	\$8,614.88	\$865.05	\$9,226.01	\$1,372.65	\$64.02	\$25,446.85

Schedule 7

## CITY PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY WARRANTY DEEDS

Balance, January 1, 1949—Exhibit "B" \$ 8,828.85

## Additions:

Acquired during year:

From City List and Contingent \$4,520.70

From Tax Deeds 1,372.65

Taxes Assessed during year 1,160.84

7,054.19

\$15,883.04

## Deductions:

Sold during year

445.41

Balance, December 31, 1949—Exhibit "A"

\$15,437.63

**ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES**  
**City of South Portland**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 1949**

Schedule 12

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Assessors:**

Salaries	\$10,279.92	
Telephone	169.46	
Stationery and Supplies	277.09	
Postage	30.00	
Films and Photos	97.32	
Auto Expense	143.06	
Miscellaneous	77.39	
Servicing Machines	9.71	
Cost of Living Bonus	855.62	
	<hr/>	\$ 11,939.57

**Board of Registration:**

Salaries	\$ 622.13	
Check Lists	450.00	
Miscellaneous	219.16	
Cost of Living Bonus	380.20	
	<hr/>	1,671.49

**Accounting Department:**

Salaries	\$ 6,147.50	
Telephone	132.99	
Stationery and Supplies	918.09	
Postage	609.63	
Recording Deed Fees	29.40	
Servicing Office Equipment	28.50	
Cost of Living Bonus	676.04	
	<hr/>	8,542.15

**City Council:**

Salaries	1,500.00	
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**City Manager:**

Salary	\$ 6,500.00	
Telephone	389.52	
Stationery and Supplies	36.53	
Auto Expense	86.01	
Miscellaneous	158.09	
	<hr/>	7,170.15

**City Clerk:**

Salaries	\$ 3,120.00	
Telephone	67.10	
Stationery and Supplies	556.53	
Postage	198.50	
Binding Books	11.00	
Cost of Living Bonus	343.32	
	<hr/>	4,296.45

City Buildings:		
Salaries—Janitors	\$ 3,211.00	
Electric Light and Power	548.77	
Fuel	777.85	
Janitor Supplies	279.67	
Building Upkeep	304.77	
Rent—Parking Lot	120.00	
Miscellaneous	26.23	
Annex	738.04	
Cost of Living Bonus	353.60	
		<u>6,359.93</u>
Corporation Council:		
Salary	\$ 1,500.00	
Cost of Living Bonus	165.00	
		<u>1,665.00</u>
Election Expense:		
Payrolls	\$ 1,516.00	
Fees, Notaries, etc.	48.00	
Ballots	339.07	
Rent Polling Places	175.00	
Erecting Voting Booths	36.50	
New Posting Cases	335.40	
Storage Fire Apparatus	24.00	
Meals	207.00	
Miscellaneous	145.32	
		<u>2,826.29</u>
Purchasing Department:		
Salaries	\$ 2,080.00	
Stationery and Office Supplies	154.82	
Postage	75.90	
Office Equipment	3.75	
Cost of Living Bonus	228.80	
		<u>2,543.27</u>
Printing and Advertising:		
Resident Tax Lists	\$ 260.74	
Public Notices	908.04	
Paid Public Ads	508.40	
Mimeograph Supplies	91.20	
Miscellaneous	799.49	
Annual Report	580.50	
		<u>3,148.37</u>
Collection of Back Taxes:		
Collection		<u>542.87</u>
		<u>\$52,205.54</u>

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Building Inspector:	
Salaries	\$ 2,600.00
Stationery and Supplies	14.66
Postage	3.00

Auto Expense	2.00	
Telephone and Miscellaneous	126.33	
Cost of Living Bonus	286.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,031.99
<b>Electrical Department:</b>		
Salaries	\$ 2,843.75	
Labor	4,751.50	
Stationery and Supplies	50.94	
Building Maintenance	334.32	
Fuel	241.79	
Electric Light and Power	205.74	
Material and Supplies	2,349.87	
New Equipment	1,603.82	
Auto Expense	795.31	
Miscellaneous	214.64	
Cost of Living Bonus	756.40	
	<hr/>	14,148.08
<b>Fire Department:</b>		
Salary—Chief	\$ 3,301.42	
Salaries—Regular	41,003.71	
Payrolls—Volunteers	8,889.10	
Telephone	1,235.64	
Stationery and Supplies	523.23	
Uniforms	941.22	
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	2,406.24	
Gas, Oil and Grease	1,354.41	
Building Repairs—General Fire Station	753.74	
New Equipment	94.60	
Building Repairs—Volunteer House	328.95	
Rent—Volunteer House	725.00	
Fuel	2,219.10	
Electric Light and Power	1,112.09	
Laundry	417.53	
Miscellaneous	190.53	
Extra Labor	68.00	
Cost of Living Bonus	4,674.97	
	<hr/>	70,239.48
<b>Fire Department—Special</b>		6,674.76
<b>Police Department:</b>		
Salary—Chief	\$ 3,300.00	
Salaries—Regular Officers	47,769.95	
Salaries—Special Officers	2,509.27	
Salary—Clerk	1,820.00	
Extra Work	10,540.50	
Telephone	692.48	
Stationery and Supplies	72.97	
Office Equipment	172.25	
Uniforms	1,767.53	
Arms Ammunition	277.06	

Auto Repairs and Tires	3,604.35	
Gas, Oil and Grease	3,005.58	
Auto Number Listing Books	1.17	
Miscellaneous	216.62	
New Equipment	255.00	
Radio Repair and Maintenance	743.95	
Bicycle Licenses	233.23	
Cost of Living Bonus	5,800.80	
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		82,782.71
Police Department—Special		6,520.97
Harbor Commission		200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Supplies	\$ 27.46	
Telephone	148.33	
Auto Expense	120.00	
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		295.79
Water and Hydrants		3,389.50
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		\$187,283.28
Health and Sanitation:		
City Physician and Health Officer:		
Salary	\$ 700.00	
Inoculations and Vaccine Supplies	84.40	
Fumigation Laboratory Tests	5.50	
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		789.90
City Dump:		
Labor	\$ 4,521.38	
Supplies	192.62	
Cost of Living Bonus	232.34	
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		4,946.34
City Nurse:		
Salary	\$ 8,154.00	
Telephone	136.47	
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		8,290.47
Milk Inspector:		200.00
Plumbing Inspector:		
Salary	\$ 2,206.15	
Stationery	1.40	
Auto Allowance	275.00	
Miscellaneous	222.75	
Cost of Living Bonus	242.73	
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		2,948.03
Vital Statistics		9.25
Garbage Collection		8,400.00
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		\$25,583.99



# HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

## Public Works:

Administration	\$ 9,901.48	
Street Maintenance Labor and Materials	129,212.04	
New Equipment	10,566.03	
Snow Removal Labor and Materials	21,996.08	
Cement Walks and Repairs	3,511.50	
Public Landing	569.58	
Land Damage	229.09	
Forestry	4,352.91	
Spraying	741.34	
Cost of Living Bonus	9,086.91	
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		190,166.96

Street Lights 21,035.96

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\$211,202.92

# CHARITY AND WELFARE

Depper Rest Home 2,010.97

## Administration:

Salary—Superintendent	\$3,300.00	
Salary—Clerks	1,870.00	
Stationery and Supplies	187.46	
Telephone	146.57	
Heat, Light and Power	149.45	
Building Repairs	88.83	
Auto Expense	184.01	
Cost of Living Bonus	365.10	
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		6,291.42

## Out Poor:

Doctors Fees	\$ 96.00	
Medicine and Medical Supplies	324.89	
Hospital Expense	1,090.86	
Ambulance Service	35.00	
Food	7,518.88	
Clothing and Shoes	116.68	
Fuel	1,126.08	
Rents	2,476.58	
Board of Children and Adults	4,001.43	
Burials	225.50	
Miscellaneous	89.51	
Aid to Dependent Children	3,284.75	
S. P. Outside Cases	3,765.18	
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		24,151.34

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32,453.73

Education 547,293.99

## UNCLASSIFIED

Taxes to Other Civil Divisions:		
County	\$31,532.58	
State	122,968.14	
Sewerage District	69,287.50	
		<u>223,788.22</u>
Contingent:		
Traffic Signs	\$ 229.04	
Surety Bonds	228.75	
Paying Agents Fees	57.00	
Registering Deeds	2.50	
Clean-Up Week Expense	425.72	
Memorial Day Expense	275.00	
Dues—Maine Municipal Association	170.00	
Music Shell	4.40	
Miscellaneous	1,872.64	
		<u>3,265.05</u>
Insurance:		
Motor Vehicles	\$ 2,445.42	
Workmen's Compensation	4,320.81	
Fire (Except Schools)	996.24	
		<u>7,762.47</u>
Annual Audit		1,200.00
Union Armory:		
Salary—Janitor	\$ 60.00	
Building Repairs	142.40	
Electric Light and Power	269.90	
Fuel	241.18	
Miscellaneous	5.03	
		<u>718.51</u>
Debt Service:		
Temporary Loan Service	\$ 2,603.01	
Bond Interest	9,851.25	
Equipment Notes Interest	413.28	
Bond Retirement	62,000.00	
		<u>74,867.54</u>
Municipal Pension	1	10,743.65
Parks and Recreation		17,012.15
Zoning Commission:		
Salary—Clerk	\$ 520.00	
Postage	15.00	
Stationery and Supplies	10.00	
Cost of Living Bonus	57.20	
		<u>602.20</u>
South Portland Planning Board		1,386.87
		<u>\$ 341,346.66</u>
Total Expenditures—Schedule 3		\$1,397,370.11



**TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**SOUTH PORTLAND SEWERAGE DISTRICT**  
for the  
Year Ending December 31st, 1949

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**1950 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

PHILIP G. WILLARD, President Co-terminous with City Chairman, **1950**

CECIL N. HAZLETT, Trustee Term Expires **1950**

THOMAS JOHNSON, Trustee Term Expires **1951**

HUBBARD C. NEWELL, Trustee Term Expires **1952**

HERMAN C. KENDALL, Clerk of the Board

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HERMAN C. KENDALL, Superintendent and Engineer

J. HAROLD WEBSTER, Treasurer Co-terminous with City **Treasurer**

MAVIS B. YOUNG, Deputy Treasurer and Bookkeeper

The Summary of the 1949 New Construction Follows:

**SANITARY AND COMBINED SEWERS**

Location	Description	Length
Goudy St. Sewer Ext.	10" vit. tile pipe	63.5 ft.
Pearl St. Sewer	10" vit. tile pipe 1 brick manhole	100.0 ft.
Smith St. Sewer	8" vit. tile pipe	92.0 ft.
Fourth St. Sewer	8" vit. tile pipe 1 brick manhole	100.5 ft.
Mitchell Rd. Sewer	10" vit. tile pipe 1 brick manhole	285.0 ft.
Fifth St. Sewer	8" vit. tile pipe	44.0 ft.
Florence St. Sewer		
Craggmere Ave. Sewer	1 brick manhole	
Walnut St. Manhole	1 brick manhole	

**STORM WATER DRAINS**

Cobb's Brook Storm Ext.	36" rein. concrete	92.0 ft.
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 brick manholes 777.0 ft.</b>

**SINKING FUND**

**December 31, 1949**

January 1, 1949, balance	\$ 7,799.11	
City Assessment for Bonded Debt.	29,000.00	
Sewer Assessment collections	304.19	
Transferred from Advance Deposits	3,500.00	
		<b>\$40,603.30</b>
Less: Bonds matured and paid		<b>35,000.00</b>
December 31, 1949, unexpended balance		<b>\$ 5,603.30</b>

**BALANCE SHEET**

**December 31st, 1949**

**ASSETS**

	Dec. 31, 1949	Dec. 31, 1948	Increase *Decrease
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash:			
General Cash	\$10,702.88	\$ 14,232.71	\$* 3,529.83
New Equipment	2,552.25	2,552.25	
New Construction	12,960.49	514.49	12,446.00
Total Cash	26,215.62	17,299.45	8,916.17
Accounts Receivable	1,969.49	1,054.54	914.95
Inventory of Materials	2,927.94	3,802.10	* 874.16
Total Current Assets	31,113.05	22,156.09	8,956.96

# UNPAID SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Sewer Assessments—Old	756.54	756.54	
Sewer Assessments—1926's	262.31	262.31	
Sewer Assessments—1928's	233.23	233.23	
Sewer Assessments—1929's	2,652.73	2,747.03	* 94.30
Sewer Assessments—1930's	944.71	944.71	
Sewer Assessments—1936's	818.35	818.35	
Sewer Assessments—1938's	1,406.61	1,616.50	* 209.89
Total Unpaid Assessments	7,074.48	7,378.67	* 304.19
FIXED CAPITAL	846,624.23	841,570.23	5,054.00
SINKING FUND DEPOSIT	5,603.30	7,799.11	* 2,195.81
Total Assets	890,415.06	878,904.10	11,510.96

## LIABILITIES

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 63.61	\$	\$ 63.61
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BONDED DEBT	280,000.00	315,000.00	* 35,000.00
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### RESERVES

For Unpaid Sewer Assessments	7,074.48	7,378.67	* 304.19
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For New Construction — As  
represented by unexpended  
Balance of Bond Issues

514.49	514.49	
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And City Assessment of

12,446.00		12,446.00
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Total Reserve for New  
Construction

12,960.49	514.49	12,446.00
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For New Equipment

2,552.25	2,552.25	
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For Sinking Fund

5,603.30	7,799.11	* 2,195.81
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### ADVANCE DEPOSITS

32,509.68	29,932.68	2,577.00
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Less: Amount of above Used  
to Retire Bonds

26,643.15	23,143.15	3,500.00
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Balance of Advance Deposits

5,866.53	6,789.53	* 923.00
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### SURPLUS

576,294.40	538,870.05	37,424.35
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Total Liabilities

890,415.06	878,904.10	11,510.96
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# STATEMENT OF INCOME AND ITS USES

For the Year 1949

## REVENUES

City Assessment (1949 Warrant on City of South Portland)	\$69,287.50	
Interest & Discount	83.59	
Sewer Entrance Permits	41.50	
Materials	106.29	
Balance from Surplus	2,629.65	
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	\$72,148.53	100 %

## THESE REVENUES WERE USED AS FOLLOWS:

1. For Reduction of Bonded Debt	\$29,000.00	40.2%
2. For Payment of Interest on Bonded Debt	9,687.50	13.4%
3. City Assessment for New Construction	17,500.00	24.3%
4. For Maintenance & Repairs of Sewers and Equipment:	13,170.05	18.2%
Salaries & Wages	\$11,608.39	
Tools & Equipment	207.32	
Insurance	1,073.24	
Materials	696.68	
General Maintenance Garage	89.37	
Misc. Supplies & Expenses	792.71	
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Total Expenditure	\$14,467.71	
Less:		
Credits from Use of Equipment	1,297.66	
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Cost of Maintenance & Repairs	\$13,170.05	
5. For General Expenses	2,790.98	3.9%
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	\$72,148.53	100.0%

## BONDED DEBT

December 31st, 1949

	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding
Issue of Nov. 1, 1945, 4's Payable \$10,000 yearly, 1931-50	\$200,000.00	\$190,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Issue of Aug. 1, 1926, 4's Payable \$10,000 yearly, 1932-51	200,000.00	180,000.00	20,000.00
Issue of Aug. 1, 1927, 4's Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1933-52	100,000.00	85,000.00	15,000.00
Issue of Aug. 1, 1929, 5's Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1939-53	75,000.00	55,000.00	20,000.00

Issue of Sept. 1, 1934, 4's	25,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00
Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1946-50			
Issue of Oct. 1, 1935, 3¼'s	25,000.00		25,000.00
Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1951-55			
Issue of Sept. 1, 1936, 3¾'s	25,000.00		25,000.00
Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1951-55			
Issue of May 1, 1937 3½'s	30,000.00		30,000.00
Payable \$6,000 yearly, 1952-56			
Issue of Oct. 1, 1938, 2¼'s	25,000.00		25,000.00
Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1953-57			
Issue of Sept. 1, 1939, 2½'s	25,000.00		25,000.00
Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1954-58			
Issue of July 1, 1940, 2½'s	30,000.00		30,000.00
Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1955-60			
Issue of Apr. 1, 1947, 1½'s	50,000.00		50,000.00
Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1956-65			
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	\$810,000.00	\$530,000.00	\$280,000.00

February 7, 1950

#### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

To the Trustees of,  
South Portland Sewerage District  
South Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

We have examined the balance sheets of the several funds of the South Portland Sewerage District as of December 31, 1949, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures, and surplus for the year ended that date.

In connection therewith, we have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the District and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined, or tested, accounting records of the District and other supporting evidence by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which we considered necessary.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements fairly present, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, the financial position of the South Portland Sewerage District at December 31, 1949, and the results of its operations for the year ended that date.

GRAFFAM'S ACCOUNTING SERVICE

By Fred R. Gould (Signed)  
Certified Public Accountant



# Fiftieth Annual Report 1949



## BOARD OF EDUCATION CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

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### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Gerald Lord, Chairman, ex-officio, representing the City Council

District	Term Expires
1. Meredith L. Trefethen .....	1952
2. John H. Mann .....	1950
3. Raymond H. Frost .....	1950
4. Dr. Waldo T. Skillin .....	1951
5. George E. Taylor .....	1951

George E. Beal, Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of the Board of Education.



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit the annual report of the schools for the year 1949.

Education continues to be one of the most challenging problems of this period. School enrollments are increasing yearly. The expected decline in birth rate has not taken place. This trend of increased enrollment will continue with peak enrollment forecast in about ten years. Teaching personnel especially in the elementary field remains in inadequate supply. The enrollment in the teacher training institutions, depleted during the war years, is not large enough to care for the expanded enrollment and normal retirement. Costs are mounting. Teaching, which has never enjoyed high wages, is becoming recognized as underpaid, particularly because of the fact that the demand exceeds the supply. As instruction accounts for the largest part of school costs, increased wages are reflected in increased budgets. The larger enrollments mean more teachers, more books, more supplies, which result in increased costs. Housing is a very acute problem. Most communities unable to carry on a building program during the war years now find themselves facing increased enrollments with inadequate facilities. Many communities do not have the ability to finance the capital costs of required new construction.

The attention of the public is being focused on these problems on community, state, and national levels. Newspapers, magazines, and radio are reminding the public constantly of the problems. Federal aid to education has been approved by the Senate and hearings on the bill are now being held by the House committee. The last session of our legislature recognized the school problem but failed to appropriate sufficient funds. Events have caused the Governor to call a special session with the question of payment of educational subsidies as one of the prime reasons. Widespread interest in these problems is evidenced by the organization of the National Citizens Committee for the Public Schools, a lay committee on the national level.

This report will attempt to picture for you these problems of school population, teaching personnel, costs, and housing as they effect us locally.

### SCHOOL POPULATION

South Portland offers nine years of elementary education, beginning with the subprimary and extending through the eighth grade and four years of secondary education. Pupils may enter the subprimary if they are five years of age on or before October 15 of the school year. Thus the pupil who progresses normally will be entering the high school nine years later at the age of fourteen. But progress is an individual matter, and that which is normal for one is not normal for another. Therefore, if a pupil is a year or two beyond the "normal" age of his class, it does not necessarily mean that the progress of the individual has not been normal for him.

For the past two years the entering class has exceeded 500. The city birth rate would indicate that the entering classes will continue to be of this size. It is interesting to note that about 150 of these 500 were born in other communities. A check of the subprimary in September

indicates births in four foreign countries, twenty-seven states and the District of Columbia—from thirty Maine communities and sixty-nine outside of Maine.

The class completing the grammar grades last June numbered 277. Less than half, 119, had received all their elementary work in our schools. The others had transferred into the system at some point. This gives evidence of the mobility of the school population and the fact that education cannot be considered as a local problem only.

This change of residence of parents of the children is evidenced each month as we check the enrollment. The October report showed 48 new pupils entering and 50 leaving. In November 42 entered, 60 left; in December 44 entered, 36 left. This change is not confined to any section of the city or to any particular grade level. This constantly shifting school population offers many problems of adjustment for the pupil, teacher, and class.

Each year this report carries an enrollment summary of all schools and classes for the fall term. A comparison of this year's report with that of last fall shows that the elementary enrollment has increased 173 to a total of 3,329 and that the high school enrollment of 1,012 is 50 larger. A study of the grade school enrollment shows the problem of the following years. Compare the size of the grade with the one immediately above it. For example the first grade this year numbers 516 and the second grade 446. As the first grade progresses to second grade, we shall have about 70 more second grade pupils than we have this fall. A continuing of this process for a period of years justifies the forecast that the enrollment will continue to increase and will not reach its peak until nine or ten years hence.

## TEACHING PERSONNEL

The instructional staff numbers 155, of whom fifteen were new this fall. Six of the new teachers replaced teachers who did not return, five were required to teach classes in the extra rooms, and four were for special subjects; art, music, and speech. The art and music positions were vacant last year because of no available candidates. The speech correction teacher is an additional service for the correction of individual speech defects. All pupils in the elementary grades have been examined and classes have been organized.

The faculty has evidenced a desire for professional improvement, a large number having completed educational courses either through extension or summer school work. Several completed their work for degrees. Locally an extension course was given by Prof. Pronovost of Boston University. This course dealt with speech defects and has given the classroom teacher the background to supplement and carry on in the regular class the work of the special teacher in this field.

A study of the ages of the faculty accentuates the teacher replacement problem. During the war teachers left the profession for more profitable employment, and enrollment in the teacher training institutions was greatly depleted. On our staff we have 47 teachers in their fifties: 56 in their forties: 38 in their thirties: and 14 in their twenties. The smaller numbers in the twenties and thirties is not by design but



due to the acute shortage of candidates in those age brackets. This condition, which will require a large number of replacements during the next ten to twenty years, shows need for a long range planning to make teaching a desirable profession in terms of teaching conditions, and salary.

We often refer to averages, and we hear of the average teacher. I presume that the average teacher would be that composite individual who reflected the various averages. Some of the statistics necessary to draw this person would be of interest. Of the staff 126 are women and 29 men. The average teacher is 44 years of age and has 18 years of experience. The teacher reflects too the increased years of preparation which is now being required. Nine women and four men have Master's degrees: twenty-three women and sixteen men hold Bachelor's degrees. For a long period of time the city maintained the so-called "married teacher" rule. Today fifty women of the staff are married. This average teacher has a class of about thirty pupils and earns the average salary of \$2,624.24.

People are beginning to realize that this picture of the average teacher will not attract recruits from the financial viewpoint. They are making efforts to improve salary schedules so that the rewards of teaching will not only be those of joyous service to youth but also a sustaining income.

## COSTS

Increased enrollments are reflected in increased costs. Our budget for this year was \$548,369. This was an increase of \$50,269 over the budget of the preceding year. Almost half of it reflected an increase of \$150 to the teaching staff. This increase was termed a "cost of living" increase. The remainder was due to the increased enrollment.

The Board has proposed a budget for next year of \$570,235. This is an increase of \$11,866, and reflects added costs due to increased enrollment.

State aid received was \$94,722.11. This with other income received from tuition, etc., reduced the amount of the \$548,369 budget to be raised by local taxation to \$450,309.64. The state paid only about 90% of its commitment, but by act of the special session of the legislature, the city has received the remainder, \$9,483.10. This amount will help to offset the increased budget of 1950.

A study of "Statistics", a January 1950 publication of the State Department of Education, gives opportunity for the comparison of various items of school costs. This shows that South Portland's unit cost of high school education of \$157.82 is next to lowest among ten communities employing 30 or more teachers. The costs ranged from \$151.56 to \$218.73. On the other hand it shows that the South Portland tax rate for support of schools among these same ten communities is the highest. The rates range from .0089 to .02478. An analysis of conditions would probably reveal that our high school is well administered and that the teaching load is higher—that the tax rate is high because of the high ratio of public school pupils to the total school population and

the desire on the part of the public to maintain a well kept and modern educational system.

## HOUSING

The increased enrollment makes this a very pressing problem. In viewing it there are several things for which we should be grateful. The building program has not been neglected since World War I as it has in many communities. In the twenties Kaler and Roosevelt were built, in the thirties Brown School was built, and additions were built at Lincoln and the High School. During the war the federal government built the schools at Redbank and Marion Street. Therefore we have some good buildings as a foundation.

For the past two years we have been carrying on a program of reconditioning the schools. This program has called for exterior painting, and five schools have been completed. It also calls for redecoration and improvement of the lighting of the classrooms. Under this program the Council has provided an appropriation of \$5,000 each year for fluorescent lights. These lights have been installed in thirty-five class rooms and raises the foot candle power from a minimum of about two to better than twenty-five. The redecoration of the rooms in light colors not only adds to the appearance but also aids in the lighting. Blackboards have been sanded, additional tack board has been installed, and storage space has been improved. It is planned to continue this program until all rooms have been renovated.

New housing is needed. We have occupied all available space except one basement room at Roosevelt and another at Brown. Three eighth grade classes were transferred to the high school this fall. The high school showed an increase and will soon need the rooms now occupied by the eighth grade. We shall have at least four and possibly five classes to house this fall beyond capacity. These classes are the seventh and eighth grades at Lincoln School, the sixth and possibly the fifth at Marion Street, and the eighth at Thornton Heights.

The platoon system seems to be the logical solution. It was used at Redbank during the war and is employed in other places. Under this system one group goes to school from 8 to 12 in the morning and the other, from 12:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon.

Reynolds School would seem to be favorably located for this system. Here the two classes from Lincoln and the two from Marion Street might attend the morning session. In the afternoon the two regular seventh and eighth grades from the Reynolds area would attend. Thornton Heights eighth grade could be sent to the high school building as is the Brown eighth. This platoon system is one that the city would not wish to continue except as an emergency measure.

Steps are being taken by the city government to alleviate this condition. The City Council has acquired the Mountain View location from the federal government as a site for a centrally located school to house the seventh and eighth grades. It has appointed a Building Committee consisting of the members of the City Council, the Board of Education, City Manager, and Superintendent of Schools.

This committee elected Mr. Gerald Lord as its chairman. Three sub-committees were appointed: Committee on School Needs; Architect and Construction; and Finance. The School Need Committee recommended the construction of an eighteen classroom building with special rooms to meet the needs of the 7th and 8th grades. This recommendation was accepted by the whole committee.

The Architect and Construction Committee visited other communities to view the different types of construction. It considered architects, and upon its recommendation the firm of Miller & Beal, Inc. of Portland was hired.

The idea of the committee is to construct this building so that it may in a long range program become one of the units of a Senior High which would be transferred to this location. At that time the present High School would become the Junior High located in the eastern end of the city. When the city development reaches the point where more space is required for the Junior High, another building could be constructed in the western part of the city.

The construction of this building will afford space for 600 pupils and care for a twenty percent increase in the present elementary school population.

#### CONCLUSION

I hope that this report reveals that though we face problems similar to those of many other communities, we are recognizing the problems, are meeting them, and shall continue to attempt to give the pupils sound educational opportunities in wholesome surroundings.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

1949

Following a survey of the textbooks used in the elementary grades, it was found necessary to purchase revised editions, to add supplementary books, and to replace some in use. If schools are to recognize the fundamental concept that no two pupils are exactly alike in their capacities, needs, and interests, teachers must have the materials to meet pupils individual differences. Education should no longer be considered a mass production project.

Reading readiness tests are now used in the subprimary grade to find out whether a child is ready to begin a formal reading program and also to diagnose his weaknesses so that steps can be taken to remedy them. Even at the end of the subprimary year many children are not ready to begin formal reading because they have not reached the mental age of 6 yrs. 6 mos. that reading authorities say is the necessary mental age if a child is going to be successful and enjoy reading.

Each year in May standard achievement tests are given in grades four thru eight to find how this community compares with other communities in the country and to diagnose weaknesses in the three R's which, by the way, are still the fundamental tools of learning. It can be reported that our pupils achieved the national norm which is commendable since many communities are not able to do so. Testing a pupil saves time rather than wastes time, for teachers in the fall are able to use information from the tests and begin at once teaching what pupils don't and should know.

The teachers in grade I have completed the work they began in 1948 in compiling a course of study in reading. They did an excellent job and derived much profit from the study entailed in such a project.

To meet the growing demand for visual aids a library of film strips is now available for teacher use. Only such films are purchased as will meet some educational need, as, history, nature study, transportation, arithmetic, etc.

Education must be concerned with the development of the learner physically, socially, emotionally, and mentally. It includes his use of the fundamental tools of learning, his health, his recreation, and his personal philosophy. It concerns itself also with home, family, and community life. Good homes and good communities are the basic units of democracy. It wants each individual to be a service to fellow man and to be a source of satisfaction to himself. It concerns itself with local, state and national governments and with relationships with the people of other nations.

Since children are the best of mimics, we must always be sure that whatever we want to see in our children exists in the teachers of children. We must staff our schools with people who are good citizens of a democracy, people with initiative, people who possess a better than average amount of civic and social responsibility, people who could fill important positions in other occupations and at other educational levels.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE E. ROBERTS

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR 1949

Eighty-five boys and eighty-one girls received diplomas June 15, 1949, forty-five as honor students with averages of 88% or better.

Our athletic teams continue to be among the best in the State. I feel sure that we have a coaching staff that will keep our high standards in the future. Our pupils who have gone on to college have been doing good work. Our students who were Freshmen at Bowdoin won for our School the Abraxas Cup which is awarded to the School whose graduates receive the highest scholastic average during their first semester. At other colleges the results have been correspondingly good.

Our enrollment for the fall term of 1949 was 508 boys and 504 girls, a total of 1012 compared to 962 the previous year. This increase was absorbed without any additions to the faculty, but our pupil-teacher ratio is becoming too high. Our ratio is 26.5 to 1 which is higher than that of any other school of comparable size as shown in the Directory of the State Department of Education. Our per pupil cost for the preceding year was \$157.72.

The use of audio-visual equipment is increasing in many of our departments. Moving pictures are used in Science, History and Practical Arts. Film strips and slides are used in Science, History, Foreign Languages and Art. Since three of our class-rooms are being used by eighth-grade pupils and our visual aids room must be used as a class-room, we are having difficulty making the equipment available to the teachers who wish to use it.

The total of high school and grade school pupils in the fall term was 1103. With the increase that can be expected next year, it will be impossible to have as many eighth grade pupils in the building. Except for the crowding it has been pleasant working with the teachers and pupils in the eighth grade groups. All have been very cooperative.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL F. MAHONEY, Principal

## GRADUATING EXERCISES

South Portland High School

Class of 1949

Wednesday Afternoon, June 15, 1949

High School Auditorium

### PROGRAM

Processional

Salutatory—"White Lights of Promise" Donnarae Smalley

"Had I a Blade of Keener Steel"

Jean Hoyt

Donald Durost

Jean Merrow

Susanne Norton

Chapman Stockford

Edward Woodsum

"I Love Life"

Mana-Zucca

Beverly Withee

Overture—"Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna"

Suppe

South Portland High School Band

Valedictory—"Seek and Ye Shall Find"

William Stevens

"Choral Procession" (finale from "The Song of Man")

Richard Kountz

Senior Chorus

Conferring of Diplomas

Mr. Meredith Trefethen

"The Spirit of the Red and White"

Marshall

March—"National Emblem"

Bagley

Accompanist

Miss Madeline Perazzi

## CLASS OFFICERS

President: Edward Woodsum  
Vice President: Leon Etter  
Secretary: Dorothy Moran  
Treasurer: Gwendolyn Davis

## CLASS ROLL

### COLLEGE-ACADEMIC COURSE

*Durost, Donald Carlton	*Norton, Susanne Pitts
Fogg, Carolyn Edith	Palmer, Jean Lottie
*Harthorne, John Warren	*Rice, Dorothy Jean
*Henry, John Alfred	*Smalley, Donnaræ
*Hoyt, Jean Romaine	*Stockford, Chapman
*Jordan, Winston Ward	*Tasker, Suzanne
Luce, Pauline Rae	*Towle, Joan Lorraine
*Lunt, Margaret Joan	*Trufant, Eleanor Josephine
Martin, Ruth Amanda	Vamvakias, Demosthenes George
*Matthews, Joan Sterling	Waddell, Shirly Lorene
Morris, Carol Foster	

### COLLEGE-TECHNICAL COURSE

Bowden, Benjamin L., Jr.	Higgins, Laurence Oliver
*Coperthwaite, William Sherman	McBrady, James Sawyer
Cotton, Robert Gould	Milesen, Earl Raymond
Curry, John Wentworth	Moores, Eugene Albert
*Daniels, Jeromo Parker	*Staples, William Frederick
Dennison, Keith Furnival, Jr.	*Stevens, William Yeaton
Doane, Donald Spencer	*Woodsum, Harold Edward, Jr.
Ellis, Beverly Jane	

### GENERAL COURSE

Abbott, Carolyn Mae	Cromwell, Eleanor Louise
Adams, Ralph Frederick	Davis, Blaine Thomas
Albert, Normande	Davis, Gwendolyn
Alley, Richard Kenneth	Donovan, William Henry
Anderson, John	Dow, Manley Thaxter
*Barnes, Donald Everett	Dunton, Joan
Batchelder, David Burleigh	Enman, Wilma Joyce
Bell, Glenna Stapleford	Erskine, Maurice Julian
Berry, Donald Merrill	Etter, Leon Frederick
Blake, Raymond Arthur, Jr.	Farrar, Clayton Owen, Jr.
Bongers, Leo	Fleming, Janet Ina
Bowen, Jacqueline Idella	Gaudet, Ernest Joseph
*Boyd, James Patrick, Jr.	Gingue, Hazel Pauline
Brown, Helen Louise	Greer, Lawrence Burton
Carmichael, Richard Walter	Giffin, Eugene Russell
Cash, Phillip Patrick	Hodsdon, James Robert, Jr.
Casparius, George Axel	Howe, Robert Turner
Checkley, Charles Herbert	Johnson, Donald Ephraim
Childs, John Everett	Kane, Geraldine Mary
*Coggins, Helen Louise	*Laughlin, Edith Jane
Concannon, Barbara Ann	Lavigne, Joseph Ronald
Conley, Blaine Loveitt	*Lemoine, Bruce Omer, Jr.
Cribby, Francis Scott	*Libby, Margaret Eva
Lusth, Raymond Lennart	*Skinner, Marilyn Joan



\*Malia, Daniel Henry  
 \*Matthews, Bruce Herman  
 McCabe, Robert Lawrence  
 McCarthy, Robert Leo  
 McLellan, Robert Hartley  
 McMahan, Walter James  
 Offenberg, Adolph Henry  
 Philbrick, Charles Leslie, Jr.  
 Phillips, Harry Linton, Jr.  
 Price, Thomas Sylvester  
 Retter, Karl William  
 Roberts, Philip Albert  
 Seaman, Barbara Ann  
 Sears, William Albert  
 Seavey, Richard Packard  
 Shaw, Catherine LaValley  
 Shaw, Dolores Winnifred

Smith, Irving Norman  
 Smith, Leon Melven  
 Standley, Ralph Wilfred  
 Stanley, Durmont Neal  
 Stoddard, Linwood Richard  
 Sweetser, Guy Reginald  
 Syska, Andrew Richard  
 Tanguay, William Gilman  
 Thompson, Warren Conrad  
 Vaughan, James Albert, Jr.  
 Virtue, Wesley Earl  
 Wagner, Frank Eugene, Jr.  
 Wallace, Elizabeth Anne  
 Wing, David Allen  
 Withee, Beverly Elaine  
 Wood, Charles William, Jr.  
 Wyman, Joan Bartlett

## COMMERCIAL COURSE

\*Adams, Fred William  
 \*Barnes, Barbara Anne  
 Bradstreet, Anna May  
 Brimigion, Stephen Frost  
 Brown, Jean Carolyn  
 Bruns, Janet Louise  
 Carey, Patricia Ann  
 \*Carter, Richard Keith  
 \*Coffey, Barbara Mae  
 Conley, Margaret Elizabeth  
 \*Cronkite, Marilyn Mae  
 \*Daniel, Carolyn May  
 Dow, Joyce Roseline  
 Dufresne, Beverly Frances  
 \*Fickett, Margaret Ellen  
 \*Fischer, Doris Ruth  
 \*Fournier, Marilyn Rita  
 Gipson, Norman Burgess  
 Greer, Barbara Ann  
 Hagar, Joyce Ann  
 Hill, Marilyn Mae  
 LaRochelle, Constance Mereiel  
 Libby, Charlene Elizabeth  
 Maddocks, Barbara Faye  
 \* Honor Rank, 88% or above.

McKay, Eleanor Louise  
 McKechnie, Eleanor Ruth  
 \*Morrow, Jean Ada  
 Miller, Marjorie Gertrude  
 Moore, John Keith  
 \*Moran, Dorothy Therese  
 Morris, Beverly Louise  
 \*Nappi, Rose Marie  
 O'Neil, Frances Elizabeth  
 \*Packard, Reita Anne  
 Parker, Mary Lou  
 \*Rafferty, Carole Jean  
 Russell, Maxine Cora  
 Sandberg, Kathryn Ann  
 Scott, Marilyn Rose  
 Silver, Marie Patricia  
 \*Sokoloski, Irene Amelia  
 Tapley, Helen Lavinia  
 \*Totman, Lois Emily  
 Tracy, Leta Mae  
 Tracy, Lois Marie  
 Wass, Barbara Jean  
 Westberry, Barbara Olive  
 Willey, Everett Irving

## SOUTH PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY REPORT

Sept., 1948 - June, 1949

In September, 1948, there were approximately 9,034 books in the Library, this includes Public Documents, bound magazines, and valuable pamphlet material. During the year, 176 books were added to the Library, 28 of which were gifts. 26 books were re-bound, 197 were mended, and 62 were withdrawn, being beyond repair. This leaves an approximate total of 9,148 books in the Library.

With a weekly average of 300, the total number of students using the Library for study hall, was 11,400.

Forenoon reference students.	17,402
Afternoon reference students	816
Fiction circulation	2,486
Non-fiction circulation	5,357
Total circulation	7,843

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH R. SEWALL, Librarian

### ENROLLMENT TRENDS.

High School enrollment, fall term, 1949	1,012
Elementary enrollment, fall term, 1949	3,329
Total enrollment, fall term, 1949	4,341
Increase from 1948	223
High School enrollment, 1948-1949	974
Elementary enrollment, 1948-1949	3,302
Total enrollment, 1948-1949	4,276
Gross per capita cost, all schools, enrollment basis	127.25
Net per capita cost, all schools, enrollment basis	105.03

### SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Teaching staff:	
High School	37
Elementary	112
Special	13
Other departmental employees	26

All school department employees are listed, with their assignments, in the 1949 School Directory and Calendar, a separate publication.

### SCHOOL DOLLAR

Salaries:	
Teaching	\$ .759
Maintenance	.065
Textbooks	.021
Supplies	.020
Fuel	.032
Building Maintenance	.067
Utilities	.013
Insurance-retirement	.014
Classroom equipment	.008
Contingent	.001
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	\$1.000

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

<b>Elementary schools</b>		
Teachers' salaries	\$272,587.75	
Textbooks	8,800.55	
Supplies	8,251.64	
Fuel	12,969.12	
Janitors	23,060.84	
Conveyance	59.00	
Utilities	4,946.51	
Total	<hr/>	\$330,675.41
<b>High School</b>		
Teachers' salaries	102,554.14	
Textbooks	2,033.66	
Library	549.37	
Supplies	3,044.02	
Fuel	4,404.15	
Janitors	12,672.18	
Utilities	1,974.33	
Total	<hr/>	127,231.85
Industrial Education		26,567.66
Physical Education		6,593.28
Attendance Officer		1,040.00
Superintendent of Schools		5,499.96
School Physician		600.00
Equipment		4,320.73
Insurance		5,356.08
Pension		2,094.75
Contingent		594.85
<b>Building Account</b>		
Maintenance Salaries	13,902.74	
Repairs	10,358.12	
Supplies	1,832.12	
Special Projects		
Masonry—Henley School	528.60	
Painting	2,775.74	
Sash—Hutchins & Willard	859.54	
Truck	1,216.40	
Lighting	5,115.72	
Total	<hr/>	36,588.98
Total expenditures		<hr/> \$547,163.55

## RECEIPTS

State aid	\$94,722.11	
Other receipts	3,337.25	
Total receipts	<hr/>	98,059.36
Net cost to city		\$449,104.19

# ENROLLMENT SUMMARY FOR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 22, 1949

School	S.P.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P.G.	Tot.
Brown	29	35	33	27	26	33	39	33							255
Evans				69											69
Henley				39	52	66	62	93	95						407
High									91						91
Hutchins	46	52	44												142
Kaler	39	50	39	23	31	24	29								235
Lincoln	86	42	36	34	41	43	30	30	31						373
Marion	68	64	59		40	36									267
Peary		36	26												62
Redbank	73	72	55	52	48	28	37	32	26						423
Reynolds							38	58							96
Roosevelt	46	36	34	34	34	34	53								271
South Portland Heights	12	17	9	9	8	9									64
Thornton Heights	63	45	48	39	37	34	33	25	29						353
Willard	56	67	63	35											221
High School										337	248	225	200	2	1012
	518	516	446	361	317	307	321	271	272	337	248	225	200	2	4341

