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# City Government

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MAYOR

H. C. MARDEN

ALDERMAN

Arthur H. Smith, Chairman; Ward 1, Urban V. Stedman; Ward 2, Arthur H. Smith; Ward 3,\*John R. Joseph, Jr.; Ward 4, Herman H. Rines; Ward 5, Melvyn R. Liggett; Ward 6, John L. Matthieu; Ward 7, Augustus J. Carey.

CITY CLERK

CHARLES N. NAWFEL

COMMON COUNCIL

Cecil L. Niles, President; Ward 1, Cecil L. Niles, Lawrence P. Barton; Ward 2, Leavitt A. Pilon, Carlton S. Farnham; Ward 3, Ralph H. Cutting, Antonio Garrant; Ward 4, Joseph P. Caron, Joseph A. Ferris; Ward 5, Maurice B. Charles, Charles J. Clukey; Ward 6, Ovila P. Cote, Philip S. Crock; Ward 7, Emileo P. Bulger, F. Neal Maheu; Dudley Smith, Clerk.

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\* Deceased



**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES****ACCOUNTS**

Alderman Augustus J. Carey, Chairman; Councilman Lawrence P. Barton, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden; Aldermen Arthur H. Smith, Melvyn R. Liggett; Councilmen F. Neal Maheu, Emileo P. Bulger, Cecil L. Niles.

**APPROPRIATIONS AND SALARIES**

Alderman Herman H. Rines, Chairman; Councilman Carlton S. Farnham, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden; Aldermen Arthur H. Smith, Urban V. Stedman, Melvyn R. Liggett; Councilmen F. Neal Maheu, Emileo P. Bulger, Ralph H. Cutting, Leavitt A. Pilon, Cecil L. Niles.

**CLAIMS**

Alderman John L. Matthieu, Chairman; Councilman Philip S. Crock, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden; Aldermen Arthur H. Smith, Urban V. Stedman; Councilmen Ovila P. Cote, Joseph P. Caron, Antonio Garrant.

**FINANCE**

Alderman Melvyn R. Liggett, Chairman; Councilman Maurice B. Charles, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden; Aldermen Herman H. Rines, Augustus J. Carey, Urban V. Stedman; Councilmen Lawrence P. Barton, Ralph H. Cutting, Cecil L. Niles, Emileo P. Bulger.

**FIRE**

Alderman Urban V. Stedman, Chairman; Councilman Emileo P. Bulger, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden; Aldermen Arthur H. Smith, Augustus J. Carey, John L. Matthieu; Councilmen Ovila P. Cote, Joseph P. Caron, Carlton S. Farnham, Leavitt A. Pilon, Philip S. Crock.



**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

Alderman \*John R. Joseph, Jr., Chairman; Councilman Cecil L. Niles, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden; Aldermen Herman H. Rines, Augustus J. Carey; Councilmen Antonio Garrant, Joseph A. Ferris, Ralph H. Cutting, Ovila P. Cote.

**STREETS AND SEWERS**

Alderman Arthur H. Smith, Chairman; Councilman Carlton S. Farnham, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden; Aldermen Herman H. Rines, Urban V. Stedman, John L. Matthieu; Councilmen Emileo P. Bulger, Philip S. Crock, Leavitt A. Pilon, Ovila P. Cote, F. Neal Maheu, Cecil L. Niles.

**INSURANCE**

Alderman Herman H. Rines, Chairman; Councilman Charles J. Clukey, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden; Aldermen \*John R. Joseph, Jr., Augustus J. Carey; Councilmen Joseph P. Caron, Maurice B. Charles, Antonio Garrant.

**STREET LIGHTING**

Alderman \*John R. Joseph, Jr., Chairman; Councilman Joseph A. Ferris, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden; Alderman Melvyn R. Liggett; Councilmen Charles J. Clukey, Maurice B. Charles, Joseph P. Caron.

**NEW STREETS**

Alderman John L. Matthieu, Chairman; Councilman Ovila P. Cote, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden, Alderman \*John R. Joseph, Jr.; Councilmen Joseph A. Ferris, Philip S. Crock, Charles J. Clukey, Lawrence P. Barton.

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\* Deceased



# Mayors of the City of Waterville

1888 – 1947

*Hon. Reuben Foster	1888			
*Hon. Nathaniel Meader	1889	1890		
*Hon. Edgar L. Jones	1891	1892	1906	
*Hon. Charles F. Johnson	1893			
*Hon. Christian Knauff	1894	1895		
*Hon. Edmund F. Webb	1896			
*Hon. Charles H. Redington	1897			
*Hon. Carroll W. Abbott	1898			
*Hon. Warren C. Philbrook	1899	1900		
*Hon. Martin Blaisdell	1901	1902		
*Hon. Cyrus W. Davis	1903	1904		
*Hon. Horace Purinton	1905	1906		
*Hon. Luther G. Bunker	1907	1908		
*Hon. Frank Redington	1909			
*Hon. Norman K. Fuller	1910			
*Hon. William R. Pattangall	1911	1912	1913	
Hon. Louis E. Hilliard	1914			
*Hon. Martin F. Bartlett	1915			
*Hon. Frederic E. Boothby	1916			
*Hon. Ora A. Meader	1917			
*Hon. Everett C. Wardwell	1918	1919		
*Hon. Ernest E. Finnimore	1920	1921		
*Hon. Leon O. Tebbetts	1922	1923	1924	
Hon. Paul R. Baird	1925			
Hon. Herbert C. Libby	1926	1927		
Hon. F. Harold Dubord	1928	'29	'30	'31 '32
*Hon. L. Eugene Thayer	1933	1934		
Hon. Robert M. Jackson	1934	'35	'36	'37
Hon. Paul A. Dundas	'38	'39	'40	'41 '42 '43
Hon. George J. Doyle	1944	1945		
Hon. H. Chesterfield Marden	1946	1947		

\*Deceased



**SIDEWALKS**

Alderman Urban V. Stedman, Chairman; Councilman F. Neal Maheu, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden; Alderman John L. Matthieu; Councilmen Ovila P. Cote, Leavitt A. Pilon, Joseph A. Ferris, Philip S. Crock.

**AIRPORT**

Alderman Melvyn R. Liggett, Chairman; Councilman Carlton S. Farnham, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden; Aldermen Arthur H. Smith, Urban V. Stedman, John L. Matthieu, Augustus J. Carey; Councilmen Joseph P. Caron, Philip S. Crock, Emileo P. Bulger, Joseph A. Ferris, Leavitt A. Pilon.

**STANDING COMMITTEES****LICENSES**

Alderman Urban V. Stedman, Chairman; Alderman Augustus J. Carey, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden, Aldermen Smith, \*Joseph, Rines, Liggett, Matthieu.

**PENSIONS**

Alderman Herman H. Rines, Chairman; Alderman Melvyn R. Liggett, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden, Aldermen Stedman, Smith, \*Joseph, Matthieu, Carey.

**SANITATION**

Alderman Melvyn R. Liggett, Chairman; Alderman Matthieu, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden, Aldermen Stedman, Smith, \*Joseph, Rines, Carey.

**POLICE AFFAIRS**

Alderman Arthur H. Smith, Chairman; Councilman Cecil L. Niles, Secretary; Mayor H. C. Marden, Aldermen Stedman, \*Joseph, Rines, Liggett, Matthieu, Carey.

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\* Deceased



# City Officials

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Mayor, H. C. Marden

Secretary, Jane Abbott

City Clerk -----Charles N. Nawfel

Deputy City Clerk -----Marie MacArthur

Treasurer and Tax Collector -----James E. Glover

Clerk -----Phyllis Parsons

Clerk -----Alverine Fortier

City Solicitor -----Arthur B. Levine

Street Commissioner -----Paul R. Holmes

Assistant -----E. J. Jones

Clerk -----Marion Connors

City Electrician -----Odilon Bernier

City Engineer -----Harry Green

City Physician -----Dr. Edwin Harlow

Superintendent of Burials -----Harold N. Smith

Clerk to Finance Board -----Elnora Nickerson

City Auditor -----John Hudson



**ASSESSORS**

Charles F. Jones, Chairman; Ralph Thurston, Francis Rancourt; Violet Rancourt, Clerk.

**ASSISTANT ASSESSORS**

Ward 1, Amy Gillcash; Ward 2, Frances Diggs; Ward 3, Emma Garrant; Ward 4, Lois H. Smith; Ward 5, Grace B. Jones; Ward 6, Hazel Townsend; Ward 7, Loreen P. Reed.

**MEMBERS OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Louis O. Lombard, Leon B. Berry, Eugene Lander; Harold N. Smith, Supt. of Burials.

**UNDERTAKERS**

T. Harold Branch, Edmund F. Longley, Napoleon J. Emond, Lemuel Leighton, Wallie G. Rancourt, Arthur Austin, Gustave Veilleux, Calixte Pomerleau.

**CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES**

Dudley Smith, Carleton Brown.

**SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER**

Carl Green, Roy W. Moore, Gilbert Bourgoin, Edward Morin, Payson Witham, H. T. Winters, George A. Rancourt, John Ware, Pearl G. Butler, Frank Vigue, William A. Jones, Philip Rosenthal, David Hilton, Edward A. Saperstein, Arthur Tracey.



**MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK, WEIGHERS OF COAL,  
HAY AND ICE**

E. W. Traynor, E. W. Crawford, C. A. Proctor, Wm. A. Traynor, A. W. Reynolds, J. M. LaPlant, R. L. Ervin, John A. Davidson, Samuel Clark, A. R. Genest, A. A. Dow, Harry R. Aldrich, Carl Green, Arthur Tracey, Wm. A. Jones, Philip Rosenthal, N. A. Weymouth, Vilbon Boisvert, Joseph Laliberte, C. S. Bills, H. A. Wright, A. B. Lake, Peter Gagne, Fred Jacobs, A. V. McLain, C. M. Ryan, George D. Farnham, L. G. Whipple, W. L. Sterling, Fred L. Merrill, D. McCormick, George H. Simpson, Doris Sterling, Guy E. Coro, Frank Vashon, Fred Mehne, Pauline Sterling, Earl Gilbert, Eugene Bolduc, Paul LeBlanc, Cecile Bulger.

**FENCE VIEWERS**

Edgar Brown, Philip Loisel, George E. Haycock, Joseph Morancy, Nelson Thibodeau, James McClay Jr.

**INSPECTOR OF VINEGAR, COAL, AND BURNING FLUIDS**

R. L. Ervin, Caleb Lewis, Albert Moore, Charles Libby.

**INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING**

Horace Joler, W. S. Jackson, Alternate.

**MUNICIPAL COURT**

Cyril M. Joly, Judge; Arthur J. Cratty, Recorder; Arthur J. Cratty, Judge, Feb. 1947; Lester Jolovitz, Recorder, Feb. 1947; Laura Letourneau, Secretary.

**MILK INSPECTOR**

Dr. Paul R. Baird.



**CITY HALL JANITORS**

George Simpson, Charles Wentworth, Fred Mason.

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

Odilon Bernier.

**HAINES CHARITY****Advisory Committee**

(Year when term expires given in parentheses)

Frank Hubbard, (1947); Lewis G. Whipple, (1948); Arthur G. Picher, (1949); Cyril M. Joly, (1950); William A. Knauff, (1951).

**Relief Committee**

(Year when term expires given in parentheses)

Mrs. Mary Bechard, (1949); Miss Exerene Flood, (1950); Miss Mary A. Krick, (1948).

**Public Debt Commission**

(Year when term expires given in parentheses)

William P. Toulouse, (1949); Carroll N. Perkins, (1948); George D. Hegarty, (1950).

**Finance Board**

(Year when term expires given in parentheses)

Willard B. Arnold, (1949); James L. Boyle, (1947); Paul R. Baird, (1948).

**Health and Welfare Commission**

(Year when term expires given in parantheses)

Cyril M. Joly, (1951); J. Frank Goodrich, (1947); Mrs. Mary Bechard, (1948); Miss Mary Krich, (1949); Dr. F. T. Hill, (1950).



**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Ralph Gilman, Chief Engineer; Urban V. Stedman, 1st Assistant Engineer; Erroll Gilman, 2nd Assistant Engineer.

**DRIVERS**

Harry J. Roux, Captain; Andrew F. Michaud, Lieutenant; Robert Beane, Wallace Gullifer, David Morin, George Vashon, Delmont Williamson, Leo Lessard, Lawrence Peters.

**HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY NO. 1**

Edward Brown, Captain; Arthur Bolduc, Lieutenant.

**HOSE COMPANY NO. 1**

Errold Gilman, Captain; Edward Morin, Lieutenant; Albert Rogers, Clerk.

**HOSE COMPANY NO. 2**

Harry Pooler, Captain; Edwin Pooler, Lieutenant; Maurice Tully, Acting Clerk.

**HOSE COMPANY NO. 3**

Philbert Boulette, Captain; Harry Vashon, Lieutenant; Alfred J. Maheu, Clerk.

**HOSE COMPANY NO. 4**

Bertrand Marshall, Captain; Leo Landry, Lieutenant; Bernard T. Gilbert, Clerk.



**PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

(Year when term expires given in parentheses)

Mrs. Edward S. Heath, (1947); Carroll N. Perkins, (1947); F. Harold Dubord, (1947); Herbert C. Libby, (1947); Exerene Flood, (1948); Mrs. Harrison Smith, (1948); Jeanette Poulin, (1948); Paul Jullien, (1948); Alice A. Clarkin, (1948); A. F. Drummond, (1949); Grace Wells Thompson, (1949); Mrs. Florence Thayer, (1949); Charles E. Glover, (1949); Franklin W. Johnson, (1950); George D. Hegarty, (1950); E. C. Marriner, (1950); Florence Dunn, (1950).

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

(Year when term expires given in parentheses)

Galen F. Sweet, Chairman; Kermit S. Nickerson, Secretary; Ward 1, Francis Bartlett, (1948); Ward 2, Fred Young, (1948); Ward 3, George Bernhardt, (1950); Ward 4, Mrs. Loretta Towne, (1950); Ward 5, Galen F. Sweet, (1947); Ward 6, Edmund J. Robichaud, (1947); Ward 7, Dominique Casavant, (1947).

**POOR DEPARTMENT**

Mrs. Gertrude Willey, Clerk to Overseers; Anita Carpenter, Secretary.

**HEALTH OFFICER**

Arthur R. Daviau, M. D.

**KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT**

(Year when term expires given in parentheses)

Lester F. Weeks, 5 years, (1949); Charles E. McLean, 5 years, (1951).

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION**

H. B. Holland, Chairman; James E. Connor, Albion Blake.



**CITY PLANNING BOARD**

(Year when term expires given in parentheses)

Russell M. Squire, Chairman, (1950); Thomas Daily, (1947); Francis Y. Armstrong, (1948); Miss Exerene Flood, (1949); F. Harold Dubord, (1951).

**PARK COMMISSION**

(Year when term expires given in parentheses)

Bernard Rancourt, Chairman, (1948); Ellsworth W. Millett, (1947); A. Raymond Rogers, (1949); President Waterville Woman's Club; Chairman Conservation and Garden Club.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

(Year when term expires given in parentheses)

Ulysses Ponsant, Chairman, (1951); Joseph R. Poulin, (1949); Henry J. Kelley, (1947).

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Alfred Poirier.

**CAPTAIN**

Arthur E. Thibodeau.

**LIEUTENANT**

Louis Rancourt.

**SERGEANT**

Albert E. Roy.

**POLICE MATRON**

Mrs. Alma Carey.

**PATROLMEN**

George Maheu, Perley Jacques, J. A. Wm. Cardin, Albert Drost, Henry Higgins, Walter Nightingale, Eugene Marshall, Arthur Gagne, George King, John D. MacIntyre.



**RESERVES**

Thomas Ferland, Wilbur Johnson, Romeo Rancourt, J. R. Letourneau, Leo Lessard, Wilbur N. Pooler, Maroon Thomas, John Breton, Willis Cote, Stanley H. Karnes, Fred D. McAlary, Ernest Maroon, Norman Mathews, Jr., Romeo Giroux, Glenwood Kierstead, Bernard Rancourt, Rufus Partridge, Norman Hutchison, Francis J. Noel, William J. Plisga, John E. Larracey, Edward Morin, James Charles Gurney.

**SPECIAL OFFICERS**

Albert Mayo, Dana Parent, George Webb, Wilfred Rancourt, Daniel LaFleur, Emile Bourgoin, George D. Simpson, Henri P. Rancourt, Henry Simpson, Thomas Winters, Norman Goodwin, Gerard Gosselin, Clarence A. Proctor, Alex D. Quirion, Raymond A. Brown, Harry LeBrun, Perry A. Morse, James Ivory, George Langley, Leo Diambri, Leroy Jackson, Arthur J. Poulin, Eugene Wort, William Vaughan, Ira Salley, Basil G. Adams, Seldon D. Seekins, Harry Mulqueen, Clyde B. Arnold, Charles Wentworth, Joseph Mercier, Marc E. Franck, Thomas George, Alphonse E. Fortier.

**WARDENS**

Ward 1, Arthur J. Tulley; Ward 2, Errold F. Gilman; Ward 3, Harry W. Ferris; Ward 4, Charles E. Crosby; Ward 5, Philip G. Gooch; Ward 6, Wilfred E. Deraps; Ward 7, Albert Poulin.

**WARD CLERKS**

Ward 1, Lillian Otis; Ward 2, Frances M. Toothaker; Ward 3, Ethel J. Gilman; Ward 4, Ervena G. Smith; Ward 5, Blanche E. Brooks; Ward 6, Desneiges Soucier; Ward 7, Anselm Desveaux.

**CONSTABLES**

Ward 1, Walter S. Jackson; Ward 2, Elmer Cote; Ward 3, Ralph E. Gilman; Ward 4, Fred T. Mason; Ward 5, G. Cony Brown; Ward 6, Simeon Martin; Ward 7, Anselm Desveaux.



## Mayor's Report

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Citizens of Waterville:

It is a privilege as of the end of 1947 to report on the first administration of the city under the change in the charter providing for a two year term of office. A number of the more outstanding problems were reviewed and discussed in the interim report of the city published late in 1947 covering the municipal year ending December 31, 1946, and in relation to the problems there discussed namely, community building, municipal sanitation and airport, the comment here will be supplementary.

The administration from the 1st Monday in March 1946 to 1st Monday in January 1948 being the first continuous administration for a period of over one year, some changes in fiscal policy were made, and with the continuance of the biennial term even more changes in policy are indicated.

The effect of the change in the charter for the year 1946 shortened the fiscal year to 11 months so that the expense of operation chargeable to that year was in many respects reduced by one-twelfth, releasing a corresponding share of city income for other purposes.

### INCREASE IN VALUATION

In conjunction with the 11 month year it will be recalled that a general 10% increase in valuation was felt justified, which in effect increased the income of the city from tax sources by an amount equivalent to 4½ mills on the tax rate, which at the then valuation resulted in approximately \$60,000 additional income for the city. This money, together with the funds released by the shortened year, enabled the city to accomplish many things which otherwise would not have been possible.



The increase in valuation generally throughout the city, and the word "generally" is used inasmuch as in certain instances other adjustments of valuation were made which may have resulted in a tax increase for a given individual of slightly more than 10%, instead of a straight 4½ mill tax increase, has been the subject of much discussion and it may be appropriate to here give the reasons for that step.

→ The valuation of city property by both the County of Kennebec and State of Maine for tax purposes was substantially more than the city valuation and it was believed that the recommendation to the assessors for a general increase would be not only justified under the principles of fair and legal assessment but that in general the valuation of the city property for tax purposes was extremely conservative. Additionally it was borne in mind that the capacity of the city to raise money by the issuance of bonds is based directly upon the valuation of city property for tax purposes and that if such an increase were made without an appreciable risk of increasing state and county taxes such increase would be beneficial to the city if and when it needed to issue additional bonds. The fact that the county and state tax for the years 1946 and 1947 were not effected by this local increase seems to have justified our reasoning in that respect. Whether or not the resultant increase in valuation will ever be of value for city financing remains to be seen. It seems clear to the writer that such need is imminent.

Unquestionably this increase in valuation was, in effect, a 4½ mill increase in the tax rate for 1946 which by virtue of undisturbed valuation has also been carried into 1947. Our citizens should be interested in comparing this tax increase for the last two years with tax increases in other places thruout Maine. Information from the Maine Municipal Association reveals that of the 21 cities in Maine Waterville's tax rate of 45 mills was third from the lowest in 1947,—Biddeford at 39 mills and Lewiston at 44 mills only being lower. Of the same cities 15 increased their tax rates from 1946 to 1947 in amounts ranging from one mill at Belfast to ten mills each at Calais, Eastport and Presque Isle. The average increase for the fifteen cities was 6.6 mills. Five of those cities in addition issued bonds in amounts from \$65,000 in Augusta (8 mill increase) to \$260,000 in Portland (4 mill increase).



### POST WAR FUND

At the beginning of this administration there existed a postwar fund of \$125,000, created by wise and farsighted previous administrations, for which credit has been justifiably given on several occasions by the writer.

The 1946 appropriations contemplated the expenditure of approximately \$60,000 of this postwar fund for what we have chosen to term permanent improvements, an example for 1946 being the paving of Upper Main Street, several street and sewer extensions and improvements and the paving of the third lane of a portion of Water Street. Because of the increased income from the revaluation above mentioned, \$60,000 from general tax income was appropriated for postwar improvements, the effect of which was a "pay as you go" policy for 1946 upon the permanent improvements mentioned. While we have frequently spoken of planning to spend approximately \$60,000 from the postwar fund and by means of increasing valuation pay back \$60,000 to the postwar fund, actually the postwar fund was undisturbed and the paving of Upper Main Street, and other street and sewer extensions were paid from current income. Those items appear below.

Expenditures for post war improvements during 1946 were:

Paving and curbing Upper Main Street -----	\$35,397 70
Other street extensions and improvements -----	6,536 79
Other sewer extensions and improvements -----	14,937 49
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	\$56,871 98

Inability to procure steel for the paving of the third lane of Water Street in the fall of 1946 pushed the project into primary place for 1947 work and it was so done.

At the end of 1946, by virtue of miscalculation of anticipated revenue for the Department of Education, it became necessary to grant that department a supplemental appropriation from unexpended funds and the balance of the \$60,000 earmarked for post war improvements from 1946 income was made available to that department.



The original contract for paving of Upper Main Street did not contemplate any curbing. It was felt that such a project should be done as completely and in as finished a manner as possible and a supplemental contract was made with Warren Brothers Roads Company for the addition of curbing, which was included in the above recited costs.

We submit that the appearance of the street, the integrity of street and property lines and preservation of marginal paving justified the additional expense of curbing, and will express the hope that no permanent street improvement will be contemplated without the inclusion of the curbs.

The policy established by the Board of Finance limiting the use of the postwar fund to so-called "permanent improvements" has assured the use of the fund for only projects which contribute to the permanent improvements of the city. It must be recognized that the word "permanent" so called is a comparative term for such things as newly paved streets do require maintenance and eventual repair. It should be recognized also that our conception of permanently paved streets will be altered with the development of more durable paving and increased volume of traffic over a given thoroughfare.

With these limits in mind the following projects have been charged against the Post War Fund for 1947:

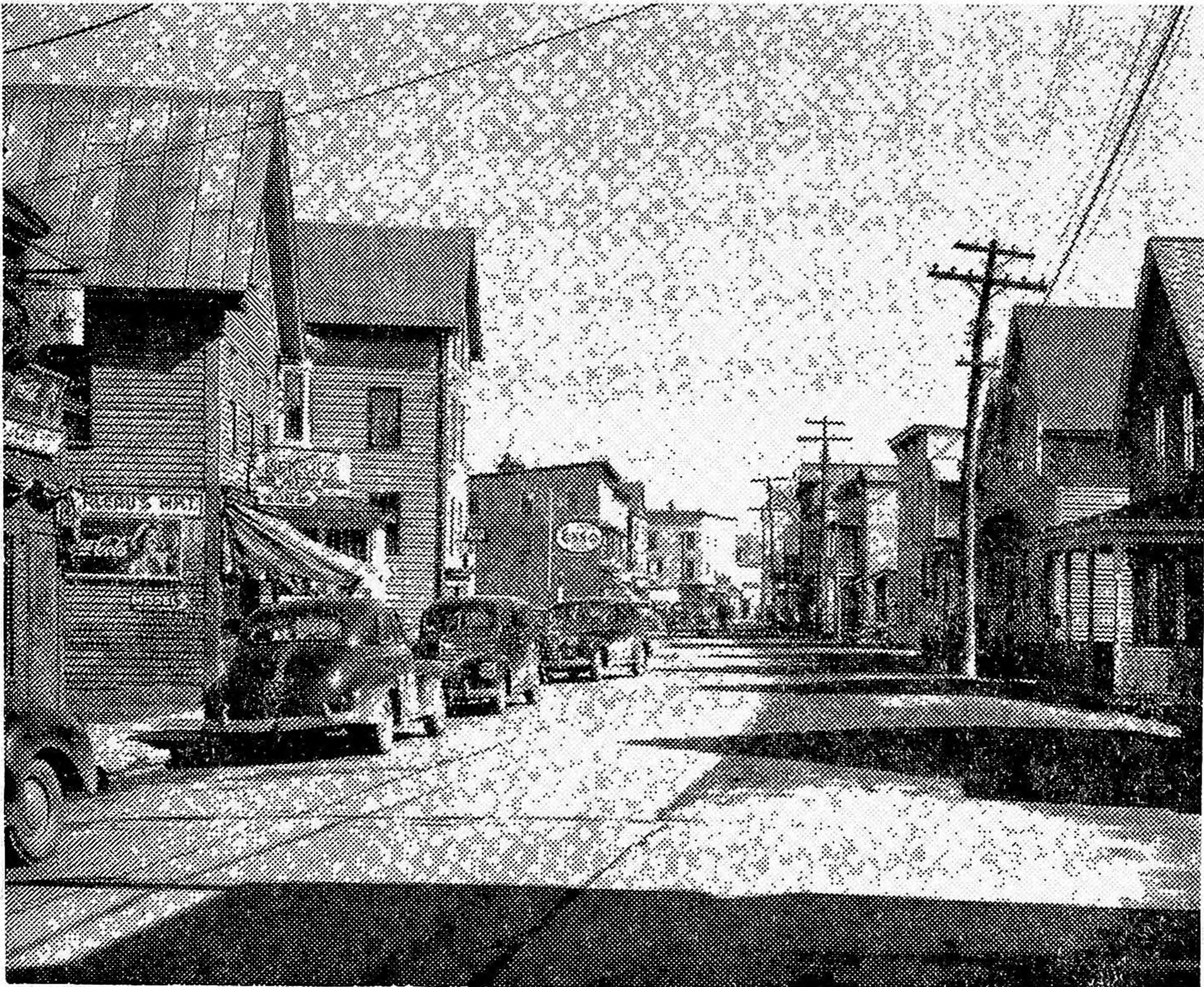
Western Avenue Bridge, City share -----	\$10,125 00
Lockwood Field and improvements -----	13,156 63
Paving third lane Water Street -----	10,552 20
Resurfacing Elm St., easterly end of Western Ave. -----	5,295 39
Johnson Hts. Extension, Grading, Sewers under participation plan -----	2,607 00
Silvermount -----	185 80
Yeaton St. Sewer -----	2,679 32
Sidewalks, city share in participation on hard surface walks and new walks on Columbia Ave. and Oakland Road (see City Engineer and Street Commissioner's reports) -----	4,383 09
New Streets -----	6,515 01
New Sewers -----	6,389 82
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	\$ 61,771 77



## RESUME

Post War Fund beginning of 1946 -----		*\$126,080 00
Added from 1946 income -----		56,871 98
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		*\$182,951 98
Expended in 1946 as shown -----	\$56,871 98	
Expended in 1947 as shown -----	61,771 77	
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		118,643 75
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Balance -----		*\$ 64,308 23

\* These figures subject to adjustment by addition of earned interest. As of January 1, 1947 interest earned created a balance of \$69,092.60.



Showing south end of the third lane of Water Street  
paved during 1947



The new streets and new sewers referred to above are specifically mentioned in the reports of the City Engineer and Street Street Commissioner.

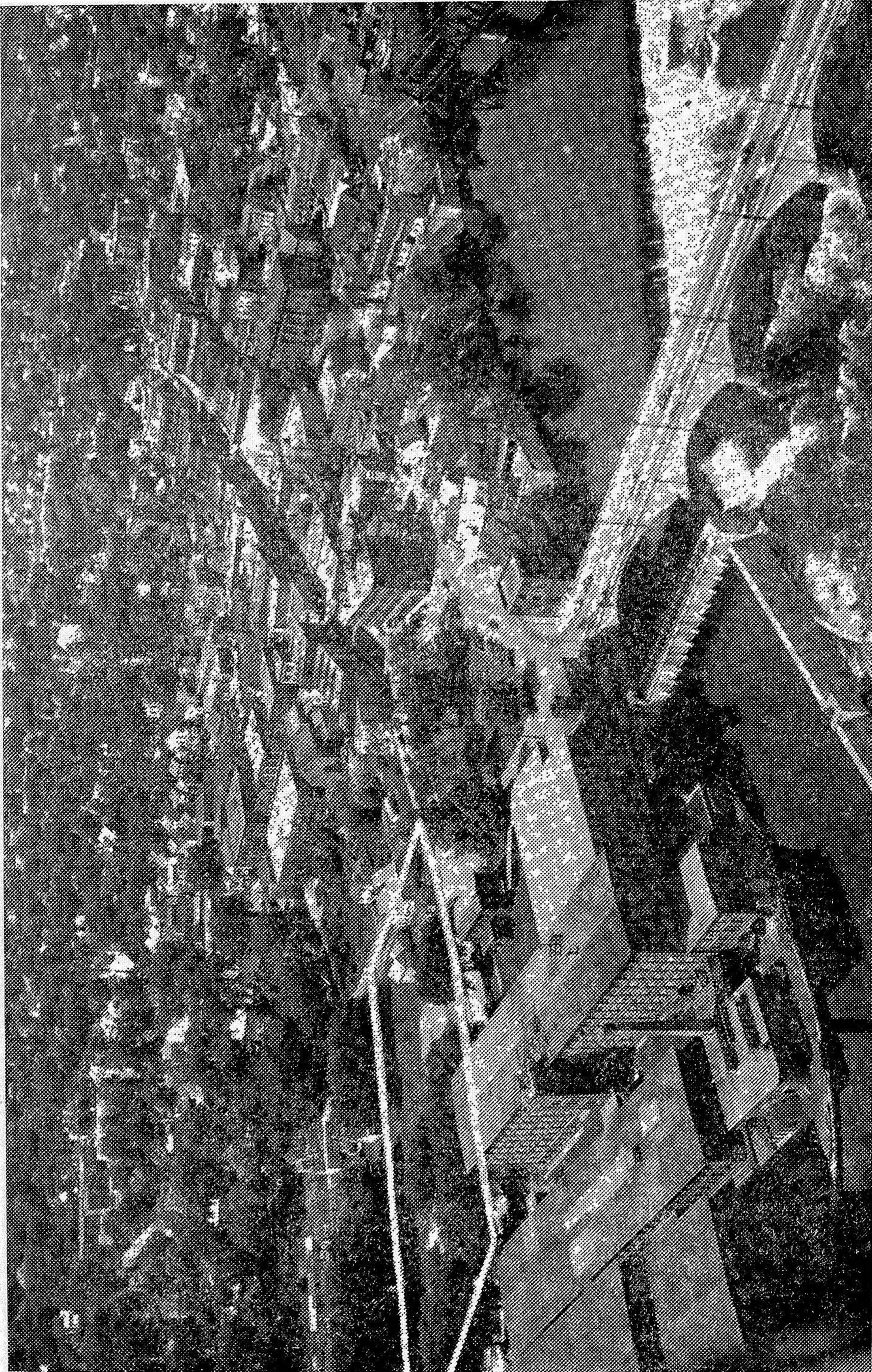
The purchase of the so-called "Gas House Lot" from the Lockwood Company is believed to be a worthwhile investment for the City's future. At the time of purchase its possibility as a sight for a community building was considered, and pending such or similar use its value as a free municipal parking lot is recognized. The Lockwood Company has removed the buildings from it under the terms of purchase and the Street Department has graded it for parking purposes. Access from the northeast corner of the lot to the south end of Main Street has been supplied by construction of a flight of steps, and as visitors to Waterville become aware of its location and accustomed to its use it can solve a major portion of the free off-street parking problem which arises with the installation of metered parking in the business district. This area is ready for such use but for entirely satisfactory parking purposes sufficient flood lighting of the area to discourage pilferage and tampering with parked cars is by present day standards a necessity. Estimates for such lighting have been procured and have been submitted to the incoming administration for such action as it considers advisable.

Some proponents of a community building within or close by the business district have urged the consideration of this lot for that purpose, its contours permitting the main entrance to such building from the lower end of Main Street to lead into the balcony of the auditorium with the main floor slightly below street level, with ample basement space for municipal purposes at a sub-level, at the same time with adequate parking space surrounding the building.

At a risk of appearing visionary, this field or such part of it as may remain free after the construction of a municipal building thereon could be a landing field for aircraft involving the helicopter principle. Certainly the efforts of larger cities to provide space for such air service on the roofs of its modern buildings or at spots reasonably close to the center of the city indicate possibilities which may well be considered.

In the meantime this 100,000 square feet of municipally owned property in the heart of the city can continue to serve as a playground and parking space critically needed.

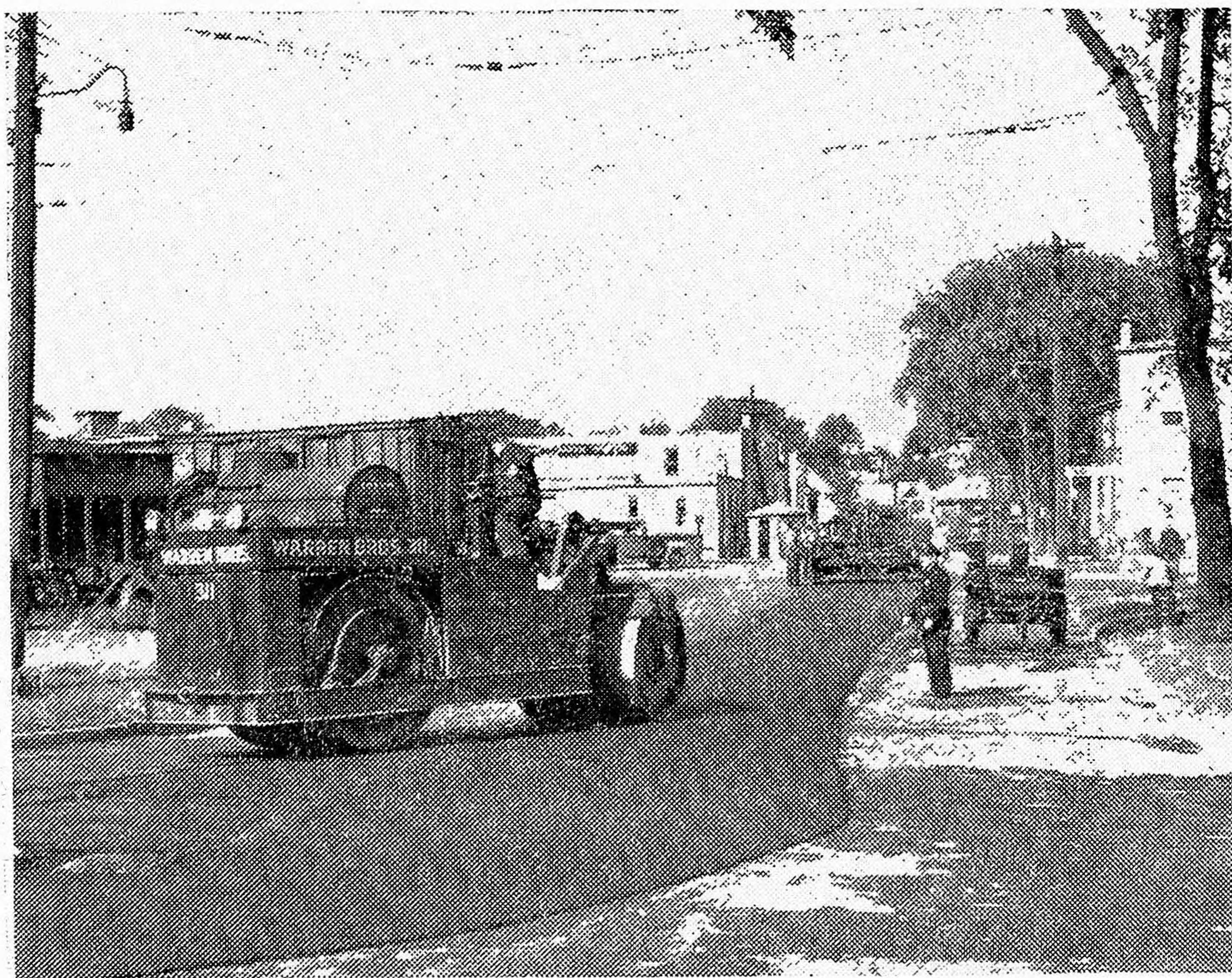




Outlined is Lockwood Field, purchased by City for municipal purposes. The Buildings have been re-moved and the lot graded for free parking.



The new streets or street extensions and the new sewers or sewer extensions mentioned above have for the most part been streets and sewers necessary for the service of a growing city. There are many streets within the city limits which exist only on paper and in the Nelson Heights and Cool Street Heights areas particularly people who have owned lots of land and who during the past two years of critical housing problems have built themselves modest homes have found themselves on a street non-existent on the face of the earth. The rough grading of such streets and graveling to permit access to these new homes and the extension of existing sewer lines to these homes has been felt entirely justified and is only a step in one of many necessary strides to catch up with very present urgent needs.



A typical resurfacing operation  
Application of Warrenite over badly deteriorated concrete paving

Based upon a traffic survey of the city by the state authorities in 1945 the relative importance of our city streets trafficwise has been indicated. According to that survey the street next in order for permanent surfacing is Chaplin Street, but with the resurfac-



ing of Roberts Square westerly to the railroad crossing on Chaplin Street and the resurfacing of Upper Main Street which passes the westerly end of Chaplin Street a comparatively short stretch of that street remains to be paved. The completion of this street by permanent surfacing is definitely in order followed closely in need and trafficwise by Front Street. Acting upon this belief, the present administration has voted to resurface Front Street and reconstruct comparably to Upper Main Street and has entered into a contract with Warren Brothers Roads Company for the paving, but the onset of cold weather and engineering difficulties has delayed the preliminary work which was intended for the fall of 1947, and it is hoped that the project may be undertaken and completed by the new administration. This project would involve the widening of the street at the southerly end, the relocation of several public utility poles which now encumber both aesthetically and practically the useable surface of the street and the general improvement of the area from Lockwood Street northerly to Appleton Street from which point northerly a present two lane concrete way exists.

In the event, however, that the incoming administration does not feel that this Front Street project is next in order of importance a rider has been attached to the executed contract permitting the city to use an equivalent amount of paving material elsewhere. The estimated cost of this project is \$35,000.00.

At the end of the present administration a total of \$61,771.77 of the post war fund had been used leaving as of January 1, 1947 a balance of \$69,092.60 plus earned interest for the continuation of permanent improvements.

It should be realized that at present day costs of construction and needs of the city this postwar fund will be exhausted with many necessary things still undone and the writer would recommend that a definite number of mills tax increase be made and the proceeds therefrom earmarked for permanent improvements.

An examination of the City Building Inspector's report for 1946 and 1947 as against previous years will reveal the enormous growth of the city in both residential and business housing, a growth per capita far in excess of other cities in the state. Continued permanent improvements to serve these new homes and businesses and to encourage continued investment in Waterville must come. The





Reconstruction Kiwanis Swimming Pool nearing completion  
One of the finest outdoor pools in the United States  
A portion of the Kiwanis Pool in use  
As many as 1300 children have used this pool in one day



people of Waterville should be willing to bear their proportionate share of this necessary investment.

### SWIMMING POOL

The reconstruction of the Kiwanis Swimming Pool was not considered a post-war project in its relation to the Post War Fund. It was provided for under a special contingent appropriation of \$15,000, from 1946 current income. The cost of the reconstructed pool exclusive of the steel protective fencing was \$15,152.34 and the cost of the fencing was \$2,278.46 against which the Waterville Kiwanis Club donated \$2000. The net cost to the city was \$15,430.80.

### TAX ASSESSMENT

A study of the assessment records of the city will reveal striking inequalities in tax valuation, through no intentional desire or negligent action on the part of the Board of Assessors but the result of the present system of tax assessment here.

More and more municipalities are procuring the services of professional industrial engineers and appraisers to completely revise their tax valuation. Such appraisal along with many other municipal functions which in the past have been considered a casual duty are becoming expert vocations. For the past several years various persons have expressed approval of a complete reappraisal of the city property and during our administration representatives from two appraisal firms have visited the city.

Such a firm, if employed, would send its personnel to Waterville to rent or purchase a home with a view of remaining in the city for as long as two years making a through study of the City, its character, its desires, its culture, at the end of which time every piece of property in the city would have been appraised upon legal and professional standards, which appraisals would be supported without additional charge by the engineers of that firm for a period of three years thereafter in the event any exceptions were taken to the value for tax purposes they determined.

Principles of appraisal would be left for the city's use whereby a new building of any kind in any part of the city could be valued for tax purposes according to its square footage of area or foot



frontage of area on the street. The cost of such a survey would probably approximate \$25,000.

Experience in other cities has found that the discovery of property previously untaxed and the revision of existing valuations has resulted in increasing income to the city and upon such a basis that every tax payer could rightfully feel that the value of his property was measured by the same yardstick as that of his neighbor, which is definitely not the feeling at the present time. The writer would recommend adopting the thought of many in the city that this reappraisal should be made but that along with it should be such change in the city charter as would provide for a full time tax assessor or one of a board of tax assessors to keep the records so established upon appraisal currently to date.

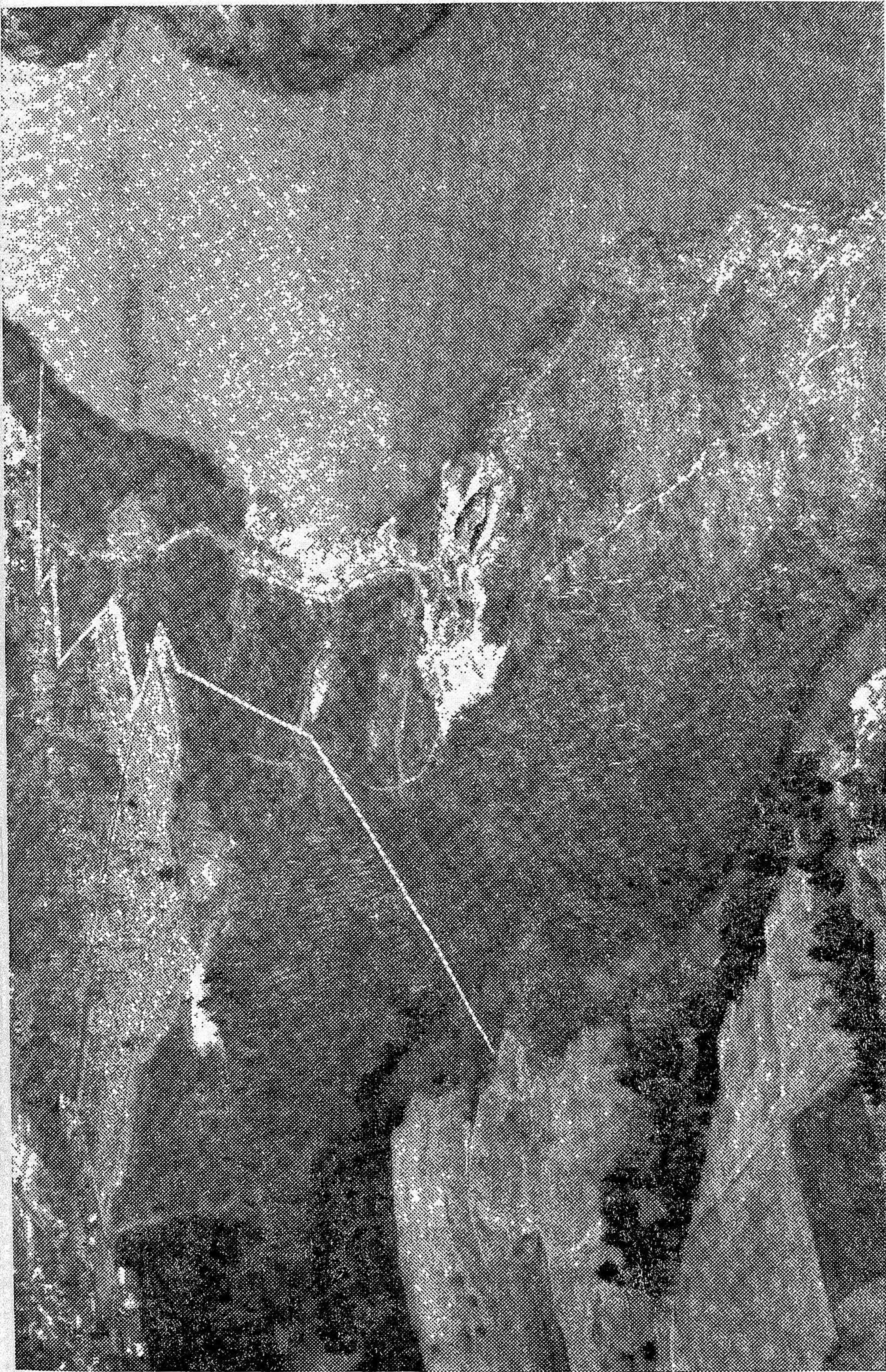
#### POOLER'S POINT

For many years the city of Waterville has paid annual rental of \$500.00 for the use of that area on the westerly bank of the Kennebec south of the city as a city dumping ground. For many years the source of gravel supply for the city has become more limited. During this administration negotiations were entered with the Doctor James E. Poulin estate for the purchase of Pooler's Point so-called, that sizeable tract of land extending northerly from the confluence of the Messalonskee Stream and the Kennebec River to the southern boundary of the city cemetery area and privately owned land at the southern terminus of Water Street. This area of approximately 40 acres consists for the most part of an immense ridge of high grade gravel with its accompanying sand and over burden of sufficient volume to meet the needs of the city for years beyond accurate estimation.

During 1946 the city purchased \$4,538.55 worth of gravel and was faced with the necessity of similar purchase in the future.

In 1947 the city bought this tract of land from the Poulin heirs at a cost of \$15,000 payable at a rate of \$1500 per year without interest. As a result of this purchase, the expenditure of at least \$4500 a year for the purchase of gravel, based on present needs, the payment of rental for the city dumping area is obviated; the extension of the city dump is possible, and, as this huge ridge of gravel and fill is removed, a spacious plateau is opened for future city purposes.





Below the white line is the 40 acre tract of land purchased by City for gravel supply and other Municipal purposes as needed.



The use of this area for the establishment of a municipal incinerator, garbage disposal plant or the location of municipal garages or street department facilities or the installation of an asphalt mixing plant or a sewage treatment plant is not beyond possibility.

The purchase of this valuable tract of land can be accomplished by annual payments from the regular street department appropriation at a very substantial saving as above expressed.

### NORTH STREET BRIDGE

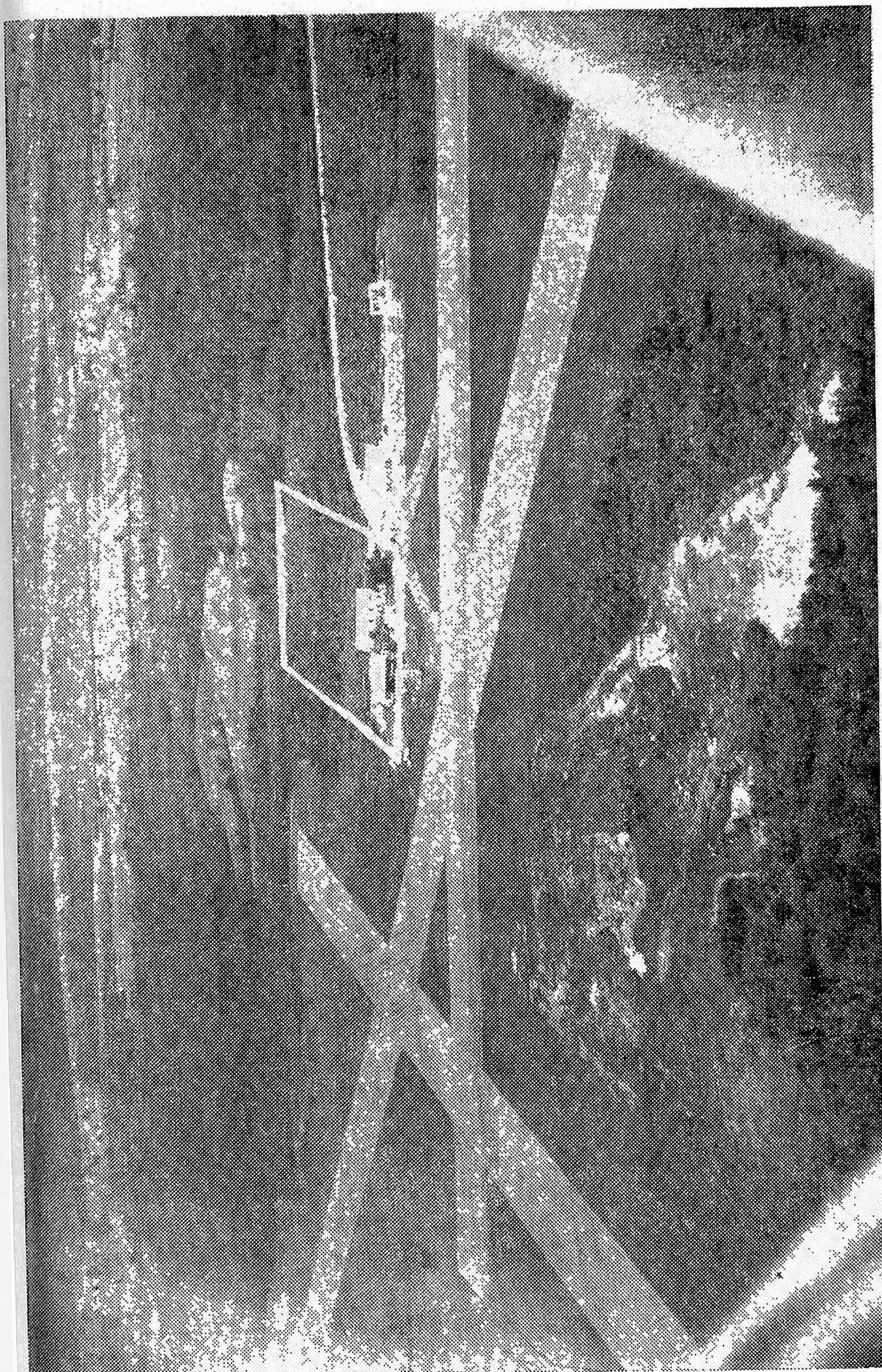
The bridge over the Maine Central Railroad at North Street was constructed by the Maine Central Railroad and the expense of capital repairs is from time to time apportioned by the Public Utilities Commission among the state, railroad and city. This bridge has been a source of some concern during the last two years due to its state of deterioration and the railroad is prepared to reconstruct the bridge beginning, it was planned, in December 1947. The apportionment of this expense is: State of Maine, 25%; Maine Central Railroad Company, 65%, City of Waterville, 10%, the city's share being \$1021.31. This has not been paid for and will be an item for consideration of the incoming administration.

At the city's request the plans for reconstruction were changed slightly to give the bridge the same load capacity as the highway of which it is a part and it is to be regretted that the angle of the bridge as it crosses the railroad could not have been changed to give North Street a more direct course at that point. However, some land damage would have been involved and a greatly increased expense of reconstruction and it did not seem feasible to urge the matter.

### CAPTAIN ROBERT LAFLEUR AIRPORT

Comment here relative to the airport is supplemental to that rather complete statement given in the 59th Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1946. During the year the City Government named this field the Captain Robert LaFleur Airport in memory of a local boy of that name who gave his life during the current war. Plans have been made for a suitable marker bearing that name to be erected at the port with appropriate ceremonies.





A portion of Capt. Robert LaFleur Airport with outline, from left to right, lot owned by Marden Airways; City Air Terminal building under lease to Northeast Airlines and Administration Building owned by Kennebec Flying Service on lot leased from the City.



For the first time in the history of the airport outside airlines are paying a monthly rental for the use of the port and the city owned air station, based upon the number of daily flights in and out of the field.

The relationship between Northeast Airlines and the City in this connection is covered by a lease from year to year under the terms of which the airlines pays the city: \$51.00 each per month for the first five scheduled landings, \$35.00 each per month for the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th scheduled landings, \$25.00 each per month for the 10th, 11th, and 12th scheduled landings, \$15 per month for each subsequent scheduled landing. For 1947 this revenue has averaged about \$250.00 per month.

In addition the Airlines operates and maintains the air station. The cost of field lighting is borne by the city.

With the development of the field and the passage of time it is believed that the city will have to give some consideration to the close supervision of its needs and activities. Whether the airport remains a service to the Waterville area at an annual outlay in excess of revenue or whether it becomes a financial asset to the city will depend upon its future treatment.

The paved runways at the airport are equivalent to approximately twelve miles of paved street and require the same maintenance that a paved street requires. The runways should be resurfaced periodically and all cracks promptly filled to prevent admission of water and further damage. The expense of resurfacing the runways in any given year would be a very substantial item and during the present administration, although the need was recognized, no resurfacing work was done.

It is recommended that \$5,000 a year be appropriated toward this, and on which basis complete resurfacing could be accomplished in about every three years.

As was pointed out in the 59th Annual Report, we have a tremendous investment in public funds at the port and in the minds of the present administration that investment should be protected.

The big item of expense in connection with the port is snow removal which for the season 1946-1947 and 1947-1948 were contracted for at an annual cost of \$3500 minimum as against \$1500



actual cost of pre-war. Of this amount, the Maine Aeronautics Commission refunds a fractional part depending upon the funds available to that Commission. The reimbursement for the 1946-1947 season was 70% and for the 1947-1948 season is estimated at 50%.

A more bothersome feature of the airport operation is the matter of field lighting. The runway lights are electrical units sunk into the ground in concrete blocks with the lens of the light projecting above the surface of the ground about four inches. It takes only a light snow fall to completely conceal these lights which makes the port inoperable and the blades of snow removal equipment easily break the lens or shear off the top of the entire unit. As a result of this, for the last two winters we have removed the lenses of these lights before the snow season and have outlined the runways with kerosene flares for night operation, which flares have to be filled, placed, lighted and removed manually at a weekly cost for this year of \$25.00.

Fields operating in snow country have found that a different type of runway light is necessary but making this change is not only expensive but since the war the new type of lighting has been difficult to procure.

It takes only simple arithmetic to reveal that the annual expense of the use of flares would soon pay for the installation of new lights.

The following is a rough estimate of the annual operating expense and income of the airport:

	Expenses	Income
Cost of Snow Removal -----	\$3500 00	
Annual operation of field lighting including fuel -----	450 00	
Electricity -----	300 00	
Refund from Maine Aeronautics Commission on snow removal, Estimated minimum -----		\$1750 00
Rental from Northeast Airlines -----		2400 00
Rental from Kennebec Flying Service -----		50 00
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		\$4200 00



Miscellaneous -----	250 00
Insurance -----	87 00
Supplies -----	125 00
Repairs -----	250 00
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	\$712 00

Estimated Net Operating Expense ----- \$962 00

During the year the Kennebec Flying Service has initiated flying instruction and has become a second operator at the port. (Marden Airways, Inc. having been there a number of years), has erected a small office building and pays rental of \$4.38 per month. At the time the Kennebec Flying Service evidenced its interest in operating at the port another group of men operating a chartered flying service were also interested and eleven plots of land were surveyed on a line generally an extension of the air station area northerly and parallel to the North-South runway and a rental based upon foot frontage was determined. It is on this basis that the Kennebec Flying Service rents and if and when other operators or persons desiring to erect hangars for private planes decide to locate at the field, space is available and a unit of rental established.

### WESTERN AVENUE BRIDGE

The need for replacement of the Western Avenue Bridge has been recognized for some time and the previous administration had made its plans for replacement by a concrete arch bridge, which plans had been approved by the State Highway Commission and stalemated by the war emergency.

The negotiations were reopened during the present administration, the plans changed from a concrete arch bridge of a style used at the Emerson Bridge to a steel bridge on which it was felt that some saving could be made. The project was refigured for the postwar market and during 1947 the contract was let. The preliminary work has been done and the heavy steel has been placed but at the close of the year the remaining steel was still undelivered. As this is being written the steel has been shipped and prompt completion is anticipated.

This project has admittedly been long delayed in completion and many have felt that steel was available if the city or the con-



tractor chose to prosecute the matter vigorously. The administration is in no position to deny that black market steel might be procured but the state and the city and contractor were not and are not in a position to make purchases through such channels, even if they did exist.

The total cost of this project is \$22,500 of which the state pays 25% (\$5,625), county 30% (\$6,750), and the city 45% which share is \$10,125 and has been paid.

## SECOND RANGEWAY

The writer would invite attention to that portion of the Street Commissioner's Report for 1946 wherein it is reported that 5,650 feet of the Second Rangeway was graded and graveled using the State Aid Highway joint fund and on which the appropriation was overdrawn. This was felt entirely justified for two reasons: first, that by completing this work access to and from the West portion of the city to the Mayflower Hill area was improved and; second, upon the improvement of this road to a required standard the entire road from the college campus to the Oakland Road became subject to state maintenance. This was done and from this time to such time as the Second Rangeway will become a built-up section within the meaning of the state law the Second Rangeway will be maintained by the State Highway Commission; obviously of substantial advantage to the city.

## NORTH STREET

As part of the general improvement and expansion of the city westerly 2,500 feet of North Street has been graded and graveled improving what is rapidly becoming a main thoroughfare and leaving only one small portion next to the swimming pool subgrade. This short portion should be corrected at the earliest opportunity.

## METERED PARKING

Probably no project in which the city has been involved during the present administration is as familiar to the general public as the installation of metered parking which was accomplished by joint planning of the Police Commission and City Government. The cost of the meters installed was about \$18,000. The income



from the meters is divided 75% to the manufacturer and 25% to the city until the meters are paid for. Thereafter, all income belongs to the city. As has been announced through the local press the average monthly income of the meters is about \$500.

A study of metered parking throughout the country concludes that with metered parking must exist ample free off-street parking. The Lockwood Field previously discussed furnishes one such area along with previously existing space around the armory and in the unmetered areas.

### CITY FARM

While comment on this will be found in the report of the Welfare Department, and to which department goes the credit for working the problem out, it is to be noted in the 59th Annual Report that this property was leased to private persons as a boarding home. The original lease was for a term of one year as a trial period at no rental, the lessees to maintain the property.

This year in the light of the experimental lease the lease was renewed, the city receiving \$75.00 per month rental and assuming exterior repairs, the lessees to take care of interior repairs. The arrangement is considered very advantageous to the city as distinguished from the normal expense of approximately \$200.00 per month to the city in the operation of that property.

### TREE SPRAYING

In 1946 it was observed that the elm trees within the city were suffering from inroads of some disease or insect and examination indicated that the elm leaf beetle was responsible. The trees were sprayed in both 1946 and 1947, in 1946 at a cost of \$639 and 1947 at a cost of \$500. The State Department of Entomology has indicated that a third spraying in 1948 should have sufficiently checked the insect so that the trees may go unsprayed for several years.

It is to be noted, however, that even though all trees on city property are so treated the trees on private land unless also treated furnish a breeding place for the beetle which soon spreads to neighboring trees.



With the press of routine matters the trees for which the city takes its name have been long neglected and a reasonable appropriation to be used in tree pruning and replacement by the Park Commission is urged.

### WATERVILLE SEWERAGE DISTRICT

A rather complete comment on needs for sanitary sewage was made in the 59th Annual Report, since which time considerable public discussion has been held. That comment will not be repeated here. Based upon that need, however, the present administration procured the passage by the state legislature of a Waterville Sewerage District Bill permitting the formation of such a district in Waterville. The adoption of this law and the resultant formation of the District may be approved by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the city at any election called under provisions of the City Charter, not later than January 1, 1949.

This matter could have been presented to the people at the city election December 1947 but it was the considered opinion of those interested that such a referendum could more appropriately be presented to the people at some other time and particularly after an adequate period of public discussion. The Planning Board assumed the responsibility of presenting this to the people of Waterville and recommending a time for vote thereon and the matter now rests in the hands of the City Planning Board.

### ZONING LAW

For many years the need for a zoning law has been discussed and recognized. During the administration of the Honorable Paul A. Dundas a great deal of work was done on this matter and Mr. Dundas personally devoted considerable thought and effort to the problem. His work resulted in a draft of a zoning law which was available to the present administration. At the organization meeting in March of 1946 a committee on zoning was appointed which committee consisted of: Honorable Paul R. Baird, Mr. James L. Boyle, Honorable Paul A. Dundas, Mr. Carroll N. Perkins, and the City Solicitor, ex-officio. During the administration and the work of the committee Mr. Dundas felt that he could no longer serve and was replaced by Mr. Edmund S. Muskie. That committee, taking advantage, and gratefully of the work previously done, has drafted a zoning law which under the state must first



be presented to the public by the City Planning Board and, if there approved, be then presented to the City Council for final action. It is no longer necessary to obtain legislative action on the matter. This draft of the zoning law was completed in early fall of 1947 and with the proper coordination of all persons and boards necessary this proposed law could have been, and the writer feels should have been, presented to the City Council before December 31. In this case, as well as on the sewerage district, interested persons felt that the issue should not be raised in the face of the approaching city elections, with the result that no further action has been taken. The responsibility for further action on this badly needed measure rests in the hands of the City Planning Board. The next step necessary is the calling of a public meeting for the presentation of the proposed law and if there approved then presented to the City Council for approval. The writer personally approves the draft as presented and while there may be certain objectionable features it should be borne in mind that no law can be drafted which can be without objection and unless some law is enacted the spread of commercial establishments in residential areas, second hand automobile show yards, junk yards, etc. will continue to spread unchecked.

#### **POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT PENSION LAW**

The pension law covering Police and Fire Departments as written into the City Charter from Chapter 88 of the Private and Public Laws of the State, 1941 is due to cost the city a large amount of money. In 1947 it was necessary to appropriate \$8000 of tax money to meet the pension payments required by the act and based upon present rates of retirement pay and eligibilities within the departments this appropriation will have to be increased steadily until in 1971 it will be necessary to appropriate \$22,811 of tax money, in addition to the contribution received from the department members, to pay these pensions. Whether this situation is due to a failure of the city to appropriate a sufficient amount in 1941 or amounts in the years since that time to meet the demands of these pension payments as they increased or whether it be some other cause, the fact remains that it is going to cost the city an increasing amount as above indicated.

A study of our pension act by the writer and by the head of the State Insurance Department has indicated that the pension act which we have is more liberal than any other in the state and more



liberal than is considered good retirement law. To illustrate, members of our police and fire departments receive upon retirement two-thirds of their regular salary not only at the rate of salary at which the individual retires but the pension payments are automatically increased or diminished as there be later increases or reductions in the daily pay of active members of that department. The two-thirds regular salary rate is unusually high, one-half rate of salary being normal and in many instances the amount determined according to the number of years that the pensioner has served in the department.

Our present act provides that any member of either department may retire when he shall have arrived at the age of 60 years OR shall have served 25 years in said department. It is to be noted that the person who joins either department as a young man say 21 years of age, and the work in either department may well be considered a young man's work, may under the present act be eligible for retirement at two-thirds pay at the age of 46, which age is still low enough to enable the individual to engage in gainful occupation for several years. No criticism is justly due the individual for thus qualifying for pension but in the light of good pension law this is unusually liberal.

With a view of bringing the pension law to a point more in line with similar laws this administration prepared an amendment to the Pension Act. It procured its approval by the State Legislature, which amendment would require a member to have arrived at the age of 60 years AND have served 25 years in his department, will reduce the pension payments to one-half regular salary, will provide disability pension only for total and permanent disability as distinguished from total disability, and one or two other changes which cannot profitably be discussed here.

Now it is realized that all present members of the department who are participating in the pension plan have become members of a contract with the city which should not be violated and the act as amended shall NOT apply to present members of either department but only to persons who become members of either department after the effective date of the change. In other words, the proposed stiffening of eligibility requirements and reduction of pensions then so paid will NOT effect any persons who are members of the department before the change is adopted.



Admittedly the proposed change does not immediately save the city any money but with the passage of time it will do so and the writer urges its adoption.

This amendment to our charter is also subject to referendum to the people of Waterville and may be submitted to the people at any special election called for the purpose. The matter when so presented will appear as five questions on the ballot with an opportunity for the voter to indicate yes or no. For the same reasons expressed in the discussion of the Sewerage District and the Zoning Law this matter has not been presented to the people. Further action rests either with the incoming administration or the Planning Board or the citizens of Waterville.

### **NEW LADDER TRUCK**

The Fire Department has been urging for some time consideration of a new ladder truck to replace that item of equipment which is a 1922 model. The present model carries a wooden ladder manually operated and of such length that access to the higher buildings in town could not be gained by that means. The cost of a new piece of equipment with metal ladder, mechanically raised and maneuvered, is approximately \$25,000. The city has filed a contract of purchase for such a truck with Seagrave Company at a contract price of \$22,765.00 with estimated date of delivery at the time of the contract as 1948-1949. The city is protected on contract price in the event of an increase and is given the advantage of any decrease in price. Since executing the contract the price of this particular piece of equipment has advanced more than \$4,000.00. In 1947 the sum of \$7,000 was appropriated as an increment to this purchase price with the thought that a similar appropriation for 1948 and 1949 would meet this cost.

The officials of the Fire Department feel that while there might be some salvage value of the present ladder truck for a sale to a smaller municipality the vehicle would be worth as much or more to be retained by the city and housed in one of the sub fire stations to augment existing equipment.

### **CITY ELECTRICIAN AND BUILDING INSPECTOR**

At the beginning of this administration it was felt that it would be good city business to combine the offices of City Elec-



trician and Building Inspector. While the responsibilities of the two offices are not identical it was felt that the necessary qualification of such a person in the electrical field was more technical than in Building Inspection and competitive examinations, prepared by an outstanding electrical engineer, were submitted to three candidates. The examinations were reviewed by the person preparing the examination, the identity of the applicants not appearing on their papers, and based upon that examination Mr. Odilon Bernier was offered the position. We feel that the experiment was highly justified. The city electrical installations, chiefly the police and fire alarm systems and the airport should be handled by one person thoroughly familiar with the system. The heavy onset of new construction with the accompanying problems of compliance with the Building Code has required more than a part time person. The integrity of the Building Code must be maintained for the interest of all and the many problems which have arisen, some of which have reached the Superior Court of Maine, have reflected the importance of close supervision of the construction of new buildings and alteration of old ones.

Mr. Bernier's task has not been easy. Many people do not seem to appreciate that the Building Code exists for the protection of all, that if one person is permitted to violate the code within the fire district it not only increases the fire hazard of the property concerned but the neighbors' property as well and continued violation will be reflected in the insurance rates applicable to the City of Waterville. Some people have been very unhappy over the enforcement of the Building Code by the Building Inspector. We hope those persons may reconsider their problems in the light of the interest of all. Continued strict supervision and impartial application of the building code is necessary.

### LAND DEVELOPMENTS

One problem of major importance and as serious as any with which we have had to deal is the matter of land subdivisions by private owners who in due course ask the city to take over the street or streets involved and build or maintain them and extend sewerage service. The City Ordinances provide that such subdivisions meet certain requirements before the plan can be approved by the city and under policies established during the last two years certain additional requirements have been set.



The real difficulty arises from the following source. An individual subdivides a tract of land and prepares a plan showing the proposed street and lots. Without examining the City Ordinances, he sells some of the lots and homes are built. He then comes to the city and says: I have this area on which several homes have been built. These home owners are paying taxes. I want the city to accept the street, maintain it and extend sewer service to the area." Then, for the first time the city authorities discover that the street is not laid out in the required width, that the lots which were surveyed were not of the required area, that the street is a "dead end" street, that the elevation of the homes are such that an extension of sewerage is an unnecessarily expensive proposition and in some cases the grade is such that no extension of existing service can be made. The basement of one house is higher than the one next to it. The lots are graded at no determined level.

The city then has to decide whether, in the light of the fact that people in good faith have bought homes and are paying taxes to the city, it should accept a new street in violation of its own laws or refuse to identify itself with the project at all.

During the last two years this problem in varying forms has been before the administration several times. It is a problem impossible of satisfactory solution all round. The Street Commissioner reports that there are about 60 "dead end" streets in the City of Waterville which are tremendously difficult and expensive to maintain by mechanized equipment and even more bothersome in the problem of snow removal, and in the last two years we have made every effort, in cases where the land owner could be brought into conference, to revise the proposed plan so that the street might join an existing street and avoid the "dead end" feature, and in two instances this administration has refused to accept proposed projects pending the correction of plans in this respect.

Modern city planning would provide that any given project would have to meet all requirements of its becoming an integral part of the surrounding area as to streets, grades for streets, sewers and sidewalk lines, etc. before the land owner would be permitted to proceed. The absence of established street and sidewalk grades in some of the newer and more desirable residential portions of the city has resulted in such a difference in home foundation elevations and lot gradings that the problem of the city's ever constructing a sidewalk in front of those properties in a manner which will be a credit to the city and to the property is impossible.



The reader may well ask, "Why didn't this administration do something about it?" We should have but such a radical change in city law comes with difficulty and in each case which came before your present administration it was hoped from month to month that a solution could be reached, but regret that we were not successful in all cases.

### FINANCE

The year 1947 will end with substantial overdrafts in many departments. The administration does not like this any more than the reader does. These overdrafts have been caused by two major factors. One is the situation which is experienced by every tax payer in Waterville; namely, the inability to estimate very much ahead, let alone a year ahead, of what ordinary things were going to cost. Secondly, in police, fire and street departments increases in compensation were granted during the year which were not contemplated in the appropriation but which seemed proper when requested. Whether or not the line thus established in 1947 can be held is a great question. Individuals whose own household and personal expense has run 30-50% over all previous experience should be fair enough to realize that the same problems are confronted by the municipality. Each and every member of the administration is profoundly thankful that the increased income of the city from newly taxable property, from items of reimbursement from the state and other governmental agencies has permitted the administration to pay those increased bills, to pay the substantial overdrafts from current income and show as small a deficit as appears.

### BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Acting upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance in its report for the year ending 1945, for each two years of the present administration \$37,000.00 has been appropriated against retirement of bonded indebtedness, at which rate the city will be prepared to retire the large amount of bonds due in 1949 without excessive burden, for that year. For each of the years 1946 or 1947 \$13,000 of the amount appropriated has been put aside for bond retirement in 1949.

### CITY DUMP RODENT CONTROL

In compliance with a public law enacted at the 1947 legislature providing for annual treatment of public dumping places for rat



control such treatment was given the city dump during the month of October at a cost of \$136.32. This treatment consisted of the introduction of poison gas into the burrows and placing food poison on the surface of the dump. This treatment was done by Mr. Edmund M. Socec, formerly with the State Rodent Control Bureau and was in keeping with the latest methods for such matters.

The treatment in the fall of the year is with a view of minimizing the exposure of private homes to the migration of rats from the outdoor burrows to buildings with the onset of cold weather. This is a treatment which is required annually henceforth.

### COMMUNITY CHEST

Cooperating with the Chamber of Commerce, an effort was made during 1947 to initiate a Community Chest in Waterville. One meeting was called by the Mayor at which the chairman of the Lewiston-Auburn Community Chest spoke with a view of procuring the cooperation of all the agencies in the city toward the establishment of a Chest.

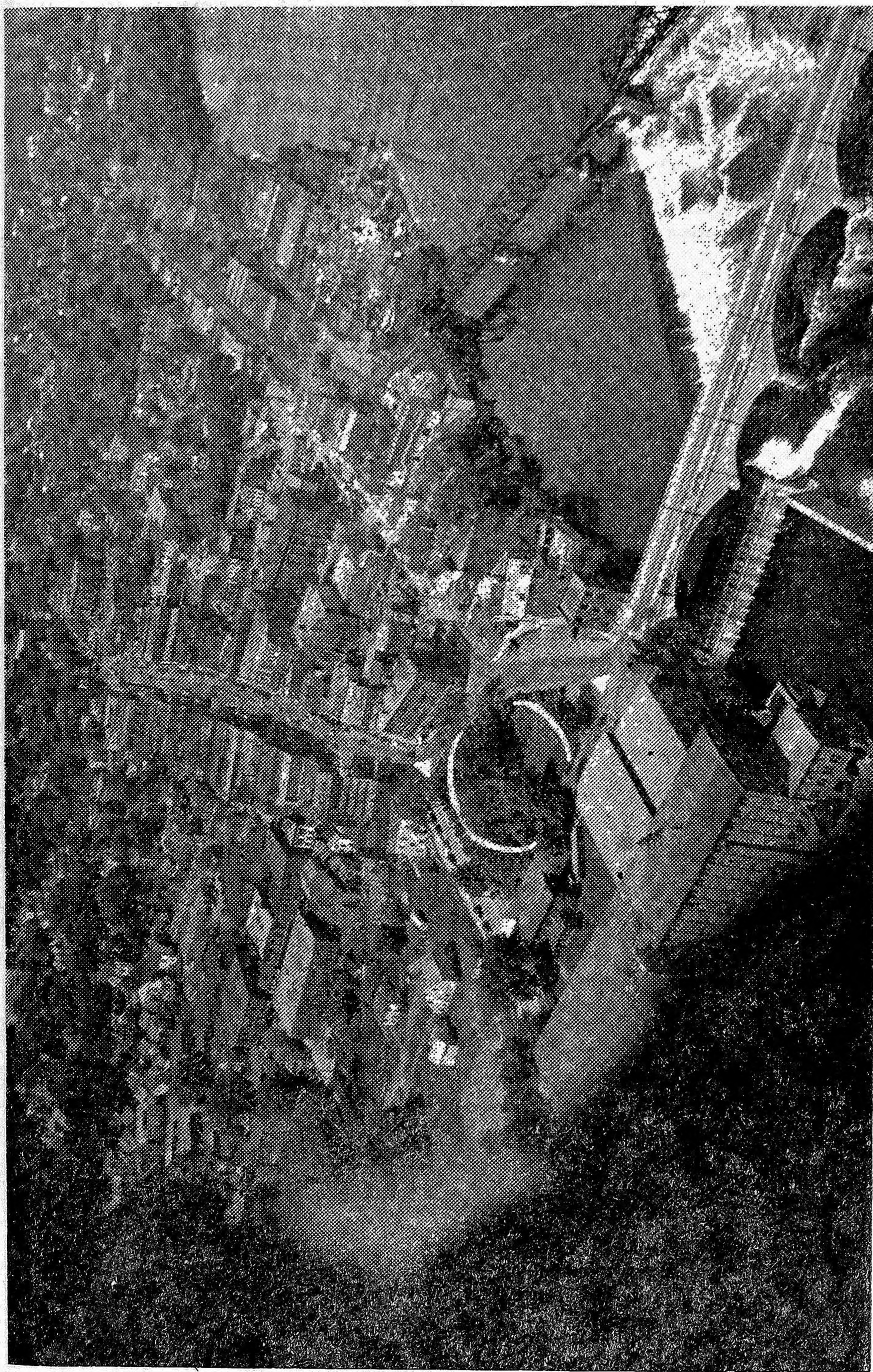
We are not unmindful that such changes come slowly but a marked lack of interest and cooperation on the part of the agencies which now operate separate campaigns for funds has to date resulted in no substantial progress. It is hoped that the Chamber of Commerce will continue its efforts in this direction and that the future administration will lend all possible support.

### ROTARY TRAFFIC

During the last two years an increase in sentiment (sponsored vigorously by Councilman Joseph P. Caron), for the establishment of a system of rotary traffic at the southerly terminus of Main Street at the point where Main Street, Water Street, Bridge Street, Lockwood Street and Front Street empty into the Lockwood Park area has been advocated. The Police Commission has given the matter study and in the early fall of 1947, following a traffic survey by the State Department, a proposed plan for rotary traffic was presented by the State Department for the city's consideration.

This plan contemplates the slight alteration of Lockwood Park whereby its projecting corners are reduced or cut off. The cre-





Outlined is Lockwood Park, owned by Lockwood Mfg. Co. and from which company permission has been granted to install a Traffic Rotary roughly as indicated.



ation of traffic islands at the southerly terminus of Main Street, northerly terminus of Water Street and at the westerly terminus of the Bridge whereby all traffic from the named streets and Front Street upon emptying into the park area will bear right and go around the Lockwood Park, identical to such rotary traffic systems as are familiar on the Newburyport Turnpike and entrances to Boston, will change the general area little. Loss of trees has been kept to a minimum.

One copy of this plan has been deposited with the Police Commission, one copy with the Lockwood-Dutchess, Inc., and one copy is retained in the Mayor's office.

The Lockwood-Dutchess, Inc., characterizing the spirit of cooperation which they have consistently exhibited, have agreed to permit the city to alter the Lockwood Park to meet the needs of this plan.

There is a question of opinion as to its feasibility inasmuch as a number of parking spaces now surrounding the perimeter of the park would be lost. The procurement of the municipal parking lot with ready access to and from it from the Lockwood Park area should minimize this objection. Further promotion of this idea will rest with the incoming administration. We believe it would add greatly to the easy flow of traffic in this area, reduce awkward situations at the intersections of the main streets at the park and be a distinct improvement in general.

### **FUTURE ADMINISTRATION**

The administration of the city of Waterville is the administration of a million dollar a year business. The time has long since arrived that such a business should be administered by a full time executive professionally trained for municipal administration. Today such a task is a recognized profession. The widely diversified functions which now a municipality is expected to exercise demands an executive with highly specialized training.

For efficient management and a dollars worth of public service for each dollar of tax income your chief executive should be sufficiently versed in municipal law, public health, welfare trends and principles, sanitation, airport management, highway construction and maintenance, municipal financing, municipal accounting,



tax assessment, levy and collection, public education, engineering, fire protection, zoning, retirement plans and policies, city planning, police methods, building codes, and all associated municipal problems so that he may intelligently participate in the problems of all of the departments, aid in their solution and effectively supervise the attainment of the desired action.

Under our present charter nothing short of a miracle could produce a candidate so qualified for the office of Mayor. In addition to his qualifications he would have to be elected by popular vote and in addition to that he would have to have sufficient income from independent sources to permit him to work for the city for \$1500. a year. A miracle indeed is necessary.

The sentiment for such change in the city charter as will permit the employ of a full time qualified executive to administer the city is growing. The state legislature would be cooperative toward any proposed change supported by the people of Waterville.

The writer cannot urge the active consideration of such a change too strongly.

### CONCLUSION

The period of service which this report represents has been a busy one, for all persons identified with the administration of the city. The writer wishes here to pay tribute and express his appreciation to the members of the City Council, who without compensation other than the personal satisfaction of having done their duty, have attended the regular and many special meetings in all kinds of weather, on all days of the week and around the calendar. The writer is grateful for the cooperation and loyal service rendered by the Department Heads and their staffs. Much has been accomplished. The credit is theirs. It is a privilege to have known and worked with them.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. MARDEN



## Treasurer's Report

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March 12, 1948

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

In submitting a financial report for the fiscal year 1947, it is necessary that the statistical tables be prefaced by a brief narrative outline of the offices of Finance and Accounts for the fiscal year 1947. During this year, the changeover in recording taxes, billing, compilation of assessment and commitment rolls was almost entirely completed. This alteration in the system necessitated the making of some twenty-two thousand new entries in the new record system. This entailed much additional work on the part of the bookkeepers in the Assessor's Office and the Treasurer's Office.

At the same time, the Treasurer's Office and the Assessor's Office were moved into the old City Council rooms where new space was made available for the operation of the new mechanical billing and accounting system. At this writing, we are still in need of accounting assistance in the completion of the mechanization of the Bookkeeping Department of the Treasurer's Office. By virtue of present plans, the entire revision of these offices should be completed by the end of 1948. During this period of changeover in which so many detailed entries have been made in such a short space of time, there have, on occasion, been errors committed in posting and there has been of necessity some delay in our ability to maintain current daily tax records. This changeover, however, has been almost entirely completed and we are once more in a position to maintain current records for the benefit of the public.

The Tax Club, which was inaugurated this year, met with general favor, and there are now well over one hundred tax payers who have availed themselves of this method of meeting their Tax expense.



In view of the present program which has been undertaken and which is partway completed, the following recommendations are submitted for the successful completion of the modernization program undertaken in 1946:

1. It is recommended that the outside auditor for the 1947 audit, be hired on the basis of conducting, not only a detailed audit of our records, but that such an auditor render assistance in establishing the necessary accounting and bookkeeping methods commensurate with the machinery now available for the establishment of such a system.
2. That the Annual Outside Audit be completed by April 30th, 1948 at the latest.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. GLOVER,

City Treasurer and Tax Collector



## SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

## CITY OF WATERVILLE

## REPORT OF TREASURER

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1946 -----	\$ 12,438 44
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## RECEIPTS

1947 Taxes -----	\$682,715 65
1948 Taxes -----	163 85
Back Taxes -----	10,272 86
Tax Mortgages -----	3,700 00
Miscellaneous -----	213,506 00

## CREDITS

Monies Due from Post War Fund for Post War Projects -----	13,115 52
Total Monies Available -----	935,912 82
Total Expenditures -----	941,771 77
Cash Balance in Bank Dec. 31, 1947 -----	3,783 18
Petty Cash -----	150 00

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

## 1947 Commitment at Tax Rate .045 Mills

Valuation Real Property	
\$13,380,055.00 @ .045 -----	\$602,102 45
Valuation of Personal Property	
\$2,233,825.00 @ .045 -----	100,522 15
Polls 5061 @ \$3.00 -----	15,183 00
Polls Exempt 297	
 Total -----	 \$717,807 60
 Supplemental Taxes -----	 1,162 13
 Total Charged to Collector -----	 \$718,969 73



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CREDITS TO COLLECTOR

1947 Tax Commitment

Cash Paid to Treasurer -----	\$682,715 65
Abatements -----	2,242 87
Uncollected Taxes -----	34,011 21

Back Tax Credits

Tax Titles -----	3,700 50
Personal Taxes -----	10,272 86



# Auditor's Report

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March 12, 1948

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinances, I am submitting herewith my report as City Auditor for the year ended December 31, 1947.

The attached report contains the following schedules:

Comparison of Cost Government 1946 - 47

Receipts to Miscellaneous Revenue Account

Departmental Overdrafts

Comparative Tax Rates of Maine Cities

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. HUDSON

City Auditor



CITY OF WATERVILLE  
COMPARISON OF COST OF GOVERNMENT  
1947

	Appropriations 1947	Expenditures 1947	Expenditures 1946
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
Administration -----	\$ 7,000 00	\$ 8,316 90	\$ 7,999 07
Finance & Accounts -----	13,500 00	13,700 83	12,965 52
Assessing -----	4,500 00	4,928 67	4,699 17
City Hall -----	10,000 00	12,407 92	12,384 27
Elections & Registrations -----	1,700 00	2,870 24	3,234 02
Municipal Court -----	3,500 00	3,695 51	3,260 21
Other Salaries -----	3,808 00	7,151 86	4,943 73
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY</b>			
Police Department -----	38,600 00	45,975 68	39,292 70
Regulation Traffic -----	1,500 00	1,589 27	1,255 97
Fire Department -----	45,000 00	44,490 87	31,588 59
Armory & Militia -----	1,000 00	895 66	803 67
Fire Alarm Maintenance -----	600 00	436 81	1,827 63
Pension Fund -----	8,000 00	8,000 00	2,000 00
Hydrants -----	4,910 00	4,447 50	3,307 50
Health Department -----	7,600 00	10,595 00	11,775 36
Sewers -----	3,000 00	2,721 97	17,707 04



## SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

	Appropriations 1947	Expenditures 1947	Expenditures 1946
<b>BRIDGES</b>			
Public Library	30,000 00	38,201 99	79,260 78
Parks & Playgrounds	1,000 00	877 20	941 48
Waterville Boys Club	10,000 00	10,277 16	11,814 48
Historical Society	4,194 00	7,525 54	10,716 95
	448 00	689 20	2,117 48
	20,000 00	27,661 36	22,481 18
	2,000 00	3,936 53	2,624 93
	24,500 00	22,670 67	19,077 50
	477 00	135 90	
<b>CHARITIES</b>			
Welfare Department	20,000 00	16,819 84	18,446 24
Aid & Care	15,000 00	19,540 70	18,288 37
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
School Department	288,285 96	288,247 19	234,494 83
<b>LIBRARIES &amp; RECREATION</b>			
Public Library	8,250 00	8,250 00	7,500 00
Parks & Playgrounds	7,500 00	8,719 41	6,506 17
Waterville Boys Club	1,800 00	1,800 00	1,800 00
Historical Society	500 00	500 00	500 00



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## UNCLASSIFIED

Insurance -----	8,200 00	8,860 40	7,771 09
Miscellaneous -----	2,000 00	4,534 19	1,769 84

## INTEREST

General Interest -----	14,500 00	15,402 55	13,595 31
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## REDUCTION OF DEBT

Bonds -----	37,000 00*	53,000 00	22,000 00
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## TAXES

State Tax -----	106,686 00	108,502 41	106,686 64
County Tax -----	18,680 00	18,698 75	18,680 02

## CENENERAL GOVERNMENT

Contingent Special -----	14,700 00	7,205 55	30,237 54
Contingent General -----	10,000 00	18,845 28	11,432 77
Pine Grove Cemetery -----	6,000 00	6,000 00	6,000 00
Airport -----	1,500 00	10,632 40	805 20

\* \$26,000.00 has been deposited to apply on bonds due in 1949.



## MISCELLANEOUS

Department	Misc. Revenue	
Police -----	966	25
Finance and Accounts -----	2	56
Library -----	2,000	00
Airport -----	1,678	17
Miscellaneous -----	456	92
City Hall -----	9,783	86
Traffic -----	492	25
Municipal Court -----	3,484	86
Fees and Licenses -----	5,244	56
Health -----	136	26
Streets -----	2,076	44
Snow and Ice -----	3,546	05
Sewers -----	335	00
Schools -----	63,157	82
Welfare -----	3,589	23
Bank Stock Tax -----	4,916	03
Excise Tax -----	32,289	41
Interest -----	777	59
Armory and Militia -----	800	00
Kiwanis Swimming Pool -----	2,000	00
State Aid Highway -----	6,024	97
Post War Fund -----	53,356	00
Contingent** -----	15,125	00
Elections and Registrations -----	1	00
Railroad Telephone Tax -----	1,266	64
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Total -----		\$213,506 87

\*\* Borrowed from Federal Trust Company November 28, 1947  
for purchase of Power Shovel.



115,000.00  
108,502.41  

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6,497.59  
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CITY OF WATERVILLE

1947 Departmental

Overdrafts

Administration -----	\$1316 90
Finance and Accounts -----	200 83
Assessing -----	428 67
City Hall -----	2,407 92
Elections and Registrations -----	1,170 24
Municipal Court -----	195 51
Other Salaries -----	3,343 86
Police Department -----	7,375 68
Regulation of Traffic -----	89 27
Health and Sanitation -----	2,995 00
Streets -----	8,201 99
Surface Treatment of Streets -----	277 16
Patrol and Maintenance -----	241 20
Snow and Ice Removal -----	7,661 36
Country Roads and Bridges -----	1,936 53
State Aid Highway -----	3,331 54
Aid and Care -----	4,540 70
Insurance -----	660 48
Parks and Playgrounds -----	1,219 41
Miscellaneous -----	2,534 19
General Interest -----	902 55
State Tax -----	1,816 41
County Tax -----	18 75
Contingent General -----	8,845 28
Airport -----	9,132 40
Bonds (Reduction of Debt) -----	16,000 00



## COMPARATIVE TAX RATES OF MAINE CITIES

City	Tax Rate 1946	Tax Rate 1947
Auburn -----	50 Mills	50 Mills
Augusta -----	47 Mills	55 Mills
Bangor -----	\$48 90	\$55 40
Bath -----	51 Mills	51 Mills
Belfast -----	63 Mills	64 Mills
Biddeford -----	39 Mills	39 Mills
Brewer -----	\$49 90	\$56 80
Calais -----	70 Mills	80 Mills
Eastport -----	78 Mills	88 Mills
Ellsworth -----	\$61 00	\$66 00
Gardiner -----	50 Mills	55 Mills
Hallowell -----	49 Mills	54 Mills
Lewiston -----	39 Mills	44 Mills
Old Town -----	62 Mills	67 Mills
Portland -----	\$50 40	\$54 80
Presque Isle* -----	\$70 00	\$80 00
Rockland -----	53 Mills	53 Mills
Saco -----	\$56 00	\$65 00
South Portland -----	\$50 40	\$55 00
Waterville -----	45 Mills	45 Mills
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Westbrook -----	\$41 00	\$49 00

\* Presque Isle Per Capita Tax for 1947, \$50.64, including State and County Taxes

Per Capita Tax for 1946, \$41.62



## Report of Assessors

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January 9, 1948

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The following is our report for the fiscal year:

On July 24, 1947, we committed to James E. Glover, Collector of Taxes, for collection, lists of taxes on polls, real estate and personal estate, subject to assessment for the year beginning April 1, 1947 as follows to wit:

On Polls, 5061 @ \$3.00 per poll -----	\$15,183 00
On Real Estate \$13,380,055 @ 45 mills -----	602,102 45
On Personal Estate \$2,233,825 @ 45 mills -----	100,522 15

From time to time we submitted to James E. Glover, Collector of Taxes, for collection, a supplemental list of Taxes, of polls and estate subject to assessment, amounting to \$1162.13.

For State Tax -----	108,502 75
For County Tax -----	18,698 75
For City Tax -----	590,606 44
Grand Total -----	<hr/> \$717,807 60

The Board of Assessors wish to thank those who complied with the Assessors notices by filing their returns on time as of April 1st, 1947.

Every tax payer should exercise his rights and file for his own protection.



The application forms for abatements has helped in keeping abatements to a low figure.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

This department is in possession of a nearly complete set of street maps and a key map. These should be revised and completed. They are now 10 years old.

Photographs and more descriptive data should be procured.

One full-time assessor to study valuations; to watch new building and alterations; to report from time to time his recommendations to the other two assessors for their consideration in setting values; that a substantial salary for this work, also for increase for the other two members of the Board.

The City is steadily growing and there is a big increase of work in this department in the last three years. For this increase in work the salary is too little.

New electrical equipment has been added to the record department which has greatly helped in posting our books.

In order to do all this, we recommend a larger appropriation to fully complete this service.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. JONES, Chairman

FRANCIS C. RANCOURT

RALPH F. THURSTON

VIOLET RANCOURT, Clerk



## City Clerk's Report

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January 1, 1948

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Waterville, Maine

I herewith submit to you the following report, including fees collected through my office and paid to the City Treasurer from January 1, 1947, to December 31, 1947, a period of twelve months.

Licenses for Junk and Second Hand Dealers -----	\$ 9 00
Licenses for Pool and Billiard Rooms -----	90 00
Licenses for Theatres -----	40 00
Licenses for Bowling Alleys -----	20 00
Licenses for Taxis -----	925 00
Licenses for Innkeepers -----	140 00
Licenses for Victualers -----	1220 00
Licenses for Circus -----	50 00
Licenses for Temporary Taxi Operators -----	126 00
Licenses for Final Taxi Operators -----	72 00
Licenses for Gasoline Pump -----	15 00
Licenses for Fireworks -----	14 00
Total -----	<hr/> \$2721 00

The City Clerk's Office is on a salary basis, the City paying the City Clerk a salary of \$1750.00 per year, and the Deputy Clerk \$1300.00 per year,—a total of \$3050.00 in salaries. In return, the City is assigned all statutory fees, which the City Clerk is authorized to retain under the laws of the State of Maine, and by City Ordinance.



During the period covered by this report, the City Clerk's Office has paid to the City Treasurer in cash on account of fees assigned to the City by the City Clerk, the amount of \$3041.55.

The City, although legally required to pay for the same by law, was relieved from paying to the City Clerk fees in the amount of \$654.25.

This amount is broken down as follows:

Recorded Births -----	1160 @ .25	\$290 00
Recorded Stillbirths -----	13 @ .25	3 25
Recorded Marriages -----	350 @ .25	87 50
Recorded Deaths -----	338 @ .25	84 50
Recorded Corrections -----	263 @ .50	131 50
Recorded Oaths -----	66 @ .25	16 50
Service Men's Certificates -----	82 @ .50	41 00
Total -----		<hr/> \$654 25

Prior to the time that the City Clerk's Office was placed on a salary basis, the City Clerk received the amount of \$450.00 as a salary.

Adding the actual cash turned over to the City in the amount of \$3041.55, plus the fees the City would have been required to pay in the amount of \$654.25, plus the salary of \$450.00, which was customarily paid in the past to the City Clerk, equals \$4145.80.

The City paid to the City Clerk and the Deputy Clerk in salaries for the period of twelve months covered by this report, the amount of \$3050.00.

Actually, the City earned a profit by operating the City Clerk's Office on a salary basis of \$1095.80.

I again would like to call your attention to the fact that the vault in the City Clerk's Office is too small, and that some steps should be taken to provide the office with larger space in order that the City records may be properly safeguarded.



I recommend the addition of one clerical assistant to assist in the preparation and conduct of the office records during elections. This will be especially necessary during the year 1948. The City Clerk's Office will be responsible for the conduct and returns of three Elections in 1948,—namely,—the State Primary Election, the State Election in September, and the National Election in November.

I want to sincerely thank Mrs. Marie MacArthur, the Deputy Clerk, for her efficient cooperation in the conduct of the office.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. NAWFEL

City Clerk



# Department of Education

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Honorable Mayor, Board of Education and Citizens of Waterville:

In accordance with the laws of Maine I herewith submit a report of the condition and progress of the schools for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947.

The past year has witnessed a continuation of the program of improvements undertaken in prior years and the completion of several noteworthy projects. These projects include the areas of classroom instruction, equipment and capital repairs.

### TEACHING STAFF

Eleven new teachers were employed for the opening of schools in September. The turnover was not quite as high as last year although the teacher shortage is still a most serious problem. The best information available indicates that there will be a shortage of well trained and qualified teachers for several years.

The report for 1946 mentioned the need of an adequate salary schedule. During the past year the Waterville Teachers Club formulated a salary schedule which was adopted, insofar as funds permitted, by the Board of Education. This schedule provides for salaries based upon three levels of training and the number of years of experience. There are eleven yearly steps with annual increments of \$50.00 to \$75.00. The schedule is only effective through the eighth step as funds have not been appropriated to go beyond that point. The purpose of such a salary schedule is three fold, first, to afford a uniform basis for determination of salaries, second, to enable the school officials to employ capable personnel, and third, to retain the services of successful teachers in



the system after they have served an apprentice period. As we are seriously handicapped in competition with other places paying higher salaries funds should be appropriated to make the schedule fully effective.

### IN SERVICE TRAINING

Interest in professional improvement has continued at a high level. Thirty teachers attended summer school while several others took correspondence courses for credit. In addition an extension course from the University of Maine on the subject "Trends in Elementary Education" has been taken by approximately thirty-five grade and junior high school teachers. This course acquainted teachers with trends in the elementary field and stressed new instructional practices, child development, evaluation, and the emerging pattern of instruction in the field of reading, science, arithmetic, social studies, language arts, music, health and audio-visual education.

### CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

There has been considerable change in recent years in the basic philosophy concerning education. The emphasis is now placed on the progress of the individual child in terms of his own ability rather than on a competitive class basis. The Waterville school system has endeavored to adopt the best in the modern procedures without going to the extremes found in some systems. The fundamental subjects of reading, writing, arithmetic and language arts are given a prominent place in the curriculum.

The secondary schools are endeavoring to offer a broad type of education from academic to vocational subjects that will meet the needs of the boys and girls. The reports from colleges and universities indicate that our graduates are doing creditable work.

### HEALTH

Health has long been considered foremost among the cardinal principles of education. The health program has been expanded by courses in physical education for both boys and girls at Junior and Senior High Schools, but two instructors for approximately 1200 pupils are not able to give a sufficient time to health instruc-



tion. An approved program calls for four periods a week while the present schedule is limited to one period per week.

For some time, due mainly to lack of funds and a shortage of personnel, we have been without the services of a school nurse. A nurse is greatly needed to provide clinics for immunization against diphtheria, tuberculin testing, vaccinations and many daily health services. These services are provided by the State or municipality in most communities and should be available in Waterville.

### BUILDING SURVEY

A survey entitled "The School Building Problem in Waterville, Maine" has been made by Dr. Herbert Blair, Ph D, Boston University. The survey includes an analysis of School Costs, Pupil Progress, The School Plant, and makes certain recommendations for future consideration.

In describing the elementary buildings Dr. Blair says "all of the elementary buildings are old, old in construction and planning." "No one of them was planned to meet the educational program that was recommended at the time these schools were built and still less do they meet the program that is being recommended today." The report recommends the construction of three elementary buildings or a Senior High School and two elementary schools.

Since construction for the next year, due to the great demand for building materials for home and industry, is practically prohibitive, the time should be spent in planning for a new elementary school. An appropriation for land and plans has been recommended by the Board of Education.

The schools are becoming more crowded every year and the birth statistics indicate that in two or three years the buildings will not be able to care for all pupils wishing to attend. It is imperative that plans should be made during the coming year in order to provide facilities when they are needed.

### BUILDING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

The capital repair and improvement program started a year ago has been continued during the year. These projects include the equipping of a foods laboratory at Senior High School, installation



of sanitary toilet facilities and exterior painting at the Myrtle St. building, and interior painting at Junior and Senior High Schools and Western Ave. School. This program has made great progress in two years in renovating and improving school property and should be continued. Other projects recommended for the coming year and estimated cost are: replacement of obsolete boiler at South Grammar \$4,000, improvement of classroom lighting at South Grammar and Senior High \$1,000, repairs to cast stone at Junior High \$700.00, interior painting at Senior High and South Grammar \$1,000, purchase of 15 typewriters for commercial department \$1,500, piano for auditorium at Senior High \$900.00 and purchase of pupils desks and chairs \$900.00. An appropriation of \$10,000 has been recommended for these purposes.

#### 1948 BUDGET

The Budget recommended by the Board of Education of \$304,891 shows a gross increase of \$16,604 over the 1947 appropriation, but due to an increase in estimated revenues of \$6,650, the net increase is only \$9,954. This increase, if appropriated, would mean an increase in tax rate of approximately 2-3 of a mill or .66 on a valuation of \$1,000.

We have been operating in a period of rising costs and school items have increased along with other commodities. This has been particularly evident in salaries, fuel and general supplies. The increase in cost of fuel alone amounts to approximately \$3,500.

Any comparison of costs indicates that the Waterville schools are being operated very economically. The average school tax rate for the State is .022 while the Waterville rate is only .012. In fact the school rate in Waterville is one of the lowest in the State. A comparison of costs and tax rates in similar school systems is shown by the following table:



## COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 1947

City	Number of Teachers	Total Expenditures	Average Attendance Elem.	Average Attendance Sec.	Tuition	School Tax Rate
Augusta	107	283,171	1637	806	137 00	.01533
Bath	90	258,179	1586	620	155 00	.01809
Rumford	73	252,650	774	532	214 00	.01851
Sanford	85	258,041	1122	530	218 00	.01367
Westbrook	71	186,994	1147	472	152 00	.01469
Waterville	101	235,251	1348	732	132 90	.01276

## FINANCIAL

A report is given in Table I showing appropriations and expenditures for various purposes. The figures in Table II show that the revenues collected by this department exceeded the estimate by \$4,515.84. This increase was due largely to additional state school funds appropriated by the 1947 legislature, but due to the system of bookkeeping could not be used for school purposes.



TABLE I  
FISCAL YEAR 1947

## Receipts

Appropriation -----	284,324 61	
Supplemental -----	3,961 35	
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Total -----		288,285 96

## Expenditures

Teachers Salaries -----	186,674 55	
Fuel -----	10,661 22	
Janitors -----	14,425 70	
Conveyance -----	7,128 30	
Textbooks—Supplies—Equipment ---	9,083 75	
Water—Light—Power -----	3,947 26	
Repairs -----	3,046 97	
Permanent Improvement -----	12,254 28	
Supervision -----	4,610 54	
Medical Inspection -----	500 00	
Physical Education -----	8,181 26	
Vocational Education -----	15,999 20	
Industrial Education -----	9,106 25	
Miscellaneous -----	2,627 91	
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Total -----		288,247 19
Balance -----		38 77



## SCHOOL REVENUES—1947

TABLE II

State School Fund -----	45,846	73	
Tuition -----	4,449	31	
Rentals -----	707	00	
Industrial Education-State Subsidy --	5,169	33	
Physical Education—State Subsidy --	1,200	00	
Vocational Education—State Subsidy _	3,425	69	
Handicapped Children—State Subsidy	542	01	
Evening School—State Subsidy -----	590	60	
Miscellaneous—State Subsidy -----	1,179	37	
Superintendence—State Subsidy ----	738	70	
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Total -----	63,848	74	
Amount Estimated or 1947 ---	59,332	90	
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Excess Receipts Over Estimate			4,515 84

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Health services be expanded by employment of a School Nurse.
2. That teachers salary schedule be made effective in its entirety.
3. That funds be appropriated for purchase of land for building lot and plans for an elementary school.
4. That a bookkeeping system be set up with credits allowable for State funds, tuitions, rentals and miscellaneous revenues.



## CONCLUSION

In concluding this report I wish to express appreciation to each of the Parent-Teacher Associations for their loyal support and substantial contributions of time and money. I am also deeply grateful to various organizations and individuals who have contributed in so many ways to the success of the school program.

Respectfully submitted,

KERMIT S. NICKERSON

Superintendent of Schools



# Commission of Health and Welfare

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To the Mayor and Municipal Officers of Waterville:

Gentlemen:

The Commission on Health and Welfare begs leave to submit the following report for the year 1947:

Your commission has been interested in developing a long-range plan for a consolidated department of Health and Welfare for the City. After consultation with various authorities in the field, it was our feeling that such a department, if properly constituted, would provide the most efficient service in the most economical manner. It was also our feeling that nothing which entailed expenditure of the City's money should be undertaken until these plans were formulated and we had assurance of qualified personnel.

In the fiscal year of 1946 the City appropriated the sum of \$5700.00 to the Commission after conferences in which the hope was expressed that a start would be made by inaugurating a public health nursing service possibly supplemented by a social worker in the welfare field. The Commission spent a great deal of time and made considerable investigation in trying to find the proper person to head up this public health nursing department and called upon the services of the State Department to help them in this matter. Due to the shortage of nurses in general, and especially of public health nurses, properly trained, no such person was found, and the Commission felt it was better not to set up any such activity unless the right person could be found to head the Department. Consequently, the Department was not set up.



To date the Commission has been unable to find the necessary personnel for a public health nursing service, which is considered the first step in carrying out the long range plan. At such time as such person appears available, the Commission will properly present its plans again to the city government. Once that this first step has been realized and carried out into practice, it is hoped that a natural sequence of such a program would be a consolidation of the present existing facilities into a City Department of Health and Welfare.

FREDERICK T. HILL,

Chairman



# Report of Health Officer

Waterville, Maine, January, 1948

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I hereby submit my report as Health Officer for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Due to delayed returns, the mortality statistics for 1946 had to be revised and should include the following deaths:

	Resident deaths in city	Resident deaths outside city	Non-resident deaths in city	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis -----	0	1	0	1
Cancer -----	1	0	3	4
Cerebral Hemorrhage -----	0	2	0	2
Organic disease of Heart -----	0	0	1	1
Angina Pectoris -----	2	0	1	3
Lobar pneumonia -----	1	0	0	1
Coronary embolism -----	1	0	0	1
Meningoencephalitis -----	0	0	1	1
Gastric Hemorrhage -----	1	0	0	1
Asphyxia, conflagration -----	1	0	0	1
Gunshot wound, accidental -----	0	0	1	1
Gas—Suicidal -----	1	0	0	1
Trauma by auto -----	0	0	1	1
Cause unspecified -----	0	0	1	1
Total -----	8	3	9	20

Total increase of resident deaths

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To Infant Deaths for 1946 should be added

	Residents	Non- residents	Total
Injury at birth -----	0	1	1
Pneumonia -----	1	2	3
Meningitis, Pneumococcic -----	0	1	1
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Total -----	1	4	5

## TOTAL DEATHS, 1946, REVISED

	Residents	Non- residents	Total
Adults -----	187	102	289
Maternal -----	0	1	1
Infants -----	12	17	29
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Total -----	199	120	319



Causes and the number of reported deaths, to date, for the year 1947. This report does not include infant deaths and maternal deaths

	Resident deaths in city	Resident deaths outside city	Non-resident deaths in city	Total
Diphtheria -----	1	0	1	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis --	1	0	0	1
Cancer -----	20	2	15	37
Cerebral Embolism -----	0	0	3	3
Cerebral Hemorrhage -----	24	1	4	29
Disease of arteries -----	4	0	0	4
Organic disease of heart ----	28	4	9	41
Acute endocarditis -----	1	0	1	2
Angina pectoris -----	8	1	0	9
Coronary thrombosis -----	26	0	7	33
Lobar pneumonia -----	1	1	2	4
Broncho-pneumonia -----	1	1	0	2
Pneumonia non-specified ----	1	0	0	1
Chronic nephritis -----	0	0	5	5
Acute nephritis -----	0	0	1	1
Intestinal obstruction -----	2	0	1	3
Surgical embolism -----	0	0	1	1
Surgical shock -----	0	0	3	3
Other type of embolism ----	0	0	1	1
Pulmonary embolism -----	2	0	0	2
Meningitis, non-contagious --	2	0	1	3
Gastric hemorrhage -----	1	0	1	2
Diabetes mellitus -----	2	0	0	2
Burn, accidental -----	0	0	1	1
Trauma unspecified -----	0	0	1	1
Gunshot, accidental -----	0	0	2	2
Gunshot, suicidal -----	1	0	1	2
Gunshot, homicidal -----	0	0	1	1
Trauma by fall -----	1	1	1	3
Trauma by machine -----	0	0	1	1



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Trauma by auto -----	1	0	2	3
Peritonitis -----	1	0	2	3
Accidental drowning -----	0	5	0	5
Cirrhosis of liver -----	0	0	1	1
Poisoning, Suicidal -----	0	0	1	1
Leukemia -----	1	0	0	1
Acute cholelethiasis -----	0	0	2	2
Thrombosis, unspecified -----	1	0	0	1
Whooping cough -----	1	0	0	1
Tetanus -----	1	0	0	1
Paralytic Eleus -----	1	0	0	1
Uterine hemorrhage -----	1	0	0	1
Heartblock -----	1	0	0	1
Acute alcoholism -----	1	0	0	1
Septicimia -----	1	0	0	1
Cholangitis -----	1	0	0	1
Parkinson disease -----	1	0	0	1
Cause unspecified -----	5	1	0	6
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Total -----	145	17	0	234

## INFANT DEATHS REPORTED FOR THE YEAR 1947

	Residents	Non- residents	Total
Prematurity -----	4	8	12
Atelectasis -----	2	4	6
Congenital malformations -----	2	1	3
Injury at birth -----	1	2	3
Diarrhea -----	0	1	1
Broncho-pneumonia -----	1	2	3
Pneumonia unspecified -----	2	2	4
Erythroblastosis -----	2	0	2
Cerebral hemorrhage -----	0	1	1
Strangulated hernia -----	0	1	1
Acidosis -----	1	0	1
Brain tumor -----	1	0	1
Pulmonary tuberculosis -----	1	0	1
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Total -----	17	22	39



## MATERNAL DEATHS

	Residents	Non- residents	Total
Diabetes mellitus -----	1	0	1
Total deaths, residents, exclusive of maternal and infant deaths -----			162
Maternal deaths -----			1
Infant deaths -----			17
Total -----			180

Total mortality for residents 10.05 per 1000 population



## LIVE BIRTHS BY MONTHS, 1947

	To resident mothers in our hospitals	To resident mothers at home	To resident mothers outside of city	To non-resident mothers in our hospitals	Total births
January -----	41	0	0	50	91
February -----	49	2	0	56	107
March -----	48	0	1	69	118
April -----	34	0	3	59	96
May -----	42	0	2	61	106
June -----	38	0	0	38	76
July -----	46	1	2	59	108
August -----	45	0	2	68	115
September -----	36	1	1	49	87
October -----	29	0	2	50	81
November -----	37	1	0	47	85
December -----	37	0	1	44	82
Total -----	483	5	14	650	1152

Total live births to resident mothers, 502

Maternal mortality rate for resident mothers, 1.9 per 1000 live births

Maternal mortality rate for all births in city, 0.8 per 1000 live births

Infant mortality rate for residents, 33.8 per live births



CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BY MONTHS, 1947

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SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Cases reported	Deaths
Diphtheria	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	1
Scarlet fever	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Typhoid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
German Measles	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	10	5	5	5	3	1	3	0	2	3	1	19	57	1
Influenza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mumps	23	15	19	13	15	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	88	0
Small Pox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicken Pox	7	4	4	9	22	6	3	0	0	0	1	1	57	0
Tuberculosis	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Vincent's Angina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undulant fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Tetanus	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Meningitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	25	145	115	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	293	0
Amoebic Dyssent.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	67	170	143	36	40	9	7	1	3	4	2	21	503	6



During the months of May and June, 1947, an industrial Chest X-ray survey, sponsored by the State Bureau of Health, was made in Waterville which resulted in the following findings:

	Lockwood Company	Keyes Fibre Company	Harris Baking Company	Hathaway Shirt Company	Wyandotte Worsted Company	Total
Number X-rayed -----	481	628	178	469	381	2137
Pulmonary Tuberculosis, active -----	0	0	0	2	1	3
Pulmonary Tuberculosis, probably active ---	3	0	0	0	0	3
Pulmonary Tuberculosis, question of activity	0	4	1	1	1	7
Suspicious Pulmonary Tuberculosis -----	3	3	2	1	4	13
Pulmonary Tuberculosis, apparently arrested	0	0	0	2	0	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis, apparently healed	1	1	1	2	4	9
Pneumonia, resolving --	0	0	0	0	1	1
Heart Pathology -----	0	0	1	0	1	2
Bronchiectasis -----	0	0	0	1	0	1
Diaphragm -----	0	0	0	1	0	1
Diagnosis deferred, non-Tuberculosis -----	0	2	0	0	0	2
Diagnosis deferred ----	0	0	0	0	2	2
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Total pathology	7	10	5	10	14	46

Reports of pathology found were sent to physicians chosen by the patients themselves for treatment and follow-up work.



Number of persons vaccinated against small-pox ----- 138

Routine work of the health department, such as follow-up of patients with tuberculosis as well as their contacts, investigation of venereal disease cases to find contacts as well as source of infection to bring them to proper treatment, investigation of other contagious diseases, quarantine and/or isolation when needed, the issuing of permit cards to return either to school or to work after either quarantine or isolation, weekly reports to the State Bureau of Health, visits to homes where children were out of school because of sickness to find out whether disease was contagious or not, investigation of complaints that pertain to Public Health and Sanitation, were carried out by the Health Officer during the year 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR R. DAVIAU, M. D.,

Health Officer



## Report of Milk Inspector

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December 31, 1947

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Waterville, Maine,

I hereby submit my report as Milk Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1947.

No. Retail Dealers -----	16
No. Pasteurizing Plants -----	5
Quarts milk delivered daily -----	8300
Samples milk examined -----	212
No. over maximum bacteria -----	72
No. samples dirty -----	42

Inadequate cooling equipment was responsible for most of the high bacteria counts. Some of this equipment has been replaced, however the supply of new equipment is low and hard to get.

All cows supplying raw milk to this market have been Brucellosis and Tuberculin tested during the year.

Most of the cream for this market as well as most of the State is shipped from the west and is too old when delivered.

Signed

DR. P. R. BAIRD,

Inspector



## Street Commissioner's Report

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January 12, 1948

To the Honorable Mayor, City Council, and Citizens of Waterville:

I herewith submit my report as Commissioner of Streets and Sewers for the year ending December 31, 1947.

The most difficult problem of this department during the past twelve months has been to operate within our appropriations and give the citizens, either through their personal requests or City Council orders, as much service as possible.

Most appropriations overdrawn were acquired by completing or continuing work which otherwise could not have been done.

Increased costs of materials plus the problems acquired by the construction of approximately one hundred new buildings and city government orders for which there were no special appropriations increased our overdraft.

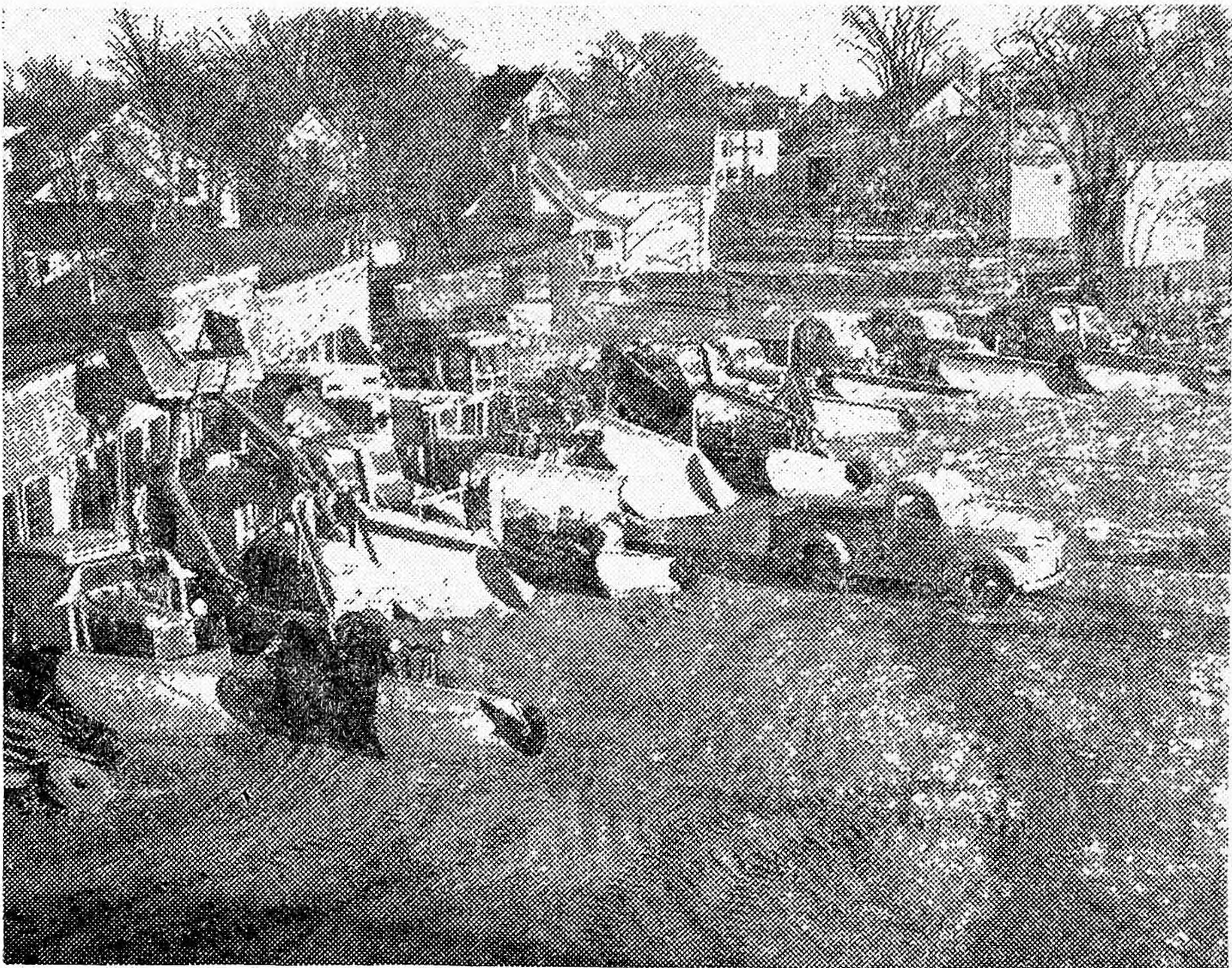
The equipment in this department is in very good condition considering the age of some units. One new truck has been acquired this year, a KB7 2 ton International replacing a 1939 G. M. C.

An annual replacement of one new truck should be planned to avoid the high maintenance cost of old worn out equipment which has been experienced in the past.

The three sidewalk tractors of 1937, 1938 and 1941 models are not reliable enough for the miles of sidewalks we now have. I suggest the addition of one new unit at present, and with a well planned replacement schedule on the old machines this should improve our ploughing of sidewalks.



Our snow loading is being done with a Cletrac overhead shovel. This being of a steel lag crawler type is causing some damage to our bituminous pavements and this method of snow removal will have to be improved on soon. This department has made arrangements for a free demonstration of a Snogo rotary snow loader for this winter. Aside from snow loading this type of equipment can be used for opening or widening drifted country roads and most efficiently in airport snow removal.



Assembly of equipment prepared for snow removal. All of this equipment except sidewalk plows and Lombard Tractor doubles throughout the year in road construction and maintenance. Power shovel operating in Pit not shown.

The usual street cleaning program was carried on this past season. This type of work has to be done by hand sweeping at an annual cost for the past two seasons of about ten thousand dollars. This yearly expenditure could be reduced by the addition of a mechanical sweeper.



Forty-three thousand gallons of tar was applied to our streets this past year, which was considerably less than the 1946 amount due to increased costs of materials.

The surface treatment appropriation is insufficient to take proper care of all our streets, both old and new. Not less than one hundred thousand gallons of bituminous material should be applied annually.

Bituminous surfacing of old concrete amounted to 2650 square yards, located on lower Elm Street and Western Avenue. Eighteen hundred square yards of concrete pavement, and sixteen hundred linear feet of concrete curb were constructed in the widening of lower Water Street. This new construction saves a costly annual maintenance problem and replaces dirt and tarvia section. The remainder of this unpaved lane should be completed northerly to Main Street.

Although started late in the season our sidewalk program was fairly successful. Eleven hundred and ninety-one linear feet of concrete and one thousand seven hundred and eighty feet of bituminous sidewalks were completed. I sincerely hope that this same program may be continued in the future. Added sidewalk mileage amounts to two thousand linear feet Central Avenue and one thousand linear feet Oakland Road of new gravel sidewalks.

It was necessary to reconstruct a half mile section of North Street between Averill Field and Cedar Bridge. This section was rebuilt with State Aid funds and on completion in 1948 will be maintained by the State Highway Commission.

Sixty-three hundred linear feet of new streets were graded in accordance with City Government orders. We have graded and partially gravelled the following undeveloped streets:

	Graded	Gravelled
Merrifield Avenue -----	1500 linear feet	1500 linear feet
Wilkes Street -----	900 linear feet	900 linear feet
Sterling Street -----	875 linear feet	875 linear feet
Sawyer Street -----	900 linear feet	900 linear feet
Nelson Street -----	200 linear feet	200 linear feet
Edgewood Street -----	200 linear feet	200 linear feet
Elmhurst Street -----	400 linear feet	400 linear feet
Oakdale Street -----	525 linear feet	525 linear feet
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	5500 linear feet	5500 linear feet



Although this increases our street mileage over one mile it also makes available many more building locations.

I would like to recommend that more of these streets which for years have existed only on plans be developed. Several of these would also complete dead end streets and would not involve complicated sewer problems such as exist in our new developments in the western section of our city. This program would also help to eliminate many dead end streets in making through ways. There are now over sixty dead end streets in our city, far too many for efficient maintenance of streets and sewers.

The most important addition to our department this past year was a three-quarter yard capacity power shovel. Although delivered late in the season this shovel loaded about twenty-five thousand cubic yards of gravel from our new gravel pit. This machine with its trenching attachment was also used in the construction of thirty-seven hundred and ninety linear feet of new sewers.

The total sewer construction accomplished on seven different projects is well summarized in the City Engineer's report.

In closing I wish to thank all department heads and their assistants for their splendid cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL R. HOLMES

Street Commissioner



	Appropriations	Expenditures	Credits
Sewers -----	3,000.00	2,721.97	335.00
Street Department -----	30,000.00	38,201.99	2,076.44
Sidewalks -----	1,000.00	877.20	
Surface Treatment -----	10,000.00	10,277.16	
State Aid Highway -----	4,194.00	7,525.54	4,194.00
Patrol & Maintenance --	834.10	500.80	
Snow & Ice Removal ---	20,000.00	27,661.36	3,546.05
Country Roads & Bridges	2,000.00	3,936.53	

Note:—Credits are not complete to December 31, 1947.

PAUL R. HOLMES

Street Commissioner



# Report of City Engineer

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Waterville, Maine, December 31, 1947

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Waterville, Maine

Gentlemen:

At the end of 1947, I wish to report on the activities of your engineering department.

As I reported a year ago, the survey for sewers west of the Messalonskee Stream and all others running into it from the North and East was nearly completed. This was finished last spring and all the new sewers built this year in this area are in accord with the plans made from the survey

This year the following sewers have been built:

	Size	Length	Built by
Yeaton Street -----	8"	420'	A. P. Wyman
Johnson Heights -----	8"	830'	City Crew
Rubert Street -----	15"	200'	" "
Reservoir Street -----	8"	305'	" "
Kiwanis Swimming Pool Lot	24"	170'	" "
Oakdale Street -----	8"	525'	" "
Elmhurst Street -----	8"	400'	" "
Edgewood Street -----	8"	250'	" "
First Rangeway -----	8"	350'	" "
Dunton Court -----	8"	200'	" "
Carver Street -----	8"	140'	" "
Total -----		3790'	



These following streets have been built:

Water Street (one lane) Concrete -----	Length 1600'
Built by A. P. Wyman	
Elm Street (bituminous top) -----	Length 500'
Built by Warren Bros. Road Co.	
Western Avenue (bituminous top) -----	Length 210'
Built by Warren Bros. Road Co.	
North Street (State Aid Road) gravel -----	Length 2500'
Built by City Crew	
Total -----	4801'

In accord with agreements with the owners of the developments, the following streets have been graded:

Built by John Lessard

	Length
Oak Knoll Drive (Oak Knoll Terrace) -----	2100'
Averill Terrace (Mount Merici) -----	1900'
Brescia Court (Mount Merici) -----	500'
Maura Court (Mount Merici) -----	500'
Charland Terrace (Mount Merici) -----	300'
Guyart Street (Mount Merici) -----	400'
Total -----	5700'

The following sidewalks have been built:

Built by City Crew

	Length
Bartlett Street (Concrete) -----	650'
King Street (Concrete) -----	174'
Gold Street (Concrete) -----	215'
Main Street (Concrete) -----	152'
	1191'
Total Concrete -----	1191'



Warren Bros. Road Co.

Water Street (Warrenite) -----	208'	
Silver Street (Warrenite) -----	140'	
Western Avenue (Warrenite) -----	49'	
Elm Street (Warrenite) -----	78'	
Messalonskee Avenue (Warrenite) -----	659'	
Roosevelt Avenue (Warrenite) -----	420'	
Pleasant Street (Warrenite) -----	127'	
Halde Street (Warrenite) -----	99'	
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Total Warrenite -----	1780'	1780'

City Crew

Oakland Road (Gravel) -----	2000'	
Central Avenue (Gravel) -----	2000'	
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Total Gravel -----	4000'	4000'
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Total Sidewalks -----		6971

In addition to the above, several hundred feet of Franklin Street have been graveled, including the sidewalks.

The new parking lot, purchased of the Lockwood Company, has been graded.

Messalonskee Bridge, near the pumping station, is being built.

The condition of the old bridge has been a source of danger for a long time.

The Maine Central Railroad Company is about to build a new bridge at North Street that will replace the old one. This has been in very bad condition for a long time.

The City participates in the expense of both these bridges.

A new bridge is needed to replace the present pile bridge over the stream on North Street. This will complete a fine road to the New Colby Campus, and also take care of the bridges in Waterville for a long time.



The purchase of the Poulin gravel pit has been a great help to the City, saving three thousand to four thousand dollars this year alone, and will continue to do so for many years.

We have surveyed and made plan for a road to the Poulin pit which will improve traffic conditions. The late arrival of the shovel prevented its construction this season.

The new shovel has been a saving to the City amounting to several thousand dollars already, even though it did arrive late. The gravel pit and the shovel are excellent investments and will pay for themselves in a very few years.

A contract has been let to Warren Brothers Company for covering Front Street from Lockwood Street to Appleton Street will pay for themselves in a very few years.

I would like to recommend to the next administration that a street sweeper be obtained as soon as possible. This would save the City a large expense and give cleaner streets, and in a much shorter time.

A small bulldozer would make the work at the dump much easier, and the dump could be kept cleaner and better to travel upon.

The City now has a fleet of trucks capable of caring for the greater part of the road work, but they are not strong enough for plowing heavy snow. The use of plows on the present trucks is expensive and unsatisfactory, and the trucks are permanently damaged. We need three or four heavy trucks for this work. These could be used at other times for heavy trucking and in the long run would mean economy.

I would recommend that the streets in many sections be re-numbered. On many streets the parties occupying the premises have assumed numbers, with the result that there are many mix-ups. According to the City Ordinances, this is to be done by the Mayor and Aldermen, who usually order the City Engineer to do the work. (See page 119, Chapter 24, of the City Ordinances.)

I would also recommend that there be an ordinance that no tract of land be sub-divided into streets and lots sold until the lay-



out has the approval of the municipal officers. Such an ordinance would prevent many dead-end streets and make them continuous. As it is now, the proprietor of any development can and does prevent through ways and convenient means for traffic.

Concluding, I wish to thank you for the opportunity of assisting in the City affairs, and also for your kindness thru the past years, and wish you the satisfaction that you may feel in serving the City. I also wish to thank the Street Commissioner and City Electrician for their kind assistance in many ways, also my assistant, Herbert E. Blakney, Jr., for his help.

I am adding to my regular report of last March on the survey relative to the sewer problem along the Messalonskee Stream. This is an urgent matter which must be considered without delay as the State Sanitary Water Board under a law passed in 1947, Chapter 266, must compel us to correct the conditions on the stream.

As shown in the report, this will require an expenditure of over \$300,000. There seem to be two ways for financing this project. One, by means of a Sewer District; the other, by bonds and taxes.

As set up in the proposed charter for a district, there are several features that seem undesirable.

For the City to finance the sewers, streets, sidewalks, school buildings, community buildings, playgrounds and other needed improvements, I feel there should be a revaluation of the City by parties who are experts and who could give us a fair and true valuation of all the property that should be taxed. Our assessors have done an excellent job, but they are handicapped. In other towns that have been revalued, a great amount of property has been located, and I believe similar conditions would be found in Waterville. Revaluation of eight towns in New England shows an average of 73% increase.

An estimate from a firm which is revaluing another city in Maine shows a probable expense for Waterville of about \$32,000. I believe this would be a legitimate use of our post-war money, that would return the original expenditure many, many times. While there would not be time for this work before taxes are assessed in 1948, the Assessors would have it for use in 1949.



The following shows some of the results, assuming an increase of twenty percent over the valuation of 1947 and using a tax rate of forty-two mills. Other rates will give different results, but will show what may be done by revaluation.

Revenue problem after revaluation if an increase in valuation of twenty per cent (20%) is shown.

Present bonded indebtedness -----	\$ 385,000	
Deposited to pay for bonds due in 1950	27,000	
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Net bonded debt -----	\$ 358,000	
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Valuation 1947 approximately -----	\$15,600,000	
Possible bonds 5% of above -----	\$ 780,000	
Less present bonded debt -----	358,000	
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Possible new bonds -----	\$ 422,000	
If revaluation shows 20% increase:		
1947 valuation -----	15,600,000	
Plus 20% -----	3,120,000	
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Revaluation -----	18,720,000	
Then the City be bonded:		
18,720,000 @ 5% -----	936,000	
Less present bonded debt -----	358,000	
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Available after revaluation -----	578,000	\$ 578,000
Assume tax rate at 42 mills		
Tax 18,720,000 @ .042 -----	786,240	
Tax 1947 -----	702,000	
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Annual additional revenue -----	84,240	
on a 15-year program,		
available without further debt		
84,240x15 -----		1,263,600
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If bonds are issued to legal limit		1,841,600



I believe these figures are conservative and the amount will be sufficient to take care of the needs of the City as are proposed at this time.

Again thanking you all, I am,

Very truly yours,

HARRY E. GREEN

APPENDIX: Report on Sewer Survey

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REPORT ON SEWER SURVEY  
WEST OF AND IN VICINITY OF  
MESSALONSKEE STREAM  
WATERVILLE, MAINE

1946

HARRY E. GREEN  
City Engineer

March, 1947

Waterville, Maine, March 17, 1947

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Waterville, Maine

Gentlemen:

After several months of work, I wish to submit a report on the survey of the City west of and in the vicinity of Messalonskee Stream relative to sewerage.

As the survey progressed it developed that a much larger area would have to be covered than was anticipated. Starting with the



proposed land developments along the First Rangeway and Mayflower Hill Drive, together with the new Colby College, the area expanded northerly and easterly across the Messalonskee to take in all the sewerage which now or later would be tributary to the stream, and considerably more which can be diverted into Hayden Brook Sewer. Also the area expanded southerly and westerly so far as to include the Sidney Terrace development and about forty acres belonging to Harvey D. Easton just west of the First Rangeway and southerly of the land of Mount Merici Academy, formerly the Central Maine Fair Grounds, and north of the Oakland Road. It seemed necessary to go to the limit of natural drainage in order to take care of any future development

In view of the fact that the state will very soon require all sewage entering the Stream to be treated or eliminated, I have conferred with Mr. J. E. Hale, Technical Secretary of the Sanitary Water Board. He states that, if the city goes along with the program that I have shown, there will be no need of treating the other sewage which will empty into the Kennebec River, this saving the city \$300,000 to \$400,000.

The plan amounts to this:

- A. A trunk line sewer from the new Colby site, near the new baseball field, southeasterly across the land of the college to a point on Mayflower Hill Drive, just west of the new Colby pumping station, thence easterly along the Drive to Taylor Avenue on Gilman Heights, thence southerly on Taylor Avenue to Oak Knoll Drive on Oak Knoll Terrace, thence easterly on Oak Knoll Drive to Riverside Avenue, thence southerly and easterly across the Libby Athletic Field to the northerly end of Messalonskee Avenue, thence along Messalonskee Avenue to Western Avenue, thence easterly along Western Avenue to Cool Street, thence southerly along Cool Street, to Mathews Avenue (proposed), thence easterly on Mathews Avenue to Wyman Park, thence easterly on the Park to a proposed treatment plant.

This trunk line will take care of the new Colby College sewage which now enters the stream just downstream from Cedar Bridge and the new land developments in the vicinity of Mayflower Hill Drive and other future developments in this area, the First Rangeway, Brooklyn Avenue,



Western Avenue, Oakland Street and Cool Street, and also the sewage from North Street and Edgemont Avenue which come from as far north as Johnson Heights.

This last requires pumping at a point near the railroad bridge, and would enter the trunk line on Mayflower Hill Drive at Taylor Avenue. It will also accommodate the development of the land of Charles W. Vigue.

- B. A stream crossing to take sewage from Hayden Brook Sewer to the treatment plant.
- C. A new sewer on Western Avenue from Elm Street to Hayden Brook Sewer, to eliminate the trouble at the crossing of Elm Street and Western Avenue, and to take the sewage from the area north of Western Avenue and a portion of Silver Street.
- D. An extension of lower Silver Street sewer along the easterly bank of the Stream to the present sewer which now drains the bog between Silvermount and Summer Street.
- E. A stream crossing from the last mentioned sewer to the outlet of the gully line on the Sidney Road.
- F. A pumping station on the Sidney Road where the gully line now enters the Stream, with a cast iron pressure line along the Sidney Road and the Oakland Road to Cool Street.
- G. A new trunk line from a point westerly of Cool Street about eight hundred feet on Oakland Road to Cool Street, thence northerly on Cool Street to Burrill Street, thence easterly on Burrill Street to Farrington Street, thence northerly along Farrington Street to Hunter Avenue (proposed), thence easterly along Hunter Avenue to Mathews Avenue near Wyman Park.
- H. A cast iron pipe line from Wilson Park with stream crossing to Wyman Park, to take care of the sewage from Wilson Park sewer.



- I. A treatment plant and sludge drying beds on Wyman Park, where the sewage will receive primary treatment.
- J. A pumping station on Wyman Park and pipe line crossing the Stream to Western Avenue and along Western Avenue to Elm Street, from which point the treated sewage will flow to the Kennebec River.

This plan will take care of the present needs of the city in this area for many years. A few small sewers will need septic tanks or other treatment.

In most of these routes, I have been able to work out a plan which allows the surface water during a storm to dilute the sewage to such a degree that it will not be objectionable, and it will be allowed to enter the Stream thru the present outfalls. By this means, the sizes of the pipes are much smaller, and the treatment plant and sludge drying beds also, resulting in cutting the costs 25 to 50 percent.

I would like to say that the sludge has a real value and will be salable or usable right here in Waterville.

On the accompanying prints, the plans and profiles are shown with the grades, sizes of pipes and elevations of the sewer inverts. Also shown are the treatment plant and sludge beds. The elevations refer to the City Bench Mark located on the Common, marked 76 feet. To get the actual elevation above sea level, add 25.27 feet to the figures on the plans.

As to the cost for these additions, I have made an estimate based on prices as existing at this time. Labor is at a very high figure, sewer pipe extremely high, cement moderate and cast iron pipe moderate in comparison with other materials. In other words, it seems to be a very poor time to do any more construction than is now necessary. The only good feature of the present situation is that interest rates are low.

In a few instances I have provided alternate routes for the sewage, and have put the estimated costs in this report, so that the totals as shown here are too large, probably less than five per cent.



## COSTS ESTIMATED

For this entire completed work as outlined \$318,238.85

Of this, what I believe should be done the earliest would amount to \$132,516.40; and of this amount the material as pledged by agreements by the owners of several developments amount to the sum of \$9,881.50, leaving the net cost to the city \$122,632.90.

There is little reason to expect much sewer pipe can be purchased this year, so only such work as is vital should be attempted.

As may be seen from the print, the entire work will require:

Cast Iron Pipe 8" to 24"	5,650 feet
Sewer Pipe 8" to 30"	63,990 feet
Man Holes	246
Pumping Stations	3
Pumps, <b>each</b> 1,000,000 gallons per day	11
Stream Crossings	5
Excavation, earth and rock	5,800 cubic yards
Earth Fill	11,500 cubic yards
Concrete	500 cubic yards

As our allotment for this survey was limited, and the area larger than anticipated, detailed investigation could not be made, and this should be done in some instances before the work is started. However, I believe that the figures in this report are approximate and conservative, and subject only to general business conditions.

I wish to thank Herbert Blakney and Sidney Gilman for their assistance in this work, and to thank you for the opportunity for making these very necessary plans.

Very truly yours,

HARRY E. GREEN

City Engineer



## Waterville Public Library

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Waterville, Maine, January 1, 1948

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Trustees of the Waterville Public Library submit their report for the calendar year 1947. The circulation showed very little change from the last year, the daily average being 311 and the total circulation 94,351. Our borrowers consisted of 7,021 residents of Waterville and 164 from surrounding towns. Twenty people are patrons who can not come to the library and Girl Scouts take books to them once a week. The ladies at the Sunset Home have had 300 books this year. New patrons have averaged four a day.

We have received as gifts 129 books given by the following: Charles W. Spencer, Edward F. Stevens, Mrs. Florence Kennison, E. C. Warren, Mrs. Martha Hill, Miss Teresa Murphy, E. C. Mariner, Mrs. Lester Patterson, Miss Iva Bibber, Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Merrill, Mrs. H. A. Smith, Mrs. Blanche Derocher, Catholic Women, Waterville District, Dr. Cornelius Clark, Miss Mary Peabody, Mrs. F. M. Marsh, Miss Katherine Larkin, Mrs. Lester Emerson, Mrs. R. M. Gilmore, and Frank H. Purnell.

Friends of the library are assisting in collecting material about Waterville. We have had many interesting articles such as a receipt for five dollars for crossing the Ticonic Toll Bridge for the year 1866; a miniature reproduction of the first issue of the Kennebec Journal, and an account of the industries in Waterville in 1896 when the local Board of Trade entertained the State Board. Also, there have been received many pictures of the early days.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the splendid cooperation which has been given us by the Waterville Morning Sentinel. The Sentinel has been very generous in taking pictures of our special



projects and they mail us a second copy of the Sentinel so that we have a fresh copy for preservation.

We wish to emphasize the urgent necessity of more funds to enable the library to carry on the work which it is trying to do for the benefit of its patrons. Not only has the cost of books continued upward, but every kind of supplies has also shown an increased cost. The workers at the library have done their best to render most adequate service and they are still much underpaid. Added funds of at least two thousand dollars per year must be supplied or the service curtailed. We are confident that if these needs were fully realized many patrons would be willing to make contributions to help in the purchase of books and to go toward these added expenses above mentioned.

It may be of interest to note that a survey made by the Maine State Library in 1946 shows that Waterville is seventh in population among the largest seven cities in the State. We are fifth in the number of volumes in the library, and third in the circulation of books, while in the circulation per capita we are second, being exceeded only by Bangor, and with Bangor and Lewiston we are tied for the number of hours open weekly with seventy-two hours. Portland is the only library which exceeds this number.

The Trustees wish to express their appreciation of the support that has been accorded by the Mayor and City Government and by many members of the public.

The report of the Treasurer and a statistical sheet are submitted herewith.

In behalf of the Trustees.

CARROLL N. PERKINS,

President



# REPORT OF TREASURER OF WATERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 1, 1948

**Receipts**

Appropriation—City of Waterville -----	\$ 8,250 00
Fines and Books Sold -----	1,058 26
Alice Getchell Fund -----	10 05
Emma Scates-Knauff Fund -----	20 10
Arnold-Furbish Fund -----	13 52
Thayer Fund -----	689 28
Redington Fund -----	342 00
Blaisdell Fund -----	1,321 36
Mary J. Hill Fund-transfer -----	1,029 00
Helen L. (Fletcher) Atkins Fund -----	25 00
Evelyn A. (Fletcher) Gibbs Fund -----	40 00
Sadie L. Emery Fund -----	35 90
Mary J. Hill Fund -----	117 32
Edwin M. Foster Fund -----	10 25
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	\$12,961 84
Balance on hand January 1, 1947 -----	989 49
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	\$13,951 33

Interest Thayer Medical Fund -----	\$ 51 30
Expenditures -----	58 89

**Expenditures**

Librarian and Assistants -----	\$ 6,121 41
Janitor -----	1,354 25
Fuel -----	781 90
Lighting -----	493 64
Supplies -----	332 29
Books -----	3,083 20
Periodicals -----	208 40
Miscellaneous Expenses -----	602 59
Binding Books -----	169 84
Maintenance -----	93 97
Bank Charges -----	1 13
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	\$13,242 62
Balance on hand January 1, 1948 -----	708 71
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	\$13,951 33



## INVESTED FUNDS

**On Deposit in Waterville Savings Bank**

Alice Getchell Fund -----	\$ 500 00
Edwin M. Foster Fund -----	500 00
Emma Scates-Knauff Fund -----	1,000 00

**On Deposit in Depositors Trust Company**

Arnold-Furbish Fund -----	898 66
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**In Safety Deposit Box**

Thayer Fund (14 bonds, 8 shares Eu. & Northern  
RR, 10 Pennsy., 25 GE Co., 12 Am. T. & T.  
Co., 10 Pub. Svc. N. H. 3.35% Pfd., 25  
Gen'l Tel.)

Approximate Value ----- 19,970 00

Thayer Medical Fund (2 bonds)

Approximate Value ----- 2,000 00

Redington Fund (1-\$100, 1-\$500, 6-\$1000 bonds,  
20 shares CMP Co. 3.50% Pfd stock, 8  
shares Am. Tel. & Tel.)

Approximate Value ----- 8,850 00

The Helen L. (Fletcher) Atkins Fund 1 Bond

Approximate Value ----- 1,000 00

The Evelyn A. (Fletcher) Gibbs Fund 1 Bond

Approximate Value ----- 1,040 00

Mary J. Hill Fund 4 Bonds

Approximate Value ----- 4,115 00

Sadie L. Emery Fund (10 shares CMP Co. 3.50%  
Pfd stock)

Approximate Value ----- 850 00



Blaisdell Fund (4-\$100, 2-\$500, \*24-\$1000  
bonds, 5 shares Dupont 4.50 Pfd, 10 CMP  
Co. 3.50%, 50 Gt. Am. Ins. Co., 20 (twenty)  
Am. T. & T., 40 Cons. Ed. N. Y., 30  
Pennsy, R. R., 22 European & No. Am. R.  
R., 25 Gt. No. Pa.

\* 1/2 of 1 G bond Thayer Fund)

Approximate Value ----- 36,060 00

### UN-INVESTED FUNDS

Thayer Fund -----	\$ 242 81
Redington Fund -----	1,040 66
Blaisdell Fund -----	1,072 43
Helen L. (Fletcher) Atkins Fund -----	9 98
Sadie L. Emery Fund -----	60 00

### UN-EXPENDED FUNDS

Thayer Fund for medical books -----	83 00
Children's Room -----	9 80
Wheeler Fund for Children's Books -----	9 08
Hill Fund for Special Maintenance -----	6 20

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE D. HEGARTY, Treasurer

Waterville, Maine, January 1, 1948



## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

January 1, 1947 — January 1, 1948

**New Borrowers**

Adult department -----	965
Men -----	483
Women -----	482
Juvenile Department -----	275
 Total New Borrowers -----	 1240

**Book Collection**

Volumes in Library Jan. 1, 1947 -----	33,468
Number added -----	1617
Number withdrawn -----	979
Volumes in Library Dec. 31, 1947 -----	34,106

**Circulation**

Adult Department	
Fiction -----	46,224
Non-fiction -----	20,157
Total adult circulation -----	66,381
Juvenile circulation -----	14,444
Picture circulation -----	13,526
 Total circulation -----	 94,351

Decrease in circulation 4880 or 4.9%

Daily average -----	311
Circulation per capita -----	5.7
Circulation per registered bor- rower -----	11



## Report of City Physician

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January 16, 1948

To His Honor the Mayor:

During the past two years there have been comparatively few serious epidemics. Diphtheria has been the most serious of any so far and with the help of Dr. Daviau we were able to adequately care for these. At the present time there are no seriously ill people for whom the city is responsible.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN W. HARLOW, M. D.

177 Main Street

Waterville, Maine



# Report of Fire Department

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January 3, 1948

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I herewith submit the following report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31st, 1947.

## BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Ralph Gilman, Chief Engineer; Urban Stedman, First Engineer; Errold Gilman, Second Engineer.

## DRIVERS

Harry Roux, Captain; Delmont Williamson, Lieutenant; Andrew Michaud, Wallace Gullifer, David Morin, George Vashon, Lawrence Peters, Leo Lessard, Leo Vashon, Alex Loisel.

## HOSE CO. NO. 1

Edward Morin, Captain and fourteen men.

## HOOK & LADDER CO. NO. 1

Edward Brown, Captain and fourteen men.

## HOSE CO. NO. 2

Harry Pooler, Captain and fourteen men.



## HOSE CO. NO. 3

Philbert Boulette, Captain and eleven men.

## HOSE CO. NO. 4

Bertran Marshall, Captain and eleven men.

## APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

1-1250 g.p.m. Seagrave Pumper with booster; 1-750 g.p.m. Mack Pumper with booster; 1-750 g.p.m. Seagrave Pumper with booster; 1-Stutz Service Ladder truck; 1-Ford hose truck with booster; 1-Dodge Utility Truck; 1-Buick Sedan; 1-New 1947 Dodge Chassis.

## HOSE

The past year 1600 feet of 1½ inch single jacket hose was purchased. The Department has on hand 17,850 feet of 2½ inch hose; 2,300 feet of 1½ inch hose; 950 feet of 1 inch hose.

## FIRE ALARMS

The Department responded to 416 calls of which 168 were box alarms, 246 phone calls and 2 personal.

## IN EXTINGUISHING THE FIRES

Laid 18,700 feet of 2½ inch hose, 180 Booster streams, 21 gallons of Foam, 23 pints of Pyrene, 48 gallons of Soda & Acid, 22 c-o-two, 3 calls for the Resuscitator.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That Hose House No. 3 on Water Street to be painted.

That a brick Fire Station be built in a different location to house Hose Co. No. 4, as the old building is in very bad condition.

That at least six more hydrants be installed.



That two new Alarm Boxes be installed.

That in case of Fire you do not follow the Fire Trucks.

Waterville is a growing city. The population is increasing, and the new buildings are larger than of old. Danger confronts the fireman of today. Accidents, pain, and death are liable to be the lot of the brave men who respond to an alarm.

The City is to be congratulated on the very small loss that has occurred during the past year, and I believe it is because of the cooperation that the Citizens of Waterville have given me in being careful of their cigarettes, cleaning up their rubbish, and keeping Electrical Circuits properly fused. This means we still have our homes and business places.

I have tried to keep the Fire Department at a high degree of efficiency. There is no more important Municipal Department than this one, because we rely on it to protect our homes and even our lives from the perils of fire. We should continue to equip it properly with everything necessary to render it most efficient.

A contract has been signed for the purchase of a 75-foot Aerial Ladder truck which will allow us to reach the top of the highest building in Waterville. This piece of equipment will be delivered to us sometime in 1949.

We have bought a Dodge 1½ ton truck to replace the ½ ton Dodge which we have had since 1924. The new truck will be equipped with a 300 gallon tank of water, a booster pump, 15 Indian pumps, shovels, etc., for fighting grass fires and such.

A new parapet was built at the Central Fire Station and the surface in the rear of the Central Station has had a coat of Warrenite.

I am sorry to say we have not been able to have as much done to the fire alarm system as I had hoped.

In conclusion, I wish to thank His Honor the Mayor, the members of the City Council, Finance Board and the Fire Committee



for their cooperation during the past year. I also wish to express my appreciation to the Assistant Engineers, to all members of the Fire Department, the Chief of Police and to members of the Police Department for the superb manner in which they have carried out their duties and for the courtesy shown me during my first year as Chief Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH E. GILMAN

Chief Engineer



# Report of City Planning Board

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January 1, 1948

To the Honorable Mayor of the City of Waterville

City Hall

Waterville, Maine

During the past year the Planning Board has met at the Mayor's Office eight times and the following matters have been discussed with recommendations made to the City Government concerning the same.

1. It was recommended that a 90 day option be taken on property known as Lockwood Field to be used for Municipal purposes.

2. It was recommended that the City provide land for the location of a State constructed Armory. The location selected was on the Westerly side of North Street and Northerly from the present city home.

3. It was recommended that the City Engineer make the necessary plans showing elevations for a sewerage disposal plant.

4. It was recommended that the City take necessary steps toward formation of a sewer district.

5. That the City Zoning Committee be requested to present a zoning ordinance to be voted on by the citizens.

6. It was recommended that the property known as the Grove Street School lot be retained by the City for a public polling place as well as a recreational area for the children in this locality.



Many other matters were discussed by the Planning Board relative to School Department, Public Buildings, Streets and Sewers but no recommendations were made in these matters. At a very late date, in this Administration a zoning ordinance and a bill incorporating a Sewer District was presented to this Committee and it was the feeling of the Planning Board that certain steps toward educating the average citizen should be taken prior to any referendum on these bills. A police pension bill was also proposed to the Planning Board and it was also the feeling of this board that this matter should be thoroughly discussed before presenting it to the electorate.

It has been the plan of this Board to thoroughly study all of the important moves before making recommendations to the City Government and it is our feeling that prior to offering these many items for referendum that mass meetings at which the matters are thoroughly discussed should be held long enough in advance to allow the people to state their objections or to register their endorsements of the various measures.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL SQUIRE, Chairman

FRANCIS ARMSTRONG

F. HAROLD DUBORD

EXERENE FLOOD

THOMAS DAILY



# Report of Police Department

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Waterville, Maine, Jan. 26, 1948

Hon. Russell M. Squire, Mayor, and City Council,

City of Waterville, Maine

Gentlemen:

The Board of Police, in submitting its report for the fiscal year, wish to recommend an increase of three (3) Regular Patrolmen to give the City of Waterville more efficient Police Protection, which cannot be done with the present limited force.

It is also recommended, the purchase of a new Cruiser Car, of moderate price, and keep the present car for Spare and Emergency, which condition exists at all times under the current set up.

Respectfully submitted,

ULYSSES PONSANT, Chairman

JOSEPH R. POULIN

RAY E. DILLON

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## ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1947

Adultery -----	2
Affray -----	13
Allowing car to be operated with inadequate brakes ----	2



Allowing transfer of plates -----	1
Army Deserters -----	1
Arrested for out of town officers -----	16
Assault and Battery -----	37
Assault and Battery on an officer -----	6
Assault with intent to commit rape -----	3
Begging -----	4
Breaking, entering and larceny -----	1
Broken Probation -----	1
Capais -----	1
Carrying concealed weapon -----	1
Cruelty to animals -----	2
Dangerous driving -----	1
Drinking in a public place -----	2
Driving from the scene of accident without making himself known -----	12
Embezzlement -----	2
Escape -----	1
Evading Fare -----	2
Falsely registering at a hotel -----	1
Forgery -----	1
Giving liquor to a minor -----	1
Habitual Truant -----	1
Having carnal knowledge -----	1
Idle and Disorderly with no visible means of support -----	6
Illegal Possession of Immature Calves -----	1
Illegal sale of intoxicating liquors -----	1
Inadequate Brakes -----	4
Indecent Exposure -----	1
Indecent Liberties -----	4
Insane -----	7
Intoxication -----	374
Keeping a unlicensed dog -----	2
Keeping a vicious dog -----	1
Larceny -----	11
Larceny of Automobile -----	4
Lascivious in Speech and Behavior -----	13
Loitering on private property -----	4
Neglect to provide for family -----	8
No Inspection Sticker -----	12
Obstructing an Officer -----	2
Operating an automobile while under the influence of in- toxicating liquors -----	29
Operating an automobile without proper registration -----	10



## WATERVILLE, MAINE

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Operating an automobile without a license -----	18
Operating after right revoked -----	8
Parking unregistered car on the street -----	1
Passing R. R. Stop Signal -----	2
Passing on a curve -----	4
Reckless Driving -----	8
Runaways -----	7
Search for Intoxicating Liquors -----	1
Search for Stolen Goods -----	1
Selling liquor to minor -----	1
Selling Mortgaged Property -----	3
Speeding -----	21
Taking car without owner's consent -----	4
Uttering worthless check -----	1
Violation of City Ordinances -----	115
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## DISPOSAL OF CASES

Appealed -----	12
Bail Forfeited -----	1
Bound Over -----	7
Case Continued -----	12
Committed to County Jail -----	84
Discharged -----	27
Insane Hospital -----	7
Ordered out of Town -----	5
Paid Costs -----	252
Paid Fine and Costs -----	153
Placed on File -----	68
Placed on Probation -----	150
Prisoners Turned Over to Out of Town Officers -----	14
Search and Seizure -----	1
Search and Nothing Found -----	1
Reformatory for Women -----	1
Reformatory at South Windham -----	2
State School for Boys -----	2
State School for Girls -----	1
Turned Over to Parents -----	4
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## Report of City Electrician

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To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I herewith submit my report as City Electrician:

In addition to routine electrical work, electrical inspections, and minor electrical installations, the following jobs were completed during the year:

1. Installation of outlets in most rooms of the grade schools in the city for use in conjunction with slide projectors.
2. Improvement of lighting conditions in some of the grade schools.
3. Wiring of the new electrical kitchen at the High School.
4. Installation of a new electrical service and branch circuits at the Walnut Street School.
5. Installation and removal of airport contact lighting system.
6. Installation of lighting at swimming pool.
7. Replacement of most of the bad overhead fire alarm lines.
8. Installation of a new fire alarm whistle, and removal of same because of unsatisfactory performance.

New batteries have been ordered for the fire alarm system.

Respectfully submitted,

ODILON BERNIER,

City Electrician



# Report of Plumbing Inspector

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Waterville, Maine, January 5, 1948

Arthur Daviau, M. D., Health Officer:

I hereby submit my report as Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1947:

Number of permits issued ----- 188

Number of inspections made in connection with plumbing  
work done in the city ----- 188

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE J. JOLER,

Plumbing Inspector



## Welfare Department

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Waterville, Maine, January 20, 1948

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Waterville, Maine

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Clerk to Overseers of the Welfare Department for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947.

Although the City Welfare Department took the second \$5,000.00 cut in appropriation in the three years that I have been Clerk, I have, through careful and economical management stayed within the appropriation, and have an unexpended balance, as you may note in the financial statement, with all bills paid to date. This unexpended balance is \$8,040.03.

The case load of the Department has been comparatively small for the year 1947. The disposition of cases being desertion, seniles, and cases of sickness of the wage earner, and supplementals.

It may be well to mention that there were certain cases, in which after careful investigation, it was deemed advisable to withhold assistance.

One familiar with details of the Department can readily understand that enormous sums of the taxpayers money could be easily expended if not carefully supervised.

I have endeavored to treat all clients with utmost respect and fairness. Prompt and reasonable assistance has never been denied or withheld unnecessarily. The business of the Department has been distributed as evenly as possible among the taxpayers.



Much gratitude goes to townspeople who have been so helpful in donations of clothing. Also for the generous lot of home-knit mittens made by members of the Samaritan Department of the Waterville Woman's Club. This has been a tremendous saving to the City.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas our families as well as many others were provided with baskets distributed by the following:

The Elks, Amvets, Colby College, Sisters' Hospital  
American Legion Auxiliary, Salvation Army  
Departments of the Women's Club  
Other organizations

A Christmas party was sponsored for the second consecutive year by the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary for this Department. Much work was devoted in preparation. Many thanks go to the twenty-six merchants who so liberally contributed toys, games, and clothing. Also the many interested citizens who participated in making this party a huge success.

In view of the uncertainty of the present National economic situation, I would strongly recommend that the previous reduction of \$5,000.00 be restored to the 1948 budget of this Department. There has been a definite increase in the demand for assistance over the past few months. It would be well to be financially prepared for such an emergency which might arise in the next fiscal year.

In closing may I add that the success of the Department this year, as well as in the past two years, has been due to the excellent cooperation received from the recipients themselves, the State and local agencies who have stood ready to assist whenever possible; also the Mayor, the Overseers of the Welfare Department, Judge, Police Department, Street Department, service groups, and all interested citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE M. WILLEY

Clerk to the Overseers of the Welfare Department



## CITY WELFARE

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS AS OF  
DECEMBER 31ST, 1947

Appropriation -----		\$20,000 00
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Warrants drawn -----	\$13,385 36	
State and Outside Cities and Towns -----	3,434 48	
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		\$16,819 84
Total Credits -----		4,859 87
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Total cost of City Welfare -----		\$11,959 97

## DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES

## Administration, etc.

Salary of Clerk to Overseer -----	2,200 12	
Clerk Hire -----	1,245 78	
Office Expense -----	166 32	
Groceries and Provisions -----	3,103 68	
Clothing -----	205 29	
Fuel and Delivery -----	234 94	
Board and Rents -----	4,734 02	
Cash Support -----	96 00	
Household Supplies -----	22 50	
Miscellaneous -----	29 79	
Medical and Hospital -----	510 51	
Truck and Car Expense -----	415 63	
Funerals -----	110 00	
Woodyard Expense -----	310 78	
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Total Expenditures of City -----		\$13,385 36
Outside Cities and Towns -----	404 26	
State -----	3,030 22	
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		3,434 48
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Total Expenditures -----		\$16,819 84



**Credits**

Received from State -----	\$2,461 41	
Received from Outside Cities & Towns	580 20	
MPW Fund -----	45 00	
Miscellaneous -----	502 50	
Due from State -----	904 03	
Due from Outside Cities and towns --	102 23	
Municipal Airport (Wood) -----	44 00	
6 cds. dry hardwood in Yd. -----	108 00	
28 1-8 cds. slaps in Yd. -----	112 50	
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Total Credits -----		\$4,859 87
Total Cost of City Welfare -----		\$11,959 97



# Report of Inspector of Buildings

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To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I herewith submit my report as Building Inspector for the year 1947.

The following is a report of buildings on which construction started or progressed to completion:

## NEW CONSTRUCTION

Owner	Estimated completed value
E. H. Peavey, Broadway -----	\$6,000
Joseph Pelletier, College Ave. -----	6,500
Edward Gurski, Central Ave. -----	6,500
Paul Barrows, Central Ave. -----	6,000
Lewis Rosenthal, May St. -----	8,500
Lewis Rosenthal, May St. -----	8,500
Lewis Rosenthal, May St. -----	8,500
Frederick Fecteau, Donald St. -----	5,000
Wallace Fecteau, Donald St. -----	5,000
B. D. McLellan, Myrtle St. -----	6,000
Gordon Winters, High St. -----	7,000
E. P. Bacon, High St. -----	7,500
James Smith, High St. -----	6,200
Bernard Rancourt, College Ave. -----	12,000
Spaulding Bisbee, Upper Main St. -----	12,000
Melvin Beck, Roosevelt Ave. -----	12,000
Gerald Giguere, North St. -----	6,500
Gerald Giguere, North St. -----	6,500
Gerald Giguere, Pleasantdale Ave. -----	6,500
Gerald Giguere, Pleasantdale Ave. -----	6,500
Gerald Giguere, Pleasantdale Ave. -----	6,500



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Archie Bernier, Pleasantdale Ave. -----	8,500
Hubert Gullifer, Elmwood Ave. -----	6,000
Wilfred Bernier, Oakdale Ave. -----	10,000
Fernand Trehan, Oakdale Ave. -----	8,200
Clayton Pomerleau, Sanger Ave. -----	7,400
A. P. Wyman, Gilman St. -----	40,000
Carl Beck, Gilman St. -----	11,000
N. P. Saporita, Gilman St. -----	9,000
O. Cummings, First Rangeway -----	7,600
O. Cummings, First Rangeway -----	7,600
O. Cummings, First Rangeway -----	7,600
O. Cummings, First Rangeway -----	7,600
O. Cummings, Edgewood St. -----	7,600
O. Cummings, Edgewood St. -----	7,600
O. Cummings, Edgewood St. -----	7,600
O. Cummings, Elmhurst St. -----	7,600
O. Cummings, Elmhurst St. -----	7,600
O. Cummings, Elmhurst St. -----	7,600
O. Cummings, Elmhurst St. -----	7,600
John Bates, First Rangeway -----	10,500
Adrien Lagneux, Edgewood St. -----	7,000
Louis Carey, Broad St. -----	6,500
Lewis Vigue, Western Ave. -----	6,500
Lionel Vigue, Western Ave. -----	6,500
Lionel Vigue, Western Ave. -----	6,500
Rudolph Maheu, Western Ave. -----	6,700
Alvin Michaud, Oakland St. -----	6,500
Alvin Michaud, Oakland St. -----	6,500
A. J. Paulette, Francis St. -----	7,600
A. J. Paulette, Francis St. -----	7,000
Robert Lahrr, Francis St. -----	6,000
Fred Berard, Francis St. -----	6,100
Richard Pomerleau, Cool St. -----	2,500
Ralph Weir, Cool St. -----	3,000
Harry Smith, Cool St. -----	4,200
Ernest Vigue, Cool St. -----	9,000
Roland Cote, Merrifield Ave. -----	6,200
A. J. Carpenter, Merrifield Ave. -----	6,400
Oakley Lambert, Merrifield Ave. -----	9,800
Henry Daigle, Jefferson St. -----	4,000
Joseph Sylvian, Nelson St. -----	2,000
Fred Carter, Oakland Rd. -----	14,000
Henry Lizzotte, Wilkes St. -----	3,000
Joseph Pelotte, Wilkes St. -----	2,800



Frank Coro, Sterling St. -----	4,000
Preston Ross, Sidney Road -----	6,000
James Pelotte, Sidney Road -----	2,000
Charles Poulin, Franklin St. -----	6,400
Charles Poulin, Franklin St. -----	6,400
Charles Poulin, Franklin St. -----	6,400
Charles Poulin, Franklin St. -----	6,400
Rudolph Michaud, Franklin St. -----	7,300



View of typical housing project in which city participated to extent of supplying labor and equipment for extending streets and sewers. Shown is part of an eleven house project on east side of First Rangeway

Adelard J. Nadeau, Beverly Hills -----	7,000
Harold Labbe, Sidney Rd. -----	8,500
Forrest Taylor, Silvermount -----	6,900
Amsey Thompson, Silvermount -----	9,000
Rene Deschaine, Grove St. -----	7,400



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Armand Bouchard, Grove St. -----	5,500
Lorenzo LeClerc, Clark St. -----	1,900
Alfred LeClerc, Clark St. -----	2,300
A. J. Carey, Water St. -----	8,000
Romeo Gilbert, Ann St. -----	10,200
A. Loubier, Summer St. -----	10,000
Florian Dostie, Dunton Ct. -----	6,400
Keyes Fibre Co., College Ave. -----	225,000
Datsis Bros., Front St. -----	8,000
Louis Violette, College Ave. -----	5,500
Joseph N. Pooler, Elm St. -----	35,000
J. W. Scribner, Silver St. -----	23,000
Charles Bellegarde, College Ave. -----	60,000
Charles Davis, Burleigh St. -----	6,200
A. P. Wyman, College Ave. -----	12,000
Michauds Garage, College Ave. -----	17,000
Berard's Body Shop, Kennebec St. -----	5,000
Thomas Pelletier, Oakland St. -----	2,800
Henry Jacobson, Charles St. -----	11,000
Morrisette's Market, Oakland Rd. -----	4,200
Hector Cyr, Oakland Rd. -----	10,000
J. W. Scribner, Silver St. -----	3,600
Lloyd Burgess, Oakland Rd. -----	500
Ralph Wier, Pearl St. -----	500
J. A. O'Brien, Oak St. -----	600
Leo DeRaps, Oakland Rd. -----	500
Stanley L. Pooler, College Ave. -----	800
William Cottle, Elm St. -----	200
Stella Martin, Ticonic St. -----	500
Henry Morin, Percival Ct. -----	500
Philip Gullifer, Oakland Rd. -----	600
Frank Bulger, Summer St. -----	800
Reed Hilton, Pleasantdale Ave. -----	500
Thomas Bureau, Pleasantdale Ave. -----	400
Joseph Pelletier, College Ave. -----	600
John Nardi, Bartlett St. -----	1,100

## ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS

Henry Morin, Percival Ct. -----	1,100
Ephrem Lingto, Water St. -----	13,000
Clarence Morrell, Jackson St. -----	1,700
C. F. Hathaway, Appleton St. -----	900



Marjorie Dyke, Cool St. -----	300
Frank Cyr, Yeaton St. -----	600
David Daviau, Western Ave. -----	1,200
Clovis Joseph, Pleasnt St. -----	3,500
Francis Reny, Green St. -----	1,200
Peter Cote, Green St. -----	6,000
Rollins & Dunham, Front St. -----	9,000
Paul Theriault, Gray St. -----	3,000
Frank Bulger, Summer St. -----	1,900
Joseph F. Vigue, Water St. -----	200
Wordell Rancourt, King St. -----	800
Holman Belliveau, Gold St. -----	900
Robert Strout, Elm St. -----	1,000
Sam Maroon, Hathaway St. -----	1,500
John Therriault, Merrifield Ave. -----	700
Arthur Lessard, Water St. -----	1,200
Bion R. White, Elm Terrace -----	900
Frederick Jacques, Western Ave. -----	1,500
Alderic Cormier, Water St. -----	700
Pete Bilodeau, Sheldon Place -----	1,800
Joseph George, Union St. -----	800
T. B. Ashcraft, Pleasant St. -----	16,000
Barrows Trans. Co., Pleasant St. -----	1,300
Omer Mathieu, Main St. -----	3,500
Central Maine Power Co., Main St. -----	45,000
James Cohen, Water St. -----	7,400
Clifford Soucier, Gold St. -----	4,500
Joseph Perry, Getchell St. -----	300
Paul Vigue, Water St. -----	5,000
John Thurlow, Pleasant St. -----	1,500
W. B. Arnold Co., Main St. -----	900
H. R. Dunham Co., Main St. -----	500
Eugene Letourneau, Edgemont Ave. -----	200
City Opera House, City Building -----	3,000
Dr. E. H. Risley, College Ave. -----	300
State Theatre, Silver St. -----	400
Albert Parsons, Silver Terrace -----	200
Dr. Reynolds, Main St. -----	700
Louis Pooler, Greenwood St. -----	2,000
W. B. Arnold Co., Main St. -----	400
Central Maine Motors, College Ave. -----	26,000
Arthur Earle, Front St. -----	500
Russell Clukey, Western Ave. -----	400
Thomas Poulin, Nudd St. -----	2,700



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Amos Lake, Kelsey St. -----	200
Calvin Morrisette, College Ave. -----	4,500
Stanislaus Chamberlain, Western Ave. -----	600
E. McManus, Boutelle Ave. -----	7,000
Leo Compangnon, King St. -----	3,000
Congregational Church, Temple St. -----	15,000
Evelyn Goodhue, Union St. -----	200
A. J. Watts, College Ave. -----	900
Joesph Talbot, Western Ave. -----	3,000
Ernest Poulin, Silver St. -----	300
Dave Campagner, Drummond Ave. -----	300
Paul Grenier, College Ave. -----	5,000
Frank Cameron, Canabas Ave. -----	4,000
Henry Kelly, Canabas Ave. -----	3,000
Philip Vigue, Sanger Ave. -----	1,500
Napoleon Latulippe, Gold St. -----	4,000
Charles Gilman, Charles St. -----	600
Maine Central R. R. Station -----	35,000
Construction on new Colby Campus -----	\$450,000 00

Total Construction -----	\$1,776,000 00
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1947 construction to provide homes for 142 families

Respectfully submitted,

ODILON BERNIER

Building Inspector



## Sealer of Weights and Measures

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To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

This is a report of the work performed by this department for the year ending December 31, 1947.

No. scales tested -----	360	Condemned -----	7
No. Weights tested -----	1116	“ -----	34
No. Measuregraphs tested -----	4	“ -----	0
No. Yardsticks tested -----	40	“ -----	2
No. Oil Drums tested -----	15	“ -----	1
No. Dry Measures tested -----	1	“ -----	0
No. Liquid Measures tested -----	126	“ -----	7
No. Gas Pumps tested -----	139	“ -----	5
No. Molasses Pumps tested -----	1	“ -----	0
No. Oil Pumps tested -----	56	“ -----	4
No. Vehicle Tanks tested -----	13	“ -----	2
No. Wood Carts surveyed -----	87	“ -----	1
No. Gas Meters tested -----	62	“ -----	2
No. Coal Baskets tested -----	0	“ -----	0
No. Water tested -----	13	“ -----	0
No. Aeroplanes Weighed -----	8	“ -----	0
No. times potatoes reweighed ---	14	Found short -----	2
No. Cords wood surveyed -----	56½	Found short -----	3
No. Packages inspected -----	193	Found short -----	3
No. Breads inspected -----	47	Found short -----	2

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. JONES,

Sealer of Weights and Measures



## Pine Grove Cemetery

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To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The following is an itemized account of all Receipts and Expenditures during the year of 1947.

### Cash Operating Statement for 1947

#### Receipts:

Cash on hand February 1, 1947	\$ 210 00	
Annual Care	792 00	
Foundations	929 10	
Appropriations, City of Waterville	6,000 00	
Burials	2,023 00	
Grading	9 00	
Miscellaneous	212 25	
Sale of lots	\$1,570 00	
Perp. Care	4537 88	
Int. and Div.	446 95	
	6,554 83	
		\$16,730 18

#### Expenditures:

Labor	\$5,525 05	
Withholding tax 1947	451 20	
Withholding tax 1946	107 00	
Supt. Salary	1,654 49	
Office Supplies	43 35	
Cemetery Committee Salaries	225 00	
Water, Lights and Telephone	258 90	
Repairs	182 78	
New Equipment	531 86	
Miscellaneous	517 15	
Gravel, Loam and Shrubbery	393 65	
Gas and Oil	202 06	
Perpetual Care Funds Transferred	6,554 83	
	\$16,647 32	
Cash on Hand January 1, 1948		82 86
		\$16,730 18



STATEMENT OF PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS ACCOUNT 1947  
INVESTMENTS

Bonds:	Value	Cost
1 U.S.A. War Savings Bond Series F. No. X216564F -----	\$10,000 00	\$ 7,400 00
2 U.S.A. Defense—Series F Due 12 years Dated December 1942, X92927, 8F -----	20,000 00	14,800 00
3 U.S.A. Defense, Series F Due 12 years Dated December 1942 No. 379198-99-200F -----	3,000 00	2,200 00
1 U.S.A. Defense Series G 2½ % Dated Feb. 1942 No. X106439G	10,000 00	10,000 00
1 U.S.A. Defense Series F, Due 12 years dated December 1942 D219622F -----	500 00	370 00
4 U.S.A. Defense, Series F Due 12 years dated Dec. 1942, No. C492544, 5 6, 7F -----	400 00	296 00
1 U.S.A. Savings Bond, Series F, Due 12 years dated June 1945, No. V238002 -----	5,000 00	3,700 00
1 U.S.A. Savings Bond, Series F, Due 12 years dated Feb. 1946, No. M131044F -----	1,000 00	740 00
3 U.S.A. Savings Bond Series F Due 12 years date Feb. 1946, No. C1553352, 3, 4, F -----	300 00	222 00
2 U.S.A. Savings Bonds Series F Due 12 years Date Feb. 1946, No. Q1167405, 6F -----	50 00	37 00
4 U.S.A. Treasury M1165123, 1165829, 31 32 -----	4,000 00	2,960 00
1 U.S.A. Savings Bond Series F Due 12 years Date March 1947	10,000 00	7,400 00



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1 U.S.A. Savings Bonds Series F, Due 12 years Date Dec. 10, 1947, No. M1479287F	11,000 00	740 00
“ C1669850F	100 00	74 00
“ C1669851F	100 00	74 00
“ C1669852F	100 00	74 00
“ Q1229094F	25 00	18 50
“ Q1229095F	25 00	18 50
“ X310486F, date Dec. 30, 1947	10,000 00	7,400 00
“ M1479460F, date Dec. 30, 1947	1,000 00	740 00
“ C1669965F, date Dec. 30, 1947	100 00	74 00
“ C1669966F, date Dec. 30, 1947	100 00	74 00
“ M1479247F, date Dec. 30, 1947	1,000 00	740 00
1 City of New York Corporate Stock 4½ of 1967 No. 32071	1,000 00	1,021 13
1 Town of Livermore, School District Bond 4% of 1946 No. 9 called		
1 City of Maisonneuve, 5% of 1954 No. 0780 called		
1 City of Montreal, 5% of 1954 G1056X (Replaced)	1,000 00	945 83
2 City of Dallas, No. 1476, 77—Dividend \$5.00 to \$22.50 at Maturity, Coupons unredeemed and on hand October 1, 1940, and subsequent coupons defaulted for 1939 in amount of \$20.44	2,000 00	1,963 80
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		\$64,082 76



Stocks:

	Value	Cost
6 Shares of Standard Oil Stock Indiana Cert. No. 065340, Donated	\$ 150 00	\$ 150 00
10 Shares of Lockwood Co. Cert. 1197-1189	500 00	500 00
5 Shares of Lockwood Co. No. 5548-1922	250 00	250 00

1 Share of Minnesota Mining Co. Cert. 6094 Donated	No Par Value
1 Share of Minnesota Mining Co. Cert. 3165 L	900 00
Federal Trust Company Savings Book No. 4116	141 08

Total Savings Investments	\$66,023 84
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Respectfully submitted,

LEON B. BERRY

EUGENE LANDER

LEWIS O. LOMBARD



# Report of Board of Registration

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January 5, 1948

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Board of Registration submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Mr. Holland served as Chairman of the Board until October 1, 1947, and this report is intended to cover both his and my work for the year.

New Check Lists were printed in August.

The Board held Open Session in November for the City Election.

New Registration during year -----	598
Changes made from ward to ward -----	397
Dropped from Lists -----	471
 Total Registration January 1, 1947 -----	 8636

## EXPENSE

Board -----	\$ 834 00
Clerks -----	155 00
Printing -----	191 00
Miscellaneous -----	20 70
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	\$1,200 70

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA GARRANT, Chairman



# Public Debt Amortization Commission

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Waterville, Maine, January 1, 1948

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

In accordance with the statutory provisions of this State the Public Debt Amortization Commission submits its twenty-first report.

In view of the fact that our last report carried to February 1, 1947, and to conform with the change in the fiscal year of the city, this report covers only the period of eleven months to January 1, 1948. Because the interest payable to the Commission from the city is usually paid in the months of January and this constitutes the principal source of income, this reports shows a lessened income.

Cash balance on hand 2-1-47 savings A/C Depositors Trust Company -----	\$ 1,644 93
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**Receipts:**

Interest on United States Defense Bonds -----	700 00
Interest on temporary savings deposit -----	2 57
	<hr/> \$ 2,347 50

**Withdrawals:**

February, 1947, (2) Series F U. S. Gov't bonds (1000.00) par -----	1,480 00
Premium on cost of Commissioners Bonds -----	37 50
November, 1947, (1) Series F U. S. Gov't bond (1000.00) par -----	740 00
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Total Withdrawals -----	\$ 2,257 50
Cash balance on hand January 1, 1948, Savings Account Depositors Trust Company -----	90 00
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Par Value of Bonds on hand February 1, 1947 -----	\$67,000 00
Purchased during 1947 as above -----	3,000 00
On Hand January 1, 1948, Safe Deposit Box in Depositors Trust Company -----	\$70,000 00

**Detailed list of bonds on hand January 1, 1948**

Series C dated November, 1938 -----	\$10,000 00
Series D dated July, 1939 -----	10,000 00
Series G dated August, 1941 -----	2,000 00
Series G dated October, 1941 -----	2,000 00
Series G dated January, 1942 -----	11,000 00
Series G dated February, 1942 -----	1,000 00
Series G dated July, 1942 -----	1,000 00
Series G dated September, 1942 -----	5,000 00
Series G dated November, 1942 -----	10,000.00
Series G dated December, 1942 -----	1,000 00
Series G dated February, 1943 -----	1,000 00
Series F dated May, 1943 -----	8,000 00
Series F dated February, 1944 -----	1,000 00
Series F dated June, 1944 -----	1,000 00
Series F dated March, 1945 -----	1,000 00
Series F dated July, 1945 -----	1,000 00
Series F dated February, 1946 -----	1,000 00
Series F dated February, 1947 -----	2,000 00
Series F dated November, 1947 -----	1,000 00
Par Value Total -----	<hr/> \$70,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL N. PERKINS

WILLIAM P. TOULOUSE

GEORGE D. HEGARTY



## Report of City Solicitor

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January 24, 1948

To the Mayor and members of the City Council:

Herewith is submitted my report as City Solicitor for the past year.

The amount of business of this department subsided somewhat from that of the previous year, but still continued in substantial volume. Conferences were held with the various department heads on legal matters and opinions were furnished. Various claims on behalf of the Cemetery Committee, the Fire Department, and the Welfare Department of the City were prosecuted and, where possible, collections were effected.

The Zoning Committee appointed by the Mayor held several conferences during the year and finally completed and submitted to the Mayor a proposed Zoning Plan and Ordinance. This matter is now ready for submission to the City Council for passage. It is recommended that the utmost publicity be given this ordinance, as although it fills a long felt need, it can succeed only with the enlightened and enthusiastic support of the citizenry.

It is recommended that the pay of the City Solicitor be increased as the present salary seems highly inadequate for the amount of work involved. Besides the general rise in costs, it should be remembered that Waterville is a growing city and the number of legal problems arising necessarily keeps pace. Yet today the City Solicitor is receiving practically the same salary as that payable at the time of the incorporation of the City about sixty years ago.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. LEVINE

City Solicitor



## Report of City Park Commission

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To the Honorable Mayor and Members of The City Government.

The Park Commission operating as in the past years herewith submits the following report.

A number of dead trees were removed and trees around our Parks and City were trimmed and put in good condition.

The swimming pool was open most of the summer under the supervision of Mr. Donovan and it was well patronized by both children and adults.

A Junior Baseball League was formed and it turned out to be a great success.

Playgrounds were operated at the South Grammar and Kiwanis Pool.

Skating for the children was enjoyed at the South End Arena and Whipple Bowl.

I suggest that the care of Parks and Trees be taken care of by the Street Department because they have equipment to take care of the trees. At the present time all the Park Department has to care for the parks are 2 Lawn Mowers, a Wheel Barrow and 4 Rakes.

I wish at this time to thank all other members of the Commission for their kind cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD E. RANCOURT, Chairman



## Report of Advisory Committee of Haines Charity Fund

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December 31, 1947

Honorable Mayor and City Council

City Hall

Waterville, Maine

Gentlemen:

Since our last report, several corporation bonds have been called and due to general market conditions it has been considered wise by your Committee to recommend the investment of the proceeds from these called bonds in U. S. Treasury Bonds, which has been done. Stock dividends have been received on two of the bank stocks held, thereby increasing the holdings of these stocks. The corpus of the fund at the original purchase price of the securities, including such accretions which have come about through stock dividends and sales of securities in the past, has reached a total in excess of the original fund as turned over to us by the widow of the late William T. Haines.

Very truly yours,

FRANK B. HUBBARD

CYRIL M. JOLY

WILLIAM A. KNAUFF

ARTHUR PICHER

LEWIS WHIPPLE



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