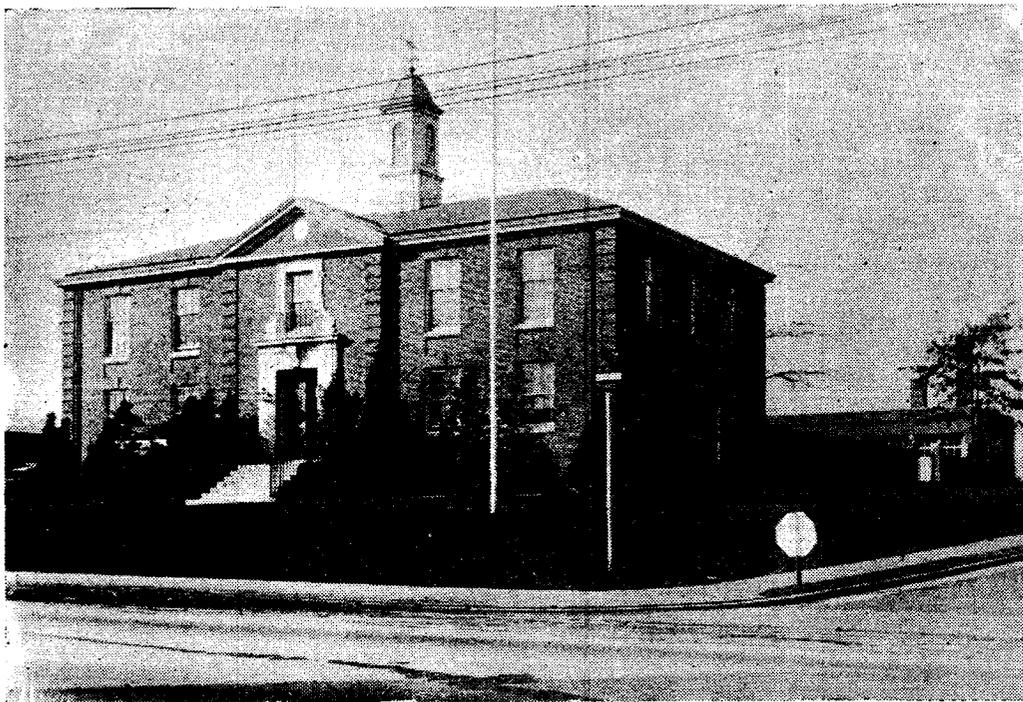


ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Township of Abington



1937

Year Ending January 3, 1938

COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
PENNSYLVANIA

<i>Ward</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>
Abington—No. 1	WATSON T. CHESTERMAN 9 Edge Hill Road
Saw Mill Hill—No. 2	LUKE GREENHALGH 907 San Diego Avenue
Glenside—No. 3	LEWIS C. DORN 309 W. Wharton Road
McKinley—No. 4	EDWIN H. GEISLER 518 Cypress Avenue
Crestmont—No. 5	WILLIAM H. JONES 430 Arnold Avenue
North Glenside—No. 6	CHARLES B. MARKS 309 Maple Avenue
Noble—No. 7	HOWARD W. TRUMP 506 Grove Avenue
Roslyn—No. 8	ALEXANDER HOGG Avondale Avenue
Ardsley—No. 9	LEWIS J. MEYER 538 Tyson Avenue
Roychester—No. 10	CHARLES H. GUENST 112 Lycoming Avenue
Glenside—No. 11	WILLIAM K. DONALDSON 316 Abington Avenue
Glenside—No. 12	WILLIAM GEBHARDTSBAUER 302 E. Oakdale Avenue
Glenside—No. 13	BENJAMIN H. DAVIS 30 W. Lynnwood Avenue

OFFICERS

CHARLES B. MARKS, President
WILLIAM H. JONES, Vice-President
E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary
ROBERT C. ROSS, Treasurer

Solicitor.

DAVID E. GROSHENS

<p><i>Chief of Police</i> PATRICK McKEE</p> <p><i>Plumbing Inspector</i> MONROE C. ROBERTS</p> <p><i>Health Officer</i> GEORGE P. RAPP</p>	<p><i>Township Engineer</i> OLIVER L. KING</p> <p><i>Highway Supervisor</i> ISAAC SOWERS, JR.</p> <p><i>Building Inspector</i> OLIVER L. KING</p>
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Board of Township Commissioners meet on the
Second Thursday of Each Month at 8 o'clock P. M.

The regular meetings of the Departments are as follows:

Public Safety	First Tuesday	7:30 o'clock P. M.
Public Health	First Wednesday	7:30 o'clock P. M.
Public Works	First Thursday	7:30 o'clock P. M.
Public Affairs	Second Wednesday	7:30 o'clock P. M.
Fire Board	Third Tuesday	7:30 o'clock P. M.
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Fourth Tuesday	7:30 o'clock P. M.

CALL THE SECRETARY

For General Township Information	}	Ogontz 2700
For Highway Information		
For Health Information		
For Building Information		
For Garbage Collection Service		

Office Hours 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Saturdays 9 A. M. to 12 Noon
Holidays Excepted

CALL THE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR INFORMATION
RELATING TO TAXES—OGONTZ 2700

FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE
Call Bureau of Police, Ogontz 2700
Office Always Open.

IN CASE OF FIRE
Call Ogontz 2700

The two nearest Fire Companies will proceed
immediately to the fire.
Operators at Switchboard 24 hours of the day.

PERSONNEL

Departments and Boards

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WILLIAM K. DONALDSON, Director
WILLIAM H. JONES
CHARLES H. GUENST
HOWARD W. TRUMP

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CHARLES H. GUENST, Director
EDWIN H. GEISSLER
WATSON T. CHESTERMAN
BENJAMIN H. DAVIS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

WILLIAM H. JONES, Director
ALEXANDER HOGG
LEWIS J. MEYER
LEWIS C. DORN

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

HOWARD W. TRUMP, Director
WILLIAM GEBHARDTSBAUER
LUKE GREENHALGH

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

HARRY T. MacKENZIE, Chairman
JOSHUA M. HOLMES, JR.
HARVEY SMITH

TO THE CITIZENS OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP:

It is imperative that the municipalities' credit be maintained in order that the people may enjoy a continuous flow of the services that are necessary to health, protection to life and property, and growth. Abington Township's municipal credit means good conditions, modern improvements, expansion and progress.

Our credit is based on the confidence we have established with the Financial Institutions. The promptness in meeting in full all financial obligations is the keynote of our good credit. We have accomplished this through a well planned financial program, careful economy, and exact accounting; and appreciating the legal restrictions and safeguards as vital factors in keeping our credit intact.

Abington Township is now operating on a Cash basis and during the recent years of financial stress, has reduced its bonded indebtedness from one-half million dollars to approximately one-quarter million dollars.

While the financial problems of local government have become increasingly complex, the Board of Commissioners have not lost sight of the fact that taxes are passed on to the property owner and tenant; and with a full knowledge of this, all services have been maintained with no increase in the tax rate, and the Township placed in the strongest financial condition in its history.

We recognize that municipal accounting is a highly specialized field and consider we are very fortunate in having the electorate choose for us, three Township Auditors whose broad experience and familiarity with Township affairs qualifies them with the necessary requisites to audit your Township Accounts.

I wish to personally thank the members and officers of the Board, the employees, and our many friends who have cooperated in placing Abington Township among the leading Townships of our Commonwealth.

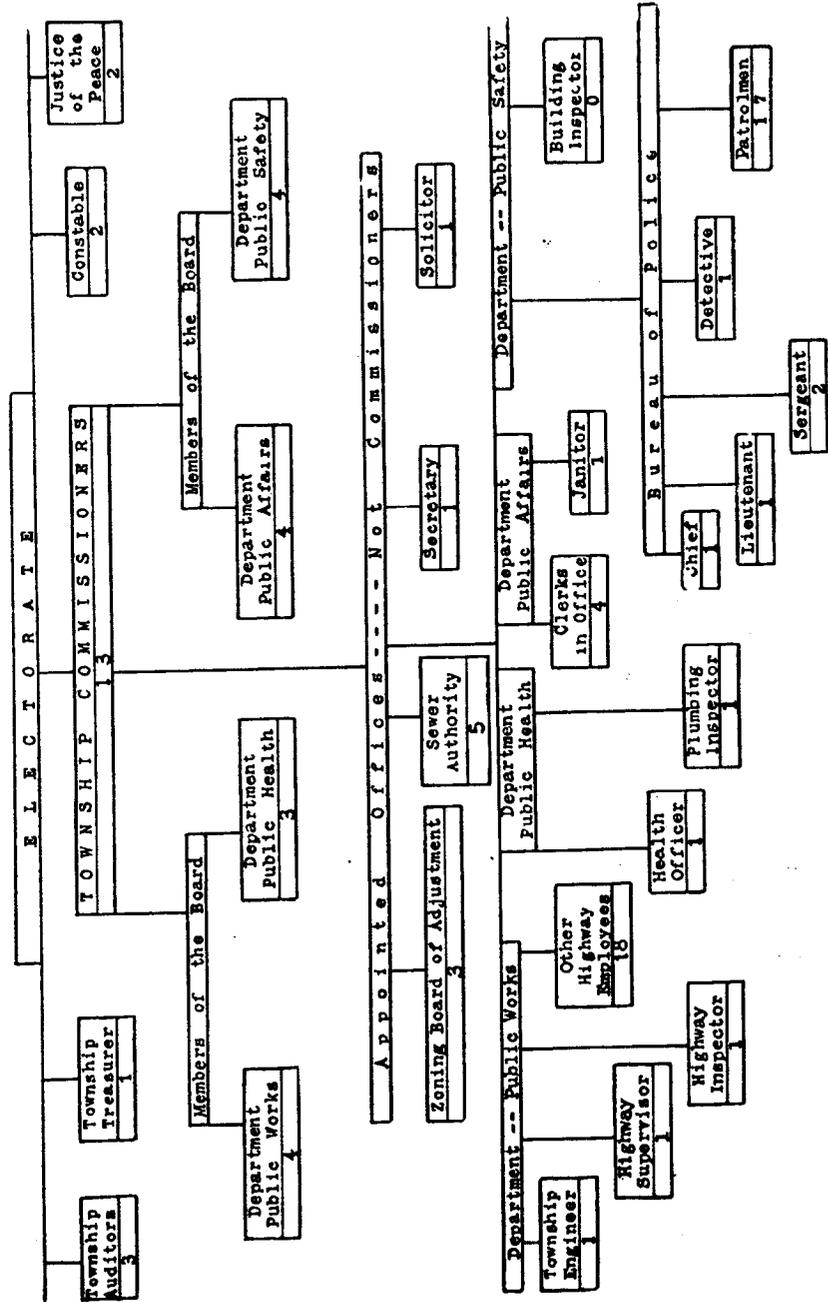
Respectfully,

CHARLES B. MARKS, President

FUNCTIONAL ORGANIZATION

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania



March 3, 1938

Mr. Charles Marks, President
and Township Commissioners
Abington Township
Abington, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

We present herewith our 1937 report for your consideration, and desire to voice our opinion upon matters relating thereto.

We commend the Secretary of the Board and the Township Treasurer for having their records in perfect order, making a thorough and quick audit possible.

We wish to congratulate the Commissioners and Officers upon the careful management of the Police Pension Fund which is financially sound and serving a worth-while purpose.

The fact that the township has retired bonds to the amount of \$46,000 to decrease their bonded indebtedness is a matter worthy of note, and we would especially commend you upon one item in our report which shows the "cash assets" of the township to be approximately \$7000 in excess of the "liabilities." This, to our way of thinking, shows very plainly the excellent financial condition of the township, which should be thoroughly appreciated by the citizenry of Abington Township.

The Auditors feel that these facts should be common knowledge throughout the township and you may use this letter, which has been unsolicited, in any way you see fit to accomplish this end.

Very respectfully,

D. E. KRUEGER
CHARLES WILLIAMS
WM. RAYMOND VOGEL
Auditors

AUDITORS' REPORT
of the
Account of ROBERT C. ROSS, Treasurer
and the
Commissioners of the Township of Abington
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
From the First Monday of January 1937 to the
First Monday of January 1938
GENERAL ACCOUNT

DEBITS

To Bank Balances 1/4/37	\$ 11,652.12
Received on account of 1936 Taxes and Penalties	\$ 22,396.65
Received on account of 1937 Taxes	241,416.74
Received on account of 1937 Penalties	597.20
Received from Miscellaneous receipts	
Highway Permits and Pole Licenses	\$ 3,623.39
Building Permits	3,810.00
Amusement Permits	362.00
Plumbing Permits and Registration of Plumbers	2,869.00
Sewer Rental and House Connection	3,248.99
Liquor License Fee	6,237.50
Fines collected and paid by Justice of the Peace	120.00
Auto Accident Cases	520.44
Miscellaneous	320.36
	\$ 21,111.68
Received from Temporary Loan 1937	100,000.00
Received on account Land Liens	
1929	\$ 5.97
1930	227.79
1931	614.91
1932	1,616.03
1933	3,517.64
1934	5,576.08
1935	8,477.53
1936	8,323.79
Unseated Land net Pen. & Int.	1,235.47
	\$ 29,595.21
	\$415,117.48
	\$426,769.60

CREDITS

By VOUCHERS issued:

for Treasurer's Compensation\$ 6,254.47
for Treasurer's Expense 520.32
for Repayment of Temporary Loan 1937 .. 100,000.00

\$106,774.79

for Debt Service 56,847.71
for General Government 22,064.51
for Municipal Buildings 4,667.58
for Police 59,650.68
for Fire Protection 18,968.00
for Building Inspection & Zoning 559.56
for Street Lighting 27,754.68
for Health and Sanitation 8,405.39
for Sanitary Sewers 4,285.38
for Highway Purposes 70,264.20
for Ash Removal 10,304.50
for Transfer to Park & Shade Tree Account 5,000.00

\$395,546.98

By 2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer 590.82

\$396,137.80

By Bank Balances 1/3/38 30,631.80

\$426,769.60

UNCOLLECTED TAXES DUE:

By Robert C. Ross, Treasurer	
By 1935 Taxes and Penalties last Audit	\$ 1,014.22
By 1936 Taxes and Penalties last Audit	61,704.85
By 1936 Additional Penalty	907.60
	\$ 63,626.67
Less amount paid on account	\$ 22,396.65
Less 1936 Tax Liens filed	40,353.07
	\$ 62,749.72
By Delinquent Taxes and Penalties due	\$ 876.95
Account 1937 Tax Duplicate	\$293,048.57
Extra Assessment	1,280.50
	\$294,329.07
To allowances due by county letters	1,931.02
	\$292,398.05
NET TAX DUPLICATE	\$292,398.05
To Net Collection	241,416.74
	\$ 50,981.31
Amount of 1937 Tax Due	\$ 50,981.31
Amount of 1937 Penalties	\$ 2,549.06
Credit for 1937 Penalties Paid	597.20
	\$ 1,951.86
Amount of 1937 Penalty due	\$ 1,951.86
By 1937 Taxes and Penalties due	\$ 52,933.17
	\$ 53,810.12

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PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

DEBITS

Balance on Hand, January 4, 1937	\$ 19,745.43
Received on account of Sewer & Sidewalk Liens	1,756.90
Received on account Bank Interest	130.47
Received on account Transfer from General Fund	16,559.07
	\$ 38,191.87

CREDITS

Expenditures:	
Widening Mt. Carmel Avenue	\$ 1,958.15
Depository Bond Expense	66.42
	\$ 2,024.57
Balance on Hand, January 3, 1938	\$ 36,167.30

PARK AND SHADE TREE ACCOUNT

DEBITS

Balance on Hand, January 4, 1937	\$ 18,460.43
Received on account Bank Interest	130.16
Received on account Transfer General Fund	5,000.00
	\$ 23,590.59

CREDITS

Expenditures:	
Baederwood Park	\$ 1,056.50
Roychester Park	30.00
Depository Bond Expense	75.28
	\$ 1,161.78
Balance on Hand, January 3, 1938	\$ 22,428.81

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TOWNSHIP BONDS AND SINKING FUND ACCOUNTS

Outstanding Bonds, January 4, 1937	\$413,000.00
Bonds retired during year 1937	
Loan 1907	\$ 4,000.00
Loan 1912	17,000.00
Loan 1923	15,000.00
Loan 1927	10,000.00
	\$ 46,000.00
Outstanding Bonds, January 3, 1938	\$367,000.00
Balance in Sinking Fund Accounts, 1/4/37	\$112,271.21
1937 Tax collected	54,306.93
Bank Interest Credited	1,573.00
	\$168,151.14
Expenditures:	
Retirement of Bonds	\$ 46,000.00
State Taxes, 1936	1,318.00
Coupon Interest Paid	17,448.75
Depository Bond Expense, etc.	421.52
	\$ 65,188.27
Balance in Sinking Fund Accounts, 1/3/38	\$102,962.87

SEWER AND IMPROVEMENT LIENS

DEBITS

Liens outstanding January 4, 1937	
Account of Sewer and Improvement Liens	\$ 7,698.11
Account of Sewer Rental Liens filed	78.81
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	\$ 7,776.92

CREDITS

Received on account of Sewers	\$ 990.31
Received on account Mt. Carmel Avenue Improve- ments	3,126.85
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	\$ 4,117.16

Outstanding, January 3, 1938 \$ 3,659.76

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKETS

Justice of the Peace H. C. WILLIAMS

Balance due January 4, 1937	\$ 80.00
Amount remitted	80.00

Justice of the Peace HARRY DOOLEY

Fines Imposed	\$ 245.00
Fines remitted	245.00

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LIABILITIES

Balance of Loan 1912	\$ 55,000.00
Balance of Loan 1913	10,000.00
Balance of Loan 1919	10,000.00
Balance of Loan 1923	20,000.00
Balance of Loan 1925	16,000.00
Balance of Loan 1925A	29,000.00
Balance of Loan 1927	34,000.00
Balance of Loan 1928	49,000.00
Balance of Loan 1930	90,000.00
Balance of Loan 1931	54,000.00
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	\$367,000.00
Treasurer's Compensation	\$ 6,491.81
Less amount paid on Account	6,254.47
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	\$ 237.34
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	\$367,237.34

CASH ASSETS

Sinking Fund, Loan of 1912	\$ 1,461.74
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1913	3,606.65
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1919	12,069.82
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1923	7,738.01
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1925	16,893.37
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1925A	10,171.36
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1927	7,367.28
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1928	16,710.41
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1930	23,543.63
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1931	3,400.60
	\$102,962.87
Bank Balances, General Fund	30,631.80
Bank Balances, Permanent Improvement Fund	36,167.30
Bank Balance, Park & Shade Tree Fund	22,428.81
Due by Treasurer	53,810.12
Due by 1929 Land Liens	\$ 3,451.88
Due by 1930 Land Liens	3,513.55
Due by 1931 Land Liens	9,238.28
Due by 1932 Land Liens	13,202.31
Due by 1933 Land Liens	16,688.88
Due by 1934 Land Liens	22,666.89
Due by 1935 Land Liens	23,333.70
Due by 1936 Land Liens	31,981.65
	\$124,077.14
Due by Sewer and Improvement Liens	3,659.76
	\$373,737.80

We, the undersigned Township Auditors of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, do hereby report that we have audited, settled and adjusted the accounts of the Board of Township Commissioners of the Township of Abington, and of ROBERT C. ROSS, the Township Treasurer, for the year beginning on the first Monday of January 1937 and ending on the first Monday of January 1938, and find that the above statement of the list of receipts, expenditures, credits, and debits, is a true and correct account of said settlement and audit, and we find said accounts as above stated.

D. E. KRUEGER
 CHARLES WILLIAMS
 WM. RAYMOND VOGEL
 Township Auditors

Abington, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1938.

Attest:

E. RAYMOND AMBLER,
 Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Your Directors of Public Affairs submit the following matters for your consideration.

During the year we have provided office space in the basement for the National Youth Administration, National Reemployment Service, and State Relief.

The functional organization of the Township is exhibited in detail on page 6.

The 1937 Tax Anticipation Note of \$100,000. was sold January 25, 1937 to Fisher, MacEwan & Company, 1500 Walnut Street, Philadelphia at an interest cost of .0074. This Note was paid October fifteenth out of the 1937 current taxes and the Township has no temporary loan obligations.

The following statements, comparisons and detailed financial reports, in conjunction with the Auditors' Report, are evidence of the Township's financial soundness.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

DEBITS

Bank Balances—General Accounts	\$ 11,652.12	
Received from Secretary on account of Miscellaneous Receipts	21,111.68	
Received from Treasurer on account of 1936 Taxes ...	22,396.65	
Received from Treasurer on account of 1937 Taxes	242,013.94	
Received from County on account of Land Liens	29,004.39	
Received account of 1937 Temporary Loan	100,000.00	
		————— \$426,178.78

CREDITS

Vouchers issued, General Accounts	\$273,987.91	
Vouchers issued, Temporary Loans	100,000.00	
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Account	16,559.07	
Transfer to Park & Shade Tree Account	5,000.00	
		————— \$395,546.98
Bank Balances—General Accounts, end of year		30,631.80
		————— \$426,178.78

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP'S SOURCES OF INCOME AND THE SERVICES
FOR WHICH IT WAS EXPENDED DURING THE YEARS 1936 and 1937**

\$313,484.89 — 1936 TOTAL GENERAL FUND 1937 — \$326,178.78

1936 — REVENUE — 1937

	\$230,905.40	Real Estate Taxes	\$242,013.94	
	19,707.57	Prior Years	22,396.65	
	42,517.26	Land Liens	29,004.39	
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93.5%	\$293,130.23		\$293,414.98	90. %
.8%	2,741.80	Reserve Fund Balance Jan. 1	11,652.12	3.5%
2. %	5,929.17	Liquor Licenses	6,237.50	2. %
2.6%	8,161.25	Permits	10,664.39	3.2%
.9%	2,954.00	Sewer Rentals and Installations	3,249.99	1. %
.2%	568.44	Miscellaneous	960.80	.3%
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100. %				100. %

1936 — EXPENDITURES — 1937

		Protection to Life and Property		
	\$ 58,718.39	Police Protection	\$ 59,650.68	
	20,257.40	Fire Protection	18,968.00	
	2,274.64	Bldg. Inspection and Zoning	559.56	
	27,655.96	Street Lighting	27,754.68	
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34.8%	\$108,906.39		\$106,932.92	32.8%
4.6%	24,496.40	Health and Sanitary Sewers	12,690.77	3.9%
26.3%	82,525.48	Debt Service	55,288.64	16.7%
8.4%	26,210.43	General Government and Tax Collection	28,839.30	8.8%
1.8%	5,742.35	Maintenance Township Buildings	4,667.58	1.5%
19. %	59,420.21	Highway and Engineering	65,568.70	20.1%
1.4%	4,531.51	Transfer to Perm. Imp. a/c	16,559.07	5.3%
		Transfer to Park and Shade Tree	5,000.00	1.5%
3.7%	11,652.12	Reserve Fund Balance January 1	30,631.80	9.4%
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100. %				100. %

PROPERTY VALUATION

	1936	1937
Assessed valuation of real estate	\$22,294,261.	\$22,540,820.
Valuation of tax exempt real estate	3,350,500.	3,356,500.

BONDED DEBT

Abington Township has never defaulted in its debt obligations.

Total General Obligations	Outstanding	Sinking Fund
January 1, 1938	\$367,000.00	\$102,962.87
January 1, 1937	413,000.00	112,271.21
January 1, 1936	428,000.00	65,354.28
January 1, 1935	471,000.00	63,979.87

Abington Township, from 1906 to 1931 inclusive, had fourteen bond issues, totaling \$794,000. The following comparative statement reveals the growth of the Township and its financial soundness.

Year	Assessed Valuation	Outstanding Bonds	Balance Sinking Fund	Net Bonded Debt
1907	\$5,400,000.	\$125,000.		\$125,000.
1917	8,950,000.	319,000.	\$19,161.00	299,839.
1927	18,399,000.	430,000.	35,420.00	394,580.
1937	22,540,820.	367,000.	102,962.00	264,038.

The legal debt limit is 7% of the assessed valuation:

2% under councilmanic authority

5% under electorate authority

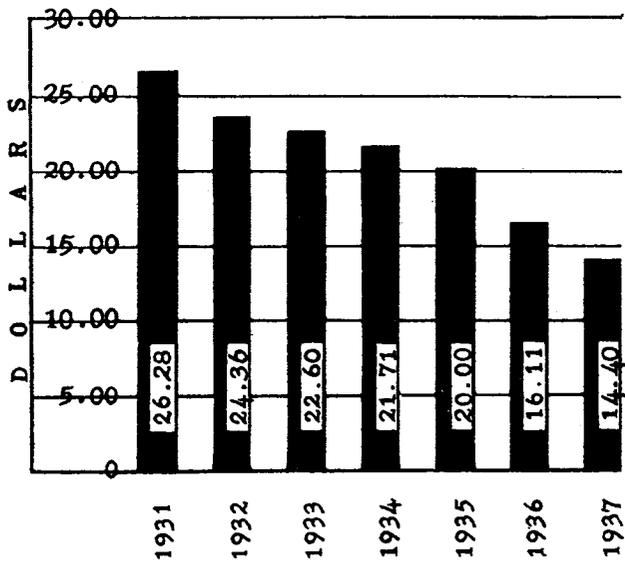
The report of the Township Bonds and Sinking Fund Accounts for 1937 are set forth in the Auditors' Report.

The following chart shows the per capita net bonded indebtedness in 1931—\$26.28, which has been reduced annually and in 1937 is but \$14.40.

PER CAPITA "NET" BONDED DEBT

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

1930 CENSUS POPULATION - 18,648



TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year 1st Monday January	Total Property Tax	Uncollected end Fiscal Year	Uncollected Jan. 3, 1938
1934	\$291,182.00	\$77,386.28	\$ _____
1935	287,130.46	60,198.02	_____
1936	289,602.12	61,704.85	876.95
1937	292,398.05	52,933.17	52,933.17

Tax Liens are filed with County First Monday of May following the year of levy and balances of uncollected taxes at end of year include the items for that year which will be liened the following May if unpaid at that time.

TAX DATA

Taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 3, 1938 will be billed July 1.

Penalty added after September 1. No discount.

Uncollected taxes are included in the next year's budget.

Liens are filed with County Commissioners on First Monday in May following the year of the levy.

There have been no tax sales since 1929.

Your 1937 Tax Dollar was distributed as follows:

COUNTY GOVERNMENT07
SCHOOL GOVERNMENT61
TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT32
	\$1.00

BANK DEPOSITS

Total Balance General Funds	\$ 30,631.80
Total balance Permanent Improvement Funds	36,167.30
Total balance Park & Shade Tree Fund	22,428.81
Total balance Sinking Funds	102,962.87

The two depositories are—

Abington Bank & Trust Company, Abington, Pa.

Jenkintown Bank & Trust Company, Jenkintown, Pa.

Deposits are secured by Depository Agreement with security according to law.

APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES

DEBT SERVICE

	BUDGET APPROPRIATION	TRANSFERS WITHIN ACCTS.	AMOUNT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
Interest and expense on Temporary Loans	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 78.48	\$ 1,403.23	\$ 2,018.29
State Tax	1,500.00	182.00	1,318.00	
Payments to Sinking Funds (Special Tax)	53,866.00	260.48	54,126.48	
Temporary Loans	125,000.00		100,000.00	25,000.00
	<u>\$183,866.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$156,847.71</u>	<u>\$ 27,018.29</u>

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	BUDGET APPROPRIATION	TRANSFERS WITHIN ACCTS.	AMOUNT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
Salaries, (Commissioners & Office)	\$ 14,240.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 14,200.80	\$ 19.20
Auditor's Fees	350.00	10.00	360.00	
Postage, printing & advertising	700.00	620.03	1,320.03	
Office supplies and equipment	1,200.00	530.40	1,730.40	
Expenses of officials	60.00	48.00	108.00	
Telephone and telegraph	3,150.00	20.00	3,165.97	4.03
Association dues & convention expense	400.00	48.85	443.82	5.03
Compensation & Liability insurance	150.00	129.78	12.99	7.23
Premium on officials bonds	50.00	27.50	22.50	
Other expenses & reserve for contingencies	5,000.00			3,900.00
Contribution, Public Library	200.00	1,100.00	200.00	
Treasurer's Fees	7,000.00		6,254.47	745.53
Other expense of tax collection	1,500.00		1,020.32	479.68
	<u>\$ 34,000.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 28,839.30</u>	<u>\$ 5,160.70</u>

**APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES
MAINTENANCE TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS**

	BUDGET APPROPRIATION \$	TRANSFERS WITHIN ACCTS. \$	AMOUNT EXPENDED \$	UNEXPENDED BALANCE \$
Salary, Janitor	1,920.00		1,920.00	
Materials and supplies	600.00		591.95	8.05
Fuel, light and water	1,780.00		1,378.14	401.86
Repairs, not including extensions	1,300.00		777.49	522.51
Insurance, Building-Compensation- Liability	400.00			400.00
	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 4,667.58</u>	<u>\$ 1,332.42</u>

P O L I C E

	BUDGET APPROPRIATION \$	TRANSFERS WITHIN ACCTS. \$	AMOUNT EXPENDED \$	UNEXPENDED BALANCE \$
Salaries	85.00	—	25.00	10.00
Police Surgeon	200.00	50.00	204.27	.73
Office Supplies	150.00	5.00	115.15	34.85
Advertising, printing & postage	1,500.00	150.00	1,576.85	73.15
Uniforms	2,615.00	390.14	2,957.50	47.64
Other Expenses	1,500.00	512.50	2,007.02	5.48
Maintenance and repairs to autos	3,900.00	270.00	3,627.63	2.37
Gasoline and oil	500.00	25.00	482.35	42.65
Maintenance traffic signals	350.00	—	135.43	14.57
Radio	1,450.00	—	1,428.85	21.15
Insurance (Compensation & Liability)	1,000.00	819.86	1,723.13	96.73
Motor Equipment				
	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 59,650.68</u>	<u>\$ 349.32</u>

APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES

FIRE PROTECTION

	BUDGET APPROPRIATION	TRANSFERS WITHIN ACCTS.	AMOUNT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
Contribution to Volunteer Co. 1937	\$ 11,000.00	\$	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Hydrant rentals and water supply	9,500.00		8,968.00	532.00
	\$ 20,500.00	\$	\$ 18,968.00	\$ 1,532.00

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BUILDING REGULATION AND ZONING

Salary, Building Inspector	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$	\$ 1,800.00
Other Expenses	2,000.00		559.56	1,440.44
	\$ 3,800.00	\$	\$ 559.56	\$ 3,240.44

STREET LIGHTING

Street Lighting	\$ 27,700.00	\$	\$ 27,754.68	Overdrawn \$ 54.68
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APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES

HEALTH and SANITATION

	BUDGET APPROPRIATION	TRANSFERS WITHIN ACCTS.	AMOUNT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
Salaries (Health Officer & Plumbing Insp.)	\$ 4,440.00	\$	\$ 4,440.00	\$
Milk Inspection	1,100.00		1,099.33	.67
Plumbing Inspection	580.00		521.59	58.41
Material and supplies	200.00		148.30	51.70
Other Expenses	300.00		296.17	3.83
Collection of Garbage	2,500.00		1,900.00	600.00
	<u>\$ 9,120.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 8,405.39</u>	<u>\$ 714.61</u>

SANITARY SEWERS

Wages of laborers	\$ 1,600.00			\$ 1,600.00
Materials and supplies	500.00		173.32	326.68
Other operation and maintenance	3,600.00	100.00	3,566.52	133.48
Construction of sewers	800.00	— 100.00	545.54	154.46
	<u>\$ 6,500.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 4,285.38</u>	<u>\$ 2,214.62</u>

APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES

H I G H W A Y S

	BUDGET APPROPRIATION	TRANSFERS WITHIN ACCTS.	AMOUNT EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
Salaries (Engineer, Supervisor & Insp.)	\$ 7,740.00		\$ 7,740.00	\$
Wages of laborers	15,174.00	4,000.00	10,742.40	431.60
Road Materials	15,000.00	2,700.00	16,505.97	1,194.03
Office supplies	800.00		639.20	160.80
Advertising and printing	400.00		206.50	193.50
Street signs and markings	800.00	1,000.00	1,370.91	429.09
Snow removal	1,200.00		120.45	1,079.55
Maintenance earth roads	700.00	2,000.00	2,078.15	621.85
Repairs to bridges-pipes-walls	800.00		398.60	401.40
Cleaning streets & gutters	700.00	3,300.00	3,902.23	97.77
Other Highway care	1,900.00	1,475.00	229.78	195.22
Gasoline and oils	2,500.00		2,229.22	270.78
Maintenance and repair to equipment	2,400.00	1,575.00	3,396.95	578.05
Rent of equipment	1,500.00	200.00	672.00	628.00
Purchase tools and minor equipment	500.00	600.00	1,090.40	9.60
Insurance, Compen.-Liability-Sidewalk	2,000.00		1,976.32	23.68
Construction and repairing of roads	25,000.00	6,700.00	17,892.42	407.58
Purchase of Major Equipment	1,000.00	1,200.00	2,178.70	21.30
	\$ 80,114.00	\$	\$ 73,370.20	\$ 6,743.80
	Credit truck service on ashes		3,106.00	3,106.00
			\$ 70,264.20	\$ 9,849.80

APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES

ASH AND RUBBISH COLLECTION

	BUDGET APPROPRIATION	TRANSFERS WITHIN ACCTS.	AMOUNT EXPENDED	OVERDRAWN
Ash Collection	\$ 10,000.00	\$	\$ 10,304.50	\$ 304.50

PARK & SHADE TREE ACCOUNT (Special Fund)

Park & Shade Tree Tax, 1937	\$ 5,500.00	\$	\$ 5,000.00	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
				\$ 500.00

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Bureau of Police

Your Department of Public Safety, during the year 1937, applied for and received forty Governor's Highway Safety Council Signs, which were placed by the Department of Public Works in the ten communities of our township.

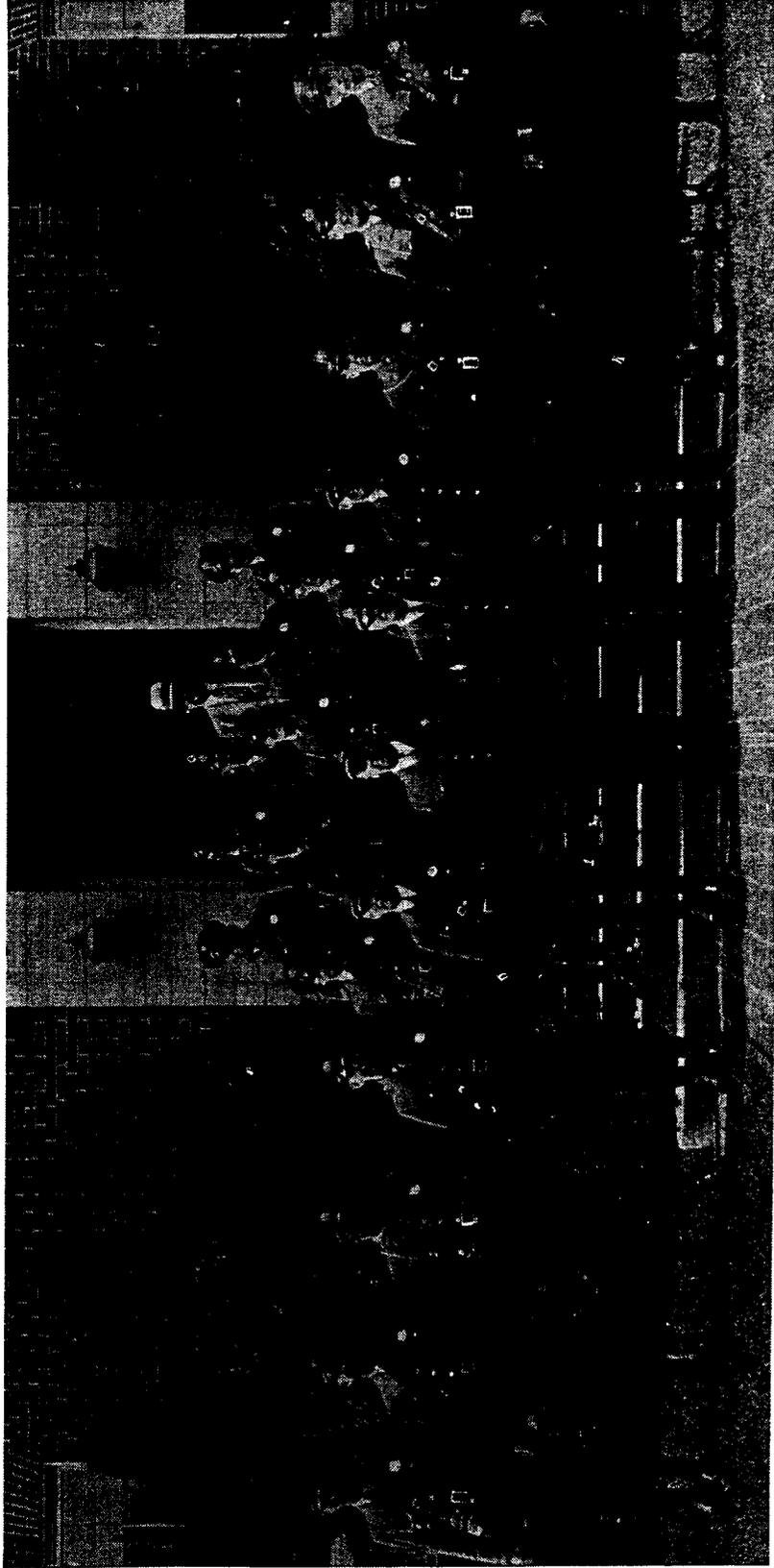
Representatives of Jenkintown Borough, Upper Dublin Township, and Upper Moreland Township requested the extension of our radio service to include their municipalities. To accomplish this it was necessary to make changes in our equipment. A new eighty-five foot above ground steel pole was installed together with a new concentric transmission line. These changes were done at no expense to Abington Township and the change has brought about a greater efficiency in the work of our township as well as the municipalities covered by the increase of service. This was especially brought to our attention in the recent horrible crime on December thirteenth when Wendell Bowers murdered Mrs. Carpenter in her home in Upper Dublin Township. Our District Attorney, Frederick B. Smillie, has commended our Chief of Police, Patrick McKee, who, with his splendid co-operation with Chief of Police Ottinger of Upper Dublin Township, compared the fingerprints on bottles and material in the Carpenter home which eventually settled the case. District Attorney Smillie further stated, "It was Chief McKee who, within a very short time, was able to definitely state that the fingerprints on the bottle compared with the fingerprints of the known killer."

Mr. John H. Ferguson, Night Sergeant since the establishment of our Police Department in 1906, resigned May 1, 1937, and Harry Spencer was advanced from Patrolman to Night Sergeant, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation.

Two 1938 Plymouth Standard Business Coupes and one 1938 Dodge Coupe were exchanged for three used cars.

The Bureau of Police report the result of its operation during the year 1937 as follows:

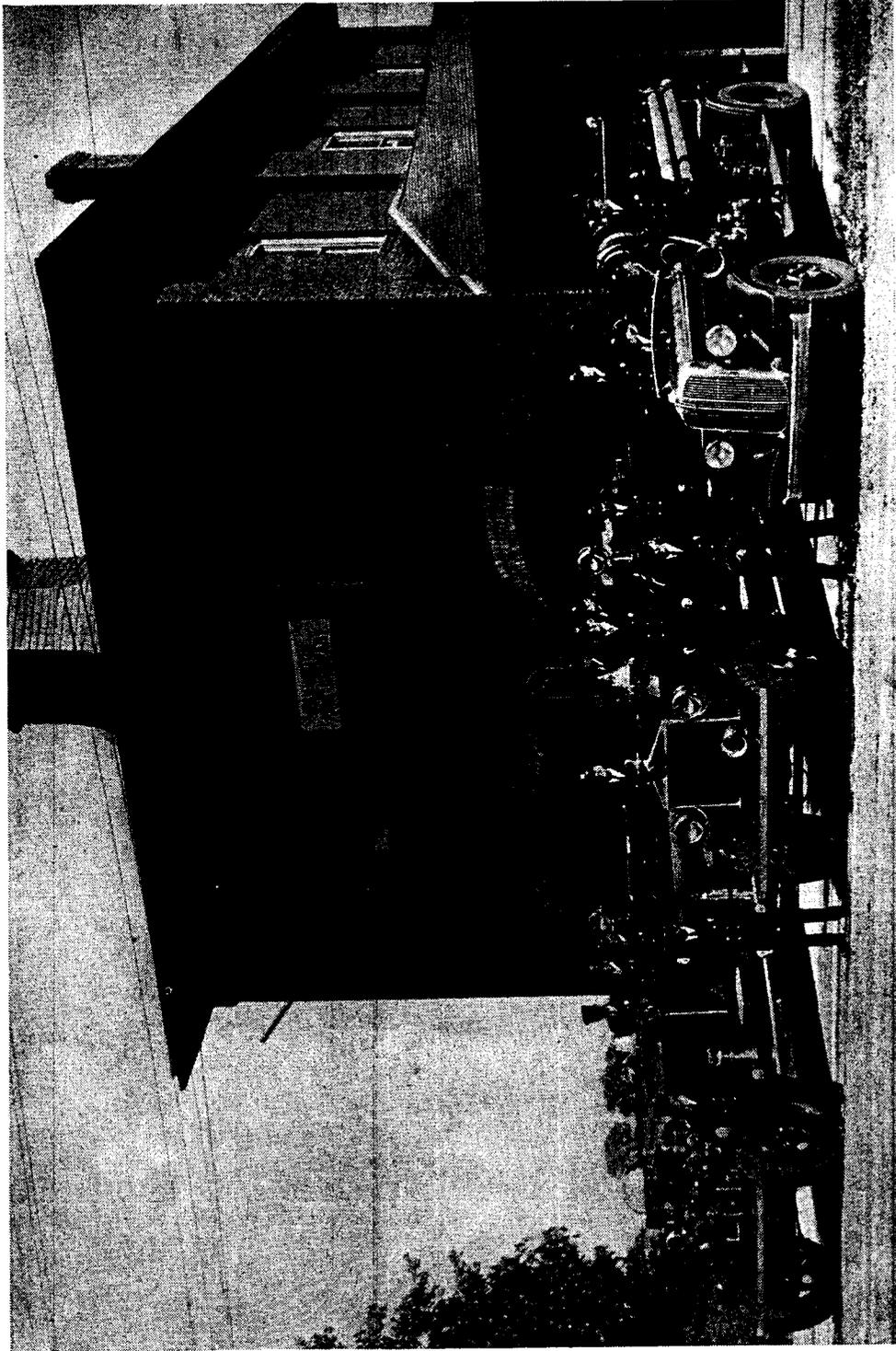
Dogs killed by Officers	215
Fires reported	130
Lodgers accommodated	525
Meals served to prisoners	780
Persons hurt in accidents reported to this Department	565
Prisoners finger printed and photographed	63
Attempted Suicide	10
Street lights reported out	1866
Stolen Automobiles Recovered	19
Suicides	6
Value of stolen goods recovered	\$8487.80



THE ABINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS
All Members of the Abington Township Police Pension Association
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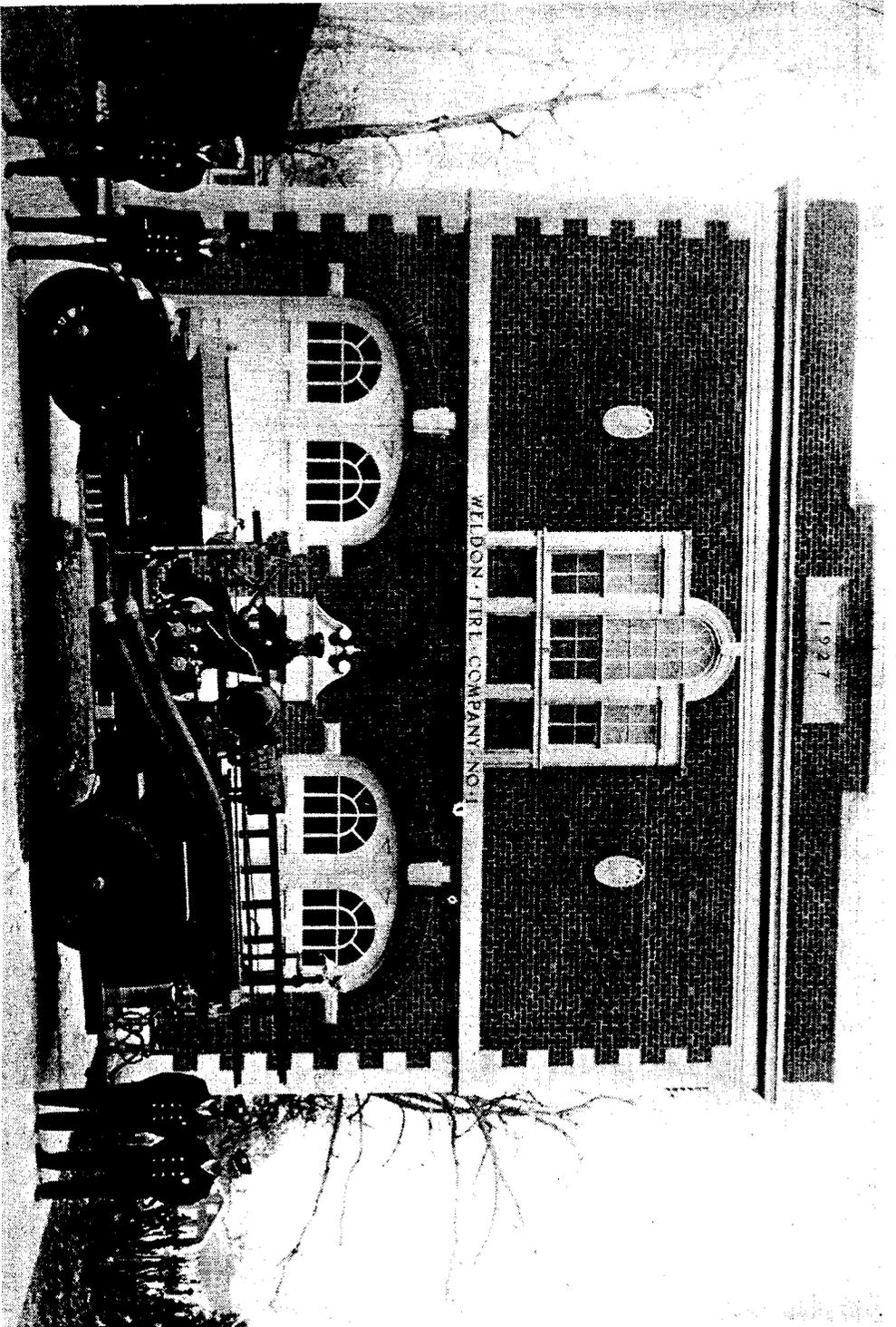
During the year 787 arrests were made and classified as follows:

Adultery	1	Maintaining a nuisance	1
Adultery and Bastardy	1	Making threats	2
Aggravated Assault and Battery	11	Malicious mischief	33
Assault and Battery	29	Manslaughter by automobiles ...	1
Assault and Bat. by auto	93	Material witness	2
Assault and Bat. to commit rape	2	Non-support	11
Assault and Bat. by Fire Arms	1	Obtaining money by fraud	1
Assault and Bat. by trolley car	2	Operating automobile under in-	
Begging	3	fluence of liquor	15
Breach of the Peace	2	Operating automobile without	
Breaking, entry and larceny	6	owners consent	3
Contempt of Court	1	Operating a gambling house ...	1
Defrauding a Hotel Keeper	4	Passing worthless checks	3
Demented	7	Peddling without a license	2
Disorderly Conduct	87	Possession of untaxed liquor and	
Drunk	191	sale of same	1
Enticing Minors	1	Reckless discharge of fire arms	1
Failing to Appear in Court	1	Robbery	1
Failing to Stop and render aid		Runaways	1
after accident	3	Selling Adulterated Butter	1
Felonious Entry and Larceny ...	5	Surety of the Peace	5
Forcible Entry	1	Suspicion of Larceny	23
Forgery	1	Suspicious Persons	12
Fornication and bastardy	1	Threats	1
Fraudulent conversion	2	Trespass	1
Frequenting Disorderly houses	5	Vagrancy	5
Gambling	1	Violation of Coal Code	1
Hitch Hiker	1	Violation of Health Laws	5
Incorrigible	6	Violation of Liquor Control Laws	2
Indecent Exposure	5	Violation of Parole Laws	3
Intent to Defraud	1	Violation of Penna. Motor Laws	67
Involuntary Manslaughter	4	Violation of School Code	3
Larceny	37	Violation of Township Ordinance	
Larceny of Automobiles	17	No. 396	25
Larceny of Copper Wire	3	Violation of Township Ordinance	
Larceny and embezzlement	1	(Plumbing)	3
Larceny of gasoline	1	Violation of Wage Act	8
		Violation of Witkin Fire Arm Act	3
		Worthless Checks	1



ABINGTON FIRE COMPANY STATION AND EQUIPMENT

1937



WELDON FIRE COMPANY STATION AND EQUIPMENT
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Bureau of Fire Protection

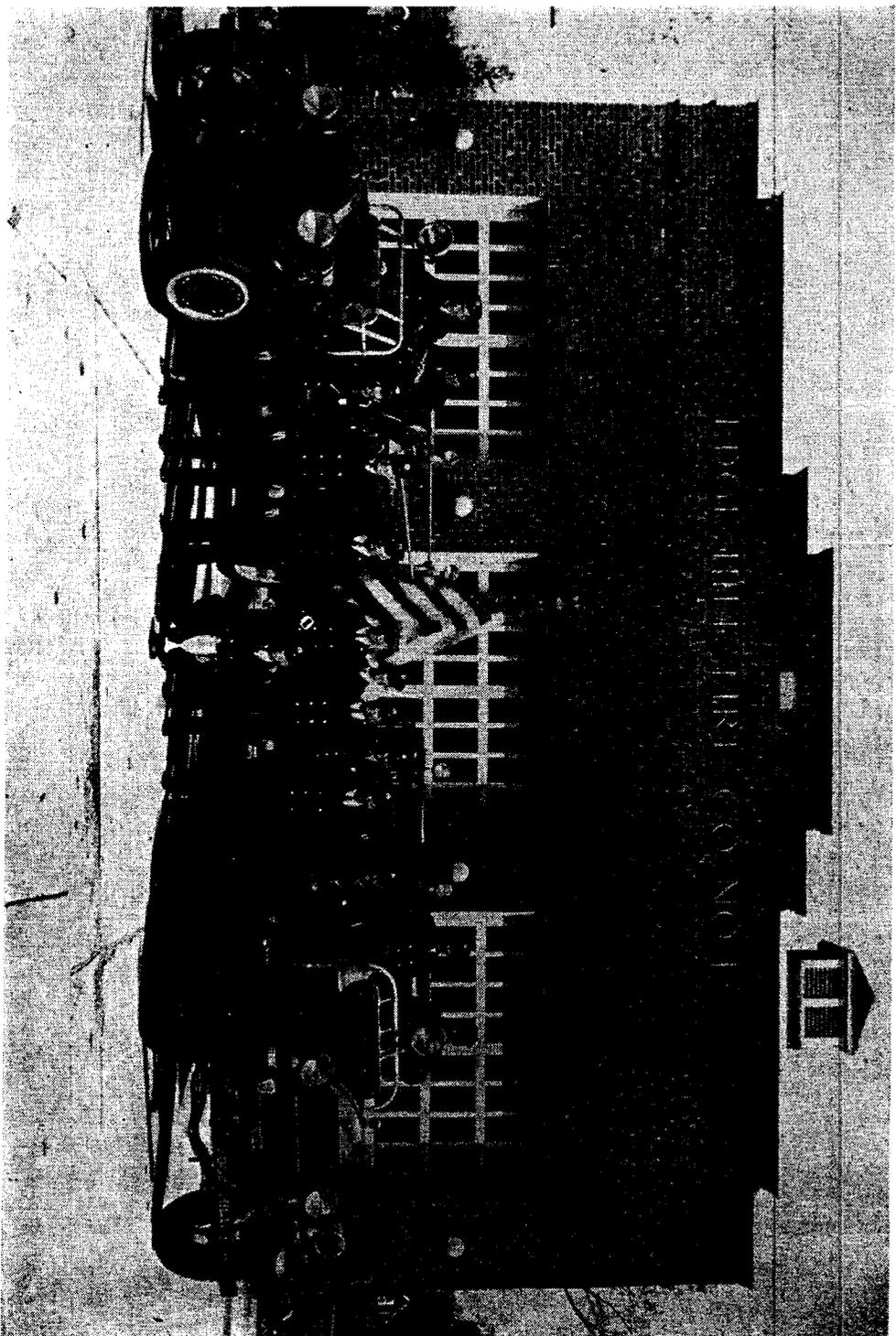
The Abington Township Fire Department is composed of the five volunteer fire companies operating under the supervision of the Fire Board. The Fire Board is composed of the Commissioner members of the Department of Public Safety and the Fire Chief of each volunteer company.

Company drills are held at intervals without coordination between companies. Considerable advance has been made in the study of fire methods through an organized school meeting at stated intervals. Operations are also discussed at regular officers' meetings.

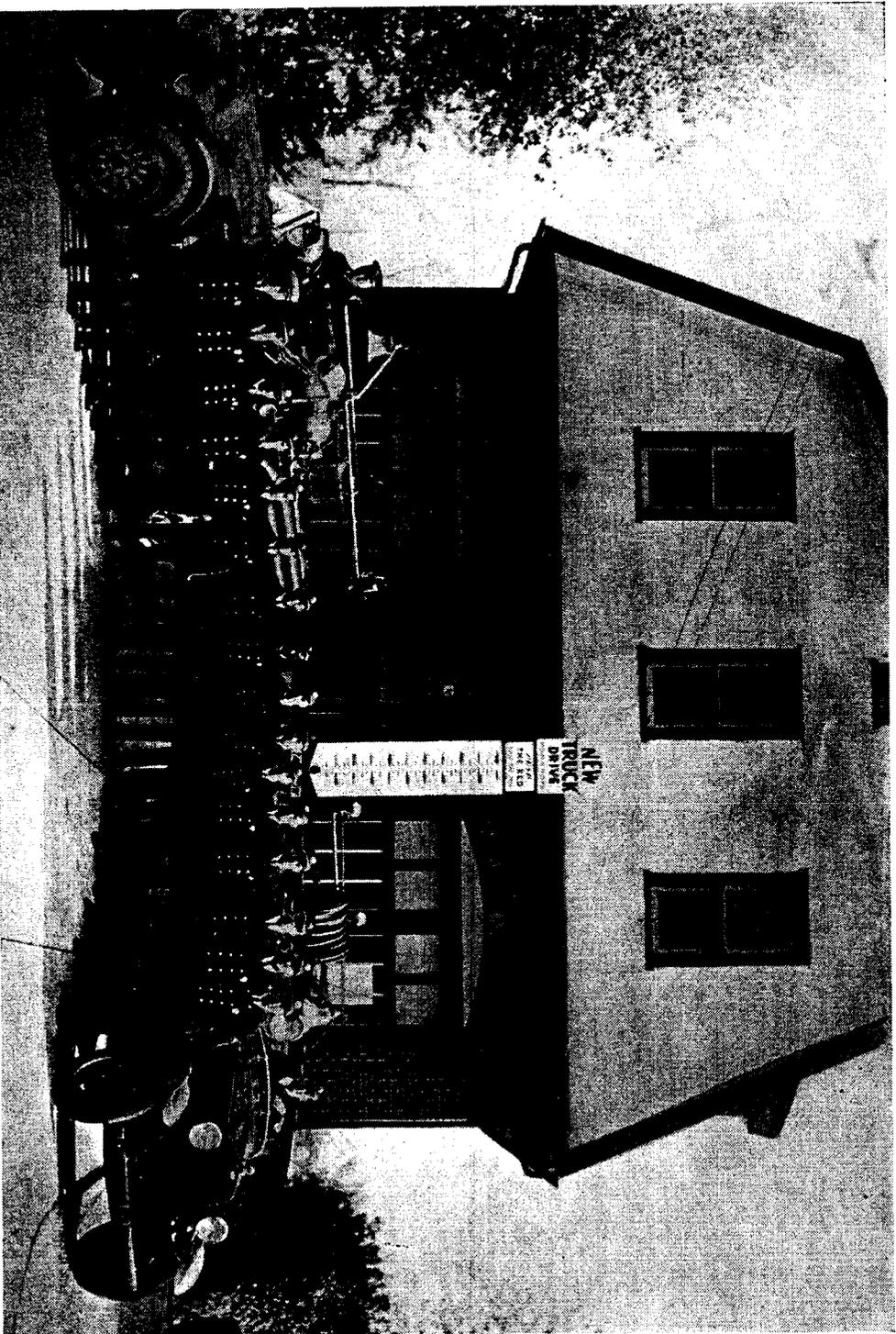
Each volunteer fire company owns its fire station, which collectively represent a value of \$88,000. The eleven pieces of equipment represent a value of over \$50,000. Their trucks carry 11,250 feet of 2½ inch hose and each company carries from 300 feet to 500 feet of 1½ inch hose with small shut-off nozzles and siamese connection for 2½ inch line. Of the total supply over 5000 feet of hose has been in service over five years. The variable quantity and age per company suggest the need for uniform annual replacements. Much of the fire companies' equipment has been secured and maintained by voluntary contributions from the residents of the Township.

While there is no fire alarm telegraph system the handling of telephone alarms has been developed to a highly effectual degree. Telephone alarms are received at the Abington Township Police Station switchboard where continuous service is maintained. The switchboard includes facilities for operating fire station sirens and transmitting alarms by telephone over separate circuits to each fire station. These lines are reserved for fire service and supplemented in each fire station by an additional telephone. Indicators at each station show companies out of service and recall, operated from headquarters. The seven police call boxes are available to the public for reporting fires.

The Fire Board, in conjunction with the five volunteer fire companies, have worked strenuously for several years to have a new fire zone rating established in Abington Township. In November 1937 the Middle Department Rating Association, Suburban Division, of which Mr. Robert F. Goodhue is Engineer, issued a report establishing the entire Township as a fire zone with a Class "B" rating, including the zones formerly known as Abington, Edge Hill, McKinley, and Weldon.



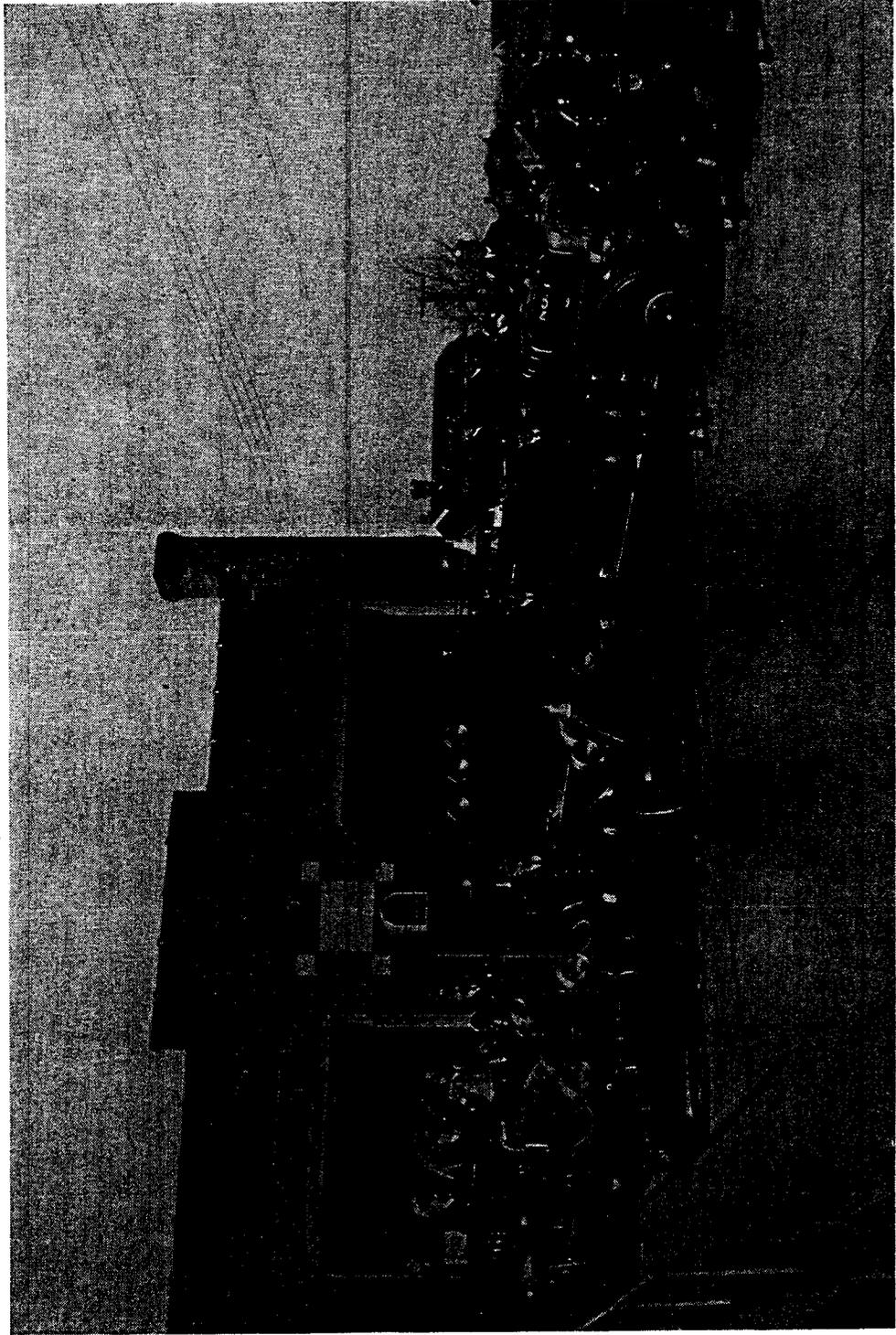
EDGE HILL FIRE COMPANY STATION AND EQUIPMENT
1937



MCKINLEY FIRE COMPANY STATION AND EQUIPMENT
1937

The companies of the Abington Township Fire Department report having attended fires, December 1, 1936 to December 1, 1937, classified as follows:

	ABINGTON	WELDON	EDGE HILL	McKINLEY	ROSLYN
Automobiles	2	2	4	1	1
Barns	2	1	1	1	2
Chicken House			2		
Club		1	1		
Dump		2		1	
Dwellings	19	8	9	7	15
Factory	1	1			
Field Fire and Rubbish	31	17	9	20	11
Garage	3	5	2		
Hospital					1
Lumber Yard	1	1			
Trucks	1	1	1		
Woods and Underbrush	12	4	11	11	8



ROSLYN FIRE COMPANY STATION AND EQUIPMENT
1937

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Bureau of Building Inspection and Zoning

Three hundred and eighty-seven (387) applications were received for Building Permits issued during the year 1937 at an estimated cost as follows:

88 Dwellings	\$1,086,616.00
39 Accessory Buildings	21,054.00
4 Commercial Buildings	37,000.00
216 Alterations, Additions and Repairs	107,947.00
22 Signs	1,945.00
10 Temporary Permits	
8 Demolished Buildings	
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387	\$1,254,562.00

The following statement sets forth the construction of dwellings and separate garages and service stations during the years 1932 to 1937 inclusive.

DWELLINGS				SEPARATE GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS			
1932	22	estimated cost	\$ 209,900.	55	estimated cost	\$18,206.	
1933	21	estimated cost	137,000.	63	estimated cost	28,476.	
1934	16	estimated cost	106,650.	37	estimated cost	11,860.	
1935	27	estimated cost	219,750.	52	estimated cost	19,996.	
1936	56	estimated cost	485,970.	62	estimated cost	27,600.	
1937	88	estimated cost	1,086,616.	43	estimated cost	58,054.	

Zoning

The legal justification for zoning, the right of the community as opposed to the individual, is now well established after twenty years of testing in the courts. It is now fast becoming recognized that comprehensive planning is a primary fundamental if a municipality is to survive in competition with other municipalities and at the same time, furnish an American Standard of living for the population that lives within its boundaries.

Commercial and Industrial Districts are established and confined, in many instances, to the land abutting through highways and the Residential Zones are protected from its unwarranted intrusion.

During the year Mr. Louis H. Doane resigned from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Mr. Harvey Smith, 359 East Wharton Road, Glenside, was appointed to fill his unexpired term. The Zoning Board of Adjustment received fourteen (14) appeals for a variance and special exception to the terms of the Zoning Ordinance. Public hearings were held and ten (10) of these appeals, owing to special conditions not being contrary to the public interest, were granted, one withdrawn and three refused.

The Board of Township Commissioners received, during the year, three petitions for change of classification in the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance of 1936. Public hearings were held and the petitions in each instance except one were granted and the Ordinance amended accordingly.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Bureau of Health and Sanitation

Physicians, during the year 1937, reported the following communicable diseases to the Bureau of Health:

CHICKEN POX	68	MUMPS	10
DIPHThERIA	1	PNEUMONIA	1
DYSENTERY	1	SCARLET FEVER	153
INFANTILE PARALYSIS	1	TUBERCULOSIS	1
MEASLES	34	TYPHOID FEVER	5
MENINGITIS	2	UNDulant FEVER	2
		WHOOPING COUGH	30

The Health Officer received twenty-six (26) complaints of overflowing cesspool nuisance and directed the owners to abate the same.

The Health Officer inspected one hundred and ninety (190) public eating places, drinking places and soda fountains within our Township and issued five hundred and eighty (580) Health Certificates to the employers and employees. This report was filed with the State Department of Restaurant Hygiene.

The Plumbing Inspector investigated ten (10) violations and nuisance complaints and supervised their correction.

Three summons were issued for violations of the Health and Plumbing Ordinances, hearings held before the Justice of Peace, and fines imposed.

The Plumbing Inspector reported two hundred and forty-six (246) plans of plumbing work were approved and permits issued during the year 1937. Thirty-nine (39) Master Plumbers were granted Certificates of Registration and forty-nine (49) Master Plumbers renewed their Certificates of Registration for 1937.

Three (3) septic tank tile field combinations, seventy-seven (77) cesspools, seventy-six (76) leaching cesspools and fifteen (15) sub-soil drainage systems were installed under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector.

Eight (8) applications for connection to the Township Sewer System were filed with the Plumbing Inspector. The laterals were laid by the employees of the Department of Public Works.

The Bureau of Health received three hundred sixty-seven (367) requests for garbage service during the year, which were given immediate attention by the contractor Joseph Abbott, Dresher, Pa.

The Milk Inspection of our Township was supervised by the Old York Road Milk Control Board. The Township's share of the expense of inspection was \$569.84 and for the analysis of milk and cream, \$529.49.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Bureau of Sanitary Sewers

The Abington Township Sewer Authority referred back to the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township the question of constructing, improving, maintaining and operating a sanitary sewerage system and disposal plant for Abington Township, and the Board of Commissioners on the sixteenth day of December 1937 adopted the following resolution as set forth herewith:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a comprehensive sanitary sewerage system is necessary for the proper protection of public health in the Township of Abington, and

WHEREAS, the future growth and development of Abington Township depend upon the existence of a modern and sanitary method for the collection and disposal of the sewage, and

WHEREAS, the Abington Township Sewer Authority has been unable to undertake the construction of sanitary sewers for Abington Township under the Municipality Authorities Act of 1935, as amended, because the terms and provisions of the said Act as amended, were deemed insufficient and inadequate for the proper functioning of a sewer authority in Abington Township, and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated June 21, 1937, the Abington Township Sewer Authority referred back to the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township the question of constructing, improving, maintaining and operating a sanitary sewerage system and disposal plant for Abington Township, and

WHEREAS, the Act of the General Assembly No. 147, approved May 7, 1937, being an amendment of Article XXIV, Sewers and Drains, of the First Class Township Law, confers powers on first class townships to issue non-debt revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the cost or expense of construction or acquiring a sewer system, and

WHEREAS, the said non-debt revenue bonds shall not pledge the credit of the Township, nor create any Township debt, nor be a charge against the general revenues of the Township, but shall be a lien upon and payable solely from the annual rentals or charges for the use of such sewerage system, and in no wise impose a tax burden on real estate not served by such sewerage system, and

WHEREAS, financing the costs or expense of construction or acquiring a sewerage system by non-debt revenue bonds will extend the payment therefor over a period of thirty (30) years out of rentals and charges, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township desire to exercise the powers conferred by the said Act of the General Assembly No. 147 to the end that a sanitary sewerage system may be provided for certain thickly populated sections of Abington Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP:

Section 1. That all matters and things relating to the proposed construction, financing and operation of a sanitary sewerage system for

Abington Township be and the same hereby are referred to the Department of Public Health for investigation and recommendation.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Board of Township Commissioners shall keep a written report of the meetings and activities of the said Department of Public Health relating to the proposed construction, financing and operation of the sewerage system which shall be open to inspection by members of the Board of Commissioners and he shall make such reports thereon to the Board of Commissioners as they may direct.

Section 3. The said Department of Public Health is hereby authorized and directed to gather and collate information and data on the density of population in various sections of the Township, the types and numbers of houses and structures in various sections of the Township together with the number and type of plumbing fixtures therein, and all other information and data which may be necessary and proper to fix and establish the estimated annual revenue from such sewerage system.

Section 4. The said Department of Public Health is hereby authorized and directed to prepare an estimated schedule of the rentals and charges for the use of such sewer system which shall meet the overhead and maintenance, the estimated interest and amortization requirements of such non-debt revenue bonds as may be issued by the Township.

Section 5. The said Department of Public Health is hereby authorized and directed to secure estimates of the cost and expense of constructing the sewerage system, pumping stations and disposal plant provided in the sewer plans approved by the Pennsylvania Sanitary Water Board and on file in the office of the Township Engineer.

Section 6. The said Department of Public Health is hereby authorized and directed to enter preliminary negotiations for the acquisition by purchase, gift or otherwise of lands and rights of way necessary for such sewerage system.

Section 7. The said Department of Public Health is hereby authorized and directed to enter preliminary negotiations and file applications with the Federal Government to secure a Federal loan and/or grant to aid in the cost and expense of the construction of such sewerage system.

Section 8. The said Department of Public Health is hereby authorized and directed to enter preliminary negotiations, either alone or in conjunction with the Township of Cheltenham, for the purchase of the privately owned sewerage facilities of the Cheltenham and Abington Sewerage Company in Abington Township.

Section 9. The said Department of Public Health shall not hire labor, clerical, engineering or legal services unless the approval of the Board of Commissioners has first been had and obtained.

Section 10. The said Department of Public Health is hereby authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the approval of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission or the approval of any other state board or commission as may be required for the construction and operation of such sewerage system and/or the purchase and operation of privately owned sewers.

Section 11. If, in the opinion of the Township Solicitor, the exercise of the powers granted by the said Act of the General Assembly No. 147, and the marketability of non-debt revenue bonds issued thereunder, require an opinion by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on the constitutionality of the said Act No. 147, the said Department of Public Health is hereby authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary to test the said Act, and may to that end retain Townsend, Elliott and Munson, attorneys at law, of Philadelphia, provided that all arrangements for fees and expenses shall be made with the approval of the Board of Commissioners first had and obtained.

Section 12. The said Department of Public Health is hereby authorized and directed to enter into preliminary negotiations for such agreements as may be necessary with the Townships of Cheltenham and Upper Moreland and the City of Philadelphia for the conveyance and disposal of sewerage beyond the limits of Abington Township.

Section 13. The said Department of Public Health is hereby authorized and directed to draft such resolutions and ordinances as in the opinion of the Solicitor are necessary and proper for the construction, financing and operation of the proposed sewerage system and disposal plant, for submissions to the Board of Commissioners for enactment.

Section 14. It is the purpose and intent of this Resolution, subject to recall, to delegate all non-legislative and non-judicial powers and duties of the Board of Commissioners necessary and proper for carrying out the foregoing authorizations to the said Department of Public Health, reserving for the Board of Commissioners all things requiring action by the Board of Commissioners.

Your Department of Public Health, in complying with the foregoing resolution, may offer you two plans for financing the construction of the sanitary sewer system and disposal plant, namely, (1) bonds issued under Electorate Authority and (2) Non-debt Revenue Bonds.

(1) Bonds Issued under Electorate Authority.

This method of procedure would necessitate the Electorate's approval of the bond issue, but we believe it would prove most beneficial to the taxpayers and to those benefited by the system in that the bond rate would be 1% less than the rate of Non-Debt Revenue Bonds. It is the aim of the Department of Public Health to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the present sewer rental rate be retained and other charges be payable in semi-annual installments over a period of ten (10) years.

(2) Non-Debt Revenue Bonds.

This method of procedure is made possible under the Act of General Assembly No. 147 approved May 7, 1937, being an amendment to Article XXIV, "Sewers and Drains" of the First-Class Township Law. It confers powers on First-Class Townships to issue Non-Debt Revenue Bonds for the purpose of financing the cost or expense of constructing or acquiring a sewer system. Under the method of Non-Debt-Revenue Bonds the bonds do not create a Township debt nor is the credit of the Township pledged to secure the ammortization, interest and other charges connected therewith. The interest rate on this type of bond would be at least 1% higher than the aforementioned Electorate bond issue. It is the aim of the Department of Public Health to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the sewer rental rate and other charges remain as stated in "Bonds Issued under Electorate Authority."

Detailed sewer plans have been prepared and approved by the State Department of Health and Permit approving the Township's sewerage projects have been issued by the State Sanitary Water Board with the provision that the approval of the Board, unless extended, shall be null and void if the treatment plant, sewers, pumping stations and appurtenances have not been completed and placed in operation on or before June 1, 1938.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Bureau of Highways

Public Utility Commission

The final inspection of the improvements on Huntingdon Pike in connection with the elimination of the Bethayres Grade Crossing was made October 1, 1937. The work was done under the supervision of the State Department of Highways and many favorable comments were made in regards to the project.

Abington Township's share in this expense is \$10,000., which amount has been transferred to the Permanent Improvement Account pending receipt of the Public Utility Commission's final statement of the distribution of expenses.

New State Highways

The State Department of Highways, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 437 approved June 25, 1937, took over

Mill Road (L. R. 46169) from Valley Road (L. R. 46099) to Meetinghouse Road (L. R. 46100), and

Washington Lane (L. R. 46168) from Valley Road (L. R. 46099) to the Abington-Lower Moreland Township Line,

and will assume the responsibility as of January 1, 1938 for their maintenance subject to the conditions and limitations contained in the Act approved June 22, 1931, P. L. 594 (Rural Route Act).

Stone Fence, St. Joseph's Home

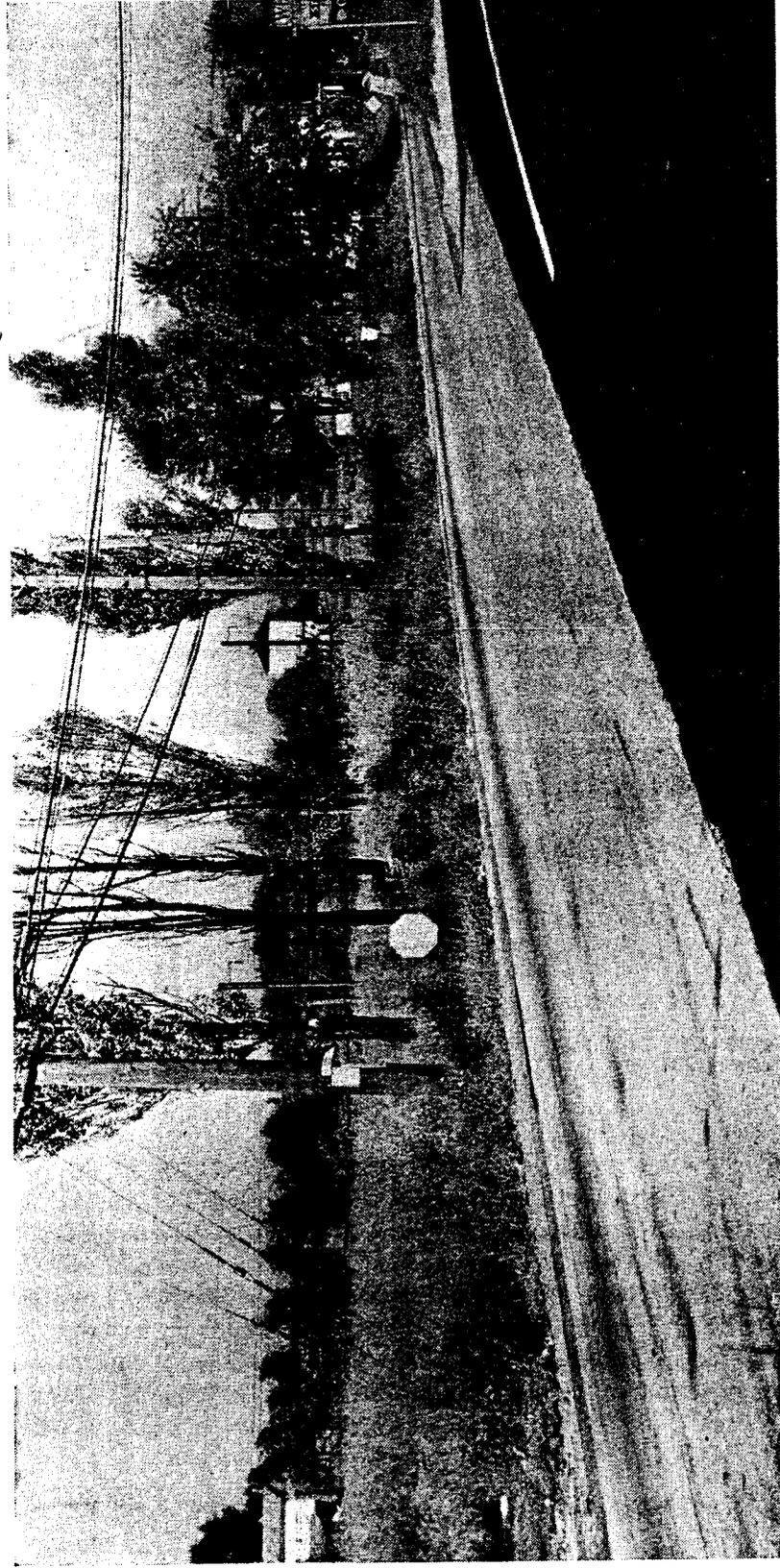
The Pennsylvania Department of Highways issued a Permit for the erection of a stone wall fence, in the limits of the highway, at the entrance to St. Joseph's Home on Second Street Pike, Meadowbrook. This stone fence comes to within two and one-half feet (2½') of the edge of the twenty-foot (20') concrete roadway paving. The curve in the roadway paving at this particular point, greatly increases the danger at this hazardous obstruction.

The Board of Commissioners objected strenuously to the State Department of Highways and at a meeting November 10, 1937, Mr. T. F. Groex, District Permit Engineer for the State, admitted that the present wall is unquestionably dangerous and a distinct traffic hazard, but that they are protected so that this will be no liability or no expense to the Department or to the Township.

County-Aid

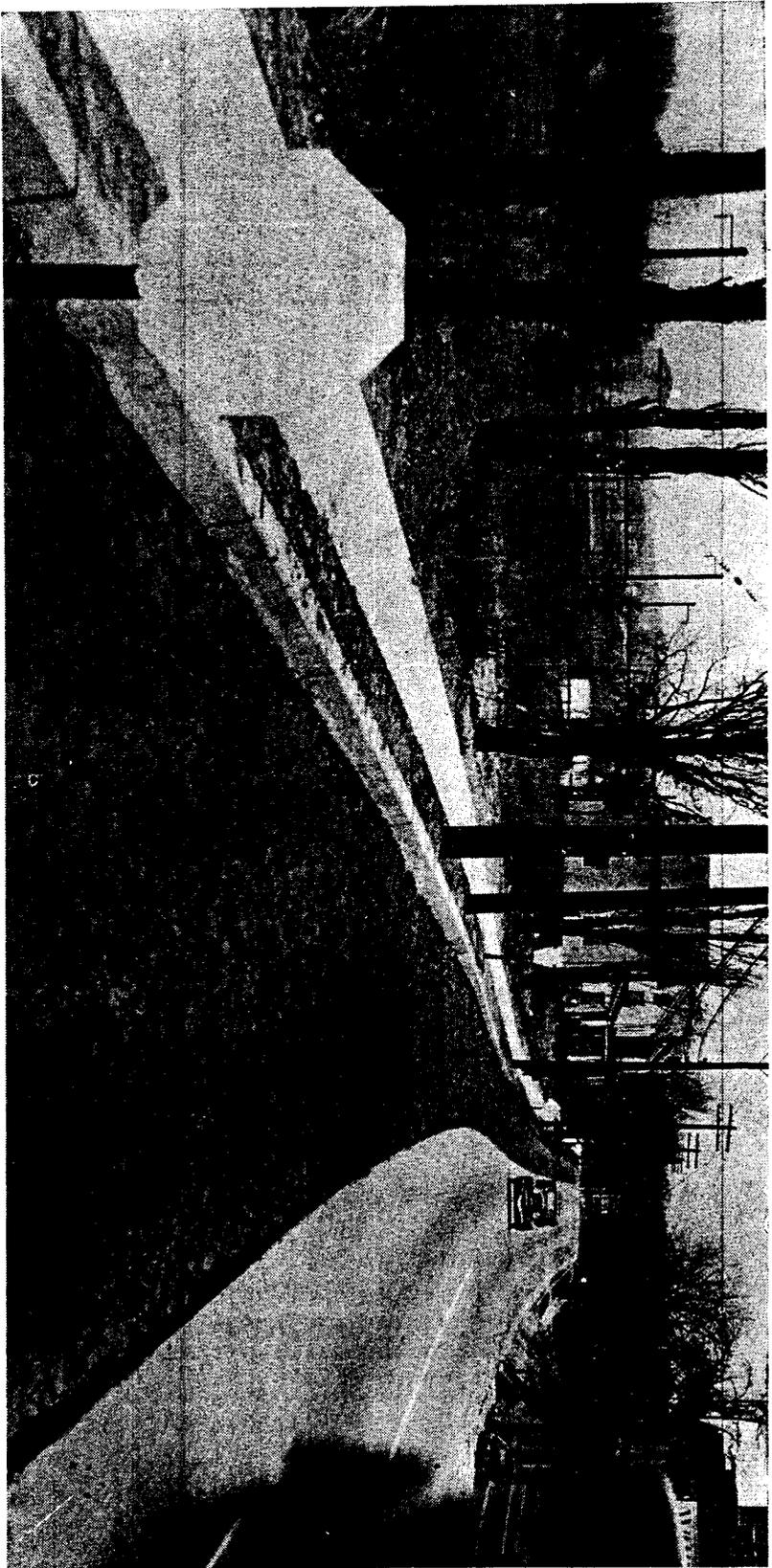
The 1937 County-Aid program was on a 60/40% basis. The Montgomery County Department of Highways graded and paved the following streets in accordance with information furnished by the Abington Township Engineer:

WARD		SQUARE YARDS
4	DOUGLAS AVENUE, Osceola Avenue to Forest Avenue	1870
3	ARDSLEY AVENUE, Roberts Avenue to Roslyn Avenue	500
	Total	<hr/> 2370



SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF MT. CARMEL AVENUE, NORTH GLENSIDE WARD No. 6

Before Curb and Sidewalk was installed.



SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE MT. CARMEL AVENUE, NORTH GLENSIDE WARD No. 6

After Curb and Sidewalk was installed.

Sub-divisions

Plans were approved for the sub-division "Chelten" in Ward No. 2 and Construction Permit was issued under the provisions of Ordinance No. 399 for the construction of Frog Hollow Road, from Washington Lane to its intersection with a private right-of-way approximately 400 feet East of Washington Lane.

The Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution removing the "Kotalik Plan of Lots" approved September 19, 1924, from the official plans of the Township.

Sidewalks

The Jury of View in the widening of Mt. Carmel Avenue, Ward No. 6, on March 25, 1937, awarded damages in the amount of \$4,318.70. This amount is approximately equivalent to the cost of the curb and sidewalk improvements.

New Streets

The Township accepted, by Ordinance, HOLMECREST ROAD from Wellington Road to Jenkintown Road, in Ward No. 4.

Street Construction

The following street was constructed in Ward No. 10 by the Department with a penetration macadam wearing surface upon a waterbound slag base: FERNDALE AVENUE, from Decatur Avenue to Edge Hill Road—5555 square yards.

Re-Constructed Streets

The following streets were given a two-coat asphalt penetration wearing surface upon a reconstructed base:

WARD		SQUARE YARDS
1	WHEATSHEAF LANE, from Keith Road to York Road	1716
1-7	BROOK ROAD, from Huntingdon Road to a point 350 feet East, and from Susquehanna Street to a point 300 feet Southwest	940
	Total	2656

Surface Treatment

The Department Surface Treated the following streets:

WARD		SQUARE YARDS
1	ECKARD AVENUE, from Old York Road to Huntingdon Road	2400
1	GUERNSEY AVENUE, from Old York Road to Huntingdon Road	1900
2	MEADOWBROOK ROAD, from Washington Lane to Valley Road	3650

2	LOS ANGELES AVENUE, from Fox Chase Road to Montgomery Avenue	3060
2	BERKLEY AVENUE, from Second Street Pike to Gibson Avenue	1350
3	ARDSLEY AVENUE, from Sylvania Avenue to Roberts Avenue	1820
4	TULPEHOCKEN AVENUE, from Jenkintown Road to Douglass Avenue	3370
4	LENOX ROAD, from Meetinghouse Road to York Road	2650
4	CYPRESS AVENUE, from Forest Avenue to Jenkintown Road	4800
4	CADWALADER AVENUE, from Jenkintown Road to Douglass Avenue	2530
5	PROSPECT AVENUE, from Rubicam Avenue to Welsh Road	1580
6	CENTRAL AVENUE, from Limekiln Pike to Spruce Avenue	3440
6	TENNIS AVENUE, from Limekiln Pike to Mt. Carmel Avenue	1710
6	TENNIS AVENUE, from Limekiln Pike to Spruce Avenue	2380
7	GROVE AVENUE, from Noble Road to Rydal Road	1800
8	AVONDALE AVENUE, from Bradfield Road to Colonial Avenue	2430
8	NORWOOD AVENUE, from Easton Road to Brookdale Avenue	2430
8	ARLINGTON AVENUE, from Easton Road to Brookdale Avenue	1800
9	HARRISON AVENUE, from Jenkintown Road to Ardsley Cemetery	5700
9	TYSON AVENUE, from Edge Hill Road (East) to end of paving	1260
10	GROVE AVENUE, from Welsh Road to Maple Avenue	1800
10	ROY AVENUE, from York Road to Edge Hill Road	2160
10	WEBSTER AVENUE, from Chester Avenue to Welsh Road	1380
11	STEWART AVENUE, from Kenmore Avenue to Jenkintown Road	1940
11	OAK STREET, from Stewart Avenue to Wharton Road	1480
12	EDGELEY AVENUE, from Mt. Carmel Avenue to Wharton Road	3680
12	OAKDALE AVENUE, from Keswick Avenue to Edgeley Avenue	3500

12	STANLEY AVENUE, from Mt. Carmel Avenue to Oakdale Avenue	1520
	Township Building Court and Drives	1220
	Total	<hr/> 70,740

Dust Treatment

The Department treated with dust laying material, various streets throughout the Township, totaling approximately seven (7) miles.

General Highway Work

The Public Works Department forces performed the usual work relative to the general maintenance of all Township highways. This work includes patching, cleaning gutters, storm water sewers, inlets, drainage ditches and water courses. Cutting grass, weeds, and underbrush and trimming trees for proper clearance. Cindering slippery streets, snow plowing and snow removal and erection of snow fence.

Ash and Rubbish Collection

Weekly collections of ashes and rubbish were made by the Department of Public Works.

The ashes were placed on unimproved streets or roads in various Wards of the Township.

The rubbish was deposited on the dump.

Equipment

The following new equipment was purchased during 1937:

- 1 one-bag capacity Mixer
- 2 Hydraulic lifts for trucks
- 2 Plymouth Sedans
- Snow Plows
- 3000 feet of Snow Fence
- 330 snow fence posts
- 1 Wood burning Asphalt Heating Kettle

Street Name Signs

Seventeen (17) street name signs were erected in various Wards of the Township.

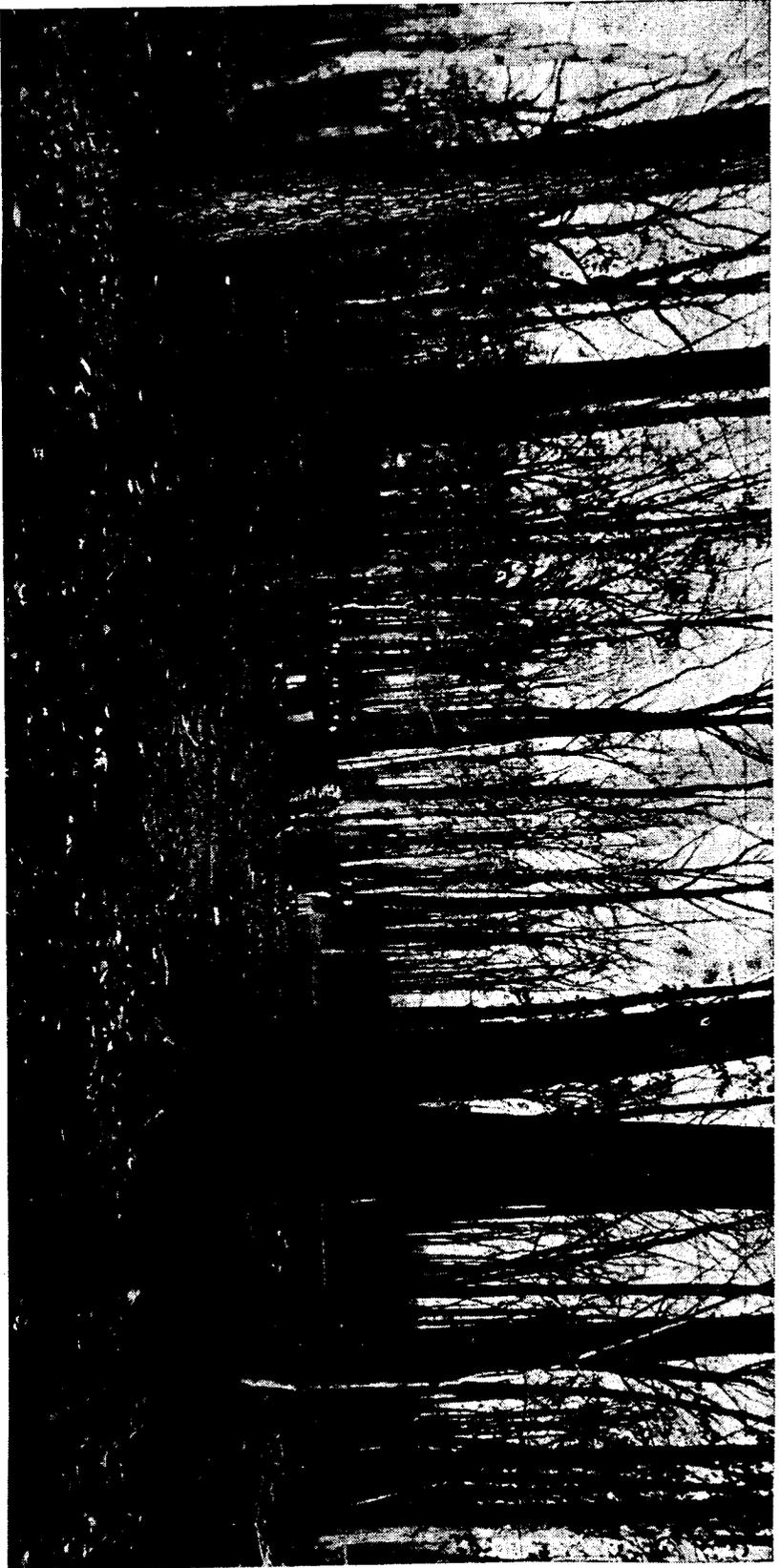
Safety Signs

Thirty-nine (39) Governor's Highway Safety Council Signs were erected at various locations throughout the Township.

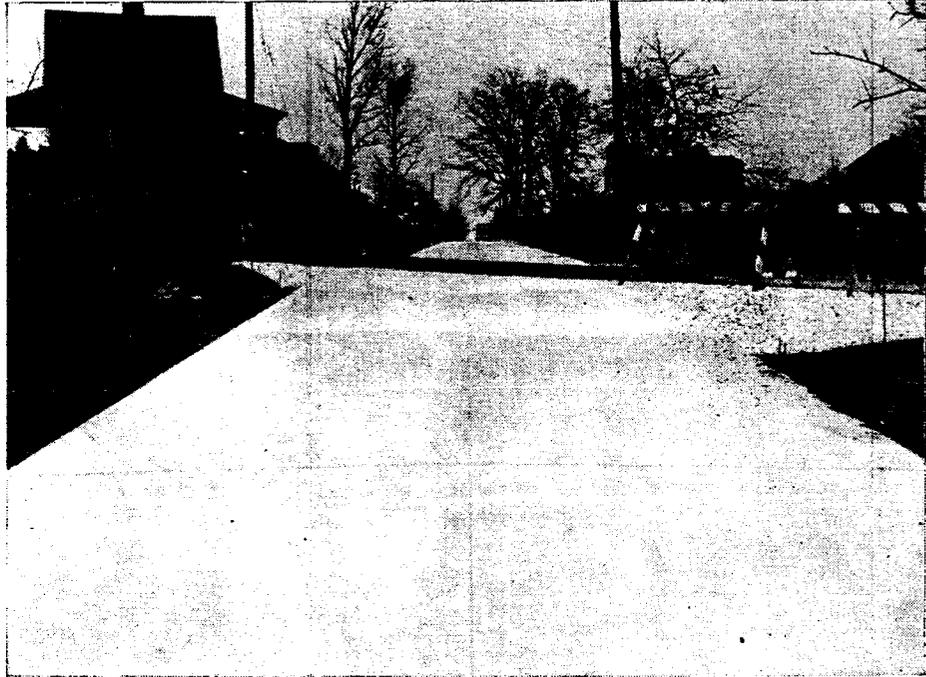
Parks and Playgrounds

Settlement was made with the Department of Banking, Division of Closed Banks, for the 3.3 acre triangular piece of ground adjacent to the rear of Baederwood Park. The acquisition of this additional land provides a right-of-way from the Park to Crescent Avenue in Glenside Gardens.

The Commissioners, during the year 1937, negotiated with W. Clyde Gourley, Inc., for thirty-nine (39) lots on the Plan of Overlook Hills, being approximately 6½ acres bounded by Harding, Cleveland and Corinthian Avenues. An agreement of sale and an ordinance providing for its purchase for \$8,000. will probably be executed and adopted in the early part of 1938.



ABINGTON TOWNSHIP BAEDERWOOD PARK
Westerly side Highland Avenue—North of Jenkintown Road and South of Susquehanna Street



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