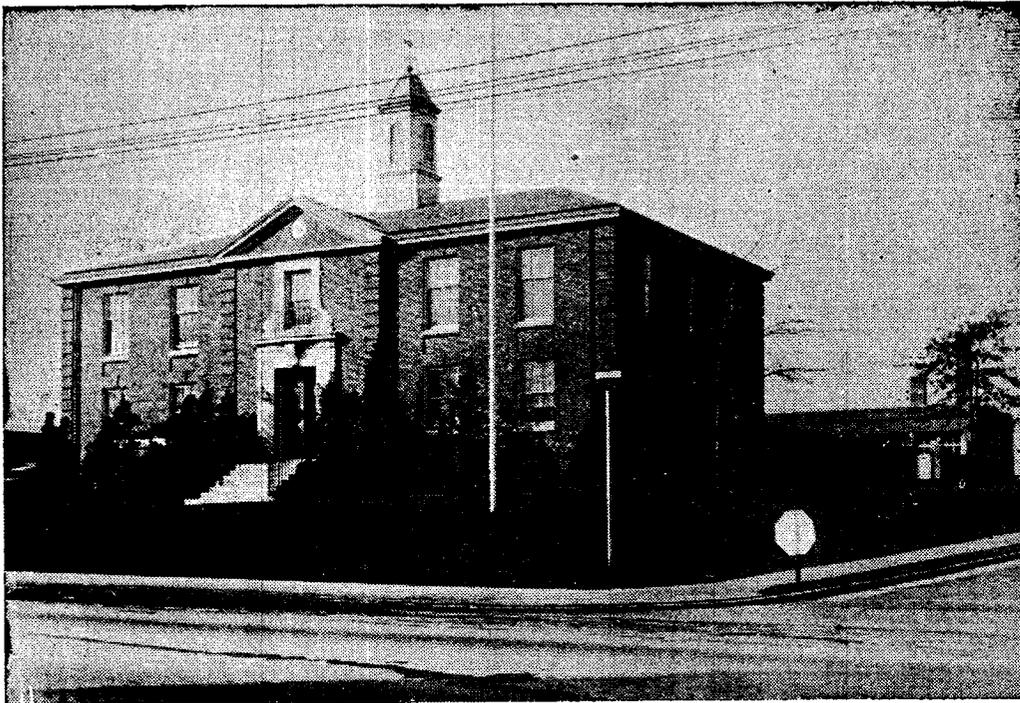


BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON



1939  
ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending January 2, 1940



**COMMISSIONERS OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP**

York Road and Horace Avenue

Abington, Pennsylvania

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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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 .....	Fourth Wednesday.....	7:30 o'clock P. M.
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	Fourth Tuesday.....	7:30 o'clock P. M.

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### CALL THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

For General Township Information  
For Highway Information  
For Health Information  
For Building Information  
For Zoning Information  
For Garbage Collection Service

Ogontz 2700

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

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### FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE

Call Bureau of Police, Ogontz 2700  
Office Always Open.

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### 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.

# COMMISSIONERS

1940

Abington Ward No. 1	WATSON T. CHESTERMAN 9 Edge Hill Road Abington
Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2	LUKE GREENHALGH 907 San Diego Avenue Fox Chase
Glenside Ward No. 3	LEWIS C. DORN 309 W. Wharton Road Glenside
McKinley Ward No. 4	EDWIN H. GEISSLER 518 Cypress Avenue Elkins Park
Crestmont Ward No. 5	WILLIAM H. JONES 328 S. Easton Road Willow Grove
North Glenside Ward No. 6	CHARLES B. MARKS 309 Maple Avenue North Hills
Noble Ward No. 7	HOWARD W. TRUMP 506 Grove Avenue Jenkintown
Roslyn Ward No. 8	ALEXANDER HOGG Avondale Avenue Roslyn
Ardley Ward No. 9	LEWIS J. MEYER 538 Tyson Avenue Ardley
Roychester Ward No. 10	HARRY T. MACKENZIE 301 Silver Avenue Willow Grove
Glenside Ward No. 11	WILLIAM K. DONALDSON 316 Abington Avenue Glenside
Glenside Ward No. 12	WILLIAM GEBHARDTSBAUER 302 E. Oakdale Avenue Glenside
Glenside Ward No. 13	BENJAMIN H. DAVIS 30 W. Lynnwood Avenue Glenside

*OFFICERS*

CHARLES B. MARKS, President

WILLIAM H. JONES, Vice-President

E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary

ROBERT C. ROSS, Treasurer

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*Solicitor*

DAVID E. GROSHENS

*Chief of Police*

PATRICK McKEE

*Township Engineer*

OLIVER L. KING

*Building Inspector*

LOUIS E. BRIGHAM

*Highway Supervisor*

ISAAC SOWERS, JR.

*Plumbing Inspector*

MONROE C. ROBERTS

*Highway Inspector*

EDMUND BITTING

*Health Officer*

GEORGE P. RAPP

# PERSONNEL

## Departments and Boards

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WILLIAM K. DONALDSON, Director  
WILLIAM H. JONES  
EDWIN H. GEISSLER  
HOWARD W. TRUMP

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

EDWIN H. GEISSLER, Director  
WATSON T. CHESTERMAN  
BENJAMIN H. DAVIS  
HARRY T. MACKENZIE

### 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

HARVEY SMITH, Chairman  
SAMUEL H. GILBERT  
JOSHUA M. HOLMES, JR.

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

### ABINGTON FRIENDS MEETING

Meetinghouse Rd. & Greenwood Av.  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

### ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

York Road & Susquehanna Street  
Abington, Pennsylvania

### ARDSLEY COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Harrison Ave. & Jenkintown Road  
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CRESTMONT

Rubicam & Fairview Avenues  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

### CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mt. Carmel Ave., & Edge Hill Rd.  
North Hills, Pennsylvania

### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

Abington & Parkdale Avenues  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

### FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Easton & Bradfield Road  
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

### GLENSIDE M. E. CHURCH

Easton Road & Lynnwood Avenue  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

### GLENSIDE REFORMED CHURCH

Abington Ave. & Wharton Road  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

### HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Parkview & Lycoming Avenues  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

### METHODIST CHURCH OF CRESTMONT

Rubicam & Washington Avenues  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

### M. Y. SMITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cypress & Cadwalader Avenues  
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

### ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easton Road & Tyson Avenue  
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

### ROYCHESTER PARK M. E. CHURCH

Edge Hill Road & Ferndale Ave.  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

### ST. ANNE'S P. E. CHURCH

Welsh & York Roads  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

### ST. LUKE'S R. C. CHURCH

Easton Road & Lynnwood Avenue  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

### ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Easton Road & Mt. Carmel Ave.  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

### ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easton Road  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

## SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1939

Reduced tax rate one mill.

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Retired bonds amounting to \$22,000.

\* \* \*

591 Building Permits issued, 239 for dwellings estimated at \$1,205,102.

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Adopted new Plumbing Code replacing requirements of 1937 Act of Assembly No. 44.

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174 public eating places in township were inspected. 564 health certificates issued.

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Garbage collection service for the year cost 37½ cents per home.

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Two-way radio system installed in police patrol cars.

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Four cars replaced in the Police Bureau.

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210 field fires and false alarms received by Police Bureau.

Awarded contract for construction of Department of Public Works garage.

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One new truck purchased for Highway Bureau.

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One truck replaced in the Highway Bureau.

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Department of Public Works trucks traveled 20,375 miles collecting and disposing of refuse and ashes.

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3 miles of new roads constructed during year:

By Developers	4550 feet
Assessment Basis	3600 feet
County-Aid	4400 feet
Township Forces	2700 feet

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Department of Public Works surface-treated 128,620 square yards of streets (12.18 miles).

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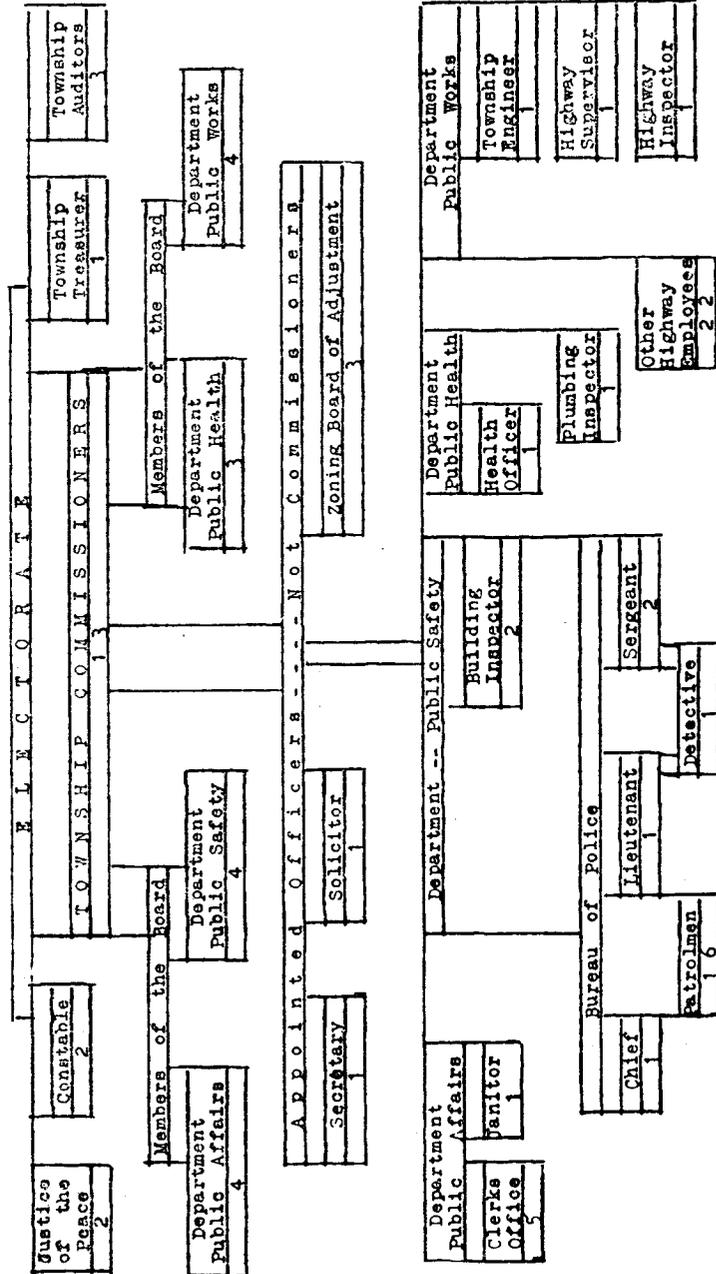
Department of Public Works erected 52 new street name signs.

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Department of Public Works built 13 fireplaces and constructed a foot bridge in Baederwood Park.

# TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania



## **TO THE CITIZENS OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP:**

The Commissioners, since 1915, have printed Annual Reports covering the activities of Abington Township. We believe the practice of issuing a printed Annual Report should be perpetuated. Each Department of the Township benefits from the reviewing and recording of its own activities. Our residents as well as others interested in Abington Township are provided with essential facts relating to the Township and operation of the Township government. These reports, when properly filed, provide a brief chronological record of great value to the present and future Township Administrations.

The 1940 Tax Dollar on the cover of this Report shows you the distribution of your tax money. During the years of financial stress, since 1931, your Commissioners have operated on the pay-as-you-go basis without the aid of any further bond issues, thus reducing our per capita net bonded debt from \$26.28 in 1931 to \$10.43 as of January 1, 1940. We were able to slightly increase our services and reduce the tax rate for 1939 by one mill. This tax rate will be maintained for 1940.

The members of the Board of Commissioners, in presenting this Report, join me in expressing our warm appreciation of the loyal and efficient services of the officers and employees during the year 1939.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

**CHARLES B. MARKS, President**

**AUDITORS' REPORT**  
**Account of ROBERT C. ROSS, Treasurer**  
 and the  
**Commissioners of the Township of Abington**  
 Montgomery County, Pennsylvania  
**From the First Monday of January, 1939 to the**  
**First Monday of January, 1940**  
**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

DEBITS

To Bank Balance 1-3-39 .....		\$ 41,799.42
Received on account delinquent Taxes & Pen....\$	1,000.00	
Received on account 1938 Taxes and Penalties	18,977.32	
Received on account 1939 Taxes .....	238,443.24	
Received on account 1939 Penalties .....	561.93	
Received from Miscellaneous Receipts		
Liquor License Fee .....	\$ 5,600.00	
Refunds .....	173.37	
Building Permits & Certificates..	5,873.00	
Amusement Permits .....	205.00	
Fines .....	305.00	
Plumbing Permits & Certificates..	3,893.00	
Registration of Plumbers .....	564.50	
Sewer Connections .....	340.00	
Sewer Rentals .....	3,487.41	
Highway Permits, Pole Licenses and Certificates .....	4,380.20	
	\$24,821.48	
Received from Temporary Loan 1939.....		100,000.00
Received on account Land Liens		
1930 .....	\$ 193.49	
1931 .....	705.66	
1932 .....	1,319.96	
1933 .....	2,284.24	
1934 .....	3,323.15	
1935 .....	3,924.08	
1936 .....	5,899.28	
1937 .....	9,666.17	
1938 .....	9,258.80	
Old Land Liens Pen. and Int.....	2,622.48	
	\$39,197.31	
		\$423,001.28
		\$464,800.70



Account 1939 Tax Duplicate .....	\$ 279,819.54	
Extra Assessment .....	326.20	
		<u>                    </u>
	\$280,145.74	
To allowances due by County Letter .....	350.40	
		<u>                    </u>
NET TAX DUPLICATE .....	\$ 279,795.34	
To Net Collection .....	238,443.24	
		<u>                    </u>
Amount 1939 Tax Due .....		\$ 41,352.10
Amount 1939 Penalties .....	\$ 2,027.09	
Credit 1939 Penalties paid .....	561.93	
		<u>                    </u>
Amount 1939 Penalties due .....	\$ 1,465.16	
By 1939 Taxes and Penalties due .....		\$ 42,817.26
		<u>                    </u>
		\$43,957.03

## PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

### DEBITS

Balance on Hand, January 3, 1939.....	\$ 49,805.52	
Received on account of Improvement Liens .....	13,568.21	
Received, Transfer from General Fund .....	43,800.00	
Received, Transfer Balance 1919 Sinking Fund....	1,664.24	
		<u>                    </u>
		\$108,837.97

### CREDITS

#### Expenditures:

Elimination Bethayres Grade Crossing.....	\$ 10,000.00	
Hillthorpe Avenue Improvement.....	3,883.83	
Fox Chase Manor Street Improvement .....	14,879.83	
Easton Road Sidewalk .....	7,000.00	
Account Township's New Garage .....	3,522.75	
Depository Bond Expense .....	402.66	
		<u>                    </u>
		\$ 39,689.07
		<u>                    </u>
Balance on Hand, January 2, 1940 .....		\$ 69,148.90

## PARK AND SHADE TREE ACCOUNT

### DEBITS

Balance on Hand, January 3, 1939 .....	\$ 19,157.43
Received, Transfer General Fund 1939 Tax.....	5,625.00

### CREDITS

Expenditures:	
Baederwood Park .....	\$ 592.98
Crestmont Park .....	71.65
Roychester Park .....	71.65
Bird Sanctuary .....	93.65
Liability Insurance .....	70.00
Depository Bond Expense .....	152.63
	\$ 1,052.56
Balance on Hand, January 2, 1940 .....	\$ 23,729.87

## REPORT TOWNSHIP BONDS OUTSTANDING

Outstanding Bonds, January 3, 1939 .....	\$340,000.00
Bonds retired during year 1939—	
Loan 1912 .....	\$ 10,000.00
Loan 1913 .....	2,000.00
Loan 1919 .....	10,000.00
	\$ 22,000.00
Outstanding Bonds, January 2, 1940 .....	\$318,000.00

## SINKING FUND ACCOUNT

Balance in Sinking Fund Accounts 1-3-39 .....	\$110,812.83
1939 Tax Collected .....	51,366.00
Bank Interest Credited .....	1,694.41
	\$163,873.24
Expenditures:	
Retirement of Bonds .....	\$ 22,000.00
State Taxes, 1938 .....	1,130.41
Coupon Interest Paid .....	14,855.00
Depository Bond Expense, etc. ....	688.46
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund .....	1,664.24
	\$ 40,338.11
Balance in Sinking Fund Accounts, 1-2-40 .....	\$123,535.13

## REPORT SEWER AND IMPROVEMENT LIENS OUTSTANDING

### DEBITS

Sewer Assessment Liens .....	\$	1,095.54
House Sewer Connection Liens .....		592.22
Sylvania Avenue Improvement Liens .....		337.28
Edge Hill Road Sidewalk Liens .....		930.02
Highland Avenue Curb and Gutter Paving Liens .....		104.90
Hillthorpe Avenue Street Improvement Liens.....		3,698.62
Fox Chase Manor Street Improvement Liens .....		6,822.24
		\$ 13,580.82

Outstanding, January 2, 1940 ..... \$ 13,580.82

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKETS

#### Justice of the Peace HARRY DOOLEY

Fines Imposed .....	\$	90.00
Fines Remitted .....		10.00

Balance due, January 2, 1940 ..... \$ 80.00

#### Justice of the Peace HOWARD NICE

Fines Imposed .....	\$	295.00
Fines Remitted .....		295.00

### LIABILITIES

Balance of Loan 1912 .....	\$	34,000.00
Balance of Loan 1913 .....		4,000.00
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 .....		37,000.00
Balance of Loan 1930 .....		90,000.00
Balance of Loan 1931 .....		54,000.00
		\$318,000.00
Treasurer's Compensation .....	\$	6,143.89
Paid on account .....	\$	5,254.05
Treasurer's Comp. Adjusted 1938..		242.64
		\$ 5,496.69
Balance due Treasurer .....	\$	647.20
		\$318,647.20

Total ..... \$318,647.20

CASH ASSETS

Sinking Fund, Loan of 1912 .....	\$ 2,388.46	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1913 .....	444.93	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1923 .....	15,108.57	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1925 .....	24,256.99	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1925A .....	15,588.69	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1927 .....	13,213.76	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1928 .....	10,481.89	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1930 .....	33,570.24	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1931 .....	8,481.60	
	\$123,535.13	
Bank Balance, General Fund .....		14,682.80
Bank Balance, Permanent Improvement Fund .....		69,148.90
Bank Balance, Park and Shade Tree Fund .....		23,729.87
Due by Treasurer .....		43,957.03
Due by 1930 Land Liens .....	\$ 3,163.29	
Due by 1931 Land Liens .....	7,002.00	
Due by 1932 Land Liens .....	8,475.80	
Due by 1933 Land Liens .....	10,119.20	
Due by 1934 Land Liens .....	11,666.25	
Due by 1935 Land Liens .....	12,476.03	
Due by 1936 Land Liens .....	13,583.53	
Due by 1937 Land Liens .....	16,805.74	
Due by 1938 Land Liens .....	25,773.12	
	\$109,064.96	
Due by Sewer and Improvement Liens .....		13,580.82
Due by Justice of the Peace DOOLEY .....		80.00
		\$397,779.51

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, 1939, and ending on the first Monday of January, 1940, 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 20, 1940.

Attest:

E. RAYMOND AMBLER,  
Secretary.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### Bureau of General Government

Appropriation .....	\$ 31,190.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Salaries .....	\$ 15,440.00
Expense-Tax Collection .....	6,462.74
Office Equipment and Supplies .....	924.36
Printing and Postage .....	346.75
Contribution Public Library .....	200.00
Audit and Annual Report .....	749.02
Telephones .....	2,751.54
Account Radio Equipment .....	1,500.00
Miscellaneous .....	403.51
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	\$ 28,777.92
Unexpended Balance .....	\$ 7,412.08

Your Directors of Public Affairs submit, for your consideration, the following statements, comparisons and detailed reports in conjunction with the Auditors' Report. They evidence the Township's sound financial condition.

During the year we have provided office space in the basement for the National Youth Administration, National Re-employment Service, and State Relief. Also provided space in the Commissioners' Room for the traveling Registrars.

### New Garage Building

Funds were provided for the erection of a 60' x 90' garage building to be used by the Department of Public Works. Plans were prepared by Mr. Charles F. Rabenold, Architect and contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, P. Russell Fesmire and Son, Huntingdon Valley, Pa., in the amount of \$16,103.

### Budgetry Control

The Board of Commissioners, December 14, 1939 adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Commissioners greater centralized control of the activities and functions of the various departments, employees and officers of the Township under the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners will promote co-ordination and efficiency in the administration of Township government, and

WHEREAS, more centralized supervision and control of expenditures of public moneys by the various departments, employees and officers will aid in effecting an improvement in the administration of Township government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township:

Section 1. The Township Secretary shall have the following powers and duties in addition to the powers and duties already conferred by statutes and ordinances:

(1) All requests by officials of the Township for the performance of work or services by an officer, employee or department of the Township requiring the use of Township materials or supplies shall be submitted to the Township Secretary for approval and transmittal to the proper officer, employee or department; Provided, however, that if such request for the performance of such work is beyond the ordinary and usual routine of official or departmental activity, such request shall be referred by the Township Secretary to the commissioner members of the department involved or the Board of Commissioners for disposition in conformity with existing practice.

All requests by officials of the Township for the performance of usual or routine work not involving the use of Township materials or supplies, or for the performance of work of an emergency nature, or when it is impractical to first submit such request to the Township Secretary, may be made directly to officer or employee in charge of the department involved.

(2) All requests by residents and taxpayers of the Township, or other members of the public, for the performance of work or services by any officer, employee or department of the Township requiring the use of Township materials or supplies shall be submitted to the Township Secretary for approval and transmittal to the proper officer, employee or department; Provided, however, that if such request for the performance of such work is beyond the ordinary and usual routine of official or departmental activity, such request shall be referred by the Township Secretary to the commissioner members of the department involved or to the Board of Commissioners for disposition in conformity with existing practice.

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(3) No officer or employee of the Township shall purchase supplies, materials, services or equipment on behalf of or for the Township without first submitting a requisition therefor to the Township Secretary, who shall, before approving such requisition in writing, determine from what

budgetary appropriation the expenditure shall be made, and, whether the proposed expenditure will exceed such appropriation.

If in the opinion of the Township Secretary the said requisition for supplies, materials, services or equipment is improper or unlawful for any reason, or beyond the usual or routine discretion of the said officer or employee, such requisition shall be referred by the Township Secretary to the commissioner members of th department involved or to the Board of Commissioners in conformity with existing practice.

In all cases, the purchase of supplies; materials, services or equipment on behalf of or for the Township shall be made only by the Secretary or with his approval.

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

### DEBITS

Bank Balances—General Accounts .....	\$ 41,799.42
Received from Secretary on account of Miscellaneous Receipts .....	24,821.48
Received from Treasurer on account Taxes prior years .....	1,000.00
Received from Treasurer on account 1938 Taxes ...	18,977.32
Received from Treasurer on account 1939 Taxes....	239,005.17
Received from County on account of Land Liens.....	39,197.31
Received account of 1939 Temporary Loan.....	100,000.00
	\$464,800.70

### CREDITS

Vouchers issued, General Accounts .....	\$299,909.12
Vouchers issued, Temporary Loans .....	100,000.00
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Account.....	43,800.00
Transfer to Park & Shade Tree Account .....	5,625.00
2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer .....	783.78
	\$450,117.90
Bank Balances-General Accounts, end of year .....	14,682.80
	\$464,800.70

# SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES 1939

BUREAUS	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	EXPENDED TO DATE	BALANCE UNEXPENDED
Debt Service	\$ 153,566.00	\$ 152,680.50	\$ 885.50
General Government	36,190.00	28,777.92	7,412.08
Municipal Buildings	6,000.00	4,726.57	1,273.43
Police	61,000.00	60,318.37	681.63
Fire Protection	21,250.00	20,558.48	691.52
Building Inspection and Zoning	3,800.00	2,828.99	971.01
Street Lighting	29,000.00	28,181.05	818.95
Health and Sanitation	11,000.00	9,270.30	1,729.70
Sanitary Sewers	6,500.00	5,938.13	561.87
Highways	85,860.00	84,418.71	1,441.29
Ash and Rubbish Collection	10,500.00	11,010.10	510.10 (Overdrawn)
Park and Shade Tree	5,625.00	5,625.00	
	<u>\$430,291.00</u>	<u>\$414,334.12</u>	<u>\$ 15,956.88</u>

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP'S SOURCES OF INCOME AND THE  
SERVICES FOR WHICH IT WAS EXPENDED  
DURING THE YEARS 1938 and 1939

\$355,773.99—1938	TOTAL GENERAL FUND		1939—\$364,800.70
1 9 3 8 — R E V E N U E — 1 9 3 9			
\$247,602.00	Real Estate Taxes		\$239,005.17
16,461.22	Prior Years		19,977.32
39,328.35	Land Liens		39,197.31
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85.3%	\$303,391.57		\$298,179.80 81.7%
8.6%	30,631.80	Reserve Fund Balance Jan. 1	41,799.42 11.4%
1.5%	5,216.68	Liquor Licenses	5,600.00 1.5%
3.3%	11,703.85	Permits	14,155.20 4. %
1. %	3,614.94	Sewer Rentals and Installations	3,827.41 1.1%
.3%	1,215.15	Miscellaneous	1,238.87 .3%
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100. %			100. %

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Protection to Life and Property

\$ 59,822.13	Police Protection	\$ 60,318.37	
19,708.57	Fire Protection	20,558.48	
2,044.39	Bldg. Inspection and Zoning	2,828.99	
28,013.87	Street Lighting	28,181.05	
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30.8%	\$109,588.96		111,886.89 30.7%
4.1%	14,801.85	Health and Sanitary Sewers	15,208.43 4.2%
15. %	52,637.66	Debt Service	52,680.50 14.5%
8.5%	30,527.41	General Gov. and Tax Collection	29,561.70 8.1%
1.6%	5,720.63	Maintenance Township Buildings	4,726.57 1.3%
21.8%	77,548.06	Highway and Engineering	86,628.81 23.7%
5. %	17,900.00	Transfer to Perm. Imp a/c	43,800.00 12. %
1.5%	5,250.00	Transfer to Park and Shade Tree	5,625.00 1.5%
11.7%	41,799.42	Reserve Fund Balance Jan. 1	14,682.80 4. %
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100. %			100. %

PROPERTY VALUATION

	1937	1938	1939
Assessed Valuation of real estate	\$22,540,820.	\$22,930,011.	\$23,318,295.
Valuation tax exempt real estate	3,356,500.	3,364,500.	3,555,500.

## TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year 1st Monday January	Total Property Tax	Uncollected end Fiscal Year	Uncollected Latest avail- able date. Jan. 2, 1940
1936	\$289,763.00	\$59,494.00	\$ 540.22
1937	293,048.57	52,934.81	599.55
1938	298,664.61	53,862.50	
1939	279,795.34	42,817.26	42,817.26

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

The Township levied a 12 mills tax for the fiscal year beginning January 2, 1940, which 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 has been no tax sales since 1929.

Your 1940 Tax Dollar will be distributed as follows:

COUNTY GOVERNMENT .....	.065
SCHOOL GOVERNMENT .....	.635
TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT .....	.30

\$1.00

### BANK DEPOSITS

Total Balance General Funds .....	\$ 14,682.80
Total Balance Permanent Improvement Funds .....	69,148.90
Total Balance Park and Shade Tree Fund .....	23,729.87
Total Balance Sinking Funds .....	123,535.13

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.

### Bureau of Debt Service

Appropriation .....\$153,566.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Repayment and Expense Temporary Loan.....\$101,314.50

Sinking Fund-State Tax, etc. .... 51,366.00

\$152,680.50

Unexpended Balance .....\$ 885.50

## ABINGTON TOWNSHIP BOND STATEMENT

January 1, 1940

L O A N	ELECTORATE AUTHORITY	AMOUNT OF		RATE	D U E	OUTSTANDING	AMT. IN
		ISSUE	1940-1942				
June 1, 1912	Road Improvements	\$164,000.	4 %	Optional	34,000.	2,388.46	
COUNCILMANIC AUTHORITY							
Dec. 1, 1913	Road Improvements	25,000.	5 %	Optional	4,000.	444.93	
June 1, 1923	Road Improvements	50,000.	4 1/4 %	Due	20,000.	15,108.57	
Aug. 1, 1925	Road Improvements	35,000.	4 1/2 %	Due	16,000.	24,256.99	
Dec. 1, 1925A	Township Building	45,000.	4 1/2 %	Due	13,000.	15,588.69	
June 1, 1927	Road Improvements	50,000.	4 1/2 %	Due	13,000.	13,213.76	
Nov. 1, 1928	Road Improvements	55,000.	4 1/2 %	Due	21,000.		
July 1, 1930	Road Improvements	100,000.	4 1/4 %	Due	15,000.	10,481.89	
Dec. 1, 1931	Road Improvements	60,000.	5 %	Due	22,000.		
				Due	25,000.	33,570.24	
				Due	30,000.		
				Due	35,000.		
				Due	12,000.	8,481.60	
				Due	18,000.		
				Due	24,000.		

## Tax Anticipation Note

The 1939 Tax Anticipation Note of \$100,000 was sold February 16, 1939 to William H. Newbold's Son and Company, 1517 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., at an interest cost of .54%. This note was paid October 16 out of the 1939 current taxes and the Township has no temporary loan obligation.

## BONDED DEBT

Abington Township has never defaulted in its debt obligations.

Total General Obligation	Outstanding	Sinking Fund
January 1, 1940	\$318,000.00	\$123,535.13
January 1, 1939	340,000.00	110,812.83
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

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
1909	\$ 7,458,000	\$125,000.		\$125,000.
1919	9,869,190	344,000.	\$ 16,180.00	327,820.
1929	22,555,177	447,000.	57,430.00	389,570.
1939	23,318,295	318,000.	123,535.13	194,464.87

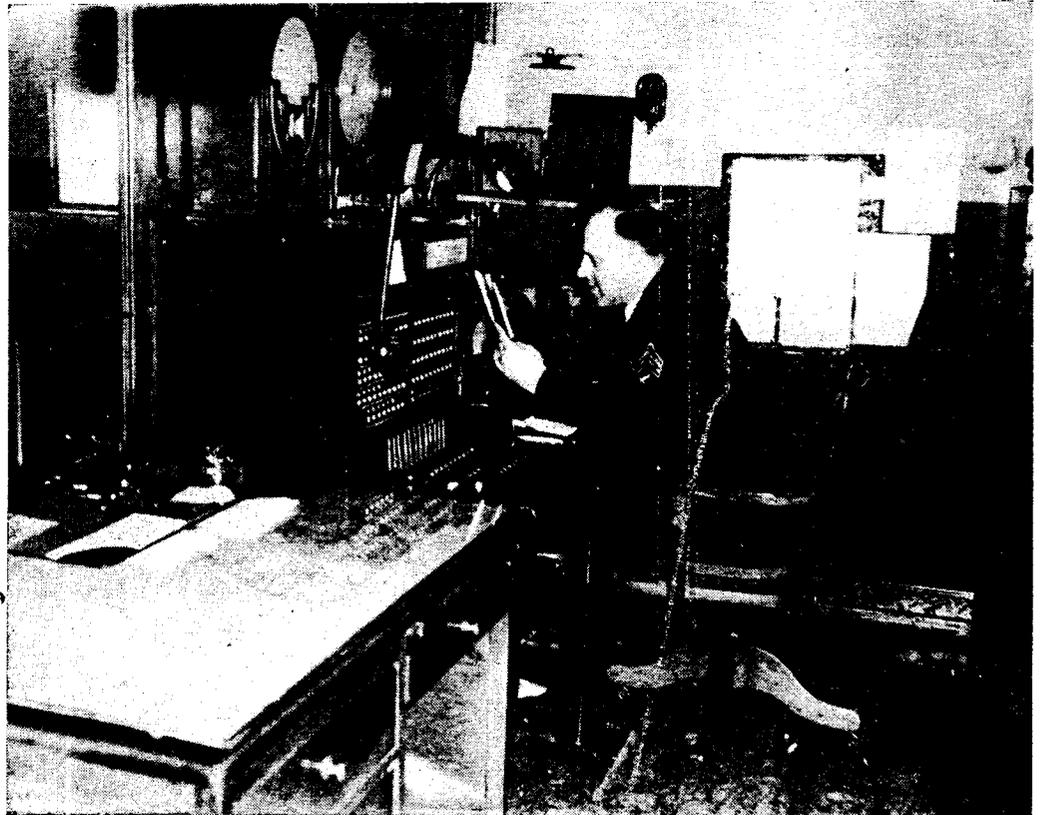
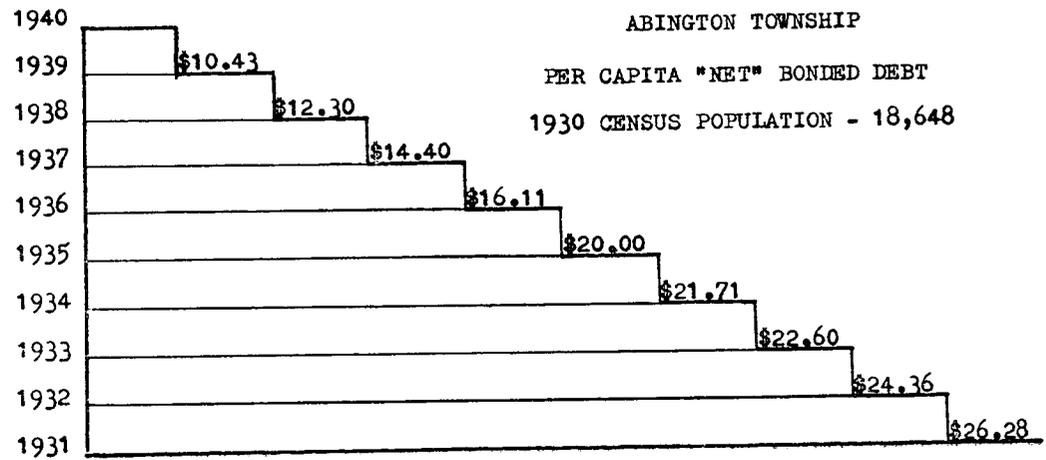
The legal debt limit is 7% of the assessed valuation:

2% under councilmanic authority

5% under electorate authority

The report of the Township Bond and Sinking Fund Accounts for 1939 are set forth in the Auditors' Report on page 13.

The following chart shows the per capita net bonded indebtedness in 1931—\$26.28, which has been reduced annually and in 1939 is but \$10.43.



## Bureau of Municipal Buildings

Appropriation ..... \$ 6,000.00

### Summary of Expenditures:

Salary .....	\$ 2,020.00	
Materials and Supplies .....	685.81	
Fuel, Light and Water .....	1,301.62	
Repairs to Buildings .....	719.14	
		4,726.57

Unexpended Balance ..... \$ 1,273.43

Our janitor, Mr. Harry McFern, who had been in the Township' employ since May 1, 1924, resigned because of ill health. Mr. William M. Jackson of 543 Abington Avenue, Glenside, was engaged as janitor to replace Mr. McFern.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

### Bureau of Police

Appropriation ..... \$ 61,000.00

### Summary of Expenditures:

Salaries .....	\$ 44,830.00	
Uniforms and Police Supplies .....	1,989.64	
Maint. and replacement automobiles.....	7,144.20	
Maint. and replacement radio .....	1,272.44	
Insurance—Comp. and Equipment .....	1,550.78	
Traffic Signal and Equipment .....	992.46	
Disposal of Dogs .....	143.13	
Contribution Police Pension Fund .....	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous .....	395.72	
		\$ 60,318.37

Unexpended Balance ..... \$ 681.63

## Radio

Abington Township has kept apace with the times in Crime Control by installing a two-way radio system with mobile transmitters in all their patrol cars. The two-way radio is distinctly advantageous as compared with the one-way system. In our one-way system the message was transmitted to the cars and the patrolmen were required to go to the nearest police telephone call-box to advise the operator the message was received. The two-way radio system puts a patrolman at the scene of trouble within a very few minutes and each patrol car covers expeditiously a district which would require five patrolmen on post.

The radio operator at the control desk in the radio room has complete observation and control over the entire system. The officers in the cars talk back to the dispatchers by means of ultra-high-frequency equipment. The signals from these mobile transmitters are picked up by any of the remote receivers installed in the patrol cars no matter what location they may be in the township. The patrolmen are kept informed at all times on what is happening throughout the fifteen square miles of our township.

## Automobile Equipment

Four new automobiles were purchased during the year replacing four used cars. It is recommended, in an effort to reduce cost of maintenance, that cars be replaced at least every other year.

## Traffic Control

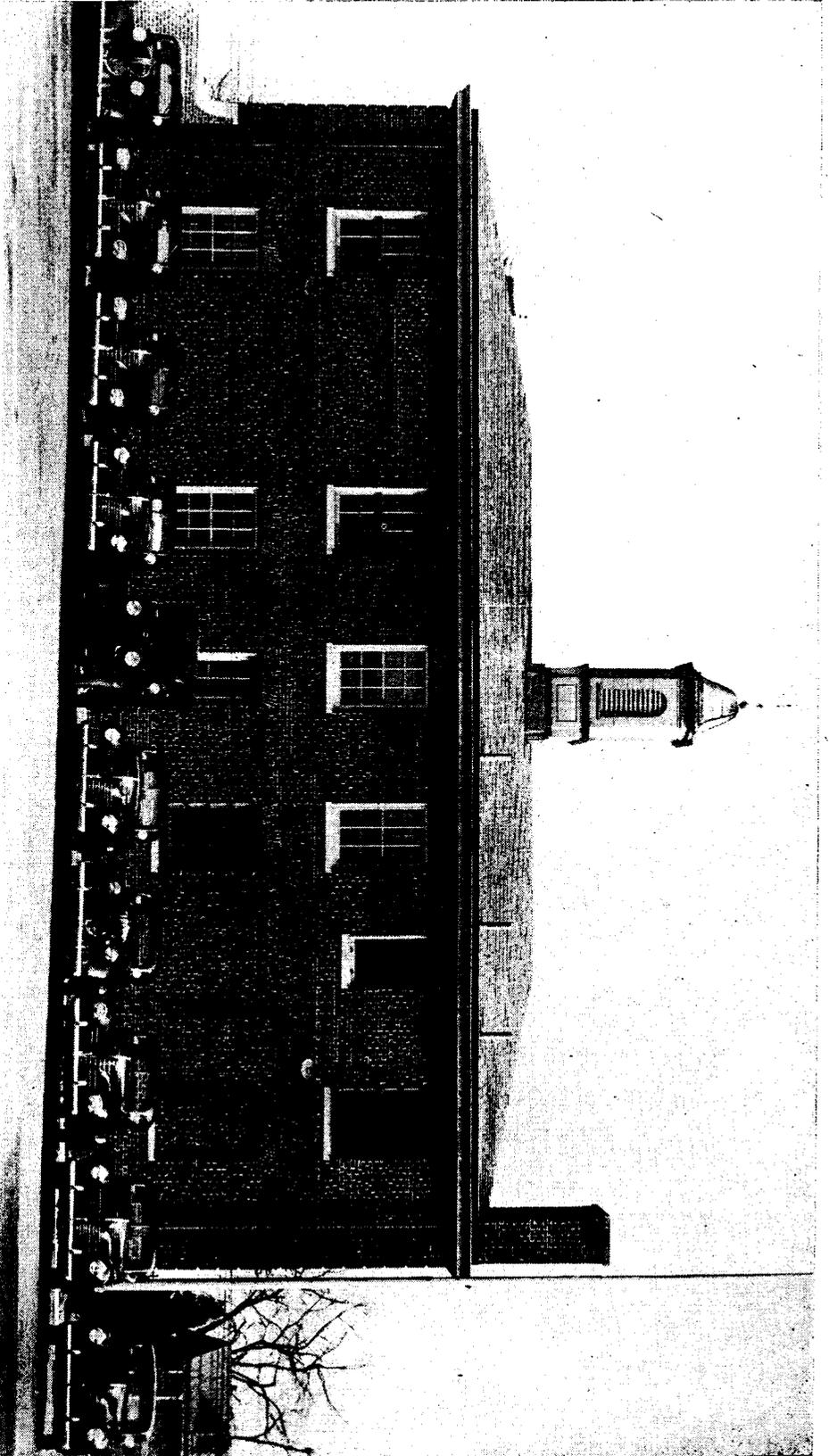
An overhead traffic signal was installed at the intersection of Easton and Jenkintown Roads, Glenside.

Speed Limit Zones were established as follows:

Township Line Road—Cedar Road to Forest Avenue  
Edge Hill Road—York Road to Welsh Road  
Lamott Avenue—Easton Road to Reservoir Avenue  
Rubicam Avenue—Easton Road to Reservoir Avenue  
Tyson Avenue—Jenkintown Road to Mt. Carmel Avenue  
Roberts Avenue—Jenkintown Road to Mt. Carmel Avenue  
Easton Road—Welsh Road to Hamilton Avenue  
Church Road—Township Line Road to Rockledge Boro Line

Arrests made are classified in comparison with year 1938 as follows:

	1939	1938
Adultery and Bastardy .....	1	1
Aggravated Assault and Battery .....		2
Assault and Battery .....	25	25
Assault and Battery by automobile .....	72	106
Assault and Battery to commit rape .....	3	1
Assault and Battery by gun .....	1	
Assault and Battery and Larceny .....		2
Assault and Battery by Trolley Car .....	1	
Attempted Burglary .....		2
Bail Jumping .....		1



Abington Township Fleet of Police Patrol Cars equipped with Two-way Radio

Begging .....	3	15
Breach of the Peace .....		5
Breaking, Entry and Larceny .....	3	
Burglary .....	2	
Contempt of Court .....		1
Cruelty to Animals .....	1	
Cutting and destroying shrubbery .....	4	8
Defrauding a Garage Owner .....		1
Defrauding a House Keeper .....		1
Demented .....	5	2
Disorderly Conduct .....	38	49
Drunk .....	68	75
Enticing Minors .....		2
Exhibiting obscene literature .....		1
False Pretense .....	1	
Failure to pay Hotel Bill .....	3	
Failure to pay wages .....	1	
Felonious Entry and Larceny .....	4	9
Felonious Entry with intent to Commit Larceny .....	1	
Felonious Entry with Larceny and receiving stolen goods .....		2
Felonious Entry and Larceny and accessory to a felony .....		2
Forcible Entry and Larceny .....		1
Forgery .....		1
Fornication .....		2
Fraudulent conversion .....	4	4
Fraud and False pretense .....		2
Hit and Run .....		1
Holdup and attempted robbery .....	1	1
Incorrigible .....		4
Inciting to Riot .....		2
Indecent Exposure .....		1
Interfering with Officer .....		1
Involuntary Manslaughter .....	2	3
Keeping Vicious Dog .....		1
Larceny .....	13	19
Larceny of Automobiles .....	6	14
Larceny of Bicycles .....		9
Larceny by Bailee .....	1	1
Larceny and Forgery .....		1
Larceny of Fowls and Animals .....		5
Larceny of Gasoline .....	2	
Larceny and receiving Stolen goods .....		2
Larceny from person .....	3	
Making Threats .....	1	
Malicious injuries to railroad property .....		2
Malicious mischief .....	33	20

Material witness .....		1
Mayhem .....		1
Non-support .....	10	19
Non-support minor child .....		1
Numbers writer .....		2
Operating automobiles under influence of liquor .....	7	7
Receiving stolen goods .....	1	2
Robbery .....		2
Runaways .....	10	9
Selling liquor to minors .....		2
Shooting Air rifle at street cars .....		1
Surety of the Peace.....		1
Suspicion of Larceny .....	3	1
Suspicion of Forgery .....		1
Suspicion of Illegal Lottery .....	3	2
Suspicious Persons .....	12	22
Trespassing .....	10	
Vagrancy .....	4	
Violation Health Laws .....	3	3
Violation Malt Beverage Act .....	2	
Violation Pennsylvania Motor Laws .....	47	25
Violation School Code .....	7	2
Violation Township Ordinance 322 .....		1
Violation Township Ordinance 392 .....		1
Violation Township Ordinance 396 .....	34	25
Violation Township Building Ordinance .....	1	1
Violation Townshp Plumbing Ordinance .....		3
Violation Wage Act .....		1
Violation Workmen's Compensation Laws .....	1	
Worthless Checks .....	5	1

The result of the Bureau of Police operations compare with the year 1938 as follow:

	1939	1938
Dangerous condition reported in roads, trees & wires	15	29
Dogs killed by officers .....	142	150
Fires Reported .....	313	258
Lodgers accommodated .....	460	472
Meals served to prisoners .....	498	656
Persons hurt in accidents reported to this Department	510	500
Prisoners finger printed and photographed .....	61	55
Attempted Suicide .....	15	5
Report to Coroner, persons killed .....	23	14
Street lights reported out .....	1521	1863
Stolen Automobiles Recovered .....	14	34
Suicides .....	4	1
Value of stolen goods recovered .....	\$8831.	\$14,277.

### Bureau of Street Lighting

Appropriation .....	\$ 29,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Street Light Service .....	\$ 28,181.05
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	28,181.05

Unexpended Balance .....\$ 818.95

The Board authorized the installation of twenty-two (22) additional street lights during the year.

### Bureau of Fire Protection

Appropriation .....	\$ 21,250.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Rental of fire hydrants .....	\$ 9,308.48
Contribution to 5 volunteer Fire Companies.....	11,250.00
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	20,558.48

Unexpended Balance .....\$ 691.52

During the year the Department of Public Safety visited and inspected the various fire company buildings and equipment. They commended the officers and members of the companies, on the excellent condition in which their houses and equipment were kept.

The installation of seven (7) new fire hydrants was authorized by the Board, as well as one hydrant being relocated.

### Alarms

The police received 313 calls for fire service and caused the alarms to be sent to the fire companies in whose fire district the fire was located.

Eighty-seven (87) of these alarms were for buildings and automobiles. Sixteen (16) for woods and dumps. Two hundred and ten (210) were field fires and false alarms.

Field fires were mostly caused through negligence and it is a great expense to the fire company and the fire company members answering these irresponsible calls. The Commissioners and Fire Board each year solicit the sincere cooperation of every citizen in minimizing the grass and field fires and we again appeal to you to exercise special precaution in eliminating the cause for these irresponsible calls.

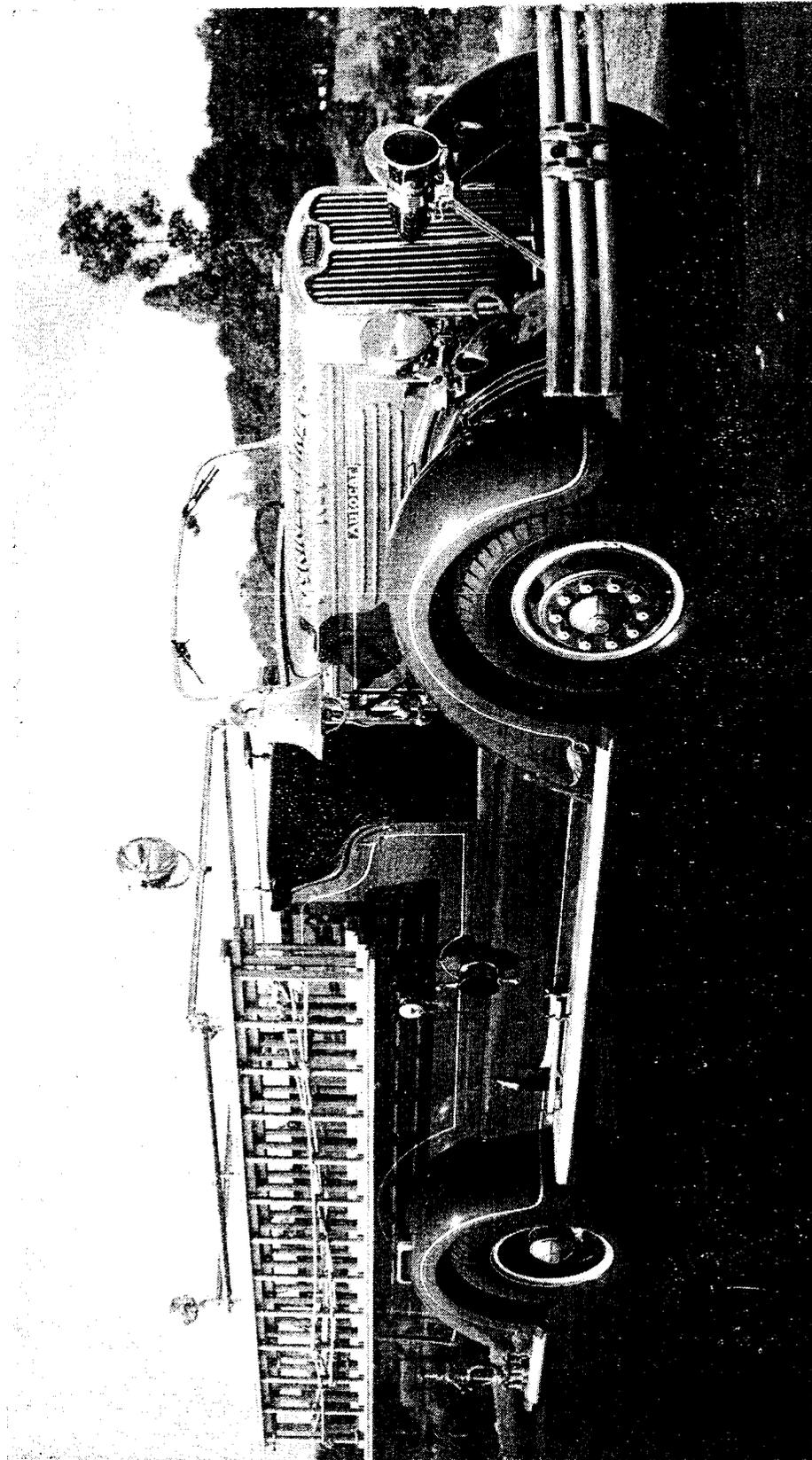
The companies of the Abington Township Fire Department report having attended fires, December 1, 1938 to December 1, 1939, classified as follows:

	ABINGTON	WELDON	EDGE HILL	McKINLEY	ROSLYN
Automobiles .....	2	2		1	2
Barns .....	5	3	2	1	2
Chicken House .....		1	2		
Club .....				1	
Dumps .....		2	2		5
Dwellings .....	20	2	4	3	10
Field Fire and Rubbish .....	48	17	20	18	28
Garage .....	3	1	1	1	2
Hay Stack .....	3				2
Hospital .....	2				1
Truck .....	1	1			1
Woods and Underbrush .....	24	7	3	3	1

### FIRE COMPANIES AUDIT

The accounts of the fire company members of the Abington Township Fire Department, were audited by the Township Auditors. A summary of the audit for 1939 follows.

	ABINGTON	WELDON	EDGE HILL	McKINLEY	ROSLYN
Balance in General Fund 1/1/39 .....	\$ 3,008.68	\$ 2,551.73	\$ 935.44	\$ 3,748.22	\$ 1,347.96
Receipts during year .....	4,454.55	4,930.43	2,643.65	7,327.85	2,873.05
	\$ 7,463.23	\$ 7,482.16	\$ 3,579.09	\$ 11,076.07	\$ 4,221.01
Expenditures during year .....	5,033.45	4,573.87	2,665.07	9,933.10	3,093.63
Balance in General Fund 12/31/39 .....	\$ 2,429.78	\$ 2,908.29	\$ 914.02	\$ 1,142.97	\$ 1,127.38
Cash held in Special Accounts .....	\$ 750.00			\$ 963.34	\$ 2,593.05
A s s e t s .....	\$ 39,080.83	\$ 23,408.29	\$ 21,210.00	\$ 18,206.31	\$ 21,851.98
Liabilities .....		\$ 9,500.00	\$ 550.00		\$ 3,000.00



McKinley Fire Company's New Piece of Equipment

## Bureau of Building Inspection and Zoning

Appropriation .....		\$ 3,800.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Salaries .....	\$ 1,800.00	
Inspection Expense .....	482.70	
Printing, Postage, Advertising .....	409.23	
Miscellaneous .....	137.06	
		<u>2,828.99</u>
Unexpended Balance .....		\$ 971.01

Five hundred and ninety-one (591) applications were received for Building Permits issued during the year 1939 at an estimated cost as follows:

239 Dwellings .....	\$1,205,102.00
51 Accessory Buildings .....	50,290.00
259 Alterations, Additions and Repairs .....	283,847.00
29 Signs .....	1,428.00
1 Factory Building .....	20,000.00
1 Diner .....	8,500.00
4 Temporary Permits .....	
7 Demolished Buildings .....	
	<u>\$1,569,167.00</u>
591	

The following statement sets forth the construction of dwellings and separate garages and service stations during the years 1935 to 1939 inclusive.

DWELLINGS		SEPARATE GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS	
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.
1938	153 estimated cost 1,082,857.	54	estimated cost 18,650.
1938	1 multiple dwelling 776,000.		
1939	239 estimated cost 1,205,102.	51	estimated cost 50,290.

## Zoning

The Zoning Board of Adjustment during the year received twelve applications for a Variance and Special Exception. Public hearings were held in each instance and nine of these applications, owing to special condition not being contrary to the public interest, were granted, and three were refused.

The Board of Commissioners received during the year nine Petitions for Change of Classification in the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance of 1936, public hearings in each instance were held resulting in three Appeals being withdrawn, one refused and five granted. the Ordinance being amended accordingly.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**Bureau of Health and Sanitation**

Appropriation .....	\$ 11,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Salaries .....	\$4,620.00
Analysis and Inspection of Milk .....	893.30
Inspection Expense .....	500.00
Printing and Supplies .....	873.91
Collection of Garbage .....	2,250.00
Miscellaneous .....	133.09
	9,270.30
Unexpended Balance .....	\$ 1,729.70

**Health Officer**

Physicians, during the year 1939, reported the following communicable diseases to the Bureau of Health:

CHICKEN POX .....	84	POLIOMEYLITIS	
ENCEPHOLITIS		(Infantile Paralysis) .....	14
(Sleeping Sickness) .....	1	PNEUMONIA .....	2
MEASLES .....	10	SCARLET FEVER .....	15
MUMPS .....	171	TYPHOID FEVER .....	3
		WHOOPING COUGH .....	79

The Health Officer received fifty-five (55) complaints of overflowing cesspool nuisance and directed the owners to abate the same.

The Health Officer inspected one hundred and seventy-four (174) public eating places, drinking places and soda fountains within our Township and issued five hundred and sixty-four (564) Health Certificates to the employers and employees. This report was filed with the State Department of Restaurant Hygiene.

The Health Officer submitted five samples of water to the Medical Arts Laboratory for testing.

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

**Plumbing Inspection**

The Plumbing Inspector reported four hundred and fifteen (415) plans of plumbing work were approved and permits issued during the year 1939. Certificates of Registration were issued during the year to sixty-five (65) Master Plumbers, ninety-two (92) Transient Master Plumbers and twenty (20) Journeyman Plumbers.

Seventy-two (72) cesspools, ten (10) septic tanks and twelve (12) sub-soil drainage systems were installed under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector.

Seventy-one (71) Certificates of Sanitary Drainage and Plumbing Fixtures were issued by the Plumbing Inspector.

The Plumbing Inspector investigated thirteen (13) violations and nuisance complaints and supervised their correction.

## Plumbing Code

An Act of the 1939 Legislature rescinded the plumbing regulation Act No. 44 of 1937. Act No. 44 becoming null and void September 1, 1939.

The Department of Health submitted a proposed code and set of health rules and regulations governing plumbing, house and building drainage and cesspools in Abington Township. Same was considered by the Board of Commissioners who adopted Ordinance 434, providing for the examination, licensure and registration of persons, firms, or corporations engaged or engaging in the business or work of plumbing or house or building drainage, and prescribing certain rules, regulations, and requirements for the construction of plumbing, house drainage, building drainage, and cesspools in Abington Township and imposing fines, penalties, and forfeitures for violation thereof.

## Garbage Collection

The Bureau of Health received two hundred and five requests for garbage service during the year, which were given immediate attention by the contractor, Frank Birchler, Jarrettown, Pa.

## Milk Inspection

The Milk Inspection of our Township was supervised by the Old York Road Milk Control Board. The Township's share in the expense of inspection was \$526.49 and for the analysis of milk and cream \$366.81.

## Bureau of Sanitary Sewers

Appropriation .....	\$ 6,500.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Operation and maintenance .....	\$ 3,878.61
Construction of Sewers .....	2,059.52
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	5,938.13
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Unexpended Balance .....	\$ 561.87

Eight (8) applications for connections 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 Commissioners of Abington Township extended their Sanitary Sewer System, through Ordinance No. 439, authorizing the construction of a sanitary sewer in Canterbury Road from Highland Avenue, eastwardly approximately 1000 feet. Bids were received and contract awarded the Chestnut Hill Contracting Company, Chestnut Hill, Pa., who submitted the lowest responsible bid. The ordinance provides for assessing the cost or expense connected therewith to the property owners abutting thereon on the foot front rule.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at their annual meeting January 3, 1939, resolutions, ordinances, agreements and indentures were adopted, enacted and executed pursuant to the Act of July 18, 1935, P. L. 1286 as amended by the Act of May 14, 1937, P. L. 630, and of Article XXIV of the Act of June 24, 1931, P. L. 1206, as amended by the Act of May 7, 1937 P. L. 574, for the construction and operation of a comprehensive sanitary sewage system, including a disposal plant and pumping stations, for North Hillis, Ardsley, Roslyn, Crestmont, Roychester Park and parts of Glenside, Abington and McKinley.

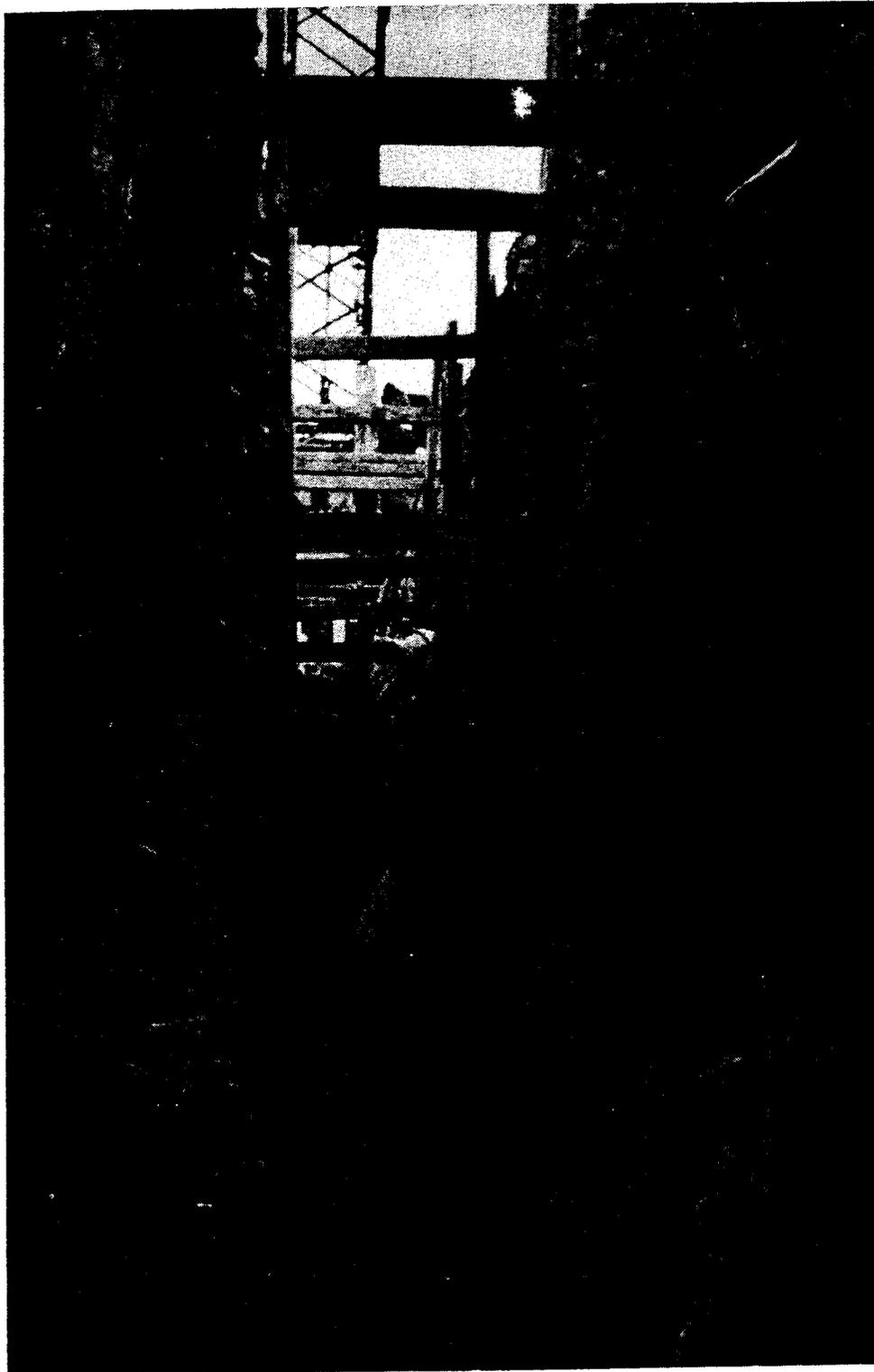
A bill in equity was filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, No. 5 February Term, 1939 by Lester E. Leighton, John R. Warr and Dorothy E. Warr, citizens and taxpayers of Abington Township averring that the aforesaid Acts of Assembly and the resolutions, ordinances, agreements and indentures adopted pursuant thereto were unconstitutional and appealed to the Court to restrain by decree, the Township from proceeding and acting thereunder.

The Court of Common Pleas on the 21st of April, 1939, dismissed the bill in equity at the cost of the Township, allowing an exception to the plaintiff citizens and taxpayers.

From the final decree of the Court of Common Pleas in favor of the Township, an appeal was taken by the plaintiffs to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The appeal was argued in Harisburg on May 23, 1939, and in August, Chief Justice Kephart ordered a re-argument because of the difficult and important questions of law involved in the case. The re-argument was held in Pittsburgh on October 6, 1939.

The Supreme Court on November 27, 1939, filed an opinion of the court written by Justice Linn holding what was proposed to be done by the Township is in violation of Section 20 of Article III of the Constitution in that Township was without authority to delegate to trustees for bondholders the power to take over and operate the sewage system in event of default in the payment of principal and interest due on the bonds issued to finance the project.

The Supreme Court reversed the decree of the Court of Common Pleas, reinstated the bill in equity and remitted the record with the instructions to grant the injunction, costs to be paid by the Township. A strong dissenting opinion was filed by Justice Maxey.



Rock Excavation—Sanitary Sewer—Canterbury Road

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### Bureau of Highways

Appropriation .....\$ 85,860.00

#### Summary of Expenditures:

Salaries .....	\$ 7,822.50
Engineer Services and Supplies .....	4,635.65
Maintenance and Replacement Automobiles .....	9,267.13
Maintenance and Installation Street signs .....	763.52
Insurance-Compensation, Equipment and Liability .....	2,075.40
Tools and Equipment .....	1,306.23
Miscellaneous .....	782.33
Maintenance Highways .....	48,965.95
Contribution-County Aid .....	8,800.00
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	\$ 84,418.71

Unexpended Balance .....\$ 1,441.29

### Sub-divisions

Plans were approved for the following sub-divisions:

1. Brentwood Farms—Ward 1
2. Welsh Hills—Ward 1
3. Fox Chase Manor (Revised)—Ward 2
4. Glenmore Farms—Ward 3
5. Jenkintown Gardens—Ward 4

### Highway Construction Permits

Permits were issued to construct the following streets:

Part of Seminole Avenue—Ward 2  
Part of Kirkwood Avenue—Ward 2  
Part of Montgomery Avenue—Ward 2  
Part of Gibson Avenue—Ward 2  
Part of Charles Street—Ward 3  
Part of Pleasant Avenue—Ward 3  
Part of Huron Avenue—Ward 4  
Crefeld Avenue—Ward 4  
Oneida Avenue—Ward 4  
Thorpe Avenue—Ward 4

A twenty-four (24) inch reinforced concrete pipe storm sewer from Argyle Road to Reading Company right-of-way, Ward 6.

## **New Construction**

The following streets were improved with combined curb and gutter and asphalt macadam paving and the cost assessed to the owners of abutting properties.

Ordinance No. 418—Hillthorpe Avenue from Tyson Avenue to Grovania Avenue—Ward 8.

Ordinance No. 429—Roseland Avenue from Fox Chase Road to Montgomery Avenue—Ward 2.

Gibson Avenue from Roseland Avenue to 150 feet West thereof—Ward 2.

Montgomery Avenue from Cedar Road to 150 feet West of Roseland Avenue—Ward 2.

## **Curb, Gutter and Sidewalks**

Concrete curb, gutter and sidewalks were placed by abutting property owner along westerly side of Highland Avenue, part of Lots 367-368 Plan of Highland Farm, Ward 1.

Concrete curbs and sidewalks were placed by abutting property owners at the westerly corner of Susquehanna Street and Edge Hill Road—Ward 8.

Concrete curbs and sidewalks were placed by abutting property owners on the westerly side of Huntingdon Pike abutting Lots 201A-202A, Plan of Hollywood, Ward 2.

## **New Streets**

The Township accepted, by Ordinance, the following streets:

Ordinance No. 329—ROSELAND AVENUE—Fox Chase Road to Montgomery Avenue—Ward 2.

Ordinance No. 429-437—GIBSON AVENUE—Roseland Avenue to Kirkwood Avenue—Ward 2.

Ordinance No. 429-437—MONTGOMERY AVENUE—Cedar Road to Kirkwood Avenue—Ward 2.

Ordinance No. 437—KIRKWOOD AVENUE—Fox Chase Road to Montgomery Avenue—Ward 2.

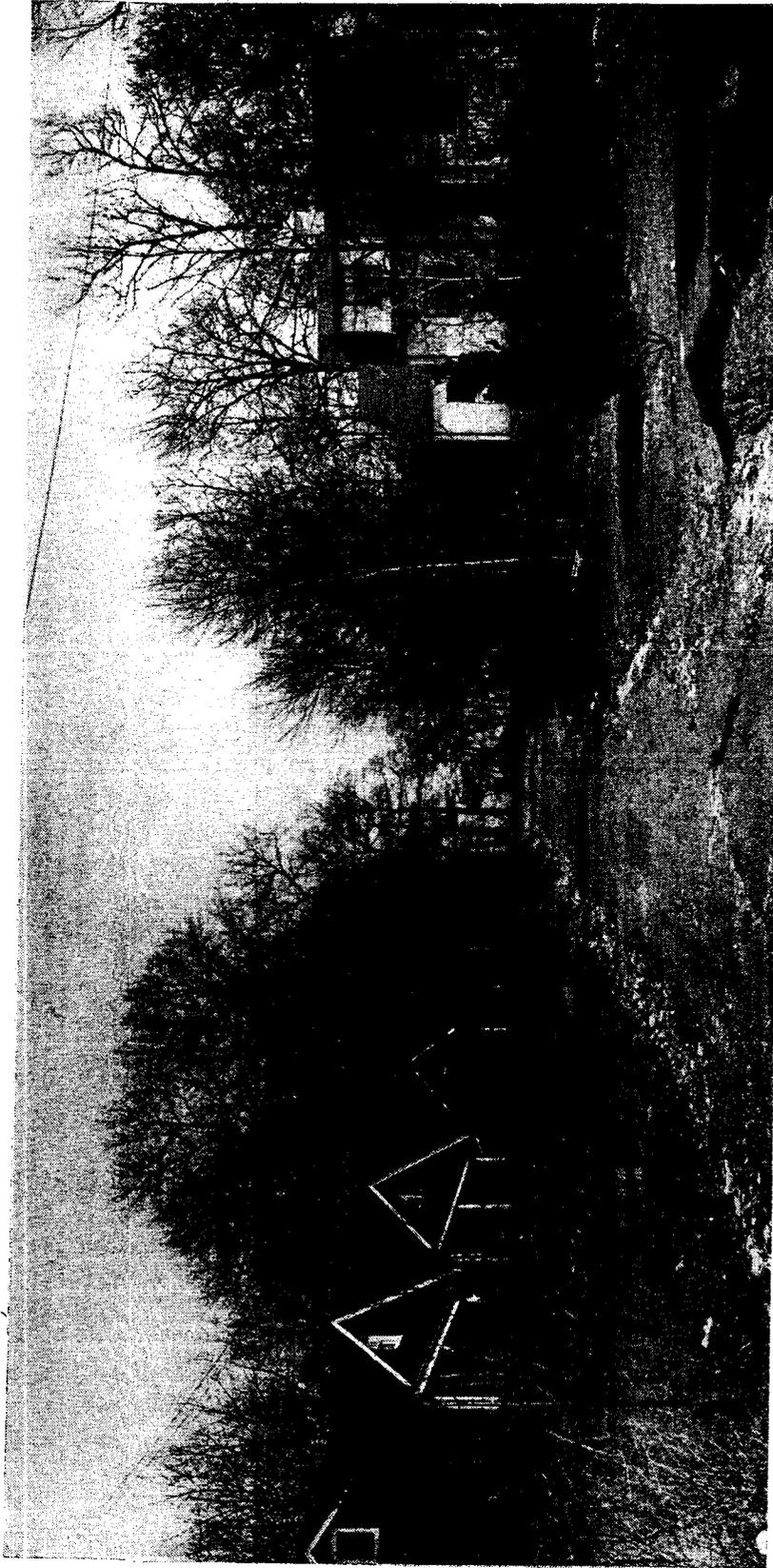
Ordinance No. 437—SEMINOLE AVENUE—Fox Chase Road to Montgomery Avenue—Ward 2.

Ordinance No. 438—CREFELD AVENUE—Forrest Avenue to Huron Avenue—Ward 4.

Ordinance No. 440—ONEIDA AVENUE—Forrest Avenue to Huron Avenue—Ward 4.

Ordinance No. 440—HURON AVENUE—Jenkintown Road to Oneida Avenue—Ward 4.

Ordinance No. 418—HILLTHORPE AVENUE—Tyson Avenue to Grovania Avenue—Ward 8.



Hillthorpe Avenue, Roslyn Ward No. 8, prior to construction



Hillthorpe Avenue, Roslyn Ward No. 8, constructed under the provisions of Ordinance No. 418 by the Tri-County Constructors.

### Highway Permits

Two hundred and seventy-seven (277) Applications for Highway Permits were submitted, approved and permits issued during the year.

### Montgomery County Aid

The Montgomery County Highway Department began the construction of the following streets:

School Lane—Woodland Road to Cloverly Lane—Ward 1, 75% completed.

Willow Avenue—Osceola Avenue to Forrest Avenue—Ward 4, completed.

Highland Avenue—Welsh Road to Hamilton Avenue—Ward 5, completed.

The above work is being financed on the following basis:

Montgomery County 60%

Abington Township 40%

The County forces began constructing concrete curb and sidewalk along the westerly side of Easton Road from Welsh Road to Moreland Road—Ward 5. Abington Township will defray 40% of the cost of the improvement, upon its completion.

### New Street Construction

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

WARD		SQUARE YARDS
1	Paper Mill Road—Welsh Rd. to Grasshopper Road	1260
5	Arnold Avenue—Rubicam Avenue to Hamilton Ave.	2400
10	Glendale Ave.—Edge Hill Rd. to Grovania Avenue	2066
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### Reconstructed Streets

The following street was given a two-coat asphalt penetration wearing surface upon an existing stone base.

Ward 4—Forest Avenue—Jenkintown Rd. to Oneida Avenue 1900 sq. yds.

### Surface Treatment

The Department surface treated the following streets:

WARD	STREET	LOCATION	SQUARE YARDS
2	MOREDON ROAD,	Mill Road to Huntingdon Pike	3900
2	SAN GABRIEL AVENUE,	Los Angeles Avenue to Huntingdon Pike	990
2	PASADENA AVENUE,	Los Angeles Avenue to Huntingdon Pike	1350
2	MONTGOMERY AVENUE,	Los Angeles Avenue to Huntingdon Pike	750
2	SAN DIEGO AVENUE,	Los Angeles Avenue to Huntingdon Pike	2300

WARD		SQUARE YARDS
2	GIBSON AVENUE, Cedar Road to Huntingdon Pike	5000
2	REDONDO AVENUE, San Diego Avenue to Fox Chase Road	540
2	SHADY LANE and big Intersection bounded by Huntingdon Pike, Fox Chase Road, Shady Lane	2000
4	CHURCH ROAD, Township Line Road to Rockledge Boro Line	6760
4	HAINES AVENUE, Jenkintown Road to Township Line Road	1270
4	HIGH SCHOOL ROAD, Jenkintown Road to Township Line Road	1700
4	WEST AVENUE, Jenkintown Road to Township Line Road	1860
4	FISHER ROAD, Cypress Avenue to Township Line Road	2100
4	HOLMECREST ROAD, 184' N. E. of Wellington Road to Fisher Road	3300
4	WELLINGTON ROAD, Forrest Avenue to concrete paving	2400
4	CADWALADER AVENUE, Jenkintown Road to Cheltenham Township Line	4540
4	GREENWOOD AVENUE, Jenkintown Road to Meetinghouse Road	1780
5	HAMILTON AVENUE, Easton Road to Grove Avenue	4900
5	LAMOTT AVENUE, Easton Road to Highland Avenue	1800
5	ARNOLD AVENUE, Rubicam Avenue to Welsh Road	1500
6	CRICKET AVENUE, Spruce Avenue to 800' North	1600
6	TENNIS AVENUE, Spruce Avenue to 700' North	1350
6	RUSCOMBE AVENUE, Limekiln Pike to Mt. Carmel Avenue	2920
6	PENN AVENUE, Limekiln Pike to Spruce Avenue	1200
6	PINE AVENUE, Tennis Avenue to Cricket Avenue	1260
6	CRICKET AVENUE, Mt. Carmel Avenue to Spruce Avenue	5600
6	MAPLE AVENUE, Limekiln Pike to Spruce Avenue	3200
6	HAMEL AVENUE, Limekiln Pike to Spruce Avenue	4900
6	LAUREL LANE, Fairview Avenue to Hamel Avenue	700

WARD		SQUARE YARDS
6	HEATHER LANE, Fairview Avenue to Hamel Avenue	600
6	FAIRVIEW AVENUE, Limekiln Pike to Hazel Avenue	6500
6	HAZEL AVENUE, Edge Hill Road to end of paving	3050
6	MONROE AVENUE, Jenkintown Road to Hazel Avenue	1120
8	LAFAYETTE AVENUE, Bradfield Road to Colonial Avenue	2430
8	RADCLIFFE AVENUE, Bradfield Road to Brookdale Avenue	4500
8	KENDERTON AVENUE, Easton Road to Colonial Avenue	2430
8	INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, Easton Road to Brookdale Avenue	3800
8	BROOKDALE AVENUE, Easton Road to Radcliffe Avenue	5070
8	HIGHLAND AVENUE, Woodland Road to Pershing Avenue	1260
8	COLONIAL AVENUE, Susquehanna Street to Brookdale Avenue	3680
8	MILDRED AVENUE, Easton Road to dead end	3100
9	TENNIS AVENUE, Jenkintown Road to Jefferson Avenue	7600
10	ALLEN LANE, Welsh Road to Parkview Avenue	1220
10	PARKVIEW AVENUE, Roberta Avenue to Harding Avenue	2100
10	MAPLE AVENUE, York Road to Silver Avenue	2770
10	CHESTER AVENUE, York Road to Edge Hill Road	1800
10	DECATUR AVENUE, York Road to Edge Hill Road	1270
10	HAMILTON AVENUE, York Road to Grove Avenue	850
Total Square Yards		128,620

Based on an 18 feet wide cartway this total yardage amounts to 12.18 miles of surface treatment.

### Dust Treatment

The Department treated with dust laying material, various unimproved streets throughout the Township, totalling 7.86 miles.

## **Miscellaneous**

Miscellaneous work performed by the Department.

Cooperated with the Department of Public Safety by erecting speed limit signs along Tyson Avenue, Wards 3 and 13; Roberts Avenue, Wards 3 and 13; Maple Avenue, Ward 6; Edge Hill Road, Ward 10; Township Line Road, Ward 4.

Cooperated with the Department of Public Health by installing seven (7) new Sanitary Sewer House Laterals in Wards 1, 4, 7 and 11, and constructed two (2) manholes in Sanitary Sewer in Runningbrook Road for Jericho Manor Apartment, Ward 7.

Placed a 30-inch diameter pipe across Rothley Avenue West of Glendale Avenue, Ward 5.

Constructed timber bridge over stream crossing Station Avenue, Ward 6.

Placed 48 feet of 36 inch concrete pipe and dug a drainage ditch on the westerly side of Edgecombe Avenue between Edge Hill Road and Tyson Avenue, Ward 9.

## **Public Works Department General Work**

The Department forces performed routine work in connection with the maintenance of roads, sewers and parks. This work embracing the following:

Patching holes in streets and repairing street openings made by Utility Companies.

Cleaning streets and gutters, storm water sewers, inlets, drainage ditches, and water courses.

Maintenance and inspection of the Sanitary Sewers, flume and meter pit.

Scraping and maintaining unimproved streets.

Cutting grass, weeds, and underbrush and trimming trees for proper clearance for pedestrians and vehicles.

Snow fence erection and removal.

Snow plowing and snow removal.

Cindering icy intersections and hills.

Painted and repaired guard rails along highways.

Painted street name signs and sign posts.

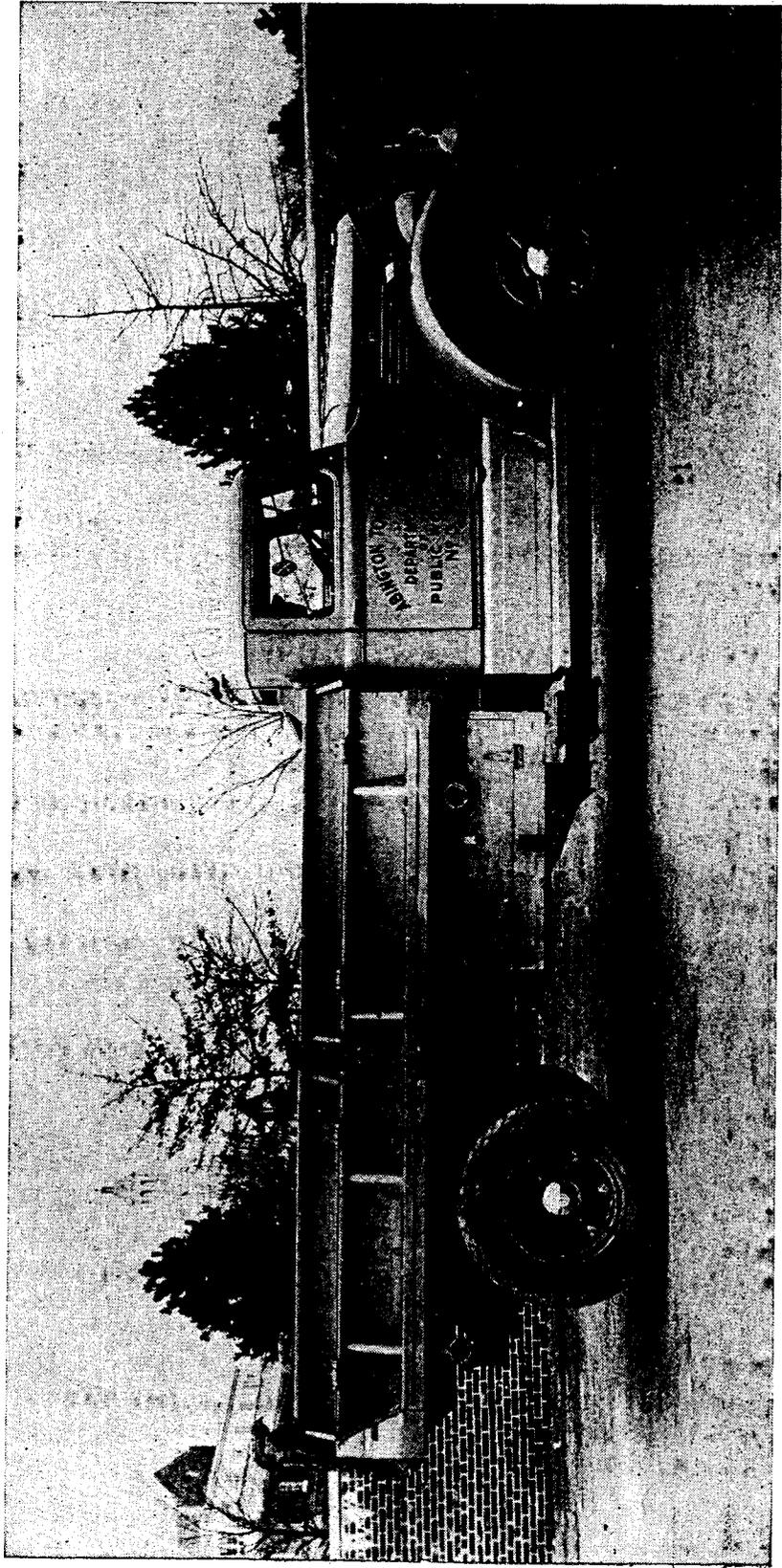
Park, Playground and Police Pistol Range maintenance.

## **Equipment**

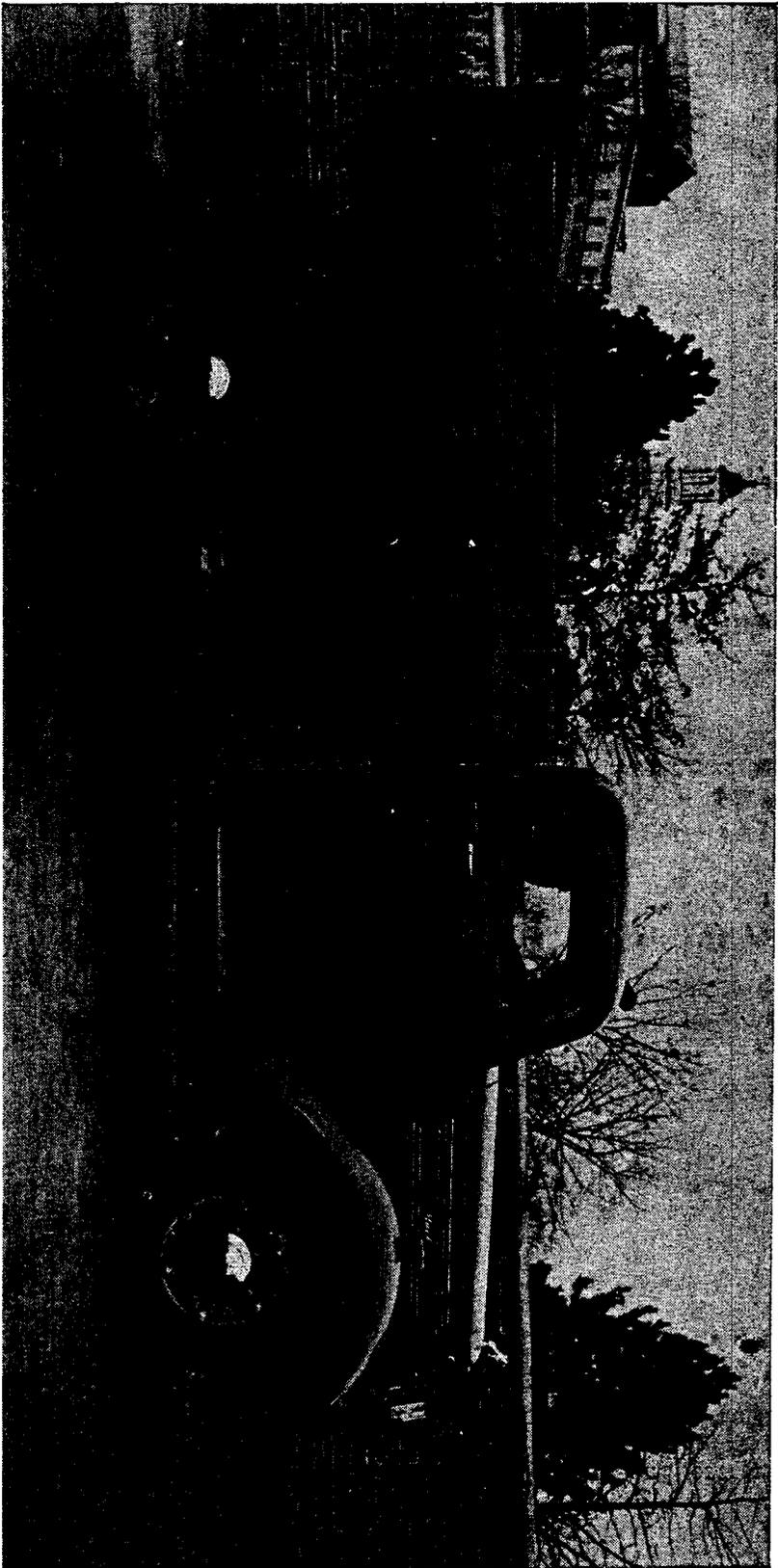
The following equipment was purchased during year 1939:

One Autocar Truck

One Mack Truck



New Township Truck replacing a used Truck



New Township Truck added to the Department of Public Works equipment

### Street Name Signs

Fifty-two (52) street name signs were purchased and erected at various street intersections in the Township.

### Real Estate Registry Bureau

Seven hundred and ninety-two (792) Real Estate Deeds were officially registered.

### Bureau of Refuse and Ash Collection

Appropriation ..... \$ 10,500.00

#### Summary of Expenditures:

Collection Refuse & Ashes ..... \$ 11,010.10

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Appropriation Overdrawn ..... \$ 510.10

During the year 1939, weekly collections were made according to the Winter Schedule and bi-weekly collections according to the Summer Schedule.

A total of 2038 truck loads of refuse and ashes were collected. The ashes were placed on unimproved streets in various wards of the Township. The refuse was deposited on the dump. The mileage travelled collecting and disposing of refuse and ashes was 20,375 miles.

### PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Thirteen (13) fireplaces and a foot bridge were constructed in Baederwood Park.

Erected flag poles at Crestmont Park, Overlook Hills Park, Baederwood Park and the Bird Sanctuary.

Erected name signs at Overlook Hills Park and Bird Sanctuary.

Cut wood for fireplaces in Baederwood Park.

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