

Board of Commissioners
Township of Abington

1947
Annual Report

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 5, 1948



**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON**

York Road and Horace Avenue

Abington, Pennsylvania

MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, LEWIS C. DORN, Commissioner from the Glenside Ward, No. 3, departed this life on the 27th day of August A. D. 1947; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Township Commissioners desire to express publicly their deep personal and official loss through the sudden and untimely death of their friend and associate, Lewis C. Dorn,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Township Commissioners sorrowfully note the passing of an able public servant, genial companion and a loyal friend.

Commissioner Dorn was elected to office at the general election of November, 1935. He was twice re-elected by his constituents in the Glenside Ward No. 3, and was engaged in the primary campaign for the Republican nomination at the time of his death.

Commissioner Dorn served as a member of the Department of Public Safety throughout his incumbency and as Director of that Department from August 14, 1947 to August 27, 1947. Commissioner Dorn was very attentive to the welfare and development of the Township police force. He had a warm place in his heart for the officers and patrolmen and was always eager to support measures for the betterment of the force.

Commissioner Dorn served as a member of the Department of Public Affairs for the brief span of two weeks prior to his death; as Finance Officer of Abington Township Council of Defense from May 14, 1942 until dissolution of said Council on December 13, 1945; as Local Property Officer of Civilian Defense, and as a member of Abington Township Civil Service Commission from January 2, 1945.

Commissioner Dorn's relationships with his fellow commissioners and Township employees were always cordial, harmonious and helpful. He was earnest and dependable in his official actions. He was warm and sincere in his personal relationships, and gifted with kindly humor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread in full upon the permanent records of the Township, and that a suitable copy thereof be prepared and conveyed to the bereaved family as a token of esteem and an expression of sorrow.

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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 Department are as follows:

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| 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 Monday..... | 7:30 o'clock P.M. |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment | Third Tuesday..... | 7:30 o'clock P.M. |

CALL THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

For General Township Information
For Highway Information
For Health Information
For Sewer 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

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.

COMMISSIONERS — 1948

Abington Ward No. 1
EDWIN U. SMILEY
110 Susquehanna Street, Abington

Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2
GEORGE I. GILSON
1013 Montgomery Avenue
Fox Chase Manor, Phila. 11

Glenside Ward No. 3
WILLIAM S. SNYDER
405 Linden Avenue, Glenside

McKinley Ward No. 4
EDWIN H. GEISSLER
518 Cypress Avenue, McKinley,
Philadelphia 17

Crestmont Ward No. 5
A. EDWARD HABICHT
322 Prospect Avenue, Willow Grove

North Hills Ward No. 6
EUGENE S. RILEY
365 Elm Avenue, North Hills

Noble Ward No. 7
GEORGE E. MAURER
13 Canterbury Road, Abington

Roslyn Ward No. 8
ALEXANDER HOGG
2489 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn

Ardsley Ward No. 9
ALEXANDER C. WATT
760 Monroe Avenue, Ardsley

Roychester Ward No. 10
HARRY T. MACKENZIE
301 Silver Avenue, Willow Grove

Glenside Ward No. 11
CHARLES F. HETTENBACH
716 Garden Road, Glenside

Glenside Ward No. 12
CALVIN W. FOWLER
358 Woodlawn Avenue, Glenside

Glenside Ward No. 13
RUSSELL D. HARRAR
35 Roberts Avenue, Glenside

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DIRECTORY OF POLLING PLACES

ABINGTON, WARD No. 1
ABINGTON FIRE HOUSE
York Road and Horace Avenue
Abington, Pennsylvania

SAW MILL HILL, WARD No. 2
CEDAR ROAD SCHOOL
Cedar Road
Hollywood, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE, WARD No. 3
WELDON FIRE HOUSE
Easton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

McKINLEY, WARD No. 4
McKINLEY FIRE HOUSE
Cadwalader Avenue
McKinley, Pennsylvania

CRESTMONT, WARD No. 5
HARVEY'S GARAGE
212 S. Easton Road
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

NORTH HILLS, WARD No. 6
EDGE HILL FIRE HOUSE
2843 Limekiln Pike
North Hills, Pennsylvania

NOBLE, WARD No. 7
ROBINSON'S RESIDENCE
York Road and Rodman Avenue
Noble, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN, WARD No. 8
ROSLYN FIRE HOUSE
1128 Bradfield Road
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

ARDSLEY, WARD No. 9
ARDSLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE
Hamel Ave. near Woodrow Ave.
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

ROYCHESTER, WARD No. 10
W. CLYDE GOURLEY, INC.
REAL ESTATE OFFICE
York Road and Welsh Road
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE, WARD No. 11
MOBILGAS STATION
N. E. Cor. Easton & Jenkintown Roads
Glenside, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE, WARD No. 12
FANELLI BARBER SHOP
Cor. Keswick & Mt. Carmel Aves.
Glenside, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE, WARD No. 13
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
PARISH HOUSE
Roberts Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

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TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

RUSSELL D. HARRAR, President
ALEXANDER HOGG, Vice-President
E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary
A. RUSSELL PARKHOUSE, Treasurer
DAVID E. GROSHENS, Solicitor
PATRICK McKEE, Chief of Police

LOUIS E. BRIGHAM, Bldg. Inspector
OLIVER L. KING, Township Engineer
ALBRIGHT & FRIEL, INC., Sewer
Engineers
GEORGE P. RAPP, Health Officer
MONROE C. ROBERTS, Plumbing
Inspector

DEPT. OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ALEXANDER HOGG, Director
EDWIN H. GEISSLER

GEORGE E. MAURER
ALEXANDER C. WATT

DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY

ALEXANDER C. WATT, Director
EUGENE S. RILEY

GEORGE I. GILSON
EDWIN U. SMILEY

DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH

GEORGE E. MAURER, Director
CHARLES F. HETTENBACH

WILLIAM S. SNYDER

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

EDWIN H. GEISSLER, Director
HARRY T. MACKENZIE

CALVIN W. FOWLER
A. EDWARD HABICHT

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

HARVEY SMITH

REGINALD M. BUDD, Chairman
CHARLES P. MILLS

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP AUDITORS

WM. RAYMOND VOGEL

DAVID E. KRUEGER
GEORGE L. MAXWELL

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

THERMIN P. BRITT, Chairman

BERTRAM E. OUGHTON, Secretary
ALEXANDER C. WATT

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TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON:

The year 1947 was marked by increased activity in the various Departments of your township government, a brief review of which is set forth in this thirty-fourth Annual Report. It also marked the loss of two faithful members of the Board of Commissioners through the resignation of William H. Jones after twenty-one years as Commissioner of the Crestmont Ward No. 5, and the sudden death of Lewis C. Dorn, Commissioner of the Glenside Ward No. 3 for twelve years.

It is interesting to note that during the past year 257 permits were issued for new dwellings as compared with four in 1943 and two in 1944. During the same period more than 1600 transfers of real estate were registered as compared with 890 four years ago. The result is that many new families have moved into our township and I would take this opportunity to extend to them on behalf of your governing body and officers a most hearty welcome.

Work on the sanitary sewer contracts has progressed steadily in the past twelve months during which time more than \$400,000 worth of intercepting sewer and branch line sewers in streets were completed in portions of Abington, Roslyn and Ardsley. Additional contracts were let totaling \$354,000 for extension of sewer facilities in portions of the Roychester and McKinley areas and the construction of a force main and pumping station in Abington. Construction of the sewage treatment works on Fitzwatertown Road is expected to be completed about July 1, 1948. Temporary service will be provided in the meantime.

The sewer agreement with Cheltenham Township dated August 8, 1929, was amended following a series of meetings between the two Boards, covering the discharge of sewage from certain areas of Abington Township which drain into the Cheltenham Township system. The new agreement allocates a maximum flow of 3.31 cubic feet per second for ten points of connection.

The matter of new sources of revenue to meet demands for increased public services and to provide for wage increases for its employees was thoroughly explored by your Commissioners and pursuant to authority granted by the Legislature under Act No. 481 approved June 25, 1947, an ordinance was adopted establishing a 3% amusement tax effective January 1, 1948. It is anticipated approximately \$42,000 will be realized from this source.

The continued cooperation of the members of the Board, officers and employees of the township during the past year has been most gratifying.

RUSSELL D. HARRAR, President

Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Directors of Public Affairs submit for your consideration a brief review of the activities of their Department, including a detailed statement of estimated receipts, disbursements and balances in conjunction with the Auditor's Report.

Bureau of Library

The Board of Commissioners approved a contribution of \$500 to the Abington Library Society and \$500 to the Glenside Free Library Association for the year 1947.

Bureau of Miscellaneous

The Board of Commissioners authorized the annual contribution of \$2,000 to the Abington Township Police Pension Association Investment Fund. The Association closed the year with a balance of \$2,550.53 in the General Fund and \$8,386.03 in the Investment Fund. The Trustees have \$30,875.07 invested in first mortgages of properties in Abington Township, and \$102,000.00 in United States Government Securities.

Sinking Funds

The bond tax levied and collected for the year 1947, amounting to \$78,151.00 was deposited into the sinking funds. Orders were drawn on the sinking funds for \$20,350.00 for the payment of coupon interest.

Bonds maturing in the amount of \$150,000.00 were paid. The total outstanding bonds as of January 6, 1948, was \$1,782,000 with a sinking fund credit of \$137,295.64 or a net bonded indebtedness of \$1,644,704.36.

Investment of Funds

The accumulated or reserve funds in the special accounts and sinking funds were invested in United States Government Certificates of Indebtedness pending the activity of the accounts. These investments totaled \$12,000.

Penbryn Park

The Board of Commissioners acquired title to additional lots in Penbryn Park from the County Commissioners through tax sale and the Public Works Department at the request of the residents of North Hills, leveled off a portion of the park for a ball diamond complete with wire backstop. The Board also let a contract for the purchase of playground equipment for the park.

Game Preserve

The Board of Commissioners accepted the gift from Mrs. J. Smylie Herkness for approximately 14 acres of land at the northeasterly corner of Valley Road and Meadowbrook Road for use as a Bird Sanctuary and Game Preserve.

World War II Memorial Park

The committee appointed to study plans for the development of World War II Memorial Park are interested in putting in the Court of Honor on a somewhat modified scale as planned by Thomas W. Sears, Architect. Funds will be provided by public subscription, in conjunction with the Abington Township Association's Memorial Stadium.

The Board of Commissioners plan to remove the large trees from the island and seed the entire area in grass.

Several individuals and organizations have had trees planted on the island during the year as memorials.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS,
DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE**

GENERAL FUNDS

| Note: Roman Numeral refers to item in Township Auditor's Report. | Estimated in Budget for 1947 | Received 1947 | Estimated in Budget for 1948 |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Cash in Bank beginning of year | \$ 23,451 | (I) \$ 23,945.40 | \$ 16,500 |
| Refund Cancelled Checks | | 356.62 | |
| Taxes—1947 (95% estimated collectible) | \$ 345,800 | (IV) \$346,002.64 | \$ 359,100 |
| Penalties 1947 | \$ | (V) \$ 225.99 | \$ |
| Prior years from tax collector—1946 | \$ 5,000 | (III) \$ 8,624.69 | \$ 5,000 |
| Land Liens | \$ 15,000 | (VI) \$ 15,568.83 | \$ 15,000 |
| Penalties and Interest on Land Liens | \$ | (VII) \$ 3,846.10 | \$ |
| Miscellaneous Receipts: | | | |
| Licenses, Permits, etc. | | | |
| Beverage | \$ 5,000 | \$ 6,200.00 | \$ 5,500 |
| Building | 6,000 | 7,329.00 | \$ 6,500 |
| Street (Including tax on poles) | 5,000 | 7,513.10 | 6,500 |
| Health and Plumbing | 4,000 | 5,156.00 | 5,000 |
| Amusement | 200 | 200.00 | ..... |
| Fines and Forfeits—Justices | 1,000 | 1,570.00 | 1,000 |
| Refunds | | 1,173.43 | 1,027 |
| Total Miscellaneous Receipts | \$ 21,200 | (II) \$ 29,141.53 | \$ 25,527 |
| Tax Anticipation Note | \$ 100,000 | (VIII) \$100,000.00 | \$ 200,000 |
| Total Receipts, Including Bank Balance | \$ 510,451 | \$527,711.80 | \$ 663,127 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | |
| | Estimated in Budget for 1947 | Expended 1947 | Estimated in Budget for 1948 |
| Debt Service | | | |
| Temporary Loans & Depository Expenses | \$ 1,000 | (IX) \$ 567.75 | \$ 1,000 |
| Tax Anticipation Note | \$ 100,000 | (X) \$100,000.00 | \$ 200,000 |
| Transfer to Sinking Funds | \$ 78,151 | (XI) \$ 78,151.00 | \$ 94,500 |
| Library | | | |
| Public Libraries | \$ 1,000 | (IX) \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,500 |
| Recreation | | | |
| Parks and Playgrounds (Transfer special tax) | \$ 13,000 | (XII) \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 13,500 |
| Miscellaneous | | | |
| Abington Township Police Pension Association | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000 |
| Insurance | 5,000 | 5,405.39 | 5,500 |
| Total Miscellaneous | \$ 7,000 | (IX) \$ 7,405.39 | \$ 7,500 |

Administration

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------|---------------------|------------------|
| Salaries | \$ 24,585 | | \$ 24,410.00 | \$ 27,857 |
| Office Equipment and Supplies | 1,575 | | 2,185.01 | 2,100 |
| Advertising and Printing | 1,000 | | 1,502.20 | 1,000 |
| Telephone and Telegraph | 3,200 | | 3,018.72 | 3,200 |
| Other Expense | 2,950 | | 851.58 | 3,150 |
| | <u>\$ 33,310</u> | (IX) | <u>\$ 31,967.51</u> | <u>\$ 37,307</u> |

Treasurer and Tax Collector

| | | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------|--------------------|------------------|
| Commissions | \$ 7,000 | | \$ 7,894.47 | \$ 9,000 |
| Other Expenses | 1,500 | | 973.99 | 1,500 |
| Total Treasurer and Tax Collector | <u>\$ 8,500</u> | (IX) | <u>\$ 8,868.46</u> | <u>\$ 10,500</u> |
| 2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer | \$ | (XIII) | \$ 388.30 | \$ |
| 2% Discount deducted from 1947 Tax | \$ | (XIV) | 6,094.45 | \$ |

Township Buildings

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Salaries | \$ 1,995 | | \$ 1,995.00 | \$ 2,295 |
| Materials and Supplies | 800 | | 690.21 | 900 |
| Fuel, Light and Water | 2,600 | | 2,319.09 | 2,800 |
| Repairs to Buildings | 1,500 | | 1,168.14 | 1,500 |
| Total Township Buildings | <u>\$ 6,895</u> | (IX) | <u>\$ 6,172.44</u> | <u>\$ 7,495</u> |

Police Protection

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Salaries | \$ 78,314 | | \$ 76,625.84 | \$ 89,612 |
| Office Supplies | 400 | | 205.36 | 400 |
| Uniforms | 3,000 | | 3,274.88 | 3,300 |
| Other Materials and Supplies | 600 | | 454.93 | 600 |
| Equipment | | | | |
| Vehicle Maintenance and Repair | 3,000 | | 4,439.41 | 3,000 |
| Gas and Oil | 6,000 | | 6,598.61 | 7,000 |
| Traffic Signal System | 1,000 | | 1,785.58 | 2,000 |
| Radio | 600 | | 216.86 | 600 |
| Purchase of Auto Equipment | 3,000 | | 3,316.68 | 3,000 |
| Advertising | 200 | | 61.35 | 200 |
| Other Police Expenses | 250 | | 305.26 | 300 |
| Total Police Protection | <u>\$ 96,364</u> | (IX) | <u>\$ 97,284.76</u> | <u>\$ 110,012</u> |

Fire Protection

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------|---------------------|------------------|
| Rental Fire Hydrants | \$ 11,200 | | \$ 10,574.65 | \$ 12,320 |
| Contribution 5 Fire Companies | 15,000 | | 15,000.00 | 17,500 |
| Total Fire Protection | <u>\$ 26,200</u> | (IX) | <u>\$ 25,574.65</u> | <u>\$ 29,820</u> |

Building Regulation and Zoning

| | | | | |
|--|-----------------|------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Salaries | \$ 3,000 | | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,800 |
| Other Expense | 1,500 | | 1,535.39 | 2,000 |
| Total Building Regulation and Zoning | <u>\$ 4,500</u> | (IX) | <u>\$ 4,535.39</u> | <u>\$ 5,800</u> |

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|--|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Health and Sanitation | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 6,615 | \$ 6,615.00 | \$ 7,785 |
| Materials and Supplies | 321 | 279.74 | 350 |
| Milk Inspection | 100 | | |
| Other Expense | 1,400 | 969.51 | 1,500 |
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| Total Health and Sanitation | \$ 8,436 | (IX) \$ 7,864.25 | \$ 9,635 |
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| Garbage Collection and Disposal | | | |
| Garbage Collection and Disposal | \$ 20,500 | (IX) \$ 20,500.00 | \$ 18,000 |
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| Ash and Rubbish Collection | | | |
| Ash and Rubbish Collection | \$ 1,000 | (IX) \$ 370.15 | \$ 23,500 |
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| Streets and Bridges | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 13,315 | \$ 13,315.00 | \$ 15,312.25 |
| Wages | 28,855 | 34,942.37 | 17,000.00 |
| Office Supplies | 1,425 | 879.47 | 1,200.00 |
| Road Materials | 1,850 | 561.49 | 990.75 |
| Office Equipment | 500 | 306.73 | 500.00 |
| Maintenance and Repairs | 6,000 | 5,228.81 | 6,000.00 |
| Gas and Oil | 3,500 | 3,694.91 | 4,000.00 |
| Rent of equipment | 400 | 850.00 | 400.00 |
| Purchase & replacement of tools & minor equipment | 750 | 1,200.97 | 1,200.00 |
| Advertising and Printing | 1,000 | 639.97 | 600.00 |
| Other Expense | 200 | 179.28 | 200.00 |
| Street Signs and Markings | 300 | 2.50 | 100.00 |
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| Total Operation and Maintenance | \$ 58,095 | (IX) \$ 61,801.50 | \$ 47,503.00 |
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| Purchase of Major Equipment | \$ 10,000 | (IX) \$ 12,021.85 | \$ |
| Construction and rebuilding of roads | 5,000 | (IX) 2,948.23 | 13,000.00 |
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| | \$ 15,000 | \$ 14,970.08 | \$ 13,000.00 |
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| Street Lighting | \$ 31,500 | (IX) \$ 30,786.32 | \$ 32,555.00 |
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| Cash in Bank End of Year | \$ | (XV) \$ 16,503.85 | \$ |
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| Total Disbursements and Bank Balance | \$ 510,451 | \$527,711.80 | \$ 663,127.00 |

PROPERTY VALUATION AND TAX LEVY FOR 1947

| | Ward | Assessment | Tax Levied |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| ABINGTON | No. 1 | \$ 3,370,575.00 | \$ 47,188.05 |
| SAW MILL HILL | No. 2 | 3,877,400.00 | 54,283.60 |
| GLENSIDE | No. 3 | 1,414,900.00 | 19,808.60 |
| McKINLEY | No. 4 | 3,074,650.00 | 43,045.10 |
| CRESTMONT | No. 5 | 1,111,125.00 | 15,555.75 |
| NORTH HILLS | No. 6 | 1,753,510.00 | 24,549.14 |
| NOBLE | No. 7 | 2,560,700.00 | 35,849.80 |
| ROSLYN | No. 8 | 2,055,990.00 | 28,783.86 |
| ARDSLEY | No. 9 | 1,017,300.00 | 14,242.20 |
| ROYCHESTER | No. 10 | 1,793,325.00 | 25,106.55 |
| GLENSIDE | No. 11 | 1,150,750.00 | 16,110.50 |
| GLENSIDE | No. 12 | 1,869,400.00 | 26,171.60 |
| GLENSIDE | No. 13 | 1,637,150.00 | 22,920.10 |
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| | | \$26,686,775.00 | \$373,614.85 |
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| | | 1945 | 1946 |
| Property Valuation | \$26,000,275 | \$25,958,125 | \$26,686,775 |
| Valuation Tax Exempt Property | \$ 4,711,100 | \$ 4,711,100 | \$ 4,843,400 |

TAX COLLECTION REPORT

| Fiscal Year 1st Monday January | Total Property Tax | Uncollected End Fiscal Year | Uncollected Latest Avail- able Date Jan. 5, 1948 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1944 | \$300,190.29 | \$17,776.54 | NONE |
| 1945 | \$299,028.36 | \$16,511.35 | NONE |
| 1946 | \$297,646.85 | \$18,115.90 | NONE |
| 1947 | \$373,614.85 | \$21,517.76 | \$21,517.76 |

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 which will be liened the following May if unpaid at that time.

TAX DATA

The Township Commissioners levied an 14 mill tax for the fiscal year beginning January 5, 1948, which will be billed July 1.

General Township Purposes—10 mills

Special Bond Tax—3½ mills

Park & Shade Tree Tax—½ mill

2% discount if paid prior to September 1. 5% penalty added on November 1.

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.

SINKING FUNDS

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

| | Bank Balance Jan. 1, 1947 | Received by Assessments, Transfer and Bank Interest | Cash Paid Coupon Interest and Redemption of Bonds | By Transfer Loan 1931 | Bank Balance Jan. 5, 1948 |
|-------|------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1927 | \$ 23,642.65 | \$ 73.06 | \$ 21,472.50 | \$2,243.21 | \$..... |
| 1928 | 13,322.35 | 82.72 | 540.00 | ..... | 12,865.07 |
| 1930 | 27,168.04 | 2,161.33 | 1,487.50 | ..... | 27,841.87 |
| 1931 | 5,957.21 | 8,399.51 | 1,200.00 | ..... | 13,156.82 |
| 1943 | 31,681.44 | 3,249.17 | 20,400.00 | ..... | 14,530.61 |
| 1946 | 6,500.00 | 51,821.06 | 52,000.00 | ..... | 6,321.06 |
| 1946A | ..... | 36,793.42 | 20,750.00 | ..... | 16,043.42 |
| 1946B | ..... | 52,500.00 | 52,500.00 | ..... | ..... |
| | <u>\$108,271.69</u> | <u>\$155,080.37</u> | <u>\$170,350.00</u> | <u>\$2,243.21</u> | <u>\$ 90,758.85</u> |

BONDED DEBT

Abington Township, from 1906 to 1947 inclusive, had nineteen bond issues, totaling \$2,674,000, and has never defaulted in its debt obligation.

| | Bonds Outstanding | Sinking Funds | Net |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| January 1, 1948 | \$1,782,000. | \$ 90,758.85 | \$1,691,241.15 |
| January 1, 1947 | \$1,782,000. | \$108,271.69 | \$1,673,728.31 |
| January 1, 1946 | \$ 170,000. | \$114,963.77 | \$ 55,036.23 |
| January 1, 1945 | \$ 236,000. | \$155,744.50 | \$ 80,255.50 |
| January 1, 1944 | \$ 236,000. | \$197,875.21 | \$ 138,124.79 |

The legal debt limit is 7% of the assessed valuation:
2% under councilmanic authority.
5% under electorate authority.

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

The 1947 Tax Anticipation Note of \$100,000 dated February 17, 1947 was sold to Cheltenham National Bank, Cheltenham, Pa., at an interest rate of .39 per annum. This note was paid September 15 from the 1947 current taxes and the Township has no temporary loan obligation.

BANK DEPOSITORIES

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. Bank Balances and Investments, as of January 5, 1948, are—

| | | U.S. Govt. Certificates of Indebtedness |
|--|--------------|---|
| General Funds | \$ 16,503.85 | |
| Park & Shade Tree Fund | 18,438.54 | 20,000 |
| Permanent Improvement Fund | 2,492.20 | 78,000 |
| Emergency Highway Maintenance Fund | 5,189.92 | |
| Liquid Fuels Tax Fund | 15,092.30 | |
| Sewer Fund | 229,779.23 | 714,000 |
| Sinking Funds | 35,758.85 | 55,000 |

TOWNSHIP AUDITORS' REPORT

of the

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1947

GENERAL FUNDS

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| I Bank Balances, General Funds, January 6, 1947 | \$ 23,945.40 | |
| Refund—Cancelled Checks | 356.62 | |
| | | \$ 24,302.02 |

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| II Received account of Miscellaneous Receipts | \$ 29,141.53 | |
| III Received account of 1946 Taxes and Penalties | 8,624.69 | |
| IV Received account of 1947 Taxes | 352,097.09 | |
| V Received account of 1947 Penalties | 225.99 | |
| VI Received account of Land Liens | 15,568.83 | |
| VII Received account of Penalties and Interest on Land Liens | 3,846.10 | |
| VIII Received account of 1947 Temporary Loan | 100,000.00 | |
| | | 509,504.23 |
| | | \$533,806.25 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| IX Vouchers issued, General Funds | \$319,668.65 | |
| X Vouchers issued, 1947 Temporary Loan | 100,000.00 | |
| XI Transfer to Sinking Funds (Special Tax) | 78,151.00 | |
| XII Transfer to Park & Shade Tree Fund (Special Tax) | 13,000.00 | |
| XIII 2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer | 388.30 | |
| XIV 2% Discount deducted from 1947 Taxes | 6,094.45 | |
| | | 517,302.40 |
| XV Bank Balances, General Funds, January 5, 1948 | | 16,503.85 |
| | | \$533,806.25 |

TAXES RECEIVABLE

(by Township Treasurer)

| | Total | Current | Delinquent |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Taxes Receivable January 6, 1947: | | | |
| XVI Delinquent Taxes and Penalties, 1946: | \$ 18,869.96 | \$ | \$ 18,869.96 |
| Add: | | | |
| 1946 Tax and Penalty (adjusted) | \$ 1,028.53 | \$ | \$ 1,028.53 |
| 1947 Tax (adjusted) | 373,614.85 | 373,614.85 | ..... |
| 1947 Penalties | 1,307.37 | 1,307.37 | ..... |
| XVII Total Additions | \$375,950.75 | \$374,922.22 | \$ 1,028.53 |
| Total | \$394,820.71 | \$374,922.22 | \$ 19,898.49 |
| Deduct: | | | |
| XVIII Collection delinquent taxes and penalties, 1946 | \$ 8,624.69 | \$ | \$ 8,624.69 |
| XIX Adjustment in assessment and exoneration 1946 Duplicate | 24.45 | ..... | 24.45 |
| XX Liens filed for 1946 Taxes | 11,249.35 | ..... | 11,249.35 |
| XXI Collection 1947 Tax | 352,097.09 | 352,097.09 | ..... |
| XXII Collection 1947 Penalties | 225.99 | 225.99 | ..... |
| Total Deductions | \$372,221.57 | \$352,323.08 | \$ 19,898.49 |
| XXIII Taxes Receivable, January 5, 1948 | \$ 22,599.14 | \$ 22,599.14* | |
| *Delinquent Taxes: | | | |
| 1947 Tax | \$21,517.76 | | |
| 1947 Penalty | \$ 1,081.38 | | |

TAXES RECEIVABLE (by County—Land Liens)

| | Tax Liens Receivable Jan. 6, 1947 | Tax Liens Collected | Adjusted by Auditors | Tax Liens Receivable Jan. 5, 1948 |
|-------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Duplicate | | | | |
| 1946 (May) | \$ 11,249.35 | \$ 2,995.47 | \$ | \$ 8,253.88 |
| 1945 | 8,762.13 | 2,522.28 | ..... | 6,239.85 |
| 1944 | 6,356.36 | 932.14 | 204.45 | 5,219.77 |
| 1943 | 6,373.09 | 1,219.39 | 176.23 | 4,977.47 |
| Prior Years | 40,564.43 | 7,899.55 | 204.44 | 32,460.44 |
| Total | \$ 73,305.36 | \$ 15,568.83 | \$585.12 | \$ 57,151.41 |

WITHHELD TAXES FUND
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| BALANCE | |
| Cash in Bank, January 6, 1947 | \$ |
| RECEIPTS | |
| Federal Withheld Taxes | \$ 12,812.30 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 12,812.30 |
| Total Receipts and Balance | \$ 12,812.30 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | |
| Federal Withheld Taxes | \$ 12,812.30 |
| Total Disbursements | 12,812.30 |
| Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948 | \$ |

PARK & SHADE TREE FUND
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

| | |
|--|--------------|
| BALANCE | |
| Cash in Bank, January 6, 1947 | \$ 13,787.59 |
| RECEIPTS | |
| Transfer from General Fund, Special Tax | \$ 13,000.00 |
| Interest on Investments | 175.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 13,175.00 |
| Total Receipts and Balance | \$ 26,962.59 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | |
| Penbryn Park | \$ 2,468.76 |
| Roychester Park | 400.00 |
| World War II Memorial Park | 71.50 |
| Insurance and General Maintenance expenses | 5,526.32 |
| Depository Expense | 57.47 |
| Total Disbursements | 8,524.05 |
| BALANCE | |
| Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948 | \$ 18,438.54 |
| Investments, January 5, 1948 | \$ 20,000.00 |

EMERGENCY HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUND
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

| | |
|---|-------------|
| BALANCE | |
| Cash in Bank, January 6, 1947 | \$ 168.04 |
| RECEIPTS | |
| Redemption U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Interest on Investments | 21.88 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 5,021.88 |
| Total Receipts and Balance | \$ 5,189.92 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | |
| NONE | \$ |
| BALANCE | |
| Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948 | \$ 5,189.92 |

LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND (Act 400)
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

| BALANCE | |
|--|---------------------|
| Cash in Bank, January 6, 1947 | \$ 20,561.77 |
| RECEIPTS | |
| Interest | \$ 56.89 |
| Received from State Account of Act No. 400 | \$ 35,856.44 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 35,913.33 |
| Total Receipts and Balance | \$ 56,475.10 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | |
| Street Signs and Markings | \$ 2,635.85 |
| Maintenance and Repair of Streets | 11,736.61 |
| Snow Removal | 3,416.27 |
| Construction and Rebuilding of Streets | 23,594.07 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 41,382.80 |
| BALANCE | |
| Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948 | \$ 15,092.30 |

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

| BALANCE | |
|---|---------------------|
| Cash in Bank, January 6, 1947 | \$ 10,190.83 |
| RECEIPTS | |
| Improvement Liens | \$ 16,745.72 |
| Refund, Interest and Costs on Improvement Liens | 344.49 |
| Rental of Township Property | 4,500.00 |
| Plan Preparation Loan | 5,075.00 |
| Interest on Investments | 724.56 |
| Redemption U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness | 15,000.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 42,389.77 |
| Total Receipts and Balance | \$ 52,580.60 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | |
| Street Improvements | \$ 19,115.97 |
| York Road Sidewalk Improvement | 27,303.34 |
| Traffic Signals | 2,998.49 |
| Garage Repairs | 470.00 |
| Depository Expense | 200.60 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 50,088.40 |
| BALANCE | |
| Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948 | \$ 2,492.20 |
| Investments, January 5, 1948 | \$ 78,000.00 |

IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LIENS

| | Receivable Jan. 6, 1947 | Liens Filed Current Year | Liens Collected Current Year | Receivable Jan. 5, 1948 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Street Improvements | \$25,508.18 | \$ 5,715.77 | \$17,818.26 | \$13,405.69 |
| Sewer Improvements | 3,233.66 | 1,252.48 | 1,557.60 | 2,928.54 |
| Total | \$28,741.84 | \$ 6,968.25 | \$19,375.86 | \$16,334.23 |
| Sinking Fund | \$ 6,302.25 | \$70,029.70 | \$29,795.16 | \$46,536.79 |

SEWER FUND

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash in Bank, January 6, 1947 | \$ 126,230.41 |
| Investments, January 6, 1947 | 1,518,000.00 |
| | \$ 1,644,230.41 |

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Proceeds 1947 Bond Issue | \$ 150,459.17 |
| State Grants | 16,997.25 |
| Interest on Investments | 10,085.68 |
| Sewer Rental and Lateral Fees | 14,562.03 |
| Sewer Improvement Liens, Interest and Costs | 1,781.55 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 193,885.68 |
| Total Receipts and Balance | \$ 1,838,116.09 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Salaries | \$ 2,205.00 |
| Office Expenses | 1,245.68 |
| Engineering Fees | 66,920.85 |
| Refund Sewer Rentals | 943.63 |
| Laterals | 26,740.05 |
| Maintenance Township System | 5,537.33 |
| Contracts: Township Sewer System | 659,590.00 |
| Transfer to Sinking Funds | 44,000.00 |
| Purchase of Land | 2,591.51 |
| Cheltenham Township (Sewer System) | 83,239.72 |
| Other Expenses | 1,323.09 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 894,336.86 |

BALANCE

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948 | \$ 229,779.23 |
| Investments, January 5, 1948 | \$ 714,000.00 |

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND SINKING FUNDS

Gross Bonded Indebtedness

| | Outstanding Jan. 6, 1947 | Bonds Issued Current Year | Bonds Paid Current Year | Outstanding Jan. 5, 1948 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Councilmanic Authority | \$ 482,000 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 111,000 | \$ 521,000 |
| Electorate Authority | 1,300,000 | ..... | 39,000 | 1,261,000 |
| Total Gross Bonded Debt | \$ 1,782,000 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 1,782,000 |

SINKING FUNDS

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

| BALANCE | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Cash in Bank, January 6, 1947 | \$ 15,271.69 |
| Investments, January 6, 1947 | 93,000.00 |
| | \$ 108,271.69 |

| RECEIPTS | |
|---|----------------------|
| Bond Tax | \$ 78,151.00 |
| Interest | 981.90 |
| Sewer Assessment Liens | 30,141.76 |
| Transfer from Sewer Fund | 43,562.50 |
| | 152,837.16 |
| Total Receipts | 152,837.16 |
| Total Receipts and Balance | \$ 261,108.85 |

| DISBURSEMENTS | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Coupon Interest | \$ 20,350.00 |
| Redemption of Bonds | 150,000.00 |
| | 170,350.00 |
| Total Disbursements | 170,350.00 |

| BALANCE | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948 | \$ 35,758.85 |
| Investments, January 5, 1948 | 55,000.00 |

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CASH ASSETS

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Bank Balances, General Funds | \$ 16,503.85 |
| Bank Balance, Park and Shade Tree Fund | 18,438.54 |
| Bank Balance, Permanent Improvement Fund | 2,492.20 |
| Bank Balance, Emergency Highway Maintenance Fund | 5,189.92 |
| Bank Balance, Liquid Fuels Tax Fund | 15,092.30 |
| Bank Balance, Sewer Fund | 229,779.23 |
| Taxes Receivable, January 5, 1948 | 22,599.14 |
| Tax Liens Receivable, January 5, 1948 | 57,151.41 |
| Improvement Liens Receivable, January 5, 1948 | 16,334.23 |
| U. S. Government Certificates of Indebtedness: | |
| Park and Shade Tree Fund | 20,000.00 |
| Permanent Improvement Fund | 78,000.00 |
| Sewer Fund | 714,000.00 |
| | \$ 1,195,580.82 |

CASH ASSETS — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Bank Balances, Sinking Funds | \$ 35,758.85 |
| U. S. Government Certificates of Indebtedness | 55,000.00 |
| Improvement Assessment Liens Receivable | 46,536.79 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 137,295.64 |
| | <hr/> |

LIABILITIES — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Outstanding Bonds | \$ 1,782,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 1,782,000.00 |
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The foregoing report has been prepared from the original books, papers and records of the Township of Abington for the fiscal year beginning on the first Monday of January 1947, and ending on the first Monday of January 1948, and we hereby certify the same to be a complete and correct statement of the financial transactions and condition of the Township of Abington in respect to each and every matter therein set forth.

D. E. KRUEGER
WM. RAYMOND VOGEL
GEORGE L. MAXWELL
Township Auditors

Abington, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1948.

Attest:

E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Directors of Public Health submit for your consideration, a brief review of the activities in the Bureaus of Health, Garbage Collection, and Sanitary Sewers.

Bureau of Health

Physicians during the year 1947, reported to the Bureau of Health, 221 cases of communicable diseases.

The Health Officer received 50 complaints of overflowing cesspools and directed the owners to abate the nuisance.

Milk Dealer's Permits were issued to twenty-five dealers during the year 1947. The Health Officer made 160 dairy and milk plant inspections to see that the requirements of the State and Township regulations for producing and handling milk were carried out.

Pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 369, approved May 23, 1945, the Health Officer made inspections and issued licenses to forty-three public eating and drinking places within the township.

Plumbing Inspection

The Plumbing Inspector reported certificates of registration were issued to 130 Master Plumbers and 13 Journeyman Plumbers, and 459 plans of plumbing work were approved and permits issued during the year 1947.

Eighty-four leaching cesspools and sub-soil drainage systems were installed under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector.

Six Certificates of Sanitary Drainage were issued on forms required by the F. H. A.

Garbage Collection

Collection and disposal of garbage from the entire township was made under contract with Romano Brothers of Norristown in an amount of \$25,625 for a 15 month period from January 1, 1947 to March 31, 1948. Garbage was collected from the rear of the houses and hauled away in modern sanitary metal-covered garbage trucks. Householders are reminded to keep their garbage receptacles in a convenient location near the rear of the house where it is accessible to the collector at all times.

Bureau of Sanitary Sewers

Contract No. 1, awarded to Samuel Glasgow, Glenside, Pa., in the amount of \$110,190.25 for the construction of sanitary sewers, under Ordinance No. 566, in certain portions of Susquehanna Street, Jericho Road, Cumberland Road, Kent Road and Edge Hill Road in Wards 1 and 8, and a certain right-of-way through the property of Mrs. Sarah Tyler Marshall, was completed May 27, 1947 and the

cost thereof assessed against the abutting property owners at a rate of \$5.6044 per front foot. Total assessable feet 12,495.48 and total assessable costs \$70,029.79.

Contract No. 2, awarded to Frank R. Curtis, Philadelphia, Pa., in the amount of \$135,073.50 for the construction of the Interceptor Sewer from Fitzwatertown Road to Woodland and Easton Roads is nearing completion and will be completed early in the new year.

Contract No. 3 for the installation of laterals in the Roslyn area, under Ordinance No. 570, awarded to Samuel Glasgow, Glenside, Pa., in the amount of \$269,-320.85 is nearing completion and the cost thereof will be assessed against the abutting property owners.

Contracts 4, 5, 6 and 7, the Sewage Treatment Plant, is progressing slowly due to the shortage and difficulty in securing mechanical equipment but the plant will go into temporary operation early in the year with final completion about the middle of 1948.

The Board awarded four contracts during the year for the extension of the sanitary sewer system in Abington Township:

- a. Contract No. 8, was awarded to Samuel Glasgow, Glenside, Pa., in the amount of \$106,478.50, for the construction of the extension of the Sandy Run Interceptor Sewer from Woodland and Easton Roads, Roslyn, to Silver Avenue, Overlook Hills.
- b. Contract No. 9, was awarded to Samuel Glasgow, Glenside, Pa., in the amount of \$51,078.50, for the installation of branch sewers in a portion of the McKinley area.
- c. Contract No. 10, was awarded to Dagostino Company, Willow Grove, Pa., in the amount of \$119,391.50, for the installation of branch sewers in a portion of the Roychester area.
- d. Contract No. 11, was awarded to Tri-County Constructors, Elkins Park, Pa., in the amount of \$76,619.00, for the construction of branch and intercepting sewers in a portion of Abington, Crestmont and Roychester and for the construction of a force main and sewage pumping station.

The funds for the assessable portions of the above contracts were provided by a bond issue, under Ordinance No. 597. Blair & Co., Inc. and Sheridan, Bogan Co. of New York were the successful bidders with an interest rate of 1% and a premium of \$305.00.

The site for the pumping station included in Contract No. 11 was purchased by the Commissioners in June 1947 for the sum of \$2,500 and includes all of Lot No. 8, Plan of Highland Farm.

Permission was granted to Matthew K. Stevens, representing Wood-Dale Corporation, the privilege of installing sanitary sewers in Highland Avenue from Wharton Road to Jenkintown Road, in a right-of-way from Jenkintown Road to Parkdale Avenue and in the southerly sidewalk area of Jenkintown Road from Highland Avenue to a proposed manhole approximately 300 feet east of Abington Avenue, in Glenside Ward No. 11. These sewers are to be installed under the supervision of a Registered Professional Engineer and in accordance with Township specifications and plans and when completed to become the property of the township.

Permission was granted to J. M. Smith, Builder, the privilege of installing sanitary sewers in Horace Avenue from the existing sewer in Cumberland Road for a distance of approximately 500 feet west toward Edge Hill Road, in Abington Ward No. 1. These sewers are to be installed under the supervision of a Registered

Professional Engineer and in accordance with Township plans and specifications and when completed to become the property of the township.

Weekly readings and inspections were made of the sanitary sewer meters located in Stewart Avenue, Ward 11, and in the Standard Pressed Steel Co. premises at Mt. Carmel Avenue and Highland Avenue, Ward 12, by the Department of Public Works. The quantities of sewage measured by each meter in 1947 were calculated and they are as follows:

Stewart Avenue—75,940,000 gallons, a 2½% decrease over 1946.

Standard Pressed Steel Co. Premises—24,378,000 gallons, a 22% decrease over 1946.

The Department of Public Works installed seven sanitary sewer laterals from the sewer main to the curb line for house sewer connections.

Amended Sewer Agreement — Township of Cheltenham

The Commissioners of the Township of Abington entered into an Agreement with the Township of Cheltenham August 8, 1929, providing for the mutual receipt, conveyance and disposal of sewage from that portion of the Township of Abington included in the Tacony Creek Watershed. During the year the two Boards held a series of meetings and amended the Agreement. The Baeder Creek District was immediately drained into the Cheltenham sanitary sewer system through the meter in Stewart Avenue, Switchville, and in 1943 the meter was installed at Highland Avenue and Mt. Carmel Avenue, Glenside, to drain the Wharton District.

The new Agreement, July 1, 1947, allocates to Abington a maximum flow of sewage of 3.31 cubic feet per second for the ten points of connection.

As of January 1, 1947 the amount due for the capital outlay made by Cheltenham to provide this service to Abington was \$83,239.72 and the expense for the remaining portion of the cost of the main or outfall sewer and branch sewers construction by Cheltenham is \$48,034.74. Abington paid the \$83,239.72 due as of January 1, 1947 and will pay the balance for the remaining portion in semi-annual payments of \$2,612.00 beginning January 1, 1948. The Board appreciates the courtesy and cooperation extended by the Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham in bringing the Agreement up to date.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Directors of Public Safety submit for your consideration a brief review of the activities in the Bureaus of Police, Fire Protection, Street Lighting and Building Regulation and Zoning.

Bureau of Police

There were 229 arrests during the year 1947 of which 93 were for violation of Township ordinances, and 57 for violation of the State codes & laws. Seventy-two lodgers were accommodated, 135 meals served to prisoners.

The value of stolen goods recovered amounted to \$11,912.53.

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|--|-----|
| Cases reported to Coroner | 13 |
| Dangerous condition reported in roads, trees and wires | 20 |
| Dogs killed by officers | 117 |
| Fires reported | 157 |
| Persons reported injured in accidents | 143 |
| Prisoners fingerprinted and photographed | 15 |
| Street lights reported out | 789 |
| Stolen goods recovered | 9 |
| Suicides & attempted suicides | 2 |

Police Department

Two patrolmen were selected from the Civil Service list of eligibles to fill vacancies in the department and assumed their positions July 15, 1947. The department continues to operate on an eight hour a day platoon system.

Traffic Regulations

The Township joined in with Upper Moreland Township in establishing a 35 mile-per-hour speed limit zone on Moreland Road between York Road and Edge Hill Road.

The department, on several occasions, painted school zone and cross-walk signs on the highways in the vicinity of the various schools in the township.

Bureau of Fire Protection

The Department of Public Safety reported on the excellent condition in which the various fire company buildings and equipment were kept. During the year Abington Fire Company replaced their 1936 Dodge Booster with a 1947 Ahrens Fox Pumper and Roslyn Fire Company replaced their 1926 Hahn Pumper with a 1947 Hahn 500 gallon Pumper.

The annual audit of the accounts of the five volunteer fire companies reveals to the township they have a well-managed and financially sound fire department. A statement of the audit of the fire companies appears on Page 24.

Fire Hydrants

Three fire hydrants were installed during the year making the total number of hydrants in the township service at 281.

Bureau of Street Lighting

Twenty new street lights were installed during the year making the total number of 1000 lumen street lights in service 1306, together with 30 6000 lumen street lights.

FIRE COMPANIES AUDIT

The accounts of the fire companies in the Abington Township Fire Department were audited by the Township Auditors.

A summary of the audit for 1947 follows:

| | Abington | McKinley | Weldon | Edge Hill | Roslyn |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance in General Fund 1/1/47 | \$ 6,914.07 | \$ 5,396.97 | \$ 381.74 | \$ 1,543.26 | \$ 2,864.76 |
| Received during the year | 8,402.40 | 5,423.83 | 6,568.41 | 18,077.15 | 3,753.08 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| Expenditures during the year | \$15,316.47 | \$10,820.80 | \$ 6,950.15 | \$19,620.41 | \$ 6,617.84 |
| | 14,582.11 | 8,815.16 | 5,708.59 | 18,272.29 | 5,235.19 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| Balance in General Fund 12/31/47 | \$ 734.36 | \$ 2,005.64 | \$ 1,241.56 | \$ 1,348.12 | \$ 1,382.65 |
| Cash held in Special Funds | 2,112.52 | 5,970.59 | 5,100.41 | 6,087.86 | 4,274.07 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| Assets | \$45,572.88 | \$40,392.67 | \$53,591.97 | \$46,812.69 | \$63,518.27 |
| Liabilities | None | None | None | None | None |
| Ambulance Fund | None | None | None | None | 1,125.96 |
| Apparatus Fund | None | None | None | None | 19,035.81 |

Bureau of Building Regulation and Zoning

Building Activities

Seven hundred eighty-seven applications were received and Building Permits issued during the year 1947 at an estimated cost as follows:

| | | |
|-------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 257 | Dwellings | \$2,320,213.00 |
| 247 | Alterations | 277,120.00 |
| 56 | Garages and Service Stations | 94,206.00 |
| 179 | Oil Burners | 145,709.00 |
| 20 | Signs | 3,025.00 |
| 6 | Stores | 43,750.00 |
| 3 | Apartments | 31,000.00 |
| 3 | Storage Buildings | 10,380.00 |
| 1 | Tool House | 250.00 |
| 1 | Drying Shed | 800.00 |
| 4 | Shops and Showrooms | 26,900.00 |
| 1 | Church Building | 3,500.00 |
| 1 | Manufacturing Building | 140,000.00 |
| 1 | Barn | 45,000.00 |
| 1 | Florist Shop | 25,000.00 |
| 3 | Greenhouses | 18,600.00 |
| 1 | Gas Pump and Tank | 100.00 |
| 1 | Clubhouse | 10,000.00 |
| 1 | Automobile Sales and Service Building | 6,000.00 |
| <hr/> | | |
| 787 | | \$3,201,553.00 |

The following statement sets forth the construction of dwellings, separate garages and gasoline service stations during the years 1943 to 1947 inclusive:

| DWELLINGS | | | SEPARATE GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS | | |
|-----------|-----|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| 1943 | 4 | Estimated Cost \$ 14,700 | 16 | Estimated Cost \$ 3,720 | |
| 1944 | 2 | Estimated Cost 1,200 | 17 | Estimated Cost 11,130 | |
| 1945 | 17 | Estimated Cost 119,350 | 34 | Estimated Cost 44,183 | |
| 1946 | 304 | Estimated Cost 2,140,875 | 44 | Estimated Cost 105,095 | |
| 1947 | 257 | Estimated Cost 2,320,213 | 56 | Estimated Cost 94,206 | |

Zoning

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held public hearings during the year on the following petitions for special exceptions or variances from the terms of the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance of 1936, as follows:

Appeal No. 236—To permit a one story building to be used for religious services and gatherings pertaining to church activities, situated on the northwesterly side of Franklin Avenue, approximately 125 feet northeasterly from Hamilton Avenue, Crestmont Ward No. 5, zoned in the "L" Residence and "F" Commercial Districts—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 237—To permit the erection of a building to be used as a clubhouse, situated on the southerly side of Jenkintown Road, approximately 228 feet westwardly from Edge Hill Road, North Hills Ward No. 6, zoned in the "F" Commercial District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 239—To permit a two-family occupancy of the dwelling situated on the easterly side of Easton Road, approximately 100 feet southwardly from Menlo Avenue, Glenside Ward No. 12, zoned in the "T" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 241—To permit the erection and operation of a modern automobile sales and service building on the premises situated on the southwesterly corner of York Road and Wyncote Road, McKinley Ward No. 4, zoned in the "F" Commercial District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 242—To permit the use of the existing three-story dwelling as a Convalescent Home, on the premises 2630 Woodland Road, Roslyn Ward No. 8, zoned in the "H" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 248—To permit a two-family occupancy of the premises situated on the southeasterly corner of Easton Road and Pleasant Avenue, Glenside Ward No. 11—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 249—To permit the operation of a Golf Driving Range on that portion of property 1345 Easton Road which is located in the "H" Residence District, Roslyn Ward No. 8—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 253—To permit the erection and operation of a modern automobile sales and service station, including the sale of gasoline, on the premises situated on the northwesterly side of Easton Road, approximately 425 feet northeast of Patane Avenue (being Lots 5, 6 and 7, Plan of Roslyn Homestead), Roslyn Ward No. 8, zoned in the "F" Commercial District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 254—To permit the construction of an addition to Post Headquarters for club use (encroachment of 16 feet in one side yard area) abutting the northerly side of Jenkintown Road at Roslyn Avenue, Wards 3 and 9, zoned in the "H" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 255—To permit a two-family occupancy of the premises situated on the southeasterly side of Hillcrest Avenue, approximately 148.15 feet southwest of Cross Road, being lots 415, 416, 417 and 418 Plan of Glenside Gardens (known as 539 Hillcrest Avenue), Glenside Ward No. 11, zoned in the "T" Residence District—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 257—To permit the construction of a dwelling on a 50-foot lot (encroachment of 9 feet 2 inches on the Wheatsheaf Lane frontage) situated on the easterly corner of Susquehanna Street and Wheatsheaf Lane, Abington Ward No. 1, zoned in the "T" Residence District. Appeal Withdrawn.

Appeal No. 258—To permit the construction of a dwelling on a 50-foot lot (encroachment of 6 feet 6 inches on the Garden Road frontage) situated on the northerly corner of Pleasant Avenue and Garden Road, Glenside Ward No. 11, zoned in the "T" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 259—To permit the use of the tract of land for open air parking of automobiles for employees and patrons of the Standard Pressed Steel Company

situated on the northwest side of Highland Avenue for a distance of 600 feet extending from Kenmore Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue, proposed, for an irregular depth of from 371 feet to 471 feet, Glenside Ward No. 12, zoned in the "H" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 260—To permit the construction of a factory building on the property abutting the southerly side of Kenmore Avenue eastwardly from Highland Avenue (encroachment of 15 feet on the Kenmore Avenue frontage), Glenside Ward No. 12, zoned in the "G" Industrial District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 261—To permit the erection and operation of a modern gasoline sales and service station on the premises situated on the southwesterly corner of Jenkintown Road and Cadwalader Avenue, McKinley Ward No. 4, zoned in the "F" Commercial District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 262—To permit the erection and operation of a modern gasoline sales and service station on the premises situated on the southeasterly corner of York Road and Parkview Avenue, Roychester Ward No. 10, zoned in the "F" Commercial District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 263—To permit the use of a one-story cement block garage as an automobile repair and electric welding shop on the premises situated on the southerly side of Rubicam Avenue, approximately 85 feet westwardly from York Road, Roychester Ward No. 10, zoned in the "F" Commercial District—Appeal Refused.

The Board of Commissioners held public hearings on thirteen petitions to change the zoning classification of districts as follows:

Appeal No. 233—To change that portion of Abington Township abutting the westerly side of Jenkintown Road extending from Cadwalader Avenue to Osceola Avenue for a depth of 165 feet at Cadwalader Avenue to a depth of 115 feet at Osceola Avenue in the McKinley Ward No. 4, shall be designated "F" Commercial District in lieu of "H" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 234—To change that portion of Abington Township abutting Washington Lane, extending from Township Line Road to Wyncote Road for its full depth to the "F" Commercial District in the McKinley Ward No. 4, shall be designated "L" Residence District in lieu of "V" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 235—To change that portion of Abington Township abutting the southerly side of Baeder Road for its full depth to the Reading Company right-of-way, extending from Wharton Road to a point in Lot No. 430 (including a part of Lot 402 and Lots 403 to 429, inclusive, and a part of Lot 430) and on the northerly side of Baeder Road, beginning at a point approximately 140 feet West of Wharton Road for the full depths of the lots to a point approximately 160 feet South of Wharton Road (including Lots 441 to 466 inclusive) and that portion of Abington Township abutting the southerly side of Wharton Road for the full depth of the lots, extending a distance of 241 feet from Baeder Road to the easterly lot line of 469 (including Lots 467, 468 and 469) in the Noble Ward No. 7, shall be designated "L" Residence District in lieu of "T" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 238—To change that portion of Abington Township abutting the easterly side of Jenkintown Road for a distance of approximately 140 feet southwardly from Osceola Avenue, having a depth of approximately 150 feet in the

McKinley Ward No. 4, shall be designated "F" Commercial District in lieu of "H" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 240—To change that portion of Abington Township abutting both sides of Kenmore Avenue, both sides of Glenwood Avenue and both sides of Woodlawn Avenue for the full depths of the lots extending from Highland Avenue to Edgley Avenue, in the Glenside Ward No. 12, shall be designated "L" Residence District in lieu of "H" Residence District—Appeal Withdrawn.

Appeal No. 243—To change that portion of Abington Township abutting the northeasterly side of Argyle Road for its full depth, in the North Hills Ward No. 6, shall be designated "F" Commercial District in lieu of "T" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 244—To amend the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance of 1936 to permit transient and temporary open-air parking of automobiles of any industrial plant or place of business as an accessory use of such industrial plant or place of business in Residence Districts "T," "H" and "L," Commercial Districts and Industrial Districts, when authorized as a special exception by the Board of Adjustment, providing, the Board of Adjustment shall not permit the use of land for the parking vehicles or trailers used as houses or for human habitation—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 245—To change that portion of Abington Township abutting the easterly side of York Road from Woodland Road to Keith Road, now in the "F" Commercial District with a depth of 200 feet, be extended 100 feet in depth making the total depth in the "F" Commercial District 300 feet, in the Abington Ward No. 1—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 246—To change that portion of Abington Township abutting the northerly side of Edge Hill Road for a depth of 100 feet extending from Hamilton Avenue to Butler Avenue, in the Roychester Ward No. 10, shall be designated "F" Commercial District in lieu of "H" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 247—To change those portions of Abington Township abutting Susquehanna Street, Bradfield Road, Heston Street and Easton Road, in the Roslyn Ward No. 8—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 250—To change that portion of Abington Township bounded by Jenkintown Road, Cedar Road and Township Line Road, in the McKinley Ward No. 4, shall be designated "F" Commercial District in lieu of "H" Residence District—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 251—To change that portion of Abington Township abutting the northeasterly side of Douglass Avenue, extending for the full depth of the lots for a distance of approximately 200 feet southwardly from Forrest Avenue to a point opposite the intersection of Tulpehocken Avenue, in the McKinley Ward No. 4, shall be designated "F" Commercial District in lieu of "H" Residence District—Appeal Withdrawn.

Appeal No. 256—To change all that portion of Abington Township Southwest of the Reading Railroad—Bethlehem Division, in the North Hills Ward No. 6, shall be designated "T" Residence District in lieu of "F" Commercial District—Appeal Granted.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works submits for your consideration a brief review of the activities during the year.

Real Estate Registry

One thousand six hundred twelve (1612) real estate deeds were checked, officially registered, and necessary changes made to the Real Estate Registry Maps.

Highway Permits

Two hundred sixty-six (266) applications were received for permission to open, break, or excavate streets, sidewalks, and/or curbs; to erect, set, or plant poles; under the provisions of Ordinance No. 357.

New Construction

Laurance Avenue from Forrest Avenue to Huron Avenue, Ward 4, was improved with combined concrete curb and gutter and penetration macadam paving and the cost assessed to the owners of the abutting properties, under Ordinance No. 585.

Rena Street from Shelmire Street to Runner Street, Ray Street from Rena Street to Mayfield Avenue, Runner Street from Rena Street to Mayfield Avenue, and Mayfield Avenue from Runner Street to Ray Street were improved with combined concrete curb and gutter and the cost assessed to owners of the abutting properties, under Ordinance No. 584.

Combined concrete curb and gutter was constructed on the northerly side of Horace Avenue from Old York Road to Highland Avenue.

Reconstruction

The Department reconstructed the following streets:

TYSON AVENUE, Mt. Carmel Avenue to Rosemore Avenue, and Weldon Avenue to Jenkintown Road;
HORACE AVENUE, Old York Road to Highland Avenue;
RENA STREET, Shelmire Street to Runner Street;
RAY STREET, Rena Street to Mayfield Avenue;
RUNNER STREET, Rena Street to Mayfield Avenue; and
MAYFIELD AVENUE, Runner Street to Ray Street

Acceptance of Streets

The Township accepted by Ordinance No. 592, the following streets:

MADISON AVENUE, Susquehanna Street to dead end;
MAPLE AVENUE, Susquehanna Street to Brook Parkway;
BROOK PARKWAY, Maple Avenue to dead end;
FAIRMOUNT AVENUE, Girard Avenue to dead end;
GIRARD AVENUE, Fairmount Avenue to Fernwood Avenue;
FERNWOOD AVENUE, Girard Avenue to Johnston Avenue;
WESTMONT AVENUE, Susquehanna Street to Barnes Avenue;
BELMONT AVENUE, Westmont Avenue to Johnston Avenue;
AVONDALE AVENUE, Westmont Avenue to Johnston Avenue;
JOHNSTON AVENUE, Belmont Avenue to Fernwood Avenue; and
HIGH AVENUE, Woodland Road to Pershing Avenue.

Vacation of Streets

The Township vacated by Ordinances, the following streets:

Ord. No. 594—WILLARD AVENUE, Carver Avenue to approximately 444 feet northeast; and
Ord. No. 599—ROSLYN AVENUE, Jenkintown Road to Ardsley Avenue

Surface Treatment

The Department surface treated 3.53 miles of streets in various wards of the Township.

Subdivisions

The Township approved the following plans of subdivisions of tracts of land within the Township:

Plan of Woodcrest, Ward 7;
Plan of Meadowbrook Manor, Ward 1;
Plan of Lots on Edge Hill Road, Ward 1;
Plan of Roslyn Valley No. 2 (Revised), Ward 8;
Plan Roslyn Valley No. 3, Ward 8; and
Plan of Meadowbrook Hills, Ward 1.

New Equipment

The following new equipment was delivered to the Township:

1 Power Grader
1 Tractor Mower
1 Snow Plow
160 Street Name Signs
295 Snow Fence Posts
2000 Feet of Snow Fence

Parks and Playgrounds

In addition to performing the routine maintenance duties in the Township parks, the Department partially constructed a baseball diamond in Penbryn Park. Metal baseball backstops were erected in Penbryn Park, Roychester Park, Crestmont Park, and McKinley Park.

Refuse Collection

The trucks of the Department traveled a total of 25,306 miles in the collection of refuse. Most of the ashes collected were sorted and placed on unimproved streets, and the remainder of the 2343 loads of unsorted ashes and non-combustible rubbish collected were deposited on Township property in Ardsley. The truck-hours on refuse collection numbered 5763, and 23,512 man-hours of labor were required for the task.

Miscellaneous Work

The Department erected 10,000 feet of snow fence along various Township streets; also erected were "No Parking" signs, "Speed Limit" signs, and "Stop" signs for the Department of Public Safety, and "No Dumping" signs at various locations for the Department of Public Health.

Routine work was performed in connection with the maintenance of streets, sewers, and storm water inlets; and abrasives mixed with calcium chloride were spread on all slippery street conditions.

DIRECTORY OF
ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ABINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Susquehanna Street and Huntingdon
Road
Abington, Pennsylvania

ABINGTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Highland Avenue opposite Canterbury
Road
Abington, Pennsylvania

HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Edge Hill and Keith Roads
Abington, Pennsylvania

CEDAR ROAD ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Cedar Road, North of Gibson Avenue
Hollywood, Pennsylvania

McKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Cadwalader Avenue, West of Jenkin-
town Road
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

NORTH HILLS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Pine and Tennis Avenues
North Hills, Pennsylvania

PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
High and Rubicam Avenues
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Susquehanna Street and Johnston
Avenue
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

ARDSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Spear and Cricket Avenues
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

OVERLOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Welsh and Edge Hill Roads
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE-WELDON JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL
Easton Road and Parkdale Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE-WELDON ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Easton Road and Parkdale Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

OTHER SCHOOLS IN ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

ABINGTON FRIENDS SCHOOL
Jenkintown Road and Greenwood
Avenue
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL
Hampton and Meadowbrook Roads
Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania

OGONTZ SCHOOL
Woodland Road and School Lane
Rydal, Pennsylvania

ST. LUKE'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL
Lynnwood Avenue and Easton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

ABINGTON FRIENDS MEETING
Meetinghouse Road and Greenwood
Avenue
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN
ABINGTON
York Road and Susquehanna Street
Abington, Pennsylvania

ARDSLEY COMMUNITY CHAPEL
Harrison Avenue and Jenkintown Road
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Huntingdon Pike at Cedar Road
Hollywood, Pennsylvania

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
CRESTMONT
Rubicam and Fairview Avenues
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mt. Carmel Avenue and Edge Hill Road
North Hills, Pennsylvania

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST
SCIENTIST
Abington and Parkdale Avenues
Glenside, Pennsylvania

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH
Easton and Bradfield Roads
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE M. E. CHURCH
Easton Road and Lynnwood Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE EVANGELICAL AND
REFORMED CHURCH
Abington Avenue and Wharton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Parkview and Lycoming Avenues
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

METHODIST CHURCH OF
CRESTMONT
Rubicam and Washington Avenues
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

OLIVET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Cypress and Cadwalader Avenues
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

ORTHODOX FRIENDS MEETING
Jenkintown Road, North of Forest Ave.
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Easton Road and Tyson Avenue
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

ROYCHESTER PARK M.E. CHURCH
Edge Hill Road and Ferndale Avenue
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

ST. ANNE'S P. E. CHURCH
Welsh and York Roads
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

ST. LUKE'S R. C. CHURCH
Easton Road and Lynnwood Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

ST. MARK'S REFORMED EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
100 Cypress Avenue
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Easton Road and Mt. Carmel Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Easton Road, North of Tague Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

WHARTON AVENUE BAPTIST
CHURCH
Wharton Road and Weldon Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania