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The Chamber of Commerce is proud of its efforts to help improve the Bangor area. We invite your further inquiries and hope that you will want to see firsthand the many attractions our region has to offer. Please call upon us if we may be of assistance.

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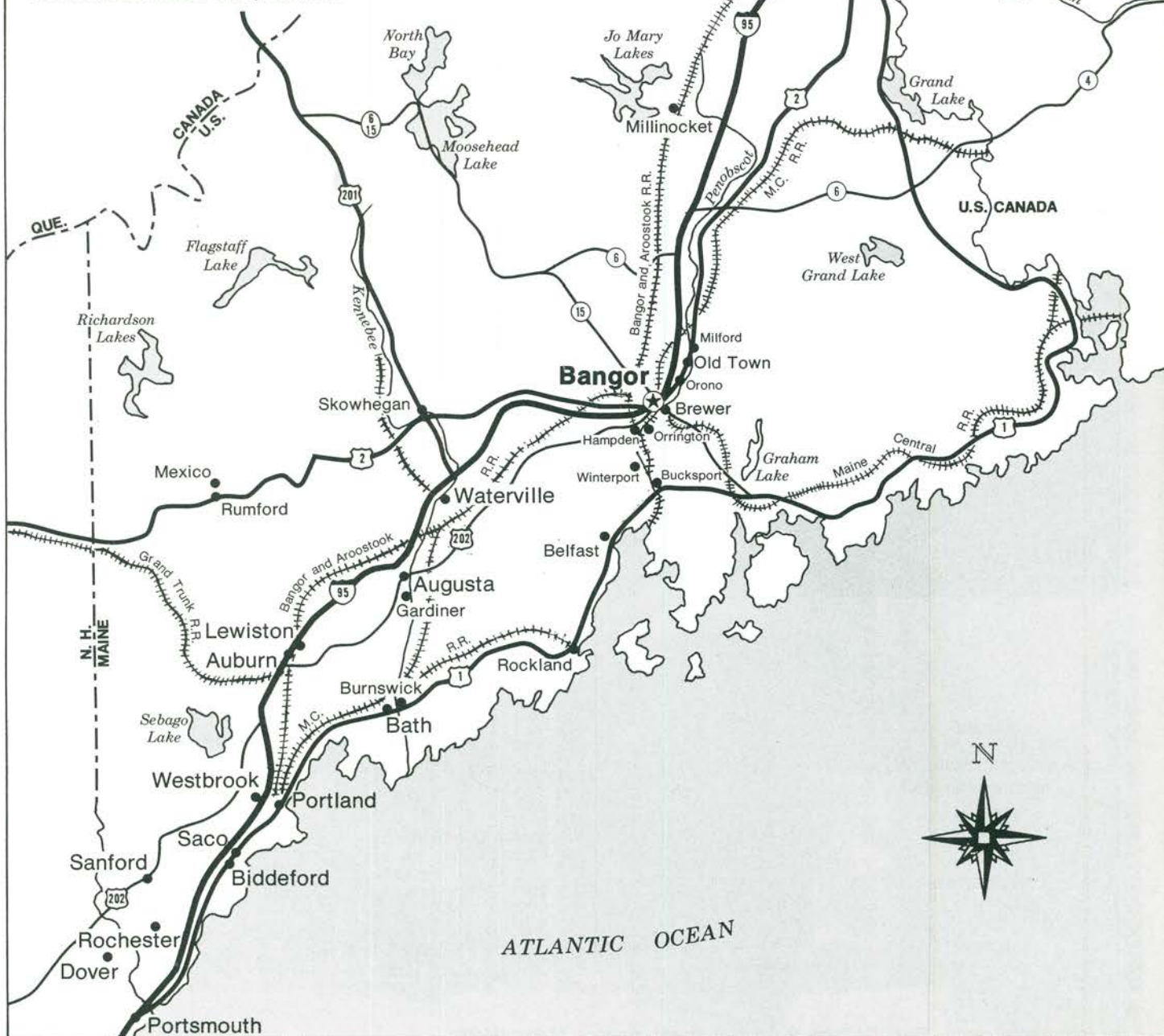
Northern Anchor of the Eastern Seaboard

Penobscot Bay cuts a deep triangular niche into the rugged Maine coastline, about in the center of the state's Atlantic seaboard. The Penobscot River continues the due-north waterway deep into the state's interior.

The bay and the river were natural pathways for exploration and development in earliest days. That's why Bangor, Brewer, Hampden, Veazie, Orono, and Old Town, the most ancient of the area's communities, were born and grew up on the river's banks. But modern roadways have replaced the river as a means of access. Today, even the

smallest of the area's communities, scattered within a 10-mile radius of the urban core, are fully participant in a single unified entity: the Greater Bangor area.

The area dominates the vast region of north-central Maine. It is in a region of enormous and fascinating variety: bustling cities, quiet towns and villages, open ocean, bubbling streams and rivers, deep woodlands of towering pine. It is a place of great opportunity, as well, for growth and prosperity.





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A Bangor Résumé



A little friendly competition

THE GREATER BANGOR AREA, SERVING BANGOR, BREWER, OLD TOWN, ORONO, VEAZIE, HAMPDEN, AND HERMON

POPULATION:

Bangor — 36,500
Brewer — 11,000
Hampden — 6,000
Hermon — 3,000
Old Town — 10,000
Orono — 10,500
Veazie — 1,800

Total Greater Bangor area — including smaller communities — approximately 100,000.

CLIMATE:

The Greater Bangor area enjoys a typical New England climate. Summer temperatures are usually in the 70s, with few days reaching into the 80s and 90s.

The Fall temperatures are in the 40s to 60s as a rule.

Winter days are typically in the 20° to 30° range.

Spring temperatures are usually in the 40s and 50s.

Average annual rainfall is 37.44 inches.

Average annual snowfall is 94.20 inches.

EDUCATION:

The educational system of Greater Bangor is composed of excellent public and parochial elementary and secondary schools. In addition, the area has two private business colleges, a theological seminary, a State Vocational-Technical Trade Institute, the University of Maine in Orono, and the Bangor Community College of the University of Maine at Orono. Two schools of nursing are also situated in local hospitals.

Special schools for the handicapped or disturbed are also operated locally.

HOSPITALS:

The Eastern Maine Medical Center, located on State Street in Bangor, has 383 beds; St. Joseph Hospital has 130 beds. Both hospitals are capable of meeting most health-care needs. An osteopathic hospital, a mental-health facility, and several convalescent centers complete the area's health facilities.

LIBRARIES:

Bangor, Brewer, Hampden, Old Town, and Orono.

CHURCHES:

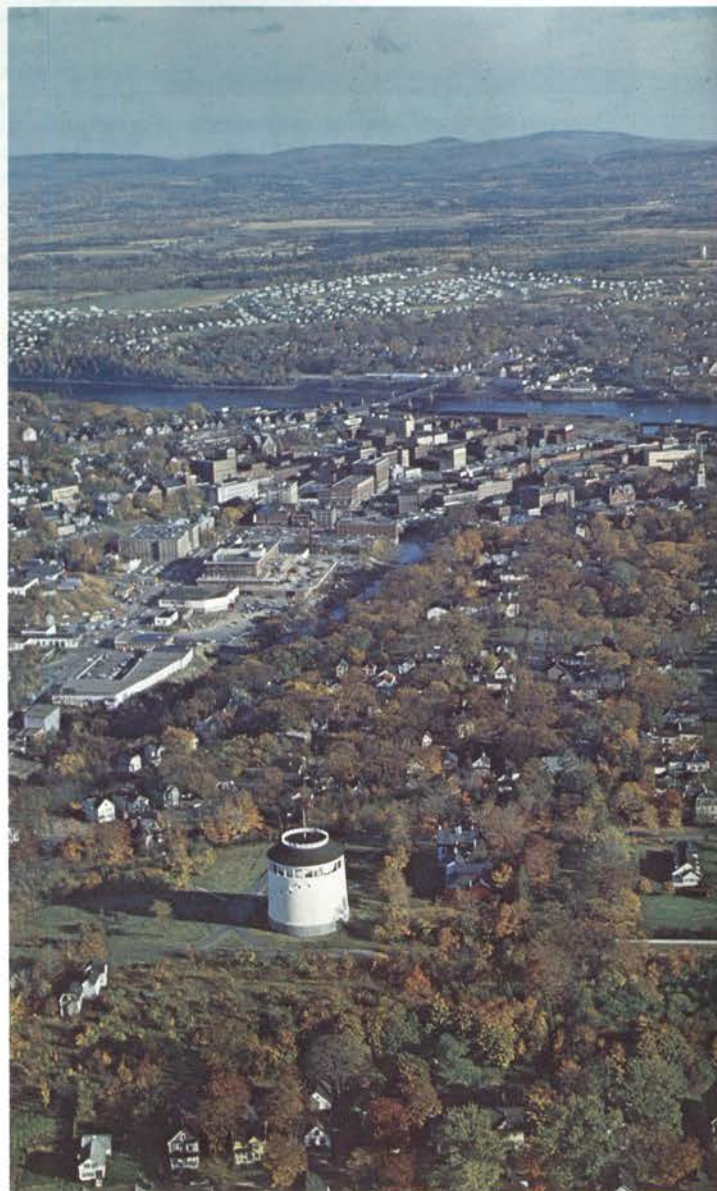
Area — 57 of all denominations.

NET EFFECTIVE BUYING INCOME:

\$393,918,000.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES (1972):

\$306,080,000



Bangor from the air

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Some Myths Shattered and Doubts Dispelled



Paul Bunyan stands in front of Bangor Municipal Auditorium, largest facility of its kind north of Boston

Bangor is the biggest city in Maine! Not in terms of its population, of course, but in terms of its outreach and impact. Together with its neighbor cities and towns: Orono, home of the University of Maine; Old Town, midway up the Penobscot River; Brewer, Bangor's sister city, just across the Penobscot; and the towns of Hermon, Hampden, and others, Bangor is the urban heart of an economic entity that dominates the bulk of the state's geography and half of its population.

The area's impact reaches well into Canada. It's only 60 miles to the Canadian Maritime Provinces. Check the license plates on cars in the area's parking lots during any peak shopping season. You'll see many Canadian registrations as well as American.

So here we are in north-central Maine, a part of the nation that many people consider remote and inaccessible. Here we are. Our airport has the third-longest runway on the East Coast, capable of handling any type of aircraft now in the skies or planned for the future.

Our newspaper, the *Bangor Daily News*, outstrips every daily paper in the state in circulation. We have a major university, several private colleges, and an educational system that ranks with the best. We have branches and chapters of all service and social clubs, and our women's clubs — 500 of them! — are active participants in the area's social growth, in service, in beautification, and in a host of other useful activities.

We are home and host to a large number of celebrities in the arts and in sports. They're not tourists; they have homes, families, and bank accounts in the area. We don't make much of a fuss about them. Peace and quiet is what they come for, not accolades and applause.

In terms of variety, the Greater Bangor area is almost a microcosm of the nation. On one side is the rugged coast of Maine, dotted with its hundreds of islands and wide beaches washed by the open Atlantic. On the other side, deep piney woods. Ponds, lakes, and rivers sparkle, and the air is clean and crisp. The fisherman can bait his hook for fighting saltwater monsters in the morning and cast a delicate fly for freshwater trout that afternoon.

The Greater Bangor area is definitely on the upswing, a prime beneficiary of the national trend toward less congested, more peaceful homes. Industry and individuals are equally caught up in the trend, and many look northward, in our direction.



Flowers grace the mall





One of the historic residences in the greater Bangor area

A Short Glance Backwards

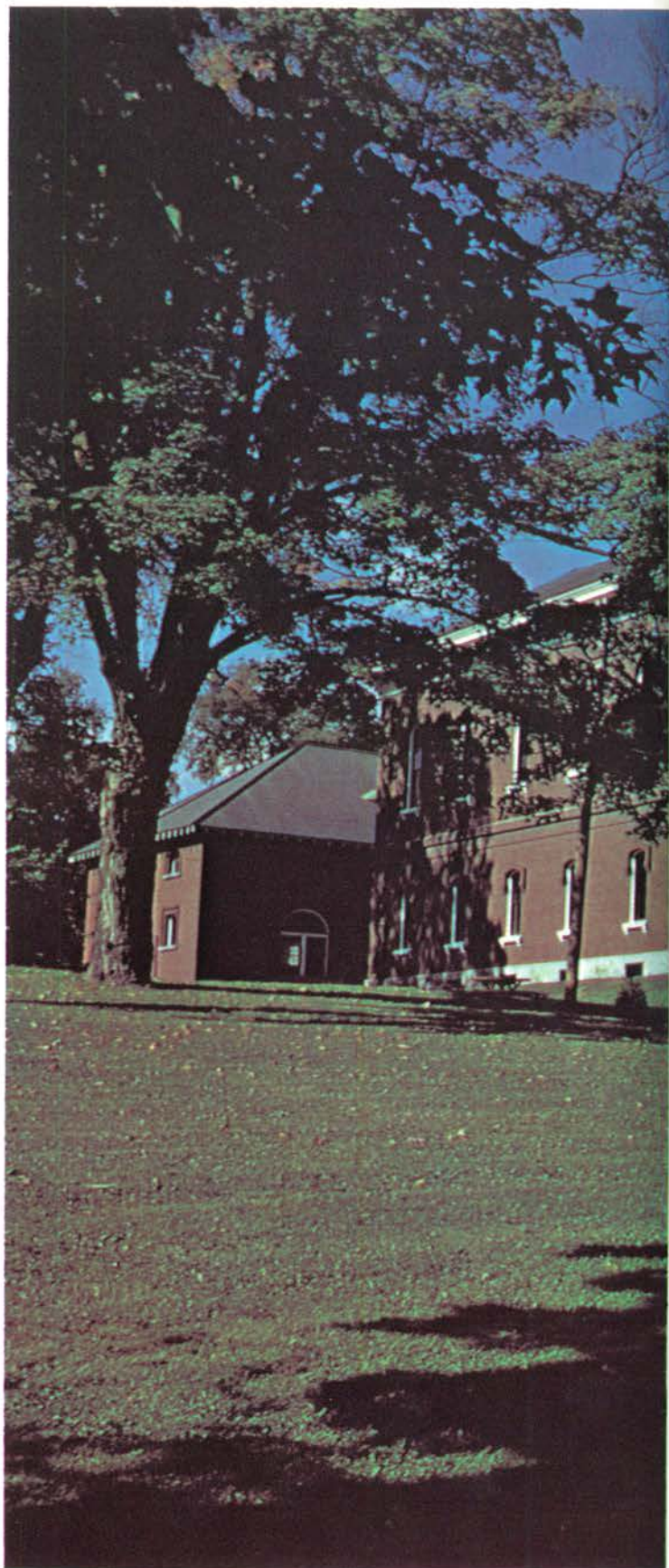
The Greater Bangor area is a latecomer, in terms of New England history. It was not until 1759 that a party of Englishmen canoed up the Penobscot to "hoist the King's Colours" and establish the tiny settlement of Kenduskeag. For uncounted years, the lands had been occupied by the Penobscot subdivision of the Abenaki Indians. Now, fears of French occupation encouraged the building of Fort Pownal at the mouth of the river and exploration of the river's headwaters.

The French and Indian War was ended in 1763. With the coming of peace, there was an influx of settlement into the area from Massachusetts and New Hampshire, primarily of men who saw green gold growing from the ground: the virgin forests. Although settlement was slowed by the Revolutionary War, the settlers came. Most of the cities and towns of the Greater Bangor area trace their beginnings to this period. Kenduskeag changed its name to Bangor when it was chartered as a town in 1791. The origins of the name are obscure, but some historians believe it was drawn from the Welsh hymn of that title.

The area suffered severely under British attack and occupation during the War of 1812. But with peace, settlement and industrial growth began in earnest. Lumbering became an important occupation, then a preoccupation. People moved up the Penobscot, and huge, straight pines, destined for the sawmills of the entire East, floated down. By the third quarter of the 19th century, you could walk across the Penobscot on the decks of the lumber ships tied up at Bangor. A statue of Paul Bunyan, peavey in his left hand and axe across his shoulder, stands on Bangor's Main Street, celebrating and memorializing those days.

The state's first railroad, called the Veazie Railroad, chugged between Bangor and Old Town, making its first run in 1832. Good-size stern- and side-wheelers plied the Penobscot, making careful way among the forest of masts and acres of deck and hull tied up at Bangor piers. These were precursors to the modern transportation systems that serve the area today. It is significant that they existed in such numbers in earlier days.

The area's progress from early industrial concentration to a modern community of cities and towns, catering to modern needs, has been straight-line, interrupted only briefly by national crises and local setbacks. The line is unending. Its course may be seen in present patterns of growth and progress as the Greater Bangor area reaches toward its promising future.



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If you've traveled to Europe or Canada in 747s, L-1011s, or other new-generation aircraft of the major international carriers, you may have landed at Bangor. The big jets roar off this runway, while little Piper Apaches and Cessnas wait their turns, like ducklings following their mother into the waters of a cool Maine lake.

Bar Harbor Airlines, a regional feeder serving Quebec City in Canada and Bar Harbor on the Maine coast, serves Bangor International, also. It's a direct shot into Boston on either Bar Harbor or Delta, with connections there on major and minor airlines serving the nation and the world.

Now, come inside. The terminal is new, modern, and the ultimate in comfort. The brand-new motor inn arising next door will have a walkway connecting with the terminal. Nearby, an international arrivals building is under construction. The airport has customs facilities, a necessary part of its international aspect.

Old Town and Brewer airports are centers of business and sport aviation. The airport at Old Town is FAA-controlled.

Bangor is the northern anchor of Interstate 95, the major trunk highway of the East. It's a through route by truck from our northern terminus to Miami. There's a good network of other state, county, and federal roads serving as local connectors, but I-95 is the big one, and there are five exits off I-95 into Bangor. I-95 connects with every major roadway of the East on its north-south course, giving Greater Bangor area shippers fast and economical interconnection with the entire nation.

Several of the country's major trucking firms are home-based in the area; many others serve the area on regular routing.

The Bangor & Aroostook Railroad serves the area with a specialty in fuel-saving piggyback service. The railroad's other specialty is more traditional: hauling countless carloads of Maine paper. The Canadian Pacific Railway also serves the Greater Bangor area, interconnecting with the nation's other railways along its course.

The harbor at Bangor, 60 miles up the Penobscot, is still a port-of-call to ships of large size and tonnage. Lumbering ships in the old days; oilers and tankers today.

Good Neighbors, Industrially Speaking

Some of the nation's largest and most prestigious industries have chosen the Bangor area as a home. General Electric has a major turbine assembly plant here. GTE-Sylvania makes welded lead wires in

its Bangor plant. Owens-Illinois has its Lily Cup Division in Old Town. Diamond International maintains its data-processing center in Bangor. St. Regis has a large paper mill in Bucksport.

Bancroft & Martin, Inc., a major steel fabricator, is in Brewer. Bauer Canadian Skate, Inc., makes skates for the National Hockey League in its Bangor plant. Old Town Canoe Co., probably the best-known firm in its specialty, fashions canoes with a cabinetmaker's skill.

This is just a skimming of a long list. The area produces a range of products from moccasins to sophisticated electronic components. The labor supply is good, and multidivisional firms report that Greater Bangor area workmen outproduce workers in other areas by a wide margin. Part of the reason is a long-lived tradition of responsibility to the job. Part is due to the fact that living is pleasant, and working conditions approach the ideal. Labor harmony is the rule.

Land is in good supply, too. Bangor and Brewer have large industrial parks, immediately accessible to I-95 and to all road, rail, and air transportation. And there are a number of free-standing industrial sites. Compared to other urban areas, cost of land is low, both in purchase and lease arrangements.

Incoming industry enjoys the assistance of a dynamic, professionally staffed area Chamber of Commerce. Most of the area's communities have professional people concerned with economic development, and all are members of the statewide and regional development districts. They are an invaluable source for data acquisition, for arranged tours of plant sites, and for other assistance.

Utilities in the Picture

Bangor Hydro Electric Company is one of the oldest and the largest power supplier in the region. A member of the northeast grid, and a part-owner in Yankee Atomic, it supplies a dependable flow of power to the area. A small part of the Bangor area is served by Central Maine Power, also.

The lakes and streams of the area are an indication of the generous endowment of water we enjoy. The Bangor Water District recently invested \$4 million in a new source of supply which, coupled with a strong existing distribution system, provides an excellent quality of water in abundant quantity for home, commerce, and industry. Fire-insurance rates reflect the adequacy of this system for property protection.

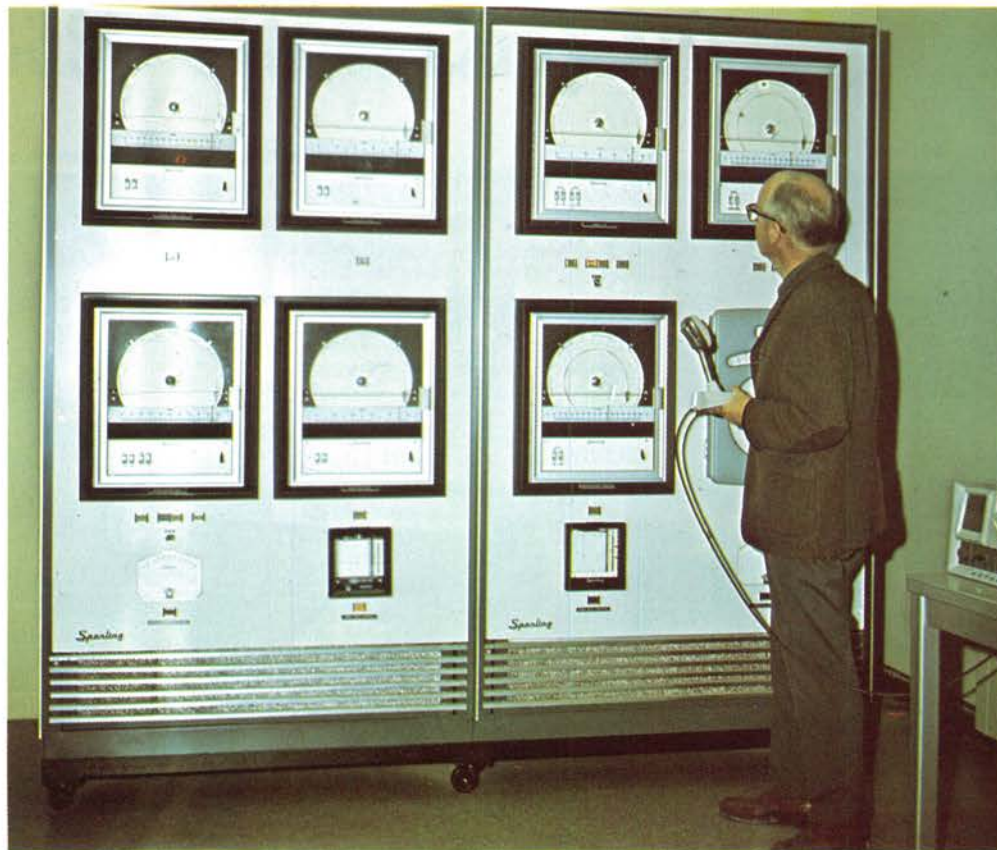
Bangor has just completed its new facility for the treatment and abatement of pollution. It processes waste to secondary levels. Brewer is busy extending its sewer lines.

Telephone service is through New England Telephone Company. This major subsidiary of the giant Bell System maintains a regional office in Bangor and ranks as one of the largest employers of the area.

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A Pleasurable Place for Shoppers

The Greater Bangor area serves the shopping needs of a vast international region. People flock to the area from eight counties, comprising two thirds of the state, and from the neighboring Canadian provinces. To serve them, half the area's working force is employed in retailing and wholesaling, and hundreds of stores, large and small, line the principal thoroughfares of Bangor, Brewer, and Old Town.

The central business districts of these places are the traditional shopping hubs, but the area has responded to the shopping-center boom with expansions and widespread construction. There are shopping plazas everywhere, anchored by national and regional chain representatives. Local merchants have moved to the plazas, but they have not abandoned their downtown locations. Several have shopping-center branches, instead.

Airport Mall is an enclosed, all-weather shopping center, as you might expect, located close to Bangor International Airport. University Plaza in Orono is smaller, but no less attractive, and has a distinct, youthful accent. On the near horizon is a new giant, not yet named, planned to be the largest shopping mall in the state of Maine.

Retailing growth, in numbers of stores, in people employed, and in dollar volume, is reckoned a prime indicator of a community's progress. All three factors have been well on the black side of the ledger in the Greater Bangor area.

There's an intangible element in shopping in the Greater Bangor area that can't be counted in terms of cash receipts and inventory. It's a personal quality, a neighborliness and courtesy that seem to have disappeared in so many other places. It makes itself felt on both sides of the counter in the Greater Bangor area.





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Cultural Awareness and Bright Opportunity

From very early times, the Greater Bangor area has been host to outstanding performers in the arts. Jenny Lind and Enrico Caruso sang at Bangor's opera house. Edwin Booth played *Hamlet* there. David Belasco, the Drews, the Barrymores, and Maude Adams appeared on its stage. So it should come as no surprise that this area still enjoys a cultural richness and taste far beyond others of its size.

The Bangor Symphony Orchestra is an amazing ensemble for an area this size. It is one of the oldest in the nation, dating to 1896. It is professionally conducted and numbers professionals and talented amateurs among its members. Its programs are well sprinkled with modernists among the standard symphonic repertoire. The acoustically ideal Peakes Auditorium in Bangor High School is the

symphony's home base. The auditorium is home base also to the Maine State Ballet and to the Bangor Civic Theater. The latter is a community little-theater group, opening its casting to the public, performing musical and nonmusical theatrical works.

The Acadia Repertory Theatre is a new and attractive feature of the area. This professional theater company has converted a historic church rectory in downtown Bangor into a theater and schedules a season of classic and contemporary plays.

The Maine Masque Theater Group is sponsored by the University of Maine. Its performers are mostly student and faculty, but local nonuniversity talent appears in its performances in Orono.

Painting has become a preoccupation in the area since the beauties of the coastline were first discovered. Andrew Wyeth, Jamie Wyeth, Ben Shahn, Waldo Pierce, William Moise, and Vincent A. Hartgen . . . all have drawn inspiration from Maine seascapes and landscapes. The Bangor Art Society, including both amateurs and professionals, numbers about 200 regional members. It sponsors art shows at the libraries, schools, and shopping centers. The *Bangor Daily News* conducts the annual Maine Student Art Program, with some 3000 pieces on display at the Brewer Auditorium.

Coordinating much of the area's cultural riches is the responsibility of the Bangor Fine Arts Advisory Committee, an arm of government totally concerned with cultural development. Among its plans is the creation of a fine-arts center, a permanent home for all of the visual and performing arts that grace the area.

A Library System that Sets National Goals and Standards

Among professional librarians, the name "Bangor" is a synonym for "successful library system." Within a population of less than 100,000, yearly book loans total more than 600,000. Even the largest urban centers can't match that per-capita ratio. Bangor Public Library ranks as the largest, in the state by itself. Add the resources of other public libraries nearby (almost every community has its own library), of the university library, and the college libraries, and you reach a total of nearly a million volumes. Now, add films, records, periodicals, and other materials. The result is a top-ranked resource for scholars, researchers, and those who read simply for pleasure.

The library reaches out. It permits borrowing and returning by mail, a boon to elderly people and shut-ins. It grants borrowing privileges to residents and non-residents, since scholars from everywhere find constant use for its collections on genealogy and history.

All of this, by the way, is provided to local residents at very low cost in tax money. The library was founded by endowment in 1843, and its income from endowed funds pays the bulk of its costs.



The University of Maine gives more than degrees. It also gives us culture



A successful library system for the community

Fun Country



But I wasn't ready!

Recreation in its truest sense — the refreshment of body and spirit. That's what the Greater Bangor area is best known for among the nation's people. And justifiably so. Consider first the vast empire of woodlands, thick and solemn, to the north and west of here. Hunters take deer and bear in these woods as well as rabbit and other small game. The woods are alive with Maine whitetail deer. But avoid making heavy footfall, or all you'll get for your pains in a glimpse of a white tail.

The Greater Bangor area is on the Atlantic flyway. Great flocks of migratory birds pass overhead and settle on the ponds to feed. Wild duck is a family favorite and a seasonal delicacy on the table for hunters. So are pheasant, partridge, and wild turkey.

Moosehead Lake — largest in New England — is one of an uncountable number of lakes and ponds — marvelous freshwater fishing and great for swimmers, campers, and boaters. Canoeing on the lakes is a favorite among the less venturesome. Canoeing the white-water streams is another thing entirely. It calls for muscle and skill of the first order. Where the streams are quiet, trout leap to take the well-placed fly.

The seasons are sharply defined here. Winter freezes the lakes solidly safe. Skaters skim and whirl. Ice fishermen saw their holes and huddle against the cold. Thick mantles of snow bring the skiers out in droves. There are three family ski areas within the Greater Bangor region, and slopes to challenge the experts elsewhere in the state: Squaw Mountain and Sugarloaf Mountain, site of the World Cup Series. Snowmobiling is both a family sport and a fiercely competitive sport in the area. The Bangor leg of the Sno-Pro circuit is sponsored by the Bangor Jaycees.

Come to Maine's rugged, island-dotted coast for the thunder of surf and a breath of clean, salt air. Salmon, tuna, and striped bass of record-breaking size are pulled from these waters. Power yachts and large sailing craft cruise the offshore waters.

Mount Katahdin towers a mile into the Maine sky, dominating Baxter State Park in the Northeast wilderness. On the coast, Mount Desert Island is the prime attraction of one of the nation's most picturesque parks, Acadia National Park.

Bangor's municipal golf course is the site of the Greater Bangor Open and part of the Paul Bunyan Amateur. There's a fine private 18-hole challenger at the Penobscot Valley Country Club in Orono, and another at Lake Lucerne. There are tennis courts everywhere, at the schools, parks, and playgrounds. Hampden has a year-round, indoor tennis complex.

Each of the larger communities has its own recreational program and facilities. Bangor has two outdoor municipal swimming pools and three competition-size, non-municipal, indoor pools. Softball, base-

ball, basketball, soccer are all played in league competition or in simple "pick-up" games at the parks. Hockey is a growing sport here, where youngsters learn to skate as naturally as they learn to walk. There's professional hockey in Lewiston, home of the Maine Nordiques. Bangor Auditorium is the site of state and regional basketball games as well as rodeos and civic events.

The University of Maine mounts a full athletic program. Husson College has an athletic schedule that includes everything except football. But Bangor High School fills that gap. The Bangor team took the state championship in 1973, a victory that caused rejoicing close to ecstasy, here, at least. The traditional football rivalry between Bangor High School and Brewer High School is one of the few areas in which these sister cities find themselves in total opposition.

Dining Out

One of our sophistications is a number of fine dining places. They range from the simple and rather boisterous, in the neighborhood of the university, to gracious and elegant in the cities. There is an amazing variety among them in terms of ethnic accent: Greek, Chinese, Polynesian, Italian, Old English, Irish, and others. Rare roast beef and thick steaks are well represented. But nothing challenges the supremacy of our area's specialty, the table delights of the sea.

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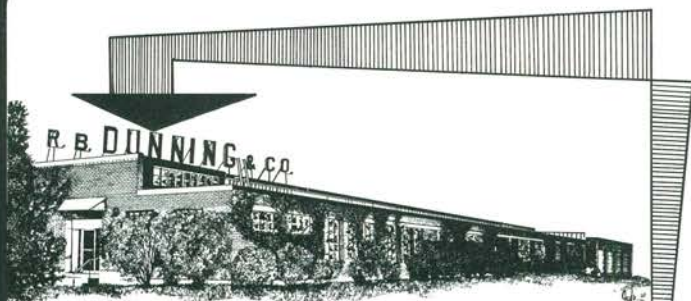




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The Learning Years



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The area's larger communities — Bangor, Brewer, Orono, and Old Town — operate autonomous school systems. Several others have joined into school districts to achieve greater efficiency and student opportunity.

Throughout the area, schools are modern and forward-looking in curricular approach. Talented high-school students are offered independence and elective choice in constructing their programs. Some study at the college level in cooperation with the University of Maine and Husson College. Teachers are given great latitude in constructing individualized curricula, so that students may pursue their individual skills and inclinations to the fullest.

Assistance to the mentally, emotionally, and physically handicapped is offered on a scale to match or surpass an urban area many times the Bangor region's size. Special, educational programs and special schools, like the Bangor Speech and Hearing Center and the new Learning Disabilities Center, provide diagnostic and therapeutic treatment, as well as educational programs designed to prepare these youngsters for reentry into the educational mainstream as soon, and as completely, as possible.

Those whose talents are oriented toward vocational and technical careers find a growing range of offerings. The entire

area is strengthening its vocational programs, with districts dividing responsibilities among themselves for greater depth and efficiency. One district will handle agriculture; another, electrical maintenance, and so on. Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute lists a broad catalog of post-secondary two-year courses in the industrial arts and the technologies, leading to the associate degree. Adult education, from basic Americanization through sophisticated technologies and avocational subjects, is offered in local high schools.

Art and music are very strong educational thrusts. Talented high-school students perform with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. Our string-instrumental teaching programs are the only ones in the state of Maine.

There are two regional Catholic elementary schools in the area, and one regional Catholic high school, John Bapst. The Jewish Community Center operates the Hebrew Academy, a parochial day school, and there are several other parochial schools of Protestant denominations, the largest among them Bangor Christian. Skitukuk School in Orono is an educational experiment, ungraded and extremely advanced in its methodologies.

Higher Education

The University of Maine is one of the nation's oldest land-grant institutions. Its main campus dominates the city of Orono. While the university's catalog is broad and inclusive, offering degrees to the doctoral level in many academic specialties, the University of Maine stresses agriculture, forestry, and technology. The university has another campus located in Bangor adjacent to the airport. Known as the Bangor Community College of UMO, it serves as a two-year community college, stressing policies of open enrollment and offering automatic transfer of credit to the main campus for those who go on to complete baccalaureate programs. The South Campus awards the associate degree upon completion of a two-year program in the arts, sciences, or technologies.

Husson College has its campus in Bangor. Husson is a privately endowed, four-year college, emphasizing business subjects, but with a good catalog of courses in the liberal arts as well. It's a co-educational, residential school, awarding the baccalaureate degree.

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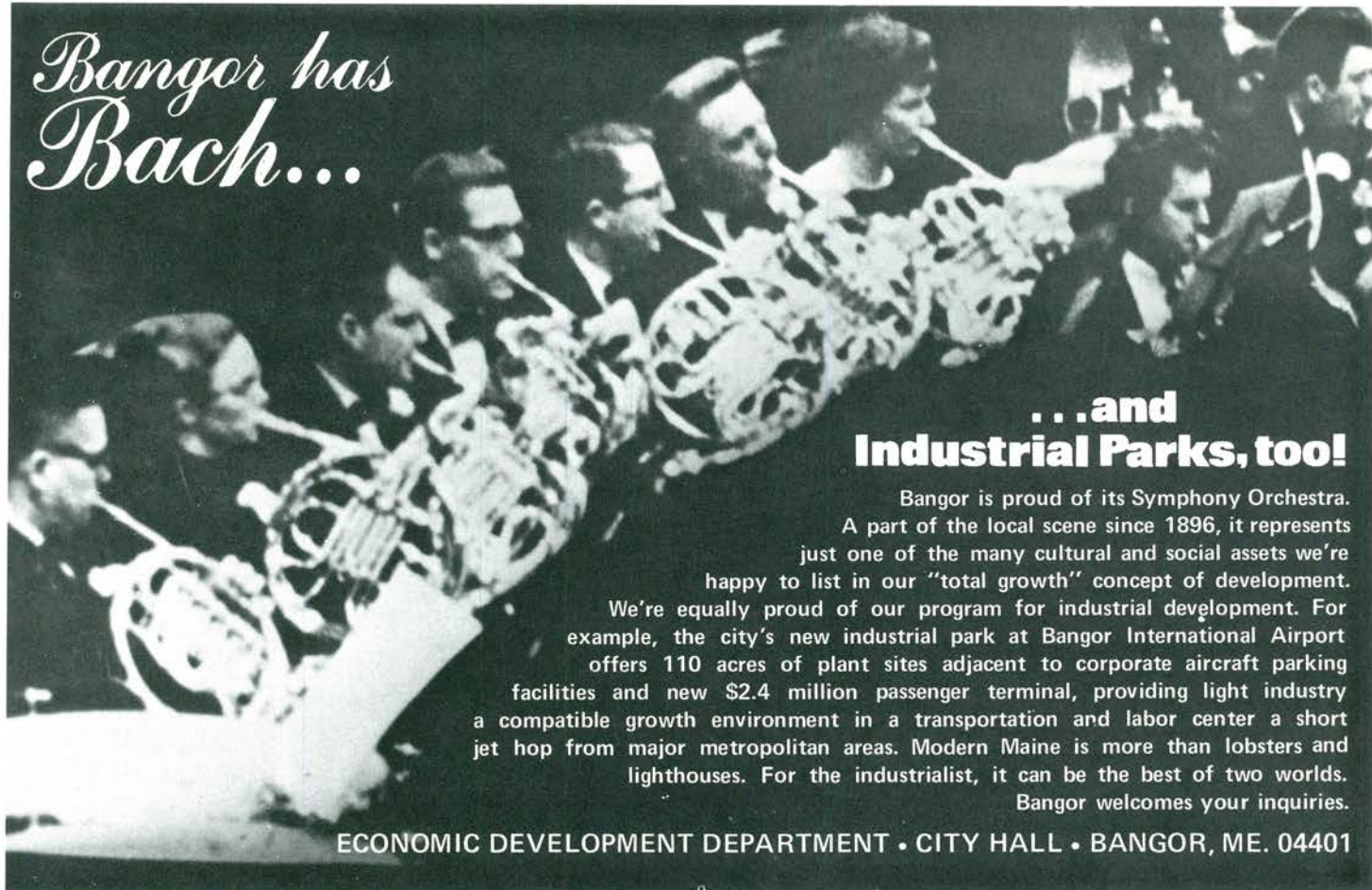
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Eleven weeklies are published in the Greater Bangor area, interesting and well-read chroniclers and reporters of the affairs of the communities they serve.

The number, scope, and variety of broadcast media serving the area is another surprise to newcomers. Each of the three national television networks has its representative in the area. WABI-TV is a CBS affiliate; WENT-TV is affiliated with ABC and WLBZ-TV with NBC. In addition to national programming, these stations provide the area with in-depth news coverage of a local nature through large and competent specialist staffs in broadcast news gathering and reporting.

WMEB-TV is the area's educational-TV source. The station, with studios on the campus of the University of Maine in Orono, carries programming of the Public Broadcasting Service into the homes and schools of the area, and also originates programming in its own studios. The university sponsors a student-operated counterpart: WMEH-FM, educational radio. The station specializes in music, both concert and jazz, and carries live public-affairs broadcasts.



The Bangor Daily News, a journalistic leader

WABI has an AM-radio counterpart, WABI-AM, and an FM affiliate also, WBGW. They carry a broad range of music from the contemporary beat to Country-Western. WGUY-AM specializes in "top-40," and WLBZ-AM radio programs the more sophisticated background and Broadway type of music. WHSN-FM is also student-operated, originating from the campus of Husson College. WTOS-FM has its studios and transmitter in Bangor, with antennae high up on Sugarloaf Mountain. It broadcasts a continuous day of contemporary music.

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The hospital offers a choice of private and semiprivate accommodations with a professional staff that practices team nursing. Each team includes members with various experience, and they plan and work together to provide for your needs.

Medical services and facilities include a lab, blood bank, radiology, nuclear-medicine department, physical therapy, pharmacy, surgery, recovery rooms, emergency unit, coronary-care unit, and inhalation therapy. The hospital maintains leadership in continuing medical education through organized programs for physicians, nurses, and allied health professions.

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St. Joseph Hospital

Bangor serves the medical needs of a vast region. The size, scope, and modernity of its hospitals are a response to the health needs of about 250,000 people.

Eastern Maine Medical Center is a voluntary, nonsectarian hospital of 383-bed capacity. As an institution, it has served the area for more than a century. Its bright new \$12-million addition is a symbol and sign of its continually growing capabilities. St. Joseph Hospital is operated by the Felician Sisters. It's a new hospital, dating to 1964 and numbering 130 acute-care beds.

James Taylor Hospital practices the osteopathic discipline. Maine Mental Health Institute is a public institution; Utterback Psychiatric Hospital is privately owned and operated. Both the latter, as their names indicate, are specialists in the treatment of mental disorders.

St. Joseph and Eastern Maine share a joint medical staff. Between the two, the range of services is very broad, reaching to the rare and unusual. Eastern Maine has recently installed the area's only renal dialysis unit. St. Joseph's capabilities extend to vascular and coronary surgery. Eastern Maine houses the area's cobalt-therapy unit. St. Joseph has included diagnostic electronics among its sophistications. Both hospitals have obstetric and gynecologic departments, as well as inpatient and outpatient services in a broad scope.

Bangor City Hospital serves the local need for extended care and nursing. In addition, there are many private nursing homes.

About 125 physicians and dentists, specialists and generalists, serve this area. St. Joseph Hospital School of Practical Nursing is affiliated with the University of Minnesota, one of only three of its kind in the nation. Eastern Maine has an RN program and a five-year degree program affiliated with the University of Maine.



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Eastern Maine Medical Center



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Meeting Social Needs



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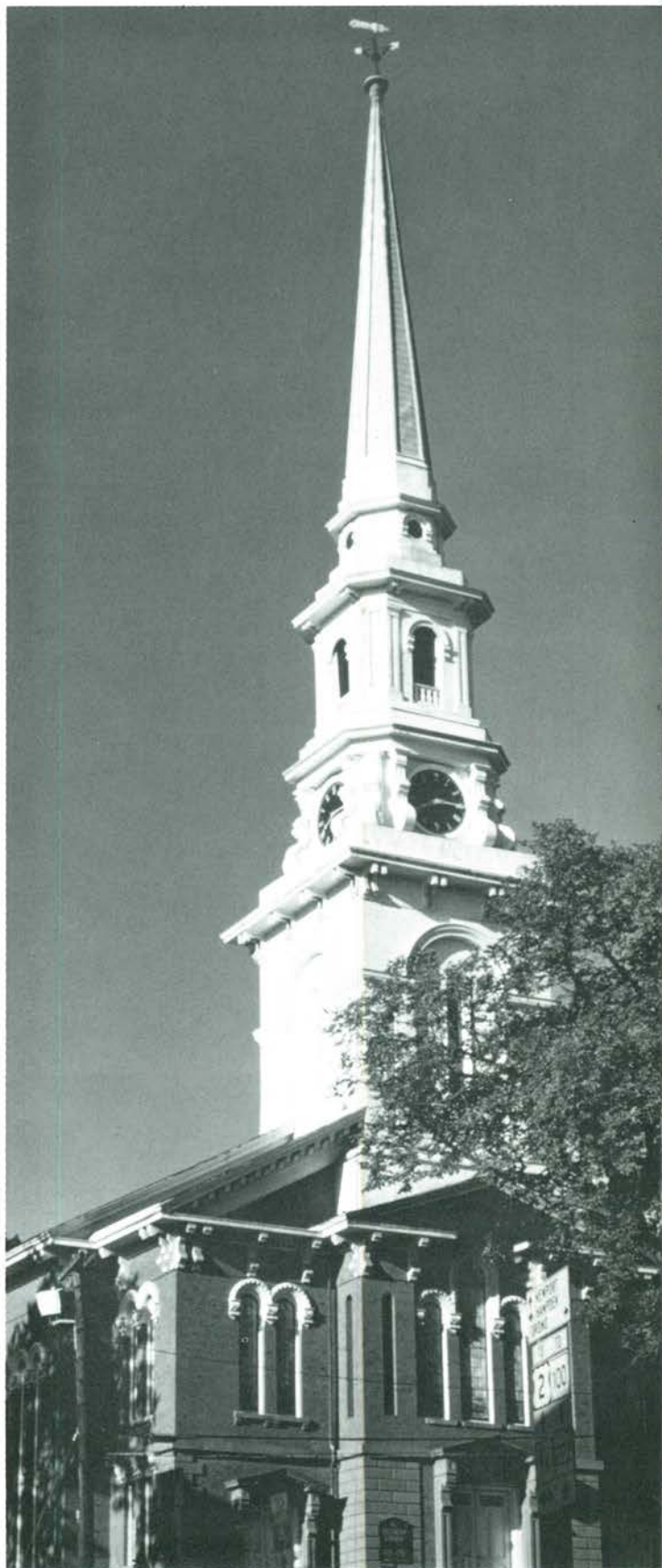
There is a strain of neighbor-to-neighbor concern in the people of the Bangor area, bred over long years and of pioneer beginnings. Its modern context is United Way. Local people contribute in a manner that permits United Way to support or aid 28 member agencies, delivering social services on a truly remarkable scale. Such institutions as St. Michael's Center for boys with behavioral problems, Bangor Day Activities Center for the severely handicapped, and Good Samaritan Home for Girls are only a few in a long and inspiring list.

"Meals for Me" has flourished here. It serves hot meals to elderly people who might otherwise merely subsist on a rolls-and-coffee diet. It also encourages these people to meet and socialize and maintain a lively life interest. Comprehensive Mental Health Center provides inpatient and outpatient services, and serves as a screening unit for input into the hospitals.

In our churches, social services are on a face-to-face and person-to-person basis. Money is not an important factor. Families in need find family friends, and invitations are offered to share meals on a friendly and human basis.

Similarly, the churches and the synagogues aid each other, and share responsibility for the spiritual well-being of the entire community. Although the area's 57 houses of worship serve the broad spectrum of religious creed and preference, all coordinate their services to the needy and distressed, and all work as participants within the local social agencies.

YMCA and YWCA have each recently completed building-fund drives of nearly a million dollars. As part of their services to the area as social and recreational centers, they participate in the work of providing for the needs of the area's youngsters, regardless of financial status.



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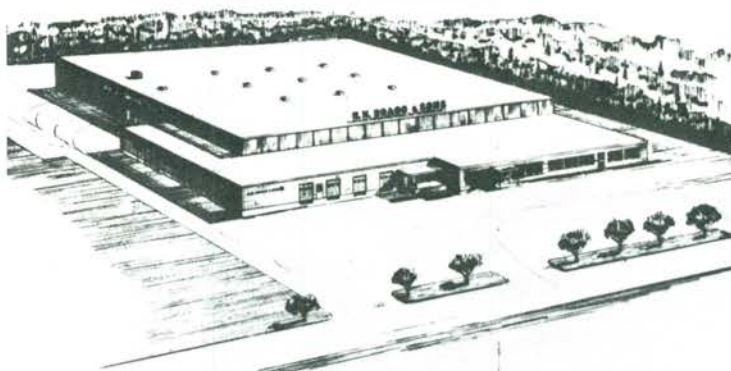


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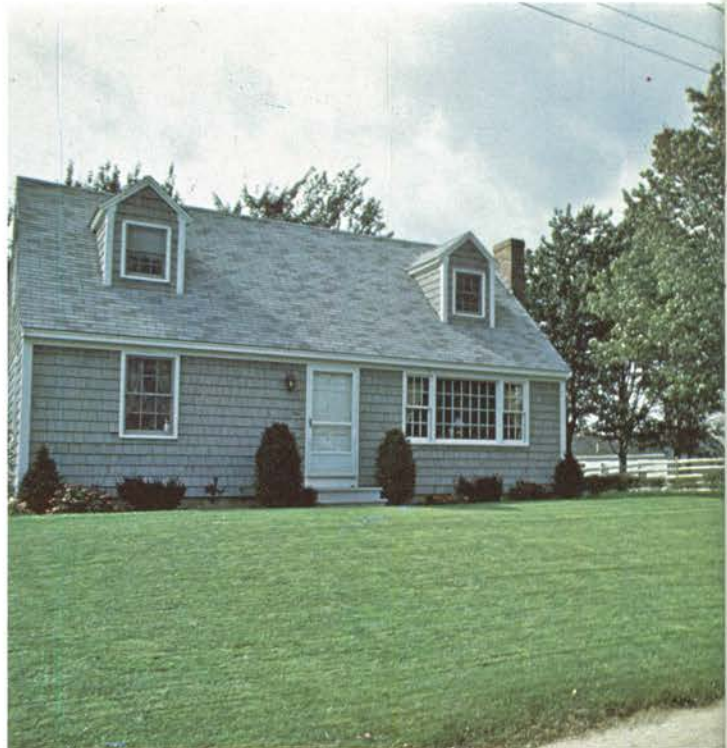
The Greater Bangor area offers an extraordinarily broad choice of housing accommodations. From the urban center of the city of Bangor, the college-town atmosphere of Orono, the city personality of Brewer and Hampden to the village life of places like Kenduskeag, Holden, and Corinth, a home of your family's choice is available.

There are stately Victorian homes in Bangor, and Colonials and modern ranch homes in Hampden. Brewer's Sherwood Forest is richly wooded. Prices run a wide gamut from the low \$20s to the high \$40s.

There is a generous availability of homes, new and resale, in the medium-price category throughout the area. There are exceptions, of course. Some areas of Bangor price their homes above \$100,000, and there are many others at the \$75,000 level.

"Camps" are a specialty of the area. These are not rough shacks as the name implies, but lakeside leisure and vacation homes, many as elaborate and comfortable as any city dwelling. Large-acreage homesites and farms are available mostly in the villages of the area. Apartments are in good supply, also. Capehart Housing has 300 apartments and there are several very comfortable units in the Stillwater Park section of Bangor. Bangor's High Street section offers homes of historic interest, dating to the early 1800s, dignified by stained-glass windows and imposing marble stairways.

Housing for the elderly and low-income families is a testament to the area's social concern. Much of this housing is city-owned & -operated. The unusually attractive trailer park on Stillwater Avenue, complete with all utilities, paved driveways, and quarter-acre lots, is a special boon to retired persons who come to enjoy their leisure in Maine's vacationland.



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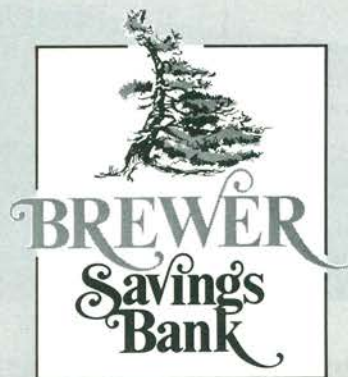
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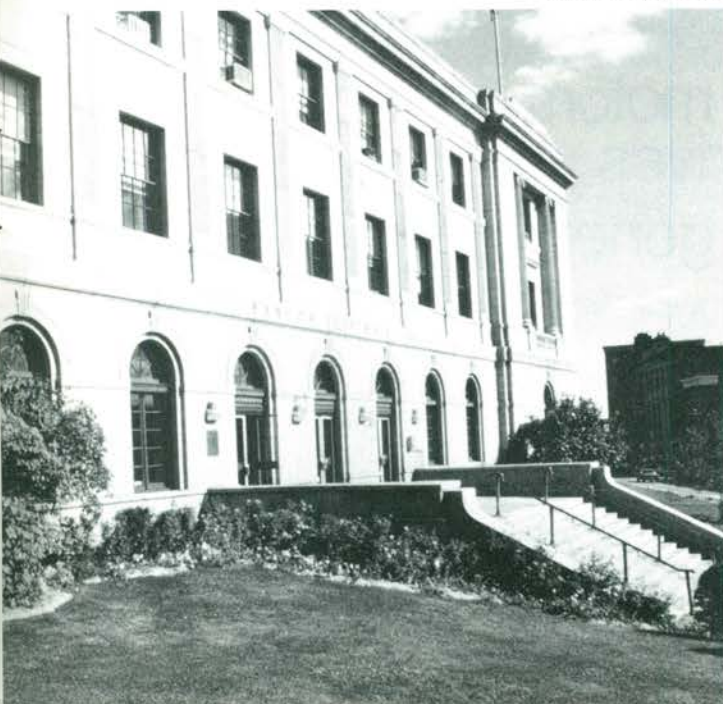
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There's little or no mandated difference between cities and towns in Maine. Each municipality may choose the governmental form that best meets its needs. Bangor has chosen a council/manager form, and so have Brewer and several of the other communities of the area. An elected council serves as legislature. The council elects one of its members mayor. He chairs the council and serves as ceremonial spokesman for his city.

Enforcement of the council's mandates and ordinances is placed in the hands of an appointed professional city manager. His responsibilities include broad appointive power over department heads, most of whom must be approved by the council. He serves as a fiscal officer, drawing up the city's budget.

Most of the smaller towns are governed by elected town committees and by open town meetings in which every citizen may participate. Hermon has combined elements of the two structures: an open town meeting plus a professional manager.

Accomplishment transcends form and structure. The towns and cities are united at many points to form a true regionality. Working agreements in law enforcement, fire protection, code enforcement, and health services bring a higher level of municipal services to all with a stretching of the tax dollar to its utmost efficiency.

Any brief discussion of governmental services within the communities must include the construction of Bangor International Airport and its growth into a major terminus of the Northeast. Also, public works, maintained at a very high level. Snow can be a problem in these northern parts, but snow removal is so efficient that the airport has been closed down for only 10 hours for snow removal since its opening in 1968.

Bangor's new intracity bus service is another good example. Thirty modern buses provide comfortable transportation to every part of the city. Downtown redevelopment and upgrading of substandard housing and neighborhoods have given much of the city of Bangor a modern look.

Planning is a prime thrust among all the communities of the area. The Penobscot Valley Regional Planning Commission is headquartered in Bangor, the officially designated body for regional protection of the environment. All the area's managers are members and participants in the Coastal Managers Association, a channel of information and discussion of common problems and a means of finding common and cooperative solutions.



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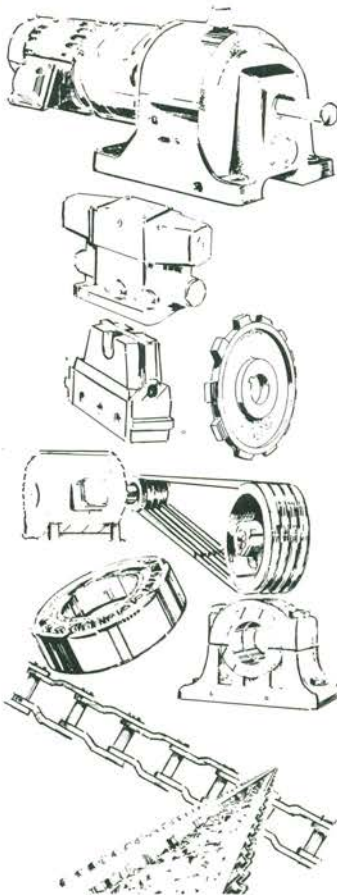
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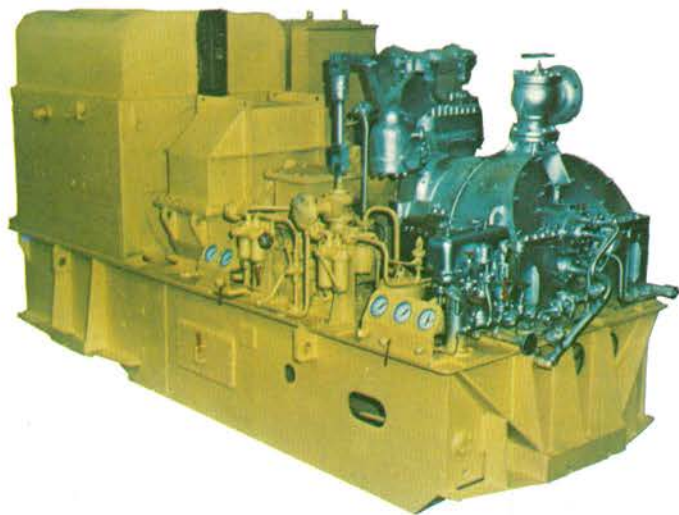


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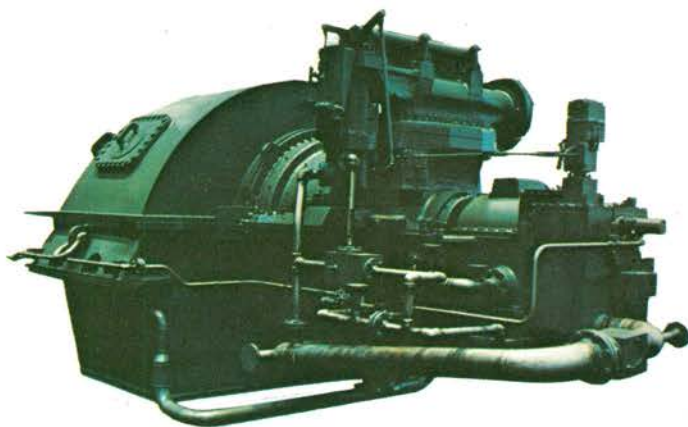
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