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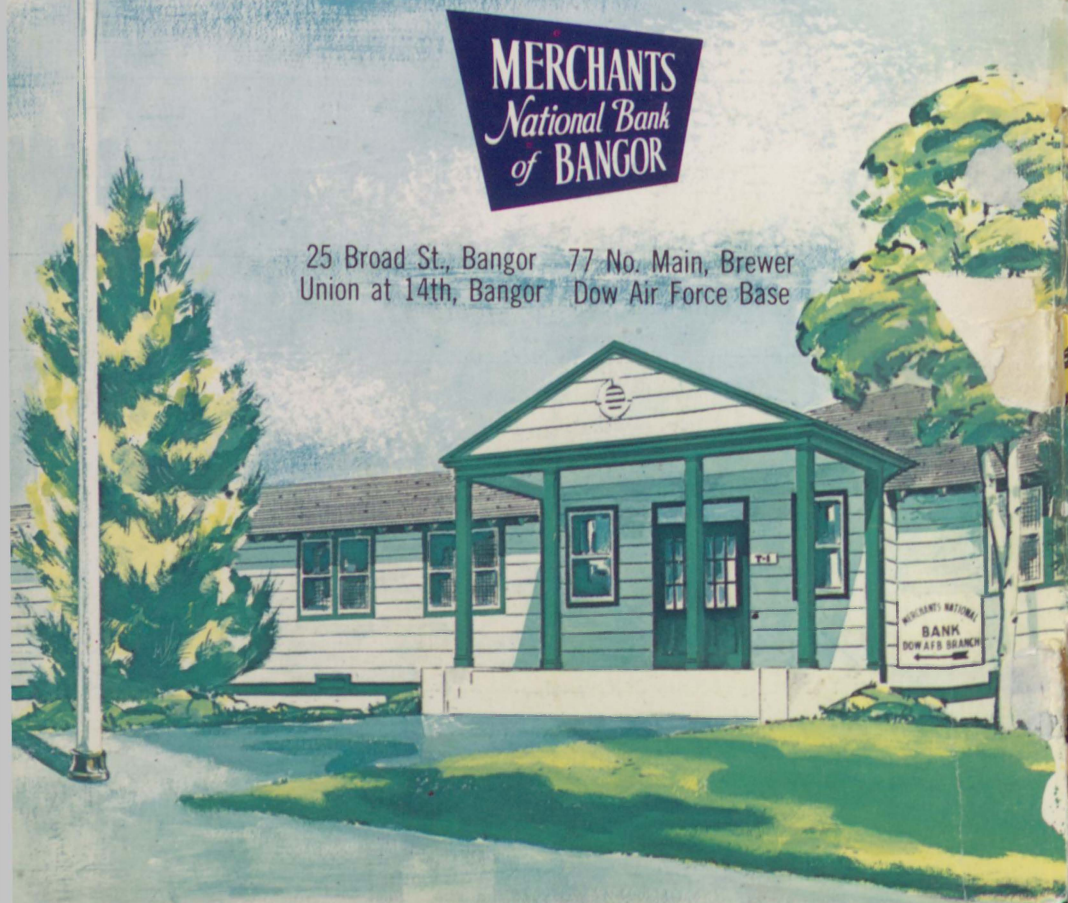
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Headquarters

4038th STRATEGIC WING

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

DOW AIR FORCE BASE, MAINE

Dear Newcomer:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Dow Air Force Base and the State of Maine. You will find the base a beautiful installation and the community a friendly place in which to live and work.

We are a part of the Strategic Air Command whose strength and deterrent posture is known throughout the world. Our success depends upon you; we can remain alert and strong only through your dedicated and energetic efforts.

We know you will be proud to be a part of the Dow community and we invite you to join in the cordial relationship between the base and the cities of Bangor and Brewer.

This guide will acquaint you with the facilities and services at Dow and in the State of Maine. Again, welcome on behalf of all the personnel presently enjoying their stay at Dow.



GEORGE W. R. ZETHREN
Colonel USAF
Commander

Proud History . . .

The origin of Dow Air Force Base dates back to August 19, 1923, when General "Billy" Mitchell landed his flight of 26 airplanes, Martin bombers and DeHaviland scout planes, on the F. F. Rich farm, the present location of Dow. This was about two weeks before the famous bombing tests off the Virginia Capes, during which Mitchell's bi-planes sank an obsolete ship in his effort to get more planes.

General Mitchell told Bangor Rotarians that he saw a "great future for Bangor as an airdrome." With what was believed to be the entire strategic air force available at the time, the men of his command set up temporary headquarters (tents) in the present Dow location and took-off on August 22. Officers told local reporters that the Cooper Road Field (now Dow AFB location) was a superior field to the Boston Airport.



General Mitchell

It wasn't until 1940, however, that actual construction began on a large scale. But the vision of Bangor as an air center was foreseen, and in January of 1942, Dow AFB was officially named in honor of Second Lieutenant James F. Dow of the State of Maine, who was killed in a routine training flight when the bomber in which he was flying collided with another plane over New York State.

Lieutenant Dow attended Houlton High School and Hebron Academy prior to attending the University of Maine, where he was an avid sports participant, playing football, basketball and baseball and participating in track.

Upon graduation from the University of Maine in 1938, Lieutenant Dow went to Parks Air College in East St. Louis, Ill., and

The total U.S. Air Force in 1923

later to Randolph Field, Texas, where he graduated in March of 1940.

The base was intended to serve as a forward airdrome for active defense against enemy attacks from Europe and was built to house a heavy bombardment group.

In 1946, the 14th Fighter Wing arrived at Dow. During the time they were at Dow they were accredited with "ironing out the bugs" in the first F-84 Thunderjets. These jets were used extensively in the Korean conflict.



Lieutenant Dow

When the 14th FW left Dow in October of 1948, the Maine Air National Guard began using the base as a training camp. Early 1951 saw the 101st FIW of the Maine Air National Guard called to active duty. At this time the base was under the Air Defense Command.

In April of 1951, the 132nd Fighter Wing of the Nebraska-Iowa Air National Guard was called to duty at Dow. This move also brought on a change of command from ADC to the Strategic Air Command. In January of 1952, however, the base changed hands again, this time to the Tactical Air Command.

June of 1952 saw the 132nd transfer to Alexandria AFB, La., and on July 1, one month later, Dow was again placed under SAC and the 506th SFW moved in. On January 15, 1954, the 506th became the first operational organization to receive the F-84 Thunderstreak, marking the second time a Dow unit was checked out first with an aircraft product of the Republic Aviation Company.

During the course of World War II, nearly 100,000 combat crew members passed through Dow with their aircraft, either returning from or enroute to the various war theaters. The strength

of the base varied from 1,200 to 7,000 personnel.

Dow was established as a permanent base in September of 1954. Just six months later, the mission changed as the Strategic Air Command activated its original air refueling unit at Dow, the 4060th Air Refueling Wing, on March 8, 1955.

The 71st Air Refueling Squadron was activated at Dow on January 24, 1955 and the 341st Air Refueling Squadron at Castle AFB, Calif., on June 1, 1955. Together they would make up the 4060th Air Refueling Wing.



Snow Must Go

The 4060th was like a newborn child out in the snow as it went about its job without any firm policies or operating procedures, this is how it must be for "an original." The mission was carried out on a "trial and error" basis and soon proved "experience is the best teacher."

In December of 1955 Operation "Saint Nick" sent the newly activated 71st ARS to Thule AB, Greenland on TDY. It was the general feeling that this was to serve as a test of the squadron's capabilities as missions "White Oak" and "Tinker Bell" were thrown at them in the bitter

north lands. But they proved themselves and turned it into a successful TDY.

In the next years, the 4060th went to the top of SAC's Flying Safety Totem Pole and took the USAF Semi-Annual Flying Safety Award. It marked the first time that an air refueling unit had won the USAF award.

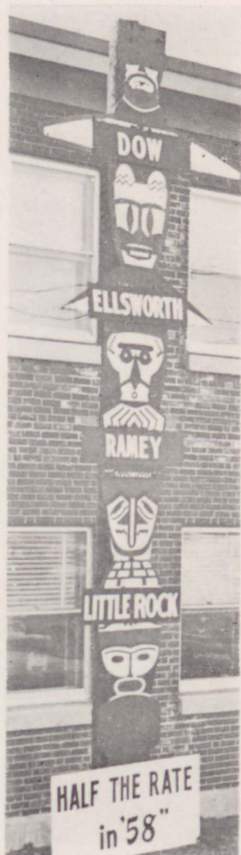
March of 1957 saw another successful TDY to Thule for the 71st and an equally successful TDY to Harmon AB, Newfoundland for the 341st.

In early 1958, Dow again climbed to the top of the SAC Safety Totem as the Wing continued to fly accident-free. It was in April of the same year that SAC placed the 4060th in the SAC hall of fame for two years of safe flying.

Latter 1958 saw the 4060th again on the receiving end of the USAF Semi-Annual Flying Safety Award. Now confirmed as one of the most safety-minded bases in the command, the base took the top spot on the SAC totem in early 1959.

Soon after entering the SAC hall of fame for three years of accident-free flying, on July 1, 1959, the 4060th was re-organized under the deputy commander concept. The change was considered a smooth phasing in operation.

It was on July 1, 1959 that the first F-101B Voodoo and most of the personnel of the 75th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, ADC, had arrived in a unit PCS from Presque Isle AFB, Maine to Dow. A direct descendent of the famous "Flying Tigers", the 75th, holder of the Presidential Unit Citation, is a member of the Air Defense Command.



On February 1, 1960, the 4038th Strategic Wing was activated.





Mission of the 4038th Strategic Wing

As directed by Headquarters, Eighth Air Force and in accordance with the policies established by Headquarters, Strategic Air Command, the 4038th Strategic Wing will:

Organize and train a force capable of immediate and sustained long-range offensive bombardment and air-to-air refueling operations in any part of the world, utilizing the latest technical knowledge and advanced weapons.

Participate to the maximum extent in the Reserve training program. Participate in disaster relief and other domestic emergencies when required. Perform such special missions and assignments as may be directed from higher headquarters.

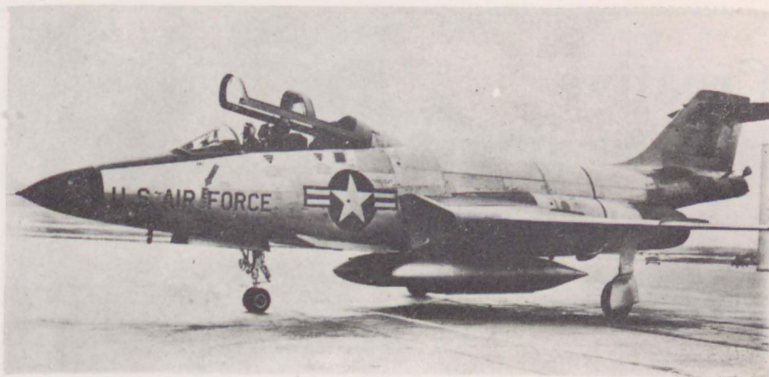


Above—KC-97 Tanker. Right—B-52 Bomber in Flight.





Mt. Katahdin, Maine's mile-high mountain which boasts of being the first spot in the United States to be touched by the rising sun. This is indeed a campers' and outdoorsmen's paradise, where wild life abounds, and the land remains unspoiled by the "progress" of man.



F-101B Voodoo

Mission of the 75th Fighter Interceptor Squadron

The mission of the 75th is to provide and maintain trained crews and combat ready aircraft for the support in the air defense of the northeastern United States.

To accomplish these tasks, the 75th is committed to a 24-hour alert schedule and regular daily flying training in the F-101B Voodoo.

In the event of detection of an unidentified or hostile aircraft or object, planes of the 75th would be airborne in minutes to accomplish identification or, if necessary, engagement of the unknown.

30th ADMS

The mission of the 30th AD Missile Squadron is to maintain the IM-99 Bomarc weapons system and to be prepared to launch this missile at any enemy aircraft, that penetrates the defense area. The unmanned Bomarc ground-to-air interceptor missile is designed to seek out aircraft and missiles while still far from America's borders.



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DURING AFTER DUTY HOURS . . .

If you arrive DURING AFTER DUTY HOURS, sign in at Base Headquarters (Building T-1, located at the flag pole). The Charge-of-Quarters on duty will show you where to sign-in and when and where to report the next duty day.

ACTIVITIES, SERVICES, FACILITIES . . .

AERO CLUB (See Clubs)

AIR FORCE AID

Building S-6 (across from BX Service Station)

As a supplement to the Red Cross in its activities in providing financial aid to military personnel and their dependents, the Air Force Aid Society stands ready to help those who meet the requirements for such aid.

AIRMEN'S QUARTERS (See Housing)

AIRMEN'S WIVES CLUB (See Clubs)

AUTO HOBBY SHOP (See Hobby Shops)

AUTOMOBILE INSPECTION

All automobiles are required to be inspected by an authorized State of Maine inspection station during the months of April and October of each year. Most gasoline stations in the area, including the BX Station, are authorized inspection stations. Auto lights, horns, directional signals, mufflers, windshield wipers and brakes are the main areas checked. Autos with valid out-of-state inspection stickers are exempt from this law.

BANK

Building T-1 (located by the flag pole)

The on-base bank is a branch of the Merchants National Bank of Bangor. Services include, savings, checking accounts, Christmas Club, money orders, cashier checks and travelers' checks.

BARBER SHOP

Building T-50 (Main Exchange)

BASE EXCHANGE SERVICES

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Section of Main Exchange

MAIN EXCHANGE

Building T-50 (across from old chapel)

10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Monday-Friday and 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturday. Closed on Sunday.

MOBILE UNITS

The two BX Mobile Units make two runs daily, Monday-Friday on the flight line and the base proper

SERVICE STATION

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SPORTS ANNEX

Building T-24 (corner of "F" and "J" Streets)

Open from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Monday-Friday and 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturday. Closed on Sunday.

TAILOR SHOP

Building T-200 (across from the Commissary)

Open from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Monday-Friday and 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturday. Closed on Sunday.

TOYLAND and HOUSEWARES ANNEX

(In barracks building across from Main Exchange)

Open from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Monday-Friday and 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturday. Closed Sunday.

WATCH REPAIR

Building T-200 (across from the Commissary)

Open from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Monday-Friday and 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturday. Closed Sunday.

BASE LOCATOR

The base locator is located in Building T-8 (Post Office Building), Phone 2250 during duty hours and in Building T-1 (Base Headquarters Building), Phone 2172 during off duty hours

BOQ (See Housing)

BOWLING ALLEY

Building T-216 (across from the Main Exchange)

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BUS SERVICE (See Transportation)

CAFETERIA (See Base Exchange)

CAPEHART HOUSING (See Housing)

CHAPEL

(Located on "Chapel Hill" across from the hospital)

PROTESTANT - Sunday worship services are at 10:45 a. m. (Nursery through Kindergarten classes meet in Chapel Annex while first grade through Adult classes meet in Base Education Center T-245).

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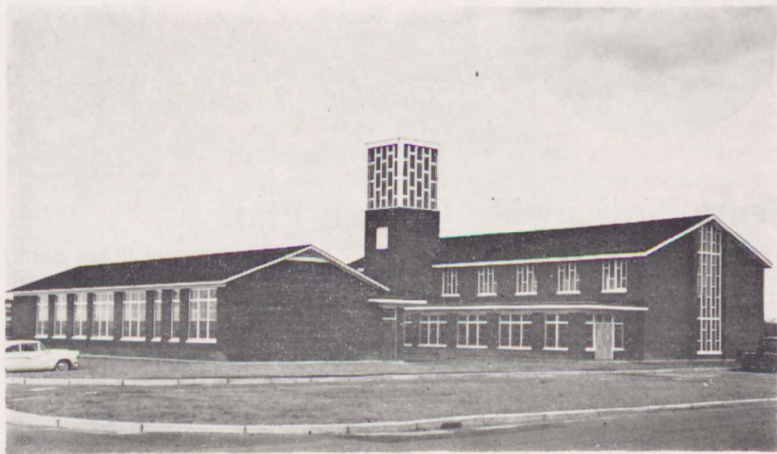


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JEWISH - Personnel are invited to attend the Beth Israel Synagogue located between Essex and Adams Streets on York Street in Bangor. A. H. Freedman, Rabbi.

Your Base Chaplain invites you to attend services at your Base Chapel, however, if it is more convenient for you to attend church off-base, by all means do so.

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CLUBS

AIRMEN'S WIVES CLUB — At the time of publication of this Guide, this club was in the formation stages. Information may be obtained at the Base Service Club.

NCO CLUB — (Located in the general vicinity of the airmen's dormitories). All non-commissioned officers and airmen first class are eligible to join the Club. Information on dress requirements and hours may be obtained by calling the Club.

NCO WIVES' CLUB — All incoming wives of non-commissioned officers and airmen first class are invited to join the NCO Wives Club which meets every Thursday at 1 p. m.

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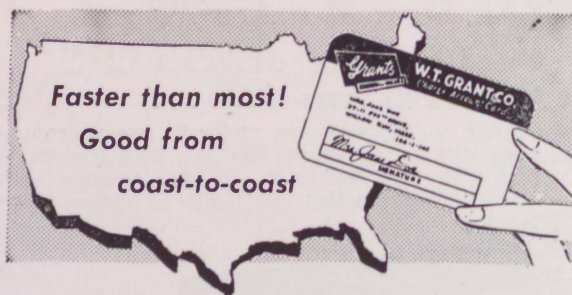
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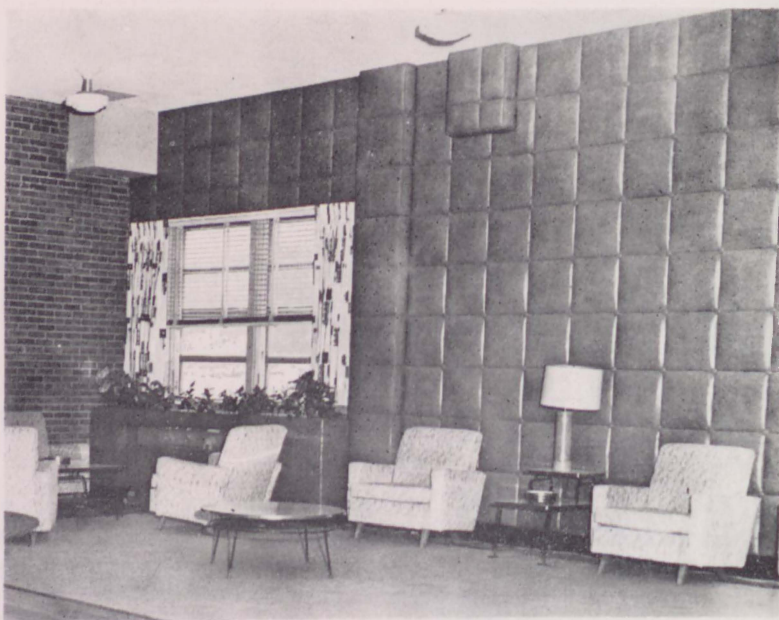
OFFICERS' CLUB — (Located in the vicinity of the BOQ). Membership is automatically extended to all incoming officers and warrant officers. Information on dress regulations and hours may be obtained by calling the Club.

OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB — All incoming officers' wives are cordially invited to join the club, which meets every Tuesday at 1 p. m.

OVERSEAS WOMEN'S CLUB — Watch the base newspaper for notification of meetings to come of the Overseas Women's Club. The Club usually meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Base Chapel Education Wing.

ROD AND GUN CLUB — Meeting twice a month, a dinner meeting on the first Wednesday and a regular meeting on the third Wednesday, this club is open to all hunting and fishing enthusiasts. The Club pursues an aggressive program of activities for hunting, fishing, skeet shooting, loading ammunition, fly tying and rental of weapons.

SAC AERO CLUB — This popular SAC-sponsored club meets in the Service Club on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p. m. The Dow SAC Aero Club boasts a T-34, two Cessna 172's, one Cessna 150 and a Champion Float Plane.



Service Club Lounge

SERVICE CLUB — Just a short walk from the airmen's dormitories, the Service Club is one of the most modern in the Eighth Air Force. The Club offers many activities for off-duty enjoyment including: ping pong, pool, photography, ceramics, plus many special classes in crafts and dancing. The Club also has a TV lounge with a color TV set.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION

(See Transportation)

COMMISSARY

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DINING HALLS

(Located directly across from the airmen's dormitories)

Dow's dining halls are considered to be two of the best in the Eighth Air Force. One other dining hall is located in the "400 area" for the Dow alert force.

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EDUCATION OFFICE

Building S-6 (Located across from BX Service Station)

Dow's education program is considered to be one of the best in the Eighth Air Force. In addition to being equipped for USAFI and ECI courses, an extensive schedule of on-base evening classes is offered year 'round. For more advanced study, arrangements can be made to study through the University of Maine, just a short drive north of Bangor, at Orono, or at Husson College, a commercial business type college in Bangor.

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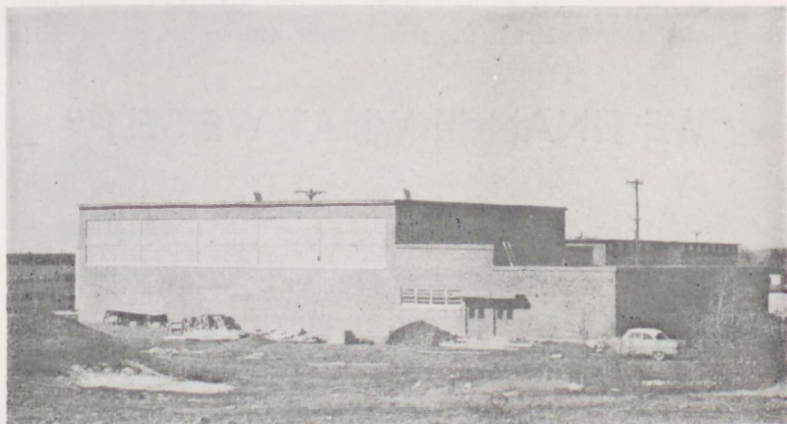
FAMILY SERVICES

Building T-226 (Corner of "F" and "J" Streets) Phone 2397

Dow's Family Services Office is open from 7:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Monday-Friday. They will help you to get settled in the Dow area. The Family Services Office will furnish you with cooking utensils and various household goods until your own things arrive. The Office maintains a current listing of some rentals in the area for your "home hunting" convenience. They are ready to assist you in any way while you are getting settled and also after you are settled. The Family Services Office periodically offers an orientation course for dependents — watch the base newspaper and the daily bulletin for announcements concerning this course.

GYMNASIUM

Dow recently opened its new gymnasium, located directly behind the airmen's dormitories and the base chapel. The old gym, located across from the personnel processing building (S-6), is still open and used for the many athletic activities available at Dow. Handball, basketball, badminton, weight lifting, and many other activities are offered to the SACman that must stay in shape.



Dow's New Gymnasium



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ELECTRONIC HOBBY SHOP — Located in the MARS station next to Base Headquarters. Equipped with all types of equipment for the repair of your radio or television, the hobby shop has qualified instructors ready to help you out.

WOOD HOBBY SHOP — If wood working is your hobby, you'll want to utilize the facilities at the Dow Wood Hobby Shop, just across the street from the flag pole. They have the tools, you furnish the materials and the time.

HOSPITAL

Dow's Hospital is located across from the base chapel on top of "the hill". The medical facilities, which include a dental clinic, is well maintained with the best and most modern equipment available. Providing medical services for military and dependents alike, the Hospital is accredited by the Joint Commissions of Accreditation of Hospitals. Military sick-call begins at 7:30 a. m. each weekday. Appointments for dependents may be arranged by calling the Out-patient Clinic at the Hospital.

HOUSING

(The Base Housing Office is located in Building 346, the Visiting Airmen and Officers Building).

AIRMEN'S QUARTERS — All single or unaccompanied airmen and NCO's live in modern three-story permanent dormitories. These are conveniently located near the Base Gym, Base Chapel, Service Club and the dining halls.



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Airmen Dormitory

BOQ — A new bachelor officer quarters is being built in the vicinity of the Officers' Club. At the time of this publication, the indoor finishing was all that remained to be done. Until the time of completion, unmarried officers are staying in the Visiting Airmen and Officers Quarters Building located to the rear of the Officers Club.

CAPEHART — Dow has 530 Capehart units presently occupied. The project, completed in the late fall of 1959, is made up of 324 airmen apartments and 206 officer duplex and single unit apartments. The quarters are landscaped and equipped with range, refrigerator, washer and dryer. Assigned by rank and date of rank, the Base Housing office maintains an availability list on Capehart. Approved for Dow was 480 more Capehart units that will go under construction in July of 1960. The Capehart site is located on Bangor's outer Ohio Street, about three miles from the Base.

FAIRMOUNT TERRACE — (Also Known as the GI Village is located off Union Street between 13th Street and Elizabeth Avenue). This housing area is made up of 150 units for married enlisted personnel. Units are assigned by rank and date of rank by the Base Housing Office.

ON-BASE — There are 113 family housing units on-base. These are converted barracks type with four and six apartments to the building.



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TRAILER PARKS — Although there are no trailer parks located on base, there are several civilian operated trailer parks within a seven-mile radius of the base.

TRANSIENT QUARTERS OR VISITING AIRMEN AND OFFICER QUARTERS — (Located to the rear of the Officers' Club).

This building is considered to be one of the most modern of its type in the Air Force. All transient personnel, single and unaccompanied newcomers are billeted here.

OFF-BASE HOUSING — Adequate family housing in the Bangor-Brewer, Maine area is limited and high priced. Personnel should not bring families until suitable housing can be found. The Family Services Office (Building T-226) and the Bangor Chamber of Commerce Franklin Street, behind W. T. Grant Store(maintain a file of all available rentals in the area. Personnel seeking off-base housing should be prepared to pay refundable deposits on gas, electricity and telephone. Most of the homes in and around Bangor are 50 or more years old, but they compensate for what they lack in modern convenience with their distinctive "old New England" charm. Although the rents may seem high in comparison with other sections of the country, they are on a par with other northern United States.

IDENTIFICATION and REGISTRATION

Building T-54 (just outside the main gate)

Known as the "ice cream stand", I & R handles all registering of vehicles for on-base driving, ID cards for military personnel and dependents and security badges. Personnel desiring to have their vehicle registered for on-base driving are required to have their vehicle insurance policy (with 5-10 and public liability and \$1,000 property damage), driver's license, automobile registration and a safety sticker from Maine or

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another state. A/1C and below are required to have a letter of counseling from their squadron commander prior to applying for on-base driving privileges. Applications for ID cards may be picked up at squadron orderly rooms and will be handcarried to I & R for processing by the individual desiring the card. Security badges are obtained through your unit security officer and are processed through I & R. The I & R office is open from 7:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday they are open from 7:30 a. m. to 12 noon.

INFORMATION OFFICE

Building T-15 (Located next to the BX Service Station)

The Information Office handles the internal information, public relations and community relations for the Wing. Of all the projects this office handles to keep the people in and around Dow informed, the base newspaper, the speaker's bureau, the newcomers' briefing, tours and the Wing history are the biggest. Dow's newspaper, the DOWneaster, is published each Friday and can be picked up just about anyplace on the base. Papers are delivered to government housing occupants in Capehart, G. I. Village, and on-base. If you would like to see a particular item appear in the DOWneaster, see your squadron information officer, or stop in and see the editor. All requests for speakers and tours are handled through the Information Officer. Dow's IO also handles the newcomers' briefing. Watch your squadron bulletin board for the day that you are scheduled to attend. The historian also maintains his office in the Information Office. A complete record of all the wing activities are kept on file in the historical archives there.

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Published Every Friday

INSPECTION (See Auto Inspection)

LEGAL

The Legal Office is located across from the base flag pole and competent officers are ready to serve you in any way possible concerning your legal affairs.

LIBRARY

Building T-224 (Located at the foot of "Chapel Hill")

The Base Library offers a wide selection of books, magazines and newspapers and is open to all. A newcomer will find it very easy to check-out a book here with no waiting for a card. The Library is open afternoons and evenings for your convenience. A book chute in the Library door enables you to return a book at any time.

MARS STATION

The Military Affiliated Radio Station is located in Building T-2, right next to the Base Headquarters building. Call letters are K1FCT. This building also houses the Electronic Hobby Shop (See Hobby Shops).

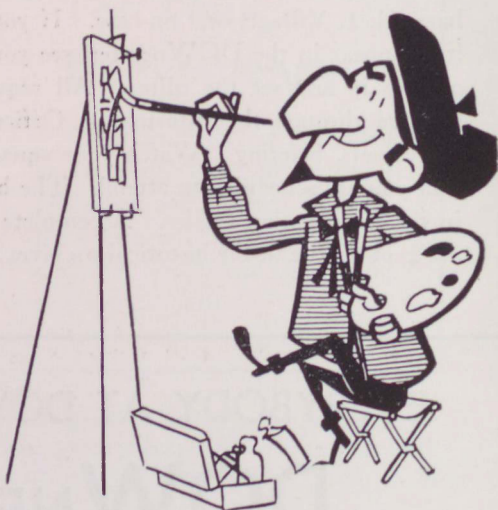
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MOBILE UNITS (See Base Exchange)

NCO CLUB (See Clubs)

NCO WIVES CLUB (See Clubs)

NEWSPAPERS

Dow has a newspaper, The DOWneaster, which is published each Friday (See Information Office). The Bangor Publishing Company publishes a daily, except Sunday, newspaper, The Bangor Daily News, which boasts a 75,000 circulation. The city of Brewer has a small weekly called the Brewer Free Press.

NURSERY

(Located directly across from the Officers' Club)

The Nursery, known as the Baby Park Nursery, operates from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. on Mondays, 7 a. m. to 11 p. m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7 to 1:30 a. m. on Friday, 10 to 1:30 a. m. on Saturday and 8 a. m. to 11 p. m. on Sunday. Free nursery is offered to parents

attending chapel services. Information on rates may be obtained by calling the Nursery.

OFFICERS' CLUB (See Clubs)

OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB (See Clubs)

OVERSEAS WOMEN'S CLUB (See Clubs)

PERSONAL AFFAIRS

Building S-6 (Located across from the BX Service Station)

The Personal Affairs Office is open during normal duty hours to serve you on such subjects as, survivor benefits, insurance, VA benefits, casualty assistance and in many other areas.

POST OFFICE

Building T-8 (Located on the corner of "K" and "A" Streets near the Base Service Station)

The Base Post Office sells money orders and stamps of all denominations and handles the mailing of parcels. The Post Office is open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday-Friday and from 8 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

RADIO

Dow is not authorized as an Armed Force Radio Service outlet, however, news of Dow is carried along with a fine selection of music on the "Dow Air Show" over WGUY, 1250 on your dial. The city of Bangor boasts two other radio stations -- WLBZ (620 on your dial) and WABI (910 on your dial). They all offer a wide selection of music, news and sports.

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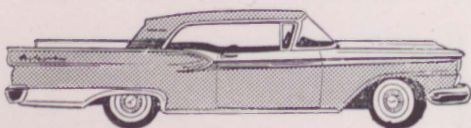
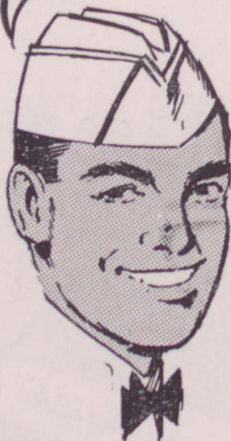
Located in the Hospital Building, the Red Cross is open during normal duty hours. After duty hours, contact base operator in emergency cases.

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Building S-6 (Located across from the BX Service Station)

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REGISTRATION, AUTO

(See Identification and Registration)

ROD AND GUN CLUB (See Clubs)



Bangor High School

SCHOOLS

Dow has no dependent school on-base. Dependents may attend one of 12 public or three parochial schools located throughout the city of Bangor. Enrollment begins at the kindergarten age since kindergarten is mandatory in the State of Maine.

For complete information and assistance in placing your child in one of the local schools, contact the Education Office in Building S-6.

SERVICE CLUB (See Clubs)

SERVICE STATION (See Base Exchange)

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SWIMMING

No swimming facilities are available on-base, however, the cities of Bangor and Brewer have municipal pools along with the Bangor YMCA (See YMCA). Swimming is also available at Dow's recreational site, Dow Pines. (See Dow Pines).

TAILOR (See Base Exchange)

TAXI SERVICE

The cities of Bangor and Brewer have over two dozen taxicab companies. The Base Motor Pool operates a military taxi service. Call the Motor Pool Dispatcher.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE

Building S-3 (Next to the BX Snack Bar)

Telegram service is available 24-hours a day in the Base Communications Center.

TELEVISION

Dow is not authorized a television station under the provisions of Armed Force Radio and TV Service. However, the city of Bangor offers two television stations — WABI-TV (Channel 5) and WLBZ-TV (Channel 2).

THRIFT SHOP

(Located across from the BX Snack Bar and the Comm Center)

The Thrift Shop is open from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. Monday - Friday.

The shop is available to all who wish to sell or buy articles.



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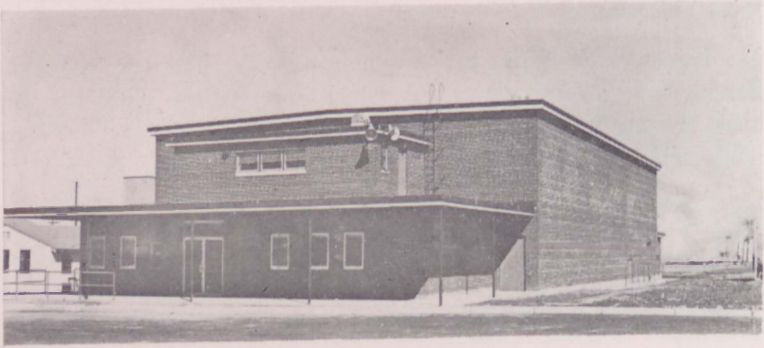
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Dow's Base Theater

THEATER

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The 523-seat Dow Theater is the new permanent type building. The theater offers two evening performances, at 6 and 8 p. m. On Saturday and Sunday a 2 p. m. matinee is offered, usually a movie for Dow youth. On the whole, movies received by the Base Theater are films never before shown in the State of Maine.

TOYLAND (See Base Exchange)

TRAILER PARKS (See Housing)

TRANSPORTATION

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION — Located in Building 231, on "E" Street. Incoming personnel should contact this office if expecting household goods or other incoming property so that delivery may be made to the proper local address.

BASE TAXI SERVICE — To get a military taxi, contact the Motor Pool Dispatcher. (Also, see Taxi Service).

BUS SERVICE — The Hudson Bus Line of Bangor operates a service which reaches to the Base. For information on bus runs, contact the bus line or see schedule posted in the Service Club.

TOURS (See Information Office)

WATCH REPAIR (See Base Exchange)

WOOD HOBBY SHOP (See Hobby Shops)

YMCA

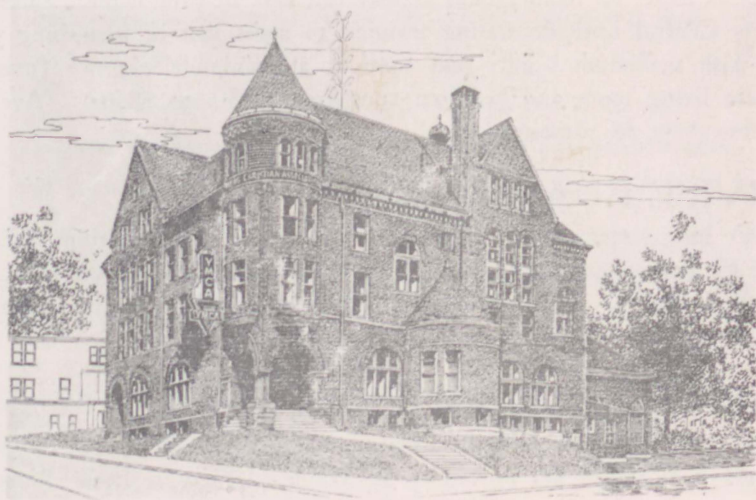
Located in downtown Bangor on the corner of Hammond and Court Streets, the YMCA offers a variety of activities, including swimming in their new pool. The "Y" offers a new low rate for lower three graders and has a family plan rate.

YWCA

Bangor's YWCA is located at 174 Union Street and like the Bangor YMCA, offers a wide variety of activities.

YOUTH CENTER

Located in Dow's "400 Area", the completely redecorated Youth Center offers a wide variety of activities for the youth of Dow. For full information on the dependent youth program, contact the Center.



Bangor YMCA

FURNITURE RENTAL PROGRAM

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City of Bangor, Maine

CITY COUNCIL

February 16, 1960

Dow Air Force Base
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Dear Newcomer,

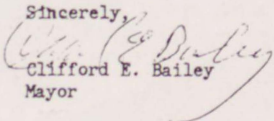
As a recent arrival to Dow Air Force Base, you are perhaps coming to the Bangor Area for the first time. Like anyone who moves into a new location, you are just a little uncertain of what the new community holds in store for you.

Let me assure you that many who have come before you have found Bangor to be one of the friendliest cities in New England, with resources and facilities for family living which will match most any taste.

Bangor appreciates the job that is being done at Dow and welcomes its personnel at all times. You will soon become a part of our community and we hope that you will be proud to call yourself a Downeaster too.

My best wishes to you and your family for an enjoyable stay in the "Queen City."

Sincerely,


Clifford E. Bailey
Mayor

BANGOR, MAINE

Adjacent to Dow is Bangor, the "Queen City" and the third largest city in the State of Maine. Bangor is located at the junction of the Kenduskeag Stream and the Penobscot River in East Central Maine.

Just sixty miles from the Atlantic Ocean, the city of Bangor with its population of over 38,000, is primarily a commercial center with numerous diversified industries including such products as pulp, paper, wood, wood products, wood tools, machinery, snowplows, stoves, building materials, metal products, clothing, mattresses, sports equipment and furs.

The people of Bangor are proud of the fact that their city is served by an airline and a railroad and bus system. It is said that Bangor is "Where all Maine roads meet."



Aerial View of Bangor, Maine

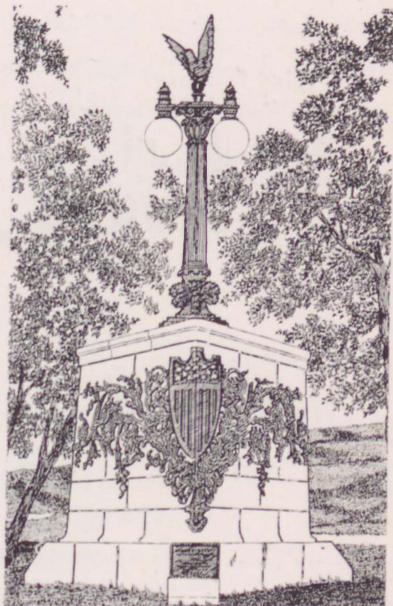
Bangor is the hub of U. S. Highways 1 and 2 and state highways 15, 100 and 222.

Bangor is typical of New England with its stately residences on wide and well shaded streets. The business district of the city is situated on Main, Hammond, Exchange, Central and Franklin Streets and Pickering Square.

A city may best be judged by its spiritual understandings and belief — Bangor has 35 churches representing nearly all denominations.

Parks, both large and small, are located in nearly all sections of the city. Cascades Park, on outer State Street, with its vari-colored falls and fountains is a sight to behold every summer night. Other large parks are located on Royal Road and Ohio Street. Memorial parks include: Norumbega Mall in downtown Bangor, a memorial to the war dead; Bass Park, where the original shield of the Battleship Maine is enshrined; a mall opposite Norumbega Mall, just off Central Street, has on its beautiful grounds, a statue of Statesman Hannibal Hamlin, First Vice President under Abe Lincoln, and cannons taken from the bottom of Maine waters.

Two bridges across the Penobscot River lead to the City of Brewer. The old bridge, as it is called, runs from Bangor's Washington Street, just east of the railroad depot, to the northern edge of the business district of Brewer. The new toll bridge leads directly into the heart of Brewer's business section from Union Street in Bangor. The price to cross the bridge is ten cents per crossing, or if you like, you can purchase a quantity of crossing tickets at a reduced rate.



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Welcome Newcomer!

As Mayor of the City of Brewer, I am happy to take this means of extending to you and your family a most hearty and sincere welcome to our community.

I invite you to take an active interest in our community way of life and affairs. We feel that you are an integral part of our community and trust that you will join us in further promoting our assets.

Our efforts are devoted to improving our community through services and continued development of the necessary facilities required for a progressive city.

On behalf of the City of Brewer, "The City That's Growing Places", Welcome, and may your stay here be enjoyable. Your being here will certainly be a welcome addition to the community.

Cordially,

Gerald D. Robertson
Gerald D. Robertson
Mayor

BREWER - MAINE... *The City that's Growing places!*

Just north of Bangor is Orono, and the 500-acre campus of the University of Maine, a liberal arts institution; also, Old Town, a small canoe manufacturing city and site of an Indian reservation. The Indians are remaining members of the Penobscot Tribe, a fragment of the once powerful Abnaki Nation.

Incorporated as a city in 1834, Bangor celebrated its 125th anniversary with a year-long celebration in 1959.

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FACTS ABOUT BANGOR'S PAST . . .

- 1614 - Captain John Smith, of Pocahontas fame, explored the Penobscot Bay region.
- 1626 - Myles Standish, John Alden and others from Plymouth, made occasional visits to the Penobscot River region in the "Good Hope" for trade in furs with the Indians.
- 1779 - Castine was taken possession of by the British and a large Fort was started. Massachusetts sent a fleet of 23 war and transport vessels, under Commodore Saltonstall, with about 1000 men under Gen. Lovell, to dispossess the British. Gen. Wadsworth (poet Longfellow's grandfather) was second in command and Lt. Col. Paul Revere in charge of artillery. The American fleet was dispersed by four British ships, and without firing a shot the American ships were destroyed by their own crews. About 20 vessels escaped up the Penobscot, ten of which reached Bangor and were blown up near the mouth of the Kenduskeag Stream. This was called the "Penobscot Expedition," and being so unfortunate, is not noted in the history books.
- 1804 - Daniel Webster, as a young man, came to Bangor to practice law. After a short time he changed his plans and returned to New Hampshire.
- 1835 - "Veazie Railroad," the first railroad in Maine and the second railroad in the United States, ran between Bangor and Old Town. Also, Daniel Webster was a visitor here, and made his famous "Bangor Speech" from the portico of the Bangor House, and told of his visit of thirty years before.
- 1842 - The Northeastern Boundary Dispute involving Maine and New Brunswick line was settled amicably by the Webster--Ashburton Treaty in 1842, following the so-called Bloodless Aroostook War in 1839, when American soldiers marched from Bangor to Aroostook

County. General Winfield Scott came to Bangor and on his staff was Robert E. Lee.

1870-90 - Bangor was recognized everywhere as the largest lumber port in the world. More than 125,000,000 feet a year shipped to foreign countries from the port of Bangor. The harbor of Bangor daily filled with foreign ships.

1871 - President U. S. Grant visited Bangor to open the "European and North American Railway" between Bangor, Me., and St. John, N. B.



1911 - Bangor's big fire was on April 30, 1911. More than 50 acres of business and residential sections burned.

1922 - Bangor erected a monument in Davenport Park as a memorial to the sailors of the Spanish-American War. Enshrined is the original shield of the Battleship Maine, which was blown up in Havana Harbor in 1898.

1937 - October 12, 1937 "The Brady Gang" of desperate robbers and murderers ("Public Enemies No. 1") while in Bangor to buy weapons, were being hunted by the F. B. I. The leader, Al Brady, and one of his associates, Clarence Shaffer, were killed in a gun battle on Central Street. Others captured alive were sent to Indiana, tried and electrocuted.

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To All Personnel
Dow Air Force Base
Bangor, Maine

On behalf of the people of the State of Maine, it is a pleasure for me to welcome you men of Dow Air Force Base to our State.

We love Maine, her invigorating climate, inspiring pines and mountains, and we are honored to be able to share these things with you.

We are proud that Maine is "home" to thousands of Air Force men and their families. We hope your stay will be an enjoyable one and that you will have the chance to see the vast scenic areas that make Maine truly the nation's Vacationland.

Please accept my personal good wishes for an enjoyable stay near Maine's "Queen City of the East", Bangor.

Cordially,

John H. Reed
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MAINE IN THE WINTER . . .

Each year a greater number of people are discovering the opportunities for relaxation and enjoyment in the winter season. Whether this takes the form of skiing and winter sports or simply a restful stay at one of the many hotels, motels and lodges that remain open year-round.

The State of Maine, with 33,040 square miles of all grades of forested terrain —majestic pine and spruce in a blanket of white — is a veritable “Christmas Tree Land” from December to April.

For the skier, Maine has everything. Modern up-hill devices, all classes of slopes, trails and jumps. Chair lifts, T-bars, Poma lifts and tows are located in most every ski region of the state.

Watch the daily newspapers and listen to sports casts on the radio and television for skiing conditions in the State of Maine.

The major ski areas in Maine, located on Pleasant Mountain, Bridgton, Sugarloaf Mountain in Kingfield and the Sunday River Skiway, just outside of Bethel, are situated in the so-called “snow belt” where good skiing is the rule throughout the season with good snow conditions remaining well into spring.

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MAINE IN THE SUMMER . . .

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Small boating in Maine is just plain fun. Service facilities such as marinas, public docks, and other launching sites where you can get your craft waterborne, are commonly available along the coast and on many of Maine's larger lakes.

For your added pleasure as you sample Maine's small boating attractions, the state maintains many camp site and lunch grounds. These are conveniently located along through highways and popular waterways.

Wherever you go in Maine, you'll find ever-changing scenic beauty. The people, however, are the same — hospitable, friendly and anxious to help you enjoy your boating to the fullest.



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If fishing is part of your boating fun, then you will be happily surprised at the variety and profusion of Maine's fresh water game fish. (See Fishing in Maine).

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FISHING IN MAINE . . .

In these days of increased interest in fishing and other forms of outdoor recreation, Maine stands in an enviable position. Whether it be the silvery, lightning-like acrobatics of a landlocked salmon "tail-walking" on the end of your line, the powerful deep surge of a heavy squaretail or the explosive tactics of a fighting black bass in the State of Maine.

Well worth bearing in mind is the fact that Maine, with her 2,500 miles of coastline and sandy beaches, offers some of the best salt water fishing on the North Atlantic Coast. Maine invites you as a fisherman and a sportsman to enjoy fishing in her some 2,400 lakes and ponds, 5,500 rippling brooks, streams and rivers.

LANDLOCKED SALMON are ready for action the minute ice leaves the lakes and ponds in the spring (usually in latter April). Experts say that fly-fishing with wet flies of the conventional type as well as many patterns of streamer fly design also work exceptionally well at this time of the year. Later, as the temperatures rise, trolling with deep-going spoons (revolving variety) and live bait usually bring some excellent catches.

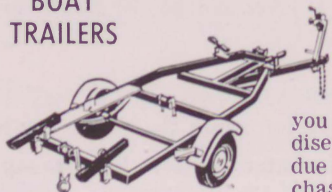
BROOK TROUT fishing in Maine is a special sport of fun all by itself. These speckled beauties can be found in small, clear cold water brooks in every section of the state. From the eight and nine inchers to the five and six pound "lunkers" there are thrills galore for the trout fishermen in Maine.

SMALLMOUTHED BLACK BASS, frequently more than 300 of the Pine Tree State's clear, cool waters, rise to almost any bait or fly. It is suggested that you use any fly with the colors of red and white when fishing for these battlers.

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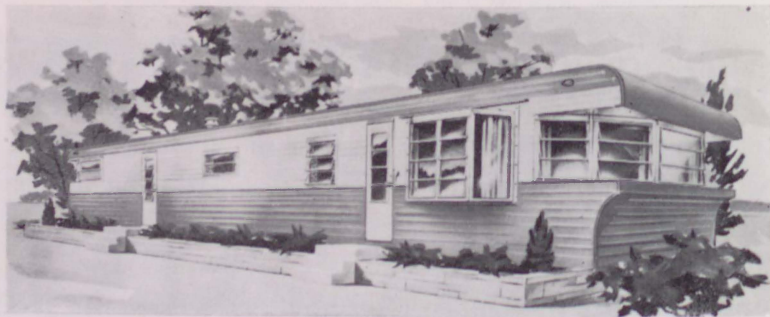
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ATLANTIC SALMON are offered as the king of gamefish in Washington County's Narraguagus, Dennys, Pleasant, Machias and Orange Rivers. These are now considered the best spots in the United States for Atlantic Salmon fishing. Atlantic Salmon in these rivers vary from eight to nearly thirty pounds in weight. Fly fishing is the order of the day with these pesky fighters.

Other popular catches are, Togue, brown trout, pickerel, striped bass and tuna.

Relief from Hay Fever . . .

Maine is rapidly becoming known as a mecca for those suffering from hay fever. Broadly speaking, places in the forested regions offer great relief and in many cases entire immunity is had, particularly in northern Oxford County and in the Rangeley region and the wooded country around Moosehead Lake. Probably anywhere up in the "Big Woods" region of Maine where grasses and pollen bearing weeds are not found can be confidently recommended.

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HUNTING IN MAINE . . .

Variety is the word for Maine hunting. With more than 17,000,000 acres of forest lands and a total area nearly as large as the other five New England states combined, Maine's game population represents the greatest wildlife resource of any state in the nation,

Whether you decide to match wits with a crafty black bear, bag the biggest whitetail deer on the continent, thrill to the ringing cry of coon hounds under a frosty autumn moon, snap into action at the sound of rising wings in the meadow, or enjoy the best waterfowl shooting on the Atlantic coast — it's all here in the Pine Tree State.

The State of Maine is proud of the outstanding hunting records which have been established in her state over the years. Bucks weighing over 400 pounds live weight have been taken in Maine, and it is doubted if any heavier whitetails are taken anywhere on the continent. It is estimated that the average sportsman's chance of bringing back a deer over 200 pounds is one in thirty-five.

DEER hunting in Maine rates easily as the top activity for the outdoorsman who loves a gun or a bow. According to experts, Maine deer are outstanding specimens.

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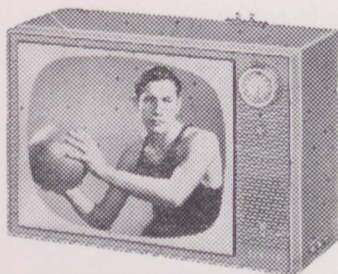
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The use of both rifles and shotguns is permissible in Maine for deer hunting. Rifles are by far the more popular and much more practical, except in a few instances where thick brush and close shorts are the rule.

BLACK BEAR hunting is rugged in Maine. Maine's black bears are crafty, shy and much more difficult to stalk than deer. In weight they run from cub-size to nearly 500 pounds. When frightened they rip through woods at terrific speeds and present the poorest of targets. There is no closed season on black bear in Maine. Late fall and mid-October to the last of November is probably the best time to hunt bear.

The best place to hunt for bear is in areas where half-frozen apples still cling to remote trees during the late fall months, deserted lumber camps and hunting lodge garbage dumps.

Dogs may be used in bear hunting in Maine, however, not during open season on deer. Dogs often switch trails and go after deer and sometimes are mistaken for deer and shot.

MOOSE hunting is prohibited in Maine as they are protected by law. The hunter, however, who encounters one while in the woods will never forget the experience. Standing from six to seven feet at the shoulder and with antler spreads often exceeding 80 inches, the big bulls present a magnificent spectacle. This is the cameraman's dream as this "big baby" is the most photogenic game animal in North America.

PHEASANT in many instances will be found in farming sections and pasture lands much the same as the state's ruffed grouse. They are, however, largely confined to the southern and coastal counties of the state. Many of these birds are reared and released annually by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. Pheasant are smart, fast on the wing and know all the tricks of hide and seek. A good bird dog is advisable, but the average hunter has been known to "walk up" his limit without too much trouble.



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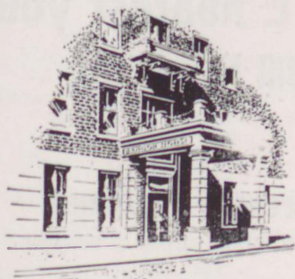
WOODCOCK hunting is considered better in the State of Maine than in any other state. The Pine Tree State is one of the best natural breeding grounds of these much sought after game birds in the country. Any hunter who has witnessed the up and down, zig-zag flight of a woodcock realizes that this is a really difficult bird to bring down. The woodcock will often freeze and fail to flush for a walking hunter. If you think you are a good wing shot, try Maine's woodcock. If you are a beginner, at least try Maine, the spot where your chances are best.

DUCK shooting thrills the experts as the nearly 2,500 miles of coast-line, with bays, peninsulas, beaches and marshlands are offered in Maine. Beyond a doubt, this makes for the best, honest-to-goodness waterfowl shooting on the North Atlantic Coast as Maine is the first state in this country that birds fly over when on their southward flight.

Fox, Bobcat and Rabbit are among the other favorite game animals hunted in the State of Maine.

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ALWAYS SOMETHING DOING IN MAINE

Your visit to Maine will be even more enjoyable if you plan to take in some of the many special events held each year.

During the Spring and Summer season such activities as Music Festivals, and Folk Dances, Country Fairs and Auctions, Art Shows and Crafts Exhibits, Industry Displays, Food Festivals such as the famed Maine Seafoods Festival and the Maine Broiler Day, Historical Observances, "Straw Hat" Summer Playhouses, Water Pageants, Horse Racing and countless others

will be found from one end of the State to the other.

Fall is the time for Autumn Foliage Festivals and Tours, Harvest Feasts, Sulky Racing and Old Time Country Fairs. An active Winter program of Skiing and Winter Carnivals is in progress during the months of December through March.

Anytime is a good time to Come to Maine — you will always be welcome and you always will find something doing in the Pine Tree State.

MAINE TEMPERATURE

The average temperature during the daytime periods of July, August and September is about 70 degrees — sometimes it runs well up into the eighties, with ninety degrees on an average of three times a year, according to weather bureau records.

It always cools off after the sun goes down and there is scarcely a night that one or two blankets are not needed even in the summer.

MAINE CLIMATE

The U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau annual meteorological summary, says "Maine has the most healthful climate in the United States and equals any in the world, not only in the summer but also, contrary to popular belief, in the winter.

"Sunshine averages close to 60 per cent for the year and monthly averages vary little during the changes of seasons. Frequently the winter has more sunshiny days than the summer.

"It is a fact that southern Maine has more actual hours of sunshine during the months of June, July, August and September than the famous winter resorts of Florida, Georgia, Texas and California have during the winter months of November, December, January and February.

PUBLIC PARKS AND MEMORIALS IN MAINE

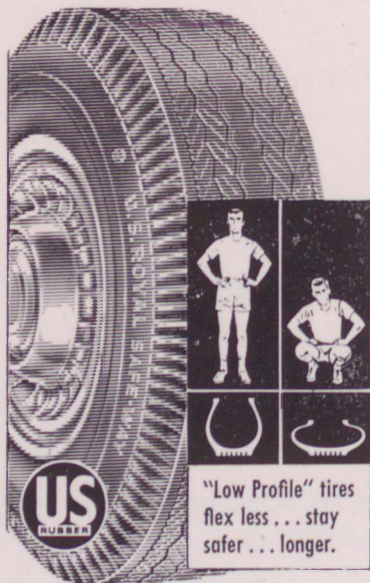
- AROOSTOOK COUNTY STATE PARK: 430 acres; near Presque Isle, Aroostook County; winter sports, picnicking, hiking, bathing and camping.
- BAXTER STATE PARK: 193,254 acres; approaches, Greenville and Ripogenus Dam, Piscataquis County; Millinocket or Shin Pond, Penobscot County; mountain climbing and restricted camping; sporting camps.
- BRADBURY MOUNTAIN STATE PARK: 173 acres; near Pownal, Cumberland County; picnicking, hiking and camping.
- CAMDEN HILLS STATE PARK: 4,962 acres; near Camden, Knox County; picnicking, camping, hiking and skiing.
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MADE IN MAINE . . .

Maine produces everything from toothpicks to destroyers. Down East craftsmen are noted in fact and fiction as builders of ships, as inventors, as possessors of an abundance of what has come to be known as "Yankee ingenuity." It produces items as different as wooden checkers and parts of jet plane engines.

Mostly, Maine is a forest state with over 16 million acres in forest land, the harvest of which supplies nearly 1,000 wood-using plants which in turn employ over 34 per cent of the wage earners of the State. The manufacture of paper products is the leading wood industry with spruce and fir the principal species used. Wood turning shops using hardwoods, principally birch, are the industrial backbone of many Maine communities. White pine, the State's official tree, is the major source of lumber for home building and construction. The largest producer of paper plates is located in Central Maine, and the largest newsprint producer has its home in the Pine Tree State.

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Mineral production at present is almost entirely of non-metallics. Limestone beds in Maine have been in production for 125 years; this deposit also supports one of the nation's largest cement concerns. The feldspar industry accounts for 25 per cent of the nation's output. Maine granite has been used in buildings like the extension of the House of Representatives in Washington, D. C., Grant's Tomb and the Philadelphia Mint. Specimens of the highly prized tourmalines of Maine are contained in major collections the world over. Northern Maine contains a large source of low grade manganese, iron ore — the same region noted for the tasty Maine potato.

Food and kindred products account for a payroll at least as large as the footwear industry. Situated as it is, Maine is adjacent to over 200,000 square miles of the world's finest fishing territory. In 1957 fish and shellfish, including the famous Maine lobster, valued at \$17 million were caught by eleven thousand fishermen.

Maine is gaining as a foremost place in the East in canning and freezing industries. Maine corn, fish, clam chowder, baked beans, sardines and blueberries are famous the country over.

The poultry business in Maine has had a spectacular rise, returning \$25 million in 1947 and \$65 million 1957.

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. . . A Look At The

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Maine has a population of 913,774 according to the 1950 census.

Maine is nearly as large as the other five New England states combined.

Maine has sixteen counties; containing 21 cities, 422 towns, 65 plantations and 386 unorganized townships.

Maine's geographical location, topography and climate make it an ideal region in which to live, work and play.

Maine is one of the most healthful, beautiful and interesting states in the union.

Maine has 16,750,000 acres of forest land, 2,500 miles of indescribably beautiful coastline and 2,465 lakes.

Maine's Aroostook County contains 6,453 square miles — an area greater than Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.

Maine raises one-seventh of the nation's potatoes and 75 per cent of its blueberries.

Maine's highest elevation is Mt. Katahdin, which is 5,267 feet above sea level.

Maine is an agricultural state with approximately 50 percent of her people living in rural communities.

Maine farms number upwards of 42,000 with a total value of approximately \$230,000,000.

State Of Maine . . .

Maine products embrace the list from checkers to warships and from axes to yarns.

Maine has one factory using 5,000 cords of wood weekly and another plant using 72,000 tons of coal annually.

Maine produces 25 percent of all the feldspar used in America.

Maine's toothpick industry production is about 170 million a day.

Maine has 19,865,000 acres of land surface and of this amount 16,783,000 acres are in timber and wood lots.

Maine's cement plant, the only one in New England, produces 225,000 tons annually.

Maine's annual cut of lumber is approximately 500 million feet.

Maine's annual cut of pulpwood is about 1,300,000 cords.

Maine claims America's first chartered city - York. Maine has 61 public utility plants and 120 water power establishments.

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This famed seaside resort, located on Mt. Desert Island, just 50 miles from Bangor has everything to make your vacation here the most memorable of all. The town itself hugs the shore of historic Frenchman's Bay, and nestles at the foot of beautiful Cadillac Mountain. The area still retains the rugged beauty of sea and forest and mountain that greeted the eyes of Champlain when he first entered Frenchman's Bay in 1604.

Bar harbor is almost wholly surrounded by the mountains and the forests of Acadia National Park. Eighteen mountains literally rise out of the sea, and, in the cool green valleys between, there are twenty-six lakes and ponds. The ocean front scenery typifies the traditional rock-bound coast of Maine, and the shore line is broken into numerous bays and harbors by the many bold and rugged headlands projecting into the sea.

The facilities of Acadia National Park are available to the public without charge. The park provides free camping sites in beautiful wooded areas; many miles of well kept foot paths wind their way through the pine forests and along the shores of both lake and ocean; mountain trails, well marked and designed for safety, offer ideal conditions for climbing enthusiasts; the rangers of the National Park Service conduct a schedule of guided nature-study trips to all points within the park, and weekly camp

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Several boating companies operate daily scheduled sightseeing boats, and the visitor to Bar Harbor should not fail to see Mt. Desert Island from the water.

Cadillac Mountain

From the Summit of Cadillac, which is easily reached by a superb motor road, the visitor will enjoy a view that is truly breath-taking in its splendor. The panorama lies in all directions and provides an unobstructed view of the Maine coast for as far as the eye can see. Here one is truly on top of the world!

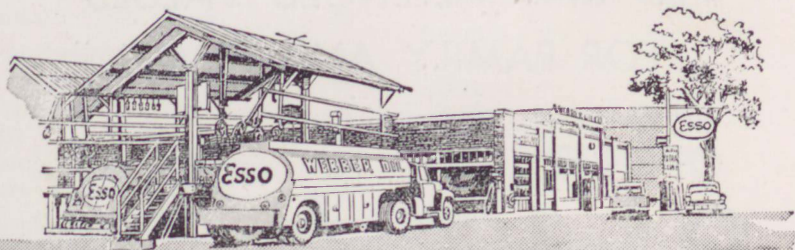
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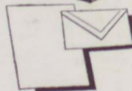
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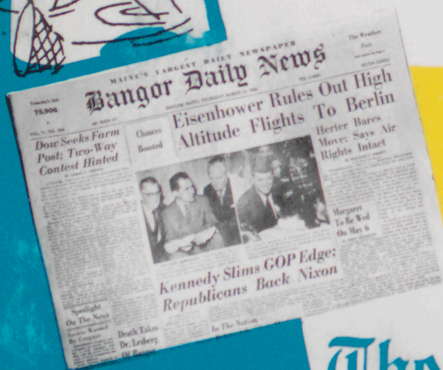
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