

\$1,641,559 Spent on 1938 Construction in City; Small Home Building Gains

12-Month Total Third Highest for Nine Years

Builders Optimistic Over 1939 Outlook; 122 Single Homes Erected

Total of \$1,641,559.81 was spent in the Binghamton construction field last year, of which \$705,576 was for dwellings—single homes, two-family residences and apartments—according to the annual report of the municipal bureau of buildings on file today with Commissioner of Public Safety Joseph W. Sullivan.

Last year's total was third highest for the last nine years but builders and city officials were optimistic in their outlook for the coming year and pointed to an increase in small home construction in 1939, to bear out their prediction that the coming 12 months will show sharp improvement in the residential field.

Comparative reports reveal that 122 single houses were constructed last year at a cost of \$30,576 as compared to 110 costing \$59,275 in 1937.

While the 1938 total for all types of new work and alterations was less than the previous year's expenditure of \$1,835,921.04, it was pointed out that the 1937 amount was boosted by heavy private construction like the new Sears-Roebuck & Co. store at 374 Court street which cost \$30,000 and a \$40,000 Schiller street apartment built by Kradjan brothers.

At the same time, if the \$480,000 general construction permit for the North High school were eliminated from the 1938 total of \$1,604,460.23, this would cut the figure for that year to \$1,124,460—less than the 1938 total, and place last year in second position on the nine-year comparison table.

Seven two-family homes costing \$45,200 were built last year, and three apartments representing expenditures of \$29,500, as against a dozen two-family apartments costing \$84,550 in 1937 and six apartments costing \$94,300.

Annual totals for the last nine years, follow: 1933—\$1,397,831; 1934—\$1,835,921; 1935—\$1,835,921; 1936—\$1,835,921; 1937—\$1,835,921; 1938—\$1,641,559.81.

Month	1938	1937
January	\$50,224.81	\$49,825.50
February	79,296.00	76,633.50
March	102,943.50	88,275.75
April	125,210.00	102,225.00
May	130,091.00	116,827.50
June	125,535.00	117,725.50
July	82,525.00	75,448.00
August	170,509.50	200,202.50
September	174,435.00	225,125.00
October	125,210.00	125,210.00
November	271,117.00	86,262.00
December	80,739.00	57,096.00
Total	\$1,641,559.81	\$1,535,921.04

Cello Valued at \$2,000 Will Be Played at Recital

A cello valued at more than \$2,000 will be played at the public recital of chamber music to be given in the Jewish Community Center Sunday night at 8 o'clock by the Karp trio.

The instrument is the property of Charles O. Osborne, mayor of Auburn, and was loaned to John Karp, cellist, of the trio which also includes Mrs. Sylvia Karp Pearlman, pianist, and Irving Lipkin, violinist.

Conklin Avenue Baraca Class Elects Officers

Conklin Avenue Baraca class today announced selection of the following new officers: Teacher, H. M. Stearns; president, Arthur Burt; second vice president, Clarence Caswell; secretary, Leo B. Spitzer; assistant secretary, L. H. Benedict; treasurer, Nathan Jump; assistant treasurer, Ezekiel Garbooshians; chorister, Gladys Coffield; and reporter, Fred C. Day.

Our Weather Man

For Binghamton and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; lowest temperature tonight, 32° and highest Sunday, 48° to 52°. Synopsis: The western storm area has moved rapidly northward to Ontario (White Sulphur Springs) and high pressure prevails over most of the country. Light to moderate easterly winds from coast to coast with light to moderate snow showers in the north. High temperatures continue well above the normal.

City	High	Low
Albany, N. Y.	34	24
Boston, Mass.	36	26
Chicago, Ill.	36	26
Cleveland, O.	36	26
Denver, Colo.	36	26
Detroit, Mich.	36	26
Indianapolis, Ind.	36	26
Los Angeles, Calif.	54	44
Memphis, Tenn.	44	34
New Orleans, La.	54	44
New York, N. Y.	36	26
Philadelphia, Pa.	36	26
Pittsburgh, Pa.	36	26
Portland, Me.	36	26
St. Louis, Mo.	36	26
Washington, D. C.	36	26

C. of C. Seeks Data on City From Students

Wants Information on Most Pressing Needs in Binghamton Today

Hundreds of students in the Central and North High schools next week will be asked to express their views as to the most pressing needs in Binghamton today.

The data will be assembled by the Binghamton Chamber of Commerce with the cooperation of school officials in connection with a city-wide study to determine the needs of the city with a view to formulating a Chamber program to meet these needs.

Each student in the two high schools will be requested to fill out a questionnaire which will be distributed Monday.

Your cooperation as a junior citizen in answering the following questions will be appreciated. The survey now being made by the Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, will help us greatly," C. Addison Keeler, president of the Chamber, will advise the students.

All suggestions made by students will be considered confidential and no names will be published, Mr. Keeler declared.

Questions which the students will be asked to answer are: Do you plan to go to college? What college? What work or profession do you plan to pursue? After graduation do you plan to seek employment in Binghamton?

What are the most pressing needs in Binghamton today? Civic? Trade (retail and wholesale)? Industrial? Agricultural? How can the citizens of Binghamton, working through the Chamber of Commerce, help you and other students in solving your problems?

Students will be urged to take the questionnaire home and consult with their parents, Mr. Keeler said.

Views of adults in respect to the most pressing needs of the city will be obtained at a series of 15 or more clinics to be held in the Arlington hotel during the week of Jan. 16.

BISHOP BESHARA REV. S. A. NEMETZ VISITS HERE—Bishop Beshara, most reverend archbishop of the Syrian branch of the Holy Eastern Russian Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in America, in full vestment as he prepared for participation in celebration of Russian Christmas last night and today at St. Mary's Russian Orthodox church in Baxter street. The bishop is a guest of his cousin, Norman Shaheen of 16 Dickinson street, and Mr. Nemetz, pastor of St. Mary's.

Churchmen Will Bring Peace to World, Says Visiting Bishop

"More churchmen and fewer statesmen" for world peace was the solution offered today by His Eminence, the Most Reverend Archbishop-Sophronios Beshara of the Syrian branch of the Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church in America.

Binghamtonian Left \$15,300

5 Relatives, Housekeeper to Share Estate

James M. Lucas of Binghamton who died Dec. 24, left an estate of not more than \$15,300, it was revealed today when his will was admitted to probate by Surrogate Benjamin Baker.

Specific bequests are made as follows: \$1,000 to Harriet M. Hildreth, housekeeper; \$2,000 to a granddaughter, James W. Lucas; \$1,000 to a daughter, Mrs. Waverly; \$1,000 each to certain household equipment to three granddaughters, Mary M. Padbury, Olga Ghem of Central Islip, and Margaret Flynn of Lisie. Residuary estate is to go to a son, Arthur J. Lucas of Lisie.

Arthur J. Spencer of Binghamton left an estate of not more than \$10,000, it was revealed today when his will was admitted to probate by Surrogate Benjamin Baker.

"I speak so much of the United States because our church is so much American," he said. "Our parishioners are mainly Americans, and our youth is American youth."

He spoke of his visit to the city of Damascus in Syria, Bishop Beshara told of recent visits to a shrine marking the spot where St. Paul was said to have received the blessing of St. John the Baptist, and childhood romps in the crooked streets of the city.

When 13 years old, he began his educational career. His work later took him to Mount Lebanon, Syria—famous Biblical city—from where he came to America, 25 years ago, in his present capacity.

Bishop Beshara, an assistant to the archbishop of Antioch, head of the Eastern Orthodox church, visited the coast of Czar Nicolas Romanoff of Russia for eight months in 1917.

In 1914 he came to America and took up residence in Brooklyn, at the site of his present pastorate.

The bishop has made other short visits to Binghamton, in the capacity of visiting priest for Syrians in this city.

His health caused him to relinquish his eyesight to some time ago. He will leave here for an institution in California, where, he said "my eyes will be made as good as new."

Bishop Beshara, invited to direct Christmas services at the Baxter street church by the pastor, the Rev. S. A. Nemetz, probably will leave Monday for the West.

Hygiene Study Amaranth Unit Heads Named

First Session Will Be on Tuesday at Library

Committees for the personal counseling course for clergymen and coworkers to open Tuesday morning at 9:45 o'clock at the Public Library had been named today.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN: The Rev. George A. Roberts of the Chenango Bridge Community M. E. church.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Dr. William C. Garvin, Rabbi Arthur J. S. Rosenbaum, the Rev. Joseph Toomey and the Rev. M. Stanley Congdon.

FINANCE: Mr. Roberts, Bernard H. Chernin, Mossman McLean, Patrick McTigue.

ARRANGEMENTS: The Rev. Brewer Burnett and Mrs. Floyd McLellan.

LITERATURE AND TICKETS: Mrs. Archibald K. Whitelaw; Mrs. Helen A. Stratton.

Sessions of the mental hygiene seminar will be held on six consecutive Tuesday mornings in the library at the 944-46 hour and will last one hour each.

Sponsors are the Broome county Mental Hygiene Committee, the state and national mental hygiene committees, the Broome County Ministers' association and the Broome County Catholic Charities.

Tuesday's speaker will be Dr. Harry L. Steckel of Syracuse. Mr. Roberts will serve as moderator and Dr. William C. Garvin will explain the aims of the course.

Communicable Disease Cases in City Increase

State Department of Health district offices today reported 191 new cases of communicable disease in the city of Binghamton during the month of December, from causes as follows: Chicken pox, 16; dysentery, 1; pneumonia, 26; scarlet fever, 2; social diseases, 38; Vincent's angina, 6; whooping cough, 40.

Dr. A. H. Cummings, district health officer, in his monthly report said:

"The incidence of communicable disease as reported throughout the district during the month, increased by 27 cases as compared with last month, but decreased by 19 cases less than the corresponding month a year ago. The monthly increase was largely due to the increased prevalence of whooping cough, pneumonia and chicken pox of which there were 51, 46 and 16 more cases of each respectively reported."

Called to Morris

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tarbox of 128 Chapin street have been called to Morris by the death of the former's father, James Tarbox.

NEW OFFICERS—Farm and Home Bureau and 4-H club officers, elected at meetings yesterday. Seated, left to right, Dr. Garry T. Stone, of Binghamton, secretary of the junior extension committee; Martin W. Deyo, president of the Farm and Home Bureau association; Miss Frances Cutler, secretary of the association; standing, W. W. McNair of Windsor, vice chairman of the junior executive committee; A. W. Plough, of Vestal, vice chairman of the Farm Bureau; Clyde Eggleston of Barker, secretary of the Farm Bureau; Fred Zhe of Maine, chairman of the Farm Bureau; and Mrs. Ernest Landon of Vestal, chairman of the Home Bureau.



Coal bins and red flannels continued to lose their usual winter popularity today as Binghamton pared mild weather and above normal temperatures with the rest of the nation.

Talk by Dies to Be Sell-Out

600 Tickets Available for Speech on Jan. 18

Binghamton address of Representative Martin Dies, Texas Democrat and head of the House committee investigating un-American activities, will be a sell-out.

Only 600 tickets are to be distributed, Ted Medlog, member of the board of control of Exchange club, book of the inter-club meeting, said. He emphasized that the gathering will be "for men only," and that it is restricted in number because of lack of facilities for more persons.

Clubs that are participating are Binghamton Exchange, Kiwanis, Rotary, Monarch and Lions; Elks, Knights of Columbus, Elson, and Johnson City Rotary.

A 30-piece concert orchestra from Ithaca College will play in the house as the result of five months of intensive investigation and asked for \$150,000 additional to carry on its work.

The inspection is "purely an Army affair," said Dr. Moore, if and when funds are voted by Congress for the project, the airport may become one of the key fields for military purposes.

Port Checked on Efficiency

Added Improvement Rests on Result, Says Moore

Further improvement of Tri-Cities airport may depend on the results of a civil aeronautics authority check yesterday on costs and efficiency of the port, Dr. Frank G. Moore, chairman of the port commission, said today.

Representative of the authority conferred with Dr. Moore to gain data on expense of the airport, cost of improvements and maintenance during 1938, and port income. He will report to the Department of Commerce on the advisability of further improvements with WPA aid, Dr. Moore declared.

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Port Manager Samuel A. Maurilio said today that the authority inspector had not visited the port itself.

Layman Will Continue His Ministerial Studies

The Rev. Richard V. Graham, pastor of Oak Street Methodist church, announced today that Morris Golden, a layman of the parish recently licensed for studies in the ministry, will be continued in that capacity at the fourth quarterly conference meeting at Oak Street church Monday night with the Rev. Joseph R. Pennington, superintendent, presiding.

Mr. Golden is now closing a college preparatory course at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa. He expects to be received Monday night from A. D. Whitney, president of the board of trustees; H. H. Wright, treasurer; Mrs. C. E. Larrabee, connectional steward; and Mrs. J. H. Wright, president of the Ladies' Aid society; Mrs. William Larrabee, president of the Woman's Home Missionary society, and Mrs. Floyd O. Brown of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society.

Countywide Butter Sale Drive to Open Jan. 12

A county-wide campaign to increase consumption of butter will open Jan. 12 and continue a week, members of a special committee decided at a meeting in the courthouse yesterday afternoon.

All retail stores in the county will be provided with display material and will be asked to cooperate in the drive. The committee, which includes representatives of all rural organizations, is headed by William C. Hawthorne of Coleville.

Police Bureau Members Vote on Pension Trustee

Members of the Police Bureau today were balloting on candidates for trustees of a pension trust fund for 1939. Results will be tabulated tonight.

10% of Youths in City, J. C. Go to College

WPA Survey of Grade School Graduates Cites Low Average

Only 10 per cent of Binghamton and Johnson City youths who graduate from the eighth grade enter college and only 43 per cent graduate from high school, according to a survey made by the Division of Social Research of the Works Progress Administration.

Record of Binghamton and Johnson City is far below the average for seven cities in which similar surveys were made, officials reported. An average of 45 per cent of the students in the seven cities graduated from high school and 19 per cent entered college.

Findings in Binghamton and Johnson City are based on interviews with 2,614 youths.

The survey reveals that youths who fail to complete their high school studies drop out of school in approximately equal proportions during each of the years from the eighth grade through the third year of high school.

Economic level of the youths' family is one of the most important factors in the amount of education he receives, the report shows. Eighty-six per cent of the children of professional parents in Binghamton and Johnson City graduate from high school as compared to only 31 per cent of the children of unskilled workers.

In Binghamton the proportions of high school graduates among the children of men in each occupational group rank as follows: Professionals, 45 per cent; proprietors and managers, 67 per cent; clerical workers, 68 per cent; skilled workers and foremen, 53 per cent; personal service workers, 45 per cent; semi-skilled workers, 43 per cent, and unskilled workers, 31 per cent. In families in which the father is deceased or separated from the family, 40 per cent of the youths complete high school.

Differences in education are even more marked according to economic level of the family when college entrance is considered. Fully 43 per cent of the children of Binghamton professional men enter college, whereas less than two per cent of the children of unskilled workers matriculate in institutions of higher learning.

Corresponding figures for other cities show that 56 per cent of professional men's children and 61 per cent of unskilled workers' children enter college or university.

The survey of youth in the labor market was made in the following six cities in the Binghamton area: Birmingham, Ala.; Denver, Colo.; Duluth, Minn.; St. Louis, Mo.; San Francisco, Cal., and Seattle, Wash.

The purpose of the survey is to obtain first-hand information on how youths enter the labor market, what kind of jobs they get, what their earnings are, and to what extent education is an asset in earning a livelihood.

Graduates of the eighth grades of the public and parochial schools in 1929, 1931 and 1933 were interviewed in the study, which included more than 25,000 youths.

Goodale Gets 100-Day Term Sentenced to Jail After Intoxication Plea

Charles Goodale, 35-year-old Prospect street, was sentenced to a brief chase through the business section yesterday in an attempt to evade arrest, pleaded guilty to an intoxication charge in court yesterday afternoon.

Originally, Judge William S. Richardson sentenced the defendant to a 100-day term in the county jail for 100 days.

Police were called to pick Goodale up at the factory and State streets early yesterday afternoon and he fled when Patrolman Weldon Murphy approached him. Patrolman William May, driving the police ambulance, gave chase and captured the man in Chenango street near the Court street intersection.

Six other persons pleaded guilty to intoxication today. Five received suspended sentences and the other was fined \$10.

St. Paul's Holy Name to Elect New Officers

Nick Ryan has announced decision to retire from presidency of St. Paul's Holy Name society. Members will attend communion at the church Sunday at the 7:30 a. m. mass and hold annual meeting, with election of officers, afterwards in the parish hall.

Following have been nominated for officers for the coming year: President, Harry Norris, Ambrose Cullen and Francis Madden; vice president, John Rogan, Earl Gonesy and Francis O'Neil; secretary-treasurer, Timothy Dempsey, John Ward and Joseph Curran.

The spiritual adviser, the Rev. Broome county, will assist in direction of the business meeting.

Lisle Driver Fined \$25 on Intoxication Charge

Floyd Smith, 44-year-old Broome county employee, of Lisle, who was arrested by state police last night near the Court street intersection following a minor accident in the town of Barker, pleaded guilty to an intoxication charge yesterday before Justice of the Peace Fred Purdy at White Point and was fined \$25.

Corporal John Fordham and Trooper Joseph Benetti, arrested Mr. Smith, they said, after his car was in collision with another owned by United States Army engineers on Route 11. No one was injured. Defendant was confined in Broome county jail during the night.

Club Members to Hear Talk on Jewish Refugees

Jewish refugee problem will be discussed before members of the Goodfellow club in the Jewish Community Center at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night by Stanley Hill, former worker for the British Immigration Service.