



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Installation

Portland, Maine, February 2, 1938

PERMIT ISSUED

0020
FEB 25 1938

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ ~~construct~~ ~~erect~~ install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 387 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Gannett Building Corp., 177 Federal Street Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address The Fels Co., 42 Union St. Telephone 2-1939

Architect Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets

Proposed use of building Office, radio station No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 5 Heat Style of roof Roof

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost \$ Fee \$ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To install mechanical system of ventilation as per plans.

Permit Issued with Letter

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO The Fels Co.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size

Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span or 8 feet.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor 2nd 3rd roof

On centers: 1st floor 2nd 3rd roof

Maximum span: 1st floor 2nd 3rd roof

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?

APPROVED:

By G.J.S.

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Gannett Building Corp.
The Fels Co.

Charles H. Wilson

Signature of owner

By:

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 487 546

Location 390 Congress St

Owner Travis H Building Co

Date of permit 4/22/48

Notif. closing-in

Inspr. closing-in

Final Notif.

Fire Inspn. Fire Dept.

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

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(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

City of Building or Type of Structure Installation

Portland, Maine, April 16, 1948

PERMIT ISSUED

00546
APR 22 1948

CITY OF PORTLAND

City of Portland, DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ ~~construct~~ ~~erect~~ install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 30 CONGRESS Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's name and address Gannett Building Co., 177 Federal Street Telephone _____
Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address The Fels Co., 42 Union St. Telephone 2-1939
Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans no No. of sheets _____
Proposed use of building _____ No. families _____
Last use _____ No. families _____
Material _____ No. stories _____ Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$ _____ Fee \$ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To install 1-10,000 gallon fuel oil tank under Market Street sidewalk.
Tank bears Underwriters' Lab. label - at least 3' below grade.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Permit Issued with Memo

Approved by Municipal Officers 10/6/47

Sent to Fire Dept. 4/16/48
Rec'd from Fire Dept. 4/20/48

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. The Fels Co.

Details of New Work

Is a plumbing job involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____
Height from grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
Size, from _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____
Framing lumber - Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____
Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
Girders _____ Size _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.
Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____ number commercial cars to be accommodated _____
Will automobile repairing be done other than: minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

APPROVED:

Wm. J. ...

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

The Fels Co.

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner

By:

Charles A. Nelson

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

290 Congress Street--Installation of 1-10,000 gallon Fuel oil tank for Coast Publishing Company by The Fels Company, Installers

Before tank and piping is covered from view, is required to notify Fire Department Headquarters of readiness for inspection of the restraint Area covering up until the tank is covered by the Fire Department.

This tank is a steel tank which is required to be of steel or wrought iron no less in thickness than 1/4 inch nominal; and heavy installation is required to be provided against corrosion, even though galvanized, by two preliminary coats of red lead and heavy coat of hot asphalt.

Pipe lines connected to underground tanks, other than valves, and except fill lines and test wells, must be provided with double wing joints designed to permit the tank to settle without impairing the efficiency of the pipe connections.

Owner and installer will have to bear the responsibility for the structural capacity of the tank to support loads from above such as heavy motor trucks.

If tank will be so located as to be subjected to the action of tide water or "ground" water, adequate anchorage or weighting must be provided to prevent "floating" when tank is empty or nearly so.

CC: Chief Sanborn

(Signed) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

July 28, 1949

ATH

In connection with the oil burner equipment being installed at the Ypres Memorial building I have told Mr. Allen of the Gould Farmer Company that it will not be necessary to install an anti-siphon device in the oil supply line in view of the fact that the intake end of the oil supply line in the fuel oil tank is to be lower, according to his statement, than the suction inlet from supply line to burner assembly, and because a blanket of heavy oil is to be maintained without any preservative in the tank.

Gould Farmer or whoever is installing the oil burner is apparently not doing the piping between the tank and the burner assembly.

WCD

No. 4497/195

Location: 3500 ...
1/34

Approved:

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- 1. Fill Pipe
- 2. Vent Pipe
- 3. End of Hose
- 4. Burner Assembly & Support
- 5. ...
- 6. High Limit Control
- 7. Remote Control
- 8. Piping Support & Protection
- 9. Valves in Supply Line
- 10. Capacity of Tank
- 11. Tank Integrity & Support
- 12. Tank ...
- 13. ...
- 14. ...
- 15. Instruction Panel

This burner assembly
has been installed under
permit 46/520



PLEASE PRINT AND SIGN WITH INK

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, July 28, 1949

PERMIT ISSUED 02195 AUG 1 1949 CITY OF PORTLAND

To the Board of Building, Portland, Maine

ATH

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine and the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 37 Congress St. of Building Commercial No Stories New Building Existing "
Name and address of owner of appliance Standard Press Herald
Installer's name and address J. T. O'Brien 75 Free St. Telephone 38107

General Description of Work

To install Two oil burners in steam heating system.

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance or source of heat Basement Type of floor beneath appliance Concrete
If wood, how protected?
Minimum distance to wood or combustible material from top of appliance or casing top of furnace
From top of smoke pipe From front of appliance From sides or back of appliance
Size of chimney flue Oil or connections to same flue
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Ray #17141 size 3 Labeled by underwriter's laboratories? Yes
Will operator be always in attendance? No Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? Top
Type of floor beneath burner Concrete
Location of oil storage tank in unobstructed Number and capacity of tanks 2 capacity not less than (excluding)
If two 27.5 gallon tanks, a three-way valve be provided?
Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? How many tanks fire proofed? 2
Total capacity of oil storage tanks for furnace burners

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance Kind of fuel Type of floor beneath appliance
If wood, how protected?
Minimum distance to wood or combustible material from top of appliance
From front of appliance From sides and back From top of smoke pipe
Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue
If hood to be provided? If so, how vented?
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

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Amount of fee enclosed? 2.50 (\$2.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building, at same time.)

APPROVED: 7-29-49 J.T.O'Brien

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? Yes

Gouin-Farmer Co. of Maine, Inc. by F.T. O'Brien

City's ASSESOR'S COPY

Signature of installer

390 CONGRESS ST. 47-44
175
GANNETT BUILDING

March 20, 1953

ATTN:

Will you get out the GL and plans on the Gannett Building (it may be numbered on Federal St. instead of Congress) and see what you can find out about the sun parlor or type of room or suite on the roof.

I note that various clubs appear to be holding meetings there, and am wondering for what use was issued the permit and whether or not there are satisfactory means of egress.

It runs in my mind that there was some talk about this, and perhaps it is all cared for. Please find out all about it and make a report of what you think should be done if arrangements are not safe according to Building Code or Public Safety Ordinance standards.

WMcD

WMcD/G

*C.T.H.
Did we ever receive certificate
of occ in the new bldg? 4/3/53
Pls. take the roof and sixth
floor penthouse out of the plan
make out the features and
build a set of features that
which are not on plan - no
need the end of the roof as
let me have with return of
memorandum which is a
P.S. find out if you can
what kind of lock it is on
not to be broken and lead
Sullivan*

350 Congress St. G. 20
 Gannett Bldg.

9-25-53
 1260

Cost of work and capacity of Pent House (6th floor)
 Exhibit 47-1544

The G. L. Higgins nothing regarding the 6th floor
 a well (Pent House) occupancy. Plans show this had
 one no apartment with two ways out, down swinging
 out, with fire escape, and utility closets.

The plan shows on the Congress side, making
 kitchen and bath; have not been built in
 other rooms, this room about 30' long with a
 width of 20' on the side toward Market St. At the
 end of the room, in the wall nearest to and
 facing 121st St. there is a fire escape. Although I did not
 see a staircase, it appears to have been used. There is a
 fire escape under side about 60' from the corner and
 another under side.

Capacity: $17.75 \times 17.75 = 313.75$ sq. ft. night side
 $30.0 \times 14.33 = 290$ " Market
 $12 \times 24 = 288$ " Center section
 804 " Total area

The second means of egress is through a door on the Congress
 side, on the new roof, there is a distance of 40' along the
 roof to a bulkhead leading to the front stairs, running to the
 street level.

With this as a means of egress and also distance of travel
 to reach the second means of egress the following is needed:

- 1- Handrails both sides of steps leading onto roof from this room.
- 2- Exit light over door leading onto roof, possibly with light on roof.
- 3- Substantial walk with handrails both sides leading to roof bulkhead.
- 4- The roof bulkhead don't be made to swing with exit travel, instead of against it as it now does.
- 5- If the stairs from the 5th floor to this penthouse are more than 60" wide, handrails required both sides.

AP 390 Congress St.

December 4, 1953

F. W. Curringham & Sons
181 State St.

Copy to: Gannett Fueling Co.
390 Congress St.

Gentlemen:

Building permit for alterations in the fourth story and the pent house of the building at 390 Congress St. is issued herewith based on the plans filed with the application for permit, but subject to the following conditions:

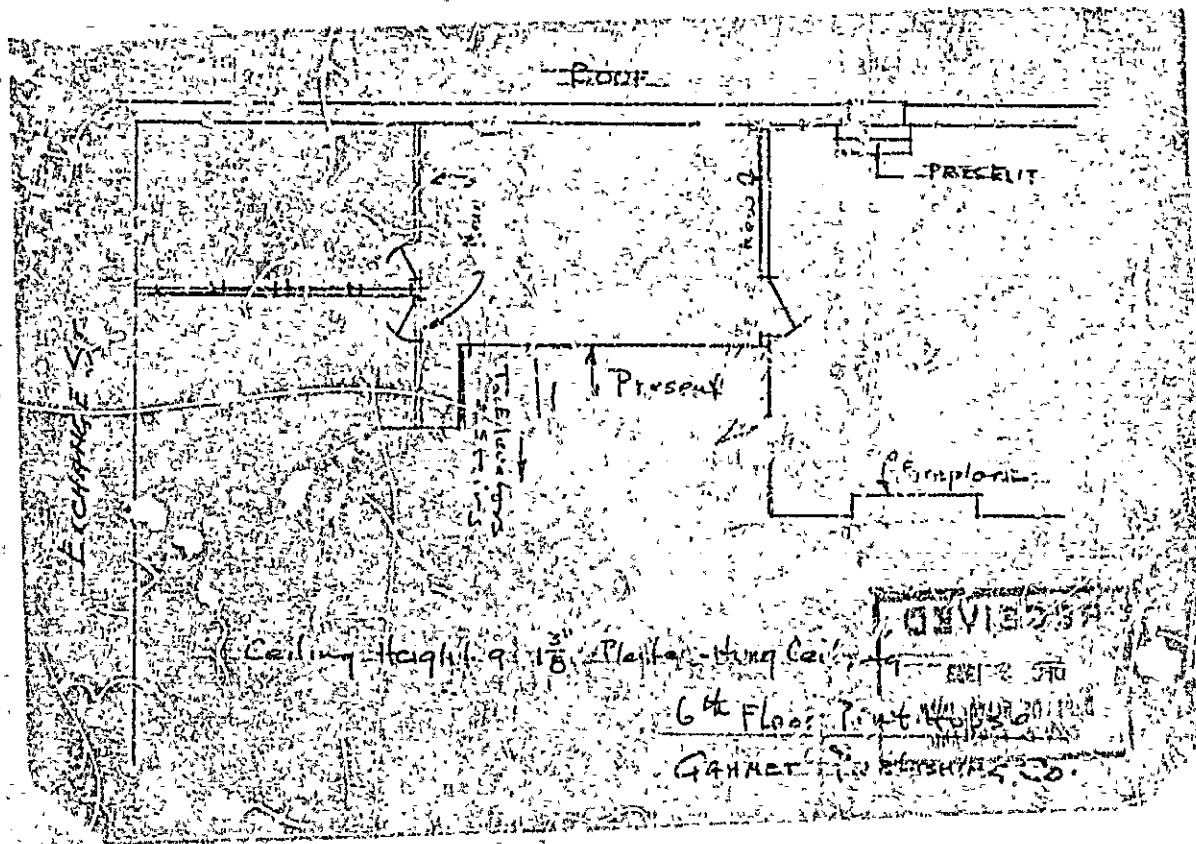
1. Where a section of floor is to be raised by placing 2x4 screeds on the existing floor and laying a wood floor on top of them, the spaces between the screeds are to be filled completely with some sort of a light weight concrete so that there will be no void spaces between the old and new floors. We understand investigation is to be made to make sure that this additional construction will not overload the existing floor construction.

2. The new partition adjoining the corridor is to be constructed of cinder block, but the one partitioning off the new dark room may be of wood studs covered on both sides with gypsum wall board or other incombustible material. It may be that some adjustment of the sprinkler heads may be made necessary by the erection of these partitions.

3. New partitions in the pent house, if constructed of wood studs, are to be covered with gypsum wall board or other material of an incombustible nature. It is understood that the offices to be established in the pent house are to be one occupancy and that access to the exit door to roof, which is located in one of the offices, will always be available to occupants of the other offices.

AJS/B

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

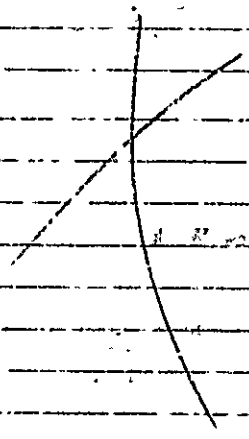


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2/9/54 *all ok done*

C.S.S.

Permit No. 5312281
 Location 500 (P) Adams St. Pitt.
 Owner De Witt G. Williams
 Date of permit 12/7/53
 Notif. closing-in 12/7/53
 Inspn. closing-in 12/7/53
 Final Notif. 12/7/53
 Final Insp. 2/9/54
 Cert. of Occupancy issued
 Staking Out Notice
 Form Check Notice



B
Permit No. 48/207

Location 390 Congress St

Owner Bennett Bldg. Corp.

Date of permit 2/25/48

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

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March 1, 1948

F. W. Cunningham & Sons
181 State Street
Portland 3, Maine

Attention: Mr. A. J. Cullinan, Treasurer

Re: Portland Press Herald Express

Gentlemen:

We have received a copy of a letter from Mr. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings, to The Fels Company, with reference to the permit to install the ventilating system and the air conditioning system in the fourth floor.

We state that the air conditioning ducts and system shall be installed to meet with the requirements set forth in Pamphlet No. 90 of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Since this system is only for one floor, the requirement can be met in the system as shown.

The lining of the ducts is "Airacoustic" sheets, 1" thick, made by Johns-Manville Corporation. This material is made of Rock-Wool and a suitable binder which will not support flame and cannot contribute to the spread of fire.

The flow of air through the exhaust grille is at a very low velocity, about 400 feet per minute.

Very truly yours,

LOCKWOOD GREENE ENGINEERS, INC.

FCL.SGR

F. C. Luttrell

CC: Mr. George F. Marshall
Mr. Louis G. Wood
2 extra to F. W. Cunningham & Sons

RECEIVED

MAR 3 1948

DEPT. OF BLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

LOCKWOOD GREENE ENGINEERS, INC.

JOHN J. CUNNINGHAM
PRESIDENT
ARTHUR J. CILLINAN
TREASURER

F. W. CUNNINGHAM & SONS
INCORPORATED 1900

WILLIAM M. GILL
VICE PRESIDENT
THOMAS P. FALLONA
ENGINEER

.. CONTRACTORS ..

PINE STATE BUILDING 181 STATE STREET
PORTLAND 3, MAINE

*C. T. A.
Does this
answer
my question
AM 3/3/48*

March 2, 1948

Subject: Garnett Building Company Project
Portland, Maine



Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of February 24th regarding ventilating and air conditioning systems in the 4th floor of the above building, we are enclosing copy of letter from Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc. which we believe answers the question raised.

Yours very truly,

F. W. CUNNINGHAM & SONS

Arthur J. Cillinan
Treasurer

AJC/ml
enc.

Basement Bldg. Cont.

2-17-46 ©

Conduct a thorough inspection of the existing air conditioning systems which goes over job with Mr. Wood. He said it was all right. He said he would contact them. Mr. Nelson, Fels Co. brought in their large set of plans and went over the actual systems. I noted them down hastily in an effort to help in locating these rather complicated installations. All new work.

Toilet vents (present Bldg. 4 or 5 Bldg.) extend from first to fourth floor, inclusive.

Basement (present Bldg.) and base and store office rooms (new Bldg.) to roof for intake intakes.

Basement (present + new Bldg.) location of new and relocation of existing melting pots, to be cut into present melting pot ducts.

Second floor (present Bldg.) photo room, new metal ducts to cut into existing masonry duct.

Basement, several unit heaters (actual heat from main plant) fresh air taken from outside, and delivered by fan to atmosphere.

Fifth floor new part, air conditioning for broadcast studios. Separate blowers in new part air.

AP 390 Congress Street-1
(Ventilation)

February 26, 1943

The Fels Company
12 Union Street
Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc.
10 Central Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Subject: Permit for installation of mechanical ventilating systems in building at 390 Congress Street.

Gentlemen:

The above permit is issued herewith to the contractor on the basis that all details of the systems will be constructed and installed in accordance with the provisions set forth in pamphlet No. 90 of the National Board of Fire Underwriters covering the installation of Air Conditioning, Warm Air Heating, Air Cooling and Ventilating Systems. This pamphlet has been adopted by the Municipal Officers in the Appendix of the Building Code as a standard for the installation of such systems.

We note that some of the ventilating ducts are to be provided with linings. While it is likely that the material specified for the lining meets requirements, it should be noted that the above standard prohibits the use of combustible material for such a lining.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

AJS/S

C.C. F. W. Cunningham & Sons
131 State Street

Cornett Building Corporation
177 Federal Street

STATEMENT OF ELEVATOR TESTS

PORTLAND, MAINE, March 17, 1949

I, Ellis S. Hanson

an employe of Otis Elevator Company, have personally supervised the installation or alterations to the elevator, hoistways and enclosures at Gannett Publishing Co. as permitted under Building Permit , and have personally supervised tests of loading capacity and of all brakes, interlocking and all other safety devices, and I do here state that, according to my best knowledge and belief, the elevator will safely carry the maximum rated loading and all brakes, interlocking and other safety devices, are in satisfactory condition.

Ellis S. Hanson

(Signature)

PORTLAND, MAINE, Mar. 17, 1949

STATE OF MAINE

CUMBERLAND, SS:

Personally appeared the above named Ellis S. Hanson and made oath the statements by him

subscribed are true.

Richard L. Hanson

Notary Public in and for the State of Maine

APPLICANT'S COPY



(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR ELEVATOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
JAN 21 1940
CITY OF PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, January 19, 1940

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, Portland, Me.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install one elevator in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications submitted herewith, and the following specifications:

Location 730 Congress Street Ward _____ Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
 Owner's name and address Gannett Building Corp., 177 Federal Street
 Elevator contractor's name and address Otis Elevator Co., 495 Fore St. Telephone 3-9058
 Plans filed as part of application yes No. sheets 1
 Last use of building _____ No. families _____
 Proposed use of building Offices, etc. No. families _____
 Material of outside walls of building brick interior frame _____
 No. of stories 1 Style of roof flat No. of existing elevators in building none
 Remarks _____ Fee \$ 2.00

To install passenger elevator as per plan
To remove elevator from building at 177 Federal Street
Details of Proposed Work

Extent of work by elevator contractor install elevator Permit issued with Letter _____
 Extent of work by owner shaft
 Type of Elevator passenger in new or existing shaftway new
 Shaftway enclosed or open enclosed No. elevator stops 7
 Capacity of elevator 2000 lbs. Speed in feet per minute 250
 Material of cables steel No. and size of hoisting cables 5-5/8"
 Location of machinery overhead Material of supports steel of guides steel
 Minimum diameter of sheaves 30" Minimum clearance counterweights and overhead beams 5'
 Minimum clearance above car at topmost floor level 5'
 Minimum clearance buffer plates and springs when car is at lowest floor level 18"
 Type of power electric Type of machine traction
 Will elevator be equipped with the following safety devices:—governor? yes, car safety? yes, electric brakes? yes, automatic terminal stops at top and bottom? yes, slack cable stops? no, safety floor stops? yes

If Passenger Elevator

Passenger capacity? 2000 Area of platform 30 square feet Material of enclosure steel
 No. of entrances 1 Type of gates hollow interlocked? yes automatic closing device? yes
 Will elevator be automatic or will operator be in attendance? self-control
 Will doors in shaftway enclosure be interlocked? yes

If Freight Elevator

Area of platform _____ No. of sides enclosed _____ Height of enclosure _____
 Will shaftway be enclosed? _____ Self-closing hatch gates? _____ Height? _____ Parting doors? _____
 No. outside entrances to shaftway? _____ Self-closing slatted gates? _____ Height? _____

Signature of elevator contractor S. Williams

No. 48/101
 Location 390 Congress St.
 Owner Gannett-Bess Corp.
 Date of permit 1/31/48
 Elev. Cont.
 Statement of tests rec'd 3/17/49
 Final Notif.
 Final Inspn.
 Certificate issued

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[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes and text, possibly including a site sketch or map on the right side of the page.]

Passenger Elevator in Garnett Bldg.
at 390 Congress St.

$$\frac{25.70}{24.09} = 83^{\text{th}} \text{ per sq ft. } (75^{\text{th}} \text{ req.}) = \text{so O.K.}$$

Area of platform inside cab = $5.67 \times 4.25 = 24.09'$

$$32 \times \frac{7}{16} = 20" \text{ dia of slaw } (30" \text{ actual so O.K.})$$

Initially screened openings equal in aggregate
area to less than 20% square inches required in
machine room floor

AP 390 Congress Street-1
(Elevator)

January 29, 1946

Otis Elevator Company
175 Fore Street
Portland, Maine
Gentle/m

Subject: Permit for installation
of elevator in new building
390 Congress Street

Permit for the above work is issued herewith. Since
a concrete slab is to be provided for the floor of the machinery
room with the view of preventing of the shaft located above
this floor in the penthouse, the attention of all
concerned is called to the requirement of the Building Code for
suitably screened openings in this floor equal in aggregate area
to no less than 233 square inches.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

Ria/B

CC/ Bennett Building Corp.
177 Federal Street

Lockwood & Groves
10 Centre Street
Boston, Mass.

F. W. Cunningham & Sons
131 State Street



GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
01605
JUL 9 1947

Class of Building or Type of Structure Foundation only

Portland, Maine, July 7, 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to construct the following building structure as shown in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 490 Congress Street Within Fire Limits yes Dist. No. 1
 Owner's name and address Bannett Building Co., 177 Federal Street Telephone _____
 Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
 Contractor's name and address F. W. Cunningham & Sons, 181 State Street Telephone _____
 Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans _____ No. of sheets _____
 Proposed use of building Radio Station and newspaper bldg No. families _____
 Last use _____ No. families _____
 Material _____ No. stories _____ Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
 Other buildings on same lot _____
 Estimated cost \$ _____ Fee \$ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To excavate and erect foundation only for proposed building 50' x 100'

Permit Issued with Letter

CERTIFICATE OF () () ()
NO REQUIREMENT AS WAIVED

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____
 Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof? _____
 Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
 Material of foundation reinforced concrete Thickness top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
 Material of underpinning _____ as per plans _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
 Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
 No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____
 Framing lumber - Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____
 Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
 Girders _____ Size _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
 Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.
 Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____ number commercial cars to be accommodated _____
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

APPROVED



Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no
Will _____ be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Bannett Building Co.
F. W. Cunningham & Sons

Signature of owner by: Charles L. Eney

B

Permit No. 471605

Location 390 Congress St.

Owner Bennett Bldg Co.

Date of permit 7/9/47

Notif. closing-in _____

Inspn. closing-in _____

Final Notif. _____

Final In. n. 7/30/47

Cert. of Occupancy issued _____

NOTES

*Work excavation from
piled and concrete
outside walls in
order for removal
up to grade level etc.*

AP 390 Congress Street-I
(Advance permit for ex-
cavation and foundation
only)

July 9, 1917

F. W. Cunningham & Sons
181 State Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Advance building permit
for excavation and construction
of foundation only at 390 Congress
Street

Gentlemen:

Advance building permit for the above work is herewith

Will you or the architect, who is receiving a copy of this
letter, advise what arrangements are to be made for field inspec-
tion of placing of concrete, spacing and bonding of reinforcement
bars, and what arrangements are to be made for testing the concrete?

It is customary for owner or architect to furnish to this
office a copy of all test data including comments thereon, and I
shall appreciate a copy of such information on this job also.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

Wich/S

CC: Loshwood Greene Engineers, Inc.
110 Central Street
Boston, Mass.

Gannett Building Corp.
177 Federal Street

November 20, 1947

To: Oliver T. Sunborn, Chief
of the Fire Department

From: Warren McDon. Id
Inspector of Buildings

Subject: Some questions with regard
to standpipes and hose in the new
building at 390 Congress Street
for Gannett Publishing Company

The question of standpipe and hose in new construction is determined by the Building Code by reference, set up by the Municipal Officers, to NBFU regulations, Pamphlet No. 14. The designers of the building for the Gannett Publishing Company have asked us for an interpretation of this pamphlet which we do not feel qualified to make. With reference to Sections 1-12 and 2-21 and 22 of the pamphlet, they proposed standpipes 2 1/2" in diameter on the basis that the standpipes are primarily for first aid use by the occupants of the building, not by trained firemen. It seems to me that it would be strictly first aid equipment and that it would be better to have smaller than standard hose for the untrained people who are most likely to have to use them in an emergency. They want to provide an outside connection for a pumper and they are to make that suitable size for the pumper to connect to. That does not seem to go along with the idea of first aid only but that is what they want to do anyway.

He also asked about installation of hose connections and providing hose in the basement or cellar, calling to attention of the fact that in one room there are large hot-load or type metal pots which would explode if contacted by a hose stream. Will you answer that one too and also whether or not they should have hose and standpipe connection in the sub-cellar?

Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/S

AP 390 Congress Street-I

July 30, 1917

F. W. Cunningham & Sons
181 State Street
Portland 3, Maine

Subject: Permit for construction of building at
390 Congress Street for Gannett Building
Corp.

Gentlemen:

Permit for the above work is issued herewith subject to the following:

1. It is our understanding from the conference with Mr. Lutze of Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc. that to take care of the exit situation from the elevator and stair lobby in the northerly end of first story of existing building, the short flight of steps leading to the Exchange Street sidewalk will be adjusted so that a 3-foot landing may be provided between the bottom riser of these stairs and the outside doors to building which are to be set into building slightly from their present location in order that they may swing outward without projecting over the public sidewalk. The steps and doors leading to the Market Street sidewalk are to be left as is, but an exit sign is to be placed on the wall facing the foot of the stairs from second story with an arrow directing traffic to the Exchange Street entrance.

2. Mr. Lutze says that all of the doors leading from the elevator and stair lobby to the balance of the existing building in each story will be made kalamein doors with liquid door closers. This will in effect provide an enclosed stair and elevator tower in existing building and should take care of the situation. The kalamein doors are required to be labelled by the Underwriters Laboratories for use in Corridor and Room Partitions, otherwise known as Class C.

3. The door opening into attic space around studios in fifth story from the new stairway enclosure will be kept to a minimum size of 10 square feet to comply with the requirements of Section 303d2.4(b) of the Building Code, this enclosure being part of the 2-hour fire separation required between the unprotected steel trusses and the room below in lieu of fireproofing of the truss members themselves. On this basis, the door is required to bear a Class B label instead of the Class C label required for the other doors in the stairway enclosure and must be made self-closing by means of a liquid door closer.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

AJS/S

CC: Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc.
Attn: Mr. F. C. Lutze
40 Central Street, Boston, Mass.

Gannett Building Corp.
Attn: Mr. George F. Marshall
177 Federal Street

AP 390 Congress Street-I

July 15, 1947

Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc.
40 Central Street
Boston 9, Mass.

Subject: Application for building permit for building at 390 Congress Street for Gannett Building Corp.

Gentlemen:

Advance permit for excavation and foundation only having been issued to the contractors, examination of the plans filed with the application against Building Code requirements discloses the following: (Sectional references are to Building Code)

1. Filed so far are your drawing numbers SK-121; A-1 to A-6 (inclusive); A-8, A-9, A-10; and C-1 to C-4 (inclusive). No specifications as yet.

Specifications call for this hardware

2. Not having the door and hardware schedules as yet, I assume that all of the doors in stairway enclosure on Congress Street and from basement level to highest floor level, except the vestibule doors and exterior doors at first floor level, are to be no less than Class C (labelled), set in structural metal frames, and made self-closing by means of liquid door closers. This apparently adds up to quite a lot of doors—two in the basement, two in first story besides the double doors leading to lobby which similarly would have to be fire doors, pair of double doors on second floor, three doors on third floor, two on fourth and one on fifth. Reference, Section 205e3, 212e2.7.

Exit taken care of

3. Occupants of new building (elevator not counted as means of egress) must rely upon passing through into present building and using the existing open stairway to exterior doorways leading to Exchange Street and to Market Street. For obvious reasons the new fire escape proposed over Federal Street sidewalk cannot be counted as a means of egress for the new building. At first floor level of existing building, vestibule doors leading to Market Street and to Exchange Street are double-acting, but exterior doors in both cases swing in, contrary to 212e2. If doors were swung out in their present location, they would project a foot or more over the public sidewalk contrary to the same section.

4. Some of the doorways involved in a required means of egress do not certainly scale to be the required 3' wide, and the gates in railing near stair tower in second floor require the same width. Note particularly door (19) from lobby corridor to elevator lobby on first floor. All doors involved in any required means of egress, if equipped with locks of any description, are required to have vestibule locksets, and wherever width of each door of a pair is less than 3', the working door requires a vestibule lockset and the "standing" door requires anti-panic hardware. 212e2.

5. Exit signs, suitably illuminated in the dark hours, will suffice at the stair enclosure doorways—note 212e4 for height and color of letters. Similar exit signs are required over every doorway involved in a required means of egress where serving more than 20 persons—for instance, over doorway leading to present building at each floor level and all other doorways serving more than 20 persons, signs to be in both old and new buildings at each floor level (at least above third floor of existing building) as stair tower in new building must serve as emergency means of egress for some of the occupants of each floor above the third of existing building where access to new fire escape at Federal Street is not sure of being unobstructed. It is likely that Studio A on fourth floor will be classified as a Minor Assembly Hall because it is likely to have a capacity of more than 20 persons. In that case the doorway from the studio not habitually used for entrance would require an exit light as per 212e4.

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*See
Letter
OK*

6. All new stairways require handrails, full length of each run, on at least one side and on both sides if stairway is to be more than 40" wide. No handrail is shown on some stairs, and some which scale more than 40" wide show either none at all or only on one side. Rise and tread of new stairs not shown in figures—rise not to exceed 8 1/2", treads not to be less than 9" (measured from riser to riser). Intermediate landing of enclosed stairs does not comply with the requirement that least dimension of landing is to be at least equal to the width of stairs—this where curved partition takes window into daily society editor's office. Section 212c5.

OK

7. At fourth floor the door to stair tower toward Market Street should be relocated toward Market Street far enough so that its swing into the tower would not obstruct persons attempting to reach the stairway from the other side of the building at that level.

OK

8. Since the unprotected opening at each floor level between existing and proposed buildings exposes the new building to a fire taking place at any level of the existing building, Section 205f1 requires that the existing open stairway in the present building be enclosed by separations of no less than 1-hour fire resistance to prevent the passage of smoke and fire. By reference to Section 212f5, it will be found that this does not require a fully enclosed stairway in all stories but that a stairway in a given story must be cut off from that story or the well of the stairway in the floor at the top of the stairway must be cut off from that upper floor by fire resistive separations. Commencing with sub-basement of existing building, I understand the new stairway covered under a former permit on and toward Federal Street is to be enclosed in the sub-basement with self-closing fire door at the foot of the stairs, and it is my recollection that there is at present a fire door at the top of the stairs leading up from the boiler room. If this is correct and both of these fire doors are made self-closing by means of liquid door closers, both stairways would be taken care of as far as sub-basement and basement are concerned. Between basement and first floor, a self-closing fire door in the proposed enclosure at first floor level of the stairs toward Federal Street would suffice and making the door at first floor level at top of existing main stairway near elevator a self-closing fire door would meet the needs. Between first floor and the second floor of existing building, a self-closing fire door in the doorway between mailing room and landing of rearranged stairs to second floor near Federal Street, would do, and I suppose the owners would prefer to have the existing main stairway left open so that self-closing fire doors would be required at second floor level between elevator lobby and stairhall and between men's toilet and stairhall. Since spiral stairway from third to second is to be removed, from there on up it would be merely a matter of preference as to enclosing the main open stairway at one level or the other. Section 205f1.

OK

9. Since the situation which makes these stair enclosures in the existing building necessary is caused by the unprotected openings between present and proposed buildings, it is reasonable to say that those requirements could be discharged by providing no less than 1-hour fire resistance fire doors in all of the openings in the wall dividing present and proposed buildings, but in that case the fire doors would be required at every floor level, would have to be self-closing (normally closed) which would not seem feasible in the middle of the elevator lobby, and then there is the large opening in this wall at third floor plan which it would probably be necessary to keep open at all times.

OK

10. Standpipe and hose cabinet indications are discovered on first, second and fourth floor plans only in stairway enclosure. With reference to Section 205.4, standard standpipes and hose are required at all levels as specified for size, location etc. by National Board of Fire Underwriters Pamphlet No. 1, Regulations for Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems, the latter being set up as standards by our Municipal Officers as referred to on Page 189 of the Appendix. I presume you have not had time to finish the plans in this particular as in some others.

July 15, 1947

11. According to 212f3.2, elevator and dumb waiter enclosures are required to have 2-hour fire resistance as per Schedule A of Section 303a3 and this means no less than Class B fire doors (labelled).

OK 12. If new basement floor is to be used for storage, indication of unit live load designed for should appear on the plans and floor load signs should be provided on the walls.

13. As to construction details, the new building has to be classified as six stories, and, therefore, according to Section 302f, is required to be of First Class Construction, requirements for materials and fireproofing of which class will be found in Section 302. Floors to be of 2-hour fire resistance rating; structural steel supporting masonry walls to have fireproofing of 4-hour fire resistance and other structural steel, columns 3-hour; beams, girders and trusses 2-hour with the exceptions and allowances contained in Section 303d2.1.

14. Separate permits from this department are to be procured to cover installation of heating system and boiler, oil burner and fuel supply system, if any, elevators, dumb waiters, mechanical systems of ventilation and any other equipment included, all requiring permits in Section 103. All of these permits are to be applied for by the actual installer and are issuable only to him.

15. The new marquees to project over the Congress Street and the Market Street public sidewalks have already been approved by the Municipal Officers and therefore can be included in the general construction permit when issued.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMC/S

CC: F. W. Cunningham & Sons
131 State Street

Garnett Building Corp.
Attn: Mr. George F. Marshall
177 Federal Street



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure: 1st Class
Portland, Maine, May 28, 1947

01844
MAY 30 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect ~~alter or enlarge~~ all the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location: 390 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address: Gannett Building Corp., 177 Federal Street Telephone _____

Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address: F. W. Cunningham & Sons, 181 State Street Telephone _____

Architect: Lackwood & Green, 10 Central St., Boston, Mass. Specifications _____ Plans: yes No. of sheets: 11

Proposed use of building: Radio station and newspaper bldg. No. families: _____

Last use _____ No. families: _____

Material: _____ No. stories: _____ Heat: _____ Style of roof: _____ Roofing: _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Estimated cost \$ 100,000. Fee \$ 150.

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED
8/16/47

General Description of New Work

To construct 5 story brick building 60'x100' as per plans.

Marques approved by Municipal Officers 6/16/47

Permit Issued with Letter

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____

Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or f led land? _____ earth or rock? _____

Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____

Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____

Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____

No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____

Framing lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____

Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or larger board? _____ Size _____

Girders _____ Size _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" C. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____ to be accommodated _____ number commercial cars to be accommodated _____

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Gannett Building Corp.
F. W. Cunningham & Sons

Signature of owner By: _____

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 441/1844 PS
Location 390 Congress St
Owner Hannett Bldg Corp
Date of permit 7/30/47
Notif. closing-in _____
Inspn. closing-in _____
Final Notif. _____
Final Inspn. _____
Cert. of Occupancy issued _____

Found permit 47/1803 NOTES

7/30/47 work above
grade not yet
started. etc.
10/16/47 - Told Mr. Wood,
engineer on the job, that
if Mr. Sutge check
any cutting of holes
in walls of basement in
basement floor fram-
ing and design any
strengthening needed,
any. It would be OK
with us - P.J.P.
7/4/48 - Wm. J.
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letting
Wm. J.

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

AP 177 Federal Street-1
DP 47/457 (fireescape)

June 5, 1947

F. A. Cunningham & Sons
131 State Street
E. VanNoorden Company
100 Magazine Street
Boston, Mass.

Subject: Fire escape for Gannett Building Company at
177 Federal Street in Portland

Gentlemen:

We stand corrected as to the first paragraph of letter of May 20 relating to clearance from door or window jamba to platform railings.

The critical distance in question is clearly indicated on the plan and was inadvertently overlooked in checking for which I am sorry.

I note that you are taking care of the space between fire escape and the building by an additional balustrade on the wall side.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMC/S

CC: Gannett Building Company
Attn: Mr. Marshall
177 Federal Street

Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc.
40 Central Street
Boston, Mass.



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*Adjusted
6/2/47*

June 2 1947.

Dept. of Building Inspector,
City of Portland, Maine.

Re: Fire Escape for Gannett Bldg. Co.
177 Federal St. Portland Me.

Gentlemen:

Attention Mr. S. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Bldgs.

AGREEMENTS ARE CONTINGENT ON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS OR CAUSES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

We have your letter of May 20, relative to our layout of the fire escape for the above building.

It is not quite clear to us the intent of your 1st paragraph, inasmuch as above the second floor, the top of stairs is at least 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the door and the landing extends 9" from the brick jambs.

At the second floor, the landing is 1'-11" above the second floor grade and it has been our understanding that this landing is not to be used as a fire exit thru the second floor windows. Consequently the condition as indicated above the second floor is not adhered to at this landing.

We would appreciate your giving us in detail what you consider are discrepancies.

Relative to the question of wall rail, we would consider it necessary to have some form of a guard rail, where the stair runs are a considerable distance from the walls due to the cornice overhang. This has since been taken care of by an additional balustrade on the wall side to match the opposite side.

Yours very truly,

E. Van Noorden Company.

E. Van Noorden

CHE.

Copy to
E. W. Cunningham & Sons
Portland, Maine.

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1947

*Call Mr. McDonald
for info on
the new building
at the
Federal Street
office*

LOCKWOOD GREENE ENGINEERS, INC.

40 CENTRAL STREET,

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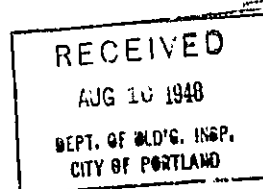
SUBJECT. 46054-C

August 9, 1948

Department of Building Inspection
City of Portland, Maine

Attention: Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings

Re: FU 47/1844-I
Portland Press Herald Building



Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of August 4 to the Gannett Building Corporation, the writer on his visit with Mr. McDonald on August 6th discussed the various items mentioned in your letter.

We wish to thank Mr. McDonald for the time spent in conference with us.

Item 1. The locksets for most of the doors have not been delivered and include exit locksets for all doors to stairways, exterior doors and studio doors, in some cases with panic bolts. After these have been installed they will be subject to inspection by your Department.

Item 2. In the new building there are exit signs over all doors leading to the stairway on Congress Street, exit signs at each door of each studio, exit signs over the doors in each corridor at the studios and over each door leading to the stairway and elevator lobby in the present building.

In the Federal Street building there are exit lights over all doors from the basement to seventh floor inclusive, except toilet doors, leading into the elevator lobby, and on each floor there is an exit light over the entrance opening at the stairway itself. At the foot of the first story stairs there will be an exit light with a directional arrow pointing to the exit door at Exchange Street.

Department of Building Inspection - 2.

August 9, 1948

At the stairway to Federal Street there will be exit lights from the basement to the second floor. In the third floor, which is a large open space housing the composing room, there will be a painted sign denoting the exit to the fire escape. On the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh floors there will be painted signs over the doors of the rooms leading to the fire escape. The doors to these offices are glazed.

Item 3. The hand rails on both sides of the stairway from the first floor to the Federal Street entrance have been contracted for and are now in the process of being manufactured.

Item 4. Not only the door from the composing room to the elevator lobby and stair hall, but all doors from the basement to the seventh floor inclusive leading to the elevator lobby and stair hall, in both the new and old building, except doors to the toilet rooms, will be Class C (labeled) Kalamefin fire doors.

Item 5. After discussing the plans and the location of the exit lights in the studios, corridors and at stair hall doors, it was agreed that directional painted exit signs with arrows will be placed where they can be readily seen when leaving Studio "A".

Item 6. The window openings in the Congress Street stairs between the landing and the tops of the windows will be completely covered with wrought iron bars similar to a stair balustrade. The material is now being manufactured and will be erected shortly.

Item 7. We discussed the conditions of egress from the offices in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh floors. These floors contain separate offices in the fifth and sixth floors, while on the fourth and seventh floors the exit to the fire escape is out of a large room. In all these floors the painted fire exit signs will be placed to show the location of the fire escape either at the fire escape or on the door of the room which leads to the fire escape.

We anticipate that your department will want to make a final inspection and we wish to assure you that we will gladly comply with your directions after your inspection.

Very truly yours,

LOCKWOOD GREENE ENGINEERS, INC.



F. C. Lutze

FOL:SGR

CC: Mr. George F. Marshall
Mr. A. J. Cullinan
Mr. Louis C. Wood

LOCKWOOD GREENE ENGINEERS, INC

47/1814-1

August 4, 1948

Gannett Building Corp.
Attn: Mr. George F. Farshall
177 Federal Street
F. W. Cunningham & Sons
181 State Street

Subject: Temporary certificate of occupancy
by letter for new building at 390 Congress
Street

Gentlemen:

Since the new Gannett Building is already being occupied at least in the studio and editorial rooms, this letter may be taken as a temporary certificate of occupancy to serve until Building Code requirements have been fully complied with and the required final certificate of occupancy is issuable.

Procurement of your locksets has not been completed at present so this subject must be in obedience until the locksets have been procured and installed.

Since the stairway in the old building serves as a required means of egress from the new building, standard exit signs (Section 2102), directional or otherwise, are required at each floor level to clearly indicate from the new building what direction to take to reach the old stairs, this to include similar signs at the foot of the old stairs at ground floor level to indicate clearly the exterior door to Exchange St. Electric lights to illuminate the old stairs and stair halls in the old building should be so arranged as to circuits and switches that they will all be lighted at all times when any part of either building above the basement is occupied.

Handrails are required on both sides of the several steps from ground floor level of older building to the Exchange Street entrance.

In connection with third floor composing room, mainly in older building but seems to project into new building, because of the large opening in the wall between the two buildings, the two doors from composing room to the original stair hall are required to be Glass C (labeled) doors, each equipped with liquid door closer and vestibule lockset. A standard exit sign is required over the door leading from composing room to the balcony of the fire escape.

At Studio 4 on fourth floor as are counting the two required means of egress from this room, classified as a minor Assembly Hall, as door 6 to Corridor 2, to lobby, to door 10, to older building stair hall where the exit signs indicated above will direct to the stairway in older building, thence to Exchange Street; and from Studio 4 through door 1 to Corridor 1, thence to door 1, to stair tower and thence to Congress Street. All of these doorways are marked with suitable exit lights, but directional exit signs are needed on the wall of Corridor 1 opposite door 15 and on the wall of Corridor 2 opposite door 6 so that there would be no doubt in case of emergency what direction to take to reach the respective means of egress.

Our inspector noted a considerable accident hazard between third and fourth floors and fourth and fifth floors in new stair tower where a sizable window is in such position that persons using the stairs could fall through the window. We have the report that you plan suitable grilles to protect against such an accident. At any rate something is needed at these points, and if difficulty is experienced in procurement, I suggest a temporary barricade until the permanent one is in place.

Gannett Building Corp.
F. W. Cunningham & Sons ----- 2

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No law appears to control the exit situation in the old building, but I know that the owners are "safety conscious". Their attention is again called, therefore, to the situation in the upper floors of the older building where, despite the fact that an excellent fire escape of considerable outlay has been provided over the Federal Street sidewalk, the grouping of the tenancies on several floors is such that certain of the tenants could only reach the fire escape in time of emergency by entering the tenancies of others. During the usual working hours no difficulty should be experienced, but should persons be working in interior offices on any floor one of which the fire escape does not take off, outside of usual working hours, some difficulty would be experienced in reaching the fire escape in time of emergency, if indeed such persons know what direction to take or that there was a fire escape. It would not take the best possible steps to make provision against the situation which the new fire escape would be of no avail.

When these matters are all taken care of, the contractor should notify this office of readiness for final inspection.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMG/s

CC: Lockwood & Greene
10 Central Street
Boston, Mass.

MP 47/1844-I

November 5, 1948

Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc.
40 Central St est
Boston 9, Massachusetts

Attn: Mr. F. C. Lutze

Subject: Proposed safeguarding of ventilating
system of room in cellar used for melting type-
metal in the Gamett Building at 390 Congress
Street

Gentlemen:

The scheme for these safeguarding measures, as Mr. Lutze and I talked them over, has been explained to Chief Sanborn of the Fire Department and he has approved it with one minor stipulation.

It appears that this type-metal room has now two ventilating shafts, each of them having an exhaust fan intended to discharge the air above the roof of the building, but one of them acting also as a pipe space. The proposed scheme would remove the exhaust fan from the pipe space and seal the shaft with incombustible material at the ceiling level of the type-metal room.

The other shaftway is much like a masonry chimney, has a metal duct from the hood over the type-metal pot, as the only connection to it, runs straight up through the roof and above the roof is a branch duct connecting to a sort of plenum chamber where the exhaust fan is located. The proposal that we talked about consists of providing an automatic temperature control for the exhaust fan which would shut down the fan in case of fire in the brick duct or in the type-metal room; also an automatic fire shutter at the junction of the vertical brick duct and the branch leading to the exhaust fan, this shutter to be normally in the open position but to close of itself in case fire were to develop in the type-metal room or in the brick duct, thus shutting off the branch duct to the fan and it is expected thus to save damage to the fan and its operating motor; also an automatic fire shutter near the top of the vertical brick duct to be normally in the closed position but so arranged that it would open automatically in case of fire in the brick duct or in the type-metal room. The idea of all this, as I understood it, is that in case fire should develop in the type-metal room or in the brick duct the exhaust fan would shut down, the shutter between vertical duct and branch duct where the fan is would be closed and the shutter at the top of the vertical duct would be opened thus removing the mechanical draft and allowing the fire to vent itself vertically up into the open air.

As far as I have been able to determine there are no recommendations of the Underwriters or anywhere else as to how to best safeguard such a situation, and it is difficult to know whether or not there are any flaws in this plan. At any rate if the type-metal room is now being ventilated by two separate fans and ducts it appears that the situation is not only inefficient but might prove hazardous from the fact that one exhaust fan would be "working" against the other. Perhaps the original designer of these two systems may have had some other theory, and if the owners know what that theory is or who designed it, it might be well to consult that party or consider the theory before making the change.

Chief Sanborn had only one suggestion for improvement. Mr. Lutze and I talked over the matter of in some way safeguarding the situation so that in case of fire in type-metal room or in the brick duct, firemen called to the scene might go on the roof and pour water down the vertical duct which, when it reached the metal part, would cause a severe explosion. We had talked about the idea of having some kind of a conspicuous sign at the top of the vertical duct so that firemen would be warned not to put any water or water bearing chemical down the duct. Chief Sanborn seems right when he says that such a warning sign might be overlooked and any instructions given to the men now in this

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district would soon be forgotten.

He suggests that the duct between the vertical brick duct and the hood over the metal pot have an enlarged section something after the order of a plumbing trap and perhaps with an opening in the bottom of it so that any water poured down the vertical duct could not continue on through the metal duct between vertical brick duct and the hood over metal pot but would run away on the floor or elsewhere and do no harm.

I can lay no claim to having expert knowledge about all of this, but have gotten into the matter in an effort to clear up the situation both for the safety of the building and for the safety of the men in the type-metal room.

If I can be of further service in this connection, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WHEB/G

CC: Gannett Building Corporation
Attn: Mr. George F. Marshall
390 Congress Street

Oliver T. Sanborn
Chief of the Fire Department

Handwritten signature and date: 11/9/48

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IN REPLY
REFER TO 46054-C

November 8, 1948

Department of Building Inspection
City of Portland, Maine

Attention: Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of November 5 in regard to ventilating flues in the Press Herald Building in Portland.

We will investigate the conditions at the building of the two flues and check the use of two flues out of the stereotype room.

Very truly yours,

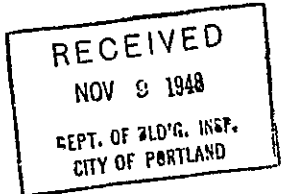
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Handwritten signature of F. C. Lutze

F. C. Lutze

J.L.SGR

CC: Mr. George F. Marsnall
Mr. Louis C. Wood



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SUBJECT 46054-C

December 22, 1947

Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings
Department of Building Inspection
Portland, Maine

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Re: Portland Press Herald Express
Your File AP390 Congress Street
DEPT. OF BLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We wish to thank you for your time spent with us in discussing the requirements of the fire riser in the four story portion of the addition to the Press Herald Building.

In accordance with your requirements for this building, we will have the contractor install a 2-1/2" standpipe from the sub-basement floor to the fourth floor inclusive and in each story there will be a hose cabinet with glazed door. In each cabinet will be a 2-1/2" tee with 2-1/2" valve, a hose connection for a 2-1/2" Fire Department hose with a National Standard thread, a reducer from a 2-1/2" to 1-1/4" hose connection, a 50 foot 1-1/4" linen hose, and a standard nozzle with a 1/2" opening.

The fire riser connection at the outside wall will be a Standard Twin Fire Department connection with a 4" outlet to the standpipe through a reducer.

Yours very truly,

LOCKWOOD GREENE ENGINEERS, INC.

F. C. Lutze

FCL:cam

CC: Mr. G. F. Marshall
Mr. A. J. Cullinan
Mr. L. C. Wood

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CITY OF PORTLAND

July 30, 1947

SUBJECT 46054-C

Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings
Department of Building Inspection
Portland, Maine

Re: Portland Press Herald Express
Your File AP390 Congress Street-I

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We wish to thank you for giving us your time yesterday to go over the plans and specifications for the alterations and additions to the Press Herald Building in Portland.

To summarize the scheme of exits: There is a stairway on Congress Street side from the sub-basement to the roof built of fireproof construction with proper Kalamein or Metal Doors at all openings into the stair hall or stairways. The opening from the stair hall to the attic space above the fourth floor ceiling shall be no larger than 10 square feet and also shall have a Kalamein Door and structural iron frame as for all other Kalamein Doors with Class B Underwriters' labels.

In the center of the building it will be impossible to enclose the stairway, have proper doors, and still have room for passage on the stairs when the doors are in use. We have, therefore, combined the elevator and stairway as one exit and will have Kalamein Doors at all openings into this stairway except the doors to the toilets and one pair of closet doors in the second floor. This will cut off the fire exit tower from rooms in the old and new buildings.

On the first floor, we cannot find room to have the doors on Market Street swing out without extending 12" or more over the sidewalk. We, therefore, have planned to use a directional exit sign at the foot of the first floor stairs pointing to the Exchange Street entrance. At this entrance, we will be able to swing the doors out by revamping the marble stairs from the entry to the first floor by reducing the width of the treads from 12" to 10-3/4" and provide a platform of 3'0" from the bottom riser to the door.

Mr. Warren McDonald

July 30, 1947

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On the Federal Street side, there will be stairways from the sub-basement to the second floor inclusive with proper plastered partitions and Kalamein Doors. For the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh floors, there will be a fire escape on the outside of the building to the street level.

The doors for the new freight elevator and dumb waiter are specified to be fire doors to meet the requirements of the Building Code. Where the old elevator is to be relocated, we are planning to use the present elevator doors in the new enclosure.

In the matter of anchors for the stone work, we have specified dovetail anchors and will use a standard make 3/16" thick galvanized anchor. The face brick will be bonded to the back-up brick with brick headers every sixth course. The belt courses of stone will also be bonded with header courses below and above the stone. Where the granite and limestone are of large sections, we will provide 3/16" anchors every 16" in the horizontal and vertical joints.

We feel confident that the general contractor will construct the building to meet all requirements of the Code, and we ourselves will be pleased to cooperate with you to the fullest extent.

Yours very truly,

LOCKWOOD GREENE ENGINEERS, INC.



F. C. Lutze

FCL:cam

CC: G. F. Marshall
A. J. Cullinan
L. C. Wood

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SUBJECT: 46054-C

July 22, 1947

Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings
Department of Building Inspection
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Re: Portland Press Herald Express Building
Your File AP 390 Congress Street - I

Referring to our letter of July 16 and your letter of July 15,
Items #3, #8, and #9 were left for further study and discussion.

All other items seem to have been noted on the completed plans
sent you and the revised plans sent you last week.

The writer is planning to be in Portland either Monday or
Tuesday of next week and will call on you with sketches of the
alterations of the entrance on Exchange Street and discuss the
Items #8 and #9, and any other items, with you at that time.

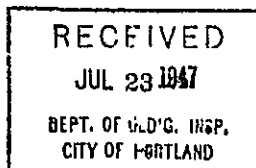
Yours very truly,

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F. C. Lutze

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CC: G. F. Marshall
A. J. Cullinan



JOHN J. CUNNINGHAM
PRESIDENT
ARTHUR J. CULLINAN
TREASURER

F. W. CUNNINGHAM & SONS

INCORPORATED 1808

... CONTRACTORS ...

PINE STATE BUILDING 181 STATE STREET

PORTLAND 3, MAINE

WILLIAM H. GILL
VICE-PRESIDENT
THOMAS P. FALLONA
ENGINEER

June 17, 1947

Mr. Warren McDonald
Building Inspector
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir:

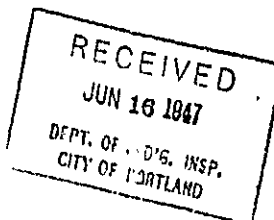
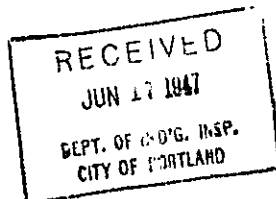
Herewith we deliver the following plans of the new
Gannett Building Company:

Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc. Drwg. A-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
8, 9 and 10 all
dated June 12/47 .
Drwg. C-1 dated June 5,
C-2, 3 and 4, dated
Mar. 15/47

Yours very truly,

F. W. CUNNINGHAM & SONS

By: *Charles L. Curry*



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SUBJECT: 46054-C

July 16, 1947

Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings,
Department of Building Inspection
Portland, Maine

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JUL 17 1947

Re: Portland Press Herald-Express
Your File AP 390 Congress Street -

DEPT. OF BLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We have for acknowledgment your letter of July 15th, copy of which was sent to F. W. Cunningham & Sons and to Gannett Building Company, attention of Mr. Marshall.

We have just this week got the plans in fairly good shape and we are sending you one complete set today, under separate cover. The specifications for general construction are enclosed in this letter. This covers Item 1 of your letter.

Item 2. We have not as yet done anything on the door or hardware schedules but we can assure you that all exit doors will be furnished with the proper hardware and in accordance with the Code. You will find incorporated as part of the plans a door schedule on which is noted the type of doors to be used and we believe we have complied with the requirements of the Code as to the labeling and class.

Item 3. It is possible that there are still some items covered in this paragraph which are not in exact accord with your requirements. This matter has been handled by our Mr. Lutze who is on vacation at present and who will return next Monday. Items 8 and 9 will be taken up at that time.

Item 4. I think you will find the plans as they now stand will give the required width of doors and the schedule of hardware which will come along later will comply with the requirements noted.

Item 5. Exit signs are noted on the plans and will be

Mr. Warren McDonald - Page 2.

July 16, 1947

more fully covered by the electrical plans and specifications.

Item 6. Proper hand rails have been provided on all stairways and the rise and treads are better than the requirements as you can note from the section. We do not quite understand your question in regard to the intermediate landing but we believe our plans as shown cover this correctly.

Item 7. I believe the way this has been treated will meet with your approval.

Item 10. Standpipes and hose cabinets are shown on all floors.

Item 11. Plans show the type of enclosures and the door schedule shows the type of labeled doors.

Item 12. The basement floor is to be used for storage and the floor plans indicate the unit live load for which it has been designed. We have not covered the designation of the floor load by markings on the walls or columns. This we will take care of.

Item 13. We have been through the various details of fireproofing and believe that the requirements are all complied with.

Item 14. This item will be followed through as the plans are completed and issued to the contractors.

We are glad to note that you have given these preliminary plans such a thorough check and appreciate receiving your letter. If you have any further criticisms or suggested changes in connection with this set of plans, kindly advise.

Very truly yours,

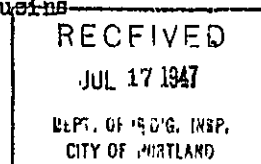
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H. E. Cousins

HEC.SGR
Enclosure

CC: Mr. George F. Marshall
Mr. A. J. Cullinan
Resident Engineer



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CITY OF PORTLAND

July 11, 1947

SUBJECT: 46054-C

Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings,
Department of Building Inspection
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald: Re: Portland Press Herald Express

I have a copy of your letter addressed to F. W. Cunningham & Sons under date of July 9, 1947, on the subject of Advance building permit for excavation and construction of foundations on the above job.

This letter will answer the various questions which you have raised.

We expect to have a resident engineer on this work shortly as our representative. This man will be Louis C. Wood, who has been working in a similar capacity on the Sears Roebuck job in Portland, and who earlier in his career worked for us. It will be part of his duties to make the field inspection of placing of concrete and spacing and bending of reinforcing bars.

We are also having Thompson & Lichtner Co. make the necessary tests of the concrete. We understand their representative has already been on the job and we should be receiving their report shortly. This will be forwarded to you as soon as received. We have also advised them to make an extra copy of these tests for your use.

Very truly yours,

LOCKWOOD GREENE ENGINEERS, INC.

H. E. Cousins
H. E. Cousins

HEC.SGR

CC: Mr. George Marshall
F. W. Cunningham & Sons

City of Portland, Maine

IN BOARD OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

June 16, 1947

ORDERED

That a building permit would include construction of certain marquees attached to proposed building for Cannett Building Corporation, to project over the public sidewalks of Congress Street at #390 and of Market Street on the side of the proposed building, be and hereby is approved as per Section 103-c of the Building Code.

CC: Edward T. Gignoux
Corporation Counsel
For your information

JOHN J. CUNNINGHAM
PRESIDENT
ARTHUR J. CULLINAN
TREASURER

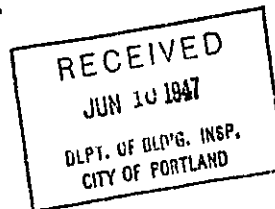
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PINE STATE BUILDING 181 STATE STREET
PORTLAND 3. MAINE

WILLIAM H GILL
VICE-PRESIDENT
THOMAS P. FALLONA
ENGINEER

June 9, 1947

Subject: Gannett Building Company Project
Portland, Maine

Inspector of Buildings
Portland, Maine



Dear Sir:

In connection with our application for permit for the Press Herald Building, we are supplementing the drawings which you have on file with the accompanying drawing C-1 labeled "Foundation Sections".

We are

Yours very truly,

F. W. CUNNINGHAM & SONS

By *Merrill Gannett*

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enc.



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

CITY ISSUED

004627

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, March 18, 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ ~~demolish~~ ~~in~~ the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location: 390 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1
 Owner's name and address Gannett Publishing Co., 177 Federal Street Telephone _____
 Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
 Contractor's name and address P. W. Cunningham & Sons, 181 State St. Telephone _____
 Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans _____ No. of sheets _____
 Proposed use of building _____ No. families _____
 Last use Offices No. families _____
 Material brick No. stories 3 1/2 Heat _____ Style of roof hip Roofing _____
 Other buildings on same lot _____
 Estimated cost \$ _____ Fee \$ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To demolish 3 1/2 story brick building.

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____
 Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
 Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
 Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
 Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
 Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
 No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____
 Framing lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____
 Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
 Girders _____ Size _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
 Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.
 Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____ number commercial cars to be accommodated _____
 Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

APPROVED:

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no
 Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Gannett Publishing Co.
 F. W. Cunningham & Sons

Signature of owner By: John J. Cunningham

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 47/429

Location 340 Congress St.

Owner Gannett Publishing Co.

Date of permit 3/18/47

Notif. closing-in _____

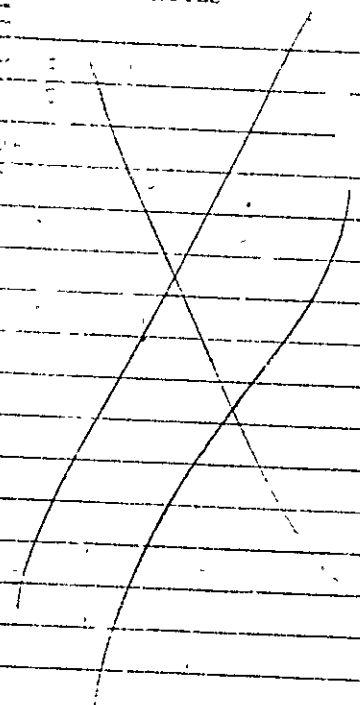
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Cert of Occupancy issued _____

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A large handwritten 'X' is drawn across the 'NOTES' section of the form, indicating that there are no notes or a note has been struck through.

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- City of Boston
- Department of Public Works
- Division of Building Inspection
- File No. _____
- Permit No. _____
- Date of Permit _____
- Location _____
- Owner _____
- Inspector _____
- Inspector's License No. _____
- Inspector's Signature _____
- Inspector's Title _____
- Inspector's Date _____
- Inspector's Office _____
- Inspector's Address _____
- Inspector's Phone _____

August 26, 1981

Mr. Arory M. Houghton, III
Guy Gannett Publishing Co.
390 Congress St.
Portland, Me.

Mr. Houghton,

Enclosed are the plans showing an approved alarm and detection system for 390 Congress St. Be advised that this system shall be supervised and have an adequate battery (or generator) back-up power source.

Enclosed also, is a letter dated Feb. 16, 1978 and addressed to Langford and Low giving approval for a building permit to renovate the 4th & 5th floors. One of the requirements for approval is the installation of an approved automatic alarm and detection system. Whereas this system has not yet been installed, the occupation of these floors is in violation of City Code.

You are notified to install an approved fire alarm and detection system throughout all levels of this building. Adequate time will be afforded you to start and complete this project.

Please inform this office of your intent to comply at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Lt. James P. Collins
Fire Prevention Bureau

C.C. Bldg. Insp.

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January 28, 1947

Gannett Publishing Company
177 Federal Street
Portland 3, Maine

Subject: Swing of door in the Congress Street
front of first story of building at 392 Con-
gress Street

Gentlemen:

Your attention is called to the exit door in the Congress Street wall of build-
ing from the room at the corner of Congress and Market Streets. This door now swings
outwards over the sidewalk and was allowable in connection with the Minor Assembly Hall
use formerly carried on in the building by the USO because it was provided for emergency
exit purposes only. Now that the first story is being altered to provide business offices,
if this door is to be used for entrance purposes to the offices, it should be made to
swing in instead of out as is permissible if no more than 50 people are likely to be
present in the offices at any one time, or the door should be recessed so that it can
open outwards without swinging over the public sidewalk.

However, any changes necessary to make this door comply with the requirements
of the Building Code should be covered by an amendment to the permit covering alterations
in other parts of the first story of the building.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

AJS/S

172 Congress Street-1

January 17, 1947

Cannett Publishing Company
177 Federal Street
Portland 3, Maine

Subject: Building permit for alterations in the first story of the building at 392 Congress Street to provide business offices in first story in space last used as Club and Lodge use including Minor Assembly Hall by USO

Gentlemen:

Permit for the above work is herewith, subject to the following:

There is in the sketch accompanying the application for the permit, indication of a doorway to be cut in the masonry wall dividing the first story of the Press Herald Building and the first story of this building on Congress Street together with a note: "New opening by others".

We are now examining application for a permit together with plans and specifications, filed by F. J. Cunningham & Sons as your contractors to make certain alterations in the Press Herald Building, and these plans indicate this new doorway in the dividing wall and the door specified as a Kalamain door—glazed. The steps on the Congress Street side of the opening are also shown on the plans and presumably will be in the Cunningham contract.

A Kalamain door is usually rated as being allowable in a wall of 1-hour fire resistance while the fire door necessary in this particular opening is required to be suited for a wall of 2-hour fire resistance and therefore should be no less than a standard Glass B (labelled) fire door, either self-closing or automatic-closing, without any glass in it, the door to be set in a structural metal frame. A wall of 2-hour fire resistance exists now and is required between the Press Herald Building and the Congress Street Building because the Press Herald Building—7 stories high—is of First Class Construction and is required to be on account of its height, while the Congress Street building is of Second Class Construction (wooden frame interior), and Section 212d of the Building Code requires that the less fire resistive construction be separated from the more by a separating wall of no less than 2-hour fire resistance.

The reason for all this detail is that you apparently would like to get the offices in the Congress Street Building ready for occupancy at an early date, and probably would like to have the connecting doorway available for convenient use as soon as possible after the Congress Street building is occupied. It is taking quite a long time to get labelled fire doors and their operating hardware, and it seems likely that after knowing the situation, you may desire to have your contractors on the Press Herald Building place the order for the fire door immediately if they have not already done so. I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your convenience in that connection.

The doorway ought not to be cut in until the protective fire door is on hand ready to install.

Since the last certified use of the first story of the Congress Street building was Club and Lodge use, and you will be using it for Business & Industrial class of use, certificate of occupancy covering the new use should be secured from this department before the new use is commenced. For that purpose Mr. Griffith should notify this office when all features controlled by the Building Code are completed.

Very truly yours

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Encl. 1/17/47



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, January 14, 1947

PERMIT ISSUED

00095
JAN 17 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ alter repair ~~and~~ ~~erect~~ all the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 392 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
 corner Exchange Street
 Owner's name and address Gannett Publishing Co., 177 Federal St. Telephone _____
 Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
 Contractor's name and address owners Telephone _____
 Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans yes No. of sheets 1
 Proposed use of building Offices No. families _____
 Last use USO and offices No. families _____
 Material brick No. stories 3 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
 Other buildings on same lot _____
 Estimated cost \$ 500. Fee \$ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To straighten out existing non-bearing partition of existing toilet room as per plan. Room to be used for office.

To partition off ~~xxx~~ two rooms for offices, first floor, with partitions 10' high, studs 2x4, 16" O.C., plywood both sides.

To remove existing closet.

To cut in new door to office.

To remove double doors as per plan - leaving opening.

Permit Issued with Letter

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATIHNG
OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____

Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____

Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____

Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____

Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____

No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____

Framing lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____

Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____

Girders _____ Size _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____ number cong. ercial cars to be accommodated _____

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

APPROVED:

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Gannett Publishing Co.

Signature of owner By: *[Signature]*

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 47/95

Location ³⁸⁸ 392 Congress St

Owner Bennett Publishing Co

Date of permit 1/17/47

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. See note 3/18/47, also

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Demol. 4/7/40

NOTES

~~3/18/47. This permit
superseded by demolition
permit 47/420 also~~

COPY

This is a temporary certificate issued pending receipt of forms for final certificate.

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

This is to certify that the building at 388-390 Congress St. has been altered under Building Permit No. 44/798 has been finally inspected and may now be occupied for the purposes of Club and Lodge use, including minor assembly hall in first story only. Upper stories not used. Subject to closing opening to second story through kitchen ceiling.
Date 1/10/45

Inspector of Buildings

Issued to John Howard Stevens
Gannett Publishing Co.

JOHN HOWARD STEVENS, A.I.A. JOHN CALVIN STEVENS, 2ND, A.I.A.
ARCHITECTS

117 MIDDLE STREET, PORTLAND 3, MAINE

January 10, 1945

Mr. Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings
City of Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We have just received word that the four items, mentioned in your letter of December 19, have now been completed. Therefore, the place is technically ready for your issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

This is regarding the "Marian Anderson - U S O Club."

Sincerely yours,

John Howard Stevens
John Howard Stevens

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