



ANNUAL REPORTS

for the Town of

Harrisville

New Hampshire

for the twelve months

ending December 31,

1953

Annual Reports

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of

HARRISVILLE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending

DECEMBER 31

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

RALPH B. BEMIS

Town Clerk

HELEN B. THAYER

Town Treasurer

DOROTHY E. LUOMA

Selectmen

HAROLD W. POPE

Term expires 1954

J. EDWARD MATTILA

Term expires 1955

WILLIAM P. HOUSE

Term expires 1956

Tax Collector

RALPH B. BEMIS

Highway Agent

ARTHUR W. WIKMAN

Supervisors of Check Lists

GUY W. THAYER

MADYLINE WINN

ELAINE HOUSE

Health Officer

WILLIAM F. BEMIS

Constable

JUSTIN B. CHAMBERLAIN

Police

CLIFTON E. RICHARDSON

EDWARD GREGOIRE

JUSTIN B. CHAMBERLAIN

Cemetery Agent

ERNEST W. CHAMBERLAIN

Trustees of Trust Funds

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| JOHN J. COLONY, JR. | Term expires 1954 |
| GUY W. THAYER | Term expires 1955 |
| JOHN N. CLARK | Term expires 1956 |

Old Home Day Committee

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| CASPER C. BEMIS, JR. | ALFRED DIETZE |
| EDWARD N. WINN | |

Election Officers

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| JOHN F. PRIEST | BERNARD F. BEMIS |
| GEORGE P. WINN | GEORGE G. MASON |

Fire Wards

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| LAWRENCE RATHBURN | RALPH B. BEMIS |
| JUSTIN B. CHAMBERLAIN | CHARLES M. BERGERON |
| FREDERICK DAVIS | |

Fire Chief

LAWRENCE RATHBURN

Chief Forest Fire Warden

LEONDER J. ST. PETER

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| CHARLES M. BERGERON | CLIFTON E. RICHARDSON |
| JOSEPH H. LAVIGNE | JOHN J. COLONY, JR. |
| RALPH B. BEMIS | JOHN MARNELL |
| FREDERICK SUNDSTROM | |

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| HAROLD W. POPE | WILLIAM P. HOUSE |
|----------------|------------------|

Fence Viewers

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| HAROLD W. POPE | RALPH B. BEMIS |
|----------------|----------------|

Harrisville Christmas Tree Committee

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| CHARLES M. BERGERON | ALFRED E. DIETZE |
| GUY W. THAYER | |

Chesham Christmas Tree Committee

J. EDWARD MATTILA CASPER C. BEMIS, JR.
RAYMOND L. GOODYEAR

Harrisville Beach Committee

JOHN MARNELL ALFRED E. DIETZE
GUY W. THAYER

Overseer of Poor

HAROLD W. POPE

Library Trustees

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| MADYLINE WINN | Term expires 1954 |
| LOUISE B. BERGERON | Term expires 1955 |
| GUY W. THAYER | Term expires 1956 |

Town Hall Committee

SELECTMEN

State Auditors

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| ALAN R. MATTHEWS | EDGAR O. PESQUERA |
| Auditor | Accountant |

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Harrisville in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Wells Memorial School in said Harrisville on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To determine and appoint the salaries of Town Officers and fix the compensation of any other agent of the Town.
4. To hear reports of agents, committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money on the credit of the Town in anticipation of taxes.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$459.81 if the state will contribute \$3,065.40 for T.R.A. work.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be used in co-operation with State and Federal funds, for the control of White Pine Blister Rust within the confines of the Town.
8. To see if the Town of Harrisville will vote to buy from Velma Fraser for the sum of One Dollar the following described tract of land:

A certain tract of land situated easterly of the highway from Marlboro to Chesham in the district of Pottersville, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner thereof at a corner of stone walls; thence southerly along a stone wall which separates land now or formerly of Annala and land of Velma M. Fraser fifty (50) feet to an iron pin in said stone wall; thence westerly eleven hundred ninety (1190) feet, more or less, along other land of Velma M. Fraser to a stone wall at land

sold by Velma M. Fraser to Clifford Mayou by deed dated July 3, 1951, recorded in Vol. 571, Page 453 of the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds; thence northerly along said stone wall fifty (50) feet to a corner of stone walls; thence south 73° east eleven hundred ninety (1190) feet to the stone wall at place of beginning.

9. To see if the Town of Harrisville will vote to sell to Clifford Mayou for the sum of One Dollar the following tract of land:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated easterly of the highway from Marlboro to Chesham in Pottersville, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a corner of walls on the northerly side of an old road and at a corner of land now or formerly of the heirs of Gertrude Russell; thence northerly on the said wall and said Russell land about 75 feet to a corner of walls; thence easterly on said Russell land bounding partly on a stone wall to a corner of walls; thence southerly on another wall bounding on land of this grantor and the remains of a stone wall about 250 feet to the said old road; thence westerly bounding on a wall on said old road to the place of beginning.

10. To see if the Town of Harrisville will vote to purchase a new truck and to pay for the same by:

- a. Raising the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) by taxation.
- b. Withdrawing Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) from the capital reserve fund, and
- c. Turning in the old truck as part payment.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for repairs on bridge southwest of the vestry.

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at auction the M30 Tractor and old Sander. The proceeds to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for road equipment.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for improvement of the Harrisville Beach.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for improvement of the beach at Russell Reservoir just north of the dam.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to prepare and maintain a skating rink on Harrisville Pond.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for a cab for the fire truck stationed in Chesham.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for (5) five street lights on Bemis Hill in Chesham.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20.00 for a street light on a pole in front of the Allen Vincent residence.

19. To see if the Town will vote to purchase from Philip E. Scott for the sum of one dollar the former Boston and Maine Railroad right of way extending east ten hundred fifty (1,050) feet from the present terminus of the town road on the south shore of Lake Skatutakee.

20. To see if the town will vote to expend the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to improve the former Railroad right of way purchased by the town in Article 19.

21. To see if the Town will vote to approve the appointment by the Selectmen of a Zoning Commission of five (5) members, which Commission shall make recommendations regarding zoning districts and appropriate regulations and shall hold a public hearing thereon prior to a final report of said Commission as provided by Chapter 51, Section 55 of the Revised Laws of the State of New Hampshire.

22. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty four.

J. EDWARD MATTILA
WILLIAM P. HOUSE
HAROLD W. POPE
Selectmen of Harrisville

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

J. EDWARD MATTILA
WILLIAM P. HOUSE
HAROLD W. POPE
Selectmen of Harrisville

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 10, 1953

Moderator called the meeting to order by reading the Town Warrant. Moderator opened the polls at 9:30 A. M. for Town Voting. Recessed the Town Meeting and opened the School Meeting for school voting. At 10:30 A. M. the moderator called the Town Meeting to order.

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

Ballot Clerks: John Priest and George Winn

Election Officers: Bernard Bemis and George G. Mason.

- (1) Police officers: Clifton Richardson, Edward Gregoire, Clarence Seaver, Justin Chamberlain.
- (2) Trustee of Trust Fund, John N. Clark.
- (3) Old Home Day Committee: Casper C. Bemis, Jr., Alfred Dietze, Edward N. Winn.
- (4) Firewards: Leonder St. Peter, Ralph Bemis, Frederick Davis, Charles M. Bergeron, Justin Chamberlain.
- (5) Surveyors of wood and lumber: Harold W. Pope, William P. House.
- (6) Fence Viewers: Harold W. Pope, Ralph B. Bemis.
- (7) Christmas tree committees for Harrisville: Charles M. Bergeron, Alfred E. Dietze, Guy W. Thayer.
For Chesham: J. Edward Mattila, Casper C. Bemis, Jr., Raymond Goodyear.
- (8) Overseer of the poor, Harold W. Pope.
- (9) Library Trustee, Guy W. Thayer.
- (10) Harrisville Beach Committee: John Marnell, Alfred Deitze, Guy W. Thayer.

Article 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Voted to adopt the town budget as prepared by the Selectmen and add \$50.00 to the amount raised for Town Officers salaries and \$200.00 more to the Fire department.

Article 3. To determine and appoint the salaries of town officers and fix compensation of any other agent of the town.
Voted to leave the salaries as they are.

- Article 4. To hear reports of agents, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
- (1) Report by Selectman William P. House that Congregational Church building was not for sale.
 - (2) Reports of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Auditors, and Fire Department all accepted.
 - (3) Voted to authorize firewards to take money from Fire Department appropriation to make a water hole near the Richard Upton residence in Chesham.
 - (4) Voted that the firewards instruct the selectmen to take up to \$100.00 from the fire department appropriation to maintain, or improve, the present water holes.
 - (5) Reports of Library Treasurer, Librarian and Old Home Day Committee accepted.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money on credit of the Town in anticipation of taxes. Selectmen and Town Treasurer voted authority to borrow said money.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$452.70, if the state will contribute \$3,018.02 for T.R.A. work. Voted for T.R.A. \$452.70.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to turn over to the Capital Reserve Fund for the bridge at the Chesham Post Office the sum of \$1,480.80, voted in 1951 for the east side Silver Lake Road which sum has not been expended. Voted to accept Article 7 as written.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,269.20 to construct the Chesham Post Office Bridge and use the sum of \$3,480.80 in the Capital Reserve Fund for the Chesham Post Office Bridge. Voted to accept Article 8 as written.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote the three thousand dollars (\$3,000) received from the state of New Hampshire for reimbursement of flood damages, occasioned in 1950 toward the purchase of a combination bulldozer, loader and snowplow, the cost of which will not exceed thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500). Voted the \$3,000 as above mentioned.

- Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase a combination bulldozer, loader and snow-plow at a price not to exceed thirteen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$13,500) and to permit the selectmen to use the \$3,000 received from the state of New Hampshire for reimbursement of flood damage occasioned in 1950 and to borrow the sum of \$10,500 to be repaid in five yearly installments, the first installment being paid in 1953. Voted to accept Article 10 as written above.
- Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 to be used in cooperation with State and Federal Funds for the control of White Pine Blister Rust within the confines of the town. Voted to raise the \$400 for same.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to replace culverts and otherwise improve the Venable Road. Voted to raise the \$500 for culverts and improvement of the Venable road.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 to build a road to the cottages along the southwest side of Harrisville Pond, as laid out by the Selectmen in August 1952. Voted this article be laid on the table.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750 to be placed in a sinking fund for the replacement of the road equipment under provisions of the Capital Reserve Fund Act of 1943, Chap. 160, as amended. Voted to raise the \$750 for the sinking fund as above stated.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for repairs on the bridge southwest of the Vestry. Voted to raise the \$500 for bridge mentioned.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for improving the Grimes Hill Road. Motion passed in affirmative to raise this \$500.00.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease with Cheshire Mills for the coal sheds for the purpose of storing road machinery, at an annual rent of one dollar (\$1.00). Voted to adopt Article 17 as written.

- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for painting the Harrisville Station, the sum of money to be announced by the Selectmen at the meeting. Voted to raise two hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$276.00) for painting the Harrisville Station.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for five (5) street lights on Bemis Hill in Chesham. Voted that Article 19 be laid on the table.
- Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20 for a street light on a pole across from the Fire Station in Harrisville. Voted that Article 20 be laid upon the table.
- Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20 for a street light on a pole in front of the Allen Vincent residence. Voted to put Article 21 on the table.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the \$100 received from Margaret & Albert Upton for the care of their cemetery lot. Voted to accept the above \$100 for care of lot.
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the \$100 received from Chessie B. Foster for the care of the Carl H. Bemis cemetery lot. Voted to accept the above \$100 for care of lot.
- Article 24. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.
- (1) Voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase land in East View from Floyd Keough to give the town an approach for gravel in the town gravel bank and to pay the sum of \$100 from the Highway appropriation.
 - (2) Motion to enter float in the Keene Bi-Centennial Parade laid upon the table.
 - (3) Voted that Selectmen post the notice for town meeting in 1954 in the Wells Memorial School in Chesham. Discussion as to a night or day meeting followed and a night meeting met with favorable response, but no vote was taken on that motion.
 - (4) Voted to put a resume of the 1953 Town Meeting in the next Town Report.

(5) Voted to add \$50 to the budget on officers' salaries for the purpose of collecting head taxes.

(6) Voted that selectmen get an estimate on the cost of printing the valuations of real estate in town for the town report and report at the next meeting.

2 p. m. Recessed Town Meeting for School Meeting.

3 p. m. Continued Town Meeting.

The following were elected to Town Offices: William P. House, Selectman for 3 years; Helen B. Thayer, Town Clerk for 1 year; Dorothy Luoma, Treasurer for 1 year; Arthur Wikman, Road Agent for 1 year; Ernest Chamberlain, Cemetery Agent for 1 year; Clarence Seaver, Constable for 1 year. All officers qualified at time or later and all officers notified and they signed the form under the Subversive Activities of 1951.

Beano —Yes 67—No 47.

4:00 p. m. Voted to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN B. THAYER, Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF HARRISVILLE, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954. Compared with Esti-
mated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

| SOURCES OF REVENUE | Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953 | Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953 | Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954 |
|---|---|--|--|
| From State: | | | |
| Int. & Div. Tax | \$12,931 89 | \$13,025 52 | \$13,025 52 |
| Railroad Tax | | 148 15 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 138 67 | 181 20 | 181 20 |
| (Flood Control) | 47 28 | 47 28 | 47 28 |
| Growing Wood and Timber | 1,735 25 | *1,735 25 | 1,735 25 |
| For Fighting Forest Fires | | 335 24 | |
| Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance | | 125 00 | |
| From Local Sources Except Taxes: | | | |
| Dog Licenses | 150 00 | 211 10 | 150 00 |
| Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees | | 22 50 | |
| Int. Rec'd on Taxes and Deposits | 150 00 | 138 58 | 100 00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | | 117 02 | |

| SOURCES OF REVENUE | Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953 | Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953 | Estimated Revenue Ensuang Year 1954 |
|--|---|--|--|
| Income of Departments: | | | |
| (a) Highway, incl. rental of equipment | 150 00 | 1,465 29 | 150 00 |
| (b) Police department | | 50 00 | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 2,100 00 | 2,467 16 | 2,300 00 |
| Sale of Town Property | | 26 00 | |
| Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds | | 4,751 88 | |
| Cash Surplus | 444 32 | 444 32 | - |
| From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes: | | | |
| (a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2 | 400 00 | 408 00 | 400 00 |
| (b) National Bank Stock Taxes | 10 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES | \$18,257 41 | \$25,709 49 | \$18,099 25 |
| Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes | | | \$53,027 33 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | | \$71,126 58 |
| *Reimbursement from state | \$1,461 88 | | |
| Yield Taxes Assessed | 273 37 | | |
| | <u>\$1,735 25</u> | | |

| PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES | Appropriations Previous Year 1953 | Actual Expenditures Year 1953 | Estimated Expenditures Year 1954 |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Current Maintenance Expenses: | | | |
| General Government: | | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$1,550 00 | \$1,496 75 | \$1,550 00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 900 00 | 875 24 | 900 00 |
| Election & Registration Expenses | 100 00 | 68 84 | 150 00 |
| Expenses Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs. | 401 00 | 398 91 | 150 00 |
| Protection of Persons & Property: | | | |
| Police Department | 200 00 | 253 09 | 200 00 |
| Fire Department | 2,100 00 | 2,000 03 | 2,100 00 |
| Moth Exterm. | 400 00 | 400 00 | |
| Insurance | 350 00 | 275 99 | 350 00 |
| Health: | | | |
| Health Dept. Incl. Hospitals | 250 00 | 239 47 | 250 00 |
| Vital Statistics | 20 00 | 15 00 | 20 00 |
| Town Dump & Garbage Removal | 125 00 | 138 21 | 125 00 |
| Highways and Bridges: | | | |
| Town Maintenance— | | | |
| Summer | 9,000 00 | 10,038 85 | 10,500 00 |
| Winter | 4,000 00 | 4,421 10 | 4,000 00 |
| Street Lighting | 1,500 00 | 1,623 36 | 1,600 00 |
| General Exp. of Highway Dept. | 2,500 00 | 3,410 84 | 2,500 00 |
| Town Road Aid | 452 70 | 452 70 | |
| Libraries | 275 00 | 275 00 | 300 00 |
| Public Welfare: | | | |
| Town Poor | 1,000 00 | 1,260 27 | 1,100 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 1,300 00 | 1,225 19 | 1,300 00 |

| PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES | Appropriations Previous Year 1953 | Actual Expenditures Year 1953 | Estimated Expenditures Year 1954 |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Patriotic Purposes: | | | |
| Memorial Day & Vet. As. | 250 00 | | 250 00 |
| Public Service Enterprises: | | | |
| Cemeteries | 550 00 | 700 59 | 600 00 |
| Unclassified: | | | |
| Damages & Legal Exp., Incl. Dog Damage | 50 00 | 40 35 | 50 00 |
| Advertising & Regional As. | 122 00 | 122 00 | 124 00 |
| Interest: | | | |
| On Temporary Loans | 500 00 | 515 76 | 500 00 |
| On Long Term Notes and Bonds | 100 00 | 134 66 | 300 00 |
| Outlay for New Constr. and Perm. Improv. Highways and Bridges: | | | |
| Town Construction | 1,500 00 | 1,674 98 | |
| State Aid Construction— Town's Share | 2,750 00 | 4,750 00 | |
| New Equipment | 2,125 00 | 13,040 86 | |
| Indebtedness: | | | |
| Payment on Principal of Debt: | | | |
| (b) Long Term Notes | 1,500 00 | 3,508 17 | 3,509 57 |
| (c) Payment to Capital Reserve Funds | 3,500 00 | 3,500 00 | |
| (d) Deficit of Previous Year | | | 2,385 91 |
| Payments to Other Gov. Div.: | | | |
| County Taxes | 3,657 10 | 3,657 10 | 3,657 10 |
| School Taxes | 28,195 20 | 28,150 78 | 32,655 00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$71,223 00 | \$85,006 99 | \$71,126 58 |

SUMMARY INVENTORY

| | | |
|---|----------|----------------|
| Lands and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber) | | \$907,385 00 |
| Electric plants | | 117,399 00 |
| Horses (11) | | 800 00 |
| Cows (6) | | 1,200 00 |
| Goats (6) | | 50 00 |
| Fowls (3520) | | 4,200 00 |
| Boats and launches | | 3,315 00 |
| Gasoline pumps and tanks | | 505 00 |
| Stock in trade | | 109,100 00 |
| Mills and machinery | | 126,500 00 |
| Poll taxes 227 at \$2.00 | \$454 00 | |
| National bank stock taxes | 10 00 | |
| Total Valuation | | \$1,270,454 00 |

TOTAL VALUATION

(Exclusive of Veterans' Exemptions)

| | | |
|--|--|----------------|
| Total valuation | | \$1,242,154 00 |
| Amount of taxes committed to collector | | 48,940 90 |
| Average rate of taxation for all purposes | | 3 94 |
| Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans | | 28,300 00 |

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED

| | | |
|--|--|------------|
| Town officers' salaries | | \$1,550 00 |
| Town officers' expenses | | 900 00 |
| Election and registration expenses | | 100 00 |
| Town hall and other buildings | | 401 00 |
| Police department | | 200 00 |
| Fire department | | 2,100 00 |
| Blister Rust—Moth Extermination | | 400 00 |
| Health department | | 50 00 |
| Town dump | | 125 00 |
| Hospitals, clinics and health centers | | 200 00 |
| Vital statistics | | 20 00 |
| Town road aid | | 452 70 |
| Town maintenance, summer | | 9,000 00 |
| Town maintenance, winter | | 4,000 00 |
| Venable road | | 500 00 |
| Grimes' hill | | 500 00 |
| Bridge at the vestry | | 500 00 |
| General expenses of highway department | | 2,500 00 |
| Workmen's Compensation insurance | | 350 00 |
| Street lighting | | 1,500 00 |

| | |
|---|-------------|
| New equipment | 2,125 00 |
| Libraries | 275 00 |
| Old age assistance | 1,300 00 |
| Town poor | 1,000 00 |
| Old Home Day | 250 00 |
| Cemeteries | 550 00 |
| Damages and legal expenses | 50 00 |
| Advertising and regional association | 122 00 |
| Interest | 600 00 |
| Payments on principal of debt (fire truck) | 1,500 00 |
| County tax | 3,657 10 |
| School tax | 28,195 20 |
| Capital Reserve Fund to be raised by taxation | 2,019 20 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total town and school appropriations | \$66,992 20 |

LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS:

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Interest and dividends tax | \$12,931 89 | |
| Savings Bank tax | 138 67 | |
| Reimbursement a/c exemption of | | |
| Growing Wood and Timber | 1,735 25 | |
| Motor vehicle permit fees | 2,100 00 | |
| Dog licenses | 150 00 | |
| Rent of town property and equipment | 150 00 | |
| Interest on taxes and income from Trust | | |
| funds | 150 00 | |
| Cash surplus | 444 32 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total revenues and credits | | \$17,800 13 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$49,192 07 |
| Plus overlay | | 212 80 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Net amount to be raised by taxation | | \$49,404 87 |
| Less poll taxes | \$454 00 | |
| Less National Bank stock taxes | 10 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$464 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Net amount to be raised by property taxes | | \$48,940 87 |

TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Property taxes | \$48,940 90 |
| Poll taxes at \$2.00 | 454 00 |
| National Bank stock taxes | 10 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total taxes committed | \$49,404 90 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

| TITLE OF APPROPRIATION | Liabilities Forwarded From 1952 | Appropriations 1953 | Receipts and Reimbursements | Total Amount Available | Expenditures 1953 | Unexpended | Balances Overdrawn | Liabilities Forwarded to 1954 |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Town officers' salaries | | \$1,550 00 | | \$1,550 00 | \$1,496 75 | \$53 25 | | |
| Town officers' expenses | | 900 00 | \$3 45 | 903 45 | 875 24 | 28 21 | | |
| Election & Registration | | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 68 84 | 31 16 | | |
| Town Hall & other buildings | | 401 00 | | 401 00 | 398 91 | 2 09 | | |
| Police Department | | 200 00 | 50 00 | 250 00 | 253 09 | | \$3 09 | |
| Fire dept. & forest fires | | 2,100 00 | 335 24 | 2,435 24 | 2,000 03 | 435 21 | | |
| Blister rust & moth extern. | | 400 00 | 1 20 | 401 20 | 400 00 | 1 20 | | |
| Bounties | | | | | 161 25 | | | |
| Damages, legal & dog damages | | 50 00 | | 50 00 | 40 35 | 9 65 | | |
| Health department | | 50 00 | | 50 00 | 39 47 | 10 53 | | |
| Town dump | | 125 00 | | 125 00 | 138 21 | | 13 21 | |
| Vital statistics | | 20 00 | | 20 00 | 15 00 | 5 00 | | |
| Hospitals, clinics & health cen. | | 200 00 | | 200 00 | 200 00 | | | |
| Town road aid | | 452 70 | | 452 70 | 452 70 | | | |
| Town maintenance: (summer and winter) | | 13,000 00 | 1,465 29 | 14,465 29 | 14,459 95 | 5 34 | | |
| Street lighting | | 1,500 00 | | 1,500 00 | 1,623 36 | | 123 36 | |
| General expenses highway dept. | | 2,500 00 | | 2,500 00 | 3,410 84 | | 910 84 | |
| Insurance, workmen's comp. | | 350 00 | | 350 00 | 275 99 | 74 01 | | |
| Libraries | | 275 00 | | 275 00 | 275 00 | | | |
| Old age assistance | | 1,300 00 | 125 00 | 1,425 00 | 1,225 19 | 199 81 | | 155 17 |
| Town Poor | | 1,000 00 | 105 10 | 1,105 10 | 1,260 27 | | | |
| Old Home Day | | 250 00 | | 250 00 | | 250 00 | | |
| Advertising & regional as. | | 122 00 | | 122 00 | 122 00 | | | |
| Cemeteries | | 550 00 | 117 02 | 667 02 | 700 59 | | | 33 57 |
| Abatements & tax refunds— Overlay | | 260 08 | | 260 08 | 42 20 | 217 88 | | |

BALANCE SHEET

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

ASSETS

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----|-------------|
| Cash: | | | |
| In hands of treasurer | \$13,763 | 50 | |
| Tax collector | | 31 | 14 |
| Town clerk | | | 52 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Capital Reserve Fund (Contra) | | | \$13,795 16 |
| | | | 1,500 00 |
| | | | |
| Accounts due to town: | | | |
| Bounties due from State | | | 61 25 |
| Unredeemed taxes | | | 31 38 |
| Uncollected taxes | | | 3,030 17 |
| Uncollected State Head Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1951 | | | 5 00 |
| Levy of 1953 (Contra) | | | 195 00 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Total assets | | | \$18,617 96 |
| Net Debt | | | 7,802 01 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | | | \$26,419 97 |

LIABILITIES

| | | | |
|--|----------|---------|-------------|
| Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations: | | | |
| Town Construction—Bridge | \$500 00 | | \$500 00 |
| 2% of Head taxes and penalties due collector | | | 14 66 |
| Due to State of New Hampshire: | | | |
| State Head Taxes: | | | |
| Uncollected—Levy of 1951 | | 5 00 | |
| Collected—not remitted to State Treas. (Net) | | *121 00 | |
| Uncollected—Levy of 1953 (Contra) | | 195 00 | |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Due to School District: | | | 321 00 |
| Balance of appropriation | | | 14,542 05 |
| Long Term Notes Outstanding: | | | |
| Fire truck | | | 1,509 57 |
| Hough payloader | | | 8,032 69 |
| Capital Reserve Fund | | | 1,500 00 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | | | \$26,419 97 |

| | |
|--|------------|
| *Includes \$5.50 Tax Collector's Cash on | |
| Hand a/c 1953 State Head Taxes: | |
| Surplus—Dec. 31, 1952 | \$1,560 45 |
| Net Debt—Dec. 31, 1953 | 7,802 01 |

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Change in Financial Condition | \$9,362 46 |
|-------------------------------|------------|

ANALYSIS OF CHANGE

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Increase in Debt or Decrease in Surplus: | |
| Long Term Note Issued | \$10,040 86 |
| Net Budget Deficit | 2,385 91 |
| Cash Surplus Used to Re- | |
| duce 1953 Taxes | 444 32 |
| Excess Remittance a/c | |
| 1952 State Head Taxes | 06 |
| | <u>\$12,871 15</u> |
| Decrease in Debt or Increase in Surplus: | |
| Long Term Notes Paid | \$3,508 17 |
| Town Clerk's cash on hand | 52 |
| | <u>\$3,508 69</u> |

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Change in Financial Condition | \$9,362 46 |
|-------------------------------|------------|

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Libraries, land and buildings | \$2,000 00 |
| Furniture and equipment | 1,200 00 |
| Police department, land and buildings | 25 00 |
| Equipment | 150 00 |
| Fire department, equipment | 13,500 00 |
| Highway department land and buildings | 6,500 00 |
| Equipment | 22,000 00 |
| Material and supplies | 300 00 |
| Schools, land and buildings | 70,000 00 |
| Equipment | 3,000 00 |
| All land and buildings acquired through | |
| tax collector's deed: | |
| Lellia Steven's land | 150 00 |
| Town dump land | 300 00 |
| Harrisville Association land | 300 00 |
| | <u>\$119,425 00</u> |

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

from Jan. 1, 1953 to Jan. 1, 1954

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| 9 auto permits 1952 | \$16 97 | |
| 322 auto permits 1953 | 2,450 19 | |
| | | \$2,467 16 |
| | | |
| Dog taxes collected: | | |
| 2 dog licenses 1952 | \$3 60 | |
| 85 dog licenses 1953 | 207 50 | |
| | | \$211 10 |
| Filing fees 1953 | | \$18 00 |
| | | \$2,696 26 |
| Total | | |

Receipts Jan. 1, 1952 to Jan. 1, 1953

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Paid to town treasurer: | | |
| Car Registrations | \$2,467 16 | |
| Dog licenses | 211 10 | |
| Filing fees | 18 00 | |
| | | \$2,696 26 |

Jan. 15, 1954

HELEN B. THAYER

Town Clerk

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1953

Debits

| | Total | Property Taxes | Poll Taxes | Interest |
|---|-------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|
| Taxes Committed to Collector: | | | | |
| Prop. & poll taxes | \$49,394 90 | \$48,940 90 | \$454 00 | |
| National Bank stock taxes | 10 00 | | | |
| Yield taxes | 273 37 | | | |
| Added prop. & poll taxes during 1953 | 37 70 | 19 70 | 18 00 | |
| Int. collected during 1953 | 2 07 | | | \$2 07 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$49,718 04 | \$48,960 60 | \$472 00 | \$2 07 |

Credits

| | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|--------|
| Remittances to Treas.: | | | | |
| a/c Prop. Polls & Interest | \$46,372 57 | \$45,962 50 | \$408 00 | \$2 07 |
| a/c National Bank stock taxes | 10 00 | | | |
| a/c Yield taxes | 250 27 | | | |
| Abatements allowed | (*)6 00 | | 6 00 | |
| Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1953: | | | | |
| Prop. & poll taxes | 3,030 46 | 2,974 46 | 56 00 | |
| Yield taxes | 23 10 | | | |
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953 | 25 64 | 23 64 | 2 00 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$49,718 04 | \$48,960 60 | \$472 00 | \$2 07 |
| (*)Daisy Bassingthwaite, age exemption | | | \$2 00 | |
| Frances O. Clark, veteran's exemption | | | 2 00 | |
| William Comstock, veteran's exemption | | | 2 00 | |
| | | | <hr/> | |
| | | | \$6 00 | |

TAX LEVIES OF PRIOR YEARS
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

| | Debits | | |
|---|------------|-----------------------|--------|
| | Total | Tax Levies of 1952 | 1949 |
| Uncollected taxes— Jan 1, 1953: | | | |
| Property taxes | \$4,009 91 | \$4,009 91 | |
| Poll taxes | 36 00 | 34 00 | \$2 00 |
| Timber yield taxes | 45 89 | 45 89 | |
| Added poll taxes in 1953 | 4 00 | 4 00 | |
| Interest collected in 1953 | 123 84 | 123 84 | |
| | \$4,219 64 | \$4,217 64 | \$2 00 |
| Credits | | | |
| Remittances to Treasurer: | | | |
| a/c Property taxes | \$3,973 71 | \$3,973 71 | |
| a/c Poll taxes | 38 00 | 38 00 | |
| a/c Timber yield taxes | 24 00 | 24 00 | |
| a/c Interest collected | 123 84 | 123 84 | |
| Abatements in 1953 | (‡) 36 20 | 36 20 | |
| Uncollected taxes: | | | |
| Yield taxes | (*) 21 89 | 21 89 | |
| Poll taxes | (**) 2 00 | | \$2 00 |
| | \$4,219 64 | \$4,217 64 | \$2 00 |
| (‡) Alfred E. Hayes, error in assessing | | \$36 20 | |
| (*) Frank Upton, Jr. | | 21 89 | |
| (**) Marion Perham | | 2 00 | |

STATE HEAD TAX

Summary of Warrant

Levy of 1953

| Debits | | |
|--|------------------|------------|
| State Head Taxes Committed to Collector: | | |
| Original Warrant | \$1,460 00 | |
| Supplemental Warrant | 40 00 | |
| | Total Commitment | \$1,500 00 |
| Penalties collected | | 11 00 |
| | Total Debits | \$1,511 00 |

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Head taxes | \$1,290 00 | |
| Penalties | 10 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,300 50 |
| Abatements (*) | | 10 00 |
| Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1953 | | 195 00 |
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953 | | 5 50 |
| | | <hr/> |

| | | |
|--|--------|------------|
| Total Credits | | \$1,511 00 |
| (*)Daisy Bassingthwaite, age exemption | \$5 00 | |
| Aloyous Ryan, deceased | 5 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$10 00 |

Levy of 1952

Debits

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Uncollected taxes, Jan. 1, 1953 | \$120 00 | |
| Added taxes during 1953 | 15 00 | |
| Penalties collected | | \$13 50 |
| | | <hr/> |

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|--------------|--|----------|
| Total Debits | | \$148 50 |
|--------------|--|----------|

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer During 1953:

| | | |
|----------------|----------|--|
| a/c Head taxes | \$135 00 | |
| a/c Penalties | 13 50 | |
| | <hr/> | |

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|---------------|--|----------|
| Total Credits | | \$148 50 |
|---------------|--|----------|

STATEMENT OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS**Debits**

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------|
| | Tax Levies of: | |
| | 1952 | 1949 |
| Unredeemed Taxes | | \$23 40 |
| Tax Sale of Sept. 26, 1953 | \$35 71 | |
| Interest Collected | | 6 11 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$35 71 | \$29 51 |

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Redemptions | \$4 33 | \$23 40 |
| Interest | | 6 11 |
| Unredeemed Taxes, Dec. 31, 1953 (*) | 31 38 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

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|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | \$35 71 | \$29 51 |
| (*) Anderson, Arvi & Flora Ellen | \$26 81 | |
| Yont, Alonzo | 4 57 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$31 38 | |

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF DEC. 31, 1953

LEVY OF 1953

| Resident | Property | Poll | Head Tax |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| Austin, Freda | \$47 28 | \$2 00 | \$5 00 |
| Austin, Gladys | | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Anderson, Arvi & Flora Ellen | 15 76 | 4 00 | 10 00 |
| *Africano, Eugene | 98 50 | | |
| Barcomb, William & Eva | 59 10 | | |
| *Bemis, William F. | 204 88 | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Bemis, William F. | 39 40 | | |
| Bemis, Casper C. | 39 40 | | |
| *Bemis, Irene | | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Blake, Eva J., Est. | 78 80 | | |
| Chamberlain, Donald | | 2 00 | |
| *Clark, Mary | | | 5 00 |
| *Clark, Ralph | | | 5 00 |
| Doore, Clarence & Frances | 39 40 | 2 00 | 10 00 |
| Elliot, Ralph | | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Elliot, Ruth | | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Fileault, Charlotte | | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Fileault, Eugene | | | 5 00 |
| Hodge, Harry | 19 70 | | |
| Johnson, Dorothy | | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Johnson, Roy | | | 5 00 |
| Kivela, Oscar | | | 5 00 |
| *Keough, Peter | | | 5 00 |
| Lapointe, Charles & Norman Bemis | 1 97 | | |
| Lapointe, Charles | 1 97 | | |
| Mackey, Onni & Rena May | 63 04 | 4 00 | 10 00 |
| McClure, Margaret | 70 92 | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| *McDoughal, James | | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Parker, Francis | 19 70 | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Parker, Helen | | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| *Phillips, Raymond | | | 5 00 |
| *Phillips, Patricia | | | 5 00 |
| Seaver, Clarence B. | 19 70 | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| *Stewart, George | | | 5 00 |
| *Stewart, Sarah | | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Swasey, Charles | 11 82 | | |
| Strout, Herbert | | | 5 00 |
| Strout, Lois | | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Silver Lake Tennis Ass'n | 19 70 | | |
| Tarr, Wesley | 19 70 | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| VanZile, Edward | 137 90 | | |
| Winn, Madyline | 11 82 | | |
| Wheeler, Norman | | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Wheeler, Margaret | | 2 00 | 5 00 |

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|---------------------|
| Gilman, Joseph | | 5 00 |
| Gilman, Wanda | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Demaret, Peter | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Hartwell, Edith | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Harlow, Sadie | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$1,020 46 | \$56 00 \$195 00 |

Non-Resident:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Andreason, Lillie M., Lillian & Elizabeth Hussey | \$59 10 |
| Bemis, Norman D. | 39 40 |
| Buffum, Warren D. | 65 01 |
| *Bradshaw, Polly | 91 56 |
| Cutler, Alyce L. | 11 82 |
| Clooney, Patrick & Shirley | 39 40 |
| Connor, William & Elizabeth | 63 04 |
| *Domina, Carl & Edith | 43 34 |
| Edwards, Kenneth | 70 92 |
| *Estes, Richard D. | 35 46 |
| *Fisher, Raymond J. & Edith B. | 11 82 |
| Harlow, Sadie | 63 04 |
| Hayes, Alfred & Ellen | 7 88 |
| Heald, Ralph E. | 68 95 |
| Kells, Jean C. | 47 28 |
| Lincoln, Leroy & Florence | 39 40 |
| McClaren, James E., Est. | 4 73 |
| Nicholson, Chester F. & Ann B. | 66 98 |
| Nichols, Elizabeth K. | 7 88 |
| Patterson, Raymond | 7 88 |
| Reynolds, Wesley G. & Ethel M. | 17 73 |
| Sauliner, Walter J. | 23 64 |
| Saunders, Vida M. | 161 54 |
| Seaver, Alfred Est. | 15 76 |
| Shortledge, R. J. & Helen | 724 96 |
| Yont, Alonzo | 118 20 |
| *State of New Hampshire | 47 28 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,954 00 |

(*) Denotes payment between Jan. 1, 1954 and Feb. 1, 1954.

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1953, on account of the tax levy of 1953, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RALPH B. BÉMIS
Tax Collector

REPORT OF TREASURER

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|--------------|
| From Ralph B. Bemis, Tax Collector: | |
| 1953 property taxes | \$45,962 50 |
| 1953 poll and head taxes | 1,698 00 |
| 1952 property and poll taxes | 4,146 71 |
| Tax sales redeemed | 33 84 |
| Head tax penalties & interest received on taxes | 156 47 |
| National Bank stock taxes | 10 00 |
| From State of New Hampshire: | |
| 1953 Flood controlled land taxes | 47 28 |
| Road toll refund | 189 78 |
| Fighting forest fires | 161 98 |
| Hedgehog bounties | 10 50 |
| Interest and dividends tax | 13,025 52 |
| Savings bank tax | 181 20 |
| Railroad tax | 148 15 |
| Old age assistance | 125 00 |
| Wood and timber | 1,461 88 |
| White Pine Blister Rust | 1 20 |
| From County: | |
| Board & care K. Chamberlain children | 105 10 |
| From Local Sources Except Taxes: | |
| Helen B. Thayer, Town Clerk: | |
| Dog licenses | 211 10 |
| Filing fees | 18 00 |
| 1953 auto permit fees | 2,467 16 |
| From other sources: | |
| Sale of town property | 27 80 |
| Business licenses and permits | 4 50 |
| Timber yield tax | 274 27 |
| Rent of town property | 1,497 22 |
| Miscellaneous | 120 22 |
| Receipts other than current revenue: | |
| Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes | 20,000 00 |
| Long term notes | 10,040 86 |
| Capital Reserve Fund (Chesham Bridge) | 4,751 88 |
| Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953 | 18,255 92 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$125,134 04 |

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY E. LUOMA

Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From local taxes:

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Property taxes for 1953 | \$45,962 50 | |
| Poll and head taxes 1953 | 1,698 00 | |
| Property and poll taxes 1952 | 4,146 71 | |
| Tax sales redeemed | 33 84 | |
| Head tax penalties & interest received on taxes | 156 47 | |
| National Bank Stock taxes | 10 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$52,007 52 |

From State:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1953 Flood controlled lands | \$47 28 | |
| Road toll refund | 189 78 | |
| Fighting forest fires | 161 98 | |
| Hedgehog bounties | 10 50 | |
| Interest & dividends tax | 13,025 52 | |
| Savings bank tax | 181 20 | |
| Railroad tax | 148 15 | |
| Old age assistance | 125 00 | |
| Wood and timber | 1,461 88 | |
| White Pine Blister Rust | 1 20 | |
| | <hr/> | \$15,352 49 |

From County:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Board & care K. Chamberlain children | \$105 10 | \$105 10 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|

From local sources except taxes:

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| Dog licenses | \$211 10 | |
| Filing fees | 18 00 | |
| 1953 auto permit fees | 2,467 16 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,696 26 |

From other local sources:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Sale of town property | \$27 80 | |
| Business licenses and permits | 4 50 | |
| Timber yield tax | 274 27 | |
| Rent of town property | 1,497 22 | |
| Miscellaneous | 120 22 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,924 01 |

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Receipts other than current revenue: | |
| Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes | \$20,000 00 |
| Long term notes | 10,040 86 |
| Capital Reserve Fund (Chesham Bridge) | 4,751 88 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$34,792 74 |
| Total receipts from all sources | \$106,878 12 |
| Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953 | 18,255 92 |
| | <hr/> |
| Grand total | \$125,134 04 |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

| | | | | |
|------|----|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Jan. | 1 | Cash on hand | \$18,255 92 | \$18,255 92 |
| | | Plowing Driveway: | | |
| | 9 | Charles Saarion | | 5 00 |
| | | George P. Winn | | 5 00 |
| | | Charles Laine | | 5 00 |
| | | Edgar Seaver | | 5 00 |
| | | Edward Faulkner | | 5 00 |
| | | Charles Bergeron | | 5 00 |
| | 16 | Arvo J. Luoma | | 5 00 |
| | | Maud A. Bemis | | 5 00 |
| | 23 | Alex Bartashevich | | 5 00 |
| | | Patrick Frazier | | 5 00 |
| | | Edward N. Winn | | 5 00 |
| | | Myrtle Africano | | 5 00 |
| | | Axel Blomgren | | 5 00 |
| | | Estelle James | | 5 00 |
| Feb. | 2 | State of N. H., hedgehog bounties | | 10 50 |
| | 6 | State of N. H., road toll refund | | 6 53 |
| | | Helen B. Thayer, car registrations | 200 00 | |
| | 16 | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 poll taxes | | 8 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 property taxes | 600 00 | |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 interest | | 1 56 |
| Mar. | 3 | Helen B. Thayer, car registrations | | 350 00 |
| | | Helen B. Thayer, filing fees | | 9 00 |
| | 6 | State of N. H., road toll refund | | 30 86 |
| | | Selectmen, pistol permit | | 50 |
| | 13 | Selectmen, note | | 10,040 86 |
| | 27 | Arthur Wikman, road service | | 2 00 |
| | 31 | Helen B. Thayer, car registrations | | 800 00 |
| | | Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes, 1952 | | 3 60 |
| | | Helen B. Thayer, filing fees | | 9 00 |

| | | | | |
|------|----|---|-------|----|
| Apr. | 3 | State of N. H., road toll refund | 14 | 30 |
| | 18 | State of N. H., road toll refund | 16 | 78 |
| | | Selectmen, pistol permit | | 50 |
| | 20 | Selectmen, note | 2,000 | 00 |
| | 21 | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 poll taxes | 14 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head taxes | 85 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 property taxes | 400 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 interest | 5 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head tax penalties | 8 | 50 |
| May | 4 | Selectmen note | 1,000 | 00 |
| | 8 | R. J. Shortlidge, highway dept. | 8 | 00 |
| | 15 | Helen B. Thayer, car registrations | 200 | 00 |
| | | Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes | 50 | 00 |
| | 16 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 9 | 00 |
| | | Virginia T. Ferry, plowing driveway | 5 | 00 |
| | | Selectmen, pistol permit | | 50 |
| | 23 | Arthur W. Wikman, highway dept. | 5 | 00 |
| | | J. M. Forbes & Co., plowing driveway | 3 | 50 |
| | | Wellington Wells, plowing driveway | 5 | 00 |
| | | Ewen C. MacVeagh, plowing driveway | 29 | 50 |
| | | Jerry Blanchard, highway dept. | 14 | 00 |
| | | Alexander R. James, highway dept. | 4 | 00 |
| | | State of N. H., road toll refund | 20 | 20 |
| | 25 | Selectmen, note | 1,000 | 00 |
| | 29 | Selectmen, pistol permit | | 50 |
| | | Worcester's Garage, highway dept. | 21 | 00 |
| | | Harry Biscoe, cemetery lot | 6 | 00 |
| | | Ray Tarbox, highway dept. | 12 | 50 |
| | | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 13 | 50 |
| June | 5 | Francis Struthers, plowing driveway | 5 | 50 |
| | 6 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 28 | 00 |
| | 8 | Selectmen, note | 1,000 | 00 |
| | 9 | Helen B. Thayer, car registrations | 100 | 00 |
| | | Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes | 25 | 00 |
| | 12 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 11 | 50 |
| | | Selectmen, pistol permit | | 50 |
| | | Edward J. Gregoire, highway dept. | 21 | 50 |
| | 15 | Selectmen, note | 4,000 | 00 |
| | 19 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 36 | 50 |
| | | Robert A. Walker, highway dept. | 16 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, highway dept. | 6 | 00 |
| | | Edward J. Gregoire, highway dept. | 3 | 50 |
| | | Eugene Belanger, highway dept. | 16 | 50 |
| | 22 | Selectmen, note | 2,000 | 00 |
| | 26 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 14 | 00 |
| | | Jerry Blanchard, highway dept. | 48 | 00 |
| | | Philip Morris & Co., highway dept. | 25 | 00 |
| | 29 | Selectmen, note | 4,000 | 00 |

| | | | | |
|-------|----|---|--------|----|
| July | 6 | State of N. H., highway dept. | 15 | 30 |
| | | Selectmen, notes | 1,500 | 00 |
| | 11 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 33 | 00 |
| | 13 | Selectmen, note | 2,000 | 00 |
| | | Guy W. Thayer, Chesham bridge account | 2,375 | 00 |
| | | Helen B. Thayer, car registrations | 100 | 00 |
| | | Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes | 100 | 00 |
| | | Selectmen, pistol permit | 50 | |
| | 17 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 23 | 00 |
| | | Cora F. Sherwood, highway dept. | 10 | 50 |
| | | Lura A. Wright, highway dept. | 8 | 00 |
| | 18 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 8 | 00 |
| | 20 | Selectmen, note | 1,000 | 00 |
| | | Selectmen, note | 500 | 00 |
| | 25 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 4 | 00 |
| | | Irene Bemis, highway dept. | 4 | 00 |
| | | Town of Nelson, Barry White Barn fire | 71 | 50 |
| Aug. | 1 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 25 | 00 |
| | 6 | State of N. H., interest and dividends tax | 13,025 | 20 |
| | 8 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 96 | 00 |
| | 10 | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 poll taxes | 162 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 poll taxes | 10 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 property taxes | 1,590 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 National bank stock | 10 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 interest | 59 | 72 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head tax penalties | 3 | 00 |
| | 14 | Helen B. Thayer, car registrations | 200 | 00 |
| | 15 | State of N. H., recovery of Old Age As. | 125 | 00 |
| | | Rodger M. Tolman, highway dept. | 22 | 00 |
| | 21 | State of N. H., hauling gravel at Chesham bridge | 72 | 00 |
| | | State of N. H., road toll refund | 20 | 90 |
| | | Selectmen, pistol permit | 50 | |
| | 28 | Selectmen, pistol permit | 50 | |
| Sept. | 4 | State of N. H., state's share of posting fire bans | 7 | 89 |
| | | State of N. H., road toll refund | 16 | 10 |
| | | Cheshire County, board & care of Kenneth and Floyd Chamberlain | 105 | 10 |
| | 7 | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 poll taxes | 30 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 poll taxes | 2 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 head taxes | 100 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head taxes | 10 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 property taxes | 3,300 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 property taxes | 1,139 | 36 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 timber yield tax | 24 | 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 interest | 51 | 63 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head tax penalties | 1 | 00 |

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| | 9 | Helen B. Thayer, car registrations | 100 00 |
| | | Guy W. Thayer, Chesham bridge acct. | 2,376 88 |
| | 12 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 4 00 |
| | | Alexander James, highway dept. | 40 00 |
| | 19 | State of N. H., road toll refund | 12 83 |
| | 25 | Frederick D. Davis, highway dept. | 20 00 |
| | | Harrisville & Chesham Churches, highway dept. | 10 50 |
| Oct. | 2 | Arvo Luoma, highway dept. | 20 00 |
| | 9 | State of N. H., use of loader in Harrisville under T.R.A. | 40 00 |
| | | State of N. H., Chesham bridge acct. | 40 00 |
| | 10 | Velma Fraser, lot in Island Cemetery | 10 00 |
| Oct. | 15 | Helen B. Thayer, car registrations | 100 00 |
| | | Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes | 23 60 |
| | 16 | Selectmen, pistol permit | 50 |
| | | William Head, telephone calls to Dublin | 25 |
| | 24 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 22 55 |
| | | Russell A. Morris, highway dept. | 22 29 |
| | | Guy W. Thayer, highway dept. | 7 00 |
| | | Charles O. Baird, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | 28 | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 poll taxes | \$42 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 poll taxes | 4 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 head taxes | 155 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head taxes | 10 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 property taxes | 10,700 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 property taxes | 244 35 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 redemptions | 4 33 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, previous years' redemptions | 29 51 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 interest | 12 49 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1952 head tax penalties | 1 00 |
| | 30 | Arthur W. Wikman, highway dept. | 4 00 |
| | | Philip Morris & Co., highway dept. | 36 75 |
| Nov. | 6 | State of N. H., reimbursement for labor and equipment used on Grantham fire | 154 09 |
| | | State of N. H., road toll refund | 19 28 |
| | | Irene E. Bemis, highway dept. | 8 25 |
| | | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 20 00 |
| | 14 | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 26 00 |
| | 16 | Helen B. Thayer, car registrations | 225 00 |
| | | Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes | 6 60 |
| | 20 | John Gregoire, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | | Agnes Steigman, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | | The Assn. of Chesham, police services at Silver Lake | 50 00 |
| | | School Dist. of Harrisville, tarring & patching school yard | 72 77 |
| | | Andrew Elder, highway dept. | 9 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, highway dept. | 12 00 |

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| | 27 | William House, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | | Arthur Wikman, highway dept. | 28 00 |
| Dec. | 1 | Ernest Chamberlain, ½ lot in Island cemetery | 10 00 |
| | 4 | State of N. H., road toll refund | 16 70 |
| | | Town of Jaffrey, reimbursement from Mt. Monadnock fire | 101 76 |
| | | Bernard F. Bemis, reimbursement for overpayment on town officers' bonds | 3 20 |
| | 4 | State of N. H., flood control lands | 47 28 |
| | 4 | Lawrence Rathburn, sale of C. L. ointment | 1 80 |
| | 7 | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 poll taxes | 140 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 head taxes | 465 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 property taxes | 29,800 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 timber yield tax | 250 27 |
| | 11 | State of N. H., refund on white pine blister rust fund | 1 20 |
| | | Philip E. Morris, highway dept. | 10 80 |
| | 18 | State of N. H., Savings Bank tax | 181 20 |
| | | State of N. H., Railroad tax | 148 15 |
| | | State of N. H., reimbursement on loss of taxes on growing timber | 1,461 88 |
| | | Alma Allen, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | | Axel T. Blomgren, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | | George P. Winn, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | | Herman J. Thayer, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | | John Marnell, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | | R. L. Alexander, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | | Maude Bemis, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | 24 | Alex Bartashevich, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | | Charles Saarion, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | | Ida Laine, plowing driveway | 5 00 |
| | | Charles Colony, highway dept. | 6 30 |
| | 30 | Helen B. Thayer, car registrations | 92 16 |
| | | Helen B. Thayer, dog taxes | 2 30 |
| | | Arthur W. Wikman, highway dept. | 4 00 |
| | | Guy W. Thayer, interest on trust funds | 117 02 |
| | 31 | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 poll taxes | 34 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 head taxes | 105 00 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 property taxes | 2,162 50 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 interest | 2 07 |
| | | Ralph B. Bemis, 1953 head tax penalties | 10 50 |
| | | Total receipts from all sources | <u>\$125,134 04</u> |

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General government:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1. Town officers' salaries | \$1,496 75 | |
| 2. Town officers' expenses | 875 24 | |
| 3. Election and registration | 68 84 | |
| 4. Town hall and other town bldgs. | 398 91 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,839 74 |

Protection of person and property:

| | | |
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| 5. Police department, including tramps | \$253 09 | |
| 6. Fire dept., including forest fires | 2,000 03 | |
| 7. Blister rust & moth extermination | 400 00 | |
| 8. Bounties | 61 25 | |
| 9. Damage by dogs | 10 25 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,724 62 |

Health and sanitation:

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| 10. Health department | \$39 47 | |
| 11. Town dump | 138 21 | |
| 12. Vital statistics | 15 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$192 68 |

Highways and Bridges:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 13. Summer maintenance | \$10,038 85 | |
| 14. Winter maintenance | 4,421 10 | |
| 15. Street lighting | 1,623 36 | |
| 16. General expenses of highway dept. | 3,410 84 | |
| | <hr/> | \$19,494 15 |

Libraries:

| | | |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| 17. Library | \$275 00 | \$275 00 |
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Public Welfare:

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| 18. Old age assistance | \$1,225 19 | |
| 19. Town poor | 1,260 27 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,485 46 |

Recreation:

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| 20. Harrisville beach | \$54 50 | \$54 50 |
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Public service enterprises:

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|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 21. Elliott Community Hospital | \$200 00 | |
| 22. Monadnock Region Assn. | 122 00 | |
| 23. Cemeteries | 700 59 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,022 59 |

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| Unclassified: | | | |
| 24. Damages and legal expenses | | \$30 10 | |
| 25. Taxes bought by town | | 35 71 | |
| 26. New trust funds | | 200 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$265 81 |
| Interest: | | | |
| 27. On temporary notes in anticipation of taxes | | \$321 68 | |
| On long term notes for fire truck | | 90 29 | |
| On long term notes for payloader | | 238 45 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$650 42 |
| Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements: | | | |
| 28. Town road aid | | \$452 70 | |
| 29. State aid bridge near Chesham Post Office | | 4,750 00 | |
| 30. Venable road | | 505 44 | |
| 31. Jones road | | 1,119 87 | |
| 32. Workmen's compensation | | 275 99 | |
| 33. Grimes hill | | 544 32 | |
| 34. Survey of town property at Russell Reservoir | | 73 00 | |
| 35. New equipment | | 13,040 86 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$20,762 18 |
| Indebtedness: | | | |
| 36. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes | | \$20,000 00 | |
| 37. Payment on long term note for fire truck | | 1,500 00 | |
| 38. Payment on long term note for payloader | | 2,008 17 | |
| 39. Capital Reserve Fund on road equipment | | 750 00 | |
| Capital Reserve Fund, Chesham bridge | | 2,750 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$27,008 17 |
| Payments to other governmental divisions: | | | |
| 40. County taxes | | \$3,657 10 | |
| 41. State head taxes | | 1,787 34 | |
| 42. Payments to school district | | 28,150 78 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$33,595 22 |
| Total payments for all purposes | | | \$111,370 54 |
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953 | | | 13,763 50 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | | | \$125,134 04 |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Detail 1. Salaries:

| | | |
|--|----------|------------|
| J. Edward Mattila, selectman | \$325 77 | |
| William P. House, selectman | 146 00 | |
| Harold W. Pope, selectman | 187 50 | |
| Dorothy E. Luoma, treasurer | 125 00 | |
| Ralph B. Bemis, tax collector | 314 66 | |
| Guy W. Thayer, treasurer of trustees of trust funds | 10 00 | |
| Helen B. Thayer, town clerk | 288 62 | |
| Director of Internal Revenue, with- holding taxes | 83 00 | |
| Treas. State of N. H., Social Security | 16 20 | |
| | | \$1,496 75 |

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses:

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., selectmen's tel. | \$90 91 | |
| Association of N. H. Assessors, dues | 3 00 | |
| Chase's, supplies | 67 81 | |
| Guy W. Thayer, Christmas tree lights, flowers, honor roll | 10 00 | |
| Lawrence Rathburn, labor & materials | 15 78 | |
| Sentinel Printing Co., town reports | 348 60 | |
| State Tax Com., expense of audit | 83 84 | |
| Winfield M. Chaplin, transfer cards, tax sale, and list | 17 40 | |
| Peerless Casualty Co., bonds | 72 00 | |
| Ida M. Horner, Sec'y, tax collectors' dues | 6 00 | |
| Charles R. Hardy, treas., town clerks' dues | 2 00 | |
| Ralph B. Bemis, tax collector's exp. | 30 77 | |
| Helen B. Thayer, town clerk's exp. | 11 74 | |
| William P. House, mileage & supplies | 13 65 | |
| Harold W. Pope, expenses & supplies | 3 12 | |
| J. Edward Mattila, stamps, box rent, bulbs, & misc. supplies | 23 64 | |
| R. L. Alexander, printed & stamped envelopes | 18 38 | |
| Barton Insurance Agency, Insurance for library & furniture & Old Harrisville school | 56 60 | |
| | | \$875 24 |

Detail 3. Election and registration:

| | | |
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| Madyline Winn, supervisor's services | \$18 00 | |
| Chase's, checklists | 2 99 | |
| John F. Priest, ballot clerk | 5 00 | |
| George P. Winn, ballot clerk | 5 00 | |
| George G. Mason, election officer | 5 00 | |
| Bernard F. Bemis, election officer | 5 00 | |
| Sentinel Printing Co., ballots | 14 85 | |
| Guy W. Thayer, supervisor services | 5 00 | |
| Ralph B. Bemis, moderator | 5 00 | |
| Elaine J. House, supervisor services | 3 00 | |
| | | \$68 84 |

Detail 4. Town Hall and Other Buildings:

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Public Service Co. of N. H., lights | \$119 35 | |
| Steve Gibson, cleaning hall | 3 00 | |
| Arthur W. Wikman, kindling wood for library | 2 25 | |
| Wilfred Record, repairing & painting old R. R. station | 250 00 | |
| Edwin T. Heald, labor sawing wood for library | 8 75 | |
| Bernard Lavigne, labor on wood for library | 5 00 | |
| R. L. Alexander, treas., use of electric- ity for Chesham Christmas tree, lights | 5 00 | |
| Harold W. Pope, oil, glass & putty for old Harrisville school | 5 56 | |
| | | \$398 91 |

Protection of Persons and Property:**Detail 5. Police Department, Including Tramps:**

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| Faulkner & Colony Mfg. Co., 2-.38 cal. revolvers, holsters & shells | \$75 00 | |
| Clarence B. Seaver, Est., police services, mileage & expenses | 42 22 | |
| Justin B. Chamberlain, police services, mileage & expenses | 83 69 | |
| Edward Gregoire, police services & expenses | 52 18 | |
| | | \$253 09 |

Detail 6. Fire Department Including Forest Fires:

| | |
|---|---------|
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone | \$64 20 |
| R. G. Crowell, firemen's insurance | 130 50 |
| Baldwin's Electric, service call | 1 50 |
| Southwestern N. H. Trans. Co., freight charges | 4 20 |
| Southwestern N. H. Fire Mutual Aid, annual dues | 5 00 |
| A. W. Peters, 53 gals, gasoline | 14 84 |
| Henry T. Provost, Sec'y, firemen's dues | 33 00 |
| C. L. M. Co., Inc., 4 jars ointment | 7 20 |
| Joe's Service Station, battery Ford truck | 25 45 |
| Steve Gibson, cutting brush for fire hole | 8 45 |
| Forestry & Recreation Com., 6 hoes & 12 pails | 13 81 |
| Sterling Chamberlain, janitor services | 44 00 |
| Harold L. Dower, tetrachloride, battery and tire gauge | 9 50 |
| Gilman's Garage, Zerex, oil, state insp. Dodge truck | 17 50 |
| Huckins Oil Co., 774 gals. Range oil | 124 86 |
| John D. Smith, 552 gals. range oil | 89 03 |
| N. H. Fire & Equipment Co., 2-15 lb. extinguishers refilled | 10 00 |
| Lawrence Rathburn, repairs to stove | 5 02 |
| William Bemis, watch duty, Frazier fire | 2 00 |
| Archie Mason, watch duty, Frazier fire | 2 00 |
| Francis Parker, watch duty, Frazier fire | 4 00 |
| J. Edward Mattila, watch duty Frazier fire | 2 00 |
| Ralph B. Bemis, Frazier & Barry White fires | 4 00 |
| Ernest Chamberlain, Frazier, Barry White & Winn fires | 10 49 |
| Steve Gibson, Barry White fire | 3 00 |
| Leo P. Dion, Barry White fire | 3 00 |
| Warren Thayer, Barry White fire | 2 25 |
| Ray Phillips, Barry White fire | 2 25 |
| Sterling Chamberlain, Barry White fire | 2 00 |
| Ralph Clark, Mt. Monadnock & Barry White fire | 27 79 |
| Howard Lavigne, Mt. Monadnock, Grantham & Barry White fires | 46 30 |

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| John Colburn, Mt. Monadnock fire | 14 60 | |
| Donald Cobleigh, Grantham fire | 21 06 | |
| Barnabas Quigley, Grantham fire | 21 06 | |
| Joseph St. Peter, Grantham fire | 21 06 | |
| Bernard Lavigne, Grantham fire | 21 06 | |
| James Lavigne, Grantham fire | 21 06 | |
| Leonder J. St. Peter, Mt. Monadnock, Grantham, dump fires, mileage, tel. calls, salary, fire prevention posters & issuing fire permits | 94 71 | |
| Orvel B. Peirce, chimney nozzle, oil, measure & tester | 22 03 | |
| American LaFrance Foamite Corp., nozzle tip holder | 37 37 | |
| Nason's Garage, chains, plyers, charger, oil, etc. | 85 80 | |
| James A. Coffin, battery, red light, nozzle, badges, etc. | 103 73 | |
| Hope Rubber Co., Inc., 500 ft. hose & raincoats | 698 74 | |
| Palmer Ins. Agency, Ins., Ford & Dodge trucks | 51 60 | |
| Harold W. Pope, gas, alcohol, batteries, bulbs, etc. | 58 88 | |
| James Sibley, dump fire | 2 56 | |
| William St. Peter, dump fire | 2 52 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,000 03 |

Detail 7. Blister Rust and Moth Extermination:

| | | |
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| Wm. H. Messick, Jr., State Forester | \$400 00 | \$400 00 |
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Detail 8. Bounties:

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| J. Edward Mattila, hedgehog bounties | \$6 25 | |
| Harold W. Pope, hedgehog bounties | 55 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$61 25 |

Detail 9. Damage by Dogs:

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|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Chase's, dog notice book & tags | \$10 25 | \$10 25 |
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Health and Sanitation:**Detail 10. Health Department:**

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| William F. Bemis, time, mileage, tel. calls, clothes & expenses as health officer | \$39 47 | \$39 47 |
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Detail 11. Town Dump:

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| Arthur W. Wikman, labor | \$34 60 | |
| Leo P. Dion, labor | 37 45 | |
| Walter Maki, labor | 1 17 | |
| Arnold A. Castle, labor & cutting trees | 31 16 | |
| Charles McDonald, labor & cutting trees | 24 57 | |
| Ralph E. Willard, Jr., labor | 7 02 | |
| John W. St. Peter, labor | 2 34 | |
| | <hr/> | \$138 21 |

Detail 12. Vital Statistics:

| | | |
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| Helen B. Thayer, recording births, marriages & deaths | \$15 00 | \$15 00 |
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Highways and Bridges:**Detail 13. Summer Maintenance:**

| | | |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Arthur W. Wikman, for mileage, labor and men | \$5,310 50 | |
| 2522 gals. gasoline | 614 94 | |
| Materials | 1,684 65 | |
| Director of Internal Revenue, income tax withheld on wages | 969 00 | |
| Treas. State of N. H. Social Security | 228 50 | |
| Trucking | 1,231 26 | |
| | <hr/> | \$10,038 85 |

Detail 14. Winter Maintenance:

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Arthur W. Wikman, for mileage, labor and men | \$3,309 53 | |
| 1644 gals. gasoline | 392 16 | |
| Materials | 109 48 | |
| Director of Internal Revenue, income tax withheld on wages | 364 30 | |
| Treas. State of N. H. Social Security | 93 33 | |
| Trucking | 152 30 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4,421 10 |

Detail 15. Street Lighting:

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| Public Service Co. of N. H., street lights | \$1,623 36 | \$1,623 36 |
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Detail 16. General Expenses of Highway Dept.:

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| J. C. Perry & Co., grates & linings for stove | \$11 00 | |
| Sunshine Stores, Inc., 11 ton salt | 258 00 | |

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| H. L. Holden Co. Inc., repairs to sander | 22 07 |
| Monadnock Lumber Co., lumber for signs | 4 15 |
| F. C. Mercer & Co., generator pulley for truck | 1 90 |
| Northeastern Petroleum Co. Inc., roller grease | 55 30 |
| Cheshire Mills, fees for lease of coal sheds | 5 00 |
| Floyd D. Keough, purchase of land | 100 00 |
| Sargent Motors, Inc., spring leaves | 8 10 |
| Gale E. Hill, steel for grader | 13 92 |
| A. W. Peters, drum of oil, grease, permozone | 130 92 |
| Frank Upton, Jr., sawing lumber | 12 90 |
| Arthur Whitcomb, Inc., 4½ yds. cement | 68 85 |
| Peterborough Hardware Co., snow fence wire | 3 65 |
| Sears, Roebuck & Co., battery R-2 tractor | 19 95 |
| Richard's Garage, repairs to radiator and axles | 55 29 |
| Treas. State of N. H., bridge load signs | 12 00 |
| Hafeli Fuel & Ice Co., 3670 lbs. coal | 48 17 |
| Sim's Press, Inc., 2 pads payroll sheets and ptgse. | 6 31 |
| N. H. Explosives & Mach. Co., parts & labor hyd. unit | 37 03 |
| Spencer Hardware Co., 5 gals. paint & chamois | 29 04 |
| Fitch Motor Co. of Keene, spring leaves, bolts & parts | 40 58 |
| Sanel Auto parts of Keene, repairs hyd. jack & tire gauge | 14 00 |
| Casellini-Venable Corp. of N. H., spring, pins, bushings, track & other parts R-2 tractor | 113 03 |
| Worcester's Garage, fan belt, wiper, tube & tire change | 28 01 |
| Johnson's Motor Parts Inc., plugs, grease gun & fittings, labor truck & tractor | 24 33 |
| W. H. Plimpton, material, welding plow | 16 14 |
| Fox Auto Parts, parts for grease gun & glass | 27 77 |
| Keene Mfg. Co., material, welding grousers, plow & grader | 298 49 |
| Keene Oil Co., 1 case oil | 5 99 |
| Wyman's Inc., 1-8.25x20 tire | 61 25 |
| Nils A. Hanson, repair chains | 10 20 |
| Palmer Ins. Agency, Ins. on fire station, contents & tractors | 57 30 |

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|---|--------|------------|
| Clukay's Garage, labor on rear end, trans., clutch, brakes, battery, insp. & other parts, grader & maintainer & tube & axles | 809 24 | |
| F. C. Mercer & Co., drop link, & channel for glass | 14 42 | |
| Clark Ins. Agency, Ins. on truck & payloader | 165 76 | |
| Grange Mutual Fire Ins. Co., Ins. on tool house | 24 80 | |
| Prison Industries, R C Pipe | 66 00 | |
| Southwestern N. H. Trans. Co., freight charges | 7 06 | |
| Arthur Wikman, ptgse., bolts, freight chgs., etc. | 7 78 | |
| Knowlton & Stone Co., bolts, chain links, spikes, etc. | 19 73 | |
| Monadnock Garage, axles & labor | 30 02 | |
| Tommila Bros., 3992 ft. bridge planks | 319 26 | |
| R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., filters, tube, hose, & seals for payloader & parts grader | 205 68 | |
| Harold W. Pope, roofing paper, batteries & bulbs, etc. | 37 37 | |
| Merrimack Farmers' Exchange Inc., scythe, snath, roofing cement & pap. | 9 30 | |
| Grant Motor Sales Inc., 5-8.25x20 recaps | 93 78 | |
| | | \$3,410 84 |

Libraries:**Detail 17. Libraries:**

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| Guy W. Thayer, treas. | \$275 00 | \$275 00 |
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Public Welfare:**Detail 18. Old Age Assistance:**

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| State of N. H., town's share of old age assistance | \$1,225 19 | \$1,225 19 |
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Detail 19. Town Poor:

| | | |
|---|----------|--|
| County of Cheshire, care of Mrs. Eva Dion | \$746 04 | |
| Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., Ins. Mrs. Eva Dion | 74 00 | |
| Harold W. Pope, groceries Anderson fam. | 265 97 | |

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| Ralph Winham, time & mileage com- mitting A. Anderson to hospital | 48 20 | |
| Wm. F. Bemis, clothes & expenses A. Anderson | 20 96 | |
| Mrs. Harry Capen, board & care K. Chamberlain children | 105 10 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,260 27 |

Recreation:**Detail 20. Harrisville Beach:**

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|
| State of N. H., \$25 fine sign | \$3 50 | |
| Arthur W. Wikman, labor | 27 00 | |
| Leo P. Dion, labor | 24 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$54 50 |

Public Service Enterprises:**Detail 21. Elliot Community Hospital:**

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|---|----------|----------|
| Elliot Com. Hospital, aid towards deficit | \$200 00 | \$200 00 |
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Detail 22. Monadnock Region Assn.:

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| Monadnock Region Assn., town's share of dues | \$122 00 | \$122 00 |
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Detail 23. Cemeteries:

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| Ernest Chamberlain, agent, labor & material | \$327 00 | |
| William F. Bemis, labor | 355 00 | |
| Clarence Doore, new cemetery maps | 18 00 | |
| Harold W. Pope, padlock | 59 | |
| | <hr/> | \$700 59 |

Unclassified:**Detail 24. Damages and Legal Expenses:**

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Howard B. Lane, counsel | \$30 10 | \$30 10 |
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Detail 25. Taxes Bought by Town:

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| Ralph B. Bemis, tax collector | \$35 71 | \$35 71 |
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Detail 26. New Trust Funds:

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| Guy W. Thayer, treas. | \$200 00 | \$200 00 |
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Interest:**Detail 27. Interest on Temporary and Term Notes:**

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| Ashuelot-Citizens Nat'l Bank, interest on temporary notes | \$321 68 | |
| Ashuelot-Citizens Nat'l Bank, interest on long term notes on fire truck | 90 29 | |

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| Ashuelot-Citizens Nat'l Bank, interest on long term notes on payloader | 238 45 | |
| | | \$650 42 |

New Construction and Improvements:

Detail 28. Town Road Aid:

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| Treas. State of N. H., town's share T.R.A. | \$452 70 | \$452 70 |
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Detail 29. State Bridge Aid:

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| Treas. State of N. H., town's share for bridge at Chesham | \$4,750 00 | \$4,750 00 |
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Detail 30. Venable Road:

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| Arthur W. Wikman, labor & men | \$211 31 | |
| Materials | 13 78 | |
| Trucking, grader & bulldozing | 280 35 | |
| | | \$505 44 |

Detail 31. Jones Road:

| | | |
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| Arthur W. Wikman, labor & men | \$287 13 | |
| Materials | 584 74 | |
| Trucking & grader | 248 00 | |
| | | \$1,119 87 |

Detail 32. Workmen's Compensation Ins.:

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Peerless Casualty Co., ins. on highway help | \$275 99 | \$275 99 |
|--|----------|----------|

Detail 33. Grimes Hill:

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Arthur W. Wikman, labor & men | \$170 07 | |
| Leonder St. Peter, labor John Grimes house roof | 2 50 | |
| Trucking & grader | 371 75 | |
| | | \$544 32 |

Detail 34. Survey of Russell Reservoir Property:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Heman Chase, services of surveyor | \$73 00 | \$73 00 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|

Detail 35. New Equipment:

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., Hough pay- loader | \$13,040 86 | \$13,040 86 |
|---|-------------|-------------|

Indebtedness:

Detail 36. Payments on Temporary Loans:

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Ashuelot-Citizen's Nat'l Bank, payment on temporary notes | \$20,000 00 | \$20,000 00 |
|--|-------------|-------------|

Detail 37. Payment on Fire Truck:

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Ashuelot-Citizens Nat'l Bank, payment on fire truck loan | \$1,500 00 | \$1,500 00 |
|---|------------|------------|

Detail 38. Payment on Highway Payloader:

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Ashuelot-Citizen's Nat'l Bank, payment on Hough payloader loan | \$2,008 17 | \$2,008 17 |
|---|------------|------------|

Detail 39. Capital Reserve Fund:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Guy W. Thayer, Treas.: | | |
| Sinking fund on road equipment | \$750 00 | |
| Sinking Fund on Chesham bridge | 2,750 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,500 00 |

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:**Detail 40. County Taxes:**

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Stafford M. Boardman, Treas., county treasurer county taxes | \$3,657 10 | \$3,657 10 |
|--|------------|------------|

Detail 41. Head Taxes:

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Treas. State of N. H., state head taxes | \$1,787 34 | \$1,787 34 |
|---|------------|------------|

Detail 42. Payments to School District:

| | | |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Ralph B. Bemis, school treas. protem., part of 1953-53 appropriation | \$4,500 00 | |
| Virginia T. Bates, school treas., balance of 1952-53 appropriation | 9,997 63 | |
| Virginia T. Bates, school treasurer, part of 1953-54 appropriation | 13,653 15 | |
| | <hr/> | \$28,150 78 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Total payments for all purposes | \$111,370 54 |
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953 | 13,763 50 |

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| Grand Total | \$125,134 04 |
|-------------|--------------|

J. EDWARD MATTILA
WILLIAM P. HOUSE
HAROLD W. POPE
Selectmen of Harrisville

DOROTHY E. LUOMA
Treasurer

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Even though we had an extremely wet spring, there was very little water damage. Minor wash-outs occurred on the Long Pond road where the culvert is not adequate.

Most of our back roads are too narrow and improperly graded which makes for difficult maintenance. Then too, many of our roads are down to rock bottom due to the fact that the gravel we were able to get on them was used up faster than we were able to replace it by the increasingly heavy traffic they have had to bear.

With the purchase of the Hough payloader last year, we have been able to slow this process down quite a bit, but there are still many roads that will be bad come spring time with frost heaves.

Our town truck is too light and small for the heavy work it has been called on to do and, with all the repairs, has proved to be a very expensive piece of equipment.

There is another problem that we have to think about and that is the possibility of running out of a good grade of gravel in the foreseeable future. In view of this, it is suggested that each year we widen a part of our road system, installing proper drainage and finishing the following year.

This idea has been followed on the Grimes Hill road and the Venable road extension, as far as the money appropriated would allow. However, both these roads need gravel and should have it this year so they won't back-slide again.

A section of T.R.A. should be tarred each year so that gradually we will gain permanent improvements in our roads, thereby cutting down the need for so much gravel each year.

With the very dry summer we had, our obsolete grader was of little use and we had to hire a heavier grader. Calcium chloride was very helpful and was used generously.

The progress we have made in the past year would not have been possible without the cooperation of the people, the Selectmen and the men working with me.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. WIKMAN

Road Agent

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF HARRISVILLE ON DECEMBER 31, 1953

| Date of Creation | NAME OF TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF TRUST FUNDS | HOW INVESTED | Balance Beginning Year | New Funds Created | Balance End Year | Income During Year Percent | Income During Year Amount | Expended During Year | Balance End Year |
|------------------|--|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | Cemetery Care: | | | | | | | | |
| 5/14/1912 | Fanny Goodnow | U. S. Bonds | \$25 00 | | \$25 00 | 2 1/2 | \$ 62 | \$ 62 | \$3 53 |
| 1/ 3/1913 | J. C. Bancroft | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 3 29 |
| 2/26/1915 | John Rutherford | U. S. Bonds | 50 00 | | 50 00 | 2 1/2 | 1 25 | 1 25 | 2 17 |
| 4/11/1917 | Eva Marshall | U. S. Bonds | 200 00 | | 200 00 | 2 1/2 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 5 58 |
| 1/11/1918 | Winslow Royce | U. S. Bonds | 150 00 | | 150 00 | 2 1/2 | 3 75 | 3 75 | 3 93 |
| 8/21/1921 | Tufts-Tuttle | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 1 25 |
| 5/18/1923 | Jas. E. Ruffles | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 2 29 |
| 8/16/1924 | Silas Atwood | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 3 29 |
| 12/ 5/1928 | D. & C. C. Farwell | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 5 79 |
| 5/13/1929 | M. W. Harris | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 3 29 |
| 8/ 3/1929 | J. K. Russell | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 3 29 |
| 8/13/1929 | Hugh Varner | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 3 29 |
| 1/ 4/1930 | Wright Bailey | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 3 29 |
| 7/25/1930 | C. S. Yardley | U. S. Bonds | 150 00 | | 150 00 | 2 1/2 | 3 75 | 3 75 | 3 93 |
| 7/ 1/1932 | C. W. Russell | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 3 29 |
| 3/18/1933 | H. M. Hutchinson | U. S. Bonds | 225 00 | | 225 00 | 2 1/2 | 5 63 | 5 63 | 5 31 |
| 1/ 1/1934 | A. S. and A. Hutchinson | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 5 31 |
| 4/ 6/1935 | John McWilliams | U. S. Bonds | 200 00 | | 200 00 | 2 1/2 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 5 58 |
| 4/ 4/1938 | Richard Roubold | U. S. Bonds | 150 00 | | 150 00 | 2 1/2 | 3 75 | 3 75 | 5 93 |
| 4/ 8/1938 | Frances E. Hardy | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 3 29 |
| 10/18/1938 | Lillian and Henry Miller | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 3 29 |
| 4/ 2/1940 | Heath | U. S. Bonds | 150 00 | | 150 00 | 2 1/2 | 3 75 | 3 75 | 3 93 |
| 6/30/1942 | Albert and Jennie Knowlton | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 3 29 |
| 11/30/1942 | C. Albert Seaver | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 5 79 |
| 11/23/1943 | Henry C. Farwell | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 2 49 |
| 2/24/1944 | David C. Willard | U. S. Bonds | 50 00 | | 50 00 | 2 1/2 | 1 25 | 1 25 | 2 90 |
| 5/20/1944 | W. W. Lampanan | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 3 75 |
| 1/ 5/1945 | Caroline C. Brooks | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 1 25 |
| 5/21/1945 | Howe | U. S. Bonds | 50 00 | | 50 00 | 2 1/2 | 1 25 | 1 25 | 2 88 |
| 12/31/1948 | White-Ball | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 2 88 |
| 3/13/1951 | Percy W. Russell | U. S. Bonds | 200 00 | | 200 00 | 2 1/2 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 3 75 |
| 3/13/1951 | M. Derby and John Stewart | U. S. Bonds | 200 00 | | 200 00 | 2 1/2 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 3 75 |
| 3/13/1951 | Albert and Emma Russell | U. S. Bonds | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 2 1/2 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 3 75 |
| | Schools and Ministry | | | | | | | | |
| 2/14/1890 | School and Ministerial | N. H. Savings Bank | 1,300 00 | | 1,300 00 | 3 | 40 20 | 40 20 | 40 20 |

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

January 20, 1954

Board of Selectmen
Harrisville, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Harrisville for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets: Dec. 31, 1952-Dec. 31, 1953:
(Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the financial condition of the Town changed from a Surplus of \$1,560.45 to a Net Debt of \$7,802.01 during the year 1953.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

| Decrease in Surplus (Increase in Debt) | |
|---|-------------|
| Long Term Notes Issued | \$10,040 86 |
| Net Budget Deficit | 2,385 91 |
| Cash Surplus Used to reduce 1953 Tax Levy | 444 32 |
| Excess Remittance a/c 1952 State Head Taxes | 06 |
| | \$12,871 15 |

Increase in Surplus (Decrease in Debt)

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----|------------|
| Long Term Notes Paid | \$3,508 | 17 | |
| Town Clerk's Cash on Hand | | 52 | |
| | | | \$3,508 69 |
| Change in Financial Condition | | | \$9,362 46 |

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits C & D)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$3,096.01, less a net revenue surplus of \$710.10, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$2,385.91.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance, as of December 31, 1953, is indicated in Exhibit F.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

GENERAL COMMENTS**Surety Bond of Town Treasurer:**

The surety bond of the Town Treasurer was written for \$4,000.00 in 1953. Inasmuch as the funds handled by the Treasurer in 1953 totalled \$125,000.00, it is recommended that the surety bond be increased to \$8,000.00, in 1954, in order that the amount of the bond be more proportionate to the amount of funds which the Treasurer handles.

Conclusion :

The accounts and records of all town officials which we examined were found in good condition and the accounting procedure conformed to the uniform system prescribed by this Division.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Harrisville for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

ALAN R. MATTHEWS, Auditor

EDGAR O. PESQUERA, Accountant

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

January 20, 1954

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Harrisville for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953, and found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town on December 31, 1953, and the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

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REPORT OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1953
Station No. 2 Chesham

CHIEF, LAWRENCE W. RATHBURN

1-1935 Ford V-8 truck and 200 gal. pumper.
1-108 gal. booster tank and other necessary equipment.

Respectfully submitted,
LAWRENCE W. RATHBURN
Chief of Harrisville Fire Dept.
JUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN
Deputy Chief of Station No. 2

REPORT OF STATION NO. 1 HARRISVILLE

1-1950 Dodge 2 ton truck
1-300 booster tank and other necessary equipment.

Number of fires for the year 1953.

- 2 chimney fires
- 1 House fire
- 1 Garage and car fire

I wish to thank the Firemen and all who helped, to extinguish these fires.

Respectfully submitted,
LAWRENCE W. RATHBURN
Chief of Fire Department

REPORT OF HARRISVILLE
FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT 1953

1. 1929 Ford Model A one ton truck.
2. Pacific Marine 1½ in. fitting with carrier.
3. 5 gal. knapsack tank.
4. 10 ft. 1½ in. suction hose.
5. 2 grub hoes.
6. One pick.
7. Forest Fire axes.
8. Round point short long handle shovels.
9. 27 Indian back pumps.
10. 6 lanterns.
11. 6 poles axes.

12. One cross cut saw.
13. One set of tire chains.
14. One spare 50 gal. barrel white gas.
15. One 5 gal. oil can with 5 gal. of No. 30 oil.
16. 1000 ft. of 1½ in. hose (single and double jacket).
17. 3 sets of spark plugs for small pump.
18. 1½ in. Siamese.
19. 12 rakes, mowing machine type.
20. 6 in. spot light on truck.
21. one small siren on truck.
22. 2-10 ft. of 1½ in. hoses.
23. 4 flash lights (for use on head).
24. 12 water pails.
25. One first aid kit.

To all those bringing rubbish to the town dump, please do not light or cause a fire at the dump. The fire department was called out three times for the year of 1953 on account of some one's starting a fire. This is a great expense to tax payers.

There should have been a fire permit obtained before starting a fire from your Forest Fire Warden, and the Town of Harrisville being one of few towns where there is a 24 hour service, now if there is no one at home (Wardens), a permit can be obtained at Cheshire Mill, where the warden is employed. The warden can be reached in either of these places anytime, day or night.

Fire Report for 1953

3 Dump fires

Twice that the Fire Department men were called out of town. There were 149 fire permits issued for the year 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONDER J. ST. PETER

State Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

RECEIPTS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Jan. 1, '53. Cash on hand | \$2 17 |
| Jan. 1, '53. Balance in bank | 46 91 |
| April 17, '53. Town appropriation | 25 00 |
| May 22, '53. Town appropriation | 75 00 |
| Oct. 2, '53. Town appropriation | 125 00 |
| Total | \$324 08 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Magazines | \$44 25 |
| Books | 44 49 |
| World Book Encyclopedia | 60 00 |
| Librarian's salary | 104 00 |
| Janitor's services | 41 00 |
| Supplies | 1 24 |
| Checks | 1 50 |
| Cleaning library | 14 00 |
| Cleaning flag | 1 00 |
| P. M. O. Fees | 45 |
| Postage | 51 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$312 44 |
| Balance in bank | 11 17 |
| Cash on hand | 47 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$324 08 |

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The summer months in the library were busier than usual this last year, and we were pleased to welcome any new borrowers among our summer residents. Very encouraging remarks were made to the librarian concerning the type of books chosen for so small a library and also on the general appearance of the book shelves.

The students use the local facilities more and more for book reports, essays and debates. The new World Book Encyclopedias have served both High School students and Wells Memorial boys and girls. Historical novels, plays, poetry and non-fiction have been in demand and we try to buy what will be of use in their work.

Our circulation for 1953 has been: non-fiction 514, Fiction 520 and juvenile 437. We have added 36 new books and received gifts of books from Mrs. John Colburn, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. John Silk, Mr. Harold Pope and the Dublin Public Library. We thank each one of these for remembering us and again we extend an invitation to you to visit the library and borrow books. The State Bookmobile stops here once in six weeks and leaves us a good assortment of reading. If you are looking for a particular book to read, we may be able to get it for you.

Signed,

HELEN B. THAYER

Librarian

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**SCHOOL WARRANT**

**To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of
Harrisville qualified to vote in district affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wells Memorial School in said district on the 9th day of March, 1954 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated income and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see whether the district would desire to hold the annual school district meeting on an evening date prior to the annual town meeting.
10. To see if the district will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450) as an additional appropriation to be made available prior to June 30, 1954; to meet

costs of grading and fill for the playground and additional costs of teachers retirement as set by revised state law.

11. To see if the district will raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900) for the purchase and installation of a 5,500 gallon oil storage tank at the school.

12. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for payment of additional costs of light, heat and janitor service, so that public groups may use the building at no charge; or to make any recommendations relative to after school use of the building.

Given under our hands at said Harrisville this first day of February 1954.

MARJORIE COLONY, Chairman
WILLIAM BEMIS
FREDERICK DAVIS
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

MARJORIE COLONY, Chairman
WILLIAM BEMIS
FREDERICK DAVIS
School Board

MINUTES SCHOOL MEETING, MARCH 10, 1953
OPENED AT 10:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

Moderator, Guy Thayer, read the warrant. The Town election officers also served for the school.

The first four articles: To choose a Moderator, Clerk, Member of School Board for three years, and a Treasurer started and continued by Australian Ballot until the close of the meeting.

Article 4, last part. Mr. Parker made the motion to instruct the clerk to cast one ballot for Virginia Bates to be treasurer of the school district for the balance of the present year. The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 5. Mr. Lavigne made the motion to pay the Chairman of the School Board \$75.00 and the Treasurer \$75.00. Motion was seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 6. It was voted to accept and adopt the following reports:

Financial Report on page 69.

Superintendent's Report on page 74.

Report of the Music Supervisor on page 75.

Annual Health Report on page 75.

School Census Report on page 76.

Article 7. Nothing was done.

Next: Motion was made to pass on to Article 9 then return to Article 8. Motion carried.

Article 9. Motion was made and seconded to print a summary of the minutes of this meeting and succeeding meetings in the school report, until rescinded. The vote was in the affirmative.

Mr. Parker made the proposal for consideration that the school budget be presented similar to that proposed for town expenditures. Thus: Item—Appropriation previous year.

Actual expenditures previous year.

Estimated expenditures ensuing year.

Those present were in favor of this proposal.

Mr. Doore explained there would undoubtedly be a \$500.00 balance this year beyond the estimated budget. If we buy a 5000 gal. oil tank there will be a 5¢ saving per gal. of oil. The tank may cost a little more than \$500.

Motion was made to buy the larger oil tank (5000 gal.) from available funds not yet appropriated. Vote was in the affirmative.

Mr. Doore made a resolution that the School District express its gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Bertha Bemis for the long years of service she gave as Treasurer of the School District. The Clerk was to send a letter expressing this gratitude and appreciation. The vote was unanimous and in the affirmative. A rising vote of thanks was given for Mrs. Bemis.

Article 8. Mr. Doore moved that the school district raise and appropriate \$28,525.20 and to authorize and direct the school board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the school board exclusive of state aid, and upon the determination of the amount of state aid to be received by the school district during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the school board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from state aid and with the school district clerk certify to the selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

The vote was in the affirmative.

At 3:10 p. m. all had voted who wished. The motion was then made to close the school polls. Vote was in the affirmative.

148 votes were cast thusly:

| | | |
|---|--------------------|-----|
| For Moderator: | Leon Dion | 1 |
| | Ralph Bemis | 1 |
| | Guy Thayer | 16 |
| | Casper C. Bemis | 113 |
| For District Clerk: | Helen H. Spaulding | 132 |
| For District Treasurer: | Virginia T. Bates | 127 |
| For Member of School Board for 3 years: | V. T. Bates | 1 |
| | F. Edson Sundstrom | 65 |
| | Frederick D. Davis | 73 |

The results were announced at 4:05 p. m. and oaths were taken.

Meeting adjourned.

Attest: HELEN H. SPAULDING
Clerk

HARRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORY

1953-54

| School Board | Term Expires |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Marjorie Colony, chairman | March 1954 |
| William Bemis | March 1955 |
| Frederick Davis | March 1956 |
| Dr. Charles L. Bowlby, Supt. | |

School Staff:

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Mrs. Stella Eaton | Art |
| Mrs. Gladys Libby | Grades 1, 2 |
| Mrs. Cecil Nash | Cafeteria Mgr. |
| Dr. Samuel Paul | School Physician |
| Mrs. Elva Rawding | Special reading |
| Mrs. Marian Sabin | Grades 3, 4, 5 |
| Mr. Curtis Silver | Custodian |
| Mrs. Marion Warner | Nurse |
| Mrs. Azalea Wilson | Music |
| Mr. Richard Wyman | Principal, grades 6, 7, 8 |

District Officers:

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Mrs. Helen Spaulding | Clerk |
| Mrs. Virginia Bates | Treasurer |

**COMPARATIVE BUDGETS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
HARRISVILLE, N. H., 1953-54-55**

| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Expenditures | Expenditures 1952-53' | Estimated Expenditures 1953-54 | Adopted Budget 1954-55 |
| Administration: | | | |
| Salaries of district officers | \$272 59 | \$295 00 | \$295 00 |
| Supt.'s salary (local share) | 464 63 | 512 20 | 540 00 |
| Tax for state wide supervision | 168 00 | 148 00 | 170 00 |
| Salaries of other adm. personnel | 183 00 | 224 52 | 208 00 |
| Supplies and expenses | 271 70 | 250 00 | 250 00 |
| Instruction: | | | |
| Elementary teachers' & principals' salaries | 9,097 20 | 9,855 00 | 10,370 00 |
| Books & other instructional aids, elem. | 287 20 | 200 00 | 200 00 |
| Scholars' supplies, elem. | 452 03 | 550 00 | 550 00 |
| Supplies and other expenses, elem. | 111 89 | 125 00 | 125 00 |
| Operation of School Plant: | | | |
| Salaries of janitors, elem. | 1,586 06 | 1,900 00 | 2,000 00 |
| Fuel or heat, elem. | 932 12 | 900 00 | 900 00 |
| Water, lights, supplies & expenses, elem. | 830 84 | 800 00 | 800 00 |
| Maintenance of School Plant: | | | |
| Repairs and replacements, elem. | 65 74 | 100 00 | 75 00 |
| Auxiliary Activities: | | | |
| Health supervision, elem. | 233 85 | 250 00 | 275 00 |
| Transportation, high | 1,755 00 | 1,600 00 | 1,600 00 |
| Transportation, elem. | 2,044 72 | 3,032 00 | 3,200 00 |
| Tuition, high | 4,125 00 | 5,077 00 | 6,992 00 |
| Special activities & special funds, elem. | 400 38 | 400 00 | 100 00 |
| School lunch, elem. (federal and dist. funds only) | 801 60 | 600 00 | 700 00 |
| Fixed Charges: | | | |
| Retirement, elem. | 487 74 | 675 00 | 742 00 |
| Insurance, treas. bonds; expenses high soc. sec. | 27 45 | 25 00 | |
| Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses, elem. | 353 40 | 353 00 | 353 00 |
| Total Current Expenses | \$24,992 14 | \$27,871 72 | \$30,445 00 |
| | | | |
| Expenditures | Expenditures 1952-53 | Estimated Expenditures 1953-54 | Adopted Budget 1954-55 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | |
| Lands and new buildings, elem. | | | \$300 00 |
| Additions and improvements, elem. | \$387 72 | \$400 00 | |
| New equipment, elem. | 289 89 | 130 00 | 100 00 |
| Debt and Interest: | | | |
| Principal of debt | | | 1,600 00 |
| Interest on debt | 780 36 | 630 00 | 530 00 |
| Balance (actual or estimated) | 64 12 | | |
| Total | \$26,514 23 | \$29,031 72 | \$32,975 00 |

| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Receipts | Receipts 1952-53 | Estimated Receipts 1953-54 | Adopted Budget 1954-55 |
| Elementary School Tuition | | \$300 00 | \$300 00 |
| Trust Funds | | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| Total receipts other than property taxes | | \$320 00 | \$320 00 |
| District Assessment | | 28,195 20 | 32,655 00 |
| Estimated Total 1952-53 Receipts | | \$28,515 20 | |

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE HARRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1952

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

CHARLES L. BOWLBY
Superintendent

MARJORIE P. COLONY
FREDERICK D. DAVIS
WILLIAM F. BEMIS
School Board

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Federal Aid: | | |
| National School Lunch | | \$501 60 |
| Local Taxation: | | |
| Current Appropriation | | \$22,650 78 |
| Other Sources: | | |
| Elementary School Tuition | \$1,443 50 | |
| Trust Funds | 30 03 | |
| Other | 383 40 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,856 93 |
| Total Receipts From All Sources | | <hr/> \$25,009 31 |
| Balance | | 1,504 92 |
| Grand Total Net Receipts | | <hr/> \$26,514 23 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Administration: | | |
| Salaries of district officers | \$272 59 | |
| Supt.'s Salary (local share) | 464 63 | |
| Tax for state wide supervision | 168 00 | |
| Salaries of other Administrative personnel | 183 00 | |
| Supplies and expenses | 271 70 | |
| | | \$1,359 92 |
| Instruction: | | |
| Teachers' Salaries | \$9,097 20 | |
| Books & other Instructional Aids | 287 20 | |
| Scholars' Supplies | 452 03 | |
| Supplies and Other Expenses | 111 89 | |
| | | \$9,948 32 |
| Operation of School Plant: | | |
| Salaries of Janitors | \$1,586 06 | |
| Fuel or Heat | 932 12 | |
| Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses | 830 84 | |
| | | \$3,349 02 |
| Maintenance of School Plant: | | |
| Repairs and Replacements | \$65 74 | \$65 74 |
| Auxiliary Activities: | | |
| Health Supervision | \$233 85 | |
| Transportation | 3,799 72 | |
| Tuition | 4,125 00 | |
| Special Activities & Special Funds | 440 38 | |
| School Lunch (Federal & Dist. Funds Only) | 801 60 | |
| | | \$9,400 55 |
| Fixed Charges: | | |
| Retirement & Social Security | \$515 19 | |
| Insurance, Treas. Bonds & Expenses | 353 40 | |
| | | \$868 59 |
| Capital Outlay: | | |
| Additions & Improvements to Bldgs. | \$387 72 | |
| New Equipment | 289 89 | |
| | | \$677 61 |
| Debt and Interest: | | |
| Interest on Debt | \$780 36 | \$780 36 |
| Total Expenditures for all Purposes | | \$26,450 11 |
| Balance on Hand at the end of the Year (June 30, 1953) | | 64 12 |
| Grand Total | | \$26,514 23 |

HARRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT**Balance Sheet June 30, 1953****ASSETS**

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Cash on Hand June 30, 1953 | \$64 12 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Assets | \$64 12 |
| Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets) | 34,000 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | \$34,064 12 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Notes and Bonds Outstanding (total) | \$34,000 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Liabilities | \$34,000 00 |
| Surplus (Excess of Assets Over Liabilities) | 64 12 |
| | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | \$34,064 12 |

ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET 1954 TO 1955**Administration:**

| | |
|--|----------|
| Salaries of district officers | \$295 00 |
| Board chairman \$75; District Treas. \$75; Clerk \$5; Board secretary \$35; Moderator \$5; Auditor \$50; Board member \$35; Truant officer—; Census \$15. | |
| Supt.'s. salary (local share) | 540 00 |
| Tax for statewide supervision (\$2 per pupil) | 170 00 |
| Salaries of administrative personnel (supt.'s clerk) | 208 00 |
| Supplies and expenses of administration (Postage, telephone eqpt. supplies, supt.'s office) | 250 00 |

Instruction:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Elementary teachers' salaries | 10,370 00 |
| Books & instructional aids, elem. school | 200 00 |
| Scholars' supplies, elem. | 550 00 |
| Supplies and other expenses, elem. (Graduation costs, reference books, work books) | 125 00 |

Operation of School Plant:

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Salaries of janitors, elem. | 2,000 00 |
| Fuel and heat, elem. | 900 00 |

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|---|--------|
| Water, lights, janitors supplies, elem. (Soap, toilet paper, hand towels, floor wax, etc.) | 800 00 |
|---|--------|

Maintenance of School Plant:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Repairs and replacements, elem. | 75 00 |
|---------------------------------|-------|

Auxiliary Activities:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Health supervision, elem. | 275 00 |
| Transportation, high | 1,600 00 |
| Transportation, elem. | 3,200 00 |
| Tuition, high | 6,992 00 |
| Special activities, elem. (athletics, lunch program) | 800 00 |

Fixed Charges:

| | |
|---|--------|
| Teachers' retirement, elem. (social security) | 742 00 |
| Insurance, elem. | 353 00 |

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Total Current Expenses | \$30,445 00 |
|------------------------|-------------|

Capital Outlay:

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Lands and new buildings, elem. | \$300 00 |
| New equipment, elem. | 100 00 |

Debt and Interest:

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Principal of debt | 1,600 00 |
| Interest of debt | 530 00 |

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Total School Expenditures or Appropriations | \$32,975 00 |
|---|-------------|

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Trust funds | \$20 00 |
| Elementary school tuition | 300 00 |

| | |
|---|----------|
| Total Receipts, other than property tax | \$320 00 |
|---|----------|

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Amount to be raised by District Assessment | \$32,655 00 |
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SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

1. Additional appropriation available before June 30, 1954 to cover costs of fill and grading school grounds and additional costs of increased retirement established by state law.

2. Article to raise \$900 for a 5,500 gal. fuel tank.

3. Article to raise \$100 for extra light, heat, janitor service to make the building available free to public groups.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Harrisville School District has been fortunate in solving the many problems it has met in the past school year. Some of these follow.

The retirement of Mrs. Effie Hunt presented a difficult problem in these days of severe teacher shortage. After an intensive effort to obtain a capable teacher of high caliber, Mrs. Marian Sabin was elected and has proved to be a valuable member of the staff.

Transportation again became an acute problem. All efforts to obtain a reasonable bid from established bus operators failed. Finally, Mr. Fred Davis decided to purchase a bus and accepted a three year contract at a very acceptable figure.

The problem of filling and grading additional playground space for the ball-field was nicely solved when the state constructed a new section of roadway, and through the efforts of Mr. William Bemis, agreed to supply fill at no cost other than necessary bulldozing. Our playground area has almost doubled in size this year.

The problem of improving and broadening the educational program at the Wells Memorial School has been met to a degree seldom achieved in a small elementary school. Through sharing of special teacher services with nearby school districts, Harrisville is now able to offer its children, in addition to the traditional elementary subjects, excellent art training under a certified art instructor. In addition, those pupils who find difficulty in reading, now receive help from a specially trained reading teacher. The singing ability of the pupils was amply demonstrated during the Christmas Operetta and is a credit to the staff and the music supervisor.

All in all, difficult problems have been successfully met and solved this year and much credit is due the school board as well as all members of the school staff.

CHARLES L. BOWLBY
Superintendent

SCHOOL CENSUS REPORT 1953-54

| Age | Boys | Girls | AGES AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1953 | | |
|------------------|------|-------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----|
| | | | In School Total In Dist. | In School Outside District | |
| less than 1 year | 7 | 3 | 10 | | |
| 1 | 6 | 5 | 11 | | |
| 2 | 3 | 6 | 9 | | |
| 3 | 5 | 3 | 8 | | |
| 4 | 7 | 8 | 15 | | |
| 5 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 4 | |
| 6 | 10 | 7 | 17 | 17 | |
| 7 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 7 | |
| 8 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 8 | |
| 9 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 7 | |
| 10 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 6 | |
| 11 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 6 | |
| 13 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| 14 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| 15 | 5 | 2 | 7 | | 4 |
| 16 | 0 | 6 | 6 | | 4 |
| 17 | 4 | 2 | 6 | | 3 |
| 18 | 3 | 3 | 6 | | 1 |
| Totals | 45 | 50 | 90 | 62 | 20 |

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

TO THE CITIZENS OF HARRISVILLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE:

As Principal of Wells Memorial School, I have the pleasure to present the following report.

Again this year we have the student body participating in the Wells Memorial Association, the student government organization introduced by my predecessor. Through this organization student problems are kept at a minimum, and those problems that do arise are handled in a democratic manner, benefiting the majority. Serving in the association brings to each pupil a better understanding of parliamentary procedure and correct methods used in participating in meetings. Business handled correctly with ease by the pupils makes this experience constantly worthwhile.

Following last year's custom, we are again conducting monthly school dances. Each year I marvel at the speed with which the first graders learn dance steps and calls. These dances provide wholesome recreation in a supervised atmosphere. The development of social grace and constant improvement of the social behavior of the children is greatly evidenced by those that attend dances. Parents will enjoy attending a dance, and derive much pleasure from watching youth at play.

This year we have been fortunate in having two cadet teachers from Keene Teachers College in Keene, New Hampshire; one each semester. Miss Elizabeth Sweet has worked some time in all grades during the first semester, and Miss Hazel Taylor will devote her time next semester to working in the lower grades. Having these cadet teachers has made for more individual attention for more pupils possible. Cadet teachers working at the Wells Memorial School have a fine opportunity to work in an outstanding, well-equipped, small elementary school.

With the addition of Mrs. Stella Eaton as art supervisor and Mrs. Elva Rawding as remedial reading instructor this year, your educational facilities in town are showing progress. You should be proud as taxpayers who are constantly increasing areas of education for the children of Harrisville.

As principal I welcome Mrs. Marian Sabin as teacher in Grades 3, 4, and 5. Mrs. Sabin comes to us a well-informed teacher with varied experiences, and has already proven a valuable addition to your staff at the school.

At Christmas time the school children presented an operetta, "Santa's Vacation," which proved a splendid example of school-community cooperation. Through this wonderful spirit of cooperation, a program worthwhile to all in the community was presented.

At the writing of this report the school funds are banked in the following amounts:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Pell Projector Fund | \$170 31 |
| Profits from Fanmour products | 19 41 |
| Profits from Christmas corsages | 14 50 |
| Food Sale | 28 30 |
| Total | \$232 53 |

As your Principal, I say thank you; a simple phrase, yet filled with sincere and heartfelt gratitude. I have enjoyed every minute in your community, because each of you has contributed true cooperation and spirit in a most generous manner.

RICHARD E. WYMAN

Wells Memorial School, Principal

WELLS MEMORIAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM REPORT, 1953

The Lunch Program I feel should be considered a laboratory for learning to eat.

Health is not just luck. Health must begin in childhood and an important phase of improved health of children is the serving of a nutritious lunch.

Habits are formed early in life, thus the development of sound food practices should be started early at home and in the primary grades. Children are interested in food and eating. They want to be healthy and grow. If they learn to eat the proper foods, they will develop the habit of liking the right foods.

Several programs have been carried on this year to promote better eating habits. Through the undying interest of the teachers and the fine cooperation of the pupils, I feel we have been most successful in stimulating more interest in foods and thus, forming better eating habits. We have plans for a more extensive health program which will include all grades.

The program has received from the United States Department of Agriculture since September the following foods: Frozen Hamburg, American cheese, canned beef in gravy, butter, salad oil, vegetable shortening, dry navy beans, canned peaches, canned tomatoes, canned peas, concentrated orange juice, honey, dried apricots, dry milk powder. These commodities have enabled us to serve better meals at the usual low cost.

It has indeed been a pleasure to work in such a well equipped and pleasant kitchen. I wish to express my deep appreciation for the kind cooperation of teachers, pupils and parents and to all who have helped make this a successful year for the Lunch Program.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CECIL B. NASH

Dietitian

Wells Memorial School Lunch Program

HARRISVILLE SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNT

September 1952-June 1953

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Receipts Lunch Sales—Children | \$1,863 70 |
| Total Receipts Lunch Sales—Adults | 71 05 |
| Total | \$1,934 75 |
| Total Expenses paid for food | \$1,507 23 |
| Total Expenses paid for labor | 1,316 50 |
| Total Expenses paid for equipment | 15 68 |
| Total Expenses paid for All Other | 71 28 |
| Total | \$2,910 69 |

| | |
|--|------------|
| Total received for lunch sales | \$1,934 75 |
| Total reimbursement checks received (Gov.) | 484 45 |
| Total received from school funds | 400 00 |
| Total Misc. Receipts | 26 11 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts | \$2,845 31 |
| Balance as of Sept. 1952 | 81 44 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,926 75 |
| Less Total Expenditures | 2,910 69 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance as of June 30th, 1953 | \$16 06 |

HARRISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS

\$49,000—2% bonds dated August 1, 1949

| Date | Outstanding | Principal | Interest | Total |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Feb. 1, 1950 | \$49,000 | | \$490 | \$490 |
| Aug. 1, 1950 | 49,000 | \$5,000 | 490 | 5,490 |
| Feb. 1, 1951 | 44,000 | | 440 | 440 |
| Aug. 1, 1951 | 44,000 | 5,000 | 440 | 5,440 |
| Feb. 1, 1952 | 39,000 | | 390 | 390 |
| Aug. 1, 1952 | 39,000 | 5,000 | 390 | 5,390 |
| Feb. 1, 1953 | 34,000 | | 340 | 340 |
| Aug. 1, 1953 | 34,000 | 5,000 | 340 | 5,340 |
| Feb. 1, 1954 | 29,000 | | 290 | 290 |
| | <hr/> | | | |
| Aug. 1, 1954 | 29,000 | 5,000 | 290 | 5,290 |
| Feb. 1, 1955 | 24,000 | | 240 | 240 |
| Aug. 1, 1955 | 24,000 | 5,000 | 240 | 5,240 |
| Feb. 1, 1956 | 19,000 | | 190 | 190 |
| Aug. 1, 1956 | 19,000 | 5,000 | 190 | 5,190 |
| Feb. 1, 1957 | 14,000 | | 140 | 140 |
| Aug. 1, 1957 | 14,000 | 5,000 | 140 | 5,140 |
| Feb. 1, 1958 | 9,000 | | 90 | 90 |
| Aug. 1, 1958 | 9,000 | 5,000 | 90 | 5,090 |
| Feb. 1, 1959 | 4,000 | | 40 | 40 |
| Aug. 1, 1959 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 40 | 4,040 |
| | | <hr/> | | |
| | | \$49,000 | \$5,300 | \$54,300 |

Under terms of the agreement with Mr. Wellington Wells, a balance of \$23,400 was available to pay off the bond issue. \$20,000 has been paid to date. On Aug. 1, 1954 another payment of \$5,000 will be due. Since \$3,400 will be met under the Wells agreement, the school district will be required to pay \$1,600. On August 1, 1955; the district will be required to raise \$5,000.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

| DATE | PLACE | BABY'S NAME | FATHER'S NAME | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME |
|----------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1953 | | | | |
| Mar. 3 | Keene | William Kenneth, Jr. | William K. Hope | Jessie Chamberlain |
| April 13 | Keene | Linda Elise | Alex Bartashevich | Elizabeth Seuss |
| May 9 | Keene | Duane Albert | Arthur Cody | Gloria Noyes |
| June 24 | Keene | George Forrester | John J. Colony, Jr. | Marjorie Page |
| Sept. 17 | Keene | Gary Bruce | Arvi Anderson | Flora Sprague |

MARRIAGES

| DATE | PLACE | NAMES | RESIDENCE |
|---------|------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 1952 | | | |
| Dec. 12 | Park Ridge, Ill. | John G. Pickard Ann W. Rathbun | Chicago, Ill. Harrisville |
| 1953 | | | |
| April 4 | Keene | Russell Clark Marie Bailey | Harrisville Keene |
| Aug. 20 | Chesham | Charles F. Spiltoir Shirley M. Annala | New York City, N. Y. Chesham |
| Oct. 17 | Keene | Richard M. Record Janice N. Robidoux | Harrisville Keene |

DEATHS

| DATE | PLACE | NAME | AGE |
|----------|-------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1952 | Harrisville | | |
| Dec. 22 | (for burial only) | Gertrude Biscoe | 52 |
| 1953 | Harrisville | | |
| Mar. 31 | (for burial only) | Delia Farwell Richards | 38 |
| May 7 | Harrisville | | |
| May 14 | (for burial only) | Mary J. Carroll | 87 |
| June 11 | Keene | Lewis S. Farwell | 82 |
| July 3 | Harrisville | Napoleon M. Bergeron | 79 |
| July 4 | Keene | Aloysius Ryan | 59 |
| July 8 | Keene | Frans Isaac Seppa | 77 |
| July 10 | Keene | Fred Emery | 90 |
| July 24 | Keene | Clarence Seaver | 62 |
| Aug. 3 | Hudson | John A. Taylor | 84 |
| Sept. 4 | Peterborough | Bertha C. Bemis | 83 |
| Sept. 18 | Harrisville | Neil Johnson | — |
| Sept. 20 | Harrisville | Goldie Gilbert | 77 |
| Sept. 27 | Harrisville | Isiah A. Fraser | 59 |
| Oct. 28 | Harrisville | Alfred M. Butler | 89 |
| Oct. 29 | (for burial only) | Joseph Robinson | — |
| Nov. 13 | Keene | Wilfred F. Cloutier | 56 |
| Nov. 28 | Harrisville | Charles F. Laine | 75 |
| Dec. 29 | Harrisville | Annie I. Brown | 88 |
| | | Jennie L. Gregoire | 72 |

HELEN B. THAYER, Town Clerk

