

# Annual Reports

of the

## Town Officers

of

# ALSTEAD

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

*for the year ending*

DECEMBER 31

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### TOWN WARRANT

Cheshire, ss:

To the inhabitants of Alstead qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the eighth (8th) day of March, A. D. 1949, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose the following officers, town clerk, town treasurer, one selectman for three years, tax collector, overseer of poor, road agent, auditors, constables, library trustees, trustees of trust funds, park commissioner.

Art. 2. To see what sum of money the town will raise for ordinary town charges, old age assistance, and for the support of the poor.

Art. 3. To see if the town will raise the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) towards its share in the cost of a new Town Aid Bridge located over Darby Brook at the foot of the "Milan Green Hill," so called.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to build a black top road between the residence of C. H. Simmons and B. G. Dana on the so-called hill road including the road to the summit of Cook Hill and raise money for the same.

Art. 5. To see what sums of money the town will raise for highways and bridges.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise to oil the village streets, the Slade Hill Road, and the TRA Road to Alstead Center.

Art. 7. To see if the town will raise \$2,786.00 for the construction (for two years) of the Alstead-Gilsum road and call for State assistance, the state to contribute \$5,572.00.

Art. 7a. To see if the town will raise \$1,393.50 for the construction (for one year) of the Alstead-Gilsum road and call for State assistance, the State to contribute \$2,786.00.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell real estate acquired by tax sale.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of cemeteries.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise \$35.00 for water rent for the town hall and watering through.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the library.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise \$50.00 for Memorial Day.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of parks and playgrounds.

Art. 14. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise \$262.45 to reduce state aid construction notes.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise \$1,500.00 to reduce the Road Grader note.

Art. 17. To see if the town will raise \$800.00 to reduce the truck and snow plow note.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to have a street light installed in front of the Alstead Village Elementary School and raise money for same.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will raise for street lights.

Art. 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$92.00 (1/100th of 1% of the valuation of the town) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southern New Hampshire for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns of the Monadnock Region.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will raise for fire protection and for the support of the fire company and for the purchase of fire fighting equipment.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care and maintenance of the town clock.

Art. 23. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$400.00 for the control of Pine Blister Rust.

Art. 24. To see what action the town will take to purchase or rent and maintain land for a public dump, and/or the disposal of rubbish, and raise money for the same.

Art. 25. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$75.00 for painting the ceilings, walls, and woodwork of the lower hall and kitchen of the town hall.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of the Municipal Budget Act.

Art. 27. To see if the town will take any action regarding a re-assessment of property, and/or an audit to be conducted by the State Tax Commission, and raise money for the same.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to elect all town officers by ballot in the future.

Art. 28a. To see what action the town will take regarding the purchase of road equipment, including snow removal equipment, and raise money for the same.

Art. 29. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February, A. D. 1949.

BENJ. H. BRAGG,  
BURTON G. DANA,  
NELSON C. BURNHAM,  
Selectmen of Alstead.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

BENJ. H. BRAGG,  
BURTON G. DANA,  
NELSON C. BURNHAM,  
Selectmen of Alstead.

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD

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ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR  
THE ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1949 TO DEC. 31, 1949  
COMPARED WITH  
ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIATIONS  
AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR  
JAN. 1, 1948 TO DEC. 31, 1948

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### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1948	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1948	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1949
From state:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$1,300 00	\$1,518 76	\$1,500 00
Savings bank tax	300 00	308 47	300 00
For fighting forest fires	100 00	239 55	100 00
Reimbursement a/c old age assistance		75 59	
From local sources except taxes:			
Business licenses and permits	8 00	4 50	5 00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	150 00	102 00	150 00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	160 00	322 55	325 00
Income from trust funds	2,890 15	2,800 08	2,800 00
Income of departments:			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment	368 00	3,956 17	2,000 00
From Walpole Fire		501 47	471 23
Other Fire Dept. income		54 77	
Sale of junk		10 00	



	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1948	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1948	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1949
Income from municipally owned utilities:			
Vilas Pool	15 00	15 00	15 00
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,294 35	1,602 02	1,600 00
Sale of town property	100 00	182 00	100 00
From local taxes other than property taxes:			
(a) Poll taxes—Reg. @ \$2	738 00	748 00	750 00
(b) National Bank stock taxes	12 50	12 50	12 50
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes	\$7,702 51	\$12,453 43	\$10,128 73
*Amount to be raised by property taxes			40,407 72
Total revenues			\$50,536 45

\*Total estimated "Revenues from All sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

## PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations Previous Year 1948	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1948	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1949
Current maintenance expenses:			
General government:			
Ordinary town changes	\$3,000 00		
Town officers' salaries		\$1,765 00	\$1,765 00
Town officers' expenses		138 64	140 00
Election and registration expenses		228 30	75 00
Auto permits		201 47	200 00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings		290 75	290 00
Protection of persons and property:			
Police department		104 30	100 00
Fire department	1,000 00	2,350 14	1,000 00
Blister rust	400 00	400 00	400 00
Health:			
Vital statistics		17 25	20 00
Town dump	100 00	196 99	300 00
Highways and bridges:			
Town maintenance and oiling	11,800 00	15,859 82	8,000 00
Street lighting	850 00	862 44	850 00
Bridge aid			4,500 00
Public welfare:			
Town poor	800 00	709 92	800 00
Old age assistance	1,000 00	1,278 41	1,300 00
Patriotic purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' associations	50 00	61 38	50 00
World War II memorial	500 00	584 99	
Recreation:			
Parks and playgrounds, incl. band concerts	100 00	100 00	100 00

	Appropriations Previous Year 1948	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1948	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1949
Public service enterprises:			
Town clock	25 00		25 00
Cemeteries	300 00	313 50	300 00
Unclassified:			
Water rent	25 00	14 66	35 00
Unclassified		708 37	
Advertising and Regional Associations	82 00		92 00
Interest:			
On temporary loans		288 24	
On long term notes		239 62	
Outlay for new construction and perm. improvement:			
Highways and bridges:			
State aid construction— town's share	1,233 00	1,233 00	1,300 00
Indebtedness:			
Payment on principal of debt:			
(a) S.A.O. note	1,158 34	1,158 34	262 45
(b) Truck note	800 00	800 00	800 00
(c) Grader note	1,500 00	3,000 00	1,500 00
Payments to other govern- mental divisions:			
County taxes	2,201 75	2,201 75	2,300 00
School taxes	25,457 00	26,116 94	25,457 00
Total expenditures	\$52,382 09	\$61,224 22	\$50,536 45

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT**  
**SUMMARY INVENTORY**  
 Of Valuation for the Tax Year 1948

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	Valuation
1. Lands and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)	\$770,113 00
Growing wood and timber	63,088 00
Electric plants, 3	47,930 00
Horses, 77	7,175 00
Oxen, 2	400 00
Cows, 224	24,255 00
Other neat stock, 83	8,520 00
Sheep and goats, 18	180 00
Hogs, 3	150 00
Fowls, 745	930 00
Vehicles, 2	10,500 00
Portable mills, 3	4,000 00
Wood, lumber, etc.	14,532 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	1,375 00
Stock in trade	17,175 00
Mills and machinery	7,825 00
3. Total valuation	\$978,148 00
(Exclusive of soldiers' exemptions, exemptions to blind) total valuation	\$929,098 00
4. Poll taxes, 402	804 00
5. National Bank stock taxes	12 50
Total amount of taxes to be committed to collector including town and precinct taxes, poll taxes and National Bank stock taxes	41,046 44
7. Average rate of taxation per one hundred dollars valuation for all purposes	4 33
8. Amount of property valuation exempted to soldiers	49,050 00
9. Amount of property valuation exempted to blind	none

## ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITY COMPANIES

Name of Company :	Electric
Conn. River Power Co.	\$9,810 00
Granite State Elec. Co.	29,430 00
Public Service Co.	8,690 00
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	\$47,930 00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND  
TAXES ASSESSED  
For the Tax Year 1948

**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

June 9, 1948.

BENJAMIN H. BRAGG,  
BURTON G. DANA,  
NELSON C. BURNHAM,  
Selectmen of Alstead.

Appropriations :	
Town officers' salaries, ordinary town charges	\$3,000 00
Fire department	1,000 00
Blister rust-moth extermination	400 00
State aid construction	1,233 00
Town maintenance	9,000 00
Oiling Village street, Slade hill, Center road	2,800 00
Street lighting	850 00
Town clock	25 00
Town dump	100 00
Old age assistance	1,000 00
Town poor	800 00
Memorial Day	50 00
Parks and playgrounds	100 00
Water rent	25 00
Cemeteries	300 00

Memorial to World War II Veterans	500 00
Truck note	800 00
Advertising and Regional Associations	82 00
Road grader note	1,500 00
Payments on principal of debt S.A.O.	1,158 34
County tax	2,201 75
School tax	25,457 00
Total town and school appropriations	<u>\$52,382 09</u>

Less: Estimated revenues and credits:

Interest and dividend tax	\$1,554 12
Savings Bank tax	300 00
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,234 95
Business licenses and permits	5 00
Rent of town property	530 50
Interest received on taxes	150 00
Cash surplus—ear marked for roads	5,000 00
Vilas fund	2,890 15
Vilas pool light	15 00
Total revenue and credits	<u>11,679 72</u>
	<u>\$40,702 37</u>
Plus overlay	344 07
Net amount to be raised by taxation	<u>\$41,046 44</u>
Less: Poll taxes at \$2.00	\$804 00
National Bank stock taxes	12 50
	<u>816 50</u>

Amount to be raised by property taxes on  
which tax rate is to be figured \$40,229 94

Taxes to be committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$40,229 94
Poll taxes at \$2.00	804 00
National Bank stock taxes	12 50
Estimated taxes to be committed	<u>\$41,046 44</u>
Breakage	46
Actually committed	<u>\$41,046 90</u>
Town tax rate \$4.33.	

## FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 28, 1949.

BENJ. H. BRAGG,  
BURTON G. DANA,  
NELSON C. BURNHAM,  
Selectmen.

DON W. MOORE,  
Treasurer.

### ASSETS

Cash :	
In hands of treasurer	\$8,897 95
Accounts due to the town—	
Due from state:	
(b) Bounties	188 00
Other bills due town:	
(a) Town of Walpole	471 23
(b) V. F. W.	24 00
Unredeemed taxes: (from tax sale on account of)	
(b) Levy of 1947	1,256 96
(c) Levy of 1946	421 82
(d) Previous years	659 19

## Uncollected taxes:

(a) Levy of 1948	8,631 36	
(b) Levy of 1947	100 17	
(c) Levy of 1946	45 10	
(d) Previous years	none	
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Total assets		\$20,695 61
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)		3,053 75
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Grand total		\$23,749 36

**LIABILITIES**

## Accounts owed by the town:

Orders outstanding	\$97 00
Bills outstanding, abatement	433 00

## Due to school districts:

(a) Dog licenses	312 91
(b) Balance of appropriation	9,457 00

Outstanding temporary loans in  
anticipation of taxes:

Connecticut River National Bank	9,000 00
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## Long term notes outstanding:

S.A.O. road note	262 45
Truck and snowplow note	2,000 00
Grader note	2,187 00

Total long term notes outstanding	4,449 45
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Total liabilities	\$23,749 36
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**RECEIPTS**

## Current revenue:

## From local taxes:

(Collected and remitted  
to treasurer)

1. Property taxes—current year	\$31,804 75
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2.	Poll taxes—current year—	
	Regular @ \$2	524 00
3.	National Bank stock taxes	12 50
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4.	Total current year's taxes collected and remitted	\$32,341 25
5.	Property taxes—previous years	8,188 21
6.	Poll taxes—previous years—	
	Regular @ \$2	224 00
8.	Interest received on taxes \$2.86, \$302.49, \$9.85, \$7.35	322 55
9.	Tax sales redeemed	800 29
	From state:	
11.	Interest and dividend tax	1,518 76
13.	Savings bank tax	308 47
17.	Fighting forest fires	239 55
	From local sources, except taxes:	
22.	Dog licenses	348 53
23.	Pistol permits	4 50
25.	Rent of town property, town hall	102 00
28.	Highway department	3,956 17
31.	Registration of motor vehicles, 1948 permits	1,602 02
	Receipts other than current revenue:	
32.	Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	19,000 00
38.	Trust funds, Vilas fund	2,800 08
40.	Sale of town property	182 00
	Town of Walpole, Fall Mt. fire	501 47
	N. George, truck fire	43 00
	Rent of pumper	11 77
	Sale of junk	10 00
	Vilas pool light	15 00
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	Total receipts from all sources	\$72,595 21
	Cash on hand January 1, 1948	9,332 04
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	Grand total	\$81,927 25

**PAYMENTS**

## Current maintenance expenses :

## General government :

1.	Town officers' salaries	\$1,765 00
2.	Town officers' expenses	138 64
3.	Election and registration expenses	228 30
5.	Expenses town hall and other town buildings	290 75

## Protection of persons and property :

6.	Police department	104 30
7.	Fire department, including forest fires	2,350 14
8.	Moth extermination—blister rust	400 00
9.	Bounties	188 00

## Health :

11.	Health department, including hospitals	35 62
12.	Vital statistics	17 25
13.	Town dump	196 99

## Highways and bridges :

15.	Town maintenance	15,859 82
16.	Street lighting and sprinkling	862 44

## Public welfare :

19.	Old age assistance	1,278 41
20.	Town poor	709 92

## Patriotic purposes :

22.	Memorial Day and Veteran's Associations	61 38
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## Recreation :

24.	Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	100 00
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## Public service enterprises :

25.	Auto permits	201 47
26.	Memorial War II Veterans	584 99
27.	Cemeteries, including hearse hire	313 50

Unclassified:	708 37
29. Damages and legal expenses, water rent, town hall and trough	14 66
31. Taxes bought by town	1,468 19
32. Discounts, abatements and refunds	23 27
Interest:	
33. Paid on temporary loans in antici- pation of taxes	288 24
34. Paid on long term notes	239 62
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements:	
37. Highways and bridges—state aid construction	1,233 00
Indebtedness:	
45. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	10,000 00
46. Payments on long term notes	4,958 34
Payments to other govern- mental divisions:	
51. Special poll taxes @ \$3 paid to state	90 00
52. Taxes paid to county	2,201 75
54. Payments to school districts	26,116 94
Total payments for all purposes	\$73,029 30
Cash on hand December 31, 1948	8,897 95
Grand total	\$81,927 25

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town hall, lands and buildings	\$10,000 00
Furniture and equipment	900 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings	125,000 00
Furniture and equipment	5,000 00
3. Police department, lands and buildings	150 00

4. Fire department, lands and buildings	3,000 00
Equipment	3,500 00
5. Highway department, lands and buildings	700 00
Equipment	12,100 00
6. Parks, commons and playgrounds	10,000 00
9. Schools, lands and buildings	155,000 00
11. All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds:	
Shadow land lots	680 00
French-Blake land	50 00
Town car	150 00
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Total	\$326,230 00

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**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT IN ACCOUNT WITH  
DOG LICENSES**

Alstead, N. H., Dec. 31, 1948

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Number of licensed dogs in town, 142	
Number of males and spayed females @ \$2.00, 113	\$226 00
Number of females @ \$5.00, 17	85 00
Number of dogs licensed for part year, 8	21 93
Number of kennel licenses, 1—number of dogs, 4	12 00
Amount received for 39 fines	32 00
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	\$376 93
Less fees for 142 dogs	28 40
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	\$348 53
Amount paid treasurer	\$348 53

I hereby certify the above report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY C. METCALF,  
Town Clerk.

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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## SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1948

Taxes committed to collector:

DR.

Property taxes		\$40,242 90
(Includes \$12.50 National Bank stock taxes)		
Poll taxes		804 00
		\$41,046 90

Added taxes:

Polls	\$8 00	
Property	43 30	
	51 30	
Interest collected		2 86
		\$41,101 06

CR.

Pty. and Nat'l Bank stock taxes on warrant,	\$31,773 95	
Added tax collected	43 30	
	\$31,817 25	
Interest collected		2 86
Polls: from warrant		522 00
Added polls collected		2 00
		\$32,344 11

Abatements allowed:

Polls	\$26 00	
Pty.	99 59	
	125 59	

Uncollected as per collector's list :

Polls: from warrant	\$256 00	
Added polls	6 00	
Pty.	8,369 36	
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		8,631 36
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		\$41,101 06

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1947

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1948

DR.

Polls	\$250 00	
Property	8,225 93	
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		\$8,475 93

Added taxes :

Polls	\$6 00	
Property	none	
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		6 00

Interest collected

302 49

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\$8,784 42

CR.

Property taxes	\$8,077 84	
Interest collected	302 49	
Polls	222 00	
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		\$8,602 33

Abatements allowed :

Polls	\$14 00	
Property	67 92	
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		81 92

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1948,  
per collector's list :

Polls	\$20 00
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Property	80 17
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	100 17
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	\$8,784 42

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
 LEVY OF 1946  
 Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1948  
 DR.

Polls	\$36 00
Property	134 34
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	\$170 34

Added taxes: none.

Interest collected	9 85
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	\$180 19

CR.

Property taxes	\$76 64
Interest collected	9 85
Polls	2 00
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Amount collected and paid treasurer	\$88 49

Abatements allowed:

Polls	\$20 00
Property	26 60
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	46 60

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1949:

Polls	14 00
Property	31 10
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	\$180 19

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1945

Uncollected balance as of January 1, 1948

DR.

Pty. tax	\$33 73
Interest collected	7 35
	\$41 08

CR.

Interest collected, on pty. tax	\$7 35
Pty. tax, collected	33 73
	\$41 08

L. F. BRAGG,  
Collector.



## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1948

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Cash received:

H. C. Metcalf, town clerk, auto taxes	\$1,602 02
H. C. Metcalf, town clerk, dog licenses	348 53
Robert E. Trask, road agent	3,956 17
L. F. Bragg, tax collector, 1948 taxes	32,344 11
L. F. Bragg, tax collector, 1947 taxes	8,772 94
L. F. Bragg, tax collector, previous years etc.	759 25
Selectmen, temporary loans	19,000 00
Selectmen, rent of town hall	102 00
Selectmen, Credits to fire department	795 79
Selectmen, received from Vilas estate	2,800 08
Selectmen, interest and dividends tax	308 47
Selectmen, savings bank tax	1,518 76
Selectmen, unclassified	287 09
Cash on hand, January 1, 1948	9,332 04
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Total receipts	\$81,927 25
Selectmen's orders drawn	73,029 30
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Cash on hand, December 31, 1948	\$8,897 95

### VILAS POOL FUND

Received from Vilas estate	\$2,212 13
Received from sale of motor	70 00
Received for interest	29 69
Cash on hand December 31, 1947	4,514 15
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Total receipts	\$6,825 97
Selectmens orders drawn	4,379 26
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Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$2,446 71

DON W. MOORE,  
Treasurer.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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### TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

B. H. Bragg, selectman, 1948	\$300 00
B. G. Dana, selectman, 1948	300 00
N. C. Burnham, selectman, 1948	300 00
H. L. Estabrook, moderator	15 00
Leon M. Trow, auditor	20 00
Marion Bath, auditor	20 00
L. F. Bragg, tax collector	300 00
Don W. Moore, town treasurer	250 00
H. C. Metcalf, town clerk	200 00
Morris S. Ring, Sr., overseer of poor	60 00
	\$1,765 00

### TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Postmaster, postage	\$19 00
Postmaster, stamp for auditors	1 84
D. L. Garrison, auto guide	4 50
G. H. Tilden & Co., jury forms	1 46
Wheeler & Clark, stamp	1 63
The Rockingham Press, checklists	23 75
Warner Press, treasurer's envelopes	6 50
Nelson C. Faught, adding machine rolls	1 39
L. F. Bragg, postage	2 00
B. H. Bragg, copying blotter	10 00
Comstock Printer, printing tax bills	12 00
H. C. Metcalf, expense	4 95
Chase's, supplies	9 36
Brown & Saltmarsh	2 60
Edson C. Eastman, Co. Inc., supplies	37 66
	\$138 64

### ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

B. R. Taylor, supervisor	\$53 30
Roy H. Buss, supervisor	66 00

Earl M. Pitcher, supervisor	57 00
Herbert D. Gale, ballot clerk	12 00
Guy S. Neal, ballot clerk	12 00
William D. Hayes, ballot clerk	4 00
Leon M. Trow, ballot clerk	12 00
John H. Allen, ballot clerk	8 00
C. H. Metcalf, ballot clerk	4 00

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\$228 30

### TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

B. H. Bragg, wood	\$17 00
Walter Burroughs	9 00
H. C. Metcalf, supplies	1 22
Nelson C. Burnham, repairing lights	4 65
Carroll Hatch, wood	18 00
Marx Hardware, supplies	1 95
E. A. Parker, repairs on water works	14 65
Eugene S. Smith, tuning piano	10 00
A. B. Lufkin, janitor	75 00
Harry B. Gowen, wood	36 00
H. L. Estabrook, supplies	5 83
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	64 01
Granite State Electric Co.	33 44

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\$290 75

Received from Outing club	\$22 00
Received from selectmen	40 00
Received from Warren Pond Grange	40 00

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\$102 00

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Willis H. Craig, repairing tramp house	\$4 50
Willis H. Craig, services	43 80
W. D. Hayes, services	50 00
Charles Gale, services	4 00
Willard C. Kelley, care of tramps	2 00

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\$104 30

## VILAS POOL REPORT

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1947	\$4,514 15
Received from Vilas fund	2,212 13
Sale of motor	70 00
Interest	29 69
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	\$6,825 97

## EXPENDITURES

Superintendent	\$1,043 00
Life guards	568 52
Other help	1,599 87
Telephone and lights	198 86
Insurance	126 00
Other expense	843 01
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	\$4,379 26

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1948	\$2,446 71
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## AUTO PERMITS

Received	\$1,602 02
Paid H. C. Metcalf	201 47

## BOUNTIES

Paid	\$188 00
Due from state	188 00

## VITAL STATISTICS

Paid W. C. Goodwin	\$ 25
Paid H. C. Metcalf	17 00
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	\$17 25

## STATE AID ROAD

Amount raised	\$1,233 00
Amount paid to state	\$1,233 00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Amount raised	\$1,000 00
Received from state	239 55
Received from town of Walpole	501 47
Received from Mr. N. George	43 00

Received from rent of pumper	11 77
Due from town of Walpole—Fall Mt. fire	471 23

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\$2,267 02

Paid:

V. Richard Chambers	\$180 00
Town of Rockingham, repairing hose	12 44
H. L. Estabrook, supplies	5 20
Forest Fire Training School	9 00
R. N. Johnson, fence	7 20
Robert E. Trask, labor and truck on waterhole	42 30
Forest fire account, Osterhouse fire	15 32
Forest fire account, South woods fire	315 38
Forest fire account, South woods fire	3 83
Maurice C. Pitcher, supplies South woods fire	10 09
Marx Hardware, nails and bolts, etc.	4 30
Leon M. Trow, insurance	23 57
C. H. Metcalf, postcards	7 00
Town of Gilsum, South woods fire	140 25
George L. Porter, plank	20 34
Town of Surry, South woods fire	6 55
E. A. Parker, gate on Monty waterhole	10 10
H. A. Seavey, labor	10 00
N. H. State Fireman's Association, dues	21 00
Morris S. Ring, Sr., insurance on fire truck	61 25
Richard Jefts, labor	2 25
Forest fire account, Fall Mt. fire, Walpole	491 23
Forest fire account, Fall Mt. fire, Walpole	501 47
Granite State Electric Co.	12 95
Kane & Healy, fuel oil	102 94
State of N. H. Forest & Recreation Dept., fire equipment	84 99
Robert E. Trask, trucking gravel	19 00
Fire department payroll	250 19

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\$2,350 14

Overdraft

\$83 12

## CEMETERIES

Amount raised	\$300 00	
Paid Frank Clark		\$187 50
Paid Leon M. Trow		126 00
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		\$313 50
Overdraft	\$13 50	

## INTEREST

Paid Savings Bank of Walpole		\$239 62
Paid Connecticut River National Bank		287 00
Paid County of Cheshire, interest on county tax		1 24
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		\$527 86

## TEMPORARY LOANS

Received from Connecticut River Nat'l Bank	\$19,000 00
Paid Connecticut River Nat'l Bank	10,000 00
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Balance	\$9,000 00

## LONG TERM NOTES

	Amt. of Note	Paid	Balance
S. A. O.	\$1,420 70	\$1,158 34	\$262 45
Truck and snow plow	2,800 00	800 00	2,000 00
Grader note	5,187 00	3,000 00	2,187 00

## TOWN POOR

Amount raised	\$800 00
Paid:	
County of Cheshire, care of A. R. Winham	\$478 61
Aid for Elmer Henry	45 61
Aid for Clinton Simmons	105 00
Aid for Clifford Burroughs	64 17
Aid for soldiers	16 53
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	\$709 92
Balance	\$90 08

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Amount raised	\$1,000 00	
Paid		\$1,278 41
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Overdraft		\$278 41

## MEMORIAL DAY

Amount raised	\$50 00	
Paid C. P. Britton Post No. 57		\$50 00
Paid C. P. Britton Post No. 57. flag		11 38
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		\$61 38
Overdraft	\$11 38	

## TOWN ROAD ACCOUNT

Amount raised, highways and bridges (\$5,000 from general fund)	\$9,000 00	
Amount raised oiling streets, Slade Hill and Alstead Center road	2,800 00	
Received for rent of grader	3,636 00	
Received for oiling driveways	308 81	
Received for sand	7 88	
Discount on culverts	3 48	
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Total taken in	\$15,756 17	
Orders drawn by selectmen		\$15,859 82
Overdraft	\$103 65	

## STREET LIGHTS

Amount raised	\$850 00	
Received from Vilas pool light	15 00	
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	\$865 00	
Amount paid		\$862 44
Balance	\$3 44	

## MEMORIAL

John N. Dunlap		\$250 00
Clark Building Co.		162 69
Robert E. Trask, labor and trucking		20 15
Ebbe Arirdson, laying stone piers		84 00
H. A. Seavy Express, cash paid		14 60

Keene Girls Drum and Bugle	40 00
Vermont Sand & Gravel Co.	8 05
Marx Hardware, cement	5 50

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 \$584 99

Amount raised \$500 00

Overdraft \$84 99

## TOWN DUMP

Fred Carman, digging dump	\$89 50
N. C. Burnham, labor on dump and paid cash	11 59
Herbert Muzzy, labor burning dump	5 00
B. H. Bragg, cash paid Frank Monty for dump	25 00
Owen H. Libby, kerosene	1 86
Clifford Marvin, burning dump	13 50
John Dagenais, burning dump	2 00
John Monty, burning dump	2 00
N. C. Burnham, labor and Kerosene	16 94
Maurice C. Pitcher, kerosene	4 60
N. C. Burnham, cash paid Frank Monty for dump	25 00

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 \$196 99

Amount raised \$100 00

Overdraft \$96 99

## UNCLASSIFIED

George A. Craig, error in assessment of taxes	\$23 27
Leon M. Trow, insurance	131 48
Leon M. Trow, town officers bonds	82 50
H. C. Metcalf, express, rebate auto taxes	2 58
Esther G. Bennett, record of deceased real estate owner	40
Sentinel Printing Co., town reports	253 40
Winfield Chaplin, transfer eards	33 40
N. C. Burnham, road and tax assessors meeting, with ear	14 00
B. H. Dana, road and tax assessors meeting, with ear	14 00
B. H. Bragg, road and tax meetings	10 00
H. C. Metcalf, padlocks	1 30
H. B. Gowen, barbed wire	7 30



Maurice Pitcher, damage to car	8 45
H. A. James, painting flag pole	25 00
E. A. Parker, repairing trough	13 50
Shedd-Porter Library, water rent	14 66
L. F. Bragg, taxes bought by town	1,359 43
L. F. Bragg, cost of tax sale	108 76
N. H. City & Town Clerk's Ass'n., dues	2 00
Association of N. H. Assessors, dues	2 00
R. F. Renzelman, mowing Alstead Center common	15 00
N. C. Burnham, assessors meeting at Manchester	19 00
B. H. Bragg, assessors meeting at Manchester	34 60
E. A. Parker, repairing water trough	36 46
N. H. Tax Collectors Ass'n., dues	2 00
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	\$2,214 49

#### PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Amount raised	\$400 00	
Paid State Forestry and Recreation Comm.		\$400 00
Balance	none	

#### PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Amount raised	\$100 00	
Paid Herbert D. Gale		\$100 00

#### COUNTY TAX

Paid County of Cheshire	\$2,201 75
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#### SPECIAL POLL TAX

Of 1944 and 1945 As of Jan. 1, 1948

Due state	\$90 00
Paid Gordon S. Kimball, state treasurer	90 00
Balance	<hr/> none

#### DOGS

Rec'd for licenses	\$348 53
Paid:	
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	6 62
William D. Hayes, dog constable	25 00
Elizabeth Murdock, hens killed by dog	4 00
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Balance	\$312 91

## ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOLS

Amount raised		\$25,457 00
Balance appropriation due as per last report	\$10,216 94	
Less overpayment of dog tax in 1946	100 00	
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Due school district, 1948 dog tax		312 91
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		\$35,886 85
Less paid school treasurer		26,116 94
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Balance due school district		\$9,769 91

## REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

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1948

JANUARY

Earl M. Pitcher, labor	\$30 00
Fred Carman, labor	30 00
Wallace Bascom, labor	19 55
Roy Carman, labor	4 25
Gilman Ellis, labor	16 00
Earl M. Pitcher, labor	72 50
Gilman Ellis, labor	77 50
Wallace Bascom, labor	28 05
Roy Carman, labor	6 38
Fred Carman, labor	19 00
Fred Carman, welding, oil, gas for truck	43 56
Earl M. Pitcher, labor	41 25
Gilman Ellis, labor	69 00
Wallace Bascom, labor.	51 00
Casellini Venable Corp., repairs for snow plow	41 73
Hedge & Matthers Co., wire rope cable	2 97
William Reny, labor	4 25
Earl Pitcher, labor	62 50
Gilman Ellis, labor	81 00
Wallace Bascom, labor	60 35
Fred Carman, labor	14 00
Municipal Steel Co., cutting edge for snowplow	98 66
Earl M. Pitcher, labor	41 25
Gilman Ellis, labor	76 50
Wallace Bascom, labor	55 25
Leonard Balla, truck	11 25
Ralph Balla, labor	3 82
C. J. Newell, January gas bill	24 12
Jackson's Garage, January garage bill	90 51
Gay's Express, express on shoes for snowplow	1 55
Casellini Venable Corp., gear for sander, shoes for snowplow	43 75

Fred Carman, fuel, oil, gas, welding mirror, tube, two wheels	93 29
Alstead Garage, gas bill	38 33

## FEBRUARY

Earl Pitcher, labor	16 25
Gilman Ellis, labor	43 50
Wallace Bascom, labor	12 75
Fred Carman, bulldozer	5 00
Howard H'd'r Co., repair links	7 13
Kmuc's Garage, drilling and bolts	2 29
Bruno Herbert, oil for truck	2 40
Earl M. Pitcher, labor	27 50
Gilman Ellis, labor	45 00
Wallace Bascom, labor	25 50
Lee Mousley, labor	1 70
Fred Carman, bulldozer	7 50
Fred Carman, driveshaft, welding and labor	17 25
Marx Mardware, hardware	6 09
Fred Carman, parts for town truck and labor	66 93
Earl M. Pitcher, labor	31 25
Gilman Ellis, labor	42 00
Wallace Bascom, labor	27 63
Robert Trask, truck	57 35
Stanton Dennison, labor	16 58
Harold Lund, plowing, sanding	30 00
Robert Trask, clamps for truck	4 19
Earl M. Pitcher, labor	25 00
Gilman Ellis, labor	28 00
Wallace Bascom, labor	23 80
Fred Carman, bulldozer	5 00
Fred Carman, welding	3 00

## MARCH

Earl M. Pitcher, labor	52 50
Gilman Ellis, labor	87 00
Wallace Bascom, labor	73 10
Robert Trask, truck	12 40
Stanton Dennison, labor	3 40
Jackson's Garage, February garage bill	38 18
C. J. Newell, February gas bill	10 60

The Alstead Garage, February gas, cross chains	10 81
Earl M. Pitcher, labor	12 50
Gilman Ellis, labor	11 00
Gilman Ellis, labor	12 50
Wallace Bascom, labor	16 15
James Burnham, labor	8 50
Stanton Dennison, labor	4 25
Robert Trask, labor	37 50
Robert Trask, truck	15 50
Kmuc's Garage, Feb. 9th, bolts and washers	1 54
Wallace Bascom, labor	27 20
James Burnham, labor	14 45
Stanton Dennis, labor	14 45
Harold Lufkin, labor	7 65
Robert Trask, labor	60 62
Robert Trask, truck	36 00
C. J. Newell, gas	4 75
Robert Trask, truck	148 80
Robert Trask, labor	37 50
Stanton Dennison, labor	35 29
Wallace Bascom, labor	39 95
Fred Carman, labor	7 00
Fred Carman, fuel	31 75
Fred Carman, gas and oil	1 44
Fred Carman, bulldozer	50 00
Fred Carman, shovel	135 00
Fred Carman, truck	6 00
Harold Grant, truck	22 50
Leonard Balla, truck	20 00
Burton Dana, gravel	20 00
Harold Lufkin, labor	15 74
C. J. Newell, gas	5 35
Berger Metal Culvert Co. Inc.	56 52

## APRIL

Robert Trask, truck	74 40
Robert Trask, labor	53 75
James Burnham, labor	3 40
Wallace Bascom, labor	29 75
Stanton Dennison, labor	33 15

Fred Carman, shovel	45 00
Arnold LaRock, gravel	20 00
Jackson's Garage, gas	72 86
Casellini Venable Corp., grader repairs	60 19
Robert Trask, labor	74 37
Robert Trask, truck	49 60
James Burnham, labor	9 35
Stanton Dennison, labor	38 92
Wallace Bascom, labor	34 00
Harold Lufkin, labor	21 67
Fred Carman, bulldozer and shovel	40 00
Robert E. Trask, labor	63 75
Robert E. Trask, truck	27 90
Stanton Dennison, labor	21 25
James Burnham, labor	7 65
Harold Lufkin, labor	14 45
Jones Express, express charge	1 95
T. Southworth Inc., express charge	1 65
Robert Trask, labor	18 75
Robert Trask, truck	37 20
Wallace Bascom, labor	7 65
Stanton Dennison, labor	22 10
Fred Carman, shovel and bulldozer	17 50
James Burnham, labor	6 80
T. Southworth Inc., grader parts	204 23
Robert Trask, labor	56 25
Robert Trask, truck	111 60
Harold Lufkin, labor	16 15
Stanton Dennison, labor	30 60
Harold Grant, truck	55 80
Leonard Balla, truck	55 80
Ralph Balla, truck	52 70
Fred Carman, shovel	67 50
John Hyde, gravel	15 00
Morris S. Ring Sr., insurance	81 00
Casellini Venable Corp.	16 68
Model Press, road signs	5 30

## MAY

Robert Trask, labor	46 87
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Robert Trask, truck	15 50
Harold Lufkin, labor	17 85
James Burnham, labor	17 42
Stanton Dennison, labor	6 80
Berger Metal Culvert Co. Inc., culverts	295 48
Robert Trask, labor	36 25
Robert Trask, truck	21 70
James Burnham, labor	24 65
Harold Lufkin, labor	15 72
Stanton Dennison, labor	2 97
Marx's Hardware, hardware	26 27
C. J. LaFrank, lumber for bridges	19 50
Robert Trask, labor	37 50
Robert Trask, truck	69 75
James Burnham, labor	26 35
Harold Lufkin, labor	22 95
Berton Pratt, labor	14 87
Stanley Osborne, labor	3 40
Jackson's Garage, April-May, gas	100 06
Municipal Steel Corp., wing blade	42 93
Robert Trask, labor	46 87
Robert Trask, truck	80 60
James Burnham, labor	24 65
Harold Lufkin, labor	23 80
Fred Carman, fuel for grader	26 35

## JUNE

Robert Trask, labor	75 00
Robert Trask, truck	9 30
Harold Lufkin, labor	11 90
James Burnham, labor	7 65
Fred Carman, shovel	33 00
Jackson's Garage, repair and bolts	2 70
Robert Trask, labor	66 87
George Henry, transportation	8 00
Carroll Hatch Jr. truck	44 00
Romaine Bascom, labor	14 45
Robert Trask, labor	41 25
Carroll Hatch, truck	56 00
James Bacon, labor	29 75

G. H. Comstock, gravel	25 00
Arthur Whitecomb, Durfee mix, cold patch	57 38

## JULY

Robert Trask, labor	61 87
Robert Trask, truck	27 90
Carroll Hatch, truck	48 80
James Bacon, labor	25 92
Harold Lufkin, labor	5 95
Fred Carman, shovel	132 50
Fred Carman, moving equipment	15 00
Town of Walpole, tarring	612 83
Marx Hardware, bolts, gas can, wrench, etc.	15 95
Robert Trask, labor	60 00
Robert Trask, truck	43 40
Ralph Balla, truck	52 70
Harold Grant, truck	27 90
Carroll Hatch, truck	20 00
James Bacon, labor	6 80
Leonard Balla, truck	24 80
Fred Carman, shovel	85 00
Robert Trask, labor	41 25
Leonard Balla, truck	6 20
M. S. Perkins Machine Co.,	21 00
Koppers Company Inc., tar	2,340 00
Grader note to town of Alstead	1,500 00
Robert Trask, labor	51 25
Robert Trask, truck	15 50
Fred Carman, fuel for grader	33 32
Berger Metal Culvert Co., culverts	174 13
Robert Trask, labor	68 75
Harold Lufkin, labor	11 05

## AUGUST

Robert Trask, labor	37 50
Robert Trask, truck	31 00
Harold Lufkin, labor	15 72
Town of Walpole, sander hitch	5 32
Arthur Whitecomb, cold patch	94 29
Robert Trask, labor	7 50
Harold Lufkin, labor	17 85



Robert Trask, labor	56 25
Marx Hardware, tar remover	1 59
Robert Trask, labor	76 25

## SEPTEMBER

Robert Trask, labor	51 25
Casellini-Venable Corp., wiper group for grader	14 00
Roy Buss, transportation of parts	2 00
Robert Trask, freight bill	1 34
Robert Trask, labor	40 62
Robert Trask, truck	23 25
Robert Trask, labor	66 25
Robert Trask, truck	34 10
Walpole Garage, hydro vac power brakes for truck	59 75
Fred Carman, fuel for grader	31 24
Robert Trask, labor	47 50
Hedge & Matthers Co., bolts and nuts for snow plow blade	3 78

## OCTOBER

Robert Trask, labor	45 00
Robert Trask, labor	56 25
Robert Trask, truck	14 80
Robert Batehelder, truck	14 80
Robert Trask, labor	45 00
Harold Lufkin, labor	5 95
Arthur Whitcomb, cold patch	59 18
Robert Trask, labor	61 25
Robert Trask, truck	24 80
Harold Lufkin, labor	6 80
International Salt Co., ten tons of salt	178 00
Robert Trask, labor	53 75
Town of Walpole, hire of tractor	14 00
Fred Carman, fuel for grader	29 76

## NOVEMBER

Robert Trask, labor	25 00
Robert Trask, truck	24 80
Richard Jefts, labor	8 50
Harold Lufkin, labor	17 50
Casellini Venable Corp., lens for grader lights	1 10
Robert Trask, labor	38 12

Robert Trask, truck	52 70
George Henry, labor	26 00
George Woodell, labor	9 00
Harold Lufkin, labor	30 50
C. J. LaFrank, lumber for bridge, Bell hill	32 13
Jackson's garage, defrosting fans	18 70
Robert Trask, labor	25 00
Robert Trask, truck	18 60
George Henry, labor	4 00
Harold Lufkin, labor	26 00
Hotel Alstead, anti-freeze and gasoline	28 00
Hedge and Matthers Co., ties for snow fence	11 75
Robert Trask, labor	21 25
Robert Trask, truck	43 40
Harold Lufkin, labor	26 50
James Bacon, labor	16 00
George Henry, labor	9 00
Frank Stanley, garage bill for March to Nov. 26	218 37

## DECEMBER

Robert Trask, labor	36 25
Robert Trask, truck	37 20
George Woodell, labor	23 00
Stanton Dennison, labor	18 00
Floyd Bellows, labor	16 50
Jackson's Garage, repairs on town truck	233 12
C. J. LaFrank, lumber for bridge	51 84
Tuscon Steel Corporation, cutting edge for grader	62 57
Robert Trask, labor	55 00
Robert Trask, truck	78 40
George Woodell, labor	23 00
Stanton Dennison, labor	54 00
Floyd Bellows, labor	51 00
Harold Grant, truck	49 60
Leonard Balla, trucks	105 40
Ralph Balla, trucks	62 90
Town of Marlow, truck	52 70
Robert Batchelder, truck	62 90
Charles Howard, truck	51 15
Fred Carman, shovel	169 00

Knue's Garage	11 95
Marx Hardware	5 66
Robert Trask, labor	15 00
Robert Trask, truck	24 80
George Woodell, labor	16 00
Stanton Dennison, labor	63 50
Floyd Bellows, labor	50 00
James Burnham, labor	26 50
Walter Burroughs, 150 yds. gravel	25 00
George Comstock, 1,000 yds. of gravel	100 00
Robert Trask, labor	10 00
Robert Trask, truck	12 40
George Woodell, labor	14 50
Stanton Dennison, labor	43 50
Floyd Bellows, labor	36 00
Willis H. Graig, flushing radiator on truck	20 00
Robert Trask, labor	15 62
Robert Trask, truck	44 95
George Woodell, labor	14 50
Stanton Dennison, labor	33 50
Floyd Bellows, labor	27 50
Total	<hr/> \$15,859 82

## Received from rent of grader:

State and town work	\$3,636 00
From oiling driveways	308 81
Sand	7 88
Discount on culverts	3 48
	<hr/> \$3,956 17

## SUMMARY

Amount raised, highway and bridges	\$9,000 00
Amount raised, oiling streets	2,800 00
From rent of grader	3,636 00
From oiling driveways	308 81
Sand	7 88

Discount on culverts	3 48
Total	\$15,756 17
Orders drawn	15,859 82
Overdraft	\$103 65

ROBERT E. TRASK,  
Road Agent.

## REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR

### Town poor:

Amount raised	\$800 00
Paid County of Cheshire care of A. R. Winham	\$478 61
Aid for Elmer Henry	45 61
Aid for Clinton Simmons' family	105 00
Aid for Clifford Burroughs' family	64 17
Aid for Soldiers dependents	16 53
	<hr/> \$709 92
Balance	\$90 08

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Amount raised	\$1,000 00
Paid	\$1,278 41
Overdraft	<hr/> \$278 41

Respectfully submitted,  
MORRIS S. RING, SR.  
Overseer of Poor

# REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

January 1, 1949

Name of Fund	Principal	Dividend	Expended Library	Expended Schools	Expended Cemetery	Balance
Warren Monument Fund	\$5,262 00	\$120 31		\$99 31	\$21 00	
Shedd-Porter Library	75,625 85	2,798 44	\$2,798 44			
Kimball Library Fund	2,465 19	58 65	58 65			
Carpenter Library Fund	500 00	11 31	11 31			
C. F. Warren Library Fund	5,650 00	141 12	141 12			
Cemetery Trust Funds	39,060 00	887 33			537 74	\$3,000 06
Capitol Reserve Fund—						
Alstead Elem. School	3,878 00	57 73		3,000 00		935 73
Kingsbury School Fund	606 00	15 15		15 15		

DON W. MOORE,  
 ROBERT M. BRACKETT,  
 H. L. ESTABROOK,  
 Trustees of Trust Funds.

I, the auditor of the town of Alstead have examined the accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds of Alstead and find them correct for the year ending December 31, 1948. with proper vouchers.

LEON M. TROW,  
 Auditor.

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	Principal	Overdrawn	Balance Divided	Expended	Balance Overdrawn
Holbrook	\$200 00		\$4 54	\$4 54	
Wells & Smith	510 00		12 24	12 24	
Edith Kimball	200 00		4 54	4 54	
Gibson	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Browne	500 00		11 35	11 35	
Lcwell	200 00		4 54	4 54	
Elwell	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Porter-					
Wentworth	100 00	\$ 50	2 27	1 77	
Banks	100 00		2 27	2 27	
J. C. Kimball	500 00		11 35	11 35	
Mary A.					
Dinsmore	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Milliken	100 00	4 00	2 27	6 00	\$7 73
Shepard	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Hatch-Graves	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Emerson	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Breed-Green	100 00	2 00	2 27	4 00	3 73
Wood	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Smith	200 00		4 54	4 54	
Glover	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Fay	100 00		2 27	2 27	
W. W. Dinsmore	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Blake	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Procter					
(Meriam)	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Vine Porter	200 00		\$3 10	7 64	
Fred L. Prentiss	100 00	3 00	2 27		73
Charles E. Cook	100 00	50	2 27	1 77	
Patridge	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Rogers	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Colburn	250 00		5 68	5 68	
Lucy Porter	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Belt (French)	100 00	11 16	2 27	2 50	11 39
Chandler	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Vilas	1,000 00	42 25	22 70	25 00	44 55
Wallace	100 00	50	2 27	1 77	
Eveline A. Hatch	200 00		4 54	4 54	
Charles H. Cook	100 00		2 27	2 27	
John V. Green	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Harlon P. Ware	300 00		6 81	6 81	
Marshall F.					
Bragg	100 00		2 27	2 27	
William Cheever	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Samuel Watts	100 00		2 27	2 27	
Charles E. Kent	200 00		4 54	4 54	
Charles L.					
Linsley	100 00	5 00	2 27	2 27	5 00
Arthur E.					
Wilder	200 00	5 80	4 54	4 54	5 80
George Newell	100 00		2 27	2 27	
John S. Chivers	100 00	2 50	2 27	2 27	2 50
Mary Ellen Hills	100 00	2 04	2 27	2 27	2 04

Name of Fund	Principal	Overdrawn	Balance	Divided	Expended	Balance	Overdrawn
Burge-Stillings	100 00	29		2 27	2 27		29
John R. Jefts	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Charles E. Ellis	100 00	9 29		2 27	2 27		9 29
Wilder Brothers	6,000 00		680 32	136 20	43 00	\$773 52	
Mary J. Elliott	10,000 00		933 34	227 00	78 96	1,081 38	
Hiram E. Page	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Frank E. Trow	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Amy V. Bonticou	600 00		9 08	13 62	18 00	4 70	
J. Franklin Weaver	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Hattie J. Mitchell	500 00		12 95	11 35	12 00	12 30	
Ryder-Clark	100 00			2 27	2 27		
George & Nancy Wilder	10,000 00		1,054 51	227 00	100 00	1,181 51	
John H. Allen	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Hovey-Allison	100 00			2 27	8 00		5 73
Harlan J. Pratt	100 00			2 27	2 27		
David Clay	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Miller Fund	200 00			4 54	11 00		6 46
Willis E. Crabtree	500 00		40 00	11 35	6 00	45 35	
George E. Porter	100 00			2 27	2 27		
George E. Cater	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Newell-McLane	100 00			2 27	2 27		
W. F. Gilman	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Elizabeth A. Mitchell	200 00			4 54	4 54		
Heywood Fund	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Elmer B. Rhoades	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Milton C. Dodge	100 00			2 27	2 27		
William G. Baer	200 00		6 00	4 54	4 00	6 54	
Washburn- Sevrens	200 00			4 54	4 54		
Walter E. Wilson	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Herbert W. Green	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Milan F. Greene	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Gowan-Dickey	200 00			4 54	4 54		
Harry W. Jewett	200 00			4 54	4 54		
Oliver Pratt	100 00			2 27	2 27		
Charles Franch	100 00			2 27	2 27		

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\$39,060 00	88 83	2,739 30	887 33	537 74	3,105 30	105 24
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Cash on hand January 1, 1949

\$3,000 06

DON W. MOORE,  
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,  
H. L. ESTABROOK,  
Trustees of Trust Funds.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE  
SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
1948**

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Receipts:

From Shedd-Porter fund	\$2,798 44
From water rents	87 92
From interest on bonds	18 75
From Warren fund	141 12
From Kimball fund	58 65
From Carpenter fund	11 31
From rebate on books	2 80

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Total receipts	\$3,118 99
Balance from 1947	2,658 34

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\$5,777 33

Payments	\$3,000 16.
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	2,777 17

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\$5,777 33

Payments:

Salaries, librarian and assistant librarian	\$804 00
Salaries, janitor	360 00
Salaries, treasurer	35 00
Books	551 69
Magazines	158 75
Fuel	435 92
Telephone	57 18
Lights	65 86
Water system	423 04
Unclassified	108 72

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\$3,000 16

Unclassified:

John C. Crowley, electric work	3 00
H. L. Estabrook, supplies	5 11
C. H. Metcalf, postage	3 00



Mrs. Ward Archer, story hour	5 00
Gaylord Brothers, supplies	12 65
Mary Whitton, cleaning	35 70
W. M. Chaplin, copy of deeds	4 04
Marx, Hardware	10 21
H. A. Pederson, bulletin board and work	26 00
H. C. Metcalf, supplies	1 01
American Library Association, dues	3 00

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\$108 72

Water system:

E. A. Parker, work on system	62 49
Horace Seavey, work and material	131 97
James Brooks, work	54 38
C. J. Newell, work and gas	19 70
Golding Keene Co., pipe	70 50
Fred Carman, digging ditch	27 50
Richard Pratt, work	17 75
Wesely Crosby, work	9 75
George Henry, work	11 00
Gordan Pratt, work	3 50
Dana Blood, work	8 50
Jessy Comstock, work	6 00

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\$423 04

Water rents 87 92

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Deficit \$335 12

Other assets:

U. S. bonds	\$1,000 00
Savings Bank of Walpole	3,987 59

C. J. NEWELL,  
Treasurer.

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We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Library Trustees and find them correct.

LEON M. TROW,  
MARIE A. RADCLIFFE,  
Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE  
SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

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As your librarian I hereby submit my annual report.

Again in 1948, as during the last eight years, there was a story hour for children on Saturday afternoons during February and March in charge of Mrs. Ward Archer and Mrs. Vernon Booker.

The pupils of the first eight grades visited the library during Book Week and were entertained with readings from new books by the librarian. Many became interested in taking out books to read.

Some of the summer residents expressed their satisfaction at finding such a large collection of books from which to choose for summer reading.

According to the records, the circulation has been larger this year than in any previous year since the library was built. For nine months out of the twelve the librarian loaned over a thousand books and magazines each month and the total circulation for the year is 12,965; That is over 2,000 more than that for 1947.

Number of books added by purchase	304
Number of books added by gift	17
Number of magazines received	46
Daily paper	1
Weekly papers	2

**RECORD OF CIRCULATION FOR BOOKS AND  
MAGAZINES**

Fiction	6,765
Non-fiction	1,271
Juvenile	2,572
Magazines	2,357
	12,965

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA N. MacLANE,

Librarian.

## REPORT OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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The present organization of the Alstead Fire Department as set up by the 1947 Town meeting has now been in existence for two years. The commissioners are able to report that this organization has functioned even better than was expected.

This is due to the willingness and efforts of the men of the Department. A great share of this credit goes to Mr. Frank Stanley, who until recently has been our Chief. Due to ill health he asked to be relieved of his duties.

The Commissioners fortunately were able to appoint his son Richard Stanley as Chief, in his place. And we feel that the high standard of the Department will still be maintained.

The Commissioners also regret the resignation of Mr. Herbert Muzzy as Lieutenant. He has been a member of the department for a long time, and has always shown a conspicuous devotion to the best interest of the department.

During the past year the Commissioners have covered with sufficient insurance, not only the Fire House and all equipment but also the 21 men of the department while on duty.

We consider the department to be at its highest efficiency, both in material and man power, in the history of the Alstead Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
HEMAN CHASE, Chairman,  
CHARLES J. LaFRANK,  
HORACE A. SEAVEY.

## ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board: Mary C. Burroughs, Chairman; Maybelle Still; Horace Seavey.

Moderator: Benjamin Bragg.

Clerk: Laura McLane.

Treasurer: H. L. Estabrook.

Auditor: Leon Trow.

Superintendent: Theron B. Thompson, Walpole.

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**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**


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**SCHOOL WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the school district of the town of Alstead qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district, on the 8th of March, 1949, at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon 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 truaut officers, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent in 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 if the district will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars as a deficiency appropriation to cover expenses of the current year and instruct its clerk to issue a certificate therefore to the selectmen of the town.

10. To hear the report of the building committee and take any action thereon.

11. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to work with other school boards in this area to study the Cooperative School Act and its possibilities for increased educational efficiency.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Our school money is apportioned among eight major divisions: administration, instruction, operation of school plant, maintenance of school plant, auxiliary activities, fixed charges, capital outlay, and debt and interest charges. Special accounts and appropriations are carried in a ninth division.

We spend approximately three per cent of our school dollars on administration. This covers the salaries of the school officials and superintendent of schools, the tax for statewide supervision, and the office expenses of the superintendent and headmaster. Last year these items cost us \$1,796.90. We allowed \$1,728 for this division when we recommended the budget a year ago. Since that time salaries and services, particularly telephone charges, have increased to such an extent that we anticipate overrunning about \$150. For next year we should appropriate \$2,121.00.

The costs of instruction, which are the major items in our budget, (63%), are teachers' salaries, books, and scholars' supplies. Last year we spent \$27,376.97 to provide these services. The current budget provides \$28,990.00, which is going to be about \$350 less than actual costs now indicate. When the budget was made in January 1948, we could not know then how many teachers would resign in June, nor what we would have to pay replacements. We have the best corps of teachers for many years, but they are not being paid what they should be paid. Our increases have not been as great as those in many communities. If we are to hold these teachers we must pay them more. Books and supplies have increased from 15-25% this fall which will necessitate an increase in our budget of some \$2,000. We recommend an appropriation of \$30,775.00.

It cost us \$4,930.14 to operate our three buildings last year. Rises in fuel costs and janitor supplies influenced us to recommend the sum of \$5,464.00 for the present year, which will be somewhat less than we will need before the year is finished. For next year we should have \$5,750.00.

Maintenance costs are rising every week. Last year we spent \$2,444.88 on repairs to the schools. The amount in the budget for this year was \$1,350. We have already spent \$1,600, \$250 over the budget, to take care of the added costs of re-

pairs that were planned for over a year ago. This does not include the major renovations to the Village school which were a special activity. The painting program at Vilas, which is being spread over a period of five years, in order to avoid unnecessary costly repairs at a later date. There is need for further work on the roof, the drives need more surfacing, and there are other minor details to take care of in order to keep the property in good condition. We should raise at least \$1,350 for next year.

The auxiliary activities are the health program, transportation, tuition and a few minor items. This group usually shows payments in excess of the appropriation because all costs incident to operating the school lunch programs are carried in this section. There has never been an appropriation to support the school lunches, all monies coming from the children and the Federal government. There is an item under the receipts which offsets the expenditures shown for school lunches. The total amount spent last year on auxiliary activities (exclusive of school lunches) was \$6,242.92. There is \$7,035.00 in the present budget, and indications are that this will be sufficient to take us through the year. The major part of this service is transportation. As the numbers of children living away from the village increase the costs of getting them in to school will also increase. Alstead has so much outlying territory that it must expect to have somewhat higher transportation costs than a more compact community. We recommend voting the sum of \$7,125.00 for auxiliary services for the year 1949-50.

Our fixed charges are insurance and retirement. These cost us only \$552.37 last year as the teacher retirement assessment was included in another section. The amount in this budget is \$1,426.00. The teachers' retirement assessment will increase each year due to the increases in teachers' salaries and the fact that all new teachers must join the teachers' retirement system. The per cent to be assessed is determined by the Retirement Board by authority of the state legislature. We should appropriate the sum of \$1,688.00 for next year.



The other items in our budget cover sums for new equipment, and upkeep of the Lawton house. We spent \$1,729.83 for items in this section last year, and have \$50.00 in our present budget. Expenditures so far this year indicate that this section will be overdrawn by several hundred dollars. This is caused by increased enrollments which have necessitated our purchasing new furniture, and by our failure to include an item for the replacement of typewriters when we presented the budget last spring. We recommend that \$600.00 be appropriated for new equipment and upkeep of the Lawton house for 1949-50.

There has been some misunderstanding the last few years over the financial report of the school board for the year ending the previous June 30th. The selectmen are able to close their books on one year before making a budget for the next one. The school board, on the other hand, must make a new budget five or six months before the end of the year in which they are operating. Thus, one can see, that it is practically impossible to accurately estimate how much money will be required to finish out the year or how much money may be left when the final bills and accounts have been settled. Oftentimes there are changes in personnel and unanticipated events that cause considerable variation in the estimates. Under the old method of financial accounting employed by the school districts of this state a final balance was seldom shown, although the town reports often had a figure labeled "balance." This was rarely a balance, but rather a statement of cash-on-hand when the books were closed for the year. A careful analysis of the accounts would show that the purported balance was usually caused by some unpaid bills or special appropriations that were being held until the activity for which they were raised had been completed.

This has been true in Alstead for several years. Many times a quantity of bills were held over until after July 1st or did not even reach the school board until that time. Some years the selectmen have not paid over all the school money until the end of the school year, thus making it difficult for the school board to know whether they could pay certain bills, or not. Last March, at the annual meeting of the school district, you voted to cut the budget recommended by the school



board \$1,000 on the assumption that the board had a sizable cash balance left from the previous year. Actually there was much less than \$1,000 real surplus. The report for the year 1946-47 showed cash-on-hand to be \$3,420.46. Of this amount, \$2,400 was received from the Federal Works Administration, and had to be reserved for payments to the architect who is designing a new elementary building. Another \$300 was appropriated for expenses of the building committee and had to be set aside for that purpose. That left \$720.46 as an actual balance, although part of it, most of it, was held over to pay bills and accounts that had not come in by the end of the fiscal year. Thus, you can see, you voted away a large sum of money that was non-existent.

The school board report for 1947-48 shows cash-on-hand of \$2,215.32 as of June 30, 1948. \$2,200 has to be reserved for payments to the architect, \$281.99 for expenses of the building committee, and \$2,191.66 for expenses incidental to operation of the Veterans' on-the-farm training course which is taught in Vilas High School. This latter sum was paid by the Federal government and must be used to meet specific obligations connected with the course. At the end of the year the invoices had not been presented so that all payments for this course were not made. The selectmen owed the school district \$2,116.94 which offset most of the deficit, but the year ended with an actual net debt of \$341.39. However, \$165 of this can be credited as that amount was used to purchase an item of equipment for the cafeteria in anticipation of the special appropriation that was made at the March meeting. The true debt was \$176.39.

It should be quite obvious that the school district will find itself some \$2,000 short before the end of the present year. The school board is therefore asking that a deficiency appropriation for that amount be raised and appropriated at this time so that the school board will be able to finish the school year and pay all bills. You will find a complete financial report of the district for the preceding year and also the budget under which the school board is operating at the present time, together with a proposed budget for 1949-1950, following the superintendent's and headmaster's reports.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Board and Citizens of Alstead:

I hereby submit my fourth annual report as superintendent of schools:

It gives me great pleasure at this time to report that your schools are progressing very satisfactorily. Only two changes were made in our faculty last fall. Miss Stewart resigned in June to accept a position in a Massachusetts school, and her place is being taken by Miss Edith Harris, a native of Portland, Maine, and a graduate of Boston University College of Practical Arts and Letters. Miss Wolochowicz is teaching in an elementary school this year, also in Massachusetts. Her place was filled by Miss Carolyn Turner of Keene, a graduate of Keene Teachers College. Miss Turner is especially trained in girls' physical training as well as in English and the social studies. Both young women are doing very well for beginning teachers. The spirit of cooperation and willingness to assume a full share of one's responsibility is very noticeable among the teachers and students of Vilas High School this year.

The high school enrollment is about the same as last year. National figures indicate that high school enrollments may drop slightly for the next two or three years due to the comparatively low birthrate during the middle depression years. Within five or six years, however, high school enrollments will climb quite rapidly due to the high birthrate of the last six years. Already we are beginning to feel the effect of this influx of pupils in the primary grades.

If it were possible to obtain a properly trained teacher and if we had the necessary space and facilities we should have another teacher so that we could offer courses in woodworking, household mechanics, electricity, and shop work in the high school. There is a demand for these classes as is evidenced by the fact that during the last two years a number of the boys

have been taking correspondence courses in such fields as automobile mechanics, sheet metal work, and mechanical drawing. We know that there are some boys and girls who are not going to college and who are not interested in taking the commercial course or in becoming farmers. Yet we know that they elect these courses year after year because they are virtually the only choices that they have. Another teacher would also enable us to provide more supervised study periods for our pupils. The primary purpose of the school is to offer service to the town which supports it, and the value to the community should be measured in results obtained rather than in the total cost to the taxpayers. Statistics from the New Hampshire State Board of Education show that our figures on the cost of operating Vilas High School are well below the average for the state. The total costs for instruction for last year for each pupil in Vilas High School was only \$200, whereas the state average for cost of instruction alone (which is only four out of the eighteen items going into the total budget), was nearly \$160. A great many high schools had a cost of instruction figure which was much greater than \$200, some of them going as high as \$350 per pupil. This means that your school board is giving considerable time and careful planning in the selection of courses and programs, and in the operation and maintenance of the high school.

During the summer it was found possible to paint several more of the classrooms and some of the corridors that haven't been done before. We have had several favorable comments by members of the State Department of Education and others on the upkeep and general appearance of the building. In order to maintain this desirable condition it is necessary that we follow the maintenance program voted two or three years ago. Only by doing a little painting each year can we hope to keep the buildings and equipment in first class shape. Some more work was also done on the edge of the roof in an attempt to stop the damage caused by ice backing up during the winter and seeping into the building. This has been the second year on this program and one more year should see it completed. Last summer only part of the drive was tarred and it is hoped to be able to do the front drive this coming

summer. The rear drives were in the worst condition due to the additional traffic there is on them and to the fact that they are exposed to the sun practically all of the time, while the front drive is exposed only for a short period during the day.

The alterations and new equipment in the cafeteria have been a tremendous help in the preparation of the school lunch program. We hope that we shall be able to extend the periods of school lunches another year so that we can offer them for practically the full school term. It has been the practice for the past years to begin the school lunches immediately following the Thanksgiving holidays and to continue them until the spring vacation. Many schools have gone on to a full school-year operation of their lunch program with very desirable results.

The alterations in the Village school have been a decided improvement in the educational opportunities of this building. Following the school meeting last March, we invited the state fire marshal to send a representative to inspect all of the school buildings in the town and to recommend the greatest needs in regard to safety. We were also inspected by the state board of health about the same time, and took the two reports into accounting when planning our remodeling of the elementary school. The state board of health was concerned primarily with the lighting and toilet and sink facilities and recommended that more lights be placed in each room, and the old chemical toilets replaced with flush toilets if possible. The state fire inspector recommended the installation of exit doors separate from the normal exits of the building, cautioned against using the second floor of the building for any purpose other than storage, and recommended several precautionary steps be taken in regard to the use of the furnace room beneath the building. The additional funds made possible by the special meeting last spring enabled the school board to carry out all the recommendations of these two state departments with very gratifying results. There is little need to review these accomplishments as most of you have had an opportunity to visit the building and see them for yourselves.

One of the very desirable by-products of this remodeling was the development of a kitchen. This was done at a relatively low cost by simply moving a partition a few feet away from the wall and installing some shelves. Through the kindness of the plumber we obtained a sink at a very moderate cost and built a very useful kitchen. It would be desirable to have hot and cold running water in this room as soon as it can be arranged so that the cook will be saved the trouble of carrying the water from one of the classrooms.

It was necessary to purchase some more chairs and desks to take care of the added enrollment in the primary room. We now have enough equipment to take care of our immediate floor areas. Should our enrollment increase much more it would be necessary to provide additional quarters in another building. Many of the towns have found it necessary to conduct a temporary school in a lodge room or a church or a store. While this isn't desirable from an educational standpoint it is sometimes the only expedient while proper facilities are being constructed. Your building committee is cognizant of the coming emergency and is preparing to present plans to remedy the situation when the proper time comes.

School costs continue to rise and will probably continue to do so for several years until teachers' salaries begin to level off somewhat or until there is a major depression. Alstead teachers are paid about the same as teachers in any other community of like size, wealth, and school population. We have been fortunate in obtaining and holding very capable teachers on our present salary scale. Most communities in this state are planning on substantial increases for their faculties for another year. In the states to the south of us these increases will be considerably greater than those being considered in New Hampshire. There continues to be a shortage of teachers, particularly elementary teachers and in certain fields among the high school subjects. If we are to continue to have good teachers we must be willing to pay salaries comparable to those offered by other towns.

The present session of our state legislature has several bills before it which are offering ways of improving the educational opportunities in the state. One of these is a bill to im-



prove the Teachers' Retirement System so that the teachers serving a period of years will be able to retire with a little more than enough to provide for the bare necessities of life. Another bill is the Cooperative School District Act, which is being offered as a solution to the problem of higher school costs and inequalities of education among towns. Through the provisions of this act a number of towns may cooperate to form one school district which would supervise the educational activities of all the towns. This act does not attempt to provide cheaper education but rather to insure that the money spent for education will be wisely spent and that as much education as possible will be obtained from that money. It is a definite step forward and one that has been taken by over half the states in this union already. Most states have been studying this matter over the past twenty or twenty-five years. Some have passed legislation making it compulsory for all school districts in the state to unite into cooperative districts; some states have set up special committees to assist towns in forming cooperative districts and other states have passed legislation making it permissible for towns to unite for this purpose. New England has been rather slow in this movement. Several areas in New Hampshire have been studying the cooperative movement during the past two years and in at least one area they are presenting the questions to the citizens of the districts involved for their consideration and approval. There is no doubt but what this plan will be eventually adopted in the state and we should be prepared when the time comes to take advantage of it.

## HEALTH

Health inspection showed the following defects:

249 pupils were inspected, 77 of these being examined by Dr. Tatem of Walpole, N. H.

In August, 1948, 16 of the pupils entering the first grade in September were examined by Dr. Tatem, and defects reported to parents, these clinics being sponsored by the Women's Club. The other pupils examined by Dr. Tatem are in the High School; these pupils were given a complete physical examination.

In the group examined by Dr. Tatem there were:

- 50 pupils in need of dental care.
- 3 pupils were advised to have tonsil and adenoid operations.
- 172 pupils were inspected by the school nurse.
- 16 showed defective vision uncorrected.
- 18 pupils showed poor posture.
- 106 pupils were in need of dental care.
- 11 pupils were advised to have throat and nose examination by a physician.
- 6 pupils had eye examinations and defects corrected.
- 3 pupils had tonsil and adenoid operations.
- 79 pupils had their teeth cared for.

All pupils were given hearing tests, 5 were found to have slight hearing defects. Hearing tests were given with the Maico Audiometer. Vision tests were given with the Massachusetts vision testing equipment.

#### SUMMARY OF ENROLLMENT, JANUARY 3, 1949

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Vilas					8	14	18	23	26	31	26	28	174
Village	24	11	19	10									64
East	1	4	3	5	2	1							16
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Totals	25	15	22	15	10	15	18	23	26	31	26	28	254

#### TUITION PUPILS

	High School	Junior High	Elementary
Aeworth	19	10	2
Langdon	21	1	10
Marlow	12		
Stoddard	1		
Gilsum	4		
Lempster	2		
Charlestown	1		
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Totals	60	11	12

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF 1947-48

Total registration	255
Average membership	239.50
Percent of attendance	93.68
Cases of tardiness	103
Visits by superintendent	330
Number of pupils not absent or tardy	21
Visits by citizens and others	234
Half-days schools were in session	352

## VILAS HIGH SCHOOL REPORT 1948

Twenty-one students were graduated last June, thirteen girls and eight boys. The 1948 class is the largest class to graduate from Vilas. One girl is attending college, two have joined the armed services, eight are working and two are married. Three boys are attending college; two are in army training and three are working.

Twelve graduates of Vilas High School are attending various colleges. We now have graduates attending Keene Teachers College, University of New Hampshire, California Tech., Cornell University, Maine Maritime Academy and Georgetown University. Two graduate from the above institutions this spring.

James Duffy, Class of 1949 has passed the Navy R.O.T.C. examination. He is entitled to attend one of the many colleges in the United States offering the Reserved Officers Training Corps program.

The Legion Boys' State and Legion Auxiliary Girls' State were attended this year by Romaine Bacon '49 and Elizabeth Benware '49. We wish to thank the Legion and Auxiliary for this splendid opportunity for our juniors to participate in such educational instruction.

We wish to thank Dr. A. R. Stevens for his gift of fifteen volumes of "Pageant of America" and ten volumes of "Literature of all Nations." They will help us out for our reference work.

Mrs. Theodora Ward has presented the physical education classes a six by eight canvas mat.



William Kemp '50 and William Potter '50 attended the annual Y.M.C.A. Conference at Nashua as representatives of our school.

A first aid kit was presented to the school by the class of 1948.

The introduction of Latin into our curriculum has met with a favorable response. There are eighteen members in first year Latin.

Our new bleachers in the balcony make a decided improvement to our auditorium. Many more spectators may be seated in a more comfortable manner than before. These bleachers were constructed by the members of the agriculture class and were financed by the Athletic Association fund.

The physical examinations have been made of all high school students this year under the guiding hands of Miss Edgett and Dr. Tatem. This examination has been very rigid, as we feel it a very important part of our physical education program. This examination has been solely financed from our Athletic Association fund.

The Vilas High School basketball team was invited for the fifth time in succession to compete in the Class C Tournament, held at Dartmouth College for the first time. The "C" tournament has grown rapidly and is big enough now to hold its own tournament.

The Vilas boys defeated Twin Mountain and Andover in the preliminaries but lost to Lincoln in the semi-finals by a close score and in the consolation games lost to Appleton Academy. John Monty was chosen as a member of the All-State tournament team.

John Monty won the "Dick Bath" Memorial trophy with the high average of 76% in his foul shots for the season.

The honor students of the class of 1948 were: Jean Murdock, first; Barbara Ball, second; Beatrice Harrington, third; and David Holmes, fourth.

During the year each class is responsible for a social. These socials are under the supervision of committees appointed by each class. The annual Athletic Association Dance is sponsored by the Vilas Lettermen's Association and Girl's

Athletic Council. The Annual Spring Ball is sponsored by the Senior Class.

About 50 students are taking music in the high school in band, orchestra, and chorus.

The chorus is working on the operetta "The Mikado" to be presented in early spring.

For the third year several pupils have been selected to perform in the New Hampshire State Concert Festival at Concord in March. Those selected to sing in the chorus are Elizabeth Benware, Allyn Bascom, and Peter Murray; to play in the band are Nellie Clark, Doris Edson and Langdon Metcalf; and in the orchestra Marie Whippie.

For the second year Marie Whippie is playing violin in the New England Orchestra Concert to be held this year at Wellesley, Massachusetts.

On February 12 in Keene, Marie Whippie and Elizabeth Benware are performing in the Soloists Festival.

The school lunch is planned to help children grow better in mind, body and spirit. The program is made successful through the cooperation of many people. The following are directly responsible for the lunch program.

Mr. Metcalf, General Manager.

Miss Harris, Bookkeeper.

Mrs. F. Metcalf, Planning Menus.

Mrs. Kelly, Cook and Ordering.

Alice Lund, Assistant Cook.

The menu pattern which is followed includes meat, fish or eggs combined with or supplemented by one or more vegetables, whole-wheat and white bread—buttered, fruit and milk.

The actual food costs are financed by charging twenty cents a serving for pupils and thirty cents for adults. We get federal reimbursement of nine cents for each pupil serving plus donations of federally allotted abundant foods monthly.

This year the Juniors and Seniors are studying The Home, It's Care and Management. The course of study has been planned to involve problems existing in school or at home.

The first problems in the fall were in arranging flowers to beautify the home and landscaping home grounds.

We developed guiding principles for landscaping by touring the village to observe good and poor examples of home grounds and by studying books and magazines on the subject, after which, the class made landscape plans for a new home in the community.

A room by room study is made of a typical floor plan with special emphasis on arrangement, interior decoration—finishing and equipment. Materials and procedures are being tested to find the most economical and effective method for taking care of furnishings and equipment.

Alternate periods of clothing and foods are being concluded this year in the freshman and sophomore classes. In foods we hope each girl will acquire knowledge which will enable her to select and prepare meals that can help to build a strong and healthy body.

The main objective in clothing work is to help each girl learn what will make her well-groomed and attractively dressed.

An assembly program is presented each Thursday during the year under the leadership of the senior class. Each senior is responsible for planning and presenting an assembly program. School talent has an opportunity to perform; guests from the Community are invited to participate in our programs.

Vilas High School entered a one-act play in the Alstead-Walpole-Charlestown one-act play competition, a joint experiment that is encouraging interest and participation in the multiple facets of stagecraft. For their presentation of "Grandma Pulls the String" Vilas thespians won the plaque and have in their possession for the year the large plaque to be used in this competition for six years.

The English classes visited the Shedd-Porter Library to become better acquainted with the use of the library and its facilities.

Many students have become enrolled in the Student Book Guild, a type of Book-of-the-Month Club for high school students.

The French classes are carrying on interesting correspondence in French with students in foreign countries including France and Belgium.

"The Youth of America" was the theme of the 1948 graduation exercises. Two addresses, "Education for Living" and "The Youth of America" were delivered by the honor graduates. A choral reading selection "This Is America" was presented by all the members of the senior class.

The mathematics courses at Vilas this year show large increases in enrollment particularly in Algebra and Geometry.

The Advanced Mathematics class of 1947-48 visited Mr. Chase and became familiar with a few of the instruments and methods used by a surveyor.

The present advanced Math class assisted the Girls Physical Ed. Course by laying out a soccer field this past fall.

The Classroom procedure follows lines of drill supplemented whenever possible by pupil reports on any special or interesting phase of mathematics.

The Commercial students have been very busy learning to operate the Mimeograph efficiently, as they stencil tickets for basketball games, programs, and the school magazine, VERNACULAR. In addition to their regular assignments, they do work in the school office and also type reports and business letters for other members of the faculty. A little time was devoted to operating the dictaphone.

The class is challenged to attain the various awards for efficiency in shorthand and typewriting offered by the Gregg Publishing Company. Several have already earned awards in shorthand.

In bookkeeping the pupils are taught the value of personal budgeting, banking procedures, and other useful methods of keeping records. Much practical experience is gained along this line as they help in keeping the books for the school cafeteria.

As in previous years, the Girl's Council was organized in the fall, with the students electing girls to act as leaders in the major sports. The Council in collaboration with the Boy's A.A. sponsored the annual A.A. Dance.

Intramural competition in soccer, speedball, tennis, badminton, and basketball to be followed by volleyball, tennis, archery and softball. These offer the opportunity to all girls to acquire health habits, skills, the sense of good sportsmanship, teamwork and leadership abilities which may be used in our recreational activities throughout life.

In addition to our intramural basketball program the girls have played competitive games with Walpole and the Alumni.

Later activities planned include volleyball, gymnastics, folk dancing, stunts archery, tennis, softball, and playdays with other schools.

There were enrolled 38 boys in vocational agriculture at the beginning of the school year. This figure represents 78 per cent of the boys enrolled in the high school.

Cheshire Fair always keeps us busy the first week of school. The Vilas boys cooperated with the Walpole boys in staging the F.H.A. exhibits, which included fruit, vegetables, livestock, and a candid picture display of the highlights of the past year's activities. Because of the very real danger of infectious diseases, poultry was not shown. This was a disappointment to many of the boys who have poultry projects for they had planned on showing their prize birds.

The school fair was again sponsored by the Home Economic and Agriculture Departments who enjoyed the enthusiastic support of the entire student body. The increase displayed interest on the part of the community in submitting exhibits and their participation in the horse show and their general cooperation are greatly appreciated and also encouraging. We are hoping for even greater community participation in future fairs.

The Vilas chapter of Future Farmers of America has enjoyed a successful year. The Granite State Annual meeting was held at Vilas this year. Fourteen chapters from the state were present for the annual election of the state officers and the public speaking contest. Three of our boys were elected to state officers; Fred Putnam, Vice-president; Dana Merrell, Secretary; and Rodney Bascom, Treasurer. The speak-

ing contest with a \$100 first prize was won by a Vilas boy, Dana Merrell.

Two Vilas boys on the basis of their poultry and dairy judging at Cheshire Fair at Keene won the opportunity to judge on the New Hampshire team at the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield, Mass.

Through cooperative work and the interest of two local farmers the local chapter raised sufficient funds to pay half the expenses of sending five local delegates to the National F.F.A. convention at Kansas City, Missouri. One more Vilas boy was sent as a state delegate.

Our third annual Father and Son Banquet was held in December. There were about 75 people present. The F.H.A. girls under the direction of Mrs. Metcalf served a fine meal of baked ham. Our speakers were Mr. Glenn Bascom, Mr. Oliver Hubbard, Mr. Connie Ahern, and Mr. Daniel Metcalf.

Our class-room work continues to follow the prescribed four year plan of work, developed on the basis of pupil needs in agriculture in this area. We take as many field trips as possible to observe good farm management, and we continue to make use of our farm shop facilities with the emphasis on fundamental skills in the freshman and sophomore classes and more advanced agricultural engineering problems in the junior and senior years. A typical day last year could have found the boys working on the following or similar items: repairing a wheel barrow; reconditioning a manure spreader; painting and repairing a one-horse sled; reconditioning and sharpening our small tools; building chicken feed hoppers.

I wish to express appreciation for the excellent support and cooperation received from the members of the school board, teachers, parents, pupils and friends.

Respectfully submitted,  
THERON B. THOMPSON,  
Superintendent of Schools.



## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year Ending June 30, 1948

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### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand	\$3,420 46
Federal aid for vocational education	1,567 45
National School Lunch Program	915 81
State aid equalization fund	8,586 51
Local taxation	20,000 00
Special appropriations	300 00
Tuitions—Secondary and Elementary	6,761 76
Income from local trust funds	4,272 21
Other receipts	2,983 78
Total receipts from all sources	\$48,807 98

### PAYMENTS

#### Administration:

Salaries of district officers	\$310 00
Superintendent's salary	720 00
Tax for state wide supervision	326 00
Clerical assistants	124 80
Supplies and expenses	316 10

#### Instruction:

Teachers' salaries	\$25,358 41
Text books	684 27
Scholars' supplies	921 43
Supplies and other expenses	412 86

#### Operation of school plant:

Janitors' salaries	2,046 48
Fuel	2,052 31
Water, light and janitor supplies	831 35
Repairs and replacements	2,444 88

Auxiliary activities:	
Health supervision	500 00
Transportation	4,872 75
Tuitions	233 00
School lunches—food and labor	1,020 47
Other activities	637 17
Fixed charges:	
Insurance	506 29
State retirement and other	46 08
Capital outlay:	
F. W. A.	200 00
Building Comm.	18 01
Lawton House	12 88
New equipment	1,529 83
Other charges:	
Veterans administration	467 29
Total payments for all purposes	\$46,592 66
Cash on hand as of June 30, 1948	2,215 32
Grand total	\$48,807 98

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$2,215 32
Accounts due to district from town	2,116 94
Advance from 1948-1949 budget	165 00
Total assets	\$4,497 26
Net debt	1,176 39
Grand total	\$5,673 65



## LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by district or reserved  
for special purposes:

Veterans administration	\$2,191 66
Federal works administration	2,200 00
Building committee	281 99
1948-49 budget	1,000 00
Total liabilities	<u>\$5,673 65</u>

Grand total \$5,673 65

MARY BURROUGHS,  
MAYBELLE STILL,  
HORACE SEAVEY,

School Board.

## ITEMIZED REPORT

Salaries of principals and teachers:

	Salary	Tax	Paid
Daniel Metcalf	\$3,200 00	\$300 00	\$2,900 00
Martin Mitchell	2,800 00	401 20	2,398 80
Ira Stiekney	2,100 00	110 40	1,989 60
Marguerite Stewart	1,800 00	223 20	1,576 80
Hedwig Wolochowicz	1,800 00	223 20	1,576 80
Mae Demison	1,800 00	223 20	1,576 80
Josephine Mitchell	2,100 00	270 00	1,830 00
Frances Metcalf	2,000 00	256 40	1,743 60
Mildred Moulthrop	1,800 00	223 20	1,576 80
Alice Ball	1,800 00	142 80	1,657 20
Laura Edney	1,800 00	142 80	1,657 20
Margaret Haynes	1,700 00	203 60	1,496 40
Madeline Merrill	600 00	22 80	577 20

Janitor services:

Willard Kelley	\$1,760 00	\$54 80	\$1,705 20
Clifford Marvin			303 00
Vincent Sherman			60 00

Transportation:

Hugh Talbot			2,500 00
Hugh Clark			792 00

Jesse Grout	256 00
Harold Lund	528 00
Herman Britton	555 00
Ralph Haskins	100 00
John Adams (bus insurance)	60 68
Harold O. Pierce (bus insurance)	23 39
Keating Insurance	51 95
Fuel:	
Cota & Cota	1,704 92
Howard Hardware	212 39
Prentiss Haines	60 00
William Lamb	48 00
Earl Pitcher	18 00
Walter Burroughs	9 00

### SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

1948—1949

1. Elementary safety:	
Extra electrical circuit, new fixtures, etc.	\$30 00
Redecorating	20 00
Snow guards on roof	97 40
Material and labor, installing new exits, landings, etc.	361 29
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	\$508 69
2. Cafeteria:	
Garland Range	\$235 00
Hobart mixer and attachments	196 75
Material and labor for new shelves, work tables, etc.	102 45
Plates	25 80
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	\$560 00
3. Alterations at Village School:	
Administration, lawyers, surveyors, etc.	\$180 87
Excavating, filling, etc.	114 00
Plumbing contract	1,373 16
Material and labor relocating sinks, shelving, toilets, coat hooks, playground, etc.	830 14
Purchase of land	1,000 00
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	\$3,498 17

## REPORT OF DISTRICT SCHOOL TREASURER

July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948

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Received from selectmen, town appropriation	\$20,300 00
Received from dog tax	none
Received from trustees of trust funds, Warren fund	84 76
Received from trustees of trust funds, Kingsbury fund	12 12
Received from trustees of Vilas fund	4,175 33
Received from State Treasurer, equalization	8,586 51
Received from federal funds	5,142 31
Received from Langdon tuition	2,022 00
Received from Acworth tuition	2,680 66
Received from Marlow tuition	1,170 00
Received from Stoddard tuition	90 00
Received from Gilsum tuition	330 00
Received from Lempster tuition	90 00
Received from other tuitions	379 00
Received from rent	180 00
Received from all other sources	94 83
	\$45,337 52
Cash on hand June 30, 1947	3,420 46
	\$48,757 98
Total amount available for fiscal year	\$48,757 98
Less school board order paid	46,542 66
	\$2,215 32
Balance on hand June 30, 1948	\$2,215 32

H. L. ESTABROOK,  
District Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statement and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Alstead of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948 and find them correct in all respects.

MARION I. BATH,  
Auditor.

July 10, 1948.

**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE**  
**For 1949-50**

	Budget Voted for 1948-49	Budget Proposed for 1949-50
Administration:		
1. Salaries of district officers	\$310 00	\$292 00
2. Superintendent's salary	720 00	900 00
3. Per capita tax	308 00	354 00
4. Other administrative salaries	240 00	325 00
5. Expenses of administration	150 00	250 00
	<u>\$1,728 00</u>	<u>\$2,121 00</u>
Instruction:		
6. Teachers' salaries	\$27,700 00	\$14,700 00
7. Scholars' books	550 00	\$13,000 00
8. Scholars' supplies	450 00	\$29,200 00
10. Other expenses of instruction	290 00	550 00
	<u>\$28,990 00</u>	<u>\$15,000 00</u>
	\$15,485 00	\$15,955 00
Operation and maintenance:		
11. Janitor service	\$2,164 00	\$2,350 00
12. Fuel	1,700 00	\$1,240 00
13. Water, light, janitor supplies	1,600 00	\$892 00
	<u>\$5,464 00</u>	<u>\$2,200 00</u>
	\$3,240 00	\$1,350 00
	<u>\$8,224 00</u>	<u>\$3,290 00</u>
	\$5,750 00	\$2,460 00

**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE**  
**For 1949-50**

	Budget Voted for 19 48-49	Budget Proposed for 1949-50
Maintenance of school plant:		
14. Repairs and replacements	\$1,350 00	\$1,350 00
Auxiliary activities:		
15. Health supervision	\$500 00	\$280 00
16. Transportation	6,250 00	6,050 00
17. Tuition	185 00	185 00
18. Special Activities and funds	100 00	60 00
	<u>\$7,035 00</u>	<u>\$7,125 00</u>
Fixed charges:		
19. Retirement	\$920 00	\$1,045 00
20. Insurance and bonds	506 00	668 00
	<u>\$1,426 00</u>	<u>\$1,713 00</u>
Special accounts and appropriations:		
A. Lawton House	\$50 00	\$100 00
B. New equipment	00	500 00
	<u>\$50 00</u>	<u>\$600 00</u>
Total payments for all purposes	\$46,043 00	\$20,540 00
	\$2,305 00	\$49,434 00
		\$24,460 00

ESTIMATE OF INCOME

Federal aid	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00
State aid	8,586 51	8,000 00
Tuition	6,400 00	7,500 00
Other income	4,500 00	4,500 00
Balance June 30th	1,000 00	00
Dog tax	199 49	00

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	\$21,686 00	\$21,000 00
	\$24,357 00	\$28,434 00

Total to be raised by taxation

Special appropriations:

A. Cafeteria improvement	\$600 00	Deficiency	\$2,000 00
B. Elementary improvements	500 00		

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	\$1,100 00		
Total to be raised by taxation	\$25,457 00		\$30,434 00

## VITAL STATISTICS

At the request of the Selectmen, there is submitted herewith a transcript of the births, marriages and deaths as recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1948.

### BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1948

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.
		Male or Female	Living or Stillborn					
1948			No. of Child 1st, 2nd, etc.					
Jan. 8	Basil W. Jr.	M	1	Basil W. Cray	Elaine C. Clark	Tree surgeon	Alstead	Presque Isle, Me.
May 6	Alice L.	F	2	William F. Esmond	Martha E. Newlin	Retail baker	Painfield, Ind.	Galway, N. Y.
Nov. 8	Kristin A.	F	2	Robert Esslinger	Katherine B. Pedersen	Creamery	Alstead	Brooklyn, N. Y.
May 21	Nancy I.	F	4	Chas. W. Gardner	Bernice F. Pelton	Mechanic	Langdon	E. Providence, R. I.
June 20	Donald E.	M	4	Richard L. Jeffis	Lula M. Bardwell	Teamster	Center Point, La.	Alstead
July 21	Sandra B.	F	1	Olney S. Knight	Margaret A. Pitkin	Lumberman	Cavendish, Vt.	Acworth
Feb. 2	Betty J.	F	2	Roger S. Maxham	Phyllis M. Scudder	Farmer	Saxtons River, Vt.	Hanover
Jan. 11	Judith M.	F	1	Harvey G. Pratt	Doris H. Rawley	Carpenter	Bristol, Conn.	Alstead
" 18	Edwin O. Jr.	M	1	Herbert E. Pratt	Claire L. Hawksley	Plumber	Groveton	Alstead
Sept. 14	Carol A.	F	3	Clayton G. Roy	Jeanne L. Evans	Miner	Grafton, Vt.	Acworth
Mar. 25	Dona M.	F	1	Ralph F. Renzelman	Margaret L. Haskins	Farmer	Williamstown, Vt.	So. Charlestown
May 24	— Renzelman	F	3	William B. Renz	Louise M. Matzen	Railroad	Pittsfield, Mass.	Long Branch, N. J.
Nov. 26	William H.	M	1	Loren W. Smith	Dorothy A. Ritchie	Mechanic	Hamburg, Germany	Manchester, Germany
Apr. 22	Harold R.	M	4	Clinton D. Simmons	Eloise S. Wilson	Gas station	Hartford, Conn.	Brattleboro, Vt.
May 7	Sandra J. L.	F	1	Leland F. Stanley	Dorothy B. Libby	Garage	Berlin	Alstead
Aug. 13	Larry L.	M	1	George E. Wilson	Loretta B. Monty	Gas station	Holton, Me.	Acworth
Mar. 3	Dennis G.	M	2	Harold A. Winham	Elizabeth E. Mousley	Machinist	Stillwater, N. Y.	Alstead
Oct. 12	Margaret L.	F	2		Jo phine F. Zeminsky	Wood turner	Alstead	Alstead
Nov. 29	Margaret L.	F	1				Alstead	



MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1948

Date of Mar- riage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in Years	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	* Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Sta- tion of person by whom mar- ried.
1948 Aug. 7	Gilsum	George H. Burroughs Geraldine D. Beckwith	Alstead Gilsum	20 14	Tree surgeon Keene	Alstead	Robert Burroughs Ray E. Beckwith	Alstead Gilsum	1st 1st	Rv T B Hadley Gilsum
Aug. 8	Charlestown	Raymond N. Fuller Evelyn A. Smith	Walpole Alstead	20 19	Lumberman Salesman	Bellows Falls, Vt. Springfield, Vt.	Verna N. Fuller Rolla F. Smith	Stamford, Vt. Windham, Vt.	1st 1st	Rv A P Watson Charlestown
June 2	Alstead	Wm. F. Michalek Marilyn A. Keegan	Springfield, Ms. Springfield, Ms.	21 18	Compt. opr. Lumberman	Springfield, Ms. Langdon	Wm. E. Michalek Edw'd J. Keegan	Westfield, Ms. New Haven, Ct.	1st 1st	B F Bragg, J P Alstead
Jan. 25	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Elmer C. Rhoades Elenora L. Spaulding	Alstead Alstead	21 18	Lumberman Marlow	Langdon Marlow	Floyd Rhoades Clinton Spauld'g	Alstead Hinesburg Vt.	1st 1st	Rv G D Cottle Bell's Falls, Vt.
Sept. 5	Alstead	Donald W. Stockwell Dorothy A. Mitchell	W. Lebanon Alstead	19 20	Test milker Laborer	Lebanon Berlin	Wallace Stockwell Chas. E. Mitchell	W. Lebanon Berlin	1st 1st	Rv W C Good- win Acworth
May 21	Acworth	Geo. G. Woodell Nellie L. Taggart	Alstead Acworth	41 38	Laborer Meat cutter	Langdon Acworth	Geo. T. Woodell Carl W. Grant	Acworth	1st 2d	Rv W C Good- win Acworth

\*What marriage—whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1948

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age		Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	
		Years.	Months.			Days.	Father.			Mother.
1948										
Oct. 3	James Brooks	79	11	27	M	W	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
Dec. 14	Arthur M. Hall	68	4	17	M	W	Maine	Zenas Hall	Lucy Frazer	
Aug. 22	Lester W. Kenney	86	9	11	M	W	Alstead	John King	Ellen S. Densmore	
June 19	Emma E. Lewis	92	1	24	F	W	New York	James Dickson	Carolyn Searles	
Apr. 23	Elizabeth N. Miller	88	9	0	F	W	Pittsfield	Ralph Renzelman	Margaret Gassett	
May 25	Elizabeth N. Miller	88	9	1	F	W	Lg Branch, N. J.	Bernard Renz	Unknown	
May 25	Elizabeth N. Miller	88	9	1	F	W	Germany	Unknown	Unknown	
June 7	William Renz	62	1	27	M	W	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
June 12	Louise Spaulding	57	1	3	F	M	Unknown	Martin Wyman	Unknown	
Apr. 5	Fannie Wilson	69	0	9	F	M	Unknown	Unknown	Julia Robbins	

\*Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY C. METCALF,  
Town Clerk.



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## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Your local organization to prevent and extinguish brush and woods fires is glad to report a good year of forest protection in 1948. In spite of danger conditions nearly equalling at times those of 1947 when great losses were suffered in New Hampshire and New England, fire damage and loss this year have been gratifyingly low.

With the continuing cooperation of all the people, we can hope to have another successful year in 1949. Let us remember that in any year, over 90% of all fires are caused by carelessness and that all of these man-caused fires are preventable.

Today, we have more slash and uncut grassland than for many years in the past. Smokers, campers and tourists who use our outdoors are also more numerous than ever before. We must therefore be ready for fires which might occur but, above all, prevention by everyone is the greatest need.

A few simple precautions taken by every citizen will help, as follows:

- (1) Always get a written permit from the warden before kindling a fire outdoors when the ground is not covered with snow.
- (2) If you smoke, always extinguish matches and tobacco before dropping or throwing them down. In automobiles, always use the ash trays.
- (3) Report fires and smokes to the warden without delay.

The observance of these and other simple rules will go far to insure safety from fire damage and your cooperation in this way is earnestly solicited.

**F. J. BAKER,**  
District Fire Chief.

### 1948 FIRE RECORD

Number of Fires, 5.  
Acreage Burned, 56.  
Number of Fire Permits Issued, 42.

Respectfully submitted,

**MAURICE C. PITCHER,**  
Forest Fire Warden.

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