

Annual Reports

of the

Town Officers

of

ALSTEAD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

for the Year Ending December 31, 1949

and

School District Officers

for the Year Ending June 30, 1949



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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

BURTON G. DANA (Deceased)

NELSON C. BURNHAM

FRANK C. DUSTIN

HARRY A. SPOONER

Treasurer

MARIE A. RADCLIFFE

Town Clerk

HENRY C. METCALF

Road Agent

ROBERT E. TRASK

Supervisors

ROY H. BUSS

BRAINERD R. TAYLOR

EARL M. PITCHER

Moderator

H. LEROY ESTABROOK

Ballot Clerks

LEON M. TROW

HERBERT D. GALE

CARROLL H. METCALF

GUY S. NEAL

Tax Collector

LEONARD F. BRAGG

Auditor

MAURICE C. PITCHER

Trustees of Trust Funds

ROBERT M. BRACKETT

H. LEROY ESTABROOK

GILMAN ELLIS

School Board

MAYBELLE H. STILL

HORACE A. SEAVEY

MARY C. BURROUGHS

Library Trustees

FRANK DUSTIN

RUTH BENWARE

HORACE SEAVEY

CHAUNCEY J. NEWELL

ALMA RING

EDITH CHASE

Librarian

LAURA N. MacLANE

Overseer of Poor

WM. D. HAYES

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Alstead on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing:

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

3. To see what sum of money the town will raise for old age assistance, and for the support of the poor.

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

5. 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, and Walpole Valley.

6. To see if the town will raise \$2,793.00 for State Aid Construction Alstead-Gilsum Road, the State to contribute \$5,584.00.

7. To see if the town will raise \$606.82 for TRA construction, the State to contribute \$2,427.28.

8. To see what action the town will take regarding the repair or rebuilding of the bridge over Darby Brook, at the foot of Milan "Green Hill" so-called, and raise money for the same.

9. To see if the town will raise \$145.35 to complete payment of the Road Grader note.

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

11. To see what sum of money the town will raise to reduce the new truck and snow plow note.

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

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

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

15. To see if the town will raise \$36.00 for water rent for the Town Hall and watering trough.

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

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

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

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

20. To see if the town will raise \$1,000.00 for fire protection and for the support of the fire company and for the purchase of fire fighting equipment.

21. To see if the town will raise \$150.00 for the Police Department for the protection of persons and property.

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

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

24. To see what action the town will take to rent and maintain land for a public dump, and raise money for the same.

25. To see if the town will vote to have a yearly audit of the town books by the State Tax Commission, Division of Municipal Accounting, and raise money for the same.

26. To see if the town will raise \$100.00 for repair and removal of trees.

27. To see if the town will accept a trust fund of \$100.00 to be known as the Burton G. Dana Fund, to be held by the town as Cemetery Trust Fund.

28. To see if the town will vote to raise \$324.80 for the Elliot Community Hospital. By Request.

29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93.00 (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.

30. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to investigate the Municipal Budget Act and see what action the Town wishes to take on same.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty.

NELSON C. BURNHAM,
FRANK C. DUSTIN,
HARRY A. SPOONER,
Selectmen of Alstead.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

NELSON C. BURNHAM,
FRANK C. DUSTIN,
HARRY A. SPOONER,
Selectmen of Alstead.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR
THE ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1950 TO DEC. 31, 1950
COMPARED WITH
ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR
JAN. 1, 1949 TO DEC. 31, 1949

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1949	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1949	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1950
From state:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$1,762 84	\$1,857 47	\$1,800 00
Savings bank tax	308 47	316 14	300 00
Reimbursement a/c old age assistance		204 50	
Bounties		188 50	
From local sources except taxes:			
Dog licenses		326 96	300 00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	5 00	16 00	15 00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	100 00	161 00	150 00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	200 00	252 95	200 00
Income from trust funds, Vilas estate	2,800 00	2,808 33	2,800 00
Income of departments:			
Fire department		1,269 27	
(a) highway, including rental of equipment	500 00	1,247 05	500 00

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1949	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1949	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1950
Income from municipally owned utilities:			
Vilas pool light	15 00		30 00
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,600 00	2,069 47	2,000 00
Sale of town property	100 00		100 00
From local taxes other than property taxes:			
(a) Poll taxes—Reg. @ \$2	750 00	448 00	750 00
(b) National bank stoek taxes	12 50	12 50	12 50
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Total revenues from all sourees except property taxes	\$8,153 81	\$11,178 14	\$8,957 50
*Amount to be raised by property taxes			55,886 52
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Total revenues			\$64,844 02

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

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations Previous Year 1949	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1949	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1950
Current maintenance expenses:			
General government:			
Town officers' salaries		\$1,983 00	\$1,985 00
Town officers' expenses	\$3,000 00	1,347 49	1,975 00
Election and registration expenses		100 70	100 00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	75 00	497 36	250 00

	Appropriations Previous Year 1949	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1949	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1950
Protection of persons and property:			
Police department		135 66	150 00
Fire department	1,200 00	1,813 95	1,000 00
Bounties		122 00	
Health:			
Vital statistics		19 50	20 00
Town dump and garbage removal	500 00	435 72	250 00
Highways and bridges:			
Town maintenance:			
Summer, oiling streets	2,500 00		2,500 00
Winter	8,000 00	10,428 00	8,000 00
Street lighting	865 00	866 09	865 00
Town road aid	612 00	612 32	606 82
Reassessment of town	350 00		
Public welfare:			
Town poor	800 00	1,278 06	1,200 00
Old age assistance	1,300 00	1,335 90	1,300 00
Patriotic purposes:			
Memorial day and Veterans' associations	50 00	50 00	50 00
Aid to soldiers and their families		37 19	
Recreation:			
Parks and playgrounds, incl. band concerts	100 00	123 00	125 00
Public service enterprises:			
Municipally owned water and electric utilities	35 00		72 00
Cemeteries	300 00	505 48	300 00
Town clock	25 00	18 00	25 00
Tree removal		137 06	

	Appropriations Previous Year 1949	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1949	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1950
Unclassified :			
Damages and legal expenses, including dog damage		101 25	100 00
Advertising and Regional associations	92 00	174 00	93 00
Interest :			
On temporary loans		405 00	250 00
On long term notes		301 68	250 00
Outlay for new construc- tion and perm. improv.:			
Highways and bridges :			
Town construction, Milan Green hill bridge			3,000 00
State aid construction— town's share	2,786 00	2,786 00	2,793 00
New equipment		8,473 00	
Indebtedness :			
Payments on principal of debt :			
(a) Temporary loans		22,000 00	
(b) Long term notes	2,562 45	3,104 10	2,445 35
Payments to other gov- ernmental divisions :			
County taxes	3,203 03	3,335 86	3,335 86
School taxes	35,118 00	26,769 91	31,802 99
Total expenditures	\$63,473 48	\$89,297 82	\$64,844 02

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

February 1, 1950.

Board of Selectmen,
Alstead, New Hampshire.

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an audit and examination of the accounts of the Town of Alstead for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1949, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheet—Dec. 31, 1948—Dec. 31, 1949:

(Exhibit A-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1948 and December 31, 1949, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein the Net Debt increased by \$7,431.92 during the year 1949.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein.

**Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—
Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits A-3 & A-4)**

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1949, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$1,835.92, less a net revenue surplus of \$1,168.05, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$667.87.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1949, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1949, is indicated in Exhibit B-2.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

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

GENERAL COMMENTS**Classification of Accounts:**

More attention should be given to the matter of the classification of expenditures. It was noted that a substantial amount of expenditures were charged to "Miscellaneous," most of which could properly have been classified under the uniform accounts.

Abatement of Taxes:

Section 13 of Chapter 77, Revised Laws of New Hampshire, provides as follows:

“13. By Selectmen. Selectmen, for good cause shown, may abate any tax assessed by them or by their predecessors. All applications for abatement shall be in writing.”

The abatement of a tax must be the act of a majority of the Selectmen, acting in their official capacity, and must be a matter of record.

At the end of the fiscal year the Selectmen should prepare a list of all abatements which they have allowed during the year; this list to be made in duplicate and certified and signed by the Board, one copy given to the Tax Collector and the other retained by the Selectmen.

No abatements should be entered by the Collector in the Warrant Book until officially authorized by the Selectmen.

Tax Collector:

All funds in the hands of the Tax Collector, either tax collections or redemptions from tax sales, should be remitted to the Treasurer on or before the close of the fiscal year, thereby eliminating the necessity of the Collector's having to report “cash on hand” at the end of the year as was the case on December 31, 1949. The Town Treasurer's accounts should, if necessary, be held open for two or three days after the year closes in order that all funds collected by the Collector up to and including December 31st may be included in the Treasurer's receipts for the fiscal year.

Each tax collection or redemption from a tax sale should first be entered in the Collector's cash book and then posted to the proper account in the warrant book or tax sale record book. It was noted that the Collector in a few instances had credited accounts in the warrant book but had failed to make the proper cash book entries. Inasmuch as remittances are made by the Collector to the Treasurer on the basis of cash book totals it is very important that all accounts be entered therein.

Tax Deeds:

An individual card record of each piece of property acquired by the town through a tax collector's deed should be kept. A standard form for this purpose is available.

Town Clerk's Cash Book:

The Town Clerk, upon our recommendation, has adopted the use of the regular town clerk's cash book in which each motor vehicle permit and dog license is recorded.

Conclusion:

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,

Director.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION.

HERBERT E. HUNT, Auditor.

C. DAVID SULLIVAN, Accountant.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire
February 1, 1950

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Alstead for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1949; and, with exceptions as herein noted,

found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1949, together with the results of operations for the period under review.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,

Director.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION.

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TOWN OF ALSTEAD

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EXHIBIT A-1
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Comparative Balance Sheets
Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1948 and Dec. 31, 1949

ASSETS

December 31, 1948 December 31, 1949
(Revised)

Cash:

In hands of treasurer	\$3,115 00	\$3,065 54
Tax collector		571 75
Cash due from former treasurer	7,259 82	

Accounts Due Town:

State of New Hampshire:

Bounties	188 00	122 00
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Other Bills due town:

Town of Walpole	\$471 23
V. F. W.	24 00

495 23

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1948		\$554 69	
Levy of 1947	\$1,252 35	844 55	
Levy of 1946	288 15		
Previous years	221 35	44 75	
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		1,761 85	1,443 99

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1949		\$13,276 77	
Levy of 1948	\$8,631 36	530 66	
Levy of 1947	100 17	31 58	
Levy of 1946	45 10	30 00	
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		8,776 63	13,869 01
Total assets	\$21,596 53		\$19,072 29
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	2,152 83		9,584 75
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Grand total	\$23,749 36		\$28,657 04

LIABILITIES

December 31, 1948

December 31, 1949

Accounts Owed by town:

Bills outstanding	\$530 00	
Former town treasurer		\$82 98

Unexpended balances—**Special Appro's:**

Tax commission re- assessment		350 00
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**Due to school
district:**

Dog licenses	\$312 91	\$287 71
Balance of appro.	9,457 00	18,118 00
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	9,769 91	18,405 71

Long term notes outstanding:		
State Aid—Orange	\$262 45	
Truck and snowplow note	2,000 00	\$1,200 00
Grader note	2,187 00	145 35
New truck and plow		8,473 00
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	4,449 45	9,818 35
Outstanding tempor- ary loans	9,000 00	
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Total liabilities	\$23,749 36	\$28,657 04
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Grand total	\$23,749 36	\$28,657 04

EXHIBIT A-2
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Analysis of Change in Financial Condition
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

Net debt—December 31, 1949	\$9,584 75
Net debt—December 31, 1948	2,152 83
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Increase in net debt	\$7,431 92

SUMMARY OF CHANGE

Increases in Net Debt:	
Budget deficit	\$667 87
Increase in Long term indebtedness	8,473 00
Taxes dedeed to town	998 54
Reduction in accounts receivable	495 23
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	\$10,634 64

Decreases in Net Debt:

Decrease in long term indebtedness	\$3,104 10	
Increase in cash in official's hands	1 62	
Decrease in accounts payable	97 00	
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	\$3,202 72	
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Net increase		\$7,431 92

EXHIBIT A-4
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

REVENUES				
	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Deficit
Interest and dividend tax	\$1,762 84	\$1,857 47	\$94 63	
Savings bank tax	308 47	316 14	7 67	
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,600 00	2,069 47	469 47	
Business licenses and permits	5 00			\$5 00
Rent of town property	100 00	161 00	61 00	
Interest received on taxes	200 00	252 95	52 95	
Rent of grader	500 00	705 40	205 40	
Vilas pool light	15 00			15 00
Vilas fund	2,800 00	2,808 33	8 33	
Filing fees		16 00	16 00	
Added taxes		239 26	239 26	
Refunds		32 59	32 59	
Taxes in excess of budget requirements		17	17	
Excess remittance on 1947 levy		08	08	
Excess collection on bounties		50		
	\$7,291 31	\$8,459 36	\$1,187 55	\$20 00

BUDGET SUMMARY

Overdrafts of appropriations	\$2,844 42	
Unexpended balances of appropriations	1,008 50	
	\$1,835 92	
Net overdraft of appropriations		\$1,835 92

Actual revenues	\$8,459 36	
Estimated revenues	7,291 31	
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Excess of actual over estimated revenues		1,168 05
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Net budget deficit		\$667 87

EXHIBIT B-1

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

RECEIPTS

From Local Sources:

1949 Tax Levy:

Property taxes	\$42,524 70	
Poll taxes	448 00	
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		\$42,972 70

1948 Tax Levy:

Property taxes	\$7,678 91	
Poll taxes	214 00	
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		7,892 91

1947 property		68 67
1946 polls		2 00
Interest		252 95
Tax sales redeemed		77 85

From State of New Hampshire:

Interest and dividend tax	\$1,857 47	
Savings bank tax	316 14	
Bounties	188 50	
Old age assistance	204 50	
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		2,566 61

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	\$326 96
Rent of town hall	161 00
Filing fees	16 00
Fire department	1,269 27
Highway department	1,247 05
Motor vehicle permits	2,069 47

5,089 75

**Receipts Other Than Current
Revenue:**

Temporary loans	\$13,000 00
Long term note (truck)	8,473 00
Shortage a/e, Don W. Moore (former treasurer)	8,036 88
Vilas estate	2,808 33

Refunds:

Tree removal	30 00
Protested checks made good	32 59

32,380 80

Total receipts	\$91,304 24
Balance January 1, 1949	3,115 00

Grand total \$94,419 24

EXPENDITURES**General Government:**

Town officers' salaries	\$1,983 00
Town officers' expenses	1,347 49
Election and registration	100 70
Town hall and other town buildings	497 36

\$3,928 55

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	\$135 66	
Fire department	1,813 95	
Bounties	122 00	
Damage by dogs	39 25	
	<hr/>	2,110 86

Health:

Vital statistics	\$19 50	
Town dump	435 72	
	<hr/>	455 22

Highways and Bridges:

T. R. A.	\$612 32	
Town maintenance	10,428 54	
Street lighting	866 09	
	<hr/>	11,906 95

Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	\$1,335 90	
Town poor	1,278 06	
	<hr/>	2,613 96

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial day	\$50 00	
Soldiers aid	37 19	
	<hr/>	87 19

Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds		123 00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries		505 48
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Unclassified:

Damages and legal	\$62 00	
Taxes bought by town	928 80	
Refunds on taxes overpaid	433 00	

Advertising and Regional Assns.	174 00	
Town clock expense	18 00	
Vilas pool (a/e Don W. Moore shortage)	694 08	
Tree removal	137 06	
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		2,446 94

New Construction and Improvements:

State aid construction	\$2,786 00	
New equipment, highway truck and plow	8,473 00	
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		11,259 00

Interest:

Long term notes	\$301 68	
Temporary loans	405 00	
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		706 68

Indebtedness:

Temporary loans	\$22,000 00	
Long term notes	3,104 10	
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		25,104 10

**Payments to Other Governmental
Divisions:**

County tax	\$3,335 86	
School district	26,769 91	
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		30,105 77

Total expenditures	\$91,353 70	
Balance—December 31, 1949	3,065 54	

Grand total	\$94,419 24	
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EXHIBIT B-2**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and Proof of Balance
Period March 9 to December 31, 1949

Balance—March 9, 1949	\$7,682 22	
Less: Bad check and postal order returned	32 59	
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	\$7,649 63	
Receipts during period	82,808 80	
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	\$90,458 43	
Expenditures during period	87,392 89	
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Balance—December 31, 1949		\$3,065 54

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in Bellows Falls Trust Co., Bellows Falls, Vt., as per statement Dec. 31, 1949	\$5,642 00	
Less: Outstanding checks	2,576 46	
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Reconciled bank balance— Dec. 31, 1949		\$3,065 54

EXHIBIT C-1**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Summary of Tax Collector's Warrants
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

—DR—

	Levies of:			
	1949	1948	1947	1946
Uncollected Taxes,				
Jan. 1, 1949:				
Property taxes	\$8,369 36	\$80 17	\$31 10	
Poll taxes	262 00	20 00	14 00	

**Taxes Committed
to Collector:**

Property taxes	\$55,708 06			
Poll taxes	828 00			
National bank stock tax	12 50			

Added Taxes:

Property taxes	221 26			
Poll taxes	12 00	6 00		

	\$56,781 82	\$8,637 36	\$100 17	\$45 10
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**Remittances to
Treasurer:**

Property taxes	\$42,512 20	\$7,678 91	\$68 67	
Poll taxes	448 00	214 00		\$2 00
National bank stock tax	12 50			

Abatements:

Property taxes	281 06	8 01		11 10
Poll taxes	36 00	12 00		2 00

**Uncollected taxes,
Dec. 31, 1949:**

Property taxes	12,932 77	504 66	11 58	20 00
Poll taxes	344 00	26 00	20 00	10 00
Less: Excess credits			08	

**Cash on hand,
Dec. 31, 1949:**

Property taxes	203 29	177 78		
Poll taxes	12 00	16 00		

	\$56,781 82	\$8,637 36	\$100 17	\$45 10
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EXHIBIT D**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Summary of Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle Permit and
Dog License Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1948 Nos. 1412-1425 inc.	\$32 46	
1949 Nos. 1001-1400, 204451-204489	2,035 90	
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		\$2,068 36

Dog Licenses:

1948 Nos. 144-147 inc.	\$9 22	
1949 Nos. 1-134 inc.	345 34	
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	\$354 46	

Less: Fees Retained, (138 @ \$.20)	27 60	
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		326 96
Filing fees		16 00
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\$2,411 32

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Remittances to Treasurer:

a/c Motor vehicle permits	\$2,069 47	
a/c Dog licenses	326 96	
a/c Filing fees	16 00	
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	\$2,412 43	

Less: Over remittance	1 11	
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\$2,411 32

EXHIBIT E

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Vilas Pool Account and Proof of Balance
 Period March 9—December 31, 1949

Balance—March 9, 1949		\$72 66
Receipts:		
Selectmen—Moore a/c	\$2,918 13	
Vilas Estate	2,212 99	
Miscellaneous	1 49	
		<hr/> 5,132 61
Total receipts	\$5,205 27	
Total expenditures	2,678 98	
		<hr/> \$2,526 29

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in Connecticut National Bank		
as per statement dated Dec. 31, 1949	\$336 99	
Less: Outstanding checks	23 69	
		<hr/> \$313 30
Reconciled bank checking a/c balance	\$313 30	
Pass book #11595—Savings Bank of Walpole	2,212 99	
		<hr/> \$2,526 29

EXHIBIT F

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Road Agent's Payroll Account
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

Total Payroll Accounts:

Receipts from town	\$9,098 21	
Total expenditures	9,084 11	
		<hr/> \$14 10
Balance—December 31, 1949		\$14 10

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in Bellows Falls Trust Co.,		
as per statement Dec. 31, 1949	\$663 89	
Less: Outstanding checks	649 79	
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Balance—Due Collector of Internal Revenue		\$14 10

EXHIBIT G-1

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Trust Fund Principal, Income and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

Fund	Principal	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Unexpended Balance of Income	Balance of Principal & Income
Warren Monument Fund	\$5,262 00		\$120 31	\$120 31		\$5,262 00
Shedd-Porter Library Fund	75,625 85		2,798 44	2,798 44		75,625 85
Kimball Library Fund	2,465 19		58 65	58 65		2,465 19
Carpenter Library Fund	500 00		11 31	11 31		500 00
C. F. Warren Library Fund	5,650 00		141 12	141 12		5,650 00
Kingsbury School Fund	606 00		15 15	15 15		606 00
Capital Reserve Fund (Alstead Elem. School)	935 73		(*)21 16			956 89
Cemetery Trust Funds	39,060 00	\$3,000 06	942 43	564 43	\$3,378 06	42,438 06
	\$130,104 77	\$3,000 06	\$4,108 57	\$3,709 41	\$3,378 06	\$133,503 99
(*) Reinvested in Principal						
Investment						
Illinois Merchants Bank & Trust Company of Chicago		\$75 625 85				
Amoskeag Savings Bank—Manchester		7,727 19				
Walpole Savings Bank—Walpole		16,746 84				

New Hampshire Savings Bank—Concord
 Cheshire County Savings Bank—Keene
 Bellows Falls Trust Company Preferred Stock
 U. S. Savings Bonds—Series "G"
 The Keene National Bank—Keene (Checking a/c)

606 00
 10,520 05
 100 00
 18,800 00
 3,378 06

 \$133,503 99

Proof of Balance (Checking a/c)

Balance in Keene National Bank—As per Statement
 December 30, 1949
 Add: Deposit January 13, 1950, not credited

\$2,909 11
 855 14

Deduct: Outstanding Checks

\$3,764 25
 386 19

Reconciled Bank Balance—December 31, 1949

\$3,378 06

EXHIBIT G-2**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Summary of Cemetery Trust Fund Income and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

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Balance—January 1, 1949 \$3,000 06

Income During Year:

Savings Bank Book No. 2125	\$344 79
Savings Bank Book No. 30683	264 64
Bellows Falls Trust Co., Rhoades Fund	3 00
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds	330 00

942 43

\$3,942 49

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Expenditures:

Screened loam	\$12 60
Labor	512 60
Flowers for cemetery	30 00
Grass seed	3 73
Record Book	1 50
Expenses of administration	25 00

585 43

\$3,357 06

Add: Credit from Warren Monument fund 21 00

Balance—December 31, 1949 \$3,378 06

EXHIBIT H**TOWN OF ALSTEAD****Town Officers' Surety Bonds**

1949

Number Amount Term Beginning

Town Treasurer:

Marie Radcliffe, Peerless Casualty Co.	S-62626	\$8,000 00	March 8, 1949
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Tax Collector:

Leonard F. Bragg, Peerless Casualty Co.	S-927	\$6,500 00	March 8, 1949
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Town Clerk:

Henry C. Metcalf Peerless Casualty Co.	S-928	\$500 00	March 8, 1949
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Town Constable:

William D. Hayes Peerless Casualty Co.	S-3763	\$1,000 00	March 8, 1949
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**Treasurer-Trustees
of Trust Funds:**

H. LeRoy Estabrook Peerless Casualty Co.	S-3764	\$5,000 00	March 8, 1949
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT
SUMMARY INVENTORY
 Of Valuation for the Tax Year 1949

	Valuation
1. Lands and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)	\$782,610 00
Growing wood and timber	63,890 00
Electric plants, 3	38,830 00
Horses, 78	6,250 00
Oxen, 2	500 00
Cows, 236	25,720 00
Other neat stock, 60	6,855 00
Sheep and goats, 5	55 00
Hogs, 2	50 00
Fowls, 875	1,090 00
Vehicles, 3	1,300 00
Wood, lumber, etc.	17,850 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	1,770* 00
Stock in trade	18,500 00
Mills and machinery	19,900 00
Total valuation	
	\$985,170 00
(Exclusive of soldier's exemptions), total valuation	
	\$931,570 00
2. Amount of property valuation exempted to soldiers	53,600 00
3. Average rate of taxation per one hundred dollars valuation for all purposes	5 98

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
	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, land and buildings	700 00
	Equipment	16,000 00
6.	Parks, commons and playgrounds	10,000 00
7.	Schools, lands and buildings	155,000 00
8.	All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds:	
	Shadow land lots	980 00
	Blake-French land	50 00
	French mining rights	500 00
	Keith property	1,600 00
	Fitzgibbons mine	100 00
	Noble Smith farm	250 00
	Washburn wood lot	100 00
	Myrtle Hatch Est.	2,300 00
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	Total	\$335,130 00

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

1949

JANUARY

Robert E. Trask, truck and labor	\$238 92
George Woodell, labor	119 00
Stanton Dennison, labor	174 00
Floyd Bellows, labor	139 00
George Henry, labor	4 00
Gilman Ellis, labor	34 00
Jackson's Garage, work on town truck	425 65
Alstead Garage	178 36
Fred Carman	131 00
Jackson's Garage, gas	11 33
Arthur Whitecomb, sand	7 20
Walpole Garage	4 85
Heman Chase	13 00
Tuscon Steel Co.	121 44
Hotel Alstead	2 27

FEBRUARY

Robert E. Trask, truck and labor	205 55
George Woodell, labor	80 00
Stanton Dennison, labor	119 50
Floyd Bellows, labor	59 50
James Burnham, labor	8 00
Gilman Ellis, labor	58 50
Frank Pelton, labor	7 00
Jackson's Garage	48 19
Morton Motors	37 00
Kmuc Garage	4 76
Marx's Hardware	17 18
Casellini-Venable Corp.	4 85
Fred Carman	48 90
Perkins-Eaton Machinery Co.	2 88
Alstead Garage	108 34

Jackson's Garage	25 34
Casellini-Venable Corp.	76 33
Fred Carman	8 40

MARCH

Robert E. Trask, truck and labor	222 05
George Woodell, labor	76 00
Stanton Dennison, labor	46 50
Fred Carman, bulldozer	65 00
Gilman Ellis, labor	33 75
R. L. Galloway, pipe	3 32
Harold Lund	28 00
Frank Whitcomb	12 26
Roger Pelton, plowing snow	8 00
Casellini-Venable Corp.	1 12
Kimue Garage	75
Alstead Garage	3 50
Hedge & Mattheis Co.	23 10
J. Leonard Balla	30 00
Fred Carman	20 00
H. P. Welch Co.	1 74
Fred Carman	44 00
Casellini-Venable Corp.	12 54
Franklin Steel Co.	147 69

APRIL

Robert E. Trask, truck and labor	410 70
George Woodell, labor	134 00
Fred Carman, truck	62 00
Harold Grant, truck	55 80
Leonard Balla, truck	66 60
Robert Batchelder, truck	85 10
Carroll Hatch, truck	37 20
H. Wheeler, truck	10 80
Harold Butler, labor	166 00
Alwyn Hodgkins, shovel	208 50
Comstock, gravel	54 00
Robert Trask, steel for truck	56 96
Fred Carman, bulldozer	82 50
Morris S. Ring, grader insurance	70 46

MAY

Robert Trask, truck and labor	276 09
George Woodell, labor	66 50
Harold Butler, labor	152 50
Alwyn Hodgkins, shovel	130 00
Harold Grant, truck	40 30
Balla & Sons, truck	33 30
Robert Batchelder, truck	33 30
Fred Carman, bulldozer	72 50
John Hyde, gravel	15 00
Jackson's Garage	39 67
Marx Hardware	14 31
Berger Metal, 5 culverts	213 94
Fred Carman	15 00
Marx Hardware	5 69
C. J. LaFrank, bridge plank	63 34
Fred Carman, fuel oil	27 20
Comstock, gravel	6 00
Percy Ball, gravel	5 00
Jackson's Garage	126 40
V. Richard Chambers	18 50
Scott Machinery	5 60
Hedge & Mattheis Co.	2 34

JUNE

Robert E. Trask, truck and labor	375 30
George Woodell, labor	58 00
Harold Butler, labor	53 00
Leon W. Mousley, work on Murphy Hill road	21 80
Vermont Sand & Gravel	27 50
Jackson's Garage, gas for May	43 16
Walpole Highway Dept., tar mix for patching	175 00
Robert Dunlap	38 50
Cray Oil Co.	51 42
Walpole Highway Dept., labor, trucks	203 10
Walpole Highway Dept., sand	24 00
Arthur Whitcomb, sand	4 32

JULY

Robert E. Track, labor and truck	92 35
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George Woodell, labor	63 00
Harold Butler, labor	150 00
Fred Carman, fuel oil	25 84
R. N. Johnson, ring, bolts, etc.	13 50
Scott Machinery	5 60
Fred Carman, welding	24 00
Balla & Sons, brush cutting	5 00
Jackson's Garage, June gas bill	64 92
Marx Hardware	10 61
Vermont Sand & Gravel, tar sand	12 50
Casellini-Venable Corp., grader parts	31 12
Arthur Whitecomb, sand and durfee mix	187 83

AUGUST

Robert E. Trask, labor	13 75
Harold Butler, labor	29 00
Jackson's Garage, July gas bill	111 86
Marx Hardware	2 55
Lynn Tire Co.	4 00

SEPTEMBER

Robert E. Trask, labor	22 50
George Woodell, labor	7 00
Koppers Company Inc., tar for roads	1,287 01

OCTOBER

George Woodell, labor	29 75
Jesse Comstock, labor	29 75

NOVEMBER

Robert E. Trask, labor	98 75
George Woodell, labor	112 20
Berton Pratt, labor	81 60
Alstead Garage, gas bill	254 10
Jackson's Garage, gas	10 37
International Salt Co.	188 00

DECEMBER

Robert E. Trask, truck and labor	105 92
George Woodell, labor	20 40

Marx Hardware, side chairs	20 30
Stanton Dennison, labor	29 32
Harold Butler, labor	6 80
Jackson's Garage, November gas bill	54 98
Paid Grader note	1,500 00
Jackson's Garage, gas	15 06
Robert Dunlap, plowing snow	21 00
Earnings of grader to reduce note	541 65

Total	\$12,525 65
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Received from rent of truck	\$380 80
Received from rent of grader	641 65
Received from tarring	164 10
Lambert Construction Co., grader blades	53 20
Roy Carman, 1 culvert	7 30

\$1,217 05

SUMMARY

Amount raised, highways and bridges	\$7,500 00
Amount raised, oiling streets	2,500 00
To reduce grader note	1,500 00
Credits	1,217 05

Total receipts	\$12,717 05
Total payments	12,525 65

Balance	\$191 40
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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		\$521 47
Aid for George Willis		359 43
Aid for Reginald Howard		45 00
Aid for Mrs. Clifford Burroughs		85 00
Aid for Charles Moulthrop		29 50
Aid to soldiers' dependents		237 66
		\$1,278 06
Overdraft		\$478 06

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Amount raised	\$1,300 00	
Paid		\$1,336 04
Recovered from state	\$204 50	
Balance		\$168 46

Respectfully submitted,
 WM. D. HAYES,
 Overseer of Poor.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

January 1, 1950

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 Fund	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			
Kingsbury School Fund	606 00	15 15		15 15		
Capitol Reserve Fund—						
Alstead Elem. School	935 73	21 16				\$956 89
Cemetery Trust Funds	39,060 00	942 43			564 43	3,378 06

ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
H. L. ESTABROOK
GILMAN O. ELLIS,

Trustees of Trust Funds.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	Principal	Overdrawn	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance	Overdrawn
Holbrook	\$200 00			4 82	4 82		
Wells & Smith	510 00			12 30	12 30		
Edith Kimball	200 00			4 82	4 82		
Gibson	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Browne	500 00			12 06	12 06		
Lovell	200 00			4 82	4 82		
Elwell	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Porter-							
Wentworth	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Banks	100 00			2 41	2 41		
J. C. Kimball	500 00			12 06	12 06		
Mary A.							
Dinsmore	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Milliken	100 00	\$7 73		2 41			\$5 32
Shepard	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Hatch-Graves	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Emerson	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Breed-Green	100 00	3 73		2 41			1 32
Wood	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Smith	200 00			4 82	4 82		
Glover	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Fay	100 00			2 41	2 41		
W. W. Dinsmore	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Blake	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Procter-Merriam	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Vine Porter	200 00			4 82	4 82		
Fred L. Prentiss	100 00	73		2 41	1 68		
Charles E. Cook	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Patridge	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Rogers	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Colburn	250 00			6 03	6 03		
Lucy Porter	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Belt (French)	100 00	11 39		2 41			8 98
Chandler	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Vilas	1,000 00	44 55		24 12	12 00		32 43
Wallace	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Eveline A. Hatch	200 00			4 82	4 82		
Charles H. Cook	100 00			2 41	2 41		
John V. Green	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Harlon P. Ware	300 00			7 23	7 23		
Marshall F.							
Bragg	100 00			2 41	2 41		
William Cheever	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Samuel Watts	100 00			2 41	2 41		
Charles E. Kent	200 00			4 82	4 82		
Charles L.							
Linsley	100 00	5 00		2 41			2 59
Arthur E. Wilder	200 00	5 80		4 82			98
George Newell	100 00			2 41	2 41		
John S. Chivers	100 00	2 50		2 41			09

Name of Fund	Principal	Overdrawn	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance	Overdrawn	
Mary Ellen Hills	100 00	2 04		2 41	37			
Burge-Stillings	100 00	29		2 41	2 12			
John R. Jeffs	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Charles E. Ellis	100 00	9 29		2 41			6 88	
Wilder Brothers	6,000 00		\$773 42	144 75	100 00	\$818 27		
Mary J. Elliott	10,000 00		1,081 38	241 25	100 00	1,222 63		
Hiram E. Page	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Frank E. Trow	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Amy V. Bonticou	600 00		4 70	14 47	5 00	14 17		
J. Franklin Weaver	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Hattie J. Mitchell	500 00		12 30	12 06	12 00	12 36		
Ryder-Clark	100 00			2 41	2 41			
George & Nancy Wilder	10,000 00		1,181 51	241 25	100 35	1,322 41		
John A. Allen	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Hovey-Allison	100 00	5 73		2 41			3 32	
Harlon J. Pratt	100 00			2 41	2 41			
David Clay	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Miller Fund	200 00	6 26		4 82			1 64	
Willis E. Crabtree	500 00		45 35	12 06	13 00	44 41		
George E. Porter	100 00			2 41	2 41			
George E. Cater	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Newell-McLane	100 00			2 41	2 41			
W. F. Gilman	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Elizabeth A. Mitchell	200 00			4 82	4 82			
Heywood Fund	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Elmer B. Rhoades	100 00			2 76	2 76			
Milton C. Dodge	100 00			2 41	2 41			
William G. Baer	200 00		6 54	4 82	4 00	7 36		
Washburb- Sevrens	200 00			4 82	4 82			
Walter E. Wilson	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Herbert W. Green	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Milan F. Green	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Gowan-Dickey	200 00			4 82	4 82			
Harry W. Jewett	200 00			4 82	4 82			
Oliver Pratt	100 00			2 41	2 41			
Charles French	100 00			2 41	2 41			
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\$39,060 00							105 24	3,105 30
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								564 43
								3,441 61
								63 55
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								\$3,000 06
								3,942 49
								3,942 49
								3,378 06

Cash on hand January 1, 1950

\$3,378 06

ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
H. L. ESTABROOK
GILMAN O. ELLIS,

Trustees of Trust Funds.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

As your librarian I hereby submit my fourth annual report.

During January and February on Saturday afternoons, Mrs. George Benware took charge of the story hour, which was held in front of a cheerful fire in the downstairs room of the library.

Boys and girls from all the grades and many adults have enjoyed the use of the books and magazines. The East Alstead school pupils have had a collection of books from the library nearly every month of the school year. The high school pupils have used the library books for reference work and book reports.

Book Week posters were given to the teachers of the first six grades for display. The pupils of Miss Edney's, Mrs. Benware's and Mrs. Moulthrop's rooms visited the library for one half hour each on November 18th to hear and see some of the attractive new books.

As in 1948 the circulation of books and magazines has been over a thousand a month. The months with the highest circulations were April and August with a record of 1,166 and 1,161 respectively.

Number of books added by purchase	292
Number of books added by gift	18
Number of magazines received	44
Daily paper	1
Weekly papers	2

RECORD OF CIRCULATION FOR BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Fiction	5,551
Non-fiction	1,321
Juvenile	2,717

Magazines	2,879
	<u>12,468</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 LAURA N. MacLANE,
 Librarian.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
 SHEDD-PORTER LIBRARY FOR 1949**

Receipts:

From the Shedd fund	\$2,798 44	
From the Warren fund	141 12	
From the Kimball fund	58 65	
From the Carpenter fund	11 31	
From the bond interest	25 00	
From the water rents	47 92	
	<u>\$3,082 44</u>	
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1949	2,777 17	
Payments		\$3,178 21
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1949		2,681 40
	<u>\$5,859 61</u>	<u>\$5,859 61</u>

Payments in detail:

Librarian, salary	\$780 00
Librarian, salary, assistant at Alstead and East Alstead	29 01
Janitor	360 00
Treasurer	35 00
Books	518 53
Magazines	89 00
Fuel	466 28
Lights	70 23
Telephone	55 98
Water system	64 75
Unclassified	209 43
Deposited in Walpole Savings Bank	500 00
Total payments	<u>\$3,178 21</u>

Unclassified payments:

E. A. Perker, work on furnace	\$31 40
Marx's Hardware, supplies and fixtures	11 40
C. H. Metcalf, postage	3 00
Ruth Benware, story hour	5 00
Harry Hartwell, repairs to lawn mower	4 50
R. B. Taylor, repairing steps	2 00
W. H. Bodine, repairs to furnace	22 37
Gaylord Brothers, stationery and supplies	6 98
C. J. Newell, fertilizer	6 85
R. W. Dunlap, cutting tree	50 00
H. D. Clark, work on band stand	65 93
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	\$209 43

Water system:

George Henry, work on ditch	\$5 00
H. A. Seavey, work on system	18 50
H. A. Seavey, work on system	6 40
H. A. Seavey, work on system	2 50
H. A. Seavey, work on system and material	26 00
Austin D. Fletcher, plumbing	6 35
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	\$64 75

Expense of water system since Jan. 1, 1948	\$487 79
Rents of water system since Jan. 1, 1948	135 82
Deficit of water system since Jan. 1, 1948	351 97
There will be \$252.00 of rents due Jan. 1, 1950.	

Other assets of the library:

Deposited in Savings Bank of Walpole	\$5,518 57
U. S. G Bonds	1,000 00
	C. J. NEWELL,
	Treasurer.

I hereby certify I have examined the records and accounts of the Treasurer of the Library funds and find them correct.

MAURICE C. PITCHER,

Auditor.

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REPORT OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

The Alstead Fire Department now consists of about twenty men serving under the leadership of Chief Richard Stanley, who is, in turn, responsible to the three commissioners. All give their services for only nominal pay for time actually spent at fires, meetings, and drills.

Numerous improvements have been made in the past year. Meetings of the fire company, attended also by at least one of the commissioners, are run in a business-like manner by an expert moderator, and are well attended, being held the first Tuesday of each month. A complete schedule of authority, duties, and organization of all members of the department, formulated by commissioners and firemen together, has been adopted, printed and posted. New equipment purchased includes coats and helmets; a new large-capacity carbon dioxide type extinguisher for oil and gas fires, and fires among live wires; and two new gas masks, proven of extreme value on one occasion already. The firemen have become members of the N. H. State Firemen's Association. Two new water holes have been dug, near the Whitney farms.

Because of being called to very few fires within the town, but to several large fires outside, for which men and equipment were paid, and by the practice of economy, the department was able to return to the town's general fund about \$625 of its 1949 appropriation. A drying rack, expected to greatly improve the life and reliability of hose, is now (February) being built. Beyond this, no significant expenditures for new or special equipment are expected for 1950. Our policy is to establish new water holes at public expense only where considerable amounts of property would be affected. We hope to extend this branch of our facilities as opportunity, available money, and wisdom may indicate what is practical.

In fire fighting, we think this department is well equipped and organized, to give as good service throughout the town as our general conditions make possible. We hope this may be matched by an equal sense of care and duty on the part of individual home owners in their field of fire prevention.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Amount raised by Town	\$1,200 00
Received from Town of Langdon	141 25
Received from Town of Walpole	721 23
Received from Town of Acworth	388 33
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	\$2,450 81

Paid:

Fire Department, payroll	\$337 43
V. Richard Chambers	585 27
Kane & Healy, oil	103 38
Leon Mousley, care of water hole	3 00
Granite State Elec. Co.	10 50
Clinton Simmons, labor	5 25
Richard Stanley, phone	4 00
C. H. Metcalf, account book	1 25
Training School expenses	36 92
Alstead Garage	180 57
N. H. State Firemen's Association	21 00
Owen Libby, Jr., labor	5 00
Chase's, rubber stamp	3 10
Gilman Ellis, labor	2 50
Leon Trow, insurance	25 00
Morris Ring, Sr., insurance	55 25
Fred Carman, labor on water holes	129 50
Robert Trask, labor and truck on water holes	14 80
Balla & Sons, labor and truck on water holes	29 60
William Belisle, labor	5 00

B. R. Taylor, labor	5 90
H. L. Estabrook, supplies	40
Payroll, Aeworth forest fire	248 33
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	\$1,812 95
Balance on hand	\$637 86

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

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

Moderator: Nelson Burnham.

Clerk: Mrs. Helen Strickland.

Treasurer: H. L. Estabrook.

Auditor: Leon Trow, Marie Radcliffe.

Superintendent of Schools: Theron B. Thompson, Walpole.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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 in the Town Hall, in said district on the 14th of March, 1950, at 2:00 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 truant 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 what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the ap-

plication against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars, and authorize the school board to expend this sum for the support of schools, for the salaries of district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district during the current school year, said funds having been already assessed by the selectmen for the school district. (*)

10. To see if the district will vote to adopt the non-partisan ballot system as defined by Chapter 34 of the revised laws, as amended by Chapter 22 of the laws of 1943, and Chapter 171 of the laws of 1945.

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

(*) This article is necessary to enable the school board to spend the money already assessed by the selectmen. It does not require the raising of any additional money. The attorney general has recently ruled that a school board can only spend those amounts appropriated by the annual district meeting. A misunderstanding has come about through the years by local citizens voting to raise the difference between the school board's budget and the estimated income, instead of the total amount needed to run the schools as recommended by the school board.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Alstead:

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

Your schools are advancing educationally. We were sorry to lose Mrs. Ball, but find Mrs. Benware an equally effective teacher. Mr. Stiekney has assumed the duties of athletic coach at Wilton High School. His place at Vilas is being very capably filled by Mr. Bernard Forbush, a graduate of Keene Teachers College. The other teachers are becoming better acquainted with the pupils, parents and townspeople, and are thereby able to accomplish more. The longer a community can keep a good teacher the more valuable that teacher becomes to the community and its schools.

Our teachers are receiving salaries that are low in comparison to salaries paid in other states. We cannot compete with these higher salaries. We have been fortunate during the past few years of readjustment to have a group of people who were interested in coming to Alstead to teach and to remain for more than one year. On the whole these have been better than average teachers. We also appreciate the willingness of former teachers to come back into the field to assist during these uncertain times. Our salaries are somewhat below the averages being paid in other New Hampshire towns of like size. Having a good school with proper facilities and equipment helps to overcome this difference to a degree. Now that other towns are building schools this factor is becoming of less moment.

During the past summer the last section of roof drip was replaced. It was found that the cornice over the auditorium entrance was in bad condition and had to be rebuilt. Many sections of steam pipe are failing and these are replaced as soon as it becomes evident that replacement is needed. The

building is fast approaching an age when such replacements are considered natural. However, a little more care in the selection and installation of materials at the time of construction would have prevented some of this. It is better, and also more economical, to make repairs as they are needed than to delay until a major appropriation is needed for this purpose.

During the past two years many of the older series of textbooks have been replaced with more up-to-date material. Most of our books now in use are in good condition and contain material that is pertinent to current conditions. Our present program enables us to make a few replacements each year and provide supplemental material for general use. The grammar books in some of the middle and upper grades should be replaced next.

A considerable rearrangement was made in the high school program this year. For a number of years other schools have been experimenting with the longer class period. They have reported better results in pupil progress, fewer failures, and better distribution of teacher-time and effect. During the summer your headmaster worked-out a schedule using the sixty-minute period. Pupils are now able to have assistance from their teachers during the class period in preparing for the next day's work. Experience has shown that scholarship has improved this year.

High School enrollment continues to decline slightly and may do so for one or two years more. After that, however, the trend will be the other way and we can anticipate new high enrollments.

HEALTH REPORT

Inspection of pupils showed the following defects:

237 pupils were inspected.

5 pupils were under weight.

16 pupils showed defective vision uncorrected.

9 pupils showed poor posture.

120 pupils were in need of dental care.

4 pupils were advised to have throat and nose examination by a physician.

3 pupils showed enlarged cervical glands.

78 pupils had dental care.

6 pupils had vision examination and defects corrected.

2 pupils had tonsil and adenoid operations.

A Tuberculosis patch test clinic was held May 1, 1949. 164 pupils were given the test. 5 pupils were X-rayed.

SUMMARY OF ENROLLMENT, JANUARY 3, 1950

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Vilas					11	10	23	17	28	22	28	23	162
Village	14	21	10	17									62
East	2	2	4	3	5								16
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Totals	16	23	14	20	16	10	23	17	28	22	28	23	240

TUITION PUPILS

	High School	Junior High	Elementary
Aeworth	16	10	3
Langdon	20	2	10
Marlow	12		
Lempster	3		
Charlestown	1		

The elementary children are thankful for the many gifts that have been given to them by various individuals and organizations. Christmas is always remembered by parents and friends, by money for gifts and candy, fruit, etc. The children have also given generously to the junior red cross, march of dimes, children's medical center, etc.

This year the Keene Sentinel is including children from schools outside of Keene in their Tuesday evening spelling bees. The Alstead fourth grade competed in December and the fifth grade took part early in January. The sixth grade will also spell against another team before the year is over.

The third and fourth grades of the Village school sold enough Christmas cards to buy themselves an electric Victrola.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1948-1949

Total registration	268
Average membership	249.88
Percent of attendance	93.34
Cases of tardiness	86
Visits by superintendent	405
Number of pupils not absent or tardy	11
Visits by citizens and others	347
Half-days schools were in session	346
Visits by school board members	18

I wish to express appreciation for the continued support and cooperation on the part of the school board, teachers, parents, pupils and friends.

Respectfully submitted,

THERON B. THOMPSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

VILAS HIGH SCHOOL REPORT 1950

Twenty-seven students were graduated last June, eighteen girls and nine boys. The 1949 class is the largest class to graduate from Vilas. Six girls are attending a higher institution, four are married and eight are working. Two boys entered college, one is in Army training and six are working.

Roy Balla represented the school at Boys' State and Edith Pierce was our representative to Girls' State.

This year we have lengthened our class periods to one hour; this allows us six periods per day. This improves our study room problems and makes for a better preparation by the student daily.

The Vilas High School basketball team was invited for the sixth time in succession to compete in the Class C tournament, held at Dartmouth College.

The Vilas boys drew a bye in the opening round of play, defeated Henniker High School in an overtime game in the second round, lost by a close score to Belmont High School in

the semi-finals. In the consolation game Vilas defeated Twin Mountain and gained possession of a permanent trophy. James Duffy was chosen one of the All State guards.

Erwin Ward won the Dick Bath Memorial trophy for the high percentage of foul shots.

The honor students of the Class of 1949 were—Ruth Lamb 1st, Ellen Mansell 2nd, Annie Molesky 3rd, and Annette La-Frank 4th.

The school lunch programs organization is conducted by the following:

- Mr. Metcalf, Manager.
- Miss Harris, Bookkeeper.
- Mrs. F. Metcalf, Planning Menus and Ordering.
- Mrs. Eleanor Henry, Cook.
- Mrs. Doris Burnham, Cook.
- Mrs. Dennison, Selling Tickets.
- Junior High Boys, Dishwashers.

One girl from the Home Economics Department has assisted in serving each week. The boys have been given the opportunity to acquire skill in peeling potatoes.

The Future Homemakers helped to finance the cost of sending a representative to the regional meeting of Future Homemakers, Washington, D. C. last July. Ruth Harrington was our representative.

A baby contest was sponsored which gave the mothers an opportunity to get together for an afternoon.

The Vilas Future Homemakers entertained the state chapters of New Hampshire for a business meeting in October 1949. A buffet luncheon was served.

With the assistance of the Commercial Department and Miss Harris, Ruth Harrington has handled the job of making the state magazine, "Hands Across the State."

"Challenges to Youth" was the theme of the 1949 graduation exercises. Each graduate had a part in presenting these challenges which face the youth and to offer possible means of meeting them.

Vilas High School played host to the Walpole, Charlestown, Alstead one-act play competition. Vilas presented "Charity Bass" and won for the second time a plaque and have in their possession for another year the larger plaque.

About 50 students are taking music in the High School in band, orchestra and chorus.

The chorus is working on the "Minstrel Show" 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 Peter Murray, Allyn Bascom, and Richard Parker; to play in the band are Nellie Clark and Langdon Metcalf.

There were forty boys enrolled in vocational agriculture at the beginning of the school year. This figure represents 85 per cent of the boys enrolled in the high school.

As usual the first week of school was largely taken up with the F.F.A. exhibits at the Cheshire Fair. The boys used their own tent which they purchased this fall for housing the exhibits which were again put on in close cooperation with the vocational agriculture boys from Walpole High School.

The vocational agriculture and home economics classes held their annual school fair the last Thursday in September. They enjoyed the enthusiastic support of the townspeople and have been encouraged by it.

The Vilas Chapter of Future Farmers of America strived to accomplish their motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live and living to serve." Our chapter is proud to have all the officers for the state organization elected from the Vilas Chapter.

Two of our boys were given trips to Kansas City in October to act as state delegates at the national convention. Two Vilas boys were recipients of \$100 cash awards offered by the National F.F.A. Foundation for their work in soil conservation and project management. The boys competed in the state judging contest in November at the University of New Hampshire. One boy won an opportunity to represent the state

organization at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts in poultry judging; another boy won the same opportunity in milk judging. Another boy won a trip to Harrisburgh, Pennsylvania to compete as a state poultry judge in the N.E.P.P.C.O.

The boys built a ping pong table in the school shop. This has turned out to be a very interesting sport for many of the boys.

Our fourth annual Father and Son banquet was held in January. Mr. Paul Fenton was one of the main speakers, The meal was prepared by the F.F.A. under the able guidance of Mrs. Metcalf.

Our formal classroom work is based on a plan which is developed from a survey of the needs of agriculture in this area. We take as many field trips as are possible under the circumstances; it is difficult to get transportation for large classes. First hand observation of good farm management gained from field trips is invaluable when properly studied. The school shop continues to be one of the high points of interest and industry. The large investment in farm machinery that the present-day farmer carries makes it imperative that he have a basic knowledge of farm mechanics.

COMMERCIAL REPORT

Each year it is the responsibility of the students in the Commercial Department to cut stencils for the **Vernacular**, the school paper, and to type tickets and programs for the various activities within the school. This gives them practical experience in learning to do work for actual publication and use.

There is much demand within the business world for efficient filing clerks and typists. To compete with this need, we were able to have some practice in filing by the use of special filing sets of miniature letters. Both alphabetic and numeric filing were studied to fit students for these positions.

In addition to the mimeograph we have been able to learn the use of another machine, the Rex-O-graph, a liquid duplicator. This new machine has been a time-saving device in the duplication of material for classroom use.

Personal budgeting, banking procedures, and general record-keeping are still the main objectives of the bookkeeping class. Some experience is gained along this line as the pupils help in-keeping the accounts for the school cafeteria.

One of our most successful spring activities was our Play Day with girls from Charlestown, Walpole, Springfield and Vilas participating in relay races, softball, volleyball and tennis. Also in the spring we had three tennis tournaments: boys' singles, girls' singles and mixed doubles. The winners received emblems to sew on their jackets.

Undefeated were our girls' softball and tennis teams. The softball team played eight games with Walpole, Charlestown, Bellows Falls and Newport. Our tennis team won both matches played with the Bellows Falls team.

Many girls have learned the fundamental playing skills of tennis and have developed an enthusiasm for it which will provide valuable recreation for mature use of leisure time.

As in previous years student leaders were elected for each major sport. These student leaders, with our senior cheerleaders from the Girls' A.A. Council. This council in collaboration with the Boys' A.A. sponsored the Annual A.A. Dance.

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

In addition to our intramural basketball program the girls have played competitive games with teams from the following schools: Walpole, Keene and Bellows Falls.

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

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year Ending June 30, 1949

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand	\$2,215	32
Federal aid for vocational education	1,159	39
National School Lunch Program	1,009	32
State aid equalization fund	8,586	51
Local taxation	24,357	00
Special appropriation	3,100	00
Balance of previous appropriations	1,830	00
Dog licenses	599	85
Tuitions, secondary and elementary	6,123	78
Income from trust funds	4,131	94
Capital reserve	3,000	00
Other receipts	4,767	73
		\$61,295 84

PAYMENTS

Administration:

Salaries of district officers	\$282	00
Superintendent's salary	720	00
Tax for statewide supervision	328	00
Other administrative personnel	250	00
Supplies and expenses	354	84

Instruction:

Teachers' salaries	28,192	61
Text books	465	42
Scholar supplies	716	56
Supplies and other expenses	287	00

Operation of school plant :

Janitors' salaries	2,327 50
Fuel	1,694 03
Water, light, etc.	1,150 43
Repairs and replacements	1,802 92

Auxiliary activities :

Health supervision	513 72
Transportation	6,024 61
Tuitions	250 00
Special activities	113 54
School lunches and cafeteria	1,561 36

Fixed charges :

Insurance	768 10
Retirement	955 99

Capital outlay :

Lands and new buildings	3,200 00
Additions and improvements	3,006 86
New equipment	525 57

Other charges :

Veterans administration	1,585 95
Lawton House	65 46

Total payments for all purposes	\$57,142 47
Cash on hand as of June 30, 1949	4,153 37
Grand total	<u>\$61,295 84</u>

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$4,153 37
Capital reserves (held by trustees)	935 73
Total assets	<u>\$5,089 10</u>
Net debt (excess of Liability over Assets)	2,341 66
Grand total	<u>\$7,430 76</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by district or reserved
for special purposes :

Federal Works Agency	\$2,400 00	
Veterans Administration (unpaid accounts)	3,813 04	
Building committee	281 99	
Capital reserves (offsets similar asset)	935 73	
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Total liabilities		\$7,430 76

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer and school board of the school district of Alstead of which the preceding is a true copy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949 and find them correct in all respects, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

MARIE RADCLIFFE,
LEON TROW,

Auditors.

August 10, 1949.

ITEMIZED REPORT

Salaries of principals and teachers :

	Salary	Tax	Paid
Daniel Metcalf	\$3,400 00	\$211 20	\$3,188 80
Josephine Mitchell	2,300 00	240 00	2,060 00
Martin Mitchell	3,000 00	352 80	2,647 20
Frances Metcalf	2,200 00	225 60	1,974 40
Ira A. Stickney, Jr.	2,300 00	40 80	2,259 20
Carolyn B. Turner	2,000 00	199 20	1,800 80
Edith Harris	2,000 00	199 20	1,800 80
Mae Dennison	2,000 00	199 20	1,800 80
Mildred Moulthrop	2,000 00	199 20	1,800 80
Alice Ball	2,000 00	98 40	1,901 60
Laura Edney	2,000 00	98 40	1,901 60
Margaret Haynes	1,900 00	184 80	1,715 20
Madeline Tole	700 00	4 80	695 20

Janitor service :

Willard Kelley	1,860 00	76 80	1,783 20
Herbert Gale			390 00
Vincent Sherman			62 50
Horace Seavey			15 00

Transportation :

Hugh Talbot			2,597 00
Herman Britton			540 00
Hugh Clark			865 00
Gladys Dunlap			865 00
Harold Lund			692 00
Mrs. Mike Molesky			55 50
Keating Insurance Co.			27 98
John Adams Insurance			60 27
Lawrence Pickett			113 75
Harold Pierce			21 86

Fuel :

Cota & Cota			1,358 53
Howard Hardware			234 00
Prentiss Haines			62 50
William Lamb			21 00

REPORT OF DISTRICT SCHOOL TREASURER

July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949

Received from selectmen, town appropriation	\$27,457 00
Received from selectmen, balance previous appropriation	1,830 00
Received from dog tax, 1947	\$286 94
Received from dog tax, 1948	321 91 599 85
Received from trustees of trust funds, Warren fund	99 31
Received from trustees of trust funds, Kingsbury fund	15 15
Received from trustees of vilas fund	4,017 48
Received from State Treasurer, equalization	8,586 51
Received from State Treasurer, emergency State Aid	415 00
Received from State Treasurer, overpayment on per capita tax	20 00
Received from federal funds, hot lunch, agri- culture and home economics	2,168 71
Received from federal funds, Veterans' Administration	3,207 33
Received from federal funds, elem. building fund	1,200 00
Received from Langdon, tuition	1,870 20
Received from Acworth, tuition	2,442 98
Received from Stoddard, tuition	70 00
Received from Marlow, tuition	1,200 00
Received from Gilsum, tuition	231 60
Received from Lempster, tuition	200 00
Received from other tuitions	115 20
Received from rent	208 00
Received from Capital Reserve fund	3,000 00
Received from all other sources	126 20
	\$59,080 52

Cash on hand June 30, 1949	2,215 32
Total amount available for fiscal year	<u>\$61,295 84</u>
Less school board orders paid	57,142 47
Balance on hand June 30, 1949	<u>\$4,153 37</u>

H. L. ESTABROOK,
District Treasurer.

This is to certify that we 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, 1949 and find them correct in all respects.

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

August 1, 1949.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE
For 1950-51

	Current Budget 1949-50	Proposed Budget 1950-51
Administration:		
1. Salaries of district officers	\$292 00	\$298 00
2. Superintendent's salary	900 00	577 10
3. Per capita tax	354 00	370 00
4. Other administrative salaries	325 00	244 20
5. Expenses of administration	250 00	378 90
	\$2,121 00	\$1,868 20
Instruction:		
6. Teachers' salaries	\$29,200 00	\$15,000 00 \$14,200 00 \$29,400 00 \$15,875 00 \$13,525 00
7. Scholars' books	550 00	300 00 250 00 550 00 300 00 250 00
8. Scholars' supplies	650 00	375 00 275 00 650 00 375 00 275 00
10. Other expenses of instruction	375 00	280 00 95 00 375 00 280 00 95 00
	\$30,775 00	\$15,955 00 \$14,820 00 \$30,975 00 \$16,830 00 \$14,145 00

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE
For 1950-51

	Current Budget 1949-50	Proposed Budget 1950-51
Operation and maintenance:		
11. Janitor service	\$1,240 00	\$1,110 00
12. Fuel	1,350 00	850 00
13. Water, light, janitor supplies	700 00	500 00
	\$5,750 00	\$3,290 00
		\$2,460 00
		\$5,550 00
		\$2,959 42
		\$2,590 58
Maintenance of school plant:		
14. Repairs and replacements	\$1,350 00	800 00
		\$550 00
		\$1,000 00
		\$600 00
		\$400 00
Auxiliary activities:		
15. Health supervision	\$600 00	\$280 00
16. Transportation	6,250 00	200 00
17. Tuition	250 00	6,050 00
18. Special activities and funds	25 00	250 00
	15 00	500 00
	15 00	25 00
	15 00	15 00
	\$7,125 00	\$495 00
		\$6,630 00
		\$7,735 00
		\$316 20
		\$7,418 90

Fixed charges:

19. Retirement	\$1,045 00	\$1,101 17
20. Insurance and bonds	668 00	642 75
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	\$1,713 00	\$1,743 92

Special accounts and appropriations:

A. Lawton House	\$100 00	\$250 00
B. New equipment	500 00	250 00
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	\$600 00	\$500 00

Total payments for all purposes \$49,434 00 \$20,540 00 \$24,460 00 \$49,372 12 \$20,705 62 \$24,554 38 71

ESTIMATE OF INCOME

State aid	\$2,969 13*	\$2,969 13**
Federal aid	1,000 00	1,100 00
Tuitions	7,500 00	7,500 00
Other income	4,846 87	6,000 00
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Amount to be assessed	\$16,316 00*	\$17,569 13
	\$35,118 00*	\$31,802 99

*—** See next page.

*This represents the actual amount received this school year from state aid, and the assessment that was made by the selectmen after the legislature had voted the small state aid appropriation.

**This is an estimate based upon the assumption that the legislature does not change the appropriation for equalization money for schools, and the same method of apportionment that was used this year. Changes in school enrollments may make a change in this figure, providing the same state money is available.

NOTES ON BUDGET

There has been a slight reduction in those items of administration. This is due largely to a law passed last year that makes Union expenses apportioned on the basis of enrollments and valuations rather than on the previous methods.

Most budget items are as low as is consistent with good educational policy. Many of them are based upon actual costs or obligations and cannot be reduced any further. Teachers' salaries are low, especially when considered with those paid in other towns of similar size and condition.

In order to make some reduction in the budget the painting schedule has been extended so that less will be done this year and it will be a longer period before the whole building is completely done over.

The Lawton house has been in need of major repairs for several years. The inside of the house was fixed this year. The outside needs painting and the roof needs shingling. It is planned to do one project this year and the other next year.

Tuition rates will be increased for next year, but as we estimate a smaller non-resident enrollment the total amount to be received will be about the same.

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, 1949.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1949

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of	
		Male or Female.	Lying or Stillborn.				Mother.	Father.
Dec. 11	Bonnie L.	F	3	Fred G. Carman	Junice M. Spaulding	Contractor	Pittsfield, Mass.	So. Newbury, Vt.
May 27	Dennis R.	M	1	Roscoe D. Clark	Barbara A. Ball	Farmer	Haverhill	Alstead
Nov. 9	Ronald J.	M	1	Frank G. LaVanture	Mabel R. Fenton	Poultryman	So. Acworth	Walpole
Sept. 25	Donald W.	M	3	Don W. Libby	Glady's L. McCue	Grocer	Williamstown, Vt.	Houlton, Me.
July 16	Lucille A.	F	1	Anthony J. Nagin	Mary B. Solomako	Mach. shop fore.	Proctor, Vt.	Alstead
Nov. 26	Robert W.	M	2	Robert P. Putnam	Gertrude L. Clark	Farmer	Marlow	Clarendon
June 4	Amaryllis L.	F	1	Elmer C. Rhoades	Elenora L. Spaulding	Miner	Alstead	New Jersey
Nov. 18	Peter C.	M	3	Ralph F. Rencizman	Margaret L. Cassett	Farmer	Pittsfield, Ms.	New York, N. Y.
Dec. 4	Michael J.	M	4	William B. Renciz	Louise M. Matzen	Army	Hamburg, Germany	New York
Nov. 9	Ernest P.	M	2	Clarence P. Simonds	Bertha M. Pratt	Farmer	New Hampshire	Vermont
Mar. 18	Neil C., 2nd	M	1	John C. Stevens	Margaret Squibb	Student	New Jersey	New York
Mar. 18	Anthony B. S.	M	2	George H. Smith	Ruth L. Bailey	Student	Vermont	New York
Sept. 11	Nancy L.	F	3	Richard E. Westcott	Teresa M. Monty	Woodsmen	Sturwater, N. Y.	Alstead
Mar. 14	Sandra M.	F	1	George C. Woodell	Nellie L. Grant	Brakeman	New Hampshire	Bristol
Sept. 13	George T.	M	1			Laborer	New Hampshire	New Hampshire

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1949

Date of Marriage	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 Station of person by whom married.
July 10	Alstead	Gerrison W. Buss Janette S. Grant	Alstead Alstead	34 32	Tax consultant Beautician	New Hampshire Massachusetts	ROY H. Buss Horace A. Seavey	New Hampshire Massachusetts	1st 1st	Rv C. K. Stetson Springfield, Vt.
Sept. 10	Charlestown	Leon R. Blanchard Agnes M. Footland	Alstead Charlestown	51 19	Lumberman Housework	New Hampshire New York	Chas. D. Blanch'd Olie J. Footland	New Hampshire Norway	1st 1st	Rv A P Watson Charlestown
Feb. 6	Acworth	Roscoe D. Clark Barbara A. Ball	Alstead Alstead	22 18	Carpenter Typist	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Hugh D. Clark Ralph E. Ball	New Hampshire Vermont	1st 1st	Rv W C Goodwin Acworth
July 2	Walpole	Leslie R. Knight Alice M. Cunningham	Keene Alstead	33 33	Grocer clerk Bookkeeper	New Hampshire New York	Rolan E. Knight Frank M. Hoctor	Vermont New York	2d 2d	Rv Otto Lyding Walpole
July 24	Alstead	Nelson C. Nash Arlene E. Lavigne	Marlow Springfield, Ms.	21 18	Farmer Housework	Massachusetts Massachusetts	Homer Nash Joseph Lavigne	New Hampshire Massachusetts	1st 1st	Rv E W Bascom Acworth
Jan. 30	Alstead	Lyman T. Prouty Marilyn J. Hutchinson	Grafton, Vt. Alstead	21 17	Truckman At home	Vermont New Hampshire	Harvey E. Prouty Edw. Hutchinson	Vermont Vermont	2d 1st	Rv E W Bascom Acworth
June 18	Alstead	John J. Patroskey Alice M. Lavigne	Alstead Springfield, Ms.	22 22	Mining At home	Massachusetts Massachusetts	John Patroskey Joseph Lavigne	Poland Massachusetts	1st 1st	Rv E W Bascom Acworth
Sept. 3	Charlestown	Perley J. Smith, Jr. Greta L. Huntley	Walpole Alstead	21 18	Poultryman At home	Vermont New Hampshire	Perley J. Smith Harold B. Huntley	Vermont Massachusetts	1st 1st	Rv L C Reed Charlestown

*What marriage—whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1949

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.
Dec. 21 Alstead		Richard J. Monty Hermona A. Buss	Alstead Alstead	22 18	U. S. Navy None	New York Massachusetts	Frank E. Monty Hermon W. Buss	New York New Hampshire		Rv J L Sullivan Hartford, Vt.

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

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1949

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth.		Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	S, M, W.	Father.	Mother.	
May 27	Dennis R. Clark	0	0	0	Rockingham, Vt.	M	S	Alstead	Haverhill	Barbara A. Ball
Mar. 26	Bert E. Foster	71	8	29	Marlow	M	M	Unknown	Unknown	Hattie Foster
May 21	George W. Mathews	69	10	8	New Hampshire	M	W	Germany	Gideon Mathews	Susan Blodget
Aug. 9	Custie M. Petrosky	60	6	3	Armenia, N. Y.	F	M	Germany	William Murphy	Unknown
Aug. 26	Paula Matzen	63	6	3	Germany	F	M	Reading, Vt.	Joe Kleper	Paula Kleper
Nov. 11	Elsie G. Ober	64	8	11	Rutland, Vt.	F	M	U. S. A.	Chas. L. Robinson	Lula Sanderson
June 6	Irva Forter	85	3	26	Alstead	F	W	Cambridge, Mass.	George Cater	Rhoena French
May 14	George H. Winham	83	3	26	Marlow	M	W	Alstead	Curtis Winham	Sarah March
Dec. 30	Charles E. Wilson	85	3	26	Alstead	M	W	Canada	Edwin Bowen	Augusta Burroughs
" 18	Nellie B. Taylor	73	3	26	Canada	F	M	Canada	William Bowen	Lura Knapp
" 9	Burton G. Dana	55	11	18	Westmoreland	M	M	Canada	Marshall E. Dana	Endura Giffin
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Mar. 20	Dorothy F. Totman	47	7	23		F	M			
Dec. 6	Arthur Labare	84				M				
Sept. 30	Bertha M. Linsley	76				F				
June 4	Linda L. Gilmore		11			F				
May 27	(Infant) Clark					M				
Mar. 4	William E. Sevrens	75	5	14		F				
May 4	Minnie Labaree	76	2	6		F				
Apr. 20	Charles W. Graves	73				M				

*Single, married or widowed. **Brought to town for burial.

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.

FOREST FIRES—OUR MOST SHAMEFUL WASTE

Everyone apparently fears fires but too many are careless with it. This is particularly true of fires in and near woodlands. Official figures show that more than 80 percent of all forest fires result from human carelessness and can be prevented. Consequently, we may say "Forest fires are our most shameful waste".

Annual forest fire losses are tremendous and their effects far-reaching. Such fires destroy the raw products of the forests, the protection forests provide for game and the supply of ground water. They upset local economies by drawing men from peaceful employment and requiring the expenditure of public funds to extinguish them.

Our forest fire organization is doing a good job in keeping the size of fires small but the number of fires is increasing. In 1949 there were 108 more fires in New Hampshire than in 1948, but they burned 300 acres less. For the warden and his deputies to do the job they are capable of they must have the cooperation of the public—YOU.

The primary objective of all fire fighters is PREVENTION—fire stopping. This is the goal toward which your local forest fire warden and his deputies are constantly working. It can be achieved ONLY if YOU and YOU cooperate with them. It is worth YOUR effort and can be accomplished by:

- (1) Being careful with fire in or near woodland, being particularly careful with matches and cigarettes.
- (2) Securing the required written permit from the warden when the ground is not covered with snow.
- (3) Insisting that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.
- (4) Calling the warden promptly when fire is detected and asking him to extinguish it.

Let's reduce the number of forest fires and eliminate our most shameful waste.

F. J. BAKER
District Chief

1949 FIRE RECORD—ALSTEAD

Number of Fires, 2
Acreage Burned, 1/2
Number of fire permits issued, 96.

Respectfully submitted

MAURICE C. PITCHER
Forest Fire Warden

A WORD FROM YOUR WARDEN

On behalf of my deputies and myself I wish to thank the residents of the town of Alstead for their excellent cooperation in obtaining permits for burning. I point with pride to the nearly perfect record for the past year; namely, two fires—less than 1/2 acre of land burned over—and at NO EXPENSE to the town.

This record, we feel, was achieved by your careful adherence to the state permit laws.

We CAN repeat these records consistently by exercising the same caution of temperance in the seasons to come.

Your warden and his deputies pledge their best efforts to protect your properties and maintain this record.

Remember: A PERMIT COSTS YOU NOTHING—it's yours for the asking: OBSERVE and OBEY THE LAW.—GET A PERMIT.

F. J. BAKER
District Chief