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STARK, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1953

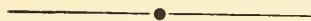
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Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stark, in the County of Coos in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, March 9, 1954, to act upon the subjects herein after mentioned. The polls will be open at said place and date from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the reception of your ballots upon the election of town officers under the Non-Partisan Ballot System: furthermore, you are hereby warned that on said date and place, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, the matter of appropriations and such other business properly coming before said meeting will be taken up for your consideration and action.

1. To choose by ballot the following town officers: one town clerk for one year, one selectman for three years; and the following for one year: a town treasurer, a tax collector, one auditor, two road agents, two constables, two sextons and one trustee for the cemetery trust funds.

2. To see if the town will instruct its selectmen to appoint all other town officers required by law.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for same.

4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for current expenses.

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Election and Registration expenses.

6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Insurance.

7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for:

- (a) General Expenses of the Highway Department
- (b) Snow Removal
- (c) Town Maintenance

8. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Class V Highways and appropriate \$290.99 and set aside for this purpose. The State will contribute \$1,939.95.

9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Town Relief.

10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Old Age Assistance.

11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray Interest Charges for the ensuing year.

12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Public Library purposes.

13. To see if the Town will vote for a scale of discounts for payment of taxes on the basis of Three per cent if paid by August 31st and Two per cent if paid by September 30th.

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur debts for temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year and pay such debts from tax money when received.

15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the upkeep of Cemeteries.

16. To see if the Town will vote to tar the road built last year from Robert Emerson's to Jenkins' farm with T. R. A. funds and raise \$2,000 for the same.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$100 for White Pine Blister Rust Control, to be worked out in cooperation with the Forestry and Recreation Commission.

18. To open and maintain the back road from Stark Village to Percy Village and raise money for same.

19. To discontinue the meadow road and bridge from Percy Village to the main highway.

20. To raise a sum of money to purchase and maintain a dump in the Town of Stark.

21. To raise money to pay constable on an hourly basis.

22. To raise money to purchase or lease a parcel of land for a parking lot for Town hall and install lights for same.

23. To raise money to rent or construct a suitable building for the purpose of storing Town equipment, road machine, snow plow, snow fence, etc.

(Articles 18 to 23 were inserted in the Warrant through petition of ten voters of the Town of Stark.)

24. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

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

WILFRED M. FOGG,
GLEN C. PARKS,
DEAN F. MILES,
Selectmen of Stark.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

WILFRED M. FOGG,
GLEN C. PARKS,
DEAN F. MILES,
Selectmen of Stark.

Selectmen's Recommendations

1. Art. 3. Recommended to raise the sum of \$1,500 to defray Town Charges.

2. Art. 4. Recommended to raise the sum of \$600 for Current Expenses.

3. Art. 5. Recommended to raise the sum of \$350 for Election and Registration Expenses.

4. Art. 6. Recommended to raise the sum of \$100 for Insurance.

5. Art. 7. Recommended to raise the sum of (a) \$2,500 for General Expenses of Highway Department; (b) \$3,000 for Snow Removal; (c) \$2,500 for Town Maintenance, or a total of \$8,000.

6. Art. 9. Recommended to raise the sum of \$500 for Town Relief.

7. Art. 10. Recommended to raise the sum of \$1,400 for Old Age Assistance.

8. Art. 11. Recommended to raise the sum of \$300 to defray Interest Charges.

9. Art. 12. Recommended to raise the sum of \$300 for Public Library purposes.

10. Art. 15 Recommended to raise the sum of \$500 for the upkeep of Cemeteries.

WILFRED M. FOGG,
GLEN C. PARKS,
DEAN F. MILES,
Selectmen of Stark.

BALANCE

Assets

<i>Cash</i>	
In hand of treasurer	\$10,935.08
<i>Accounts Due to the Town:</i>	
Taxes on State owned forest lands for 1953	1,315.85
<i>Unredeemed Taxes:</i>	
Levy of 1952	210.97
Levy of 1951	151.51
Previous Years	245.48
<i>Uncollected Taxes:</i>	
Levy of 1953	4,534.83
Levy of 1952	81.00
Levy of 1951	99.36
Previous Years	96.01
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1953	130.00
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<i>Total Assets</i>	\$17,800.09
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	12,645.00
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<i>Grand Total</i>	\$30,575.09
Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1952	\$ 3,347.65
Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1953	5,025.09
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Increase	\$ 1,677.44

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Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Due to State:

State Head Taxes—1953

(Uncollected \$130; Collected—not
remitted to State Treas. \$295) 425.00

Due to School Districts:

Balance of Appropriation 5,000.00

State and Town Joint Highway

Construction Accounts:

Unexpended balance in Town Treasury

For Stark Bridge 7,350.00

Total Liabilities 12,775.00

Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus) 17,800.09

Grand Total 30,575.09

RECEIPTS AND

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

(Collected and remitted to Treasurer)

Prop. Taxes, current year '53	\$24,928.33
Poll Taxes, current year,	
Regular @ \$2, 1953	254.00
Nat'l Bk. Stock Taxes, 1953	2.10
Yield Taxes, 1953	957.94
State Head Taxes @ \$5, '53	760.00

Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$26,902.37
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes—	
Previous Years	2,883.53
Poll Taxes, previous years—Reg. @ \$2	72.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5—previous years	250.00
Interest received on Taxes	15.27
Penalties on State Head Taxes	21.00
Tax sales redeemed	70.62

From State:

Interest and dividend tax	25.88
Railroad Tax	394.88
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	4.29
Reimbursement a/c State & Federal forest lands	1,300.89
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	5,106.04
National forest reserve	659.96
Bounties	5.50

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	123.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	33.00
Rent of town property	73.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1952 Permits	18.70
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 Permits	1,594.38

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$39,554.31
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PAYMENTS

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,566.86
Town officers' expenses	680.20
Election and registration expenses	257.57
Expenses town hall & other town bldgs.	241.70

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	79.00
Fire department, including forest fires	130.50
Bounties	16.25
Insurance	62.41

Health:

Vital statistics	5.25
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Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	286.50
Town Maintenance (Summer \$2,085.80, Winter \$2,348.20)	4,434.00
Tarring road at Crystal	1,874.49
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	2,073.75

Libraries:

Libraries	300.00
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	1,390.50
Town poor	181.31

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	478.49
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Total Payments (carried forward) \$14,058.78

RECEIPTS AND

Total receipts brought forward	\$39,554.31
<i>Receipts Other than Current Revenue:</i>	
Refunds	62.14
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	62.14
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<i>Total Receipts from All Sources</i>	\$39,616.45
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	8,655.67
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<i>Grand Total</i>	\$48,272.12

PAYMENTS (CONTINUED)

Total payments brought forward		\$14,058.78
<i>Unclassified:</i>		
Taxes bought by town	\$ 245.57	
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	1,532.94	
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses		1,778.51
<i>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</i>		
State Head Taxes paid State Treas. (1953 Taxes \$403; Prior Yrs. \$635.04)	1,038.04	
Taxes paid to County	2,143.09	
Payments to School Districts (1952 Tax \$5,868.78; 1953 Tax \$12,449.84)	18,318.62	
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Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		\$21,499.75
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Total Payments for all Purposes		\$37,337.04
Cash on hand December 31, 1953		10,935.08
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<i>Grand Total</i>		\$48,272.12

Schedule of Town Property

<i>Description</i>	<i>Value</i>
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 4,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	1,500.00
Police Department, Equipment	40.00
Fire Department, Equipment	150.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	200.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Observation Tower	200.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	5,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
Herbert Rogers Est.	100.00
Wilber, Nelson Est. 100A, Lot No. 203	560.00
<i>Total</i>	\$14,250.00

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.

WILFRED M. FOGG,
GLEN C. PARKS,
DEAN F. MILES,
Selectmen.

LILA M. JENKINS,
Treasurer
February 1, 1954

Selectmen's Report

Inventory of the Town of Stark for 1953

Land and Buildings	\$240,159.00
Electric Lines	157,005.00
Horses (32)	2,475.00
Cows (106)	12,005.00
Other Neat Stock (11)	1,150.00
Sheep and Goats (3)	10.00
Fowls (60)	40.00
Vehicles (4)	2,300.00
Road Building Machinery	62,930.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	66,264.02
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks (7)	975.00
Stock in Trade	4,500.00
Mills and Machinery	4,500.00
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	\$554,313.02
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	18,650.00
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	\$535,663.02

Assessments

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	300.00
Election and Registration Expenses	350.00
Town Road Aid	286.50
Town Maintenance	2,000.00
Snow Removal	3,000.00
Bridges	4,650.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	2,000.00
Tarring New Road in Crystal	1,600.00
Insurance	100.00
Libraries	300.00
Old Age Assistance	1,200.00
Town Poor	1,000.00
Cemeteries	500.00
Interest	300.00
County Tax	2,143.09

School Tax		17,449.84
Total Town & School Appropriations	\$	38,879.43
Less: Estimated Revenues & Credits		11,894.47
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	\$	26,984.96
Plus Overlay		631.95
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	\$	27,616.91
Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	\$296.00	
National Bank Stock Tax	2.10	
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Amt. to be raised by Prop. Tax	\$	27,318.81
Tax Rate, 1953, \$5.10 per \$100 Valuation		

Detailed Statement of Payments

CURRENT EXPENSES

Town Officers' Salaries

Wilfred M. Fogg, Selectman	\$ 300.00
Glen C. Parks, Selectman	150.00
Dean F. Miles, Selectman	150.00
Muriel Stuart, Auditor	25.00
Lila M. Jenkins, Town Clerk	93.50
Lila M. Jenkins, Town Treasurer	93.50
Myron A. Osgood, Tax Collector	754.86
	————— \$ 1,566.86

Town Officers' Expenses

Thelma M. Murphy, Real Estate Transfers	\$ 7.58
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	12.34
Assn. of N. H. Assessors, Dues	3.00
Muriel Stuart, Auditing Expenses	3.00
Winston Emery, Surveying lines between Northumberland and Stark	102.00
Wheeler & Clark, Dog License Book & Dog Tags	9.22
Geo. M. Stevens Co., Town Officers' Bonds	55.50
W. M. Fogg, Selectman, telephone, postage & car mileage	48.62
Warren A. Bartlett, Real Estate Transfers	1.26
Berlin Reporter, Printing Notice	2.50
Coos County Democrat, Printing Notice	2.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Tax Books and postage	12.71
Lila M. Jenkins, Auto permits and supplies	146.15
J. E. Montgomery, Sealing Wood	100.00

Harris W. Nichols, Printing		
Tax Bills	6.00	
Ida M. Horner, Tax Collector		
Assn., Dues	3.00	
Charles R. Hardy, Town Clerks		
Assn., Dues	2.00	
Dean F. Miles, Selectman, Car		
Mileage	15.00	
Glen C. Parks, Selectman, Tax		
Meeting, Car Mileage, and		
telephone	31.47	
Branham Pub. Co., Auto Refer-		
ence Book	3.00	
William Lehnert, Legal Services	79.13	
Myron Osgood, Tax Collector,		
Tax meeting & expenses	34.72	
	—————	\$ 680.20

Election and Registration

Emma Miles, Supervisor, copying		
and posting	\$ 21.00	
Ernest Kiser, Supervisor	14.00	
Zora Miles, Supervisor	14.00	
Raymond Stuart, Moderator	12.00	
Roxa Kiser, Ballot Clerk	7.00	
Myrtle Scott, Ballot Clerk	7.00	
Coos County Democrat, Printing		
Ballots & Town Reports	182.57	
	—————	\$ 257.57

Town Hall Expenses

Paris Mfg. Co., 50 chairs	\$ 165.00	
Kenyon Vinyard, repairing		
chairs	4.50	
Leona Hickey, washing floor (3)	15.00	
City Hardware, 7 window shades	6.60	
W. M. Fogg, T. Paper, Lt. bulbs,		
glass	2.45	
Thelma Beroney, cleaning hall	48.15	
	—————	\$ 241.70

Police Department

Nelson Littlehale, 6 mo. Con-		
stable & Dog Const.	\$ 15.00	
Harley Nelson, Special Police		
Duty	24.00	

Linwood Gadwah, Constable & Dog Constable & Exp.	36.25	
Russell Abbott, Constable 3 mo.	3.75	
	_____	\$ 79.00

Fire Department

Town of Northumberland Fire Dept.:		
Fires at Gibson's & Farn- ham's	\$ 30.50	
Fire, Aubin's Barn, 1952	100.00	
	_____	\$ 130.50

Bounties

Hedgehogs @ 25c (7)	\$ 1.75	
Hedgehogs @ 50c (19)	9.50	
Bear @ \$5	5.00	
	_____	\$ 16.25

Vital Statistics

Lila M. Jenkins, Town Clerk		
Recording Vital Statistics		\$ 5.25

Town Road Aid

State of New Hampshire, Town Road Aid		\$ 286.50
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Tarring New Road

Treas. State of N. H., Payrolls and Tar		\$ 1,874.49
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Snow Removal

Clair Walker, Road Agent		
Payrolls, West End	\$ 899.20	
Payrolls, East End	1,358.45	
Town of Dummer, Plow Hire	18.25	
Treas., State of N. H., Plow Hire	72.30	
	_____	\$ 2,348.20

Town Maintenance

Clair Walker, Road Agent		
Payrolls, West End	\$ 785.77	
Payrolls, East End	1,300.03	
	_____	\$ 2,085.80

General Expenses of Highway Department

Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Work- men's Compensation, 1953	\$ 61.22	
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Treas., State of N. H., 2½ Ton Sodium Chloride	54.18	
Phil's Repair Service, welding	55.61	
Treas. State of N. H., 26 lengths C. M. Pipe	81.40	
Henry St. Laurent, Dynamite	16.00	
Director of Internal Revenue, Withholding Tax	18.10	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., 5 Culverts	216.00	
Ashley Leighton, Sand for Tar	11.00	
W. M. Fogg, Gravel	3.50	
R. C. Hazelton Co., 2 Grader Blades	21.66	
J. E. Faltin, Freight	2.40	
Ashley Leighton, Logs for Bridge	48.00	
Vernon Bickford, Repairing Water Line	13.75	
Treas. State of N. H., Tarring old road	644.73	
Curtis Hardware, Spikes & Bolts	25.90	
Riva & Stanley, Pipes and Fittings	7.66	
International Paper Co., Hem- lock Planks	93.15	
White Mt. Lumber Co., Hemlock Boards	4.76	
Morris & Co., Bermico Pipe	11.52	
Columbian Steel Co., Snow Plow Blades	348.16	
Thompson Mfg. Co., Steel for Cote Bridge	187.51	
Clair Walker, Repairs on Snow Plows	12.50	
Amos Emery, Gravel	4.00	
Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Workmen's Comp., 1954	101.04	
		\$ 2,073.75

Libraries

Kate Osgood, Trustee, Library Appropriation	\$ 300.00
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Town Poor

E. W. Steady, Groceries, Myron Cole Family	\$ 36.51	
C. N. Hodgdon, Fuel Oil, Cole Family	54.19	
Treas., Town of Milan, Reim- bursement for Temporary Relief, Cole Family	90.61	
	<u> </u>	\$ 181.31

Old Age Assistance

Treas., State of N. H., 25% Old Age Assistance		\$ 1,390.50
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Cemeteries

New Power Mower	\$117.50	
Repairs, gas & oil	22.60	
	<u> </u>	\$140.10
Stark Cemetery		
Harold Jenkins, Labor	\$103.95	
Robert Gibson, Labor	12.60	
David Peel, Labor	7.65	
K. Vinyard, making new doors for Vault	57.85	
Morris & Co., lumber for doors	11.65	
Phil's Repair Service, Welding	12.84	
	<u> </u>	\$206.54
Emerson Cemetery		
Harold Jenkins, Labor		\$ 41.40
Percy Cemetery		
Harold Jenkins, Labor	\$ 54.90	
Robert Gibson, Labor	3.60	
	<u> </u>	\$ 58.50
Blake Cemetery		
Harold Jenkins, Labor		\$ 8.10
Catholic Cemetery		
Harold Jenkins, Labor	\$14.85	
Robert Gibson, Labor	9.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 23.85
	<u> </u>	\$ 478.49

Insurance

Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., In- surance Library furnishings	\$ 31.50
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Grange Mutual Ins. Co., Library Insurance	30.91	
	—————	\$ 62.41
<i>Schools</i>		
Elsie M. Peabody, School Treas.:		
Balance Approp., 1952	\$ 5,868.78	
Part of Approp., 1953	12,449.84	
	—————	\$18,318.62
<i>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions</i>		
J. Arthur Sullivan, County Treas., County Tax	\$2,143.09	
Treas., State of N. H., Head Taxes, 1952 & 1953	1,038.04	
	—————	\$ 3,181.13
<i>Unclassified</i>		
M. A. Osgood, Tax Collector, Deed and Tax Sale	\$ 245.57	
M. A. Osgood, Tax Collector, Discounts & Abatement	1,532.94	
	—————	\$ 1,778.51
<i>Total Payments</i>		————— \$37,337.04

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.

WILFRED M. FOGG,
GLEN C. PARKS,
DEAN F. MILES,
Selectmen of Stark

January, 1954

Road Agent's Report

CLAIR WALKER, *Road Agent, East End* Summer Work

Clair Walker and Truck	\$ 886.05
J. E. Montgomery	27.20
Robert Leighton	12.75
Clark Wentworth	11.25
Nelson Littlehade	6.80
Harold Veinotte	22.90
Jerome Fogg	4.25
Donald Fogg	8.50
Wilfred Fogg and Tractor	31.55
Owen Leighton	11.05
Ashley Leighton and Tractor	134.70
Albert Forbush	76.93
Alvin Howland	66.10
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	\$1,300.03

Winter Work

Clair Walker and Truck	\$ 849.60
J. W. Emery and Tractor	35.00
Glenn Wentworth and Truck	28.60
J. E. Montgomery	26.70
Albert Forbush	5.10
Harold Veinotte	15.00
Clark Wentworth	24.75
Robert Ducharme	9.75
Alvin Howland	21.05
Henry Tripp	8.50
Jerome Fogg	21.40
Wilfred Fogg and Tractor	37.85
Ashley Leighton and Truck	131.55
Owen Leighton	143.60
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	\$1,358.45

Respectfully submitted,
CLAIR WALKER,
Road Agent

 CLAIR WALKER, *Road Agent, West End*

Summer Work

Clair Walker and Truck	\$585.14
Harold Veinotte	6.75
Bernard Hopps	2.55
Alvin Howland	11.90
Robert Leighton	17.70
Wilfred Oakes	5.95
Donald Fogg	16.05
J. E. Montgomery	39.95
Ashley Leighton and Tractor	38.08
Albert Forbush	61.70
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	\$785.77

Winter Work

Clair Walker and Truck	\$631.25
Osius Martin and Tractor	8.00
Henry Tripp	4.25
W. M. Fogg	2.55
Glenn Wentworth and Truck	45.00
James Hand	3.40
Harold Veinotte	11.10
Donald Hodgdon and Truck	17.50
Owen Leighton	129.15
Jerome Fogg	18.45
Clark Wentworth	28.55
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	\$899.20

Respectfully submitted,

 CLAIR WALKER,
Road Agent

Town Clerk's Report

Report of the Town of Stark, N. H. for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Jan. 1 to Apr. 1, 1952 permits issued	
in 1953 11 permits	\$ 18.70
1953 permits issued 213	1,593.92
49 Dog licenses sold	123.00
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<i>Total</i>	\$1,735.62

The foregoing statement is correct to the best of my belief and judgment.

LILA M. JENKINS,

Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1952	\$ 8,655.67
Total Receipts to Treasurer	39,616.45
	\$48,272.12
Total Payments	37,337.04
	\$10,935.08
Cash on Hand	\$10,935.08
Balance as per statement	\$12,244.18
Deposit not credited	9,532.61
Not Deposited	38.50
	\$21,815.29
Outstanding Checks	10,880.21
	\$10,935.08
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1953	\$10,935.08

LILA M. JENKINS,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

MURIEL STUART,
Auditor.

Report of Tax Collector

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Name	1953	1952	1951	Prev. Years
Abbott, Clifton				\$ 4.00
Allen, Howard				2.00
Ball, Roy	\$ 11.18	\$14.50	\$17.15	48.40
Arsenault, Ami				2.00
Ball, Roy Mrs.	2.00			
Barsleau, Rene	40.80			
Bickford, Loraine	2.00			
Bacon, Walter	2.00			
Bacon, Wava	2.00			
Caie, George	60.20			
Coy, Mr. and Mrs.	55.00			
Croteau, Donald	2.00			
Dingman, Clarence				7.10
Dingman, Worden	56.10			
Dingman, Golden	27.50			
Dingman, Marchie	2.00			
Deline, Emerson	261.38			
Farnham, Celia	2.00			
Farnham, Roy	10.65			
Frizzell, Arline	2.00			
Gibson, Robert	51.00			
Gibson, Henry	68.30			
Gibson, Norma	2.00			
Gadwah, Linwood	45.90			
Gadwah, Ada	2.00			
Hand, Fred			9.80	
House, Urania	91.80			
Hickey, Tazuru	2.00			
Hand, Doris	2.00			
Holbrook, Florence	63.20	62.00		2.00
Leighton, Carrol	5.10		2.00	2.00
Leighton, Nelsie			2.00	2.00
Jenkins, Lila	51.00			
Jenkins, Clarence	30.60			
Lapoint, Zelma	42.80			

Lapoint, Albert	2.00			
Leighton, Geneva	2.00	2.00	2.00	4.00
Leighton, Owen	3.06	2.50	4.41	20.51
Larey, Velma			2.00	
Leight'n, Letty Est.	137.70			
Littlehale, Nelson	37.70			
Littlehale, Julia	2.00			
Moulton, Marlyn	27.50			
McSutor, Warren	9.18			
Potter, Charles	2.55			
Pope, Grace	56.10			
Pepau, Ethel				2.00
Rogers, Est. John	51.00			
Sterns, Doris	2.00			
Terrill, James	2.00			
Baillarger, Oliva	10.20			
Bouchard, Leo	5.10			
Cloutier, Antonio	12.75			
Dunham, E. & R.	12.75			
Green, George Est.	5.10			
Gould, Elmer	40.80			
Jolley, Wm.	40.80			
Pare, Lucian	20.40			
Rancourt, Emil	9.18			
Rogers Est.	5.10			
Grov. Papers Co.	961.80			
Northum'land Town	49.00			
	<u>\$2,455.28</u>	<u>\$81.00</u>	<u>\$88.36</u>	<u>\$96.01</u>

TAX SALE LEVY 1952

Name	Tax	Int.	Costs	Total
Gibson, Robert	\$ 42.50	\$ 2.13	\$ 3.08	\$ 47.71
Leighton, Carrol	5.00	.25	3.08	8.33
Littlehale, Nelson	35.00	1.75	3.08	39.83
McSutor, Warren	9.00	.45	3.08	12.53
Veniotte, Everett	55.00	3.75	3.08	61.83
Green, Est. Geo.	5.00	.25	3.08	8.33
Holden, Merl	15.00	.75	3.08	18.83
Lagassée, Orton	10.00	.50	3.08	13.58
Rogers, H. Est.	5.00	.25	3.08	8.33
	<u>\$181.50</u>	<u>\$10.08</u>	<u>\$27.72</u>	<u>\$219.30</u>

All above bought by Town of Stark.

UNREDEEMED TAX SOLD TOWN JAN. 1, 1954

Name	1950	1951	1952	Total
Lapoint, Zelma				32.94
McSutor, Warren		\$ 13.01	\$ 12.53	\$ 57.15
Gibson, Henry				29.50
Holbrook, Orange Est.				37.55
Holbrook, Leon				9.67
Leighton, Carrol	\$ 6.68	8.90	8.33	32.44
Dingman, Clarence	12.19			12.19
Green, George Est.	6.68	8.90	8.33	23.91
Jackson, Mary Est.	21.38			21.38
Labrecque, Gerard	8.51			8.51
Peare, Lucian	17.70			17.70
Reandeau, Oscar	12.19			12.19
Roberts, Paul	10.35			10.35
Littlehale, Nelson		39.77	39.83	79.60
Wentworth, Glenn		80.93		80.93
Gibson, Robert			47.71	47.71
Veniotte, Everett			61.83	61.83
Holden, Merle			18.83	18.83
Lagasse, Orton			13.58	13.58
	<u>\$95.68</u>	<u>\$151.51</u>	<u>\$210.97</u>	<u>\$607.96</u>

Year 1948—Zelma Lapoint \$32.94, Warren McSutor \$18.71—Total \$51.65*

Year 1949—Warren McSutor \$12.90, Henry Gibson \$29.50, Orange Holbrook Est. \$37.55, Leon Holbrook \$9.67, Carroll Leighton \$8.53—Total \$98.15*

* Included in Total \$607.96.

RECAPITULATION TAX SOLD TOWN

Year	Bal. Sale	Int.	Total	Deed		
				Town	Redeem.	Un'deem.
1947	\$103.60	\$36.71	\$ 140.31	\$10.24	\$130.07	0
1948	166.78	22.56	189.34	10.40	127.29	\$ 51.65
1949	150.54	14.73	165.27	7.61	59.51	98.15
1950	169.00	10.73	179.73	7.48	76.57	95.68
1951	179.60	1.68	181.28	9.43	20.34	151.51
1952	219.30	.50	219.80	8.83	0.00	210.97
	<u>\$988.82</u>	<u>\$86.91</u>	<u>\$1075.73</u>	<u>\$53.99</u>	<u>\$413.78</u>	<u>\$607.96</u>

 TIMBER TAX AS OF JAN. 1, 1954

1951 Balance		\$	11.00
Uncollected—Rene Barsleau	\$11.00		
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1952 Balance		\$1,143.78	
Interest		3.83	
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		\$1,147.61	
Abated: F. E. Moses & Son		50.00	
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Collected		\$1,097.61	
Uncollected—Nil			
	* * * *		
1953 Balance		\$3,037.49	
Collected		957.94	
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Uncollected		\$2,079.55	
Uncollected:			
Caie, George	\$	25.13	
Cole, Emma		45.16	
Emery, Amos		3.15	
Farnham, Roy		5.60	
Gibson, Henry		17.95	
Groveton Papers Co.		145.54	
Holt & Fogg		42.53	
Howland, Mary		1.67	
Lunn, Glenn		5.60	
Miles, Dean & Glen		*54.52	
Montgomery, J. E.		12.76	
Moulton, Raymond		130.35	
Moses, F. E. & R. W.		300.40	
Russ, Geo. W.		21.11	
Stone, R. D.		35.11	
Washburn, R.		1,232.97	
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		\$2,079.55	
* Paid			

	Tax	Collected	Abated	Sold	Uncol.
1953 Poll	\$ 306.00	\$ 244.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 52.00
Property*	27331.61	23585.49	812.26		2403.28
Head	891.00	721.00	40.00		130.00
Timber	3037.49	957.94			2079.55
Bank	2.10	2.10			
1952	1495.04	1197.71	24.75	191.58	81.00
Timber	1147.61	1097.61	50.00		
Head	253.50	223.50	30.00		
1951 Head	16.50	16.50			
Prop. & Polls	100.36	10.00	2.00		88.36
Redemptions	1075.73	413.78		**53.99	607.96
Prev. Years	96.01				96.01
	\$35752.95	\$28469.63	\$969.01	\$245.57	\$5538.16

* Discount \$530.58

** Deed

Due Treasurer:

Cash Collections	\$28,469.63
Tax Sale	191.58
Discount	530.58
Deed	53.99
Abatements	969.01

\$30,214.79

Receipts from Treasurer:

To Balance Account \$30,214.79

HEAD TAX

1951		
Balance Levy		\$ 15.00
Penalty		1.50
Total		<u>\$ 16.50</u>
Collected	\$16.50	
1952		
Balance Levy		\$205.00
Added		30.00
Penalties		18.00
Total		<u>\$253.00</u>
Collected	\$223.50	

Abated	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$253.00
1953		
Balance Levy		\$855.00
Added		35.00
Penalty		1.00
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Collected	\$721.00	
Abated	40.00	
Uncollected	130.00	
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		\$891.00

Uncollected

Bickford, Loraine	\$ 5.00
Ball, Roy	5.00
Ball, Alice	5.00
Burnell, Wm.	5.00
Bacon, Walter	5.00
Bacon, Wava	5.00
Croteau, Donald	5.00
Coy, Charles	5.00
Coy, Beatrice	5.00
Dingman, Ethel	5.00
Dingman, Golden	5.00
Dingman, Marchie	5.00
Farnham, Celia	5.00
Frizzell, Arline	5.00
Frizzell, Ben E.	5.00
Frizzell, Leo	5.00
Frizzell, Blanche	5.00
Gibson, Kenneth	5.00
Gibson, Mary	5.00
Hand, Doris	5.00
Hand, Fred	5.00
Lapoint, Zelma	5.00
Lapoint, Albert	5.00
Moulton, Marlyn	5.00
Littlehale, Nelson	5.00
Littlehale, Julia	5.00

Total	<hr/> \$130.00
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Library Report

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 76.36
Received from Town	300.00
	\$376.36

Payments

2-17 Falworth Pub. House, Books	\$ 3.50
3- 4 Book Club	4.04
3-20 Book Club	5.29
4-15 M. A. Osgood, Gas tank	6.00
4-15 Muriel Stuart, Salary	16.25
5-12 Book of Month Club	8.28
5-27 Book of Month Club	4.29
5-27 New England News	35.25
6-16 Book of Month Club	4.74
6-22 Library Book House	10.78
7- 8 Book of Month Club	4.74
8- 7 Book of Month Club	4.74
8- 7 Wm. Wise & Co.	5.00
8- 7 Victorine Stuart, Salary	16.25
9- 3 Book of Month Club	4.29
9-15 New England News	55.98
9-15 Follet Library Book Co.	12.06
9-15 Holiday Magazine	5.00
9-15 White Mt. Echoes	1.00
9-15 Victorine Stuart, Salary	16.25
9-22 Ladies Home Journal	5.00
9-28 Book of Month Club	4.74
11- 3 Book of Month Club	4.74
11-17 Book of Month Club	4.74
12- 7 Electa Osgood, Salary	16.25
12-30 Book of Month Club	4.79
12-31 Aladdin Book Co.	6.74
Bank Charges, April to Dec. 31, 1953	6.04
Bank Balance	99.59
	\$376.36

The foregoing statement is correct according to my belief and judgment.

KATE L. OSGOOD,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

MURIEL STUART,
Auditor

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Stark, N. H., on December 31, 1953

Date of Creation	Trust Funds--Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amt. of Principal	Bal. of Income on hand start of year	Rate of Int.	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Bal. End Year
3-18-1919	Katherine Holmes Trust Fund for care of lots in Stark Cemetery	City Savings Bank Berlin, N. H.	\$ 200.00	\$23.55	2%	\$ 5.04	\$ 5.04	\$ 223.55
3-22-1921	Charles Emery Trust Fund for care of lot in Emerson Cemetery	Peoples National Bank Groveton, N. H.	46.13	10.24	2%	1.69		58.06
5-18-1921	George M. Smith Trust Fund for care in Stark Cemetery	Gorham Savings Bank Gorham, N. H.	100.00		2%	2.26	2.26	100.00
5-22-1942	Solomon D. Cole Trust Fund for care of lot in Stark Cemetery	City Savings Bank Berlin, N. H.	59.00	1.33	2%	1.16	1.16	51.33
2-23-1943	Eldon S. Cole Trust Fund for care of lots in Stark Cemetery	City Savings Bank Berlin, N. H.	300.00	None	2%	6.79	6.79	300.00
9-17-1946	Lois A. Fiske Trust Fund for care of lot in Stark Cemetery	Gorham Savings Bank Gorham, N. H.	100.00	None	2%	2.26	2.26	100.00
12-11-1953	Stella A. Lamm Cole Trust Fund for care of lot in Stark Cemetery	Gorham Savings Bank Gorham, N. H.	200.00	None	2%	4.52	4.52	200.00
	Maud S. Kuemmerling Trust Fund for care of Thompson lot in Stark Cemetery	City Savings Bank Berlin, N. H. (New Funds)	1000.00	No interest drawn				1000.00
			\$1996.13	\$35.72		\$23.72	\$22.03	\$2033.54

MAUD E. SANDERSON, Trustee.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.
MURIEL STUART, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF THE
TOWN OF STARK
NEW HAMPSHIRE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1953

School Warrant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the School District of Stark
qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on Tuesday, March 9th, 1954, at eleven-thirty o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing 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 hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or other officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.
7. (A) To see if the district will authorize the School Board to enlarge the Stark Village School ground by purchase of land from Mrs. Myron Osgood.
(B) To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the purchase of said land.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Stark this twenty-second day of February, 1954.

RAYMOND STUART,
 KENYON VINYARD,
 NELLIE MAGUIRE,
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:
 RAYMOND STUART,
 KENYON VINYARD,
 NELLIE MAGUIRE,
School Board

* * * * *

Motion: Moved that the school district raise and appropriate \$16,568.78 and to authorize and direct the school board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the school board exclusive of state aid, and upon the determination of the amount of state aid to be received by the school district during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the school board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from state aid and with the school district clerk certify to the selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

(Suggested motion to follow for Article 8)

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Organization

	Term Expires
Mr. Raymond Stuart, Chairman	1954
Mr. Kenyon Vinyard	1955
Mrs. Nellie Maguire	1956
Mrs. Elsie M. Peabody, Treasurer	
Mrs. Elsie M. Peabody, Clerk	
Mrs. Muriel V. Stuart, Auditor	
Mrs. Muriel V. Stuart, Truant Officer	
Mr. Raymond Stuart, Moderator	
Mr. Howard D. Fowlie, Supt. of Schools	

Board meetings are held on call of Chairman.

 REPORT OF THE SCHOOL TREASURER
Organization

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

Summary

Cash on Hand June 30, 1952		Nil
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	\$15,450.54	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Aid	1,118.24	
Aid School Lunches	200.90	
	\$16,769.68	
Total amount available for fiscal year	\$16,769.68	
Less school board orders paid	16,769.68	
	Nil	
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1953		Nil

ELSIE M. PEABODY,
District Treasurer

Detailed Statement of Receipts

Date	From Whom	Source	Amount
1952			
July 29	Town of Stark	Appropriation	\$ 100.00
Aug. 29	Town of Stark	Appropriation	5,000.00
Nov. 20	State of N. H.	State Aid	1,118.24
Dec. 17	State of N. H.	Aid Sch. Lunches	37.26
1953			
Jan. 2	Town of Stark	Appropriation	5,000.00
Jan. 17	State of N. H.	Aid Sch. Lunches	33.42
Feb. 17	State of N. H.	Aid Sch. Lunches	44.58
Mar. 17	State of N. H.	Aid Sch. Lunches	33.24
Apr. 20	State of N. H.	Aid Sch. Lunches	38.76
May 20	State of N. H.	Aid Sch. Lunches	13.64
May 27	Town of Stark	Bal. of Appro.	5,350.54
			\$16,769.68
	<i>Total Receipts during year</i>		\$16,769.68

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BUDGET

In order that a better picture may be had of the district's finances, we are showing the exact expenditures for 1952-1953, our estimate for 1953-1954, and the proposed budget for 1954-1955.

Summary

	Expend. for 1952-53	Estim. for 1953-54	Budget for 1954-55
Administration			
Salaries of district officers	\$ 205.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 205.00
Supt. salary (local share)	232.75*	273.00	222.52
Tax for state wide supervision	160.00	164.00	156.00
Sal. of other adm. personnel	164.00	184.00	209.40
Supplies and expenses	284.19	158.50	191.58
Instruction			
Teachers' salaries	7,275.86	7,350.00	7,800.00
Books & other instruc. aids	265.32	300.00	300.00
Scholars' supplies	363.30	238.00	238.00
Supplies & other expenses	9.78	125.00	125.00
Operation of School Plant			
Salaries of janitors	193.00	176.00	176.00
Fuel or heat	255.35	550.00	550.00
Supplies & other expenses	156.30	150.00	150.00
Maintenance of School Plant			
Repairs and replacements	164.19	500.00	500.00
Auxiliary Activities			
Health supervision	125.00	125.00	125.00
Transportation	1,980.00	1,980.00	1,980.00
Tuition	2,871.92	3,475.00	3,025.00
Spec. activities & spec. funds	200.90	50.00	50.00
Fixed Charges			
Retirement	301.44	455.28	455.28
Insur., Treas. bonds & exp.	8.00	10.00	10.00
Capital Outlay			
Additions & improvements to bldgs.	1,425.38	2,500.00	
New equipment	128.00	100.00	100.00
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Total Payments for All Purposes	\$16,769.68	\$19,068.78	\$16,568.78

Receipts

Receipts:	0	0	0
Cash on hand			
Town Appropriation	\$15,450.54	\$17,950.54	\$14,949.84
State Aid	1,118.24	1,118.24	1,618.94
Federal Aid	200.90		
Total Amount Available for the year	\$16,769.68	\$19,068.78	\$16,568.78
* Salary of Supt.	\$5,600.00		
Paid by Stark	232.75		

STATE TAX COMMISSION AUDIT
 REPORT OF AN AUDIT AND EXAMINATION
 of the accounts of the
 STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953
 made by
 THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
 STATE TAX COMMISSION
 September 21, 1953

• DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
 State Tax Commission
 Concord, New Hampshire

October 23, 1953

The School Board
 Stark School District
 Stark, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts of the Stark School District which was made by this Division, acting under authority of Chapter 82, Section 27, of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire, which provides in part as follows:

"Audit on Motion of Commission. The Commission may cause an audit to be made of the accounts of any city, town, school district, village district or precinct, as often as once in two years, or whenever conditions appear to it to warrant such. *****"

This audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the School Board and Treasurer of the School District.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets -- June 30, 1952-June 30, 1953:
(Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of June 30, 1952 and June 30, 1953, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the Surplus increased by \$518.24 during the year.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the School District during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein.

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

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net revenue surplus of \$518.24, resulted in a net budget surplus of like amount.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of June 30, 1953, is indicated in Exhibit F.

Statement of School District Appropriation Account:
(Exhibit G)

A statement of the School District appropriation account is included in Exhibit G. As indicated therein, the balance of the 1952-53 school tax due from the Town of Stark on June 30, 1953, amounted to \$518.24. This represented the excess of the actual amount of Foundation Aid received from the State (\$1,118.24), over the estimated amount (\$600.00). The full amount of the school tax for 1952-53, amounting to \$15,968.78, should have been paid to the School District by the Town.

Supporting Invoices:

It was noted that checks issued in payment of the following accounts were not supported by bills or invoices:

Donald Fluery	\$300.00	Building Repairs & Improvements
	300.00	Building Repairs & Improvements
	304.50	Building Repairs & Improvements
James L. Emery	335.22	Building Repairs & Improvements
Paris Mfg. Co.	110.00	Teachers' Desks

Conclusion:

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 school district report.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Stark School District for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,
HAROLD G. FOWLER,
 Director

Division of Municipal Accounting
 State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
 State Tax Commission
 Concord, New Hampshire
 October 23, 1953

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Stark School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953. In our opinion the Exhibits presented herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Stark School District on June 30, 1953, and the results of the financial transactions during the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD G. FOWLER,
 Director
 Division of Municipal Accounting
 State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor

INDEX**Exhibits:**

- A - Comparative Balance Sheets -- June 30, 1952 and June 30, 1953
- B - Reconciliation of Change in Financial Condition
- C - Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

- D - Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and Budget Summary
- E - Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
- F - Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and Proof of Treasurer's Balance
- G - Statement of School District Appropriation Account

EXHIBIT A
Stark School District

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 1952 and June 30, 1953

Assets	June 30, 1952	June 30, 1953
Cash on Hand	\$ 0	\$ 0
Accounts Due District:		
Balance of 1952-53 School		
Tax from Town of Stark	0	518.24
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Total Assets	\$ 0	\$518.24
Liabilities		
Surplus	\$ 0	\$518.24
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Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$ 0	\$518.24

EXHIBIT B
Stark School District

**RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN FINANCIAL
CONDITION**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

Surplus -- June 30, 1953	\$518.24	
Surplus -- June 30, 1952	0	
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Increase in Surplus		\$518.24
Factor Affecting Increase of Surplus:		
Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit D)		\$518.24

EXHIBIT C
 STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimburs.	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpend.	Balances Overdrafts
Administration:						
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 205.00	\$	\$ 205.00	\$ 205.00	\$	\$
Superintendent's Salary - Local Share	273.00		273.00	232.75	40.25	
Tax - State Wide Supervision	164.00		164.00	160.00	4.00	
Salaries - Other Admin. Personnel	184.00		184.00	164.00	20.00	
Supplies & Expenses	158.50		158.50	284.19		125.69
Instruction:						
Principal's & Teacher's Salaries	7,350.00		7,350.00	7,275.86	74.14	
Books & Other Instructional Aids	300.00		300.00	265.32	34.68	
Scholars' Supplies	238.00		238.00	363.30		125.30
Supplies & Other Expenses	125.00		125.00	9.78	115.22	
Operation of School Plant:						
Janitor's Salary	176.00		176.00	193.00		17.00
Fuel	550.00		550.00	255.35	294.65	
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	150.00		150.00	156.30		6.30

Maintenance of School Plant:					
Repairs & Replacements	500.00	500.00	164.19	335.81	
Auxiliary Activities:					
Health Supervision	125.00	125.00	125.00		
Transportation	1,980.00	1,980.00			
Tuition	3,475.00	3,475.00	2,871.92	603.08	
Special Activities & Special Funds	50.00	50.00		50.00	
School Lunch Program		200.90	200.90		
Fixed Charges:					
Teachers' Retirement	455.28	455.28	301.44	153.84	
Insurance, Treasurer's Bonds & Expen.	10.00	10.00	8.00	2.00	
Capital Outlay:					
Additions & Improvements	100.00	100.00	1,425.38	1,425.38	
New Equipment			128.00	28.00	
	\$16,568.78	\$16,769.68	\$16,769.68	\$ 1,727.67	\$ 1,727.67

EXHIBIT D
STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL
REVENUES AND BUDGET SUMMARY
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

	Revenues			
Source	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Deficit
Foundation Aid	\$ 600.00	\$1,118.24	\$ 518.24	\$
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	\$ 600.00	\$1,118.24	\$ 518.24	\$
Budget Summary				
Actual Revenues		\$1,118.24		
Estimated Revenues		600.00		
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Net Revenue Surplus			\$ 518.24	
Unexpended Balances of				
Appropriations		\$1,727.67		
Overdrafts of Appropriations		1,727.67		
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Net Budget Surplus				\$ 518.24

EXHIBIT E
Stark School District
CLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

Receipts	
Local Taxation:	
Town Appropriation	\$15,450.54
Federal Aid:	
School Lunch Reimbursements	200.90
State of New Hampshire:	
Foundation Aid	1,118.24
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$16,769.68
Balance -- June 30, 1952	0
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Grand Total	\$16,769.68

Expenditures
Administration:

Salaries of District Officers	\$	205.00	
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)		232.75	
Tax -- State Wide Supervision		160.00	
Salaries -- Other Adminis. Personnel		164.00	
Supplies and Expenses		284.19	
		<u> </u>	\$ 1,045.94

Instruction:

Principal's & Teachers' Salaries	\$	7,275.86	
Books & Other Instructional Aids		265.32	
Scholars' Supplies		363.30	
Supplies & Other Expenses		9.78	
		<u> </u>	7,914.26

Operation of School Plant:

Janitor's Salaries	\$	193.00	
Fuel		255.35	
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses		156.30	
		<u> </u>	604.65

Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs & Replacements			164.19
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Auxiliary Activities:

Health Supervision	\$	125.00	
Transportation		1,980.00	
Tuition		2,871.92	
Special Activities & Special Funds:			
School Lunch Program		200.90	
		<u> </u>	5,177.82

Fixed Charges:

Retirement	\$	301.44	
Insurance, Treas.'s Bonds & Expenses		8.00	
		<u> </u>	309.44

Capital Outlay:

Additions & Improvements	\$	1,425.38	
New Equipment		128.00	
		<u> </u>	1,553.38

Total Expenditures For All Purposes	\$16,769.68
Balance -- June 30, 1953	0

Grand Total	\$16,769.68
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EXHIBIT F
Stark School District

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES AND
PROOF OF TREASURER'S BALANCE

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

Balance -- June 30, 1952	\$ 0
Receipts During Year	16,769.68
	\$16,769.68
Expenditures During Year	16,769.68
	\$ 0

Proof of Balance

Balance in Peoples National Bank, Groveton -- As Per Statement Dated June 30, 1953	\$ 2,541.67
Less: Outstanding Checks	2,541.67
	\$ 0

EXHIBIT G
Stark School District

STATEMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

Assessment Required to Meet School District Appropriation	\$15,968.78
Payments by Town of Stark During School Fiscal Year:	.
	\$ 100.00
	5,000.00
	5,000.00
	5,350.54
	15,450.54
Amount Due from Town of Stark on the 1952-53 Appropriation Acct. on June 30, 1953	\$ 518.24

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS
1953-1954

To the School Board and Citizens of Stark:

It is with pleasure that I submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Stark. During the past year we have had an audit by representatives of the State Tax Commission and the financial data included herein, with the exception of the recommended budget for 1954-55, is a copy of their report. Statistical data, unless otherwise noted, is for the current school year, and in most cases is corrected up to time of publication.

Resignations at the end of the school year in June, 1953 made it necessary to engage two new teachers. Mrs. Constance Martin of Groveton, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Jones of West Milan were engaged to fill these vacancies and have proven most satisfactory. Mrs. Margaret Nichols has continued in her fine work at Crystal. Enrollment in the three schools is about the same as last year with three less attending high school. A grade placement chart follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Gwendolyn Jones	3	8	5	9					25
Constance Martin					8	3	4	4	19
Margaret Nichols	2	3	3	4	1	1	0	3	17
	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>61</u>

Names of the young people attending high school at the district's expense follow:

Berlin High School

Sandra Carpenter	Grade 12
Jerome Fogg	Grade 11
Valerie Leighton	Grade 11
Harold Veinotte	Grade 9

Groveton High School

Richard Emery	Grade 10
Marie Farnham	Grade 9
Leona Hickey	Grade 12
Oscar Hickey	Grade 10

Anita Jenkins	Grade 10
Loren Rogers	Grade 10

Of this number two have now left school.

In compliance with provisions made in the budget at the March, 1953 meeting the School Board installed running water in both buildings. In each case this was done by sinking a point and, in each case, an ample supply of water was found at about 20 feet. Flush toilet facilities have been installed at the Village School, and the toilets repaired and rebuilt at the Crystal School. These installations have greatly bettered the health situation at the school and has given each building an adequate supply of State tested and approved water.

Changes in the doorways and the installing of new doors at each building have eliminated heat loss and made for better entry and exit. Both the new doors have been equipped with approved panic hardware.

A few more children's desks and one teacher's desk have been installed putting the school furniture and equipment in a good state of repair.

Several factors have made it impossible to meet the requirements for a Federally approved and subsidized hot lunch program. However, the teachers have cooperated with the homes to heat soup supplied by the homes so that the children could have this one item to enrich the noon lunch. The approved lunch will be offered again when circumstances make it possible.

In the past several years schools of the State and Nation have taken a bombardment of criticism. In individual schools some of this may be justified but in general much of it is not. During the past year in Stark there has been a close and understanding supervision of and cooperation with the teachers to see that the school program is in line with the State approved course of study and the best interest of the children of Stark. Young people graduating from the eighth grade in Stark hold their place with young people of equal ability whether they attend high school in Berlin or Groveton. In standardized test our children do as well on the average as

they could be expected to do if they were attending school in an urban situation. The teachers, the superintendent, and the School Board members welcome an opportunity to listen to and meet any such criticisms as they apply to our schools. Moreover, a cordial welcome is extended to the parents to visit the school at any and all times.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege for me to take part in the school program of Stark schools. Thank you for this opportunity to report.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD D. FOWLIE,
Superintendent of Schools

HEALTH REPORT

Defects found during the health examination which were made by Philip G. Merriam, M. D., assisted by Mary Gibson, R. N., were as follows:

Defective Vision	4
Defective Permanent Teeth	16
Enlarged Tonsils	3

All defects found were reported to the parents concerned.

On the whole the children's general health is very good. The greatest need is dentistry. The six year molars are permanent teeth and should be taken care of regularly.

It is suggested that funds be included in the budget to start the dental program and then add to this any amount the children can afford to pay plus any funds available from activities of the community organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY GIBSON, R. N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1953-1954

First Term (71 days)

September 9, Wednesday, School Opens
 November 25, Wednesday, one session
 November 26, 27, Thanksgiving Recess
 December 18, Friday, one session

Second Term (35 days)

January 4, Monday, School Opens
 February 19, Friday, School Closes

Third Term (40 days)

March 1, Monday, School Opens
 April 16, Good Friday, one session
 April 23, Friday, School Closes

Fourth Term (34 days)

May 3, Monday, School Opens
 May 31, Memorial Day Observance
 June 18, Friday, School Closes

SCHOOL YEAR—180 Days

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Graduation

Stark -- June 15, 1954

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1954-1955

First Term (71 days)

September 8, Wednesday, School Opens
 November 24, Wednesday, one session
 November 25, 26, Thanksgiving Recess
 December 17, Friday, School Closes

Second Term (35 days)

January 3, Monday, School Opens
 February 18, Friday, School Closes

Third Term (40 days)

February 28, Monday, School Opens
 April 22, Friday, School Closes

Fourth Term (35 days)

May 2, Monday, School Opens
 May 30, Monday, Memorial Day Observance
 June 17, Friday, School Closes

SCHOOL YEAR—181 Days

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Graduation

Stark -- June 14, 1955

VITAL STATISTICS

FOR THE TOWN OF

STARK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1953

Marriages Registered in the Town of Stark, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence at Time of Marriage	Age and Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	No. of Marriages and Name, Residence and Station of Person by Whom Married
April 6 Manchester	Leon A. Hickey Helen M. Fisher	Stark Manchester	21 Unemployed 19 Elec. worker	Maine N. H.	1 Rev. Francis Curren 1 Manchester
June 12 Groveton	James M. Hand Sandra C. Mills	Stark Northumberland	19 Sawmill 16 Student	N. H. N. H.	1 Rev. Norman J. Langmaid 1 Groveton
October 25 Lancaster	Wornden R. Dingman Katie B. Ball	Stark Groveton	58 Millhand 57 Housewife	S. Jay, Vt. Que.	2 Rev. Wm. H. Crouch 3 Lancaster
December 5 Milan	Earl F. Hart Anita L. Jenkins	Dummer Stark	19 Woodsman 15 Student	Berlin, N. H. Stark, N. H.	1 Rev. Ralph C. Bailey 1 Milan

Births Registered in the Town of Stark, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex, L or S No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
May 10 Dennis Lee	M L 3	Reginald B. Faulkenham	Evelyn M. Maskell	Crystal, N. H.	Dracut, Mass.
June 21 David Frederick 2	M L 1	David F. Peel	Theresa E. Gibson	Greensboro, Vt.	Stark
Aug. 27 Deborah Jean	F L 1	John M. Pepau	Frances J. Sullivan	Rumney, N. H.	Northumberland
Aug. 30 Joy Vivian	F L 3	Philip E. Stearns	Doris E. Rogers	Eden, Vt.	Stark
Sept. 24 Michael Gerard	M L 2	Camille J. Turcotte	Alice M. L. Labrecque	St. Methode, P. Q.	Island Pond, Vt.
Oct. 10 Alan Carney	M L 4	Raymond P. Stuart	Muriel V. Rogers	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Stark
Nov. 23 Susan Jean	F L 1	John D. Martin	Gloria M. Hurlbutt	Canada	Woodsville

Deaths Registered in the Town of Stark, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age in Years, Months and Days and Place of Birth	Male or Female, Single, Married, Widowed and Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
June 9 W. Stewartstown	Bertha Hall	49	F W Housewife		
June 22 Walden, Vt.	Ossian C. Cole	78	M M Retired		
July 4 Stark	Andrew J. Leighton	57	M S Farmer	John Leighton	Lydia Jackson
Sept. 18 Perry	Clarence O. Dingman	73	M M Farmer	Rinaldo Dingman	Mary Everett
Sept. 22 Berlin	Charles D. Dorr	77	M M Oiler	Alonzo Dorr	Lucretia Starky
Nov. 29 Whitefield	Eva Caroline Emery	81	F W Ret. driver	Freeman Potter	Caroline Rowell
Nov. 13 Stratford	Elmer S. McFarland	50	M M Truck driver	Charles McFarland	Rose Lum
Dec. 14 Stark	Celia R. Dorr	74	F W Housewife	Charles Rowe	Margaret Farnham
Dec. 7 Lancaster	Robert F. Gibson	62	M W Truckee Paper M.		
Dec. 29 White River Jct. Vt.	Clarence H. Jenkins	48	M M Carpenter	Henry Jenkins	Florence E. Hodgson

I certify that the foregoing returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LILA M. JENKINS, Town Clerk.

Town of Stark, New Hampshire

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.

WILFRED M. FOGG,
GLEN C. PARKS,
DEAN F. MILES,

Selectmen of Stark.

February 1, 1954

