



Annual Reports

of the

Town Officers

of

ALSTEAD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

for the year ending December 31, 1953

and

School District Officers

for the year ending June 30, 1953



ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
ALSTEAD, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1953

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

NELSON C. BURNHAM

Town Clerk

HENRY C. METCALF

(To Dec. 31, 1953)

GRACE ELLIS

(Jan. 1, 1954 to March 9.)

Treasurer

MARIE A. RADCLIFFE

Selectmen

JOHN G. DAVENPORT

Term expires 1954

FRANK C. DUSTIN

Term expires 1955

HARRY A. SPOONER

Term expires 1956

Overseer of Poor

WILLIAM D. HAYES

Road Agent

EARL M. PITCHER

Tax Collector

GILMAN O. ELLIS

Ballot Clerks

LEON M. TROW

HEMAN CHASE

ROYAL CARMAN

GUY S. NEAL

Trustees of Trust Funds

PEYTON WASHBURN

Term expires 1954

GILMAN O. ELLIS

Term expires 1955

EDITH PROVOST

Term expires 1956

School Board

MARGARET STEVENS

Resigned Jan. 4, 1954

MARY C. BURROUGHS

Term expires 1955

HERMON BUSS

Term expires 1956

Library Trustees

JOHN G. DAVENPORT

Term expires 1954

CHAUNCEY J. NEWELL

Term expires 1954

EDITH CHASE

Term expires 1955

ALMA RING

Term expires 1955

FRANK C. DUSTIN

Term expires 1956

EDITH PROVOST

Term expires 1956

Librarian

LAURA N. MACLANE

Chief of Fire Department

RICHARD A. STANLEY

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 Vilas High School in said Alstead on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

(Polls Will Be Open 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.)

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 if the town will raise \$8,500.00 for highways and bridges.
5. To see if the town will vote to have the road agent collect garbage in the village, once a week, and supervise and care for the town dump and raise money for same.
6. To see if the town will raise money to purchase a bucket loader for highway use.
7. To see what sum of money the town will raise to oil the village streets and other town roads that may need it.
8. To see if the town will raise \$2,000.00 for State Aid Construction Alstead-Gilsum Road, the state to contribute \$2,000.00.
9. To see if the town will raise \$639.46 for TRA construction, the State to contribute \$4,263.08.
10. To see if the town will raise \$1,473.00 to complete payment of truck and snow plow note.
11. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell real estate acquired by tax sale.
12. To see if the town will authorize selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of cemeteries.
14. To see if the town will raise \$24.00 water rent for watering trough.
15. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the library.
16. To see if the town will raise \$50.00 for Memorial Day.
17. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of parks and playgrounds.
18. To see if the town will raise \$1,188.96 for street lights.
19. To see if the town will raise \$2,350.00 for fire protection and for the support of the fire company and for the purchase of fire fighting equipment.

20. To see if the town will raise \$150.00 for the police department for the protection of persons and property.

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

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

23. To see if the town will vote to have the shade trees sprayed for control of caterpillars and raise money for same.

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

25. To see if the town will vote to raise \$150.00 for the Elliot Community Hospital.

26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$126.00 (1/100 of 1% of the valuation of the town) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southwestern 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.

27. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase a new fire engine in cooperation with the Civilian Defense authorities, if the town authorities shall judge that the type of engine required by Civilian Defense would meet this town's need of a second piece of equipment.

28. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to borrow or bond the town for its share of the total price of the truck purchased under article 27, above.

29. To see if the town will vote to authorize the fire commissioners to sell the Model T fire truck, in the event a new fire truck is purchased, the proceeds of said sale to be used in the purchase of new fire truck.

30. To see what sum of money the town will raise for Civilian Defense.

31. To see if the town will vote to instruct their next Representative to the General Court to introduce a bill repealing Chapter 204, laws of 1947, relative to classification of the Alstead-Gilsum road, so called.

32. To see if the town will vote to accept all Trust Funds of \$100.00 or more, each, received for the perpetual care of cemetery lots.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

JONATHAN G. DAVENPORT,	} Selectmen of Alstead.
FRANK C. DUSTIN,	
HARRY A. SPOONER,	

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR
THE ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1954 TO DEC. 31, 1954

COMPARED WITH

ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR
JAN. 1, 1953 TO DEC. 31, 1953

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuig Year 1954
From State :			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,388.61	\$ 2,406.91	\$ 2,400.00
Savings Bank Tax	315.68	357.37	350.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	3,379.46	3,379.46	3,379.46
For Fighting Forest Fires & Fire Dept. Reimbursement		168.89	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		977.58	
From Local Sources Except Taxes :			
Dog Licenses	300.00	256.48	250.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	25.00	12.00	12.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	300.00	387.67	300.00
Income from Trust Funds	3,500.00	3,961.35	3,500.00
Income of Departments :			
Highway, including rental of equipment	500.00	244.03	300.00
Income from Municipally owned Utilities :			
Electric Light Departments		18.00	18.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,500.00	3,441.21	3,000.00
Sale of Town Property	400.00	747.74	300.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes :			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2.00	750.00	654.00	650.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	12.50	5.00	5.00
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Total Revenues From All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$14,371.25	\$17,017.69	\$14,464.46
*Amt. To Be Raised By Prop. Taxes			48,892.50
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Total Revenues			\$63,356.96

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

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954
Current Maintenance Expenses :			
General Government :			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,966.50	\$ 2,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,200.00	1,749.72	2,200.00
Election and Registration Expenses	50.00	131.00	200.00
Protection of Persons and Property :			
Police Department	150.00	138.20	150.00
Fire Department	1,800.00	2,136.26	2,350.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	400.00	400.00	400.00
Civil Defense		110.21	150.00
Health :			
Vital Statistics	25.00		50.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	200.00	219.00	225.00
Highways and Bridges :			
Town Maintenance—Summer Oiling	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Street Lighting	1,188.96	1,188.96	1,188.96
General Expenses of Highway Department	7,500.00	7,557.47	7,500.00
Town Road Aid	628.20	629.58	630.00
Public Welfare :			
Town Poor	600.00	188.07	600.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	796.83	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes :			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	50.00	50.00	70.00

	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954
Recreation :			
Parks and Playground, Incl. Band			
Concerts	150.00	315.60	350.00
Public Service Enterprises :			
Municipally Owned Water and Electric			
Utilities	100.00	112.01	24.00
Cemeteries	600.00	727.50	600.00
Unclassified :			
Damages and Legal Expenses, Incl.			
Dog Damage			100.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	120.00	124.00	126.00
Interest :			
On Temporary Loans	300.00	62.50	75.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds	200.00	113.20	45.00
Highways and Bridges :			
State Aid Construction—Town's Share	2,000.00		2,000.00
Payment on Principal of Debt :			
Long Term Notes		2,000.00	1,473.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions :			
County Taxes	3,000.00	2,779.65	3,000.00
School Taxes	43,645.00	42,805.26	34,150.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$70,607.16</u>	<u>\$68,801.52</u>	<u>\$63,356.96</u>

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Of Valuation for the Tax Year 1953

Lands and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)	\$1,169,470.00
Electric plants	54,266.00
Horses, 33	1,225.00
Cows, 263	35,850.00
Neat stock, 21	1,250.00
Sheep and goats, 9	130.00
Hogs, 5	75.00
Fowls, 1750	1,750.00
Vehicles, 2	4,500.00
Portable mills, 5	3,650.00
Road building equipment, 3	11,500.00
Wood, lumber	14,587.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	1,420.00
Stock in trade	27,028.00
Mills and machinery	3,900.00
	\$1,330,601.00
Total valuation	
Amount of property valuation exempted to soldiers and blind	60,907.00
	\$1,269,694.00
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	
Average rate of taxation per \$100 valuation for all purposes	\$4.50

ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITY COMPANIES

Name of company :

Granite State Electric Co.	\$35,566.00
New England Power Co.	7,130.00
Public Service Co.	11,570.00
	\$54,266.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description :

1. Furniture and equipment	\$ 280.00
2. Libraries, land and buildings	175,000.00
Equipment	5,000.00
3. Police department, lands and buildings	210.00
4. Fire department, land and buildings	4,200.00
Equipment	3,500.00
5. Highway department, lands and buildings	900.00
Equipment	16,000.00
6. Parks, commons and playground	16,000.00
7. Schools, land and buildings	217,000.00
8. All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds :	
Shadow land lots	50.00
Blake-French land	50.00
Keith property	400.00
Noble Smith farm	150.00
Dalbot, Inc.	100.00
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	\$438,840.00

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

John G. Davenport, Selectman	\$300.00
Frank C. Dustin, Selectman	300.00
Harry A. Spooner, Selectman	300.00
Gilman O. Ellis, tax collector	300.00
Marie A. Radcliffe, treasurer	250.00
Henry C. Metcalf, town clerk	250.00
William D. Hayes, overseer of poor	60.00
William D. Hayes, dog constable	25.00

R E P O R T
of an audit and examination
of the accounts
of the
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1953
made by
THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
November 24, 1953—January 4 & 5, 1954

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

January 11, 1954.

Board of Selectmen
Alstead, New Hampshire

Gentlemen :

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

SCOPE OF AUDIT

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets—December 31, 1952-December 31, 1953:
(Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953 are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the Surplus increased by \$4,799.33 during the year 1953.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B) ·

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

Increases in Surplus

Long Term Notes Paid	\$2,000.00
Net Budget Surplus	2,796.42
Increase in Cash in Hands of Officials	2.91
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	\$4,799.33

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 December 31, 1953, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$2,425.73, plus a net revenue surplus of \$370.69, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$2,796.42.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)

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

AUDIT PROCEDURE

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

GENERAL COMMENTS

Conclusion:

The accounts and records of all town officials which we examined were found in good condition and the accounting procedure conformed to prescribed methods.

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

C. DAVID SULLIVAN, Auditor

HUGH J. CASSIDY, Accountant

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

January 11, 1954

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, 1953 and 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, 1953, together with the results of operations for the period under review.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,
Director.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

C. DAVID SULLIVAN, Auditor

HUGH J. CASSIDY, Accountant

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

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EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
 Comparative Balance Sheets
 Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 1952 and 1953

	Assets	
	<i>December 31, 1952</i>	<i>December 31, 1953</i>
<i>Cash:</i>		
General Fund	\$21,662.21	\$23,532.60
In Hands of Town Clerk		2.91
	\$21,662.21	\$23,535.51
<i>Capital Reserve Fund:</i>		
Town Hall	9,998.80	10,226.63
<i>Accounts Due Town:</i>		
<i>From State of New Hampshire:</i>		
Bounties	16.75	77.50
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber		1,899.77
<i>Unredeemed Taxes:</i>		
Levy of 1952		\$ 494.32
Levy of 1951	\$ 592.59	466.40
Levy of 1950	180.90	
	773.49	960.72
<i>Uncollected Taxes:</i>		
Levy of 1953		\$12,537.13
Levy of 1952	\$10,436.72	
Levy of 1951	43.30	43.30
	10,480.02	12,580.43
<i>State Head Taxes:</i>		
Levy of 1953		500.00
Levy of 1952	510.00	
	\$43,441.27	\$49,780.56
Total Assets		
	\$43,441.27	\$49,780.56
Grand Total		
	\$43,441.27	\$49,780.56

Liabilities

	<i>December 31, 1952</i>	<i>December 31, 1953</i>
<i>Unexpended Balances—Special Appropriations:</i>		
State Aid Construction	\$ 3,594.00	\$ 5,594.00
Civilian Defense	46.66	
Town Doctor		1,000.00
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	\$ 3,640.66	\$ 6,594.00
<i>Due State of New Hampshire:</i>		
A/c Head Taxes Uncollected	\$ 510.00	\$ 500.00
A/c Head Taxes Collected & Not Remitted	1,173.55	238.50
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	1,683.55	738.50
<i>Due School District:</i>		
Balance of Appropriation	23,501.42	24,805.26
<i>Capital Reserve Fund:</i>		
Town Hall	9,998.80	10,226.63
<i>Long Term Notes Outstanding:</i>		
New Truck & Plow	3,473.00	1,473.00
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Total Liabilities	\$42,297.43	\$43,837.39
Surplus	1,143.84	5,943.17
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Grand Total	\$43,441.27	\$49,780.56

EXHIBIT B**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Analysis of Change in Surplus

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Surplus—December 31, 1953	\$ 5,943.17	
Surplus—December 31, 1952	1,143.84	
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<i>Increase in Surplus</i>		\$ 4,799.33

Factors Affecting Change in Surplus

Increases:

Long Term Notes Paid	\$ 2,000.00	
Net Budget Surplus	2,796.42	
Increase in Cash in Hands of Officials	291	
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<i>Increase in Surplus</i>		\$ 4,799.33

EXHIBIT C

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

	Forwarded from 1952	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended	Balances		Forwarded to 1954
							Overdrafts	Assets	
Town Officers' Salaries	\$	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 10.58	\$ 4,810.58	\$ 1,966.50	\$ 933.36	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Expenses					1,779.72				
Election and Registration					131.00				
Town Hall and Other Buildings		150.00		150.00	138.20	11.80			
Police Department									
Fire Department—Including Forest Fires		1,800.00	168.89	1,968.89	2,136.26		167.37		
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination		400.00		400.00	400.00				
Health Department—Doctor		1,000.00		1,000.00					
Civilian Defense	46.66		14.51	61.17	110.21			49.04	
Town Clock		25.00		25.00	25.00				
Town Dump		200.00	50.00	250.00	219.00	31.00			
Town Road Aid		629.58		629.58	629.58				
Town Maintenance		7,500.00	72.71	7,572.71					1,000.00

Oiling	2,500.00		2,500.00	10,257.47	184.76
Street Lighting	1,188.96		1,188.96	1,188.96	
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	977.58	1,977.58	796.83	1,180.75
Town Poor	600.00		600.00	188.07	411.93
Memorial Day	70.00		70.00	50.00	20.00
Parks & Playgrounds, Including Band Concerts	350.00		350.00	315.60	34.40
Rent & Repair of Water Trough	100.00		100.00	112.01	12.01
Cemeteries	600.00		600.00	727.50	127.50
Advertising & Regional Associations	124.00		124.00	124.00	
Payments on Principal of Debt	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
Temporary Loans		5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
State Aid Construction	3,594.00		5,594.00		5,594.00
Bounties				77.50	77.50
County Tax	2,779.65		2,779.65	2,779.65	
<i>School District:</i>					
1952-53 Appropriation	23,501.42		23,501.42	23,501.42	
1953-54 Appropriation	42,805.26		42,805.26	18,000.00	24,805.26
Overlay	450.50		450.50	102.19	348.31
Refunds				5.14	5.14
Head Taxes—1952 Account	1,173.55	484.00	1,657.55	1,657.55	
Head Taxes—1953 Account		1,871.20	1,871.20	1,632.70	238.50
	<u>\$28,315.63</u>	<u>\$8,649.47</u>	<u>\$110,038.05</u>	<u>\$76,052.06</u>	<u>\$2,971.55</u>
					<u>\$545.82</u>
					<u>\$77.50</u>
					<u>\$31,637.76</u>

EXHIBIT D**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and Budget Summary
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

	Revenues			Deficit
	Estimated	Actual	Excess	
Interest & Dividend Tax	\$ 2,388.61	\$ 2,406.91	\$ 18.30	
Savings Bank Tax	315.68	357.37	41.69	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	3,379.46	3,379.46		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3,227.44	3,441.21	213.77	
Dog Licenses	385.46	256.48		128.98
Business Licenses & Permits	25.00	78.00	53.00	
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	627.60	259.03		368.57
Interest on Taxes & Income from Trust Funds	4,352.97	4,404.91	51.94	
Water & Electric Departments	18.00	18.00		
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	400.00	744.14	344.14	
Refund		.75	.75	
Added Taxes		32.25	32.25	
Tax Collector's Excess Credit		.10	.10	
Head Tax Collection Fees		112.30	112.30	
	<u>\$15,120.22</u>	<u>\$15,490.91</u>	<u>\$868.24</u>	<u>\$497.55</u>

Budget Summary

Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	\$ 3,001.55	
Overdrafts of Appropriations	575.82	
	<u> </u>	
Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations		\$2,425.73
Actual Revenues	\$15,490.91	
Estimated Revenues	15,120.22	
	<u> </u>	
Net Revenue Surplus		370.69
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Net Budget Surplus		\$2,796.42

EXHIBIT E**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Receipts*From Local Sources:**1953 Tax Levy:*

Property Taxes	\$45,763.81
Poll Taxes	654.00
Yield Taxes	467.23
State Head Taxes	1,975.00

\$ 48,860.04

Previous Years' Levies:

Property Taxes	\$ 9,706.35
Poll Taxes	142.00
Yield Taxes	528.68
State Head Taxes	440.00

10,817.03

Interest	443.56
Tax Sales Redeemed	761.63
Head Tax Penalties	52.50

From State of New Hampshire:

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,406.91
Savings Bank Tax	357.37
Forest Fires	22.72
Bounties	16.75
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	.75
Old Age Assistance Recoveries	977.58

3,782.08

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	\$ 256.48
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	78.00
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	259.03
Income from Trust Funds	3,961.35

Income from Departments—Credit Appropriations:

Town Officers' Expenses	\$ 10.58
Fire Department	146.17
Civilian Defense	14.51
Town Dump	50.00
Town Maintenance	72.71

	293.97
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3,441.21
	<u>8,290.04</u>

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans	\$ 5,000.00
Sale of Town Property	744.14
Refund	18.00
	<u>\$ 5,762.14</u>

Total Receipts from all sources	\$ 78,769.02
Balance—December 31, 1952	21,662.21
	<u>\$100,431.23</u>

Grand Total

Expenditures*General Government:*

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,966.50
Town Officers' Expenses	1,779.72
Election & Registration	131.00
	<u>\$ 3,877.22</u>

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Department	\$ 138.20
Fire Department, Including Forest Fires	2,136.26
Blister Rust	400.00
Bounties	77.50
Civil Defense	110.21
	<u>\$ 2,862.17</u>

Health:

Town Dump	\$ 219.00
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Highways & Bridges:

Town Road Aid	\$ 629.58
Town Maintenance	7,757.47
Oiling	2,500.00
Street Lighting	1,188.96
	<u>\$ 12,076.01</u>

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	\$ 796.83	
Town Poor	188.07	
	<hr/>	\$ 984.90

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	\$ 727.50	
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Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day	\$ 50.00	
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Recreation:

Parks & Playgrounds		315.60
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Unclassified:

Regional Associations	\$ 124.00	
Taxes Bought by Town	948.76	
Refunds	5.14	
Town Clock	25.00	
Rent & Repair of Water Trough	112.01	
	<hr/>	1,214.91

Indebtedness:

Long Term Note	\$ 2,000.00	
Temporary Loan	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	7,000.00

Payments—Other Governmental Division:

County Tax	\$ 2,779.65	
State Head Taxes—1952 Account	1,657.55	
State Head Taxes—1953 Account	1,632.70	

School District:

1952-53 Appropriation	\$23,501.42	
1953-54 Appropriation	18,000.00	
	<hr/>	41,501.52
	<hr/>	47,571.32

Total Payments For all purposes	\$ 76,898.63
Balance—December 31, 1953	23,532.60

Grand Total	<hr/>	\$100,431.23
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EXHIBIT F
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
 Summary of Receipts, Expenditures and
 Proof of Treasurer's Balance
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Balance—December 31, 1952	\$21,662.21	
Receipts During Year	78,769.02	
	\$100,431.23	
Expenditures During Year	76,898.63	
Balance—December 31, 1953		\$ 23,532.60

Proof of Balance

Balance in Bellows Falls Trust Company, Bellows Falls, Vermont—As Per Statement of December 31, 1953	\$23,102.24	
Less: Checks Outstanding	1,140.62	
	\$ 21,961.62	
Add: Cash on Hand—December 31, 1953	1,570.98*	
		\$ 23,532.60
Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1953		\$ 23,532.60
*Verified—January 5, 1954.		

EXHIBIT G
TOWN OF ALSTEAD
 Summary of Warrant—Tax Levy of 1953
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Debits

<i>Taxes Committed to Collector:</i>		
Property Taxes (Including National Bank Stock Tax)	\$57,148.73	
Poll Taxes	804.00	
Yield Taxes	1,436.19	
	\$ 59,388.92	
<i>Added Taxes:</i>		
Property Taxes	\$ 2.25	
Poll Taxes	30.00	
Yield Taxes	43.50	
	75.75	
Interest Collected	3.55	
Total Debits		\$ 59,468.22

Credits*Remittances to Treasurer:*

A/c Property Taxes	\$45,763.81	
A/c Poll Taxes	654.00	
A/c Yield Taxes	467.23	
A/c Interest	3.55	
	<hr/>	\$ 46,888.59

By Abatements:

Property Taxes	\$ 16.50	
Poll Taxes	26.00	
	<hr/>	42.50

Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1953:

Property Taxes	\$11,370.67	
Poll Taxes	154.00	
Yield Taxes	1,012.46	
	<hr/>	12,537.13

Total Credits	<hr/>	\$ 59,468.22
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EXHIBIT G-1**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Summary of Warrants—Tax Levies of Prior Years

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Debits

	Levies of:	
	1952	1951
<i>Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1952:</i>		
Property Taxes	\$ 9,742.04	
Poll Taxes	166.00	
Yield Taxes	528.68	\$ 43.30
Interest Collected	384.12	
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<i>Total Debits</i>	\$10,820.84	\$ 43.30

Credits*Remittances to Treasurer:*

A/c Property Taxes	\$ 9,706.35	
A/c Poll Taxes	142.00	
A/c Yield Taxes	528.68	
A/c Interest	384.12	

By Abatements:

Property Taxes	35.69	
Poll Taxes	24.00	

Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1953		\$ 43.30
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<i>Total Credits</i>	<hr/>	\$10,820.84	\$ 43.30
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EXHIBIT G-2

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Head Taxes—Levies of 1952 and 1953
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Debits

	Levies of :	
	1952	1953
Uncollected Head Taxes—December 31, 1952	\$ 510.00	
Head Taxes Committed to Collector		\$ 2,480.00
Added Head Taxes		75.00
Penalties Collected	44.00	8.50
<i>Total Debits</i>	\$ 554.00	\$ 2,563.50

Credits*Remittances to Treasurer:*

A/c Head Taxes	\$ 440.00	\$ 1,975.00
A/c Penalties	44.00	8.50
By Abatements	70.00	80.00
Uncollected Head Taxes—December 31, 1953		500.00
<i>Total Credits</i>	\$ 554.00	\$ 2,563.50

EXHIBIT G-3

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Tax Sale Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Debits

	Levies of :			
	1952	1951	1950	Total
Unredeemed Taxes— December 31, 1952	\$	\$592.59	\$180.90	\$ 773.49
Tax Sale—August 22, 1953	948.76			948.76
Interest & Costs After Sale	11.45	11.22	33.22	55.89
<i>Total Debits</i>	\$960.21	\$603.81	\$214.12	\$1,778.14

Credits

<i>Remittances to Treasurer:</i>				
A/c Redemptions	\$454.44	\$126.19	\$181.00	\$ 761.63
A/c Interest & Costs	11.45	11.22	33.22	55.89
Unredeemed Taxes—				
December 31, 1953	494.32	466.40		960.72
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	\$960.21	\$603.81	\$214.22	\$1,778.24
Less: Excess Remittance			.10	.10
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<i>Total Credits</i>	\$960.21	\$603.81	\$214.12	\$1,778.14

EXHIBIT H**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Summary of Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle and Dog License Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Debits

<i>Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:</i>				
1952—#1633—#1648	\$	66.25		
1953—#1251—#1745		3,375.04		
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			\$	3,441.29
<i>Dog Licenses Issued:</i>				
13 at \$5.00	\$	65.00		
96 at \$2.00		192.00		
1 at \$1.75		1.75		
1 at \$1.33		1.33		
1 at \$1.00		1.00		
1 at \$0.83		.83		
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	\$	261.91		
Less: Fees Retained		22.60		
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			239.31	
Penalties Collected			20.00	
			<hr/>	
<i>Total Debits</i>				\$ 3,700.60

Credits

<i>Remittances to Treasurer:</i>		
A/c Motor Vehicle Permits	\$	3,441.21
A/c Dog Licenses		237.48
A/c Penalties		19.00
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	\$	3,697.69

Cash on Hand—December 31, 1953:

A/c Motor Vehicle Permits	\$.08	
A/c Dog Licenses	1.83	
A/c Penalties	1.00	
		2.91
<i>Total Credits</i>		\$ 3,700.60

EXHIBIT I

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Road Agent's Payroll Account

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Balance—December 31, 1952	\$ 0	
Transfers to Payroll Account	10,257.47	
		\$10,257.47
Expenditures During Year	10,257.47	
		\$ 0
Balance—December 31, 1953		

Proof of Balance

Balance in Bellows Falls National Bank— As Per Statement Dated December 28, 1953	\$ 51.16	
Deposit Not Credited—January 2, 1954	87.12	
		\$ 138.28
Less: Outstanding Checks	138.28	
		\$ 0
Balance—December 31, 1953		

EXHIBIT J

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Vilas Pool Account and Proof of Balance

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Balance—December 31, 1952	\$ 3,832.11
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Receipts:

Vilas Estate	\$ 3,098.50	
Interest from Savings Bank Account	78.96	
Refund	6.37	
		3,183.83
		\$ 7,015.94
Expenditures		3,381.28
		\$ 3,634.66
Balance—December 31, 1953		

Proof of Balance

Balance in The Connecticut River National Bank—		
As Per Statement Dated December 16, 1953	\$ 1,740.22	
Less: Outstanding Check #577	.80	
		\$ 1,739.42
Pass Book #11595—Savings Bank of Walpole	1,895.24	
		\$ 3,634.66
Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1953		

EXHIBIT K**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

Statement of Trust Fund Income and Expenditure Account
and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Debits

Balance—December 31, 1952		\$ 4,766.18
<i>Income During Period:</i>		
Savings Bank Interest (Contra)	\$500.13	
Savings Bank Interest	661.52	
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds (Contra)	140.00	
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds	330.00	
<i>Dividends:</i>		
Bellows Falls Trust Company	3.00	
Massachusetts Investors Trust	304.11	
New Trust Funds	700.00	
		2,638.76
		\$ 7,404.94

Credits*Expenditures During Period:*

Savings Bank Interest (Contra)	\$500.13	
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds (Contra)	140.00	
Labor	816.61	
Materials	139.94	
Flowers	25.00	
New Trust Fund Investments	400.00	
Safety Deposit Box Rent	3.60	
	<hr/>	2,025.28
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	\$ 5,379.66	
Add: Credit from Warren Monument Fund	21.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,400.66
Balance—December 31, 1953		

Proof of Balance

Balance in The Keene National Bank— As Per Statement of December 29, 1953		\$ 5,400.66
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EXHIBIT I

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Trust Fund Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Income

	Principal Bal- ance December 31, 1952	New Funds Created	Capital Gain	Income Added to Principal	Principal Bal- ance December 31, 1953	Balance December 31, 1953	Expended During Year	Earned Dur- ing Year	Balance of Princ- ipal and Interest December 31, 1953
Warren Monument Fund	\$ 5,262.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 5,262.00	\$	\$ 166.54	\$ 166.54	\$ 5,262.00
Kimball Library Fund	2,465.19				2,465.19		91.69	91.69	2,465.19
Carpenter Library Fund	500.00				500.00		15.11	15.11	500.00
C. F. Warren Library Fund	5,650.00				5,650.00		141.50	141.50	5,650.00
Capital Reserve Fund— Town Hall	9,998.80			227.83	10,226.63		227.83	227.83	10,226.63
Cemetery Trust Funds	41,010.00	700.00	58.32		41,768.32	4,466.18	1,298.63	964.15	46,568.98
Kingsbury School Fund	606.00				606.00		18.46	18.46	606.00
	\$63,491.99	\$700.00	\$ 58.32	\$227.83	\$66,478.14	\$4,466.18	\$1,959.76	\$1,625.28	\$71,278.80

Investments

Walpole Savings Bank	\$32,737.79
Cheshire County Savings Bank	5,998.15
New Hampshire Savings Bank	606.00
Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,645.98
U. S. Savings Bonds—Series G	18,800.00
Massachusetts Investors Trust	5,990.22
Bellows Falls Trust Company, Pfd. Stock	100.00
Keene National Bank—Checking Account	5,400.66

\$71,278.80

EXHIBIT M

TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Town Officers' Surety Bonds
1953

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Term Beginning</i>
<i>Town Clerk:</i>			
Henry C. Metcalfe Peerless Casualty Company	F-928	\$ 1,000.00	March 10, 1953
<i>Tax Collector:</i>			
Gilman O. Ellis Peerless Casualty Company	F-91340	\$ 8,400.00	March 10, 1953
<i>Treasurer:</i>			
Marie Radcliffe Peerless Casualty Company	F-62626	\$ 8,000.00	March 10, 1953
<i>Road Agent:</i>			
Earl M. Pitcher Peerless Casualty Company	F-91342	\$ 1,000.00	March 10, 1953
<i>Constables:</i>			
William D. Hayes Peerless Casualty Company	F-17724	\$ 1,000.00	March 10, 1953
Willard C. Kelley Peerless Casualty Company	F-150106	\$ 1,000.00	March 10, 1953
<i>Trustees of Trust Funds:</i>			
Gilman O. Ellis Peerless Casualty Company	F-151099	\$15,000.00	March 10, 1953
Edith F. Provost Peerless Casualty Company	F-151100	\$15,000.00	March 10, 1953
Peyton R. H. Washburn Peerless Casualty Company	F-151101	\$15,000.00	March 10, 1953

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

This past year with appropriation asked for again cut One Thousand Dollars, could not do all that needed to be done. However, I have put in 15 new culverts and some old stone ones repaired.

The gravel question is a problem. I have had all I could loaded when the shovel or loaders were handy. At the time we need gravel, shovels and loaders are busy elsewhere. Therefore, I would like a bucket loader. Anything from a Ford to something better. I am going to ask that an article be put in the Town Warrant to purchase a bucket loader.

Our equipment is in very good condition at the present time, but there are troubles that can come up at any time.

I wish to thank any and all who have been of assistance during the past year. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Received from Rent of Truck and Grader

C. J. LaFrank, rent of grader	\$ 23.80
Town of Langdon, rent of grader	107.50
John Holzinger, plowing snow	10.00
Alwyn Hodgkins, rent of truck	5.85
Town of Walpole, rent of grader	39.38
Richard Stanley, rent of grader	17.50
Carl Pratt, rent of grader	5.00
George G. Woodell, rent of grader	30.00
Perley Smith, rent of truck	4.00
Will T. Gilman, rent of truck	1.00
	\$ 244.03

Reimbursements

State of New Hampshire, gas tax refund	\$ 72.71
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SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Earl M. Pitcher, labor	\$ 1,922.50
Wm. D. Hayes, labor	1,131.30
Reginald Howard, labor	173.70
Harold Ellis, labor	7.20
Roy Willis, labor	11.70
Earl Rhoades, labor	5.00
Dana Aiken, labor	64.80
Floyd Rhoades, labor	11.20
Francis Stevens, labor	32.40
George Comstock, labor	8.10

Ronald Relihan, labor	2.70
Leon W. Mousley, labor	7.50
Fred Carman, rent of equipment	382.00
Fred Carman, gravel	57.50
George Comstock, gravel	46.40
Robert Dunlap, plowing snow	80.50
Keene Sand & Gravel, Inc., cold patch	261.00
Jim Bolles, rent equipment	25.00
Howard Hardware Co., tools	9.06
Marx Hardware, nails & paper	9.71
Alstead Garage, gas & Repairs	709.50
Alstead Garage, 3 tires for trucks	330.00
Kmiec Garage, repairs & welding	25.24
Scott Machinery Inc., repairs on & for truck	574.13
Sunshine Stores, Inc., salt	114.00
International Salt Co., salt	204.00
Samuel Tuttle, gravel	100.00
Alwyn Hodgkins, equipment	363.40
Cray Oil Co., oil & fuel	101.42
Harry Spooner, rent of tractor	16.50
C. J. LaFrank, bridge stock	148.75
Marie Radcliffe, Liability & Workman's Comp. Insurance	382.81
Berger Metal Culvert Co., culverts	338.01
Ernest Batchelder, rent of truck & power saw	45.90
Robert Trask, rent of bulldozer	57.00
Robert Ball, rent of tractor bucket	24.00
Town of Walpole, trucks, labor & oil	920.80
Koppers Company, Inc., oil	1,257.26
Leonard Balla, rent of truck	50.70
W. R. Brooks, rent of truck	54.60
Fred Champagne, rent of truck	16.50
Don Curry, rent of truck	35.10
Earl Pitcher, rent of truck, garage & cash paid out	138.58
Total	\$10,257.47

Respectfully submitted,

EARL M. PITCHER

Road Agent.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1953

Name of Fund	Principal	Dividend	Library	Expended Schools	Cemetery	Balance
Warren Monument Fund	\$ 5,202.00	\$ 166.54		\$145.54	\$21.00	
Shedd-Porter Library Fund	75,625.85	2,551.67	\$2,551.67			
Kimball Library Fund	2,465.19	91.69	91.69			
C. F. Warren Library Fund	5,650.00	141.50	141.50			
Carpenter Library Fund	500.00	15.11	15.11			
Kingsbury School Fund	606.00	18.46		18.46		
Cemetery Trust Funds	41,168.32	1,277.63			943.15	\$ 5,400.66
Capital Reserve Fund						
Alstead Town Hall	9,998.80	227.83			964.15	10,226.63
	<hr/> \$141,276.16	<hr/> \$4,490.43	<hr/> \$2,799.97	<hr/> \$164.00	<hr/> \$964.15	<hr/> \$15,627.29

GILMAN ELLIS

EDITH F. PROVOST

PEYTON R. H. WASHBURN

Trustees of Trust Funds.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	Principal	Over- drawn	Balance	Divi- dend	Ex- pended	Bal- ance	Over- drawn
Holbrook	\$ 200.00			\$ 6.22	\$ 6.22		
Wells & Smith	510.00			15.83	15.83		
Edith Kimball	200.00			6.22	6.22		
Gibson	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Browne	500.00			15.52	15.52		
Lovell	200.00			6.22	6.22		
Elwell	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Porter-Wentworth	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Banks	100.00			3.10	3.10		
J. C. Kimball	500.00		1.00	15.52	15.52	1.00	
Mary A. Dinsmore	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Milliken-Hooper	1,100.00		44.32	34.14	20.00	58.46	
Shepard	100.00		.25	3.10	3.10	.25	
Hatch-Graves	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Emerson	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Breed-Greene	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Wood	100.00			3.10	3.10		
E. M. Smith	200.00			6.22	6.22		
Glover	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Fay	100.00		.25	3.10	3.10	.25	
W. W. Dinsmore	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Vilas	1,000.00		1.07	31.03	32.10		
Edmund Blake	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Proctor-Merriam	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Fred. L. Prentiss	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Vine Porter	200.00			6.22	6.22		
Chas. E. Cook	100.00			3.10	3.10		
W. W. Colburn	250.00			7.76	7.76		
A. W. Patridge	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Elizabeth O. Rogers	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Lucy J. Porter	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Belt-French	100.00	6.43		3.10	1.57		4.90
John J. Chandler	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Wallace	100.00		2.61	3.10	3.10	2.61	
Eveline A. Hatch	200.00			6.22	6.22		
Chas. H. Cook	100.00		2.61	3.10	3.10	2.61	
John V. Greene	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Harlan P. Ware	300.00			9.31	9.31		
Marshall F. Bragg	100.00			3.10	3.10		

Name of Fund	Principal	Over- drawn	Balance	Divi- dend	Ex- pended	Bal- ance	Over- drawn
Wm. Cheever	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Samuel Watts	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Chas. E. Kent	200.00			6.22	6.22		
Chas. L. Linsley	100.00			3.10	3.10		
A. E. Wilder	200.00			6.22	6.22		
George Newell	100.00			3.10	3.10		
John S. Chivers	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Mary Ellen Hills	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Burge-Stillings	100.00			3.10	3.10		
John R. Jeffs	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Chas. Ellis	100.00	4.33		3.10	1.67		2.90
Wilder Brothers	6,000.00		1,098.25	186.21	232.41	1,052.05	
Mary J. Elliott	10,058.32		1,673.50	312.16	73.23	1,912.43	
Hiram E. Page	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Frank E. Trow	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Amy V. Bontecou	600.00		27.30	18.62	16.00	29.92	
J. Franklin Weaver	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Hattie J. Mitchell	500.00		16.21	15.52	15.00	16.73	
Ryder-Clark	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Geo. & Nancy Wilder	10,000.00		1,551.40	310.34	188.77	1,672.97	
John H. Allen	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Hovey-Allison	100.00	.77		3.10	2.33		
Harlan J. Pratt	100.00		.50	3.10	3.60		
David Clay	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Miller	200.00			6.22	6.22		
Willis E. Crabtree	500.00		48.76	15.52	15.00	49.28	
Geo. E. Porter	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Geo. E. Cater	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Newell-MacLane	100.00			3.10	3.10		
W. F. Gilman	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Eliz. A. Mitchell	200.00			6.22	6.22		
Heywood	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Elmer B. Rhoades	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Milton C. Dodge	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Wm. G. Baer	200.00		7.46	6.22	6.00	7.68	
Washburn-Sevrens	200.00			6.22	6.22		
Walter E. Wilson	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Herbert W. Greene	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Milan F. Greene	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Gowan-Dickey	200.00			6.22	6.22		
Harry W. Jewett	200.00			6.22	6.22		
Oliver Pratt	100.00			3.10	3.10		

Name of Fund	Principal	Over- drawn	Balance	Divi- dend	Ex- pend	Bal- ance	Over- drawn
Charles French	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Burton G. Dar.a	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Geo. C. Dinsmore	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Jas. A. Labaree	100.00		2.22	3.10	3.10		
John W. Goss	100.00			3.10	3.10		
Florence Forrestall	250.00			7.76	7.76		
Harriet Holden	300.00			9.31	9.31		
Dinsmore-Mack	100.00			3.10	3.10		
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	\$41,168.32	\$11.53	4,477.71	1,277.63	943.15	4,808.46	\$7.80
			11.53	4,466.18	4,800.66	7.80	
			<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
			\$4,466.18	\$5,743.81	\$5,743.81	\$4,800.66	
Plus Parker, Dickey, Webster, and Savory Funds held for investment						600.00	
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Cash on hand, January 1, 1954						\$5,400.66	

GILMAN O. ELLIS,
EDITH F. PROVOST,
PEYTON R. H. WASHBURN,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

As your librarian, I submit my eighth annual report.

About three hundred sixty people, young and old have enjoyed reading the books and magazines in the library the past year. More would be welcome.

A story hour was capably conducted by Miss Laura Edney for six weeks during the winter with an average attendance of thirteen.

Miss Duncan made use of the library books for the school in Langdon and arranged for her pupils to be transported to the library to choose books for themselves.

During the school year, the pupils of the village schools used the library for reading for book reports and for pleasure. After the schools closed for the summer, our summer residents, who are fond of reading, were frequent visitors to the library.

In November during Book Week the librarian gave posters to the pupils in the first six grades of the Village, East Alstead, and Langdon and invited them to visit the library for a story hour on November 19. The picture of Mr. Shedd was displayed and attention called to his generosity to the people of Alstead and Langdon.

Number of books added by purchase	296
Number of books added by gift	13
Number of magazines	33
Daily papers	1
Weekly papers	2

Record of circulation of books and magazines :

Fiction	4,779
Non-Fiction	987
Juvenile	2,535
Magazines	2,635
	10,936

LAURA N. MACLANE,

Librarian

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

Received from the Shedd-Porter Fund	\$ 2,551.65	
Received from the Warren Fund	141.50	
Received from the Kimball Fund	91.69	
Received from the Carpenter Fund	15.11	
Received from Bond Interest	25.00	
Received from Water Rents	216.00	
Received from Selectmen Office Rent	180.00	
	\$ 3,220.95	
Cash on hand December 31, 1952	2,852.52	
Payments		\$ 3,561.30
Cash on Hand December 31, 1953		2,512.17
	\$ 6,073.47	\$ 6,073.47

Payments :

Salaries	1,539.00	
Books	628.98	
Magazines	104.00	
Fuel	369.62	
Water System	16.50	
Telephone	63.52	
Lights	68.70	
Unclassified	270.98	
Transferred from Checking Account to Savings Account	500.00	
	\$ 3,561.30	

Unclassified :

Austin D. Fletcher, labor	4.50	
Alstead Garage, supplies	10.53	
Kniec Garage, labor	2.25	
Mary H. Whitton, cleaning	48.60	
Gaylord Brothers, supplies	12.95	
W. C. Kelley, labor	23.50	
G. L. Dexter, roofing repairs	103.26	
Chase's, typewriter repairs	13.40	
Maurice C. Pitcher, supplies	4.32	

C. H. Metcalf, postage	3.00
Earl M. Pitcher, trucking	18.82
Marie A. Radcliffe, Auditor	10.00
Laura MacLane, record book	2.50
American Library Ass'n, Dues	6.00
Laura Edney, story hour	6.00
Stanley Tools	1.35

\$ 270.98

Other Assets :

Savings Bank of Walpole Book #8623	\$ 5,603.15
U. S. "G" Bonds	1,000.00
Unpaid Water Rents	73.66

C. J. NEWELL,
Treasurer

I hereby certify that I have examined the records and accounts of the Treasurer of the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Funds and find them correct.

MARIE A. RADCLIFFE,
Auditor

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 Vilas School Auditorium, in said district on the 9th day of March, 1954, 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 officer, 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 the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of a new elementary school and the acquisition of any real property that may be necessary for its location; the school to be built on land owned by the district or town or on land that will be acquired by the district; and whether the district will vote to raise such sum through the issuance of serial notes or bonds upon the credit of the district for all or any portion of the sum so raised and appropriated; and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds shall be issued including their sale and the time and place of payment of principal and interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Bonds Statute, N. H. Revised Laws, Chapter 72, and any amendments thereto.
9. To see what sum the district will vote to raise and appropriate for equipment and furnishing of such new elementary school.
10. To see if the district will vote to appoint a building committee consisting of three persons, to be appointed by the moderator, to advise with the school board in selecting a location for the new school and to supervise the construction of said building, providing that the plans and specifications and the selection of a site for the new school shall

finally be approved by the school board acting alone as required by law, and to further authorize the school board to execute any and all contracts or agreements necessary in connection with the construction and equipping of said school.

11. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officers 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.

12. To see if the district will vote to rescind the action of the district meeting of March 1951 when the district voted to transport all pupils living beyond the junction of routes 12A and 123 with the South Acworth road. This action to take effect upon the completion of the construction now being done on Route 123 between the junction of Routes 12A and 123 and Kiniec's corner.

13. To see if the district will vote to elect all district officers by ballot in the future.

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

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

For the Year Ending, June 30, 1953

To the School Board and Citizens of Alstead:

I herewith submit my annual report as your superintendent of schools.

Achievement tests were given in all grades this past spring and general ability tests were given this fall, comparison of the results of these tests are being used to evaluate the success of the pupils, aid in guidance and help improve the educational program.

Test results, pupil grades and other information that will aid in counseling pupils are now kept on a new permanent record form that contains much more helpful information. In addition, each pupil has an individual folder containing information that cannot be condensed on a permanent record form.

Good teachers are the basis of a good educational program. It is becoming more difficult each year to get good teachers simply because there are not enough to go around. There are more children in the schools all over the nation, but teacher preparation institutions are graduating fewer potential teachers. It adds up to a shortage of teachers which means districts are in competition for the available teachers and higher salaries are needed to hold and attract good teachers.

In the estimate of receipts submitted at the annual district meeting \$2,500.00 was estimated as the amount to be received as state aid, however, a sum of \$3,574.74 was received and the additional amount was utilized to reduce the school district assessment.

Several increases in expenditures have occurred that were not anticipated, among them was a considerable increase in transportation costs, an increase in tuition expenditures and an increase in retirement costs. These increases have made it extremely difficult to stay within the total budget figure.

There has been a considerable increase in the enrollment in the Alstead schools this year. The principal increase occurring in the Vilas school in grades 7—12 and in a large measure due to an increase in the number of tuition pupils.

It was pointed out in last year's report that enrollment increases pointed to the need of additional class rooms and an additional teacher. The need is considerably greater in the light of this year's developments.

The additional tuition pupils mean additional income as is shown in the anticipated balance for this year. They will also mean additional income for the years to come. While tuition pupils do not result in a

profit they do allow a community to expand its system so that its children can benefit from better buildings and a more extensive program than would otherwise be the case.

Three teachers left Alstead this year. Mr. Bernard Forbush was replaced by Mr. James Cahill, a graduate of Keene Teachers' College, who came to Alstead from Ashland, N. H. Miss Katherine Spirou was replaced by Miss Lucille Serpico, a graduate of College of Our Lady of Mercy, Portland, Maine. Miss Serpico taught two years in Maine previous to coming to Alstead. Miss Betsy Wiggins, a graduate of Keene Teachers' College, and did her practice teaching in Appleton Academy, replaced Mrs. Frances Metcalf.

ENROLLMENT, JANUARY 5, 1954

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
East	3	4	0	3	2	1							13
Village	13	20	14	8									55
Vilas					11	23	28	21	36	20	29	19	187
													<hr/> 255

Tuition pupils attending Alstead schools :

	Elementary	Junior High School	Senior High School	Total
Langdon	11	11	20	42
Acworth		12	13	25
Lempster			17	17
Marlow			10	10
Stoddard			4	4
Other towns			6	6
				<hr/> 104

Tuition pupils from Alstead attending other schools :

Grade	1	2	5	8	Total
Gilsum	2	1	1	1	5
Surry	1				1
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I wish to take this opportunity to thank the school board, teachers, parents, pupils and citizens for their splendid cooperation.

ELLIOTT W. KEACH

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

I wish to extend my thanks to the parents, teachers, citizens, and pupils for their interest in the school health program. It has made my first year a most gratifying experience.

I hope each year to include in our school health program any new procedures that will help improve your community.

The following is my report for the year ending June 30, 1953 :

- 124 Pupils were examined by Dr. William Tatem
- 69 Pupils were in need of dental care
- 65 Pupils had dental care
- 12 Pupils had enlarged tonsils
 - 3 Pupils had sufficient wax in ears to obstruct the canal
 - 4 Pupils had a squint of one or both eyes
 - 3 Pupils had tonsil and adenoid operations
- 233 Pupils had vision and hearing tests by the school nurse
- 14 Pupils had eye examination and defects corrected

ELLEN L. McAFEE,
School Nurse.

VILAS HIGH SCHOOL 1952-53

Nineteen students graduated in the class of 1953—ten girls and nine boys. Four girls are working, two are studying nursing, three are in commercial colleges and one is married; three boys have enlisted in the United States Marines, two are in the Air Force, two are in college and two are working.

The honor students for 1952-53 were: Miriam Ann Dustin, Valedictorian; Mary Elinor Harrington, Salutatorian; Joan Gloria Clough, third honor; and Geraldine Ann Dunn, fourth honor.

Delinda Haskins and Arlene Pare represented Vilas at Girls' State. William Heywood represented Vilas at Boys' State.

It was possible for these young people to attend these conferences through the efforts of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Alstead Outing Club, and the Langdon Community Club.

Vernard Hurd, Milton Bellows, and William Batchelder represented Vilas at the Y.M.C.A. Conferences.

Miriam Dustin was chosen as our good citizenship girl from Vilas. This was sponsored by the Walpole D.A.R. Chapter. We feel grateful for the splendid opportunity to be so represented.

We wish to thank the Citizens of Alstead who have sponsored our annual trip to the Boston Garden to witness the New England basketball tournament and the splendid meals which we enjoyed.

The Vilas boys participated in the eighth tournament at Durham and gave an excellent performance even though going down to defeat at the hands of a strong Whitefield High School quintet.

In the preliminary games Vilas defeated Hinsdale and scored an upset victory over Walpole High School.

Harvey Griffin won the Dick Bath Memorial for foul shooting and was also chosen on the Class C "All State" basketball team.

We wish to thank Dr. Stevens for his interest in taking movies of our fairs. The films have been given to us by Dr. Stevens.

Many helpful tests have been given to the students throughout the year to determine their status as to interest and promotion. These tests will be given at intervals to determine their progress. The tests given are the Kuder-occupational interests, Otis ability tests and the Stanford Achievement Tests.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department has for its objectives, first to further develop the correct usage of language skills and secondly to help the students to become acquainted with the many well-known literary classics.

The English Department feels that this English Course of Study is absolutely essential to all high school students since Society demands that they be well-versed in these respective fields.

The Department advocates the theory that the usage of correct grammatical skills will prove to be beneficial to its students in order to increase their familiarity with their own language and to learn to use it not merely with correctness but with natural and spontaneous accuracy.

By the reading and discussing of the renowned literary classics a three fold purpose may be achieved; first the improvement in the fundamentals of the basic reading skills; secondary by the method of discussion, students are able to express their own viewpoints and therefore can put into practical application their knowledge of the reading skills; thirdly these literary classics serve as a comparison between our present time and that of the past.

A Remedial Reading Program has been introduced to the members of the seventh grade. The purpose of this course is to assist those students who are handicapped in the techniques of reading.

The outline of study is as follows:

1. Oral and Silent Reading
2. Reading for Comprehension
3. Word Build-up
4. Spelling and
5. Dictionary Practice

The students are afforded the opportunity of expressing their own viewpoints whereby the teacher becomes aware of her students' difficulties.

The English Department members feel that this course will prove to be most beneficial to these students while these students will be able to improve themselves scholastically.

On the evening of October 1, 1953, two one-act plays were presented by the junior high and high school students. "Those Monday Blues" and "Charge It, Please" thus completed the activities of the annual Fair Day at Vilas High School.

ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST

In April Vilas entered the annual dramatic competition with its production of Booth Tarkington's "The Trysting Place," under the direction of Miss Spirou. Miriam Dustin, Norris Edson, Patricia Smith, Delinda Haskins, Robert Hartwell, Fred Blood, and Eldon Morrison comprised the Vilas cast.

The Charlestown entry was entitled "Miggles" and Walpole presented "The Lost Elevator."

The judges decision proclaimed the Walpole cast as the victor with its production of "The Lost Elevator."

1953 GRADUATION

The graduating class of 1953 climaxed the educational achievement with an illustrious commencement program entitled "Our Towns." Representatives from each of the towns comprising the Vilas student body commented upon the history, activities and contributions to the Alstead area.

The life of the philanthropic Charles N. Vilas was portrayed by one of the speakers, who also expressed the appreciation of the students for the kindness of this man who made Vilas High School a reality.

The chairman of the School Board, Mrs. Margaret S. Stevens, awarded the diplomas to the nineteen graduates, who concluded this nineteenth commencement program with the singing of the "Alma Mater."

HOME ECONOMICS

Homemaking classes begun this fall included: Personal Adjustment and Family Living for juniors and seniors; Foods and Clothing for freshmen and sophomores and a varied homemaking program for junior high school girls.

The upperclassmen study and discuss such topics as: Being Myself, Mate Selection, Marriage, Consumer Buying and Family Security, Child Care, and Home Nursing in an attempt to aid them in meeting similar situations in the future.

The underclassmen gain knowledge and experience of food preservation, nutrition, meal planning and meal preparation during the first

semester of their study; the second semester is concerned with clothing construction, fabric selection, and the proper methods of caring for clothes.

The junior high students consider elements of good grooming, proper foods for personal well-being, etiquette, and clothes for the sub-teen girl.

In the light of special activities, on September 24, 1953, thirteen of our members journeyed to Springfield, Massachusetts to explore the outlay of the Eastern States Exposition. Later on, the older girls made holiday decorations, some of which were used to enliven the lunch-room while the other girls enjoyed a demonstration given by Mrs. Neal on hair care and styling.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

The F.H.A. girls began their new year by co-sponsoring the annual Vilas High School Fair.

The following officers were elected:

President: Dorothy Merrill
 Vice-President: Arlene Pare
 Secretary: Pauline Pare
 Treasurer: Barbara King
 Historian: Susan Allen
 Parliamentarian: Mildred Jackson

In one of our regular assemblies, fourteen new members were initiated into our club.

Mildred Jackson was re-elected to serve as State pianist.

Ten of our members attended the state meeting held at Concord on November 6. We learned at this meeting that the Regional Meeting of the North Atlantic States will be held at U.N.H. this summer, with the New Hampshire girls acting as hostesses.

The girls participated in the World Christmas Festival for Youth and Children.

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

This department is divided into two groups consisting of the Seniors and Juniors in one class and the Sophomores and Freshmen in the other. Each class meets for seven hours a week with about two-thirds of the time spent in classwork and fieldwork and the remainder being spent in the shop.

While it is felt that only a few will become farmers, many will probably enter some of the hundreds of related fields. An attempt is made, therefore, to acquaint the students with all phases of agriculture with emphasis placed on no single field.

Under the regulations of the Federal Government a supervised farming program is required of each student. While these are progressing quite satisfactorily, they are being held back some due to lack of facilities at home in most cases, and lack of finances in other cases. These two items constitute the greatest handicap of an Agriculture department.

The annual school fair, sponsored by the Agriculture and Home-Economics departments was felt to have been a success again this year with the usual excellent displays of canning, sewing, handicraft, dairy, poultry, vegetables, pets and horses. One big attraction this year was the State Forestry Department's exhibit which included "Smokey" the talking bear.

The usual trip was made to Durham where a group of boys participated in an interscholastic judging meet. The results were not outstanding, but the boys placed well on the whole. Two of them should go to Eastern States this fall.

The Vilas Chapter greenhouse seems well on its way to justifying the labor and expense involved in planning and construction. Last spring a small, but good crop was raised and more expansive production plans are underway this year. In June an open house was held with about 100 people attending.

The broiler battery is still being put to good use with two or three lots of broiler being raised each year. These are then dressed off and sold by the boys.

One of last year's graduates, Robert Hartwell, was awarded a \$100.00 prize by the F.F.A. Foundation for having the outstanding electrical program in the state. A Junior, Elgin Russell, was presented a heifer calf by the Sears Roebuck Foundation for having the best potential dairy program in the school.

Three students, Vernard Hurd, Paul Putnam, and Hubert Hartwell attended the National F.F.A. Convention in Kansas City in October. They were accompanied by eight other New Hampshire boys and the Vilas Agriculture Instructor.

This spring the State F.F.A. Convention will be held at Vilas High School where the Vilas Chapter will act as hosts to 150-200 students.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The mathematics department is striving to meet varied immediate and future needs of the students. For some students the mathematics courses will be terminal, and for others, they will be the foundations for advanced training in other institutions. Consequently, the department desires to keep a balance between these two objectives.

The aim of this department in the Junior High is to develop within the students a confidence in their mathematical ability. It is the hope

of the department that this is being done through large amounts of drill on fundamentals, not only when the topic is presented, but spaced at delayed intervals, so that once the skills are acquired, they will not be forgotten. With confidence come interest and pleasure in work well done.

The advanced math class were pleased to accept the invitation of Mr. Heman Chase to lecture and instruct on surveying in the spring. The class also has made tentative plans to visit M.I.T.

The courses currently being offered are the following: algebra I, algebra II, plane geometry and advanced mathematics which consists of one-half year of trigonometry and one-half year of solid geometry.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

Each girl in the junior high school attends a physical education class once a week, and more if her schedule permits. One period a week is spent with the fifth and sixth grade girls who are supervised by two seniors, Patricia Smith and Patricia Relihan.

During the 1952-1953 school year a larger number of girls participated in both intramural and interscholastic athletic competition. For the senior high school girls there was opportunity to play basketball, volleyball, softball, tennis, and archery. Basketball and softball were on the agenda of the enthusiastic seventh and eighth grade girls.

The Girls' Athletic Council inaugurated a new system of student supervision this fall when it voted to double the number of girls on the council by electing one head, a senior, and an assistant head, a junior, for each sport. The council's function is to supervise the noon-time athletic activities of the girls, thus enabling the instructor to divide her attention among the various sports. This new system will give the assistant leader an opportunity to become more familiar with the sport during her junior year, and thus be a more efficient leader in her senior year.

Spring plans for the girls include the usual tennis and softball schedules, plus the possibility of a tumbling exhibition and an archery meet.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

The 14 members of the Gen. Bus. class are being introduced to the commercial field by a study of the practical side that business plays in our every day life. The main topics follow along with the needs of to-days well-rounded citizen. They include: Banking, Credit & Installment Buying, Insurance, Travel, Communication Services, Record Keeping and Business Organization.

In this years bookkeeping class the boys are well represented, making up almost half of the total number. It is not the purpose of this course to go deeply into the financial aspects of business but rather to master the procedure of the double entry system of keeping records and making

reports. At the present time we are preparing to start a practice project which is carried on under ordinary business conditions with typical transactions using the actual invoices, statements, checks etc., instead of the textbook.

This year we were fortunate to obtain two additional typewriters which allows eleven people to take typing. As in the past the typewriters are in constant demand and are used continuously making it necessary to keep them in top condition.

The senior office practice class following their own wishes is devoting most of their time to stenographic duties as they feel that is their greatest need. This class is largely responsible for the writing, compiling, editing and publication of the school paper and vernacular which we feel was an excellent publication this year. The funds that were received from the sale of these publications have been used in part to finance trips to North Hampton Commercial College and Fisher Junior College. The students who visited these schools had a chance to observe the workings of the institutes of higher learning and, it is hoped that some were impressed enough to stimulate their thinking along that line.

VILAS H. S. PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Financial Report 1952-53

Income:

Basketball gate receipts	\$ 556.00
Magazine Sale	135.41
Ice Cream and Tonic Sales	80.02
A.A. Dance	12.64
N.H.I.A.A. Reimbursement from Tournament	235.20
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Income \$ 1,091.27

Expenses:

Football:

One football	8.50
Transportation	35.00
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43.50

Basketball :		
Officials	230.00	
Transportation	110.00	
Basketballs	58.50	
Meals	67.55	
Guarantee	20.00	
Schedules	5.00	
Supplies	15.50	
Engraving	34.40	
Police	12.00	
Advertising	7.00	
Rent	45.00	
Tournament Expenses	270.64	
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Baseball :		
2 dozen baseballs	26.00	
Transportation	29.00	
Equipment	30.00	
	<hr/>	85.00
Girls' Basketball :		
Officials	32.00	
Transportation	10.00	
Equipment	3.00	
	<hr/>	45.00
Girls' Baseball :		
Transportation	10.50	
Equipment	11.60	
	<hr/>	22.10
Total Expenses		<hr/> <hr/> \$ 1,071.19

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1954-1955

	Actual Expenditures 1952-1953	Adopted Budget 1953-1954	Proposed Budget 1954-1955
Administration :			
Salaries of district officers	\$ 278.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 303.00
Local share superintendent's salary	645.00*	724.00	617.00
Per capita tax	370.00	396.00	358.00
Salaries of other admin. personnel	250.00	444.00	481.00
Supplies and expenses	953.69	944.00	889.00
Instruction :			
Teachers' salaries, high	18,714.75	20,760.00	21,550.00
Teachers' salaries, Elem.	16,187.81	16,705.00	17,300.00
Books & other instruc. aids, high	546.09	366.00	350.00
Books & other instruc. aids, elem.	436.81	475.00	550.00
Scholars' supplies, high	534.69	850.00	750.00
Scholars' supplies, elem.	707.34	696.00	1,056.00
Supplies & other expenses, high	296.18	390.00	400.00
Supplies & other expenses, elem.	24.08	185.00	180.00
Operation of school plant :			
Salaries of janitors, high	1,483.27	1,725.00	1,750.00
Salaries of janitors, elem.	1,371.53	1,575.00	1,600.00
Fuel or heat, high	904.59	1,350.00	1,350.00
Fuel or heat, elem.	1,113.50	1,150.00	1,150.00
Water, light, supplies & exp., high	676.51	454.00	494.00
Water, light, supplies & exp., elem.	613.87	796.00	856.00
Maintenance of school plant :			
Repairs and replacements, high	478.93	1,100.00	1,600.00
Repairs and replacements, elem.	858.41	1,200.00	900.00
Auxiliary activities :			
Health supervision, high	354.31	325.00	354.00
Health supervision, elem.	412.12	440.00	500.00
Transportation, high	1,794.17		8,784.00
Transportation, elem.	5,378.52	7,600.00	
Tuition, elem.	734.62	420.00	1,500.00
Special activities & funds, high		50.00	50.00
Special activities & funds, elem.	41.28	25.00	25.00
Federal school lunch (in and out)			
High school	316.62	335.00	335.00
Elementary	642.84	740.00	765.00
Lawton House	71.22		420.00

Fixed charges :			
Teachers' retirement, high	785.33	2,317.00	2,614.00
Teachers' retirement, elem.	1,337.18		
Insurance, treas. bonds & exp., high	187.31	790.00	684.00
Insurance, treas. bonds & exp., elem.	318.94		
Capital outlay :			
Additions & improvements, elem.	2,029.26	275.00	
New Equipment, high	250.41	675.00	455.00
New Equipment, elem.	933.12		400.00
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	63,032.30	66,550.00	71,370.00
Cash on hand general fund	1,903.29		
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Grand Total	\$64,935.59	\$66,550.00	\$71,370.00

* State's share, \$2,275.00; Gilsum, \$217.69; Surry, \$149.96; Alstead, \$645.00; Marlow, \$162.86; Westmoreland, \$357.98.

ESTIMATED INCOME

	Actual Income	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget
	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955
Balance, June 30		1,200.00	5,000.00
Federal aid	1,612.07	1,300.00	1,300.00
National school lunch	959.46	1,075.00	1,100.00
Veterans' training	137.58		
State aid	2,676.71	2,500.00	3,100.00
Current appropriation	38,501.42		
Tuitions, high	9,667.03	8,600.00	15,000.00
Tuitions, elem.	1,786.25	3,200.00	6,800.00
Trust funds	5,175.09	4,500.00	4,500.00
Capital reserve funds	1,025.66		
Lawton house		300.00	420.00
Cash on hand, general fund July 1st	3,266.32		
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Total receipts	\$64,935.59	\$22,675.00	\$37,220.00
To be raised by taxes		43,875.00	34,150.00
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Grand total	\$64,935.59	\$66,550.00	\$71,370.00

R E P O R T
of an audit and examination
of the accounts
of the
ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
made by
THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
July 24 and 28, 1953

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire
August 20, 1953

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Alstead School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1953, and found them to be in good order.

In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the School District on June 30, 1953, and the results of operations for the year under review.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,

Director.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

C. DAVID SULLIVAN, Auditor.
EDGAR O. PESQUERA, Accountant.

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EXHIBIT A
ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Comparative Balance Sheets
 For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 1952 and June 30, 1953

	Assets	<i>June 30,</i> <i>1952</i>	<i>June 30,</i> <i>1953</i>
Cash on Hand		\$3,266.32	\$1,903.29
Accounts Receivable		2,753.66	3,256.78
Capital Reserve Fund		1,010.51	
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Total Assets		\$7,030.49	\$5,160.07
	Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		\$ 101.04	\$ 423.52
Building Fund		792.67	
Capital Reserve Fund		1,010.51	
Federal Works Administration		2,400.00	
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Total Liabilities		4,304.22	\$ 423.52
Surplus		2,726.27	4,736.55
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Total Liabilities & Surplus		\$7,030.49	\$5,160.07

EXHIBIT B
ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Analysis of Change in Financial Condition
 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

Surplus—June 30, 1953	\$4,736.55	
Surplus—June 30, 1952	2,726.27	
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Increase in Surplus		\$2,010.28

Factors Affecting Increase in Surplus

<i>Increases:</i>		
Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit D)	\$1,903.29	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	503.12	
Write-off of Federal Works Administration Loan	2,400.00	
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		\$4,806.41
<i>Decreases:</i>		
Cash Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate	\$2,473.65	
Increase in Accounts Payable	322.48	
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		2,796.13
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Net Increase in Surplus		\$2,010.28

EXHIBIT C

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

	Liabilities Forwarded from 1951-52	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Balances	
						Unexpended	Oversights
<i>Administration:</i>							
Salaries of District Officers	\$	298.00	\$	298.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)		620.00		620.00	645.00		
Tax for State Wide Supervision		370.00		370.00	370.00		
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel		285.00		285.00	250.00	35.00	
Supplies & Other Expenses		475.00	2.28	477.28	955.97		478.69
<i>Instruction:</i>							
Principals' & Teachers' Salaries		35,000.00		35,000.00	34,902.56	97.44	
Books & Other Instructional Aids		600.00	43.53	643.53	1,026.43		382.90
Scholars' Supplies		900.00		900.00	1,242.03		342.03
Supplies & Other Expenses		572.00		572.00	320.26	251.74	

<i>Operation of School Plant:</i>					
Janitors' Salaries	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,847.14		47.14
Fuel	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,050.75	149.25	
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,290.38		90.38
<i>Maintenance of School Plant:</i>					
Repairs & Replacements	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,337.34		337.34
<i>Auxiliary Activities:</i>					
Health Supervision	670.00	670.00	766.43		96.43
Transportation	7,200.00	7,273.66	7,246.35	27.31	
Tuition	540.00	540.00	734.62		194.62
Special Activities & Special Funds	75.00	75.00	66.28	8.72	
Lawton House Repairs		50.00	21.22	28.78	
<i>Fixed Charges:</i>					
Retirement	2,223.00	2,223.00	2,122.51	100.49	
Insurance, Treasurer's Bond & Expenses	643.00	643.00	506.25	136.75	
<i>Capital Outlay:</i>					
Additions & Improvements	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,236.59	763.41	
New Equipment	1,225.00	1,225.00	1,183.53	41.47	
Building Committee		792.67	792.67		
Contingency Fund	800.00	800.00		800.00	
	<u>\$792.67</u>	<u>\$61,696.00</u>	<u>\$169.47</u>	<u>\$62,658.14</u>	<u>\$62,192.31</u>
					<u>\$1,994.53</u>

EXHIBIT D
ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
and Budget Summary
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953
Revenues

Source	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Deficit
Cash Surplus—June 30, 1952	\$ 2,702.08	\$ 2,473.65		\$228.43
State Aid	2,300.00	2,676.71	\$ 376.71	
Federal Aid	1,100.00	1,749.65	649.65	
Tuition	11,000.00	11,453.28	453.28	
Income from Trust Funds	4,500.00	5,175.09	675.09	
Special Activities & Special Funds	1,292.50	1,025.66		266.84
Other Receipts	300.00	78.00		222.00
	<hr/> \$23,194.58	<hr/> \$24,632.04	<hr/> \$2,154.73	<hr/> \$717.27

Budget Summary

Actual Revenues	\$24,632.04	
Estimated Revenues	23,194.58	
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Net Revenue Surplus		\$1,437.46
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	\$ 2,460.36	
Overdrafts of Appropriations	1,994.53	
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Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations		465.83
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Net Budget Surplus		\$1,903.29

EXHIBIT E
ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

<i>Local Taxes:</i>	Receipts	
Town Appropriation		\$38,501.42
<i>Federal Aid:</i>		
Smith Hughes—George Barden Acts	\$ 1,612.07	
Veterans' Administration (Adult Education)	137.58	
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		1,749.65

State of New Hampshire:

State Aid		2,676.71
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Other Sources:

Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 1,025.66	
Tuition	11,453.28	
Rental of Lawton House	50.00	
Rental of Hall & Gymnasium	75.00	
Income from Trust Funds	5,175.09	
Refunds	119.47	
Miscellaneous Sales	3.00	
		<hr/> 17,901.50

Total Receipts From All Sources		\$60,829.28
Balance—June 30, 1952		3,266.32

Grand Total		<hr/> \$64,095.60
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Expenditures*Administration:*

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 278.00	
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)	645.00	
Tax for State Wide Supervision	370.00	
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel	250.00	
Supplies & Expenses	955.97	
		<hr/> \$ 2,498.97

Instruction:

Teachers' Salaries	\$34,902.56	
Books & Other Instructional Aids	1,026.43	
Scholars' Supplies	1,242.03	
Supplies & Other Expenses	320.26	
		<hr/> \$37,491.28

Operation of School Plant:

Salaries of Janitors	\$ 2,847.14	
Fuel or Heat	2,050.75	
Water, Light, Supplies & Expense	1,290.38	
		<hr/> 6,188.27

Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs & Replacements		1,337.34
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Auxiliary Activities:

Health Supervision	\$ 766.43	
Transportation	7,246.35	

Tuition	734.62	
Special Activities & Special Funds	66.28	
Lawton House Repairs	21.22	
		8,834.90
<i>Fixed Charges:</i>		
Retirement	\$ 2,122.51	
Insurance, Treasurer's Bonds & Expenses	506.25	
		2,628.76
<i>Capital Outlay:</i>		
Additions & Improvements to Buildings	\$ 2,029.26	
New Equipment	1,183.53	
		3,212.79
Total Payments For All Purposes		\$62,192.31
Balance—June 30, 1953		1,903.29
		\$64,095.60
Grand Total		

EXHIBIT F

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and Proof of Treasurer's Balance Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

Balance—June 30, 1952	\$ 3,266.32	
Receipts During Year	60,829.28	
		\$64,095.60
Expenditures During Year	62,192.31	
		\$1,903.29

Proof of Balance

Balance in Bellows Falls Trust Company, Bellows Falls, Vermont—As Per State- ment June 30, 1953	\$ 8,241.45	
Add: Deposit Not Credited—July 8, 1953	1,959.00	
		\$10,200.45
Less: Checks Outstanding	8,297.16	
		\$ 1,903.29
Reconciled Balance—June 30, 1953		

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Baby's Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
Mar. 31	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Harold Willard	Willard Burroughs	Ellathine Pratt
Oct. 16	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Deborah Susan	Parker Clark	Marie Liberty
Jan. 18	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Terrence John	Joseph Durell	Elizabeth Benware
June 15	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Debra Lee	Ronald Frazier	Carlene Clark
Apr. 18	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Noreen Anne	Henry Hitchcock	Mary Buss
Nov. 16	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Galen Wesley	Robert Howes	Christine Teale
Nov. 23	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Linda Lee	Franklin Haskins	Shirley Savory
Jan. 20	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Gloria Dean	Ralph Moore	Beverly Griffin
Feb. 10	Hanover, N. H.	Cynthia Rose	Paul Marx	Natalie Rowe
Apr. 16	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Ralph Raymond	Clayton Roy	Patricia Haskins
Oct. 6	Keene, N. H.	Annette	John Stevens	Margaret Squibb
Apr. 30	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Donna Louise	Elwin Ward	Charlotte Pebbles
Aug. 21	Brattleboro, Vt.	John Wallace	John Whitney	Lillian Pratt
Oct. 11	Keene, N. H.	Elisabeth Amelia	Kenneth Wesson	Ruby Willis
Nov. 25	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Gene Erwin	George Wilson	Loretta Monty
Dec. 28	Bellows Falls Vt.	Rhonda Lorraine	Harold Ramsey	Beatrice Harrington
Dec. 30	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Gladys Gail	Richard Wilson	Frances Monty

MARRIAGES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Dec. 22	Brattleboro, Vt.	Richard Clough Dorothy (Willis) Parker	Alstead Saxtons River, Vt.
Jan. 3	Alstead	Ronald Frazier Carlene Clark	Swansey, N. H. Alstead
May 16	Walpole, N. H.	Erik Brown Emmaline Weber	Nashua, N. H. Alstead
May 24	E. Windsor, Conn	Ernest Blodgett Virginia Underwood	Alstead Keene, N. H.
July 5	Alstead	Frederick Blood Carla Blake	Acworth, N. H. Alstead
July 9	Charlestown, N. H.	Richard Bath Roberta Monty	Alstead Alstead
Oct. 16	Charlestown, N.H.	Lewis Brooks Harriett Smith	Alstead Charlestown, N. H.
May 6	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Roderick Clough Lucy Wyman	Alstead Gassetts, Vt.
Nov. 28	Keene, N. H.	Ronald Everett Frances Molesky	Gilsum, N. H. Alstead

Dec. 12	Alstead	Earl Fisk	Springfield, Vt.
		Gloria Ploof	Springfield, Vt.
Jan. 11	Alstead	Franklin Haskins	Alstead
		Shirley Savory	Alstead
Oct. 11	Alstead	Theodore Haskins	Alstead
		Ruth Powers	Whitman, Mass.
Nov. 22	Alstead	Roy Johnson	Dummerston, Vt.
		Theresa Dinsmore	Alstead
Nov. 22	Alstead	Richard Lockerby	Grafton, Vt.
		Ethel Long	Alstead
Sept. 19	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Charles Lique	Alstead
		Elizabeth Mudgett	Alstead
Nov. 7	Alstead	Richard Mansell	Stoddard, N. H.
		Jean Murdock	Alstead
Nov. 28	Charlestown, N. H.	William Pimental	Bellows Falls, Vt.
		Jean Quinn	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Jan. 1	Springfield, Vt	Stuart Seavey	Alstead
		Jean Golaszewski	Bellows Falls, Vt.
June 19	Marlow, N. H.	Alex Sonosky	Alstead
		Virginia Clark	Gilsum, N. H.
June 20	Alstead	Erwin Ward	Langdon, N. H.
		Miriam Dustin	Alstead

DEATHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>
Aug. 18	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Lillian Chamberlain	72
Jan. 4	Winchester, N. H.	Lenna Dickey	90
Mar. 25	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Arthur Hall	51
Feb. 3	North Swanzey, N. H.	Elizabeth Handy	11
Nov. 28	Alstead	Peter Jakoboski	67
June 13	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Guy Neal	81
Mar. 3	Alstead	Henry Pedersen	76
Aug. 8	Alstead	Emily Prouty	87
Sept. 25	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Elizabeth Ross	86
Jan. 4	Walpole, N. H.	Carl Whitcomb	61
Feb. 19	Keene, N. H.	Homer Waldron	80
Oct. 2	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Florence Willis	58
Oct. 13	Alstead	Catherine Washburn	66
Mar. 25	Springfield, Mass.	Mary Etta Rhoades	84

BROUGHT TO TOWN FOR BURIAL

Aug. 1	France	Alexander Cunningham	35
Aug. 11	Mountainside, N. J.	Pauline Seagrave	71
Jan. 16	Boscawen, N. H.	Elgin Nash	71

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.

