

106th

Annual Report

OF THE

Town and School Officers

CROYDON, N. H.



FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1956

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Willis H. Ballou

Town Clerk and Treasurer

Dana S. Gross

Selectmen

LeRoy M. Persons

Lawrence H. Darling

Theodore L. Kelsey

Tax Collector

Leland L. Riley

Supervisors of the Check List

Katharine C. Fogg

Cecil E. Dodge

Lena Vaine

Overseer of the Poor

Lawrence H. Darling

Police Officer

Harry P. Newcomb

Health Officer

(None)

Road Agent

Arnold J. Sherman

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Charles E. Winter

Patricia A. Sawyer

Dana S. Gross

Library Trustees

Beatrice A. Smith

Mary E. Smith

Sadie E. Muzzey

Forest Fire Warden

Willis H. Ballou

Auditors

Doris B. Farrington

Doris R. Persons

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Board

Dana S. Gross

Aune K. Leeman

Jean B. Dodge

Moderator

Wilfrid H. Dent

Clerk and Treasurer

Willis H. Ballou

Auditor

Katharine C. Fogg

Truant Officer

Lawrence H. Darling

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

L. S.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Croydon, in the County of Sullivan, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 12th day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon (the polls not to close earlier than 6 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon the following subjects:

ART. 1. To choose one (1) Selectman, for a period of three years, and one (1) Selectman, for one year, a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, two Auditors, one Trustee of Library for three years, and all such other officers and agents as may be necessary for the transaction of the Town's business for the ensuing year.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will elect one or more highway agents for one year who perform their duties under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Class V roads, and raise and appropriate money for the same. Town to raise \$394.64 and State to give \$2,630.91.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will accept State Aid for Class V highway bridges, and raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for that purpose.

ART. 6. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise for highways and bridges and keeping the roads open and sanded during the winter.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the Town will

raise and appropriate for maintaining Town Dump.

ART. 8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Expense of the Highway Department.

ART. 9. To see if Town will vote to comply with regulation of State Fire Marshall in regards to Town Hall.

ART. 10. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upkeep of cemeteries.

ART. 12. To see if the Town wishes to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for Capital Reserve Fund for acquisition of equipment.

ART. 13. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lighting and for lighting Town buildings.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40.00 for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the Town, together with other Towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire all necessary sums of money for its use during the year, in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for White Pine Blister Rust Control to be spent in co-operation with the State Forestry Department.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for road construction and/or to eliminate snow traps on Town Roads.

ART. 18. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for old age assistance.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise funds for two plaques commemorating Henry Sawyer at Putnam Cemetery and the Croydon Flat Cemetery.

ART. 20. To see if Town will vote to sell or trade old Caterpillar Tractor and Plows, put proceeds towards a power sander.

ART. 21. To see if Town will vote to plow driveways after roads are plowed without having to request road agent to do so.

ART. 22. To see if Town will vote to furnish culvert for road going to Rockybound Pond called the Kemp Road.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to deed old piece of road to Nura Smith.

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

Given under our hands and seals at said Croydon this 15th day of February, 1957.

LAWRENCE DARLING
LeROY M. PERSONS
THEODORE L. KELSEY
Selectmen of Croydon, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

LAWRENCE DARLING
LeROY M. PERSONS
THEODORE L. KELSEY
Selectmen of Croydon, N. H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CROYDON

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1956	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1956	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1957
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 300.00	\$ 310.23	\$ 300.00
Railroad Tax	100.00		154.82
Savings Bank Tax	50.00		
T.R.A.		4.75	
Reimbursement a/c State			
Gas Tax Refund	25.00	68.28	50.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of			
Growing Wood & Timber	4,000.00	4,253.37	3,500.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		18.47	
Class V Roads	1,350.92	1,350.92	1,368.17
Reimbursement for Head Tax		1.50	
From Local Sources			
 Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	160.00	151.50	150.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees		3.50	3.00
Rent of Town Hall & other Buildings	250.00	210.00	30.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits		69.77	50.00
Income from Trust Funds		42.00	
Income of Departments:			
Highway, incl. rental of equip.	150.00	51.00	50.00
Tax Sales Redeemed		416.80	
Robt. Benoit Soldiers Aid		15.00	
Filing Fees		7.00	
Opening Grave		20.00	
B. M. DeRushna, fire exting.		2.00	
Sale of Town Property		325.00	

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Compared with
Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and
Expenditures of the Previous Year
January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

Purposes of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1956	Actual Expenditures Year 1956	Estimated Expend. Year 1957
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Grader Operator		\$ 15.00	
Town Officers' Salaries		1,343.15	1,400.00
Town Officers' Expenses		554.33	555.00
Election and Registration Expenses		227.00	125.00
Motor Permits		109.50	110.00
Expenses Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	3,200.00	367.93	450.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department		19.38	20.00
Fire Department		39.02	50.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	400.00	400.00	400.00
Insurance		480.30	500.00
Abatements		160.68	150.00
Tax Collector			40.00
Health:			
Vital Statistics		6.00	10.00
Snow Trap	1,000.00	1,227.04	1,000.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	175.00	92.00	150.00
Cutting Brush	400.00	498.00	400.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance-Summer	3,000.00	2,210.97	1,300.00
Town Maintenance--Winter	2,000.00	2,863.13	2,000.00
Street Lighting	500.00	419.04	500.00

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Withdrawals from Capital			
Reserve Funds		128.00	
Abatements		160.68	
Amount Raised by Issue of			
Bonds or Notes:			
Temporary Loan in			
Anticipation of Taxes		6,000.00	6,000.00
From Local Taxes Other Than			
Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Reg. @ \$2	300.00	226.00	200.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	16.00		
Yield Taxes		1,720.03	1,300.00
Head Tax & Penalties		951.50	900.00
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Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes			\$22,360.83
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Total Revenues			\$37,516.81

General Expenses of			
Highway Department	1,250.00	1,343.41	1,300.00
Town Road Aid	393.34	393.34	394.64
Libraries		30.00	
Class V Maintenance		1,030.50	1,368.17
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor		312.22	
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00	1,220.83	1,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations		14.40	14.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Sawyer Plaque	41.00	60.00	
Cemeteries	400.00	399.00	
Road Rake		128.00	
Unclassified:			
Damages & Legal Expenses, Incl. Dog Damage		127.12	
Advertising & Regional Asso.	40.00	40.00	40.00
Interest:		367.21	355.00
Outlay for New Construction and Perm. Improv.	1,025.00	967.98	400.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Use of Back Hoe		30.00	
New Lands & Buildings		700.00	
Taxes Bought by Town		639.03	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Temporary Loans		6,000.00	4,000.00
Long Term Notes		3,000.00	3,285.00
Payment to Cap. Res. Funds	500.00		
Head Taxes		896.20	
Payments to Other Gov't. Div.:			
County Taxes		1,942.08	2,000.00
School Taxes		11,803.09	12,000.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$15,824.34</u>	<u>\$42,556.88</u>	<u>\$37,516.81</u>

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

1956

Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Lumber)	\$ 437,918.00
Electric Plants	32,400.00
Stock in Trade	2,880.00
Horses — 15	575.00
Cows — 122	9,900.00
Oxen — 24	1,580.00
Sheep and Goats — 30	500.00
Fowls — 450	400.00
Gasoline Tanks and Pumps — 5	625.00
Total Gross Valuation Before	
Exemptions Allowed	\$486,778.00
Less Soldiers exemptions and ex. to blind	24,400.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	
	\$462,378.00

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION
AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1956**

Appropriations

Town Officers, salaries and town charges	\$ 3,200.00
Town Hall & Buildings maintenance	1,025.00
Blister Rust	400.00
Dump	175.00
Town Road Aid	393.34
Town Maintenance, Summer \$3,000.00	
Winter \$2,000.00	5,000.00
General Expense of Highway Dept.	1,250.00
Insurance	500.00
Cutting Brush	400.00
Street Lighting	500.00
Memorial Plaque	41.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00
Cemeteries	400.00
Snow Trap	1,000.00
Payment on Debt:	
Principal \$3,000.00	
Interest \$430.96	3,430.96
County Tax	1,942.08
School Tax	11,825.56
Capital Reserve Fund	500.00
	\$33,549.94

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 319.26
Railroad Tax	93.89
Savings Bank Tax	63.12
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	4,911.97
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,113.76
Dog Licenses	169.10
Business Licenses and Permits	6.50
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	453.00
Int. on Taxes & Interest from Trust Funds	97.50
	\$ 7,231.10

Total Town & School Appropriation:		
Less Est. Revenue & Credits		26,318.84
Plus Overlay		274.23
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		\$26,593.07
Less: 157 Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	\$314.00	
Nat'l. Bank Stock Taxes	16.00	
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Taxes to be Raised on Property		\$26,263.07
Total Taxes to be Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes		\$26,263.07
Poll Taxes		314.00
Nat'l. Bank Stock Taxes		16.00
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Total Taxes to be Committed		\$26,593.07

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES**

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Charges	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,341.38		\$ 141.38
Town Road Aid	393.34	393.34		
Highway, Winter	2,000.00	2,863.13		863.13
Highway, Summer	3,000.00	2,210.97	790.97	
General Expense,				
Highway Dept.	1,250.00	1,343.41		93.41
Cutting brush	400.00	498.00		98.00
Town Dump	175.00	92.00	83.00	
Upkeep Cemeteries	400.00	399.00	1.00	
Town Hall, roof and				
painting	1,025.00	967.98	57.02	
Cap. Reserve Fund	500.00		500.00	
Street Lighting	500.00	419.04	80.96	
Pine Blister	400.00	398.45	1.55	
Dart.-Lake Sunapee	40.00	40.00		
Snow Trap	1,000.00	1,227.04	227.04	
Old Age Assist.	1,500.00	1,220.83	279.17	
Sawyer Plaque	41.00	60.00		19.00
Insurance	500.00	480.30	19.70	
Amortization Notes on				
Truck & Grader	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Interest on grader and				
Truck Notes	350.00	287.23	63.23	
	\$19,674.34	\$19,242.10	\$1,876.60	\$1,441.96
Overdrafts			\$1,441.96	
Net Balance			\$ 434.64	

Financial Report

for the

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

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.

LAWRENCE DARLING
THEODORE L. KELSEY
LeROY M. PERSONS
Selectmen.

DANA S. GROSS, Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$10,141.63
Capital Reserve Funds:	
For the acquisition of equipment and new construction	461.05
Memorial Fund	77.99
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State:	
Savings Banks & Railroad Tax	154.82
Timber Tax	3,414.59
Other bills due Town:	
Lumber sold Rema Diotte	20.67
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on account of)	
Levy of 1955	522.97
Levy of 1954	275.77
Previous Years	81.16
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1956	2,831.21
Levy of 1955	126.50
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1956	235.00
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Total Assets	\$18,343.19
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	\$ 4,347.28
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Grand Total	\$22,690.47

Net Debt—Surplus, December 31, 1955	8,116.50
Net Debt—Surplus, December 31, 1956	4,347.28
Increase-Decrease of Debt, of Surplus	\$ 3,769.22

Liabilities**Accounts Owed by the Town:**

Bills outstanding—Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee	\$ 40.00
Porch Town Hall	1.00
Library	30.00
Librarian's Salary	25.00
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes—1956	
(Uncollected \$235.00)	235.00
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	11,582.56
Capital Reserve Funds:	
(Offsets similar Asset account)	931.05
Memorial Fund	77.99
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Austin Western Grader	8,000.00
Ford Truck	1,737.87
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Total Liabilities	\$22,690.47
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Grand Total	\$22,690.47

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**Dog Licenses**

43 males @ \$2.00	\$ 83.00
1 male @ \$1.00	1.00
11 females @ \$5.00	55.00
10 females @ \$2.00	20.00
5 penalties @ 50¢	2.50
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	\$ 164.50
Less 65 fees @ 20¢	13.00
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	\$ 151.50
Paid town	\$ 151.50
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	MOTOR VEHICLE TAX PERMITS
1955 permits	\$ 24.18
1956 permits	1,252.23
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	\$1,276.44
Paid town	\$1,276.44

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes Levy of 1956

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$26,279.97	
Poll taxes	280.00	
Yield taxes	1,736.84	
	\$28,296.81	
Added taxes	24.00	
Interest Collected	.95	
	\$28,321.76	
Total Debits		\$28,321.76

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer		
Property taxes	\$23,467.84	
Poll taxes	226.00	
Yield taxes	1,719.08	
Interest collected	.95	
Abatements allowed	76.68	
	\$25,490.55	
Uncollected Taxes		
Property taxes	2,751.49	
Poll taxes	62.00	
Yield taxes	17.72	
	\$28,321.76	
Total Credits		\$28,321.76

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes Levy of 1955

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 3,363.30	
Interest collected during 1956	67.77	
	\$ 3,433.07	

Cr.

Remitted to treasurer during 1956	\$ 3,286.48	
Abatements allowed during 1956	34.00	
Uncollected taxes as per Collector's List	126.50	
	\$ 3,446.98	

Over Payment	13.91
	<u>\$ 3,433.07</u>

**Property and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1954**

Dr.	
Uncollected taxes as of Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 105.60
Cr.	
Remitted to treasurer during 1956	\$ 105.60

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1956

Dr.	
State head tax committed to collector	
Original Warrant	\$ 895.00
Added taxes	10.00
Penalties collected	1.00
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	\$ 906.00
Cr.	
Remitted to treasurer	
Head taxes	670.00
Penalties	1.00
Uncollected head taxes	235.00
	<u> </u>
	\$ 906.00

Levy of 1955

Dr.	
Uncollected head taxes as of Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 300.00
Penalties collected during 1956	25.50
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Total Debits	\$ 325.50
Cr.	
Remitted to treasurer during 1956	
Head taxes	255.00
Penalties	25.50
Abatements during 1956	50.00
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	\$ 330.50
Over payment	5.00
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	\$ 325.50

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Leland L. Riley, Collector	
1956 Property taxes	\$23,467.84
1956 Head taxes	670.00
1956 Head tax penalties	1.00
1956 Poll taxes	226.00
1956 Yield taxes	1,719.08
Interest	.95
Abatements	160.68
Tax sales redeemed	416.80
1955 Property taxes	3,110.28
1955 Head taxes	225.00
1955 Head tax penalties	25.50
1955 Poll taxes	70.00
1955 Yield taxes	36.43
1954 Property taxes	93.00
1954 Yield taxes	9.60
Interest	69.77
State of New Hampshire	
Interest and Dividend tax	310.23
1955 Timber tax	4,253.37
For Class V roads	1,350.92
First National Bank, temporary loans	6,000.00
Town Clerk, 1955 Motor Vehicle tax permits	24.18
1956 Motor Vehicle tax permits	1,252.23
1956 Dog licenses	151.50
Katharine C. Fogg, rent of Hall	183.00
Mt. Croydon Grange, rent of Hall	27.00
From Capital Reserve fund	128.00

Refunds and reimbursements

State of N. H., gas tax	\$ 68.28
T.R.A.	4.75
Head tax	1.50
Pine blister	1.55
½ forest fire expense	18.47
Robert Benoit, refund Soldiers' aid	15.00

Other Receipts

Candidates filing fees	\$ 7.00
Town of Grantham, snow plowing	21.00
B. M. DeRusha, fire expense	2.00
D. J. Reney, grader work	36.00
Newton-Bartlett, opening grave	20.00
Hartley Inc., Locke property	325.00
Cemetery Funds, care of burial lots	42.00
Pistol permits	3.50
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Receipts for the year	\$44,581.44
Balance from 1955	8,117.10
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Total receipts	\$52,698.54
Paid on orders of the Selectmen	42,556.88
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Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1957	\$10,141.66

Croydon, N. H.

Receipts and

RECEIPTS
Current Revenue:**From Local Taxes:**

Property Taxes—Current Year-1956	\$23,467.84
Poll Taxes—Current Year—	
Regular @ \$2—1956	226.00
Yield Taxes—1956	1,720.03
State Head Taxes @ \$5—1956	671.00

Total Current Year's Taxes collected & remitted	\$26,084.87
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes—Previous Years	3,252.31
Poll Taxes—Previous Years—Reg. @ \$2	70.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5—Previous Years	255.00
Interest received on Taxes	69.77
Penalties on State Head Taxes	25.50
Tax sales redeemed	416.80

From State:

For Class V Highway maintenance	1,350.92
Interest and dividends tax	310.23
Reimbursement a/c Gas Refund	68.28
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	4,253.37

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	151.50
Business licenses, permits and filing fees, Pistol Permits	3.50
Rent of town property	210.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1955 Permits	24.18
Registration of motor vehicles, 1956, Permits	1,252.23

Total Current Revenue Receipts \$37,798.49

Payments for the Year Ended December 31, 1956

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Grader Operator	\$ 15.00
Town officer's salaries	1,343.15
Town officer's expenses	554.33
Election and registration expenses	227.00
Motor Permits	109.50
Exp. town hall & other town bldgs.	367.93

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	19.38
Fire department, including forest fires	39.02
Moth extermination—Blister Rust and Care of Trees	400.00
Damage by dogs & Legal expenses	127.12
Insurance	480.30
Abatements	160.68

Health:

Vital Statistics	6.00
Town dumps & garbage removal	92.00

Highways and Bridges:

Snow Traps	1,227.04
Cutting Brush	498.00
Town Road Aid	393.34
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,210.97
—Winter	2,863.13

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Street lighting	419.04
Gen. exp. of Highway Department	1,343.41

Libraries:

Libraries	30.00
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	1,220.83
Town poor	312.22

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day & Veteran's Assoc.	14.40
Aid to soldiers and their families	80.00

Croydon, N. H.

Receipts and

RECEIPTS
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$ 6,000.00	
Refunds	41.27	
Abatements	160.68	
Withdrawals from Cap. Reserve Funds	128.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	453.00	
Total Receipts from All Sources		\$44,581.44
Cash on hand January 1, 1956		8,117.10
Grand Total		\$52,698.54

Payments for the Year Ended December 31, 1956

PAYMENTS

Public Service Enterprises:

Sawyer Plaque	60.00
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	399.00

Total Payments	<u> </u>	\$15,012.79
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Unclassified:

Advertising and Regional Assoc.	40.00
Taxes bought by town	639.03

Total Current Maintenance Expenses	<u> </u>	\$ 679.03
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Interest:	367.21	
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Total Interest Payments	<u> </u>	\$ 367.21
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**Outlay for New Construction,
Equip. and Perm. Improv.:**

Town Hall	967.98
Class V Maintenance	1,030.50
Use of Back Hoe	30.00
Road Rake	128.00
Locke Place	700.00

Total Outlay Payments	<u> </u>	\$ 2,856.48
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Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	6,000.00
Payments on long term notes	3,000.00

Total Indebtedness Payments	<u> </u>	\$ 9,000.00
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Payments to Other Gov. Divisions:

State Head Taxes paid State Treas.	896.20
Taxes paid to County	1,942.08
Payments to School Districts	11,803.09

Total Payments to other Gov. Divisions	<u> </u>	\$14,641.37
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Total Payments for all Purposes	<u> </u>	\$42,556.88
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Cash on hand December 31, 1956		\$10,141.66
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Grand Total		<u> </u>	\$52,698.54
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TOTAL PAYMENTS

Town officers salaries	\$ 1,343.15
Town officers expenses	554.33
Election and registration	227.00
Painting inside of hall and repairs	567.98
Town hall and buildings	367.93
Police Department	19.38
Snow Trap	1,227.04
Fires, including forest fires	39.02
Blister Rust	400.00
Town hall roof	400.00
Insurance	480.30
Grader operator	15.00
Gas money for Class V roads	1,030.50
Vital Statistics	6.00
Town Dump	92.00
Summer Maintenance	2,210.97
Winter Maintenance	2,863.13
Town Road Aid	393.34
General Expenses Highway Dept.	1,343.41
Trustees Libraries	30.00
Old Age Assistance	1,220.83
Town Poor	312.22
Memorial Day	14.40
Soldiers Aid	80.00
Sawyer Plaque	60.00
Cemeteries	399.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	127.12
Advertising	40.00
Taxes bought by Town	639.03
Abatements	160.68
Cutting Brush	498.00
Head Taxes	896.26
Interest	367.21
Purchase of Locke Property	700.00
Arnold Sherman, use of Back Hoe	30.00
New Equipment, Douglas Bascom Road Rake	128.00
Temporary Loan	6,000.00
Long Term Notes	3,000.00
School District	11,803.09
Motor Vehicle permits	109.50
County Tax	1,942.08
Street Lighting	419.04

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 4,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	300.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	100.00
Fire Department, Equipment	300.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	4,000.00
Equipment	15,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	5,000.00
Equipment	500.00
Cronin Lot	1,500.00
Town Dump	150.00
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Total	\$30,850.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers Salaries

LeRoy M. Persons	\$ 200.00
Lawrence H. Darling	250.00
Theodore L. Kelsey	130.00
Franklyn McIntosh	70.00
Leland L. Riley, tax collector	293.15
Dana S. Gross, clerk and treasurer	350.00
Doris Farrington, auditor	25.00
W. H. Ballou	25.00
	\$ 1,343.15

Town Officers Expenses

N. H. Tax Assessors Ass'n.	\$ 3.00
Elmer Eastman	10.02
Brown and Saltmarsh	34.56
Argus Press	264.78
Leland L. Riley	6.00
N. H. Auto & Truck Guide	7.50
Lawrence Darling	145.57
Zella Eastman, Register of Deeds	11.83
First National Bank	9.19
Claremont Publishing Co.	15.39
Dana S. Gross	8.09
Ida M. Horner	3.00
The Barrett Press	1.00
Charles R. Hardy, Treas.	2.00
Pearl McIntosh, typing	5.00
State Tax Comm.	5.00
Sargent Bros.	10.90
LeRoy M. Persons	11.50

Election and Registration Expenses

The Argus Press, printing	\$ 12.00
Katherine Fogg, Supervisor	70.00
Lena Vaine, Supervisor	65.00
Cecil Dodge, Supervisor	15.00
W. H. Ballou, Moderator	30.00

Herbert Barton, ballot clerk	15.00
Charlie Cole, ballot clerk	10.00
Harry Porter, ballot clerk	10.00

Police Department

Harry Newcomb	\$ 11.00
Lawrence Darling, badges	8.38
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	\$ 19.38

Fire Department—Incl. Forest Fires

Willis Ballou, Warden	\$ 39.02
Pine Blister Rust Control	400.00

Insurance

Gauthier & Woodard	\$ 480.00
Vital Statistics, Dana Gross, recording & returning	6.00

Town Dump

Cecil Bridge	\$ 47.00
Arnold Sherman	8.00
Wilbur Lewis	18.00
George Gross	9.00
Grant Hayward	10.00

Cemeteries

Arnold Sherman	\$ 130.00
Wilbur Lewis	223.50
Grant Hayward	18.00
George Schroder	27.50
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	\$ 399.00

General Expenses Highway

Gardiner Stetson	\$ 16.25
Newport Welding Co.	39.06
Scott Machinery Inc.	199.81
Silsby & Johnson Inc.	56.09
Colby's Express	3.54
Farmers Feed & Supply	1.08
Lawrence Darling	5.32
Casellini Venable Corp.	22.55

George Gross	1.25
Merrimack Farmers Exchange	15.00
Vaines Auto Service	211.87
Sanel Auto Parts	9.25
Goodrich Oil Co.	177.30
Kibby Equipment Co.	19.60
Martin's Hardware	5.50
Arnold Sherman	3.15
Harry Newcomb	4.00
R. C. Hazelton Inc.	525.62
Rowell Bros. Inc.	17.85
Stanley Ford Sales	7.32
Charles Maxham	2.00
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	\$ 1,343.41

Winter Maintenance Highways

George Gross	\$ 10.50
LeRoy M. Persons	1.00
Arnold Sherman, labor	1,210.00
Arnold Sherman, use of steamer	93.00
Arnold Sherman, loading 630 yd. sand	409.50
Ralph Curtis, work on snow fence	23.80
Wilbur Lewis	483.50
Grant Hayward	234.50
Guy Dodge, payment for sand	63.00
Leland L. Riley, gas	209.39
Elmer Eastman	124.94

Summer Work

Arnold Sherman, labor	\$ 983.00
Arnold Sherman, use of shovel & back hoe	145.00
George Smith, for dozer	84.00
Lawrence Darling	3.00
George Schroder	51.50
Wilbur Lewis	675.00
Grant Hayward	55.00
Leland Riley, for gas	180.76
Elmer Eastman, gas	33.71

Duncan Money Expended on Class V Roads

First National Bank for gravel on Coolbeth	\$	58.50
Arnold Sherman, for loading		382.20
Guy Dodge, for gravel		68.20
Arnold Sherman, for loading		521.30

Snow Trap

Koppers Co. Inc., tar	\$	326.04
L. Darling		8.00
Roy Persons		2.00
Arnold Sherman		224.00
George Gross		9.00
Wilbur Lewis		167.00
Grant Hayward		104.00
George Smith, bulldozer		387.00
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	\$	1,227.04

Town Road Aid

State of N. H.	\$	393.34
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Cutting Brush

Aime Beliveau	\$	10.00
Arnold Sherman		70.00
Wilbur Lewis		142.00
George Gross		205.00
Grant Hayward		18.00
George Schroder		53.00

Town Hall and Buildings

Public Service Co.	\$	69.64
Ralph Curtic		2.00
Reney Bros., wood		12.00
Silsby & Johnson, Inc.		22.46
George Eckerman		2.50
LeRoy M. Persons		12.25
Moore & Emerson		38.60
Leland L. Riley		2.00
Albert Brodeur		22.00
Victor Hayward		23.00
Lawrence Darling		46.50

Mrs. W. H. Ballou	7.00
Cote & Reney, lumber	21.76
Rowell Bros. Inc., lumber	21.97
Norman Fletcher, tuning piano	10.00
Robert Benoit	10.00
Harry Newcomb, wood	32.00
Glen Lurvey, sawing wood	12.25

Painting, Roofing and Repairs to Hall

Harry Radford, roofing	\$ 400.00
Aime Beliveau, painting & repairs	537.98

Town Poor

Lawrence Darling, overseer & mileage transporting McGuire to White River Jct.	\$ 16.40
Dr. Alfred Hanscom for McGuire	18.00
Carrie Wright Hospital for McGuire	25.00
Cote & Reney, wood for McGuire	48.00
Leland L. Riley, food for McGuire	176.82
Red & White Stores for Hagar	28.00

\$ 312.22

Soldiers Aid

\$ 80.00

Old Age Assistance

State of New Hampshire	\$ 1,220.83
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ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

1956

Winter work	\$ 2,863.13
Summer work	2,210.97
Cutting brush	498.00
Cemeteries	399.00
Snow trap project	1,227.04
Town Dump	92.00

\$ 7,290.14

General Expense of Highway	\$ 1,343.41
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\$ 8,633.55

Duncan money	\$ 1,350.92
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Used on Class V roads	\$ 1,030.50
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\$ 320.42

Balance

Tabular Statement of Trust Funds, Income and Expenditures Dec. 31, 1956

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Fund	Bal. Jan. 1, 1956	Income 1956	Expended	Balance on hand
1804	School, schools	\$ 1,218.17	\$ 39.89	\$ 39.89	—
1903	Asa Davis, cemetery	150.00	4.91	10.00	5.89
1911	Gilman Whipple, burial lot	200.00	6.55	3.00	60.10
1913	Hannah Stevens, burial lot	50.00	1.64	3.00	.90
1917	Kate Clark, burial lot	50.00	1.64	3.00	4.51
1920	Baldwin Humphrey, burial lot	100.00	3.28	3.00	6.41
1924	Harriet Cooper, burial lot	100.00	3.28	3.00	4.70
1928	Almon Coon, burial lot	100.00	3.28	3.00	8.11
1928	Albert Parlin, Croy. Flat Church	10,000.00	327.63	327.63	—
1930	Hilliard Sanborn, 5 burial lots	500.00	16.36	15.00	42.32
1941	Louisa Bailey, burial lot	75.00	8.71	3.00	8.18
1950	Clinton Barton, burial lot	200.00	21.02	3.00	24.57
1950	Clinton Barton, burial lot	100.00	13.90	3.00	14.18
1951	Clinton Barton, Cong'l. Church	2,000.00	65.52	65.52	—
1950	Town of Croydon, Capital Reserve	461.05	**16.66	*128.00	—
1951	Town of Croydon, Soldier's Mem.	77.99	†2.40	—	—
1951	DeWitt Barton, 2 burial lots	200.00	24.22	—	30.77
		\$15,582.21	\$492.93	\$485.04	\$210.64

* \$128.00 withdrawn from Capital Reserve

† Interest on Cap. Res. and Mem., funds added to principal.

** For equipment

CHARLES E. WINTER

DANA S. GROSS

PATRICIA A. SAWYER

Trustees of Trust Funds

TOWN LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

Number of books loaned during the year	540
Adults	370
Juvenile	170
Books added by purchase	12
Books given — Mystery	19
Books given — Juvenile	4

SADIE E. MUZZEY,
Librarian

Trustee's Report

Balance from 1955	\$36.14	
1956 Appropriation due	30.00	
		\$36.14
Paid for 12 books		24.00
		\$12.14

MARY E. SMITH
SADIE E. MUZZEY
BEATRICE SMITH

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Clerk, Collector of taxes, and Trustees of Trust Funds of the Town of Croydon for the year ending December 31st, 1956, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

DORIS R. PERSONS
Town Auditor.

FINANCIAL REPORT
of the
CROYDON SCHOOL DISTRICT
for the
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1955
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1956

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

July 10, 1956

DANA S. GROSS
JEAN B. DODGE
AUNE K. LEEMAN

Croydon School Board

GORDON B. FLINT, Superintendent

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Croydon, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and find them correct in all respects.

July 9, 1956

KATHARINE C. FOGG, Auditor.

BALANCE SHEET

Receipts

State Aid:

Foundation Aid	\$ 6,123.88	
Total		\$ 6,123.88

Local Taxation:

Current Appropriation	14,200.00
Balance due on Previous Approp.	377.40

Other Sources:

Trust Funds	39.89	
Total		\$14,617.27

Total Net Receipts from All Sources \$20,741.17

Cash on hand at Beginning
of Year, July 1, 1955

General Fund	\$ 61.86	
Total		61.86

Grand Total Net Receipts \$20,803.03

Payments

Administration:

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 180.00
Superintendent's Salaries (Local Share)	162.75
Tax for State Wide Supervision	166.00
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel	164.60
Supplies and Expenses	113.00

Instruction:

Teachers' Salaries	5,770.00
Books and other Instructional Aids	205.80
Scholars' Supplies	270.72

Operation of School Plant:

Salaries of Custodians	413.50
Fuel or Heat	202.50
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	181.44

Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs and Replacements	389.58
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Auxiliary Activities:

Health Supervision	201.40
Transportation	3,192.00
Tuition	6,684.58
Special Activities and Special Funds	2.50

Fixed Charges:

Retirement	423.01
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses	42.50

Total Net Current Expenses	<u>\$18,765.88</u>
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Capital Outlay:

New Equipment	42.39
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Total Net Payments for all purposes	<u>\$18,808.27</u>
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Cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1956)	
General Fund	1,994.76

Grand Total Net Payments	<u>\$20,803.03</u>
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BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1956**Assets**

Cash on Hand June 30, 1956 (Including Building Fund)	\$ 1,994.76
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Accounts Due to District:	
From Town	303.09

Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,297.85</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 2,297.85</u>

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by District:	
Oil heater install. (W. Winter)	\$ 475.00
Painting (A. Belliveau)	175.00

Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 650.00</u>
Surplus (Excess of Assets Over Liabilities)	<u>\$ 1,647.85</u>

Grand Total	<u>\$ 2,297.85</u>
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REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

Summary

Cash on Hand July 1, 1955 (Treasurer's Bank balance)	\$ 61.86
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	14,200.00
Balance of Previous Appropriations	377.40
Advance on Next Year's Approp.	6,123.88
Received as Income from Trust Funds	39.89
	\$20,741.17
Total Receipts	
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance & Receipts)	20,803.03
Less School Board Orders Paid	18,808.27
	\$ 1,994.76
Balance on Hand June 30, 1956 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	
June 30, 1956.	

WILLIS H. BALLOU
District Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

District Officers

Margaret L. Weber, school board	\$ 35.00	
Dana S. Gross, school board	60.00	
Ernest P. Kibbey Est., school board	8.73	
Aune K. Leeman, school board	26.27	
Willis H. Ballou, clerk & treasurer	43.00	
Wilfrid H. Dent, moderator	2.00	
Katharine C. Fogg, auditor	5.00	
	\$ 180.00	

Administrative Personnel

Lawrence H. Darling, truant officer	\$ 10.00	
Lulu G. Dent, school census	10.00	
Helping Teacher,	51.00	
Union Clerk, District's share	93.60	
	\$ 164.60	

Supervision

Supv. Union, Supt's. excess salary	\$ 162.75	
State Treasurer, per capita tax	166.00	
	\$ 328.75	

Expenses of Administration

Union Expenses

Office Expenses	\$ 46.44	
Travel	45.75	
	\$ 92.19	

District Expenses

Citizens National Bank, checking service	16.31	
Dana Gross, postage, telephone	4.50	
	\$ 20.81	

Teachers' Salaries

Mrs. Doris E. Kibbey, Flat	\$ 2,631.10	
Retirement	227.70	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	91.20	
	\$ 2,950.00	
Mrs. Lucy C. Rogers, East Village	\$ 2,530.70	
Retirement	269.30	
	\$ 2,800.00	
Mrs. Helen R. Conroy, substitute		20.00

Janitor Service

Doris E. Kibbey, Flat	\$	180.00	
John B. Vaine, East Village		233.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 413.50

Books and Instructional Aids

D. Van Nostrand Co.	\$	6.13	
American Book Co.		28.54	
Follett Pub. Co.		29.70	
Houghton Mifflin Co.		14.16	
Charles Scribner's Sons		22.46	
World Book Co.		11.71	
Silver Burdette Co.		7.95	
Gledhill Bros.		3.92	
Martin Murray Co.		34.75	
Grolier Society Inc.		46.48	
		<hr/>	\$ 205.80

Supplies

Edgar Lord	\$	3.24	
Allyn & Bacon		5.17	
Scott Foresman & Co.		37.20	
Silver Burdette Co.		16.01	
Houghton Mifflin Co.		27.16	
J. L. Hammett Co.		23.32	
Follett Pub. Co.		30.16	
American Education Pub. Co.		24.50	
World Book Co.		15.28	
Milton Bradley Co.		50.37	
Gledhill Bros.		35.34	
Science Research		2.97	
		<hr/>	\$ 270.72

Fuel

Ronald K. Ordway, sawing	\$	22.50	
Ronald Kozikowski, 10 cords—4 ft.		160.00	
Thomas Ballou, putting in shed		10.00	
Robin LeDuc, putting in shed		10.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 202.50

Lights and Janitors' Supplies

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$	96.20	
J. L. Hammett Co.		11.89	
Martin's Hardware		6.08	
Central Paper Products Co.		54.60	
Albert B. Brodeur, labor		10.00	
Leland L. Riley, supplies		2.67	
		—————	\$ 181.44

Repairs and Replacements

Oliver Bashaw, painting	\$	106.25	
Dorothy Ballou, cleaning		10.00	
LeRoy M. Persons, labor		37.00	
L. L. Ransom & Son, curtains		22.10	
Archie J. Ellingwood, labor		75.75	
Martin's Hardware, supplies		48.99	
Rowell Bros., supplies		42.94	
Silsby & Johnson Co., supplies		13.15	
Gledhill Bros., supplies		3.05	
L. H. Darling, labor—cash paid		16.85	
Gerald S. Gross, labor		2.00	
Leon H. Linton, stove		10.00	
John B. Vaine, labor		1.50	
		—————	\$ 389.58

Health

Mary F. Lord, R.N., school nurse	\$	161.20	
Retirement		13.80	
Travel allowance		25.00	
Corner Pharmacy, supplies		1.40	
		—————	\$ 201.40

Transportation

Lawrence H. Darling	\$	2,760.00	
John B. Vaine		432.00	
		—————	\$ 3,192.00

High School Tuition

Newport School District				\$ 4,797.08
Tuition for				
Thomas Ballou	Gr. 9	Richard Safford	Gr. 10	
Maydra Blackington	Gr. 9	John Ballou	Gr. 11	
Douglas Ellingwood	Gr. 9	Milton Blackington	Gr. 11	
Victor Hayward	Gr. 9	Joanne Fowle	Gr. 11	
David Kibbey	Gr. 9	Gloria Hayward	Gr. 11	
Muriel Chamberlain	Gr. 9	Marjorie Alexander	Gr. 12	
Margaret Ballou	Gr. 10	Shelia Lane	Gr. 12	
Robin LeDuc	Gr. 10	Richard Leeman	Gr. 12	
Esther Safford	Gr. 10	Shirley Linton	Gr. 12	
Sunapee School District				\$ 225.00
Tuition for Sandra MacWilliams,	Gr. 12			

Elementary Tuition

Newport School District				\$ 1,632.50
8th grade tuition for				
Cheryl Cutting		Helen Leeman		
Roberta Alexander		Paul McIntosh		
Beverly Curtis		Ramona Page		
Constance Laber		Ramona Pelton		
Nancy Hayward		Ronald Philbrick		

New Equipment

Cascade Paper Co., fire extinguishers		\$ 42.39
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Insurance and Bonds

A. L. Cushion, Treas's bond—insurance		\$ 42.50
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Retirement

N. H. Teachers Retirement System			
For teachers and nurse	\$404.08		
For Superintendent	18.93		
	<hr/>	\$ 423.01	

Special Activities

Krans Dept. Store, playground equipment		\$ 2.50
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SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Croydon qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the twelfth day of March, 1957 at 10:30 o'clock A.M. to act upon the following subjects:

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 choose one or more Auditors and such other Officers and agents as the voters may judge necessary.
6. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To see if the District will close the school at Croydon Flat and send the upper grade students to Newport effective in September 1957, and pass any vote relating thereto.
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 legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Croydon this 15th day of February, 1957.

DANA S. GROSS
JEAN B. DODGE
AUNE K. LEEMAN

Croydon School Board

A true Copy—Attest:
DANA S. GROSS
JEAN B. DODGE
AUNE K. LEEMAN
Croydon School Board

**Croydon School District
BUDGET COMPARISON**

	1956-57	1957-58	Operating One School 1957-58
Administration:			
District Officers	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
Supt's. Salary (local share)	186.06	171.75	171.75
Per Capita Tax	190.00	164.00	164.00
Administrative Personnel	183.47	178.10	178.10
Admin. Supplies & Expenses	149.87	144.31	144.31
Instruction:			
Teachers' Salaries	6,050.00	6,250.00	3,050.00
Textbooks	200.00	250.00	100.00
Scholars' Supplies	275.00	300.00	125.00
Other Instructional Expenses	100.00	100.00	50.00
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:			
Janitorial Service	720.00	360.00	180.00
Fuel	250.00	600.00	300.00
Lights and Janitor's Supplies	150.00	200.00	125.00
Repairs and Replacements	600.00	950.00	150.00
Auxiliary Activities:			
Health Supervision	225.00	250.00	200.00
Transportation	3,440.00	3,200.00	3,420.00
Tuition			
High School	5,980.00	6,960.00	6,930.00
Elementary	1,480.00	950.00	4,940.00
Other Special Activities	25.00	— —	— —
Fixed Charges:			
Retirement	444.54	457.00	235.00
Insurance, bonds	42.50	42.50	42.50
Outlay for Const. & Equip:			
Add. & Improv. to Bldgs.	550.00	— —	— —
New Equipment	75.00	75.00	25.00
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Totals	\$21,493.44	\$21,782.63	\$20,740.66
Comparison of Income			
Balance, June 30	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Trust Funds	40.00	40.00	40.00
State Aid	8,353.88	*6,600.00	*6,600.00
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	\$ 9,643.88	\$ 7,740.00	\$ 7,740.00
District Assessment	\$11,852.56	\$14,042.66*	\$13,000.66*
* Estimated			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of Croydon:

Again this year we have the same grade division by schools. Grades 1-3 are housed at the Village School, Grades 4-7 are located at the Flat School and members of Grade 8 are attending school in Newport. Mrs. Doris Kibbey is again teaching at the Flat School and Mrs. Doris Farrington who had previously taught in Grantham is now teaching the primary grades at the Village School.

Repairs and Improvements

The interior of the Flat School was painted during the summer. At the Village School, an oil burner has replaced the wood stove and new fluorescent lights were installed. (The Inspector of the State Board of Health has commended the town for making these improvements.)

State Aid

Under the provisions of the State Aid formula, Croydon is this year receiving \$8,353.88 from State Aid funds. This is an increase of \$2430.00 over the amount of \$6123.88 which was received the previous year.

Croydon received 100 per cent of the State Aid for which it qualified, whereas many of the communities receiving State Aid were pro-rated and received approximately 70% of the total for which they qualified.

Since there was a drop of about ten pupils in total membership for the last completed school year (1955-56), a reduction has been made in the estimated amounts of revenue to be received from State Aid in the School Budget for 1957-58.

In terms of picturing the local tax effort for schools as compared to total town expenditure, the following figures supplied by the State Department of Education may be of interest:

School District	Percentage of Total Property Tax Assessment Designated as School Assessment
Cornish	57.16%
Charlestown	65.89%
Croydon	45.13%
Enfield	63.79%

Grantham	67.91%
Newport	55.43%
Unity	62.56%

These figures would seem to indicate that Croydon is spending a somewhat smaller part of the local tax dollar on schools than other surrounding communities. A part of this is likely caused by the fact that Croydon is not paying toward any school building project.

Recommendations

An article is included in the Warrant to consider closing the Flat School and to send the upper grade pupils to Newport. (The Comparison Budget Sheet gives an estimated budget for running both schools and for closing one school.)

If upper grade pupils were sent to Newport, they would have the following:

1. Only pupils in a single grade in the room.
2. Services of a Music Supervisor
3. Services of Rinehart Handwriting Supervisor
4. Physical education classes for students in Grade 7 (and 8)
5. Home Economics for girls, and Shop for boys in Grade 7 (and 8)
6. Hot Lunch Program available

The decision about sending the upper grade pupils to Newport is yours to make. From all I can gather, both parents and pupils of the eighth graders who have gone to Newport for the past two years have been pleased with the results. The Croydon pupils have actively entered into the affairs of the school.

Your decision on this issue should consider what is best for the pupils.

Respectfully submitted,
GORDON B. FLINT
Supt. of Schools

REPORT OF HELPING TEACHER

Servicing the five districts of Supervisory Union 43 (Newport, Sunapee, New London, Springfield, and Croydon), the position of Helping Teacher as defined by law and by personal conviction, continues to pursue these goals: (1) giving helpful advice and assistance to teachers, pupils, and parents of a school system as a means of improving educational growth and development of children; (2) helping to solve pupil problems of retardation and maladjustment; (3) helping to meet the needs of children and the community through curriculum study; and (4) acting as a general consultant to the entire staff in recognition of educational needs.

The cooperation and encouragement given me by all school personnel with whom I come in daily contact have constantly helped me to keep in focus and seek the fulfillment of these broad objectives. The following briefly reviews some of the responsibilities I have been happy to share:

1. **TESTING PROGRAM** — Test scores, whether taken from tests of readiness, aptitude, mental ability, or achievement, are meaningful only to the extent they are used to guide the educational growth and development of children. To this end, increased efforts have been made to interpret results of tests in determining and fulfilling needs and interests of children.

2. **CLASSROOM VISITS** — Visits are made with an established purpose and make it possible to share the physical, emotional, and educational atmosphere of the classroom. Follow-up conferences with teachers are intended to exchange ideas, review general observations, and to promote instructional improvement, especially with new teachers and experienced teachers in new positions.

3. **RESOURCES AND MATERIALS** — These are essential in providing enrichment in teaching, with greater interest and learning for pupils. Through letters, bulletins, samples, or other memoranda, a variety of teaching aids, notices, and announcements are called to the teachers' attention.

4. GROUP MEETINGS — Whether a formal staff meeting, an informal chat with a teacher, participation in P-TA discussions, or attending educational conferences, such meetings cover a variety of topics and are aimed at reviewing principles of teaching, improving instruction, or interpreting the school program.

5. AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS — A considerable increase in interest and use of filmstrips as a powerful teaching aid has prompted plans for adding new filmstrips to our library. In terms of cost, time, space, and educational value, the filmstrip is leading the way as an effective audio-visual aid to teaching.

The work of helping teachers is interesting, varied, and constantly alert to new and better ways of helping teachers to help children. The cooperative spirit of all teachers and the mutual interest in the best education for all make the work of Helping Teacher a purposeful pursuit.

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHONSE J. SOUCY

Helping Teacher

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Croydon for the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
			M L	M L	W	W							
March 11	Newport	Jeffrey Earl	M L	4	W	John E. Freak	Beverly J. Chevrier	Croydon	W	Croydon	Wagon Driller	Mass.	Mass.
March 30	Newport	Evelyn Mae	F L	3	W	Harold W. Curtis	Ethel M. Tuttle	Croydon	W	Croydon	Truck Driver	N. H.	Maine
May 18	Claremont	Geoffrey Meade	M L	2	W	Franklyn M. McIntosh	Pearl B. Kramer	Croydon	W	Croydon	Salesman	N. Y.	Calif.

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Croydon for the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age	Color of Each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Condition	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by Whom Married
April 20	Enfield	Harry P. Newcomb	Croydon	25	W	Farmer	Mass.	Eugene E. Newcomb Veronica Partridge	Mass. N. H.	S	Joseph Craig Clergyman Enfield, N. H.
July 29	Croydon	Marie A. Sherman	Grantham	19	W	Clerk	N. H.	Henry R. Sherman Cora E. Roney	N. H. N. H.	S	
		George P. Schroder	Croydon	65	W	Poultry Hand	Germany	George P. Schroder Anna Schroder	Germany N. H.	S	Robert J. McLeod Clergyman Newport, N. H.
Oct. 27	Newport	Evelyn F. Frye	Croydon	51	W	Housewife	N. H.	Henry A. Hooper Mabel M. Davis	N. H.	W	
		William J. Newcomb	Croydon	23	W	Construction Worker	Mass.	Eugene E. Newcomb Veronica C. Partridge	Mass. N. H.	S	Harry C. Mikels Clergyman Newport, N. H.
Sept. 10	Newport	Barbara J. Jennings	Croydon	25	W	Clerk	Mass.	Robert Jennings Ethel Smart	Unknown N. H.	S	
		Frederick A. Brown	Croydon	22	W	Farmer	N. H.	William Brown Florence M. May	England England	S	W. F. Brown Clergyman Newport, N. H.
Nov. 21	Newport	Sara A. Wood	Grantham	19	W	Shoe Worker	N. H.	Frederick Wood Abby E. Davis	Mass. N. H.	S	
		Clarence L. Linton	Croydon	24	W	Machinist	N. H.	Florence E. Linton Leon H. Linton	Vt. N. H.	S	Harry C. Mikels Clergyman Newport, N. H.
		Jane E. Hooper	Newport	20	W	Secretary	N. H.	Roland Hooper Madeline Teller	N. H. N. H.	S	

DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Croydon for the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Marital Status		Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
							Single	Married		Mother	Father		
July 12	New London	Ora B. Barton	76	Croydon	M	W	M		Boat Builder	N. H.		Clarence Barton	Ella Angell
Aug. 20	Newport	Ara J. Ross, Sr.	72	Maine	M	W	M		Farmer	N. H.		Jesse Ross	Anna Nile
Sept. 5	Newport	Albert B. Brodeur	68	Mass.	M	W	D		Woolen Ind.	N. H.		Alexander Brodeur	Ellen
Oct. 12	Newport	Dennis F. Riley	74	Scotland	M	W	M		Shoe Worker	N. H.		John Riley	Agnes
Nov. 7	Saco, Me.	Perley W. Burke	64	Croydon	M	W	M		Clerk	N. H.		William O. Burke	Rule E. Kidder

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

DANA S. GROSS
Town Clerk.

