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## TOWN OFFICERS

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Selectmen	FRED L. ROBBINS MAURICE D. MILLER RAYMOND SPARKS, $\frac{3}{4}$ year ARTHUR L. PERHAM, $\frac{1}{4}$ year
Town Clerk	LEON F. NEWTON
Town Treasurer	HARRY B. GOWEN
Supervisors	ARTHUR PILLSBURY EARL LUTHER, JR. SOLON NEAL
Moderator	RAYMOND SPARKS
Road Agent	MORRIS S. RING, JR.
Overseer of Poor	JULIUS W. CHRISTI
Auditor	JOHN H. ELDRIDGE
Trustees of Trust Funds	ERIC W. BASCOM DOROTHY N. FAUGHT HARRY B. GOWEN
Trustees of Library	GEORGE S. AMSDEN FRANCES W. STREETER BESSIE M. PERRY

## TOWN WARRANT

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### The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Acworth on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To determine the wages of the road agent.
4. To see if the Town will vote to appoint or elect a road agent.
5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Highways and Bridges.
6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Winter Maintenance.
7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for general expenses of the highway department.
8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for State T.R.A.
9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Town History.
10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for lights.
11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of the Silsby Free Public Library.
12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for observance of Old Home Day.
13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day.
14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for interest.

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

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

17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for control of White Pine Blister Rust.

18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Association.

19. To raise the sum of \$1,000 to pay road bonds.

20. To raise the sum of \$300.00 part payment on garage mortgage.

21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

22. To see if the Town will vote to close subject to gates and bars the road leading from the Deardon place to Mrs. Shrivvers.

23. To see if the Town will vote to close subject to gates and bars the road leading from the Bronsdon place to the Pickul place.

24. To see if the Town will vote to close subject to gates and bars the road leading from the Lynn Hill road to the Martin Mitchell road by the Orlando Kemp place.

25. To see if the Town will vote to buy culvert to cross the so called Harrington place now owned by Alfred Violet. Mr. Violet to pay expenses of laying same.

26. To see if the Town will vote to make any change in the amount to be paid by Mr. Violet for the Faught Mill site.

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

28. Shall the Provisions of Chapter 171-A of the Revised Laws relative to playing games of Beano be adopted in this town?

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty one-

FRED L. ROBBINS,  
MAURICE D. MILLER,  
ARTHUR L. PERHAM,  
Selectmen of Acworth



**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION**

**Concord, New Hampshire**

July 5, 1950

Board of Selectmen  
Acworth, New Hampshire  
Gentlemen:

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

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

This audit covered the fiscal year ended December 31, 1949, and the period from January 1st to June 13th, 1950. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report which is made up in two sections as follows:

Section I—Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949  
Section II—Period January 1st to June 13th, 1950

**SCOPE OF AUDIT**

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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Comparative Balance Sheets—December 31, 1948-December 31, 1949: (Exh. A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1948 and December 31, 1949, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the Net Debt increased by \$954.35 during the year.

**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:

<b>Increases in Net Debt</b>	
Mortgage on Garage	\$1,500 00
Garage Note Issued	1,400 00
	\$2,900 00
<b>Decreases in Net Debt</b>	
Net Budget Surplus	\$1,373 22
Decrease in Accounts Payable	572 43
	1,945 65
Net Increase	\$ 954 35

**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, 1949, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$706.00, plus a net revenue surplus of \$667.22, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$1,373.22.

**Summary of Receipts and Expenditures:**  
(Exhibit E)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1949, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of June 13, 1950, is indicated in Exhibit J.

**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

#### Purchase of Garage:

The annual town meeting of 1949 authorized the purchase of a garage building to be used for town purposes. No money was appropriated for this purpose. The purchase was consummated during the year at a cost of \$2,900.00 and the financial procedure covering the transaction was as follows:

- (1) A liability of \$1,500.00, represented by a prior mortgage on the garage, was assumed by the Town.
- (2) A demand note of \$1,400.00, covering the balance, was issued.

In this connection your attention is called to the provisions of the Municipal Bond Act (Revised Laws of New Hampshire—Chapter 72—Section 4) which specifically prohibits the issuance of demand notes by municipalities, as quoted herewith:

“4. Demand Notes. Municipalities and counties shall not issue notes payable on demand.”

It is therefore recommended that the outstanding debt of \$2,900.00, incurred for the purchase of the garage, and represented by the mortgage and demand note as herein described, be refunded by the issuance of serial notes payable in equal amounts annually over such period as may be decided upon. This procedure should be authorized by the next annual town meeting.

#### Outstanding Long Term Debt:

As indicated by the balance sheet, Exhibit A, the outstanding long term obligations of the Town as of December 31, 1949, amounting to \$17,900.00, were as follows:

Road Bonds	\$15,000 00
Demand Note—Garage	1,400 00
Mortgage—Garage	1,500 00
	\$17,900 00

The statutory debt limit of towns in New Hampshire is 3% of the last assessed valuation of the town. The assessed valuation of the Town of Acworth in 1949, amounted to \$524,938.00. Three percent of the valua-

tion, representing the legal debt limit, amounts to approximately \$15,750.00. Outstanding long term debt in excess of the statutory limitation is therefore indicated as follows:

Outstanding Long Term Debt—December 31, 1949	\$17,900 00
Statutory Debt Limit—December 31, 1949	15,750 00
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Debt in Excess of Statutory Limit	\$ 2,150 00

In addition to the long term debt there were outstanding temporary loans in anticipation of taxes amounting to \$9,000.00. These, however, were offset by uncollected and unredeemed taxes and other assets.

#### **Vouchers and Checks Issued to Town Officials:**

It was noted that during 1949 there were instances where a voucher and check had been issued to a member of the Board of Selectmen in payment of a bill rendered against the Town for materials or supplies. In each case the bill, receipted by the vendor, was attached to the voucher indicating that payment was duly made. The procedure, however, is irregular and it is recommended that in the future all Town vouchers and checks be issued only in the name of the actual vendor or creditor.

#### **Road Agent:**

The matter of purchases of materials and supplies by the Road Agent was discussed with the Board of Selectmen and it was agreed that the Board should give this matter closer supervision than has formerly been the case. This is an important item in highway expenditures and may result in appropriation over-drafts if some control is not exercised.

#### **Tax Accounts:**

The accounts of the Tax Collector and Town Clerk were in good condition. It was noted, however, that as of the date of audit, June 13, 1950, there were uncol-

lected taxes on the tax warrants of 1944 and prior years as follows:

Levy of 1944	\$ 9 07
Levy of 1943	2 00
Levy of 1942	7 49
Levy of 1941	47 92
Levy of 1940	13 48
Levy of 1939	55 51
Levy of 1938	25 63
Levy of 1936	3 86
	\$164 96

These uncollected lists should be carefully gone over by the Board of Selectmen and Tax Collector and such taxes as appear to be uncollectible should be abated. The inclusion of such taxes as assets in the Town's balance sheet tends to distort the actual financial condition.

#### Conclusion:

The accounts of all town officers which we examined, with exceptions as herein noted, were found in good condition and the accounting and financial procedure, except as otherwise indicated, conformed to the standards prescribed by this Division.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the inclusion of Exhibits is optional.

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

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,

Director

Division of Municipal Accounting  
State Tax Commission

Herbert E. Hunt, Auditor  
C. David Sullivan, Accountant

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951  
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year  
January 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950,

**SOURCES OF REVENUE**

**From State:**

Interest and Dividends Tax .....  
Savings Bank Tax .....  
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands .....  
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance .....

**From Local Sources Except Taxes:**

Dog Licenses .....  
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees .....  
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings .....  
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits .....  
Lumber Yield Tax .....  
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees .....

**Cash Surplus:**

**From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:**

(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2 .....  
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes .....

**Total Revenues From All Sources**

Except Property Taxes .....

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1950	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1950	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1951
	\$ 400 00	\$ 485 98	\$ 450 00
	110 00	84 63	85 00
	20 00	423 44	20 00
	165 00	201 80	200 00
	3 00	55 00	300 00
	282 46	245 73	245 00
	1,000 00	1,248 84	1,200 00
	360 42	260 00	260 00
	4 00	4 00	4 00
	\$ 1,949 00	\$ 3,622 30	

Amount To Be Raised By Property Taxes .....  
 (Exclusive of County and School Taxes) .....  
 Total Revenues .....

\$14,904 00     \$17,343 32     \$15,797 00  
 \$14,904 00     \$17,343 32     \$15,797 00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

**General Government:**  
 Town Officers' Salaries .....  
 Election and Registration Expenses .....  
 Town Officers' Expenses .....  
 Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs. ....  
**Protection of Persons and Property:**  
 Fire House 1949 .....  
 Fire Department .....  
 Moth Extermination—Blister Rust .....  
 Insurance .....  
**Health:**  
 Health Department, Including Hospitals .....  
 Safe Town Clerk .....  
 Town Dump .....

Appropriations  
 Previous  
 Year 1950     \$ 1,900 00     \$ 1,900 00  
 Actual  
 Expenditures  
 Previous  
 Year 1950     684 99     \$ 1,900 00  
                   80 99     80 99  
                   79 26     79 26  
                   357 25     357 25  
                   87 57     87 57  
                   200 00     200 00  
                   343 86     343 86  
                   11 35     11 35  
                   135 00     135 00  
                   12 80     12 80

Appropriations  
 Recommended by  
 Budget Committee  
 1951  
 Submitted Without  
 Recommendation of  
 Budget Committee  
 1951

<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance—Class 5 State .....	831 70	3,500 00	
Town Maintenance—Winter .....	2,318 40		
Street Lighting .....	2,292 31	2,000 00	
General Expenses of Highway Department .....	241 49	250 00	
Town Road Aid .....	2,647 44	2,000 00	
Emergency Appropriation .....	786 00	800 00	
Libraries:		1,282 35	
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor .....	500 00	180 00	
Old Age Assistance .....	100 00	100 00	
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations .....	695 22	700 00	
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families .....	50 00	50 00	
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Old Home Day .....	149 82		
Parks and Playgrounds Incl. Band Concerts .....	50 00	50 00	
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries .....	5 00		
Town History .....	180 00	85 00	
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Damages and Legal Expenses, Incl. Dog Damage .....	50 00	50 00	
Advertising and Regional Associations .....	50 00	50 00	
<b>Interest:</b>			
On Temporary Loans .....	270 67	275 00	
On Bonded Debt .....	375 00	350 00	
On Long Term Notes .....	112 50	75 00	
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
New Culvert .....			\$ 300 00



<b>Payment on Principal of Debt:</b>			
(a) Bonds .....	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00
(b) Long Term Notes .....	300 00		300 00
Total Expenditure .....	15,663 58	15,839 62	
Less Class 5 Money not raised by Tax .....	2,467 40	2,318 40	
	<u>\$13,196 18</u>	<u>\$13,521 22</u>	<u>\$15,797 35</u>
Total Expenditures .....			\$300 00

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

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Town officers salaries	\$ 1,191 00
Town officers expenses	566 75
Election and registration	80 99
Town hall and other buildings	79 26
Fire house	357 25
Fire department	87 57
Blister rust	200 00
Bounties	26 75
Town Dump	12 80
Health Department	11 35
State Audit	118 24
Withholding	112 50
Class V roads	2,318 40
Winter maintenance	2,292 31
Town history	50 00
Street lighting	241 49
General expenses of highway department	2,647 44
Libraries	500 00
Old age assistance	695 22
Insurance	315 26
Memorial day	100 00
Soldiers aid	149 82
Parks and play grounds	5 00
Safe	135 00
Cemeteries	180 00
Damage and legal expenses	50 00
Taxes bought by the town	1,566 00
Interest	758 17
Highways and bridges	831 70
T.R.A.	786 00
Dartmouth Lake Sunapee	50 00
Betterment school system	500 00
County tax	2,870 00
Schools	4,500 00
Payment of bond	1,000 00
	\$25,386 27

HARRY B. GOWEN,  
Town Treasurer

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Auto permits 1949 No. 263-268 inc. \$ 7 42  
 Auto permits 1950 No. 1-264 inc. 1,241 42

Paid Treasurer	\$1,248 82
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Dog Licenses:

1949 2 females, 1 male	\$12 00
Less fees 3 at 20c	60

Paid Treasurer	\$11 40
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1950:

13 females at \$5.00	\$ 65 00
51 males and spayed fe- males at \$2.00	102 00
3 kennels 5 dogs ea. at \$12.00	36 00
1 spayed female 6 mo.	1 00

	204 00
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Les fees 68 at 20c	13 60
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Paid Treasurer	\$190 40
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I hereby certify that the foregoing report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEON F. NEWTON,  
Town Clerk

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I have examined the records of the Town Clerk and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN H. ELDRIDGE,  
Auditor

January 27, 1951.

## BALANCE SHEET

### Assets:

Cash	
In hands of treasurer	\$ 7,034 32
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on account of)	
Levy of 1949	1,191 05
Levy of 1948	386 36
Previous Years	85 41
Uncollected Taxes	
Levy of 1950	9,738 95
Levy of 1949	97 88
Levy of 1948	32 15
Total Assets	\$18,566 12
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	16,238 04
Grand Total	\$34,804 16

### Liabilities

Due to School Districts	
Balance of Appropriation	\$ 8,304 16
Long Term Notes Outstanding	11,000 00
Bonds Outstanding	
Road bond	14,000 00
Total Liabilities	\$34,804 16
Grand Total	\$34,804 16

### Receipts

Current Revenue: From Local Taxes	
Property Taxes—Current Year	\$16,109 62
Poll Taxes—Current Year—regular at \$2	260 00
National Bank Stock Taxes	4 00
Yield Tax	245 73
	16,619 35

Property taxes—Previous Years	7,181 82
Poll taxes—Previous Years—Reg. at \$2	132 00
Interest received on taxes	282 46
Tax sales redeemed	717 18
From State	
For Class V Highway maintenance	2,467 40
Interest and dividend tax	458 98
Savings Bank Tax	84 63
Fighting forest fires	23 78
Bounties	135 50
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	443 63
From Local Sources, Except Taxes	
Dog licenses	206 60
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	3 00
Rent on town property	55 00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1950 Permits	1,248 84
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	2,000 00
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$32,060 17
Cash on hand January 1, 1950	360 42
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Grand Total	\$32,420 59

### Payments

General Government	
Town officer's salaries	\$ 1,191 00
Town officer's expenses	566 75
Election and registration expenses	80 99
Safe Town Clerk	135 00
Expenses town hall and other town bldgs.	79 26
Protection of Persons and Property	
Fire department, including forest fires	444 82
Moth extermination—Blister Rust	200 00
Bounties	26 75
Insurance	315 26
Health	
Health department, including hospitals	11 35

Town dumps and garbage removal		12 80
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid		786 00
Town Maintenance—		
Summer	\$2,318 40	
Winter	2,292 31	
	<hr/>	4,610 71
Street lighting		241 49
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		2,647 44
Libraries		
Libraries		500 00
Public Welfare		
Old age assistance		695 22
Patriotic Purposes		
Memorial Day and Veteran's Assoc.		100 00
Aid to soldiers and their families		149 82
Recreation		
Town History		50 00
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts		5 00
Public Service Enterprises		
Cemeteries, including hearse hire		180 00
Unclassified		
Damages and legal expenses		50 00
Advertising and Regional Association		50 00
Taxes bought by town		1,566 00
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds		118 24
State Audit withholding		112 50
Total Current Maintenance Exp.	\$14,926 40	
Interest		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$270 67	
Paid on long term notes	112 50	
Paid on bonded debt	375 00	
	<hr/>	758 19
Total Interest Payments		758 19
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements		
Highways and Bridges—town const.		831 70
Indebtedness		
Total Outlay Payments		831 70
Payments on bonded debt		1,000 00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	
Taxes paid to County	\$2,870 00
Payments to School Districts	4,500 00
Betterment fund	500 00
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Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	7,870 00
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$25,386 27
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1950	7,034 32
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Grand Total	\$32,420 59

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### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$4,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	100 00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	5,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000 00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	2,500 00
Equipment	1,200 00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	2,900 00
Equipment	3,527 00
Materials and Supplies	165 00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	500 00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	8,000 00
Equipment	1,200 00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	
Young Lot	60 00
Jennison Lot	250 00
John Allen Lot	125 00
Prouty Lot	75 00
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Total	\$31,602 00

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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	<b>Libraries</b>	
G. S. Amsden		\$500 00
Sum raised		\$500 00
	<b>Old Age Assistance</b>	
State of New Hampshire		\$695 22
Sum raised		600 00
	<b>Overdraft</b>	\$ 95 22
	<b>Memorial and Old Home Days</b>	
American Legion Post 57, Memorial Day		\$ 50 00
Harry B. Gowen, Treas. Old Home Day		50 00
		\$100 00
Sum raised		100 00
	<b>Soldiers' Aid</b>	
Raymond Roy, wood		\$ 36 00
Hause & McDonald, groceries		12 85
Arthur Elias		42 00
Hamlin I. G. A., groceries		29 97
Hamlin I. G. A., groceries		7 31
Hause & McDonald, groceries		20 00
George D. Nourse, drugs		1 69
		\$149 82
Sum raised		150 00
	<b>Balance</b>	\$ 18
	<b>Town Dump</b>	
Fred L. Robbins, burning dump		\$12 80
	<b>Health Department</b>	
Wm. H. Tatem, M.D., office call Dale Wilson		\$ 3 00
D. O. Knight, supplies		2 35
Rockingham Hospital, hand injury Morris Ring		6 00
		\$11 35
	<b>Bounties</b>	
Fay Evans		\$ 2 75
Raymond Sparks		11 75



Leon F. Newton	3 50
Fred L. Robbins	8 75

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\$26 75

### Blister Rust

State Forestry and Recreation	\$200 00
Sum raised	200 00

### Fire

Granite State Electric Co.	\$ 2 00
Alstead Fire Dept., Knight fire	28 76
Alstead Fire Dept., Bascom fire	29 75
Acworth Fire Dept., supplies	24 57
Earl Luther, attending fire meeting	3 25
Allen Young, attending fire meeting	3 25
Albert Derrington, attorney, fire meeting	3 25
Acworth Fire Dept.	6 43
E. R. Wiggins, Inc., supplies, fire house	47 12
Marx's Hardware, supplies, fire house	5 75
C. G. LaFrank, supplies, fire house	24 46
E. Roy Burke, supplies, fire house	77 00
L. H. Ufford Co., supplies, fire house	87 66
Perry & Willard, Ins., fire truck	40 00
Forest Fire	19 33
L. H. Ufford Co., supplies, fire house	42 24

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\$444 82

### Town Officers' Salaries

Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector and Town Clerk	\$ 455 00
Fred L. Robbins, Selectman	200 00
Maurice D. Miller, Selectman	200 00
Raymond Sparks, Selectman $\frac{3}{4}$ term	150 00
Harry B. Gowen, Treasurer	100 00
Eric Bascom, Moderator service	5 00
Solon L. Neal, Supervisor	44 00
Raymond Sparks, Moderator	12 00
John Eldridge, Auditor	25 00

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\$1,191 00

### Election and Registration

Comstock The Printer, check list	\$12 00
Raymond Sparks, labor, voting booth	16 00
Bragg Lumber Co., lumber, voting booth	21 49
Harry Kemp, Ballot Clerk	10 50

Sam Moody, Ballot Clerk	10 50
Clarence Neal, Ballot Clerk	5 25
Fay Evans, Ballot Clerk	5 25

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\$80 99

**Town Hall and Other Buildings**

Louis Rokes, labor	\$ 4 00
Granite State Electric Co., lights	8 26
Louis Rokes, Janitor	8 00
Perry & Willard, insurance	59 00

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\$79 26

**Town Officers' Expenses**

Brown & Saltmarsh	\$ 1 12
Mrs. W. Harold Austin, typing	22 00
Honesty Farm Press	8 95
Edson C. Eastman	67 82
Alfred Violet, postage and telephone	19 60
Association of New Hampshire, Assessors' dues	2 00
Albert Derrington, delivering town reports	6 50
Leonard Balla, Attorney, court	15 00
Argus Press, Town Reports	278 00
Wheeler & Clark	11 39
Perry & Willard	49 50
Bernice M. Sawyer McWilliams	40
Clinton K. Barton, transfers	13 80
Ida M. Horner, association dues	2 00
Granite State Electric Co.	11 52
Leon F. Newton, tax sales expense	7 48
Clinton K. Barton, tax sales expense	7 20
Raymond Sparks, attending tax and road meeting	8 00
Fred Robbins, attorney, tax and road meeting	8 00
Maurice Miller, attending tax and road meeting and car	12 50
Fred L. Robbins, postage	9 97
Leon F. Newton, attending tax meeting	4 00

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\$566 75

**ROADS**

<b>General Expenses of the Highway Department</b>	
Newport Motor Co., truck repairs	\$ 488 26

Stanley Kmiec's, truck repairs	356 19
Marlow Garage, truck repairs	238 33
Construction Equipment Co., truck repairs	110 00
Morris Ring, express and telephone	16 06
Howard Hardware, supplies	87 20
R. C. Hazelton, tractor repairs, etc.	321 20
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., gas and oil	565 68
E. Roy Burke, supplies	55 83
Bragg Lumber Corp., lumber	2 59
Granite State Electric Co.	2 26
George Blake, truck cushion	4 00
Hardy Merrill, tractor repair	28 95
Marx's Hardware, supplies	14 36
Municipal Steel Corp., 1948 bill	122 84
Alstead Garage, truck repair	13 00
Perry & Willard, insurance	76 41
Perry S. Willard, insurance	76 41
Leonard Balla, welding scraper	16 25
Cray Oil Co., oil	127 98

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\$2,647 44

Sum raised

2,000 00

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Overdraft

\$ 647 44

**Winter Maintenance**

Morris Ring	\$ 915 50
Freeland Hemphill	380 20
Louis Rokes	57 60
William Potter	3 20
Albert Derrington	3 60
Edward Wilson	39 50
Henry Corey	12 80
Harold Grant	20 00
Roy Balla	6 40
Don Champney	3 20
Warren Goev	14 80
International Salt Co.	249 20
Nelson Warner Co.	65 19
Charles Pockett	170 40
Elwin Balla	182 00
Fred Robbins	36 00
Julius Christie	14 00
Julius W. Christie	10 00
Charles Westney	10 00

Sam Moody	6 40
Alstead Garage	92 32
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Sum raised	\$2,292 31
	2,000 00
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## ROADS

Overdraft	\$ 292 31
Class V Summer Maintenance	
Edward Wilson	\$ 151 00
Morris Ring	800 00
Louis Rokes	2 00
Robert Cocoran	200 70
Alvah Knapp	134 80
Don Champney	488 30
William Potter	198 00
Elwin Balla	228 80
Charles Pockett	114 40
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Sum of State check	\$2,318 40
	2,467 40
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Balance	\$ 149 00

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

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Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$469,575 00
Electric Plants, (Comp.)	20,482 00
Horses, 50	3,610 00
Oxen, 4	550 00
Cows, 313	35,845 00
Other Neat Stock, 53	4,630 00
Sheep and Goats, 18	232 00
Fowls, 2,085	1,856 00
Portable Mills, 3	1,700 00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	8,660 00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 3	440 00
Stock in Trade	2,800 00
Mills and Machinery	4,250 00

Total Gross Valuation before exemptions allowed	\$554,630 00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind	13,039 00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed	\$541,591 00

### Electric and Gas Utility Companies

Granite State Electric Co.	\$11,602 00
REA Electric Co.	8,880 00
	\$20,482 00

Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	\$13,039 00
Number of inventories distributed	450
Number of inventories returned	318
Number of veterans who received property exemption	17
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	16

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Appropriations:	
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 1,900 00
Town Hall and Buildings	250 00
Town Road Aid	786 00
Town Maintenance, Summer	2,000 00
Winter	2,000 00
Street Lighting	300 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	2,000 00
New Equipment	150 00
Libraries	250 00
Old Age Assistance	600 00
Town Poor and Soldier's Aid	250 00
Memorial Day and Veteran's Associations	100 00
Parks and Playgrounds Inc., Band con- certs, Town History	50 00
Cemeteries	135 00
Advertising and Regional Associations	50 00
Interest	450 00
Payments on Principal of Debt	1,300 00
County Tax	2,870 00
School Tax	12,804 16
Total Town and School Approps.	\$28,245 16
Total Town and School Appropriations	\$28,245 16
Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:	
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 457 00
Savings Bank Tax	112 13
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	20 95
Reimbursement a/c Exemp- tion of Growing Wood and Timber	457 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,000 00
Dog Licenses	200 00
Interest Received on Taxes	270 70
Total Revenues and Credits	2,517 78
	\$25,727 38

Plus Overlay	217 72
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	<u>\$25,945 10</u>
Less: Number 189 of Poll Taxes	
at \$2.00	\$378 00
National Bank Stock Taxes	4 00
	<u>382 00</u>
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	\$25,563 10
<b>Taxes to be Committed to Collector</b>	
Property Taxes	\$25,563 10
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	378 00
National Bank Stock Taxes	4 00
	<u>\$25,945 10</u>
Total Taxes to be Committed	\$25,945 10
Tax Rates: Town	\$4 72

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

### Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1950

Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	\$25,607 62
Poll Taxes	380 00
	<u>380 00</u>
Total Warrant	\$25,987 62
Yield Taxes	342 72
Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	150 84
National Bank Stock	4 00
Poll Taxes	22 00
Interest collected	1 23
	<u>1 23</u>
Total Debits	\$26,508 41
<b>Cr.</b>	
Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	\$16,109 62

Poll Taxes	260 00	
National Bank Stock	4 00	
Yield Taxes	245 73	
Interest	1 23	
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	136 88	
Poll Taxes	12 00	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collectors List:		
Property Taxes	9,511 96	
Poll Taxes	130 00	
Yield Taxes	96 99	
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Total Credits		\$26,508 41

#### Summary of Warrant Levy of 1949

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1950:		
Property Taxes	\$7,214 77	
Poll Taxes	144 00	
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Added Poll Taxes	6 00	
Interest collected	256 25	
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Total Debits		\$7,621 02
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$7,043 87	
Poll Taxes	126 00	
Interest	256 25	
Abatements	97 02	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collectors List:		
Property Taxes	\$73 88	
Poll Taxes	24 00	
	<hr/>	97 88
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Total Credits		\$7,621 02

#### Summary of Warrant Levy of Previous Years

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1950	\$215 24	
Interest collected	20	
Total Debits		\$215 44
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Taxes	\$143 95	



Interest	20
Abatements	39 14
Uncollected as per Collectors	

## List:

Property Taxes	\$24 15
Pol Taxes	8 00

Total Credits	\$215 44
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1950 Uncollected Taxes			
Bascom, Glenn	\$113.28	Putnam, Harvey	193.62
Bascom, Harvey	222.79	Reed, Rollins Est.	100.77
Bascom, Eric W.	475.54	Ring, Morris S. Jr.	66.98
Burke, L. Roy E. Est.	302.08	Roy, Raymond	469.64
Bushey, Kathryn	42.48	Royce, Harvey	61.36
Barrett, David	141.60	Ryan, Clarence M.	177.00
Brooks, Beverly	70.80	Smith, Leonard E.	165.91
Campbell, John W.	221.13	Spaulding, Clayton B.	64.43
Campbell, Winfred	31.39	Trudeau, Joseph	122.72
Clark, March	120.12	Tuttle, Samuel	44.00
Clark, Florence	7.08	Violet, Alfred G.	490.88
Clark, Almon Est.	84.96	Westney, Chas. Jr.	20.53
Champney, Don	29.50	Westney, Alma	94.40
Campbell, John & Rodney	14.16	Ashley Mining Corp.	684.40
Chapman, Mary	23.60	Austin, Kenneth S.	188.80
DeMond, Curtis	5.90	Bergeron, Wm. V.	70.80
Downing, Martin	84.96	Benware, Geo. G.	18.88
Farnsworth, Lyle R.	23.60	Benware, Leon	4.72
Groux, Geo. O.	106.81	Bridgeham, Elizabeth	68.44
Harowitz, Katharina	252.52	Bourdon, Ruby I.	8.26
Heino, John	67.49	Buss, Roy (Martin)	2.36
Heino, Ida	42.48	Brackett, R. D.	61.36
Hull, Harriett	1.20	Campbell, Dean F.	23.60
Hall, Edgar C.	42.48	Chaffee, Roger	14.16
Illiffe, Geo. bal.	75.48	Cowles, Wm. E.	59.00
Kent, Harry	142.78	Croft, Clarence & Nellie	35.40
Knight Bros.	34.88	Cote, Dennis P.	51.92
Larsson, Cecelia	9.44	Crossman, Harold & Marjorie	42.48
Lufkin, Eva	59.00	Chappelear, Louis	236.00
Lemaire, Bradford W.	443.68	Chappelear, Marjorie	9.44
Landers, Melissa	94.40	Dallin, Bertram	94.40
MacDonald, Eunice	84.96	Dion, Arthur	70.80
McCue, Henry	172.75	Dirken, Henry J.	51.92
Murdough, Fred	5.66	Dubois, Roger & Cecelia	16.52
Murdough, Fred and Florence	77.88	Delude, Floyd & Margaret	18.88
Neary, James F.	7.08	Faught, Wm. S.	1.98
Pineo, Adam	30.92	Frohock, Frank	4.72
Pitkin, Theodore	136.88	Feary, Arnold W.	14.16
Potter, Rollo	71.98	Jerard, Albert	23.60
Potter, Gladys	1.18	Graves, John Est.	23.60
		Hallett, Wesley & Helen	103.84
		Hayden, Margarita	49.56

Hoagland, Alice	.80	Timber Tax	
Howe, Herbert	4.72	Knight, Ernest &	
Hosmer, Billigene	47.20	David	45.89
Hislop, Codman	47.20	Besaw, Riley	35.00
Howard, Galon Est.	9.44	Murphy, Richard J.	16.10
Howard, Edward L.	4.72		
Johnson, Lucy	9.44	Poll Taxes, \$2.00 each	
Joslyn, Herbert	14.16	Allen, Helen	
Lewis, Leslie &		Bascom, Elizabeth	
Marylin	23.60	Bascom, Glenn	
Lowell, Robert &		Bascom, Harvey	
Bertha	9.44	Bascom, Edith	
Lyons, Ada M.	33.04	Bascom, Eric W.	
Martin, Philip Henry		Bascom, Elida	
Jr.	9.44	Bascom, Barbara	
Martin, Robert B.	47.20	Baltzer, Collie	
Malarich, Wm. V.	92.04	Baltzer, Elaine S.	
McIntosh, Wm.	2.36	Burke, E. Roy	
McGrew, Mrs. Dallas	94.40	Burke, Katharine	
Mitton, Joseph & Wilma	37.76	Bushey, Kathryn	
Morton, J. F., Inc.	40.12	Campbell, Albert	
Moniz, E. B. Est.	84.96	Campbell, Marylin	
Nelson, Elmer	23.60	Campbell, John	
Nelson, Louis A. Jr.	14.16	Campbell, Carrie M.	
Palmer, Fred L.	37.76	Campbell, Winfred	
Pare, Placid	11.80	Champney, Don	
Pinkham, Wm. F.	47.20	Champney, Bertha	
Pinard, Arthur L.	4.72	Champney, Laura	
Porter, Geo. Q.	7.08	Dean, Alta	
Putnam, Oliver H.	4.72	DeMond, Curtis	
Rhoades, Floyd	21.24	DeMond, Mae	
Rhoades, Elmer Chas.	3.54	Douglas, Eldred	
Robinson, Abbie D.	7.08	Farnsworth, Lyle	
Roy, Alfred	28.32	Feary, A. Weldon	
Raymond, Joseph	42.48	Harowitz, Katharina	
Rudenfeldt, Carl	4.72	Heino, Dorcas	
Sanborn, Herman	9.44	Hoskison, Robert	
Stevens, Harold G.	40.12	Hoskison, Margaret	
Walker, Lyman R.	9.44	Kent, Harry	
Walker, Clinton R.	43.66	Kent, Mabel	
Wight, Bertha &		Knapp, Beverly	
Douglas	42.48	Larsson, Gosta	
Witkus, Arthur	14.16	Larsson, Cecelia	
Willette, Wm. F.	9.44	Lufkin, Helen	
Wright, Helen	70.80	Leighton, Herbert	
Willis, Herbert J.	94.40	Lemaire, Bradford W.	
Wright, Hugh	106.20	Lemaire, Claire F.	
		Landry, Francis	
Dearden, George	9.44	MacDonald, Reginald	
Gomez, Bernard	4.72	MacDonald, Eunice	
Morton, J. F., Inc.	47.20	McCue, Henry	
Randall, George	37.76	McCue, Hazel	
		Murdy, Joseph	
		Murdy, Margaret	

Neary, James F.	Royce, Harvey
Neary, Mary C.	Royce, Lillian
Neary, Alice	Spooner, Carl
Neal, Henry	Spooner, Hazel
Pinco, Marjorie	Vallient, Loyal
Potter, Gladys	Westney, Chas.
Ring, Gladys	Westney, Alma
Roy, Evelyn	Westney, Lona
Roy, Patricia	Wilson, Edward Dale

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer as of Dec. 31, 1950, on account of the tax levy of 1950, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEON F. NEWTON,  
Tax Collector

<b>1949 Uncollected</b>		Randall, Herbert	2.00
Neary, James	\$ 7.35	Williams, Mildred	2.00
Randall, Ernest	.42	Young, Victor	2.00
Westney, Chas.	23.31	Young, Virginia	2.00
Burke	.80		
General Minerals Corp.	42.00		<u>\$97.88</u>
Blichfeldt, Joseph		<b>1948 Uncollected</b>	
Blichfeldt, Barbara	2.00	Disken, Margaret	\$2.00
Hall, Edgar C.	2.00	Gardiner, Lisa	2.00
Hall, Mrs. Edgar C.	2.00	Hutchins, Bertha M.	2.00
Jones, Mintie D.	2.00	Hutchins, Bertha E.	2.00
Neary, James	2.00	Neary, James	24.15
Rokes, George	2.00		<u>\$32.15</u>
Rokes, Katleen	2.00		

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of Dec. 31, 1950, on account of the levies of 1948 and 1949, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEON F. NEWTON,  
Tax Collector

## SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1950

Dr.				
Tax Sales on account of the levy of				
Taxes sold to town during	1949	1948	1947	1946
current fiscal year	\$1,566 00			
Bal. unredemed Jan. 1, '50		728 59	80 93	4 48
Interest collected after sale	5 61	19 17		
Total Debits	\$1,571 61	\$747 76	\$80 93	\$4 48
Cr.				
Remittances to Treas.	\$380 56	\$361 40		
Deeded to Town, none				
Abatements, none				
Unredeemed Dec. 31, '50	1,191 05	386 36	80 93	4 48
Total Credits	\$1,571 61	\$747 76	\$80 93	\$4 48
Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on account of the levy of				
	1949	1948	1947	1946
Aiken, Arthur and Florence		\$ 26 05		
Clough, Luther Est.	\$4 78	4 79	\$4 72	\$4 48
Downing, Martin M.		97 60		
Hall, Edgar C.	43 37	43 97		
Hoff, George		10 35	9 90	
Lyons, Ada M.	35 80	36 26	34 02	
McCue, Henry	153 33	118 43		
Pinard, Arthur L.	8 09	8 15	7 82	
Palmer, Fred L.	40 21	40 76		
Roy, Raymond	218 67			
Simpson, Everett Fay	'		24 47	
Clifford, John	41 43			
Lemaire, Bradford W.	347 66			
Ring, Morris S. Jr.	65 42			
Lewis, Leslie	25 73			
Lowell, Robert and Bertha	12 50			
Malarich, Wm. V.	102 91			

Wright, Helen	69 83			
Willette, Wm.	21 32			
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	\$1,191 05	\$386 36	\$80 93	\$4 48
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			\$85 41	

I hereby certify that the foregoing record is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEON F. NEWTON,  
Tax Collector

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I have examined the records of the Tax Collector and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN H. ELDRIDGE,  
Auditor

January 27, 1951

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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### Summary of Receipts

State of N. H. Savings Bank Tax	\$ 84 63
State of N. H. Int. and Dividends	458 98
Class V roads Highway Dept.	2,467 40
State of N. H., 1/2 share forest fire	18 90
State of N. H. 1/2 expense forest fire meeting	4 88
State of N. H. Bounties	135 50
Refund from Welfare Board	443 63
Temporary Loans	2,000. 00
Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector:	
Property Taxes 1950	16,109 62
Poll Taxes 1950	260 00
Previous years property and poll taxes	7,313 82
Tax Sales redeemed	717 18
Leon F. Newton, Town Clerk:	
Dog Licenses	206 60
Filing fee	3 00
Rent of Town property	55 00
Interest received	282 46
Auto permits 1950	1,248 84
National Bank Stock	4 00
Timber Yield tax	245 73
	\$32,060 17
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1950	360 42
	\$32,420 59

Respectfully submitted,  
**HARRY B. GOWEN,**  
Town Treasurer

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### Detailed Statement of Receipts

Jan. 1	Balance on hand, Auditor's report \$	360 42
30	Leon F. Newton:	
	regular polls 1949	22 00
	property taxes 1949	373 80
	interest	1 60
Feb. 13	Leon F. Newton:	
	regular polls 1949	18 00

		property taxes 1949	96 20
		interest	58
		auto permits	149 05
		Dog license	4 80
		State of N. H. Bounties	135 50
		State of N. H. 1/2 share forest fire	9 23
Mar.	4	Leon F. Newton:	
		poll taxes 1948-49	8 00
		property taxes 1949	255 70
		interest	1 96
		auto permits	102 69
	7	Conn. River National Bank temporary loan	2,000 00
Apr.	13	Refund from Welfare Board	443 63
		Leon F. Newton:	
		tax sales redeemed	45 62
		regular polls 1950	2 00
		regular polls 1949	58 00
		property taxes 1949	352 91
		interest	4 84
		auto permits	524 83
May	26	Leon F. Newton:	
		tax sales redeemed	132 00
		regular polls 1949	10 00
		property taxes 1949	481 28
		property taxes 1946	34 00
		interest	16 10
		Dog licenses	61 80
		Auto permits	75 80
		State of N. H. 1/2 cost forest fire meeting	4 88
June	12	Leon F. Newton:	
		regular polls 1949	8 00
		property taxes 1949	315 94
		interest	8 42
		Dog licenses	52 00
		Auto permits	70 56
July	7	Leon F. Newton:	
		regular polls 1950	2 00
		property taxes 1950	11 00
		property taxes 1949	423 43
		interest	7 42
		Auto permits	67 46
	11	State of N. H. Class V money	2,467 40

Aug. 7	Leon F. Newton:		
	tax sales redeemed 1948	97	56
	filing fees	3	00
	regular polls 1950	4	00
	regular polls 1949	6	00
	property taxes 1950	294	40
	property taxes 1949	1,038	52
	property taxes 1947-48	35	65
	interest	38	03
	Auto permits	70	88
29	Leon F. Newton:		
	regular polls 1950	32	00
	regular poll 1949	2	00
	property taxes 1950	1,495	05
	property taxes 1949	1,426	03
	property taxes 1948	20	00
	interest	62	17
	Auto permits	8	98
	Dog licenses	27	40
Sept. 15	Leon F. Newton:		
	regular polls 1950	28	00
	property taxes 1950	1,089	86
	property taxes 1949	197	90
	interest	9	90
	Dog license	31	20
	Auto permits	53	55
Oct. 6	Leon F. Newton:		
	regular polls 1950	42	00
	property taxes 1950	1,556	30
	property taxes 1949	2,073	34
	interest	105	43
	tax sales redeemed	78	98
	int. and costs	7	24
	Received from Selectmen, rent of Town Hall	55	00
Nov. 11	Leon F. Newton:		
	regular polls 1950	40	00
	property taxes 1950	2,717	43
	property taxes, 1948	42	00
	National Bank stock	4	00
	tax sales redeemed	353	01
	auto permits	107	13
	dog licenses	28	60



27	Leon F. Newton:	
	regular polls 1950	38 00
	property taxes, 1950	3,915 98
	timber yield tax	186 32
	tax sales redeemed	25 69
	interest	1 86
	State of N. H. 1/2 share forest fire	9 67
Dec. 13	Leon F. Newton:	
	regular polls 1950	60 00
	property taxes	4,467 20
	property taxes 1948 and 49	15 12
	interest	28
	timber yield tax	59 41
24	State of N. H. Savings Bank tax	84 63
	State of N. H., int. and dividends	458 98
31	Leon F. Newton:	
	auto permits	17 91
	dog license	80
	regular polls 1950	12 00
	property taxes 1950	562 40
	interest	95
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		\$32,420 59

HARRY B. GOWEN,  
Town Treasurer

## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

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### Town Maintenance

#### Roads

Morris Ring, Jr.	\$ 316 00
Don Champney	29 60
Charles Pockett	233 60
Elwin Balla	233 60
Ashley Mining Corp., dynamite	12 90
Fred Robbins, bridge rails	6 00

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Sum raised

2,000 00

Balance

\$1,168 30

#### Damages and Legal Expenses

Clarence Ryan damage to two trees	\$15 00
Jacob M. Shulins, William's case	35 00

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\$50 00

Taxes bought by the town

\$1,566 00

#### State Audit

State Tax Commission	\$118 24
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#### Interest

Savings Bank of Walpole, garage mortgage	\$112 50
First Nat. Bank of Concord, bond	375 00
Conn. River Nat. Bank, note	149 67
Lincoln R. Young & Co., note	121 00

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\$758 17

Sum raised

450 00

Overdraft

\$308 17

#### Parks and Playground

Don Champney mowing Common	\$5 00
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#### Cemeteries

Solon L. Neal, sexton	\$65 00
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Chase Tree Service	85 00
Solon L. Neal, sexton	30 00
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	\$180 00
Sum raised	185 00
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Balance	\$ 5 00
Bonded Debt	
First Nat. Bank of Concord, bond payment	\$1,000 00
School District	
Harry B. Gowen, treasurer	\$4,500 00

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### AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

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#### Assets of the Town, December 31, 1950:

Cash in treasury	\$7,034 32
Due on 1950 taxes	9,738 95
Due on 1949 taxes	97 88
Unredeemed previous years	1,662 82
Uncollected previous years	32 15

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\$18,566 12

#### Liabilities of the Town December 31, 1950:

Due Conn. River National Bank on tax anticipation notes—	11,000 00
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Balance— Dec. 31, '50 \$ 7,566 12

#### Long Term Debt:

Due Walpole Savings Bank on account Town Garage Note	\$ 2,900 00
Due First National Bank, Con- cord, N. H.—on account road bonds	14,000 00

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\$16,900 00

**The Silsby Free Public Library Trust Funds**

**ASSETS**

Deposited in New Hampshire Savings Bank		
Dec. 31, 1950		\$11,917 44

**LIABILITIES**

Total Trust Funds received	\$1,789 06	
Unexpended interest	128 38	
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		1,917 44

**Betterment of Acworth School Fund Held by Trustees**  
 Balance in Savings account—Connecticut  
 River National Bank, Dec. 31, 1950

	\$650 34
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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. ELDRIDGE,  
Auditor

February 5, 1951

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**REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR**

There have been no financial demands made of the  
 Overseer of the Poor.

JULIUS W. CHRISTIE,  
Overseer of the Poor

Jan. 18, 1951.

## SILSBY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### Trustees Report for 1950

During the year 1950 following the loss of the Librarian, Mrs. Jennie E. Smith, the trustees began a re-organization of the Library to bring it into a standard state such that a librarian who has less than a full librarian's training may serve and still render available all of the resources of the Library. It should be understood that, though small, the Library has a good selection of fiction and juvenile works capable of meeting the needs of most of the town residents, and a fair-to-good selection of books on special topics.

In order to have the books immediately available for a borrower it is necessary that the books be classified and shelved according to a standard system and that a standard method of keeping track of the books borrowed and returned be established. At present this has been perhaps more than 50% accomplished. To finish this the Trustees propose to carry on the Library during 1951 again wholly or in part without a paid librarian. To the extent to which this is done there probably will be unexpended some part of the 1951 budget item of \$75.00 for librarian services. Any such unexpended sum the Trustees hope they may be authorized to use at their discretion for relatively minor urgent needs.

Electric lighting has been installed recently at an expense of \$240.09. The chief large need now remaining is that of heating the Library. The present furnace is fast reaching the end of its usefulness, but for a while it is possible to make it serve, if some temporary arrangement can be made for heating the children's room and the magazine reading room. It is unfortunate that Winter, being the season during which the year around residents have the most time for reading, is at present the season when it's resources are least available owing to the lack of heating facilities.

The comparatively large balance of \$160.91 cash on hand from the Town Appropriation Account is chiefly due to the fact that the Trustees performed the librarian service to the extent of \$141.00 of the \$156.00 auth-

orized budget item. The Trustees request that they be authorized to spend at their discretion all or a part of this balance for much needed new shelving in the children's room, a magazine rack for the reading room and, if possible, a desk and an enlargement of the cabinet for catalogue cards.

The number of books borrowed this year cannot be reported owing as yet to a still incompletd system for recording it. There have been added to the Library this year 74 books of which 24 were purchased and 50 contributed.

The Trustees are in need of information and suggestions from the Town Residents concerning a number of points. For many years the Library has been open only on Saturday afternoons. The New Hampshire State Library authorities are inclined to recommend a change in the day and hours the Library is kept open. The Trustees will welcome suggestions in regard to this.

Again, and especially outside of the range of fiction, the Trustees would be glad to hear suggestions as to books on subjects which would usefully serve our residents along the lines of their special practical interests. Such books may probably in part be purchased and in part borrowed from the State Library by the librarian.

The Trustees also expect to make arrangements by which books and magazines may be sent from the Library to residents who for one or another reason cannot get to the Library when it is open. It is hoped that this arrangement may be worked out soon. The Trustees will welcome suggestions and cooperation in this or any other respect which may assist in extending the usefulness of the Library.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1950

### Town Appropriation Account

Receipts:

Balance from 1949	\$	6 05
Town Appropriation for maintenance		250 00
Appropriation for installing electric lights		250 00
Refund on overpaid bill		25

Total		\$506 30
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Expenditures:

Librarian Service	\$	15 00
Library Associations dues		7 00
Fuel		28 00
Janitor Service		10 00
Library Supplies		33 80
Installation Electric Lighting		240 09
Miscellaneous Expenditures		11 50

Total		345 39
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Balance on hand, Dec. 31		\$160 91
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Trust Fund Account:

Receipts:

Balance from 1949	\$38 49
Gift from Mrs. E. M. Leigh	7 50
Trustee of Trust Fund	25 00

Total		\$70 99
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Expenditures:

Books	\$40 04
Magazines	23 40

Total		\$63 44
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Balance on hand Dec. 31		\$ 7 55
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Signed,

GEORGE S. AMSDEN,  
Treasurer

## Report of Trust Funds of the Town of Acworth, N. H., on December 31, 1950

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
Apr. 22, 1913	Edward C. Ball	N. H. Savings Bank	\$100 00	2½	\$55 60	\$2 50	\$2 50	\$55 60
Apr. 22, 1913	Julia A. Buswell	N. H. Savings Bank	200 00	2½	3 62	6 38	6 38	3 62
Apr. 26, 1916	Mary L. Bowers	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00	2½	2 25	7 58	7 58	2 25
Feb. 17, 1922	George W. Neal	N. H. Savings Bank	106 36	2½				
July 8, 1922	T. W. Place	N. H. Savings Bank	50 00	2½		1 25	1 25	
Aug. 5, 1924	William Warner	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
Jan. 3, 1925	Horace G. Perham	N. H. Savings Bank	50 00	2½		1 25	1 25	
Mar. 19, 1925	Henry A. Clark	N. H. Savings Bank	200 00	2½	96 94	7 40	7 40	96 94
July 13, 1925	Laura J. McKeen	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
Dec. 29, 1925	Abram Mitchell	N. H. Savings Bank	190 00	2½	26 91	5 40	5 40	26 91
May 3, 1929	Charles K. Wood	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
May 14, 1930	Charles Elliott	N. H. Savings Bank	50 00	2½		1 25	1 25	
April 9, 1930	Hiram N. Hayward	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
Jan. 12, 1931	Cynthia E. J. Finley	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
Sept. 1, 1931	Ada L. Wallace	N. H. Savings Bank	200 00	2½	2 58	5 05	5 05	2 58
Nov. 19, 1931	White-Ryder	N. H. Savings Bank	95 00	2½		2 38	2 38	
Sept. 22, 1932	Oarlett Eaton	N. H. Savings Bank	25 00	2½		63	63	
Feb. 27, 1933	Samuel A. Nye	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
Apr. 17, 1934	Ashton E. Hemphill	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
July 12, 1937	George W. Buss	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	



## Report of Trust Funds of the Town of Acworth, N. H., on December 31, 1950

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
Oct. 23, 1937	Frank McLaughlin	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
Dec. 15, 1937	Walter Slader	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00	2½	7 63	7 68	7 68	7 63
May 15, 1938	George W. Call	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
Jan. 1, 1939	Alger E. Hemphill	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
Mar. 4, 1940	Charles M. Thornton	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
Nov. 12, 1941	Gertrude C. Read	N. H. Savings Bank	200 00	2½	1 10	5 03	5 03	1 10
Dec. 9, 1941	Weston Kemp	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
Dec. 9, 1941	W. Kemp & O. Kemp	N. H. Savings Bank	50 00	2½		1 25	1 25	
July 23, 1942	James Jeffery	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
July 23, 1942	H. W. Allen	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½	1 22	2 53	2 53	1 22
Feb. 28, 1943	Ella M. Prentiss	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00	2½		2 50	2 50	
			3716 36		\$197 85	\$97 76	\$97 76	\$197 85
<b>Library Funds:</b>								
Apr. 5, 1916	Rebecca W. Madison	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	150 00	2½	5 44	3 88		9 32
Aug. 23, 1924	W. L. Woodbury	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	1090 00	2½	30 07	25 44	25 00	30 51
Dec. 29, 1925	Abram M. Mitchell	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	475 00	2½	28 23	12 58		40 81
Mar. 15, 1937	Walter Slader	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	164 06	2½	42 59	5 15		47 74
			1789 06		\$106 33	\$47 05	\$25 00	\$128 38

Dec. 27, 1944	Almon E. Clark	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	130 00	2½		3 59	3 59
Dec. 27, 1944	Francis Buss	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	70 00	2½		1 94	1 94
Oct. 19, 1945	Edwin S. Chatterton	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	300 00	2½	7 31	8 50	5 00
Feb. 3, 1946	Horace K. Rugg	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	100 00	2½		2 76	2 76
Feb. 19, 1946	Irving C. Davis	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	150 00	2½		4 15	4 15
Mar. 28, 1946	Carl Kemp	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	100 00	2½		2 76	2 76
Oct. 23, 1946	A. W. Barney	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	100 00	2½		2 76	2 76
May 6, 1947	Fred Batchelder	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	100 00	2½		2 76	2 76
Nov. 4, 1947	Bass Lot	Sugar Riv. Savgs. Bank	200 00	2½	2 10	5 59	5 59
			1250 00		\$9 41	\$34 81	\$31 31
							\$12 91

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ERIC W. BASCOM

DOROTHY N. FAUGHT

HARRY B. GOWEN

Trustees

# SCHOOL REPORT

DISTRICT OF ACWORTH, N. H.



## SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL, 1950-51

Moderator — Raymond Sparks

Clerk — Edith Kemp

School Board — Elizabeth Bascom,  
Raymond Snow, George Amsden

Treasurer — Harry Gowen

Auditor — Maude Moody

Teachers — Maude Moody, Henry Bresell

Union Clerk — Marion Bradish

Superintendent — John W. Day

## SCHOOL WARRANT

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### The State of New Hampshire

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fifth day of March 1951, at 8 o'clock in the evening, 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 determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of 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 see, if the district will authorize the installation of modern plumbing, a sewage disposal system, and the acquisition of any land rights necessary, for a sum not exceeding \$2,000.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$2000 for the purpose in article 9 above, to be financed as follows:

(a) apply the balance of the Betterment Fund and/or

(b) authorize the issuance of serial notes, and/or

(c) raise part or all of the amount in taxes.

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

Acworth School Board

## Budget of the School District of Acworth, N. H. 1951-52

EXPENDITURES ITEM	Expendi- tures 1949-50	Adopted Budget 1950-51	Adopted Budget (Revised) 1950-51	Proposed Budget 1951-52
<b>Administration:</b>				
Salaries of district officers .....	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00
Superintendent's salary (local share) .....	274.00	240.00	240.00	270.00
Tax for state wide supervision .....	172.00	184.00	184.00	190.00
Salaries of other administration personnel .....	85.00	70.00	80.00	122.00
Supplies and expenses .....	61.86	100.00	115.00	120.00
<b>Instruction:</b>				
Teachers' salaries .....	4,217.05	4,600.00	4,200.00	4,600.00
Books and other instructional aids .....	77.05	100.00	125.00	140.00
Scholars' supplies .....	169.98	150.00	150.00	170.00
Supplies and other expenses' .....	12.24	100.00	90.00	100.00
<b>Operation of School Plant:</b>				
Salaries of janitors .....	178.00	320.00	300.00	320.00
Fuel or heat .....	109.51	350.00	350.00	350.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses .....	164.18	200.00	200.00	200.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant:</b>				
Repairs and replacements .....	316.75	150.00	350.00	150.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities:</b>				
Health supervision .....	127.86	150.00	160.00	180.00
Transportation, high .....	1,729.38	800.00	1,040.00	1,050.00
Transportation, elementary .....	2,594.06	3,400.00	3,110.00	3,150.00
Tuition, high .....	1,958.24	2,750.00	2,100.00	2,800.00
Tuition, elementary .....	1,018.00	1,400.00	1,700.00	1,495.00

Special activities and special funds .....	138.55	100.00	50.00	50.00
<b>Fixed Charges:</b>				
Teachers' retirement .....	215.59	220.00	270.00	303.00
Insurance, treasurer's bonds and expenses .....	92.90	10.00	10.00	95.00
Total Current Expenses .....	\$13,907.20	\$15,589.00	\$15,019.00	\$16,024.00
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>				
Lands and new buildings .....	41.75			
Additions and improvements .....	395.05	3,300.00	900.00	*
New equipment .....	32.35		2,400.00	
Payments into Capital Reserve Fund .....	500.00	500.00	500.00	**
Total Capital Outlay .....	969.15	3,800.00	3,800.00	
Total Expenditures or School Appropriation .....	\$14,876.35	\$19,389.00	\$18,819.00	\$16,050.00

\* Special articles in Warrant for use of betterment fund and to raise additional money for toilet facilities.  
 \*\* Add any amount raised by special articles.

RECEIPTS ITEM	Receipts	Adopted Budget	Adopted Budget (Revised)	Proposed Budget
	1949-50	1950-51	1950-51	1951-52
Balance (actual or estimated) .....	6.52		58.58	628.58
State aid .....	3,724.93	3,284.84	3,284.84	1,593.59
Betterment fund .....		3,300.00	3,300.00	
Other .....	417.13			
Total Receipts Other Than Property Taxes .....	\$ 4,148.58	\$ 6,584.84	\$ 6,643.42	\$ 2,222.17
District Assessment Raised or to be Raised .....	10,793.55	12,804.16	12,804.16	13,801.83
Total Appropriation Voted by School District .....	\$14,942.13	\$19,389.00	\$19,447.58	\$16,024.00

## REPORT OF THE DISTRICT TREASURER

### Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1950

Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$	6 52
Received from Selectmen	\$6,993 55	
Capital reserve	500 00	
Balance of previous appropriation	3,300 00	
Dog tax	161 38	
Received from State Treasurer	3,724 93	
Received from all other sources	255 75	
Capital reserve	500 00	
Total Amount Available		\$14,442 13
Less School Board Orders Pd.		14,376 35
Balance on Hand, June 30, 1950		\$ 65 78

HARRY B. GOWEN,  
District Treasurer

July 11, 1950.

### Betterment Acworth School System Held by Trustees

Jan. 1, 1950 Balance on hand	\$2,469 56
June 30, 1950 interest	12 34
	\$2,481 90
July 14, withdrew	2,400 00
	\$ 81 90
Oct. 7 deposit	68 44
	\$ 150 34
Dec. 8, 1950 deposit	500 00
	\$ 650 34

ERIC W. BASCOM,  
DOROTHY N. FAUGHT,  
HARRY B. GOWEN,  
Trustees



## SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT OF EXPENDITURES

For School Year, July 1, 1949, to June, 1950

### Summary Statement of Expenditures

Administration:	
Salaries of district officers	\$ 195 00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	274 00
Tax for state wide supervision	172 00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	85 00
Supplies and expenses	61 86
Instruction:	
Teachers' salaries	4,217 05
Books and other instructional aids	77 05
Scholars' supplies	169 98
Supplies and other expenses	12 24
Operation of School Plant:	
Salaries of janitors	178 00
Fuel or heat	109 51
Water, light, supplies and expenses	164 18
Maintenance of School Plant:	
Repairs and replacements	316 75
Auxiliary Activities:	
Health supervision	127 86
Transportation	4,323 44
Tuition, high	1,958 24
Tuition, elementary	1,018 00
Special activities and special funds	138 55
Fixed Charges:	
Retirement	215 59
Insurance, treas., bonds and expenses	92 90
Capital Outlay:	
Lands and new buildings	41 75
Additions and improvements to buildings	395 05
New equipment	32 35
Total Expenditures	\$14,376 35

### Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Administration:	
Salaries of district officers	
Harold Austin, school board chairman	\$ 60 00

Elizabeth Bascom, school board	45 00
Raymond Snow, school board	35 00
Harry Gowen, treasurer	35 00
Edith Kemp, school clerk	5 00
Raymond Sparks, moderator	5 00
Maude Moody, auditor	10 00
Superintendent's Salary, (local share)	274 00
Tax for state wide supervision	172 00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	
School board association dues	3 00
Ray Snow, census	5 00
Harold Austin, census	5 00
Clerk, union office	72 00
Supplies and expenses	61 86
Instruction:	
Teachers' salaries	
Maude Moody	1,472 80
Cecilia Larrison	1,733 00
Patricia Elliman	210 00
Substitutes	21 00
Teachers' retirement system	265 25
Collector of internal revenue	515 00
Books and other instructional aids	77 05
Scholars' supplies	169 98
Supplies and other expenses	12 24
Operation of School Plant:	
Salaries of janitors	
Thomas Potter	178 00
Fuel or heat	109 51
Water, light, supplies and expenses	164 18
Maintenance of School Plant:	
Repairs and replacements	
Richard Hicks	40 00
Alfred Violet	220 99
General Electric Supply Corp.	25 48
Charlestown School District	6 48
Thomas Potter	15 40
Albert Derrington	8 40
Auxiliary Activities:	
Health supervision	127 86
Transportation	
Kmeic Garage	44 50
Alstead Garage	836 04
F. A. Knight	242 42

D. O. Knight	110 14
Montgomery Ward Co.	19 90
Perry & Willard	42 73
Leroy Clark	350 00
John Heino	759 00
Albert Derrington	1,076 00
Barbara Putnam	480 50
Arel Bros.	125 00
Roy Burke	10 68
John Heino, Jr.	210 00
Tidewater Gas Co.	16 53
Tuition (Alstead)	
High school	1,958 24
Elementary	1,018 00
Special activities and special funds	
Lunch program	138 55
Fixed Charges	
Retirement	215 59
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses	92 90
Capital Outlay:	
Land and new buildings	41 75
Additions and improvements to buildings	
Alfred Violet	366 75
General Electric Supply Corp.	25 00
Nelson Burnham	3 30
New equipment	32 35
 Total Expenditures	 <u>\$14,376 35</u>

### 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 Acworth, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 and find them correct in all respects.

MAUDE H. MOODY,  
Auditor

July 13, 1950.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Again we are at the threshold of international emergency. The price of freedom is already mounting. In terms of dollars and standards of living, it is going to be expensive beyond imagination. The cost in blood and human sacrifice may be immeasurable. What war will do to our American ideals, we cannot tell at this point.

It will profit us nothing to win again, and lose the character of our citizenship. In foreign lands, a far greater proportion of total resources are expended to "educate" youth, to feed his mind with that which will make him a willing tool of the powers that subjugate all personal attributes to the "good of the State." Many foreign governments have recognized more clearly than we, how the forces of mass "education" can be utilized to promote whatever end is sought by those in power.

In America, we have learned the need of having weapons of defense at our immediate disposal. Yet we appreciate that truth is more powerful than the sword. Our great public education system has grown in the last half century to amazing proportions. Most of us give at least "lip service" to the realization of its importance and its possibilities. Man cannot govern himself better unless he knows how. The very existence of self-government depends upon the increasing wisdom of the people. Even the winning of a war is determined in the classroom, the shop, and the laboratory, as well as on the battlefield.

We must not lose a generation—or a civilization—by relaxing our efforts in public education while fighting to survive.

As there is little major industry in the small towns of Union 5, the real estate tax places an unequal burden on many of them in their attempts to provide good schools. When the General Court of 1949 launched its austerity program to balance the state budget without new state taxes, this Union of eight towns lost over half of its state aid. It is not possible to run schools, improve "horse and buggy" buildings, educate increasing populations, and hire good teachers, with a dollar

worth half as much or less, and still keep the total appropriations down. Just as bread and meat and clothing cost more, so must schools. We take pride in telling that, where towns voted the amounts recommended by the school officials last March, budgets will probably balance in spite of unprecedented price increases.

We need more state support. The new formula encourages a local effort up to \$18 per thousand equalized valuation. It encourages a foundation program equal to at least \$175 for each elementary pupil and \$225 for high school pupils. It discourages poor schools. For the first year, some towns will benefit, some will lose. The total will increase for this Union to \$34,500, about \$8000 more than at present. Unfortunately, its benefits are based on 1949-50 figures, when many towns did not spend as much, or make the minimum effort of \$14 per thousand on equalized valuation. Some feel that it should be based on more current figures. Essentially, it can become a fair equalization program. Should it also include flat grant aid to relieve the tax burden in all towns? It totals around a million and a half dollars, far less than the aid rendered two years ago. Total school costs increased in New Hampshire in 1949-50 by \$3,000,000 at the same time state aid was cut by \$1,600,000. The real estate taxpayer in every town made up the difference.

Our school population in this Union continues to grow and, in many cases, without sizeable increases in taxable property. Many of our people work in larger towns, spend their income there. The resident towns are responsible for the children's education. If we are to have good schools without confiscatory taxes, we must have a broader measure of state support.

We are fortunate in having, in nearly all schools, conscientious and hard-working teachers. Without them, no amount of modern buildings and good materials would make good schools. Some of our teachers have homes in the communities where they teach.

The majority might move to other towns, larger places, and secure higher salaries. Higher salaries are necessary to keep those good teachers that we have, and to employ replacements for the few who are leaving. Actually, the modest increases that we should be prepared to give will probably not reward the teacher

for better professional service, but will help to defray the higher cost of living.

Parents turn over to the teacher the responsibility of formal education. We are expecting our schools to provide more services. We know the effect of broken homes, and the lack of love and care on some of the children who come to us. There are some who feel strongly that public schools should provide opportunity for some phases of religious education. As the parents and the community expect sincerity and conscientiousness from the professional staff, the teachers have a right to expect cooperation as assistance from the homes and the town. Give them your loyalty, encouragement and commendation when they do well.

Acworth now has a fine two-room school. We were able to employ the Contoocook Artesian Well Company to drill for a water supply, at a time when both men and a machine might have been idle. A saving of at least one dollar per foot was made. A fine supply of water was struck at one hundred ninety-three feet. Pump and storage tank were obtained at a reasonable price. The new forced hot air heating plant was installed for a little over \$1,000. The building has been painted outside and inside. Paint was purchased before price increases—much of it at forty percent discount. New shades are being installed in the main room. Some of our men donated much time in building shelving and drawer space in the primary room. Others gave of their energy during a busy summer to do some of the painting. New lavatories and the plumbing for running water have been installed.

The Special Committee has met with the School Board, and has studied the problem of sewage disposal. Members will make either an oral report or a written report. Special articles in the warrant will permit the district to vote its decisions. We need flush toilets and a sewage disposal system to complete the modernization of our building. It would be most unfortunate to replace the chemical tanks at a high cost soon, rather than spend a little more for an improved and permanent system.

Because of the area of Acworth, and the scattered population, school transportation costs are very high. We have studied the transportation map, zoning possi-

bilities, and possibilities of consolidating routes. We would like to know how we can provide better service for less cost, but do not have the answers yet. Unfortunately, the new state aid formula does not consider unusual transportation expense in determining amounts for the various school districts.

Activities of the parents' organization in Acworth have been most helpful. All pupils who desire it have had the fluorine treatment for their teeth, sponsored by this group. A new motion picture projector has been purchased by several organizations and is loaned to the school for educational movies. A series of entertainments have been provided for you boys and girls. These activities have contributed much to their welfare.

We probably will have a saving of about \$600 in the appropriations for the current year, to be applied to next year's total. Our proposed budget for 1951-52 is up about \$500 for current expenses. Considering the way prices are rising, much for items over which we have no control, this increase of three percent is meager indeed.

Better schools do make better communities. We can work together with the spirit of good will and cooperation, to continue the improvements we have started.

JOHN W. DAY,

Superintendent, Union No. 5

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Acworth, N. H.

July 13, 1950.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the School Board of Acworth, N. H., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, and find them correct with proper vouchers.

MAUDE H. MOODY,  
School Auditor

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

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Because school health service is wide spread, few of us have ever seen more of the service than the school nurse driving to and from school. Her car is loaded with a variety of things; the bag with hand basin, towels, soap, rubbing alcohol, clinical thermometer, bandage, adhesive tape, sterile gauze, tongue depressors, safety pins, large pieces of cotton cloth for emergency, a supply of D.D. especially approved by the State Department for use in the care of head lice, and an apron for the nurse to wear while she is helping in the home. Also in the car are school scales, measuring rod, files with the health report of each child, dental, immunization and other records. Frequently, there is a supply of first aid materials to be left in schools where it is needed. At times there are cartons of clothing, given by interested persons to the nurse for distribution where it will be needed and appreciated.

In winter weather, the nurse is ready for bad traveling; she carries burlap sacks, a box of sand, a shovel, an ax, a tow rope, and car chains. I must note here that it is a good neighbor who always helps me out of road difficulties.

There is a great deal more to school nursing than merely riding from one school to another. There is the duty of finding and correcting pediculosis—finding the reason for "all this scratching." Some skin disturbance is temporary, although there can be signs of some real disease. Deviation from the normal of the eyes, the ears, the posture, the feet and the poor general appearance of the child are carefully noted. There is the frequent inspection of the classrooms. Supervising all children during epidemics requires much time and travel.

The home visit is a most important part of the school health work. The purpose of the visits is to help the mother make better conditions for health. There are many things to teach. In a great many homes, there are no modern conveniences to create easy living methods. The length of time to complete a home visit varies with the object of the visit—half a day, an hour



or perhaps a few minutes. Often a little help, advice, and encouragement greatly reduces difficulties. To demonstrate the treatment for elimination of head lice, to help in the treatment of scabies, to teach the care of bedding and personal clothing, to aid in riddance of cooties and other insects—are all among the school nurse's activities. These corrections often require plenty of running water, and much courage on the part of mothers who have to carry, from outdoors, every drop of water for daily living. The need of extra is most discouraging.

While the nurse is in the home, she may talk over such important subjects as better personal hygiene, better daily health habits for children, the proper shoes to buy, the proper clothing for the cold winter mornings, the all-important "good breakfast." Too, there is the "cruel" lunch box to talk about. Often lists of suitable foods are presented the mother for her convenience in providing for a nutritious school lunch.

There are visits for the purpose of getting the home and the school running on schedule, assisting the mother to make the changes necessary when the child goes from home to school for the first time. The school nurse tries to be of the most help to the child who is sick or has a communicable disease. Homes are often visited and mothers instructed in the care of and control of these diseases.

Your school nurse works closely with state and local social and health agencies. She has full cooperation of the N. H. Tuberculosis Association, the State Sight Conservation Program, the Hearing Society, and the Division of Crippled Children's Service. She brings as many of these services to the school community as possible.

ZEPHYRINE L. HASHAM,  
School Nurse



VITAL STATISTICS

REGISTERED IN THE

**TOWN OF ACWORTH**

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1950

**Births registered in the Town of Acworth, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1950**

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex and Condition		No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents		Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
			Male or Female	Living or Still Born				Acworth	Occupation of Father		
Jan. 5	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Marcia Lou	F.	L.	3	Harvey E. Bascom	Edith M. Landers	Acworth	Farmer	Keene, N. H.	So. Sandwiche, Mass.
June 6	Bellows Falls, Vt.	David Maurice	M.	L.	1	Winfred Campbell	Marylin B. Towne		Farmer	Acworth, N. H.	Keene, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEON F. NEWTON, Town Clerk.

## Marriages Registered in the Town of Acworth, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1950

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age	Occupation of Groom & Bride	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	No. of Marriage	Persons by Whom Married
Feb. 4	Theo Roosevelt Pitkin Jr.	Acworth	20	Lumbering	New Hampshire	Theodore R. Pitkin Elsie E. Wiggins	New Hampshire	1	Harold L. Hanson Min. of the Gospel Claremont, N. H.
Claremont	Eleanor Helen Brooks	Claremont	19	Shoe Shop	New Hampshire	Bertha H. Houghton	New York		
Feb. 18	Joseph Stanley Kmiec	Langdon	27	Carpenter	New Hampshire	Frank Kmiec	New Hampshire	1	Peter A. Rousseau Catholic Priest Bellows Falls, Vt.
Bellows F.	Mildred Mary DeMond	Acworth	19	Housework	New Hampshire	Sopha Skiba Curtis De Mond	Poland		
May 20	Octave Upton Sylvester	Claremont	24	Laborer	Vermont	Upton Sylvester Ressella Delisle	Vermont	1	C. P. Buckley Rom. Cath. Priest Claremont, N. H.
Claremont	Irene Bertha Corcoran	Acworth	24	At home	Connecticut	Frank Corcoran	Connecticut		
July 4	Raymond A. Waters Jr.	Newport	20	Laborer	New Hampshire	Emma Lageyett Raymond A. Waters	Connecticut	1	LeRoy W. Stringfellow Min. of the Gospel Newport
Claremont	Helen Adell Lufkin	Acworth	25	At home	New Hampshire	Viola G. Bartley Arthur L. Lufkin	Vermont		
Aug. 27	Ronald Arthur Muzzy	Alstead	24	El. Meter R.	New Hampshire	Syveln E. McDurphy Herbert F. Muzzy	New Hampshire	1	Eric W. Bascom Clergyman Acworth
Acworth	Irma Lora, Wilson	Acworth	19	Housework	New Hampshire	Eli L. Wilson Nina E. Batchelder	New Hampshire		
Sept. 2	George Clinton Wheeler	Acworth	22	Saw mill	New Hampshire	Emily B. Benway Clinton R. Wheeler	New Hampshire	1	Leon F. Newton Just. of the Peace Acworth
Acworth	Alice Madeline Davis	Acworth	17	At home	New Hampshire	Ethel E. Joslyn Harry K. Davis	New Hampshire		
Sept. 9	Charles Aldrich Powers	Canterbury	20	Student	Massachusetts	Inez B. Simpson Charles T. Powers	New Hampshire	1	Eric W. Bascom Clergyman Acworth
Alstead	Shirley Etida Bascom	Acworth	18	Student	New Hampshire	Florence E. Clough Eric W. Bascom Etilda G. Frost	New Hampshire		

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**Deaths Registered in the Town of Acworth, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1950**

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Male or Female	Single or Married	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
June 7	Acworth	Gilbert W. Boutwell	85	Brooklyn, N. Y	M.	M.	Farmer	Lyman Boutwell	Lucy Whitney
July 31	Acworth	Edward Roy Burke	61	Keene, N. H.	M.	M.	Retired Clerk	Herbert Burke	Elnora Foster
Dec. 11	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Fannie Merrill	79	.....	F.	S.	.....	.....	.....

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