ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ALSTEAD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the year ending December 31, 1955

AND OF THE

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

For the year ending June 30, 1955



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OF

ALSTEAD, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1955

COMSTOCK, THE PRINTER Charlestown, N. H.

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator NELSON C. BURNHAM Town Clerk

GRACE ELLIS

Treasurer MARIE A. RADCLIFFE

Selectmen

HARRY A. SPOONER JOHN G. DAVENPORT FRANK C. DUSTIN

Term expires 1956 Term expires 1957 Term expires 1958

Overseer of Poor WILLIAM D. HAYES Road Agent BEN CROSBY Tax Collector GILMAN O. ELLIS Constables WILLIAM D. HAYES WILLIAM RENZ Ballot Clerks

LEON M. TROW ROYAL CARMAN

HEMAN CHASE EDITH SPOONER

Trustees of Trust Funds

EDITH PROVOST PEYTON WASHBURN GILMAN O. ELLIS

Term expires 1956 Term expires 1957 Term expires 1958

School Board

HERMAN BUSS HORACE A. SEAVEY MARY C. BURROUGHS Library Trustees Term expires 1956 Term expires 1957 Term expires 1958

FRANK C. DUSTIN EDITH PROVOST JOHN G. DAVENPORT CHAUNCY J. NEWELL EDITH CHASE

Term expires 1956 Term expires 1956 Term expires 1957 Term expires 1957 Term expires 1958

ALMA RING

Term expires 1958

Librarian LAURA N. MacLANE Fire Commissioners OWEN H. LIBBY PAUL MARX HEMAN CHASE

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

Polls will be open 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

You are hereby notified to meet at Vilas High School in said Alstead on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
- 3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Old Age Assistance and for the support of the Poor.
- 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for highways and bridges.
- 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 to oil the Village streets and other Town roads that may need it.
- 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 for payment on Long Term notes; \$1,300.00 to be applied on the Bucket Loader note and \$1,500.00 to be applied on the Fire Truck note.
- 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for the support of the Medical Program.
- 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell real estate acquired by tax sale.
- 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- 10. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the care of cemeteries.
- 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 for Memorial Day.
- 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Library.
- 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the Elliott Community Hospital. By request.

- 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25.00 for the care and maintenance of the Town Clock.
- 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ± 150.00 for the Police department for the protection of persons and property.
- 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200.00 to rent and maintain land for a public dump.
- 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the control of Pine Blister rust.
- 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132.00 (1/100 of 1% of the valuation of the Town) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southwestern New Hampshire for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven Towns of the Monadnock Region.
- 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of parks and playgrounds.
- 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the support of band concerts.
- 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,600.00 for fire protection and support of the fire company.
- 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,550.00 for the purchase of the following fire fighting equipment: $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose, 1 portable fire pump and 2 fire extinguishers.
- 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200.00 to help defray the expenses of preparation of Town History material.
- 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for the expense of Social Security administration.
- 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept all Trust Funds of \$200.00 or more, each, received for the perpetual care of Cemetery lots.
- 26. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on Jones Hill in East Alstead and raise and appropriate money for the same.

- 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,188.96 for street lights.
- 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$631.30 for TRA construction, the State to contribute \$4,208.66.
- 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$20,000.00 for the purpose of making improvements to the following Class V reads within the Town: EAST ALSTEAD TO GILSUM, such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 83, Laws of 1951 as amended by Chapter 31, Laws of 1953, and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the date and place of payment of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be to the best interests of the Town of Alstead.
- 30. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of Town sheds to house Town equipment.
- 31. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 25th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and Fifty-six.

HARRY A. SPOONER JONATHAN G. DAVENPORT FRANK C. DUSTIN

Selectmen of Alstead

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:

HARRY A. SPOONER JONATHAN G. DAVENPORT FRANK C. DUSTIN

Selectmen of Alstead

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

December	31, 1900		
SOURCES OF REVENUE From State:	Estimated Revenue Previous Year	Actual Revenue Previous Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
Interest and dividends tax	1955 \$ 2,000.00	1955 \$ 2,327.68	1956 \$ 2,300.00
Savings bank tax	300.00	\$ 2,327.08 411.02	385.00
Growing wood and timber	3,379.46	3,079.06	3.079.06
Old Age Assistance	3,379.40	68.37	3,079.00
From Local Sources except Tax	es *	00.57	
Dog licenses	275.00	387.20	350.00
Business licenses, permits	2/3.00	307.20	330.00
and filing fees	10.00	19.50	15.00
Interest received on taxes	300.00	608.20	550.00
Income from trust funds	4,000.00	4,298.14	4,200.00
Rent of town property	200.00	213.20	250.00
Jucome from municipally owned utilities:	200100		200.00
Electric light department	18.00	18.00	18.00
Motor vehicle permit fees	3,000.00	3,960.81	3,500.00
Sale of town property	100.00		250.00
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2	550.00	728.00	650.00
National bank stock taxes	2.50	2.50	2.50
Total Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes	\$14,134,96	\$16,121.68	\$15,549.56
Amt, to be raised by property taxes	Ç14,104.20	\$10,121.00	\$64,741.72
Total Revenues			\$80,291.28
PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES Current Maintenance Expenses: General Government:	Previous Year 1955	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1955	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1956
Town officers' salaries Town officers' expenses Election and registration	¢ 4 900 00	¢ 4.462.20	ф. 4.000.00
expenses	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,463.39	\$ 4,800.00

Municipal court expenses
Expenses town hall and other
town buildings

Protection of Persons and Prope	rty:		
Police Department	150.00	171.12	150.00
Fire Department	1,500.00	2,025.79	3,150.00
Moth exterm.—blister rust and			
care of trees	650.00	650.00	400.00
Town clock	50.00	47.50	25.00
Health:			
Medical service		979.57	2,000.00
Town dump and garbage removal	250.00	207.00	200.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance—summer	1,500.00	12,041.95	2,000.00
Town maintenance—winter	8,500.00	12,041.23	10,000.00
Street lighting	1,188.96	1,188.96	1,188.96
Town road aid	631.42	631.42	631.32
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	1,200.00	545.25	1,200.00
Old age assistance	1,200.00	1,963.51	2,400.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Veterans Asso.	50.00	62.99	50.00
Recreation:			
Parks and playground, including			
band concerts	300.00	313.96	325.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	600.00	455.98	600.00
Water trough	24.00	24.00	12.00
Unclassified:			
Advertising and regional asso.	128.00	128.00	132.00
Employees' retirement and social			
security	200.00	95.66	150.00
Indebtedness:			
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long term notes	1,300.00	1,300.00	2,800.00
Payments to Other Govern-			
mental Divisions:			
County taxes	3,467.00	3,467.00	3,467.00
School taxes	42,054.26	42,054.26	44,610.00
Total Expenditures	\$69,743.64	\$72,817.31	\$80,291.28

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SUMMARY INVENTORY Of Valuation for the Tax Year 1955

Lands and buildings	\$1,229,545.00
Electric plants	55,808.00
Horses—35	1,200.00
Cows—285	25,370.00
Neat stock—51	1,980.00
Sheep and goats—5	50.00
Fowls—700	525.00
Vehicles—4	3,900.00
Road Building Machinery—4	15,300.00
Wood and lumber	4,500.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	1,000.00
Stock in trade	38,655.00
Mills and machinery	13,900.00
Total Valuation	\$1,387,483.00
Amount of property valuation exempt to soldiers and blind	66,580.00
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed Average rate of taxation per \$100 valuation for	\$1,320,903.00
all purposes	\$4.10

PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN ACQUIRED BY TAX COLLECTOR'S DEEDS

Shadowland lots numbers 81, 82, 89, 40, 41

Keith property, land around Arch or Newell Pond, 60 acres more or less

Blake French land

Dalbot, Inc., 20 acres, more or less, of growing timber.

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Frank C. Dustin, selectman	\$300.00
Harry A. Spooner, selectman	300.00
John G. Davenport, selectman	300.00
Gilman O. Ellis, tax collector	300.00
Marie A. Radcliffe, treasurer	250.00
Grace E. Ellis, town clerk	250.00
William D. Hayes, overseer of poor	60.00

REPORT

of an examination and audit of the accounts of the

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1955 made by

THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

December 19, 1955—January 4-6, 1956 DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

January 9, 1956

Board of Selectmen Alstead, New Hampshire Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Alstead for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1955, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets—December 31, 1954—December 31, 1955: (Exhibit A-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the financial condition of the Town changed from a Surplus of \$4,223.04 to a Net Debt of \$85.30 during the year 1955.

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

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Decreases in Surplus (Increases in Net Debt)

Long Term Notes Issued	\$4,500.00
Budget Deficit	1,031.46
Decrease in Cash in Hands of Officials	.50
Tax Liens Transferred to Tax Deeds	79.88

\$5,611,84

Increases in Surplus (Decreases in Net Debt)

Long Term Note Paid \$1,300.00

Head Tax Penalties Collected on 1954 Levy
after Settlement with State 3.50

\$1,303.50

\$4,308.34

Change in Financial Condition

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

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1955, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$1,418.22, less a revenue surplus of \$386.76, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$1,031.46. Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1955, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1955, is indicated in Exhibit B-2.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

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

Conclusion:

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

The provisions of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1955, require that the summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) of this report shall be published in the next annual report of the Town.

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

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

NORVAL D. LESSELS, Auditor ROBERT L. CURTIS, Accountant

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire January 9, 1956

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Alstead for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1955 and found them to be in good order. In our opinion, the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town as of December 31, 1955, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

NORVAL D. LESSELS, Auditor ROBERT L. CURTIS, Accountant

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

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TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Comparative Balance Sheets

Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955

Assets

December 31, 1954 December 31, 1955

		r 51, 1954 rised)	Decembe	1 31, 1933
Cash: General Fund In Hands of Town Clerk Social Security Account (Contra)	\$30,389.95 .50		\$12,762.22 177.99	
		\$30,390.45		\$12,940.21
Capital Reserve Fund: Town Hall Due from State of New Hampshire: A/c Exemption of Growing Wood		10,535.72		10,854.15
& Timber Bounties		87.50		2,050.88
Unredeemed Taxes: Levy of 1954 Levy of 1953 Levy of 1952	\$ 454.21 432.85		\$ 951.50 119.78 98.92	
Uncollected Taxes: Levy of 1955 Levy of 1954 Levy of 1953	\$13,843.06 22.89	887.06	\$13,190.09 2.00	1,170.20
State Head Taxes: Levy of 1955		13.865.95	\$ 675.00	13,192.09
		590.00	5.00	680.00
Total Assets Net Debt		\$56,356.68		\$40,88 7. 53 85.30
Grand Total		\$56,356.68		\$40,972.83

Liabilities

		er 31, 1954 vised)	Decembe	r 31, 1955
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations: Town Doctor State Aid Construction	\$1,000.00 7,594.00			\$ 45.43
State Aid Construction	7,394.00			
		\$ 8,594.00		
Due State of New Hampshire:				
A/c Head Taxes Uncollected A/c Head Taxes Collected & Not	\$ 590.00		\$ 675.00	
Remitted to State	197.50		154.00	
Yield Tax Deposit Social Security Account (Contra) Due School District:		787.50		829.00 12.00 177.99
Balance of Appropriation Capital Reserve Fund:		28,416.42		22,054.26
Town Hall Long Term Notes Outstanding:		10,535.72		10,854.15
New Bucket Loader New Fire Truck		3,800.00	\$ 2,500.00 4,500.00	7,000.00
Total Liabilities Surplus		\$52,133.64 4,223.04		\$40,972.83
Grand Total		\$56,356.68		\$40,972.83

EXHIBIT A-2

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Surplus—December 31, 1954	\$ 4,223.04
Net Debt—December 31, 1955	85.30
Change in Financial Condition	\$ 4,308.34

Factors Affecting Change

Untavorable Factors:			
Long Term Note Issued	\$	4,500.00	
Budget Deficit		1,031.46	
Decrease in Cash in Hands of Officia	1s	.50	
Tax Liens Transferred to Tax Deeds	S	79.88	
			\$ 5,611.84
Favorable Factors:			
Long Term Note Paid	\$	1,300.00	
Head Tax Penalties Collected—Not			
Remitted to State (1954 Levy)		3.50	

\$ 4,308.34

1,303.50

EXHIBIT A-3

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditure:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

	səitilideid											45.43	
Balances Forwarded to 1956	Overdrafts					21.12	389.42						
For	Unexpended			\$ 505.76				50.00	.65		93.00		
	Expenditures		* 2,046.54	104.80	177.10	171.12	2,025.79		650.00		207.00	979.57	631.42
	tanomA lstoT oldslisvA	97	*	4,969.15		150.00	1,636.37	50.00	650.65		300.00	1,025.00	631.42
	Receipts and Acimbursements	169.15		₩			136.37		.65		50.00	25.00	
	snoibriagons.	€9-		\$ 4,800.00		150.00	1,500.00	50.00	650.00		250.00		631.42
4	Forwarded								**			\$ 1,000.00	
		Town Officers' Salaries	Town Officers' Expenses	Election & Registration	Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	Police Department	Fire Department	Civilian Defense	Blister Rust-Moth Extermination &	Care of Trees	Dump & Garbage Collection	Health Department—Doctor	Town Road Aid

22,054.26	\$22,099.69
1,802.72 695.14 12.99 13.96	\$2,992.35
754.75 144.02 23.45 2.50	\$1,574.13
12,041.95 1,188.96 1,963.51 545.25 62.99 313.96 24.00 455.98 1,300.00 200.00 3,467.00 48,416,42 195.90 141.00 10,000.00 4,500.00 4,500.00	\$101,771.71
10,239.23 1,188.96 1,268.37 1,300.00 50.00 24.00 128.00 1,300.00 20,00 20,00 3,467.00 70,470.68 219.35 50.00 7,594.00 141.00	\$12
239.23 68.37 100.00 141.00 10,000.00 4.500.00	\$15,429.77
8,500.00 1,500.00 1,188.96 1,200.00 1,200.00 50.00 24.00 600.00 1,300.00 2,400 600.00 1,300.00 3,467.00 42,054.26 50.00	\$70,012.99
28,416,42	\$37,010.42
Town Maintenance Oiling Street Lighting Old Age Assistance Town Poor Memorial Day Parks & Playgrounds Rent of Water Trough Cemeteries Advertising & Regional Associations Payment on Principal of Debt Social Security or Retirement County Tax School Tax Overlay Town Clock State Aid Construction Bounties Fire Truck	

* Includes Payment a/c Interest—\$264.00.

EXHIBIT A-4

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and Budget Summary Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

	Rev	Revenues					
	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Deficit			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,327.68	\$ 2,327.68					
Savings Bank Tax	366.38	411.02	\$ 44.64				
Reimbursement a/c Exemption	1						
of Growing Wood & Timber	3,079.06	3,079.06					
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3,279.46	3,960.81	681.35				
Dog Licenses	332.17	387.20	55.03				
Business Licenses & Permits	18.00	19.50	1.50				
Rent of Town Property &							
Equipment	459.75	213.20		246.55			
Interest on Taxes & Income							
from Trust Funds	4,755.74	4,906.34	150.60				
Water & Electric							
Departments	18.00	18.00					
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	373.68			373.68			
Head Tax Collection Fees	69.55	61.35		8.20			
Added Taxes		82.07	82.07				
	\$15,079.47	\$15,466.23	\$1,015.19	\$ 628.43			

Budget Summary

Overdrafts of Appropriations Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	\$ 2,992.35 1,574.13		
Net Overdraft of Appropriations Actual Revenues Estimated Revenues	\$15,466.23 15,079.47	\$1,418.22	
Revenue Surplus		\$ 386.76	
Net Budget Deficit			\$1,031.46

EXHIBIT B-1

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Receipts

From Local Taxes: Current Year: Property Taxes Poll Taxes Yield Taxes Head Taxes National Bank Stock Tax	\$41,945.28 558.00 148.00 1,765.00 2.50		
		\$44,418.78	
Prior Years: Property Taxes Poll Taxes Yield Taxes Head Taxes	\$12,416.09 170.00 1,281.86 585.00		
Interest on Taxes Penalties on Head Taxes Tax Sales Redeemed		\$14,452.95 608.20 66.00 866.14	
			\$ 60,412.07
From State: Interest & Dividends Tax Savings Bank Tax Fighting Forest Fires Bounties Refunds:		\$ 2,327.68 411.02 26.12 228.50	
Old Age Assistance Gasoline Tax Town Poor Use of Fire Equipment & Labor Blister Rust	\$ 68.37 45.73 100.00 16.25 .65		
		231.00	
			2 22 1 22
			3,224.32

From Local Sources, Except Taxes: Dog Licenses Permits & Filing Fees Rent of Town Property Income from Trust Funds Income from Departments Motor Vehicle Permits Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:	\$ 387.20 19.50 50.00 4,298.14 470.70 3,960.81
Long Term Notes Issued Refunds	\$ 4,500.00 43.00
Sale of Town Property	30.00
Temporary Loan	10,000.00
Yield Tax Deposit	12.00
	\$ 14,585.00
Total Receipts From All Sources	\$ 87,407.74
Balance—December 31, 1954	30,389.95
Grand Total	\$117,797.69
Expenditures	
General Government:	
General Government: Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,134.95
General Government: Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses	1.782.54
General Government: Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses Election & Registration	1.782.54 104.80
General Government: Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses Election & Registration Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	1.782.54 104.80 177.10
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General Government: Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses Election & Registration Town Hall & Other Town Buildings Special Account—Social Security	1.782.54 104.80 177.10 200.00
General Government: Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses Election & Registration Town Hall & Other Town Buildings Special Account—Social Security Protection of Persons & Property:	1.782.54 104.80 177.10 200.00 \$ 4,399.39
General Government: Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses Election & Registration Town Hall & Other Town Buildings Special Account—Social Security Protection of Persons & Property: Police Fire Moth Extermination & Blister Rust	1.782.54 104.80 177.10 200.00 \$ 4,399.39 \$ 171.12 2,025.79 650.00
General Government: Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses Election & Registration Town Hall & Other Town Buildings Special Account—Social Security Protection of Persons & Property: Police Fire	1.782.54 104.80 177.10 200.00 \$ 4,399.39 \$ 171.12 2,025.79
General Government: Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses Election & Registration Town Hall & Other Town Buildings Special Account—Social Security Protection of Persons & Property: Police Fire Moth Extermination & Blister Rust	1.782.54 104.80 177.10 200.00 \$ 4,399.39 \$ 171.12 2,025.79 650.00
General Government: Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses Election & Registration Town Hall & Other Town Buildings Special Account—Social Security Protection of Persons & Property: Police Fire Moth Extermination & Blister Rust	\$ 4,399.39 \$ 171.12 2,025.79 650.00 141.00
General Government: Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses Election & Registration Town Hall & Other Town Buildings Special Account—Social Security Protection of Persons & Property: Police Fire Moth Extermination & Blister Rust Bounties	\$ 4,399.39 \$ 171.12 2,025.79 650.00 141.00
General Government: Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses Election & Registration Town Hall & Other Town Buildings Special Account—Social Security Protection of Persons & Property: Police Fire Moth Extermination & Blister Rust Bounties Health:	1.782.54 104.80 177.10 200.00 \$ 4,399.39 \$ 171.12 2,025.79 650.00 141.00 2,987.91
General Government: Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses Election & Registration Town Hall & Other Town Buildings Special Account—Social Security Protection of Persons & Property: Police Fire Moth Extermination & Blister Rust Bounties Health: Town Dump	1.782.54 104.80 177.10 200.00 \$ 4,399.39 \$ 171.12 2,025.79 650.00 141.00 2,987.91 \$ 207.00

Highways & Bridges		
Town Road Aid	\$ 631.42	
Street Lighting	1,188.96	
Town Maintenance	12,041.95	
	13,862.3,	3
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	\$ 1,963.51	
Town Poor	545.25	
•	2,508.76	5
Patriotic Purposes:	3,00011	
Memorial Day & Other Celebrations	62.99)
Recreation:		
Parks & Playgrounds	\$ 123.96	
Band Concerts	190.00	
	313,90	á
Public Service Enterprises:	010,50	,
Cemeteries	455.98	3
Unclassified:		
Taxes Bought by Town Advertising & Regional Association	\$ 1,229.16 128.00	
Town Clock	47.50	
Rent-Water Trough	24.00	
	ф. 1.420.77	
Interest:	\$ 1,428.66)
Paid on Long Term Notes	\$ 114.00	
Paid on Temporary Loans	150.00	
	264.00	
New Construction & Improvements:	264.00	1
State Aid Construction	\$ 7,651.00	
New Fire Truck	4,500.00	
	12.151.00	
Indebtedness:	12,151.00	
Payments on Long Term Notes	\$ 1,300.00	
Temporary Loans	10,000.00	
	11,300.00	
	11,500.00	П

Payments-	-Other	Governme	ntal Divisions:
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County Tax	\$ 3,46	7.00
Head Taxes:		
1954 Levy	\$ 766.50	
1955 Levy	1,464.00	
	a	
	2,23	0.50
School District:		
1954-55 Appropriation	\$28,416.42	
1955-56 Appropriation	20,000.00	

48,416.42

54,113.92

 Total Payments For All Purposes
 \$105,035.47

 Balance—December 31, 1955
 12,762.22

Grand Total \$117,797.69

EXHIBIT B-2

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and Proof of Treasurer's Balance

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Balance—December 31, 1954	\$30,389.95
Receipts During Year	87,407.74
	\$117,797.69
Payments During Year	105,035.47
Balance—December 31, 1955	\$12.762.22

Proof of Balance		
Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company,		
Bellows Falls, Vermont—As Per Statement Dated December 29, 1955	\$12,698.80	
Less: Outstanding Checks	1,555.96	
	\$11,142.84	
\dd: Deposit Not Credited—January 4, 1956	1,619.38	
Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1955		\$12,762.22

EXHIBIT B-3

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Special Account—Social Security and Proof of Balance Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

	r 51,	170			
Receipts:					
Transfers from General Fund for					
Town Officers' Salaries \$ 2,13					
The state of the s	17.00				
Trumset Irom 1 dy. on 1 tecount	33.04				
Transfer from Trustees of Trust Funds	7.50				
		φ.	2 21 6 10		
12		Þ.	2,316.19		
Expenditures:	22.00				
Town Officers' Salaries \$ 2,02	15.20				
Social Security Payment 13	13.20				
			2,138.20		
Balance—December 31, 1955				\$	177.99
Proof of Balance	2				
Proof of Balance Ralance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company					
Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company	у,				
Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company Bellows Falls, Vermont—As Per Statemen	y, it	\$	232.35		
Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company Bellows Falls, Vermont—As Per Statemer December 29, 1955	y, it	\$	232.35 342.54		
Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company Bellows Falls, Vermont—As Per Statemen	y, it	\$			
Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company Bellows Falls, Vermont—As Per Statemer December 29, 1955	y, it	\$ - \$			
Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company Bellows Falls, Vermont—As Per Statemer December 29, 1955	y, it	_	342.54		
Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company Bellows Falls, Vermont—As Per Statemen December 29, 1955 Add: Deposit Not Credited—January 4, 195	y, it	_	342.54 574.89	\$5	177.99

EXHIBIT C-1

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1955 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Debits

Property Taxes	\$54,157.02
Poll Taxes	774.00
Yield Taxes	1,020.98
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.50
	\$55

\$55,954.50

Added Taxes: Property Taxes Poll Taxes Yield Taxes Interest Collected	\$ 52.07 18.00 7.20	77.27 2.33 \$56,034.10
Credit	s	
Remittances to Treasurer: A/c Property Taxes A/c Poll Taxes A/c Yield Taxes A/c National Bank Stock Taxes A/c Interest	\$41,945.28 558.00 148.00 2.50 2.33	
Abatements: Property Taxes Poll Taxes	\$ 159.90 28.00	\$42,656.11
Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 195; Property Taxes Poll Taxes Yield Taxes	5: \$12,103.91 206.00 880.18	187.90
		13,190.09

EXHIBIT C-2

\$56,034.10

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Warrants—Levies of Prior Years Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Debits

	Levies	: 10
Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1954:	1954	1953
Property Taxes	\$12,407.09	\$ 9.00
Poll Taxes	168.00	
Yield Taxes	1,267.97	13.89

Added Taxes: Poll Taxes Interest Collected	12.00 508.30 4,363.36	14.11
Y *	.,	,
Credits		
Remittances to Treasurer:		
A/c Property Taxes \$1	2,407.09	\$ 9.00
A/c Poll Taxes	170.00	
A/c Yield Taxes	1,267.97	13.89
A/c Interest	508.30	14.11
Abatements:		
Poll Taxes	8.00	
Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1955:		
Poll Taxes	2.00	

\$1	4,363.36	\$ 37.00

EXHIBIT C-3

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Tax Sale Account Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Debits

	Levies of:						
		1954		1953		1952	Total
Unredeemed Taxes—December 31, 1954 Tax Sale—August 20, 1955 Interest & Costs After Sale	\$1	,229.16	\$			432.85 53.71	\$ 887.06 1,229.16 78.46
		1,229.16	\$	478.96	\$	486.56	\$2,194.68
	Cre	edits					
Remittances to Treasurer: A/c Redemptions A/c Interest & Costs	35,	250.30	S				\$ 866.14 78.46
Deeded to Town		27.36		27.26		25.26	79.88
Unredeemed Taxes—December 31, 1955		951.50		119.78		98.92	1,170.20
	\$1	1,229.16	\$	478.96	\$	486.56	\$2,194.68

EXHIBIT C-4

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of State Head Tax Warrants—Levies of 1954 and 1955 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Debits

200113		
	Levies of:	
	1955	1954
Uncollected Head Taxes—December 31, 1954	\$	590.00
Head Taxes Committed to Collector	\$2,440.00	
Added Head Taxes	70.00	35.00
Penalties Collected	9.00	57.00
Cost of Collection		5.00
	\$2,519.00 \$	687.00
Credits	. ,	
Remittances to Treasurer:		
A/c Head Taxes	\$1,765.00 \$	585.00
A/c Penalties	9.00	57.00
A/c Cost of Collection		5.00
By Abatements During 1955	70.00	35.00
Uncollected Head Taxes as Per Collector's		
List—December 31, 1955	675.00	5.00
	\$2,519.00 \$	687.00

EXHIBIT D

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Summary of Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle and Dog License Accounts Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Debits

- 02115		
Cash on Hand—December 31, 1954:		
A/c Motor Vehicle Permits		\$.50
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:		·
1954—No. 1725	\$ 42.56	
1955—Nos. 1452-1985	3,903.18	
1956—Nos. 2001-2002	14.57	3,960.31
Dog Licenses Issued:		,
142 @ \$ 2.00	\$ 284.00	
16@\$ 5.00	80.00	
1 @ \$12.00	12.00	
1@\$.50	.50	
	\$ 376.50	

Less: Fees Retained	32.80
Penalties Collected	\$ 343.70 43.50
Credi	'
Remittances to Treasurer:	
A'c Motor Vehicle Permits	\$3,960.81
A)e Dog Licenses	343.70
A/c Penalties	43.50
	\$4,348.01
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TOWN OF A	ALSTEAD
Summary of Road Agent's Proof of B	
Fiscal Year Ended D	ecember 31, 1955
Balance—December 31, 1954	\$ 132.30
Transfers to Payroll Account from G	
Doming Year	12,174.25 12,174.25
Expenditures During Year Balance—December 31, 1955	\$ 0.00
Proof of B	'
Balance in Bellows Falls Trust C	
Falls, Vt.—Per statement dated	
30, 1955	\$ 188.38
Add: Deposit not credited—January	4, 1956 557.61
	\$ 745.99
Less: Outstanding checks	745.99
Reconciled Balance—December 31, 19	955 \$ 0.00
TOWN OF A	
Summary of Vilas Pool Acco Fiscal Year Ended D	December 31, 1955
Balance—December 31, 1954	\$4,513.69
Receipts During Year: Vilas Estate	\$3,358.08
Interest on Savings Account	\$9.62
interest on Davings Account	\$3,447.70
	AM 0.41 00
P 1'4 1 '	\$7,961.39
Expenditures during year Balance—December 31, 1955	3,648.77
Datance—December 31, 1933	φ4,012.02

Proof of Balance					
Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Co.,					
Bellows Falls, Vt.—As per statement					
dated December 7, 1955	\$2,813.25				
Less: Outstanding checks	55.27				
		\$2,757.98			
Balance in the Savings Bank of Walpole					
#11595		1,554.64			
Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1955			\$4,312.62		
EXHIBIT G-1					
TOWN OF ALST	`EAD				
Statement of Trust Fund Income and	l Expendi	ture Acco	unt		
Fiscal Year Ended Decem					
Debits					
Balance—December 31, 1954		\$4,806.29			
Receipts During Period:		' '			
Savings Bank Interest (Contra)	\$ 588.99				
Savings Bank Interest	735.50				
Interest on U.S. Gov. Bonds (Contra)					
Interest on U.S. Gov. Bonds	320.00				
Dividends:					
Bellows Falls Trust Company	3.00				
Massachusetts Investors Trust	422.84				
Public Service Company of N.H.	97.50				
Government Bonds matured	600.00				
Total receipts		\$2,907.83			
. _L			\$7,714.12		
Credits			7,,,		
Expenditures During Year:					
	\$ 588.99				
Interest on U.S. Gov. Bonds (Contra)	140.00				
Labor	643.68				
Materials	115.71				
Flowers	20.00				
Transferred to principal accounts	155.93				
Social Security	7.50				
Miscellaneous	22.85				
New Investments	600.00				
Total expenditures		\$2,294.66			
Balance—December 31, 1955			\$5,419.46		
Proof of Balan	ce		1		
Balance in the Keene National Bank-					
statement dated December 30, 1955		\$5,559.95			
Less: Outstanding checks		140.49			
Reconciled balance—December 31, 1955			\$5,419.46		
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EXHIBIT G-2

TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Summary of Trust Fund Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955
PRINCIPAL

Balance ot Principal & Interest 55eL ,18 redmose 55eL ,18 redmose	\$ 5,262.00	500.00	5,650.00	10,854.15	47,401.55	00.909	\$72,738.89	
Balance December 31, 1955	49-				5,419.46		\$5,419.46	
Expended During Year		75.90	141.50	318.43	924.63	18.32	\$1,653.62	
Еаплеd During Year	\$ 159.67	15.11	141.50	318.43	1,537.80	18.32	\$2,266.79	
Balance December 31, 1954	€?-				4,806.29		\$4,806.29 \$2.20	
Balance Balance	\$ 5,262.00	500.00	5,650.00	10,854.15	41,982.09	00.000	\$67,319.43	nvestments
həbbA əmoənl İsgiənir¶ ot	<i>€</i> 7-			318.43	114.89		\$433.32	Inves
Spital Smis S	€>				41.04		\$41.04	
Вајапсе Фесеmber 31, 1954	\$ 5,262.00	500.00	5,650.00	10,535.72	41,826.16	000000	\$66,845.07	i
	Warren Monument Fund Kimball Library Fund	Carpenter Library Fund	arren Lil		Cemetery 1 rust Funds	Ningsbury School Fund		* N. M.

\$33,381.55	505.05	000.00	1,657.00	8,200.00	0.048.06	3,114.89	5,343.00	100.00	5,419.46	\$72,738.89
Walpole Savings Bank	New Hampshire Savings Bank	Anoskeag Savings Bank	Sugar River Savings Bank	U.S. Savings Bonds—Series G	Massachusetts Investors Trust	Public Service Company of New Hampshire	National City Bank of New York	Bellows Falls Trust Company	Keene National Bank—Checking Account	

EXHIBIT H

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Town Officers' Surety Bonds

1955

	Number	Amount	Term Beginning
Town Clerk:			
Grace Ellis			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-183,015	\$1,000.00	March 8, 1955
Town Treasurer:			
Marie Radcliffe			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-62,626	\$8,000.00	March 8, 1955
Tax Collector:			
Gilman O. Ellis			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-91.340	\$9,300.00	March 8, 1955
Road Agent:			
Benjamin H. Crosby			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-184,649	\$1,000.00	March 8, 1955
Constables:			
William B. Reny			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-184,648	\$1,000.00	March 8, 1955
William D. Hayes			
Peerless Casualty Company		\$1,000.00	March 8, 1955
Trustees of Trust Funds: (3 Year	rs)		
Peyton R. H. Washburn			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-151,101	\$6,200.00	March 8,1955
Gilman O. Ellis			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-151,099	\$6,200.00	March 9, 1954
Edith F. Provost			
Peerless Casualty Company	F-151,100	\$6,200.00	March 9, 1953

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

This past year a lot of work has been done on culverts and some gravel put on the roads. New planks were put in the bridge near Harvey Pratts and new planks and stringers on the bridges on the Allen Mine Road, Warren Pond Road, and South Woods Road. The Cooper Hill Bridge had to be rebuilt, at quite an expense.

The town equipment has had to have lots of repair work done on it and still needs other repairs during the next year.

I wish to thank all those who have assisted me in any way during the past year.

BENJAMIN H. CROSBY

Received from Rent of Truck, Grader and Loader

	h # 0 =
	\$5.25
State of N.H.	55.00
Town of Langdon	70.20
Carlton Clark, for gravel, truck & loader	10.00
Roy Buss, gravel, truck & loader	5.00
Harold Winham, gravel, truck & loader	233.00
Quentin Huntley, gravel, truck & loader	20.00
Frank Dustin, gravel, truck & loader	8.00
Town of Langdon, loader	15.00
Payments	
Cold River Sand & Gravel, cold patch	333.25
Labor	
	\$1,839.33
Ben Crosby Dana Aiken	1,015.00
	503.75
Earl Pitcher	
Bill Hayes	341.00
Ora Crosby	269.50
Ed St. Cyr	195.00
Jim Bacon	194.00
Richard Wilder	37.50
Harry Spooner	36.00
Wesley Crosby	27.50
Elwin Ward	27.50
Clifford Clark	14.50
Morris Pitcher	12.00
George Wilson	24.00
John Burroughs	24.00
Francis Pratt	12.50
Sam Feurer	12.50
Walter Wilson	8.00
Lee Soucie	3.00
M. J. Perry	3.00
Ronald Relilian	1.87
George Comstock	20.00
Kmiec's Garage	1,552.63
Alstead Garage	746.32
Fred Carman, bulldozer, shovel, & truck	709.90
Bob Trask, bulldozer	125.00
Jim Bolles, bulldozer	29.25
Arthur Whitcomb, shovel, blasting	335.40
Robert Dunlop, plowing snow	159.25
Stanley Kmiec, truck	26.50

Donald Curry, truck	25.20
A. Hodgskins, shovel	34.50
Frank Lackey, plowing snow	21.00
C. J. Le Frank lumber	330.72
T. E. Hanifin, lumber	156.30
George Comstock, gravel	95.20
Cold River Sand & Gravel, sand,	10.78
Marie Radeliffe, Workman's Comp. Ins., Town Equip. Ins.	427.78
Casellini Venable, Concord, N.H., grader parts	191.30
Casellini Venable, Barre, Vt., grader parts	200.63
Berger Culvert, Metal Co.	158.00
Pesco Equip. Corp., rear end parts, for wheel drive	340.26
Petrometal Indust., chains	125.43
Scott Machinery, Inc., springs, parts for truck	119.16
Sunshine Stores, Keene, salt	75.00
	367.20
International Salt Co., salt	
Checkerboard, Bellows Falls, Vt., salt	121.00
R. N. Johnson, chloride, hose for loader	350.98
Walpole Hwy. Dept., thawing culverts	54.00
Cray Oil Co., oil & fuel (deisel)	102.37
Gulf Oil Co., Claremont, oil	31.90
Gulf Oil Co., Concord, oil	4.00
Sanel Auto Parts, Concord, grease gun	4.95
Frank Whitcomb, cable clamp	4.80
E. R. Wiggins, tile	1.56
Marx Hardware, hardware	54.79
Mosley Motor Express, express charges	3.50
Henry Metcalf, roofing paper	8.45
C. J. Newell, bags for salt	2.00

ALSTEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1955 Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

During the year 1955 there was one major fire, the Winham Mill. There were three relatively serious house fires and several chimney and brush fires of no great consequence. There is no way to estimate in advance the cost of a large fire such as the Winham Mill, hence we ended up the year over our budget.

The new fire truck was delivered in August, and has more than lived up to our expectations. It was directly responsible for two houses having been saved, in that water was immediately available to fight the fires. The Fire Department has received many compliments on its operation and effectiveness.

In order to completely equip the new truck the following items are required; one thousand feet of hose, two fire extinguishers and a portable forest fire pump. The department also needs replacement hose for the old truck. These items will cost \$1,550.

ALSTEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

Johnnary of Receipts and Expenditores	
Receipts:	
Hugh J. Talbot, use of pump	\$ 7.00
Fuller Machine Co., use of pump	12.00
State of New Hampshire, use of pump	16.25
Reimbursement Training Meetings, State of N.H.	26.12
Sale of Hand Pump	75.00
	A126.2F
	\$136.37
Expenditures:	
Granite State Elec. Co.	\$ 28.70
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	48.81
Alstead Garage, gas, oil and repairs	233.06
Alstead Texaco Station, gas & oil	33.03
Kane & Healy, oil	114.16
Harry Hartwell, supplies	140.14
Fire & Safety Equipment Co.	38.25
Marx Hardware, supplies	11.39
Marie A. Radeliffe, Insurance	370.78
Southern Twin State Mut. Aid Ass'n. Dues	5.00
Southwestern N.H. Mut. Aid Ass'n, Dues	5.00
Fyr-Fyter Co.	10.02
Gordon Gowen, plowing snow	3.00
, .	92.80
Leon M. Trow, Insurance	79.68
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	
Robert E. Trask, bulldozing	32.00

Jim Bolles, bulldozing E. J. Tyrrell, electrical work William Miller and Sons, printing Libby's Market, supplies R. N. Johnson, supplies Fire Engineering, subscription Orin Sparks, refund Miscellaneous		18.00 5,97 4.84 4.49 38.50 7.00 17.50 14.94
Salaries		\$2,025.79
1955 Appropriation Receipts Payments	\$1,500.00 136.37	\$2,025.79
Overdraft	389.42	
	\$2,025.79	\$2,025.79

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR

Town Poor: Amount raised Paid Mary Burroughs, care of Bernice Willis Arthur J. Gowen, hospital and Medical Donald Putnam, Groceries Stanley Osborne, wood	\$1,000	\$ 258.25 150.00 135.00 2.00
Balance	\$1,000	\$ 545.25 \$ 454.75
Old Age Assistance:		
Amount raised	\$1,200	
Amount paid		\$1,963.51
Overdraft		\$ 763.51
Respectfully submitted.		

WILLIAM D. HAYES

Overseer of Poor

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

As your librarian, I hereby submit my tenth annual report.

The men and women of Alstead who enjoy reading made use of the library all the year. During the school year, the pupils of Vilas High and Alstead Elementary Schools borrowed books and Miss Duncan had a loan of books for her pupils in the Langdon School. Mrs. Head brought her English classes from Vilas High to the library for instruction in its use. In the summer the circulation is increased by the summer residents who like to read.

In recognition of Book Week the librarian gave posters to the teachers of the Alstead and Langdon Schools. On November 15, she entertained the pupils of the first three grades of the Langdon Schools. On November 17, the pupils of the first six grades of the Alstead School with their teachers visited the library.

The librarian was pleased to receive a call from Mr. Shedd's grand-daughter, Mrs. Bent, of Lake Forest, Illinois in November. It was Mrs. Bent's first visit to Alstead.

The circulation this year is greater than it has been for	three years.
Number of books added by purchase	285
Number of books added by gift	2
Number of magazines	34
Daily papers	1
Weekly papers	2
Reference questions	99
Record of circulation of books and magazines:	
Fiction	4,712
Non-fiction	1,037
Juvenile	3,486
Magazines	1,928
	11,163

LAURA N. MacLANE Librarian

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Received from the Shedd-Porter Fund	\$2,482.05
Received from Series G Bond int. (bond matured)	0.25
Received from Warren Fund	141.50
Received from Carpenter Fund	15.11
Received from Kimball Fund	75.96
Received from Refunds for overpayment	77.11

Received from books sold Received rent from Selectmen Received from water rents From Savings Bank of Walpole, N.H.	4.52 180.00 294.00 950.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1954	\$4,226.50 235.37	
Payments Cash on hand December 31, 1955	\$4,461.87	\$3,916.39 545.48
Payments:	\$4,461.87	\$4,461.87
Salaries : Librarian	\$1,000.16	
Asst. Librarian	24.00	
Ianitor	480.00	
Mrs. Whitton, extra janitor work	93.00	
Treasurer	35.00	
Books	553,39	
Magazines and papers	108.39	
Fuel	339.13	
Water system	375.10	
Telephone	91.85	
Electricity	133.64	
Gordon Bell, balance redecorating	586.73	
Unclassified	96.00	
Other Assets:	\$3,916.39	
Series G Bond	\$ 500.00	
Savings Bank of Walpole, N.H.	4,720.52	
Sugar River Savings Bank, Newport, N.		
Uncollected water rent	6.00	
		\$6,265.28
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1 hereby certify that 1 have examined the records and accounts of the Treasurer of the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Funds and find them correct.

MARIE A. RADCLIFFE Auditor

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Herman Buss, Chairman Mrs. Mary Burroughs

Horace Seavey

Moderator

Heman Chase

Clerk

Mrs. Mildred Moultrop

Treasurer

Mrs. Frances Metcalf

Superintendent

Elliott W. Keach

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district of the Town of Alstead qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Vilas School Auditorium in said district on the 10th day of March, 1956 at 8:00 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 truant officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent in the district.
- 6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 7. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
- 8. To see if the district will vote to use the proceeds of the sale of the East Alstead School for improvements and repairs at the Vilas High School.
- 9. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to expend \$4,000.00 of the June 30, 1956 estimated balance to reduce the amount owed on the new school buses.
- 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS For the Year Ending June 30, 1955

To the School Board and Citizens of Alstead:

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

The increase in enrollment at the high school level, that was forecast two years ago, is taking place this year. An increase of eighteen over last year's enrollment is expected. We are fortunate that the building program was completed before this increase occurred.

Two years ago a refresher general mathematics course was added to the curriculum which all seniors are required to take unless they satisfactorily pass a test covering mathematics fundamentals. We are now considering ways and means of adding a required year course in general mathematics at either the 11th or 12th grade level for all pupils who have not taken a course in mathematics previously in high school.

We are also considering an exploratory French course at the 8th grade level to give pupils an opportunity to determine their ability as a language student before deciding on their selection of high school courses.

The Alstead teachers participated with the teachers of Supervisory Union #60 in a three-day Guidance Workshop in October and have also participated in the monthly supervisory union teachers meetings. Miss Annette Eveleth, State Director of Educational Health Services, discussed the recently published Health Handbook at the November meeting. Subsequent meetings this year will be utilized to follow-up findings and recommendations of the Guidance Workshop.

District ownership of two school buses rather than hiring transportation for three routes will result in an estimated net saving of \$4,000.00 this year. The saving would have been more except for the necessity of operating an additional route for forty-eight days. The saving will not be as much in the future because the busses will need more repairs as they grow older. However, the saving will still be substantial.

More than the usual amount of money appropriated for repairs should be appropriated this year. Repairs at the high school have been allowed to accumulate as sufficient funds have not been available to allow the repairs to be accomplished.

The hot lunch cooking and serving area at the Vilas School should be enlarged as it is becoming increasingly difficult to cook for and serve the increasing number of pupils who buy their lunches.

Mrs. Carol Keough, a graduate of Keene Teachers College and a former teacher in Manchester, replaced Mrs. Lora Whitton as first grade teacher; Mr. Kenneth Keough, who graduated from Keene Teachers College in 1955, replaced Miss Marjorie Campbell as teacher

of grade seven and Mrs. Barbara Pfeil, a graduate of Middlebury College, replaced Miss Lucille Serpico as language teacher at Vilas High School.

Enrollment—January 1, 1956

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Elementary	21	15	16	29	14	12	31	30					168
Vilas									31	28	25	15	99
													267

Expected Enrollment—September, 1956

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	-6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Elementary	13	21	15	16	29	14	24	35					167
Vilas									38	30	25	22	115
													282

Tuition Pupils Attending Alstead Schools

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Town:							10	_	4	2	2		20
Acworth												+	29
Langdon	3	1	2	1			12	9	4	5	7	2	44
Lempster										2	1	1	4
Marlow									7	4	3	2	16
Stoddard									1				1
													94

Tuition Pupils from Alstead to Other Schools

Grade	2	3	()	Tota1
Gilsum	1	1	1	3

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the school board, teachers, parents, pupils and citizens for their splendid cooperation.

ELLIOTT W. KEACH,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE FOR ALSTEAD

The following is my report for the year ending June 30, 1955.

- 151 Pupils were examined by Dr. William Tatem
 - The following defects were noted and reported:
- 71 Pupils were in need of dental care
 - 6 Pupils had enlarged tonsils
- 4 Pupils had sufficient wax in ears to obstruct the canal
- 3 Orthopedic conditions under care
- 167 Pupils had hearing tests given by the school nurse
 - 1 Pupil attended speech clinic
- 267 Pupils had vision tests given by the school nurse
 - 13 Pupils had eye examinations and defects corrected by a doctor
- 10 Pupils attended pre-registration clinic
- 148 Pupils participated in diabetic testing program
- 267 Heights and weights were done by the school nurse

In working with the children of Alstead we hope they become better able as young people to conserve and improve their own health, and thus enable them to secure that abundant vigor and vitality which are a foundation for the greatest possible happiness and service in personal, family, and community life.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLEN L. McAFEE
School Nurse

VILAS HIGH SCHOOL 1954-1955

Twenty-six students were graduated in the class of 1955; fourteen girls and twelve boys. Four girls are married, four are in the armed services, three are attending college and three are working.

The honor students for 1954-55 were: Virginia Campbell, William Batchelder, Doris Fuller, and Marion Tuthill.

The graduates of the classes 1953 and 1954: nine boys are in the armed services, three are attending college and four are working. Eight girls are married, seven girls are in advanced education and six girls are working.

Girls State representatives were Patricia Burke, Anita Donnelly and Ruth Miller.

Patricia Burke won the Legion Oratorical and June Crocker represented Vilas in the regional contest due to Miss Burke's illness.

Patricia Burke won the Annual Good Citizenship award given by the D.A.R. Chapter of Walpole and will represent Vilas at the Annual D.A.R. Conference to be held in Concord in May.

The Reading and Guidance Workshops have been of great value to us. Due to the experts' advice many new procedures have been carried out in our program.

The University of New Hampshire battery tests, which have been given to all students, give us an overall picture of how our students are progressing in reading. The battery deals with the interest of the student, his mental ability, reasoning and reading ability, denotes his speed of reading, vocabulary and comprehension of what he reads.

Many students have made remarkable gains in reading, while some, due to lack of interest or initiative, are not showing much improvement. A good vocabulary is necessary in order to understand science, mathematics, and social studies.

The California Reading, Language and Arithmetic tests are administered to the seventh and eighth grades.

Francis Pelton and Francis Stevens were our representatives to the Y.M.C.A. Conference.

To Harvey Griffin goes the honor of winning the Dick Bath foul shooting trophy for the fourth consecutive year. We wish to thank Mrs. Bath and Gail for the fine memorial as it has been an incentive to the boys to make that vital point on the foul line. Most of our close games in the past years have been won on the foul line.

Vilas entered its tenth playoff in the last eleven years of state competition in basketball.

We defeated North Stratford at Woodsville, 72-49, and Charlestown at Newport, 73-46. We lost to Holy Rosary, 64-59, in a thrilling contest. Harvey Griffin made the All-State team for the second time in his career.

English Department

The freshman, sophomore and junior classes in English have been divided into two sections each, to enable the teachers to give more individual help in the smaller classes. The present class has not been divided since it is not a large group.

Under the direction of the department two plays were produced on Fair Day: "Battle of the Budget" by grades eleven and twelve, and "Life O' The Party" by grades nine and ten. A third play, "False Pretenses," was presented by the junior high students.

Books for outside reading are brought to the high school monthly, from the Shedd-Porter Library. This service enables more students to have access to current teen-age fiction and non-fiction.

Several classes are enjoying the use of some newly purchased books on newspapers. The study of the activities of the press is climaxed by a visit to a near-by newspaper plant.

The program of the English department is planned so that nearly equal portions of grammar and literature are taught. Additional activities are incorporated, thus giving the students opportunities to apply various fundamentals which they have been taught.

One-Act Play Contest

For the fifth time in eight years, Vilas High School won the annual one-act play competition. Vilas' entry was "This Way to Heaven."

That interest in this dramatic activity is increasing each year is indicated by mounting student enthusiasm and the constantly growing audience.

Commercial Department

The courses in the Commercial Department consist of General Business for Freshmen, Bookkeeping for Sophomores, Shorthand for Juniors, Typing for Juniors, and Office Practice for Seniors.

General Business, as the name implies is a general survey of business as it affects the average person in everyday life. In so far as possible we try to work in practical mathematical problems that would be used in the main topics covered. The topics include: Insurance, Banking, Buying, Travel and Communication Services, Record Keeping and Business Organization.

The stress in Bookkeeping this year has been placed upon the basic principles of the double entry system. This has been necessary because of the nature of the class. We will shortly begin work on a practice set which is always enjoyed by the students because they handle the actual forms used in business and progress at their own rate of speed.

This year we have fifteen students enrolled in Shorthand which I believe is the largest number that has ever been carried. Despite this number the class is an exceptional one and with one or two possible exceptions the members could very easily go on to advanced College work.

As has been the case in the past, typewriting is a popular subject and it is a difficult task to find time for all the students who want to use the typewriters. Due to the constant use, the typewriters frequently need minor repairs and some should be replaced, but the advantages that typewriting offers the student more than make up for the cost. There are some very good typing prospects in the Junior class who should become excellent typists with a year of instruction.

The Office Practice class is working on individual assignments which gives each student the opportunity to spend some time on the dictaphone, Monroe Calculator, adding machine, Mineoscope and Legal work. It is the responsibility of this class to publish the *Vernacular* which gives an excellent opportunity for practical experience in typing and publication work. As the Senior Class is small this year, this group, which consists of half of the Senior class, is spending a good deal of time on compiling and editing the Yearbook.

The Senior Commercial students are planning to visit some Commercial Colleges in the area to help them decide on future training. I feel that in the past, these visits have been responsible for a good many of the students wanting to further their education. They see that re-

gardless of financial backing there are opportunities for anyone who is interested in advancement.

Homemaking Department

The Homemaking department started its new year with a substantial increase in enrollment making it necessary to divide classes for certain activities.

The addition of two new sewing machines to our laboratory has helped to relieve the heavy demand for machines noticed in previous years.

The junior high girls consider a variety of topics in their two year program which includes: Care of Younger Sisters and Brothers, Good Grooming, Food Preservation, Personality Development, Meal Planning, and Preparation and Clothing Selection and Construction. They are given ample opportunities to learn and practice the many skills required by these phases of homemaking.

The freshman and sophomore girls divide their time between the studies of Food and Clothing. In the line of foods, attention is given to table service, etiquette, nutrition and food preservation as well as meal planning and preparation. The emphasis, this year is on the breakfast and luncheon units.

In clothing the semester is arranged so that part of it falls during the winter months in order to allow the girls to experiment with heavy fabrics such as wool. The second half begins in the spring so that light weight materials can be used for projects.

The junior and senior girls are studying most phases of personal adjustment and family living. This includes such topics as: Being Myself, Mate Selection, Marriage, Consumer Buying, Financial Security, Child Care, and Home Care of the Sick. We hope to do some work with the nursery school during its spring session.

Home projects and visits are an important part of our program and parental cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Our senior girls entered the Betty Crocker Search for the Home-maker of Tomorrow. Participants were rated on the basis of the test. The winner from our school was Doris Fuller.

Future Homemakers of America

In the spring the girls met and elected the following officers for this school year:

President-Carlene Bean

Vice President-Madelene Edson

Secretary-Ruth Miller

Treasurer—Rose Knight

Historian-Joan Bugbee

Parliamentarian-Patricia Batchelder

Carlene Bean was chosen as our state publicity chairman. Her main duty is to issue the F.H.A. News Letter.

Several members of the F.H.A. journeyed to Springfield, Massachusetts to view the exhibits of the Eastern States Exposition.

Once again the F.H.A. girls sponsored the annual Vilas Fair.

Five of our members attended the state meeting held in Laconia this fall.

The girls enjoyed aiding a needy family at Christmas.

As our school improvement project the girls bought a new drape for the fitting corner in the clothing laboratory. All feel that this is a colorful addition to our laboratory.

Several girls are working for their junior homemaking degree.

Mathematics

Mathematics is today assuming a prominent and important position in our high school curriculum, as our society has placed great emphasis on technological growth and development. We then must educate today's youth in mathematics so that he may better be able to cope with today's problems. Our mathematics program here at Vilas is attempting to fulfill a dual purpose, satisfying the needs of society and those of the individual as well.

We have attempted to motivate our students so that they will not only become more proficient in mathematics merely for satisfying their own immediate goals but so that they may also come to appreciate its intrinsic values. Our goal now branches out to include two more worthwhile objectives, the study of pure mathematics as well as the study of practical mathematics.

To accomplish our aims we try to develop the student's interest by creating meaningful and real experiences, field trips, class demonstrations, and lectures on the opportunities in the field of mathematics both today and in the future. Our mathematics curriculum contains the following courses which are all aimed at meeting the above material mentioned. Algebra I and II, plane geometry, advanced mathematics and general mathematics. General mathematics is for those found to be lacking in the proficiency to perform the basic fundamentals of arithmetic.

French

Vilas High School offers courses in French to those students who wish to study a foreign language, or who need language credits in order to attend colleges or universities.

The objectives of the French courses are threefold: to teach the student how to read and write the language, to teach the student how to pronounce the language, to teach the student how to pronounce the language correctly and to speak it as fluently as possible, and to acquaint the student with French culture—both yesterday and today.

Girls' Physical Education Program

The Girls' Athletic Council consisting of heads of sports, elected by

the student body, assists the instructor in organizing and directing the girls' athletic program.

Sports activities for the fall include archery, tennis, volleyball and soccer. The girls participate in these games during their gym period and during the noon-hour recreation period.

The winter schedule places emphasis upon basketball, gymnastics, stunts and tumbling, and apparatus work. Many girls who wish to do so are given the opportunity to learn to referee basketball games.

Softball, tennis, and archery highlight the spring schedule. Last spring, four of the neighboring schools joined forces to conduct a trigame softball schedule between each of the competing schools. This initial venture proved to be very successful, and the same plan will be repeated in the spring of 1956.

The girls in grades five, six and seven and eight each receive one period per week of physical education, under the direction of junior and senior girls. These classes are planned by the upper classmen and the teacher of physical education.

A sincere effort is made to plan the program so that all girls will participate and will receive pleasure and satisfaction from this participation.

Vocational Agriculture

Alstead supports one of the twenty agriculture programs in New Hampshire. Its enrollment of twenty-eight students is exceeded by only a few schools. Needed equipment has been purchased a little at a time for the past several years so that at this time the facilities are equal to most departments.

This year the Sears Roebuck Foundation dairy cali was presented to Roy Miller, a freshman dairy student. The recipient agrees to return the first heifer calf born so that it in turn may be given to another student.

Paul Putnam and the Vilas Agriculture Instructor made a trip to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where Paul and a student from Derry represented New Hampshire in the North Eastern Poultry Producers Council egg grading contest. This team placed third in competition with the representatives of the 12 northern states, the first time New Hampshire has had this distinction.

The following are some of the activities engaged in by the pupils during the year: participation in the interscholastic judging contest at Durham, attendance of the Eastern States Exposition and participation in the state F. F. A. convention at Colebrook during the summer. Two representatives are currently attending a leadership meeting in Concord one night a month.

A value of supervised farming programs decreased about \$1000 last year, but they were still worth nearly \$5,000. It is felt that these farming programs are the most important phase of vocational agriculture and should be greatly encouraged by all teachers, parents, and other townspeople.

1955 Graduation

As its final performance before leaving Vilas High School the class of 1955 presented a graduation program entitled "Progress Through Unity." To carry out the theme, all the graduates participated in a pageant about New Hampshire explaining its history, government, industry, resources and recreational areas.

William Batchelder, the salutatorian of the class, opened the exercises, and Miss Virginia Campbell, as valedictorian, delivered the closing message.

The diplomas were presented to the twenty-six graduates by Mr. Herman Buss, Chairman of the School Board.

Following the singing of the Alma Mater, a reception for the graduates was held in the high school gymnasium.

FINANCIAL REPORT ALSTEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL As of June 30, 1955 Receipts

Notes or Bonds	\$65,000.00
Dividends and Interest	499.16
District Appropriation	4,000.00
Other Receipts	69.65
Grand Total Receipts	\$69,568.81
Payments	
General Contract	59,731.97
Water Supply	274.00
Site Development	1,246.03
Architect's Fees and Expenses	779.83
Legal Fees	364.62
Insurance	316.80
Other Payments	1,636.78
Total	\$64,350.03
Furniture and Equipment	3,641.30
Total net payments	\$67,991.33
Cash on Hand June 30, 1955	1,577.48
Grand total net payments	\$69,568.81

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1956-1957

Administration:	Actual Expenditures 1954-1955	Adopted Budget 1955-1956	Proposed Budget 1956-1957
	> 200.00	* 202.00	A 202.00
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 309.00	\$ 303.00	\$ 303.00
Superintendent's salary (local	205 32	500.00	(02.00
share)*	695.16	700.20	603.00
Tax for state wide supervision	358.00	354.00	384.00
Salaries of other Adminis.	120 50		24.2.60
Personnel	420.50	462.35	312.00
Supplies and Expenses	972.64	969.00	955.00
Instruction:			
Teachers' salaries, High School	19,398.72	23,300.00	46.775.00
Teachers' salaries, Elementary	17,217.86	20,500.00	,
Principals salary, High School	,=		
and Elementary	4,800.00		
Books and other Instructional	1,000100		
Aids, High School	686.28	470.00	690,00
Books and other Instructional	300.20	., 0.00	0,0,00
Aids, Elementary	487.32	430.00	530.00
Scholars' Supplies, High School	480.80	990.00	1,190.00
Scholars' Supplies, Elementary	838.59	810.00	857.00
Supplies & other expenses,	(00.07	010.00	007.00
High School	448.26	470.00	718.00
Supplies & other expenses,	770.20	470.00	710.00
elementary	112.18	180.00	220.00
Crementary	112.10	100.00	0.00
Operation of School Plant:			
Salaries of janitors, High School	2,107.40	2,800.00	2,950.00
Salaries of janitors, Elementary	1,574.90	1,100.00	1,050.00
Fuel or Heat, High School	1,422,01	1,600.00	1,850.00
Fuel or Heat, Elementary	769.62	600.00	750.00
Water, light, supplies, High School	727.95	780.00	997.00
Water, light, supplies, Elementary	1,084.82	720,00	1,092.00
Maintenance of School Plant:			
Repairs and Replacements,	1.004.15		100.00
High School	1,086.45	600.00	400.00
Repairs and Replacements,	. 10. 10	300.00	200.00
Elementary	649.48	200.00	200.00

Auxiliary Activities:			
Health Supervision, High School	487.97	387.00	400.00
Health Supervision, Elementary	319.45	555.00	540.00
Transportation, High School	1,996.20	1,204.00	1,800.00
Transportation, Elementary	6,481.30	7,600.00	3,200.00
Tuition, High School	59.10	300.00	325.00
Tuition, Elementary	1,164.15	1,400.00	760.00
Special Activities and Funds,			
High School	255.51	50.00	
Special Activities and Funds,			
Elementary		25.00	
Federal School Lunch (in and			325.00
out) High School	300.65	350.00	
Federal School Lunch (in and			1,100.00
out) Elementary	627.00	650.00	
Lawton House		275.00	
12' 1.61			
Fixed Charges:	1 573 50	1,450.00	
Teachers retirement, High School	1,572.50 1,338.78	1,630.00	
Teachers retirement, Elementary	1,330.76	1,050.00	3,387.00
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and	685.85	350.00	3,307.00
Expenses, High School	000.00	330.00	1 517 00
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and	28.35	650.00	1,517.00
Expenses, Elementary	40.33	030.00	
Capital Outlay:			
Lands and New Buildings.	64,350.03		
Elementary			
New equipment, High School	900.00	500.00	780.00
New equpiment, Elementary	3,945.37	300.00	300.00
Debt and Interest:	2 000 00	2 000 00	- 000 00
Principal of Debt	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00
Interest on Debt	1,625.00	1,550.00	1,715.00
	\$145,785.15	\$80,564.55	\$83,975.00
Cash on hand June 30, 1955:			
General Fund	4,885.28		
Capital Outlay Fund	1,577.48		
Grand Total	\$152,247.91		

^{*} State's Share \$3,000; Gilsum \$257.33; Marlow \$176.66; Surry \$178.10; Walpole \$1972.83; Westmoreland \$355.15.

Estimated Income

	Actual Income 1954-1955	Adopted Budget 1955-1956	Proposed Budget 1956-1957
Balance, July 1, 1954	\$ 6,907.82	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 2,200.00
Federal Aid	1,744.12	1,400.00	1,500.00
National School Lunch	927.65	1,000.00	1,100.00
State Aid	2,883.58	2,800.00	3,800.00
Local Taxation	43,416.42		,
Elementary School Tuitions	8,323.83	5,630.00	7,200.00
Secondary School Tuitions	16,289.42	15,675.00	17,000.00
Trust Funds	5,476.96	4,500.00	4,500.00
Notes or Bonds	65,000.00		
Other	1,278.11	420.00	2,000.00
Total receipts	\$152,247.91	\$37,025.00	\$39,300.00
To be raised by taxation		43,539.55	44,675.00
Grand Total		\$80,564.55	\$83,975.00

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Alstead Elementary School Loan, 1954

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
June 1, 1956	2½ per cent	\$ 3,000.00
1957	2½ per cent	3,000.00
1958	2½ per cent	3,000.00
1959	2½ per cent	3,000.00
1960	2½ per cent	3,000.00
1961	2½ per cent	3,000.00
1962	2½ per cent	3,000.00
1963	2½ per cent	4,000.00
1964	2½ per cent	4,000.00
1965	2½ per cent	4,000.00
1966	2½ per cent	4,000.00
1967	2½ per cent	4,000.00
1968	2½ per cent	4,000.00
1969	2½ per cent	4,000.00
1970	2½ per cent	4,000.00
1971	2½ per cent	4,000.00
1972	2½ per cent	5,000.00

\$62,000.00

REPORT

of an examination and audit
of the accounts

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955

made by

THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION August 15 & 16, 1955

THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

The School Board Alstead School District Alstead, New Hampshire Gentlemen:

August 31, 1955

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Alstead School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the District. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets: (Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of June 30, 1954 and June 30, 1955, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the financial condition of the School District changed from a Surplus of \$11,489.82 to a Net Debt of \$56,222.47, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955.

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

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

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

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit D), a net revenue surplus of \$4,222,98, less a net overdraft of appropriations of \$745.52, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$3,477.46.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of June 30, 1955, is included in Exhibit F.

Statement of Bonded Debt: (Exhibit I)

A statement of the bonded indebtedness of the School District as of June 30, 1955, showing annual debt service requirements, is contained in Exhibit I.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1955, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual report of the School District.

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

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,

Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

C. DAVID SULLIVAN, Auditor JOSEPH W. BOUDREAU, Accountant

THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION Concord, New Hampshire August 31, 1955

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Alstead School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the School District on June 30, 1955, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,

Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

C. DAVID SULLIVAN, Auditor
JOSEPH W. BOUDREAU, Accountant

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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EXHIBIT A

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Comparative Balance Sheets

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 1954 and June 30, 1955

Assets

Cash on Hand: General Fund Building Fund	June 30, 1954 \$ 6,907.82	-	2 30, 1955
Equipment Fund	1.605.00		\$ 6,462.75
Accounts Receivable	4,685.02		892.26
Total Assets Net Debt	\$11,592.84		\$ 7,355.01 56,222.47
Total Assets & Nct Debt	\$11,592.84		\$63,577.48
	iabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 103.02		\$
Building Fund		\$1,218.78	
Equipment Fund	-	358.70	1,577.48
Bonds Outstanding			62,000.00
Total Liabilities Surplus	\$ 103.02 11,489.82		\$63,577.48
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$11,592.84		\$63,577.48

EXHIBIT B

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955

Net Debt—June 30, 1955	\$56,222.47
Surplus—June 30, 1954	11,489.82

Change in Financial Condition

\$67,712.29

Analysis of Change

Increases in Debt:		
Bonds Issued	\$65,000.00	
Cash Surplus—June 30, 1954—		
Used to Reduce School Tax	5,500.00	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	3,792.76	
Unadjusted Bank		
Difference (Exhibit F)	.01	
		\$74,292.77
Decreases in Debt:		
Bonds Paid	\$ 3,000.00	
Net Budget Surplus		
(Exhibit D)	3,477.46	
Decrease in Accounts Payable	103.02	
		6,580.48

Net Change in Financial Condition

\$67,712.29

EXHIBIT C

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Forwarded to 1956	səifilidaid	\$7	
	Overdrafts	78.16	21.44
Balances	D∍bπэgzэπU	\$ 60.50	333.42 1.75 452.26
	гэлијриэдхЭ	309.00 \$ 695.16 358.00 +20.50 1,007.64	41,416.58 1,103.05 1,380.74 601.44
		↔	
1955	JunomA IstoT oldsilsvA	303.00 617.00 358.00 481.00 1,174.00	41,750.00 1,104.80 1,833.00 580.00
led June 30,	Receipts and Reimbursements	35.00	4.80
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955	snoihsirqongA	\$ 303.00 45 (017.00 358.00 481.00 1,139.00	41,750.00 1,100.00 1,806.00 580.00
Comparante Statement Fiscal Year		Administration: Salaries of District Officers Superintendent's Salary (Local Share) Tax—State Wide Supervision Salaries—Other Administrative Personnel Supplies & Expenses	Instruction: Principals, & Teachers, Salaries Books & Other Instructional Aids Scholars, Supplies Supplies & Other Expenses

												1,218.78	358.70		\$1,577.48
332.30	75.54							223.51	1	97.28	30.20			3,000.00	\$4,439.43
539.09		742.42	46.58	306.50	276.75	445.00	172.35						150.93		\$3,693.91
3,682.30 2,160.91	1,872.12	1,886.88	807.42	8,477.50	1,223.25		927.65	258.51		2,911.28	714.20	91,315.38**	4,856.08	1,662.50	\$173.048.09 \$3,693.91 \$4,439.43 \$1,577.48
3,350.00	1,796.58	2,629.30	854.00	8,784.00	1,500.00	445.00	1,100.00	35.00		2,814.00	684.00	6	5,365.71	1.087.50	\$80,920.00 \$92,960.05 \$173,880.05
	146.58	129.30						35.00				92,534.16*	10.71	37.50	\$92,960.05
3,350.00	1,650.00	2,500.00	854.00	8,784.00	1,500.00	445.00	1,100.00			2,814.00	684.00		5,355.00	1,050.00	\$80,920.00
Operation of School Plant: Janitors' Salaries Fuel	Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses Maintenance of School Plant:	Repairs & Replacements Auxiliary Activities:	Health Supervision	Transportation	Tuition	Special Activities & Special Funds	School Lunch	Lawton House Repairs	Fixed Charges:	Retirement	Insurance, Treasurer's Bond & Expenses	Capital Outlay: Lands & New Buildings	New Equipment	Interest on Debt Principal	

* Includes Bond Issue of \$65,000.00 & Temporary Notes of \$27,000.00.** Includes Repayment of \$27,000.00—Temporary Notes.

EXHIBIT D

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and Budget Summary

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955

	Rev	renues		
	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Deficit
Cash Surplus	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$	\$
Foundation Aid	2,883.58	2,883.58		
Federal Aid	1,300.00	1,682.19	382.19	
Tuition	21,800.00	24,613.25	2,813.25	
Trust Funds	4,500.00	5,476.96	9 76.9 6	
Other:	1,520.00		50.58	
Rent		555.00		
School Lunch		927.65		
Other Miscellaneous		87.93		
	\$37,503.58	\$41,726.56	\$4,222.98	\$
	Budget Su	mmary		
\ctual Revenues	3	\$41,726.56		
Estimated Revenues		37,503.58		
isommercy are remer.				
Net Revenue Surplus			\$4.222.98	
Overdrafts of Appropriat	ions	\$ 4,439,43	Ψ 1,	
Unexpended Balances of	10113	ψ 1,102.10		
Appropriations		3,693.91		
Appropriations				
Net Overdraft of Appr	opriations		745.52	
				00 155 16
Net Budget Surplus				\$3,477.46

EXHIBIT E

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955

Receipts

Local Taxes:		
Town Appropriation		\$43,416.42
Federal Aid:		
Smith-Hughes &		
George-Barden Acts	\$ 1,682.19	
School Lunch Program	927.65	
		2,609.84

State of New Hampshire: Foundation Aid		2,883.58	
Other Sources: Trust Fund Income Tuition Rent Miscellaneous Refunds & Reimbursements	\$ 5,476.96 24,613.25 555.00		
	513.62	31,159.03	
Building Fund Receipts (Exhibit G)		92,534.16	
Total Receipts from all Sources Balance—June 30, 1954			\$172,603.03 6,907.82
Grand Total			\$179,510.85
Expend	ditures		
	High School	Elem. School	Total
Administration:			
Salaries of District Officers			\$ 309.00
Superintendent's Salary			
(Local Share)			695.16
Tax for State Wide Supervision Salaries of other			358.00
Administrative Personnel			420.50
Supplies & Expenses			1,007.64
Supplies & Expenses			
Total			\$ 2,790.30
Instruction:			
Teachers' Salaries Principals' Salaries Books & other Instructional Aids Scholars' Supplies Supplies & other Expenses	\$19,398.72 3,360.00 651.93 542.15 489.26	\$17,217.86 1,440.00 451.12 838.59 112.18	
Total	\$24,442.06	\$20,059.75	\$ 44,501.81

Operation of School Plant:			
Salaries of Custodians	\$ 2,107.40	\$ 1,574.90	\$ 3,682.30
Fuel	1,418.78	742.13	2,160.91
Water, Light,	,		,
Supplies & Expenses	751.18	1,120.94	1,872.12
Total	\$ 4,277.36	\$ 3,437.97	\$ 7,715.33
V			
Maintenance of School Plant:	A 1 001 0F	A 005 50	A 1.006.00
Repairs & Replacements	\$ 1,081.35	\$ 805.53	\$ 1,886.88
Auxiliary Activities:			
	6 407.07	e 210.15	6 907.43
Health Supervision	\$ 487.97 1,996.20	\$. 319.45	\$ 807.42
Transportation Tuition		6,481.30	8,477.50
	59.10	1,164.15	1,223.25
School Lunch Program	300.65	627.00	927.65
Total	\$ 2,843.92	\$ 8,591.90	\$ 11.435.82
Special Funds:			
Lawton House			\$ 258.51
Rived Charges			
Fixed Charges: Retirement			¢ 2011.20
			\$ 2,911.28
Insurance, Treasurer's			714.00
Bond & Expenses			714.20
Total			\$ 3,625.48
Capital Outlay:			
Land & New Buildings			\$ 91,315.38
New Equipment			4,856.08
* *			
Total			\$ 96,171.46
Debt & Interest:			
Principal of Debt			\$ 3,000.00
Interest on Debt			1,662.50
Total			\$ 4,662.50
Total Expenditures			\$173,048.09
Balance—June 30, 1955			6,462.76
Salare June 00, 1700			0,102.70
Grand Total			\$179,510.85

EXHIBIT F

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and

Proof of Balance

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955

Balance—June 30, 1954 Receipts During Year	\$ 6,907.82 172,603.03	
Expenditures During Year	\$179,510.85 173,048.09	
Balance—June 30, 1955		\$6,462.76
Proof of Balance		
Balance in Bellows Falls Trust Company, Bellows Falls, Ver- mont—Per Statement Dated June 30, 1955	\$ 8,531.64	
Add: Deposits Not Credited —July 11, 1955 \$2,639.47 —July 6 & 8, 1955 3,588.52	,	
	6,227.99	
Less: Checks Outstanding	\$ 14,759.63 9,874.36	
Balance in Bellows Falls Trust Company (Building Fund & Equipment Fund Account)—Per	\$ 4,885.27	
Statement Dated June 8, 1955	1,577.48	
Add: Unadjusted Bank Difference	\$ 6,462.75	
		\$6,462.76

EXHIBIT G

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Building Fund Account

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955

Receipts

\$27,000.00

Bonds Issued	65,000.00	
Premium & Accrued Interest	499.16	
Refunds	35.00	
Total Receipts		\$92,534.16
Expenditures		
Purchase of Land	\$ 101.00	
Architect's Fees & Blueprints	879.83	
General Contract	59,731.97	
Grading & Landscaping	1,353.13	
Legal Fees	364.62	

Insurance316.80Miscellaneous Construction Expenses746.49Clerk's Salary500.00Miscellaneous Expenses207.04

Notes Repaid (Contra) 27,000.00
Interest on Short Term Notes 114.50

Total Expenditures

91,315.38

Balance—June 30, 1955

Short Term Notes (Contra)

\$ 1,218.78

EXHIBIT H

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Special Equipment Fund Account Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955

Receipts

Transfer from General Fund \$4,000.00

Expenditures

Equipment Purchased 3,641.30

Balance—June 30, 1955 \$358.70

EXHIBIT 1

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Indebtedness, Showing Annual Maturities of Principal and Interest Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1955

> Elementary School Construction Bonds 2½% \$65,000.00

Amount of Issue Date of Issue

Principal Payable Date
Interest Payable Dates

Payable At

June 1, 1954 June 1

December 1 & June 1

Merchants National Bank—Boston or Bellows Falls Trust Company—Bellows

Falls, Vermont

Maturities—Fiscal Year Ending:

	Principal	Interest	Total
June 30, 1956	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 4,550.00
June 30, 1957	3,000.00	1,475.00	4,475.00
June 30, 1958	3,000.00	1,400.00	4,400.00
June 30, 1959	3,000.00	1,325.00	4,325.00
June 30, 1960	3,000.00	1,250.00	4,250.00
June 30, 1961	3,000.00	1,175.00	4,175.00
June 30, 1962	3,000.00	1,100.00	4,100.00
June 30, 1963	4,000.00	1,025.00	5,025.00
June 30, 1964	4,000.00	925.00	4,925.00
June 30, 1965	4,000.00	825.00	4,825.00
June 30, 1966	4,000.00	725.00	4,725.00
June 30, 1967	4,000.00	625.00	4,625.00
June 30, 1968	4,000.00	525.00	4,525.00
June 30, 1969	4,000.00	425.00	4,425.00
June 30, 1970	4,000.00	325.00	4,325.00
June 30, 1971	4,000.00	225.00	4,225.00
June 30, 1972	5,000.00	125.00	5,125.00
	\$62,000.00	\$15,025.00	\$77,025.00

VITAL STATISTICS Births

Dec.			May			June		March	April	May 7	Nov.	May	Jan.	Jan.	Feb.	Aug.	July	July	Date
ယ	S	21	28	16	18	ယ	12	S	\Box	7	13	23	25	30	6	28	28	28	
	Keene, N.H.	Bellows Falls, Vt.			Bellows Falls, Vt.	Keene, N.H.	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Keene, N.H.	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Place				
David Bruce	Judith Mac	Nancie Elaine	Stephen Earl	Francis John	Eileen Margaret	Polar Lee	Paul John	Kent Edward	Bradley Washburn	Susan Marie	Hollee Maric	Lu Anne	Diann Lynn	Joni Jo	Karen Ann	Ellen Marcia	Catherine Lee	Cynthia Lee	Baby's Name
Robert Wilson	Kenneth Wesson	Harold Winham	Richard Westcott	George Wilson	Page Riley	Donald Rumrill	John McKinley	Ralph Moore	Stanley Kmiec	Stanley Johnson	Henry Hitchcock	Franklin Haskins	Roland Huse	Howard Goss	Frank Clark	Floyd Bellows	Paul Asbell	Paul Asbell	Father's Name
Ruth Collins	Ruby Willis	Elizabeth Mousley	Teresa Monty	Loretta Monty	Noreen Pearsc	Mary Brooks	Barbara Mahn	Beverly Griffin	Barbara Washburn	Dorothy Ridley	Mary Ann Buss	Shirley Savory	Mildred Jackson	Josephine Smith	Doreen Jones	Beatrice Thorne	Margaret Yuhas	Margaret Yuhas	Mothers' Maiden Name

Marriages

Oct. 15 Alstead, N.H

Place

June 11 Alstead, N.H.

April 10 Alstead, N.H

Mexander Bruzgis Margery Lindgren Daniel Metcalf, Jr. Warren Campbell Bernard Molesky Delinda Haskins Raymond Monty Elizabeth Pitkin Howard Robie Kathryn Allen Jordon Royce Leon Benwarc Marilyn Grant Francis Monty Pauline Pare Paul Bascom Helen Gibbs loyce Ellis Illa Ingalls Names

Charlestown, N.H

25

June

Keene, N.H.

April 23

Aug. 12 Alstead, N.H. Nov. 19 Walpole, N.H.

Alstead, N.H. Alstead, N.H. Alstead, N.H. Alstead, N.H. Alstead, N.H.

Springfield, Vt

Acworth, N.H

Alstead, N.H.

Residence Alstead, N.H. Alstead, N.H. Langdon, N.H

Alstead, N.H.

Lempster, N.H

Monson, Mass. Monson, Mass. 3rattleboro, Vt

Alstead, N.H.

Charlotte Stanley

Nov. 14 Charlestown, N.H

Walpole, N.H.

27

Aug.

10 Alstead, N.H.

July

Alstead, N.H. Alstead, N.H.

Deaths

Date		Place	Name	Age
Dec.	8	Alstead, N.H.	Leonard F. Bragg	76
Jan.	4	Chesterfield, N.H.	Fred Carr	87
July	19	Winchester, N.H.	Almon Burge Lufkin	81
March	19	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Ann Page	87
March	124	Alstead, N.H.	Nora Mary Simmons	66
March	24	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Jeanette Tuttle	70
July	17	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Eva C. Taylor	61

Brought to town for burial

Jan.	18	Bellows Falls, Vt.	William Campbell	1 hr. 28 min.
Nov.	17	Walpole, N.H.	Bernice Dana	55

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages, and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GRACE E. ELLIS, Town Clerk



