

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

**OF THE**

**SELECTMEN**

**AND OTHER**

**TOWN OFFICERS**

**OF**

**ALSTEAD**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**For the year ending December 31, 1956**

**AND OF THE**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS**

**For the year ending June 30, 1956**



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OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
ALSTEAD, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1956

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COMSTOCK, THE PRINTER  
Charlestown, N. H.

## TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

IVAN E. HEAD

Town Clerk

GRACE ELLIS

Treasurer

MARIE A. RADCLIFFE

Selectmen

JOHN G. DAVENPORT

FRANK C. DUSTIN

HARRY A. SPOONER

Term expires 1957

Term expires 1958

Term expires 1959

Overseer of Poor

WILLIAM D. HAYES

Road Agent

CLIFFORD E. CLARK

Tax Collector

GILMAN O. ELLIS

Constables

WILLIAM D. HAYES

WILLARD KELLEY

Ballot Clerks

LEON M. TROW

ALICE BRAGG

HEMAN CHASE

EDITH SPOONER

Trustees of Trust Funds

GILMAN O. ELLIS

PEYTON WASHBURN

EDITH PROVOST

Term expires 1957

Term expires 1958

Term expires 1959

School Board

HORACE A. SEAVEY

MARY C. BURROUGHS

HERMAN BUSS

Term expires 1957

Term expires 1958

Term expires 1959

Library Trustees

JOHN G. DAVENPORT

CHAUNCY J. NEWELL

EDITH CHASE

ALMA RING

FRANK C. DUSTIN

EDITH PROVOST

Term expires 1957

Term expires 1957

Term expires 1958

Term expires 1958

Term expires 1959

Term expires 1959

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:

Polis 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 12th 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 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 \$4000.00 to Oil Town roads.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2700.00 for payment of Long Term notes: \$1200.00 to complete payment on the Bucket Loader note and \$1500.00 to be applied on the Fire Truck note.
7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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 the 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 \$230.00 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 \$225.00 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 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 \$2,000.00 for fire protection and support of the fire company.

22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for the expense of Social Security administration.

24. 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.

25. To see if the Town will vote to install 2 additional street lights on the lower end of River Street and raise and appropriate money for the same.

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,224.96 for street lights.

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$629.75 for T R A construction, the State to contribute \$4,198.33.

28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a new truck and snow removal equipment.

29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the Old Village Elementary School Building and land, so-called.

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

Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

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

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

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

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

Compared with

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

SOURCES OF REVENUE:	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1956	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1956	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1957
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$ 2,259.52	\$ 2,259.52	\$ 2,200.00
Savings bank tax	411.02	452.61	400.00
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber	1,796.11	1,633.58	1,600.00
For fighting forest fires		226.16	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		98.57	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	387.20	401.72	385.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	19.50	23.00	15.00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	608.20	511.94	475.00
Income from trust funds	4,298.14	4,592.98	4,500.00
Electric lights, Vilas Pool			36.00
Motor vehicle permit fees	3,960.81	4,310.13	4,000.00
Sale of town property		200.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll taxes—regular @ \$2	650.00	616.00	750.00
National bank stock taxes	2.50	2.50	2.50
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Total Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes	\$14,393.00	\$15,328.71	\$14,363.50
Amt. to be raised by property taxes			\$71,608.21
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Total Revenues			\$85,971.71



PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1956	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1956	Estimated Expenditures Ensnung Year 1957
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries, town officers' expenses, election and registration expenses, municipal court expenses, expenses town hall and other town buildings	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,864.52	\$ 5,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	150.00	138.55	150.00
Fire department	3,150.00	4,011.60	2,000.00
Moth. extern., blister rust and care of trees	400.00	400.00	400.00
Town clock	25.00	25.00	25.00
Civil defense			100.00
Health:			
Health department, medical program		1,850.55	
Town dump and garbage removal	200.00	302.16	225.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance—summer, Oiling	2,000.00		4,000.00
Town maintenance—winter	10,000.00	(13,541.81)	10,000.00
Street lighting	1,224.96	1,206.96	1,224.96
Town road aid	631.30	631.30	629.75
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	1,200.00	303.90	800.00
Old Age Assistance	2,400.00	2,002.61	2,200.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	50.00	50.00	50.00
Recreation:			
Parks and playground, including band concerts	300.00	331.00	300.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	500.00	177.58	300.00

Unclassified:			
Advertising and regional associations	132.00	132.00	132.00
Employees' retirement and social security			300.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long term notes	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,700.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County taxes	3,410.06	3,410.06	3,500.00
School taxes	40,815.89	40,815.89	51,935.00
Total Expenditures	\$74,189.21	\$76,995.49	\$85,971.71

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### SUMMARY INVENTORY

#### Of Valuations for the Tax Year 1956

Land and buildings	\$1,889,065.00
Electric plants	87,881.00
Horses—26	1,305.00
Cows—280	32,855.00
Neat stock—53	3,725.00
Mills and machinery	12,100.00
House trailer	2,500.00
Stock in trade	48,050.00
Vehicles	600.00
Gasoline pumps	1,750.00
Road building machinery	35,250.00
Total Valuation	\$2,115,081.00
Amount of property valuation exempt to soldiers and blind	56,200.00
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$2,058,881.00
Average rate of taxation per \$100.00 valuation for all purposes	\$3.00

#### PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN ACQUIRED BY TAX COLLECTORS DEEDS

Shadowland lots  
Keith property  
Dalbot land, 20 acres

R E P O R T  
of an examination and audit  
of the accounts  
of the  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1956  
made by  
**THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING**  
**STATE TAX COMMISSION**  
January 2-4, 1957  
**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING**  
**STATE TAX COMMISSION**  
Concord, New Hampshire

January 9, 1957

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, 1956, 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, 1955—December 31, 1956: (Exhibit A-1)**

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1955 and December 31, 1956, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein the financial condition of the Town changed from a Net Debt of \$85.30 to a Surplus of \$284.46 during the year 1956.

**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 Net Debt (Increases in Surplus)**

Net Budget Surplus	\$ 798.88	
Long Term Notes Paid	2,800.00	
State's Share of T. R. A. Notes	16,834.64	
		\$20,433.52

**Increases in Net Debt (Decreases in Surplus)**

Long Term Notes Issued	\$20,000.00	
Tax Liens Transferred to Tax Deeds	63.76	
		\$20,063.76
 Change in Financial Condition		 \$ 369.76

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

Comparative statement of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1956, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a revenue surplus of \$847.01, less a net overdraft of appropriations of \$48.13, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$798.88.

**Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)**

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1956, 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, 1956, 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 184 of the 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  
HUGH J. CASSIDY, Accountant

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

January 9, 1957

**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, 1956 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, 1956, 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  
HUGH J. CASSIDY, Accountant

## TOWN OF ALSTEAD

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**EXHIBIT A-1**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Comparative Balance Sheets**  
**As of December 31, 1955 and December 31, 1956**

Assets		
	December 31, 1955	December 31, 1956
Cash:		
General Fund	\$12,762.22	\$11,396.10
Social Security acct. (Contra)	177.99	128.70
	\$12,940.21	\$11,524.80
Capital Reserve Fund:		
Town Hall	10,854.15	11,209.74
Due From State of New Hampshire:		
Reimbursement A/c Growing Wood & Timber	\$ 2,050.88	
Savings Bank Tax		\$ 452.61
State Share of TRA— Apportionment "B" Notes		16,834.64
	2,050.88	17,287.25
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1955		\$ 481.46
Levy of 1954	\$ 951.50	385.42
Levy of 1953	119.78	
Levy of 1952	98.92	
	1,170.20	866.88
Uncollected Taxes:		
1956 Yield Taxes - not committed		\$ 1,960.30
Levy of 1956		14,800.12
Levy of 1955	\$13,190.09	100.80
Levy of 1954	2.00	
	13,192.09	16,861.22

## Uncollected State Head Taxes:

Levy of 1956		\$ 480.00
Levy of 1955	\$ 675.00	10.00
Levy of 1954	5.00	

	680.00	490.00
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Total Assets	\$40,887.53	\$58,239.89
Net Debt	85.30	

Grand Total	\$40,972.83	\$58,239.89
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## Liabilities

	December 31, 1955	December 31, 1956
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## Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations:

Town Doctor	\$ 45.43	\$ 219.88
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## Due State of New Hampshire:

Head Taxes uncollected	\$ 675.00	\$ 480.00
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Head Taxes collected, not remitted	154.00	112.50
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Special Yield Taxes - uncollected		326.72
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	829.00	919.22
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Yield Tax Deposit	12.00	462.00
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Social Security acct. (Contra)	177.99	128.70
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Balance of Appropriation Due School District	22,054.26	20,815.89
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Capital Reserve Fund: Town Hall	10,854.15	11,209.74
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Long Term Notes Outstanding: New Bucket Loader	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,200.00
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New Fire Truck	4,500.00	3,000.00
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TRA - Apportionment "B"		20,000.00
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	7,000.00	24,200.00
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Total Liabilities	\$40,972.83	\$57,955.43
Surplus		284.46

Grand Total	\$40,972.83	\$58,239.89
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## EXHIBIT A-2

## TOWN OF ALSTEAD

## Analysis of Change in Financial Condition

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

Surplus - December 31, 1956	\$ 284.46	
Net Debt - December 31, 1955	85.30	
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Change in Financial Condition		<u>\$369.76</u>

## Factors Affecting Change

Net Budget Surplus	\$ 798.88	
Long Term Notes Paid	2,800.00	
State's Share of TRA Notes	16,834.64	
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		\$20,433.52
Unfavorable Factors:		
Long Term Notes Issued	\$20,000.00	
Tax Liens Transferred to Tax Deeds	63.76	
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		20,063.76
Net Change		369.76

EXHIBIT A-3

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

	Forwarded From 1955	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended	Over/plus	Forwarded to 1957
Interest on Debt	)				\$ 513.22			
Town Officers' Salaries	)		\$ 76.65)		2,147.15			
Town Officers' Expenses	)	\$ 4,800.00	105.00)	\$ 4,981.65	1,736.25	\$ 117.13		
Election & Registration	)		)		403.90			
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	)		)		40.00			
Vital Statistics	)		)		24.00			
Police Department		150.00		150.00	138.55	11.45		
Fire Department		3,150.00	270.66	3,420.66	4,011.60		\$ 590.94	
Bliester Rust - Care of Trees		400.00	4.00	404.00	400.00	4.00		
Dump & Garbage Collection		200.00		200.00	302.16		102.16	
Town History Preparation		200.00		200.00	200.00			
Town Road Aid		631.30		631.30	631.30			



## EXHIBIT A-4

## TOWN OF ALSTEAD

Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues  
and Budget Summary

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

	Revenues		Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual		
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,259.52	\$ 2,259.52		
Savings Bank Tax	411.02	452.61	\$ 41.59	
Revenues from Yield Tax				
Sources	1,796.11	1,633.58		\$162.53
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3,960.81	4,310.13	349.32	
Dog Licenses	387.20	401.72	14.52	
Business Licenses & Permits	19.50	23.00	3.50	
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	213.20	441.30	228.10	
Interest on Taxes	608.20	511.94		96.26
Income from Trust Funds	4,298.14	4,592.98	294.84	
Water & Electric Departments	18.00			18.00
Added Taxes	82.07	60.00		22.07
Head Tax Collection Fees	61.35	75.35	14.00	
Sale of Town Property		200.00	200.00	
	<u>\$14,115.12</u>	<u>\$14,962.13</u>	<u>\$1,145.87</u>	<u>\$298.86</u>

## Budget Summary

Actual Revenues	\$14,962.13	
Estimated Revenues	14,115.12	
	<u>                    </u>	
Net Revenue Surplus		\$847.01
Overdrafts of Appropriations	\$ 1,913.19	
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	1,865.06	
	<u>                    </u>	
Net Overdraft of Appropriations		48.13
		<u>                    </u>
Net Budget Surplus		\$798.88

## EXHIBIT B-1

## TOWN OF ALSTEAD

## Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

## Receipts

## From Local Taxes:

## Current Year:

Property Taxes	\$47,056.31	
Poll Taxes	616.00	
Head Taxes	1,980.00	
National Bank Stock Tax	2.50	
	<u>          </u>	\$49,654.81

## Prior Years:

Property Taxes	\$12,070.29	
Poll Taxes	198.00	
Yield Taxes	783.38	
Head Taxes	640.00	
	<u>          </u>	13,691.67

Interest on Taxes	511.94	
Penalties on Head Taxes	66.50	
Tax Sales Redeemed	938.09	
	<u>          </u>	\$64,863.01

## From State of New Hampshire:

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,259.52	
Reimbursements A/c Growing Wood & Timber - 1955	2,050.88	
Fighting Forest Fires	226.16	

## Refunds:

Old Age Assistance	\$ 98.57	
Head Taxes	1.00	
Gas Tax	37.24	
Blister Rust	4.00	
	<u>          </u>	140.81
	<u>          </u>	4,677.37

## From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	\$	401.72	
Pistol Permits & Filing Fees		23.00	
Rent of Town Property		115.00	
Income from Highway Department		326.30	
Income from Trust Funds		4,592.98	
Appropriation Credits:			
Town Maintenance	\$	364.26	
Fire Department		44.50	
Town Officers' Expenses		5.00	
Health Department		25.00	
		<hr/>	438.76
Motor Vehicle Permits		4,310.13	
		<hr/>	10,207.89

## Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans	\$15,000.00	
Long Term Notes Issued	20,000.00	
Timber Tax Deposits	450.00	
Sale of Town Property	200.00	
	<hr/>	35,650.00

Total Receipts	\$115,398.27
Balance - December 31, 1955	12,762.22
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Grand Total	<u>\$128,160.49</u>

## Expenditures

## General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$	2,147.15	
Town Officers' Expenses		1,736.25	
Election & Registration		403.90	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings		40.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 4,327.30

## Protection of Persons &amp; Property:

Police	\$	138.55	
Fire		4,011.60	
Blister Rust & Care of Trees		400.00	
		<hr/>	4,550.15

## Health:

Town Dump	\$	302.16	
Vital Statistics		24.00	
Medical Appropriation		1,850.55	
		<hr/>	2,176.71

Highways & Bridges:		
Town Road Aid	\$ 631.30	
Street Lighting	1,206.96	
Town Maintenance	13,541.81	
	<u>          </u>	15,380.07
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	\$ 2,002.61	
Town Poor	303.90	
	<u>          </u>	2,306.51
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day & Other Celebrations		50.00
Recreation:		
Parks & Playgrounds	\$ 141.00	
Band Concerts	190.00	
	<u>          </u>	331.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries		177.58
Unclassified:		
Taxes Bought by Town	\$ 698.53	
Advertising & Regional Associations	132.00	
Town History	200.00	
Social Security	150.00	
Town Clock	25.00	
	<u>          </u>	1,205.53
Interest:		
Paid on Long Term Notes	\$ 438.22	
Paid on Temporary Loans	75.00	
	<u>          </u>	513.22
New Construction & Improvements:		
Town Road Aid - Apportionment B		20,000.00
Indebtedness:		
Long Term Notes	\$ 2,800.00	
Temporary Loans	15,000.00	
	<u>          </u>	17,800.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
County Tax		\$ 3,410.06
Head Taxes Paid to State Treasurer:		
1955 Levy	\$ 791.00	
1956 Levy	1,691.00	
	<hr/>	2,482.00
School District:		
1955-56 Appropriation	\$22,054.26	
1956-57 Appropriation	20,000.00	
	<hr/>	42,054.26
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		47,946.32
Total Payments For All Purposes		\$116,764.39
Balance - December 31, 1956		11,396.10
		<hr/>
Grand Total		<u>\$128,160.49</u>

### EXHIBIT B-2

#### TOWN OF ALSTEAD

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

##### Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

Balance - December 31, 1955	\$12,762.22	
Receipts During Year	115,398.27	
	<hr/>	\$128,160.49
Expenditures During Year	116,764.39	
	<hr/>	
Balance - December 31, 1956		\$ 11,396.10

##### Proof of Balance

Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company, Bellows Falls, Vermont - As Per Statement Dated December 31, 1956		\$22,979.88
Less: Outstanding Checks		17,184.68
	<hr/>	\$ 5,795.20
Add: Deposits Not Credited:		
January 2, 1957	\$ 5,596.90	
January 5, 1957	4.00	
	<hr/>	5,600.90
Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1956		\$ 11,396.10



**EXHIBIT B-3**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Summary of Special Account — Social Security**  
**and Proof of Balance**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956**

Balance, December 31, 1955		\$ 177.99
Receipts during Year:		
Transferred from General Fund	\$2,348.65	
Transferred from Vilas Pool Account	71.44	
Transferred from Payroll Account	86.33	
Transferred from Trustees of Trust Fund	12.96	
Transferred from Fire Department	2.69	
	\$2,522.07	
		\$2,700.06
Payments during Year:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$2,204.02	
Social Security	367.34	
	\$2,571.36	
Balance, December 31, 1956		\$ 128.70

**Proof of Balance**

Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company, Bellows Falls, Vermont, as per statement, dated December 28, 1956		\$ 77.25
Add: Deposits Not Credited		193.55
		\$ 270.80
Less: Outstanding Check		142.10
Reconciled Balance, December 31, 1956		\$ 128.70

**EXHIBIT B-4**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Summary of Road Agent's Payroll and Proof of Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956**

Transfers from General Fund Account during Year		\$13,540.73
Expenditures		13,540.73
		\$ 0.00
Balance, December 31, 1956		\$ 0.00

**Proof of Balance**

Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company, Bellows Falls, Vermont, as per statement, dated December 31, 1956		\$ 306.35
Add: Deposit Not Credited		1,106.77
		<hr/> \$ 1,413.12
Less: Outstanding Checks		1,413.12
		<hr/>
Reconciled Balance, December 31, 1956		<u><u>\$ 0.00</u></u>

**EXHIBIT C-1****TOWN OF ALSTEAD****Summary of Warrant - Levy of 1956  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956****Debits**

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$61,766.43	
Poll Taxes	762.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$62,530.93
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	\$ 18.00	
Poll Taxes	38.00	
	<hr/>	56.00
Interest Collected		2.14
		<hr/> \$62,589.07

**Credits**

Remittances to Treasurer:		
A/c Property Taxes	\$47,056.31	
A/c Poll Taxes	616.00	
A/c National Bank Stock Taxes	2.50	
A/c Interest	2.14	
	<hr/>	\$47,676.95
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	\$ 72.00	
Poll Taxes	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 112.00
Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 1956		
Property Taxes	\$14,656.12	
Poll Taxes	144.00	
	<hr/>	\$14,800.12
		<hr/> <u><u>\$62,589.07</u></u>

## EXHIBIT C-2

## TOWN OF ALSTEAD

## Summary of Warrants - Levies of Prior Years

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

## Debits

Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 1955:

	Levies of:	
	1955	1954
Property Taxes	\$12,103.91	
Poll Taxes	206.00	\$2.00
Yield Taxes	880.18	
Added Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	4.00	
Interest Collected	425.13	
	<u>\$13,619.22</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>

## Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:

A/c Property Taxes	\$12,070.29	
A/c Poll Taxes	198.00	
A/c Yield Taxes	783.38	
A/c Interest	425.13	
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	33.62	
Poll Taxes	8.00	\$2.00
Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 1956:		
Poll Taxes	4.00	
Yield Taxes	96.80	
	<u>\$13,619.22</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>

**EXHIBIT C-3**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Summary of Tax Sale Account**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956**

	Debits	Levies of		
	1955	1954	1953	1952
Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1955		\$951.50	\$119.78	\$ 98.92
Tax Sale of August 25, 1956	\$698.53			
Interest & Costs after Sale	1.73	39.73	21.22	21.99
	<u>\$700.26</u>	<u>\$991.23</u>	<u>\$141.00</u>	<u>\$120.91</u>

**Credits**

Remittances to Treasurer:				
A/c Redemptions	\$196.94	\$544.17	\$ 98.06	\$ 98.92
A/c Interest & Costs	1.73	39.73	21.22	21.99
Decded to Town	20.13	21.91	21.72	
Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1956	481.46	385.42		
	<u>\$700.26</u>	<u>\$991.23</u>	<u>\$141.00</u>	<u>\$120.91</u>

**EXHIBIT C-4**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Summary of State Head Tax Warrants**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956**

	Debits	Levies of		
		1956	1955	1954
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1955			\$675.00	\$5.00
Head Taxes Committed to Collector	\$2,465.00			
Added Taxes		105.00	10.00	
Penalties Collected		2.50	64.00	
		<u>\$2,572.50</u>	<u>\$749.00</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>

**Credits**

Remittances to Treasurer:				
A/c Head Taxes	\$1,980.00	\$640.00		
A/c Penalties		2.50	64.00	
Abatements		110.00	35.00	\$5.00
Uncollected Head Taxes - December 31, 1956		480.00	10.00	
		<u>\$2,572.50</u>	<u>\$749.00</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>

**EXHIBIT D**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Summary of Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle and**  
**Dog License Accounts**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956**

**Debits**

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	
1955 - Nos. 1986 - 1996	\$ 28.56
1956 - Nos. 2003 - 2559	4,273.26
1957 - No. 3051	8.31
	\$4,310.13
Dog Licenses Issued:	
146 @ \$ 2.00	\$ 292.00
13 @ \$ 5.00	65.00
1 @ \$20.00	20.00
1 @ \$12.00	12.00
1 @ \$ 1.15	1.15
1 @ \$ .67	.67
	\$ 390.82
Less: Fees Retained - 163 @ .20	32.60
	358.22
Penalties Collected	43.50
	\$4,711.85

**Credits**

Remittances to Treasurer:	
A/c Motor Vehicle	\$4,310.13
A/c Dog Licenses	401.72
	\$4,711.85

**EXHIBIT E**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Summary of Vilas Pool Account and Proof of Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956**

Balance - December 31, 1955	\$4,312.62
Receipts During Year:	
Vilas Estate	3,682.80
	\$7,995.42
Expenditures During Year	3,928.88
	\$4,066.54
Balance - December 31, 1956	\$4,066.54

**Proof of Balance**

Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company, Bellows Falls, Ver- mont - As Per Statement Dated December 7, 1956	\$2,643.18
Less: Outstanding Checks	
No. 214	\$100.94
No. 220	2.64
No. 221	27.70
	131.28
	\$2,511.90
Balance in the Savings Bank of Walpole - Book No. 11595	1,554.64
Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1956	<u>\$4,066.54</u>

**EXHIBIT F-1****TOWN OF ALSTEAD****Statement of Trust Fund Income and Expenditure Account  
and Proof of Balance****Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956****Debits**

Balance - December 31, 1955	\$ 5,419.46
Receipts During Year:	
Savings Bank Interest	\$1,375.43
Savings Bank Interest (Contra)	371.96
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds	121.25
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds (Contra)	75.00
Dividends:	
Massachusetts Investors Trust	411.40
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	97.50
Government Bonds Matured	6,700.00
New Trust Funds Created	325.00
Refunds	45.78
Capital Gains Dividends	17.92
	9,541.24
	<u>\$14,960.70</u>

## Credits

## Expenditures During Year:

Savings Bank Interest (Contra)	\$ 371.96	
Interest on U. S. Government		
Bonds (Contra)	75.00	
Labor	863.73	
New Investments	5,037.65	
Transferred to Principal Accounts	1,817.92	
Services and Supplies	51.52	
Flowers	20.00	
Social Security	12.96	
Withholding Taxes	31.30	
Transferred to C. F. Warren		
Library Fund	80.63	
Transferred to Kimball		
Library Fund	80.75	
Transferred to Alstead School		
District	180.85	
Miscellaneous	20.41	
		8,644.68
Balance - December 31, 1956		\$6,316.02

## Proof of Balance

Balance in the Keene National Bank -		
As per statement Dated December		
17, 1956	\$6,492.78	
Less: Checks Outstanding	288.96	
	\$ 6,203.82	
Add. Deposit of December 26, 1956	112.20	
Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1956		\$6,316.02

**EXHIBIT F-2**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Summary of Trust Fund Principal, Income and Investments**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956**

	PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
	Balance December 31, 1955	Added to Principal (Capital Gains)	Balance December 31, 1956	Earned During Year	Expended During Year	Balance December 31, 1956
Warren Monument Fund	\$ 5,262.00		\$ 5,262.00	\$ 172.40	\$ 172.40	\$ 5,262.00
Kimball Library Fund	2,465.19		2,465.19	80.75	80.75	2,465.19
Carpenter Library Fund	500.00		500.00	16.37	16.37	500.00
C. F. Warren Library Fund	5,650.00		5,650.00	193.28	193.28	5,650.00
Capital Reserve Fund - Town Hall	10,854.15	\$355.59	11,209.74	355.59	355.59	11,209.74
Cemetery Trust Funds	41,921.86	\$278.88	42,525.74	1,660.85	989.29	48,616.76
Kingsbury School Fund	606.00		606.00	19.08	19.08	606.00
	<u>\$67,259.20</u>	<u>\$278.88</u>	<u>\$68,218.67</u>	<u>\$5,419.46</u>	<u>\$2,498.32</u>	<u>\$6,091.02</u>

**Investments**

Walpole Savings Bank	\$33,751.56
Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,645.98
Cheshire County Savings Bank	9,026.45
Sugar River Savings Bank	1,657.00
New Hampshire Savings Bank	606.00
U. S. Savings Bonds - Series G	6,500.00
Massachusetts Investors Trust	6,363.68
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	3,000.00
National City Bank of New York	5,343.00
Bellows Falls Trust Company	100.00
Keene National Bank - Checking Account	6,316.02
	<u>\$74,309.69</u>



**EXHIBIT G**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Town Officers' Surety Bonds**  
**1956**

	Number	Amount	Term Beginning
Town Treasurer:			
Marie Radcliffe			
Peerless Insurance Co.	F62-626	\$ 8,000.00	March 13, 1956
Tax Collector:			
Gilman O. Ellis			
Peerless Insurance Co.	F91-340	\$ 9,300.00	March 13, 1956
Town Clerk:			
Mrs. Grace Ellis			
Peerless Insurance Co.	F183-015	\$ 1,000.00	March 13, 1956
Constable:			
William D. Hayes			
Peerless Insurance Co.	F17-724	\$ 1,000.00	March 13, 1956
Willard C. Kelley			
Peerless Insurance Co.	F222-233	\$ 1,000.00	March 13, 1956
Road Agent:			
Clifford E. Clark			
Peerless Insurance Co.	F222-234	\$ 1,000.00	March 13, 1956
Trustees of Trust Funds:			
Peyton R. H. Washburn			
Peerless Insurance Co.	F-151-101	\$10,100.00	March 13, 1956
Edith F. Provost			
Peerless Insurance Co.	F-151-100	\$10,100.00	March 13, 1956
Gilman O. Ellis			
Peerless Insurance Co.	F151-099	\$10,100.00	March 13, 1956

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

The past year gravel was put on the South Woods Road and some blasting done. Also gravel on Putnams, Huntleys, Docketies, Pine Cliff, Pratts, Cooper Hill, and Allen Mine Roads.

There were culverts replaced on MacLeans, Docketies and Bain Roads.

There were stone culverts repaired on Griffiths, Fletchers, Rhoades, Putnams, Pratts, and Lunds Roads.

New bridges were built on George Porters, Chases, Rhoades, and Log Cabin Roads.

This spring the lower end of Corbins Road washed out at quite an expense and also Woods Road washed some.

The truck has had to have a lot of repairs the past year.

I wish to thank everyone who assisted me in any way the past year.

CLIFFORD E. CLARK

## Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

## Received from Rent of Truck, Loader and Grader

E. F. Batchelder, rent of loader	\$ 15.00
E. F. Batchelder, loading sand	9.35
H. L. Estabrook, plowing driveway	3.00
Town of Langdon, grading road	7.50
Austin Fletcher, truck and loader	45.00
Margaret Renzelman, truck and loader	15.00
Fred Griffith, gravel	1.00
Russ Ayer, truck and loader	5.00
Robert Putnam, rent of grader	5.00
Luan Head, rent of loader	4.00
Forrest Pratt, truck and loader	5.00
Don Moore, rent of truck, loader	94.50
Robert Putnam, truck, loader	5.00
Jessie Comstock, rent of truck, loader	36.75
Howard A. Jacobson, rent of truck, loader	15.00
Ray Spencer, rent of truck, loader	10.00
George Wilson, rent of truck, loader	70.00
Frank Stanley, tar and service charges	89.81
Alsead School District, oiling school yard	175.15
State of N. H., rent of loader	13.50
State of N. H., refund gas tax	37.24
Fred Carman, rent of grader	65.00
W. G. Baer, plowing snow	11.00

Clifford Clark, labor	\$1,884.99	1,924.37
Richard Clark, labor	1,462.50	1,494.93
Herman Craig, labor		3.00
Ben Crosby, labor		643.10
Ora Crosby, labor		246.50
Francis Pratt, labor		238.50
Dana Akin, labor		4.00
Robert Trask, labor and equipment		129.50
Richard Smith, labor		17.50
Gilman Ellis, labor		21.00
Willard Kelly, labor		8.00
Fred Carman, plowing snow, use of equipment		489.70
Robert Dunlap, plowing snow		443.25
George Comstock, gravel		87.70
Ray Stevens, gravel		4.10
Frank Stanley's Garage, gas and repairs		264.74
Stanley Kmeic's Garage, gas and repairs		1,980.22
Cray Oil Co., diesel oil		111.56
Howard Hardware Co., pick and handle		4.50
Claremont Oil Co., Gulf motor oil		31.90
Charles LaFrank, bridge planks		127.34
Marx's Hardware		14.69
International Salt Co., salt		300.68
State of N. H. Treasurer, Chloride		344.74
Cold River Sand and Gravel Corp., cold patch		488.22
Marie Radcliffe, Workmen's Comp. Ins. and Town Equipment Ins.		434.20
Petro Metal Industries, cross chains, grader blades		377.57
Scotts Machinery, parts for truck		815.66
Burch Corp., parts for sander		35.00
Pesco Equipment Corp., parts for truck		128.58
Albert Fletcher, spring for loader		.15
Casellini Venable Corp., Barre, Vermont		47.77
Berger Metal Culvert Co.		450.00
Walpole Highway Dept., thawing out culverts		61.25
C. E. and R. G. Clark, tractor and mower, mowing roadsides		65.25
Francis Pratt, gas		4.75
Walpole Highway Dept., trucks, loader and sanding		544.55
Kopper's Tar Company, Inc., Pittsburgh 19, Pa.		1,236.56

## ALSTEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

We answered 15 alarms last year, none too serious, plus the out of town and forest fires. We have used our new truck and portable pump frequently and have found them ideal for our particular fire department.

Our equipment is all in good repair and we expect it to get even better, as we are replacing all our old fire hose a little at a time. Some of the dates on this hose go back to the 1920's. We feel that The Fire Department as a whole is in excellent condition.

## ALSTEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

## Receipts

State of New Hampshire, reimbursement forest fires	\$ 226.16
Town of Acworth, Davis fire	37.00
Arthur Knight, pumping out well	5.00
Owen H. Libby, Jr., pumping out well	2.50
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	\$ 270.66

## Expenditures

Kane & Healy, oil	\$ 177.34
Granite State Electric Co.	21.18
New England Tel. & Tel.	122.40
Morton Motors	3.50
Libby' Market	7.18
New Hampshire Fire & Safety Equip. Co.	1,623.04
O. R. Kilburn, fire ext.	18.00
Rick's Electrical Shop	22.89
Gorham Fire Equip. Co., wet water	22.73
Farrar, Fire Equip.	12.00
Wm. Miller Sons Co., supplies	6.19
Howard L. Goss, space heater	70.00
B. R. Taylor, labor	7.50
Owen H. Libby, Jr., signs	37.50
Marie A. Radcliffe, insurance, accident and equipment	411.55
C. J. LaFrank, lumber	3.36

Gordon Gowan, plowing snow		12.00	
Alstead Texaco Station		3.77	
Kmeic's Garage, labor and materials		12.69	
Sudbury Laboratory		18.00	
Leon M. Trow, insurance on fire house		46.40	
Ralph Moore		5.87	
Alstead Garage, gas, oil, repairs		339.85	
Blanchard Associates		8.75	
Southern Twin States Mut., Fire Ass'n Dues		5.00	
Southwestern New Hampshire Mut. Fire Ass'n. Dues		5.00	
Gay's Express		2.73	
American LaFrance Corp.		4.42	
Sherwin Williams Co., ladders		94.56	
Forest Fires, Converse Pond, Smith Hill, Surry, Gilsum		465.70	
Salaries		420.50	
			<hr/>
			\$4,011.60
1956 Appropriations	\$3,150.00		
Receipts	270.66		
Payments		\$4,011.60	
Overdrafts	590.94		
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	\$4,011.60	\$4,011.60	

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

During the year 1956, the circulation of books and magazines has been about the same as in 1955. Mrs. Pfeil and Mrs. Head of Vilas High School have taken out a deposit of books for the English classes and Mrs. Kaffel and Miss Duncan have had a collection of books for the elementary grades to encourage their pupils to become good readers.

Book Week was observed November 29 when the pupils of the first six grades with their teachers were invited to visit the library. Mr. Shedd's picture was given a prominent place on the desk and the librarian talked to the pupils about our debt to Mr. Shedd and some ways of showing our gratitude. She also read to each grade a new book fitting for that grade.

Besides the year-round readers who have patronized the library, there have been many summer residents who enjoyed reading the library books and expressed satisfaction at finding a wide selection.

Three young maples which we hope will grow to be beautiful trees, were planted on the lawn.

Number of books added by purchase	285
Number of books added by gift	28
Number of magazines	35
Daily papers	1
Weekly papers	2
Reference questions	359
Record of Circulation of books and magazines:	
Fiction	4,471
Non-fiction	1,121
Juvenile	3,827
Magazines	1,827
	10,946

Respectfully submitted,  
LAURA N. MACLANE,  
Librarian

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

Received from the Shedd-Porter Fund	\$2,528.41
Received from Series G bond int. (matured)	6.25
Received from the Warren Fund	155.63
Received from the Kimball Fund	80.75

Received from the Carpenter Fund	16.37	
Received from refunds	6.80	
Received from books sold	8.65	
Received rent from Selectmen	180.00	
Received from Water Rents	206.00	
	<u>\$3,188.86</u>	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1956	545.48	
	<u>\$3,734.34</u>	
Payments		\$3,477.04
Cash on hand December 31, 1956		257.30
	<u>\$3,734.34</u>	<u>\$3,734.34</u>
Payments:		
Salaries:		
Librarian	\$1,138.11	
Asst. Librarian	24.00	
Janitor	570.00	
Treasurer	35.00	
Books and Magazines	701.14	
Newspapers	54.00	
Fuel	436.80	
Telephone	86.42	
Electricity	59.12	
Labor on water system and lawn	47.00	
3 maple trees	60.00	
Marion Rawson Historical data	200.00	
Unclassified	65.45	
	<u>\$3,477.04</u>	
Other Assets:		
Uncollected water rents	152.00	
Savings Bank of Walpole, N. H.	4,875.16	
Sugar River Savings Bank, Newport, N. H.	1,558.08	
		<u>\$6,585.24</u>

EDITH F. PROVOST  
Treasurer

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

MARIE A. RADCLIFFE  
Auditor





# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## School District Officers

OF

## ALSTEAD, N. H.

For the Year Ending

JUNE 30, 1956

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

### School Board

Horace Seavey, Chairman  
 Mrs. Mary Burroughs  
 Herman Buss

### Moderator

Heman Chase

### Clerk

Mrs. Mildred Moulthrop

### 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 9th day of March, 1957 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 to 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 vote to 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 authorize the school board to make application for and to receive and use in the name of the district, such advances, grants in aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any department or agency thereof, or any state or private agency.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Alstead:

I herewith submit my annual report as your Superintendent of Schools:

All the teachers of Supervisory Union 60 are participating in a program of professional growth and development this year. Monthly teachers' meetings are planned by the principals who meet with the Superintendent a week in advance of the date of the teachers' meeting. Topics that have been considered to date are: Planning for Better Teaching; Getting the Most Out of Our Teaching Resources; and Science Education.

The Charlestown and Walpole Supervisory Unions held a joint teachers' meeting at Charlestown in October for the purpose of discussing ways and means of improving the teaching of handwriting. Miss Kittle, a nationally recognized authority in the field of writing, was obtained as a consultant for this meeting.

The results of achievement tests given in April each year show that Alstead compares favorably with national and area averages.

Only one change occurred in our faculty this year. Mrs. Dorothy Kaffel replaced Mrs. Eleanor Graham. Mrs. Kaffel is a graduate of Plymouth Teachers' College and formerly taught in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

An additional feeder transportation route was added this year which allows Alstead pupils who formerly attended the Gilsun School to attend the Alstead Elementary School. This resulted in a saving that had to be used to pay for transportation of a pupil that cannot be transported to Alstead because of distance and road conditions. The transportation of this one pupil who lives at the Old Blake Place costs as much as the average cost of eight pupils who travel on regular routes. Consideration might be given to the advisability of the town buying farms that are inaccessible places when occupancy of these farm houses are so costly in terms of road maintenance and school children transportation.

One of our school buses operates on a route that includes the "Slade Hill" area. Snow conditions in the winter are such as to make this road very narrow, to the extent that it is hazardous for a truck and school bus to pass each other. Widening and reconditioning this road would do a great deal to increase the safety and reduce the cost of operation of this bus route.

We have teacher drivers this year which assures that school bus conduct is similar to the classroom situation.

Teachers' salaries are increasing in our state as they are all over the nation; book prices have increased; supplies have gone up in price approximately fifteen percent; we are no longer able

to employ custodial services at former prices; and the fuel bid price went up 1.3 cents per gallon this year. These are a few concrete examples of why this year's budget is more than last year's.

In addition to increased costs we are faced with decreased income from elementary tuition this next year and our balance at the end of the year will be negligible due to the loss of more than the usual number of tuition pupils during the year.

I believe that the people of Alstead are interested in a good educational program for the children. It is not possible to maintain a good educational program at the same cost when the cost of materials, supervision, fuel, repairs and teachers continues to increase.

### Tuition

Tuition rates have been increased by the school board for the next year. The new rates are in keeping with the increased costs experienced during the current year.

#### Enrollment by Grade — January 1, 1957

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
	13	17	20	16	30	14	25	27					162
									30	33	23	22	108

Comparison between the charts given above show that gains and losses in grades one through eight have balanced this school year except for the fact that losses in grades seven and eight has meant loss of three tuition pupils.

The total high school enrollment has decreased since October and the decrease is due to loss of tuition pupils who find it difficult to finance the cost of transportation.

The enrollment projection chart shows a decrease in tuition pupils for the year 1957-58 at the seventh and eighth grade levels. However, this decrease will be more than made up in 1958 and 1959.

#### Tuition Pupils Attending Alstead Schools

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Town:													
Acworth								4	8	5	4	2	25
Langdon	1	2	1	1				9	11	6	4	5	46
Lempster-Goshen												1	1
Marlow									5	5	4	1	15
Stoddard										1			1
Unity											1		1
Total	1	2	1	1				13	19	16	14	12	89

One tuition pupil from Alstead is attending the Gilsum School.

Among the necessary repairs accomplished this year was re-topping the chimney; repointing the cement footing and gran-

ite steps; and the painting of several rooms and toilets. Only minor repairs were required at the elementary school.

As authorized at the last March meeting the cafeteria kitchen was enlarged and improved to facilitate the preparation and serving of lunches. The kitchen and food storage areas are now in accordance with the recommendations and requirements of the state board of health.

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

ELLIOT W. KEACH,  
Superintendent of Schools

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### REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

The following is my report for the year ending June 30, 1956.

140 pupils were examined by Dr. Tatem

The following defects were noted and reported:

- 57 pupils were in need of dental care
- 2 pupils with orthopedic conditions are under care
- 157 pupils had hearing tests given by the school nurse
- 2 pupils had hearing losses — reported to parents
- 261 pupils had vision tests given by the school nurse
- 15 pupils had eye examinations by an eye doctor
- 265 pupils were weighed and measured
- 193 pupils attended the Polio Clinics
- 128 pupils participated in the Patch Test Program
- 36 pupils and teachers were x-rayed
- 10 pupils attended Pre-registration clinic
- 124 pupils participated in the Diabetic Testing Program

School Health Services include the following:

1. Appraise the health status of pupils.
2. Advise pupils, parents and others of the appraisal findings.
3. Encourage correction of remedial defects.
4. Assist in the identification and education of handicapped children.
5. To help prevent and control diseases.
6. Provide necessary emergency service for injury or sudden illness.

These school health services are aims that can be reached through the cooperation of a community. We are most fortunate to have had this cooperation in Alstead.

My sincere thanks to all who gave their time and effort to make this year a success.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELLEN L. MCAFEE, R. N.

## VILAS HIGH SCHOOL REPORT, 1955-56

We wish to thank the citizens and parents of our students for their splendid support over the period of years of our annual school fair. Your appreciated help in our parade, on the exhibits and your attendance go to make our fair larger and more successful each year.

The honor students for 1955-1956 were: Valedictorian, Ruth Miller; Salutatorian, Patricia Burke.

Our Girls' State representatives were Madelene Edson, Bernadette Burke and Rose Knight.

Our Boys' State representative was Raymond Spencer.

Mary Goff was the Legion Oratorical Contest Winner.

We wish to thank the American Legion Auxiliary, Langdon Community Club and the Alstead Outing Club for their fine support in the above activities.

Our Good Citizenhip Girl was Madelcine Edson who was sponsored by the Abigail Stearns Chapter of D. A. R. of Walpole.

Dale Dustin and Carl Bean were our representatives to the Y. M. C. A. Conference.

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

The University of New Hampshire ability and interest tests are being administered to the students each year. They are of great help in guiding the student either for an advanced education or for a future occupation.

We were very fortunate to have Mrs. Burroughs to teach pottery making; Mrs. Hatch, carving; and Mr. Chase wood-working to aid us in our fifteen weeks' activity program. Other activities such as photography, dramatics, dancing, mechanical drawing, manuscript writing, firearm safety and auto-driving were conducted by members of the faculty.

The high school and elementary teachers have been participating in a monthly in-service training program. The topics of discussion have been instructional materials, lesson planning, science and social studies. These meetings are in conjunction with the other schools in the Supervisory Union No. 60.

Vilas entered its eleventh play-off in the last twelve years of state competition in basketball. We defeated New Boston at Hopkinton and lost to Charlestown at Walpole.

Everett Bragg won the annual Dick Bath foul shooting trophy.

We wish to thank the citizens of Alstead for their support in making it possible for us to journey annually to Boston and see the New England Basketball tournament. It is not only recreational but educational.

### Vocational Agriculture

This year's enrollment, while somewhat lower than in the past, is in keeping with the trend throughout the state. The vocational agriculture classes receive considerable information covering the employment that may be obtained in related occupations. These include, in part, chemical companies, grain companies, milk companies, and the machinery industry. The Federal Government is supporting programs, such as the soil conservation service, which employ many young people.

More emphasis is being placed on farm management including such subjects as farm credit, farm records, income taxes, social security, marketing, and the efficient production.

In the interscholastic judging contest the Vilas teams placed second in poultry, second in egg grading, and third in dairy cattle judging. The poultry team will represent New Hampshire at the Eastern States Exposition next fall.

This year the school will be host to four other schools for the parliamentary procedure contest.

Three boys are regularly attending F. F. A. leadership meetings at Concord during the agricultural teachers' monthly meetings.

Income from the greenhouse is behind schedule, but the group made its first bond repayment this year.

Two boys attended the state F. F. A. convention at Durham and in the fall most of the boys attended the Eastern States Exposition.

### Homemaking Department

This year there are 67 girls enrolled in homemaking classes making it fairly obvious that present facilities are inadequate. Some of the strain is lessened, however, by dividing the Homemaking 9 and 10 class on two days of the week. Scheduling makes this impossible the remainder of the week.

The Juniors and Seniors are studying the Home; a course which includes every aspect of a house from choosing the land site to the final completion of the interior of the same. Laboratory periods are included in this study during which time girls learn how to renovate furniture, make home furnishings or any other practical skill which they deem necessary or desirable.

The freshmen and sophomore girls are again dividing their time between studies of Foods and Clothing. Their foods work this year consists of food preservation, batters and doughs, nutrition; table service, meal planning and preparation of dinners. On alternate years breakfast and luncheon units are taught in place of dinner units.

In clothing the girls make the garments they need or desire. As few girls work with the same speed or amount of skill a great deal of individual attention is necessary.

The clothing semester is divided into two parts; one half being devoted to working on fabrics suitable for winter wear; the other being used to work on light weight materials. Problems concerning choice of garments, care of clothing, and textile fibers are also included in this study.

The junior high girls consider a variety of topics such as Child Care, Good Grooming, Food Preservation, Personality Development, Meal Planning and preparation, Table Service, Clothing Construction, Clothing Selections, Housekeeping Duties, Making Rooms Livable, etc. Many opportunities are given for the practice of skills required by these phases of homemaking.

Home projects and visits are an essential part of our home-making program. Many field trips, to enrich our learning, are taken.

Joan Bugbee won the Betty Crocker Search for the Homemaker of Tomorrow Contest and Ruth Miller received the American Agriculturist Award for outstanding achievement in home-making.

Sixteen of our girls participated in the D. A. R. Dress Review held at Westminster, Vermont, last spring. All took home ribbons, 13 of which were firsts.

#### Future Homemakers of America

Our officers for the year 1956-1957 are as follows:

President	Rose Knight
Vice President	Ella Knight
Secretary	Jacquelyn Robie
Treasurer	Madelene Edson
Parliamentarian	Carlene Bean

State officers from our school are:

Vice President	Carlene Bean
Parliamentarian	Rose Knight

Five of our members attended the State F H A Meeting at Dover in the spring and thirteen girls attended the State F H A meeting at K. T. C. this fall.

Our program committee met early this fall and planned the program for the entire year. Our aim is to complete at least one project a month. They are as follows:

- September—Co-sponsor the Annual Vilas High School Fair
- October—Promote a record hop for the school
- November—Nurse's Room Project



- December—Helping a Needy Family at Christmas  
 Sponsor the Annual Vilas High Christmas Party  
 January—Work on Homemaking Degrees  
 February—Mother and Daughter Banquet  
 March—Work-day for the club  
 April—Plan for State F. H. A. Meeting at Vilas  
 May—Make letters for the Athletic Association

Thus far our plans have been carried out most successfully. We take special pride in our Nurse's Room Project. Our club purchased a roll-away bed and enough yard goods to make a cover for the same, drapes for the windows and a cover for the screen. Some of our girls made the furnishings. We feel the room is greatly improved.

### Commercial Department

The subjects offered this year in the Commercial Department are: Bookkeeping, Commercial Typing, General Typing, Shorthand, and Office Practice.

The bookkeeping class started the year with eighteen members but due to the large drop out in the sophomore class we have reduced our number to twelve. In the study of bookkeeping we try to get the basic fundamentals that are common to all types of record keeping. We use the popular Twentieth Century Bookkeeping text with a workbook that has all the needed forms and record paper to do the various problems. Towards the end of the course a "practice set" consisting of actual business forms and record paper is used to give the students practice in maintaining actual records.

There are two typing classes this year consisting of fourteen students each. Every available space is in use as typing has become a very popular subject. The typing classes are designated as: Commercial—for those students who are taking the commercial course, with stress on the business phase of typing, and General—for students who want typing to help them in school work now and in the future, with stress on personal and theme typing.

As shorthand is offered for only one year, the aim of this class is to develop a good basic shorthand vocabulary, with stress on transcription only for the students who seem to be superior in their grasp of the fundamentals.

The office practice class, consisting of seniors only, is one of the largest we have ever had. We have spent most of the first half of the year working on individual assignments involving the use of the calculating machines, dictaphone, legal typing and clerical

arithmetic problems. Each student has chosen an occupation that he is interested in and has written to numerous places to obtain information about it. It was with the hope that this would create interest in advanced study that this project was started, and it has achieved its aim in at least two cases. To further this idea, trips are planned to Plymouth Teachers College and other schools in the area where a real interest and desire is shown.

The annual issue of the *VERNACULAR* was published and the experience and practice obtained was well worth the time and effort spent.

### Mathematics Department

The mathematics department at Vilas is offering five regular mathematics courses plus a Senior review course. The five regular courses are General Math, Algebra I, Algebra II, Plane Geometry and Advanced Math and Trigonometry.

General Math is principally a freshman subject designed for those who plan no further education beyond high school. Emphasis is placed on the fundamentals of arithmetic which are needed to carry on everyday activities such as shopping, banking and installment buying.

Algebra I is also a freshman subject, although we find many upperclassmen trying to work it into their schedules. Students often try to avoid mathematics only to find, after they start considering future employment and schooling, that it is essential to entrance into their chosen field. The solving of equations, literal problems, use of formulas, signed numbers, graphs and the beginning of quadratics are covered during the year.

Algebra II is a continuance of Algebra I and the work becomes more challenging. During the year topics like variation, series and sequence, ratio and proportion, solution of quadratic equations and introductions to logarithms and trig are covered.

Plane Geomtry for Juniors tries to develop in each student an understanding and ability to use a logical scientific pattern of thought. Since each statement made must also include a reason based on logic and definition, the student should learn to be somewhat skeptical of rash statements, gossip and prejudices until he can determine the reliability of the source or the soundness of their reasoning. Appreciation of the art of geomtry and the ability to visualize are also desired goals of this course.

Advance Math and Trig is a college preparatory course designed for those planning a career in science or engineering. Following a review of algebra we study functions, identities, graphing, both polar and cartisian, solution of right and oblique triangles, logarithms and introduction to calculus. Mr. Heman

Chase again aided us with both time and equipment so that the practical side of trigonometry may be realized.

The Senior Review course is for those Seniors who, after taking an exam, show a deficiency in the fundamentals of arithmetic. Due to the difficulty of scheduling, this is a very informal group, meeting whenever possible and studying the particular problems that each Senior is having with the basic fundamentals.

This year we are fortunate to have had Mr. Herbert Merritt, a cadet teacher from Keene Teachers College, helping out with the math program. Due to his help it was possible to introduce the General Math course which had not been taught for some time, and provide for much more individual attention that would have otherwise been impossible. At the same time, we feel that Vilas has aided in the education of another teacher to help obviate the increasing teacher shortage.

### World History

As people of the world come nearer together it becomes more and more important that we study how people of other countries live and act as they do. History through its study of social, economic, and political cultures interprets the present occurrences through a knowledge of past experiences. Students have prepared detailed papers on countries of their choice. In addition to its historical value it increases their ability to use reference materials. This year some members of the class along with others from other social studies classes participated with other high schools in this area in a Model Council of Europe held at Keene Teachers' College.

### Civics

This course shows the student the responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy. In doing this he studies local, state, and federal governments, constitutions, court systems and finance. In addition to this an introduction to economics and vocation. Behind all this it tries to point out how one should act in his community and the problems he must help solve.

### French

During the year 1956-57 three classes in French are being offered to Vilas students. The general objectives of all three classes are the same; to teach students to read and write the language, to speak it easily, and to understand something of French culture.

Special effort is being made to help the students acquire a better pronunciation and a proper intonation through the use of French movies and the tape recorder. Students are also corresponding with students in France.

### One-Act Play Contest

The ninth annual play competition was held in the Charlestown High School auditorium on April 19, with Vilas, Charlestown, and Walpole High School again competing.

The plays presented were: "Ringing in the Groom" by the Charlestown cast; "Two Crooks and a Lady" by Walpole; and "Sunday Costs Five Pesos" by Vilas.

The honors went to the Vilas group with their action-packed Mexican comedy. William Gilbert of the Vilas cast carried off the title of "best actor of the evening."

It was the sixth time out of nine tries that students from Vilas have won the competition.

### Girls' Athletic Program

Our physical education program includes all girls from grades five through twelve. Although the department carries on an interscholastic schedule in basketball and softball, the emphasis is upon intramural activities.

Gym classes for the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades are conducted by volunteers from the junior and senior girls under the direction of the physical education instructor.

Each high school girl has at least one hour of gym per week during school time. In addition to this, the noon-time program includes all girls in the four high school classes. Opportunity is given to these students to plan, direct, coach, and officiate for many of the sports.

In September the Girls' Athletic Association held its annual election. Members of this association are the cheerleaders, and the girls who are elected to serve as heads of sports. These heads of sports, selected by the girls of the student body, are given the responsibility of organizing and supervising the athletic activities during the noon hour activity period.

This athletic association also sponsors, with the lettermen from the boy's teams, the annual A. A. Dance. The dance this year was held November 9th.

The intramural program this year has included, thus far, soccer, tennis, archery, volleyball, dodgeball, and calisthenics. Tentative plans for spring athletics include tennis and softball competition.

### Instrumental Music Department

The music activities in the Alstead School District are increasing in quality and in quantity. Children are given the opportunity to show their talent with the pre-band instrument, called the song flute, which is started in the fourth and fifth grades. From this elementary level they progress to band and

orchestra instruments. This year we have a grade school band, junior high band and in the senior high, both band and a string orchestra.

During the school year these music groups perform for many school activities such as the school fair parade, the Christmas Concert, the Spring Concert, and Memorial Day exercises.

Vilas was represented in the All-State Orchestra by Carlene Bean and in the All-State Band by Dale Dustin.

It is important that the students have the appropriate material to work with. These tools are necessary in building the program to a standard of quality.

Much satisfaction and pride are derived from seeing your children progress from learning to play an instrument to being part of a New Hampshire All-State group.

I would like to thank the Alstead P. T. A. for the help in securing band uniforms. I would also like to thank the superintendent, headmaster, teachers, school board, students, and townspeople for their help and co-operation.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**ALSTEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
As of June 30, 1956

Receipts	
Notes or Bonds	\$65,000.00
Dividends and Interest	499.16
District Appropriation	4,000.00
Other Receipts	69.65
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Grand Total Receipts	\$69,568.81
Payments	
General Contract	\$59,731.97
Water Supply	274.00
Site Development	2,464.66
Architect's Fees and Expenses	779.83
Legal Fees	364.62
Insurance	316.80
Other Payments	1,636.78
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Total	65,568.66
Furniture and Equipment	3,950.37
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Total net payments	\$69,519.03
Cash on Hand June 30, 1956	49.78
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Grand total net payments	\$69,568.81

## SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1957-1958

	Actual Expenditures 1955-1956	Adopted Budget 1956-1957	Proposed Budget 1957-1958
Administration:			
Salaries of district officers	\$ 306.00	\$ 303.00	\$ 478.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)*	709.93	603.00	810.00
Tax for state wide supervision	356.00	384.00	390.00
Salaries of other Adminis.			
Personnel	462.35	312.00	420.00
Supplies and Expenses	1,016.80	955.00	1,160.00
Instruction:			
Teachers' salaries, High School	16,590.00	25,463.00	51,035.00
Teachers' salaries, Elementary	22,070.11	21,312.00	
Principals' salary High School and Elementary	4,950.00		
Books and other instructional aids, High School	456.58	690.00	672.00
Books and other instructional aids, Elementary	520.97	530.00	662.00
Scholars' supplies, High School	973.19	1,190.00	1,392.00
Scholars' Supplies, Elementary	629.72	857.00	1,137.00
Supplies & other expenses, high school	784.41	718.00	685.00
Supplies & other expenses, elementary	198.71	220.00	320.00
Operation of School Plant:			
Salaries of janitors, high school	2,691.56	2,950.00	3,400.00
Salaries of janitors, elementary	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,100.00
Fuel or Heat, high school	1,860.00	1,850.00	2,075.00
Fuel or Heat, elementary	734.07	750.00	950.00
Water, light, supplies, high school	1,017.16	997.00	1,345.00
Water, light, supplies, elementary	782.41	1,092.00	820.00
Maintenance of School Plant:			
Repairs and Replacements, high school	381.18	1,400.00	1,100.00
Repairs and Replacements, elementary	139.65	200.00	450.00
Auxiliary Activities:			
Health Supervision, high school	323.54	400.00	401.00
Health Supervision, elementary	546.19	540.00	601.00
Transportation, high school (		1,800.00	1,200.00
Transportation, elementary (	5,399.08	3,200.00	4,800.00

Tuition, high school		325.00	330.00
Tuition, elementary	721.82	760.00	225.00
Special Activities and funds, high school		100.00	100.00
Special Activities and funds, elementary		25.00	25.00
Federal School Lunch (in and out) high school	384.19	450.00	480.00
Federal School Lunch (in and out) elementary	648.59	650.00	720.00
Lawton house		200.00	200.00
Fixed Charges:			
Retirement, Teachers', high school	1,131.44	1,736.50)	3,937.00
Retirement, Teachers', elementary	1,924.11	1,650.50)	
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses, high school	785.00	(1,517.00	768.00
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses, elementary	520.90	(	717.00
Capital Outlay:			
Lands and New Buildings, elementary	1,218.63		
Additions and Improvements to buildings, high school	367.02	425.00	
Additions and Improvements to buildings, elementary		425.00	
New Equipment, high school	3,931.29	780.00	1,515.00
New Equipment, elementary	6,556.32	300.00	385.00
Debt and Interest:			
Principal of debt	7,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00
Interest on debt	1,550.00	1,715.00	1,490.00
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	\$91,688.92	\$85,825.00	\$91,295.00
Cash on hand June 30, 1956:			
General Fund	4,484.56		
Capital Outlay Fund	49.78		
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Grand Total	\$96,223.26		

\* State's Share \$3,000.00; Gilsum \$257.33; Marlow \$176.66; Surry \$178.10; Walpole \$1,972.83; Westmoreland \$355.15.

## ESTIMATED INCOME

	Actual Income 1955-1956	Adopted Budget 1956-1957	Proposed Budget 1957-1958
Balance, July 1, 1955			
General Fund	\$ 4,885.28	\$ 2,200.00	
Capital Outlay Fund	1,577.48		
Federal Aid	1,320.89	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
National School Lunch	1,044.05	1,100.00	1,200.00
State Aid	4,107.75	3,800.00	5,750.00
Local Taxation	42,054.26		
Elementary School Tuitions	7,904.34	7,200.00	4,155.00
Secondary School Tuitions	15,002.28	17,000.00	20,150.00
Trust Funds	5,805.99	4,500.00	5,000.00
Notes or Bonds	9,134.19		
Other	3,386.75	3,850.00	1,605.00
Total receipts	\$96,223.26	\$41,150.00	\$39,360.00
To be raised by taxation	.	44,675.00	51,935.00
Grand Total		\$85,825.00	\$91,295.00

**BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE ALSTEAD SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

**Alstead Elementary School Loan, 1954**

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
June 1, 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
		\$59,000.00



## ALSTEAD ENROLLMENT CHART AND PROJECTION OF ENROLLMENT, OCTOBER, 1956

GRADE	Average First Grade — 19										Average First Grade— 16												
	Tuition	1951	Tuition	1952	Tuition	1953	Tuition	1954	Tuition	1955	Tuition	1956	Tuition	1957	Tuition	1958	Tuition	1959	Tuition	1960	Tuition	1961	
1	15	26	16	22	21	3	14	1	12	17	14	20	17	14	20	17	14	20	17	14	20	17	
2	16	16	24	13	15	1	17	2	14	12	17	14	20	17	14	20	17	14	20	17	14	20	
3	15	11	14	27	16	2	18	1	17	14	12	17	14	12	17	14	12	17	14	12	17	14	
4	27	14	11	16	29	1	15	1	18	17	14	12	17	14	12	17	14	12	17	14	12	17	
5	15	26	13	11	14	29	15	18	15	18	17	14	12	17	14	12	17	14	12	17	14	12	
6	20	15	24	13	12	14	29	15	18	15	18	17	14	12	17	14	12	17	14	12	17	14	
7	19	23	28	35	31	22	26	13	18	4	49	20	43	28	43	15	32	15	32	15	32	15	
8	11	19	21	26	30	14	29	20	26	13	18	4	49	20	23	28	43	15	32	15	32	15	
9	32	18	36	28	31	16	32	16	32	23	30	17	25	11	60	31	47	32	15	32	15	32	
10	21	30	20	28	28	14	34	20	30	14	30	20	27	15	23	10	56	29	14	21	9	9	
11	21	21	29	17	25	13	24	13	32	18	28	12	28	19	25	14	21	9	9	9	9	9	
12	20	21	19	27	15	9	23	11	22	11	30	16	26	11	26	18	23	13	13	13	13	13	
Total																							
Elem.	138	22	150	21	151	34	163	39	166	43	162	38	149	17	160	24	184	48	160	43	169	30	
Total																							
H. S.	94	44	90	44	104	70	100	58	99	52	113	60	116	66	118	65	106	56	134	73	147	83	

R E P O R T  
of an examination and audit  
of the accounts  
of  
ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956  
made by

THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
August 23 and 24, 1956

THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
Concord New Hampshire

The School Board September 20, 1956  
Alstead School District  
Alstead, New Hampshire  
Gentlemen:

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, 1956, 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, 1955 and June 30, 1956, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein the Net Debt increased by \$3,688.60 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956.

**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: (Exhibit C & D)**

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit D), a revenue surplus of \$4,758.18, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$318.66, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$5,076.84.

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

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956, 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, 1956, is indicated in Exhibit F.

**Statement of Bonded Debt: (Exhibit I)**

A statement of the bonded indebtedness of the School District as of June 30, 1956, 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 the summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) 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

JOSEPH W. BOUDREAU, Auditor

O. MAURICE OLESON, Accountant

THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

September 20, 1956

**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, 1956. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the School District on June 30, 1956, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
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## ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## EXHIBIT A

## ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Comparative Balance Sheets

As of June 30, 1955 and June 30, 1956

## Assets

Cash on Hand:	6-30-55	6-30-56
General Fund	\$4,885.27	\$ 4,484.57
Building Fund	1,218.78	.15
Equipment Fund	358.70	49.63
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	\$ 6,462.75	\$ 4,534.35
Accounts Receivable	892.26	105.09
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Total Assets	\$ 7,355.01	\$ 4,639.44
Net Debt	56,222.47	59,911.07
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Total Assets & Net Debt	\$63,577.48	<u>\$64,550.51</u>

## Liabilities

Accounts Payable	-	\$ 66.54
Building Fund	\$1,218.78	.15
Equipment Fund	358.70	49.63
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	\$ 1,577.48	\$ 116.32
Repairs & Replacements (Replace water pump)		300.00
School Bus Note		5,134.19
Bonds Outstanding	62,000.00	59,000.00
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Total Liabilities	\$63,577.48	<u>\$64,550.51</u>

## EXHIBIT B

## ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Analysis of Change in Financial Condition

## Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956

Net Debt - June 30, 1956	\$59,911.07
Net Debt - June 30, 1955	56,222.47
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Increase in Net Debt	<u>\$3,688.60</u>

## Analysis of Change

## Increase in Debt:

School Bus Note Issued	\$9,134.19
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	787.17
Increase in Accounts Payable	66.54
Cash Surplus - June 30, 1955 used to reduce School Tax	5,777.54
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	\$15,765.44

## Decreases in Debt:

Bonds Paid	\$3,000.00
Payment on School Bus Note	4,000.00
Net Budget Surplus	5,076.84
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	12,076.84

Net Increase	<u>\$3,688.60</u>
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**EXHIBIT C**  
**ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956**

	Forwarded From 1955	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended	Balances	Overplus	Forwarded To 1957
<b>Administration:</b>									
Salaries of District Officers		\$ 303.00		\$ 303.00	\$ 306.00		\$	3.00	
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)		700.20		700.20	709.93			9.73	
Tax for State Wide Supervision		354.00		354.00	356.00			2.00	
Salaries of other Administrative Personnel		462.35		462.35	462.35				
Supplies & Expenses		969.00		969.00	1,016.80			47.80	
<b>Instruction:</b>									
Principals' & Teachers' Salaries		43,800.00		43,800.00	43,610.09	\$ 189.91			
Books & other Instructional Aids		900.00		900.00	977.55			77.55	
Scholars' Supplies		1,800.00	\$ 5.00	1,805.00	1,607.91	197.09			
Supplies & other Expenses		650.00		650.00	983.12			333.12	
Operation of School Plant:									
Salaries of Custodians		3,900.00	.80	3,900.80	3,742.36	158.44			
Fuel		2,200.00		2,200.00	2,594.07			394.07	
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses		1,500.00	15.00	1,515.00	1,814.57			299.57	

Maintenance of School Plant:									
Repairs & Replacements	800.00	800.00	520.83					20.83	\$300.00
Auxiliary Activities:									
Health Supervision	942.00	942.00	869.73				72.27		
Transportation	8,804.00	1,176.75	5,494.71				4,486.04		
Tuition	1,700.00	1,700.00	721.82				978.18		
Special Activities & Special Funds	75.00	75.00					75.00		
School Lunch	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,032.78					32.78	
Lawton House	275.00	275.00					275.00		
Fixed Charges:									
Retirement	3,080.00	3,080.00	3,055.55				24.45		
Insurance, Treasurer's Bond & Expenses	1,000.00	63.58	1,369.48					305.90	
Capital Outlay:									
Land & New Buildings		\$1,218.78					1,218.63		.15
Additions & Improvements to Buildings							367.02		367.02
New Equipment	800.00	9,144.19*	10,188.54					244.35	
New Equipment - Special									
Appropriations			309.07						49.63
Debt & Interest:									
Interest on Debt	1,550.00	1,550.00	1,550.00						
Principal	3,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00					4,000.00	
	\$1,577.48	\$80,564.55	\$10,405.32	\$92,547.35	\$91,878.91	\$6,456.38	\$6,137.72	\$849.78	

\* Includes Note of \$9,134.19 for New School Buses.

**EXHIBIT D**  
**ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and**  
**Budget Summary**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956**

Revenues				
	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Deficit
Cash Surplus	\$ 5,777.54	\$ 5,777.54		
Foundation Aid	4,107.75	4,107.75		
Federal Aid	1,400.00	1,320.89		\$ 79.11
Tuition	21,305.00	22,906.62	1,601.62	
Trust Funds	4,500.00	5,805.99	1,305.99	
Other:				
School Lunch	1,000.00	1,044.05	44.05	
Other Miscellaneous	420.00	( 95.63)	1,885.63	
Sale of School House		( 1,850.00)		
Rent		( 360.00)		
	\$38,510.29	\$43,268.47	\$4,837.29	\$ 79.11

**Budget Summary**

Actual Revenues	\$43,268.47	
Estimated Revenues	38,510.29	
Net Revenue Surplus		\$4,758.18
Unexpended Balances of		
Appropriations	\$6,456.38	
Overdrafts of Appropriations	6,137.72	
Net Unexpended Balance of		
Appropriations		318.66
Net Budget Surplus		\$5,076.84

**EXHIBIT E**  
**ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956**

Local Taxes:	Receipts	
Town Appropriation		\$42,054.26
Federal Aid:		
Smith-Hughes & George-		
Barden Acts	\$ 1,320.89	
School Lunch Program	1,044.05	
		2,364.94



State of New Hampshire:		
Foundation Aid		4,107.75
Other Sources:		
Trust Fund Income	\$ 5,805.99	
Tuition	22,906.62	
Rent	360.00	
Sale of School	1,850.00	
Miscellaneous Refunds & Reimbursements	1,366.76	
Long Term Notes - School Bus	9,134.19	
	<hr/>	41,423.56
Total Receipts From All Sources		\$89,950.51
Balance - June 30, 1955		4,885.27
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Grand Total		<u>\$94,835.78</u>

## Expenditures

	High School	Elem. School	Total
Administration:			
Salaries of District Officers			\$ 306.00
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)			709.93
Tax for State Wide Supervision			356.00
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel			462.35
Supplies & Expenses			1,016.80
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			\$2,851.08
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Instruction:			
Teachers' Salaries	\$16,590.00	\$22,070.09	\$38,660.09
Principals' Salaries	2,475.00	2,475.00	4,950.00
Books & other Instructional Aids	456.58	520.97	977.55
Scholars' Supplies	978.19	629.72	1,607.91
Supplies & Other Expenses	784.41	198.71	983.12
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	\$21,284.18	\$25,894.49	\$47,178.67
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## Operation of School Plant:

Salaries of Custodians	\$ 2,691.56	\$ 1,050.80	\$ 3,742.36
Fuel	1,860.00	734.07	2,594.07
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	1,032.16	782.41	1,814.57
	<u>\$ 5,583.72</u>	<u>\$ 2,567.28</u>	<u>\$ 8,151.00</u>

## Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs & Replacements	\$ 381.18	\$ 139.65	\$ 520.83
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## Auxiliary Activities:

Health Supervision	\$ 323.54	\$ 546.19	\$ 869.73
Transportation	1,383.57	4,111.14	5,494.71
Tuition		721.82	721.82
School Lunch Program	384.19	648.59	1,032.78
	<u>\$ 2,091.30</u>	<u>\$ 6,027.74</u>	<u>\$ 8,119.04</u>

## Fixed Charges:

Retirement		\$ 3,055.55
Insurance, Treasurer's Bond & Expenses		1,369.48
		<u>\$ 4,425.03</u>

## Capital Outlay:

Additions & Improvements	\$ 367.02
New Equipment	10,188.54
	<u>\$10,555.56</u>

## Debt &amp; Interest:

Principal of Debt	\$ 7,000.00
Interest on Debt	1,550.00
	<u>\$ 8,550.00</u>

Total Expenditures	\$90,351.21
Balance - June 30, 1956	4,484.57

Grand Total	<u>\$94,835.78</u>
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## EXHIBIT F

## ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Summary of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956

Balance - June 30, 1955	\$ 4,885.27	
Receipts During Year	89,950.51	
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Expenditures During Year		90,351.21
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Balance - June 30, 1956		<u>\$ 4,484.57</u>

## Proof of Balance

Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Com- pany, Bellows Falls, Vermont - Per State- ment Dated June 29, 1956	\$16,759.06	
Less: Outstanding Checks	12,787.97	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,971.09
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Add: Deposit Not Credited July 2, 1956	513.48	
Reconciled Balance - June 30, 1956		<u>\$ 4,484.57</u>

## EXHIBIT G

## ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Statement of Building Fund Account

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956

Balance - June 30, 1955	\$1,218.78	
Receipts: (Contra)		
Sale of East Alstead School	\$1,850.00	
Sale of Equipment	10.00	
Insurance Refund	54.18	
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Total Receipts	1,914.18	
	<hr/>	\$3,132.96

## Expenditures:

Transfer of Above Receipts to General Fund (Contra)	\$1,914.18	
Grading	928.65	
Miscellaneous	289.98	
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Total Expenditures		3,132.81
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Balance - June 30, 1956		\$ .15
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Balance - Building Fund Account	\$ .15	
Balance - Special Equipment Account	49.63	
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		\$ 49.78
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## Proof of Balance

Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Com- pany, Bellows Falls, Vermont - per state- ment Dated June 1, 1956		\$ 49.78
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## EXHIBIT H

## ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Special Equipment Fund Account  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956

Balance - June 30, 1955	\$358.70	
Expenditures:		
Equipment Purchased	309.07	
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Balance - June 30, 1956		\$49.63
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## EXHIBIT I

## ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statment of Indebtedness, Showing Annual  
Maturities of Principal and Interest  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1956

	Elementary School Construction Bonds 2½%
Amount of Issue	\$65,000.00
Date of Issue	June 1st, 1954
Principal Payable Date	June 1st
Interest Payable Dates	December 1st & June 1st
Payable At	Merchants National Bank - Boston or Bellows Falls Trust Company - Bel- lows Falls, Vermont.

Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
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
	<u>\$59,000.00</u>	<u>\$13,475.00</u>	<u>\$72,475.00</u>

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

Date	Place	Baby's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Sept. 3	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Cynthia Marie	Delbert Ashley	Cynthia Peck
Sept. 11	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Lewis Oscar, Jr.	Lewis Brooks	Harriett Smith
Aug. 30	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Roxie Lou	Warren Campbell	Delinda Haskins
Oct. 18	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Robert John	Walter Carver	Harriet Moore
Aug. 3	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Peter Michael	Robert Esslinger	Katherine Pedersen
Oct. 22	Keene, N. H.	Katherine Michele	Allison Gleason	Eleanor Tonseth
June 26	Keene, N. H.	Deborah Lee	Kenneth Keough	Carol Luscombe
Nov. 6	Keene, N. H.	Kim Joseph	Jerry Kercewich	Thursa Partridge
May 12	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Johanna Desiree	Louis Kervella	Jane Lepisto
Sept. 4	Springfield, Vt.	Lorayne Fay	Owen Libby	Ruth Harrington
Oct. 18	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Raymond Edmond, Jr.	Raymond Monty	Kathryn Allen
June 29	Bellows Fall, Vt.	Diane Marie	John Moulton	Ethel Hurd
Oct. 6	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Almer Hazell	Burt Pratt	Priscilla McCue
June 21	Bellows Falls, Vt.	George Ernest, III	George Ramsey, Jr.	Mildred Waters
Feb. 21	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Michael Eugene	Richard Smith	Avis Neal
Dec. 12	Keene, N. H.	Elizabeth	John Stevens	Margaret Squibb
Dec. 13	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Pamela Jean	Robert Trask	Jean Seavey
Jan. 22	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Brenda Anne	Erwin Ward	Miriam Dustin
Dec. 11	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Scott John	Richard Westcott	Teresa Monty
Aug. 6	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Ann Marie	George Wilson	Loretta Monty

## MARRIAGES

Date	Place	Names	Residence
Aug. 24	Brattleboro, Vt.	Delbert Ashley	Alstead, N. H.
May 10	Keene, N. H.	Cynthia Peck	Alstead, N. H.
Nov. 30	Grafton, Vt.	Alfred Bergmann	West Hartford, Conn.
July 21	Manchester, N. H.	Laura Pike	Alstead, N. H.
Dec. 17	Alstead, N. H.	Andrew Burns	Newport, N. H.
July 28	Claremont, N. H.	Evelyn Wheeler	Alstead, N. H.
July 28	Alstead, N. H.	Francis Crocker, 3rd	Alstead, N. H.
July 28	Alstead, N. H.	Alice Gath	Manchester, N. H.
July 28	Claremont, N. H.	Wesley Crosby	Alstead, N. H.
July 28	Alstead, N. H.	Lenita Hatch	Alstead, N. H.
July 28	Alstead, N. H.	Roger Garfield, Jr.	Alstead, N. H.
July 28	Alstead, N. H.	Rosemary Nelson	Claremont, N. H.
July 28	Alstead, N. H.	Carroll Hatch, Jr.	Alstead, N. H.
July 28	Alstead, N. H.	Jeannie Pratt	Alstead, N. H.

## MARRIAGES

Aug. 4	Alstead, N. H.	William Miller	College Point, N. Y.
		Joan Clough	Alstead, N. H.
July 21	Walpole, N. H.	Dressell Mudgett	Alstead, N. H.
		Lucille Monty	Alstead, N. H.
July 7	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Laurent Pare	Alstead, N. H.
		Barbara Willard	Bellows Falls, Vt.
June 16	Walpole, N. H.	Minot Parker	Chesham, N. H.
		Marceline Croto	Alstead, N. H.
July 1	Alstead	Richard Phillips	Durham, N. H.
		Patricia Ayer	Alstead, N. H.
May 4	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Herbert Pratt	Alstead, N. H.
		Virginia Savage	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Dec. 7	Nashua, N. H.	Hugh E. Talbot	Alstead, N. H.
		Lise Bertrand	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Nov. 10	Alstead, N. H.	Harold Wright	Bellows Falls, Vt.
		Carlene Pratt	Alstead, N. H.



## DEATHS

Date Death	Place	Name	Age Years
Aug. 3	Keene, N. H.	John H. Allen	90
15	Alstead, N. H.	Royal Carmen	62
May 3	Alstead, N. H.	Kate W. Gorham	88
Aug. 2	Keene, N. H.	John Kennie	81
Oct. 20	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Annie Klein	79
Apr. 19	Alstead, N. H.	Clifford Marvin	68
May 22	Alstead, N. H.	Henry C. Metcalf	74
Aug. 15	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Sarah J. Moore	81
Oct. 15	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Ira Russell	92
Nov. 24	Alstead, N. H.	Stephen Sonosky	43
June 24	Keene, N. H.	Arthur Stone	74
May 28	Walpole, N. H.	Marjorie Tripp	62
Dec. 31, '55	Marlow, N. H.	Orrin Wilder	97

## Brought to Town for Burial

Feb. 16	Newport, N. H.	Marcia A. Bolio	75
Dec. 25, '55		Angela Hall	73
May 9	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Grace Porter	76
Feb. 8	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Harry Rumrill	60

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