



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

Year Ending December 31, 1957

## LEST YOU FORGET !

The cover picture taken in the early 1900's shows the iron bridge, built in 1889, and now in the process of being replaced by a more modern structure. In the town report of 1890, we find the following figures pertaining to the cost of this bridge:

Total appropriation for construction	\$1,500.00
S. O. Brackett, building abutment and clear-stone out of river	363.50
D. H. Still, labor on north abutment	8.90
Vermont Construction Co. Iron Bridge	1,300.00
F. J. Marvin, pipe for railing	7.42
C. F. Pierce, labor north abutment	11.27
C. W. Barney, labor on railing	7.57
E. Dinsmore, labor north abutment	6.12
Wm. Cheever, getting out stone	11.40
George Dinsmore, labor at ends of bridge	6.67
A. R. Emerson, getting out stone and general labor on north abutment and around bridge	54.00
Ellen S. Milliken, iron posts	4.00
Orr Wallace, drawing stone and work on abutment	4.00
H. W. Porter, drawing stone	10.00
G. G. Banks, bridge plank	20.00
A. R. Emerson, granite at ends of bridge	5.50
	\$1,851.33

Respectfully submitted: A. R. Emerson  
James Davis  
F. D. Messer

Further information pertaining to buildings shown in this picture was furnished by Maybelle H. Still.

The building in the left foreground in 1836 was known as the George Kilburn paint shop and in 1863 Azel R. Emerson converted it to a foundry and for some years thereafter he was engaged in foundry, machinery and agricultural implement business. This was purchased by C. E. Cooke in 1869 and in 1875 we find Cook & Co. manufacturing agricultural implements, plows, cultivators etc. doing quite an extensive business, they being the sole agents for the justly celebrated Lufkin plow. Bragg & Buswell owned this shop for many years and it was then purchased by Ward Archer and in 1949 Marx Hardware was established.

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## DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS

1957

Selectmen	Frank C. Dustin, Chairman	Term Expires 1958
	Harry A. Spooner	Term Expires 1959
	W. R. Phipps	Term Expires 1960
Moderator	Ivan E. Head	
Representative	Peyton Washburn	
Town Clerk	Grace Ellis	
Town Treasurer	Howard L. Goss	
Tax Collector	Gilman O. Ellis	
Road Agent	Clifford Clark	
Overseer of Poor Supervisors of Checklist	William D. Hayes	
	Earl M. Pitcher	
	Roy H. Buss	
	Brainard Taylor	
Trustees Trust Fund	Peyton Washburn	Term Expires 1958
	Edith Provost	Term Expires 1959
	Gilman Ellis	Term Expires 1960
Ballot Clerks	Leon Trow	
	Heman Chase	
	Alice Bragg	
	Edith Spooner	
Library Trustees	Edith Chase	Term Expires 1958
	Alma Ring	Term Expires 1958
	Frank Dustin	Term Expires 1959
	Edith Provost	Term Expires 1959
	Horace Seavey	Term Expires 1960
	Peyton Washburn	Term Expires 1960
Librarian	Laura MacLane	
Constables	Willard Kelly	
Fire Commissioners	Paul Marx	Term Expires 1958
	Heman Chase	Term Expires 1959
	Owen H. Libby	Term Expires 1960
School Board	Mary C. Burroughs	Term Expires 1958
	Herman Buss	Term Expires 1959
	Horace A. Seavey	Term Expires 1960
Park Commissioner	Willard Kelly	
Dog Constable	William Renz	



## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

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

You are hereby notified to meet at Vilas High School in said Alstead on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Old Age Assistance and for the support of the poor.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for highways and bridges.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to Oil Town roads.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,125.00 for payment of Long Term Notes; \$1,625.00 to be applied on the new Truck note and \$1,500.00 to be applied on the Fire Truck note.
7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell real estate acquired by tax sale.
8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
9. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the care of the cemeteries.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 for Memorial Day.

11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Library.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for the Elliott Community Hospital. By request.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25.00 for the care and maintenance of the Town Clock.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for the Police Department for the protection of persons and property.
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$225.00 to rent and maintain land for a public dump.
16. 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.
17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of parks and playgrounds.
18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the support of band concerts.
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for fire protection and support of the fire company.
20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense.
21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for the expense of Social Security administration.
22. 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.
23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,260.96 for street lights.
24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$767.17 for TRA construction, the State to contribute \$5,114.46.
25. To see if Town will authorize a discount of 2% on real estate taxes paid prior to October 1.
26. To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of 5 voters to act as Planning Board and report at next Town meeting.

27. To see if the Town will vote to sell a small parcel of land adjoining the so-called Alstead Center Schoolhouse, the Selectmen to determine the boundries and to transact the sale.

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

Given under our hands and seal this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

FRANK C. DUSTIN  
HARRY A. SPOONER  
W. R. PHIPPS  
Selectmen of Alstead

A true copy of Warrant---Attest:

FRANK C. DUSTIN  
HARRY A. SPOONER  
W. R. PHIPPS  
Selectmen of Alstead





## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and  
Expenditures of the Previous Year,  
January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1957	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1957	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1958
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,445.59	\$ 2,445.59	\$ 2,445.00
Savings Bank Tax	452.61	495.26	495.00
For Fighting Forest Fires and Fire Dept. Reimbursement		436.66	200.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	401.72	406.30	400.00
Business Licenses, permits and filing fees	23.00	20.00	10.00
Interest Received on Taxes	475.00	556.62	400.00
Income from Trust Funds	5,104.92	5,269.08	5,269.00
Highway, Rental of Equipment	441.30	553.27	400.00
Old Check Cancelled		7.05	
Gift, Rev. Warren Hall		100.00	
Electric Light	36.00		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,310.13	4,244.49	4,200.00
Sale of Town Property		1,297.20	
Added Taxes		24.00	
Cash Surplus			1,785.19
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes - regular at \$2.00	750.00	534.00	550.00
National Bank Stock Taxes		2.50	2.50
Yield Taxes	1,633.58	2,403.98	1,800.00
Head Tax Commission		78.50	70.00
<b>Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$16,073.85</b>	<b>\$18,874.50</b>	<b>\$12,357.69</b>
*Amount to be raised by property taxes			<u>\$83,437.24</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>			<u>\$95,794.93</u>

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

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1957	Actual Expendi- tures Previous Year 1957	Estimated Expendi- tures Ensuing Year 1958
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries, town officers' expenses, election and registration expenses town hall and other buildings	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,382.03	\$ 5,300.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	150.00	151.97	150.00
Fire Department	2,000.00	2,074.11	2,000.00
Moth Exterm., blister rust and care of trees	400.00	402.40	400.00
Civil Defense	100.00	21.90	100.00
Health:			
Town Dump and Garbage removal	300.00	317.00	225.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance - including oiling	15,000.00	14,947.26	15,000.00
Town Road Aid	629.75	629.75	629.75
Street Lighting	1,224.96	1,224.96	1,260.96
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	800.00	627.46	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,200.00	2,284.49	2,200.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	50.00	50.00	50.00
Recreation:			
Parks and playgrounds, incl. Band Concerts	300.00	345.00	300.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	300.00	220.90	300.00
Unclassified:			
Advertising and Regional Associations	132.00	132.00	132.00
Employee's Retirement and Social Security			
	300.00	200.00	300.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans		193.25	150.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds		827.56	800.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long Term Notes	2,700.00	2,700.00	3,125.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	4,267.22	4,267.22	4,267.22
School Taxes	58,105.00	58,105.00	58,105.00
Total Expenditures	\$80,158.93	\$95,103.36	\$95,794.93

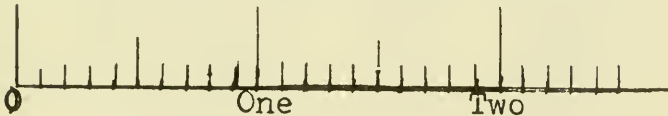
## ALSTEAD TAX RATE

1957

Town Appropriation Less Town Revenue	\$16,278.84
School District Appropriation Less District Revenue	58,105.00
Cheshire County Assessment	4,267.22
<b>Total to be Raised by Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$78,651.06</b>

Tax Rate (Per \$100. Valuation)    \$3.57

	Property Valuation	Alstead Tax Rate
1949	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX.	\$5.98
1950	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	4.20
1951	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	4.15
1952	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	4.15
1953	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	4.50
1954	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.	4.50
1955	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXX	4.10
1956	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	3.00
1957	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	3.57



MILLION DOLLARS ASSESSED VALUATION



## INVENTORY OF PROPERTY VALUATION

	1949	1950	1955	1956	1957
		State Reappraisal		Blanket Raise	
Lands and Buildings	\$782,610.00	\$1,107,735.00	\$1,229,545.00	\$1,889,065.00	\$2,023,325.00
Growing Wood & Timber	63,890.00				
Electric Plants	38,830.00	51,488.00	55,808.00	87,881.00	89,881.00
Horses	6,250.00	2,930.00	1,200.00	1,305.00	1,270.00
Oxen	500.00	300.00			
Cows	25,720.00	29,400.00	25,370.00	32,855.00	29,565.00
Other Neat Stock	6,855.00	3,175.00	1,980.00	3,725.00	4,675.00
Sheep and Goats	55.00		50.00		90.00
Hogs	50.00				
Fowl	1,090.00	1,360.00	525.00		500.00
Vehicles	1,300.00	500.00	3,900.00	600.00	600.00
Wood and Lumber	17,850.00	3,921.00	4,500.00		
Gas Pumps	1,770.00	1,655.00	1,000.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
Stock in Trade	18,500.00	35,312.00	38,655.00	48,050.00	63,650.00
Mills & Machinery	19,900.00	8,500.00	13,900.00	12,100.00	20,550.00
Portable Mills		3,100.00			
Road Building Machinery			15,300.00	35,250.00	25,200.00
House Trailers				2,500.00	5,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$985,170.00</b>	<b>\$1,249,376.00</b>	<b>\$1,387,483.00</b>	<b>\$2,115,081.00</b>	<b>\$2,266,056.00</b>
<b>Veterans Exemptions</b>	<b>53,600.00</b>	<b>52,820.00</b>	<b>66,580.00</b>	<b>56,200.00</b>	<b>62,945.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$931,570.00</b>	<b>\$1,196,556.00</b>	<b>\$1,320,903.00</b>	<b>\$2,058,881.00</b>	<b>\$2,203,111.00</b>



## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Some of the duties of your selectmen are to inspect the properties in the town, tabulate the various animals and list the residents. After this is finished, values or assessments are made on the properties and animals, then the residents over the age of twenty-one and under seventy are listed for poll and head-tax purposes. To arrive at your tax the tax rate is applied to the assessment of your property.

The taxes are determined by the cost of running your town. This cost is determined by you at the annual town meeting and district school meeting.

At these meetings you vote the amount of money you wish to spend on the various departments.

The tax rate is determined by the State Tax Commission. Your selectmen forward them a list of the amounts that you have voted at the two above mentioned meetings, together with the total assessments, as well as the amount of exemptions. When they return the amount of the tax rate, we apply it against the amount of your assessment and thus determine the amount of your taxes.

The rate this year was higher than in 1956 and was largely due to the loss of school aid and a much higher county tax.

Your board has met with the State Tax Commission twice this year, once at Swanzey and once in Alstead. They made many recommendations as to the methods of assessing and your board has followed some of them

Your town vitally needs additional industries; first to provide employment to its people and secondly to bring in additional tax revenue which is also needed. Your selectmen will welcome any suggestions as to the way and manner such industry or industries may be secured.

In accordance with instructions given at last annual meeting, we have purchased a new GMC truck fully equipped, together with snow-plow and chains at a cost under that granted for the purchase of same. This truck has been an excellent addition to your highway equipment. The old truck has had extensive repairs and should give a lot of service for some time to come.

A garage is needed to house the equipment owned but the cost of constructing the building needed at this time seems prohibitive. However, it seems well to think about it with the idea of constructing one some time in the not too distant future.

Additional street lights were installed on River Street in accordance with your instructions.

A new bridge is being constructed in the center of the town and when finished, will be a welcome improvement. The cost of this bridge is being borne by the state. The old band stand was moved to the rear of the Library to make room for the temporary bridge. When the new one is finished the state authorities have agreed to move it back to the original location, also to grade and seed the Library lawn and to rebuild the sidewalks and curbings damaged.

Your Selectmen and Road Agent met with the State Highway representatives in connection with damages sustained by a town bridge. This bridge is located on Route 123 near the residence of Mr. Savory. Your road agent was able to repair this bridge at a cost much less than if they had been made by state employees.

Some of the highways have been oiled, others repaired and oiled. We suggest that this program be continued this year.

Inspections have been made of the various timber cutting operations with a representative of the State Tax Commission, Timber Tax Division to protect the town's interest tax-wise.

**VILAS FREE BED.** The Vilas Free Bed at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital is made possible thru the generosity of Charles N. Vilas. He set up a trust fund, the earnings to go to the hospital for room and board for Alstead residents that are in need. During the year 1957, eight residents received benefits from this fund to the amount of \$800.00.

**CEMETERIES.** Extensive work has been carried out at the Slade & Alstead Centre Cemeteries. Brush has been cut as well as the grass, leaves and sticks have been raked and disposed of. Stones have been straightened. New maps of all the cemeteries should be drawn or existing ones brought up to date.

**VILAS POOL.** A deep-well was driven for drinking water. The bottom of the Pool was partially bull-dozed. More of this work should be undertaken in 1958, also sand should be brought in for the small children's bathing area. Some of the boats are getting to a point where they should be replaced, if possible at least one of the swan-boats should be repaired and put back into service. The sewerage-system has been changed, sewerage being disposed of via septic-tank and leach-bea. All of these improvements have been made out of trust fund and at no expense to the town.

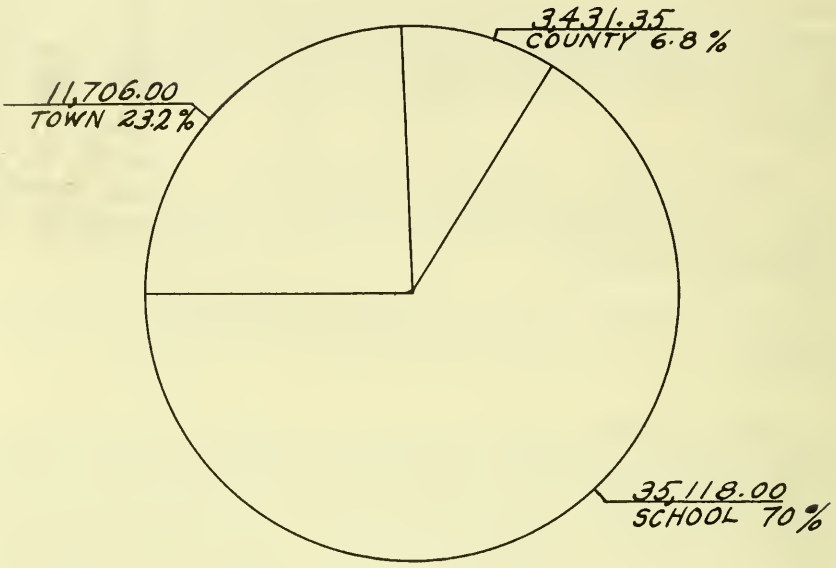
**TOWN HISTORY.** The history is at present at a standstill. A quantity of material has been assembled by the late Mrs. Rawson. We would welcome assistance from some local citizen who could carry out the work started by Mrs. Rawson.

**STREET LIGHTS.** We have the following lights in town: 5 1000 lumen in East Alstead; 45 1000 lumen in Alstead; and 5 6000 lumen in centre of the town.

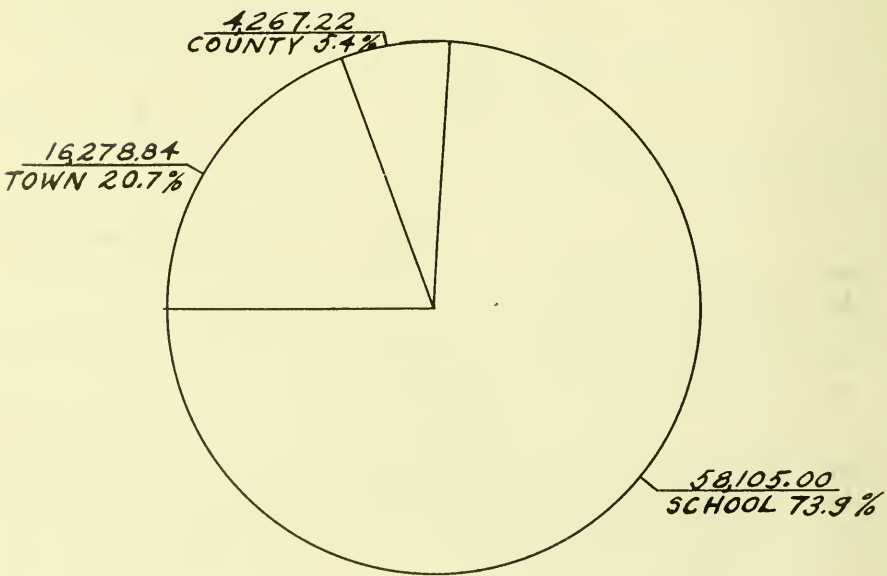
**OFFICE HOURS.** Your board meets each Wednesday night from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. We urge you to bring town problems and suggestions to our attention during these meetings. Your complaints, suggestions, moral support, and general comments are sincerely appreciated. Your board of selectmen appreciates the sincere cooperation of the various departments of the town as well as by the many people of the town. We hope to continue to provide the best possible government within the financial limitations placed upon it by ever-increasing costs.

**SELECTMEN OF ALSTEAD, N. H.**

HOW THE 1950 PROPERTY TAX WAS SPENT  
TOTAL TAX 50,255.35

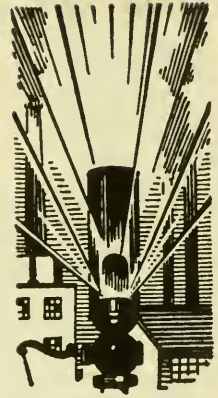


HOW THE 1957 PROPERTY TAX WAS SPENT  
TOTAL TAX 78,651.06





## FIRE DEPARTMENT



### EXPENDITURES:

Kane and Healy (Oil)	\$155.18	
Granite State Electric	24.88	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	136.60	
Marie Radcliffe (Insurance Trucks)	409.08	
Leon Trow (Fire house Insurance)	46.40	
Kmiec Garage (Repairs)	7.20	
Alstead Garage (Repairs)	212.09	
Libby's (Supplies)	5.46	
Marx Hardware (Paint Supplies)	49.99	
Fire Engine Magazine	3.50	
N.H. Fire Safety (Hose Equipment)	354.15	
Twin State Mutual Aid (Dues)	10.00	
Lawrence Pelton (Plowing Snow)	4.00	
Robert Trask (Water Holes)	41.00	
Forest Fires	440.01	
Comstock Printer (Fire Cards)	13.50	
Harry Hartwell (Equipment)	75.61	
Alstead Texaco (Gas and Oil)	11.16	
Sudbury Laboratory (Chemicals)	27.00	
Farrar Co. (Supplies)	12.20	
Howard Jacobson (Towing Fire Trk)	10.00	
Town Fires Pay Roll	<u>462.00</u>	
Total Expenditures		\$2,511.01

### CREDITS:

Forest Fires	\$166.29	
Wardens Meetings	7.75	
Town of Acworth (Kent Fire)	125.00	
Town of Acworth (Davis Fire)	77.86	
E. B. Spurr (Pumping Well)	25.00	
Town Of Langdon (Lane Fire)	<u>34.76</u>	
Total Credits		\$ 436.66

Total Appropriation	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	\$2,436.66

Overdraft \$74,35

The Fire Department went to 20 fires during the year, the majority being chimney fires. The Department also answered calls to 10 forest fires, none of them too serious.

The new fire truck has proved its worth many times since it was purchased.

We have bought new hose this year and we plan to replace all of our out-dated hose eventually. The trucks are in good condition. The fire-house was painted by the firemen.

Howard L. Goss, Clerk  
A. F. D.



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

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

Many small events made up the life of the library in 1957; the selection of books, the preparing of them for circulation, the answering of questions as to what we have on different subjects. The school pupils, the summer residents, and the year round residents who are fond of reading made use of the library.

In observance of Book Week, the librarian invited the pupils of the first six grades of the Alstead Elementary School to visit the library on November 21 and the pupils of the first three grades of the Langdon School on November 19. The librarian told the pupils something about the life of Mr. John G. Shedd, who gave the library in memory of his father, mother and his wife's father and mother, who were once residents of Alstead. She read selections from some of the new books which the boys and girls were eager to borrow afterward.

Mrs. Lowery, the Fifth Grade teacher, Miss Merrill of Vilas High School, and Miss Duncan of the Langdon School have had deposits of books in their school rooms.

It has given your librarian satisfaction to supply the requests of patrons for books and to look up information in answer to questions asked.

Number of books added by purchase	239
Number of books added by gift	3
Number of magazines	32
Daily papers	2
Weekly papers	1
Reference questions	644

### Record of Circulation of books and magazines:

Fiction	5,274
Non-fiction	1,337
Juvenile	2,834
Magazines	<u>1,901</u>

11,346

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA N. MacLANE, Librarian

## SHEDD PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Received from the Shedd Porter Fund	\$2,363.21
Received from State of N.H. moving bandstand	150.00
Received from C. F. Warren Fund	171.13
Received from Carpenter Fund	16.37
Received from Kimball Fund	80.75
Received from Water rents	356.00
Received from Selectmen - Office Rent	180.00
From Savings Bank of Walpole, N.H.	<u>100.00</u>
	\$3,417.46
Cash on hand January 1, 1957	<u>257.30</u>
	\$3,674.76
Payments	\$3,613.00
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1957	<u>61.76</u>
	\$3,674.76
Payments:	
Librarian	\$1,200.00
Assistant Librarian	27.20
Janitor	600.00
Treasurer	35.00
Books and Periodicals	586.68
Telephone and Electricity	186.54
Chase Tree Service	127.06
Labor on Building	196.86
Fuel	425.81
Labor on Water System	29.94
Moving Bandstand	150.00
Unclassified	<u>47.91</u>
	\$3,613.00
Other Assets:	
Uncollected Water Rents	\$ 60.00
Savings Bank of Walpole	5,010.39
Sugar River Savings Bank	<u>1,637.29</u>
	\$6,707.68

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



## REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENT

During 1957 the new road from East Alstead to the Gilsum line was tarred.

The Walpole Valley Road from the Walpole Line over Slade Hill to the foot of Surry Mountain was treated. Likewise Relihan Hill, Post Office Square, Main Street and the ends of Library Avenue. The road from Main Street to Alstead Centre was tarred in the worst spots.

Fifty-three tons of cold patch were applied throughout the town. Nine hundred yards of crushed stone and gravel were put on the road from the Acworth-Alstead Line to the Rhodes farm in the Rhodes District.

In East Alstead, the road was gravelled from a point opposite the residence of Howard Jacobson to the cemetery.

Pine Cliff Road was gravelled for one-half mile.

One stretch on Slade Hill had to be gravelled, also Library Avenue and Bennett Road. Many other spots were filled in with gravel. The bridge opposite Walter Savory's was partially washed out. The abutments were repaired with stone and cement. A culvert was relaid on C.H. Metcalf's road; two on Sidney Pratt's road and many others throughout the town were repaired or adjusted.

Late in the Fall Buffam's and Putnam's Roads were badly washed by the heavy rains and had to be gravelled to make them passable. Brush was cut on the roadsides. The FWD has been completely overhauled and painted and is O.K. for plowing snow.

I wish to thank every one who assisted in any way during the past year.

Clifford Clark, Road Agent

## ROAD AGENT'S ACCOUNT EXPENSES

Clifford Clark, Labor	\$2,646.52
Richard Clark, Labor	2,307.16
Wallace Bascome, Labor	3.00
Robert Dunlap, Plowing Snow	145.25
Frank Stanley, Repairs and Gas	421.75
Kmeic's Garage, Repairs and Gas	1,368.80
Limoges Oil Company, Oil	41.95
Arthur Marx, Snow Plow	150.00
R. N. Johnson, Canvas Shovels and Broom	55.51
Cold River Sand and Gravel, Cold Patch	398.82
Scotts Mchy., Parts for Truck	284.47
M. Radcliff (Workmans' Comp. Ins. & Ins. on Town Equipment	851.28
Treas. State of N. H., Chloride	370.80
Berger Metal Culvert, Culverts	76.75
Albert Porter, Shovel Trailer Truck	181.65
Casilling Venable Corp.	2.16
Albert Fletcher, Tire & Repairs Loader	57.46
Felix Damazah, Gravel	19.50
Dartmouth Motors, Chains and Tire Repairs	75.49
Kmeic & Clark, Labor, Cement, Lumber on Bridge	218.25
Burt Pease, Truck	42.30
Blake & Edson, Truck	42.30
Roger Leonard, Truck	38.95
Ralph Balla, Truck	81.65
Fred Porter, Truck	51.70
Gravel Crushing Inc.	630.00
Cray's Oil, Deisel Oil	41.00
Charles LaFrank, Bridge Plants	94.16
Floyd Rhodes, Gravel	90.00
C.E. and R. G. Clark, Tractor Mowing Roadside	56.25
International Salt Co., Salt	309.13
Lewis Fewer, Gravel	21.50
George Comstock, Gravel	140.20
Ray Stevens, Gravel	4.70
Mark's Hardware, Shovels & Nails	7.78
Copper Tar Comp Inc., Tar	1,740.69
Wachusett, Bituminous, Tar	1,055.16
Walpole Highway Dept., Sander Haul & Men	1,095.53
W. H. Brooks, Truck	69.70

### Rec'd from Rent of Truck and Grades; also for Material

Charles LaFrank, Driveway	\$ 56.03
Herbert Muzzy, Cold Patch	1.00
Charles Borroughs, Truck and Loader & Gravel	5.00
Marion Bath, Truck and Loader & Gravel	5.00
Rachel Donnelly, Truck and Loader & Gravel	5.00
Theodore T. Whitney, Truck and Loader & Gravel	85.00
Julia Kerella, Truck & Loader	5.00

Frank Dustin, Truck & Loader Gravel	10.00
Ray Phipps, Truck & Loader Gravel	5.00
Mrs. W. B. Powers, Truck & Loader Gravel	5.00
Herbert LaMears, Rent of Loader	10.00
Charles Simmons, Truck Loader & Gravel	10.00
George Benware, Truck Loader & Gravel	36.00
Austin Fletcher, Truck Loader & Gravel	15.00
Charles LaFrank, Grading & Chloride	50.04
Mrs. Leon Jones, Truck & Loader	9.00
Margaret Squibbs, Truck & Loader	5.00
Horace Seavey, Truck, Loader & Gravel	16.00
Alstead School Dist., Patching Driveway	19.50
Alice Knight, Truck Loader & Gravel	8.00
Ray Phipps, Salt & Chloride	3.00
Melvin Perry, Truck Loader & Gravel	8.00
Ruth Benware, Truck Loader & Gravel	14.00
George Wilson, Truck Loader & Gravel	12.00
Perley Washburn, Sand	2.00
State of N. H. Gas Tax	105.89

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF POOR

During 1957 this department gave temporary assistance to six adults and twelve children. We boarded one man at the county farm for a period of time. A load of wood was furnished to an elderly person who was unable to cut his own.

The expenses of this department for the year was \$627.46.

WILLIAM D. HAYES

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Forty-five accidents were investigated.

Twelve complaints were investigated.

Eight lost dogs and three goats were located and returned to their rightful owners.

A lost plane was located.

No arrests were made, but many warnings were issued.

Traffic duty was performed when necessary.

One case of forcible entry was investigated with the county sheriff.

Several cases of domestic difficulties were settled.

No stolen cars were reported.

The cost of running this department was \$151.97.

WILLIAM D. HAYES

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

January 9, 1958

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, 1957, 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, 1956-December 31, 1957: (Exhibit A-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1956 and December 31, 1957, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the Surplus increased by \$1,500.73 during the year 1957.

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:

Increase in Surplus

Budget Surplus	\$3,102.16	
Long Term Notes Paid	7,528.08	
Yield Tax Abatement Charged to State	<u>22.50</u>	
		\$10,652.74

Decrease in Surplus

Long Term Notes Issued	\$4,885.00	
Tax Liens Transferred to Tax Deeds	27.36	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	<u>4,239.65</u>	
		<u>9,152.01</u>
Net Increase		\$ 1,500.73

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

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1957, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a revenue surplus of \$2,531.87, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$570.29, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$3,102.16.

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

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1957, 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, 1957, 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. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Current Surplus:

The current surplus (excess of total assets over current liabilities) decreased from \$24,484.46 to \$23,342.11 during 1957, as shown by the following statement:

	<u>December 31, 1956</u>	<u>December 31, 1957</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>	\$58,239.89	\$64,416.11
<u>Current Liabilities</u>	33,755.43	41,074.00
<u>Current Surplus</u>	\$24,484.46	\$23,342.11

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 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*  
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

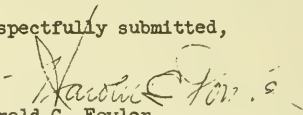
Concord, New Hampshire

January 9, 1958

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, 1957 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, 1957, 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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# COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

## As of December 31, 1956 and December 31, 1957

	December 31, 1956	December 31, 1957		December 31, 1956	December 31, 1957
<b>Assets</b>			<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Cash:</b>			<b>Unexpended Balances of ST</b>		
General Fund	\$11,396.10	\$15,844.08	Appropriations:	\$ 219.88	\$ 27,695.00
Social Security Account (contra)	<u>128.70</u>	<u>98.29</u>	Town Doctor	20,815.89	100.00
	\$11,524.80	\$15,940.58	School Tax		
			Social Security	<u>\$21,035.77</u>	<u>\$27,795.00</u>
<b>Capital Reserve Fund:</b>					
Town Hall	11,209.74	11,576.98	<b>Due State of New Hampshire:</b>		
			Head Taxes - Uncollected	\$ 480.00	\$ 710.00
<b>Due from State of New Hampshire:</b>			Head Taxes - Collected	112.50	38.50
Savings Bank Tax	\$ 452.61	\$	Special Yield Taxes - Uncollected	326.72	632.16
State Share of TRA - Apportionment B Notes	<u>16,834.64</u>	<u>12,594.92</u>	Special Yield Taxes - Collected		<u>152.86</u>
	17,287.25	12,594.92	Not Remitted	919.22	1,533.52
<b>Unredeemed Taxes:</b>			Yield Tax Deposit	462.00	162.00
Levy of 1956	\$ 481.46	\$ 605.81	Social Security Account (contra)	<u>128.70</u>	96.50
Levy of 1955	<u>395.42</u>	<u>135.07</u>			
Levy of 1954	866.88	151.04	Capital Reserve Fund	11,209.74	11,576.98
	\$ 1,743.76	\$ 891.92			
<b>Uncollected Taxes:</b>					
Levy of 1957	\$ 16,760.42	\$21,566.15	<b>Long Term Notes:</b>		
Levy of 1956	<u>100.80</u>	<u>1,107.29</u>	New Bucket Loader	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Levy of 1955	16,861.22	28.20	New Fire Truck	3,000.00	15,171.92
			TRA - Apportionment B	20,000.00	3,725.00
<b>Uncollected State Head Taxes:</b>			New Highway Truck		<u>1,160.00</u>
Levy of 1957	\$ 480.00	\$ 710.00			
Levy of 1956	<u>10.00</u>	<u>28.20</u>	Total Liabilities	<u>\$4,200.00</u>	<u>\$21,556.92</u>
	\$ 490.00	\$ 740.00	Surplus	284.46	1,785.19
			Total Liabilities & Surplus	<u>\$4,484.46</u>	<u>\$44,342.11</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$56,239.89</u>	<u>\$64,416.11</u>			



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957

#### Receipts

#### From Local Taxes:

##### Current Year:

Property Taxes	\$60,008.31	
Poll Taxes	534.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.50	
Yield Taxes	189.38	
Head Taxes	<u>1,740.00</u>	
		\$62,474.19

##### Prior Years:

Property Taxes	\$14,646.37	
Poll Taxes	134.00	
Yield Taxes	931.36	
Head Taxes	<u>450.00</u>	
		16,161.73

Interest on Taxes	556.62	
Head Tax Penalties	48.50	
Tax Sales Redeemed	<u>1,015.44</u>	
		\$ 80,256.48

#### From State of New Hampshire:

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,445.59	
Savings Bank Tax - 1956	452.61	
Savings Bank Tax - 1957	495.26	
Town Road Aid	4,198.33	
Fighting Forest Fires	208.80	

##### Refunds:

Gas Tax	105.89	
Head Tax Expense	19.81	
Blister Rust	2.40	
Old Age Assistance	<u>295.00</u>	
		8,223.69

#### From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	\$ 406.30	
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	20.00	
Rent of Town Property	140.00	
Income from Highway Department	413.27	
Income from Trust Funds	4,712.46	
Motor Vehicle Permits	<u>4,244.49</u>	
		9,936.52

Receipts (Continued)

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans		\$15,500.00
Long Term Notes		4,885.00
<u>Appropriation Credits:</u>		
Town Dump	\$ 75.00	
Fire Department	227.86	
Town Officers' Salaries	50.00	
		<u>352.86</u>
Old Checks Cancelled		7.05
Gift		100.00
Sale of Town Property		<u>1,297.20</u>

\$ 22,142.11

Total Receipts During Year

\$120,558.80

Balance - December 31, 1956

11,396.10

Grand Total

\$131,954.90ExpendituresGeneral Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,254.19	
Town Officers' Expenses	1,732.97	
Election & Registration	102.00	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	13.60	
		<u>\$ 4,102.76</u>

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police	\$ 151.97	
Fire	2,511.01	
Blister Rust & Care of Trees	400.00	
Civil Defense	21.90	
		<u>3,084.88</u>

Health:

Town Dump	\$ 317.00	
Health Department - Doctor	183.33	
		<u>500.33</u>

Highways & Bridges:

Street Lighting	\$ 1,224.96	
Town Maintenance	14,947.26	
		<u>16,172.22</u>

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	\$ 2,284.49	
Town Poor	627.46	
		<u>2,911.95</u>

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day & Other Celebrations		50.00
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Recreation:

Parks & Playgrounds	\$ 155.00	
Band Concerts	190.00	
		<u>345.00</u>

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries		220.90
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Expenditures (Continued)Unclassified:

Taxes Bought by Town	\$ 1,067.84	
Advertising & Regional Associations	132.00	
Damages & Legal Expenses	258.46	
Town Clock	25.00	
Timber Tax Deposits	300.00	
Discounts, Abatement & Refunds	139.48	
Social Security	200.00	
		<u>\$ 2,122.78</u>

<u>Interest:</u>			
Paid on Long Term Notes		\$ 193.25	
Paid on Temporary Loans		<u>827.56</u>	1,020.81
<u>New Construction &amp; Improvements:</u>			
Highway Department - New Truck		\$ 3,725.00	
- Snow Plow		<u>1,160.00</u>	4,885.00
<u>Indebtedness:</u>			
Long Term Notes		\$ 7,528.08	
Temporary Loans		<u>15,500.00</u>	23,028.08
<u>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</u>			
County Tax		\$ 4,267.22	
Head Taxes Paid to State Treasurer:			
1956 Levy	\$ 546.50		
1957 Levy	<u>1,536.50</u>		
		2,083.00	
<u>School District:</u>			
1956-57 Appropriation	\$20,815.89		
1957-58 Appropriation	<u>30,500.00</u>		
		<u>51,315.89</u>	
			<u>57,666.11</u>
Total Payments For All Purposes			\$116,110.82
Balance - December 31, 1957			<u>15,844.08</u>
Grand Total			<u>\$131,954.90</u>
			=====
Balance - December 31, 1956	\$ 11,396.10		
Receipts During Year	<u>120,558.80</u>		
		\$131,954.90	
Expenditures During Year		<u>116,110.82</u>	
Balance - December 31, 1957			\$15,844.08
			=====
<u>Proof of Balance</u>			
Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company, Bellows Falls, Vermont - As Per Statement of December 30, 1957	\$ 19,915.71		
Less: Outstanding Checks		<u>4,579.89</u>	
		\$ 15,335.82	
Undeposited Cash on Hand		<u>508.26</u>	
Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1957			<u>\$15,844.08</u>
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KEY  
 Cross sections used  
 to locate properties.  
 Example - Vias Pool  
 located in section  
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### MAP OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD CHESHIRE COUNTY, N.H.

Drawn by F.C. Dustin using U.S.G.S. Maps 1957



# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

## Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957

	Forwarded From 1956	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Balances <u>Unexpended</u>	Overdrafts	Forwarded to 1958 <u>Liabilities</u>
Interest on Debt								
Town Officers' Salaries					1,020.81			
Town Officers' Expenses			191.00	5,210.81	2,254.19			
Election & Registration		5,000.00	19.81		1,732.97			
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings					102.00			
Damages & Legal Expenses					13.80			
Town Clock					298.46			
Social Security or Retirement		25.00		25.00	25.00			
Police Department		300.00		300.00	200.00			
Fire Department		150.00	436.66	2,436.66	151.97		1.97	
Civilian Defense		2,000.00		100.00	2,511.01		74.35	
Blastor Hut - Care of Trees		100.00		402.40	21.90			
Dump & Garbage Collection		400.00	2.40	300.00	400.00		2.40	
Town Road Aid - Note Payment		225.00	75.00	317.00	317.00		17.00	
General Expense of Highway Department		629.75	4,196.33	4,828.08	4,828.08			
Street Lighting		15,000.00	105.69	15,105.69	14,947.28	158.63		
Old Age Assistance		1,224.95		1,224.95	1,224.95			
Public Relief		2,200.00	295.00	2,495.00	2,284.49	210.51		
Parks & Playgrounds		800.00		800.00	627.46	172.54		
Memorial Day		300.00		300.00	345.00		45.00	
Cemeteries		50.00		50.00	50.00			
Advertising & Regional Associations		300.00		300.00	220.90	79.10		
Payment on Debt		132.00		132.00	132.00			
County Tax		2,700.00		2,700.00	2,700.00			
School Tax		4,287.22		4,287.22	4,287.22			
Overlay		58,105.00		78,920.89	51,315.69	142.00		27,605.00
Health Department - Doctor	20,815.89			317.48	175.48	36.55		
Timber Tax Deposits	219.88			450.00	300.00			150.00
New Equipment	450.00		4,885.00	4,885.00	4,885.00			
Temporary Loans			15,500.00	15,500.00	15,500.00			
	\$21,485.77	\$94,286.41	\$25,709.09	\$114,421.27	\$112,995.98	\$879.83	\$309.54	\$27,855.00



Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957

	Revenues		Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual		
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,445.59	\$ 2,445.59	\$	\$
Savings Bank Tax	452.61	495.26	42.65	
Revenue from Yield Tax	1,633.58	2,403.98	770.40	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,310.13	4,244.49		65.64
Dog Licenses	401.72	406.30	4.58	
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	23.00	20.00		3.00
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	441.30	553.27	111.97	
Interest on Taxes & Income from Trust Funds	5,104.92	5,269.08	164.16	
Old Checks Cancelled		7.05	7.05	
Gift		100.00	100.00	
Sale of Town Property		1,297.20	1,297.20	
Head Tax Commissions		78.50	78.50	
Added Taxes		24.00	24.00	
	\$14,812.85	\$17,344.72	\$2,600.51	\$ 68.64



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrants  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957

<u>Debits</u>	Levies of:		
	1957	1956	1955
<u>Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1956:</u>			
Property Taxes	\$	\$14,656.12	\$
Poll Taxes		144.00	4.00
Yield Taxes			96.80
<u>Taxes Committed to Collector:</u>			
Property Taxes	78,651.06		
Poll Taxes	760.00		
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.50		
Yield Taxes	2,884.78	1,960.30	
<u>Added Taxes:</u>			
Poll Taxes	24.00		
<u>Interest Collected</u>	1.39	482.24	9.47
	\$82,323.73	\$17,242.66	\$110.27

<u>Credits</u>			
<u>Remittances to Treasurer:</u>			
Property Taxes	\$60,008.31	\$14,646.37	\$
Poll Taxes	534.00	132.00	2.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.50		
Yield Taxes	189.38	862.76	68.60
Interest	1.39	482.24	9.47
<u>Abatements:</u>			
Poll Taxes	22.00	12.00	2.00
<u>Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1957:</u>			
Property Taxes	18,642.75	9.75	
Poll Taxes	228.00		
Yield Taxes	2,695.40	1,097.54	28.20
	\$82,323.73	\$17,242.66	\$110.27

Summary of Tax Sale Account  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957

<u>Debits</u>	Levies of:		
	1956	1955	1954
Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1956	\$	\$481.46	\$385.42
Tax Sale - August 24, 1957		1,067.84	
Interest & Costs After Sale		8.11	23.18
	\$1,075.95	\$504.64	\$417.65

<u>Credits</u>			
<u>Remittances to Treasurer:</u>			
Redemptions	\$ 462.03	\$346.39	\$207.02
Interest & Costs	8.11	23.18	32.23
Deeded to Town			27.36
Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1957	605.81	135.07	151.04
	\$1,075.95	\$504.64	\$417.65

Summary of State Head Tax Warrants  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957

<u>Debits</u>	Levies of:		
	1957	1956	1955
Uncollected Head Taxes - December 31, 1956	\$	\$480.00	\$10.00
Head Taxes Committed to Collector	2,430.00		
Added Head Taxes	50.00		
Penalties Collected	3.50	44.50	.50
	\$2,483.50	\$524.50	\$10.50

<u>Credits</u>			
<u>Remittances to Treasurer:</u>			
Head Taxes	\$1,740.00	\$445.00	\$ 5.00
Penalties	3.50	44.50	.50
Abatements	30.00	35.00	5.00
Uncollected Head Taxes - December 31, 1957	710.00		
	\$2,483.50	\$524.50	\$10.50

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### Summary of Town Clerk's Accounts Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957

#### Debits

#### Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1956 - Nos. 2560 - 2575	\$ 21.22	
1957 - Nos. 3053 - 3633	4,164.06	
1958 - Nos. 3051 - 3054	58.41	
		\$4,244.49

#### Dog Licenses Issued:

128 @ \$ 2.00	\$ 256.00	
13 @ \$ 5.00	65.00	
1 @ \$ .50	.50	
2 @ \$12.00	24.00	
2 @ \$25.00	50.00	
	\$ 395.50	

Less: Fees Retained - 146 @ \$0.20	29.20	
		366.30

Penalties Collected		40.00
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\$4,650.79

#### Credits

#### Remittances to Treasurer:

A/c Motor Vehicle Permits	\$4,244.49	
A/c Dog Licenses	366.30	
A/c Penalties	40.00	

\$4,650.79

### Summary of Vilas Pool Account and Proof of Balance ✓ Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957

Balance - December 31, 1956		\$4,066.54
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#### Receipts During Year:

Vilas Estate	\$3,793.57	
Interest on Savings Account	103.50	
		3,897.07

\$7,963.61

Expenditures During Year

4,912.33

Balance - December 31, 1957

\$3,051.28



## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

### Statement of Trust Fund Income and Expenditure Account

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957

#### Debits

Balance - December 31, 1956 \$ 6,316.02

#### Receipts During Year:

Savings Bank Interest \$1,482.60  
Interest on U. S. Government Bonds 182.50

#### Dividends:

Massachusetts Investors Trust 423.12  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire 97.50  
Interest on Capital Reserve Fund 367.24

Reinvestments 1,300.00

Gain on Sale of Investments 5.00

Government Bonds Matured 400.00

New Trust Funds Created 200.00

Capital Gains Dividends 4.20

Refunds 4.50

4,466.66

\$10,782.68

#### Credits

#### Expenditures During Year:

Labor \$1,569.56

New Investments 2,134.20

Capital Reserve Fund 367.24

Services & Supplies 490.22

Flowers 20.00

Social Security 26.17

Withholding Taxes 35.00

Transferred to C. F. Warren Library Fund 171.13

Transferred to Kimball Library Fund 80.75

Transferred to Carpenter Library Fund 16.37

Transferred to Alstead School District 38.11

Safety Deposit Box Rent 4.40

4,953.15

Balance - December 31, 1957

\$5,829.53

# SUMMARY OF TRUST FUND PRINCIPAL INCOME AND INVESTMENTS

## Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957

	PRINCIPAL		INCOME		Principal & Interest December 31, 1957
	Balance December 31, 1957	Capital Added to During Year	Earned During Year	Expended During Year	
Warren Monument Fund	\$ 5,252.00	\$			\$ 5,252.00
Kissball Library Fund	2,465.19		80.75	80.75	2,465.19
Carpenter Library Fund	500.00		16.37	16.37	500.00
C. F. Warren Library Fund	5,650.00		171.13	171.13	5,650.00
Capital Reserve Fund - Town Hall	11,209.74		367.24	367.24	11,576.98
Cemetery Trust Funds	42,525.74	147.80	1,728.96	1,978.98	42,873.54
Kingebury School Fund	605.00		20.61	20.61	605.00
	<u>\$59,218.67</u>	<u>\$147.80</u>			<u>\$68,933.71</u>
		<u>\$557.24</u>			
			<u>\$6,091.02</u>	<u>\$2,518.95</u>	<u>\$5,829.53</u>

### Investments

Halpole Savings Bank	\$ 32,923.00
Amopang Savings Bank	1,645.98
Cheahle County Savings Bank	9,956.45
Sugar River Savings Bank	1,657.00
New Hampshire Savings Bank	606.00
U. S. Savings Bonds - Series G	1,100.00
U. S. Treasury Bonds 3%	5,000.00
Public Service Company of New Hampshire Bonds	3,000.00
Massachusetts Investors Trust - 1032 Shares	6,502.28
First National City Bank of New York - 120 Shares	6,543.00
Keene National Bank - Checking Account	5,829.53

\$74,763.24

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

Date	Place	Baby's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Mar. 6	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Douglas William	Bernard Wilson	Janice Butler
Apr. 1	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Sally Ann	Joseph Durell	Elizabeth Benware
Apr. 6	Keene, N. H.	Debra Anne	Robert Wilson	Ruth Collins
Apr. 20	Bellows Falls, Vt.	John Page	Page Riley	Noreen Pearse
May 2	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Debra Ruth	Harold Wright	Carlene Pratt
May 31	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Charles Robert	George Ramsey, Jr.	Mildred Waters
June 3	Bellows Falls, Vt.	David Michael	Wesley Crosby	Lenta Haskins
July 23	Keene, N. H.	Dorothy Wendy	Kenneth Wesson	Ruby Willis
Aug. 7	Keene, N. H.	Angela Marie	Henry Vitale	June Doody
Aug. 19	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Raymond Leslie	Harold Ramsey	Beatrice Harrington
Aug. 25	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Paul Ann	Elmer Moore	Alberta Griffin
Oct. 1	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Wendy Sue	Erwin Ward	Miriam Dustin
Oct. 14	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Mark James	Raymond Monty	Kathryn Allen
Nov. 4	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Howard Lewis II	Howard Goss	Josephine Smith
Nov. 4	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Mark Parsons	Robert Sargent	Priscilla Parsons

## MARRIAGES

Date	Place	Names	Residence
Mar. 23	Claremont, N. H.	Walter Simino Maude Simino	Alstead, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
Apr. 27	Charlestown, N.H.	William Sherwin Bernice Willis	Bellows Falls, Vt. Alstead, N. H.
May 4	Alstead, N. H.	Joseph Yuhas Melvine Butler	Acworth, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
May 17	Bellows Falls, Vt.	John Davenport Pauline Stack	Alstead, N. H. Bellows Falls, Vt.
May 25	Alstead, N. H.	Roy DeMond Marjorie Hayes	Alstead, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
June 15	Keene, N. H.	George LaRoche Annie Molesky	Keene, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
June 22	Alstead, N. H.	John Burroughs Audrey Bacon	Alstead, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
July 20	Alstead, N. H.	William Rhoades Jean Pratt	Alstead, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
Aug. 8	Rumney, N. H.	Arthur Morrill, Jr. Betty Karr	Plymouth, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
Aug. 10	Walpole, N. H.	Robert Lausier Patricia Relihan	Stockholm, Me. Alstead, N. H.
Oct. 29	Winchester, Mass.	Arthur Butterworth Marjorie Heald	Alstead, N. H. So. Paris, Me.
Nov. 2	No. Swanzey, N. H.	Newell Dorr Shirley Foley	Alstead, N. H. Keene, N. H.
Nov. 30	Keene, N. H.	Earl Spaulding, Jr. Yvonne Monty	Westmoreland, N.H. Alstead, N. H.
Dec. 22	E. Lempster, N.H.	Vernon Crosby	Alstead, N.H. No. Swanzey, N.H.





## VITAL STATISTICS

### DEATHS

Date Death	Place	Name	Age Years
Feb. 10	Charlestown, N. H.	Charles H. Greene	85
Mar. 16	Alstead, N. H.	Erwin A. Tuttle	72
July 18	Keene, N. H.	Jack Zelaski	About 76
July 20	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Adelaide Newell	91
July 21	Alstead, N. H.	Marshall A. Carrier	88
Aug. 7	E. Alstead, N. H.	Fred I. Griffith	78
Aug. 26	E. Alstead, N. H.	Henrietta M. Petersen	58
Oct. 18	E. Alstead, N. H.	Nelson B. Ober	76
Dec. 10	Hanover, N. H.	Irma Butler	45

### Brought to Town for Burial

Sept. 19	Boston, Mass.	Delia T. Dinsmore	86
Dec. 4 '56	Providence, R. I.	Marion Rawson	78
Dec. 22	Providence, R. I.	Marion Rawson	78



# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## School District Officers

OF

## ALSTEAD, N. H.



Year Ending December 31, 1957

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

### School Board

Mrs. Mary Burroughs, Chairman  
Horace Seavey  
Herman Buss

**Moderator**  
Herman 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 8th day of March, 1958 at 8:00 in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent in the district.
6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To see what sum of money the district will 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 to 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 see if the school district will adopt as its school check-list the Town check-list, as provided in R.S.A. 197; 12a, as inserted by Laws of 1957, chapter 57; this provision to be effective for the 1959 and subsequent annual district meetings.

10. 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, January 15, 1957--January 15, 1958, as your Superintendent of Schools:

Small communities are finding it increasingly expensive to operate their schools especially when a reasonable effort is made to give equality of educational opportunity. The loss of state aid this past year made it still more difficult in Alstead. It is not at all agreeable to find one's taxes on the increase especially when income has decreased. However, it is not possible to have a good educational program and cut costs to any appreciable extent. Every effort has been made to curtail expenses but in spite of these efforts the overall budget has increased.

The addition of a faculty member is necessary in order to meet the requirements of the State Minimum Standards and to a small extent the State Recommended Practices. Another factor that makes the addition necessary is the anticipated large enrollment in Grade Seven. This class will have to be divided into two sections.

State Minimum Standards require that twenty academic subjects, twelve vocational subjects and three fine art subjects be offered each year. The addition of three academic subjects; General Science, French III, General Mathematics and an activity period in the field of art will allow us to fulfill these requirements.

Other changes that will allow us to come closer to fulfilling the standards of recommended practices can be accomplished by rearranging teacher assignments of teachers already on our staff, plus a change of schedule that at present plans to have a shorter lunch time that will allow some classes to be in session while other pupils are eating lunch, and will also mean an earlier dismissal time in the afternoon.

An ambitious program to strengthen the curriculum was begun this year. A three-day Language Arts Workshop was held October 9, 10, and 11 for the purpose of studying current information about content and methods with particular emphasis on oral and written communication. Dr. Alice Crossley, Associate Professor of Education at Boston University;

Miss Nell Sefton, Educational Consultant of the World Book Company; Mrs. Marie Capron, State Elementary Supervisor and Mr. Normand Paquette, Head of the Claremont English Department were speakers and consultants.

Our objectives are:

1. To develop a syllabus outline for Grades 1-8 that will serve as a basis for progressive improvement.
2. To develop an English syllabus outline for Grades 9-12 that will serve as a basis for progressive improvement.
3. To develop a planned program of integration of the language arts with other high school subjects.

As a follow-up of the Workshop two committees are working on syllabi; one for Grades 1-8, the other, for Grades 9-12. In addition six meetings of all the teachers are being held to work with the committees.

There were five faculty changes this year. Mrs. Rachel Donnelly replaced Mrs. Arlene Head. Mrs. Donnelly is a Tufts College graduate and former teacher in Warwick, Rhode Island. Mrs. Patricia Lowrey replaced Mrs. Dorothy Kaffel. Mrs. Lowrey is a graduate of Plymouth Teachers College and a former teacher in Hinsdale, N. H. Miss Anne Merrill replaced Mrs. Barbara Pfeil. Miss Merrill is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and did her cadet teaching in Manchester West High School. Miss Rosemarie Niles replaced Miss Mary Shaheen as music teacher. Miss Niles prepared for teaching at Boston University. Miss Cynthia Randall replaced Mrs. Mildred Moulthrop. Miss Randall is a graduate of Keene Teachers College and did her cadet teaching at Roosevelt School in Keene.

#### ENROLLMENT BY GRADE, January 1, 1958

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
	11	11	14	18	15	28	20	28					145
									27	28	31	17	103

#### TUITION PUPILS ATTENDING ALSTEAD SCHOOLS, January 1, 1958

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Acworth							3	3	6	3	5	2	22
Langdon			1		1			9	9	6	4	4	34
Marlow									3	3	5	4	15
Stoddard											1		1
Total			1		1		3	12	18	12	15	10	72

One tuition pupil from Alstead is attending the Gilsum School.

Your schools are state approved schools. They meet the state standards and in some respects exceed the minimum requirements for approval. The faculty and your administrative staff are continually studying ways and means of improvement. The state standards for approval are raised to become effective in September, 1958 and the program for 1958-1959 has been planned with the view to meeting the new standards.

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

ELLIOTT W. KEACH,  
Superintendent of Schools

### REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE FOR ALSTEAD

The following is my report for the year ending June 30, 1957:

151- pupils were examined by Dr. Tatem

The following defects were noted and reported:

2--wax ear plugs

1--heart murmur

68--in need of Dental Care

274 pupils had Vision tests given by the school nurse

10 pupils had vision exams by eye doctors

146 pupils had hearing tests given by the school nurse

2 pupils with hearing defects are under care

280 pupils were weighed and measured

376 pupils attended the polio clinics

6 pupils attended Pre-registration Clinic

14 pupils needed follow-up on Vaccination for Smallpox

3 pupils were under orthopedic clinic care

1 pupil attended weekly speech clinic

One of the many aims of the school health program is to establish Good Health among its children, and community.

To define Good Health--a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and the foundation of joyous, zestful living. Let's hope we all find it this coming year.

Thank you all for a most enjoyable year.

Mrs. Ellen Pearce, R.N.

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
Concord, New Hampshire**

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The School Board  
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, 1957, 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, 1956 and June 30, 1957, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the Net Debt decreased by \$790.48 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1957.

**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 which caused the change indicated therein.

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

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1957, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit D), a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$1,923.97, less a revenue

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

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1957, 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, 1957, is indicated in Exhibit F.

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

A statement of the bonded indebtedness of the School District as of June 30, 1957, showing annual debt service requirements, is contained in Exhibit H.



## GENERAL COMMENTS

### Current Surplus:

The current surplus (excess of total assets over current liabilities) decreased from \$4,223.12 to \$13.60, during the fiscal year as shown by the following statement.

	June 30, 1956	June 30, 1957
Total Assets	\$4,639.44	\$ 196.79
Current Liabilities	<u>416.32</u>	<u>183.19</u>
Current Surplus	\$4,223.12	\$ 13.60

### 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

Norval D. Lessels, Auditor  
Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

### NOTE:

The schedule of exhibits that are reported by the state auditors may be examined by any interested parties at any regular school board meeting.

## DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

### STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

### CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

August 22, 1957

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Alstead School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1957. In our opinion, the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the School District on June 30, 1957, 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

## SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1958-1959

	Actual Expenditures 1956-1957	Adopted Budget 1957-1958	Proposed Budget 1958-1959
<b>Administration:</b>			
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 307.08	\$ 478.00	\$ 481.00
Superintendent's Salary (local share)*	602.70	810.00	753.00
Tax for State Wide Supervision	384.00	390.00	370.00
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel	287.00	420.00	475.00
Supplies and Expenses	999.28	1,160.00	1,111.00
<b>Instruction:</b>			
Teachers' Salaries, High School	21,848.00	30,510.00	35,000.00
Teachers' Salaries, Elementary	20,110.40	20,525.00	23,280.00
Principals' Salaries, High School and Elementary	5,250.00	-	-
Books and Other Instructional Aids, High School	823.45	672.00	1,129.00
Books and Other Instructional Aids, Elementary	378.58	662.00	610.00
Scholars' Supplies, High School	993.77	1,392.00	1,065.00
Scholars' Supplies, Elementary	919.76	1,137.00	971.00
Supplies and Other Expenses, High School	655.28	685.00	856.00
Supplies and Other Expenses Elementary	46.35	320.00	250.00
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>			
Salaries of Custodians, High School	2,861.59	3,400.00	3,700.00
Salaries of Custodians, Elementary	1,052.88	1,100.00	750.00
Fuel or Heat, High School	1,893.36	2,075.00	2,075.00
Fuel or Heat, Elementary	795.74	950.00	825.00
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses High School	1,095.32	1,345.00	1,539.00
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses Elementary	783.37	820.00	1,071.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant:</b>			
Repairs and Replacements, High School	1,894.65	1,100.00	1,200.00
Repairs and Replacements, Elementary	169.59	450.00	450.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities:</b>			
Health Supervision, High School	298.36	401.00 )	
Health Supervision, Elementary	454.97	601.00 )	858.00
Transportation, High School	1,053.64	1,200.00 )	
Transportation, Elementary	3,160.89	4,800.00 )	6,000.00
Tuition, High School		330.00	355.00
Tuition, Elementary	385.00	225.00	480.00
Special Activities and Funds, High School		100.00	140.00
Special Activities and Funds, Elementary		25.00	50.00
School Lunch, High School	513.36	480.00 )	
School Lunch, Elementary	773.25	720.00 )	1,400.00
Lawton House		200.00	50.00

**Fixed Charges:**

Retirement, Teachers', high school	2,106.73	2,070.00 )	
Retirement, Teachers', elementary	1,476.74	1,867.00 )	4,475.00
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses, High School	487.86	768.00 )	
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses, Elementary	488.04	717.00 )	1,476.00

**Capital Outlay:**

Lands and New Buildings, Elementary	70.00		
Additions and Improvements, High School	1,396.83		150.00
New Equipment, High School	749.75	1,515.00 )	
New Equipment, Elementary	166.82	385.00 )	590.00

**Debt and Interest:**

Principal of Debt	5,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Interest on Debt	1,503.03	1,490.00	1,515.00

\$84,437.42    \$91,295.00    \$99,480.00

Cash on hand June 30, 1957:  
 General Fund 196.79

Grand Total \$84,634.21

\*State's share \$3,000.00; Gilsum \$312.90; Marlow \$216.30; Surry \$239.40; Walpole \$2,377.20; Westmoreland \$451.50.

**ESTIMATED INCOME**

	Actual Expenditures 1956-1957	Adopted Budget 1957-1958	Proposed Budget 1958-1959
Balance, July 1, 1956:			
General Fund	\$ 4,484.57	\$	\$ 500.00
Capital Outlay Fund	49.78		
Federal Aid	2,104.61	1,500.00	1,700.00
National School Lunch	1,286.61	1,200.00	1,400.00
State Aid	5,141.09	5,750.00	
Building Aid (State)	600.00		900.00
Local Taxation	40,815.89		
Elementary School Tuitions	7,733.64	4,155.00	5,336.00
Secondary School Tuitions	15,739.23	20,150.00	19,818.00
Trust Funds	6,118.20	5,000.00	5,000.00
Other	560.59	1,605.00	1,476.00
	<u>\$84,634.21</u>	<u>\$39,360.00</u>	<u>\$36,130.00</u>
Total receipts		51,935.00	63,350.00
To be raised by taxation		<u>\$91,295.00</u>	<u>\$99,480.00</u>

## VILAS HIGH SCHOOL REPORT 1956-57

We are to be evaluated by a State Board of Education committee during this school year. Certain requirements have been initiated for all high schools by the board in relation to the program of studies, library facilities, guidance, and other educational practices in general.

There is also an evaluation to be made of Vilas High School by a committee appointed by the New England Colleges and Secondary Schools Association before or during the year of 1961.

We have been a member of this association for a period of three years. This association places us on the accredited college lists. Because there are many more students deserving to further their education beyond the secondary school level, the requirements to enter post-secondary schools are becoming more rigid each year.

Our students have got to realize that more study and applications must be made in their school work, or they will not be able to meet these increased rigid requirements.

Parents of today should encourage their children to apply themselves to more constant study and also to instill the necessities of a good educational background. There are many scholarships available to the competent student today.

St. Paul's School of Concord, N. H., is initiating an Advanced Studies Program summer session supported by the Ford Foundation. A competent boy at the completion of his junior year may participate in this program.

The honor students for 1956-57 were: Valedictorian - Madelene Edson; Salutatorian - Bernadette Burke.

Our Girls' State representatives were Louise Aho and Patricia Batchelder.

Bruce Bellows and Clarence Ells represented Vilas at the YMCA conference held in Portsmouth.

Thomas Marx, our American Legion oratorical representative won the district contest held at Nashua, N. H., and was a finalist in the State Wide contest held at Concord High School. Thomas is the first Vilas student to reach the finals. Coralee Spooner reached the semi-finals in 1951.

Vilas High won the annual one-act competition play contest for the eighth time out of eleven years of competition with Charlestown and Walpole High Schools. The play, "Rich Man, Poor Man" coached by Mrs. Head, had for the characters, Joanne Pitcher, Madelene Edson, Thomas Marx, Edith Spooner, Rose Knight, Ruth Renz, Mary Goff, Carlene Bean, Robert Butler, Ethel Clark, Sidney Strong and Anne Burroughs.

The Vilas basketball team was invited and participated in the Keene Teachers' College tournament.

Fifty-two per cent of the 1957 graduating class are furthering their education in a higher institution of learning. Eight of the graduates are attending colleges and three are studying nursing.

Three other graduates are in the Armed Services, two are married, and five are working.

We wish to thank the local organizations and citizens for their fine cooperation in all of our school activities during the past year.

### COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

The courses in the commercial department this year consist of Bookkeeping for sophomores and juniors, Commercial Typing for juniors, Shorthand for juniors, Office Practice for seniors, and General Typing available to all.

The Bookkeeping class had twenty-two members at the beginning of school. They have progressed rapidly and at present are split into two groups. One group is doing advanced work in the Text and will shortly begin an advanced practice set. The other group is currently attempting a brief practice set and will then proceed in the Text.

The Typing classes are very popular with every machine being used not only during class but during free periods. The general typing class has a large percentage of freshmen and they seem to be accomplishing as much if not more than their older counterparts. The teaching of typing to this younger group is educationally sound because at this age they are more interested and easily adapted to mastering a skill - subject. It is planned that next year there be two years of typing offered; Typing I for freshmen and sophomores, and Typing II for sophomores and juniors. This scheduling will allow those planning to enter business after graduation a thorough study and mastery of typing. It will also help those students in their junior and senior years of high school when many themes are required in other courses.

The Shorthand class this year is small, consisting of seven juniors and one senior. As only one year of Shorthand is offered we cannot advance to the practical use but try to concentrate on learning the theory of shorthand and transcription so that students will be prepared for advance study or possibly learn enough to help them in their future work or schooling. To be ideal, a year of transcription should follow the study of shorthand but in a small school neither the time nor instructors are available.

The Office Practice class consists of those seniors who have been taking typing, shorthand, and (or) bookkeeping. We have just completed a six weeks period in which each student worked on individual assignments. This schedule gave every student the opportunity to work individually on the dictaphone, mimeograph, Monroe calculator, mimeoscope, duplicating machine, legal typing problems, and the new Underwood electric adding machine which we received the latter part of last year.

The commercial students compiled and edited the annual issue of the VERNACULAR.

Several commercial students attended the open house at Plymouth Teachers' College in November to see how commercial teachers are trained. We are planning a trip in the early spring to Northampton Commercial College to give the students another opportunity to observe advanced education. A trip to the new home office of the Peerless Insurance Company in Keene to see modern equipment and methods in operation is also on the schedule in the near future.

## UNITED STATES HISTORY

United States History is a study of our history beginning with its discovery to the present. The object of a course of this type is to make the student aware of our present situations, through a study of what has happened before us, to bring us, to the problems of today and the future. In studying the past we pause to study the documents and thoughts of our forefathers, that have provided for us, democracy as we know it.

One of the highlights of the year is the annual American Legion Oratorical Contest, in which all students must enter and compete.

## WORLD HISTORY

World History covers the period of history from the creation of the earth to the present, with emphasis on the Eastern Hemisphere. This is a study of countries of the world, their governments, cultures, economic systems, religions, and their accomplishments and failures.

This is done with two purposes in mind. First to better understand how people live and act outside our country. Secondly, to trace their way of life, so we may see where we received ours.

The projects during the year include a term paper, and to make students aware of the many fine historical books. They must report on two of them.

## HOME ECONOMICS

The Homemaking curriculum at Vilas is set up so that a girl may enter the course as a seventh grader and acquire some knowledge of and experience with the basic skills essential for every phase of homemaking by the time she leaves school as a senior. Naturally the amount of time for practicing these skills is limited so our system of home projects helps to compensate for this lack. Each high school girl must carry out four home projects during the course of a year which not only gives her much valuable experience but also relates her school to a home environment.

In the seventh grade one considers such topics as: My Job as a Big Brother or Sister, Good Grooming, Food Preservation, Why Eat Breakfast? based on three groups of the basic search, choosing a Pattern in Terms of Fabric and Use, and Learning to Sew.

The eighth grade girls get more experience with food preservation, prepare luncheons - based on the remaining four groups of the basic seven, study housekeeping as a part of the homemaking unit to learn to make rooms more livable, discuss personality development, and clothes sense and continue on with clothing construction.

The freshmen and sophomores concentrate their effort in the fields of foods and clothing. During two nine week periods they get experience with handling both winter and summer weight fabrics. They also consider such aspects of clothing as wardrobe planning, Looking the Best in the Clothes You Have, keeping clothes neat and clean, packing for a visit, shopping for ready made garments, dress design, fashion developments, etc.

During their foods semester they freeze foods along with other types of food preservation. Then they go on to study breakfast and luncheon units in detail including special units on gelatin cookery and yeast products.

During alternate years they study dinners and meat cookery as well as sugar cookery.

## VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

This year the Junior and Senior girls are studying Personal Adjustment and Family Relations. Included in this course are such topics as: The Art of Mate Selection, Marriage, Consumer Buying, Financial Security, Child Care, and Home Care of the Sick. Home-Wives especially enjoy conducting our own nursery school for a day.

One period a week is saved for learning crafts that may serve the girls in future years. This may be accomplished in a commercial placement on week-ends and through the acceptance of placement on week-ends and through the acceptance of placement on week-ends.

On alternate years the girls study interior decorating. This experience in raising animals, poultry, or crops. Naturally this Base might win the Perry-ocker award for the Homemakers of Tomorrow contest.

## FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

The following officers were chosen to lead the work of our club this year; Pres., Ella Knight; V. Pres., Rachel Clark; Secy., Ethel Clark; Treas., Patricia Batchelder; Parliamentarian, Ruth Renz. Our State Officers are Ella Knight and Patricia Batchelder.

Many of our girls worked for and received Junior Homemaking, Chapter and State Homemaker degree emblems.

Again the girls attended the state meetings which were held at Vilas and the University of New Hampshire respectively. The girls enjoyed playing hostess to the state group and the results were most rewarding.

Our activities center around helping others, enjoying ourselves, improving our school and improving our club. These include co-sponsoring the Vilas fair, aiding the needy at Christmas, sponsoring record hops, working on degrees, making letters for the athletic council, etc.

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The objectives of the English Department are to provide full opportunities in oral, written, listening and reading areas; to develop the individual's ability to think and reason so that he can contribute to his own improvement and to the betterment of our culture.

Correct usage of language skills in both oral and written work is stressed to enable the student to communicate his ideas more effectively.

In the area of reading both the classics and modern literature are studied. Besides improving the basic reading skills of rate of reading, comprehension, and vocabulary development, an attempt is made to instill within the student an appreciation of good literature.

Under the direction of the department two plays were produced on Fair Day: 'While the Toast Burns' by grades eleven and twelve, and twelve, and "Shy Charlie" by grades nine and ten.

## VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

Being a Federally supported program, a certain percentage of the teacher's salary is derived from Federal and State funds. The basic construction of the course must meet certain minimum requirements established by the Smith-Hughes Act of 1917. We are following one of the plans set up by having each class meet for seven hours each week. The only other major requirement is that each boy enrolled have the facilities and desire to carry on a supervised farming program for at least six months of each year. This may be accomplished by the student's accepting placement on a commercial farm on week-ends and through the summer or by carrying on a program at home which will give him experience in raising animals, poultry, or crops. Naturally, this type of program should be on a year-round basis. It should have considerable commercial value and should increase in scope each year.



Class work, on the whole, consists of solving problems which may arise in connection with the boys' farming programs and learning the basic skills of farm mechanics.

Fourteen boys attended the interscholastic judging competition at Durham where James Fassett won third prize in poultry judging. Our poultry team of last year represented N. H. at the Eastern States Exposition last fall. On the team were Richard Carden, Robert Butler, and Bruce Rhoades.

In July, ten boys attended the State F. F. A. Convention at Rochester where our parliamentary procedure team competed. At that time Leonard Christie was awarded the State soil and water conservation prize of \$100.

Several boys are attending the leadership meetings held monthly at Concord in conjunction with the agricultural teachers' meetings.

Five boys, Dale Dustin, Robert Butler, Michael Gendron, Don Porter and Marshall Benware, accompanied by their instructor, attended the National F.F.A. Convention at Kansas City, Mo. in October.

The greenhouse produced a very good, but small, crop last spring and two more bonds were repaid.

Two night classes have been conducted for adults, one on welding and the other on meat cutting. Both were well attended and it is hoped that more may be sponsored in the future.

## CIVICS

In this course the student learns how to become a better citizen through the study of family, school, and community life. To do this he studies the foundations and development of local, state, and national governments. He recognizes the need for vocational training and a study of economic problems as a basis for American business life.

This year the students have worked on special projects dealing with their community's organization, immigration, and United Nations activities. In addition the students have become aware of the need for the cooperation of each individual in every field of social, economic, and political affairs to form a good democratic government.

## FRENCH

Courses in French are offered to those students who wish to study a foreign language either for their own enjoyment or for college or university entrance requirements.

The objectives of the French courses are: to train the student to understand the language when it is spoken, to speak it himself, to read it, and to write it.

French language skills are perfected by repeated use of these skills in written themes and in oral discussions and reports.

**ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Bonded Indebtedness, Showing Annual Maturities of**  
**Principal and Interest**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1957**

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

Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending:	Principal	Interest	Total
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
	\$56,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$ 68,000.00

**ALSTEAD SCHOOL BUS NOTE**

Interest and Payment Date: September 13th

Interest Rate: 3%

Amount Borrowed: \$9,081.09

Paid to date: 5,946.90

Outstanding Balance: \$3,134.19

Passing South along Main Street in 1836, we find one Walter Tufts occupying the first house on the right, barely visible in the picture, and carrying on business in the old paper mill manufacturing writing paper by hand. This was later known as the Prentiss house. The next building to this was known as the Robertson Block, occupied by J. S. Putnam's Store and A. Lovell's office. Both buildings were moved to Library Avenue in 1910, when the Shedd Porter Library was built.

At the left, we see the present post office block. In 1880 the last paper mill and the "elegant" new block were devoured by fire. This was rebuilt and in 1884 we find the post office, with Azel R. Emerson, postmaster; the drug store operated by Cyrus K. Vilas, and E. M. Smith's law office upstairs. In the eighties we also read of Postmaster Prentiss in the new block, "had his usual display of fine fancy goods, boots and shoes". And in the new block, Druggist Webster kept in his store "an antidote for every ill". In the room close to the bridge was located the F. W. Sherwin Barber Shop and in the same building a "5 & 10" store.

In the next building on the left, H. A. Lovell had a Christmas holiday window display of "crockery, stationery and linen goods". One David Browe later owned the Lovell Building and added a public garage at the back. In the next building T. Tufts had on sale, "gloves and warm winter goods". This building later housed the F. J. Marvin grocery store and the telephone office located upstairs. Both Lovell and Tufts buildings were destroyed in the early morning Thanksgiving fire, 1925.

These sites have been used to enlarge parking space, a lawn has been built and a flag pole and a memorial to World Wars I and II veterans has been erected.

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