# State of New Hampshire

Annual Report of the Officers
of the Town of
COLUMBIA

For the Year Ending December 31 1954

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SENTINEL PUBLISHING COMPANY, COLEBROOK, N. H.

### **Officers**

Moderator MILTON ADAIR

Town Clerk HARRY LANG

Selectmen

CHARLES WHITE CLYDE SHALLOW LYNN PARKHURST

Tax Collector DONALD HAYNES

Supervisors

ERNEST PILBRO ANDREW JACKSON ELERY ADAIR

Trustees of Public Library
BEATRICE WHITE THELMA COVELL
BARBARA HAYNES

Librarian ALDA JACKSON

Auditor

Trustees of Trust Funds
EUGENE JORDON
ADYS PILBRO

#### Warrant

#### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 8th day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk for the year next ensuing.
- 2. To choose by ballot and major vote one Selectman for the two years next ensuing.
- 3. To choose by ballot and major vote one Selectman for the three years next ensuing.
- 4. To choose by ballot and major vote one or more Auditors for the year ensuing.
- 5. To choose by ballot and major vote a Tax Collector for the year ensuing.
- 6. To choose by ballot and major vote three Trustees of Trust Funds for the year ensuing.
- 7. To choose by ballot and major vote one or more Library Trustees for the year ensuing.
- 8. To see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to appoint all other Town officers as required by law.
- 9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

- 10. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Old Age, Blind, and Disability Assistance for the year ensuing.
- 11. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the repair of highways and bridges.
- 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct its Selectmen to take such action regarding plowing or otherwise keeping winter roads open in said Town for the year ensuing, as in their judgement seems most conducive to the best interests of the Town, and appropriate money for the same.
- 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, at public or private sale, the tractor snow-plow now owned by the Town.
- 14. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Brown Road, so-called, leading from the "Brown Place" line north forty rods to the Tom Jackson camp.
- 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Construction of Class V roads and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purpose the sum of \$398.62, the State to contribute the sum of \$2,657.50.
- 16. To see if the Town will vote to empower and authorize the Selectmen to use the whole or a part of the surplus of money now in the Town Treasury for the purpose of lowering the Tax Rate for the year ensuing.
- 17. To see what sum or sums the Town will vote to fix as the price per day for hiring manual labor, equipment, and trucks for work on town roads.
- 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51.46 to the White Mountains Region Associaton, being 10 cents per \$1,000

of assessed valuation (1/100th of 1 per cent) for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns in the region

- 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the Colebrook and North Country Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of publicizing and promoting, by advertising folders and otherwise, the Town and the North Country Region.
- 20. To see what action the Town will take with reference to hiring the Colebrook Fire Precinct for the purpose of extinguishing fires in said Town, and in the event of favorable action to make necessary appropriation for the same.
- 21. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the upkeep of cemeteries.
- 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur debts for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, and to pay such debts out of tax money when the same is received.
- 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's deeds.
- 24. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Town Charges for the ensuing year.
- 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of cutting and removing the bushes from the side of the highways in such places as the Selectmen think most expedient.
- 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the re-

ports of agents, auditors, selectmen and all other officers, and ratify and confirm the same.

27. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of February, A. D. 1955.

CHARLES H. WHITE CLYDE SHALLOW LYNN PARKHURST

Selectmen of Columbia, N. H.

# Budget

| Sources of Revenue   | Actual<br>Revenue<br>Prev. Yr.<br>1954           |  |
|--|--|--|
| From State:  | 1001   | 1000                                     |
| Railroad Tax<br>Savings Bank Tax<br>Reimbursement Growing                                  | 160.09<br>60.75                                  | 160.09<br>60.75                          |
| Wood and Lumber From Local Sources:  | 7,095.87   | 7,095.87                                 |
| Dog Licenses Motor Vehicle Permit Fees   | 102.00<br>1,710.51                               | 102.00<br>1,500.00                       |
| Cash Surplus<br>Poll Taxes   | 2,194.39<br>326.00                               | 3,591.05<br>326.00                       |
| Amounts to be raised by  | \$11,649.61                                      | \$12,835.76                              |
| Property Tax   | _  | 27,672.08                                |
| Total Revenues   |  | \$40,507.84                              |
| Purpose of<br>Expenditures   | Actual<br>Expend.<br>1954                        | Estimated<br>Expend.<br>1955             |
| Current Maintenance Expenses:  | 1 000 50   | 4 500 00                                 |
| Town Officers' salaries Town Officers expenses Expenses of Town Hall                       | 1,022.50 $1,303.56$ $51.04$                      | 1,500.00<br>1,000.00                     |
| Fire Department<br>Insurance<br>Lights   | 152.84<br>406.38<br>33.00                        | 1,000.00                                 |
| Vital Statistics Town Maintenance, Summer Town Maintenance, Winter Cutting Bushes T. R. A. | 9.00<br>5,144.42<br>3,033.71<br>127.00<br>396.37 | 3,000.00<br>4,500.00<br>300.00<br>398.62 |
| Library<br>Town Poor   | 25.00<br>90.65                                   | 100.00<br>1,000.00                       |

| Old Age Assistance    | 841.59      | 800.00      |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cemeteries            | 491.31      | 200.00      |
| White Mountain Region | 51.74       | 51.46       |
| County Tax            | 2,657.76    | 2,657.76    |
| School Tax            | 23,566.04   | 24,000.00   |
| Total Expenditures    | \$39,403.91 | \$40,507.84 |

# Taxes Assessed

| Town Officers' Salaries  | \$ 1,500.00   |
|--|---|
| Town Officers' Expenses  | 1,000.00  |
| Fire Department  | 1,000.00  |
| Class V Roads  | 396.37  |
| Summer Roads   | 2,500.00  |
| Winter Roads   | 4,500.00  |
| Cutting Bushes   | 300.00  |
| Library  | 25.00   |
| Old Age Assistance   | 800.00  |
| Town Poor  | 1,000.00  |
| Cemeteries   | 200.00  |
| White Mt. Region   | 51.74   |
| County Tax   | 2,657.76  |
| School Tax   | 24,382.77   |
| Etate Aid Deficit (1952)   | 1,180.04  |
|  | \$41,793.00   |
|  |   |
| Less Estimated Revenues:   | ,   |
| Less Estimated Revenues: Reimbursement a/c growing wood  | 1 7   |
| Less Estimated Revenues: Reimbursement a/c growing wood and lumber   | \$ 7,885.52   |
| Reimbursement a/c growing wood   |   |
| Reimbursement a/c growing wood<br>and lumber<br>Auto Permits   | \$ 7,885.52   |
| Reimbursement a/c growing wood and lumber  | \$ 7,885.52<br>1,249.18   |
| Reimbursement a/c growing wood<br>and lumber<br>Auto Permits<br>Dog Licenses   | \$ 7,885.52<br>1,249.18<br>88.20  |
| Reimbursement a/c growing wood<br>and lumber<br>Auto Permits<br>Dog Licenses<br>Railroad Tax                                 | \$ 7,885.52<br>1,249.18<br>88.20<br>135.65  |
| Reimbursement a/c growing wood<br>and lumber<br>Auto Permits<br>Dog Licenses<br>Railroad Tax<br>Savings Bank Tax             | \$ 7,885.52<br>1,249.18<br>88.20<br>135.65<br>60.75<br>2,194.39                                       |
| Reimbursement a/c growing wood<br>and lumber<br>Auto Permits<br>Dog Licenses<br>Railroad Tax<br>Savings Bank Tax             | \$ 7,885.52<br>1,249.18<br>88.20<br>135.65<br>60.75   |
| Reimbursement a/c growing wood and lumber Auto Permits Dog Licenses Railroad Tax Savings Bank Tax Cash Surplus               | \$ 7,885.52<br>1,249.18<br>88.20<br>135.65<br>60.75<br>2,194.39<br>30,179.99<br>207.12                |
| Reimbursement a/c growing wood and lumber Auto Permits Dog Licenses Railroad Tax Savings Bank Tax Cash Surplus  Plus Overlay | \$ 7,885.52<br>1,249.18<br>88.20<br>135.65<br>60.75<br>2,194.39<br>30,179.99<br>207.12<br>\$30,387.11 |
| Reimbursement a/c growing wood and lumber Auto Permits Dog Licenses Railroad Tax Savings Bank Tax Cash Surplus               | \$ 7,885.52<br>1,249.18<br>88.20<br>135.65<br>60.75<br>2,194.39<br>30,179.99<br>207.12                |

Tax Rate-\$5.82

# **Financial Statement**

#### ASSETS

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|----|---|---|---|
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Increase of Surplus

| In hands of Treasurer Accounts Due Town from State:   | \$23,359.82   |
|---|---|
| Bounties  | 69.00   |
| Unredeemed Taxes (from tax sale on<br>Levy of 1954<br>Levy of 1953<br>Levy of 1952<br>Previous Years  | account of) 255.90 152.53 199.79 966.41                             |
| Uncollected Taxes: Levy of 1954 Levy of 1953 Levy of 1952 Previous Years State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954 State Head Taxes—Previous Years Total Assets | 233.79<br>89.75<br>58.67<br>72.22<br>119.00<br>20.00<br>\$25,596.38 |
| LIABILITIES   |   |
| Due to School District: balance of appropriation Due to State: State Head Taxes Total Liabilities Excess of Assets over Liabilities                 | \$19,382.77<br>386.00<br>\$19,768.77<br>5,828.11<br>25,596.88       |
| Net Surplus—December 31, 1953<br>Net Surplus—December 31, 1954  | 2,336.71<br>5,828.11  |

\$ 491.40

#### INVOICE OF PROPERTY

| Electric Plants Land and Buildings                                       | \$ 63,303.00<br>349,607.00                  |
|--|---|
| 50 Horses<br>687 Cows<br>110 Neat Stock                                  | 5,500.00<br>79,630.00<br>9,935.00           |
| 13 Sheep and Goats 2 Hogs  | 170.00<br>60.00                             |
| 650 Fowls Gasoline Pumps and Tanks Mill and Machinery Wood, Lumber, etc. | $975.00 \\ 400.00 \\ 2,000.00 \\ 17,486.00$ |
| Total Valuation Less Soldiers' Exemptions                                | \$529,066.00<br>13,480.00                   |
| Total Valuation Less Exemptions  | \$515,586.00                                |

# Selectmen's Report

#### RECEIPTS

| and the state of the |             |
|---|-------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1954  | \$21,075.43 |
| State Treasurer, Bounties   | 24.75       |
| State Treasurer, State Tax on gasoline  | 40.15       |
| State Treasurer, Refund on timber tax   | 7,095.87    |
| Class V Highway Maintenance   | 71.56       |
| Railroad Tax 1954   | 160.09      |
| Savings Bank Tax 1954   | 60.75       |
| Harry Lang Dog Licenses   | 102.00      |
| Harry Lang Auto Permits   | 1,710.51    |
| Colebrook National Bank, note   | 6,000.00    |
| Donald Haynes, taxes  | 33,300.75   |
| Insurance Refund  | 27.22       |
| Gulf Oil Corp. Refund on gasoline   | 111.32      |
| Schools Share of Town Reports   | 196.00      |
| School Treas. Money loaned for wood   | 87.00       |
| Rebate on Cemetery Fund Bonds   | 12.75       |
| Total   | \$70,076.13 |

#### PAYMENTS

| Town Officer's Salaries       | \$ 1,022.50 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Town Officer's Expenses       | 1,303.56    |
| Town Hall Expenses            | 51.04       |
| Fire Department               | 152.34      |
| Bounties                      | 69.00       |
| Insurance                     | 406.38      |
| Vital Statistics              | 9.00        |
| Town Maintenance—Summer Roads | 5,144.42    |
| Town Maintenance—Winter Roads | 3,033.71    |
| Lights                        | 33.00       |
| Cutting Bushes                | 127.00      |
| Library                       | 25.00       |
| Old Age Assistance            | 841.59      |
| Town Poor                     | 90.35       |
| Cemeteries                    | 491.51      |
| White Mt. Region              | 51.74       |
| Taxes bought by town          | 255.90      |
| Interest on note              | 48.00       |
| T. R. A.                      | 396.37      |
| Temporary Loans               | 6,000.00    |
| State Head Taxes              | 939.50      |
| County Tax                    | 2,657.76    |
| School Tax                    | 23,566.04   |
| School 1th                    | 20,000.04   |
| Total                         | \$46,716.31 |

# SCHEDULE TOWN PROPERTY

| Town Hall, lands and buildings Furniture and equipment Library: Furniture and equipment Highway Dept., lands and buildings Equipment Schools, land and buildings Equipment | 1,<br>2,<br>7,<br>24, | 000.00<br>500.00<br>000.00<br>500.00<br>000.00<br>000.00 |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Total  | \$44,                 | 00.00  |
| Town Officers Salaries and Expenses:<br>Thelma Covell, Auditor   | \$                    | 6.00   |

| Milton Adair, Moderator 1953                                 | 10.00            |
|--|------------------|
| Milton Adair, Moderator 1955<br>Milton Adair, Moderator 1954 | $10.00 \\ 20.00$ |
| Geo. A. Jackson, Supervisor                                  | 75.00            |
| Almon Crawford, Estate Selectman                             | 37.50            |
| John Marshall Ballot Clerk                                   | 12.00            |
| Leila Marshall Balot Cerk                                    | 12.00            |
| Helen Lang Ballot Clerk                                      | 12.00            |
| Gladys Pilbro Ballot Clerk                                   | 12.00            |
| Harry Lang, Town Treasurer                                   | 100.00           |
| Harry Lang, Town Cerk  | 75.00            |
| Harry Lang, Dog Constable                                    | 15.00            |
| Elery Adair, Supervisor                                      | 75.00            |
| Charles White, Selectman                                     | 150.00           |
| Clyde Shallow, Selectman                                     | 150.00           |
| Lynn Parkhurst, Selectman                                    | 75.00            |
| Donald Haynes, Tax Collector                                 | 135.00           |
| Gerald Owen, evtra mileage '53                               | 40.95            |
| Charles H. White, wood for Town Shed                         | 44.00            |
| Association of N. H. Accessors, Dues                         | 3.00             |
| Stella Parker, Librarian and Janitor                         | 38.00            |
| Clyde Shallow, Payment to F. Harrigan                        | 2.00             |
| Brown and Saltmarsh, Supplies for Town                       |                  |
| Clerk  | 39.50            |
| Frederick J. Harrigan, Re Warrant                            | 3.00             |
| Sentinel Publishing Co., Town Report,                        |                  |
| Stationery   | 262.30           |
| W. A. Bartlett, Transfer List                                | 10.61            |
| Charles White, Envelopes for mailing                         |                  |
| inventories  | 6.52             |
| Elsie M. Annis, Bonds  | 87.00            |
| Brown and Saltmarsh, Dog tags and                            |                  |
| office supplies  | 10.54            |
| Milton Adair, Loan to School Board                           | 87.00            |
| Ida M. Horner, Tax Collector Ass. Dues                       | 3.00             |
| Elsie M. Annis, Bonds  | 13.00            |
| Charles White, Trip To Errol                                 | 5.00             |
| Alda Jackson, Librarian, Janitor                             | 72.00            |
| Elmer J. Dickey, Dep. Sheriff, Transportation                | 35.05            |
| Sentinel Publishing Co., Envelopes                           | 5.00             |
| Brown and Saltmarsh, Supplies                                | 14.64            |
| Wayne Roby, Bounty on Bear                                   | 5.00             |
| Charles R. Hardy, Treas, Town Clerk Ass'n.                   | 2.00             |
| Sentinel Publishing Co., Tax Bills                           | 14.75            |
| W. R. Barnett, nails   | 5.20             |
|  |                  |

| Gerald Owen, Extra mileage '54<br>Ernest Pilbro, Supervisor<br>Charles White, Work on Yield Tax, etc.<br>Lynn Parkhurst, Police Duty and Repairin | 40.50<br>75.00<br>36.40                                     |
|---|---|
| Light   | 12.75   |
| Clyde Shallow, Work on Yield Tax, etc.  | 35.00   |
| Clyde Shallow, Trip to Manchester   | 25.00   |
| Beatrice White, Clerical Work   | 100.00  |
| Harry Lang, Auto Permits  | 119.00  |
| Harry Lang, Postage, meetings   | 38.00   |
| Harry Lang, Posting notices   | 6.00  |
| Donald Haynes, Collecting Head Taxes, postage, etc.   | 57.75   |
| Total   | \$2,326.06  |
| SUMMER ROADS  |   |
| Jesse L. Cass, grader and truck   | \$ 908.86   |
| Lynn Smith, labor   | 79.00   |
| Linwood Phillips, labor   | 85.85   |
| Clark Smith, labor  | 10.00   |
| H. Becker, raking rocks   | 4.00  |
| Earl Cass   | 19.00   |
| W. Kelsea, trucking gravel  | 35.65   |
| Orville Haynes, trucking gravel<br>Jesse Cass Jr., labor  | 27.00   |
| Alonzo Adams, labor   | 9.00  |
| Clyde Shallow, driving truck  | 5.75  |
| Charles White, trucking gravel  | $   \begin{array}{r}     29.00 \\     71.40   \end{array} $ |
| Charles White, trucking chloride  | 13.90   |
| Almon Crawford, labor   | 7.00  |
| Gulf Oil Gasoline   | 55.66   |
| Lynn Parkhurst and Sons, planks   | 73.62   |
| Earl Lyons, trucking gravel   | 29.70   |
| Withholding Tax   | 27.80   |
| H. A. Holbrook, tractor and shovel  | 12.50   |
| State of New Hampshire, chloride  | 288.47  |
| State of New Hampshire, culvert   | 332.36  |
| Wilfred Frizzell, bulldozing  | 127.00  |
| Andrew Jackson, raking rocks N. E. Metal Culvert Co.  | $\frac{2.00}{72.24}$  |
| Aaron Bennett, working roads  | 73.24 $419.66$  |
| Noel Bedard, labor  | $\frac{419.66}{146.50}$                                     |
| 21001 1000111, 10001  | 140.00  |

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|---|------------|
| Kenneth Fox, labor                            | 111.70     |
| L. McKeage, labor                             | 36.50      |
| Azel Harding, holding road machine            | 16.00      |
| H. N. Marsh, welding and repairing road       | 10.00      |
| machine                                       | 20.90      |
| P. A. Hicks and Sons, pliers and hammer       | 20.50      |
| handles                                       | 4.70       |
| Verne Reynolds, turning water                 | 2.00       |
| L. Ellingwood, work on roads                  | 22.75      |
| Aurora Poulin, gravel                         | 5.70       |
| Freeman Marshall, gravel                      | 3.00       |
| H. J. Boucher, truck and man                  | 74.25      |
| Irving Blodgett, work on roads and repair     | , 1,20     |
| bridges                                       | 443.30     |
| Clyde B. Gray, bulldozer, shovel, and hauling | 110.00     |
| gravel  | 676.80     |
| Hollis Sweatt, labor                          | 87.00      |
| Joe Daley, bulldozer                          | 35.00      |
| Charles White, hauling gravel and cement      | 140.40     |
| Arthur Sweatt, cleaning ditches               | 25.00      |
| Maurice Buck, bulldozer                       | 497.00     |
| Sidney Martin, labor                          | 22.50      |
| W. J. Beecher, cement                         | 26.00      |
|   |            |
| Total   | \$5,144.42 |
| WWW.MAD DO 1 Do                               |            |
| WINTER ROADS                                  |            |
| Clyde Shallow, plowing and sanding            | \$ 626.47  |
| Linwood Phillips, helper on plow              | 452.00     |
| Clyde Shallow, putting up snow fences         | 62.50      |
| Linwood Phillips, putting up snow fences      | 25.00      |
| Leon Gadwah, putting up snow fences           | 12.00      |
| Jondro, welding                               | 9.75       |
| State of New Hampshire, plowing and sandin    |            |
| Sherman Gould, sanding                        | 5.00       |
| TIT 1 D1 '11' 1'                              | 0.50       |

 $9.50 \\ 4.00$ 

8.00

7.00

420.23 2.70 384.37

438.12

Wesley Phillips, sanding Edwin Frizzell, sanding

Haynes Drew, sanding

Denis Coauette, sanding

Gulf Oil Corporation, gasoline

H. N. Marsh, repairs on truck and plow W. R. Barnett, salt Columbia Steel Co., snow plow parts

| Aaron Bennett, plowing Lyman McKeage, helper on plow Verne Reynolds, labor Wilbur Reynolds, labor Elmer Buffington, welding Arthur Sweatt, plowing Hazen Goodrum, gasoline Robert Spitzner, cross chains Robert Crowley, sanding Roland Hughes, plowing Meridan Hill Charles White and Tractor, opening road on Jordon Hill Charles White, gasoline for town plow Stratford Grange, putting on plow | 268.95<br>37.00<br>16.50<br>2.00<br>12.50<br>25.00<br>1.35<br>11.20<br>5.00<br>20.00<br>47.00<br>3.87<br>17.74 |
|---|--|
| Total   | \$3,033.71   |
| CUTTING BUSHES  |  |
| Earl Cass Jesse Cass Tom Jackson Wilfred Frizzell   | \$ 30.00<br>10.00<br>2.00<br>85.00   |
| Total   | \$127.00   |
| Town Hall Expenses:   |  |
| Total Amount Expended   | \$510-1  |
| Fire Department:  |  |
| Town:   |  |
| Brush Fire at Paul DeBlois:   |  |
| John Marshall Erwin Parkhurst Lynn Parkhurst, Meeting at Berlin Erwin Parkhurst, Meeting at Berlin Fred Stewart, Meeting at Berlin Charles J. White, Meeting and Transportation   | \$ 1.36<br>1.00<br>5.00<br>5.00<br>5.00<br>13.48<br>\$30.84  |

| Colebrook Fire Department:                         |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| May 25 Paul Poulin Automobile fire                 | \$ 65.00        |
| October 26 Almon Crawford Estate Barn              | 57.00           |
| ·  | 0100.00         |
|  | \$122.00        |
| Total  | \$152.84        |
| 10001  | <b>V</b>        |
|  |                 |
| Bounties:  | #4F 00          |
| 9 Bears  | \$45.00         |
| 48 Porcupines                                      | 24.00           |
|  | \$69.00         |
|  | 400.00          |
|  |                 |
| Class V Roads:                                     | 206.27          |
| T. R. A.   | 396.37 $127.00$ |
| Cutting Bushes                                     | 127.00          |
|  |                 |
| Insurance:   |                 |
| Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co., insura           | nce             |
| on Defense Building                                | 4.17            |
| Edwin Frizzell, Insurance Town Garage              | 35.00           |
| Edwin Frizzell, Insurance Town Hall                | 185.85          |
| Frank Marshall, Workmen's Compensation             | 181.36          |
| and Truck Insurance                                | 101.50          |
|  | \$406.36        |
|  | •               |
|  | 0.00            |
| Vital Statistics:                                  | 9.00            |
| Harry Lang, Auto Permits                           | 119.00          |
| Lights:  | 9.00            |
| Columbia Bridge Town Garage                        | 24.00           |
| Town Garage  |                 |
|  | \$33.00         |
|  |                 |
| The Doors  |                 |
| Town Poor: Dorothy Smith, daughter of L. Smith - D | r.              |
| and Hospital fee                                   | 90.65           |
| and mospital fee                                   | 00.00           |

#### Old Age Assistance:

For: Etta Banfill Persis Hall Francis Jacques Marie C. Jacques Ivan Nason William Romanofski Town's one-fourth of Old Age Assistance Grant 841.59 Cemeteries: Mowing and Care of 210.85 Wire For Columbia Bridge Cemetery 107.11 Labor and Supplies for Columbia Bridge Cemetery Fence 173.35 \$491.31 Library \$25.00 Schools: Beatrice C. White, Treasurer \$23,566.04 Temporary Loans: Colebrook National Bank \$6,000.00 Interest on Loan 48.00 County Tax: J. Arthur Sullivan, Treasurer \$2,657.76

# Tax Collector's Report

**Levy of 1954** 

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes
Poll Taxes

\$30,007.11 372.00

Total Warrant

\$30,379.11

| Yield Taxes Added Taxes: Propjerty Taxes Poll Taxes Interest Total Taxes Total Debits  |       | \$709.68<br>46.27<br>8.00<br>.17           | 7   |
|--|-------|--|---|
|  | Cr.   |  |   |
| Paid Treasurer: Property Taxes Poll Taxes Yield Taxes Interest  Uncollected Taxes: Property Taxes Poll Taxes Yield Taxes Abatements              |       | \$30,009.13<br>326.00<br>608.48<br>.1'<br> | \$30,943.78<br>2007   |
|  |       |  | \$279.42  |
|  |       |  | \$31,223.20   |
| Redeemed Lands: Paid Treasurer 1953 Tuncollected 1953 Paid Treasurer 1952 Tabatements 1952 Uncollected 1952 Paid Treasurer 1951 Tabatements 1951 | Гахеs |  | \$66.53<br>89.75<br>87.00<br>50.83<br>58.67<br>6.00<br>2.00 |
| UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES AN ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:   |       |  |   |
|  | 1954  | 1953 19                                    | Previous  |

| John LaFond<br>Armand Brochu | 44.54    |          | 47.53    | 37.39<br>53.01 |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| Maurice Pinard               | 47.45    | 48.58    | 50.98    | 115.74         |
| Ernest Goodrum               | T1.30    | 40.00    | 30.30    | 19.03          |
| M. and E. Adair              |          |          | 5.97     | 6.20           |
| M. and E. Adair              |          |          | 10.70    | 9.29           |
| Francis Chapple              |          |          | 10.10    | 78.73          |
| K. D. Edwards                |          |          |          | 586.71         |
| Robert Laventure             | 38.72    |          | 41.53    | 300.11         |
| O. G. Kelsea                 | 52.69    | 48.49    | 11.00    |                |
| O. G. Kelsea                 | 56.48    | 55.46    |          |                |
| O. G. Kelsea                 | 3 3      | 00.10    | 22.63    |                |
| O. G. Kelsea                 |          |          | 20.15    |                |
| Valeria Clark                | 16.02    |          |          |                |
|                              | \$255.90 | \$152.53 | \$199.79 | \$966.41       |

### State Head Taxes: Levy of 1954

| Original Warrant Added Tax Penalties Collected Total        |     | \$1,025.00<br>25.00<br>14.00       | \$1,064.00 |
|---|-----|------------------------------------|------------|
|   | Cr. |                                    |            |
| Paid Treasurer: Head Taxes Penalties Abatements Uncollected |     | 876.00<br>14.00<br>55.00<br>119.00 |            |

DONALD H. HAYNES

Tax Collector

\$1,064.00

# **Town Clerk's Report**

During the year I have recorded 7 births, 5 deaths, and 4 marriages.

Licenses have been paid me on 55 dogs amounting to \$113.00 Less Clerk fees 11.00

\$102.00

These sums have been turned over to the Treasurer.

I have issued 7 auto permits for 1953 amounting to 9.61
229 Auto permits for 1954 amounting to 1,700.90

\$1,710.51

These sums have been paid Treasurer.

HARRY LANG

Town Clerk

# Treasurer's Report

| Cash on hand January 1, 1954<br>Received from all sources | \$21,075.43<br>49,000.70 |
|---|--------------------------|
| Total receipts to date<br>Less Selectmen's orders         | 70,076.13 $46,716.51$    |
| Cash on hand January 1, 1955                              | \$23,359.82              |

HARRY LANG

Treasurer

# Library Report

Cash on hand January 1, 1954
Received from Town Treasurer

25.00

Paid for books and magazines

Cash on hand December 31, 1954

Number of books purchased — 58

Magazines — 1

BEATRICE WHITE
BARBARA HAYNES
THELMA COVELL
Library Trustees

# Librarian's Report

| Cash on hand January 1, 1954   | None   |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Received from dues             | \$2.00 |
| Paid for supplies              | .42    |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1954 | \$1.58 |

ALDA JACKSON Librarian

# Trust Funds

December 31, 1954

| March 4, 1946, Mary A. Walker fund          |          |
|---|----------|
| Amount of Principal                         | \$400.00 |
| Rate of Interest .02 per cent               |          |
| Balance of Income on hand beginning of year | 44.19    |
| Income during year                          | 11.20    |
| Expended during year                        | 8.00     |
| Balance end of year                         | 447.39   |
| Farmers and Traders National and Savings    | Bank     |

| September 3, 1946, Henry Foristall Fund     |          |
|---|----------|
| Amount of Principal                         | \$200.00 |
| Balance of Income on hand beginning of year | 14.33    |
| Income during year                          | 5.41     |
| Expended during year                        | 4.00     |
| Balance end of year                         | 215.74   |
| Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank             |          |
| August 29, 1935, Mrs. Warren Marshall Trust | Fund     |
| Amount of Principal                         | \$ 75.00 |
| Balance of Income beginning of year         | 7.70     |
| Income during year                          | 1.94     |
| Expended during year                        | 2.00     |
| Balance end of year                         | 77.64    |
| · ·   |          |
| March 27, 1933 Ellen Cleveland Trust Fund   |          |
| Amount of Principal                         | \$100.00 |
| Balance of income beginning of year         | 28.28    |
| Income during year                          | 3.24     |
| Expended during year                        | 6.00     |
| Balance end of year                         | 125.52   |
| Farmers and Traders National and Savings Ba | nk       |
|   |          |

ORVILLE TRASK EUGENE JORDON GLADYS PILBRO

Trustees

September 1949 E. Columbia Ladies Aid Society Trust Fund

To be used for repairs, maintenance and improvements, including principal or any part of it. To be expended by Selectmen.

| IJanuary 1, 1954<br>Interest |          | \$136.94<br>3.42 |          |
|------------------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| Balance December             | 31, 1954 |                  | \$140.36 |

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

I do hereby certify I have examined the books of Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Selectmen and to the best of my ability find them to be correctly computed and accounted for.

THELMA G. COVELL Auditor

# COLUMBIA SCHOOL REPORT

March 1, 1955

Moderator HARRY F. LANG

Clerk MARION E. WELLS

Treasurer BEATRICE C. WHITE

Auditor HARRY F. LANG

#### School Board

| MILTON E. ADAIR   | Term | Expires | 1955 |
|-------------------|------|---------|------|
| THELMA G. COVELL  | Term | Expires | 1956 |
| HARRIETTE C. LANG | Term | Expires | 1957 |

Superintendent of Schools ERNEST B. DANA

### Warrant

#### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Columbia qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 16th day of March, 1955, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon 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 agents of the district.
- 6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
- 8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with such other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
- 9. To see if the dictrict will authorize the School to sell the Valley and Union School Properties.

- 10. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for and to receive, 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 U. S. Government and/or State Agencies.
- 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Columbia this 1st day of February, 1955.

Signed: MILTON E. ADAIR
THELMA G. COVELL
HARRIETTE C. LANG

School Board

# **Superintendent's Report**

#### Introduction

With the General Court now in session, and with a relatively large number of educational bills as well as amendments to existing laws in this field to be acted upon, a considerable amount of what takes place beneath the State House Dome during the coming weeks and months will be of significance to education. Several of these proposed measures, if passed, will affect very materially the administration and cost of operating our schools. Among the bills might be cited those relative to the establishment of minimum salaries for teachers, continuing contracts for the same group, and the determination of a bonded indebtedness limit for districts borrowing money. Two of the amendments to be considered are of particular interest to us, too, namely, one calling for compulsory school attendance of pupils in all districts until sixteen years of age regardless of grade completed up to that time, and a closely related one calling for the transportation

of these same pupils to the school to which they are assigned at district expense.

As far reaching though as may be the effect of possible positive legislation upon these bills and amendments which will tend to still further increase our mounting educational costs, perhaps of even greater significance to us will be the action taken in respect to increasing financial support to local school districts from the state level. In so far as can now be seen, this seems to be the only feasible way the tax burden of the property owner can be alleviated to any appreciable extent in paying for the high cost of conducting our The recognition of this need for additional state aid is wide spread, even by the Governor, although there is disagreement between him and the many sponsoring organizations as to how more revenue for this purpose is to be raised. Whatever may be the source finally decided upon, a sales or some other form of tax, from which this money is to be obtained, and how much, there is bound to be a keen interest in the developments when this topic comes up for deliberation by the members of the General Court during this legislative session.

#### **Teachers**

With the alarmingly great proportions already reached in the teacher shortage, especially for elementary grades, and with no relief of this serious situation in sight, we may well consider ourselves most fortunate to have veteran teachers in all our schools. The Teachers who have returned to work with us again this year and their respective schools and grades are Florence B. Hughes, Church, Grades 1-4; Mary E. Gray, Cone, Grades 1-4; and Myra A. Holbrook, Grand Division, Grades 5-8.

#### School Nurse-Health

The importance of the work done by our school nurse, Mrs. Ethel S. Sturgis, in constantly checking the health of our children, in conducting follow-up work when necessary, and in making arrangements

for much needed dental work, is evidenced by general good attendance throughout the year.

We are sorry that, due to his health, it has been necessary for Dr. F. Hammond Dickson to discontinue the Dental Clinic. The work that he has done year in and year out over the long period of time that he has been serving the boys and girls in this area has meant much to a great many former as well as present pupils enrolled in our schools.

It is very much hoped, that with the setting-up of another dentist office in Colebrook, that it will again be possible to make arrangements so that our school children may continue to receive much needed dental treatment at a nominal cost and convenience to them. Present plans are to again conduct a pre-school clinic in the spring, also, as it helps materially to determine the general physical condition of children planning to enter the First Grade in the fall time to receive medical attention when necessary.

#### Change In Organization .

As is known, when it was learned that Ferne C. Fogg was not returning to teach Grades 5-8 at the Cone School for the current year, and since this group was going to be relatively small, it seemed best to transport these upper grade pupils to the Colebrook Elementary School along with those of all grades from the Valley District as was already being done. Also, since the Cone School Building, due to the recent work done on it when moved to its present location by the State Highway Department, provides more adequate facilities than does the one at South Columbia, it was believed best to close the latter school and to move the primary grades formerly assigned there to the Cone School.

Of interest to every taxpayer when any such a change in organization is made, is a comparison of the resultant costs with those of operating under the previous set-up. It is believed that everyone will be pleased to know that it is going to result in a substantial sav-

ing to the district. Although, as might be expected, tuition and transportation costs have been increased, the overall saving made in closing a school, where the expenses of keeping it open included the payment of the teacher's salary plus the cost of such items as janitorial service, retirement, fuel, lights, books and general supplies, has been even greater. Examination of the budget breakdown printed on subsequent pages in this report will show these increases and decreases just cited when comparisons are made between that of the current and next year's under the respective headings.

#### Buildings

Due to all the work that has been done recently in moving the Cone and Church School Buildings, in placing them upon new foundations, and the extensive alterations and major repairs made at the time in each case, and also the continued policy of keeping all buildings in a good state of maintenance, relatively little carpenter work has been necessary during the past year. Extensive interior decorating was done during the summer vacation period, however, when the classrooms in all three of the buildings presently being used were painted with attractive pastel colors.

With it apparently being only a question of time when the State Highway Department will continue its program of road construction on Route 3 in this area, and which recent surveying activities and markings indicate will be through the site where the Valley School Building now sets, it would seem advisable for the district to consider the sale of this property which has not been used for school purposes during the past several years.

On the same basis of its not having been used for a long period of time, and the likelihood of when it might be for school purposes extremely uncertain, possibly the advisability of selling the Union School Building might also be considered. As will be noted in the warrant, a copy of which will be found on the first pages of this report, provision is made for a consideration of the sale of these two buildings.

#### Enrollment and Attendance

As is to be expected with the closing of the South Columbia School, the moving of Grades 1-4 from there to the Cone School, and with the transportation now to Colebrook of the pupils in Grades 5-8 who were formerly assigned to this last named school, the enrollment in the schools within the district continues to decrease. At the time of this writing only 66 pupils are enrolled in the district's schools as compared to 73 last year, 77 the previous year, 81 the year before that... and 88 four years ago. The average percentage of attendance for the four schools open during the last year was 95.32, which is very good, and the average number of tardinesses was only .3 which is the lowest in several years. A breakdown of this attendance and tardiness record for each school may be found in a tabulation printed on subsequent pages in this report.

As is to be expected, also, with the decrease of pupils enrolled in the schools of the district largely due to more and more being assigned to schools outside, the number of tuition pupils from Columbia shows a decided increase. At the present time 25 are attending Colebrook Academy, 23 Colebrook Elementary School, and 1 is attending Stratford High School to make a total of 49 in contrast to 17, 11, and 2 enrolled in these respective schools last year for a total of only 30.

#### Notes on the Budget

For the first time in several years it is possible for the school board to submit for consideration a budget less than that of the previous year, as it is \$29,-165.00 as compared to \$30,413.00 for the current year. Since the estimated income of \$6,000.00 is the same as that for this year, too, the amount to be raised by taxes by the town is likewise appreciably less. As was explained under the caption of - Changes in Organization - the decrease in the budget is explained, for the most part, by the closing of one of our schools and assigning the pupils who formerly attended there to a school outside the district.

#### Conclusion

I wish again to thank the members of the School Board, parents, teachers and citizens for all the help and cooperation received in our work together to keep standards high in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

#### ERNEST B. DANA

Superintendent of Schools

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### Receipts 1953-54

| State Aid   | \$ 5,772.96 |
|---|-------------|
| Current Appropriation   | 24,566.04   |
| Elementary School Tuition Refund  | 11.00       |
| Total Net Receipts from all sources<br>Cash on hand at beginning of year, | 30,350.00   |
| July 1, 1953  | 60.79       |
| Grand Total Receipts  | \$30,410.79 |

### Payments 1953-54

| 1                     | Budget<br>1953-54 | Total<br>Spent | Balance<br>June 30 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Administration:       | 1000 01           | Spent          | June 30            |
| Salaries of District  |                   |                |                    |
| Officers              | 175.00            | 171.78         | 3.22               |
| Supt's Salary         | 373.00            | 372.50         | .50                |
| Per Capita Tax        | 246.00            | 246.00         |                    |
| Salaries of Other     |                   |                |                    |
| Admin. Personnel      | 175.00            | 187.60         | *—12.60            |
| Supplies and Expenses | 140.00            | 162.13         | -22.13             |
| Instruction:          |                   |                |                    |
| Teachers' Salaries 1  | 0,600.00          | 10,488.64      | 111.36             |

| Books and Other        |             |             |                       |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Inst. Aids             | 200.00      | 305.86      | -105.86               |
| Scholars Supplies      | 300.00      | 408.24      | 108.24                |
| Supplies and Other     |             |             |                       |
| Expenses               | 75.00       | 16.26       | 58.74                 |
| Operation of School I  | Plant:      |             |                       |
| Janitor Service        | 375.00      | 391.21      | 16.21                 |
| Fuel                   | 400.00      | 579.50      | -179.50               |
| Water, Light, Supplie  | es,         |             |                       |
| and Expenses           | 200.00      | 173.93      | 26.07                 |
| Maintenance of School  | ol Plant:   |             |                       |
| Repairs and Re-        |             |             |                       |
| placements             | 300.00      | 1,622.31    | 1,322.31              |
| Auxiliary Activities:  |             |             |                       |
| Health                 | 440.00      | 384.85      | 55.15                 |
| Transportation         | 5,000.00    | 4,779.00    | 221.00                |
| Tuition                | 8,525.00    | 5,761.49    | 2,763.51              |
| Special Activities and | 1           |             |                       |
| Funds                  | 50.00       | 47.82       | 2.18                  |
| Fixed Charges:         |             |             |                       |
| Retirement and OAS     | I 680.00    | 780.43      | 100.43                |
| Insurance, Treas.      |             |             |                       |
| Bonds, and Expens      | ses 35.00   | 79.28       | -44.28                |
| Capital Outlay:        |             |             |                       |
| Land and New           |             |             |                       |
| Buildings              |             | 187.62      | -187.62               |
| Additions and Im-      |             |             |                       |
| provements - Speci     | ial         |             |                       |
| Appropriation          | 2,000.00    | 2,351.49    | -35149                |
| New Equipment          | 50.00       |             | 50.00                 |
| Total Net Pay-         |             |             |                       |
| ments for all          |             |             |                       |
| Purposes               | 30,339.00   | 29,497.94   | 841.06                |
| Cash on hand at End    |             |             |                       |
| of Year (June 30, 1    | 1954)       | 912.85      |                       |
|                        | ****        | 000 170 77  | 00.44                 |
| Grand Total            | \$30,339.00 | \$30,410.79 | \$841.6s              |
| Added Income Over      |             |             | <b>5</b> 4 <b>5</b> 0 |
| Appropriation          | 71.79       |             | 71.79                 |
| T 90 1050              | 000 410 000 | 000 410 70  | <b>@O</b>             |
| June 30, 1953          | \$30,410.79 | \$30,410.79 | \$912.00              |

<sup>\*—</sup> Indicates Overpayment

#### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Columbia of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HARRY F. LANG

June 30, 1954

Auditor

#### DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

| Salaries of District Officers:  |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Almon J. Crawford, Auditor      | \$ 3.00  |
| Harry F. Lang, Auditor          | 3.00     |
| Thelma G. Covell, School Board  | 40.00    |
| Milton E. Adair, School Board   | 40.00    |
| Edwin C. Frizzell, School Board | 40.00    |
| Treasurer, State of N. H., OASI | 5.78     |
| Marion E. Wells, Clerk          | 2.50     |
| Harry F. Lang, Moderator        | 2.50     |
| Beatrice C. White, Treasurer    | 35.00    |
|                                 | \$171.78 |
| *Supt's. Salary:                | 42-2     |
| State Treasurer                 | \$372.50 |

\*In accordance with the Laws of 1953, Chapter 243, Section 5, a breakdown of the total amount paid to the superintendent by the State and the respective school districts follows:

| State of N. H. School Districts: | Salary<br>3,250.00 | Travel    | Total 3,250.00 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Colebrook Special                | 998.25             | 380.00    | 1,378.25       |
| Colebrook Town                   | 245.25             | 90.00     | 335.25         |
| Columbia                         | 272.50             | 100.00    | 372.50         |
| Clarksville                      | 163.50             | 60.00     | 223.50         |
| Pittsburg                        | 691.25             | 240.00    | 931.25         |
| Stewartstown                     | 354.25             | 130.00    | 484.25         |
| -                                |                    |           |                |
| Totals                           | \$5,975.00         | \$1000.00 | \$6,975.00     |

| Per Capita Tax: State Treasurer Salaries of Other Admin. Personnel: Thelma G. Covell, Census Milton E. Adair, Census Marion E. wells, Office Clerk Treasurer, State of N. H., OASI Elaine Dufour, Office Work   | \$246.00<br>\$ 20.00<br>20.00<br>110.00<br>.93<br>36.67  |
|---|--|
| Supplies and Expenses: Sentinel Publishing Co., letterheads, notices Edson C. Eastman Co., ceusus cards, vouche N. H. School Boards Association, dues N. L. and E. W. Kruysman, expanding envel Ray A. Hicks, envelopes Cascade Paper Co., voucher clips Columbia Town Treas. School Reports Pittsburg School District, phone, nurse Ernest B. Dana, office expenses Colebrook Special School District, office expenses | ers 13.10<br>3.00  |
| Teachers' Salaries: Florence B. Hughes Myra A. Holbrook Mary E. Gray Ferne C. Fogg Richard C. Haapaoja Colebrook National Bank, withholding tax N. H Vt. Hospitalization Service, Blue Cross Teachers Retirement System, assessment Mary Pease, substitute Mildred J. Corbett, substitute Marion E. Wells, substitute Claire G. Owen, substitute  | \$ 2,073.70<br>2,011.90<br>2,131.10<br>2,186.84<br>388.10<br>637.60<br>98.20<br>9.00<br>36.00<br>27.00<br>9.00 |

| Books and Other Instructional Aids: Laidlaw Bros., English Books American Book Co., dictionaries Association Films, films Rand McNally and Co., books Follett Publishing Co., books J. B. Lippincott Co., books Hughes Radio and Electric Shop, supplies Ginn and Co., music Houghton Mifflin Co., books The L. W. Singer Co., books Chas W. Homeyer and Co., band records Scott, Foresman and Co., books Webster Publishing Co., books The Macmillan Co., books Denoyer-Geppert Co., Globes   | \$ 16.76<br>54.32<br>1.30<br>13.83<br>26.72<br>1.82<br>1.00<br>42.16<br>13.80<br>5.40<br>3.75<br>20.90<br>25.00<br>10.00<br>70.90 |
|--|---|
| Scholars' Supplies: Rand McNally and Co., workbooks Scott, Foresman and Co., supplies and workbooks Gledhill Bros., supplies J. L. Hammett Co., supplies Follett Publishing Co., workbooks The Art Centre, tempera paint Phillips Paper Co., duplicator Allyn and Bacon, tests, Gen. Sci. workbook Milton Bradley Co., file holders and spelling blanks Junior Scholastic, magazines The Macmillan Co., workbooks The Papercrafters, crayola World Book Co., tests American Education Press, magazines The Sentinel Publishing Co., newsprint United World Films, rental University of N. H., rental films Ruwe Pencil Co., pencils American Book Co., workbooks | 8.29<br>25.00<br>16.48<br>10.80<br>4.89<br>26.50<br>1.15<br>6.44<br>10.80<br>20.00<br>10.00                                       |
|  | \$408.24  |

| Supplies and Other Expenses:                      |             |
|---|-------------|
| Webster Publishing Co., class books               | \$ 2.83     |
| Field Enterprises, encyclopedia                   | 2.50        |
| Scott, Foresman and Co., workbooks                | .63         |
| National Geographic Society - subscription        | 3.00        |
| World Almanac, almanacs                           | 3.80        |
| Hughes Radio and Electric Shop, needles ar        | nd          |
| record album                                      | 3.50        |
|   | \$16.26     |
| Janitor Service:                                  |             |
| Mrs. Verne Reynolds, cleaning, 2 years            | \$ 43.00    |
| Mrs. Earl Cass, cleaning, 2 years                 | 47.00       |
| Mary Margaret Keach, janitor                      | 74.00       |
| Freeman Hartwell, janitor                         | 74.00       |
| Wm. Reynolds, Jr., janitor                        | 74.00       |
| Wayne Delong, janitor                             | 74.00       |
| Treasurer, State of N. H.                         | 5.21        |
|   | \$391.21    |
| Fuel:   |             |
| Gordon Placy, wood                                | \$ 17.50    |
| Chas. H. White, wood                              | 132.00      |
| Shirley Martin, wood                              | 187.00      |
| Washburn Lumber Co., wood                         | 132.00      |
| Ruby Gray, piling wood                            | 3.75        |
| Marilla Cass, piling wood                         | 3.75        |
| William Adair, piling wood                        | 3.00        |
| Maurice Vallier, piling wood                      | 7.50 $9.00$ |
| Wayne Delong, piling wood                         | 9.00        |
| Kenneth Smith, piling wood<br>Scott Pearson, wood | 75.00       |
| Scott Fearson, wood                               | 15.00       |
|   | * \$579.50  |
| * Includes payment for fuel used over pe          | riod of two |

| years                                |    |       |
|--------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses: |    |       |
| Public Service Co., lights           | \$ | 75.12 |
| Procter Gamble Co., dispenser        | •  | 3.43  |
| Charles J. Lewis, bombs              |    | 7.00  |

| The Palmer Co., toilet fixture Luxor Lighting Products, bulbs P. A. Hicks and Sons, supplies E. F. Royal Co., chl. lime W. B. Parmett, broom | 4.93<br>5.64<br>7.99<br>.94 |
|--|-----------------------------|
| W. R. Barnett, broom N. H. Electric Cooperative, lights  | $2.89 \\ 66.59$             |
|  | \$173.93                    |
| Repairs and Replacements:  | Φ 4.00                      |
| Milton Bradley Co., faucets Bryant's, supplies   | \$ 4.23<br>1.33             |
| Milton Adair, repairs - 3 schools  | $1.55 \\ 182.07$            |
| Nugent's Plumbing and Heating, repairs -   | 102.01                      |
| Cone   | 111.86                      |
| Aaron E. Stevens, supplies   | 33.10                       |
| Beaver Falls Garage, labor   | 3.00                        |
| P. A. Hicks and Sons, supplies   | 23.89                       |
| H. N. Marsh, grates  | 6.50                        |
| Robert Wilson, supplies Treffle Hebert, Church School  | .85<br>995.25               |
| Hughes Radio and Electric Shop, phono  | 999.29                      |
| player   | 4.00                        |
| Farmers Feed and Supply Co., axe handle  | 1.65                        |
| A. J. Wiswell, wiring repairs  | 4.58                        |
| Chester W. Martin, repairs - 4 schools   | 250.00                      |
|  | \$1,622.31                  |
| Health Supervision:  |                             |
| Ethel Sturgis, nurse   | \$327.90                    |
| N. H. Teachers Retirement System, assessr  | nent 32.10                  |
| Dickson's Pharmacy, supplies   | 7.05                        |
| E. G. Staats, health ribbons   | $\frac{2.00}{1.50}$         |
| Edson C. Eastman, tabs Dr. Leo Poirier, pre-school clinic (1953)   | 6.30                        |
| The Sentinel Publishing Co., health cards  | 1.00                        |
| Dr. Bruce Kelly, pre-school clinic   | 7.00                        |
| <b>V</b> / <b>I</b>  |                             |
|  | \$384.85                    |
| Transportation:  |                             |
|  |                             |
| Ernest W. Drew   | \$1,416.00<br>1,947.00      |

| Joseph E. Bergeron  | 1,416.00                                   |
|---|--|
|   | \$4,779.00                                 |
| Tuition:  Colebrook Special School District 3,696.25  | Elem.<br>1,406.24                          |
| The Crotched Mt. Rehabilitation Center, D. Smith Stratford School District 570.00   | 89.00                                      |
| \$4,266.25  | \$1,495.24                                 |
| Special Activities and Special Funds: Lynch's Sports Equipment Co., fleece and soft balls, and bats Giant Manufacturing Co., playground   | \$12.36                                    |
| equipment A. H. Rice Co., exciter bulbs   | 33.47<br>1.99                              |
|   | \$47.82                                    |
| Retirement: N. H. Teachers Retirement System, teacher and nurse Treasurer, State of N. H., OASI - janitors and officers N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare - OASI Fund a costs Employees' Retirement System, Supt. and clerk | \$734.81<br>16.59<br>adm.<br>6.80<br>22.23 |
| Insurance, Tr. Bonds and Expenses:<br>Elsie M. Annis, treasurer's bond<br>Edwin C. Frizzell, insurance  | \$780.43<br>10.00<br>69.28                 |
| Land and New Buildings: Gerald Haynes, grading and cleaning yard Clyde Gray, shovel, Church yard Edwin C. Frizzell, supplies and labor, Church School   | \$79.28<br>\$ 10.00<br>8.00<br>h<br>124.57 |

| <ul><li>Wm. J. Beecher, grading yard, Church<br/>School</li><li>P. A. Hicks and Sons, lawn seed and fertilized</li></ul> | 42.00<br>r 3.05 |
|--|-----------------|
| Additions and Improvements: Wm. J. Beecher, Contract and extra labor,  | \$187.32        |
| Church School  | \$2,345.49      |
| Thomas Mercer, moving wood, Church Schoo   | 3.00            |
| Haynes Drew, moving wood, Church School  | 3.00            |
|  |                 |
|  | \$2,351.49      |

## BUDGET 1955-56

# (Compared with the Budget of 1954-55 and Expenditures of 1953-54)

|                        | Amount<br>Spent | Budget<br>for | Proposed<br>Budget |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| *Salaries of District  | 1953-54         | 1954-55       | 1955-56            |
|                        | 171 70          | 175.00        | 155.00             |
| Officers               | 171.78          | 175.00        | 175.00             |
| *Supt's Salary         | 372.50          | 375.00        | 383.00             |
| *Per Capita Tax        | 246.00          | 258.00        | 220.00             |
| Salaries of            |                 |               |                    |
| Admin. Personnel       | 187.60          | 200.00        | 212.00             |
| Supplies and Expenses  | 152.13          | 150.00        | 150.00             |
| Teachers' Salaries     | 10,488.64       | 11,050.00     | 8,600.00           |
| Books and Other In-    |                 |               | ,                  |
| structional Aids       | 305.86          | 200.00        | 200.00             |
| Scholars' Supplies     | 408.24          | 300.00        | 300.00             |
| Supplies and Other     |                 | 300,00        | 300.00             |
| Expenses               | 16.26           | 100.00        | 75.00              |
| Janitor Service        | 391.21          | 400.00        | 400.00             |
| Fuel                   | 579.50          | 400.00        | 300.00             |
| Water, Light, Supplies |                 | 400.00        | 500.00             |
| and Expenses           | 173.93          | 250.00        | 200.00             |
| Repairs and Re-        | 110.50          | 200.00        | 200.00             |
|                        | 1 600 91        | 300.00        | 200.00             |
| placements             | 1,622.31        |               | 200.00             |
| Health                 | 384.85          | 410.00        | 380.00             |
| Transportation         | 4,779.00        | 5,000.00      | 4,860.00           |
| Tuition                | 5,761.49        | 9,800.00      | 11,700.00          |

| Special Activities and | d.          |             |             |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Funds                  | 47.82       | 50.00       | 50.00       |
| *Retirement and OA     | SI 780.43   | 830.00      | 650.00      |
| Insurance, Tr. Bonds   | and         |             |             |
| Expenses               | 79.28       | 115.00      | 60.00       |
| Land and New Buildi    | ings 187.62 |             |             |
| New Equipment          | Ü           | 50.00       | 50.00       |
| Additions and          |             |             |             |
| Improvements           | 2,351.49    |             |             |
|                        | <u> </u>    |             |             |
| Totals                 | \$29,497.94 | \$30,413.00 | \$29,165.00 |

\*The starred items are required by law to be raised as determined by the proper authorities. The salaries of the district officers are determined by the district. A relationship which takes into consideration school membership and assessed vaulation, determines the proportionate share of the salaries paid by each district for personnel employed by the supervisory union. The State Treasurer reports the amount of the per capita tax. The Retirement Board assesses the amount for Teachers' Retirement.

## ESTIMATED INCOME OF THE DISTRICT

| State Aid               | \$ 3,500.00           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Balance                 | 2,500.00              |
| Total Income            | 6,00 <del>0</del> .00 |
| School Board's Budget   | 29,165.00             |
| Requested Appropriation | \$23,165.00           |

## REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE

|  | Teacher and | Grade        | No. Pupils | No. Boys  | Average Atttendance | Average Membership | Percent of Attendance | no. tardiness<br>Per Pupil |
|--|-------------|--------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Florence   | B. Hu       | ghes,<br>1-4 | Chu<br>18  | irch<br>8 | 16.70               | 17.20              | 97.10                 | 0                          |
| Myra A.  | Holbre      | ook, C       | Franc      |           |                     | 17.20              | 97.10                 | U                          |
| Massa 17   |             | 5-8          | 22         | 9         | 20.54               | 21.71              | 94.63                 | 0                          |
| Mary E. Ferne C.   |             | 1-4          | 18         | 10        | oia<br>15.10        | 16.05              | 94.33                 | 0                          |
|  | rogg,       | 5-8          | 17         | 11        | 14.22               | 14.93              | 95.24                 | 1.3                        |
| Totals   |             |              | 75         | 28        | 66.56               | 69.89              | 95.32                 | 0.3                        |
| TEACHERS CONTRACTED SALARIES 1954-55  Florence B. Hughes \$2,600.00 Myra A. Holbrook 2,600.00 Mary E. Gray 2,600.00 Richard C. Haapaoja 375.76 |             |              |            |           |                     |                    |                       |                            |
| NURSE AND SALARY Ethel S. Sturgis \$370.00   |             |              |            |           |                     |                    |                       |                            |
| Ether S.   | oturg       | S            |            |           |                     |                    | <b>\$37</b>           | 0.00                       |
|  | JA          | NIT          | ORS        | ANI       | SALA                | RIES               | per w                 | reek                       |
| Thelma C   | G. Cov      | ell, C       | hurc       | h         |                     |                    | \$                    | 2.00                       |
| Freeman  |             |              |            | Franc     | l Divisi            | on                 |                       | 2.00                       |
| Everett 1  | sryer,      | Cone         | }          |           |                     |                    |                       | 2.00                       |

#### TRANSPORTATION

Rate Per Day Carried Per Day

Kilburn G. Covell, Church and Grand Division:
14.00 36 42

Verne M. Reynolds, lower Columbia and Cole. Elem.
13.00 47 62

## **ENROLLMENT 1954-55**

Church - Grades 1-4, 20; Grand Division - Grades 5-8, 23; Cone - Grades 5-8, 23. Grand Total - 66.

## TUITION PUPILS AND RATE

| Attending<br>Attending<br>Attending | Colebrook | 23<br>25<br>1 | \$125.00<br>250.00<br>250.00 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|------------------------------|
|                                     |           | <br>49        |                              |

Births Registered in the fown of Columbia, N. H., For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

| Place of<br>Birth         | West Stewartstown<br>West Stewartstown<br>West Stewartstown<br>West Stewartstown<br>Columbia                                       |
|---------------------------|--|
| Maiden Name of<br>Mother  | Mary L. Washburn-Arlene A Nason<br>Eleanor E Dewey<br>June A Gould<br>Arlene B Parrish<br>Margaret M Stanton<br>Rhoda J Hartford   |
| Name of<br>Father         | Francis G Chapple<br>Herbert Fields<br>George Wm. Grant<br>Raymond G. Hyde<br>Leonard Wm. Parker<br>Vern M Reynolds<br>Morris Cass |
| Name of Child<br>(if any) | Conrad C Chapple<br>Herbert R Fields<br>Gary C Grant<br>Dennis G Hyde<br>Cynthia J Parker<br>Scott A Reynolds<br>Jesse Cass        |
| Date of<br>Birth          | Feb. 13 1954<br>May 31 1954<br>Dec. 21 1953<br>Aug. 30 1953<br>May 10 1954<br>April 21 1954<br>April 1 1888                        |

r the Year Ending December 31, 1954

| Date of<br>Marriage | Place of<br>Marriage | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride  | Age<br>Each<br>In Yr | Name of Parents  |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Oct. 22 1954        | Colebrook            | William Elery Adair<br>Edwina Rose Parker                                  | 19<br>17             | Elery W Adair<br>Juanita Corliss<br>Edd Parker   |
| Oct. 30 1954        | North Stratford      | Lee Whitcomb Hanks<br>Gloria Mae Flanders                                  | 28<br>20             | Ida Libby Herbert W Hanks Martha Hicks Clayton E Flanders                              |
| Nov. 13 1954        | Stewartstown, N. H.  | Stewartstown, N. H. Kenneth Albion Parkhurst<br>Isabelle Murielle Riendeau | 23                   | Thelma D Sheineld<br>Lynn L Parkhurst<br>Madeline E Gadwah<br>George A Riendeau        |
| July 27 1954        | Colebrook            | Charles Joseph White<br>Arlene Mary Gould                                  | 22<br>19             | Ariana Gagner<br>Charles H White<br>Beatrice Doak<br>Benjamin F Gould<br>Francis Vugue |

Deaths Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

| Maiden Name of Mother            | Mary Haynes<br>Unknown<br>Emily E Noyes<br>Celanise Fecteau<br>Alphonsine Gagnon               |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Name of<br>Father                | Joseph Jackson<br>Joseph Jackson<br>Vital Poulin<br>Paul Ouillette                             |
| Yrs. Mos. Days                   | 58<br>84<br>76<br>70<br>69   |
| Name and Surname of the Deceased | George O DeLong<br>Henry Jackson<br>Thomas Wm Jackson<br>Marie C P Jacques<br>Joseph Ouillet*e |
| Date of<br>Death                 | Aug. 11 1954<br>Dec. 21 1954<br>Nov. 29 1954<br>Dec. 16 1953<br>April 11 1954                  |









