



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

Year Ending December 31, 1958

The cover picture of the Shedd Porter Memorial Library was taken by Harriet W. Whitton. The following information pertaining to the library and its benefactor, John G. Shedd, was furnished by Maybelle H Still.

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John Graves Shedd, a descendant of Daniel Shedd of England, who emigrated to America about 1640, and William Shedd who settled in Alstead about 1795.

John G. Shedd was born in Alstead Center in 1850, and moved with his parents to Langdon when five years of age. He attended school on Holden Hill. Mr. Shedd later stated, "I disliked the farm environment and had decided at sixteen the vocation in which I would spend the remainder of my life - it was that of a merchant".

He first secured a position in a small grocery store in Bellows Falls, at \$1.50 per week and board. A year later he became a clerk for Timothy Tufts, general merchant of Alstead. Five years after leaving the farm home in Langdon, he went to Chicago where he secured an interview with Marshall Field. At this interview, Mr. Shedd states thusly, "Mr. Field, I want a position with your company". "What can you do?" inquired Mr. Field. "I can sell any merchandise you have", was the quick reply.

In 1872, Mr. Shedd became connected with that firm at \$12.00 per week. In 1893, he was admitted to partnership and in 1901, he became vice-president. Upon the death of Marshall Field in 1906, Mr. Shedd became president. Marshall Field & Co. became the largest dry goods store in the world.

In 1878, he married Mary Roenna Porter, born in Alstead in 1853, daughter of Dr. Winslow B. Porter. Dr. Porter had located himself in Paper Mill Village as a physician and surgeon, located one door west of the Universalist Church, in 1847.

Among his many public benefactions, Mr. Shedd erected the Shedd Porter Memorial Library, at a cost of \$150,000. It was formally presented to the town of Alstead's Old Home Day, August 25, 1910, with 1500 or more visitors present. Mr. Shedd presented to Edward A. Mitchell, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and delivered a deed to this memorial, together with the keys, accompanied by a deed of trust to a small fund, "which is to be used to pay the expense of maintainance to the end that the gift will not prove a burden to the communities for whose benefit it has been erected".

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# DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS

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<b>Selectmen</b>	Harry A. Spooner, Chairman	Term Expires 1959
	W. R. Phipps	Term Expires 1960
	Frank C. Dustin	Term Expires 1961
<b>Moderator</b>	Ivan E. Head	
<b>Representative</b>	Peyton Washburn	
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Grace Ellis	
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	Howard L. Goss	
<b>Tax Collector</b>	Gilman Ellis	
<b>Road Agent</b>	Clifford Clark	
<b>Overseer of Poor</b>	William D. Hayes	
<b>Supervisors of Check List</b>	Earl M. Pitcher	
	Roy H. Buss	
	Herbert Muzzy	
<b>Trustees</b>	Edith Provost	Term Expires 1959
<b>Trust Fund</b>	Gilman Ellis	Term Expires 1960
	Peyton Washburn	Term Expires 1961
<b>Ballot Clerks</b>	Leon Trow	
	Nellie Ayer	
	Alice Bragg	
	Edith Spooner	
	Frank C. Dustin	Term Expires 1959
<b>Library Trustees</b>	Edith Provost	Term Expires 1959
	Peyton Washburn	Term Expires 1960
	W. R. Phipps	Term Expires 1960
	Edith Chase	Term Expires 1961
	Alma Ring	Term Expires 1961
	Laura MacLane	
<b>Librarian</b>	Laura MacLane	
<b>Constables</b>	W. D. Hayes, Irwin Ward	
<b>Fire Comm.</b>	Heman Chase	Term Expires 1959
	Owen H. Libby	Term Expires 1960
	Ivan E. Head	Term Expires 1961
<b>School Board</b>	Herman Buss	Term Expires 1959
	A. D. Fletcher	Term Expires 1960
	Margaret Renzleman	Term Expires 1961
<b>Park Commissioner</b>	Willard Kelly	
<b>Dog Constable</b>	Erwin Ward	

## 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 10th day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Old Age Assistance and for the support of the poor.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for highways and bridges.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 to Oil Town roads.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,625.00 for payment of Long Term Notes: \$1,625.00 to be applied on the new 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 \$140.00 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 \$250.00 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 \$350.00 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 \$1,265.00 for street lights.
24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$763.51 for TRA construction, the State to contribute \$5,090.06.
25. To see if the Town will authorize a discount of 2% on real estate taxes paid prior to October 1.
26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the existing road from Cobb Hill Road to residence of Hans Petterson. (By request of Beth Carmen)
27. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a permanent Town Planning Board, consisting of five members, to be constituted and to function in accordance with the concept set forth by the New Hampshire State Planning and Development Commission and raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to defray expenses for the operation of same.

28. To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three voters to proceed with the development of Newell Pond and authorize the selectmen to borrow up to \$3,500.00 on a long term note for said development in anticipation of the leasing of lots.

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

HARRY A. SPOONER  
W. R. PHIPPS  
FRANK C. DUSTIN

SELECTMEN OF ALSTEAD



## ALSTEAD TAX RATE

Town Appropriation Less Town Revenue	\$15,141.20
Town Appropriation Schools	63,008.30
County Tax	4,766.83
	\$82,916.33
Total to be raised by Property Taxes	\$82,916.33

Net Valuation \$22,409.82 X Rate \$3.70 equals \$82,916.33

## INVENTORY OF PROPERTY VALUATION

	1957	1958
Lands and Buildings	\$2,023,325.00	\$2,053,320.00
Electric Plants	89,881.00	91,000.00
Horses	1,270.00	1,350.00
Oxen	---	---
Cows	29,565.00	17,655.00
Other Meat Stock	4,675.00	1,920.00
Sheep and Goats	90.00	185.00
Hogs	---	---
Fowl	500.00	400.00
Vehicles	600.00	
Wood and Lumber	---	---
Gas Pumps	1,750.00	1,600.00
Stock in Trade	63,650.00	70,202.00
Mills and Machinery	20,550.00	51,000.00
Portable Mills	---	---
Road Building Machinery	25,200.00	9,400.00
House Trailers	5,000.00	4,900.00
Boats	---	200.00
	\$2,266,056.00	\$2,303,132.00
TOTALS		
Veterans Exemptions	62,945.00	62,150.00
	\$2,203,111.00	\$2,240,982.00
Net Totals		

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## RECEIPTS

Est. 1958    Actual '58    Est. 1959

**FROM STATE:**

**SOURCES OF REVENUE**

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 2,445.00	\$ 2,414.20	\$ 2,400.00
Savings Bank Tax	495.00	792.31	475.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	200.00	7.64	200.00

**FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES**

Dog Licenses	400.00	344.10	325.00
Business Licenses	10.00	20.00	20.00
Interest on Taxes	400.00	792.31	400.00
Income from Trust Funds	5,269.00	3,409.61	3,400.00
Highway Rental of Equipment	400.00	438.04	400.00
Motor Vehicle Fees	4,200.00	3,991.00	3,900.00
Head Tax Comm.	70.00	197.00	70.00
Added Taxes	---	89.46	
Sale of Town Property	---	260.00	
Cash Surplus	1,785.10	3,485.25	1,500.00

**FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES**

Poll Taxes	550.00	506.00	500.00
Nat'l. Bank Stock Taxes	2.50	2.50	2.50
Yield Taxes	1,800.00	2,134.15	1,800.00

	\$ 18,026.60	\$18,883.57	\$15,392.50
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Amount to be raised by Property Tax	82,916.33	2,192.11	89,648.01
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	\$100,942.93	\$16,681.46	\$105,040.51
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Purposes of EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1958	Actual Expense '58	Estimated 1959
Current Gen'l. Govt. Expenses, Town Officers' Salaries, Expenses Election & Registration, Expenses Town Bldgs., Int. on Loans	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,187.47	\$ 5,300.00
Protection of persons and property			
Police Dept.	150.00	213.80	250.00
Fire Dept.	2,000.00	2,829.31	2,000.00
Fire Dept. Radios for Trucks	500.00	442.00	---
Civil Defense	100.00	5.00	25.00
Health			
Town Dump	225.00	229.05	250.00
Highways - incl. Tar & Oil	13,000.00	13,751.18	14,000.00
Street Lighting	1,260.95	1,262.57	1,265.00
Town Road Aid	767.17	767.17	763.51
Town Hall Clock	25.00	25.00	25.00
Welfare			
Town Poor	1,000.00	1,066.32	1,000.00
Old Age	2,200.00	2,737.06	2,500.00
Patriotic - Memorial Day	50.00	50.00	50.00
Recreation - Parks & Playgrounds, Band Concerts	300.00	279.00	325.00
Public Service - Cemeteries	300.00	411.71	400.00
Overlay	216.78	684.49	400.00
Advertising Regional Assoc.	132.00	132.00	132.00
Employees Ret. & Soc. Secy.	300.00	290.00	350.00
Long Term Notes	3,125.00	3,125.00	1,650.00
County Taxes	4,766.83	4,766.83	4,780.00
School Taxes	63,008.30	60,605.00	69,600.00
			<u>\$105,040.51</u>

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

As you well know, the bridge in center of town has finally been completed and all will agree that it is an improvement and decorative. The sidewalks damaged in its construction have been repaired and the library lawn regraded and seeded. The sidewalk in front of the library was covered with Hot Top.

The lot of land around the former Alstead Center School was sold to the present owner of the building. Price \$200.00.

Steel filing cabinets were purchased for the Town Clerk and Treasurer for town records.

T.V. Cable permits were issued which should result in better T.V. reception for the subscribers and some additional tax dollars to the town.

The Band Stand that was near the old bridge is at present at the rear of the library and your Board feels, possibly, it should not be put back to its original location. An article in the Warrant covering this is for your action.

The discount allowed on taxes paid prior to October first helped bring in money at a time when most needed. This enabled us to carry on the affairs of the town during the Fall and early Winter without borrowing money.

The Planning Board has been active and have some excellent ideas incorporated in their report. Your selectmen wish to thank them for their earnest efforts and suggest that this Board be continued this year.

**VILAS FREE BED.** The Vilas Free Bed at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital is made possible through the generosity of the late Charles N. Vilas. He set up a trust fund, the earnings to go to the hospital for room and board for Alstead residents who are in need. During the year 1958 seven residents received benefits from this fund amounting to \$1100.00.

**CEMETERIES.** Considerable work was carried out in the various cemeteries and we feel that they are all showing effects of this work. Many stones have been straightened, brush and grass cut. As a whole, they show improvement and we have heard many compliments.

The State Tax Commission sent an Appraiser to make a spot check of various properties throughout the town. The properties checked and appraised by him were picked by him.

The tax rate was higher in 1958 than in 1957 due in the greater part to increase in school budget.

**VILAS POOL.** The detailed report of expenses of this operation covered by special report.

Your 1957 Town Report was entered in State Competition and was awarded third place in our class. We have a certificate which we had framed and will display in the office of the Selectmen.

Our non-resident owners are our greatest asset. The valuation of their property amounts to 43% of the entire valuation. These people help our merchants, employ some of our people, keep their property in excellent condition and purchase quantities of goods throughout the state. The town renders these people very little service in exchange and do not have to educate their children.

**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.

### REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

Ten dog complaints were investigated. Delinquent dog taxes were collected. One dog was killed by an auto - buried. Cost of this department \$25.00.

### REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigated several accidents.

Picked up speeders with State Police.

Investigated breaks.

Recovered two bicycles which were reported stolen.

Apprehended responsible parties who had broken windows in a church.

Held a woman for questioning who was alledged to have helped her husband escape from County Farm.

Warnings were given to many motorists near Vilas Pool and throughout town.

Called upon parents of parties who caused serious trouble at Vilas Pool and barred them from property in future.

Cost of this department ----- \$213.80

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

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

During the year 1958, the librarian and trustees have attended several neighborhood meetings with librarians and trustees from Charlestown, Walpole, Langdon, Acworth. At one of these meetings, the group voted to apply to the State Library Commission for a grant of one thousand dollars from the Shieling Trust Fund for the purchase of books to be used cooperatively. From the other libraries who applied for this grant this group was chosen. Since then, Miss Doreen Harper from the State Library has met with the group in Alstead, Acworth, and Walpole to make plans and to select books for purchase.

Mr. Shedd's daughter, Mrs. Keith, gave the library a framed copy of a newspaper, The World's Index, published July 7, 1847 in Paper Mill Village. Many town's people have been interested to read it.

National Library Week, March 16-20 was observed with invitations to visit the library in the Bellows Falls Times. Ninety-six people visited the library during that week.

Mrs. Putnam with the pupils of Grades 1 and 2, Mrs. Benware with Grades 3 and 4, Mrs. Lowrey with Grades 5 and 6 from the Alstead Elementary School and Miss Duncan with Grades 1, 2 and 3 from Langdon visited the library Book Week. The librarian called attention to the pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Shedd and suggested ways of thanking them for their generosity to the gift of the library and read stories to the pupils.

Mrs. Lowrey, Miss Merrill, Miss Duncan have had library books in their school rooms for the use of the pupils.

Some of the library magazines which may be borrowed are: Ladies' Home Journal, McCall's, Good Housekeeping, Time, U. S. News, Nature, Popular Science, Life, Holiday. The residents of Alstead are always welcome at the library which is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays 2-4:30 and 6:30-8:30 and Fridays 2-4:30.

Number of books added by purchase	262
Number of books added by gift	19
Number of magazines	29
Daily papers	2
Weekly papers	1
Reference questions	292
Record of Circulation of Books and Magazines:	
Fiction	4,969
Non-fiction	1,162
Juvenile	2,689
Magazines	2,005
	10,825

Laura N. MacLane, Librarian

## SHEDD PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Rec'd. from the Shedd Porter Fund	\$2,109.30
Rec'd. from the C. F. Warren Fund	171.13
Rec'd. from the Carpenter Fund	16.37
Rec'd. from the Kimball Fund	83.67
Rec'd. from Water Rents	288.00
Rec'd. from Langdon School Dist.	2.25
Rec'd. from Langdon Library	.70
Rec'd. from Selectmen - Rent	180.00
Withdrawn from Walpole Savings Bank	<u>700.00</u>

Total Receipts \$3,551.42

Cash on hand January 1, 1958	<u>61.76</u>	
	<u>\$3,613.18</u>	
Disbursements		\$3,220.56
Cash on Hand December 31, 1958		<u>\$ 392.62</u>
	<u>\$3,613.18</u>	<u>\$3,613.18</u>

**Disbursements:**

Librarian	\$1,200.00
Assistant Librarian	27.20
Janitor	600.00
Treasurer	35.00
Books and Periodicals	620.52
Telephone and Electricity	199.16
Fuel	388.12
Window Shades	30.00
Chase Tree Service	57.80
Labor on Water System	25.00
Unclassified	<u>37.76</u>
	\$3,220.56

**Other Assets:**

Uncollected Water rents	\$ 54.00
Savings Bank of Walpole	4,398.07
Sugar River Savings Bank	<u>1,601.91</u>
	<u>\$6,055.98</u>

Edith F. Provost, Treasurer

I hereby certify that I have examined the records and accounts of the Treasurer of the Shedd Porter Memorial Library Funds and find them correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Marie A. Radcliffe, Auditor

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### EXPENDITURES:

NE Tel-Tel (Telephone)	\$ 137.40
Granite State (Lights)	48.65
Misc. Labor - Supplies	115.95
Kmiec Garage (Gas, Oil, Repairs)	175.77
Kane-Healy (Oil)	162.49
Mutual Aid Dues	10.00
Alstead Garage	118.80
Ralph Moore	57.45
Insurance	487.57
Harry Hartwell	25.19
Alstead Tex (Gas, Oil)	32.19
N. H. Fire - Safety (Hose)	272.94
Forest Fires	59.16
Sudbury Lab.(Chemical)	35.00
Howard Jacobson (Labor on siren)	133.00
James A. Coffin (Siren)	320.00
Salary	637.75
Total Expenditures	
	\$2,829.31
Credits	47.64
Approp.	2,000.00
Overdraft	781.67

The department answered sixteen fire calls last year, the largest number of fires being in chimneys. We also built one fire ourselves, that being, the old Jim Brooks place. George Henry was appointed by the Commissioners as Fire Chief to fill the vacancy left by Richard Stanley when he left the department for business reasons. We have, again, added more new hose to our supply, three lengths of 1½ for the tank truck.

The two-way radios have been installed in the trucks and are operating. They are General Electric units and we also obtained outside speakers, as well as the ones inside the truck, so the firemen can hear them outside the trucks. With the addition of the radios we feel that we have as good equipment as any small town Fire Department.

H. L. Goss, Clerk



## VILAS POOL REPORT

This year a new roof was put on the men's bath house. Boats were repaired and painted. One of the swan-boats was repaired, painted and put into service. One new row-boat was purchased to replace one that was unsafe.

In 1959 some additional row-boats should be purchased and if possible the second swan-boat should be repaired and put into service. An outboard motor should be purchased to operate the swan-boat. The one that we have is no longer usable.

Some additional painting is needed. The diving boards are getting shaky and will have to be replaced. Each year we try to make as many repairs as possible with the funds available.

### RECEIPTS:

On hand Dec. 13, 1957	\$2,193.14	
May 28, 1958 Vilas Fund	1,794.79	
Telephone Tolls	22.75	
Dec. 1, 1958 Vilas Fund	<u>2,026.20</u>	
		\$6,036.88

### EXPENSES:

Labor and management	\$2,848.38	
Gas Stove and Pipes	106.00	
Insurance	138.61	
Boat	75.00	
Police (Traffic)	128.00	
Shingles	157.83	
Hardware & Paint	140.41	
Trucking	12.00	
Lumber	30.16	
Misc. Materials	160.51	
Gas, Lights, and 'Phone	<u>147.00</u>	
	\$3,943.90	
Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1958	<u>2,092.98</u>	
		\$6,036.88

## REPORT OF POOR DEPARTMENT

Surplus food distributed.

Seven cases of direct aid was given.

Applicants for aid will be required to fill out questionnaires before aid is rendered in the future.

We have one party at County Farm whose board is partially paid by Social Security benefits.

The cost of this department was \$1,066.32.

Old Age Assistance was rendered. Fifteen cases at a cost to the town of \$2,737.06.

## REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Tarring was carried out on the following streets: Summer, Prospect, Vilas Road, Main Street starting at Lakin's and going to Alstead Center and 3/4 mile on Slade Hill.

Culverts were installed on Blake Road, Fletcher's Road also on Riley's and Pratt's Roads. Some stone culverts were repaired.

A new bridge was constructed with concrete abutments in the Rhodes District near the residence of Hugh Clark.

Gravel was applied on Library Avenue, Riley's Road, Pine Cliff Rd. Bennett Road and Putnam's Road also on other bad spots throughout the town.

We applied ten tons of chloride for dust.

I hereby wish to thank each and every one who assisted me during the past year.

Clifford Clark, Road Agent

**ROAD AGENT'S ACCOUNT  
EXPENSES**

Clifford E. Clark, Labor	\$2,699.23
Richard G. Clark, Labor	2,376.55
Reginald Howard, Labor	43.75
George Benware, Labor	296.05
Dale Dustin, Labor	151.78
Ralph Moore, Labor	43.38
Lee Mansley, Labor	57.51
Harvey Pratt, Labor	4.38
Herman Craig, Labor	20.00
Everett Bragg, Labor	30.65
Kmiec Garage, Gas & Repair	1,221.79
Dick Stanley Garage, Gas & Repairs	258.41
George Edward, Plowing Snow	4.00
Robert Dunlap, Plowing Snow	113.75
Harley Maginn, Plowing Snow	43.75
Albert Fletcher, Plowing Snow	36.00
Fred Carman, Bulldozing Snow	300.00
Limoges Oil Co., Oil	38.65
Noble Belisle Mchy. Inc., Cutting Edges	42.30
Gay's Express Inc., Freight	8.08
R. Johnson (Chloride)	396.00
Albert Fletcher, Labor on tire, grease & hose	21.98
Northeastern Culverts Co., Culverts	294.04
Knowlton & Stone & Co., Inc., Shovels	17.82
Robert Dunlap, Truck	63.00
C. J. LaFrank, Lumber	51.52
Walpole Highway Dept., Trucks, Hone, Sander & Broom	614.98
Kmiec & Clark, Cement, Lumber, Nails, Mixer & labor on bridge	837.91
Frank Whitcomb Constr. Corp., Steel for bridge	12.00
Koppers Co., Inc., Tar	1,536.32
Cray's Oil Co., Diesel Oil	27.82
John A. Cannan Inc., Tire & Tube for grader	114.90
C. E. & R. G. Clark, Tractor & Mower	62.50
International Salt Co., Salt	313.60
Scott Machinery Inc., Parts for F.W.D. Truck	125.90
Columbian Steel Co., Inc., Cross chains for truck & grader & cutting edges for Plow	229.84
Cold River Sand & Gravel Co., Cold Patch	262.61
Cold River Sand & Gravel Co., Stone & Sand	64.41
Felix Damazak, Gravel	18.40
Louis Ferrer, Gravel	8.00
Ray Stevens, Gravel	3.60
George Comstock, Gravel	157.20
Hot Top Sidewalk, Hicks, Keene	115.00
Marie Radcliff, Tres. Equipment	402.95
Fred Carmen, Shovel	56.80
Marie A. Radcliff, Compensation Ins.	147.69
Misc.	5.18

\$13,751.18

**ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**  
(Continued)

Received for Rent of Truck & Grader; also material:

Cemetery Committee, Plowing & Sanding Drive	\$ 4.00
Ray Phipps, Salt	2.20
Ben Bragg, Chloride	3.60
School Dist., Oil Drum	4.00
Cray Oil Co., Rent of Grader	6.00
Marie Radcliff, rent of truck & man	17.68
Ruth Mack, Rent of truck and loader	4.00
Ross Ayers, Chloride	2.99
Della Morse, Plowing Driveway	3.00
Art Randall, Rent of Loader	1.00
Ted Spurr, Rent of Truck & Loader	5.00
Helen Wood, Chloride	7.92
Mable Still, Rent of truck & loader	19.29
Joseph Kmeice, Rent of truck	4.00
Ray Phipps, Rent of truck & loader	5.00
R. M. Brackett, Cold patch & loader	20.25
Lisu Van Bibber, Rent of Truck & Loader	10.00
Clarence Simons, Rent of Truck & Loader	5.00
Ben Bragg, Chloride	1.96
Ray Phipps, Chloride	2.00
Eugenia H. Dana, Rent of Truck & Loader	36.00
Jeannette M. Stevens, Rent of Truck & Loader	10.00
Austin Fletcher, Rent of Truck & Loader	20.00
Maurice Pitcher, Rent of Truck & Loader	3.00
Bernard Smith, Rent of Truck & Loader	20.00
George Bowhay, Rent of Loader & Man	9.50
William Rhoads for used lumber	25.00
Bill Hayes, Rent of Truck & Loader	4.00
Ray Stearns, Rent Loader	18.00
Ray Phipps, Rent of Grader	4.00
Theador T. Whitney, Chloride	1.99
Doris Burnham, Rent of Truck & Loader	4.00
Cornelisea Hicks, Rent of Loader	5.00
Maurice Robbins, Rent of Truck & Loader	30.00
Perley Washburn, Rent of Truck & Loader	4.00
Richard Wescott, Rent of Truck & Loader	4.00
W. G. Barr, Salt	16.72
Stanley Kmeice, Rent of Truck & Loader	8.00
Earl Pitcher, Rent of Loader	3.50
State of New Hampshire Gas Tax	146.93
	\$ 492.53

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Article No. 26 of the Town Warrant for the year 1958, as approved by the voters of the Town of Alstead, authorized the Moderator to appoint a committee of five voters to act as a Town Planning Board. Pursuant to this authorization the Moderator appointed the following personnel: Mr. Howard Goss, Mr. Howard Jacobson, Mr. Harry Neal, Mr. Stanley Kmiec and Mr. George Brady. The committee elected the following officers: Mr. Howard Goss, Chairman and Mr. Harry Neal, Secy.

Article No. 26 further provided that the Planning Board should make a report at the next Town Meeting.

It should be pointed out that no funds were appropriated for the Planning Board nor was it authorized to incur any financial obligations. The Board has operated accordingly.

The Board has occupied itself with the consideration and investigation of certain projects that it felt would be of value to the Town with a view toward drawing people to the Town as residents or visitors and finally increasing in some measure taxable property in the Town.

Several projects have been considered and a number of them, together with the recommendations of the Board, are listed below:

### **1. Establishment of a permanent Town Planning Board:**

It is recommended that a permanent Town Planning Board be established according to the specifications of the New Hampshire State Planning and Development Commission. This Board of five members to be appointed by the Selectmen and to include one Selectman acting as Ex-Officio member. Initial appointment of other members to be for 1, 2, 3, and 4 years respectively, thereafter, appointments to be for a four year term. The term for the Selectman serving on the Planning Board would be terminated automatically upon completion of his term as selectman.

### **2. Development of Newell Pond:**

It is recommended that the town-owned property adjoining Newell Pond be developed and sub-divided and leased on a 99-year basis as building lots.

This project would appear to have good possibilities for increasing taxable property in the near future with a reasonable initial expense to the Town. As was pointed out at the last Town Meeting, through default in taxes, the Town has acquired approximately 50 acres of land surrounding a portion of the pond. The members of the board have toured the property and have obtained information thereon from various sources and have come to the conclusions discussed below.

## REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD (Continued)

It is realized that the body of water is relatively small. However, there appears to be a ready market at the present time for water front property or property readily accessible to water. Considering the character of the land surrounding the pond, it seems feasible to develop the property into building lots at a reasonable cost.

There are approximately 1800 feet of water frontage. This alone could provide 14 to 15 water front lots, each of 100 foot frontage, and allow sufficient access to the water by the public or persons acquiring lots back from the water. It is estimated that the initial return to the Town on the front lots should approximate \$300.00 to \$500.00 each.

The necessity for construction of a road to permit access to the lots is readily apparent. It would, of course, be essential to complete this project first. Mr. Fred Carman estimated that it would cost approximately \$1500.00 to construct initial road requirements down and around the pond from the present town road.

Mr. Heman Chase estimated the cost of surveying lots at \$10.00 per lot plus stakes.

An additional possible source of revenue from the property is some standing timber, although no estimates of its value have been obtained.

The Board obtained information on similar development projects in other towns. In order to maintain a certain amount of control, namely to insure the construction of desirable and taxable property on the lots within a reasonable time, most towns have found it advisable not to sell the lots outright but rather to lease them on a 99 year basis for a down payment and a yearly rental fee. For instance a lot might be rented for a down payment of \$500.00 and a yearly rental fee of \$25.00, the latter to be used for up-keep in the development, in addition to which the Town would receive taxes on the buildings. It is interesting to note that on the rental basis the Town of Lempster, N. H. rented thirty front lots at Long Pond within three months following the opening up of the project.

Because of the nature of this project, its development will be time consuming and require considerable direction. It is, therefore, recommended that a special committee of three members be appointed for the purpose of developing the project. It is further recommended that the lots be disposed of on a 99 year rental arrangement.

### **3. Adoption of a Town Building Code:**

It is recommended that the Town adopt a Building Code. The establishment of such a code would regulate type of future construction, thereby preventing the erection of undesirable and unsafe buildings.

### **4. Erection of Town entrance signs and a public bulletin board:**

It is recommended that attractive signs be erected or suspended on the various highways leading into the Town advising motorists the name of the town, date settled, population, etc. These would not necessarily be at the town lines.

It is further recommended that a public Bulletin Board be erected near the center of the village for posting items of interest to residents.

It is felt that the above items would be relatively inexpensive and would be beneficial to the Town.

### **5. Supplement the operating funds for Vilas Pool by charging admission from non-residents:**

It is recommended that necessary arrangements be made whereby non-resident users of the Vilas Pool facilities be charged a small fee, thereby increasing and supplementing the funds used for the operation of the facilities.

### **6. Make Millot Green available for commercial or industrial purposes:**

It is recommended that Millot Green be made available for commercial or industrial purposes and that efforts be made to attract small businesses.

### **7. Construction of a sidewalk from Vilas High School to the Fire Station:**

It is recommended that a sidewalk be constructed from Vilas High School to the Fire Station for protection of school children walking to and from school. The present situation is considered hazardous at best and is worsened in the winter by accumulation of snow on either side of the Street which reduces its effective width.

### **8. Completion of the Band Stand.**

It is recommended that the Band Stand on Millot Green be completed through use of Town funds.

The Board has received assistance from various individuals and desires to express its appreciation for such services. The Board would also like to note that Mr. Ivan Head has worked continuously with and given valuable assistance to the Board throughout the year.

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING**

**STATE TAX COMMISSION**

Concord, New Hampshire

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

January 9, 1959

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 Dec. 31, 1958, 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 - Dec. 31, 1957 - Dec. 31, 1958:**

Comparative Balance Sheets as of Dec. 31, 1957 and Dec. 31, 1958, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the Surplus increased by \$1,700.06 during the year of 1958.

**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:

<b>Increase in Surplus</b>		
Long Term Notes Paid		\$9,070.67
<b>Decrease in Surplus</b>		
Net Budget Deficit	\$2,192.11	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	<u>5,178.50</u>	
		<u>7,370.61</u>
Net Increase		\$1,700.06

**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 Dec. 31, 1958, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$1,717.98, plus a revenue deficit of \$474.13, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$2,192.11.



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

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 1958, 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, 1958, 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 current assets over current liabilities) decreased by \$2,192.11 from \$10,747.12 to \$8,555.01 during 1958, as shown by the following statement:

	Dec. 31, 1957	Dec. 31, 1958
Total Assets	\$64,416.11	\$65,198.94
Less: Amount Due From State a/c State Share of T.R.A. - Appor- tionment B - Notes	12,594.99	7,416.49
Current Assets	\$51,821.12	\$57,782.45
Current Liabilities	41,074.00	49,227.44
Current Surplus	\$10,747.12	\$ 8,555.01

#### 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, Director  
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Norval D. Lessels, Auditor  
O. Maurice Oleson, Accountant

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

January 9, 1959

**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 Dec. 31, 1958 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 Dec. 31, 1958, 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

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**EXHIBIT A-1**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS**  
**As of December 31, 1957 and December 31, 1958**

	December 31, 1957	December 31, 1958	December 31, 1957	December 31, 1958
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash:				
General Fund	\$15,844.08	\$18,394.40		
Soc. Secy. Acct.		97.21		
(Contra)	<u>96.50</u>	<u>18,491.61</u>		
	\$15,940.58			\$27,605.00
Capital Reserve Fund				100.00
Town Hall	11,576.98	11,956.25		<u>\$27,705.00</u>
Accounts Receivable:				
State Share of T.R.A.				162.00
Apportionment B Notes	12,594.99	7,416.49		97.21
Unredeemed Taxes:				11,956.25
Levy of 1957	\$	\$ 1,647.93		
Levy of 1956	605.81	239.24		
Levy of 1955	135.07			
Levy of 1954	<u>151.04</u>	<u>1,887.17</u>		
	891.92			\$ 710.00
Uncollected Taxes:				
Levy of 1958	\$	\$22,810.50		
Levy of 1957	21,566.15	1,613.40		
Levy of 1956	1,107.29	233.52		
Levy of 1955	<u>28.20</u>	<u>21.00</u>		
	22,701.64	24,678.42		
Uncollected State Head Taxes:				
Levy of 1958	\$	\$ 755.00		
Levy of 1957	710.00	14.00		
		<u>769.00</u>		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$64,416.11</u>	<u>\$65,198.94</u>		
				\$12,486.25
				<u>\$61,713.69</u>
				3,485.25
				<u>\$65,198.94</u>
				\$ 1,500.00
				15,171.92
				3,725.00
				<u>1,160.00</u>
				21,556.92
				<u>\$62,630.92</u>
				1,785.19
				<u>\$64,416.11</u>
				\$
				9,226.25
				3,260.00
				<u>12,486.25</u>
				\$61,713.69
				3,485.25
				<u>\$65,198.94</u>

**EXHIBIT A-2**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1958**

Surplus - December 31, 1958	\$3,485.25	
Surplus - December 31, 1957	<u>1,785.19</u>	
Increase in Surplus		\$1,700.06

**Factors Affecting Change**

Increase in Surplus:		
Long Term Notes Paid	\$9,070.67	
Decreases in Surplus:		
Net Budget Deficit	\$2,192.11	
Decrease in Accts. Rec.	<u>5,178.50</u>	
	7,370.61	
Net Increase		\$1,700.06

**EXHIBIT A-3**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1958**

	Forwarded From 1957	Appropriations 1958	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended	Overdrafts	Forwarded to 1959
Town Officers' Salaries )								
Town Officers' Expenses )								
Election & Registration )								
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs)								
Damages & Legal Expenses )		5,300.00	15.51	5,315.51	5,187.47	128.04		
Interest on Debt )								
Town Clock )								
Police Department )		25.00		25.00	25.00			
Fire Department )		150.00		150.00	213.80		63.80	
Radio for Fire Truck )		2,000.00	7.64	2,007.64	2,829.31		821.67	
Civil Defense )		500.00		500.00	442.00	58.00		
Dump & Garbage Collection )		100.00		100.00	5.00	95.00		
Town Road Aid - Note Payment )		225.00		225.00	229.05		4.05	
Town Maintenance )		767.17	5,178.50	5,945.67	5,945.67			
Oiling )		10,000.00	187.85	13,187.85	13,751.18		563.33	
Street Lighting )		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,262.57		1.62	
Old Age Assistance )		1,260.95		2,200.00	2,737.06		537.06	
Public Relief )		2,200.00						
Memorial Day )		1,000.00	507.25	1,507.25	1,066.32	440.93		
Parks & Playgrounds )		50.00		50.00	50.00			
Cemeteries )		300.00		300.00	279.00	21.00		
Advertising & Regional Assocs. )		300.00		300.00	411.71		111.71	
Soc. Secy. or Retirement )		132.00		132.00	132.00			
Principal of Debt )	100.00	300.00		400.00	290.00	110.00		
County Tax )		3,125.00		3,125.00	3,125.00			
School Tax )		4,766.83		4,766.83	4,766.83			
Overlay )	27,605.00	63,008.30		90,613.30	60,605.00			30,008.30
Timber Tax Deposits )	162.00	216.78		216.78	684.49		467.71	
Temporary Loans )			15,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00			162.00
	<u>\$27,867.00</u>	<u>\$98,727.03</u>	<u>\$20,896.75</u>	<u>\$147,490.78</u>	<u>\$114,038.46</u>	<u>\$ 852.97</u>	<u>\$2,570.95</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
								<u>\$35,170.30</u>

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues**  
**and Budget Summary**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1958**

	Revenues				
	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Deficit	
Interest on Taxes	\$ 400.00	\$ 792.31	\$ 392.31		\$
Interest & Dividends Tax	2,414.20	2,414.20			
Savings Bank Tax	495.00	484.20		10.80	
Yield Tax Revenue	1,600.00	2,134.15	534.15		
Dog Licenses	400.00	344.10		55.90	
Bus. Licenses & Permits	10.00	20.00	10.00		
Rent of Town Prop. & Equip.	400.00	438.04	38.04		
Income from Trust Funds	5,269.00	3,409.61		1,859.39	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,200.00	2,991.00		209.00	
Head Tax Commissions	70.00	197.00	127.00		
Added Taxes		89.46	89.46		
Taxes Committed in Excess of Budgetary Requirements		210.00	210.00		
Sale of Town Property		260.00	260.00		
	<u>\$15,258.20</u>	<u>\$14,784.07</u>	<u>\$1,660.96</u>		<u>\$2,135.09</u>
<b>Budget Summary</b>					
Overdrafts of Appropriations		\$ 2,570.95			
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations		852.97			
Net Overdraft of Appropriations			\$1,717.98		
Estimated Revenues		\$15,258.20			
Actual Revenues		14,784.07			
Revenue Deficit			474.13		
Net Budget Deficit					<u>\$2,192.11</u>

**EXHIBIT B-2**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Summary of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1958**

Balance - December 31, 1957	\$ 15,844.08	
Receipts During Year	<u>120,991.83</u>	
		\$136,835.91
Expenditures During Year		<u>118,441.51</u>
Balance - December 31, 1958		\$18,394.40

**Proof of Balance**

Balance in the Bellows Falls Trust Company, Bellows Falls, Vermont - Per Statement of December 30, 1958	\$ 11,284.98	
Add: Deposit of January 2, 1959	<u>8,415.62</u>	
		\$ 19,700.60
Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>1,309.70</u>	
		\$ 18,390.90
Add: Cash on Hand	<u>3.50</u>	
Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1958		\$18,394.40







MAP OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD  
CHESHIRE COUNTY, N.H.

Drawn by F.C. Duatin using USGS Maps 1957

KEY  
Cross sections used  
to Locate Properties.  
Example - Vilas Pool  
located in section  
C-14

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Debits	1958	Levies of 1957	1956	1955
<b>Collected Taxes -</b>				
<b>December 31, 1957:</b>				
Property Taxes	\$	\$18,642.75	\$ 9.75	\$
Taxes		228.00		
d Taxes		2,695.40	1,097.54	28.20
<b>Committed to</b>				
<b>Collector:</b>				
Property Taxes	82,916.33			
Taxes	760.00			
Bank Stock Taxes	2.50			
d Taxes	2,560.98			
<b>and Taxes:</b>				
Taxes	8.00	8.00		
d Taxes		88.15		
<b>Not Collected</b>	1.34	623.76	66.25	
	<u>\$86,249.15</u>	<u>\$22,286.06</u>	<u>\$1,173.54</u>	<u>\$28.20</u>
 <b>Credits</b>				
<b>Advances to Treasurer:</b>				
Property Taxes	\$60,289.48	\$18,225.96	\$ 7.50	\$
Taxes	506.00	210.00		
Bank Stock Taxes	2.50			
d Taxes	2,025.98	1,563.28	864.02	
rest	1.34	623.76	66.25	
<b>Payments:</b>				
Property Taxes	85.61	27.66	2.25	
Taxes	32.00	22.00		
d Taxes				7.20
Accounts Allowed	495.74			
<b>Collected Taxes -</b>				
<b>December 31, 1958:</b>				
Property Taxes	22,045.50	389.13		
Taxes	230.00	4.00		
d Taxes	535.00	1,220.27	233.52	21.00
	<u>\$86,249.15</u>	<u>\$22,286.06</u>	<u>\$1,173.54</u>	<u>\$28.20</u>

<b>Debits</b>	<b>1957</b>	<b>Levies of</b>	
		<b>1956</b>	<b>1955</b>
Unredeemed Taxes -			
Dec. 31, 1957	\$	\$ 605.81	\$ 135.07
Tax Sale - Aug. 23, 1958	2,833.38		
Int. & Costs After Sale	14.92	28.05	22.90
	<u>\$2,848.30</u>	<u>\$ 633.86</u>	<u>\$ 157.97</u>

**Credits**

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Redemptions	\$1,185.45	\$ 366.57	\$ 129.28
Interest & Costs	14.92	28.05	22.90

Abatements			5.79
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Unredeemed Taxes -

Dec. 31, 1958	1,647.93	239.24	
	<u>\$2,848.30</u>	<u>\$633.86</u>	<u>\$ 157.97</u>

**Debits**

Uncollected Head Taxes -

	<b>Levy of 1958</b>	<b>Levy of 1957</b>
Dec. 31, 1957	\$	\$710.00
Head Taxes Committed to Collector	2,430.00	
Added Head Taxes	30.00	35.00
Penalties Collected	5.00	66.50

	<u>\$2,465.00</u>	<u>\$811.50</u>
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**Credits**

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Head Taxes	\$1,640.00	\$666.00
Penalties	5.00	66.50

Abatements	65.00	65.00
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Uncollected Head Taxes -

Dec. 31, 1958	755.00	14.00
	<u>\$2,465.00</u>	<u>\$811.50</u>

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### Debits

#### Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1957 - Nos. 3634 - 3644	\$ 12.14	
1958 - Nos. 3055 - 3600	3,917.76	
1959 - Nos. 3051 - 3054	<u>61.10</u>	
		\$3,991.00

#### Dog Licenses Issued:

112 at \$2.00	\$ 224.00	
10 at \$5.00	50.00	
1 at \$12.00	12.00	
1 at \$20.00	20.00	
1 at \$25.00	25.00	
1 at \$1.15	1.15	
1 at \$1.20	1.20	
1 at \$1.35	1.35	
	<u>\$ 334.70</u>	

Less: Fees Retained - 128 at \$.20	<u>25.60</u>	309.10
Penalties Collected		<u>35.00</u>

\$4,335.10

### Credits

#### Remittances to Treasurer:

A/c Motor Vehicle Permits	\$3,991.00	
A/c Dog Licenses	309.10	
A/c Penalties	<u>35.00</u>	
		\$4,335.10

**EXHIBIT F-1**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Statement of Trust Fund Income and Expenditure Account**  
**and Proof of Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1958**

Balance - December 31, 1957	\$5,829.53	
Receipts During Year:		
Savings Bank Interest	\$1,543.85	
Int. on U.S. Gvt. Bonds	171.25	
Dividends:		
Mass. Investors Trust	408.72	
Pub. Ser. Co. of N. H.	97.50	
First Nat. City Bank of New York	360.00	
	<u>2,581.32</u>	
Investments Matured	500.00	
New Funds	150.00	
Capital Gains	<u>16.72</u>	
		<u>3,248.04</u>
		\$9,077.57
Expenditures During Year:		
Cemeteries:		
Labor	\$1,974.59	
Hired Equipment	559.27	
Materials & Supplies	518.42	
Miscellaneous	12.89	
Warren Monument Fund	162.18	
Kimball Library Fund	83.67	
Carpenter Library Fund	16.37	
Warren Library Fund	171.13	
Kingsbury School Fund	21.39	
Capital Reserve Fund (Added to Princ.)	<u>379.27</u>	
	\$3,899.18	
New Investments	<u>666.72</u>	
		<u>4,565.90</u>
Balance - December 31, 1958		\$4,511.67

**Proof of Balance**

Bal. in Keene Nat. Bank - per Statement of December 31, 1958	\$4,520.16	
Less: Outstanding Check No. 280	<u>8.49</u>	
Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1958		\$4,511.67



## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

Date	Place	Baby's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
1957				
Dec. 17	Claremont, N. H.	*Burke Allen	Donald Murray	Betty McCann
1958				
Feb. 9	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Laurie Ellen	Henry Hitchcock	Mary Ann Buss
Mar. 7	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Donald Francis, Jr.	Donald Rumrill	Mary Brooks
Mar. 19	Keene, N. H.	Judy Kercewich	Jerry Kercewich	Thursa Partridge
Apr. 4	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Michael Pearse	Page Riley	Noreen Pearse
June 22	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Edward Carroll	Carroll Hatch	Jeannie Evans
July 24	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Nancy Jean	Robert Putnam	Gertrude Clark
Sept. 1	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Beatrice Beryl	Richard Wilson	Frances Monty
Sept. 15	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Elizabeth Ann	Kevin Bowles	Doris Fuller
Oct. 10	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Cynthia Marie	Caleb Wright	Louise Bussino
Oct. 21	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Bruce Erwin	Erwin Ward	Miriam Dustin
Oct. 31	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Debra Jean	Arthur Stocker	Bernice Rumrill
Nov. 1	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Dennis Larry	John Burroughs	Audrey Bacon
Dec. 28	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Regina Louise	Robert Batchelder	Madeline Haskins

\* Information received too late to include in 1957 report.

## MARRIAGES

Date	Place	Names	Residence
1958			
Jan. 31	Springfield, Vt.	George Henry Elizabeth Mousley	Alstead, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
July 13	Acworth, N. H.	James Haskins Carlita Stone	Alstead, N. H. Montpelier, Vt.
Aug. 3	Alstead, N. H.	Harvey Griffin Shirley Robie	Alstead, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
Aug. 9	White Rv. Jct., Vt.	Langdon Metcalf Beverly Pecor	Alstead, N. H. Hartford, Vt.
Aug. 9	Acworth, N. H.	Lee Mousley Pauline Sargent	Alstead, N. H. Winchester, N. H.
Aug. 16	Alstead, N. H.	Francis Stevens Joanne Pitcher	Alstead, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
Sept. 7	Springfield, Vt.	Richard Savory Joyce Childs	Alstead, N. H. Springfield, Vt.
Oct. 5	Alstead, N. H.	Lyle Goodnow Edith Spooner	West Swanzey, N.H. Alstead, N. H.
Oct. 25	Claremont, N.H.	Melvin Bean Arlene Pare	Alstead, N.H. Claremont, N.H.
Nov. 22	Alstead, N. H.	Walter Dorr, Jr. Elizabeth Porter	Alstead, N.H. Alstead, N.H.
Nov. 29	Swanzey, N.H.	Philip Buckley Mary Goff	Keene, N.H. Alstead, N.H.
Dec. 4	Walpole, N. H.	Elbert Knicely Fay Drake	Alstead, N. H. Langdon, N. H.



# VITAL STATISTICS

## DEATHS

Date Death	Place	Name	Age Years
Feb. 4	Alstead, N. H.	Peter M. Benware	74
Feb. 5	Westmoreland, N H	Albertain R. Winham	76
Feb. 16	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Horace Seavey	66
Mar. 30	Hanover, N. H.	Beryl Wilson	54
Apr. 2	Keene, N. H.	Judy Kercewich	14 days
May 11	Alstead, N. H.	Arthur R. Niven	81
May 19	Alstead, N. H.	Wayne L. Buffum	58
June 12	New London, Conn	Erwin C. Knicely	21
June 22	Alstead, N. H.	Florence H. Currier	89
Aug. 27	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Andrea L. Pitcher	13
Aug. 31	Keene, N. H.	Ernest W. Buffum	19
Oct. 27	Newport, N. H.	Mary Clough	94
Nov. 2	Alstead, N. H.	Brainerd Taylor	75
Dec. 3	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Leo Keefe	55

### Brought to town for burial:

Mar. 16	Peterborough, N.H.	Gladys R. Gallup	65
May 20	Gilsum, N. H.	Mabelle S. Freihofer	66
Aug. 1	Westmoreland, N.H.	Leslie Clough	71

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## School District Officers

OF

## ALSTEAD, N. H.



Year Ending December 31, 1958

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS**

### **School Board**

Herman Buss, Chairman  
Austin Fletcher  
Mrs. Margaret Renzelman

### **Moderator**

Heman Chase

### **Clerk**

Mrs. Edith Chase

### **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 7th day of March, 1959 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 accept and use in the name of the district, such advances, grants in aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States government or any department or agency thereof, or any state or private agency.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Alstead:

I herewith submit my annual report, January 15, 1958 - January 15, 1959, as your Superintendent of Schools:

Survival and success in the years ahead will be influenced to a large extent by the choices we make in regard to what we as a people consider to be valuable. The support given to the educational program in a community is a reflection of the value placed on education by its people.

Young people soon discover what their elders really value.

More than financial support of the school program is needed. There is a need for cooperative effort of parents, citizens and teachers to promote a climate in all phases of a youngster's life that will encourage and demand the best that he or she is capable of doing. The help and influence of parents is needed to aggressively support the school's efforts to promote excellence of performance.

The committees that were working on the Oral Language Arts Syllabus as a follow-up of the 1957 Workshop completed their outlines; syllabi were adopted and placed in use this year for grades one through twelve.

The Language Arts Workshop held this year placed emphasis on the written program. Miss Helen O'Leary, Associate Professor of Education at the University of Massachusetts was the keynote speaker and principal consultant. Other consultants contributing to the success of the Workshop were Miss Marie Capron, Supervisor of Student Teaching at Keene Teachers College; Miss Amy Mayo, Educational Consultant for the American Book Company and Mr. Normand Pacquette, Head of the English Department at Stevens High School, Claremont, N. H.

Committees are working to complete a Written Language Arts Syllabus for grades one through twelve and it is hoped that it will be completed by the end of the school year.

Mathematics and Science teachers conducted a three-day workshop at the same time the Language Arts Workshop was in progress. This group studied mathematics teaching methods and procedures and are currently working on a mathematics syllabus for grades seven and eight.

There were six faculty changes and one member added to the faculty this year which is approximately a 50% turnover. All of the teachers left to take positions for considerable increases in salary. Alstead probably cannot match salaries paid by larger communities, however, we should make every effort to keep the difference as small as possible so that Alstead can expect to have and retain a good staff. Changes in personnel are costly.

Mr. Paul H. Davidson replaced Miss Cynthia Randall. Mr. Davidson received his degree from Keene Teachers College and did his practice teaching in Marlboro, N.H. Mr. George Hamilton teaches General Science, Physical Education and coaches basketball and baseball. Mr. Hamilton is a graduate of Springfield College and did his practice teaching in Mt. Hermon. The subjects and coaching duties of this new position were formerly assumed by several members of the faculty. Miss Jeanette LePage replaced Mr. Robert Paulson as teacher of the Commercial subjects. Miss LePage also coaches girls' basketball and softball. She received her degree from Husson College and did her practice teaching in Bangor, Maine. Mrs. Madeline Tole assumed the position of Music Supervisor which was formerly held jointly by Mr. Roy Miner and Miss Rosemarie Niles. Mrs. Tole received her degree from the New England Conservatory of Music. She taught in Alstead several years ago and also in Bellows Falls. Mr. Ralph C. Young replaced Mr. Kenneth Keough as Social Science teacher. Mr. Young received his degree from Plymouth Teachers College and did his practice teaching in Conway, N. H. Mrs. Phyllis Underwood replaced Mrs. Rachel Donnelly as English and Social Science teacher. Miss Underwood received her degree from the Univ. of Mass. and did her practice teaching in South Deerfield, Mass. Mr. Manuel Zax replaced Mr. Stanley Johnson as Mathematics and Science teacher. Mr. Zax received his degree from Yale University and has done advanced work at Harvard University and Boston University.

The number of tuition pupils attending Alstead Schools has decreased during the past four years and this has resulted in reduced income from this source even though the rates have increased for elementary from \$179.00 to \$230.00 and for high school from \$260.00 to \$360.00. A small increase in the total number of tuition pupils is expected in 1959-60 and a small increase is expected each of the next four years.

The actual balance for 1957-58 was \$2,447.10 rather than the \$500.00 estimated at the time the budget was presented. \$1,000.00 of this amount was reserved for the purpose of installing a new heating unit in the Lawton House. The remaining balance was used to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation. A small but welcome amount of \$265.74 unanticipated foundation aid was similarly used.

Vilas High School is accredited by the N. H. State Department of Education and the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. In order to continue to be accredited by the N.E.A.S.S.C. it is necessary to have periodic evaluations. Next year the faculty will do their evaluation of the school and its program. The written report of the evaluation will be sent to the association. The association will send a team of educators to the school sometime during the following year (1960-61). This team will make its evaluation which will supplement the faculty evaluation. At the conclusion of the study a report will be submitted to the School Board and interested citizens. The report will have recommendations as to what should be done in order to continue to be accredited by the Association.

A program designed to assist children who have difficulty in keeping abreast of the usual educational procedures was inaugurated this year. A special class meets twice a week with a teacher who works with the pupils at their level of accomplishment.

An effort also is being made to provide challenges within the framework of the regular classes for those who have the ability to do more than the usual requirements.

Maintaining an educational program in a small school that will compare favorably with the program maintained in larger schools results in both a high overall cost and a high per capita cost. This is due in a large measure because enrollment in classes is less than the usual number that are in similar classes in larger schools, for example, the French I class at Vilas has 10 pupils enrolled; in a larger school there would be 25 to 30 pupils enrolled. Another example, the advanced mathematics class at Vilas has 7 pupils enrolled; in a larger school there would be 25 to 30 pupils enrolled. The cost of operating either of these classes is practically the same for Alstead as would be in the larger school. Alternation of subjects helps to increase the number of pupils enrolled in classes, however, this has its limits and introduces the problem of proper sequence of courses.

Costs can be lowered by reducing the number and variety of subjects offered which will result in an educational program that limits the educational opportunity of the children and places them in an unfavorable position in the competitive society in which we live. Teachers salaries can be reduced or we can fail to keep abreast of the trend of rising teacher salaries which will result in our being able to obtain teachers who cannot find other positions or in some cases not being able to fill positions. We can postpone repairs and improvements of the school buildings and allow them to deteriorate.

It is undoubtedly a hardship to pay the taxes necessary that will provide a good educational program. However, it is doubtful that there is any better way of insuring that progress will be made and that we can be assured that our way of life will be maintained.

#### ENROLLMENT BY GRADE, January 5, 1959

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totl.
	15	9	11	11	16	16	44	16					138
									26	22	23	24	95

TUITION PUPILS ATTENDING ALSTEAD SCHOOLS, January 5, 1959

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Acworth							9	2	3	16	2	4	26
Goshen- Lempster									1				1
Hartland, Vt.									1				1
Langdon			2		1		9		8	7	4	2	33
Marlow									3	1	2	3	9
Stoddard									1		1	1	3
Swanzey	1	1	1			1							4
Claremont						1							1
Total	1	1	3		1	2	18	2	17	14	9	10	78

One tuition pupil from Alstead is attending the Gilsum School.

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, 1958:

123 pupils were examined by Dr. William Tatem

The following defects were noted and reported:

3 wax ear plus

44 in need of dental care

243 pupils had vision tests given by the school nurse

25 pupils received vision notices

133 pupils had hearing tests given by the school nurse

1 pupil with hearing defect under care

250 pupils were weighed and measured

94 pupils attended polio clinics

10 pupils attended pre-registration clinic

11 pupils were checked and necessary follow-up done for  
smallpox vaccination

2 pupils were under orthopedic clinic care

91 pupils were patch tested for TB

25 individuals were x-rayed

Dental program--dental education Oct. and Jan.

The aims of the school nurse are numerous, to list a few: To instruct children and young people so that they may conserve and improve their own health, and thus be more able to secure that abundant vigor and vitality which are a foundation for the greatest possible happiness and service in personal, family, and community life.

To promote satisfactory understandings, attitudes, and ways of behaving among parents and other adults so that they may maintain and improve the health of the home and community.

To improve the individual and community life of the future; to work toward a better second generation, and a still better third generation; to build a healthier nation and world.

I do wish to thank all who helped make my year a successful one.

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, 1958, 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, 1957 and June 30, 1958, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the Net Debt decreased by \$5,233.69 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1958.

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

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

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

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1958, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit D), a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$2,356.86, less a revenue deficit of \$106.55, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$2,250.31.

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

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1958, 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, 1958, is indicated in Exhibit F.

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

A statement of the bonded indebtedness of the School District as of June 30, 1958, showing annual debt service requirements, is contained in Exhibit G.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

### Current Surplus:

The current surplus (excess of total assets over current liabilities) increased from \$13.60 to \$2,247.29, during the fiscal year as shown by the following statement:

	June 30, 1957	June 30, 1958
Total Assets	\$196.79	\$2,447.10
Current Liabilities	<u>183.19</u>	<u>199.81</u>
Current Surplus	\$ 13.60	\$2,247.29

### School Bus Note:

It is noted that the so-called School Bus note which is outstanding in the amount of \$3,134.19, and held by the Walpole Savings Bank, is payable on demand. In this connection, attention is called to Chapter 33, Section 2, of the Revised Statutes Annotated which provides that towns, cities, school districts or village districts shall not issue any bonds or notes payable on demand.

It is recommended that an appropriation be made next year to pay either the whole or part of the principal of this note. If only part is paid next year, then the balance should be appropriated and paid in the following year.

### School District Treasurer:

The Treasurer records in the cash book only the manifest number and the amount of the manifest. In order that a reconciliation between the cash book balance and the bank balance may be made monthly, it is recommended that each check issued be recorded in numerical sequence in the cash book.

### Conclusion:

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

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

Yours very truly,

Harold G. Fowler, Director  
Division of Municipal Accounting  
State Tax Commission

Joseph W. Boudreau, Auditor  
Laurence M. Bean, Accountant

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

July 15, 1959

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Alstead School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1958. In our opinion, the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the School District on June 30, 1958, 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

Joseph W. Boudreau, Auditor  
Laurence M. Bean, 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.

**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1959-1960**

	Actual Expenditures 1957-1958	Adopted Budget 1958-1959	Proposed Budget 1959-1960
<b>Administration</b>			
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 481.00	\$ 481.00	\$ 481.00
Supt. Salary (local share)*	809.60	753.00	804.00
Tax for State Wide Supervision	388.00	370.00	372.00
Salaries Other Admin. Personnel	369.60	475.00	482.00
Supplies and expenses	973.56	1,111.00	1,273.00
Total	\$ 3,021.76	\$ 3,190.00	\$ 3,412.00
<b>Instruction</b>			
Teachers' Salaries, High School	\$21,570.00	\$35,000.00 )	\$61,525.00
Teachers' Salaries, Elementary	23,048.16	23,280.00 )	
Principals' Salaries, H.S. & Elen.	5,650.00		
Books & Other Instructional Aids High School	751.68	1,129.00	1,128.00
Books & Other Instructional Aids Elementary	351.38	610.00	831.00
Scholars' Supplies, High School	1,172.82	1,065.00	858.00
Scholars' Supplies, Elementary	920.12	971.00	1,261.00
Supplies & Other Expenses, H.S.	1,097.71	856.00	780.00
Supplies & Other Expenses, Elem.	108.60	250.00	410.00
Total	\$54,670.47	\$63,161.00	\$66,793.00

<b>Operation of School Plant</b>			
Salaries of Custodians, H.S.	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,800.00
Salaries of Custodians, Elem.	951.21	750.00	1,400.00
Fuel or Heat, High School	1,881.11	2,075.00	2,200.00
Fuel or Heat, Elementary	638.54	825.00	1,125.00
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses High School	1,431.08	1,539.00	1,450.00
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses Elementary	1,181.64	1,071.00	1,050.00
Total	<u>\$ 9,583.58</u>	<u>\$ 9,960.00</u>	<u>\$11,025.00</u>
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>			
Repairs & Replacements, H. S.	\$ 1,216.71	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 3,863.00
Repairs & Replacements, Elem.	213.64	450.00	1,357.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,430.35</u>	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,220.00</u>
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>			
Health Supervision, High School	\$ 397.52	\$ 329.00 )	
Health Supervision, Elementary	572.03	529.00 )	\$ 1,206.00
Transportation, High School	1,199.00	1,200.00 )	
Transportation, Elementary	3,797.21	4,800.00 )	6,100.00
Tuition, High School		355.00	388.00
Tuition, Elementary	679.24	460.00	240.00
Spec. Activities & Spec. Funds, High School		140.00	190.00
Spec. Activities & Spec. Funds, Elementary		50.00	50.00
School Lunch, High School	435.07	580.00 )	
School Lunch, Elem.	626.08	820.00 )	1,400.00
Total	<u>\$ 7,706.27</u>	<u>\$ 9,263.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,574.00</u>
<b>Fixed Charges</b>			
Retirement, High School	\$ 1,830.49	\$ 2,345.00 )	\$ 4,961.00
Retirement, Elementary	1,758.71	2,130.00 )	
Ins., Treas. Bonds & Exp. H.H.	1,035.01	760.00 )	1,585.00
Ins., Treas. Bonds & Exp. Elem.	1,489.41	716.00 )	
Total	<u>\$ 6,113.62</u>	<u>\$ 5,951.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,546.00</u>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
Additions and Improvements		\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
New Equipment, High School	\$ 1,627.94	490.00 )	
New Equipment, Elementary	281.88	100.00 )	1,020.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,909.82</u>	<u>\$ 740.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,120.00</u>
<b>Debt and Interest</b>			
Principal of Debt	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Interest on Debt	1,602.27	1,515.00	1,414.00
Total	<u>\$ 4,502.27</u>	<u>\$ 5,515.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,414.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$88,938.14</u>	<u>\$99,480.00</u>	<u>\$109,104.00</u>
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1958			
General Fund	<u>2,447.10</u>		
Grand Total	<u>\$91,385.24</u>		

\*State's share \$3,000.00; Gilsum \$322.00; Marlow \$216.20; Surry \$243.80; Walpole \$2,566.80; Westmoreland \$441.60.

## ESTIMATED INCOME

	Actual Income 1957-1958	Adopted Budget 1958-1959	Proposed Budget 1959-1960
Balance, July 1, 1957:			
General Fund	\$ 196.79	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Federal Aid	1,988.59	1,700.00	1,700.00
National School Lunch	1,061.15	1,400.00	1,400.00
State Building Aid	900.00	900.00	900.00
Local Taxation	58,105.00		
Elementary School Tuitions	5,250.82	5,336.00	9,360.00
Secondary School Tuitions	17,421.68	19,818.00	18,624.00
Trust Funds	6,001.97	5,000.00	5,000.00
Other	459.24	1,476.00	1,020.00
Total Receipts	\$91,385.24	\$36,130.00	\$ 39,504.00
To be raised by taxation		63,350.00	69,600.00
Grand Total		\$99,480.00	\$109,104.00

**ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Bonded Indebtedness, Showing Annual Maturities of**  
**Principal and Interest**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1958**

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

**Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending:**

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
	\$53,000.00	\$10,600.00	\$63,600.00

<b>ALSTEAD SCHOOL</b>	<b>BUS NOTE</b>
Interest and Payment:	September 13th
Interest Rate	3%
Amount Borrowed:	\$9,081.09
Paid to date:	5,946.90
Outstanding Balance	\$3,134.19

# VILAS HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

1957 - 1958

The last four classes to graduate from Vilas High School have entered the following fields: Armed Services, 3 girls and 14 boys, or 22%; Marriage, 23 girls or 29%; Advanced Education, 5 girls and 6 boys or 15%; Working, 5 girls and 14 boys or 26%; Nursing, 3 girls or 4%; at home, 4 girls or 5%. There is a possibility of the 22% serving in the armed forces that a certain per cent of them will pursue some phase of advanced education.

The length of our school day is from 8:30 to 2:57 with a twenty-minute lunch period. We have three one-hour classes in the morning and four forty-five minute classes in the afternoon.

The type of schedule does require some home study for every student attending school.

As stated in last year's town report, the increased rigid requirements for a student to enter an institution of advanced learning have been advanced in that nearly all colleges require entrance examinations. It is the obligation of each parent to observe the progress of his child attending high school; such as to see and discuss his report card, his warnings and to see that time is devoted to some homework. It is during this period that the ground work is made as to his qualifications for advanced education.

We have inserted into the schedule a physical education program for both boys and girls accepted by the State Board of Education. Also, the instruction has lightened the load of other teachers to some extent by the physical education instructor.

The honor students for 1957-58 were Valedictorian, Louise Aho and the Salutatorian, Beverly Neal.

Our Girls' State representatives were Marie Hatch, Ella Knight and Elizabeth Davis.

Our Boys' State representative was Bruce Bellows.

Our Good Citizenship Girl was Patricia Barchelder.

The Annual Legion Oratorical Contest was won by Donna Stevens.

We wish to thank the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Abigail Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the opportunities for the Vilas students to participate in the above activities sponsored by them.

The foul shooting trophy was won by Stanley Kmiec.



Richard Carden and Ralph Nichols represented Vilas at the Y.M.C.A. Conference held at Claremont.

We wish to thank the interested citizens who sponsored the Annual Boston trip for the members of the basketball squad.

The Vilas basketball team was a runner-up in the Annual Keene Teachers' College tournament.

In the Annual Competition three one act play contest Charlestown High School won the play for the first time.

## ENGLISH

The English departments of Alstead and Walpole are continuing to work this year on an English syllabus. As a result of this syllabus more theme writing and oral work are being required of the students to prepare them both for college studies and as competent members of the community.

A variety of modern and classical literature is made available to the students, and all classes are studying at least one Shakespearian play.

Under the direction of the department two plays were produced on Fair Day: "Scrambled Eggs" by grades eleven and twelve; and "Mind over Mumps" by grades nine and ten. The Jr. High students presented "Curse you, Jack Dalton."

In the annual competition play contest held in the Vilas auditorium in April between Walpole, Charlestown and Vilas, Vilas presented "Going Around the Hoop."

## FRENCH

Two years of French are offered to those students who wish to study a foreign language for college preparation or for their own personal satisfaction.

The students learn how to read, write, pronounce and speak the language correctly. They also correspond with French pen pals, read French newspapers and dine at a French restaurant which enables them not only to make use of the language but also learn about French culture and customs first hand.

## HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

The most obvious change in the homemaking curriculum this year is the addition of a third class in Jr. High homemaking due to the increase in enrollment in the seventh grade. The smaller number of students in one group nearly compensates for the greater number of periods which the large group enjoys.

The Jr. High course in homemaking is continuous through the seventh and eighth grades during which time the girls are introduced to such phases of homemaking as food preservation, good grooming, child care problems and activities, meal planning and preparation, housekeeping duties and practices, making rooms livable, personality development, clothes sense, and clothing construction.

The freshman and sophomore girls are currently constructing articles of wool and are practicing the skills peculiar to that type of construction. We feel very fortunate in being able to secure the material through government surplus so that all the girls could have this experience.

At other times during this year these girls have or will study other types of clothing selection and construction, textile fibers, wardrobe planning, dress designs, etc.

Good use has already been made of our new automatic sewing machine.

Concerning the study of foods these same girls consider such aspects as food preservation, meal planning and preparation, food selection and consumer economics. Special units this year include meat cookery, pies and pastries, sugar cookery and cakes, which are all considered parts of our major goal-planning and preparation of dinners.

The junior and senior girls are studying home decoration. This study is concerned with all the aspects of housing from choosing a land site to the satisfactory completion of the interior of the house. Along with this work the girls are doing some major redecorating projects in their own homes as part of their homemaking study.

Louise Aho won the Betty Crocker Award and Patricia Batchelder received the American Agriculturist Award for achievement in homemaking.

The Future Homemakers of America again co-sponsored the Annual Vilas High School Fair. Later they aided a needy family at Christmas and sponsored the High School Christmas party.

Ella Knight is a state Future Homemaker officer this year.

Plans are now underway for our Mother-Daughter Banquet which is to be held in the spring.

## COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

The courses in the Commercial Department consist of Office Practice, Typing I, Typing II, Personal Typing, Shorthand and Bookkeeping.

In Office Practice each student puts to use all skills learned in other business subjects to this date. The course is set up so that each student does a variety of jobs that might face her in the office. It is a good course because of the combining of all the business subjects.

Typing I and Personal Typing are set up with the same objectives: to acquaint the students with the business letter and the personal letter, with emphasis more toward the business letter and all its parts. Most of the students enjoy typing and have definite assignments for each week. Each student completes a quota with a minimum standard for each week and working to the maximum standard.

Typing II combines the basic skills learned in first year typing and adds to it the various forms and jobs that might face the typist in one of the better typing positions.

Shorthand gives the student a chance to test his skill in writing for speed and at the same time working for accuracy after learning the basic forms. Most students enjoy this class because of goals that are to be attained during the course. These goals are in regard to writing speed and later on for transcription speed.

Bookkeeping is broken down into each part of the complete bookkeeping cycle. It is taught in such a way that each week the students add another step to the overall process. Eventually they will be given sets to put this whole process to work in one set of books.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Problems of Democracy - this course is taught in the Senior year and is in reality a summary of many phases of Social Sciences, for example: The student is given an introduction to Economics, Sociology, Current Affairs and International Relations in an effort to broaden his understanding of the Social Science field.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY**

This is a study of basic concepts pertaining to American History, plus an extensive study of the American Constitution, its construction and application.

## **HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION**

This course is an extensive study of the major Ancient Civilization beginning with Egypt and working its way to modern times. Through the use of current news articles the student maintains a knowledge of present day affairs.

## **CIVICS**

Students taking Civics learn about the structure and functions of local, state and Federal governments. They study the Constitution of the United States and the foundations of our personal and political rights and freedoms. The economic, social and political systems of American society are examined and analyzed by the students.

Because of the current world tension there is an emphasis on international relations and foreign policies. The course as a whole is designed to produce informed citizens who are aware of their individual rights and responsibilities as members of the leading democratic nation.

## VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

The enrollment this year is quite small, possibly reflecting the shift in emphasis in the area from agriculture to other occupations. However, there are still some good supervised farming programs being carried on and many activities sponsored which reflect the quality of the boys enrolled.

Three boys, James Fassett, Richard Carden and Reginald Clark represented the school at the National F.F.A. convention at Kansas City, Mo. Through the years we have had a large number of boys attend this function and all have profited greatly.

The greenhouse produced the best crop ever, last spring, due, we think, to the purchase of a new gas heating unit by the F.F.A. chapter. Approximately 300 dozen plants were raised and sold. Three bonds were repaid and plans are being made to repay several more this year.

Our parliamentary procedure team again won the regional contest and went on to compete in the state contest in Durham during the state F.F.A. convention. There they tied for second place.

As a community project the classes removed the old and dangerous band stand in town, carried all the debris to the dump and succeeded in making the area much more attractive.

James Fassett placed second in the poultry judging event in Durham where a number of students participated in the interscholastic judging contest last fall.

## PHYSICS

The contents of the course in physics is briefly as follows: Matter and its properties, behavior of fluids, mechanics of solids, heat, sound, light, magnetism and electricity, transportation, atomic energy.

A double period, once a week, is used for laboratory work, supplementing the daily work in the text, with some demonstrations given during the lecture periods.

Some equipment has been added to the Physics Department this year, including a pan balance scale, an electrolysis apparatus, an atomotron, and electro-magnet, and others. Attempts are being made to demonstrate physical phenomena with the least expensive means at hand, but more equipment is needed.

## MATH DEPARTMENT

The math program at Vilas High School this year included the following:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Contents</b>
General Math	9	Graphs, measurements, basic formulas, beginning algebra, per cent, basic geometry, and remedial exercises in all of the arithmetic processes.
Algebra I	9	Fundamentals, equations, - linear and quadratic, graphs, roots, radicals, ratio, proportion.
Algebra II	10 & 11	General review of algebra I, more complex examples of same, coordinate systems, logarithms, binomial theorem, arithmetic and geometric series.
Advanced Math	12	Trigonometry, logarithms, the slide rule, advanced algebra, calculus.

The advanced math group made a trip to Jones & Lamson in Springfield, Vermont to inspect the factory and be shown the application of algebra and trigonometry.



"We dedicate it to the lives of those who were long time residents of the towns of Alstead and Langdon, my father and mother, William Shedd and Abigail Wallace Shedd, and to Dr. Winslow B. Porter and Laura M. Burt Porter, the father and mother of my wife, who joins me in this gift. The inhabitants of the Town of Langdon, shall at all times, have free use of said library and building to the same extent as may be enjoyed by the inhabitants of the Town of Alstead".

Prof. James Arthur Tufts, expressing pleasure at being present at the ceremony, further remarked that it was in his father's store that John Shedd learned some of the characteristics which had since won for him fame and fortune. He added that he had heard it said that the library was too good for the community but he had not so considered it, "for a library is a living fountain. The schools should cultivate the taste and habit for reading and lead the mind, as the body, to crave daily food and if Alstead uses the library as it should, the town will become a reading community".

The first Board of Trustees was composed of the following people:

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Mrs. Laura N. MacLane, present Librarian, in her twelfth annual report, 1957, states, "The school pupils, the summer residents, and the year round residents who are fond of reading made use of the library. The record of circulation of books and of magazines, as follows:

Fiction	5274
Non-fiction	1337
Juvenile	2834
Magazines	1901

11,346

