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# Town Officers

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## Moderator

John W. York

## Supervisors of the Check List

Raymond Morley

H. Russell Crowell

John R. Perfect

## Town Clerk

D. Everett Palmer

## Selectmen

James R. Rosencrantz

Gustave Lambert

John W. York

(Term expires March, 1955)

(Term expires March, 1956)

(Term expires March, 1957)

## Treasurer

Harry L. Steeves

## Tax Collector

Doris P. Swift

## Auditors

Harold Y. Smith

Mildred Chase

## Trustees of Public Library

Marian P. Kimball

Thomas R. Powers

Josephine Sanborn

## Trustees of Trust Funds

Marian P. Kimball

Melvin G. Armstrong

Howard Blake

## Board of Education

Harry L. Steeves (1955)

Carl Casper (1956)

Robert Cooper (1957)

## School Treasurer

Josephine Sanborn

## Road Agent

Horace O. Evans

## Constables

Lawrence Bailey

Frank W. Rosencrantz

John Crowell

## Board of Health

Harry L. Steeves

## Fire Warden

Horace O. Evans

## Deputies

Sumner Card

John York

Frank Rosencrantz

Melvin Armstrong

# Town Warrant

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*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Kensington in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Kensington on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next, at ten 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. The Selectmen's estimated expenditures for the year 1955 amount to \$14,922.90.
3. To see if the Town wishes to allow discount on Taxes paid within 30 or 60 days after presentation of Tax bills and determine the amount thereof.
4. To vote on the basis of payment and the amount thereof to be paid the Tax Collector for collection of Taxes
5. To see if the Town will grant the Selectmen authority to dispose of property held by the Town on Tax Sale at Public Auction.
6. To see if the Town will grant the Selectmen authority to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
7. To see if the Town will authorize Selectmen to use \$6,000.-00 of \$6,399.88 surplus, and raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 to make a total of \$8,000.00 for the following road improvements:
  - a. Resurface and tar Brewer road \$1,300.00
  - b. Resurface and tar Greenwood road from Rt. 107 to Echo Park 1,200.00
  - c. Resurface and tar Thorndyke hill, from Hilliard road to top of first hill (so-called Moulton Ridge road) 500.00

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|  |            |
|--|------------|
| d. Replace culvert between Carl Casper and Frank Day's                 | 1,000.00   |
| e. Install culverts and repair Kimball road                            | 1,500.00   |
| f. Widen and lower grade in front of Fred Eastman's on Drinkwater road | 2,500.00   |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | \$8,000.00 |

This program to improve our roads for economy and safety.

8. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the Town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance), as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to defray the town's share of the cost thereof.

9. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute on behalf of the Town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the Town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

10. To see if the town wishes to change the business meeting from afternoon to evening and determine time of same.

11. To see if the town will vote to have a Budget Committee of four or more members to act with Selectmen and School Board on all appropriations for town and school expenses. Committee to be nominated and voted on at each Town Meeting.

12. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

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

JAMES R. ROSENCRANTZ  
GUSTAVE LAMBERT  
JOHN W. YORK

*Selectmen of Kensington, N. H.*

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

JAMES R. ROSENCRANTZ  
GUSTAVE LAMBERT  
JOHN W. YORK

*Selectmen or Kensington, N. H.*



## Town Budget

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| SOURCES OF REVENUE   | <i>Estimated</i><br>1953 | <i>Actual</i><br>1954 | <i>Estimate for</i><br>Year<br>1955 |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>From State:</b>   |                          |                       |                                     |
| Interest and Dividends Tax.....  | \$ 950.00                | \$ 1,208.41           | \$ 1,200.00                         |
| Savings Bank Tax.....  | 35.00                    | 56.16                 | 75.00                               |
| For Fighting Forest Fires.....   |                          | 6.19                  |                                     |
| Reimbursement a/c Old Age<br>Assistance.....                             |                          | 50.24                 |                                     |
| <b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>                                  |                          |                       |                                     |
| Dog Licenses.....  | 300.00                   | 197.10                | 300.00                              |
| Business Licenses, Permits, and<br>Filing Fees.....                      | 8.00                     | 7.00                  | 8.00                                |
| Interest Received on Taxes and<br>Deposits.....                          |                          | 232.43                | 250.00                              |
| Income of Departments:<br>Highway, including rental of<br>equipment..... |                          | 24.00                 |                                     |
| Sale of used mower.....  |                          | 25.00                 |                                     |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees.....   | 2,200.00                 | 2,284.91              | 2,400.00                            |
| <b>CASH SURPLUS.....</b>   | <b>665.11</b>            | <b>665.11</b>         | <b>6,399.88</b>                     |
| <b>From Local Taxes Other Than<br/>Property Taxes:</b>                   |                          |                       |                                     |
| Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2.00.....  | 550.00                   | 538.00                | 550.00                              |
| Total Revenues From All Sources<br>Except Property Taxes.....            | \$ 4,708.11              | \$ 5,294.55           | \$11,182.88                         |
| <b>Amount to be Raised by Property<br/>Taxes.....</b>                    |                          |                       |                                     |
|  |                          |                       | \$34,038.52                         |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES.....</b>   |                          |                       | <b>\$45,221.40</b>                  |



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| PURPOSES OF<br>EXPENDITURES                          | <i>Appropriation</i><br>1954 | <i>Actual Ex-</i><br><i>penditures</i><br>1954 | <i>Estimated</i><br><i>Year</i><br>1955 |
|--|------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>General Government:</b>                           |                              |  |   |
| Town Officers' Salaries.....                         | \$ 1,400.00                  | \$ 1,400.65                                    | \$ 1,400.00                             |
| Town Officers' Expenses.....                         | 1,300.00                     | 948.07   | 1,000.00                                |
| Election and Registration Expenses....               | 450.00                       | 332.80   | 150.00                                  |
| Expenses Town Hall and Other<br>Town Buildings.....  | 500.00                       | 246.11   | 1,000.00                                |
| <b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>           |                              |  |   |
| Police Department.....                               | 50.00                        | 58.50  | 100.00                                  |
| Fire Department.....                                 | 750.00                       | 512.37   | 250.00                                  |
| Insurance.....                                       | 100.00                       | 70.20  | 100.00                                  |
| Civil Defense.....                                   |                              |  | 250.00                                  |
| <b>Health:</b>                                       |                              |  |   |
| Health Dept., including Hospitals.....               | 25.00                        | 10.00  | 25.00                                   |
| <b>Highways and Bridges:</b>                         |                              |  |   |
| Town Maintenance—Summer.....                         | 2,500.00                     | 1,299.00                                       | 2,500.00                                |
| Town Maintenance—Winter.....                         | 1,500.00                     | 661.55   | 1,500.00                                |
| Street Lighting.....                                 | 150.00                       | 95.06  | 150.00                                  |
| General Expenses of Highway Dept....                 | 500.00                       | 598.02   | 500.00                                  |
| Town Road Aid.....                                   | 248.44                       | 248.44   | 242.90                                  |
| <b>Libraries</b> .....                               | 500.00                       | 500.00   | 500.00                                  |
| <b>Public Welfare</b> .....                          | 100.00                       | 29.05  | 250.00                                  |
| Old Age Assistance.....                              | 750.00                       | 690.57   | 1,000.00                                |
| <b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>                           |                              |  |   |
| Memorial Day and Veterans' Assoc....                 | 125.00                       |  | 125.00                                  |
| <b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>                   |                              |  |   |
| Cemeteries.....                                      | 400.00                       | 291.16   | 300.00                                  |
| <b>Unclassified:</b>                                 |                              |  |   |
| Damages and Legal Expenses, Incl.<br>Dog Damage..... | 100.00                       |  | 100.00                                  |
| <b>Interest:</b>                                     |                              |  |   |
| On Temporary Loans.....                              | 150.00                       | 36.46  | 150.00                                  |
| On Long Term Notes and Bonds.....                    | 50.00                        | 45.00  | 30.00                                   |
| <b>Highways and Bridges:</b>                         |                              |  |   |
| Town Construction.....                               | 500.00                       |  |   |
| <b>Payment on Principal of Debt:</b>                 |                              |  |   |
| Long Term Notes.....                                 | 1,000.00                     | 1,000.00                                       | 1,000.00                                |
| <b>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</b>     |                              |  |   |
| County Taxes.....                                    | 2,300.00                     | 2,303.84                                       | 2,300.00                                |
| School Taxes.....                                    | 24,012.31                    | 23,393.19                                      | 30,298.50                               |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b> .....                      | <b>\$39,460.75</b>           | <b>\$34,770.04</b>                             | <b>\$45,221.40</b>                      |

# Selectmen's Report

## INVENTORY

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Land and buildings.....           | \$621,385.00        |
| Electric Plants (2).....          | 38,457.00           |
| Horses (7).....                   | 350.00              |
| Oxen and neat stock (57).....     | 7,425.00            |
| Cows (311).....                   | 38,225.00           |
| Sheep and Goats (64).....         | 1,210.00            |
| Hogs (25).....                    | 375.00              |
| Fowls (2150).....                 | 2,387.50            |
| Vehicles (1).....                 | 500.00              |
| Portable Mills.....               | 3,150.00            |
| Wood and Lumber.....              | 14,430.00           |
| Gasoline Pumps and Tanks.....     | 450.00              |
| Stock in Trade.....               | 16,150.00           |
| Mills and Machinery.....          | 900.00              |
| <b>Total gross valuation.....</b> | <b>\$748,394.50</b> |
| Less Veterans' exemptions.....    | 34,600.00           |
| <b>Taxable net valuation.....</b> | <b>\$713,794.50</b> |

## APPROPRIATIONS

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Town officers' salaries.....              | \$ 1,400.00 |
| Town officers' expenses.....              | 1,300.00    |
| Election and Registration expenses.....   | 450.00      |
| Town Hall and buildings.....              | 500.00      |
| Police department.....                    | 50.00       |
| Fire department.....                      | 750.00      |
| Health department.....                    | 25.00       |
| Town road aid.....                        | 248.44      |
| Town Maintenance (winter and summer)..... | 4,000.00    |
| New construction.....                     | 500.00      |
| General expense, Highway department.....  | 500.00      |
| Insurance.....                            | 100.00      |
| Street lighting.....                      | 150.00      |
| Library.....                              | 500.00      |

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| Old age assistance..... | 750.00       |
| Public relief.....      | 100.00       |
| Memorial Day.....       | 125.00       |
| Cemeteries.....         | 400.00       |
| Dog damages.....        | 100.00       |
| Payment on debt.....    | 1,200.00     |
| County tax.....         | 2,303.84     |
| School tax.....         | 24,012.31    |
|                         |              |
| Total.....              | \$ 39,464.59 |

### ESTIMATE BY WHICH TAX RATE WAS DETERMINED

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Total town and school appropriation.....  | \$ 39,464.59 |
| Less estimated revenue:   |              |
| Interest and dividends tax.....   | \$1,210.06   |
| Savings bank tax.....   | 56.16        |
| Reimbursement a/c growing wood<br>and lumber.....                               | 1,511.44     |
| Motor vehicle permit fees.....  | 2,200.00     |
| Dog licenses.....   | 300.00       |
| Filing fees.....  | 8.00         |
|   |              |
| Total revenues and credits.....   | 5,285.66     |
|   |              |
|   | \$ 34,178.93 |
| Plus overlay .....  | 202.91       |
|   |              |
| Net amount to be raised by taxation   | 34,381.84    |
| Less 274 polls at \$2.00.....   | 548.00       |
|   |              |
| Amount to be raised by property taxes<br>on which tax rate is to be figured.... | \$ 33,833.84 |

**Tax rate, \$4.74 per \$100.00**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

| <i>Title of Appropriation</i>        | <i>Appropriation</i> | <i>Receipts</i>   | <i>Total Amount Available</i> | <i>Expenditures</i> | <i>Unexpended Balance</i> | <i>Overdraft</i> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Town Officers' Salaries.....       | \$ 1,400.00          | \$                | \$ 1,400.00                   | \$ 1,400.65         | \$                        | .65              |
| 2 Town Officers' Expenses.....       | 1,300.00             |                   | 1,300.00                      | 948.07              | \$                        | 351.93           |
| 3 Election and Registration.....     | 450.00               |                   | 450.00                        | 332.80              |                           | 117.20           |
| 4 Town Hall Expense.....             | 500.00               |                   | 500.00                        | 246.11              |                           | 253.89           |
| 5 Police Department.....             | 50.00                |                   | 50.00                         | 58.50               |                           | 8.50             |
| 6 Fire Department.....               | 750.00               |                   | 750.00                        | 512.37              |                           | 237.63           |
| 7 Insurance.....                     | 100.00               |                   | 100.00                        | 70.20               |                           | 29.80            |
| 8 Health Department.....             | 25.00                |                   | 25.00                         | 10.00               |                           | 15.00            |
| 9 Town Maintenance, Summer.....      | 2,500.00             |                   | 2,500.00                      | 2,766.61            |                           | 266.61           |
| 10 Town Maintenance, Winter.....     | 1,500.00             |                   | 1,500.00                      | 661.55              |                           | 838.45           |
| 11 Town Construction.....            | 500.00               |                   | 500.00                        | 500.00              |                           | 500.00           |
| 12 Street Lighting.....              | 150.00               |                   | 150.00                        | 95.06               |                           | 54.94            |
| 13 General Expense Highway Dept..... | 500.00               |                   | 500.00                        | 598.02              |                           | 98.02            |
| 14 Town Road Aid.....                | 248.44               |                   | 248.44                        | 248.44              |                           |                  |
| 15 Library.....                      | 500.00               |                   | 500.00                        | 500.00              |                           |                  |
| 16 Town Poor.....                    | 100.00               |                   | 100.00                        | 29.05               |                           | 70.95            |
| 17 Old Age Assistance.....           | 750.00               |                   | 750.00                        | 690.57              |                           | 59.43            |
| 18 Memorial Day.....                 | 125.00               |                   | 125.00                        | 125.00              |                           | 125.00           |
| 19 Cemeteries.....                   | 400.00               |                   | 400.00                        | 291.16              |                           | 108.84           |
| 20 Dog Damage.....                   | 100.00               |                   | 100.00                        | 100.00              |                           | 100.00           |
| 21 Taxes Bought by Town.....         |                      |                   |                               | 23.53               |                           |                  |
| 22 Abatements.....                   |                      |                   |                               | 6.10                |                           |                  |
| 23 Refund to Yield Tax Account.....  |                      | \$ 733.58         | 733.58                        | 733.58              |                           |                  |
| 24 Interest.....                     | 200.00               |                   | 200.00                        | 81.46               |                           | 118.54           |
| 25 Principal of Debt.....            | 1,000.00             |                   | 1,000.00                      | 1,000.00            |                           |                  |
| 26 County Tax.....                   | 2,300.00             |                   | 2,300.00                      | 2,303.84            |                           | 3.84             |
| 27 School Tax (1953).....            | 00,000.00            |                   | 8,843.19                      | 8,843.19            |                           |                  |
| 28 School Tax (1954).....            | 24,012.31            |                   | 24,012.31                     | 14,550.00           |                           | 9,462.31         |
| 29 State Head Taxes.....             |                      | 1,421.25          | 1,421.25                      | 1,421.25            |                           |                  |
| Payment on Temporary Loan.....       |                      | 5,000.00          | 5,000.00                      | 5,000.00            |                           |                  |
| <b>Totals.....</b>                   | <b>\$48,303.94</b>   | <b>\$7,154.83</b> | <b>\$55,458.77</b>            | <b>\$43,422.11</b>  | <b>\$12,443.91</b>        | <b>\$406.60</b>  |

\* Due American Legion Post 105

## TOWN BALANCE SHEET

## Assets

|  |            |              |
|--|------------|--------------|
| Cash balance in bank.....                            | \$7,548.32 |              |
| Uncollected taxes, 1954.....                         | 9,479.48   |              |
| Uncollected taxes, 1953.....                         | 8.00       |              |
| Uncollected taxes, 1952.....                         | 6.00       |              |
| State head taxes, 1954.....                          | 360.00     |              |
| State head taxes, previous years.....                | 30.00      |              |
| Unredeemed taxes.....                                | 23.53      |              |
| State reimbursement a/c Timber Tax<br>exemption..... | 891.86     |              |
|  |            | \$ 18,347.19 |

## Liabilities

|   |            |              |
|---|------------|--------------|
| Due schools.....                                    | \$9,462.31 |              |
| Due State, head taxes.....                          | 360.00     |              |
| Due long term town notes.....                       | 2,000.00   |              |
| Due Kensington American Legion<br>Post No. 105..... | 125.00     |              |
|   |            | \$ 11,947.31 |
| Surplus over current liabilities.....               |            | 6,399.88     |

## Town Clerk's Report

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D. Everett Palmer, Town Clerk

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

### DOG TAX FOR 1954-1955

| Dr.                            |           |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Received for 51 male dogs      | at \$2.00 | \$ 102.00 |
| Received for 9 female dogs     | at 5.00   | 45.00     |
| Received for 15 spayed females | at 2.00   | 30.00     |
| Received for 2 kennel licenses | at 12.00  | 24.00     |
| Received for 23 fines          | at .50    | 11.50     |
|                                |           | \$ 212.50 |
| Cr.                            |           |           |
| Paid Town Treasurer.....       | \$ 199.10 |           |
| Fees retained by clerk.....    | 15.40     |           |
|                                |           | 212.50    |

### AUTO TAX

| Dr.                                |          |             |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Received for 12 1953 permits.....  | \$ 19.82 |             |
| Received for 401 1954 permits..... | 2,265.09 |             |
|                                    |          | \$ 2,284.91 |
| Cr.                                |          |             |
| Paid Town Treasurer.....           |          | \$ 2,284.91 |

### FILING FEES

| Dr.                                    |  |         |
|--|--|---------|
| Received for filing fees for 1954..... |  | \$ 7.00 |
| Cr.                                    |  |         |
| Paid Town Treasurer.....               |  | \$ 7.00 |

# Tax Collector's Report

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Doris P. Swift, Collector

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

### PROPERTY AND POLL TAXES

Levy of 1954

Dr.

Taxes committed to Collector:

|                     |             |              |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Property Taxes..... | \$33,833.84 |              |
| Poll Taxes.....     | 534.00      |              |
| Total Warrant.....  |             | \$ 34,367.84 |

Added Taxes:

|                     |  |        |
|---------------------|--|--------|
| Property Taxes..... |  | 433.71 |
| Poll Taxes.....     |  | 26.00  |

|                          |  |              |
|--------------------------|--|--------------|
| Interests collected..... |  | 2.77         |
| Total Debits.....        |  | \$ 34,830.32 |

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

|                         |             |  |
|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| Property Taxes.....     | \$24,849.19 |  |
| Poll Taxes.....         | 400.00      |  |
| Interest Collected..... | 2.77        |  |

|                 |       |  |
|-----------------|-------|--|
| Abatements..... | 98.88 |  |
|-----------------|-------|--|

Uncollected taxes as per Collector's list:

|                     |          |  |
|---------------------|----------|--|
| Property Taxes..... | 9,343.48 |  |
| Poll Taxes.....     | 136.00   |  |

|                    |  |              |
|--------------------|--|--------------|
| Total Credits..... |  | \$ 34,830.32 |
|--------------------|--|--------------|



## PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

## Levy of 1953

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1954:

|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Property taxes.....  | \$ 6,566.16 |             |
| Poll taxes.....  | 148.00      |             |
| Yield taxes.....   | 3.11        |             |
|  |             | \$ 6,717.27 |
| Interest collected during fiscal year<br>year ended December 31, 1954..... |             | 229.08      |
| Total debits.....  |             | \$ 6,946.35 |

Cr.

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal  
year ended December 31, 1954:

|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Property Taxes.....                        | \$ 6,566.16 |             |
| Poll taxes.....                            | 128.00      |             |
| Interest collected during year.....        | 229.08      |             |
| Yield taxes.....                           | 3.11        |             |
| Abatements made during year.....           | 12.00       |             |
| Uncollected taxes as per Collector's list: |             |             |
| Poll taxes.....                            | 8.00        |             |
| Total credit.....                          |             | \$ 6,946.35 |

## POLL TAXES

## Levy of 1951

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1954:

|   |      |      |
|---|------|------|
| Poll taxes.....   | 8.00 |      |
| Interest collected during fiscal year<br>ended December 31, 1954..... | .33  |      |
| Total debits.....   |      | 8.33 |

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Cr.

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal  
year ended December 31, 1954:

|   |      |      |
|---|------|------|
| Poll taxes.....                               | 4.00 |      |
| Interest collected during year.....           | .33  |      |
| Abatements made during year.....              | 4.00 |      |
| Uncollected taxes as per collector's list.... | .00  |      |
| Total credits.....                            |      | 8.33 |

## POLL TAXES

Levy of 1950

Dr.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1954:

|   |      |      |
|---|------|------|
| Poll taxes.....   | 2.00 |      |
| Interest collected during fiscal year<br>ended December 31, 1954..... | .00  |      |
| Total debits.....   |      | 2.00 |

Cr.

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal  
year ended December 31, 1954:

|   |      |      |
|---|------|------|
| Poll taxes.....                               | .00  |      |
| Interest collected during year.....           | .00  |      |
| Abatements made during year.....              | 2.00 |      |
| Uncollected taxes as per collector's list.... | .00  |      |
| Total credits.....                            |      | 2.00 |

## POLL TAXES

## Levy of 1952

Dr.

|   |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|
| Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1954:                              |       |       |
| Poll taxes.....   | 16.00 |       |
| Interest collected during fiscal year<br>ended December 31, 1954..... | .25   |       |
| Total debits.....   |       | 16.25 |

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|---|------|-------|
| Remittances to treasurer during fiscal<br>year ended December 31, 1954..... |      |       |
| Poll taxes.....   | 6.00 |       |
| Interest collected during year.....   | .25  |       |
| Abatements made during year.....  | 4.00 |       |
| Uncollected taxes as per Collector's list....                               | 6.00 |       |
| Poll taxes.....   | .00  |       |
| Total credits.....  |      | 16.25 |

## STATE HEAD TAX

## Levy of 1954

Dr.

State Head Taxes committed to collector:

|                          |             |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Original warrant.....    | \$ 1,655.00 |             |
| Added taxes.....         | 30.00       |             |
| Total committed.....     | 1,685.00    |             |
| Penalties collected..... | 2.50        |             |
| Total debits.....        |             | \$ 1,687.50 |

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|--|-------------|-------------|
| Remittances to treasurer:                              |             |             |
| Head taxes.....  | \$ 1,295.00 |             |
| Penalties.....   | 2.50        |             |
| Abatements.....  | 30.00       |             |
| Uncollected head taxes as per<br>collector's list..... | 360.00      |             |
| Total credits.....                                     |             | \$ 1,687.50 |

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1953

Dr.

|   |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|
| Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1955.. | 320.00 |        |
| Penalties collected during 1954.....      | 27.50  |        |
| Total debits.....                         |        | 347.50 |

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|---|--------|--------|
| Remittances to treasurer during 1954:               |        |        |
| Head taxes.....                                     | 275.00 |        |
| Penalties.....                                      | 27.50  |        |
| Abatements during 1954.....                         | 25.00  |        |
| Uncollected head taxes as per collector's list..... | 20.00  |        |
| Total credits.....                                  |        | 347.50 |

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1952

Dr.

|  |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|
| Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1955:.. | 25.00 |       |
| Penalties collected during 1954.....       | 1.50  |       |
| Total debits.....                          |       | 26.50 |

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|   |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|
| Remittances to treasurer during 1954:               |       |       |
| Head taxes.....                                     | 15.00 |       |
| Penalties.....                                      | 1.50  |       |
| Abatements during 1954.....                         | 00.00 |       |
| Uncollected head taxes as per collector's list..... | 10.00 |       |
| Total credits.....                                  |       | 26.50 |

## STATE HEAD TAX

## Levy of 1951

Dr.

|  |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|
| Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1955:.. | 10.00 |       |
| Penalties collected during 1954.....       | .50   |       |
| Total debits.....                          |       | 10.50 |

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|--|------|-------|
| Remittances to treasurer during 1954:                  |      |       |
| Head taxes.....  | 5.00 |       |
| Penalties.....   | .50  |       |
| Abatements during 1954.....                            | 5.00 |       |
| Uncollected head taxes as per<br>collector's list..... | 0.00 |       |
| Total credits.....                                     |      | 10.50 |

## SUMMARY OF TAX SALES, ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1954

Dr.

## Tax Sale on Account of Levy

|   |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|
| (a) Taxes sold to town during<br>current fiscal year..... | \$ 18.19 |          |
| Interest and cost collected at sale.....                  | 5.34     |          |
| Total debits.....   |          | \$ 23.53 |

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|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Remittances to treasurer during year: |          |          |
| Property tax.....                     | \$ 18.19 |          |
| Interest and cost collected.....      | 5.34     |          |
| Total credits.....                    |          | \$ 23.53 |

I hereby certify this report to be correct to the best of my knowledge.—DORIS P. SWIFT, *Tax Collector*.

## Treasurer's Report

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Cash on hand January 1, 1954..... \$ 8,300.53

Received from Doris P. Swift,  
tax collector:

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Property tax, 1954..... | \$24,849.19 |
| Poll taxes.....         | 400.00      |
| Interest.....           | 2.77        |
| Head tax.....           | 1,295.00    |
| Head tax penalties..... | 2.50        |
| Property tax, 1953..... | 6,566.16    |
| Poll taxes.....         | 128.00      |
| Interest.....           | 229.08      |
| Head tax.....           | 275.00      |
| Head tax penalties..... | 27.00       |
| Poll tax interest.....  | .50         |
| Yield taxes.....        | 3.11        |
| Poll taxes, 1952.....   | 6.00        |
| Interest.....           | .25         |
| Head tax.....           | 15.00       |
| Head tax penalties..... | 1.50        |
| Poll tax, 1951.....     | 4.00        |
| Interest.....           | .33         |
| Head tax.....           | 5.00        |
| Head tax penalties..... | .50         |

\$33,810.89

Received from D. Everett Palmer,  
Town Clerk:

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Auto permits, 1954..... | \$ 2,265.09 |
| Dog Licenses.....       | 197.10      |
| Filing fees.....        | 7.00        |
| Auto permits, 1953..... | 19.82       |

2,489.01

Received from State Treasurer:

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Interest and Dividend Tax.....      | 1,208.41 |
| Savings Bank Tax.....               | 56.16    |
| Recovery on Old Age Assistance..... | 50.24    |
| Forest Fire Bills to Towns.....     | 6.19     |

1,321.00

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Received from Exeter Banking Co.:         |             |
| Short Term Loan.....                      | 5,000.00    |
| Received from Other Sources:              |             |
| H. T. Outwater, Steel Culvert.....        | 24.00       |
| J. R. Rosencrantz, Sale of used mower.... | 25.00       |
|   | 49.00       |
| Total.....                                | \$50,970.43 |
| Paid by order of Selectmen.....           | 43,422.11   |
| Balance December 31, 1954.....            | 7,548.32    |

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF EXPENDITURES

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries.....          | \$ 1,400.65  |
| Town Officers' Expenses.....          | 948.07       |
| Election and Registration.....        | 332.80       |
| Town Hall expenses.....               | 246.11       |
| Police Department.....                | 58.50        |
| Fire Department.....                  | 512.37       |
| Health Department.....                | 10.00        |
| Town maintenance (summer).....        | 1,299.00     |
| Town maintenance (winter).....        | 661.55       |
| Tar Account.....                      | 1,467.61     |
| Street Lights.....                    | 95.06        |
| General expense of highway.....       | 598.02       |
| Library.....                          | 500.00       |
| Old age assistance.....               | 690.57       |
| Town poor.....                        | 29.05        |
| Cemeteries.....                       | 291.16       |
| Taxes bought by town.....             | 23.53        |
| Workman's Compensation Insurance..... | 70.20        |
| Tax refund.....                       | 6.10         |
| Interest.....                         | 81.46        |
| T. R. A.....                          | 248.44       |
| Payment of temporary loans.....       | 5,000.00     |
| Payment of long term loans.....       | 1,000.00     |
| Head tax.....                         | 1,421.25     |
| Yield tax (timber).....               | 733.58       |
| County tax.....                       | 2,303.84     |
| Schools.....                          | 23,393.19    |
|                                       | <hr/>        |
|                                       | \$ 43,422.11 |



## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| D. Everett Palmer, auto permits.....      | 144.50      |
| D. Everett Palmer, town clerk salary..... | 100.00      |
| Mildred Chase, auditor.....               | 20.00       |
| George B. Shaw, auditor.....              | 20.00       |
| James R. Rosencrantz, selectman salary..  | 200.00      |
| Gustave Lambert, selectman salary.....    | 100.00      |
| John W. York, selectman salary.....       | 100.00      |
| Harry L. Steeves, treasurer salary.....   | 120.00      |
| Doris Swift, tax collector salary.....    | 530.15      |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$ 1,334.65 |

## TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| D. Everett Palmer, town clerk.....              | \$ 96.40  |
| Melvin G. Armstrong, Auditor.....               | 16.00     |
| Perkins & Prescott, Ins. Town Bonds.....        | 78.80     |
| Whittier Press, town reports.....               | 376.00    |
| D. L. Garrison, U. S. Auto and Truck Guide..... | 7.00      |
| Doris Bickford, salary and expenses.....        | 112.10    |
| John W. Green, copy transfers.....              | 9.80      |
| Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., supplies.....          | 48.59     |
| George B. Shaw, supplies.....                   | 12.60     |
| Harry Steeves, supplies.....                    | 6.75      |
| Mildred Chase, supplies.....                    | 3.75      |
| Squamscott Press, printing.....                 | 11.50     |
| Kurtz Diner, dinners.....                       | 12.00     |
| Doris Swift, expenses.....                      | 26.93     |
| Edson Eastman & Co., dog tags and book.....     | 22.65     |
| Sargent Bros., tax bills.....                   | 10.90     |
| Association of N. H. Assessors, dues.....       | 3.00      |
| Libby's Book Shop, supplies.....                | 6.20      |
| Burroughs Adding Machine, service.....          | 12.10     |
| James R. Rosencrantz, expenses.....             | 25.00     |
| Gustave Lambert, expenses.....                  | 25.00     |
| John W. York, expenses.....                     | 25.00     |
|   | <hr/>     |
|   | \$ 948.07 |

## TOWN HALL EXPENSES

|   |    |        |
|---|----|--------|
| George P. and R. C. Kimball, town hall pump.....  | \$ | 17.65  |
| Exeter & Hampton Electric Co., lights.....        |    | 36.07  |
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone.....             |    | 65.01  |
| Young's Hardware, supplies.....                   |    | 7.39   |
| Percy Dunn, repairs.....                          |    | 10.00  |
| Perkins & Prescott, liability insurance.....      |    | 70.20  |
| Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance, fire insurance..... |    | 32.48  |
| C. Henry Lenz, tuning piano.....                  |    | 5.00   |
| Exeter Lumber Co., supplies.....                  |    | 2.31   |
|   |    | <hr/>  |
|   | \$ | 246.11 |

## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

|   |    |        |
|---|----|--------|
| John R. Perfect, supervisor.....        | \$ | 66.00  |
| Raymond Morley, supervisor.....         |    | 66.00  |
| H. Russell Crowell, supervisor.....     |    | 66.00  |
| Grace Gilmore, ballot inspector.....    |    | 19.80  |
| Edna Wardwell, ballot inspector.....    |    | 6.60   |
| Granville Gilmore, gate keeper.....     |    | 13.20  |
| Wilbur Boyden, Sr., gate keeper.....    |    | 19.80  |
| John W. York, moderator.....            |    | 24.00  |
| Beatrice Lambert, ballot clerk.....     |    | 19.80  |
| Amy Eastman, ballot clerk.....          |    | 19.80  |
| Squamscott Press, printing ballots..... |    | 23.00  |
| Bernice Shaw, ballot inspector.....     |    | 13.20  |
| Kurtz Diner, dinners.....               |    | 27.00  |
| Percy Dunn, janitor.....                |    | 8.00   |
| Walter Platt, gate keeper.....          |    | 6.60   |
|   |    | <hr/>  |
|   | \$ | 398.80 |

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

|                                       |    |       |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------|
| William Wadleigh, police duty.....    | \$ | 16.00 |
| Leonard Miller, Jr., police duty..... |    | 12.50 |
| Frank Rosencrantz, constable.....     |    | 10.00 |
| Lawrence Bailey, constable.....       |    | 10.00 |
| John Crowell, constable.....          |    | 10.00 |
|                                       |    | <hr/> |
|                                       | \$ | 58.50 |

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

|   |    |        |
|---|----|--------|
| Horace Evans, forest fire meeting.....        | \$ | 4.87   |
| Melvin B. Armstrong, forest fire meeting..... |    | 3.75   |
| G. Sumner Card, forest fire meeting.....      |    | 3.75   |
| Kensington Volunteer Fire Department.....     |    | 500.00 |
|   | \$ | 512.37 |

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

|                                       |    |       |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Harry L. Steeves, health officer..... | \$ | 10.00 |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------|

## TOWN MAINTENANCE (SUMMER)

|   |    |          |
|---|----|----------|
| Harry Philbrick, labor.....               |    | 312.00   |
| Robert Evans, labor.....                  |    | 32.00    |
| Horace Evans, truck, tractor, labor.....  |    | 506.00   |
| Arthur Evans, tractor.....                |    | 12.00    |
| Iafolla Crushed Stone Co., tar patch..... |    | 390.00   |
| Homer Johnson, grader.....                |    | 44.00    |
| E. B. Warner, gas.....                    |    | 2.60     |
|   | \$ | 1,299.00 |

## TOWN MAINTENANCE (WINTER)

|  |    |        |
|--|----|--------|
| R. G. Watkins, snow removal.....       | \$ | 513.75 |
| Hubert Scheizer, labor.....            |    | 24.00  |
| Harry Philbrick, labor.....            |    | 20.00  |
| Stan Hilliard, sanding.....            |    | 33.00  |
| Arthur Batchelder, labor.....          |    | 12.00  |
| Horace Evans, truck and labor.....     |    | 33.00  |
| Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, salt..... |    | 25.80  |
|  | \$ | 661.55 |

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Tar Account, expended by Public Works Dept.

|                              |    |          |
|------------------------------|----|----------|
| Town's share of T. R. A..... | \$ | 248.44   |
| State's share.....           |    | 1,656.24 |
| Balance paid by town.....    |    | 1,467.61 |
|                              | \$ | 3,372.29 |

## STREET LIGHTING

|                                   |    |       |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------|
| Exeter & Hampton Electric Co..... | \$ | 95.06 |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------|

**GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

|   |    |        |
|---|----|--------|
| Arthur Batchelder, gravel.....                | \$ | 19.80  |
| Francis Wilbur, saw and labor, hurricane..... |    | 16.50  |
| Harry Philbrick, labor.....                   |    | 39.00  |
| Arthur Evans, saw and labor.....              |    | 63.50  |
| Horace Evans, truck, tractor, labor.....      |    | 117.00 |
| Hubert Scheizer, saw and labor.....           |    | 10.00  |
| Percy Dunn, labor.....                        |    | 4.00   |
| Howard Beckman, labor.....                    |    | 8.00   |
| Horace Palmer, labor.....                     |    | 4.00   |
| Edith Keough, gravel.....                     |    | 4.80   |
| R. C. Hazelton Co., culvert.....              |    | 309.32 |
|   | \$ | 598.02 |

**LIBRARY**

|                                   |    |        |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------|
| Josephine Sanborn, treasurer..... | \$ | 500.00 |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------|

**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

|                             |    |        |
|-----------------------------|----|--------|
| State of New Hampshire..... | \$ | 690.57 |
|-----------------------------|----|--------|

**CARE OF CEMETERIES**

|  |    |        |
|--|----|--------|
| James R. Rosencrantz, new mower, repairs, gas, oil.... | \$ | 119.16 |
| Eugene Simon, labor.....                               |    | 172.00 |
|  | \$ | 291.16 |

**TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN**

|                             |    |       |
|-----------------------------|----|-------|
| Doris Swift, collector..... | \$ | 23.53 |
|-----------------------------|----|-------|

**WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

|                              |    |       |
|------------------------------|----|-------|
| Perkins & Prescott, Ins..... | \$ | 70.20 |
|------------------------------|----|-------|

**TAX REFUND**

|  |    |      |
|--|----|------|
| Pearl Smith, overcharge on registration..... | \$ | 6.10 |
|--|----|------|

**INTEREST**

|   |    |       |
|---|----|-------|
| Exeter Banking Co., Stumpfield note.....                              | \$ | 45.00 |
| Exeter Banking Co., money borrowed in anticipa-<br>tion of taxes..... |    | 36.46 |
|   | \$ | 81.46 |

**STATE AID CONSTRUCTION**

|                                      |    |        |
|--------------------------------------|----|--------|
| State of New Hampshire, T. R. A..... | \$ | 248.44 |
|--------------------------------------|----|--------|

TEMPORARY LOANS IN ANTICIPATION  
OF TAXES

Exeter Banking Co..... \$ 5,000.00

LONG TERM NOTES

Exeter Banking Co. (Stumpfield)..... \$ 1,000.00

HEAD TAXES

State of New Hampshire..... \$ 1,421.25

YIELD TAX

State of New Hampshire..... \$ 733.58

COUNTY TAX

Earl Stockbridge, county treasurer..... \$ 2,303.84

SCHOOLS

Josephine Sanborn, treasurer..... \$ 23,393.19

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON, 1-1-53 to 12-31 INCLUSIVE

| Date of Creation | Name of Trust Fund  | Purpose of Trust Fund | How Invested       | PRINCIPAL                 |                   |                        |                           | INCOME           |                  |                      |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                  |                     |                       |                    | Balance Beginning of Year | New Funds Created | Balance at End of Year | Balance Beginning of Year | Rate of Interest | Amount to 1-1-54 | Expended During Year | Balance End of Year |
| 1912             | John F. Gill        | Cemetery Fund         | Manchester Savings | \$ 100.00                 | 1                 | \$ 100.00              | \$ 31.96                  | 3%               | \$ 4.38          | \$ 10.00             | \$ 26.34            |
| 1914             | Hannah Moulton      | Library Fund          | Manchester Savings | 1,000.00                  | 2                 | 1,000.00               | 000.00                    | 3%               | 33.00            | 30.23                | 2.77                |
| 1916             | Mary S. Blake       | Cemetery Fund         | Manchester Savings | 100.00                    | 3                 | 100.00                 | 1.91                      | 3%               | 3.35             | 3.00                 | 2.26                |
| 1918             | Lizzie Osgood       | Cemetery Fund         | Exeter Banking Co. | 100.00                    | 4                 | 100.00                 | 3.70                      | 2%               | 2.32             | 3.00                 | 3.02                |
| 1922             | James Bartlett      | Cemetery Fund         | Exeter Banking Co. | 100.00                    | 5                 | 100.00                 | 1.65                      | 2%               | 2.28             | 3.00                 | .91                 |
| 1923             | George M. Gove      | Cemetery Fund         | Manchester Savings | 150.00                    | 6                 | 150.00                 | 32.05                     | 3%               | 6.04             | 15.00                | 23.09               |
| 1925             | Ellen F. Bingham    | Cemetery Fund         | Manchester Savings | 100.00                    | 7                 | 100.00                 | 2.49                      | 3%               | 3.37             | 3.00                 | 2.86                |
| 1928             | Clara Rhodes        | Cemetery Fund         | Manchester Savings | 100.00                    | 8                 | 100.00                 | 1.25                      | 3%               | 3.32             | 3.00                 | 2.57                |
| 1929             | William H. Eaton    | Cemetery Fund         | Exeter Banking Co. | 200.00                    | 9                 | 200.00                 | 2.94                      | 2%               | 4.57             | 3.00                 | 4.51                |
| 1931             | Susan Webster       | Cemetery Fund         | Manchester Savings | 200.00                    | 10                | 200.00                 | 8.93                      | 3%               | 6.90             | 8.00                 | 7.33                |
| 1932             | Robert T. Brown     | Cemetery Fund         | Exeter Banking Co. | 200.00                    | 11                | 200.00                 | 10.34                     | 2%               | 4.77             | 6.00                 | 9.08                |
| 1935             | Frank L. Wadleigh   | Cemetery Fund         | Exeter Banking Co. | 100.00                    | 12                | 100.00                 | .19                       | 2%               | 2.26             | 2.00                 | .45                 |
| 1937             | Sarah A. Green      | Cemetery Fund         | Exeter Banking Co. | 100.00                    | 13                | 100.00                 | .05                       | 2%               | 2.26             | 2.00                 | .31                 |
| 1938             | Oliver Clifford     | Cemetery Fund         | Exeter Banking Co. | 95.00                     | 14                | 95.00                  | .59                       | 2%               | 2.14             | 2.00                 | .73                 |
| 1940             | Clara E. Kimball    | Cemetery Fund         | Amoskeag Savings   | 300.00                    | 15                | 300.00                 | 12.78                     | 3%               | 9.50             | 10.00                | 12.28               |
| 1942             | Mary T. Smith       | Cemetery Fund         | Amoskeag Savings   | 200.00                    | 16                | 200.00                 | 11.06                     | 3%               | 6.41             | 4.00                 | 13.47               |
| 1944             | Marcie D. Tilton    | Cemetery Fund         | Amoskeag Savings   | 1,000.00                  | 17                | 1,000.00               | 24.83                     | 3%               | 31.01            | 11.91                | 43.93               |
| 1944             | Mary A. Tilton      | Library Fund          | Amoskeag Savings   | 500.00                    | 18                | 500.00                 | 000.00                    | 3%               | 15.22            | 15.15                | .07                 |
| 1944             | John S. Wadleigh    | Cemetery Fund         | Exeter Banking Co. | 150.00                    | 19                | 150.00                 | 1.03                      | 2%               | 3.40             | 3.00                 | 1.43                |
| 1945             | Mary E. DeRochemont | Cemetery Fund         | Amoskeag Savings   | 100.00                    | 20                | 100.00                 | 18.42                     | 3%               | 3.57             | 000.00               | 21.99               |
| 1948             | Benjamin Lovering   | Cemetery Fund         | Exeter Banking Co. | 100.00                    | 22                | 100.00                 | .22                       | 2%               | 2.26             | 2.00                 | .48                 |
| 1948             | Frank Poor          | Cemetery Fund         | Exeter Banking Co. | 200.00                    | 23                | 200.00                 | 6.77                      | 2%               | 4.65             | 4.00                 | 7.42                |
| 1952             | Archie T. York      | Cemetery Fund         | Amoskeag Savings   | 200.00                    | 25                | 200.00                 | .39                       | 3%               | 6.05             | 4.00                 | 2.44                |
| 1952             | Charles E. Fish     | Cemetery Fund         | Amoskeag Savings   | 200.00                    | 26                | 200.00                 | 2.05                      | 3%               | 6.14             | 4.00                 | 4.19                |
| 1953             | Charles N. Robie    | Cemetery Fund         | Amoskeag Savings   | 000.00                    | 27                | 200.00                 | 000.00                    | 3%               | 4.52             | 4.00                 | .52                 |
|                  |                     |                       |                    |                           |                   |                        | \$175.08                  |                  | \$173.66         | \$154.29             | \$194.45            |



## TOWN OF KENSINGTON TRUST FUND REPORT

|  |    |        |        |
|--|----|--------|--------|
| Received from trust funds.....                                 |    | \$     | 154.29 |
| Paid:  |    |        |        |
| To Library: Moulton Fund.....                                  | \$ | 30.23  |        |
| To Library: Tilton Fund.....                                   |    | 15.15  |        |
| Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc.,<br>Seed and Fertilizer..... |    | 8.91   |        |
| Howard Blake, care of lots.....                                |    | 100.00 |        |
|  |    | <hr/>  |        |
| Total.....   |    | \$     | 154.29 |

**Howard Blake**  
**Chairman of Trust Funds**



## Auditor's Report

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The accounts of the several departments of the Town of Kensington have been carefully examined. We find the books and accounts to be in good order, and correct.

The full and complete co-operation of each and every member of all departments was very much appreciated, and contributed greatly in making a somewhat tedious task as pleasant as such a task could be.

It is unfortunate, however, that a set of books whereby each and every balance or account that is relative to more than one department could not be adopted. This would not only simplify and expedite the work of the Auditors, but also the bookkeeping in each department. Such a system would afford a ready check and cross-check, helpful to all concerned.

Thank you for your co-operation,

MILDRED L. CHASE,  
H. Y. SMITH,

*Auditors.*

# Librarian's Report

## KENSINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dr.

|                                    |          |                   |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Cash in bank, January 1, 1954..... | \$ 96.28 |                   |
| Rec. from Tilton Fund.....         | 15.15    |                   |
| Rec. from Moulton Fund.....        | 30.23    |                   |
| Rec. from Town Appropriation.....  | 500.00   |                   |
| Rec. from Fines.....               | 10.50    |                   |
|                                    |          | \$652.16 \$652.16 |

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### Salary

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Nellie Hilliard..... | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|

### Books and Magazines

|                               |         |          |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Gilchrist & Co.....           | \$ 6.69 |          |
| Campbell & Hall, Inc.....     | 110.14  |          |
| Yankee, Inc.....              | 2.00    |          |
| National Geographic.....      | 5.50    |          |
| Life.....                     | 14.50   |          |
| Mrs. Mary A. DeRochemont..... | 1.89    |          |
|                               |         | \$140.72 |

### Lights and Heat

|                                   |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Exeter & Hampton Electric Co..... | \$ 23.71 |          |
| Ralph B. Fish.....                | 60.00    |          |
| Arthur B. Batchelder.....         | 20.00    |          |
|                                   |          | \$103.71 |

### Janitor

|                  |          |          |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Irena Bragg..... | \$ 93.00 | \$ 93.00 |
|------------------|----------|----------|

## Miscellaneous

|                                       |         |                          |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Exeter Banking Co.....                | \$ 3.00 |                          |
| Young Hardware Co.....                | 3.05    |                          |
| Nellie Hilliard.....                  | 20.00   |                          |
| Raymond Morley.....                   | 12.00   |                          |
| William Bragg.....                    | 4.75    |                          |
|                                       |         | <u>\$ 42.80</u>          |
|                                       |         | <u>\$630.23</u> \$630.23 |
| Balance in Bank, January 1, 1955..... |         | <u>\$ 21.93</u>          |

JOSEPHINE E. SANBORN, *Treasurer.*

Approved:

HAROLD Y. SMITH,

MILDRED CHASE,

*Auditors.*

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CIRCULATION OF BOOKS FOR 1954

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Fiction.....                      | 1031         |
| Juvenile.....                     | 873          |
| History.....                      | 117          |
| Biography and Auto-biography..... | 98           |
| Adventure and Travel.....         | 59           |
| Poetry and Drama.....             | 14           |
| Science.....                      | 101          |
| Religion.....                     | 19           |
| Sociology.....                    | 16           |
| Miscellaneous Non-Fiction.....    | 41           |
| Magazines.....                    | 89           |
| Total.....                        | <u>2,458</u> |

## BOOKS PURCHASED IN 1954

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Doctor at the Crossroads.....                  | Elizabeth Seifert                                    |
| The Lady of Arlington.....                     | Harnet T. Kane                                       |
| The Spare Room.....                            | Nelie Gardner White                                  |
| Vanishing Point.....                           | Patricia Wentworth                                   |
| The Conquest of Everett.....                   | Sir John Hunt  |
| Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.....           | Walt Disney—Adapted by<br>Jane Lerner                |
| Love Laurie.....                               | Betty Cavanna  |
| Daughter of a Star.....                        | Marie Blizard  |
| Around Green Hills.....                        | American Book Co.                                    |
| The New More Friends and Neighbors.....        | Wm. S. Gray, S. Stere,<br>A. and M. Hill, and others |
| Come Along.....                                | Paul McKee, M. L. Harrison, and others               |
| Fun With Dick and Jane.....                    | Wm. Gray, E. Lehr, and others                        |
| In Came Pinky.....                             | Arthur I. Gates, E. C. Peardon                       |
| The Surprise Box.....                          | Arthur I. Gates, E. C. Peardon                       |
| Come and Ride.....                             | Gates, Huber, Peardon, Salisbury                     |
| The Fun Book.....                              | Mabel G. LaRue                                       |
| Sled Dog of Alaska.....                        | Jack Landru  |
| The Boy Mechanic.....                          | Popular Mechanics                                    |
| Rainbow on the Road.....                       | Esther Forbes  |
| The High and the Mighty.....                   | Ernest L. Gann                                       |
| Little Witch.....                              | Anna E. Bennett                                      |
| Travelers Three.....                           | John Symonds   |
| Story of America in Pictures.....              | Alan C. Collins                                      |
| Encyclopedia of World History.....             | Wm. L. Langer, Ed.                                   |
| Julie's Secret Sloth.....                      | Jacqueline Jackson                                   |
| Understood Betsey.....                         | Dorothy Canfield                                     |
| Black Horse of Culver.....                     | Helen Orr Watson                                     |
| Cowboys North and South.....                   | Will James   |
| Story of the U. S. Marines.....                | George P. Hunt                                       |
| King Arthur and his Knights.....               | Mabel Louise Robinson                                |
| Lady Beware.....                               | Peter Cheyney  |
| The Black Iris.....                            | C. and G. Little                                     |
| Stand Up and Die.....                          | Richard and Francis Lockridge                        |
| Murder Must Wait.....                          | Arthur W. Upfield                                    |
| The Black Curl.....                            | C. and G. Little                                     |
| The Realm of Spirit.....                       | George Santayana                                     |
| Mystery of the Piper's Ghost.....              | Zillah K. Macdonald                                  |
| Boy's First Book of Radio and Electronics..... | Alfred Morgan  |
| How to make a Home Nature Museum.....          | Vinson Brown   |
| Man of Flight.....                             | Charles S. Verall                                    |
| Love is Eternal.....                           | Irving Stone   |
| Adritt.....                                    | Sara Ware Bassett                                    |

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bless This House.....        | Norah Lofts         |
| Mr. Hobb's Vacation.....     | Edward Streeter     |
| I'll Cry Tomorrow.....       | Lillian Roth        |
| The Gentle House.....        | Anna Perrott Rose   |
| Doctor to the Islands.....   | Tom and Lydia Davis |
| The Taft Story.....          | William S. White    |
| Bright Procession.....       | John Sedger         |
| The Gypsy In The Parlor..... | Margery Sharp       |

## GIFTS

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Life Harold John Ockenga.....                              | Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Plouff |
| Tommy and Julie.....                                       | Gift of Randem Foundation   |
| Democracy Fights—History New Hampshire<br>World War 2..... | Gift of State Librry        |
| Readers Digest Condensed Books.....                        | Gift of Mrs. DeRochemont    |

## Gift of Exeter Library

## Authors

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| The Hudson.....                               | Carl Carmer                         |
| The Kennebec.....                             | Robert P. Tristram Coffin           |
| The Upper Mississippi.....                    | Walter Havighurst                   |
| Story of Bing Crosby.....                     | Ted Crosby                          |
| Tales of Hearsay.....                         | Joseph Conrad                       |
| The Emperor's Physician.....                  | J. R. Perkins                       |
| The Intruder.....                             | Helen Fowler                        |
| Jenkins Ear.....                              | Odell and Willard Shepard           |
| Selected Poems.....                           | John Masefield                      |
| Fun in the Kitchen.....                       | Women's Guild, Montclair, N. J.     |
| Southern Cook Book.....                       | Edited                              |
| The Cookie Book.....                          | Extension Service, Ohio State Univ. |
| Powder River.....                             | Struthers Burt                      |
| Century Cyclopedia of Names.....              | Ed. Benj. E. Smith                  |
| Wake of the Red Witch.....                    | Garland Roark                       |
| The Velvet Hand.....                          | Helen Reilly                        |
| The Parasites.....                            | Daphne DuMaurier                    |
| Fair Stood the Wind for France.....           | H. E. Bates                         |
| See How They Run.....                         | Don M. Mankiewioz                   |
| The Far Lands.....                            | James Norman Hall                   |
| Story of Dieppe Dress Rehearsal.....          | Quentin Reynolds                    |
| Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch.....          | Alice Caldwell Hegan                |
| Canterbury Tales.....                         | Geoffrey Chaucer                    |
| Complete Plays.....                           | Gilbert and Sullivan                |
| Garden Flowers In Color.....                  | G. A. Stevens                       |
| Forty-Two Years in the White House.....       | Irwin Hood (Ike) Hoover             |
| Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy..... | Jacob Burckhardt                    |

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| The Federal Reserve System.....                    | Gift of Board of Governors |
| Panorama of Flight.....                            | Gift of Thomson Products   |
| Out of the Past— <i>Patricia Wentworth</i> .....   | Gift of Richard Hoblin     |
| Some Women Won't Wait— <i>A. A. Fair</i> .....     | Gift of Richard Hoblin     |
| The Unknown Quantity— <i>Mignon Everhart</i> ..... | Gift of Richard Hoblin     |
| Let the Dead Past.....                             | Gift of Richard Hoblin     |
| Murder Must Wait— <i>Arthur W. Upfield</i> .....   | Gift of Richard Hoblin     |

## MAGAZINES

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ladies' Home Journal..... | Gift of Mrs. deRochemont |
| McCalls.....              | Gift of Mrs. deRochemont |
| Red Book.....             | Gift of Mrs. deRochemont |

NELLIE HILLIARD,

*Librarian.*

**REPORT OF THE KENSINGTON VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

January 1, 1954, to February 1, 1955

**Receipts**

|                                    |          |            |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| January 1, 1954, cash on hand..... | \$240.68 |            |
| Received from:                     |          |            |
| Donations.....                     | 25.00    |            |
| Suppers.....                       | 189.43   |            |
| Use of Fire House.....             | 9.00     |            |
| Sale of Surplus Lumber.....        | 70.00    |            |
| Town of Kensington.....            | 500.00   |            |
|                                    | _____    |            |
| Total Receipts.....                |          | \$1,034.11 |

**Payments**

Paid:

|                                    |          |            |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Building Supplies.....             | \$ 20.00 |            |
| Insurance.....                     | 201.07   |            |
| Oil.....                           | 102.59   |            |
| Lights.....                        | 42.17    |            |
| Equipment for Truck.....           | 9.50     |            |
| Printing.....                      | 4.00     |            |
|                                    | _____    |            |
| Total expenses.....                |          | \$ 379.33  |
| Cash on hand January 31, 1955..... |          | 654.78     |
|                                    |          | \$1,034.11 |

H. RUSSELL CROWELL, *Treasurer.*

On February 5, 1955, I examined the books and reports of H. Russell Crowell, Treasurer of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, and found them correct, with a balance of \$654.78.

HARRY L. STEEVES, *Auditor.*



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Annual Reports  
OF  
Officers of the School District

OF THE  
Town of Kensington, N. H.

For the Year Beginning July 1, 1953 and Ending  
June 30, 1954

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# School Warrant

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Kensington, N. H., qualified to vote in school affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 12th day of March, 1955, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming 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 Member of the School Board for the ensuing two years to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation effective as of the day of this meeting.
5. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
6. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
7. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
8. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
9. 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 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.

10. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make applications for and to receive, in the name of the district, such advances, grants, and aids or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the Federal Security Agency, or any other United States government or State agencies.

11. To see what organizations the District will allow to use the school building outside of school hours under rules and regulations established by the school board.

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

Given under our hands at said Kensington, N. H., this 10th day of February, 1955.

CARL M. CASPAR,  
ROBERT A. COOPER,  
HARRY L. STEEVES,

*School Board of Kensington, N. H.*

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CARL M. CASPAR,  
ROBERT A. COOPER,  
HARRY L. STEEVES,

*School Board of Kensington, N. H.*

## School Board Estimate For 1955-1956

### Administration:

|   |    |        |        |
|---|----|--------|--------|
| Salaries of district officers.....              | \$ | 86.50  |        |
| Superintendent's salary (local share).....      |    | 200.00 |        |
| Tax for state wide supervision.....             |    | 212.00 |        |
| Salaries of other administrative personnel..... |    | 158.00 |        |
| Supplies and expenses.....                      |    | 185.00 |        |
|   |    | \$     | 841.50 |

### Instruction:

|                                       |  |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------|----------|
| Teachers' salaries.....               |  | 5,770.00 |          |
| Books and other instruction aids..... |  | 150.00   |          |
| Scholars' supplies.....               |  | 225.00   |          |
| Supplies and other expenses.....      |  | 200.00   |          |
|                                       |  | \$       | 6,345.00 |

### Operation of school plant:

|  |  |        |          |
|--|--|--------|----------|
| Salary of janitor.....                   |  | 650.00 |          |
| Fuel.....                                |  | 550.00 |          |
| Water, light, supplies and expenses..... |  | 300.00 |          |
|  |  | \$     | 1,500.00 |

### Maintenance of school plant:

|                               |  |  |        |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--------|
| Repairs and replacements..... |  |  | 150.00 |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--------|

### Auxiliary activities

|   |  |          |           |
|---|--|----------|-----------|
| Health supervision.....                   |  | 215.00   |           |
| Transportation, high.....                 |  | 900.00   |           |
| Transportation, elementary.....           |  | 3,200.00 |           |
| Tuition, high.....                        |  | 8,250.00 |           |
| Tuition, elementary.....                  |  | 5,600.00 |           |
| Special funds and special activities..... |  | 50.00    |           |
|   |  | \$       | 18,215.00 |

### Fixed charges:

|  |  |        |        |
|--|--|--------|--------|
| Teachers' retirement.....                  |  | 407.00 |        |
| Insurance, treasurer's bond, expenses..... |  | 300.00 |        |
|  |  | \$     | 707.00 |

Debt and interest:

|                        |           |             |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Principal of debt..... | 2,000.00  |             |
| Interest on debt.....  | 540.00    |             |
|                        |           | \$ 2,540.00 |
| Total Expenses.....    | 30,298.50 | \$30,298.50 |

Receipts:

|                          |  |             |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|
| State aid.....           |  |             |
| District assessment..... |  | \$30,298.50 |

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1955-1956

|                                      |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| School Opens—September 7 (Wednesday) |          |          |
| Closes—December 22 (Thursday)        | 74 days  | 16 weeks |
| Opens—January 3 (Tuesday)            |          |          |
| Closes—February 17 (Friday)          | 34 days  | 7 weeks  |
| Opens—February 27 (Monday)           |          |          |
| Closes—April 20 (Friday)             | 40 days  | 8 weeks  |
| Opens—April 30 (Monday)              |          |          |
| Closes—June 15 (Friday)              | 34 days  | 7 weeks  |
|                                      | 182 days | 38 weeks |

Holidays:

October 13 and 14—State Teachers' Convention

November 11—Veterans Day

November 24 and 25—Thanksgiving Recess. (Thursday and Friday.)

May 30—Memorial Day.

School will be dismissed at noon on September 7, November 23, December 22, and Good Friday, March 30.

## Superintendent's Report

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*To the School Board of Kensington, New Hampshire:*

I take pleasure in submitting my seventh annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The school year 1954-1955 opened with the following personnel:

Mrs. Esther Prescott, principal and teacher of Grades 4-6  
Mrs. Mildred Crowell, teacher of Grades 1-3  
Mrs. Eleanor Henry, teacher of Music  
Miss Mary Shea, school nurse  
Mr. John Ahern, teacher of handwriting

This is the same staff which the district had a year ago with the exception of the handwriting teacher, and it is well qualified to give good training to the boys and girls.

This year the problem of unequal distribution of numbers in the two classrooms is not present and we are able to have the usual three grades in a room again.

The extension and improvement of the playground facilities should be undertaken as soon as possible now that money is available for this work.

The response to the All-Risk Student Accident Insurance program was very strong again this year which would indicate that this type of insurance coverage should be continued.

The school work of the students seems to be progressing very satisfactorily under the guidance of the teachers. One of the best indications of this is the results of the achievement tests which are given each year. The great majority of Kensington students receive scores on these tests well above the national average.

The Parent-Teacher Association continues to work for the welfare of the school program.

I would like to mention a few of the many bills dealing with education which are being presented to this session of the state legislature for action.

One bill would reimburse each school district for about fifty per cent of the cost of school transportation for all students up to sixteen years of age.

Another bill deals with school building construction aid and would refund to any district which finds it necessary to build about twenty-five percent of the cost of the construction. This would be retroactive to 1946 so that any district like Kensington which had already built a school would be included. This is similar to laws which Vermont and Maine now have.

Other bills would provide increased amounts of equalization State Aid as well as a flat grant aid which would pay to each district so much for each pupil enrolled in school.

The above bills are all plans to reduce the burden on the property taxpayer.

Mr. Percy Dunn as janitor takes pride in his work of keeping the school in good condition.

I believe that all who contributed in any way toward the purchase of the new piano at the school should be commended. This fine piano should greatly assist the music program.

I call to your attention the reports of the school nurse and the music teacher and the tables which follow.

I again wish to thank the citizens, the members of the School Board, and the teachers, for their continued support and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. HOYT,

*Superintendent, Supervisory Union No. 16.*

Kensington, New Hampshire  
January 15, 1955



## Report of the Music Supervisor

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*To the Superintendent of Schools:*

Following is the report of the music supervisor for the year 1954:

In the spring, the operetta "Moon Silver" was presented at the Town Hall by the pupils of the school. There was especial interest in the operetta, as it was written by Mrs. Myrtle Gourley of Kensington. Mrs. Gourley built the operetta around the musical capabilities of the students, the size of the group and the age levels in the Kensington school. The operetta was enthusiastically received by everyone. We are fortunate in having such a talented resident in our town, and we are looking forward to another Gourley operetta at some future date.

In May the school pupils took part in the annual Memorial Day program.

At the beginning of the fall term, we were pleased to have the instruments for a rhythm band purchased for the school. The rhythm band is an essential part of a music program, and the children are enjoying participation in this new activity.

We are very proud to have a baby grand piano, which was purchased for the school by the Parent-Teachers' Association. We are all very grateful for this new acquisition.

In November, a group of Mrs. Blake's piano pupils and the school students gave a concert at the Town Hall to raise funds to help pay for the piano.

We all appreciate Mrs. Blake's efforts and hard work to bring about the purchase of the piano.

The regular music program has consisted of ear-training, rhythms work with rhythm band, work with tonettes, singing in unison and in parts, dancing, learning the fundamentals of music and note-reading.

In closing, I wish to thank Mr. Hoyt, the members of the School Board, the P. T. A., the teachers and the parents for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR HENRY.

Kensington, N. H., January 15, 1955.

## School Health Report

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*To the Superintendent of Schools:*

Does it sound out of place for me to say, "Three cheers for Kensington"? I feel I must, for you have established the first complete physical examination health program among the smaller communities in our School District Union.

During the past year, a dental program has been completed, and the thorough physical examination program has been set up with the parents urged to attend. The latter program is under the direction of Dr. Tuthill, a pediatrician. To date, although the program is not completed, minor conditions have been found that would have gone unrecognized without this complete check. For the future, you are looking ahead to a sight conservation program.

All of this has come about through the initiative of the P. T. A. with the co-operation of the School Board, the teachers, and the community at large.

Almost all of the children had had Patch Test and have been found to be free from T. B. Urinalyses were also done on those having physicals.

More children have been seen by the eye specialist and received help with their vision difficulties.

In spite of the usual number of communicable diseases, it has been a good year from the health standpoint. We are looking forward to an even healthier one.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY G. SHEA, R. N., *School Nurse.*

Kensington, New Hampshire  
January 31, 1955

## School Treasurer's Report

July 1, 1953 to July 1, 1954

Dr.

|  |    |        |             |
|--|----|--------|-------------|
| Cash on hand, July 1, 1953.....                          | \$ | 162.27 |             |
| Received from selectmen, current ap-<br>propriation..... |    |        | 21,343.19   |
| Received from selectmen, special ap-<br>propriation..... |    |        | 25.52       |
| Received from State treasurer.....                       |    |        | 1,496.81    |
| Received from refunds.....                               |    |        | 158.57      |
|  |    |        | \$23,186.36 |

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|                                    |             |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Paid by order of school board..... | \$22,987.88 |             |
| Cash on hand, July 1, 1954.....    |             | 198.48      |
|                                    |             | \$23,186.36 |

JOSEPHINE SANBORN. *Treasurer.*

### SCHOOL BOARD REPORT OF EXPENDITURES

#### Administration:

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Salary of District Officers.....           | 80.50  |
| Superintendent's Salary.....               | 185.15 |
| State Supervision.....                     | 182.00 |
| Salaries, other administrative personnel.. | 130.38 |
| Supplies and expenses of administration..  | 126.80 |

#### Instruction:

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Teachers' salaries.....                 | \$5,291.70 |
| Books and other instructional aids..... | 219.14     |
| Scholars' supplies.....                 | 188.99     |
| Supplies and other expenses.....        | 271.74     |

#### Operation of School Plant:

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Janitor's salary.....                    | 538.00 |
| Fuel.....                                | 539.85 |
| Water, light, supplies and expenses..... | 376.17 |

**Maintenance of School Plant:**

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Repairs and replacements..... | 113.88 |
|-------------------------------|--------|

**Auxiliary Activities:**

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Health supervision.....           | 180.52   |
| Transportation—High School.....   | 684.00   |
| Transportation—Elementary.....    | 2,736.00 |
| Tuition—High School.....          | 4,371.90 |
| Tuition—Elementary.....           | 2,145.00 |
| Special activities and funds..... | 10.00    |

**Fixed Charges:**

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Teachers' retirement..... | 374.40 |
| Insurance.....            | 307.00 |

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Net Current Expenses</b> ..... | <b>\$19,053.12</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|

**Capital Outlay:**

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Land and buildings (landscaping)..... | 913.10 |
| New equipment.....                    | 283.09 |

**Debt and Interest:**

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Payment on Bond.....          | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Interest payment on bond..... | 580.00      |

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Grand Total</b> ..... | <b>\$22,829.31</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|

**Superintendent's Salary, 1953-1954**

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Exeter.....        | \$ 2,785.40 |
| East Kingston..... | 140.60      |
| Greenland.....     | 300.20      |
| *Kensington.....   | 174.80      |
| Newfields.....     | 142.50      |
| Stratham.....      | 256.50      |
| State's share..... | 2,500.00    |

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\$ 6,300.00

\* *Overpayment of \$10.35 was made to the Supervisory Union Treasurer due to the increase in the State's share of the Superintendent's salary.*

## ADMINISTRATION

## Salaries of District Officers:

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Harry L. Steeves.....  | 25.00 |
| Carl Casper.....       | 15.00 |
| Leonard Miller.....    | 15.00 |
| Josephine Sanborn..... | 20.00 |
| Grace Gilmore.....     | 2.00  |
| Parker Blodgett.....   | 2.00  |
| Gustave Lambert.....   | 1.50  |

\$ 80.50  
\$ 185.15

## Superintendent's Salary.....

## Statewide Supervision:

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| New Hampshire State treasurer..... | \$ 182.00 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|

## Clerk's Salary..... 124.38

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Percy Dunn (census)..... | 6.00 |
|--------------------------|------|

130.38

## Supplies and Expenses

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Exeter School District.....     | 36.39 |
| Treasurer's expenses.....       | 7.68  |
| Leonard Miller's expenses.....  | 6.30  |
| Harry L. Steeves' expenses..... | 3.50  |
| Exeter News Letter.....         | 9.00  |
| Supervisory Union.....          | 58.93 |
| Treasurer's bond.....           | 5.00  |

\$ 126.80

## Teachers' Salaries:

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Mildred Crowell..... | \$1,707.60 |
| Eleanor Henry.....   | 275.00     |
| Esther Prescott..... | 1,766.70   |
| Edna Wardwell.....   | 32.00      |

\$ 3,781.30  
407.70

## Teachers' retirement.....

## N. H. and Vt. Hospital Service

## (Blue Cross).....

## Internal Revenue.....

12.00  
1,090.70

5,291.70

**Books and Other Instructional Aids:**

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Scott Forsman.....       | 14.00 |
| The L. W. Singer Co..... | 21.12 |
| Ward Book Co.....        | 38.85 |
| Rand McNally Co.....     | 9.05  |
| Houghton Mifflin.....    | 10.77 |
| Ginn & Co.....           | 14.01 |
| J. B. Lippincott Co..... | 41.55 |
| Allyn & Bacon, Inc.....  | 60.75 |
| Row Peterson & Co.....   | 4.34  |
| The MacMillan Co.....    | 4.70  |

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 219.14
**Scholars' Supplies:**

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Gledhill Bros., Inc.....   | 6.40  |
| McCormick, Mathers Co..... | 2.90  |
| Milton Bradley Co.....     | 82.60 |
| Row Peterson & Co.....     | 20.14 |
| Scott Forsman & Co.....    | 48.54 |
| The L. W. Singer Co.....   | 28.41 |

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 188.99
**Supplies and Other Expenses:**

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Exeter News Letter.....          | 2.00   |
| Rinehart System.....             | 150.00 |
| Exeter School District.....      | 6.00   |
| New England Tel. & Tel. Co.....  | 50.72  |
| R. S. Sawyer Co.....             | 3.02   |
| University of New Hampshire..... | 60.00  |

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 271.74
**Janitor's Salary:**

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Percy Dunn..... | 538.00 |
|-----------------|--------|

**Fuel:**

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| F. Wilbur Jewell..... | 539.85 |
|-----------------------|--------|



**Water, Light, Supplies, and Expenses:**

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| M. F. Bragdon Paint Co.....       | 73.10  |
| Central Paper Products Co.....    | 99.10  |
| The Fuller Brush Co.....          | 1.75   |
| Haverhill Hardware Co.....        | 4.85   |
| Exeter & Hampton Electric Co..... | 195.25 |
| Young Hardware Co.....            | 30.64  |
| The Tropical Paint & Oil Co.....  | 5.25   |
|                                   | <hr/>  |
|                                   | 409.94 |
| *Supplies sold.....(minus).....   | 33.77  |
|                                   | <hr/>  |

376.17

**Maintenance of School Plant (Repairs and Replacements):**

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Alexander Plouffe, Jr..... | 2.50  |
| G. P. & R. C. Kimball..... | 13.20 |
| Jas. Morgan & Son.....     | 40.93 |
| Stratham Hardware Co.....  | 5.00  |
| A. J. Caron.....           | 41.50 |
| H. B. Greenwood & Co.....  | 10.75 |
|                            | <hr/> |

113.88

**Health Supervision**

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| School Nurse.....          | 177.10 |
| Thompson's Drug Store..... | 3.42   |
|                            | <hr/>  |

180.52

**Transportation, Marshall Transportation Co.**

|                                    |          |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| High School.....                   | 684.00   | 684.00   |
| Elementary.....                    | 2,736.00 | 2,736.00 |
| Balance due (High) pd. July 3..... | 76.00    |          |
| Balance due (Elem) pd. July 3..... | 304.00   |          |
|                                    | <hr/>    |          |
|                                    | 3,800.00 |          |

**Tuition:**

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| High School..... | 4,371.90 |
| Elementary.....  | 2,145.00 |
|                  | <hr/>    |

\$ 6,516.90



**Special Activities and Special Funds**

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Myrtle Gourley..... | 10.00 |
|---------------------|-------|

**New Hampshire Teachers' Retirement:**

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Teachers'..... | 344.40 |
| Nurses'.....   | 30.00  |

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374.40

**Insurance:**

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| C. R. Eastman.....             | 32.85  |
| The Demeritt Agency.....       | 10.00  |
| Farm Bureau Insurance Co.....  | 108.15 |
| Perkins & Prescott Agency..... | 156.00 |

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307.00

**Land and Buildings**

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Martin Mailet (landscaping)..... | 924.00 |
| *Material sold.....(deduct)..... | 10.90  |

913.10

**New Equipment:**

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Paris Mfg. Co.....           | 194.84 |
| George B. Shaw.....          | 40.25  |
| Smith Fire Equipment Co..... | 48.00  |

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283.09

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Payment on Bond</b> ..... | 2,000.00 |
|------------------------------|----------|

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Interest Payment on Bond</b> ..... | 580.00 |
|---------------------------------------|--------|

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> ..... | \$22,829.31 |
|--------------------------|-------------|

\*These amounts should be shown as income only, as they do not cut down their particular department's expense.

January 21, 1955.

This is to certify that on the above date I have audited the records and accounts of the Kensington School District, and find them properly vouched and recorded, and do hereby approve the same. The cash balance of \$198.48 on hand June 30, 1954, is correct, but is not a true balance because \$380.00 was due on the transportation account.

PARKER M. BLODGETT.

## Balance Sheet, June 30, 1954—Summary

## Assets

|   |           |                    |
|---|-----------|--------------------|
| Cash on hand June 30, 1954.....                 | \$ 198.48 |                    |
| Net debt (excess of liabilities over assets)... | 27,801.52 |                    |
|   |           | <u>\$28,000.00</u> |

## Liabilities

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Notes and Bonds outstanding..... | \$28,000.00 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|

## Status of Bonds as of December 31, 1954

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| At issue, 1951.....                      | \$32,000.00        |
| Payments of principal:                   |                    |
| December 1, 1952.....                    | \$2,000.00         |
| December 1, 1953.....                    | 2,000.00           |
| December 1, 1954.....                    | 2,000.00           |
|  | <u>\$ 6,000.00</u> |
| Balance owing on bonds December 31, 1954 | \$26,000.00        |

## Receipts

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Current Appropriations.....                | \$21,343.19        |
| Balance due on previous appropriations.... | 25.00              |
| State Aid.....                             | 1,496.81           |
| Balance on hand January 1, 1955.....       | 162.27             |
|  | <u>\$23,027.79</u> |

## Disbursements

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| See school board Report of Expenditures.. | \$22,829.31      |
| Balance on hand June 30, 1954.....        | 198.48           |
|   | <u>23,027.79</u> |

## Cost of Instruction per Individual Pupil

|  | 1953-1954 | 1952-1953 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Average number of pupils under instructions, both elementary and high school.... | 103       | 93        |
| Total expenses \$22,829.31   |           |           |
| divided by 103 equals  | \$221.64  |           |
| as compared to 21,532.14   |           |           |
| divided by 93 equals   |           | \$231 53  |
| Cost of transportation, \$3,800.00   |           |           |
| divided by 103 equals  | \$36.89   |           |
| as compared to \$3,300.00  |           |           |
| divided by 93 equals   |           | \$35.48   |

TABLE I  
KENSINGTON PUPILS

Total Enrollment January 1, 1955

| Grades                  | 1  | 2  | 3 | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8 | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
|-------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Kensington School.....  | 13 | 13 | 7 | 4  | 16 | 12 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 65    |
| Exeter High School..... | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8  | 4 | 4  | 1  | 2  | 0  | 19    |
| Robinson Seminary.....  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 6  | 2 | 7  | 0  | 5  | 3  | 23    |
| St. Michael School..... | 1  | 1  | 0 | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 3     |
| Totals.....             | 14 | 14 | 7 | 5  | 16 | 12 | 14 | 6 | 11 | 1  | 7  | 3  | 110   |
| 1954 Comparisons.....   | 14 | 6  | 8 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 5  | 9 | 6  | 2  | 5  | 7  | 106   |

TABLE II  
Statistics for Ten Years Ending June 30, 1954

| School Year    | Weeks in Year |       | Total Pupils | Average Attendance | Average Absence | Average Membership | Per cent. of Attendance | Cases of Tardiness | Visits of Superintendent | Average Salary |          |
|----------------|---------------|-------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------|
|                | Boys          | Girls |              |                    |                 |                    |                         |                    |                          |                |          |
| 1943-1944..... | 38            | 24    | 24           | 48                 | 42              | 3                  | 45                      | 94                 | 112                      | 49             | 1,125.00 |
| 1944-1945..... | 37            | 23    | 23           | 46                 | 38              | 3                  | 41                      | 91                 | 98                       | 52             | 1,225.00 |
| 1945-1946..... | 37            | 21    | 26           | 47                 | 39              | 3                  | 42                      | 93                 | 2                        | 49             | 1,300.00 |
| 1946-1947..... | 36            | 23    | 34           | 47                 | 40              | 2                  | 42                      | 95                 | 9                        | 44             | 1,400.00 |
| 1947-1948..... | 37            | 26    | 24           | 50                 | 46              | 3                  | 49                      | 95                 | 2                        | 36             | 1,800.00 |
| 1948-1949..... | 37            | 22    | 22           | 44                 | 38              | 4                  | 42                      | 90                 | 7                        | 51             | 1,950.00 |
| 1949-1950..... | 38            | 29    | 23           | 52                 | 47              | 4                  | 51                      | 93                 | 4                        | 56             | 2,150.00 |
| 1950-1951..... | 38            | 29    | 31           | 60                 | 55              | 4                  | 59                      | 93                 | 9                        | 53             | 2,250.00 |
| 1951-1952..... | 38            | 30    | 30           | 60                 | 52              | 6                  | 58                      | 89                 | 2                        | 63             | 2,250.00 |
| 1952-1953..... | 38            | 32    | 29           | 61                 | 58              | 2                  | 60                      | 95                 | 3                        | 51             | 2,350.00 |
| 1953-1954..... | 38            | 37    | 36           | 73                 | 67              | 3                  | 70                      | 95                 | 13                       | 46             | 2,375.00 |

TABLE III  
Perfect Attendance for Entire Year 1953-1954

|                 |                 |              |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Dana Aucoin     | Richard Bragg   | James Tuttle |
| David Aucoin    | Wayne Palmer    | Mary Wiggin  |
| Eugene Beckman  | Kenneth Steeves |              |
| Charlotte Bragg | Lloyd Steeves   |              |

# Vital Statistics of the Town of Kensington, N. H.

## Births Registered in the Town of Kensington for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

| Date     | Name of Child      | Sex | No. of Child | Living or Stillborn | Name of Father      | Maiden Name of Mother | Birthplace of Father | Birthplace of Mother |
|----------|--------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Jan. 7   | Lance Sawyer       | M   | 2            | L                   | Clement C. Sawyer   | Natalie J. Jacques    | Kensington, N. H.    | Caribou, Maine       |
| Jan. 9   | Alan Ashley Day    | M   | 3            | L                   | Frank A. Day, III   | Ann Bemis             | Newton, Mass.        | Boston, Mass.        |
| Feb. 7   | Howard G. Wadleigh | M   | 1            | L                   | Robert E. Wadleigh  | Ellen E. Eastman      | Exeter, N. H.        | Seabrook, N. H.      |
| Mar. 2   | Cathy Lee Collins  | F   | 2            | L                   | George A. Collins   | Barbara A. Stokes     | Sanbornton, N. H.    | Exeter, N. H.        |
| April 17 | Charles E. Kimball | M   | 1            | L                   | Paul W. Kimball     | Marion Clement        | Exeter, N. H.        | Manchester, N. H.    |
| Aug. 12  | Gary C. Wiggin     | M   | 3            | L                   | Earl L. Wiggin, Jr. | Joan E. Wardwell      | Portsmouth, N. H.    | West Paris, Mr.      |
| Aug. 17  | Edward G. Wilbur   | M   | 12           | L                   | Edward H. Wilbur    | Alice A. Simon        | Kensington, N. H.    | Roxbury, Mass.       |
| Sept. 15 | Diana R. Swift     | F   | 1            | L                   | Gordan Hale Swift   | Doris H. Pierce       | W. Hartford, Conn.   | Melrose, Mass.       |
| Oct. 18  | Rebecca S. Hoblin  | F   | 1            | L                   | Henry R. Hoblin     | Rachel A. Fellbaum    | Bronxville, N. Y.    | Manchester, N. H.    |
| Dec. 12  | George M. Lufkin   | M   | 3            | L                   | George A. Lufkin    | Barbara L. Laconis    | Boston, Mass.        | Exeter, N. H.        |
| Dec. 12  | Diane C. Lufkin    | F   | 4            | L                   | George A. Lufkin    | Barbara L. Laconis    | Boston, Mass.        | Exeter, N. H.        |

I hereby certify that the above record is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.—D. EVERETT PALMER, *Town Clerk.*

## Marriages Recorded in the Town of Kensington for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

| Date     | Place of Marriage | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride                 | Age in Yrs. | Color  | Place of Birth                                   | Name of Parents  | Name, Residence Official Station of Person by Whom Married           |
|----------|-------------------|---|-------------|--------|--|--|--|
| July 3   | Kensington, N. H. | Amos Leland Carson<br>Lucinda Lucella Boyden        | 33<br>23    | W<br>W | 1<br>1<br>Pittsfield, N. H.<br>W. Newbury, Mass. | Charles B. Carson<br>Eva B. Morgan<br>Wilbur F. Boyden, Sr.<br>Luella A. Locke     | Paul T. Martin,<br>Minister of the<br>Gospel<br>Exeter, N. H.        |
| Sept. 18 | Kensington, N. H. | Conrad Lee Magnusson<br>Phyllis Mac Evans           | 20<br>20    | W<br>W | 1<br>1<br>Haverhill, Mass.<br>Amesbury, Mass.    | John J. Magnusson<br>Ruth Stevens<br>Horace O. Evans<br>Martha L. Philbrick        | Oliver C. Northcott,<br>Minister of the<br>Gospel<br>Penacook, N. H. |
| Nov. 17  | Kensington, N. H. | George Arthur Evans<br>Susan Nan Deaton             | 23<br>17    | W<br>W | 1<br>1<br>Exeter, N. H.<br>Bremerton, Wash.      | Arthur C. Evans<br>Mildred A. Smart<br>Theodore D. Deaton<br>Alice E. Tweed        | Paul T. Martin,<br>Minister of the<br>Gospel<br>Exeter, N. H.        |
| Nov. 27  | Exeter, N. H.     | Joseph William Costello<br>Carolyn Frances Wardwell | 22<br>20    | W<br>W | 1<br>1<br>Haverhill, Mass.<br>West Paris, Maine  | Marshall Costello<br>Camelia H. Fenenko<br>Cyrus I. Wardwell<br>Edna M. Richardson | Charles J. Boland,<br>Catholic Priest,<br>Exeter, N. H.              |

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## Deaths Registered in Kensington for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Single  
Married  
or

| Date     | Name and Surname of Deceased | Age | Place of Birth     | Sex | Widowed  | Name of Father       | Name of Mother      |
|----------|------------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|----------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Jan. 21  | Fred L. Ferrin               | 88  | Charlestown, Mass. | M   | Widowed  | Horace Ferrin        | Mary Ann Day        |
| Feb. 25  | Charles Benjamin Clark       | 30  | Toplinspring, Fla. | M   | Married  | Cannot be learned    | Clementine Alberry  |
| Feb. 25  | Patrick Francis Kean         | 32  | Newburyport, Mass. | M   | Divorced | Patrick J. Kean      | Budget Rilley       |
| Mar. 14  | Herbert Morton Prescott      | 81  | Kensington, N. H.  | M   | Widowed  | Josiah Dean Prescott | Lucy Ann Batchelder |
| Mar. 30  | Perley Simeon Smith          | 71  | Lisbon, N. H.      | M   | Married  | Ezra George Smith    | Effie R. LaFoe      |
| May 20   | Michael Andry                | 76  | Poland             | M   | Single   | Anton Andry          | Mary Andry          |
| June 13  | Grace Ingals Jordan          | 64  | Kensington, N. H.  | F   | Married  | Moses Wilbur         | Nellie Shufelt      |
| June 24  | Onzo F. Marena               | 77  | Oakfield, Maine    | M   | Widowed  | John Marena          | Amanda Hewes        |
| Sept. 16 | Granville Asa Gilmore        | 74  | Deerfield, N. H.   | M   | Married  | Granville A. Gilmore | Nellie Ramsdell     |

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