



**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
1956**



**TOWN  
OF  
LANCASTER**



## *Highlights of 1956 . . .*

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Voters approved the adoption of the Zoning ordinance. The Zoning Board of Appeal and the Building Inspector were immediately appointed.

Purchase of a new dump truck and power sweeper was made.

Construction of Main Street was started.

Construction of a new bridge over Garland Brook on Pleasant Valley Road.

McGary Road and part of Pleasant Valley Road, from junction of McGary and Pleasant Valley to the Cabot School, was widened, gravel filled and graded.

Arthur G. Sherman was re-elected to the Board of Selectmen.

The Town ended the year with a budget surplus of \$4,672.78.

## *Plans for 1957 . . .*

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The completion of the reconstruction of Main Street.

Construction of part of Pleasant Valley Road and replacing of the wood bridge with a culvert type bridge crossing Palmer Brook.

Purchase of new Lawn Mower for the mowing of parks.

Actual construction of a Town Garage.

## *Cover Photo*

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OUR CHURCHES, all conveniently located on Main Street are: Top, left—All Saints' Roman Catholic; right—Methodist; Center—Congregational; Lower, left—Christian Science; right—St. Paul's Episcopal.

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OF LANCASTER, N. H.**

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**FOR THE PERIOD**  
**JANUARY 1, 1956 TO DECEMBER 31, 1956**

**INCLUSIVE**

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**WITH THE REPORT OF**  
**THE LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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# Directory of Officials

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## Elected Officials

Selectmen	Term Expires
Maynard G. White	1957
Ross F. Stanard	1958
Arthur G. Sherman	1959
Moderator	
Dana H. Lee	1958
Town Clerk and Treasurer	
Dorothy H. Cross	1957
Supervisors of the Check List	
Albert J. Kenney	1958
Lester E. Moses	1958
Edna B. Haley	1958
Trustees of Trust Funds	
James L. Dow	1957
Daniel A. O'Brien	1958
Raymond W. McCaig	1959
Library Trustees	
Raymond F. Linscott	1957
Ethel McCarten	1958
Walter D. Hinkley	1959
Edward G. Robinson	Resigned
Col. Town Investment Committee	
J. Wendall Kimball	O. Leo Connary
Daniel A. Sullivan	Raymond W. McCaig
Raymond F. Linscott	Raymond Carr
Hugh Galbraith	
Col. Town Spending Committee	Term Expires
Margaret P. Guilmette	1957
Carroll Stoughton	1957
Grace M. Lee	1957
Clinton L. White	1958
George E. Hunter, Jr.	1958
Arthur Drake	1958
James A. Ferguson	1959
Florence Q. Amadon	1959
Charles T. Bennett	1959

**Emmons Smith Fund Committee**

Enos G. Fay	1957
Mary H. Carey	1958
Marion M. Balch	1959

**Appointed Officials**

**Town Manager — Overseer of the Poor — Tax Collector**

Donald E. Crane      John T. McHugh (Resigned)

**Town Accountant**

Arthur L. Tenney

**Town Counsel**

John E. Gormley

**Health Officer**

James A. Ferguson, M. D.

**Budget Committee**

Harold Alden	Donald McGoff
Harford Nay	John B. Evans
Raymond W. Whitcomb	Reynold Guilmette
Theodore Lund	John E. Gormley
Edward K. Whitcomb	Maynard G. White
Arthur Drake	Wallace Martin (Resigned)

**Cemetery Committee**

Hugh Galbraith	Minnie Currier
Dorothy Johnson	

**Zoning Board of Appeal**

**Term Expires**

Robert Crane	1957
Paul F. Smith	1958
Ethel McCarten	1959
John Thorn	1960
John D. Roberts	1961

# Report to the Citizens

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Fellow Citizens:

The Annual Town Report for the year ending December 31, 1956 is presented herein and deserves a portion of your time so you may better know the functions of your town. It tells the story in words and figures of the operation of the town.

Interest in Town government is necessary for efficient administration of Town business. Do your part by attending Public meetings, voting in Town elections and offering constructive suggestions to improve the operation of your Town Government.

The two major projects of the year were the reconstruction of Main Street and the completion of the new bridge over Garland Brook. The total estimated cost of Main Street, as per bid, was \$130,419.41. Of this amount \$40,000 comes from Federal Funds and the balance will be equally apportioned between the Town and the State under the State Aid Program. The bridge over Garland Brook was replaced at a total cost of \$13,834.71. The Town's share is \$8,218.00 which was borrowed and will be retired at the rate of \$2,000.00 annually. If there are any other questions you may have that are not answered in the report please do not hesitate to call. I am at your service 24 hours a day.

I express my appreciation to the Town Officials, the Town employees and the Citizens for the cooperation received throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. CRANE  
Town Manager

# Town Warrant

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Coos in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be open at said place and date from the conclusion of the business meeting held thereat until six o'clock in the afternoon for the reception of your ballots under the Non-Partisan Ballot Law.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the tax commitment of the previous year (1956) in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue in the name and on the credit of the Town, negotiable notes therefor, said notes to be paid in the current municipal year from the taxes collected during the current municipal year.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's Deeds.

4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars from the surplus accumulated in 1956 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 35 of Revised Statutes Annotated and amendments thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a police cruiser, so-called, for use by the Police Department and to raise and appropriate for the purchase of the same the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars from the surplus accumulated in 1956.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey by quitclaim deed, at public or private sale for such amounts as are reasonable and proper, all as said Selectmen, in the reasonable exercise of their discretion shall determine, three certain woodlots now owned by the Town, namely, the Hartford and Davey lots, so-called,



located in Lot 7, Range 22, and the Paul Lot, so-called, located in Lot 7, Range 23.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred (\$800.00) Dollars to assist in paying the cost of free public band concerts. (Submitted by the Budget Committee without recommendation)

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) Dollars, such sum to be used to pay the expense of Christmas Street Lighting so-called. (Submitted by the Budget Committee without recommendation)

9. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee.

10. To direct how money raised for the above purposes be expended.

11. To act on any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this twenty-first day of February, 1957.

MAYNARD G. WHITE,  
ROSS F. STANARD,  
ARTHUR G. SHERMAN,  
Selectmen of Lancaster

## Budget as Proposed by Budget Committee

Following are the estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for 1957. The revenues as listed are estimated and may be changed at the time the tax rate is determined. The revenue estimate is higher this year because of the Equipment Rental item. This of course lessens the amount to be raised by taxes.

In the expenditures you may see that the total requests are higher this year. The necessary increase is due primarily to the bridge and Main Street notes and the wage increase to all departments.

### REVENUES

Sources of Revenue	Estimated 1956	Actual 1956	Estimated 1957
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 8,592.20	\$ 8,592.20	\$ 8,600.00
Railroad Tax	950.00	950.00	1,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,200.00	746.67	800.00
Reimbursement a/c State & Federal forest lands	160.00	63.94	63.94
National Forest Reserve	5.00	6.18	6.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	200.00	239.88	200.00
<b>From Local Sources</b>			
<b>Except Taxes:</b>			
Dog Licenses	500.00	512.70	500.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	200.00	196.50	200.00
Fines and Forfeits, Municipal Court	900.00	1,648.23	1,200.00
Rent of Town Hall & Other Buildings	1,300.00	1,552.00	1,400.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	1,000.00	1,108.15	1,100.00
Highway Dept., rental of Equipment			2,000.00
Parking Meter Income	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,500.00
Commission on Head Taxes	700.00	905.00	800.00
Added Taxes		138.09	

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	15,000.00	15,646.47	15,000.00
Sale of Town Property	300.00	1,775.00	600.00
<b>Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:</b>			
Main Street Reconstruction		50,000.00	
Garland Brook Bridge		8,500.00	
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>			
Poll Taxes, regular @ \$2	2,790.00	2,684.00	2,700.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	682.60	682.60	650.00
Yield Taxes	2,000.00	2,753.00	1,000.00
Taxes Committed under Budgetary Requirements	71.97	0.00	
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Total Rev. from all sources except Property Taxes	\$ 41,051.77	\$103,457.02	\$ 43,319.94
Amt. to be Raised by Property Taxes			103,123.10
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Total Revenues			\$146,443.04

## EXPENDITURES

Purposes of Expenditures	Appro. 1956	Actual Expend. 1956	Estimated Expend. 1957
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 9,465.00	\$ 9,515.24	\$ 8,650.00
Town Officers' Expenses	4,175.00	4,884.43	4,625.00
Elec. & Registration Exp.	300.00	305.30	100.00
Municipal Court Expenses	500.00	500.00	500.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	5,375.00	6,704.30	5,875.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Police Department	10,050.00	11,631.96	14,550.00
Fire Department	3,500.00	3,518.85	4,500.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	250.00	21.30	250.00
Insurance	3,335.00	3,270.04	3,103.50
Civil Defense	300.00	294.69	300.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Health Dept., Including Hospitals	5,720.00	5,720.00	5,795.00
Vital Statistics	350.00	319.54	325.00
Sewer Maintenance	400.00	425.00	600.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	2,000.00	1,986.00	2,100.00
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance	40,400.00	49,161.82	45,000.00
Street Lighting	9,800.00	10,105.32	10,200.00
Town Road Aid	682.14	682.14	685.81
Libraries	4,905.00	4,905.00	5,182.20
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	3,500.00	2,335.21	3,000.00
Old Age Assistance	9,500.00	7,056.61	8,500.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>			
Memorial Day	125.00	125.00	100.00
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks & Playgrounds	2,450.00	2,457.59	2,650.00
<b>Public Service</b>			
<b>Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	225.00	171.43	225.00
Armory	600.00	600.00	150.00
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Damages & Legal Expenses,			

Incl. Dog Damage	850.00	1,756.80	850.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	926.53	926.53	926.53
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	3,000.00	4,502.61	1,500.00
<b>Interest:</b>			
On Temporary Loans	900.00	896.61	884.66
On Long Term Notes And Bonds	150.00	150.00	1,715.34
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
Garland Brook Bridge		8,218.00	
State Aid Construction— Town's Share	3,850.00	3,850.00	3,850.00
Water Works Construction	3,000.00		
Sidewalk Construction	600.00	341.58	1,500.00
Sewer Construction	500.00	560.93	500.00
Main St. Reconstruction		50,000.00	
New Equipment	5,000.00	7,455.57	3,000.00
<b>Payment on Principal of Debt:</b>			
Long Term Notes	2,750.00	2,750.00	4,750.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$139,433.67</u>	<u>\$208,105.40</u>	<u>\$146,443.04</u>

Note: Not included above are two items, \$350 for so-called Christmas lighting which would come under street lighting, and \$800 for band concerts which would come under title of Parks and Playgrounds, each of which will be voted upon as special articles in the warrant.

# Taxes and Other Revenue

## PROPERTY TAXES

The gross valuation of the Town increased slightly to the sum of \$6,952,305.00 less veterans' exemption of \$145,725.00 (due to a change in the law more veterans were eligible for exemption) leaving a net assessed valuation of \$6,806,580.00.

In August the State Tax Commission approved a tax rate of \$4.28 and tax bills amounting to \$291,321.62 were promptly mailed. As of December 31, 1956 collection of \$261,614.16 had been received, including \$239.05 in abatements, or 90 percent of the 1956 Levy. In addition \$26,974.90 was collected on prior levies.

## OTHER TAXES

Poll Taxes (Current)	\$1,984.00
Poll Taxes (Prior Levies)	700.25
Yield Taxes	995.87
National Bank Stock Taxes	682.60
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Totals	\$4,362.72

## TRANSFERS AND CREDITS

The Town is authorized at the end of each year to carry forward certain appropriations that have not been fully expended so that the proposed work may be completed within the new year. The following two items were forwarded into 1956:

Zoning	\$ 400.00
New Equipment	2,300.00
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Total	\$2,700.00

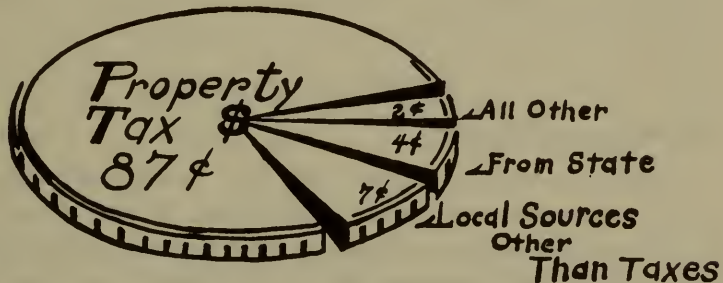
Several Town departments earn credits during the year for performing services, supplies and work under State programs such as T.R.A. Listed below are the departments and amount earned:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 600.00
Town Office Expenses	265.49
Interest (Short Term Notes)	189.58
Police Dept. (not incl. fines or meters)	62.58
Town Maintenance	5,444.30
Town Poor	157.76

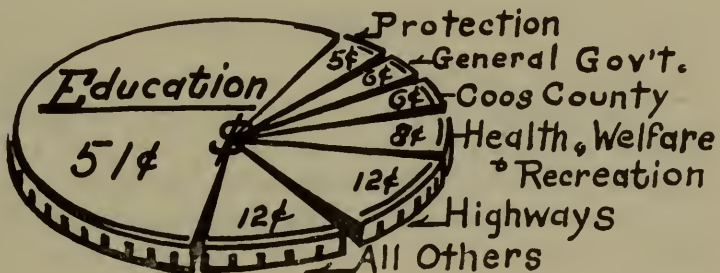
Retirement & Social Security	1,955.80
Dutch Elm	7.00
Sewers	86.00
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00
Town Buildings	19.65
Insurance	20.52
Damage and Legal	1,011.30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$9,969.98</b>

# The Tax Dollar

## Where it Came from :-



## Where it Went to :-



## **General Government**

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During the year, the sum of \$21,909.27 was expended in this account for the following general government activities.

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### **TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Appropriated \$9,465.00 Spent \$9,515.24

This appropriation pays the salaries of twelve Town Officials: Selectmen (3), Clerk-Treasurer, Manager, Deputy Tax Collector, Moderator, Supervisors of Check List (3) Treasurer of Trust Funds and Clerk of the Budget Committee. A credit of \$600.00 was received from the Lancaster Fire Precinct for the Manager's Salary.

### **TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES**

Appropriated \$4,175.00 Spent \$4,884.43

The expenditures under the heading include those incurred for the assessing work, supplies and expense for the Town Office, audit, auto expense and the Zoning. The over expenditure comes as a result of the survey work of the Town Line between Lancaster and Northumberland and the Town's wood lots.

### **MUNICIPAL COURT**

Appropriated \$500.00 Spent \$500.00

This is for the salary of the Municipal Court Judge. During the year the Court turned over \$1,208.28 to the Town of Lancaster from collection, for fines, forfeitures, small claims and bail amounting to \$3,008.55. Other disbursements, N. H. Dept. of Motor Vehicles and Fish and Game Dept. \$1,362.60, expenses of the Court \$12.67, and bail money returned \$100.00.

### **ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS**

Appropriated \$300.00 Spent \$305.30

These expenses were incurred in the conducting of the Town Meeting, the Primary and Biennial Elections.

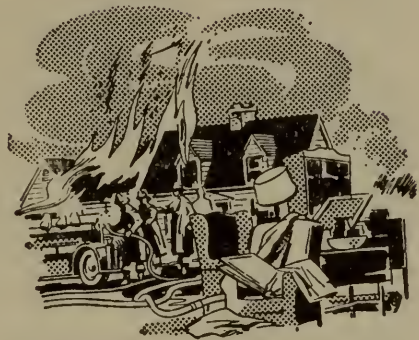
### **TOWN BUILDINGS**

Appropriated \$5,375.00 Spent \$6,704.30

This account covers the expenses of maintaining, operating and repairing of the Town Hall. The major repair work was the necessity of rebuilding the entrance and installing new doors for the Fire Department to house the new fire truck.



# Protection of Persons and Property



The total expenditure for the protection of persons and property during the year amounted to \$18,786.84. It was spent as follows:

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriated \$10,050.00

Spent \$11,631.96

The Police Department, now consisting of three full time officers, offers the Town better protection and service than before. The Police Cruiser, equipped with the two-way radio, offers faster, more efficient service as has been proven many times during the year.

As the following report indicates the department's income, from arrests, fines and meters, more closely equals its expenditures. The department realized more income from its sources this year than ever before and it is expected to do even better during 1957.

The following arrests were made by the department:

### Crimes Against Person

	Male	Female
Adultry	1	1
Assault and Battery	3	0
Assault and battery on Police Officer	2	0
Attempted rape	1	0
Carnal abuse of female child	1	0
Resisting arrest	1	0

### Crimes Against Property

Breaking and entering and larceny at nighttime	1	0
Larceny less than \$100.00	2	1

### Crimes Against Public Order

Creating unnecessary noise with motor vehicle	1	0
Disturbing the peace	1	0
Driving a motor vehicle in a grossly careless and negligent manner	10	0
Driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated	11	0
Driving a motor vehicle to endanger life	2	0
Drunkness	7	1
Failing to report accident	1	0
Leaving scene of property damage	3	0
Liquor laws, violating	3	0
Misuse of plates	1	0
Motor vehicle laws, violating	101	5
Operating a motor vehicle without a license to operate	5	0
Reckless operation of motor vehicle	1	0
School bus violation	1	0
Throwing debris on highway	1	0
Unregistered motor vehicle	1	0
	162	8

### Recapitulation

Crimes against person	9	1
Crimes against property	3	1
Crimes against public order	150	6
	162	8

### Miscellaneous

Accidents investigated	75
Accidents reported	81
Fatal accidents	1

### Dispositions

Cases bound over for Superior Court	6	
Cases continued for sentence	2	
Cases appealed to Superior Court	2	
Defaulted bail	70	\$ 675.00
Fines imposed by Municipal Court	76	1,869.00
Filed cases	5	
Not guilty	4	
Probation	1	
Sentenced to County Farm (6 months)	2	
Sentenced to Industrial School	1	
Nol prossed	1	
	Total cases	170

### Meter Report

Amount collected from meters	\$7,315.34
Amount collected from meter violations	476.95

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Appropriated \$3,500.00** **Spent \$3,518.85**

This appropriation represents the Town's contribution to the Lancaster Fire Precinct for providing fire protection service throughout the entire Town. A detailed report of the department's activities may be found in the Precinct report.

### INSURANCE AND BONDS

**Appropriated \$3,335.00** **Spent \$3,270.04**

This account includes the cost of providing insurance coverage for the Town against losses due to fire, theft, public liability and auto fleet damage. Includes cost of bonds for employees whose duties include the handling of money, and workmen's compensation for all town employees.

### CIVIL DEFENSE

**Appropriated \$300.00** **Spent \$294.69**

The Town maintains and provides heat for the building used by the Ground Observer Corps for their vital task of watching the sky approaches to our country. Information concerning both the Ground Observer Corps and the local Civil Defense organization may be secured at the Town office.

### BLISTER RUST AND DUTCH ELM

**Appropriated \$250.00** **Spent \$71.30**

The work of combating the pine blister rust is performed by the State Forestry department. The appropriation for 1956 will be forwarded for use at a later date.

The combating of the Dutch Elm is done locally. The latest summary indicates that there was no Dutch Elm disease in Lancaster.

# Health



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The Town expended the sum of \$8,450.54 to help protect the health of its citizens during 1956. These funds were materially assisted by the School Health program and the work of many volunteers.

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Appropriated \$8,470.00

Spent \$8,450.54

These expenditures represent the Town's support to the following services: Public Health Nurse \$2,245.00, Dental Clinic \$200.00, Health Officer's Salary \$200.00, Weeks Memorial Hospital \$3,000.00, recording of Vital Statistics \$319.54, maintenance of Town Sewers \$425.00, and the operation of the Town Dump and removal of Garbage \$1,986.00.

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

To the Citizens of Lancaster:

It is with pleasure that we the Public Health Nursing Committee give to you the following reports, and by the splendid cooperation given by volunteer work on our many programs in order that our aims may be reached. We extend our thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE AMEY, Chairman

The Public Health Nursing Board has held ten meetings during the year with an average attendance of seven.

These meetings covered all the important decisions for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE N. LANE, Secretary

### Treasurer's Report

Cash received from patients for services rendered	\$ 426.75
Received from Town of Lancaster	2,320.00
Received from school	2,050.00
Received from Betty Ray, donation	220.00

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Total \$5,016.75

#### Expenditures:

Salary	\$ 3,900.00
Salary for substitute, part time	135.00
Office expenditures	258.20

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Total \$ 4,293.20

Add to this amount the normal cost of the donated services on the health program, if paid for, would be \$2,015.00.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL McCARTEN, Treasurer

### DENTAL PROGRAM

The Dental Committee arranged for an educational program under the approval of the School Board.

Added to this program is the necessary dental corrections for those unable to pay for same.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE PICHE, Chairman

### Treasurer's Report of Dental Clinic

#### Receipts

Jan. 1, 1956, Balance in checking account	\$ 130.54
Dec. 24, 1956, Town of Lancaster	200.00
Collected from children at clinic	52.00

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Total \$ 382.54

#### Expenditures

Jan. 24, 1956, Internal Revenue Dental technician for F.I.C.A.	\$ 7.80
July 23, 1956, Elsbeth Jonson refund of F.I.C.A. withheld in 1955	3.90
Nov. 1, 1956, Frank Smith Corporation	3.25
Dec. 4, 1956, Madeline S. Given for meals	17.75
Dec. 13, 1956, Madeline S. Given for meals	26.25

Check book	1.00
Total expenditures	\$ 59.95
Dec. 31, 1956, Balance on checking account	322.59
Total	\$ 382.54

Respectfully submitted,  
GRACE LEE

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

The generalized program in Public Health Nursing has been given to Lancaster for thirty seven years as a one Nurse Service. The citizens have enjoyed these services: District and School Nursing, and added to these important departments were services needed for the good of Lancaster's citizens, such as Dental Clinics, Tonsil and Adenoid Clinics, Orthopedic and Physical Therapy services. Child Health Station which includes that important program of immunization, has also been given along with, classes for Home Nursing and First Aid, Lectures on Civil Defense for nurses, supplies ready for Civil Defense, Dental Hygiene Program, and the Service has also performed a great deal of the Social Welfare Services in this community.

Until 1946 there was the Home Delivery Service—You may ask—How could this be carried out by only one nurse?—It could not, of course, have been done without the splendid cooperation of the Board Members of the Public Health Nursing Committee, who have given their volunteer time on every project. Due to the very large number receiving Salk's vaccine immunization during the years 1955 and 1956 we have all been very busy.

Home calls to carry out the Doctor's orders or to teach and supervise Home Care of the sick continues.

The Health Center is well equipped to carry out protective services. The latest equipment that has been added is an Autoclave, which protects the adults who receive Hypotheraphy and the children who receive immunization.

The school work is given every consideration and is carried out under the supervision of the director of School Health Service of the State Board of Education, and the local school board and superintendent.

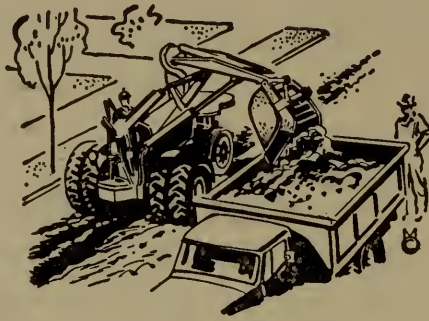
#### The Lancaster Salvation Army Fund:

Clothing	\$ 29.69
Optometrist	88.45
Emergency Dental	4.00

Infant Supplies	7.00
Transportation	37.38
Medical Supplies	10.50
Groceries	8.25
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Total	\$ 185.77

Respectfully submitted,  
MARY H. CAREY, Nurse Director

# Highways and New Construction



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The appropriations listed below account for the largest portion of town funds each year. During 1956, the sum of \$54,596.47 was spent to build, maintain and repair the town roads, sewers, and sidewalks.

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## TOWN MAINTENANCE

Appropriated \$40,400.00

Spent \$49,161.82

The Town received a total of \$5,444.30 in this department during the year. The larger part of the revenue was received through the State under the T.R.A. program. The balance received from outside work and gasoline tax refunds.

During the year six miles of streets were resurfaced including another coating of asphalt on the Town Parking Lot. The Town's rural roads were kept in good condition and graded and graveled where and when necessary. Little damage was done from water during the Spring except small wash-outs in some areas.

A new concrete bridge was built to replace the one washed out during the flood of 1954 on Pleasant Valley Road and the river channel above the bridge was cleaned and the banks rebuilt for better flow during high water.

During the winter months, all 32 miles of Lancaster's streets and roads were plowed, sanded and salted. In addition seven miles of sidewalks were plowed and sanded as necessary.

## TOWN ROAD AID

Appropriated \$682.14

Spent \$682.14

This appropriation is approximately one-seventh of the



funds available for this work. Under this program the State contributed \$4,547.62. During 1956 extensive work was done on McGary Hill and part of Pleasant Valley Road. McGary Hill was widened, gravel filled and culverts replaced or added where needed. Pleasant Valley from McGary corner to Mount Cabot School was widened thus eliminating a very dangerous, blinding and narrow spot at the top of the hill.

#### STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Appropriated \$3,850.00

Spent \$3,850.00

This is a program to construct Class 4 highways. These funds are matched by the State and deposited to the credit of the Town. During 1956 the accumulated amount of \$30,542.10 plus the 1956 appropriation was used in part to reconstruct upper Main Street. The balance needed to complete this reconstruction program was borrowed and will be retired jointly by the State and Town from future appropriations.

#### SEWER CONSTRUCTION

Appropriated \$500.00

Spent \$560.93

This appropriation was used to extend the Mechanic Street sewer to include the last four houses on the street. The sewage from these houses was deposited in a river channel that no longer carries water except during the Spring. Due to a health problem existing, this extension was necessary.

#### SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Appropriated \$600.00

Spent \$341.58

The work done from this account was an extension of the sidewalk in front of the Frank Smith Co. on Middle St. Due to the heavy work load, time did not permit any further work on sidewalks this year. Many of the town's sidewalks are in need of repair and it is planned to do more work in the immediate future.

## **New Equipment**

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**Appropriated \$5,000.00**

**Spent \$7,455.57**

A total of \$2,300.00 was forwarded into this account to buy a sweeper attachment for the Hough Loader. The appropriation was used to replace the 1950 truck with a new Dodge equipped with plowing equipment.

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## **Street Lights**

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**Appropriated \$9,800.00**

**Spent \$10,105.32**

The appropriation includes the normal cost of street lighting plus the sum of \$624.00 to amortize the cost, over a five year period, of the new mercury lamps and standards in the business section of the town. The over expenditure came as a result of the extension of mercury lamps on upper Main Street. Thus very much improving the lighting.

# Weeks Memorial Library

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The Town appropriated the sum of \$4,905.00 for the operation of the Weeks Memorial Library and the Col. Town Spending Committee donated additional funds for the Children's Library.

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## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN — 1956

During the past year the library has purchased 487 new books, these include all types of fiction and non-fiction for both adult and high school reading. As usual we have also borrowed many books of all types from the Bookmobile, and from neighboring libraries, also a great deal of non-fiction has been borrowed from the State Library in Concord, This service is of great value to all small libraries as it enables them to have access to a vast amount of non-fiction material which they could not afford to buy for themselves.

In March, Mrs. Barbara Miller was appointed as librarian to succeed Mrs. Elaine Hickey, who had resigned the past November. Also in July, Mr. Edward Robinson, chairman of the trustees resigned as he had sold his business and was moving away from town. The selectmen appointed Mr. Raymond Linscott to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Robinson.

No major repairs were undertaken on the library during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA G. MILLER, Librarian

Board of Trustees:

WALTER D. HINKLEY

RAYMOND F. LINSOTT

ETHEL E. McCARTEN

## REPORT OF CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

It is gratifying to report that children's reading continues to increase and much interest is shown on the part of the "beginning to read class."

Books were increased by 295 volumes and the names of 73 new children were added to the list of registered borrowers.

Books of information, realistic nature, and vocational stories for boys and girls continue in popularity.

Appreciation of the children's room is constantly shown. Parents visiting, show surprise and pleasure in the attractive room.

New residents and summer visitors have complimented us on the room and book collection.

You are cordially invited to visit our department.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH L. CURRIE, Librarian

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# Public Welfare

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The Town of Lancaster expended the sum of \$9,391.82 for public welfare activities during the year. The year saw a decrease in expenditures in this account.

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## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriated \$9,500.00

Spent \$7,056.61

This program is provided for financial assistance to needy persons over the age of 65 years. It is carried out by State personnel and financed jointly by the federal, state and local governments. The Town's costs continue to decrease as the social security and retirement programs have reduced the number of applicants.

## TOWN POOR

Appropriated \$3,500.00

Spent \$2,335.21

This account is administered by the Overseer of the Poor of the Town. A total of 12 cases were handled, including 12 cases with two or more children. The sum of \$157.00 was recovered from previous assistance rendered.

## DECLINE IN COSTS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

**1952** **\$15,583**

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**1953** **\$13,616**

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**1954** **\$12,677**

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**1955** **\$11,296**

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**1956** **\$9,392**

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## Patriotic Purposes



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The Town raised the sum of \$100.00 which was used by the veterans' organizations in conducting Lancaster's colorful and appropriate Memorial Day services.

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## Parks and Recreation

Lancaster enjoys the facilities and programs of a fine recreation program due to the Col. Town fund and committees. The Town supplements this program by providing free band concerts during the summer, by a grant of \$1,000.00 to the swimming pool, and maintaining the Town parks. The total expenditures for these activities was \$2,457.59.

# Cemeteries

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The Town raised the sum of \$225.00 for the care of No. 10 Cemetery on Martin Meadow Pond Road and on the Main Street Cemetery. The Town forces do some of the work on the No. 10 Cemetery while Mr. Gardner and his crew look after the Main Street Cemetery for the Town. The report of the Summer Street Cemetery is outlined below.

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## SUMMER STREET CEMETERY REPORT

The following is the report of the Summer Street Cemetery for 1956 respectfully submitted by Shirley M. Gardner, Superintendent.

Receipts	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 284.09
Burials	706.00
Sale of Lots	170.00
Care of Lots	725.00
Trust Funds	5,500.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 7,385.09

Expenditures	
Wages	\$ 5,442.80
Withholding Tax	337.60
Equipment	525.37
Repairs	254.00
Supplies	131.12
Flowers and Plants	238.50
Water	16.80
Improvements	25.50
Stamps and Stationery	10.00
Bank Service Charge	3.22
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Total Expenditures	\$ 6,984.91
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1956	400.18

## **Interest**

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**Appropriated \$1,050.00**

**Spent \$1,046.61**

The sum of \$1,046.61 was expended for interest payments during the year. The borrowing of \$70,000.00 on short term in anticipation of tax receipts cost the Town \$896.61. Repayment before due date returned to the Town \$180.00. Under the Long Term Notes the Town paid \$150.00 for the one Sewer Construction note.

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## **Payment on Principal of Debt**

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**Appropriated \$2,750.00**

**Spent \$2,750.00**

As outlined in the following table, the sum of \$2,750.00 was expended to help retire the Causeway Sewer debt. The table also shows the long term borrowing made during 1956. The Main Street note shows payments amounting to \$7,700.00 annually. However, the Town and State retire this note jointly as indicated under State Aid Construction program.



**STATEMENT OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS, SHOWING ANNUAL  
MATURITIES OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1956

	Sewer Construc. Notes 2%	Main St. Construc. Notes 3%	Bridge Notes 3%	Total	
Amount of Issue	Principal	Principal	Principal	Principal	Interest
Date of Issue	Interest	Interest	Interest	Interest	Interest
Payable Date:	Payable at	Payable at	Payable at	Payable at	Payable at
	\$18,500.00	\$50,000.00	\$8,500.00		
	Oct. 1, 1951	Oct. 1, 1956	Dec. 31, 1956		
	Oct. 1	Oct. 1	Dec. 31		
	Apr. 1 & Oct. 1	Apr. 1 & Oct. 1	June 30 & Dec. 31		
	Lancaster	Siwooganock	Lancaster		
	National Bank	Guaranty Savings Bank	National Bank		
<b>Maturities</b>					
<b>Yr. Ending</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>
	Principal	Principal	Principal	Principal	Interest
1957	\$2,750.00	\$	\$2,000.00	\$224.50	\$1,715.34
1958	2,000.00	7,700.00	2,000.00	165.00	1,705.00
1959		7,700.00	2,000.00	105.00	1,374.00
1960		7,700.00	2,000.00	45.00	1,083.00
1961		7,700.00	500.00	7.50	814.50
1962		7,700.00			576.00
1963		7,700.00			345.00
1964		3,800.00			114.00
	\$4,750.00	\$50,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$7,726.84

# Unclassified

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The Town expended \$7,785.94 during 1956 under the heading of unclassified for the accounts discussed below.

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## DAMAGE AND LEGAL EXPENSE

Appropriated \$850.00

Spent \$1,756.80

This expense is for any legal services in connection with the Town and for the Town Attorney's fees. The Town paid \$1,011 for land damages on Main Street and was reimbursed by the State.

## ADVERTISING

Appropriated \$926.53

Spent \$926.53

This appropriation covers the cost of the operation of Lancaster's information booth and of membership in and support of the White Mountains Region Association. Mrs. Sheridan reports that 2,724 cars stopped at the booth during the summer and a total of 8,509 persons requested information.

In spite of having to contend with bad weather and construction in and around Lancaster, when we came to total up our records we were 224 cars and 856 people ahead of last year.

We have tried with the best of our ability to greet all comers with courtesy and friendliness, hoping that they may carry away with them a pleasant memory of Lancaster as indeed "A Friendly Town in a Friendly State". In this we feel that we have had the full cooperation of the owners of the various motels, cabins, inns and tourist homes in this vicinity, as well as the interest and help of those of the town officials with whom we have been associated.

Respectfully submitted,  
GLENN STREETER SHERIDAN

# Report from the White Mountains Region Association

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Thanks to the fine co-operation of the towns in our Region, the Association has been able to carry on an extremely busy program, aimed, as always, toward the benefiting of the entire northern part of New Hampshire.

To this end we have co-operated wherever it has been possible with any and all agencies that have been working along any lines that promise eventual benefit to any sort of business within our state and region borders. This is in line with the original Regional concept, that pooling of efforts can accomplish more than can be done by a lot of separate smaller and unco-ordinated efforts. Nevertheless, along with this we continue our own individual projects and plans, where these promise to be more directly productive.

Again we have distributed all over the United States nearly 100,000 pieces of promotional literature of all types—maps, lists of places to stay, picture folders, hunting-and-fishing folders, and winter-vacation brochures. We know these arouse interest and bring business because people write for them from all over the map; they also tell us later on that these folders were of definite help in causing them to decide where to spend their vacation time—AND MONEY! Your town was represented in each and every one of these folders.

Our 4-H Awards Program continues to encourage boys and girls to take part in, and do better in this fine and worthwhile program. Through cash awards to members and clubs, we are proud to be helping these youngsters to be the constructive farm citizens of our Region in the future.

We have planned and co-operated with the planning and carrying out, as well as the publicizing of Old Home Days, Woodsman's Contests, Guides' Show, Community Festivals, Horse Shows, and the like, as well as planning and setting up one of our own, The White Mountains Region Art Center. We have spent a lot of time on the road, attending shows visited by hundreds of thousands of people in Boston, Hartford, and Philadelphia, and are planning more of such work.

As to results, we have again run a mail survey to find out what good we were accomplishing. From just one small sample (10% of 4,000) of our mail requests, we turned up 148 parties numbering 440 people who came here. Only part of those told us how much they spent here, but that small

part spent \$18,571.00!! Seems unbelievable until you realize you can't get by vacationing on much less than \$7.00 a day. Anyway, what they alone spent means that from that small group came back into this Region 2½ times the total amount appropriated by our towns.

What this means to every taxpayer is that much money, either direct income or tax income, came here to help take the burden off the local people. The man who never sees a tourist would be paying much more on his tax bill all through this state if visitors were not paying a substantial share of the freight! With your help, we'll continue to do our part in keeping the money coming in.

Respectfully submitted,  
DAVID S. CASSEDY, Executive Secretary

#### **EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY**

**Appropriated \$600.00** **Spent \$600.00**

The Town now has the modified system, of the employees' retirement system and the Social Security program. Town employees, belonging to the retirement system were given the opportunity to vote to transfer to the Social Security program. While the employees did not have to join the retirement system the Social Security program is compulsory. The Town was reimbursed \$1,955.00 from payments for other departments.

#### **ARMORY**

**Appropriated \$600.00** **Spent \$600.00**

This amount represents two years rent for the space at the Grange used for an armory. The new armory being built on Route 3 will be ready for occupancy early in 1957.

## **Schools**

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The Town Treasurer transferred \$179,901.35 to the School department during the year. Of this amount \$79,895.18 represented the balance of the 1955-56 school appropriation, which had been carried forward as of Jan. 1, 1956. Complete details on the operation of Lancaster's school system may be found in the accompanying school report.

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## **County Tax**

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The Town appropriated and turned over to the County Government a total of \$18,339.19. This represents Lancaster's share of the operation of the County Government. Copies of the County report may be obtained at the Town Office.

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## **Reserve Funds**

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During the year \$5,000.00 was transferred in the Capital Reserve Fund from the Town's surplus of 1955 bringing the total to \$16,000.00. The Selectmen have received authority to expend this amount for the construction of a new highway garage. Construction is expected to start during 1957.

The remaining Reserve Fund is the Parking Meter Fund with a balance of \$2,591.00. The present plans are to replace the old meters with new meters.

# Town Clerk's Report

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During the year the Town Clerk collected and remitted to the Treasurer the sum of \$16,169.17 from the following:

### Debits

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:		
1955	\$ 156.42	
1956	15,490.05	
	\$15,646.47	
Dog Licenses Issued	\$531.20	
Less: Fees—245 @ .20	49.00	
	482.20	
Penalties collected		30.50
Filing Fees		10.00
		\$16,169.17

### Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:		
A/c Motor Vehicle Permits		\$15,646.47
A/c Dog Licenses		482.20
A/c Penalties collected		30.50
A/c Filing Fees		10.00
		\$16,169.17

During the year 188 births, 112 deaths and 37 marriages were recorded.

DOROTHY H. CROSS,  
Town Clerk

## NUMBER OF VEHICLES REGISTERED

<b>1954</b>	<b>1,650</b>

<b>1955</b>	<b>1,845</b>

<b>1956</b>	<b>1,915</b>

# Report of Trust Funds

## For the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1955		\$ 1,964.16
<b>Receipts</b>		
Income from Investments	\$7,057.31	
Withdrawn from Invested Income	500.00	
Withdrawn from Principal	5,362.85	
	12,920.16	
		\$ 14,884.32

<b>Expenditures</b>		
Shirley Gardner, Superintendent	\$ 5,500.00	
Rev. E. M. Total—1956	432.37	
Town of Lancaster—Care of Cross Park	150.00	
Treasurer, Weeks Memorial Library	669.26	
Treasurer, Lancaster School District	100.29	
Treasurer, Emmons S. Smith Fund	855.38	
Mrs. Glenn S. Sheridan—Historical Fund	36.26	
Lancaster Fire Precinct	5,362.85	
	\$13,106.41	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1956		1,777.91
		\$ 14,884.32

### Assets

<b>Deposits:</b>		
Cheshire County Savings Bank, Keene, N. H.		\$ 2,000.00
Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank, Lancaster, N. H.		48,760.19
Lancaster National Bank, Lancaster, N. H.		1,777.91
		\$52,538.10
<b>Bonds:</b>		
10,000 U. S. Savings Bonds Ser. "G" 2½% due 9-1-63		\$ 10,000.00
3,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½% due 12-15-68		3,000.00
5,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½% due 6-15-69		5,000.00
1,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½% due 12-15-69		1,000.00
5,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½% due 3-15-70		5,500.00

4,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½% due 3-15-71	4,000.00	
3,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½% due 6-15-72	3,500.00	
	<hr/>	32,000.00
<b>Stocks:</b>		
950 shs. Boston Fund, Inc.	\$ 8,920.50	
10 shs. Central Maine Power Co. 3.50% Pfd.	957.50	
307 shs. Chase Manhattan Bank, N. Y.	9,156.24	
74 shs. Continentaal Illinois National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago	5,372.56	
760 shs. Eaton & Howard Balanced Fund	9,351.80	
1720 shs. Fidelity Fund, Inc.	10,751.62	
129 shs. First National Bank of Boston	6,815.19	
36 shs. First National City Bank, N. Y.	1,616.10	
50 shs. Guaranty Trust Co., New York	2,961.32	
100 shs. Home Insurance Co.	4,287.50	
7shs. Lancaster National Bank, Lancaster	875.00	
358 shs. Manufacturers Trust Co., N. Y.	9,902.89	
715 shs. Nation Wide Securities Co., Inc.	9,148.43	
1200 shs. National Investors Corporation	5,928.00	
35 shs. Public Service Co. of N. H. 3.35% Pfd.	3,290.00	
6 shs. Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank, Lancaster	600.00	
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<b>Total Assets</b>		<hr/> <b>\$174,472.75</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Cemetery Trust, Principal	\$ 62,405.52	
Cemetry Trust, Unexpended Income	6,896.05	
Helen Wilder Cross Dennison Trust, Principal	2,631.57	
Helen Wilder Cross Dennison Trust, Unexpended Income	999.35	
George M. Stevens Trust, Principal	53,745.21	
George M. Stevens Trust, Unexpended Income	2,672.51	
Library Trust, Principal	10,735.35	
School Trust, Principal	2,153.95	
Emmons S. Smith Trust, Principal	14,800.25	
Historical Trust, Principal	1,000.00	
Capital Reserve Fund, Principal	16,432.99	
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<hr/> <b>\$174,472.75</b>



## TRUST FUND RECORD

### Cemetery Trust

Principal, Dec. 31, 1955	\$59,980.52	
Unexpended Income, Dec. 31, 1955	7,329.31	
		\$67,309.83
<b>Receipts:</b>		
New Trust Funds	\$ 2,425.00	
Income from Investments	2,749.11	
		5,174.11
		\$72,483.94
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Shirley M. Gardner, Superintendent	\$ 2,750.00	
Rev. E. M. Total	432.37	
		3,182.37
		\$69,301.57
Principal, Dec. 31, 1956	\$62,405.52	
Unexpended Income, Dec. 31, 1956	6,896.05	
		\$69,301.57

### Helen Wilder Cross Dennison Trust

Principal, Dec. 31, 1955	\$ 2,631.57	
Unexpended Income, Dec. 31, 1955	1,014.42	
		\$ 3,645.99
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Income from Investments		134.93
		\$ 3,780.92
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Town of Lancaster—Care of Cross Park		150.00
		\$ 3,630.92
Principal, Dec. 31, 1956	\$ 2,631.57	
Unexpended Income, Dec. 31, 1956	999.35	
		\$ 3,630.92

### George M. Stevens Trust

Principal, Dec. 31, 1955	\$53,745.21	
Unexpended Income, Dec. 31, 1955	2,910.43	
		56,655.64
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Income from Investments		2,512.08
		\$59,167.72

<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Shirley M. Gardner, Superintendent	\$ 2,750.00
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	\$56,417.72
Principal, Dec. 31, 1956	\$53,745.21
Unexpended Income, Dec. 31, 1956	2,672.51
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	\$56,417.72

**Library Trust**

Luella Joslin Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Laura Johnson Fund	2,864.73
Jacob Benton Fund	250.62
George M. Stevens Fund	5,000.00
Annette Jeffers Fund	120.00
Clara M. Kimball Fund	500.00
Minerva S. Congdon Fund	1,000.00
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	\$ 10,735.35

Principal, Dec. 31, 1955 \$ 10,735.35

**Receipts:**

Income from Investments	669.26
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	\$ 11,404.61

**Expenditures:**

Treasurer, Weeks Memorial Library	669.26
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Principal, Dec. 31, 1956	\$ 10,735.35

**School Trust**

Chapin C. Brooks Fund	\$ 2,153.95
Principal, Dec. 31, 1955	\$ 2,153.95

**Receipts:**

Income from Investments	100.29
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	\$ 2,254.24

**Expenditures:**

Treasurer, Lancaster School District	100.29
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Principal, Dec. 31, 1956	\$ 2,153.95

**Emmons S. Smith Trust**

Principal, Dec. 31, 1955 \$14,800.25

**Receipts:**

Income from Investments	855.38
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	\$15,655.63

<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Treasurer, Emmons S. Smith Fund	855.38
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Principal, Dec. 31, 1956	\$14,800.25

**Historical Trust**

K. B. Fletcher Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Principal, Dec. 31, 1955	\$ 1,000.00

<b>Receipts:</b>	
Income from Investments	36.26
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	\$ 1,036.26

<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Mrs. Glenn S. Sheridan	36.26
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Principal, Dec. 31, 1956	\$ 1,000.00

**Capital Reserve Fund—Town of Lancaster**

Principal, Dec. 31, 1955	\$11,171.46
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<b>Receipts:</b>	
Town of Lancaster	\$ 5,000.00
Income from Investments	261.53
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	5,261.53

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	\$16,432.99
<b>Expenditures</b>	
	0.00
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Principal, Dec. 31, 1956	\$16,432.99

**Capital Reserve Fund—Lancaster Fire Precinct**

Principal, Dec. 31, 1955	\$ 0.00
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<b>Receipts:</b>	
Lancaster Fire Precinct	\$ 5,283.60
Income from Investments	79.25
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	5,362.85

<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Lancaster Fire Precinct	\$ 5,362.85
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Principal, Dec. 31, 1956	\$ 0.00

Respectfully submitted,

DAN O'BRIEN,  
JAMES L. DOW,  
R. W. McCAIG,

Trustees of Trust Funds,  
Town of Lancaster, N. H.

# Col. F. L. Town Trust Fund

For the Year Ending December 31, 1956

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Investments, Dec. 31, 1955	\$466,553.41
Income from Investments	25,005.86
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	\$491,559.27
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Paid to F. L. Town Spending Committee	\$24,850.59
Administration Expense	155.27
Investments, Dec. 31, 1956	466,553.41
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	\$491,559.27
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Original Trust Fund—1926	\$335,022.50
Profits	147,128.61
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	\$482,151.11
Losses	15,597.70
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	\$466,553.41

Respectfully submitted,  
D. A. SULLIVAN,  
Treasurer

## INVESTMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1956

### Deposits:

Dartmouth Savings Bank, Hanover	\$ 5,000.00	
Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank, Lancaster, N. H.	23,548.21	
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### Bonds:

23,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½% due 12-15-68	\$23,000.00	
36,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½% due 6-15-69	36,000.00	
8,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½% due 3-15-71	8,000.00	
5,000 U. S. Savings Bonds "K" 2-7/8% due 10-1-66	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	72,000.00

### Stocks:

1600 shs. Boston Fund, Inc.	\$18,352.36
100 shs. Central Maine Power Co., 3.50% Pfd.	9,575.00

350 shs. Central Penn National Bank, Philadelphia	15,662.50	
50 shs. Central Vt. Public Service 4.15% Pfd.	5,000.00	
200 shs. Consolidated Edison Co. of N. Y., \$5.00 Pfd.	19,762.50	
50 shs. Consumers Power Co., \$4.50 Pfd.	4,331.25	
540 shs. Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago	23,250.00	
1500 shs. Eaton & Howard Balanced Fund	17,867.90	
375 shs. Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., Philadelphia	21,813.00	
324 shs. First National Bank, Boston	16,633.67	
365 shs. First National City Bank, N.Y.	16,860.82	
567 shs. First Pennsylvania Banking & Trust Co., Philadelphia	18,057.08	
800 shs. Great American Insurance Co.	16,125.00	
250 shs. Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y.	13,350.00	
534 shs. Hanover Bank, New York	17,385.91	
4818 shs. Incorporated Investors	12,351.14	
476 shs. Manufacturers Trust Co., N. Y.	10,333.83	
4290 shs. Mass. Investors Growth Stock Fund	10,439.00	
3900 shs. Mass. Investors Trust	15,808.00	
1100 shs. Nation Wide Securities Co., Inc.	17,347.00	
400 shs. N. H. Fire Insurance Co.	17,075.00	
306 shs. Peoples First National Bank & Trust Co., Pittsburgh	7,960.31	
150 shs. Public Service Co. of N. H. 3.35% Pfd.	14,400.00	
2000 shs. George Putnam Fund of Boston	16,562.03	
115 shs. Scranton-Spring Brook Water Service Co., 4.10% Pfd	9,701.90	
		366,005.20
Grand Total		\$466,553.41

# Col. Town Spending Committee

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

To Dr. J. A. Ferguson, Chairman  
Colonel Town Spending Committee:

The Colonel Town Spending Committee is comprised of the following members: Dr. J. A. Ferguson, Mrs. Margaret Guilmette, Mrs. Grace Lee, Mr. Charles Bennett, Mr. George Hunter, Jr., Mr. Clinton White, Mr. Arthur Drake, Mr. Carroll Stoughton and Mrs. Florence Amadon.

At the Town Meeting Dr. J. A. Ferguson, Mr. Charles Bennett and Mrs. Florence Amadon were re-elected as members of the committee for a period of three years.

All of the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, namely: Dr. J. A. Ferguson, chairman; Mrs. Margaret Guilmette, treasurer; Mrs. Florence Amadon, secretary.

The following committees were re-appointed by the chairman: Field—Mr. White, chairman, Mr. Drake and Dr. Ferguson; Camp—Mr. Hunter, chairman, Mrs. Amadon and Mrs. Lee; House—Mrs. Guilmette, chairman, Mr. Stoughton and Mr. Bennett; Scholarship—Mr. Stoughton, chairman, Mrs. Guilmette and Mr. White.

\$540.00 was appropriated again this year for school prizes and scholarships. Many other donations were made and are included in the Treasurer's Report. The committee appreciates the splendid reports received from recipients of funds.

Upon request several refunds were made for rent of hall when used for charitable purposes.

This past season Superintendent Snell has had general supervision of the Community Camp with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roy as caretakers—replacing Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hartford who served most faithfully for several years.

An appropriation of \$1,200.00 was voted for the building of the General Laboratory of the new wing of the Beatrice Weeks Memorial Hospital and a similar amount for the next two years, contingent upon the approval of the active committees at that time. Said General Laboratory to be a memorial to Colonel Francis L. Town, who served many years in the Medical Corps of the United States Army, who has been a generous benefactor of the Town of Lancaster, and who showed his own interest in the local hospital by gifts and a bequest to it. The present committee sincerely hopes that the Spending Committee serving in the next two years will approve of this appropriation and continue as planned.

A concert by the Mountain View Orchestra was sponsored in September and enjoyed by many of our townspeople.

The past policy has been that the Community House is not available on Sundays. We regret that we have found it necessary to refuse requests for same during the past year, but the committee feel that this policy should be continued.

Numerous students have requested loans through the Scholarship Committee. More money is made available for this purpose when re-payments are made as soon as convenient.

A winter wreath is on the Colonel Town Lot and flowers were placed there on Memorial Day and through the summer months as has been customary in past years. The lot has been leveled, re-sodded and the shrubbery trimmed. The monument was also cleaned.

The Committee is grateful to the Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snell, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roy, caretakers at the Community Camp and to all who have assisted in any way—also to the townspeople and the children for their excellent co-operation and interest.

Respectfully submitted,  
FLORANCE Q. AMADON,  
Secretary

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 1956

#### Receipts

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1955		\$10,081.42
Col. F. L. Town Trust Fund		24,850.59
Receipts of House	\$511.00	
Less: Refunds	17.00	
	<hr/>	494.00
Community Camp		280.00
Swimming Pool		2,344.00
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$38,050.01</b>

#### Expenditures

##### Appropriations:

Lancaster Junior Chamber of Commerce—Ski Slope	\$ 200.00
Lancaster Girl Scouts	50.00
Lancaster High School Activity Fund	150.00
Lancaster High School—Prizes, Sr. & Jr.	240.00
American Historical Society—History	58.50
Cardigan Sports—Baseball uniforms	132.75

Lancaster Hospital Assoc. (Building)	1,200.00
Dorothy Mayne—Scholarship	200.00
Carol Bennett—Scholarship	100.00
Harry van Haam—concert	100.00
Lancaster Kiwanis Playground	160.00
Concert Advertising & Placards	17.08
Lane Flower—flowers for Town lot	86.00
McCormack—cleaning Town memorial	45.00
Lancaster Cub Pack	100.00
Lancaster Kiwanis Club—Skating rink	800.00
Weeks' Memorial Library—Juvenile Dept.	650.00
Lancaster Boy Scouts—No. 219	150.00
Child Health Station	100.00
Lancaster Girl Scouts—Troop No. 1	75.00
Weeks Memorial Hospital Auxiliary	500.00
	————— \$ 5,114.33

**House:**

Salaries, Withholding & Pension & S. S.	\$8,764.92
Telephone & Lights	904.71
Fuel	1,488.00
Repairs: (Painting inside, repairing TV & sound, tuning piano, wiring, range, plumbing)	240.57
New windows	624.70
Heater-boiler	442.98
Curtains—library	155.66
File	4.00
Washing machine	399.95
Supplies—(Paint, soaps, waxes, bowling supplies, bulbs, gym finish, basketball nets)	855.27
Timing clock	38.88
Insurance	1,276.07
Water rent	97.44
Administration expense	150.01
Subscription to Globe	12.00
Tax on alleys	66.66
Range—repairs	6.28
Signs	2.74
	————— \$15,530.84

**Field:**

Salaries—Withholding, pension, S. S.	\$1,329.50
Repairs to mower	55.63



Plumbing	50.02
Bases & Tennis tape	48.95
Truck	795.00
File	4.00
Supplies	100.43
Plate, B.B. baskets, masks	69.55
Record book	14.50
Gravel	256.12
Wire	6.12
Mower parts	32.06
Tree removal	11.20
Signs	2.74
Gas & oil	39.35
Books	2.00
Cleaning baseball uniforms	22.50
	————— \$ 2,839.67

**Community Camp:**

Salary of Caretaker—with. & S. S.	\$ 950.00
Telephone	52.35
Wood	100.00
Play equipment	138.40
Mattresses	29.25
Plumbing & parts	14.28
Supplies	3.95
Cement	1.55
File	4.00
Wheelbarrow	21.39
Public Service	55.45
	————— \$ 1,370.62

**Swimming Pool:**

**Receipts:**

Pool	\$1,214.00
Donation	30.00
Town of Lancaster	1,000.00
Red Cross	100.00
	—————\$2,344.00

**Expenditures:**

Salaries—withholding & S. S.	\$1,708.33
Paint	206.64
Work on bath house	95.00
Plumbing	1.95
Lumber	119.74
Dicalite	67.50
Labor on pool	137.27

Mat	5.87
Cement paint	12.77
Power & Lights	196.99
Supplies, cards, tags, tickets	91.51
	\$ 2,643.57

**General:**

Retroactive S. S. & State Assessments on Pension	\$ 830.43
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<b>Total Expenditures for Year</b>	<b>\$28,329.46</b>
Bank Service Charge	3.97
Balance on Check Book, Dec. 31, 1956	9,716.58
	<b>\$38,050.01</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGARET P. GUILMETTE,  
Treasurer

**COL. TOWN SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND  
1956**

Balance Jan. 1, 1956—Siwooganock Savings Bank	\$ 1,146.73
Interest to Jan. 1, 1957	39.13
Payments on loans	1,575.00
	\$ 2,760.86
Total	
Loans granted 1956 (7)	1,200.00

Balance Jan. 1, 1957—Siwooganock Savings Bank \$1,560.86

CARROLL STOUGHTON,  
Chairman

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Community House, Camp, Field and Swimming Pool, along with their respective facilities, have been shown to many visitors during the year. The constant increase in activities at all of these units is, of course, very interesting and gratifying to those of us who have the opportunity of serving you at these various Col. Town facilities.

The operational expenses and the income derived from the Community House, Camp, Field, and Swimming Pool will be found in the Treasurer's report. Other statistics will be shown in the Secretary's report. We would like to point out that new installations, materials purchased and regular and routine supplies are designated to the proper Col. Town program. In the case of labor, since all of our recreational

programs have become so closely coordinated, we find it necessary, at times, to interchange our personnel between the various departments. This is especially true with the salaried supervisory and maintenance personnel accredited to the Community House whose services are utilized in the entire program.

### Community House

Meetings in the third floor library seem to be increasing in quantity and variety, so it seemed appropriate that this room should receive a major face uplift. This included the installation of new aluminum combination windows and screens early last spring. At the same time a combination door was purchased for the front entrance of the Community House, which is a great improvement. The walls and ceiling of the library were completely repainted with grey and white colors that seem to blend well and improve the appearance of the room considerably. The book cases were lowered by one section to widen the floor space, and the floor was refinished. New window curtains of a color and design to blend with the room colors were hung during the summer.

The floor of the committee room which is located on the second floor of the Community House was stripped and refinished, and several rooms in the apartment were repainted during the year.

The central water heating system had to be renewed last spring since the old one which was constructed of galvanized iron had outlived itself. The new unit, which consists of copper coils enclosed within a stone lined tank, shows a very quick hot water recovery that is essential for the showers, should last for many years.

The Hall floor had its annual application of two coats of durable non-slip gym finish, during the summer. It was necessary to repaint the old game lines and some new ones, due to the change in the basketball regulations. The basement recreation room including the bowling alleys were refinished again last summer. This room appears to be increasing in popularity and is used extensively by the young folks in the afternoon and evening. It is enjoyed several evenings a week by the women's bowling league, consisting of a very orderly and high scoring group of women bowlers.

The bleachers, which have been used outside as well as in the Hall since they were bought in 1951, have been kept in perfect condition. They were repainted this last fall with red and grey colors. The outside of the Community House was last painted in 1950 and should have another coat applied

next summer, as the paint is starting to come off on several areas. The back wall was partly done last fall as the need was so great.

Negotiations are being made for new rugs for the parlor floor. We hope to have these in the very near future.

### Field

Due to the weather the grass grew exceptionally fast from early spring to late fall. This, of course, required a lot of attention but caused the Field to look well most of the time.

One of our early Spring projects entailed the removal of the younger children's playground from the parking lot, to an area on the field at the rear of the grandstand. Even though we found this to be quite an undertaking, as all of the equipment installations were set in concrete, it was a much needed improvement for safety. This accomplishment involved very little additional expense as the work, for the most part, was done through our own facilities. Two new units were added to this playground. The parking lot has been widened and, through the cooperation of the town, several inches of gravel have been put on and graded. We hope to have the lot leveled and tarred next spring thereby making a very good area in which to park cars.

The tennis courts were used throughout the summer as usual. However, the unusually cold weather prevented some from participating in this sport. The courts were constructed in 1933, resurfaced in 1940 and again in 1951. They have stood up well but should be resurfaced again next year. It has also been our desire, whenever money becomes available, to enclose the courts with chain link fencing.

The baseball diamond was in constant use throughout the day and evenings for practices and games involving the various leagues. To help alleviate the situation, the diamond originally planned for softball has been made over to be used by our little league teams. Although there still remains some grading to be done in the infield, this diamond will be ready for use this coming summer. Last summer another set of little league uniforms was bought, enabling us to have two teams under Col. Town recreation program sponsorship. A league was formed with two other teams from Groveton, and eighteen regular league games were played. Two all-star games were played with neighboring towns and several practice games among the boys. A total of forty-five boys registered and participated in our little league program.

The under part of the grandstand has been cleaned inside and is now used for the winter storage of the playground equipment. The storage bins have been filled with various materials for use on the field and baseball diamonds. Permanent foul posts have been placed in their legal positions on the outfield.

### Swimming Pool

Each year we endeavor to make some substantial improvement, in the way of new construction, reconstruction or additions, at the Swimming Pool. Our thought in mind is always for safety and convenience of the many people who enjoy using this very popular facility. Through the medium of observation at the Pool in use, and our working experience, we try to make changes that will benefit everyone concerned.

Improvements the past year included a new floor in the main section of the bath house, two additional windows, one new door and louvers for all of the windows for better ventilation. The entrance to the building was changed to prevent the possibility of younger children going into the deep end of the pool unobserved. This change necessitated the moving of the road to the edge of the field, construction of a new concrete ramp and considerable grading. The old road has been seeded to grass. The floors of the dressing rooms were painted with the same blue plastic used on the Pool, which was also recoated again. On the steel rim which surrounds the Pool a non-slip material was used for the prevention of accidents. The fixtures inside the building were rearranged for better checking in and out which helped considerably. However, there may still be room for improvement in our checking system. The outside of the bath house was given a coat of white lead and oil paint with green trim last fall. We had hoped to get an auxiliary vacuum cleaner, but due to the costs involved in other improvements and a slight reduction in the income from the Pool caused by cold weather, it seemed advisable to wait another year.

The Swimming Pool opened for the season on June 17th, and with the exception of the head swimming instructor, a completely new staff. We feel very fortunate in having been able to secure a regular staff so well qualified as life savers. Three of the members were fully qualified instructors. Three hundred and twenty-one children's season tickets were issued, fifty adults purchased tickets for the season and many daily admissions were received.

Over two hundred children registered for swimming classes, most of whom learned to swim. Seventy-seven awards were given out in either the Red Cross or Y.M.C.A. program as follows: Y.M.C.A.—minnow 27, fish 13, flying fish 3, and shark 1; Red Cross—Beginners 22, intermediate 8, and advanced swimmers 3. A demonstration to show the accomplishments of the children in the various classes was held in the evening of August 8th, and was attended by over two hundred parents and friends.

Except for a very few days the air and water temperature, which we record twice daily, was unusually cold throughout the swimming season. Many days were extremely cold and stormy but classes were very well attended and a large number of people enjoyed the Pool in spite of the weather.

The cooperation of the American Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. at the Swimming Pool was, of course, vital to its success.

### Community Camp

The Community Camp was officially opened for the season on May 21st and remained open twenty weeks, closing October 1st. Despite the cold and unpleasant weather last summer over six thousand persons visited and enjoyed the facilities of the camp. At the start of the season all of the grills were thoroughly cleaned and repaired. The grass was cut and the brook was cleared of deadwood and other obstructions that had accumulated during the off seasons. All rubbish found in the area was cleaned up and disposed of, and all ditches and drains, as well as the pool were cleaned before being filled with water. All the buildings were gone over and several minor repairs made. The plumbing, both outside and in, including all fixtures has been put in first class condition. Thirty feet of two inch pipe was added to the water supply line in the brook to increase the pressure which we found to be very low. A culvert was placed and covered with gravel so that cars may be driven to numbers seven and eight grills. Three new mattresses were purchased for the beds in the cabins.

New playground equipment consisting of a double swing and see-saw were permanently placed in concrete near the grill areas. These seemed to be enjoyed by the many people going to the Community Camp.

Plans for this year call for widening the road to number two cabin so that people may drive there with their cars, portable steel grills with additional tables and benches for

the overflow of people that are at the Camp at times, and spray painting several of the buildings for their preservation. We believe there is need for one additional toilet at the Community Camp.

The new caretakers proved to be very capable, pleasant and hard working people. Many kind words came to us concerning their efforts.

Our appreciation goes to our capable staff for work well performed in all departments during the past year.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the Town Officials, also the students, teachers, and officials of the schools for the way in which they have cooperated with us in our endeavors.

Our appreciation is extended to the people of Lancaster, and to the various organizations and individuals, for their cooperation and many acts of kindness shown us throughout the year.

May we take this opportunity to express to the members of the Col. Town Spending Committee our sincerest appreciation for their exceptional cooperation throughout the year. This committee has worked diligently and given unceasingly of their time. We have enjoyed immensely working with such a fine group of people.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROBERT J. SNELL,**  
**Superintendent.**

# Report of Auditors

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The annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Lancaster for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1956 was made by the Municipal Accounting Division of the State Tax Commission, in accordance with the vote of the Town. The complete report, referred to below, is on file in the Town Office and available for inspection at any time.

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## SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds, Col. F. L. Town Fund, Weeks Memorial Library, Overseer of the Poor, Public Health Nurse, Dental Clinic, and Summer Street Cemetery.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1955 and December 31, 1956 are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein the financial condition of the Town changed from a surplus of \$9,736.40 to a net debt of \$19,725.67 during 1956.

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1956 are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4) a revenue surplus of \$4,016.25, plus unexpended balance of appropriations of \$704.30, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$4,720.55.

## AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled book balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes



was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

### GENERAL COMMENTS

It is noted that the current surplus, (excess of current assets over current liabilities) decreased from \$17,236.40 to \$16,574.33, during 1956, as shown by the following statement:

	Dec. 31, 1955	Dec. 31, 1956
Current Assets	\$136,038.83	\$97,725.76
Current Liabilities	118,802.43	81,151.43
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Current Surplus	\$ 17,236.40	\$ 16,574.33

### Conclusion

The accounts of all town officials which we examined were found in good condition and the accounting and financial procedure conformed to prescribed methods and procedure.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Lancaster for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director  
Divison of Municipal Accounting  
State Tax Commission

Noval D. Lessels, Auditor

Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the District Officers**  
**LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Lancaster, New Hampshire**  
**for the year ending June 30, 1956**

## District Officers

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### MODERATOR

William H. Crouch

### CLERK

Eva Phillips

### TREASURER

Christina D. Bennett

### SCHOOL BOARD

John E. Gormley, Chairman	Term Expires 1957
Cecile M. Costine	Term Expires 1957
Grace M. Lee	Term Expires 1958
Roland H. White	Term Expires 1958
Walter D. Hinkley	Term Expires 1959
Clifford R. Gray	Term Expires 1959

# Report of the Board of Education

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It became necessary this year to replace six members of the teaching staff, including such experienced, dedicated instructors and counselors as Miss Mary Rines, Mrs. Blanche Collins and Mrs. Ethel MacKinnon. We are pleased to report that satisfactory replacements have been secured, thereby permitting the continuation of the high standards of instruction and achievement which have been rightfully attributed to our schools. Improvement in these standards is constantly sought after and adopted where possible and practical.

After more than thirty-six years of service in our school system, Headmaster Carroll Stoughton tendered his resignation effective March 1, 1957, which, per force, was regretfully accepted. The high abilities, patient understanding, exemplary character and devotion to the welfare of our youth, as represented by Carroll, will not soon be forgotten or readily replaced.

The problems arising from the operation of our schools are multiple, variable and continuous. While the solution of some are not presently apparent, others are disposed of as they arise or plans are made to subsequently result in practical dispositions of the same. In the latter category is the deficit which, as of June 30, 1954, was nearly Twenty (\$20,000.00) thousand Dollars and will, this school year, be paid in full. Also plans are being formulated to provide a suitable parking area in the vicinity of the schools and thus relieve the hazardous congestion now existing on School Street resulting from the parking of vehicles during school sessions.

A continuing, long-present problem is the ever mounting costs of operating our schools. This condition arises from larger enrollment; increased, and in the foreseeable future, increasing costs of supplies, instruction and instructional aids, repairs, labor and, in fact, almost everything used in the operation of the schools. Obviously these factors are beyond the control of your School Board and Superintendent, even with strict adherence to practical and permitted economics. Necessarily, this burden will continue to be carried by property owners through increased tax assessments until such time as, by appropriate legislation, the tax base is

broadened, and, thereby, additional revenue is made available to the schools.

In conclusion, the Board expresses its sincere appreciation to Superintendent Truell, to the faculty, and to all others who, by their efforts, have promoted the cause of proper education in our town during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. GORMLEY, Chairman  
CECILE M. COSTINE  
GRACE M. LEE  
ROLAND E. WHITE  
WALTER D. HINKLEY  
CLIFFORD R. GRAY

# Superintendent's Report

To The School Board of the Town of Lancaster:

My fourth annual report as Superintendent of Schools in the Town of Lancaster is submitted herewith.

## Supervisory Union No. 31

The Supervisory Union No. 31 is composed of the towns of Carroll, Lancaster, and Whitefield. The duties of the Union, as a whole, are to select the Superintendent of Schools, special teachers, supervisors, and the Union secretary. The school nurse is engaged separately by the individual towns. The Superintendent's salary for the school year 1955-1956 was apportioned as follows: Carroll 6.5%, Lancaster 33.8%, Whitefield 19% and the State's share 40.7%. The salaries of the Elementary Supervisor and the secretary and office expense of the Union for the school year 1955-1956 were apportioned as follows: Carroll 11%, Lancaster 57% and Whitefield 32%. These percentages are based on two factors having equal weight as follows: (1) Average Daily Membership of District, and (2) District Valuations (adjusted). The following chart might be of interest to show you how these percentages are derived:

### DISTRICT VALUATIONS (Adjusted)

Carroll	\$ 1,753,150.00
Lancaster	5,544,489.00
Whitefield	3,522,472.00
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	\$10,820,111.00

### AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICTS

District	Elem.	High	Total
Carroll	49.6	15.7	65.3
Lancaster	516.9	223.7	740.6
Whitefield	255.4	106.8	362.2
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	821.9	346.2	1168.1

### DISTRICT PERCENTAGES OF COSTS

District	Valuation %	A.D.M. %	Aver. %
Carroll	16	6	11
Lancaster	51	63	57
Whitefield	33	31	32
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	100%	100%	100%

Section 47 of Chapter 135 of the revised laws has been amended by the 1951 General Court to read, in part, as follows: "The basis for the apportionment shall be one-half on the average membership for the previous school year and one-half on the last adjusted valuation of the District."

The average percentages will vary slightly each year due to changes in the valuation of the districts and the average daily membership of pupils in the districts.

The Union School Board employs a full time elementary supervisor whose duty it is to aid and direct those teachers teaching Grades I through VI. This position has been in existence for approximately seven years. Miss Blanche Witherell, Supervisor of Elementary Education, has done exceptionally well this year in aiding these teachers. Special programs relative to the progress of the pupils, both individually and as a whole, are carried on under her guidance. We recommend that her report be read and digested as we feel that this field of education should be understood by all interested parents and citizens.

#### School Personnel

Mrs. Ethel MacKinnon, Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Blanche Collins, fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Sara Shute, sixth grade teacher in the elementary schools, Mr. James Hodgkins, social studies and English teacher, Donald MacGregor, science and social studies teacher, and Miss Mary Rines, commercial teacher of the high school, resigned their positions effective June 1956.

Mrs. Helen Carr, second grade teacher, was assigned to teach the Kindergarten; Miss Paula Osborne, graduate of University of New Hampshire, was employed to teach Grade II; Miss Victorine Stuart, graduate of University of New Hampshire, was employed to teach Grade III; Miss Roberta Moore, graduate of Plymouth Teachers College, was employed to teach Grade V; Mrs. Ruby Beecher, teacher of Grade VI, was assigned to teach English and social studies in the high school, replacing Mr. James Hodgkins; Mrs. Doris Nash, graduate of Plymouth Teachers College and Boston University, was employed to teach Grade VI; Mrs. Nellie Rogers, teacher at the Grange School, was assigned to teach Grade IV, replacing Mrs. Blanche Collins, retired; Mr. John Miller, graduate of Boston University, was employed to teach social studies, replacing Mr. Donald MacGregor; Mrs. Margaret Guilmette, graduate of Salem Teachers College, was employed to teach commercial subjects, replacing Miss Mary Rines, retired; Mrs. Shirley Aldrich, second grade teacher, was as-



signed to teach the newly created sixth grade.

The assignment of elementary teachers for the school year 1956-1957 is as follows:

Kindergarten, Mrs. Helen Carr; Grade I, Mrs. Florence Allin, Miss Annie McGinley; Grade II, Mrs. Marion Knight, Miss Paula Osborne; Grade III, Mrs. Jean Stocks, Miss Victorine Stuart; Grade IV, Mrs. Nellie Rogers, Mrs. Gwendolyn Parker; Grade V, Mrs. Elizabeth Chase, Miss Roberta Moore; Grade VI, Mrs. Doris Nash, Mrs. Shirley Aldrich; Mt. Cabot School, Mrs. Pearl Gormley; Remedial teacher, Mrs. Leola Hall.

The high school teachers for the school year 1956-1957 are as follows: Mr. Verne Bryant, Mr. W. Allister Crandall, Mrs. Elsie Dorr, Mrs. Betty Fowlie, Mr. George Jones, Mr. Lee McCoy, Mrs. Gertrude McGoff, Miss Rosalie McGraw, Mr. Ralph McLean, Mrs. Margaret Guilmette, Mr. John Miller, Mrs. Ruby Beecher, Mr. John O'Brien, Mrs. Clarese Swetson, Mr. Gardner Wentworth, Mrs. Ruth Wentworth and Mr. Carroll Stoughton, Principal.

### Enrollment

The enrollment problem anticipated during the next ten years at the Lancaster School is one of interest and will require a great deal of study. There is constant fluctuation in the anticipated year by year pupil enrollments. Studying the situation one realizes that there is an ever increasing number of pupils attending school. Upon analyzing the report, as presented to us by the census return of September 1, 1956, it would appear that the increase of pupil enrollment will not vary to any great degree for several years to come. May we present the following table.

#### ANTICIPATED FUTURE ENROLLMENT IN GRADE I

##### According to Census Reports

##### Four Year Summary

Anticipated Enrollment Year	Year census was taken (September)			
	1953	1954	1955	1956
1956	58	55	58	
1957	73	75	74	70
1958	57	57	57	49
1959	50*	71	79	70
1960		51*	78	75
1961			28*	48
1962				45*

\*This figure includes only children born before September 1 of that calendar year, as the census is taken at that time.

A study of the above table will show that there were approximately 58 pupils that would be entering Grade I in September, 1956. Actually there were 74 pupils who entered Grade I that year. A further study of the table will show that in 1957 we may expect an enrollment of 70 pupils in September. This is a drop of four pupils from the actual enrollment of 1956. However, as one will note there seems to be a constant increase in the enrollment of our Grade I over the figures which are presented in the census returns.

The census shows that as of September 1, 1957, the Lancaster School may anticipate an enrollment of 70 pupils in the first grade. It further shows on September 1, 1958, that the school may expect an enrollment of 49 pupils, and in 1959, according to this same census, the school enrollment may be 70 pupils. This data is extremely valuable at this time as it seems to show that our present over-all pupil enrollment is not increasing at an extreme rate. It seems to hover around 70 to 80 pupils entering Grade I each year.

The pupil enrollment in the elementary grades, one through six, continues to vary. Last year, according to the best figures available, it was anticipated that the pupil enrollments in grades one through six would be 406. Actually, the pupil enrollment as of September 1, 1956, for grades one through six was 412 pupils. This was an increase of eight pupils over the preceding year. Again we should reiterate that our grade enrollments are exceedingly large for the number of teachers available. As was mentioned in last year's report, the philosophy of the State Board of Education stipulates that no more than 40 pupils may be taught in any one grade by one teacher.

At the end of this report will be found a table under the caption, "Preliminary Report of the Lancaster School District", to which we would like to have you refer. This gives, to the best of our ability a complete survey of the enrollment in the Lancaster School District. These figures are based entirely on present-day enrollment and the census report as of September 1, 1956. Kindly study this report. We suggest that you compare it with the one of last year. It might be of interest to note that the pupil enrollment in grades 1-6 for the school year 1956-1957 is 53 more pupils than were enrolled in these grades for the school year 1954-1955.

A further study of this chart will show that the anticipated enrollment in grades 1-6 for the years 1957-1960 do not vary to any great degree. This means that if there is no migration to any great extent in the town of Lancaster, the present facilities may house all the pupils attending these grades during this period.

The small grade enrollments which were prevalent in grades 1-6 during the past several years are now enrolled in grades 7-12. This means that the enrollment in our high school, including grades 7-12, will continue to increase over the next 10 years. As the smaller classes graduate from high school and the larger classes enter high school, the question will arise as to whether or not there will be sufficient room in the high school building to house this increased enrollment. This increase in pupil enrollment is very evident, if one studies the table at the end of this report giving special attention to the grand total of anticipated pupil enrollment up through the school year 1961-1962. It will be noted that in 1954 there was an enrollment of 668 pupils in the school system in Lancaster. From a study of the chart, "Preliminary Report of the Lancaster School District", it will be noted that in 1961 there is an anticipated enrollment of at least 764 pupils which is an increase of 96 pupils between the years 1954 and 1961.

After making a thorough study of this chart, one definite conclusion may be reached. It is clearly visible that the enrollment in the Lancaster High School is constantly increasing. As this enrollment continues to increase, the amount of available classroom space per child constantly decreases. At the present time, the Lancaster High School building is crowded. True, there is ample room for all children to be seated in the various classrooms. However, due to the large enrollment, it is impossible to achieve certain goals which should be the aim of any progressive high school.

One of these standards of achievement should be the privilege of a student to study in a study hall without having a class recitation going on in the same room. Since September 1953 there has been no study hall for the pupils. It will be remembered that for the school year 1953-1954, the enrollment at the Lancaster High School was so large it was necessary to divide the old study hall into two classrooms, in order that enough classrooms would be available to carry on the program which was offered the pupils at that time. Since 1953 the increase in the high school pupil enrollment has required the continuance of this condition.

In a progressive school system attention should be given to the Fine Arts as well as to the Cultural Arts in order that a pupil may have a well grounded over-all education. Lancaster High School offers music both vocal and instrumental to those pupils attending its high school. However, no provision is made for a pupil to study Art in any form. Pupils should be given the opportunity to study in those fields in which they have special interest. At the present time if a pupil has no interest in music there is no other phase of the Fine Arts in which he may participate. Such pupils should have the opportunity to study some other form of Art, particularly if they are gifted. An appeal is being made for the townspeople to consider putting Art into its schools for the good of all pupils attending grades one through twelve.

This report would not be complete if reference were not made to the need of a guidance director in the high school. Many problems arise which should be presented and discussed by an individual who has been trained for this type of work. Personal problems as well as school problems are handled by a guidance director. The Lancaster high school, with an enrollment of over three hundred pupils, is large enough to warrant the need of a director in this field.

Concluding this review on present and future pupil enrollment in the Lancaster high school, it may be said that even though there are many needs which are evident for the improvement of our high school, stress is presently being given to the three needs mentioned above: (1) lack of study hall space in the high school building, (2) the need for an Art Supervisor, (3) the need for a Guidance Director.

### **Insurance**

This year your School Board, in conjunction with the Whitefield and Carroll School Boards, once again offered to all pupils in these towns the opportunity of participating in a Special School Child Accident Policy for one dollar and twenty-five cents per year per pupil. This is the fourth year that the pupils attending the Lancaster schools have had this opportunity. Previous to this time the expense of an accident was born directly by the parent. It is thought that this accident insurance policy will be a great help in meeting expenses which occasionally occur in school.

This policy became effective September 15, 1956, and will continue until September 15, 1957. Five hundred four pupils and teachers took advantage of this opportunity. This shows

that approximately sixty-one percent of the entire student body participated in this project.

### **Social Security**

It will be noted that there are four articles in the School Warrant dealing with Social Security. Even though the Lancaster School District has voted favorably for participation of the school district employees in the Social Security Program, the Attorney General has requested that these articles be voted on again at the next Annual School District Meeting, due to a recent amendment in the New Hampshire Legislature. At the present time all school district employees, with the exception of the teachers, come under the Social Security Program.

### **Handicapped Children**

By law, handicapped children who are unable to attend school have the privilege of being taught at home for a period of not less than two hours per week. Referring to the budget for 1957-1958, you will note that a sum of \$800 has been requested for this purpose. One cannot tell how much the expense for this item might be. There could easily be a greater demand for this service than we now anticipate during the coming year.

If you have a child who is handicapped and cannot attend school, feel free to contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools as he may be in a position to give you assistance.

### **Driver Training Program**

Last year a special appropriation of \$1000 was voted by the school district for Driver Education in the Lancaster High School for the school year 1956-1957. Mr. John Miller, teacher of science and social studies, was appointed as instructor. Certain qualifications must be met by the instructor before he can teach this subject. Mr. Miller attended a Driver Training school held at Keene Teachers College, Keene, New Hampshire, last summer.

There are quite a few students in the junior and senior classes at Lancaster High School who would like to take this course. However, due to other activities, it is impossible for some of them to take the course as a conflict exists. It is hoped that in due time all children who wish may participate in Driver Training. Twenty students are now enrolled in the course. "Sportsmanship Driving", published by American Automobile Association, Third-Revised Edition, is the text which is being used in classes.

Interest has been high, even though the course is run after the close of regular school hours.

### **Adult Educational Program**

Two courses in adult education are being offered by the Lancaster School Department. One in Slip Covers is being held at the Community House as there is not enough room in the school to house the necessary chairs which have been brought in from the homes for repairs. Mrs. Catherine Murphy, Berlin, New Hampshire, is the instructor in this course. At the high school there is a class being conducted by Mr. George Jones in Furniture Repair and Refinishing. Both of these classes come under the State Vocational Program and the cost for instruction is being paid for by the State Department of Education.

### **Budget Deficit**

When your Superintendent of Schools came to Lancaster, the school district was in debt. The amount of this debt as of June 30, 1954, was \$19,767.17. Since that time your Superintendent of Schools and your School Board have worked diligently and honestly in endeavoring to present to the citizens of Lancaster a true budget for the ensuing school years. At the same time, they have striven to save monies wherever possible. As will be noted in the tax commission report, the existing deficit as of June 30, 1956, was \$1,828.34. In the 1956-1957 school budget, the school district raised and appropriated a sum of three thousand dollars toward the existing deficit. As only \$1,828.34 will be used to pay off the remaining debt which existed as of June 30, 1956, \$1,171.66 will be returned to the town at the end of the present school year. This means that as of June 30, 1957, the school district of Lancaster will have no existing deficit, other than the balance of the debt incurred at the time the elementary school was constructed. The amount of the building debt as of June 30, 1957, will be \$146,000.00.

### **Hot Lunch Program**

The Lancaster elementary and high schools continue to participate in the Hot Lunch Program sponsored for the benefit of the pupils attending these schools. During the school year 1956-1957 the cost was twenty-five cents per lunch per pupil in grades one through six, and thirty cents per lunch per pupil in grades seven through twelve. The School Lunch Program functions on a revolving fund and has been self-supporting to date. The only reason we are able to give the pupils such excellent food for so little cost is be-

cause of the number of lunches served, available state aid, and the efficiency with which the head dietitian and her very able assistants plan and execute the daily menus.

All pupils attending the Lancaster Schools are privileged to purchase hot lunches during those days when school is in session. It might be of interest to note that the number of hot lunches served at this writing is exceptionally high. The interest of the pupils in the program continues to increase. These lunches must meet standards established by the State Board of Education through the office of School Lunch Program. Our kitchen is subject to inspection at all times by official state representatives. Not only is the kitchen checked, but a careful study of the menus is made so that properly balanced lunches are served.

May we express our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Elsie Dorr, Mrs. Thelma D. Murphy, Mrs. Hannah Rowe, Mrs. Belle Smith, and Mrs. Kathleen Cardinal for making this program so successful.

The following information may be of interest in showing the sizeable program that was carried on during the school year 1955-1956:

Lunches served (Children and Adults)	37,570
Milk— $\frac{1}{2}$ pints—(In addition to that served with lunches)	12,220
Food and Supplies (Government)	\$1,987.46
Freight charges (Surplus commodities)	\$ 145.44
Salaries (Adults)	2,900.45
Salaries (Students)	484.65
Food Purchases	8,641.28
Equipment Purchases	351.96
Other Purchases	144.01
United States Department—Agricultural	
Claims	1,537.88
Lunch Receipts	9,715.16
Miscellaneous revenue	1,418.93

### Repairs

Since July 1, 1956, the following repairs have been completed:

1. Three classrooms, located on the first and third floors of the high school building, were painted.
2. Fluorescent fixtures were added in two classrooms.
3. An airduct has been installed in the boiler room of the elementary school.

4. Tile has been laid on the corridor of the first floor of the high school building.

5. Major plumbing repairs have been made.

6. Incinerator for burning papers was constructed in rear of the high school building.

Other necessary repairs have been made as the need for them has risen.

Our appreciation goes to Mr. Alpha Kingsley and Mr. Ronald Gainor, school custodians, for their continued interest in having the schools clean and wholesome at all times. Your school building is an asset to the town.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Miss Blanche Witherell, Supervisor of Elementary Education, Mr. Carroll Stoughton, High School Principal, and all members of the Lancaster teaching staff for the outstanding work which they are doing this year. One needs only to visit the schools to sense an atmosphere of interest and cooperation in the complete school program.

Our appreciation also goes to Mrs. Mary Carey, School Nurse, and Dr. Benjamin H. Blodgett, Dr. David M. Cleasby, Dr. James A. Ferguson, and Dr. Thomas S. Rock, school physicians. Your school Health Program is one of the best in the state. For the cooperation displayed by the health personnel and other interested citizens, we are extremely grateful. Through their efforts it has been possible to continue the Salk vaccine programs successfully. We suggest that the Health Program report by Mrs. Mary Carey be read.

We also want to thank the Parent-Teacher Association for its interest and cooperation which it has given the school during this past school year. A good Parent-Teacher Association is an asset to any school system.

To Chief Kenneth Hinckley we wish to express our sincere thanks for the outstanding work which he and his staff are doing for the benefit of the school and its pupils. We are extremely gratefully for his interest and cooperation.

The Lancaster School District is very fortunate in having members on its school board who are very much interested in the educational program being offered your children. Without this interest and cooperative spirit your school program would not be as progressive as it now is. The members are endeavoring to give your children the best educational opportunities which are possible. The fine cooperation given your Superintendent of Schools by your School Board is indeed gratifying.



May we suggest that all citizens make an effort to visit the Lancaster schools at least once each year.

Respectfully submitted,  
**HAROLD A. TRUELL,**  
Superintendent of Schools.

## PRELIMINARY REPORT LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP FORECAST — FIVE YEAR PERIOD 1956-1961  
HIGH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP FORECAST — TEN YEAR PERIOD 1956-1966

Year (Sept.)	Grades										Grades					
	1-6						7-8				9-12		Grand Total			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	7	8	Total	9	10		11	12	Total
1956	74	76	76	68	62	56	412	40	62	102	62	72	43	38	215	729
1957	70	74	76	76	68	62	426	56	40	96	62	62	72	43	239	761
1958	49	70	74	76	76	68	413	62	56	122	40	62	62	72	236	771
1959	70	49	70	74	76	76	415	68	62	130	56	40	62	62	220	765
1960	75	70	49	70	74	76	414	76	68	144	62	56	40	62	220	778
1961	48	75	70	49	70	74	386	76	76	152	68	62	56	40	226	764
1962		48	75	70	49	70		74	76	150	76	68	62	56	262	
1963			48	75	70	49		70	74	144	76	76	68	62	282	
1964				48	75	70		49	70	119	74	76	76	68	294	
1965					48	75		70	49	119	70	74	76	76	296	
1966						48		75	70	145	49	70	74	76	269	

The Kindergarten enrollment is not included in this table.

# Report for the Elementary Schools

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Mr. Harold A. Truell  
Superintendent of Schools  
Lancaster, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Truell:

This report of the Town of Lancaster is respectfully submitted:

The necessity for a satisfactory, workable Curriculum is always our primary concern. We feel that Lancaster Elementary School has much to offer in this area. The Oral Reading continues to show improvement, and new challenges that will result in greater efficiency are offered daily. In the Intermediate grades, we are shifting more and more of the emphasis to Silent Reading. There are several phases to be explored: reading to discover facts, to summarize, to skim, and to just enjoy the contents. All these are included in our aims.

Ability to attack new words phonetically as well as by context give confidence to the reader. And with pride we have watched this confidence grow and develop.

With the added support of Remedial Reading under Mrs. Hall's supervision, we believe our Reading Program parallels any program in the State.

We regret the loss of the new "Time Controlled Reading Machine" with which we had hoped to extend and accelerate reading skills.

We are proud of the progress shown through the grades in the field of Language, but we have much more to do before we achieve the ultimate. This objective will require months, even years, of steady persistence and patience. And we have a teaching staff who are loyally supporting every step in the plan for "Building Better English."

We continue to stress neatness, legibility, and uniformity of lettering in Handwriting.

The general attitude of the Kindergarten groups and their mental development have more than justified our faith in their ability and show the Educational values derived from maintaining this vital part of the school system. We find that the Kindergarten experiences of these children make them better adjusted first graders.

Two types of tests were administered to all elementary children during the year: the Stanford Achievement Test

for general information and the California Intelligence Test. Any test, given to groups of individuals, is only partially reliable because of the many influences over which the teacher has no control, such as the child's physical condition and his emotional reactions. Thus, although the test is an important part of the child's school record, it is only one of many criteria and must be used in conjunction with these other factors if we are to evolve a complete picture of his achievement.

Introduced this year was a new type of Report Card which we feel will more adequately meet the standards for marking and will show a clearer view of the child's ability and effort. Many parents have expressed a desire for this type of card and have been delighted at its initiation. We of the teaching staff are most grateful to the parents for their wholehearted support, not only of this project, but of many others. Never have we found the parents more willing to confer with us about their children's progress and problems. This cooperation means better understanding and better schools. Surely, each of us is interested primarily in these "Citizens of Tomorrow" and together we can make them worthy of the name.

Many workshops have been held during the school year. These have varied greatly in content and procedure, but always it has been a study of better methods and higher purposes. Workshops in "Phonics" reveal the potential in the application of Phonics. Workshops with Mr. Truell are usually concerned largely with best methods of teaching Reading and Arithmetic, and our regular weekly meetings include problems of Administration and Supervision.

The week of November 11-17 we observed as American Education Week. The highlight of the week was "Open House" and the first Parent-Teacher Association meeting of the year. Attendance at "Open House" exceeded that of other years by a large count.

Several changes have been made in our teaching staff this Fall. To replace four teachers who left in June we have added Mrs. Doris Nash, Miss Roberta Moore, Miss Victorine Stuart and Miss Paula Osborne. To provide for the additional classroom added this year, Mrs. Nellie Rogers is with us from the Grange school. We welcome these teachers to our community and our school.

Total registration for the elementary grades has now reached 470. This figure includes 15 children at Mt. Cabot school.

The cafeteria is serving increasing numbers of children each noon hour. It has been necessary to stagger the lunch hour in order to provide seating capacity for each group and to facilitate service.

I am deeply grateful to every organization and every individual within the school's jurisdiction for sharing the responsibility of leadership and work. My sincere thanks is extended.

To Mr. Truell who loyally supports and patiently advises us, and to the Members of the School Board for their understanding and interest, we are grateful.

To Mrs. Mary Carey, Mrs. Ruth Wentworth, and the entire teaching staff goes a deep expression of gratitude for the steady, persistent effort that accomplishes results.

I appreciate the cooperation of the Cafeteria Staff.

The Custodial staff is unstinting in time and service.

Our many friends are helping in every way to make Lancaster Elementary School a Bastion of Freedom and Democracy.

Respectfully submitted,

**BLANCHE M. WITHERELL,  
Supervisor of Elementary Education**

# Principal's Report

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Mr. Harold A. Truell  
Superintendent of Schools  
Lancaster, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report as principal of the Lancaster High School.

The graduating class of 1956, with a membership of only thirty-three, was one of the smallest classes to have graduated from Lancaster High School in many years. In the class there were twenty-one girls and only twelve boys.

Of the thirty-three pupils graduating, four are attending State Universities, two a Teachers College, five Nurse's Training Schools, three Business Schools, and Beauty School; two are married, and one is in the Service. All of the remaining fifteen are employed.

Following are tables with reference to the total registration in this year's classes:

Table I (by residence)

District	Grades						Total
	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Lancaster	40	63	55	60	33	32	283
Jefferson			8	13	8	4	33
Lunenburg, Vermont					1	1	2
Gilman, Vermont				1		2	3
Guildhall, Vermont			3		1		4
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	40	63	66	74	43	39	325

Total: Grades 7 and 8—103, Grades 9 thru 12—222; Total 325

Table II (By classes)

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
Seniors	13	26	39
Juniors	23	20	43
Sophomores	35	39	74
Freshmen	41	25	66
Eighth Grade	26	37	63
Seventh Grade	20	20	40
	—	—	—
	158	167	325

Table III (By subjects Grade 9-12)

ENGLISH		HOME ECONOMICS	
English IX	66	Clothing and Textiles	6
English X	74	Foods	18
English XI	46	Home Management	12
English XII	39		
SOCIAL STUDIES		SCIENCE	
Civics	66	General Science	19
World History	50	Biology	60
United States History	45	Chemistry	35
Problems of Democracy	38		
LANGUAGES		SHOP	
Latin I	14	Trades and Industries I (Cabinet Making)	23
Latin II	10	Trades and Industries II (Practical Construction)	6
French I	14	Industrial Arts	14
French II	8	Mechanical Drawing	10
COMMERCE		MATHEMATICS	
General Business	39	General Mathematics	39
Economic Geography	28	Algebra I	43
Bookkeeping	13	Plane Geometry	22
Consumer Education	13	Algebra II	10
Typing I	60	Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry	3
Typing II	20		
Stenography I	10		
Stenography II	11		
Office Practice	17		

By having Home Economics classes meet four times a week instead of the usual five, it was found possible to return to an eight forty-five minute period schedule in place of the six hour period schedule in effect last year, and still meet the time requirements for these courses. Although there were certain advantages in a schedule of hour periods, they seem to be outweighed by the advantages of a schedule of forty-five minute periods. And such a schedule is preferred by a majority of pupils and teachers.

Another change in the schedule for this year was having classes in chemistry for both juniors and seniors. This, of course, eliminated the teaching of physics this year. Although this was done with the intention of making chemistry a junior subject and physics a senior one, it might be better to alternate them—offering physics one year to

both classes and chemistry the next. A determining factor would be the number of seniors selecting physics next year.

But regardless of how or when these subjects are scheduled, it is going to be necessary to remodel the science laboratory, if the school is to have the needed facilities for an adequate course in physics.

Another matter, which also will need consideration in the near future is that concerning the financial support of the athletic program. Ticket sales and gate receipts in basketball, the only sport at which an admission is charged, have fallen off greatly this year, and unless other means of support can be found it may mean the discontinuance of soccer and baseball.

As you know, one of the main reasons for a pupil's failure in high school is his inability to read at a high school level. I believe it would be very helpful if a program similar to that carried on in the elementary school, in which there is a special teacher for reading, could be carried on in the high school. In addition to helping pupils who fail subjects because of a deficiency in reading ability, such a program would benefit also those pupils who are able to pass, but still have trouble in reading. Since reading is one of the basic fundamentals of an education, I am sure that any improvement in that field would improve the scholarship of many of our pupils.

In relation to failures it might be well to repeat what I have mentioned in a previous report, that it is the responsibility of the school to keep failures to a minimum, but to do so without lowering the quality of achievement. As we know, there is a wide range of abilities among students, and all students will not achieve the same degree of success in high school. Yet, if a student works diligently and is taking a course of study appropriate for him, he should not fail continually. Even though failure is a part of this competitive world, that is no reason for its being taught in school. This, however, does not mean that the time will come when there will not be failures in high school, for there will always be those who fail for other reasons than their lack of ability to do the work.

At this time it might be well to mention the fact that graduation from high school does not mean a set achievement by all, but rather an achievement by each in terms of his capacity. Colleges do, and employers should, where needed, seek from the school specific information concerning a student's abilities and achievements rather than conclude



that high school diploma means equal competence for all graduates.

Since this is to be last report as principal of Lancaster High School, I wish to take this opportunity to express to the school boards my thanks for their understanding, cooperation, and support, to the teachers my gratitude for their loyalty and helpfulness in carrying on the school program, and to the people of Lancaster my sincere appreciation and gratitude for making my years as a teacher and principal in the high school very pleasant ones.

It has been my good fortune to work in a community in which the schools have been well supported, and to have had under my supervision groups of young people who have been loyal and cooperative.

In closing, I wish to express to you, the school board, teachers, and pupils my appreciation for the assistance given me in administering this year's program.

Respectfully submitted,  
CARROLL STOUGHTON,  
Principal

## Music Department

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### VOCAL MUSIC

Mr. Harold A. Truell  
Superintendent of Schools  
Lancaster N. H.

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my annual report as Supervisor of Vocal Music in the Lancaster Schools.

The Kindergarten children were taught very short songs, many songs of which the words are familiar (Mother Goose rhymes, etc.). Rhythm work was started such as skipping, walking, running and jumping rhymes. These were recognized through use of records mostly.

In the first grade more stress was made of tone matching. Longer songs taught by rote were learned. Many game songs were taught. Individual response was still put to use. The very fundamentals of music were learned, such as the clef sign, music staff, measures, bars, and kinds of notes. By observing the way music is placed on the staff by using the blackboard, they learned whether to go up high or down low. Records were used occasionally for the purpose of

observing different kinds of rhythms. We had a very successful Rhythm Band.

Music books were placed in the hands of the second grade children the first of the year. They were taught to observe more closely how the music and words went together. More stress was put on the basic fundamentals that were introduced in the first grade. Individual work was still continued, especially in tone matching. By doing this consistently the children really hear the difference in pitch. They begin to "see with their ears, and hear with their eyes". Recognition of similar phrases was stressed, and in many instances the music was read by syllables.

Continuation in the third grade of the principles already set forth was with less imitative teaching and more independent effort in both singing and note reading.

At least two new songs from books were studied each week, singing first by syllable, then by "loo", then by words. Board exercises containing problems always accompanied this work. A thorough drill on all the notes and rests previously taught was reviewed.

Longer phrases and wider and more unusual skips were drilled on daily, as well as rhythmic drill.

The teaching of the rhythmic pattern of the divided beat, or two tones sung to one beat was taught during the year. This was best done by developing a feeling of tones, analogous to running, sometimes called the running notes.

In the fourth grade and in the following two grades independent power in sight reading and interpretation was realized. The songs and problems with accompanying drills were presented logically, each step proceeding from the known to the unknown. A number of songs involving certain problems to be taught later, such as sharp and flat chromatics and the rhythmic pattern (dotted quarter and eighth note) were taught.

Daily tone drills and ear training helped to gain much knowledge of the scale tones in many of their relations.

Two-part singing was started the last of the year. Singing "rounds" creates a feeling of independence, therefore is considered a good approach for this two-part work. Simple songs with easy rhythmic and tonal problems were selected. The parts were changed often but not in the same song. The children were encouraged to concentrate and listen carefully to each other.

In the fifth grade we still had the drill period. We reviewed all music problems of previous years, tone and rhythmic drill and ear training.

Unison and two-part singing we continued, with increased power of interpretation and improvement in vocal quality.

Three-part songs were introduced in the sixth grade.

Advanced rhythmic patterns were introduced and drilled on. Major key signatures up to five flats and five sharps were taught. Minor keys were introduced. Flat and sharp chromatics were drilled on.

By use of the victrola and records, ability to distinguish various orchestral and band instruments was stressed in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.

Composers were discussed, both the older and modern ones. Their works by means of records were listened to.

The rural school children learned the basics of music and many rote songs. They also had the advantage of records so that they, too, became somewhat familiar with different instruments.

In Junior High two and three part music was used. Listening to good music and discussion of same was participated in.

The High School groups were as large as in the past. They were represented at the All New England Music Festival in Claremont and at the All State Music Festival of New Hampshire in Keene.

The Orchestra and Glee Clubs gave a joint Spring Concert where unison, two-part, three-part and four-part singing was produced. Also a very fine "a capella" group was heard.

Respectfully submitted,  
RUTH C. WENTWORTH,  
Vocal Music Supervisor

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Mr. Harold A. Truell  
Superintendent of Schools  
Lancaster, New Hampshire  
Dear Mr. Truell:

Again, it is my pleasure to offer you my report as Instrumental Instructor in the Lancaster Schools for the year 1955-1956.

The instrumental classes for this year were about the usual size. About eighty-five students did instrumental work in regularly scheduled classes, meeting once a week. We had thirty-five members in our senior orchestra and twenty-five in the junior orchestra. Both of these groups were very well balanced and did some good work all through

the year. The junior group seemed to be quite a bit above average, and several of its members will undoubtedly be ready for the senior orchestra when school opens in September.

The Lancaster orchestra was well represented at the All-State Festival which was held at Keene in early April, and several students played with the All-State orchestra for the annual teachers' convention which was held at Manchester in October. Music students always look forward to the meetings of the All-State groups as it gives them a chance to compare their work with that of students from all parts of the state, and, equally important, it gives them a chance to make new friends in a non-competitive project.

At Lancaster we did not lose many students by the 1956 graduation, as only two of our members left us by the graduation route. This will mean that with the opening of school in September we should be able to carry on from where we were last spring. When we lose a large number of experienced players and have to take in replacements in the lead chairs, it usually means a great deal of review work for the development of new members.

During 1955-1956 arrangements were made for a series of joint rehearsals with Whitefield. These rehearsals were very much enjoyed by all students and led up to two combined concerts with the Whitefield and Lancaster Music Departments. These concerts were held in April and were very well attended in both towns. It is hoped that the plan for combined rehearsals will be carried out during the coming school year.

The 1955-1956 school year was a successful and happy year for our instrumental department.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the school board, the superintendent, and the principal for their fine support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
GARDNER E. WENTWORTH,  
Supervisor of Instrumental Music

# ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

## SUMMARY

Cash on hand June 30, 1955	\$ 2,099.26
Received from Selectmen, current appropriation	159,895.18
Income from Trust Funds	97.88
Received from State Treasurer, (State Aid)	25,229.38
Received from State Treasurer, (Federal Funds)	3,264.41
Received from Tuitions	10,236.25
Received from all other sources	661.96
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Total amount available for fiscal year	\$201,484.32
Less school orders paid	198,325.20
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Cash on hand June 30, 1956	\$ 3,159.12

CHRISTINA D. BENNETT,  
School Treasurer

# Audit Report

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DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
Concord, New Hampshire

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

August 23, 1956

The School Board  
Lancaster Union School District  
Lancaster, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Lancaster Union School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the District. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

### SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the School Board and the School District Treasurer.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Comparative Balance Sheets: (Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of June 30, 1955 and June 30, 1956, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the Net Debt decreased by \$18,543.68 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956.

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

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

#### Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures —Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits C D)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit D), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$3,104.79, less a revenue surplus of \$2,429.30, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$675.49.

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

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956, made up in accordance with the

uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of June 30, 1956, is included in Exhibit E-2.

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

A statement of the bonded indebtedness of the School District as of June 30, 1956, showing annual debt service requirements, is contained in Exhibit F.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Decrease in Current Deficit:**

It is noted that in a two year period the current deficit has been reduced from \$19,769.17 to \$1,828.34, indicating that good progress has been made in the financial affairs of the School District. The actual appropriations made during this period to reduce the deficit amounted to \$6,000.00. The following statement shows the decrease in the deficit during the period June 30, 1954 to June 30, 1956:

	June 30, '54	June 30, '55	June 30, '56
<b>Total Current</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>	\$20,750.18	\$10,471.28	\$4,987.46
<b>Total Assets</b>	981.01	2,099.26	3,159.12
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<b>Current Deficit</b>	\$19,769.17	\$ 8,372.02	\$1,828.34
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**Conclusion:**

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

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

Yours very truly,  
**HAROLD G. GOWLER,**  
**Director**

**Division of Municipal Accounting**  
**State Tax Commission**

**Joseph W. Boudreau, Auditor**  
**O. Maurice Oleson, Accountant**

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

**August 23, 1956**

**Certificate of Audit**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Lancaster Union School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1956. In our opinion, the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the School District on June 30, 1956, and the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

**HAROLD G. FOWLER,  
Director**

**Division of Municipal Accounting  
State Tax Commission**

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## Budget for 1957-1958

	Expended 1955-56	Adopted Budget 1956-57	Proposed Budget 1957-58
<b>Administraton</b>			
Salaries of Dist. Officers	\$ 477.50	\$ 477.50	\$ 477.50
Supt.'s Sal. - Local Share	2,280.00*	2,443.75	2,587.50
Tax for State-wide			
Supervision	1,458.00	1,494.00	1,494.00
Sal. of other adminis-			
trative personnel	3,790.00	3,991.25	4,192.50
Supplies & Expenses	2,933.16	2,906.88	3,036.25
<b>Instruction</b>			
High School Teachers' &			
Principal's salaries	48,878.20	44,789.48	46,989.48
Elem. teachers' salaries	64,190.23	68,517.79	67,617.79
Books & Instructional			
Aids—High	1,042.00	1,000.00	1,225.00
Books & Instructional			
Aids—Elem.	1,476.46	1,500.00	1,525.00
Scholars' Supplies--High	2,284.77	2,500.00	2,625.00
Scholars' Supplies—Elem.	2,587.54	3,000.00	3,125.00
Supplies & Expenses—High	412.79	400.00	400.00
Supplies & Expenses—Elem.	343.03	325.00	325.00
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>			
Sal. of Custodians—High	3,250.40	3,220.00	3,316.00
Sal. of Custodians—Elem.	3,467.40	3,395.00	3,506.00
Fuel or Heat—High	2,485.58	3,500.00	3,750.00
Fuel or Heat—Elem.	4,595.72	3,500.00	3,750.00
Water, Light, Supplies			
& Expenses—High	2,336.44	2,100.00	2,403.75
Water, Light, Supplies			
& Expenses—Elem.	2,415.36	2,100.00	2,403.75
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>			
Repairs & Replacements			
—High	2,998.91	1,625.00	1,750.00
Repairs & Replacements			
—Elem.	1,532.84	1,625.00	1,750.00

	Expended 1955-56	Adopted Budget 1956-57	Proposed Budget 1957-58
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>			
Health Supervision - High	570.62	643.75	772.50
Health Supervision - Elem.	1,558.56	1,931.25	1,802.50
Transportation—High	2,405.52	2,395.00	2,445.00
Transportation—Elem	7,874.48	7,185.00	7,685.00
Tuition—High		400.00	400.00
Tuition—Elem.	497.64	400.00	400.00
Special Activities—High	95.28	150.00	150.00
<b>Fixed Charges</b>			
Retirement—High	3,218.27	3,500.00	3,446.82
Retirement—Elem.	4,635.58	4,700.12	4,509.24
Insurance—High	821.59	829.97	888.58
Insurance—Elem.	821.60	829.98	888.58
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
Additions & Improvements—			
High	369.25		
New Equipment—High	1,418.97	1,250.00	1,250.00
New Equipment—Elem.	1,430.79	1,250.00	1,250.00
<b>Debt &amp; Interest</b>			
Principal of Debt	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Interest on debt	3,280.00	3,040.00	2,800.00
Budget Deficiency		3,000.00	
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Total Expenditures or School Appropriations	\$196,234.48	\$197,915.72	\$198,937.74

\* Superintendent's Salary \$6,750.00 was apportioned as follows: Carroll \$440.00, Lancaster \$2,280.00, Whitefield \$1,280.00, State share \$2,750.00.

Travel: Carroll \$110.00, Lancaster \$570.00, Whitefield \$320.00.

## REVENUE

		Receipts as	
	Actual	Estimated in	Estimated
	Receipts	1956-57	Receipts
	1955-56	Budget	1957-58
Balance	\$ 2,099.26	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,421.66
State Aid	25,229.38	25,000.00*	14,088.43
State Aid—Building Fund		2,400.00	2,400.00
Trust Funds	97.88	90.00	90.00
Federal Aid	3,264.41	1,500.00	1,400.00
Tuition	10,123.75	7,500.00	8,000.00
Other	607.98	200.00	200.00
Total Receipts other than			
Property Taxes	\$ 41,422.66	\$ 36,690.00	\$ 27,600.09
District Assessments	159,895.18	161,225.72	171,337.65
Total appropriations-voted			
by School District	\$201,317.84	\$197,915.72	\$198,937.74

\* At the time of drawing up the 1956-1957 school budget we anticipated \$25,000.00 state aid, but we only received \$14,088.43 which increased the amount of money raised by assessment for the school year 1956-1957 to \$172,137.29.

# School Warrant

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on the twenty-sixth day of March, 1957, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose one Member of the School Board from the former Town (rural) School District for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose one Member of the School Board from the former Union (village) School District for the ensuing three years.
5. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the town will vote to have the New Hampshire State Tax Commission audit the school district financial books for the school year 1956-1957.
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.

Given under our hands at said Lancaster this thirtieth day of January, 1957.

JOHN E. GORMLEY, Chairman  
WALTER D. HINKLEY  
CLIFFORD R. GRAY  
CECILE M. COSTINE  
GRACE M. LEE  
ROLAND H. WHITE

## School Calendar 1957-1958

Terms	Begins	Ends
Fall Term	September 4, 1957	December 20, 1957
Winter Term	January 6, 1958	February 21, 1958
Spring Term	March 3, 1958	April 18, 1958
Summer Term	April 28, 1958	June 16, 1958
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Teachers' Convention		October 17-18, 1957
Thanksgiving Recess		November 21-22, 1957
Good Friday		April 4, 1958



# Forest Fire Prevention is Everybody's Business



## Prevent Forest Fires!

### 1956 RECORD

**Number of Fires**

**None**

**Acreage Burned**

**None**

OCCUPANT

LANCASTER, N. H.

SEC. 34.66 P.L.&R.

U. S. POSTAGE

**PAID**

LANCASTER, N. H.

PERMIT NO. 32

## TOWN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Town Manager                      Donald E. Crane                      8-3391

Town Clerk and Treasurer, Dorothy H. Cross      8-3391

Town Accountant and Fire Precinct Treasurer  
    Arthur L. Tenney                      8-3391

School Department                      8-4842

### Emergency Numbers

Police Department                      8-4402

Fire Department                      8-4830

Civil Defense                      8-3391