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Annual Reports
of the town of
BENNINGTON
New Hampshire
for the year ending
December 31, 1961



School District Reports
for the year ending
June 30, 1961

AN APPEAL FROM YOUR FOREST FIRE WARDEN

In these days of constantly rising taxes and wages, any unnecessary expense is an added burden on everyone's pocketbook — yours and mine. Forest fires cost money and damage our valuable woodlands. Lightning sets some forest fires, but we have no control of lightning. Children cause many fires. Ninety-eight percent of our forest fires result from human carelessness — our carelessness. This, we — you — and I can do something about.

When we require you to obtain a permit for out-of-doors burning or forbid you to burn on days of high fire danger or set up regulations — hours, etc., governing the use of the town dump we are simply protecting yours and the town's interests.

The ever present threat of forest fires is the concern of all of us; the responsibility for preventing them is ours and the costs of extinguishing are ours. We can do something about this problem, by being aware of and alert to the danger and by cooperating with your warden.

Do the things that are required of you —

1. Follow the warden's directions.
2. Secure the required burning permit.
3. Keep your fires under control.
4. Completely extinguish your fires before leaving them.
5. See that your children are properly cautioned.

Everyone will benefit by it.

1961 Fire Record

Number of fires, 1.

Number of acres burned, spot.

Number of permits issued, 50.

Winthrop H. Hannaford
District Fire Chief

Herbert A. Curtis
Forest Fire Warden

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

John P. Weston Term expires Sept. 1962

SELECTMEN

Frederick S. Sheldon Term expires March 1962
William L. Aldrich Term expires March 1962
Erving A. LeCain Term expires March 1964

TOWN CLERK

Donald A. Powers Term expires March 1962

TOWN TREASURER

Arthur F. Bell Term expires March 1962

ROAD AGENT

Herbert A. Curtis Term expires March 1962

TAX COLLECTOR

Edward French Term expires March 1962

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ruth A. Cody Term expires March 1962
Philip E. Knowles Term expires March 1963
Mary D. Shea Term expires March 1964

COMMISSIONERS OF WATER WORKS

John D. Armstrong Term expires March 1962
Edward French Term expires March 1963
Albert Cuddemi Term expires March 1964

FIRE WARDENS

Paul G. Traxler, Chief Term expires March 1962
Fred Hugron Term expires March 1962
Ivon W. Clough Term expires March 1962

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Herbert A. Curtis Term expires March 1965

DEPUTY WARDENS

Lawrence Newhall Term expires Jan. 1, 1965
Edward French Term expires Jan. 1, 1965
Charles Lindsay Term expires Jan. 1, 1965
Philip Traxler Term expires Jan. 1, 1965
Larry Laviolette Term expires Jan. 1, 1965

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appointed by Moderator for One Year

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Robert St. Lawrence | George Weston |
| Edward French | Clifford Smith |
| Theodore Aucella | |

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Edward French | Term expires Sept. 1962 |
| Philip E. Knowles | Term expires Sept. 1962 |
| Paul G. Traxler | Term expires Sept. 1962 |

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Frederick S. Sheldon | Term expires March 1962 |
| John P. Weston | Term expires March 1963 |
| Philip E. Knowles | Term expires March 1964 |

OVERSEER OF POOR

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| William Kereazis | Term expires March 1962 |
|------------------|-------------------------|

JANITOR, TOWN HALL

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Paul G. Traxler | Term expires March 1962 |
|-----------------|-------------------------|

SEXTON

| | |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| Fred Hugron | Term expires March 1962 |
|-------------|-------------------------|

CONSTABLE

| | |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| Frank Chiesa | Term expires March 1962 |
|--------------|-------------------------|

CHIEF OF POLICE

| | |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| Frank Chiesa | Term expires March 1962 |
|--------------|-------------------------|

SPECIAL POLICE

| | |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| Howard Ayers | Term expires March 1962 |
| C. E. Rogers | Term expires March 1962 |

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Selectmen

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Open for appointment

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Open for appointment

DOG CONSTABLE

Fred Hugron

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Bennington on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

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

2. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for highways and bridges.

3. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Class V roads and raise and appropriate money for the same. The Town must raise \$242.74 and the State will contribute \$1,618.26.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see what action the Town will take in regard to real estate taken over by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for tarring. (Selectmen).

7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Memorial Day and raise and appropriate money for the same.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$151.00 (1/100th of 1% of Town Valuation) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southwestern N. H. for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the Town in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns of the Region. (Selectmen).

9. To see if the Town will change time of town meeting from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. (Silvio Zanga).

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand (\$2,000.00) to repair Town Garage to store Town truck, machinery and equipment securely. (Selectmen).

11. To see if the Town will adopt Whittemore Beach Ordinances. (Selectmen).

12. To see if the Town will adopt regulation of Water Department as submitted by Water Commissioners.

13. To see what action the Town will take in regard to purchasing a mobile radio unit for the Chief of Police and to raise and appropriate money for same. This item to be purchased with matched funds from Civil Defense and our cost will be \$295.00. (Chief of Police).

14. To see what action the Town will take to install cement foundation floor and ramp in Fire Department small station and raise and appropriate monies for the same. (Fire Department).

15. To see what action the Town will take to install dug outs and loam and seed Little League ball field with assistance from Lions Club and raise and appropriate monies for the same. (Lions Club).

16. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Statutory requirements and to carry the articles and appropriations of the School District into effect.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 14th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

Frederick S. Sheldon
William L. Aldrich
Erving A. LeCain
Selectmen of Bennington

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Frederick S. Sheldon
William L. Aldrich
Erving A. LeCain
Selectmen of Bennington

BASIS FOR 1961 TAX RATE

The Selectmen feel that to assist the voters in their consideration of the regular budget and special warrants they should have this information to show the basis for computation of the 1961 property tax rate.

| | | |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Total Appropriation: | | |
| Town Budget | \$40,167 01 | |
| School Budget | 44,981 62 | |
| | ----- | |
| | | \$85,148 63 |
| Less: Estimated Revenue | 10,513 00 | |
| Estimated Poll Taxes | 450 00 | |
| | ----- | |
| | | 10,963 00 |
| | | ----- |
| TOTAL | | \$74,185 63 |
| Plus: Estimated Overlay | | 861 37 |
| | | ----- |
| Total to be raised by property taxes | | \$75,047 00 |
| 1961 Property Valuation | \$1,513,617 50 | |
| 1962 Property Valuation Estimate | \$1,510,000 00 | |
| Estimated tax rate on budget items only | | 49 70 |
| Increase in rate per every thousand dollars appropriated in the Warrant | | 67 |

COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

1957—1961

| | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | Proposed 1962 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$1,500 00 | \$1,500 00 | \$1,435 00 | \$1,475 00 | \$1,500 00 | \$1,650 00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 600 00 | 700 00 | 750 00 | 750 00 | 800 00 | 750 00 |
| Election & Registration | 150 00 | 350 00 | 125 00 | 315 00 | 100 00 | 350 00 |
| Town Hall Maintenance | 1,700 00 | 1,300 00 | 1,300 00 | 1,700 00 | 1,700 00 | 1,500 00 |
| Police Department | 600 00 | 600 00 | 600 00 | 1,000 00 | 1,000 00 | 1,000 00 |
| Fire Department | 1,500 00 | 1,500 00 | 1,350 00 | 1,350 00 | 1,500 00 | 1,500 00 |
| Parks and Playgrounds | 1,200 00 | 1,200 00 | 1,200 00 | 1,200 00 | 1,200 00 | 1,250 00 |
| Insurance | 1,700 00 | 1,850 00 | 1,900 00 | 2,000 00 | 1,950 00 | 2,000 00 |
| Civilian Defense | 50 00 | 550 00 | | | 200 00 | |
| Blister Rust | 550 00 | 550 00 | 550 00 | 850 00 | 900 00 | 1,100 00 |
| Health Department—Town Dump | 203 46 | 247 86 | 246 67 | *245 19 | 244 04 | 242 74 |
| T.R.A. | 6,500 00 | 6,500 00 | 6,500 00 | 6,500 00 | 6,500 00 | 7,000 00 |
| Town Maintenance | 800 00 | 950 00 | 600 00 | 1,000 00 | 1,000 00 | 750 00 |
| General Expenses Highway Department | 1,200 00 | 1,200 00 | 1,200 00 | 600 00 | 800 00 | 800 00 |
| Truck | 1,500 00 | 1,500 00 | 1,500 00 | 1,500 00 | 1,500 00 | 1,500 00 |
| Tarring | 1,700 00 | 1,600 00 | 1,600 00 | 1,750 00 | 1,750 00 | 1,600 00 |
| Street Lighting | 200 00 | 200 00 | 200 00 | 200 00 | 200 00 | 200 00 |
| Libraries | 2,500 00 | 2,200 00 | 2,200 00 | 2,200 00 | 1,800 00 | 2,000 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 1,200 00 | 1,200 00 | 1,000 00 | 800 00 | 500 00 | 300 00 |
| Public Relief | 200 00 | 250 00 | 175 00 | *200 00 | 200 00 | 200 00 |
| Memorial & Old Home Day | 2,500 00 | 2,500 00 | 2,200 00 | 2,400 00 | 2,500 00 | 2,500 00 |
| Water Department | 750 00 | 1,050 00 | 900 00 | 900 00 | 900 00 | 900 00 |
| Cemeteries | 375 00 | 804 00 | 1,060 00 | 800 00 | 675 00 | 550 00 |
| Interest | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Regional Associations | 150 00 | 150 00 | 147 00 | 150 00 | 150 00 | 150 00 |
| Payment on Debt | 2,000 00 | 4,050 00 | 5,880 00 | 5,880 00 | 3,480 00 | 3,480 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 215 00 | 215 00 | 322 00 | 275 00 | 175 00 | 175 00 |
| Special Appropriations | 1,950 00 | 4,196 00 | 6,930 00 | 1,050 00 | 2,500 00 | 2,500 00 |
| Totals | \$32,443 46 | \$37,556 90 | \$43,014 19 | \$37,334 54 | \$35,947 74 | \$35,947 74 |
| County Tax | 6,334 75 | 6,242 21 | 5,872 91 | 8,419 27 | 8,419 27 | 8,419 27 |
| School Tax | 35,962 52 | 32,375 06 | 38,558 14 | 41,816 49 | 44,981 62 | 44,981 62 |
| Totals | \$74,740 73 | \$76,174 17 | \$87,440 24 | \$87,570 30 | \$89,348 63 | \$89,348 63 |
| Plus Overlay | 1,142 82 | 1,065 47 | 1,427 56 | 1,550 74 | 861 37 | 861 37 |
| Total Expenses | \$75,883 55 | \$77,239 64 | \$88,867 80 | \$89,121 04 | \$90,210 00 | \$90,210 00 |
| Less—Estimated Revenue | 9,120 71 | 11,881 23 | 10,814 56 | 11,205 85 | 10,513 00 | 10,513 00 |
| Poll Taxes | 484 00 | 500 00 | 524 00 | 418 00 | 450 00 | 450 00 |
| Cash Surplus | 1,540 60 | | 5,731 25 | | | |
| Net to be Raised by Property Taxes | \$64,738 24 | \$64,878 41 | \$71,797 99 | \$77,497 19 | \$79,247 00 | \$79,247 00 |
| Actual Tax Rate | \$4 48 | \$4 44 | \$4 78 | \$5 12 | \$5 25 | \$5 25 |

COMPARISON OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

1957—1961

| | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | Proposed 1962 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$1,425 00 | \$1,435 00 | \$1,488 75 | \$1,489 80 | \$1,659 20 | \$1,650 00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 789 10 | 755 05 | 793 32 | 896 85 | 741 64 | 750 00 |
| Election and Registration | 88 00 | 311 50 | 99 25 | 347 00 | 162 22 | 350 00 |
| Town Hall Maintenance | 1,875 98 | 1,585 46 | 1,705 68 | 1,963 56 | 1,308 80 | 1,500 00 |
| Police Department | 408 12 | 449 50 | 817 24 | 694 95 | 1,008 53 | 1,000 00 |
| Fire Department | 1,473 55 | 1,879 00 | 1,515 03 | 2,067 29 | 1,063 49 | 1,500 00 |
| Parks and Playgrounds | 1,202 20 | 1,170 35 | 1,044 29 | 1,019 25 | 825 75 | 1,250 00 |
| Insurance | 1,825 02 | 1,983 16 | 1,950 50 | 1,929 74 | 1,987 55 | 2,000 00 |
| Civilian Defense | | | 12 55 | | | |
| Health Department and Town Dump | 478 63 | 493 05 | 756 25 | 810 04 | 807 00 | 1,100 00 |
| T.R.A. | | | | | | 242 74 |
| Town Road Maintenance | 6,804 63 | 6,733 60 | 7,005 16 | 9,755 29 | 6,891 36 | 7,000 00 |
| General Expense Highway | 956 54 | 805 85 | 1,550 11 | 2,457 21 | 636 81 | 750 00 |
| Truck | 1,432 05 | 1,371 93 | 804 23 | 970 03 | 985 32 | 800 00 |
| Tarring | 2,280 84 | 1,692 56 | 1,128 79 | 1,648 80 | 914 16 | 1,500 00 |
| Street Lighting | 1,560 78 | 1,577 88 | 1,494 40 | 1,816 21 | 1,583 59 | 1,600 00 |
| Libraries | 200 00 | 200 00 | 200 00 | 235 63 | 200 00 | 200 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 2,048 41 | 2,053 50 | 2,002 56 | 1,481 09 | 2,071 06 | 2,000 00 |
| Public Relief | 940 51 | 895 59 | 459 22 | 162 92 | 187 46 | 300 00 |
| Memorial and Old Home Days | 206 50 | 250 00 | 175 00 | 200 00 | 200 00 | 200 00 |
| Water Department | 2,846 45 | 2,448 63 | 3,069 35 | 3,145 99 | 2,526 75 | 2,500 00 |
| Cemeteries | 642 98 | 625 00 | 864 03 | 893 82 | 1,042 20 | 900 00 |
| Interest | 524 47 | 804 09 | 680 55 | 824 21 | 695 66 | 550 00 |
| Regional Association | 150 00 | 144 00 | 144 00 | 147 00 | 150 00 | 150 00 |

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Payment on Debt | 3,200 00 | 4,250 00 | 3,000 00 | 5,880 00 | 5,880 00 | 3,482 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 603 58 | 852 66 | 779 95 | 692 56 | 667 75 | 175 00 |
| Special Appropriations in Warrant | 806 37 | 2,926 47 | 3,256 87 | 6,684 49 | 5,000 61 | 2,500 00 |
| Totals | \$34,769 71 | \$37,694 53 | \$36,797 08 | \$48,213 73 | \$39,196 91 | \$35,947 74 |
| County Tax | 6,334 75 | 6,242 21 | 6,772 92 | 5,872 91 | 8,419 27 | 8,419 27 |
| School Warrant | 35,962 52 | 32,375 06 | 35,470 83 | 38,575 93 | 41,816 49 | 44,981 62 |
| Total Expenditures | \$77,066 98 | \$76,311 80 | \$79,040 83 | \$92,662 57 | \$89,432 67 | \$89,348 63 |
| Total Revenue Except Property Taxes | 13,066 57 | 14,248 80 | 11,855 87 | 19,177 24 | 12,673 43 | 10,963 00 |
| Total Net | \$64,000 41 | \$62,063 00 | \$67,184 96 | \$73,485 33 | \$76,759 24 | \$78,385 63 |

*Estimated—Warrant

(a) Net of Amount raised by long term notes.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1962 to December 31, 1962. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961.

| Sources of Revenue | Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1961 | Actual Revenue Previous Year 1961 | Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1962 |
|--|---|--|--|
| From State: | | | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | \$767 89 | \$545 49 | \$545 49 |
| Railroad Tax | 85 14 | 65 18 | 65 18 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 32 43 | 48 27 | 48 27 |
| Reimbursements a/c State and Federal TRA | 1,626 91 | 1,626 91 | 1,618 26 |
| For Fighting Forest Fires | | 14 75 | |
| Reimbursement a/c Old Age As. | | 225 02 | |
| From Local Sources Except Taxes: | | | |
| Dog Licenses | 200 00 | 173 80 | 175 00 |
| Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees | 30 00 | 44 00 | 40 00 |
| Rent of Town Hall & other bldgs. | 165 00 | 160 57 | 130 00 |
| Int. Rec'd on Taxes & Deposits | 100 00 | 102 91 | 100 00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 1,000 00 | 832 50 | 580 00 |
| Income of Departments: | | | |
| Highway, incl. rental of equip. | 1,500 00 | 1,226 25 | 1,200 00 |
| Income from Municipally owned Utilities: | | | |
| Water Departments | 2,900 00 | 3,205 08 | 3,000 00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 3,000 00 | 3,729 26 | 3,000 00 |
| Misc. | | 202 16 | |
| From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes: | | | |
| Poll Taxes—Regular @\$2 | 418 00 | 454 00 | 450 00 |
| Yield Taxes | | 17 28 | 10 80 |
| Total Revenues From All Sources | | | |
| Except Property Taxes | \$11,825 37 | \$12,673 43 | \$10,963 00 |
| Amt. To Be Raised By Prop. Taxes | | | \$74,185 63 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | | \$85,148 63 |

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

| Purposes of Expenditures | Appropriations Previous Year 1961 | Actual Expenditures Year 1961 | Estimated Expenditures Year 1962 |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Current Maintenance Expenses: | | | |
| General Government: | | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$1,500 00 | \$1,659 20 | \$1,650 00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 800 00 | 741 64 | 750 00 |
| Election & Registration Expenses | 100 00 | 162 22 | 350 00 |
| Exp. Town Hall & other Bldgs. | 1,700 00 | 1,308 80 | 1,500 00 |
| Protection of Persons and Property: | | | |
| Police Department | 700 00 | 1,008 53 | 1,000 00 |
| Fire Department | 1,500 00 | 1,063 49 | 1,500 00 |
| Insurance | 1,950 00 | 1,987 55 | 2,000 00 |
| Damages & Legal Expenses | 250 00 | 108 60 | 150 00 |
| Health: | | | |
| Health Dept. including Hospitals | 50 00 | | 50 00 |
| Vital Statistics | 25 00 | 29 00 | 25 00 |
| Town Dump | 850 00 | 807 00 | 1,050 00 |
| Highways and Bridges: | | | |
| Town Maintenance—Summer | 2,000 00 | 1,908 81 | 2,000 00 |
| Town Maintenance—Winter | 4,500 00 | 4,982 55 | 5,000 00 |
| Street Lighting | 1,750 00 | 1,583 59 | 1,600 00 |
| Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept. | 1,000 00 | 636 81 | 750 00 |
| Town Road Aid | 244 04 | | 242 74 |
| Libraries | 200 00 | 200 00 | 200 00 |
| Public Welfare: | | | |
| Town Poor | 500 00 | 187 46 | 300 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 1,800 00 | 2,071 06 | 2,000 00 |
| Recreation: | | | |
| Parks & Playground, Incl. Band Concerts | 1,200 00 | 825 75 | 1,250 00 |
| Public Service Enterprises: | | | |
| Municipally Owned Water and Electric Utilities | 2,500 00 | 2,526 75 | 2,500 00 |
| Cemeteries | 900 00 | 1,042 20 | 900 00 |
| Advertising & Reg. As. | 150 00 | 150 00 | 150 00 |

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

| Purposes of Expenditures | Appropriations Previous Year 1961 | Actual Expenditures Year 1961 | Estimated Expenditures Year 1962 |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Interest: | | | |
| On Temporary Loans | 250 00 | 242 08 | 250 00 |
| On Long Term Notes & Bonds | 425 00 | 453 58 | 300 00 |
| Highways and Bridges: | | | |
| Town Truck | 800 00 | 985 32 | 800 00 |
| Payment on Principal of Debt: | | | |
| Long Term Notes | 5,880 00 | 5,880 00 | 3,480 00 |
| County Taxes | 5,872 91 | 8,419 27 | 8,419 27 |
| School Taxes | 42,617 13 | 33,553 14 | 44,981 62 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$82,014 08 | \$74,524 40 | \$85,148 63 |

**TAX YEAR 1961 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF
VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON
IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

| Description of Property: | Valuation |
|--|-----------------------|
| Lands and Buildings | \$714,200 00 |
| Factory Bldgs. Including Land & Machinery | 550,000 00 |
| Electric Plants | 57,000 00 |
| Stock in Trade | 219,115 00 |
| Horses, Asses and Mules | 4 300 00 |
| Cows | 32 3,200 00 |
| Oxen | 2 200 00 |
| Fowls | 4,857 1,702 50 |
| Gasoline Pumps and Tanks | 6 900 00 |
| | |
| Total Gross Valuation before exemptions allowed | 1,546,617 50 |
| Less: Veterans' Exemptions & exemptions to Blind | 33,000 00 |
| | |
| Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed | \$1,513,617 50 |
| Public Service of N. H. | 57,000 00 |
| Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans | \$33,000 00 |
| Number of inventories distributed | 313 |
| Number of inventories returned | 115 |
| Number of veterans who received property exemption | 33 |
| Number of veterans exempted from poll tax | 59 |

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Frederick Sheldon
Erving A. LeCain
William L. Aldrich
Selectmen of Bennington

August 1, 1961

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND
TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1961
OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON IN
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date, August 1, 1961

Frederck Sheldon
Erving A. LeCain
William L. Aldrich
Selectmen of Bennington

| APPROPRIATIONS | AMOUNT |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Town Officers Salaries | \$1,500 00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 800 00 |
| Election & Registration Exp. | 100 00 |
| Town Hall & Bldgs. Maint. | 1,700 00 |
| Police Department | 700 00 |
| Fire Department | 1,500 00 |
| Blister Rust | 200 00 |
| Insurance | 1,950 00 |
| Damages & Legal Expenses | 250 00 |
| Health Department | 50 00 |
| Vital Statistics | 25 00 |
| Dump | 850 00 |
| Town Maintenance—Summer 2,000 | |
| Town Maintenance—Winter 4,500 | 6,500 00 |
| Street Lighting | 1,750 00 |
| Gen. Expenses of Highway Dept. | 1,000 00 |
| Town Road Aid | 244 24 |
| Libraries | 200 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 1,800 00 |
| Public Relief | 500 00 |
| Memorial Day | 200 00 |
| Parks & Playgrounds | 1,200 00 |
| Water and Electric Utilities | 2,500 00 |
| Cemeteries | 900 00 |
| Advertising & Regional As. | 150 00 |
| Tarring | 1,500 00 |
| Town Truck | 800 00 |

Special Appropriations:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Fire Dept., \$260.50 and \$350.00 | |
| Town Hall, \$700.00 and \$600.00 | 1,910 50 |
| Payment on Debt (Prin. \$5,880 00) | |
| (Int. \$675 00) | 6,550 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Town Appropriations | \$37,334 54 |
| County Tax | 8,419 27 |
| School Tax | 41,816 49 |
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|--|-------------|
| Total Town, County & School Appropriations | \$87,570 30 |
| Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits: | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | \$545 49 |
| Railroad Tax | 65 18 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 48 27 |
| Reimbursement a/c State & Fed. | |
| Lands, TRA | 1,626 91 |
| Revenue from Yield Tax Sources | 25 00 |
| Int. Rec'd. on Taxes and Deposits | 100 00 |
| Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees | 30 00 |
| Dog Licenses | 200 00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 3,000 00 |
| Rent of Town Prop. & Equip. | 1,665 00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 1,000 00 |
| Water & Electric Departments | 2,900 00 |
| Poll Taxes at \$2. Number 209 | 418 00 |
| | <hr/> |

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|--|-------------|
| Revenues and Credits | \$11,623 85 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 75,946 45 |
| Plus Overlay | 1,550 74 |
| | <hr/> |
| Amt. to be raised by prop. taxes | \$77,497 19 |
| Taxes to be committed to Collector: | |
| Property Taxes | \$77,497 19 |
| Poll Taxes at \$2.00 | 418 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Taxes to be committed | \$77,915 19 |
| Approved by Tax Comm. | \$5 12 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1961
For Itemized Report See Detailed Payments and Receipts

| Title of Appropriations | Appropriations | Receipts & Reimburse- ments | Amount Available | Expendi- tures | Balance | Overdraft |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1. Town Officers Salaries | \$1,500 00 | | \$1,500 00 | \$1,659 20 | 65 09 | \$159 20 |
| 2. Town Officers' Expenses | 800 00 | \$6 73 | 806 73 | 741 64 | | |
| 3. Election and Registration | 100 00 | | 100 00 | 162 22 | | 62 22 |
| 4. Town Hall Maintenance | 1,700 00 | 160 57 | 1,860 57 | 1,308 80 | 551 77 | |
| 5. Police Department | 700 00 | | 700 00 | 1,008 53 | | 308 53 |
| 6. Fire Department | 1,500 00 | 66 85 | 1,566 85 | 1,063 49 | 503 36 | |
| 7. Town Dump | 850 00 | | 850 00 | 807 00 | 43 00 | |
| 8. Vital Statistics | 25 00 | | 25 00 | 29 00 | | 4 00 |
| 9. T.R.A. | 244 04 | 1,626 91 | 1,870 95 | 1,870 95 | | |
| 10. Town Road Maintenance | 6,500 00 | 10 50 | 6,510 50 | 6,891 36 | 363 19 | 380 86 |
| 11. General Highway Expenses | 1,000 00 | | 1,000 00 | 636 81 | | |
| 12. Insurance | 1,950 00 | 19 82 | 1,969 82 | 1,987 55 | | 17 73 |
| 13. Tarring | 1,500 00 | 255 25 | 1,755 25 | 914 16 | 841 09 | |
| 14. Street Lighting | 1,750 00 | | 1,750 00 | 1,583 59 | 166 41 | |
| 15. Libraries | 200 00 | | 200 00 | 200 00 | | |
| 16. Old Age Assistance | 1,800 00 | 225 02 | 2,025 02 | 2,271 06 | | 46 04 |
| 17. Town Poor | 500 00 | | 500 00 | 187 46 | 312 54 | |
| 18. Memorial Day | 200 00 | | 200 00 | 200 00 | | |
| 19. Parks and Playgrounds | 1,200 00 | | 1,200 00 | 825 75 | 374 25 | |
| 20. Water Department | | 3,205 08 | 3,205 08 | 2,526 75 | 678 33 | |
| 21. Cemeteries | | 877 50 | 877 50 | 1,042 20 | | 164 70 |
| 22. Town Truck | | 960 50 | 960 50 | 985 82 | | 24 82 |
| 23. Legal Expenses | 250 00 | | 250 00 | 108 60 | 141 40 | |
| 24. Regional Associations | 150 00 | | 150 00 | 150 00 | | |

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON
IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1961

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Erving A. LeCain
William L. Aldrich
Selectmen of Bennington

Arthur F. Bell
Treasurer

| Assets | |
|---|-------------|
| Cash in hands of treasurer | \$22,660 21 |
| Accounts Due to the Town— | |
| Trust Funds | 260 00 |
| Unredeemed Taxes: | |
| Levy of 1960 | 274 15 |
| Levy of 1959 | 103 09 |
| Uncollected Taxes: | |
| Levy of 1961 | 3,569 76 |
| Levy of 1960 | 43 70 |
| State Head Taxes—Levy of 1961 | 210 00 |
| State Head Taxes—Previous Years | 5 00 |
| | ----- |
| Total Assets | \$27,125 91 |
| | ----- |
| Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt) | \$4,449 96 |
| | ----- |
| Grand Total | \$31,575 87 |
| Net Debt, December 31, 1960 | \$11,549 61 |
| Net Debt, December 31, 1961 | 4,449 96 |
| Decrease of Debt | 7,099 65 |

| Liabilities | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Accounts Owed by the Town: | |
| Bills outstanding | \$419 64 |
| Unexpended Bal. of Special App. | |
| Water Dept | \$459 41 |
| Old Home Day | 300 00 |
| Civil Defense | 37 45 |
| Municipal Court | 100 00 |
| Fire Dept. | 350 00 |
| | ----- |
| | \$1,246 86 |

Due to State:

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| State Head Taxes—1961 | 850 00 |
| Yield Tax—Bond & Debt Retirement | 2 88 |

Due to School Districts:

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Balance of Appropriation | 21,816 49 |
|--------------------------|-----------|

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Water Line | 600 00 |
| TRA Construction | 5,640 00 |
| Town Truck | 1,000 00 |

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$31,575 87</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Property Taxes—Current Year—1961 | \$72,622 44 |
| Poll Taxes—Current Year—1961 | 454 00 |
| Yield Taxes—1961 | 17 28 |
| State Head Taxes @ \$5—1961 | 1,455 00 |

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted | <u>\$74,548 72</u> |
|--|--------------------|

| | |
|---|----------|
| Property Taxes and Yield Taxes— Previous Years | 2,931 46 |
| Poll Taxes—Previous Years | 86 00 |
| State Head Taxes @ \$5—Prev. Years | 305 00 |
| Interest received on Taxes | 102 91 |
| Penalties on State Head Taxes | 30 50 |
| Tax sales redeemed | 58 09 |

From State:

For Highways and Bridges:

| | |
|---|----------|
| For Town Road Aid | 1,626 91 |
| Interest and dividends tax | 545 49 |
| Railroad Tax | 65 18 |
| Savings Bank Tax & Building & Loan Association Tax | 48 27 |
| Fighting forest fires | 14 75 |
| Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance | 225 02 |

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Dog Licenses | 173 80 |
| Business licenses, permits & filing fees | 44 00 |
| Rent of town property | 160 57 |
| Income from trust funds | 832 50 |
| Income from town truck | 960 50 |
| Income from municipal water, sewer and electric departments | 3,205 08 |
| Motor vehicle permits | 3,729 26 |

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year | \$25,000 00 |
| Insurance adjustments | 19 82 |
| Refunds | 85 24 |
| Sale of town property—cemetery lots | 45 00 |
| Fire Dept.—Phone Reimbursement | 52 10 |
| Highway Dept.—Tarring Reimbursements | 265 75 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue | \$25,467 91 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts from All Sources | \$115,161 92 |
| Cash on hand January 1, 1961 | \$14,824 61 |
| | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | \$129,986 53 |

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:
General Government:

| | |
|--|------------|
| Town officers' salaries | \$1,659 20 |
| Town officers' expenses | 741 64 |
| Election & registration exp. | 162 22 |
| Expenses town hall & other town buildings | 1,308 80 |
| Protection of Persons and Property: | |
| Police department | 1,008 53 |
| Fire department, incl. forest fires | 1,063 49 |
| Moth exterm.—blister rust & care of trees | 325 00 |
| Insurance | 1,987 55 |
| Bounties | 53 50 |

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Health: | |
| Vital Statistics | 29 00 |
| Town Dump | 807 00 |
| Highways and Bridges: | |
| Town Mainten. Summer | \$1,908 81 |
| Town Mainten. Winter | 4,982 55 |
| | ----- |
| | 6,891 36 |
| Street Lighting | 1,583 59 |
| Gen. Exp. Highway Department | 636 81 |
| Libraries: | 200 00 |
| Public Welfare: | |
| Old Age Assistance | 2,071 06 |
| Town Poor | 187 46 |
| Patriotic Purposes: | |
| Memorial Day & Veteran's As. | 200 00 |
| Recreation: | |
| Parks and playgrounds | 825 75 |
| Public Service Enterprises: | |
| Municipal water & electric dept. | 2,526 75 |
| Cemeteries | 1,042 20 |
| Unclassified: | |
| Damages and legal expenses | 108 60 |
| Advertising & Regional As. | 150 00 |
| Taxes bought by town | 274 15 |
| | ----- |
| Total Current Mainten. Exp. | \$25,843 66 |
| Interest: | |
| Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes | \$242 08 |
| Paid on long term notes | 453 58 |
| | ----- |
| Total Interest Payments | \$695 66 |

Outlay for New Construction, Equip.,
& Permanent Improvements:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Town truck | \$985 32 | |
| Tarring | 914 16 | |
| Auto Permits | 202 50 | |
| Town Hall Toilet & Septic Tank | 1,616 11 | |
| New Stage Curtains | 550 00 | |
| Repairs to Engine Hall | 509 50 | |
| Town Garage | 2,000 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Outlay Payments | | 6,777 59 |

Indebtedness:

| | | |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes | \$25,000 00 | |
| Payments on long term notes | 5,880 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Indebtedness Payments | | 30,880 00 |

Payments to Other Governmental Divs.:

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------|
| State Head Taxes paid to State Treas. (1961 Taxes \$356 00) (Prior Yrs. \$301 00) | \$1,157 00 | |
| Taxes paid to County | 8,419 27 | |
| Payments to School District (1960 Tax \$20,000 00) (1961 Tax \$13,553 14) | 33,553 14 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions | | \$43,129 41 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Payments for all Purposes | | \$107,326 32 |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1961 | | 22,660 21 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | | \$129,986 53 |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| Description | Value |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Town Hall, Land and Buildings | \$25,000 00 |
| Furniture and equipment | 1,500 00 |
| Library, lands and buildings | 25,000 00 |
| Furniture and equipment | 3,000 00 |
| Police Dept., equipment | 100 00 |
| Fire Dept., equipment | 17,000 00 |
| Highway Dept., lands and buildings | 5,000 00 |
| High Dept., equipment | 5,700 00 |
| Materials and Supplies | 500 00 |
| Parks, Commons & Playgrounds | 35,000 00 |
| Water Supply, if owned by Town | 50,000 00 |
| Schools, land and buildings | 65,000 00 |
| Equipment | 10,000 00 |
| Total | \$242,800 00 |

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Bennington, December 31, 1962

Annual Maturities of Outstanding Bonds and Long Term Notes

| | T.R.A. Const'ion Ser. Notes | Town Truck Ser. Notes | Water Dept. Pipe Line Ser. Notes | Total |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------|
| | 1959 | 1959 | 1959 | |
| | 3½ % | 3½ % | 3½ % | |
| 1962 | \$1,880 00 | \$1,000 00 | \$600 00 | \$3,480 00 |
| 1963 | 1,880 00 | | | 1,880 00 |
| 1964 | 1,880 00 | | | 1,880 00 |
| Totals | \$5,640 00 | \$1,000 00 | \$600 00 | \$7,240 00 |
| Less—T.R.A. Notes Guaranteed by the State | | | | 5,640 00 |
| | | | | \$7,600 00 |

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1961—Dec. 31, 1961

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Auto tax, 1960 | \$69 97 | |
| Auto tax, 1961 | 3,665 96 | |
| Dog tax, 1960 (Less fees) | 1 80 | |
| Dog tax, 1961 (Less fees) | 172 00 | |
| Filing fees March, 1961 | 14 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$3,923 73 |
| Refund on permit #20206 | | 6 67 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total amount paid to Treasurer, 1961 | | \$3,917 06 |

Don A. Powers
Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Credit

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1960 | \$14,824 61 |
| Total Receipts | 115,161 92 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$129,986 53 |

Debit

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Total Disbursements | \$107,326 32 |
| Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1961 | 22,660 21 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$129,986 53 |

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAX WARRANT

Levy of 1961

Debit

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total Property, Poll & Nat. Bank Stock Taxes Committed | \$78,017 22 | |
| Yield Taxes Committed | None | |
| Interest Collected | 6 51 | |
| | <hr/> | \$78,023 73 |

Credit

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Remittances to Treasurer | \$73,082 95 | |
| Discount Allowed | 1,365 02 | |
| Abatements Allowed | 6 00 | |
| Uncol. Taxes, per Collectors List | 3,569 76 | |
| | <hr/> | \$78,023 73 |

Levy of 1960

Debit

| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Uncol. Taxes, as of Jan. 1, 1961 | \$3,092 44 | |
| Interest Collected | 96 40 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,188 84 |

Credit

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Remittance to Treasurer | \$3,131 14 | |
| Abatements Allowed | 14 00 | |
| Uncol. Taxes, per Collector's List | 43 70 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,188 84 |

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1961

Debit

| | | |
|------------------|------------|------------|
| Original Warrant | \$1,640 00 | |
| Added Taxes | 35 00 | |
| Penalties | 15 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,690 00 |

Credit

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Remitted to Treasurer | \$1,455 00 | |
| Abatements | 25 00 | |
| Uncol. Taxes, per Collector's List | 210 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,690 00 |

Levy of 1960
Debit

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Uncol. Taxes, as of Jan. 1, 1961 | \$315 00 | |
| Penalties | 30 50 | |
| | ----- | \$345 50 |

Credit

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Remitted to Treasurer | \$335 50 | |
| Abatements | 5 00 | |
| Uncol. Head Taxes, per Collector's List | 5 00 | |
| | ----- | \$345 50 |

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1961

Debit

| | Tax Sales on Account of Levy of | | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------|---------|
| | 1960 | 1959 | 1958 |
| Taxes sold to town during current fiscal year | \$274 15 | | |
| Bal. of unredeemed taxes Jan. 1, 1961 | | \$113 04 | \$38 78 |
| Int. collected after sale | | 60 | 8 76 |
| TOTAL | \$274 15 | \$113 64 | \$47 54 |

Credit

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Remitted to Treasurer | | \$10 55 | \$47 54 |
| Unredeemed Taxes—At Close of Year | \$274 15 | 103 09 | |
| TOTAL | \$274 15 | \$113 64 | \$47 54 |

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

| | 1960 | 1959 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Patrick Cashion Est. | \$93 45 | \$91 98 |
| Verna Paige | 33 66 | |
| Warren Perkins | 93 45 | |
| George Whittemore | 53 59 | |
| John Robertson | | 11 11 |
| | \$274 15 | \$103 09 |

UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Howard Ayers | \$128 00 | |
| Everett Bennett | 92 16 | |
| Edward Bishop | 76 80 | |
| Robert & Eunice Blanchard | 391 68 | |
| Patrick Cashion Est. | 92 16 | |
| Patrick Cashion | 102 40 | |
| Robert Cashion | 10 24 | |
| Ruth Eldrid | 92 16 | |
| James Griswold | 153 60 | |
| Barbara Huntley | 230 40 | |
| Athlon & Barbara Huntley | 320 00 | |
| William Haag | 194 56 | |
| Sydney Huntington | 140 80 | |
| Melvin & Ruth Loomis | 61 44 | |
| Dan McInnis | 5 12 | |
| Maurice Paige | 115 20 | |
| Verna Paige | 30 72 | |
| Warren Perkins | 92 16 | |
| Clarence Rogers | 104 96 | Pd 1/5/62 |
| Lawrence Southwick | 40 96 | |
| Ralph & Jean Smith | 117 76 | |
| Lewis Tacy Est. | 51 20 | |
| Village Spa | 222 72 | |
| Herbert Wilson | 87 04 | |
| George Whittemore | 51 20 | |
| Claude & Catherine Butts | 102 40 | |
| William Crocker | 204 80 | |
| Harry Dorr | 35 84 | |
| Angelo DeCharie | 25 60 | |
| Floyd Fletcher | 128 00 | |
| John Robertson | 7 68 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$3,509 76 | |
| 1960 | | |
| Edward Bishop | \$41 70 | |

30 UNPAID POLL TAXES 1961

2.00

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Robert Blanchard | Edna Mercier | |
| Eunice Blanchard | Verna Paige | |
| Eleanor Bennett | Warren Perkins | |
| Robert Brown | Marjorie Perry | |
| Josephine Brown | Margaret Rogers | |
| Alice Cleary | Clarence Rogers | |
| Lillian Cuddihy | Lawrence Southwick | |
| Ruth Eldrid | Sylvia Southwick | |
| Donald Glynn | Jean Smith | |
| Evelyn Griswold | Emogene Tacy | |
| Pauline Gilman | George Varnum | |
| Barbara Huntley | Phoebe Whittemore | |
| Athlon Huntley | Hazel White | |
| Richard Lyons | James Wood | |
| Ardell Lyons | Suzanne Zabriskie | |
| Total | | \$60 00 |
| | 1960 | |
| Hazel White | | \$2 00 |

42 UNPAID HEAD TAXES 1961

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Edward Bishop | Maurice Paige | |
| Robert Blanchard | Verna Paige | |
| Eunice Blanchard | Warren Perkins | |
| Everett Bennett | Marjorie Perry | |
| Eleanor Bennett | Warren Perry | |
| Robert Brown | Margaret Rogers | |
| Josephine Brown | Clarence Rogers | |
| Alice Cleary | Lawrence Southwick | |
| Lillian Cuddihy | Sylvia Southwick | |
| Ruth Eldrid | Jean Smith | |
| Chester Frederick | Ralph Smith | |
| Donald Glynn | Emogene Tacy | |
| James Griswold | Winfred Tacy | |
| Evelyn Griswold | Leo Tacy | |
| Pauline Gilman | George Varnum | |
| Lawrence Gilman | Phoebe Whittemore | |
| Barbara Huntley | George Whittemore | |
| Athlon Huntley | Hazel White | |
| Richard Lyons | James Wood | |
| Ardell Lyons | Suzanne Zabriskie | |
| Edna Mercier | Charles Zabriskie | |
| Total | | \$210 00 |
| | 1960 | |
| Hazel White | | \$5 00 |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

December 31, 1961

1. Taxes—Edward French, Tax Collector:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Current year property taxes | \$72,622 44 | |
| Current year poll taxes | 454 00 | |
| Current year yield taxes | 17 28 | |
| Current year head taxes | 1,455 00 | |
| Prior year property taxes | 2,931 46 | |
| Prior year poll taxes | 86 00 | |
| Prior year head taxes | 335 50 | |
| Interest | 102 91 | |
| Tax Sales redeemed | 58 09 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Taxes | | \$78,062 68 |

2. Income from State:

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| T. R. A. | \$1,626 91 | |
| Interest & Dividend Tax | 545 49 | |
| Railroad Tax | 65 18 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 48 27 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 225 02 | |
| Forest Fires | 14 75 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2,525 62 |

3. Trust Fund Income—Trustees of Trust Fund \$832 50

4. Dog licenses, Donald Powers 173 80

5. Business Permits & Filing Fees, Donald Powers 44 00

6. Rental Town Property, Paul Traxler 160 57

7. Water Dept., John Armstrong 3,205 08

8. Motor Vehicle Permits, Donald Powers 3,729 26

9. Highway, Herbert Curtis

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Tarring | \$255 25 | |
| Driveways, etc. | 10 50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$260 75 |

10. Town Truck, Herbert Curtis 960 50

| | | |
|--|--------|---------------------|
| 11. Sale of Cemetery Lots | | 45 00 |
| 12. Fire Dept., Reimbursement Paul Traxler, Telephone | | 52 10 |
| 13. Temporary Loans, Hillsboro National Bank | 25,000 | 00 |
| 14. Miscellaneous | | |
| Insurance Refund | \$19 | 82 |
| Head Tax Expenses, State of N. H. | 6 | 73 |
| White Pine Blister Expense, State of N. H. | 1 | 85 |
| Collection of old account due Town | 76 | 66 |
| | | <u> </u> |
| | | \$105 06 |
| TOTAL. | | <u>\$115,161 92</u> |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1961

1. Town Officers' Salaries:

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Walter Cleary | \$10 00 |
| Robert Knight | 10 00 |
| William Aldrich | 250 00 |
| Erving A. LeCain | 250 00 |
| Frederick Sheldon | 300 00 |
| Edward French | 236 70 |
| Arthur Bell | 187 50 |
| William Kereazis | 50 00 |
| Paul Traxler | 20 00 |
| Ivon Clough | 25 00 |
| Fred Hugron | 45 00 |
| Donald Powers | 125 00 |
| John Armstrong | 150 00 |

\$1,659 20

2. Town Officers' Expenses:

| | |
|--|--------|
| First Nat'l Bank, Hillsboro, Bank Charges | \$8 55 |
| Ass'n. of N. H. Assessors, Dues | 3 00 |
| Registry of Deeds | 7 38 |
| Addie French, expenses | 10 00 |
| Joyce Buxton, Secretarial | 15 00 |
| Transcript Printing Co. Town Reports | 517 80 |
| Edson Eastman, Supplies | 10 68 |
| Selectmen, expenses | 25 98 |
| N. H. Town Clerk Ass'n., Dues | 3 00 |
| Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies | 17 63 |
| Contocook Valley Telephone Co. | 3 04 |
| N. H. Tax Collectors Ass'n., Dues | 3 00 |
| Edward French, expenses | 15 00 |
| Annie Lindsay, Postage | 36 03 |
| Sargent Bros., supplies | 20 55 |
| Philip Knowles, Trust Fund Expenses | 25 00 |
| Don Powers, Expenses | 20 00 |

741 64

3. Election & Registration Expenses:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Maxwell Press, Check lists | \$34 72 |
| Ruth Cole, Dinners | 35 00 |
| Transcript Printing Co., Ballots | 22 50 |

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Steve Chase, ballot inspector | 10 00 |
| William Kereazis, ballot inspector | 10 00 |
| J. P. Weston, Moderator | 5 00 |
| Paul Traxler, supervisor | 15 00 |
| Philip Knowles, supervisor | 15 00 |
| Edward French, supervisor | 15 00 |

162 22

4. Expenses – Town Hall:

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Paul Traxler, Janitor | \$393 67 |
| Bennington Lions Club, light bulbs | 11 04 |
| Contoocook Valley Tel. Co. | 6 65 |
| Hillsboro Lumber Co., supplies | 4 95 |
| Clifford Smith, labor | 12 00 |
| Arthur Sawyer, labor | 46 50 |
| Public Service Co. of N. H. | 203 84 |
| Bennington Garage, supplies | 50 |
| J. B. Vaillancourt, heating | 486 74 |
| Harry Sawyer, labor | 6 00 |
| Robert Westaway, labor | 12 00 |
| Herbert Wilson, Jr., labor | 2 00 |
| Robert Anderson, labor | 4 50 |
| Edmunds Market, supplies | 8 18 |
| Radio & Electric Service, supplies | 6 90 |
| James A. Coffin, plaque | 8 75 |
| Howard Chase, labor | 6 00 |
| Philip Knowles, clock repairs | 25 00 |
| Raymond Sheldon, labor | 30 00 |
| Monadnock Lumber Co., supplies | 3 00 |
| C. O. Rockwell, labor | 5 00 |
| Philip Morris Co., stage netting | 25 58 |

\$1,308 80

See Cash Receipts:
(Rent of Town Hall \$125 57)

5. Police Department:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Frank Chiesa, Police Chief | \$655 50 |
| A. S. Huntley, supplies | 6 10 |
| Contoocook Valley Telephone Co. | 143 49 |
| Howard Ayers, Police | 98 13 |
| Lionel Lortie, Police | 11 31 |
| C. E. Rogers, Police | 22 50 |
| Bennington Garage, supplies | 1 00 |
| M. Linsky Bros. Inc., Uniform | 60 50 |

\$1,008 53

6. Fire Department:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Edward French, payrolls | \$202 00 | |
| Paul Traxler, supplies | 57 02 | |
| Bennington Garage, repairs | 237 44 | |
| Contoocook Valley Tel. Co. | 168 60 | |
| Paul Traxler, labor | 12 74 | |
| Arthur Sawyer, labor | 3 00 | |
| Southwestern N. H. Mutual Aid, dues | 6 00 | |
| James A. Coffin, supplies | 18 56 | |
| George Whittemore, labor | 12 00 | |
| Ivon Clough, labor | 9 00 | |
| N. H. Fireman Ass'n., Insurance | 168 00 | |
| Phelps Photo, supplies | 5 00 | |
| N. H. Welding Supply Co., supplies | 11 10 | |
| Perley Warren, labor | 5 00 | |
| Frank Chiesa, labor | 1 50 | |
| Devine Sporting Goods, Resuscitator | 34 50 | |
| Edmunds Market, supplies | 7 96 | |
| Herbert Curtis, labor | 34 70 | |
| MacLeod Co., supplies | 4 10 | |
| Howard Ayers, labor | 7 50 | |
| Charles Zabriskie, labor | 4 50 | |
| Fred Hugron, labor | 8 25 | |
| A. S. Huntley, fire permits | 18 25 | |
| Public Service Co. of N. H. | 26 77 | |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$1,063 49 |

See Cash Receipts

(Paul Traxler, phone, \$52 10
Rent of pump \$35 00)

7. Insurance, Clark Davis Agency: \$1,987 55

See Cash Receipts

(Insurance Refund—\$19 82)

8. Vital Statistics, Donald Powers \$29 00

9. Bounties, Hedge-hogs \$53 50

10. Town Dump:

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Herbert Wilson, labor | \$800 00 |
| Herbert Curtis, labor | 7 00 |
| | ----- |

\$807 00

11. Town Maintenance, Summer:

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| F. C. Lowe, lumber | \$232 64 |
| Louis Topping, signs | 7 00 |

| | |
|---|----------|
| Eileen Newhall, gravel | 9 60 |
| Merrimack Farmers Exchange, supplies | 39 85 |
| R. E. Hazelton, Inc., repairs | 58 24 |
| William Weeks, labor | 6 00 |
| Richard Sudsbury, labor | 2 00 |
| John Ayers, labor | 2 00 |
| Robert Ayers, labor | 8 00 |
| Rodney LaClair, labor | 7 50 |
| David McWhirter, labor | 5 00 |
| A. S. Huntley, labor | 48 00 |
| David Burrows | 10 00 |
| Herbert Curtis, payroll & truck | 1,473 25 |

\$1,908 81

(See Cash Receipts
Driveways, etc.—\$10 50)

12. Town Maintenance—Winter:

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| A. S. Huntley, labor | \$498 50 |
| Herbert Curtis, payroll & truck | 2,484 60 |
| Sydney Huntington, payroll & truck | 516 25 |
| Ernest Normandin, labor | 498 00 |
| Bennington Garage, plowing | 88 00 |
| Philip Traxler, labor | 16 50 |
| Donald Glynn, labor | 97 50 |
| Charles Lindsay, labor | 12 00 |
| Chemical Corp., salt | 473 40 |
| David Burrows, labor | 57 50 |
| Richard Sudsbury, labor | 30 00 |
| Thomas Burrows, labor | 10 00 |
| Ellerton Edwards, supplies | 10 80 |
| William Lindsay, labor | 189 50 |

\$4,982 55

13. Street Lighting, Public Service
Co. of N. H.

\$1,583 59

14. General Expense, Highway Dept.:

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Bennington Garage, repairs | \$383 74 |
| Public Service Co. of N. H. | 97 34 |
| Robert Clafin, Garage Rent | 40 00 |
| Boston & Maine R. R., signs | 106 26 |
| Railway Express, supplies | 3 67 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|------|-------|
| Herbert Curtis, supplies | 1 80 | |
| Radio & Electric, supplies | 4 00 | |
| | | ----- |

\$636 81

15. G. E. P. Dodge Library \$200 00

16. Old Age Assistance:

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| State of New Hampshire | \$2,041 48 |
| County of Hillsborough | 29 58 |
| | ----- |

\$2,071 06

(See Cash Receipts
Old Age Ass't. Refund \$225 02)

17. Town Poor:

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| A. F. Edmunds, food supplies | \$109 18 |
| Zeke's Market, food supplies | 36 00 |
| William Kereazis, expenses | 42 28 |
| | ----- |

\$187 46

18. Memorial Day, Robert Knight \$200 00

19. Parks & Playgrounds:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Contoocook Valley Tel. Co. | \$27 64 |
| Transcript Printing Co., adv. | 2 50 |
| Herbert Curtis, labor | 44 07 |
| Fred Hugron, labor | 35 00 |
| Donald Sutherland, lifeguard | 526 88 |
| Bennington Garage, supplies | 1 14 |
| Harry Sawyer, lifeguard | 102 50 |
| A. S. Huntley, labor | 1 12 |
| Edmunds Market, supplies | 11 02 |
| Judy Rainier, lifeguard | 46 88 |
| John McNutt, labor | 27 00 |
| | ----- |

\$825 75

20. Water Works:

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| N. H. Supply Co., supplies | \$121 73 |
| Public Service Co. of N. H. | 667 63 |
| N. E. Chemical Co., supplies | 28 50 |
| John Armstrong, labor | 802 50 |
| Richard Sudsbury, labor | 21 00 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Robert Ayers, labor | 5 75 |
| Bennington Garage, supplies | 120 51 |
| Newhall Garage, supplies | 41 00 |
| H. R. Prescott, supplies | 20 86 |
| E. H. Edwards & Son, labor | 344 75 |
| Wallace & Tieman, supplies | 9 70 |
| Hilco Supply Inc., supplies | 170 88 |
| Monadnock Paper Mills, supplies | 94 72 |
| Radio & Electric, supplies | 12 11 |
| Derby's Dept. Store, supplies | 4 98 |
| Rodney LaClair, labor | 4 50 |
| Neptrene Meter Co., supplies | 22 18 |
| Law Motor Freight, supplies | 4 85 |
| State of N. H. | 1 05 |
| N. H. Water Works Ass'n, dues | 10 00 |
| Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., supplies | 5 30 |
| Philip Knowles, labor | 5 00 |
| Herbert Curtis, labor | 7 50 |

\$2,526 75

(See detailed Cash Receipts
Water Dept. Income, \$3,205 08)

21. Cemeteries:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Fred Hugron, labor | \$5 00 |
| Rodney LaClair, labor | 74 35 |
| Richard Sudsbury, labor | 49 50 |
| Donald Glynn, labor | 5 50 |
| Robert Ayers, labor | 58 75 |
| Richard Lyons, labor | 31 50 |
| Raymond Lyons, labor | 26 00 |
| Dan McKay, labor | 20 00 |
| Robert Handy, labor | 6 00 |
| Herbert Curtis, labor | 5 96 |
| Robert Duffield, equipment | 231 30 |
| Merrimack Farmers Exchange, supplies | 7 74 |
| John Bonnell, labor | 78 76 |
| John Cavanaugh, labor | 16 00 |
| John Ayers, labor | 16 00 |
| David McWhirter, labor | 84 00 |
| Delmar Newhall, labor | 80 56 |
| Joseph Smith, labor | 66 00 |
| Walter Levesque, labor | 54 00 |
| David Burrows, labor | 38 00 |
| Bennington Garage, repairs | 18 82 |
| Gleason Inc., repairs | 58 54 |
| Edmunds Market | 9 92 |

\$1,042 20

(See detailed Cash Receipts:
 Sale of Cemetery lots, \$65 00
 Trust Funds \$832 50)

22. Damage & Legal Expenses:
 Maurice Blodgett \$108 60

23. Taxes Bought by the Town:
 Edward French \$274 15

24. Advertising and Regional Ass'n.:
 Monadnock Region \$150 00

25. Payments to State & County:
 State of N. H.—Head Taxes \$1,157 00
 Hillsborough County Tax 8,419 27

 \$9,576 27

26. Auto Permits, Donald Powers \$202 50

27. Interest, Hillsborough Nat'l Bank \$695 66

28. Loans, Hillsborough Nat'l Bank:
 Temporary \$25,000 00
 Long Term 5,880 00

 \$30,880 00

29. School District, Mary K. Wilson \$33,553 14

30. Town Truck:
 Bennington Garage, Repairs \$713 98
 Mobil Oil Co., gas & oil 271 34

 \$985 32

(See detailed Cash Receipts:
 Rent of Town Truck—\$960 50)

31. Tarring:
 Trimount Bituminous Oil Co. \$581 16
 Herbert Curtis, Truck & Labor 147 00
 A. S. Huntley, labor 54 00
 David Burrows, labor 40 00

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Merle Aborn, labor | 52 50 |
| Al Sherbourne, labor | 18 75 |
| Dennis Gales, labor | 18 75 |
| Congregational Church, gravel | 2 00 |

\$914 16

(See detailed Cash Receipts
Tarring—\$255 25)

32. Town Hall Toilet & New Septic Tank:

| | |
|--|--------|
| O. B. Peirce, supplies & labor | 436 00 |
| Yeaton & Maine, blasting & excavation | 887 61 |
| Ralph E. Oja, supplies & labor | 100 00 |
| Herbert Curtis, labor | 130 00 |
| Richard Sudsbury, labor | 4 00 |
| John Armstrong, labor | 58 50 |

\$1,616 11

33. White Pine Blister

State of N. H. \$200 00

34. New Stage Curtains

C. L. Haskell \$550 00

35. Repairs to Engine Hall

Ralph Smith \$509 50

36. Purchase of Town Garage

Robert Clafin Estate \$2,000 00

37. Tree Spraying

Monadnock Tree Service \$125 00

TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$107,326 32

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Bennington, N. H., on December 31, 1961

| Date of Creation | NAME AND PURPOSE OF TRUST FUNDS | HOW INVESTED | PRINCIPAL | | | | | INCOME | | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | | | Balance Beginning Year | New Funds Created | Capital Gains | Balance End Year | Balance Beginning Year | Income During Year | Expended During Year | Balance End Year |
| 1939 | Samuel Gilman & Lucinda Dodge | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 6 95 | 4 85 | 4 25 | 7 55 |
| 1919 | Ann M. Eaton | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 6 95 | 4 85 | 4 25 | 7 55 |
| 1937 | Charles H. Kimball | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 6 91 | 4 85 | 4 25 | 7 51 |
| 1941 | Amos S. Martin | Peterborough Savings Bank | 200 00 | | | 200 00 | 12 69 | 9 64 | 8 50 | 13 83 |
| 1927 | Amos S. Martin | Peterborough Savings Bank | 400 00 | | | 400 00 | 24 49 | 19 28 | 17 00 | 26 77 |
| 1937 | Wesley R. Brown | Peterborough Savings Bank | 50 00 | | | 50 00 | 3 72 | 2 41 | 2 00 | 4 13 |
| 1932 | Charles F. Burnham | Peterborough Savings Bank | 200 00 | | | 200 00 | 17 69 | 9 89 | 8 50 | 19 08 |
| 1934 | Bassey W. Call | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 6 14 | 4 82 | 4 25 | 6 11 |
| 1946 | Stephan & Mary Chase | Peterborough Savings Bank | 125 00 | | | 125 00 | 10 64 | 6 78 | 5 25 | 10 92 |
| 1949 | Edith Dodge | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 6 96 | 4 85 | 4 25 | 6 19 |
| 1952 | Kendall Gray | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 6 94 | 4 85 | 4 25 | 6 19 |
| 1954 | Allan Gerrard | Peterborough Savings Bank | 150 00 | | | 150 00 | 9 89 | 7 82 | 6 25 | 10 94 |
| 1945 | Sarah Keasar | Peterborough Savings Bank | 50 00 | | | 50 00 | 3 71 | 2 41 | 2 00 | 4 12 |
| 1942 | Fred Kimball | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 6 11 | 4 82 | 4 25 | 6 71 |
| 1939 | Mary L. Knight | Peterborough Savings Bank | 200 00 | | | 200 00 | 14 06 | 9 73 | 8 50 | 15 23 |
| 1952 | C. D. Kockersperger | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 6 44 | 4 82 | 4 25 | 7 01 |
| 1942 | Rodney & Lenora Nichols | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 6 67 | 4 82 | 4 25 | 7 24 |
| 1946 | Lenora L. O'Leary | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 6 65 | 4 82 | 4 25 | 7 22 |
| 1954 | William H. Odell | Peterborough Savings Bank | 150 00 | | | 150 00 | 9 89 | 7 26 | 6 25 | 10 90 |
| 1936 | Nancy Stevens | Peterborough Savings Bank | 150 00 | | | 150 00 | 10 74 | 7 28 | 6 25 | 11 77 |
| 1941 | Frank A. Taylor | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 10 74 | 7 28 | 6 25 | 11 77 |
| 1945 | Geo. Alfred Whittemore | Peterborough Savings Bank | 250 00 | | | 250 00 | 17 89 | 12 17 | 10 50 | 19 56 |
| 1935 | Frank Young | Peterborough Savings Bank | 75 00 | | | 75 00 | 5 98 | 3 63 | 3 25 | 5 76 |
| 1943 | Geo. W. Wilson | Peterborough Savings Bank | 150 00 | | | 150 00 | 11 55 | 7 92 | 6 25 | 12 62 |
| 1957 | John Dana Weston | Peterborough Savings Bank | 303 50 | | | 303 50 | 16 01 | 14 51 | 13 00 | 17 52 |
| 1958 | Amos Whittemore | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 4 55 | 4 25 | 4 25 | 5 03 |
| 1923 | John D. Butler | N. H. Savings Bank | 225 00 | | | 225 00 | 19 41 | 9 86 | 9 00 | 20 27 |
| 1922 | Horace Dinamore | N. H. Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 9 89 | 4 42 | 4 00 | 10 31 |
| 1927 | Royal V. Knight | N. H. Savings Bank | 200 00 | | | 200 00 | 17 87 | 8 78 | 8 00 | 18 65 |
| 1919 | Clara R. Whittemore | N. H. Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 9 27 | 4 40 | 4 00 | 9 67 |
| 1906 | Geo. Andrew Whittemore | N. H. Savings Bank | 300 00 | | | 300 00 | 24 90 | 13 10 | 12 00 | 26 00 |
| 1916 | Trustees of Trust Funds | Manchester Savings Bank | 600 00 | | | 600 00 | 52 19 | 26 48 | 25 00 | 53 67 |
| 1960 | Edward R. Keeser | Peterborough Savings Bank | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 1 13 | 4 60 | 4 00 | 1 73 |
| | | Total Sunnyside Cem. Funds | \$8,826 86 | | | \$8,826 86 | 725 65 | \$409 83 | \$361 00 | \$774 48 |

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Date Jan. 15, 1962.

PHILIP E. KNOWLES
FREDERICK L. SHELDON
J. PRENTISS WESTON, Trustees.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Water Department and Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Bennington have been examined according to the uniform classification of the State Tax Commission and found to be correct.

Walter Cleary
Robert Knight
Auditors

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY

Receipts

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1961 | \$325 09 |
| Received from Trustees of Trust Funds | 1,581 37 |
| Town Appropriation | 200 00 |

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Total Receipts | \$2,106 46 |
|----------------|------------|

Expenditures

| | |
|---|----------|
| Mary K. Wilson, librarian | \$720 00 |
| Robert Ayers, janitor | 37 50 |
| Rodney LaClair, janitor | 112 50 |
| Orvel B. Peirce, furnace repairs | 41 85 |
| Hafeli Fuel & Ice Co., 1,968 gal. | 304 26 |
| Public Service Co., lights | 68 95 |
| Books | 318 88 |
| Magazines and newspapers | 61 67 |
| Library supplies | 27 90 |
| Library Association Dues | 1 00 |
| Knapton Insurance Agency, insurance | 99 90 |
| Dalmer Newhall, care of lawn | 7 50 |
| Janitors supplies | 12 09 |
| Hillsboro Lumber Co., glass | 4 95 |
| E. H. Edwards and Son, Tiling and repairing floors | 152 29 |
| Bank Service Charge | 6 35 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Total Expenditures | \$1,977 59 |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1961 | 128 87 |

\$2,106 46

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip E. Knowles, Treasurer
Ruth A. Cody
Effie D. Black
Library Trustees

**REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE
G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY**

Days open—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
Hours—Afternoon 2:30-4:30, Evenings 6:30-8:30.

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Books purchased in 1961 | 151 |
| Books by gift | 46 |
| Peterborough Transcript (weekly) | |
| Magazines by subscription | 12 |
| Books numbered for circulation | 4,291 |

Magazines by subscription:

Life, Newsweek, Reader's Digest, Seventeen, Jack and Jill, Outdoor Life, American Girl, Popular Science, National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, The Saturday Evening Post, and Ladies' Home Journal.

The Epic of Man, and The Desert, The Sea and The Forest of Life Nature Library, have been recently purchased.

For Education Week an exhibit of books was on display in the library from the Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.

Mary K. Wilson
Librarian

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT 1961

PUMPING STATION

Total gallons pumped 7,746,000
Chlorine used 30½ lbs.
Hours pumped 914

CHLORINATOR REPORT

Total gallons treated 19,401,000
Chlorine used 109 gallons

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Rents collected | \$2,760 70 |
| Old Accounts collected | 302 00 |
| Supplies sold | 142 37 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$3,205 07 |
| | |
| Paid Treasurer | \$3,205 07 |
| Discounts | 289 14 |
| Uncollected | 637 98 |

REPORT OF UNCOLLECTED RENTS

January 1, 1962.

| | | |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------|
| H. Ayers | \$40 00 | |
| Mrs. M. Atkinson | 30 00 | |
| Mrs. T. Bavelas | 9 33 | |
| Everett Bennett | 20 00 | |
| Robt. Brown | 16 66 | |
| Mrs. R. A. Eldrid | 10 00 | |
| James Griswold | 64 00 | pd \$20.00 Jan. 8 |
| Sydney Huntington | 10 00 | |
| Fred Hugron | 10 00 | |
| Athlon Huntley | 108 00 | |
| R. Lyons | 30 00 | |
| Laundermatte | 23 33 | |
| J. J. O'Brien | 10 00 | pd Jan. 13 |
| Warren Perkins | 24 00 | |
| Maurice Paige | 65 00 | pd \$20.00 Jan. 13 |
| Warren Perry | 20 00 | |
| Mrs. G. Sargent | 6 66 | pd Jan. 10 |
| Ralph Smith | 50 00 | |
| Geo. Whittemore | 45 00 | |
| James Woods | 10 00 | |
| H. E. Wilson | 36 00 | |

FIRE WARDENS' REPORT

Engine No. 1

- 1-500 gallon pumper with 500 gallon booster tank
- 200 ft. 1 inch booster hose
- 1 hand type extinguisher
- 1 foam type extinguisher
- 1 roof ladder
- 1 extension ladder
- 1 smoke mask
- 1 fire fighter extinguisher
- 1 dry powder extinguisher
- 1 portable radio

Engine No. 2

- 350 gallon booster tank
- 2 ladders (roof)
- 1 extension ladder
- 2 soda and acid extinguishers
- 2 smoke masks
- 1 first aid kit
- 1 CO2 extinguisher

Engine No. 3

- 1-750 gallon pumper with 600 gallon booster tank
- 150 ft. 1 inch booster hose
- 1 extension ladder (aluminum)
- 1 roof ladder (aluminum)
- 1 attic ladder (folding)
- 1 dry powder extinguisher
- 1 first aid kit
- 1 smoke mask
- 1 smoke mask (donated by William Haag)
- 1 mobile radio

Other Equipment:

- 2 long ladders
- 1 portable pump
- 1 trailer
- 4 battery chargers
- 1 body drag
- 5 electric lanterns
- 1 Emerson resuscitator
- 12 Rain coats
- 12 Fire hats
- 12 Half high rubber boots

Forest Fire Equipment H5

- 16 Indian pumps
- 6 grub hoes
- 6 rakes
- 6 axes with grub hoes
- 4 axes
- 1 water canteen
- 4 pails
- 6 lanterns

Report of Calls:

- One at Town Hall
- One at Village Spa

To Operate:

- Open Door. Pull Down Hook Once.
- Then let go and stay at box until firemen arrive .
- 6 Blasts for fire.
- 3 Blasts all out signal
- 2 Blasts. No School, 8:00 o'clock A.M.
- 1 Long Blast, Short of Water
- 1 Long Blast, First Monday in month 6:45 P.M. 1 Blast between noon and 1 o'clock for test on Saturday.

To be reached by telephone--Ivon Clough 116-5; Paul Traxler 116-31; Village Spa 14-12 by day; Fred Hugron 178-2.

The Firewards want to advise that our radio system is in operation.

The Firewards recommend putting in a cement floor where the small Fire truck is kept.

Ivon W. Clough, Chief
Paul Traxler, 1st Assistant
Fred Hugron, 2nd Assistant

TOWN HALL REPORT 1961

| Month | Free Hours | Rent Collected | Janitor Hours | Total |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|----------|
| January | 40 | | 22 | \$28 00 |
| February | 3 | \$4 00 | 17 | 20 00 |
| March | 17 | 6 00 | 47 | 49 50 |
| April | 2 | 12 00 | 19 | 21 00 |
| May | 16 | 4 00 | 36 | 38 00 |
| June | 9 | 8 00 | 20 | 20 00 |
| July | | | 14 | 14 00 |
| August | | 16 00 | 23 | 23 00 |
| September | | 18 00 | 21 | 21 00 |
| October | | 6 00 | 17 | 17 00 |
| November | 21 | 8 00 | 30 | 32 00 |
| December | 21 | 20 00 | 54 | 54 00 |
| Total | 129 | \$102 00 | 320 | \$337 50 |

MEMORIAL DAY 1961

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Bektash Temple Drum Corps | \$125 00 |
| Eleanor Tatro, wreaths | 10 00 |
| Gladys Newhall, lunch | 35 00 |
| Village Spa, ice cream | 6 70 |
| Eagle Flag Co., flags | 24 00 |
| | \$200 70 |

SCHOOL REPORT

BENNINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

1960-61

MODERATOR

J. P. Weston

CLERK

Effie Doe Black

TREASURER

Mary K. Wilson

SCHOOL BOARD

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Theodore Aucella, Chairman | Term Expires 1962 |
| Clifford Smith | Term Expires 1963 |
| Raymond St. Lawrence | Term Expires 1964 |

AUDITORS

William Aldrich

Erving LeCain

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Norman R. Hartfiel

TEACHERS

Ruth Cody, Principal
Raymond C. Lawrence

Vincena M. Powers
A. Virginia Walsh

NURSE

Martha Parker, RN

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 9th day of March, 1962 at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid 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.

9. To see if the district will vote to appoint a building committee to work with the School Board to carry out the recommendations of the Building Needs Study Committee; the building committee to report at the next annual meeting with facts, figures, and any other pertinent information.

10. To see if the district will vote to adopt those provisions of the Revised Statutes Annotated 197-1 that are applicable to the Bennington School District.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bennington this 14th day of February, 1962.

Theodore Aucella
Clifford F. Smith
Raymond St. Lawrence
School Board

A True Copy of Warrant—Attest:

Theodore Aucella
Clifford F. Smith
Raymond St. Lawrence
School Board

SCHOOL BOARD'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

Norman R. Hartfiel
Superintendent

Theodore Aucella
Raymond St. Lawrence
Clifford Smith

July 20, 1961

School Board

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Cash on Hand, July 1, 1960 | \$580 59 |
| Received From Selectmen: | |
| Current Appropriation | 38,553 14 |
| Received From State Treasurer: | |
| Federal Funds—Special Milk | 101 70 |
| Received From Tuitions | 308 99 |
| Received from all Other Sources | 189 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Amount Available For Fiscal Year | \$39,733 42 |
| Less School Board Orders Paid | 35,245 02 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance on Hand, June 30, 1961 | \$4,488 40 |

June 30, 1961

Mary K. Wilson
District Treasurer

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Bennington of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961 and find them correct in all respects.

Erving LeCain
William L. Aldrich, Sr.

August 14, 1961

Auditors

BENNINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORT

| | Expendi- tures 1960-61 | Budget 1961-62 | Proposed Budget 1962-63 |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Administration: | | | |
| 1. Salaries of District Officers | \$510 00 | \$505 00 | \$505 00 |
| 2. Superintendent's Salary (local share) | 517 54 | 561 81 | 594 08 |
| 3. Tax for Statewide Supervision | 246 00 | 266 00 | 270 00 |
| 4. Other Adminis. Pers. Salaries | 326 64 | 358 75 | 512 23 |
| 5. Supplies and Expenses | 339 69 | 425 85 | 438 28 |
| Instruction: | | | |
| 6. Teachers Salaries | 15,358 71 | 17,400 00 | 18,900 00 |
| 7. Books & Other Instruc. Aids | 599 42 | 500 00 | 600 00 |
| 8. Scholars' Supplies | 658 96 | 500 00 | 650 00 |
| 10. Supplies and Other Expenses | 16 52 | 50 00 | 50 00 |
| Operation of School Plant: | | | |
| 11. Janitors Salaries | 1,587 96 | 1,800 00 | 1,800 00 |
| 12. Heat | 619 10 | 700 00 | 700 00 |
| 13. Water, light, Supplies & Expenses | 398 14 | 350 00 | 400 00 |
| Maintenance of School Plant: | | | |
| 14. Repairs and Replacements | 771 44 | 600 00 | 400 00 |
| Auxiliary Activities: | | | |
| 15. Health Supervision | 409 75 | 500 00 | 500 00 |
| 16. Transportation | 1,830 00 | 1,830 00 | 1,830 00 |
| 17. Tuition | 9,290 01 | 14,300 00 | 14,624 00 |
| 18. Special Activities & Funds | 14 45 | | |
| 18a. School Lunch (Fed. & Dist. Funds Only) | 104 73 | | |
| Fixed Charges: | | | |
| 19. Retirement | 1,098 66 | 1,310 06 | 1,504 12 |
| 20. Insurance | 97 91 | 359 66 | 203 91 |
| Sub-Total | \$34,795 66 | \$42,317 13 | \$44,481 62 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | |
| 22. Additions & Improvements to Bldgs. | | | \$200 00 |
| 23. New Equipment | \$260 36 | \$300 00 | 300 00 |
| Total Net Payments For All Purposes | \$35,056 02 | \$42,617 13 | \$44,981 62 |
| Balance on Hand, June 30, 1961 | \$4,488 40 | | |
| Grand Total Net Payments | \$39,544 42 | | |
| | Receipts | Budget | Proposed |
| | 1960-61 | 1961-62 | Budget 1962-63 |
| Balance July 1, 1960 | \$580 59 | | |
| Federal Aid—Special Milk | 101 70 | | |
| Elementary School Tuition | 308 99 | | |
| Total Receipts Other Than Taxes | \$991 28 | | |
| District Assessment | 38,553 14 | 42,617 13 | 44,981 62 |
| Grand Total Net Receipts | \$39,544 42 | \$42,617 13 | \$44,981 62 |

**BENNINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**

1960-61

Administration

| | Elem | Totals |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. Salaries Of District Officers: | | \$510 00 |
| William Aldrich | \$9 70 | |
| Erving LeCain | 9 70 | |
| Mary K. Wilson | 150 00 | |
| Charles Lindsay | 121 25 | |
| Theodore Aucella | 97 00 | |
| Clifford Smith | 97 00 | |
| State Treasurer | 10 35 | |
| J. Prentiss Weston | 5 00 | |
| Edward French | 5 00 | |
| Effie Doe Black | 5 00 | |
| 2. Supt.'s Salary (local share): | | \$517 54 |
| Supervisory Union #24 | \$517 54 | |
| 3. Tax For Statewide Supervision: | | \$246 00 |
| State Treasurer | \$246 00 | |
| 4. Salaries of Other Admin. Pers.: | | \$326 64 |
| Supervisory Union #24 | \$311 64 | |
| Addie French | 15 00 | |
| 5. Supplies and Expenses: | | \$339 69 |
| Contocook Valley Telephone Co. | \$114 25 | |
| Mary K. Wilson | 10 00 | |
| Supervisory Union #24 | 208 67 | |
| Norman Hartfiel | 2 00 | |
| Bank Charges | 5 05 | |
| In and Out Items | -28 | |

Instruction

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 6. Teachers Salaries: | | \$15,358 71 |
| NH-Vt Hospitalization Service | \$171 20 | |
| Ruth Cody | 3,229 19 | |
| Raymond Lawrence | 3,092 92 | |
| Vincena Powers | 3,082 88 | |
| Virginia Walsh | 3,151 64 | |

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|---------------------|----------|
| Internal Revenue | 1,583 40 |
| State Treasurer | 288 54 |
| Elizabeth Dunlap | 11 64 |
| Mary K. Wilson | 144 00 |
| Teachers Retirement | 603 30 |

7. Books and Other Instruc. Aids: \$599 42

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| American Book Company | \$83 96 |
| Iroquois Publishing Company | 14 34 |
| Lyons and Carnahan | 14 40 |
| MacMillan Company | 14 34 |
| Row, Peterson and Company | 8 93 |
| Scott, Foresman and Company | 200 82 |
| World Book Company | 21 00 |
| Follett Publishing | 61 68 |
| Ginn and Company | 38 34 |
| Martin Murray Corp. | 71 36 |
| Equity Publishing Company | 45 00 |
| UNH | 25 25 |

8. Scholars' Supplies: \$658 96

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Burroughs Corporation | \$14 40 |
| Houghton Mifflin Company | 32 41 |
| Lyons and Carnahan | 10 17 |
| Row, Peterson and Company | 6 30 |
| Scott, Foresman and Company | 79 15 |
| L. W. Singer | 17 12 |
| World Book Company | 85 35 |
| Follett Publishing Company | 40 48 |
| Ginn and Company | 31 68 |
| Mainco Trading Company | 171 46 |
| Milton Bradley Company | 100 04 |
| American Education Publishing | 38 40 |
| Hillsboro-Deering Coop. | 20 00 |
| Pioneer Office Appliance Co. | 12 00 |

10. Supplies and Other Expenses: \$16 52

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Pioneer Flag | \$9 75 |
| Zeke's Market | 1 59 |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 5 18 |
| Operation of School Plant | |

11. Salaries of Janitors: \$1,587 96

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Harry Sawyer | \$775 98 |
| Edwin Sawyer | 775 98 |
| State Treasurer | 36 00 |

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| 12. Fuel or Heat: | | \$619 10 |
| Hafeli Fuel | \$619 10 | |

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| 13. Water, Lights, Supplies and Exp.: | | \$398 14 |
| Acme Chemical Company | \$20 95 | |
| Bennington Garage | 1 57 | |
| Public Service Co. of N. H. | 192 64 | |
| Derby's | 1 39 | |
| Edmunds Department Store | 6 96 | |
| Radio & Electric Service | 3 48 | |
| Central Paper Products | 79 50 | |
| Edmunds Market | 32 23 | |
| Scott, Foresman and Company | 19 55 | |
| Richco Products Company | 24 75 | |
| Bennington Lions | 15 12 | |

Maintenance of School Plant:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 14. Repairs and Replacements: | | \$771 44 |
| Herman's Door | \$44 68 | |
| Radio and Electric | 3 50 | |
| Ed Moul | 303 83 | |
| American Auto Assoc. | 6 40 | |
| Theodore Aucella | 12 20 | |
| Bartlett Tree Company | 25 00 | |
| E. T. Hadden | 80 00 | |
| Howard Chase | 8 00 | |
| Fred Hugron | 3 00 | |
| Bennington Garage | 9 83 | |
| Al Melanson | 275 00 | |

Auxiliary Activities

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 15. Health Supervision: | | \$409 78 |
| NH-Vt Hospitalization Service | \$85 60 | |
| Martha Parker | 308 16 | |
| State Treasurer | 7 84 | |
| Edson C. Eastman | 8 18 | |

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| 16. Transportation: | | \$1,830 00 |
| Arthur Sawyer | \$1,830 00 | |

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|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 17. Tuition: | | \$9,290 01 |
| | High | Elem. |
| Antrim School Dist. | \$1,400.00 | \$20 41 |
| Hillsboro-Deering Co-op. | 4,482 00 | |
| Peterborough School Dist. | 3,387 60 | |
| 18. Special Act. & Special Funds: | | \$14 45 |
| Cardigan Sport Store | | \$14 45 |
| 18a. School Lunch & Special Milk: | | \$104 73 |
| Hillsboro Dairy | | \$104 73 |
| Fixed Charges: | | |
| 19. Retirement: | | \$1,098 66 |
| N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare | | \$2 95 |
| State Treasurer | | 224 55 |
| Supervisory Union #24 | | 36 26 |
| Teachers Retirement | | 834 90 |
| 20. Insurance: | | \$97 91 |
| Knapton Insurance Company | \$261 63 | |
| Stuart Clark | 5 00 | |
| In and Out Items | -168 72 | |
| Capital Outlay | | |
| 23. New Equipment: | | \$260 36 |
| Gledhill Brothers | \$266 00 | |
| J. J. Moreau | 14 36 | |
| In and Out Items | -20 00 | |
| TOTAL | | <u>\$35,056 02</u> |

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Bennington:

It is a pleasure for me to present my eighth annual report for your consideration.

For the first time since I became your superintendent, we have been fortunate in retaining the same faculty members for a second year. Any school that can continue this practice, during this prolonged period of teacher shortages, is fortunate indeed.

Our enrollment as of October 1st was 104 pupils. This is three more than a year ago and breaks down as follows:

| | 1959-60 | 1960-61 | 1961-62 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Grade I | 14 | 15 | 9 |
| Grade II | 14 | 16 | 19 |
| Grade III | 12 | 14 | 14 |
| Grade IV | 15 | 12 | 15 |
| Grade V | 13 | 14 | 12 |
| Grade VI | 9 | 13 | 13 |
| Grade VII | 9 | 8 | 12 |
| Grade VIII | 5 | 9 | 10 |

The pupil projection over the next five years indicates that our school population will remain rather constant.

As you know, we combine two classes under one teacher. Last year we had thirty-one pupils in grades I and II, and this year twenty-eight. In the primary area these classes are too large for an adequate learning situation to take place. This is the period of a child's school life when he needs a great deal of individual help and I commend Mrs. Cody's efforts in this area. It does not seem practical to divide this class under two teachers but it may be advisable to give some thought to providing a "teachers' aid."

Space, of course, is the greatest drawback we are faced with when our thinking turns to enrichment programs or any division of classroom responsibility. Your Building Committee will have a separate report on their study of plant enlargement.

As the cost of school operation increases, tuition rates reflect these increases. It is expected that for 1962-63 they will be as follows: Peterborough and Antrim \$457; Hillsboro-Deering \$430.

Bennington citizens should watch with interest the work being done by the Legislative Interim Committee on education. If the suggestion made by the chairman of the State Board of Education is accepted, it could present Bennington with a serious problem.

It has been a pleasure to work with the School Board, Building Committee, pupils, teachers, and citizens of Bennington this past year and I appreciate the fine cooperation given me.

Respectfully submitted,
 Norman R. Hartfiel
 Superintendent of Schools

**SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
 SUPERVISORY UNION #24**

1960-61

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| A. State Share | \$3,750 00 |
| B. Share Paid By: | |
| Antrim | \$1,051 83 |
| Bennington | 517 54 |
| Hillsboro-Deering | 2,604 93 |
| Stoddard | 245 99 |
| Washington | 201 11 |
| Windsor | 28 60 |
| | \$8,400 00 |

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

January 1961 to January 1962

To Mr. Norman Hartfiel, Superintendent of Schools, School Board, Teachers and Parents:

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of pupils weighed and measured | 110 |
| Number of eyes checked | 104 |
| Eyes reported to parents | 10 |
| Taken care of by parents | 7 |
| Number of ears checked | 104 |
| Ears reported and taken care of | 2 |
| Number measles | 10 |

There have been very few accidents or sicknesses this year in school.

I wish to thank the Superintendent of Schools, School Board, Teachers and Parents for their cooperation in our health program.

Respectfully submitted,
 Martha Parker, RN
 School Nurse

COMMITTEE REPORT

January 11, 1962

Your committee was appointed by the Moderator in accordance with the favorable vote at the last annual School Meeting on Article 9 of the Warrant:

“To see if the district will vote to appoint a committee to study the advisability of an addition to the school plant. This committee to report at the next annual meeting with pertinent data.”

The committee, consisting of two members from the general public, two members from the P.T.A. and the members of the School Board, met at various times during the year. At the committee's request Ruth Cody, Principal, and Norman Hartfiel, Superintendent, attended these meetings to give us their advice and assistance. We wish to thank both of them for their help, and Mr. Hartfiel particularly for the information he supplied to assist us in reaching a decision.

We first reviewed with the Principal and the Superintendent needs for additional space. Additional space requirements were considered from two different aspects. First, the need for a multi-purpose room to be used for music, showing of movies, school exercises, indoor recess in periods of bad weather and a lunch room. Second, the possible future need for additional classroom space for possible increased enrollment and/or the possible separation of classes in the future to make the classes per teacher smaller. At present each teacher handles two classes in the same room.

The committee next studied the various possibilities for making additional space available. This seemed to come down to three possible solutions.

The first possibility would be to send out of Town the 7th and 8th grades on a tuition basis in order to make available a classroom in the present school structure which could be converted to a multi-purpose room. It was estimated that the cost to do this, consisting of both tuition and transportation, would be in excess of \$10,000 per year.

The second possibility, along the same lines, would be to buy into the Hillsboro-Deering Co-op and send out the 7th and 8th grades to the Co-op school. This would also, of course, include the sending of high school students to this Co-op school. It was estimated that the annual cost on this basis, including the “buying in,” would be in excess of \$20,000 per year.

The third possibility would be to construct an addition to the present Pierce School building which would serve as a Multi-purpose room with a stage and food preparation area. This room to be so designed that it could in the future be converted into two classrooms if the need arose. Mr. Hartfiel arranged for an architect, Mr. Irving Hersey, to inspect the plant and give a tentative estimate of the cost of such an addition. He estimated that this addition to the building, including equipment, could be built for a total cost not exceeding \$50,000. Based on his estimate of the construction cost and considering the additional operating costs (not including added teachers) and the interest costs it would appear that this could be done at a cost per year of approximately \$5,000.00 assuming that the building cost was amortized over a period of 15 years.

In considering the need for additional space we reviewed the projected enrollment figures for the period to 1966-67 furnished us by Mr. Hartfiel. This projection indicates that the school enrollment will not increase beyond its present level and probably will decline. We discussed with the Principal and the Superintendent the advisability of separating the present two classes handled by each teacher and adding to the teaching staff. It was agreed that while the present number of pupils per classroom, with two classes per teacher, was too large to be considered satisfactory the enrollment was not so large as would really justify the creation of separate classes in separate classrooms. It would appear that the use of a multi-purpose room for the near future would be for other than classroom space.

It was the considered opinion of the committee that the need for such a Multi-purpose room was justified by the requirements for a better teaching program and a suitable room for lunches, indoor recess, and assembly. It would also be available for conversion to classrooms and construction could be planned so as to allow for the later addition of a second story. This would provide for possible further expansion should the need arise in the longer term future.

It was also the judgment of the committee that the needs for such a Multi-purpose room could best be filled by additional construction at the Pierce School. It was agreed that this solution was both the most economical and the most satisfactory to those responsible for the education of the children of Bennington.

Therefore this committee recommends this solution to the consideration of the voters and suggests that if the

voters agree a construction and finance committee be appointed or elected to bring back a complete program for consideration at the next annual School Meeting.

Erving A. LeCain, Chairman
Clifford Smith
Raymond St. Lawrence
Theodore Aucella
Mrs. Robert St. Lawrence
Mrs. Edward French
Charles Lindsay

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1961

| Date of Birth | Place of Birth | Name of Child | Sex | Cond. | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother | Color | Residence of Parents | Occupation of Father | Birthplace of Father | Birthplace of Mother |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1961 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 7 | Peterborough | Kenneth F. Mooney | M | L | Frank E. Mooney | Anita C. Bennett | W | Bennington | Contractor | Holderness | Hillsboro |
| Feb. 9 | Peterborough | Mary Jane Church | F | L | Julius C. Church | Marguerite Smith | W | Bennington | Brick Layer | Boston, Mass. | Nashua |
| Mar. 6 | Hopkinton | Priscilla Jane Ayers | F | L | Howard F. Ayers | Helena MacDougall | W | Bennington | Carpenter | Stoughton, Mass. | Amesbury, Mass. |
| Mar. 19 | Peterborough | Teresa Ann Bennett | F | L | Norman A. Bennett | Barbara A. French | W | Bennington | Contractor | Hillsboro | Nashua |
| May 6 | Peterborough | Glenn Paul Wilson | M | L | Paul M. Wilson | Audrey A. St. Pierre | W | Bennington | NHBB | Bennington | Winch'n, Mass. |
| May 20 | Peterborough | Kathy Lynn Gilman | F | L | Lawrence J. Gilman | Pauline F. Paige | W | Bennington | NHBB | Grasmere | Francestown |
| June 11 | Peterborough | Holly Leighton Trow | F | L | James E. Trow | Grace D. Drouty | W | Bennington | Lineman | Nashua | Grasmere |
| June 30 | Peterborough | Patricia L. Burrows | F | L | Richard C. Burrows | Patricia Champel'n | W | Bennington | Cutter Boy | Matthews, N. C. | Grasmere |
| July 13 | Peterborough | Deborah J. Wood | F | L | James N. Wood | Pauline A. Burns | W | Bennington | Sylvania Pl. | Kingston, N. Y. | Fram'ham, Mass. |
| July 29 | Concord | Mary McNeal Stacy III | F | L | Wm. Mc. Stacy II | Frances L. Ayers | W | Bennington | Tree Service | Concord | Concord |
| Aug. 1 | Concord | Mary Lou Buxton | F | L | Roger A. Buxton | Joyce L. Cleary | W | Bennington | Inspector | Nashua | Concord |
| Aug. 3 | Peterborough | Valentina Ida Carrara | F | L | Francisco Carrara | Josephine Zanza | W | Bennington | NHBB | Boston, Mass. | Albino, Italy |
| Sept. 18 | Peterborough | Sandra Elaine Zachos | F | L | Samuel C. Zachos | Linnsea M. Farlim | W | Bennington | Paper Maker | Bennington | Peterborough |
| Oct. 9 | Manchester | Kenneth P. J. Grenier | M | L | Raymond G. Grenier | Theresa F. Fortier | W | Bennington | Store Mgr. | Manchester | Manchester |

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1961

| Date and Place of Marriage | NAME AND SURNAME OF Groom and Bride | Residence of Each at Time of Marriage | Age | Occupation | Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|--|
| 1961 February 17 Hillsboro | Donald Edward Grimes Beverly Ann Cashion | Bennington Bennington | 27 21 | Paper Maker Secretary | Walter Sterling, J. P. Hillsboro |
| February 22 Bennington | Edward Mosley Abbott, Jr. Stella-Mary Cernota | Lyndboro Bennington | 33 28 | Engineer Nurse | Rev. Armand A. Turegon Bennington |
| June 4 Bennington | George E. Lawrence Alice B. Frederick | Newfane, Vt. Bennington | 72 70 | Woodman At home | Barbara Huntley, J. P. Bennington |
| July 15 Bennington | Edward H. Bishop Lillian C. Cuddihy | Bennington Bennington | 33 48 | Papermill Gates, Inc. | Barbara Huntley, J. P. Bennington |
| October 7 Antrim | Raymond L. Lamb Carol Rac Swett | Thorndike, Mass. Bennington | 27 20 | Laborer Att. Nurse | Archie Swett, J. P. Antrim |

DON POWERS, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1961

| Date of Death | Place of Death | Name and Surname of Deceased | Age | Place of Birth | Sex | Cond. | Occupation | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----|----------------|-----|-------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 18 | Peterborough | Carrie Hazel Smith | 64 | Nashua | F | W | Housewife | William A. Jones | Martha _____ |
| Mar. 3 | Peterborough | Minnie F. Cady | 91 | Delaware, Ohio | F | W | Housewife | John Barlett | Martha Gould |
| Mar. 6 | Peterborough | Martha Ellen Holt | 82 | Delaware, Ohio | F | W | Housewife | James W. Jones | Ida M. Keiser |
| Mar. 23 | Bennington | John W. Bryer | 63 | Antrim | M | M | Paper Mill | Herbert K. Bryer | Lizzie J. Slacey |
| May 26 | Kerrville, Texas | Amy L. Flagg | 76 | | F | W | Housewife | Lyman Parker | _____ Fides |
| Aug. 29 | Peterborough | Emogene L. Tacy | 69 | Peterborough | F | W | Housewife | _____ | Rose Diamond |
| Aug. 21 | Concord | Eli Cassette | 57 | Bennington | M | S | Farmer | _____ | _____ |
| Dec. 24 | Bennington | William Augustus Cleary | 69 | Greenfield | M | S | Paper Maker | Dennis Cleary | Mary E. O Malley |

DON POWERS, Town Clerk

