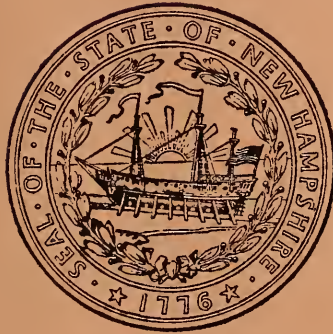


Town of Grafton

New Hampshire



OFFICIAL REPORTS

1955

TOWN and SCHOOL DISTRICT

Annual Report
OF THE
Selectmen and Other Town Officers
OF THE
TOWN OF GRAFTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Together with the Reports of the Road
Agent and the School District,
also the Vital Statistics.

FOR THE
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1955

The Reporter Press
Canaan, New Hampshire

Town Officers

TOWN CLERK

Clifton D. Davis

TREASURER

Barbara D. Williams

Bernice B. Brown

SELECTMEN

Clinton S. Williams

A. Stuart Gage

C. Lawrence Gove

TAX COLLECTOR

Grover W. Braley

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

Roger E. Martin

Stanley W. Phillips

Walter C. Morse

Reginald E. Barney

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Morris F. Braley

A. Stuart Gage

Elsie F. Williams

AUDITORS

Elsie F. Williams

Lula H. Dean

CONSTABLES

C. Lawrence Gove

Fred Littlefield

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

C. Lawrence Gove

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

A. Stuart Gage

Richard F. Williams

HEALTH OFFICER

George W. Peterson

ROAD AGENT

Fred Littlefield

MODERATOR

A. Stuart Gage

DELEGATE TO COUNTY CONVENTION

Elsie F. Williams

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lula M. Bennett

Lula H. Dean

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Donald S. Fowler

A. Stuart Gage

Clifton D. Davis

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT Leslie E. Seamans

Town Warrant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

L. S.

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

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

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To hear the report of the Budget Committee and act thereon.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to make short term loans in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of maintaining Highways and Bridges, including the amount of one-fourth of one per cent.

6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of cutting bushes and railing embankments.

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

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$672.48 to continue street lighting.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the care of the Common at Grafton Center.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$765.20 and thereby receive \$5,101.34 from the State for Town Road Aid.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400.00 for the control of White Pine Blister Rust in cooperation with the Forestry and Recreation Department for the current year.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 for the observance of Old Home Day.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the purchase of culverts.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250.00 for the purchase of a truck plow.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 for the purpose of re-oiling three pieces of blacktop road and the two flats, one leading from Valia's Crossing to the fork of roads near Don Brock's residence and one leading from U.S. Route 4 at Grafton Center to the fork of roads at Center School House.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$775.00 for the purpose of painting the Town Hall and repairing the steeple.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of painting Library and repairing chimney.

18. To see what action the Town will take in regard to arrangements for the Grange using the Town Hall for a permanent meeting place.

19. Shall the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the Revised Laws relative to playing games of Beano be adopted in this town?

20. To take any vote or transact any further business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

CLINTON S. WILLIAMS
A. STUART GAGE
C. LAWRENCE GOVE

Selectmen of Grafton.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CLINTON S. WILLIAMS
A. STUART GAGE
C. LAWRENCE GOVE

Selectmen of Grafton.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1955

Title of Appropriation	Appro.	Receipts	Total Available	Expend.	Bal.	Over- draft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,100.00	\$	\$1,100.00	\$ 961.20	\$138.80	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	650.00		650.00	677.93		27.93
Election and Registration	110.00		110.00	106.70	3.30	
Auto Permits	130.00		130.00	143.50		13.50
Town Hall and Observation Post	175.00	1.75	176.75	142.20	34.55	
Police Dept.	100.00		100.00	30.48	69.52	
Fire Dept.	175.00		175.00	156.32	18.68	
Forest Fires	125.00	15.14	140.14	31.41	108.73	
White Pine Blister Rust	400.00	1.90	401.90	400.00	1.90	
Health Dept.	20.00		20.00	10.00	10.00	
Vital Statistics	25.00		25.00	10.50	14.50	
Town Highway Maintenance	2,515.08	3,230.92	5,746.00	5,992.29		246.29
Cutting Bushes	400.00		400.00	336.00	64.00	
Culverts	500.00		500.00	495.52	4.48	
Grader and Tractor Repairs	600.00		600.00	508.11	91.89	
General Expense Highway Dept.	150.00		150.00	103.44	46.56	
Street Lighting	728.40		728.40	672.48	55.92	
Library	175.00		175.00	175.00		
Old Age Assistance	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,242.33	757.67	

Town Poor	800.00	800.00	855.37	55.37
New Cemetery		595.80	170.00	
Old Home Day	50.00	50.00	50.00	425.80
Common	25.00	25.00	10.00	15.00
Cemeteries	275.00	275.00	250.00	25.00
Interest	49.50	49.50	49.50	
Payment on Principal of Debt	950.00	950.00	950.00	
Town Road Aid	765.19	765.19	765.19	
Town Dump	50.00	50.00	24.00	26.00
County Tax	1,483.38	1,483.38	1,483.38	
TOTAL	\$15,526.55	\$3,249.71	\$17,802.85	\$1,912.30
				\$343.09

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the En
Compar

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expendit

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1955	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1955	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1956
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 120.00	\$ 158.63	\$ 158.63
Railroad Tax	400.00	450.65	450.65
Savings Bank Tax	65.00	116.62	116.62
Reimbursement a-c Exemption of			
Growing Wood and Timber	1,597.55	1,601.55	1,000.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	40.00	15.14	20.00
Class V Highway Tax	3,370.52	3,084.92	2,479.78
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	200.00	226.20	215.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	10.00	12.50	12.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	30.00	60.28	30.00
Highway Dept., incl. rental of equipment	40.00	96.00	75.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,350.00	1,895.67	1,650.00
Sale of Town Property	50.00		50.00
Cash Surplus	2,000.00	3,400.00	3,000.00
From Local Taxes Other than Property Taxes:			
Polj Taxes—Regular at \$2	400.00	384.00	384.00
Total Revenue from All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$9,673.07	\$11,502.16	\$9,641.68
Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes			9,231.00
TOTAL REVENUES			\$18,872.68

GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report for the Fiscal Year, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

Compared with

Expenses of the Previous Year, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Purpose of Expenditures	Appro. Previous Year 1955	Actual Expend. Prev. Yr. 1955	Appros. Rec'm by Bud. Com. 1956
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 961.20	\$ 1,100.00
Town Officers' Expenses	650.00	677.93	700.00
Election and Registration Expenses	110.00	106.70	330.00
Auto Permits	130.00	143.50	145.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Bldgs.	175.00	142.20	1,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	100.00	30.48	75.00
Fire Department	175.00	156.32	175.00
Blister Rust	400.00	400.00	400.00
Forest Fires	125.00	31.47	125.00
Health:			
Health Department	20.00	10.60	20.00
Vital Statistics	25.00	10.50	25.00
Culverts	500.00	495.52	400.00
Town Dump	50.00	24.00	50.00
Cutting Bushes and Railing Embankments	400.00	386.00	600.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	5,600.00	4,179.70	5,600.00
Town Maintenance—Winter		1,812.59	
Street Lighting	728.40	672.48	672.48
General Expenses of Highway Department	150.00	103.44	750.00
Town Road Aid	765.19	765.19	765.20
Tractor Repairs	600.00	508.11	
Libraries	175.00	175.00	225.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	800.00	855.37	800.00
Old Age Assistance	3,000.00	2,242.33	2,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day			25.00
Old Home Day	50.00	50.00	50.00

(Expenses carried to page 11)

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the En
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Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expendit

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1955	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1955	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1956
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GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ending Year, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

ended with

figures of the Previous Year, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Purpose of Expenditures	Appro. Previous Year 1955	Actual Expend. Prev. Yr. 1955	Appros. Rec'm by Bud. Com. 1956
(Expenses brought from page 9)			
Recreation:			
Common	25.00	10.00	25.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	275.00	250.00	275.00
New Cemetery		170.00	
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses		70.00	
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	40.00	40.00	40.00
On Long Term Notes	9.50	9.50	
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction—Oiling			1,750.00
New Equipment			250.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long Term Notes	950.00	950.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$17,128.09</u>	<u>\$16,439.53</u>	<u>\$18,872.68</u>

MORRIS F. BRALEY
 GROVER W. BRALEY
 LESTER W. BARNEY
 CLINTON S. WILLIAMS
 A. STUART GAGE

Budget Committee

Financial Report
of the
TOWN OF GRAFTON
IN GRAFTON COUNTY
for the
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

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.
December 31, 1955.

CLINTON S. WILLIAMS

A. STUART GAGE

C. LAWRENCE GOVE

Selectmen

BERNICE B. BROWN

Treasurer

Town of Grafton, N. H.	Balance
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Assets

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$11,952.25
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1955	\$667.04
Levy of 1954	243.79
	910.83
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1955	\$167.27
Levy of 1954	48.30
Levy of 1953	13.32
Previous years	40.27
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1955	50.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	15.00
	334.16
Total Assets	\$13,197.24
Net Surplus, December 31, 1954	\$6,569.15
Net Surplus, December 31, 1955	6,488.09
Decrease of Surplus	81.06

Sheet

December 31, 1955

 Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:

New Cemetery	\$ 425.80
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes—1955	
(Uncollected \$50) (Collected— not remitted to State Treas. \$218.14)	268.14
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	6,015.21
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Total Liabilities	\$6,709.15
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	6,488.09
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Grand Total	\$13,197.24

Town of Grafton, N. H. Receipts and

Receipts

Current Revenue:

Property Taxes, 1955	\$24,861.93
Poll Taxes, 1955	362.00
Yield Taxes, 1955	1,588.57
State Head Taxes at \$5—1955	1,120.00

Total Current Year's Taxes collected
and remitted \$27,932.50

Property Taxes and Yield Taxes— Previous Years	483.31
Poll Taxes—Previous Years at \$2	22.00
State Head Taxes at \$5—Previous Years	80.00
Interest Received on Taxes	60.28
Penalties on State Head Taxes	26.50
Tax sales redeemed	834.51

From State:

For Class V Highway maintenance	\$3,084.92
Interest and dividends tax	158.63
Railroad Tax	450.65
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Assoc. Tax	116.62
Fighting forest fires	15.14
Bounties	553.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Asst.	203.79
	4,582.75

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	\$226.20
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	13.50
Rent of town property	96.00

(Receipts carried to page 18)

Payments December 31, 1955

Payments

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$961.20	
Town officers' expenses	677.93	
Election and registration expenses	106.70	
Auto permits	143.50	
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	142.20	
	_____	\$ 2,031.53

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	\$ 30.48	
Fire department, including forest fires forest, \$31.41 — fires, \$156.32	187.73	
Blister Rust	400.00	
Bounties	228.50	
	_____	846.71

Health:

Health dept., including hospitals	\$ 10.00	
Vital statistics	10.50	
Culverts	495.52	
Town dumps	24.00	
	_____	540.02

Highways and Bridges:

Tractor and grader repairs	\$ 508.11	
Town Road Aid	765.19	
Town Maintenance,		
Summer	\$4,179.70	
Winter	1,812.59	
	_____	5,992.29
Street lighting	672.48	
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	103.44	

(Payments carried to page 19)

Town of Grafton, N. H. Receipts and

(Receipts carried from page 16)

Registration of motor vehicles,		
1954 Permits	35.29	
1955 Permits	1,860.38	
	2,231.37	
Total Current Revenue Receipts		\$36,253.22
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Temporary loans in anticipation of		
taxes during year	\$4,960.00	
Refunds	5.23	
Gifts	50.00	
New Trust Funds received during yr.	100.00	
Social Security Administration	132.50	
Refund a/c John Hanni acct.	72.00	
Cemetery lots	175.00	
	5,494.73	
Total Receipts Other than Current Rev.		5,494.73
Total Receipts from All Sources		\$41,747.95
Cash on hand January 1, 1955		12,188.16
Grand Total		\$53,936.11

Payments December 31, 1955

(Payments carried from page 17)

Cutting bushes	336.00	
		8,377.51

Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	\$2,242.33	
Town poor	855.37	
		3,097.70

Patriotic Purposes:

Old Home Day		50.00
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Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds		10.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	250.00	
New cemetery	170.00	
		420.00

Unclassified:

Damage and legal expenses		70.00
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Unclassified

Collecting head taxes	\$ 36.00	
Taxes bought by town	667.04	
Refund to State a/c Yield Taxes	129.19	
Cash Bond a/c yield tax	6.15	
		838.38

Total Current Maintenance Exp.		\$16,456.85
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Interest:

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$40.00	
Paid on long term notes	9.50	
		49.50

(Payments carried to page 21)

Payments December 31, 1955

(Payments brought from page 19)

Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$4,960.00	
Payments on long term notes	950.00	
Payments to trustees of trust funds	100.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		6,010.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Head Taxes paid State Treas.—		
1955 Taxes	\$761.13	
Prior Yrs.	223.00	
		\$ 984.13
Taxes paid to County		1,483.38
Payments to School Districts—		
1954 Tax	\$6,000	
1955 Tax	11,000	
		17,000.00
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		\$19,467.51
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$41,983.86
Cash on hand December 31, 1955		11,952.25
Grand Total		\$53,936.11

Schedule of Town Property

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$1,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	105.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	4,750.00
Furniture and Equipment	200.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	1,075.00
Equipment	1,600.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,550.00
Equipment	11,000.00
Materials and Supplies	300.00
Town Safe	50.00
Kilton Dam and Flowage	4,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	7,500.00
Equipment	780.00
New Cemetery	200.00

All Lands and Buildings Acquired

Through Tax Collector's Deeds:

Former Owner	Description	Value
Sargent, Geo. H.,	mining rights on Banks land	\$ 25.00
Leach, Sarah Est.,	mining right on Banks land	25.00
Poor, Charles,	16 a. mining right near Jump-off so-called and 2 a. land adjoining Almon Barney's	25.00
Kenney and Kraft,	100 a. mining right on La Plant farm	25.00
Sargent, John G.,	35 a. Hazelton lot	70.00
Gallagher, Joseph T.,	15 a. Smith quarry right	25.00
Abbott, Dorothy,	7½ a. woodland	25.00
Leslie, William Heirs,	50 a. mining right on George Heath Farm	25.00
Duhrels, Sophia,	340 a. mining right on Alvah Stevens land	50.00
Gaudette, Edward,	25 a. Nixon lot	50.00
Gaudette, Edward,	50 a. Hoyt swamp lot	100.00

Inventory of the Town of Grafton, April 1, 1955

Lands and Buildings		\$578,098.00
Electric Plants	2	34,844.00
Horses and mules	34	2,490.00
Cows	75	7,045.00
Other Neat Stock	42	3,180.00
Sheep and Goats	103	1,482.00
Fowl	8900	6,575.00
Portable Mills	2	2,650.00
Wood and Lumber		42,755.00
Gas Pumps and Tanks	14	1,670.00
Stock in Trade		10,875.00
Mills and Machinery		15,000.00
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Total Valuation before Exemptions		\$706,664.00
Less Exemptions to Soldiers and Blind		32,420.00
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Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$674,244.00

Soldiers and Wives Exempt from Taxation

Aldrich, Edgar F., Jr.	\$1,000.00
Church, George J.	1,000.00
Dimond, Alice	1,000.00
Dukette, Earl	1,000.00
Finley, Phillip and Mary	1,000.00
Gallup, Donald	1,000.00
Gill, John	200.00
Gleason, Archibald L.	1,000.00
Gove, Paul C.	750.00
Hilyard, Theodore R.	1,000.00
Hogue, Charles N.	1,000.00
Hogue, Nelson J.	1,000.00
Hollenbeck, Charles H.	1,000.00
Howe, Florence L.	700.00
Hammons, John W.	1,000.00
Jackson, Ralph	500.00

Lang, E. Stuart	1,000.00
Lyons, Louis J.	1,000.00
Morse, Edwin E.	1,000.00
Neill, Thomas W., Jr.	1,000.00
Patterson, John J.	1,000.00
Phillips, Stanley W.	1,000.00
Pratt, William B.	1,000.00
Price, Frank Heirs	520.00
Rounseville, A. H.	1,000.00
Rhoades, William and Ethelyn	2,000.00
Scales, Ruel B.	1,000.00
Smith, Evelyn	1,000.00
Tucker, C. Everett	750.00
Watson, William and Mary	1,000.00
Welsh, Harold P.	1,000.00
Williams, Wallace H.	1,000.00
Pierson, Charles G.	1,000.00

Total	\$31,420.00
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Exemption to Blind

Lovering, James E.	\$1,000.00
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Total Exemptions	\$32,420.00
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Appropriations

Town Officers Salaries	\$1,100.00
Town Officers' Expenses	650.00
Election and Registration	110.00
Auto Permits	130.00
Town Hall and other buildings	175.00
Police Dept.	100.00
Fire Dept.	175.00
Forest Fires	125.00
White Pine Blister Rust	400.00
Health Dept.	20.00

Vital Statistics	25.00
Town Dump	50.00
Culverts	500.00
Town Maintenance	5,600.00
Tractor and Grader Repairs	600.00
Street Lighting	728.40
General Expense, Highway Dept.	150.00
Town Road Aid	765.19
Cutting Bushes	400.00
Libraries	175.00
Town Poor	800.00
Old Age Assistance	3,000.00
Old Home Day	50.00
Parks	25.00
Cemeteries	275.00
Interest	49.50
Payment on Principal of Debt	950.00
County Tax	1,483.38
School Tax	17,015.21

Total Town and School Appropriation \$35,626.68

Less Estimated Revenue and Credits:

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 158.63
Railroad Tax	448.70
Savings Bank Tax	65.00
Class V Road Gas Tax	3,084.92
Reimbursement for exemption	
Growing Wood and Timber	1,601.55
Forest Fires	40.00
Dog Licenses	200.00
Business Licenses and Permits	10.00
Interest on Taxes	30.00
Rental Town Property	40.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,500.00
Sale of Town Property	50.00

Cash Surplus	3,400.00	
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Total Revenue and Credits		\$10,628.80
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		\$24,997.88
Plus Overlay		333.15
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Net amount to be raised by Taxation		\$25,331.03
Less Polls at \$2.00		384.00
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Amount to be raised by Property Tax on which Tax Rate is figured		\$24,947.03
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes		\$24,947.03
Poll Taxes at \$2.00		384.00
Tax Rate — \$3.70		

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Dog Taxes:		
Males (83)	\$166.00	
Females (16)	80.00	
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		\$246.00
Less Town Clerk's Fees		19.80
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		\$226.20
Auto Permits	\$1,895.67	
Town Officers' Filing	6.00	
Bal. due Treas. 1954	1.58	
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		1,903.25
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Total Cash Receipts for 1955		\$2,129.45

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA D. WILLIAMS

Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1955		\$12,188.16
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Received from Selectmen:

Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$175.00	
Plowing Driveways	86.00	
Cemetery Trust Fund	100.00	
Refund, Town Poor	119.10	
Refund, acct. John Hanni	72.00	
Refund, Social Security	13.40	
Refund, Public Service Co.	1.75	
Rental Town Property	10.00	
Pistol Permits	7.50	
	<hr/>	\$584.75
Brundage Gift		50.00
National State Capital Bank, Short term note		4,960.00

From State:

Class V Highways	\$3,084.92	
Bounties	553.00	
Railroad Tax	450.65	
Savings Bank Tax	116.62	
Interest and Dividend Tax	158.63	
Refund, Old Age Assistance	203.79	
Refund, Forest Fires	15.14	
Refund, Blister Rust	1.90	
	<hr/>	4,584.65

From Town Clerk:

Auto Permits	\$1,895.67	
Dog Taxes	226.20	
Filing Fees	6.00	
1954 Balance	1.58	
	<hr/>	2,129.45

From Tax Collector

Current Taxes:

Property	\$24,861.93
Polls	362.00

Timber	1,588.57	
Head	1,120.00	
Interest and Penalties	22.74	
Taxes Redeemed	834.51	
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Current Taxes Collected		28,789.75
Previous Taxes:		
Timber	\$483.31	
Head and Penalties	88.00	
Polls	22.00	
Interest and Costs	56.04	
	<hr/>	649.35
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Total Receipts		\$53,936.11
Less Selectmen's Payments		41,983.86
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Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1956		\$11,952.25

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant, Property, Poll and Yield Taxes Levy of 1955

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$24,947.03
Poll Taxes	384.00

Total Warrant	\$25,331.03
Yield Taxes	1,730.74
Interest Collected	4.24

Total Debits	<hr/>	\$27,066.01
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$24,861.93
Poll Taxes	362.00
Yield Taxes	1,588.57
Interest Collected	4.24

Abatements:	
Property Taxes	74.00
Poll Taxes	8.00
Uncollected Taxes as per	
Collector's List:	
Property Taxes	11.10
Poll Taxes	14.00
Yield Taxes	142.17
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Total Credits	\$27,066.01

Summary of Warrant of State Head Taxes

Levy of 1955

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed
to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$1,170.00	
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Total Commitments	\$1,170.00	
Penalties Collected	18.50	
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Total Debits		\$1,188.50

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$1,120.00	
Penalties	18.50	
Uncollected Head Taxes as per		
Collector's List	50.00	
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Total Credits		1,188.50

Uncollected Head Taxes for 1955

Verna I. Bocash	\$5.00
Wilfred A. Bocash	5.00
Patrick O'Doherty	5.00
Hermine O'Doherty	5.00
Ruel B. Scales	5.00

Olive Scales	5.00	
Ada Sleeper	5.00	
Lee V. Sleeper	5.00	
Paid after Jan. 1, 1956	5.00	
William Keyc	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$50.00

**Summary of Warrant of Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1954**

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1955:		
Poll Taxes	\$ 28.00	
Yield Taxes	527.61	
	<hr/>	\$555.61
Added Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	\$ 4.00	
Interest on Poll Taxes	.32	
Interest on Yield Taxes	18.59	
	<hr/>	22.91
Total Debits		\$578.52

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1955:		
Poll Taxes	\$ 22.00	
Abated Poll Taxes	6.00	
Yield Taxes	483.31	
Interest on Yield Taxes	18.59	
Interest on Poll Taxes	.32	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Yield Taxes	44.30	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$578.52
Total Credits		\$578.52

State Head Taxes, 1954

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as per Col- lector's List	\$90.00
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Added Head Taxes	20.00	
Penalties Collected	8.00	
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Total Debits		\$118.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$80.00	
Abatements	15.00	
Penalties	8.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes	15.00	
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Total Credits		\$118.00

Uncollected Head Taxes for 1954

Lloyd Church	\$5.00	
Ada Sleeper	5.00	
Lee V. Sleeper	5.00	
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Total Uncollected		\$15.00

Levy of 1953

Uncollected Taxes, 1953:

Yield Taxes	\$9.32	
Poll Taxes	2.00	
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Total Uncollected		\$11.32

Levy of 1952

Uncollected Taxes:

Yield Taxes	\$14.27	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
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Total Uncollected		\$18.27

Levy of 1951

Uncollected Taxes:

Poll Taxes		4.00
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Levy of 1950

Uncollected Taxes:

Poll Tax		2.00
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Levy of 1949		
Uncollected Taxes:		
Poll Tax		2.00
Levy of 1948		
Uncollected Taxes:		
Poll Taxes		4.00
Levy of 1947		
Uncollected Taxes:		
Poll Taxes		4.00
Levy of 1945		
Uncollected Taxes:		
Poll Tax	\$1.00	
Special Poll Tax	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4.00
Levy of 1941		
Uncollected Taxes:		
Poli Tax		2.00
Levy of 1940		
Uncollected Taxes:		
Poil Tax		2.00
Tax Sales Redeemed During 1955		
Property Taxes	\$834.51	
Interest Collected	37.13	
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Paid Treasurer		871.64
Uncollected Taxes from 1940 to 1956		
1940	Cora Hill	\$ 2.00
1941	Cora Hill	2.00
1945	Ada Sleeper	4.00
		\$ 8.00
1947		
	Lee V. Sleeper	\$2.00
	Ada Sleeper	2.00
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		4.00
1948		
	Lee V. Sleeper	\$2.00

	Ada Sleeper	2.00	
		<hr/>	4.00
1949	Ada Sleeper		2.00
1950	Ada Sleeper		2.00
		1951	
	Lee V. Sleeper	\$2.00	
	Ada Sleeper	2.00	
		<hr/>	4.00
		1952	
	Lee V. Sleeper	\$2.00	
	Ada Sleeper	2.00	
		<hr/>	4.00
1953	Ada Sleeper		2.00
		1954	
	Lee V. Sleeper		
	Ada Sleeper	2.00	
		<hr/>	4.00
		1955	
	Verna I. Bocash	\$2.00	
	Patrick O'Doherty	2.00	
	Hermina O'Doherty	2.00	
	Olive Scales	2.00	
	Ada Sleeper	2.00	
	Lee V. Sleeper	2.00	
	Paid after Jan. 1, 1956	2.00	
	Lee V. Sleeper, Jr.	1.85	
	Walter Melanson	9.25	
		<hr/>	25.10
		1952 Yield Taxes	
John Gill			14.27
		1953 Yield Taxes	
John Gill			9.32
		1954 Yield Taxes	
Earl N. Goss		\$10.50	
Verne Hines		33.80	
		<hr/>	44.30

1955 Yield Taxes

H. J. Jamison	\$126.00	
Edwin E. Morse	16.17	
	<u> </u>	142.17

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer as of December 31, 1955, on account of Tax Levies 1940, 1941, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, and 1955 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GROVER W. BRALEY

Collector

Summary of Sales Account as of December 31, 1955

DR.

	1955	1954	1953
Taxes sold to Town during Current Fiscal Year	\$667.04	\$	\$
Bal. of Unredeemed Taxes Jan. 1, 1955		789.32	279.69
Expenses after Sale Dec. 31, 1954		9.29	
Interest Coll. after Sale		11.47	25.66
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$667.04	\$810.08	\$305.35

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer during year	\$	\$566.29	\$305.35
Unredeemed Taxes at end of Year	667.04	243.79	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$667.04	\$810.08	\$305.35

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on Account of Levies of

	1955	1954
Bennett, Lula M.	\$148.39	\$127.24
Bennett, Lula M.	5.36	

Bennett, Lula M.	1.27	
Bennett, Lula M.	56.68	
Berry, Maud C. and Earl J.	73.58	
Church, George J.	41,22	26.35
Conlin, Joseph	14.08	
Duefield, Harold	19.44	
Morse, Ida	42.49	
Warcup, Ray	28.02	
Welsh, Harold P.	72.64	22.59
Maier, Harry	7.02	
N. E. Mica Co.	10.74	11.24
Park, Philip and Dorothy	27.47	27.47
Putney, Wesley T.	27.47	28.90
Russell, George A.	59.08	
Shepard, Wm. A., Heirs	25.61	
Shepard, Wm. A., Heirs	6.48	
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	\$667.04	\$243.79

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Lula H. Dean, Auditor	\$28.80
Elsie F. Williams, Auditor	28.80
C. Lawrence Gove, Selectman	136.80
A. S. Gage, Selectman	174.60
Clinton S. Williams, Selectman	187.20
Clinton S. Williams, keeping books	25.00
Bernice B. Brown, Treasurer	95.00
Dorothy H. Davis, Clerk's salary 6 mos.	50.00
Barbara D. Williams, Clerk's Salary 6 mos.	50.00
Grover W. Braley, Tax Collector	175.00
C. Lawrence Gove, Fire Warden	10.00
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	\$961.20

Town Officers' Expenses

Assoc. of N. H. Assessors	\$ 3.00
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Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc. Supplies	42.55
R. Branham Pub. Co., Town Clerk's auto book	4.18
Grover W. Braley, expense and supplies	36.17
The Reporter Press, printing town reports	389.00
Mildred S. Braley, bonding officers	103.90
The Reporter Press, supplies and printing	26.25
Elsie F. Williams, typing report	5.00
F. J. Shores, Register—transfers	6.87
Anna D. Proctor, Reg. of Prob. transfer names	.30
Ida M. Horner, Tax Collector's dues	3.00
C. L. Gove, expense and mileage	9.94
Charles R. Hardy, Town Clerk's dues	2.00
Elsie F. Williams, copying inventory	10.00
A. S. Gage, Selectman, expense	6.40
C. S. Williams, Selectman, expense	24.67
Bernice B. Brown, Treas., expense	3.71
Barbara Williams, Clerk, expense	.99
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	\$677.93

Election and Registration

Fred Littlefield, guarding rail	\$ 7.20
Roger E. Martin, Supervisor	17.60
Stanley W. Phillips, Supervisor	10.80
The Enterprise Press, printing ballots	12.50
The Reporter Press, printing notice	2.00
Ellen F. Williams, Ballot Clerk	7.20
Walter C. Morse, Supervisor	14.40
Elsie F. Williams, copying checklists	3.00
A. S. Gage, Moderator	7.20
Reginald Barney, Supervisor	3.20
Frank R. Dean, Ballot Clerk	7.20
Donald S. Fowler, Ballot Clerk	7.20
Grover W. Braley, Ballot Clerk	7.20
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	\$106.70

Auto Permits

Dorothy Davis	\$113.50
Barbara D. Williams	30.00
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	\$143.50

Town Hall and Observation Post

New England Tel. and Tel.	\$39.80
Public Service of N. H., lights	35.51
Harold J. Holt, 3/4 cord sawed wood	12.00
Roger E. Martin, janitor and supplies	54.89
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	\$142.20

Police Department

Fred Littlefield, Constable	\$15.48
C. Lawrence Gove, Constable	15.00
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	\$30.48

Fire Department

Frank K. Clarke, insurance on firemen	\$105.00
Mildred S. Braley, insurance on fire truck	51.32
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	\$156.32

Forest Fires

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C. Lawrence Gove, Fire meeting	\$12.39
C. Lawrence Gove, Aldrich fire	7.05
State of New Hampshire	.78
C. Lawrence Gove, Sudrabin fire	11.19
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	\$31.41

White Pine Blister Rust

William H. Messeck, Jr., State Forester, Town appropriation	\$400.00
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Health Department

George W. Peterson, Health Officer	\$10.00
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Vital Statistics

Barbara D. Williams, Town Clerk	\$10.50
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Refunds

State of New Hampshire, refund on Yield tax	\$129.19
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TOWN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**General Statement**

Appropriation, 1955	\$2,515.08
Received from State, Gasoline Tax	3,084.92
Received for plowing driveways	86.00
Rental of Town property	10.00
Received from Charles E. Brundage, gift for highway use	50.00
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Total amount available	\$5,746.00

Expenditures

Winter Roads

Charles N. Hogue, Road Agent	\$1,039.03
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Fred Littlefield, Road Agent	773.56
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Summer Roads

Fred Littlefield, Road Agent	4,179.70
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Total amount expended	\$5,992.29
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Overexpended	\$ 246.29
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Winter Roads

Charles N. Hogue, Road Agent	
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Charles N. Hogue, Road Agent	\$ 415.88
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Theodore Hilyard, labor	340.50
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Leslie Seamans, labor	48.50
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Community Garage of Danbury, repairs	10.08
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George Grabherr, labor	5.00
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Joseph Hill, labor	6.00
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E. W. Brewster, gas and oil	161.47
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I. A. Dinerman, M.D., medical service	27.00
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C. L. Gove, labor	15.00
Lula Bennett, sand	9.60
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	\$1,039.03

Winter Roads

Fred Littlefield, Road Agent

Fred Littlefield, Road Agent	\$274.50
C. L. Gove, labor	28.75
Donald Ford, thawing culverts	46.75
Theodore Hilyard, labor	54.00
Albert Hill, Jr., labor	19.00
E. W. Brewster, gas and oil	149.63
Grover W. Braley, gas and oil	5.55
Edwin Caswell, labor	10.00
Gay's Express	10.82
American Lubricants Co., oil for tractors	30.00
George Grabherr, labor	23.00
Milo Perkins, labor	9.50
Paul Gove, labor	45.50
H. P. Gagnon, welding	3.00
Albert Hill, Sr., labor	14.00
Richard Williams, labor	24.50
Clinton S. Williams, labor	18.00
H. E. Staniels, gas and oil	7.06
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	\$773.56

Summer Roads

Fred Littlefield, Road Agent

Fred Littlefield, Road Agent	\$1,438.75
Donald Ford, thawing culverts	8.50
Joseph Hill, labor	613.00
Freeman Johnson, labor	5.50
George Grabherr, labor	198.00
Milo Perkins, labor	419.50
E. W. Brewster, gas and oil	257.28
H. E. Staniels, gas and oil	63.93

H. E. Staniels, bridge stringers	40.00
Fred Littlefield, team	22.00
C. S. Williams, truck and labor	29.00
C. S. Williams, bulldozer	108.00
Blacktop Inc., cold patch	69.23
Claude Charbonneau, trucking stringers	5.00
Trumball Nelson Co., lag screws	2.00
Ray Warcup, labor	8.00
Stanley Hill, labor	47.50
P. W. Chellis, rods for bridge	4.00
Hathorns' Inc., supplies	7.39
Whitehall Co., use of loader	100.00
Albert Hill, Sr., labor	184.50
Albert Hill, Jr., labor	108.50
Chester Jenks, labor	2.50
Fred Littlefield, use of loader	62.50
Gordon's Store, gas and oil	3.10
Edward C. Sterling, gravel	3.75
M. F. Braley, bridge plank	258.88
C. S. Williams, gravel	100.75
Willis Webster, gravel	4.50
Ruel Scales, gravel	1.00
Currier and Phelps, Inspection and repairs	3.14
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	\$4,179.70

Cutting Bushes

Milo Perkins, labor	\$128.00
Joseph Hill, labor	5.00
Albert Hill, Sr.	43.00
George Grabherr, mowing bushes	160.00
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	\$336.00

Culverts

R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	\$495.52
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Grader and Tractor Repairs

Hathorn's Inc., welding	\$ 20.50
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R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., parts	28.35
H. P. Gagnon, welding	20.50
H. L. Webster & Sons, grader battery	18.70
H. L. Webster & Sons, repairs on grader	20.80
Fred Littlefield, supplies	1.50
W. C. Eaton, tire and tube for grader	83.58
Rogers Garage, axle for truck	15.90
Hathorn's Inc., repairing radiator of truck	7.00
C. E. Noyes Co., grader tires	202.04
Hili Martin Corp., tractor repairs	63.24
Sanel Auto Parts, Inc., chains	26.00
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	\$508.11

General Expense Highway Dept.

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$ 19.25
E. W. Brewster, supplies	5.19
Laura E. Gage, insurance on tractors and bldg.	66.00
The Reporter Press, printing notices	11.25
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	\$103.44

Street Lighting

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$ 672.48
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Library

Library Trustees, 1955 Appropriation	\$ 175.00
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Old Age Assistance

State of New Hampshire	\$2,242.33
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Town Poor

County of Merrimack, acct. Addie Bock	\$652.89
State Cancer Commission, acct. Arthur Joyal	66.00
E. W. Brewster, acct. Daniel Downes	9.48
New London Hospital Assoc., acct. Daniel Downes	87.00
Wm. P. Clough, Jr., M.D., acct. Daniel Downes	37.00
Wm. P. Clough, Sr., M.D., acct. Daniel Downes	3.00
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	\$855.37

Damages and Legal Expense	
Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, acct. Leo Hill	\$70.00
New Cemetery	
P. K. Brown, grading entrance	\$ 50.00
P. K. Brown, laying out, and making and setting posts	110.00
C. Lawrence Gove, labor	10.00
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	\$170.00
Old Home Day	
C. L. Gove, Old Home Day Appropriation	\$ 50.00
Trust Funds	
Trustees of Trust Funds, Eva Heath Fund	\$100.00
Common	
Roger E. Martin, mowing	\$ 10.00
Cemeteries	
Carroll Cole, care of Cemeteries	\$250.00
Interest	
National State Capital Bank	\$ 49.50
Short Term Notes	
National State Capital Bank	\$4,960.00
Payment on Principal of Debt	
National State Capital Bank	\$950.00
Town Road Aid	
State of New Hampshire	\$765.19
Town Dump	
C. Lawrence Gove, labor	\$ 24.00
Bounties	
C. Lawrence Gove, 324 hedgehogs	\$162.00
Wilmer Sargent, 85 hedgehogs	42.50
Thurman A. Powell, 18 hedgehogs	9.00
A. S. Gage, 16 hedgehogs	8.00
C. S. Williams, 14 hedgehogs	7.00
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	\$228.50

County Tax

Lawrence M. Colby, Treas.	\$1,483.38
Taxes Bought by Town	
Grover W. Braley, Collector	\$667.04
Head Taxes	
State of New Hampshire, Head Taxes and Penalties	\$984.13
Grover W. Braley, collecting	36.00
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	\$1,020.13

Cash Bond Account of Timber Tax

Grover W. Braley, Collector of Taxes	\$ 6.15
Schools	
Doris H. Fowler, bal. 1954 appro.	\$ 6,000.00
Doris H. Fowler, acct. 1955 appro.	11,000.00
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	\$17,000.00

REPORT OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department is pleased to report another year free from serious fires. Ten calls were answered during the year for chimney fires. The department burned over some grass ground in the spring to reduce fire hazards. We have added some items to our fire fighting equipment and have made some improvements on the fire house during the year.

Please do not hesitate to call us at the first sign of any fire. We would much rather be early than too late.

LESLIE SEAMANS, Chief,

GEORGE PETERSON, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report—Fire Department

Balance on hand January 1, 1955	\$674.23	
Receipts 1955	313.00	
		\$987.23
Less orders paid 1955		232.43
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1955		\$754.80

A. STEWART GAGE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR 1955

Total Circulation	1760
Fiction	707
Non-fiction	499
Juvenile	554

Fines collected \$2.65.

56 new books were added to our shelves through the year.

HATTIE E. BARNEY, Librarian.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Interest drawn from Banks	\$405.59
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Payments

Carroll Cole, labor	\$275.00
Edward I. Barney, labor	25.00
Grover W. Braley, fertilizer	8.80
Library Trustees, (Barney, Flanders Fund)	60.75
Grafton School District, (Henry Stevens Fund)	9.34

Expenses of Trustees	26.70	
	<u> </u>	\$405.59
Capital Reserve Fund, Grafton School Dist.		\$351.00
Interest		11.19
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Paid Grafton School District		\$362.19
ELSIE F. WILLIAMS,		
Trustee.		

Auditors' Certificate

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Road Agents, Library Trustees and Fire Department and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ELSIE F. WILLIAMS,
LULA H. DEAN,

January 21, 1956.

Auditors.

Auditor's Certificate

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Trustees of the Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LULA H. DEAN,

Auditor.

Report of the Trust Funds for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Name and Year of Creation	Purpose	How Invested	Bal. of Principal both at beginning and end of year	Bal. of Income on hand at Be- ginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on hand at End of Year
1919 East Grafton	Cemetery	N. H. Savings Bank	\$ 235.50	\$ 22.87	\$ 7.65	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.52
1919 H. Stevens	Cem. & School Cemetery	N. H. Savings Bank	500.00	15.34	15.34	15.34	15.34
1919 J. E. Martin	"	N. H. Savings Bank	200.00	42.66	7.22	7.00	42.88
1919 Estelle Axtell	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	2.44	1.55	1.50	2.49
1919 Candace S. Cook	"	N. H. Savings Bank	75.00	9.16	2.49	2.50	9.15
1919 Nason W. Cass	"	N. H. Savings Bank	150.00	29.56	5.35	5.00	29.91
1919 A. A. Barney	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	2.38	1.55	1.50	2.43
1919 Mary A. Smith	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	3.65	1.58	1.50	3.73
1918 W. Hardy	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	14.95	3.41	3.50	14.86
1919 Ann M. Hoyt	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	7.66	3.20	3.00	7.86
1920 Jane K. Lawrence	"	N. H. Savings Bank	500.00	113.69	18.16	25.00	106.85
1920 Nathan Severance	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	3.44	1.58	1.50	3.52
1923 Frank D. Currier, No. 1	"	N. H. Savings Bank	198.15	63.71	7.81	10.00	61.52
1923 Frank D. Currier, No. 2	"	N. H. Savings Bank	198.15	39.31	7.12	7.00	39.43
1929 Edward C. Dimond	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	2.32	1.55	1.50	2.37
1925 Geo. H. Cole	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	2.46	1.55	1.50	2.51
1925 A. F. Hoyt	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	33.50	3.95	5.00	32.45
1927 George J. Whitney	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	1.98	1.54	1.50	2.02
1927 Ella J. Smith	"	N. H. Savings Bank	200.00	55.61	7.60	8.00	55.21
1932 Jonathan Severance	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	11.71	3.31	3.50	11.52
1933 Volana E. Kilton	"	N. H. Savings Bank	200.00	14.81	6.39	6.00	15.20
1933 Mary E. Gifford	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	2.53	1.55	1.50	2.58

1934	Almon H. Barney	Cemetery	N. H. Savings Bank	700.00	77.67	23.20	20.00	80.87
1934	Susan St. Ormond	"	N. H. Savings Bank	175.00	18.80	5.75	6.00	18.55
1935	H. L. Powell	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	5.77	3.14	3.00	5.91
1936	Clara E. Johnson	"	N. H. Savings Bank	200.00	19.92	6.55	6.00	20.47
1936	Emeline L. Davis	"	N. H. Savings Bank	200.00	18.70	6.50	6.00	19.20
1945	Geo. A. Bucklin	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	4.27	3.09	3.00	4.36
1951	Wiseman Truell	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	3.81	1.60	1.50	3.91
1951	Henry Truell	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	3.81	1.60	1.50	3.91
1948	Alfred Martin	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	3.98	3.08	3.00	4.06
1950	Ichabod B. Sargent	"	N. H. Savings Bank	150.00	8.35	4.71	4.00	9.06
1950	Sam. W. & Caroline Barney	"	N. H. Savings Bank	200.00	12.57	6.32	6.00	12.89
1950	Alpheus A. Howe	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	7.20	3.19	3.00	7.39
1940	Geo. L. & Ethel Aldrich	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	3.46	3.08	3.00	3.54
1951	Rufus H. Hill	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	3.44	3.07	3.00	3.51
1953	Harland W. - Grover Barney	"	N. H. Savings Bank	250.00	7.28	7.67	7.00	7.95
1933	Chas. and Ethel Cheney	"	N. H. Savings Bank	200.00	6.10	6.14	6.00	6.24
1934	Volana E. Kilton	Doctor	N. H. Savings Bank	5,000.00	1,929.79	209.44		2,139.23
1934	Volana E. Kilton	"	Merriack Co. Sav. Bk.	5,000.00	1,956.06	208.68		2,164.74
1934	Volana E. Kilton	"	Loan & Trust Sav. Bk.	5,000.00	1,867.42	207.56		2,074.98
1934	Volana E. Kilton	"	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	5,000.00	2,064.88	231.45		2,296.33
1934	Volana E. Kilton	"	Franklin Sav. Bank	5,000.00	1,796.29	203.88		2,000.17
1900	Maria E. Martin	Church	Manchester Sav. Bank	513.65	81.39	19.49		100.88
1933	Walter G. Valia	Cemetery	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	1,000.00	37.94	33.73	15.00	56.67
1938	Eulalia I. Martin	"	Merriack Co. Sav. Bk.	100.00	13.09	3.35	3.00	13.44
1942	Ethel M. Hanscom	"	Merriack Co. Sav. Bk.	50.00	6.28	1.65	1.50	6.43
1942	John Valia	"	Merriack Co. Sav. Bk.	50.00	2.17	1.53	1.50	2.20
1942	John L. Sargent	"	Merriack Co. Sav. Bk.	50.00	3.30	1.56	1.50	3.36
1943	Geo. S.-Cora M. & Dr. J. Sarah Barney	"	Merriack Co. Sav. Bk.	150.00	6.99	4.62	4.00	7.61
1943	Charles P. Sargent	"	Merriack Co. Sav. Bk.	50.00	1.90	1.52	1.50	1.92
1943	George L. Hall	"	Merriack Co. Sav. Bk.	200.00	16.39	6.39	6.00	16.78

1945	Mina Bullock Stevens			Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	100.00	4.58	3.08	3.00	4.66
1944	Alice M. Dodge	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	100.00	4.35	3.08	3.00	4.43
1944	Augustus G. Russell	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	100.00	5.53	3.11	3.00	5.64
1946	Dean	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	100.00	5.98	3.11	3.00	6.09
1946	H. Alvah Stevens	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	300.00	32.28	9.74	15.00	27.02
1946	Geo. M. Flanders	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	100.00	6.29	3.14	3.00	6.43
1946	Barney & Flanders	Library		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	2,000.00	60.75	60.90	60.75	60.90
1947	William Haskins	Cemetery		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	100.00	10.82	3.26	3.00	11.08
1950	Geo. S. Sanders	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	500.00	41.84	16.01	15.00	42.85
1950	Guilford & Nancy Underhill	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	300.00	22.78	9.56	7.00	25.34
1949	George S. Pierce	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	50.00	1.85	1.52	1.50	1.87
1949	Jeremiah & Mary Whitney	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	100.00	6.39	3.14	3.00	6.53
1949	Fred C. Davis	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	100.00	6.35	3.14	3.00	6.49
1950	Alfred & Mary Sleeper	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	200.00	12.52	6.27	6.00	12.79
1950	Fred W. Barney	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	1,000.00	57.22	31.34	25.00	63.56
1951	C. N. Howe	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	100.00	5.43	3.11	3.00	5.54
1952	Jacob Blauw	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	62.50	2.33	1.90	1.50	2.73
1952	Flora E. & Edwin L. Sargent	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	200.00	8.21	6.15	6.00	8.36
1954	Gage and Bucklin	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	200.00	2.50	6.03	2.00	6.53
1955	Robert H. & Eva L. Heath	"		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	100.00	7.02	4.17	11.19	2.50
1954	Capital Reserve Fund	School		Meriack Co. Sav. Bk.	351.00	7.02	4.17	11.19	2.50
	Grafton School District								

Account closed August 3, 1955

Certificate

All the above Trust Funds yield 3% Int. per annum. excepting the Volana E. Kilton and Walter G. Valia funds in Amoskeag Savings Bank and Eulalia I. Martin fund in Merrimack County Savings Bank which yield 3 and 1-4%.

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

WILLIAM MATTHEWS
MORRIS F. BRALEY
A. STUART GAGE

Trustees.

The Robert H. and Eva L. Heath Fund is a new Fund created in 1955.

December 31, 1955.

Births Registered in the Town of Grafton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex and No. Children	Name of Mother	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence	Birth Place of Parent
Jan. 11	Hanover	Sharon Joan Sleeper	F W Liv. 8	Lee Victor Sleeper	Ada Madeline Morse	Grafton	New Hampshire
Jan. 11	Hanover	Dianne Winifred Bassett	F W Liv. 1	John Foster Bassett	June Lillian Valia	Grafton	New Hampshire
Feb. 2	Lebanon	James Richard Williams	M W Liv. 2	Richard Fowler Williams	Ellen Frances Fennelly	Grafton	New Hampshire
Oct. 9	Hanover	Brian Edwin Morse	M W Liv. 4	Edwin Elsworth Morse	Phyllis Dorothy Parks	Grafton	New Hampshire
Nov. 26	Hanover	Shirley Anne Cushing	F W Liv. 3	Herbert Elias Cushing	Marion Elizabeth Bassett	Grafton	Massachusetts
						Grafton	Maine
						Grafton	New Hampshire

I hereby certify that the above return is a correct list of the births for 1955 to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Barbara D. Williams, Town Clerk, Grafton, N. H.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Grafton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Date	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom & Bride	Age, Color Occupation	Birthplace	Residence	By Whom Married
Mch. 11	Tilton	Eldon R. Bennett Anita L. Amsden	20 W 18 W	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Grafton Tilton	William T. Keach Clergyman
June. 4	Canaan	Reginald Edmund Barney Eleanor Marion Niles	28 W 22 W	New Hampshire Maine	Grafton Manchester	Albert W. Earle Clergyman
June 18	Danbury	Hartley Jacob Stiles Marion Gertrude Rivers	64 W 44 W	New Brunswick Massachusetts	Grafton Grafton	Raymond E. Gardner Justice of the Peace
Aug. 6	Canaan	Gerard John Flokstra, Jr. Ruth Marguerite Barney	24 W 24 W	Michigan New Hampshire	Bridgept., Ct. Grafton	Gerard J. Flokstra, Sr. Minister of Gospel
Oct. 15	Canaan	Ernest Elroy Webster Eugenia Frances Doe	68 W 43 W	New Hampshire Massachusetts	Canaan Grafton	Daniel W. Fleetham Justice of Peace
Nov. 12	Grafton	Roger Lawrence Williams Barbara Howes Davis	25 W 24 W	Massachusetts Massachusetts	Tuftonboro Grafton	Francis S. Tucker Clergyman
Nov. 12	Hartford, Vt.	James F. Church June Gauthier	20 W 16 W	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Canaan Lebanon	Seymour Hazen Justice of Peace

I hereby certify that the above list of marriages for 1955 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief
 Barbara D. Williams, Town Clerk, Grafton, N. H.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Grafton. N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname	Age and Years Birth	Place of Birth	Sex and Condition	Occupation	Name of Father and Mother	Name of Mother
Dec. 12 1954	Ctr. Harbor	Mary E. Sargent	81	Ellsworth	F Widowed	at Home	William Elliott	William Elliott
Jan. 24.	New London	Katie Ethel Howe	75	Grafton	F Married	Housewife	Lucy Willoughby William Haskins	Lucy Willoughby
April 8	Hanover	Olive Hilyard	79	Canada	F Single	Housewife	Rachel Fiske Samuel Parker	Rachel Fiske
April 23	Concord	Sarah Louise Hackett	81	Grafton	F Widowed	None	Eliza Sweet Henry Hackett	Eliza Sweet
May 3	Enfield	Benjamin Pillsbury	80	Springfield	M Widowed	Watchman	Lydia Fogg Byron Pillsbury	Lydia Fogg
May 17	Franklin	James Eldon Bennett	2 Days	Franklin	M Single	Infant	Oriami Sargent Eldon Roy Bennett	Oriami Sargent
May 30	Unity	George Leavitt	90	Grafton	M Widowed	Farmer	Anita Louise Amsden Frank Leavitt	Anita Louise Amsden
June 21	Grafton	Clifton Dean Davis	55	Massachusetts	M Married	Woodworker	Meissa Austin Augustus Davis	Meissa Austin
July 15	Lebanon	Ray Herman Haskins	50	Grafton	M Married	Machinist	Jennie Dean Herman Haskins	Jennie Dean
Dec. 12	Clinton, Mass.	Lucy Alice Sleeper	82	Grafton	F Widowed	at Home	Mabel Stevens Jesse Pierce	Mabel Stevens
							Charlotte Harlow	Charlotte Harlow

I hereby certify that the above list of deaths for 1955 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Barbara D. Williams, Town Clerk, Grafton, N. H.

Report of the School District

District Officers

DONALD S. FOWLER	Moderator
DORIS FOWLER	Treasurer
LULA BENNETT	Clerk
LULA H. DEAN	Auditor

School Board

MARION SEAMANS	Term expires 1956
NATALIE BROWN	Term expires 1957
A. STUART GAGE	Term expires 1958

Teachers

Mrs. Martha Ford	Grades 1-4
Mrs. Maude Ware	Grades 5-8

Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Ellen F. Williams, R. N.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer's Report

for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

Summary:

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954	\$1,907.92
Received from Selectmen, current appropriation	\$15,049.68
Received from Trust Funds	9.34
Total Receipts	15, 059.02
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$16,966.94
Less School Board Orders Paid	15,574.75
Balance on Hand June 30, 1955	\$ 1,392.19

DORIS H. FOWLER,
Treasurer

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Grafton, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

LULA H. DEAN,

Auditor

School Board's Report

Receipts:

From Selectmen, appropriation	\$15,049.68
From Trust Funds	9.34
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Total Receipts	\$15,059.02
Cash on hand June 30, 1954	1,907.92
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Grand Total	\$16,966.94

Detailed Statement of Payments

Salaries of District Officers:

Natalie Brown, school board	\$50.00
Marion Seamans, school board	75.00
A. Stuart Gage, school board	50.00
Lula H. Dean, auditor	6.00
Lula Bennett, clerk	4.00
Doris Fowler, treasurer	35.00
Donald Fowler, moderator	2.00
Ellen F. Williams, census	15.00
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	\$237.00

Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union No. 4	241.26
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Expenses of Administration:

Supervisory Union No. 4, clerk and office expense., travel	\$306.37
Brown and Saltmarsh, Inc.	10.31

Doris Fowler	.45	
The Reporter Press	11.60	
State Department of Education	2.00	
Marion Seamans	6.00	
Natalie Brown	3.50	
Martha Ford, keys	.70	
Ellen F. Williams, clinic mileage	6.48	
General Ice Cream Corp.	8.10	
Elwood Brewster	.30	
The College Bindery	7.00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	4.30	
	<hr/>	367.11

Teachers' Salaries

Martha Ford	\$2,207.06	
Maude Ware	1,879.54	
Director of Internal Revenue	660.80	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	452.60	
	<hr/>	5,200.00

Textbooks :

Martin & Murray Co., Inc.	\$40.70	
Silver Burdett Co.	35.98	
Ginn & Co.	10.32	
Charles E. Merrill Co., Inc.	.51	
Bristol School District	.95	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	3.02	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	11.46	
American Book Co.	9.42	
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Scholars' Supplies :

Allyn & Bacon, Inc.	\$ 3.62
Houghton Mifflin Co.	7.74
American Book Co.	2.95
Charles E. Merrill Co., Inc.	3.56
American Education Publications	30.50
Follett Publishers, Inc.	2.43

Ginn & Co.	27.71	
Bristol School District	12.33	
Row, Peterson & Co.	25.46	
Cascade Paper Co.	101.02	
J. L. Hammett Co.	2.41	
Milton Bradley Co.	18.38	
	<hr/>	238.11

Other Expenses of Instruction:

Cardigan Sport Store	\$5.50	
Bristol School District	1.10	
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Janitor Service:

Ann Merrill	\$54.00	
Andrew Runyon	54.00	
Mildred Runyon	206.00	
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Fuel:

Prescott Oil Co.	\$ 16.07	
Canaan Oil Co.	203.54	
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Water, Light, and Janitor Supplies:

Masury-Young Co.	\$13.82	
White River Paper Co.	63.89	
Public Service Co. of N. H.	35.79	
Bristol School District	22.91	
West Disinfecting Co.	45.76	
Milton Bradley Co.	12.85	
Elwood Brewster	2.98	
C. B. Dolge Co.	12.65	
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	37.05	
	<hr/>	247.70

Minor Repairs & Expenses:

Leslie Seamans, labor	23.50	
C. Henry Lenz, tuning piano	7.00	

Public Service Co., bulbs and starters	9.12	
Concord Supply Co., blinds	19.30	
George W. Tucker, mileage and labor	4.57	
Ann Merrill, cleaning	30.00	
Clarence W. Towse, cleaning oil burners	6.35	
H. J. Follansbee Co., door spring	.15	
		99.99
Medical Inspection:		
Supervisory Union No. 4,		
nurse's salary	\$108.96	
C. B. Boyd, Druggist, supplies	1.89	
		110.85
Transportation of Pupils:		
C. Lawrence Gove	3,001.00	
Raymond Beals	825.00	
		3,826.00
High School Tuition:		
Enfield School District	\$310.00	
Bristol School District	900.00	
Canaan School District	250.00	
Andover School District	735.00	
Lebanon School District	825.00	
		3,020.00
Elementary School Tuition:		
Springfield School District		725.00
Insurance:		
Mildred Braley, vacancy permit		
and bond	\$12.50	
Laura E. Gage, insurance	60.00	
		72.50
Per Capita Tax:		
State Treasurer		160.00
Retirement:		
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	\$354.64	

Supervisory Union No. 4, superintendent and nurse retirement	22.02	
		376.66
Total expenditures		\$15,574.75

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

MARION E. SEAMANS

NATALIE E. BROWN

A. STUART GAGE

School Board

GENERAL STATISTICS

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1954-55	10	4	7	4	9	6	8	3	51
Dec. 23									
1955-56	4	9	5	8	4	8	4	6	48

District Totals

1954-55	Av. Attend	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	%Attend.
	41.6	3.6	45.3	92
1955-56				
Dec. 23	43.9	2.0	45.9	95.5

Tuition Pupils 1955-56

Andover High School—Rate \$275.00

Barbara Belloir	Grade 9
Frances Belloir	" 9
Betty Lyons	" 12
Kernal Seamans	" 12

Bristol High School—Rate \$300.00	
Gaynell Gove	Grade 10
Jean Hilyard	“ 11
Patricia Peterson	“ 12
Canaan High School—Rate \$250.00	
Kenneth Aldrich	Grade 11
Lebanon School District—Rate \$290.00	
Burt Dean	Grade 10
Carolyn Church	“ 9
Springfield Elementary School—Rate \$185.00	
Albert Stone, Jr.	Grade 2
Lois Johnson	“ 6

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Open Sept. 5 Wed.	Close Dec. 21 Fri.
Open Jan. 2	Close Feb. 15
Open Feb. 25	Close Apr. 19
Open Apr. 29	Close June 12

Days out: Nov. 22, 23; May 30, 31.

Close at 12:30 Nov. 21, Dec. 21.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including three for institutes and conventions and up to five for workshops.

Pupils must attend the first grade if 6 by September 30 and may enter if 6 by January 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

Grafton Building Report

Due to radical changes in the actual number of tuition pupils because of a combination of moving out of town and failure to return to high school, it will be unnecessary to borrow to the full extent as authorized by the district to remodel the school. This is true in spite of a rather serious bout with New Hampshire granite in trying to secure sufficient water by means of a "dug well." At this moment there appears a strong possibility of having a balance of a few hundred dollars. In doing a job of this type securing water is the big unknown and experiences in Union No. 4 are as varied as possible. We were fortunate in securing the prompt services of the Eastern States Artesian Well Co. to drill for us with a firm contract of \$1,000 for four gallons per minute guarantee. Mr. Cady then gave us a rock bottom price for the purchase and installation of the pump and necessary connections. With a few minor adjustments the work will be completed in a very satisfactory manner. In spite of our difficulties the total expense is only slightly more than similar jobs without complications. With continued maintenance of relatively minor proportions the school can be well kept and improved. Grafton should feel proud of making it possible for its pupils to attend a good rural school.

Paid to William Cady for contract	\$4,100.00
Paid for extra work on the well	244.00
Paid Eastern States, contract for artesian well	1,00.00
Paid William Cady for pump, installation, etc.	325.00
Balance due Wm. Cady	100.00
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	\$5,769.00

Union No. 4 Budget
1954-55

District	Nurse	Travel	Office	Clerk	Conv.	Supt.	Travel	Total
Alexandria	\$ 89.60	\$ 56.00	\$ 22.22	\$ 94.85	\$ 5.42	\$ 197.83	\$ 54.20	\$ 520.12
Bridgewater	104.16	65.10	25.83	110.25	6.30	229.95	63.00	604.59
Bristol	634.72	396.70	157.69	673.05	38.46	1,403.79	384.60	3,689.01
Canaan	444.00	277.50	110.78	472.85	27.02	986.23	270.20	2,588.58
Danbury	127.04	79.40	31.65	135.10	7.72	281.78	77.20	739.89
Grafton	108.96	68.10	27.10	115.68	6.61	241.26	66.10	633.81
Groton			12.26	52.32	2.99	109.14	29.90	206.61
Hebron	72.80	45.50	17.88	76.30	4.36	159.14	43.60	419.58
Orange	18.72	11.70	4.59	19.60	1.12	40.88	11.20	107.81
Totals	\$1,600.00	\$1,000.00	\$410.00	\$1,750.00	\$100.00	\$3,650.00	\$1,000.00	\$9,510.00

Superintendent's Report 1955-56

We wish again to emphasize the most serious shortage of teachers who are qualified through either training or successful experience, or both, and to quote material based on a study financed by the Ford Foundation for the Advancement of Education and written by Mr. Beardsley Ruml and Sidney G. Tickton, noted business men. The demand for teachers is great and will increase for years to come because: (1) The total number of births during the depression years was relatively very small (the present college age group); (2) 1954 produced the biggest crop of babies yet with over 4 million being born in comparison with less than 3 million in 1944; (3) In the next 10 years we will need to recruit **three** new teachers for every **two** now employed; (4) It would take half of all college graduates for each of the next 10 years to meet this demand; (5) We have now 9,200,000 pupils in the 14-17 age level but in 1965 there will be 14,200,000! The above constitute basic facts, the foundation of serious troubles, and can not be changed. These in themselves create a tremendous shortage of teachers, making a very restricted economic supply of a scarce commodity and resulting in an increasing market value of the same, higher salaries. Added to this shortage and increased demand due to increased number of pupils we have a rising salary level in the field of industries as shown below:

Average Wages 1953

Workers auto manufacturing	\$4,947
Coal mining	4,198
Electrical Machinery	3,956
Telephone operators N. Y. Tel. Co.	3,224
Teachers big city high schools	5,526
Teachers small city high schools	4,292
Teachers small city elementary schools	3,682
Teachers small town elementary schools	3,190

From this it can be seen that there is little incentive for a pupil to spend four years, or more, of his life, and a considerable capital investment in a vocation paying less than jobs in industry which pay as you learn. Earning over \$10,000 per year were 41% of the physicians and surgeons, 28% of the lawyers and judges, and 24.6% of the dentists, and .95% of the teachers.

Why does anyone enter the teaching profession today? What are these basic figures going to do to every salary paid any teacher in the years to come? No amount of unfavorable publicity or unkind belittling thinking can change the demand for teachers caused by children already born and who will be educated during the next 20 years.

Much is being written about the poor quality of education of today and most of it implies great superiority of past educational systems. How did we get into such dire circumstances, if we are in them, when the situations of today are the results of a supposedly superior educational systems of previous generations? Certain it is that those now in school and yet to go to school can not be blamed for circumstances due to their parents and grandparents. We are trying to blame the newly born for errors of our own, and past generations, which errors actually may not be very great anyway. Somehow or another the people of the United States past and present, (and future, I'm sure) have given an account of themselves unmatched, and universally envied. We might ask, "How good can we get?" The answer is, of course, "Better." That's the premise we work with, and always will, but to do so and keep some small degree of sanity requires a judicious omission of much that is being popularized at the moment. For instance, reading is taking a "panning" at the moment (it was history a few years ago and it will be either math or spelling in a year or so.) Most of what is being written assumes that we know nothing about two things:

(1) How to teach reading; (2) What results we are now getting.

Let's look briefly at results of nationally standardized tests given every year in Union No. 4. To avoid exact identification we will assume the grades taken to be fictitious although the figures used are basically correct. Twenty four out of 35 in grade 6 scored above grade level in reading last April with the highest level above grade 10; 12 were at the 8th grade level or higher. In grade 5 fifteen out of 30 were above grade with 8 above grade 7. More of the same could be quoted based on recorded facts but let's reverse the figures and say that 15 out of 30 were below grade level, which is true. Popularly these are the ones that get into print! But let's go one step further and say that the abilities of the pupils in this grade vary from border line feeblemindedness to high superiority but none near the genius level. We are speaking here of those abilities necessary to acquire a high degree of reading ability or academic achievement. We are not considering mechanical, social, artistic, musical, or any number of other abilities. In summary we can say that our results are as anyone acquainted with human beings knows deep down in his heart and secretly admits to his conscience: an average grade will test average in accomplishment with bright pupils achieving brilliantly and dull ones doing below a standardized level with exceptions both ways occasionally thrown in for good measure; a mathematical average, whether of business profits or grade achievements, is composed of all elements both good and bad. Schools have one great handicap from the viewpoint of achieving only top quality results; We can not give the "pink slip" to those not improving our product! We might add here, in view of some recent publicity nationally, that it takes a mighty smart youngster with exceptional ability in mathematics to become an engineer; just requiring all pupils to take four years of high school math

is not going to automatically produce atomic scientists but will produce an amazingly large number of flunks in high school!

Some few years ago the "better" schools were de-emphasizing marks to such an extent that those of us who were still "old-fashioned" enough to cling to them were just not accepted as being quite normal! A recent article has been written stating that marks are very much in style, are perhaps being stressed too much not because of not being in step with modern trends but because so many scholarships are being offered putting a very high premium on marks and slighting those which may have other abilities equally important, or more so, than those necessary to achieve good grades. And so the educational pendulum swings in another arc! Past performance is still one of the best indexes we have to predict future success.

The last legislature increased state aid to needy school districts from \$900,000 to \$1,200,000 which when read one way is a 50% increase but when looked at from another angle is a mere \$300,000, hardly enough to build a high school for 150 pupils. When the tough educational problems facing us, and some are in Union 4, are carefully analyzed this is a very small amount of money when compared with what some of us believe will be eventually necessary to even partially meet our educational needs. Canaan received \$19,400 of state aid; Danbury \$8,143; Alexandria and Orange some few dollars over \$1,000. The first two are significant amounts but are small when compared with present and future needs (particularly the latter). Even towns not receiving aid at present, and who may never under a formula based on need as measured at present, may well require significant amounts of aid to meet future needs including salary spirals. The local real estate tax should not be expected to meet all of these costs and the state with its different sources of tax money will be required to help

more and more or the federal government will be forced into educational fields because of its biggest source of revenues, the individual income tax of which New England contributes a share far in excess of its population. We are now paying for federal projects benefiting other sections of the country and should not be too squeamish about getting more of it back here, at least for capital improvements for schools, flood control and like projects. We believe in local control of education, the least amount of state control, and no federal control, if possible, but, at present, we can not foresee the local unit being able to increase its contribution indefinitely, foresee the state as being re'uctant to be financially realistic in its educational obligations, and only a hodgepodge of idéas at the national level. A state building aid bill was passed providing aid beginning with the school year of 1956-57 **provided funds become available.** This would pay up to 20% of outstanding debt for a current year of bui'dings approved by the Department of Education. It seems unwise to plan on receiving much from this source because it is too indefinite. This bill marks a step up in the right direction and we have hopes of its increasing in future years. Educational costs are bound to increase very materially in the years to come due to the pressure of more children, if for no other cause.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY

GRAFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET 1956 - 57
EXPENDITURES

ITEM	Actual	Adopted	Actual	
	Expen. 1954-55	Budget 1955-56	Expen. July 1 to Dec. 31, '55	Sch. Brd. Bud. Com. Budget 1956-57
Administration:				
Salaries of district officers	237.00 \$	242.00 \$	231.00 \$	242.00 \$
Superintendent's salary (local share)	241.26	223.38	223.38	244.16
Tax for state wide supervision	160.00	140.00	140.00	146.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	115.68	122.40	122.40	114.90
Supplies and expenses	251.43	235.00	179.86	235.00
Instruction:				
Elementary teachers' salaries	5,200.00	5,300.00	1,573.06	5,500.00
Books and other instruction aids, elementary	112.36	150.00	84.43	150.00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	238.11	150.00	49.67	150.00
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	6.60	20.00	5.59	20.00
Operation of School Plant:				
Salaries of custodians, elementary	284.00	360.00	144.00	360.00
Fuel or heat, elementary	219.61	300.00	88.04	300.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elementary	277.70	175.00	55.44	200.00
Maintenance of School Plant:				
Repairs and replacements, elementary	99.99	100.00	35.00	100.00
Auxiliary Activities:				
Health supervision, elementary	110.85	116.92	116.92	106.28
Transportation, elementary	3,826.00	3,865.00	1,524.00	3,880.00
Tuition, High	3,020.00	4,945.00	870.00	4,200.00
Tuition, elementary	725.00	370.00	185.00	370.00
Special activities and special funds, elementary		10.00		10.00
Fixed charges:				
Retirement, elementary	376.66	390.00	106.38	400.00
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses, elementary	72.50	5.00	88.00	88.00
Contingency Fund		200.00		200.00
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	\$15,574.75	\$17,419.70	\$ 5,734.17	\$17,016.34

Capital Outlay:
 Additions and improvements, elementary

Total Capital Outlay				
Debt and Interest:				
Principal of debt		914.00	914.00	
Interest on debt		83.10	83.10	
—Total debt and interest		\$997.10	\$997.10	

TOTAL EXPEND. or SCHOOL APPRO.

	\$15,574.75	\$18,419.70	\$11,078.17	\$18,013.44	\$18,013.44
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RECEIPTS

Balance (actual or estimated)	1,907.92	1,000.00	1,392.19	400.00	400.00
Trust funds	9.34	10.00	371.53	10.00	10.00
Other			35.00		
Borrowed on Notes			2,740.00		

TOT. RECTS OTHER than PROP. TAXES \$1,917.26 \$1,010.00 \$4,538.72 \$410.00 \$410.00

DIST. ASSESSMENT RAISED OR TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES \$15,049.68 \$8,000.00

TOTAL APPROP. VOTED BY SCH. DIST. \$16,966.94 \$12,538.72 \$17,603.44 \$17,603.44

- CLINTON S. WILLIAMS
- A. STUART GAGE
- MORRIS F. BRALEY
- GROVER W. BRALEY
- LESTER W. BARNEY

February 4, 1956

Budget Committee.

Warrant for School Meeting

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Grafton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 13th day of March, 1956, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a 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 agent in 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 transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Grafton this 13th day of February 1956.

MARION E. SEAMANS
NATALIE E. BROWN
A. STUART GAGE

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

MARION E. SEAMANS
NATALIE E. BROWN
A. STUART GAGE

School Board

