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Detail from Lancaster's Bicentennial quilt depicting a familiar landmark, the Mechanic Street covered bridge. This square made by Mrs. George McCarten.

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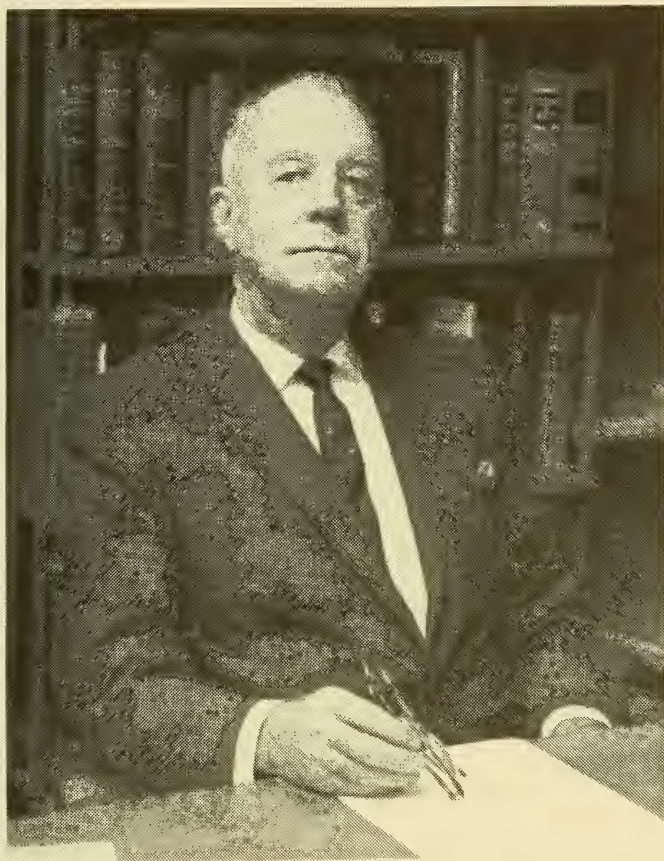
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New Hampshire

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DEDICATION



Attorney John E. Gormley

Town Counsel 1948-1976

Budget Committee 1951-1976

Zoning Board of Adjustment 1947-1956

This report is dedicated to the memory of Attorney John E. Gormley, Esq., for his long and dedicated service to the community as Town Counsel, Budget Committee member and a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Gormley served unselfishly in many other areas.

Directory of Officials

ELECTED OFFICIALS

| | Term Expires |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Selectmen | |
| Earle K. Amadon | 1977 |
| Norman Cross | 1978 |
| Richard Martin | 1979 |
| | |
| Moderator | |
| Robert D. Calamari | 1978 |
| | |
| Town Clerk and Treasurer | |
| Dorothy H. Willson | 1978 |
| | |
| Supervisors of Check List | |
| Agnes Moody | 1978 |
| Robert C. Rich | 1980 |
| Wilbur M. Schurman | 1982 |
| | |
| Trustees of Trust Funds | |
| Daniel J. Truland | 1977 |
| Dennis Merrow | 1978 |
| Mary Jane Falkenham | 1979 |
| | |
| Library Trustees | |
| James B. Fitch, Treasurer | 1977 |
| Mary Kopp | 1978 |
| Margaret Guilmette | 1979 |
| | |
| Col. Town Investment Committee | |
| Robert V. Johnson | O. Leo Connary |
| James Fitch | John Oleson Hugh Galbraith Raymond Carr |
| | |
| Col. Town Spending Committee | |
| Charlotte Quay | 1977 |
| Rodney Marshall | 1977 |
| James Hampton | 1977 |
| Clifford Rowe | 1978 |
| Grace M. Lee | 1978 |
| Howard B. Piche | 1978 |
| Elwin Falkenham | 1979 |
| Ellen Moody | 1979 |
| Erling R. Roberts | 1979 |

Ronald Bailey

Emmons Smith Fund Committee

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Mary B. Smith | 1977 |
| Elmer Henson | 1978 |
| Jean Foss | 1979 |

Budget Committee

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Clifford A. Rowe | 1977 |
| Maynard G. White | 1977 |
| Robert W. Christie | 1977 |
| Lee Eastman | 1978 |
| Everett W. Rexford | 1978 |
| Janet M. Ouellet | 1978 |
| Atty. John Gormley | 1979 |
| Howard R. Piche | 1979 |
| Randall C. Carr | 1979 |

Representative of Budget Committee

Earle K. Amadon

APPOINTED

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Town Manager | Overseer of Public Welfare |
| Tax Collector-Building Inspector | Donald E. Crane |
| Town Acct., Admin. Asst., Water Collector | Donna P. Young |
| Town Counsel | John E. Gormley |
| Health Officer | Elwin R. Falkenham, M.D. |
| Public Health Nurse | Sandra Placey |

Zoning Board of Appeal**Term Expires**

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| J. Edward Perreault | 1977 |
| Charles Fitch | 1978 |
| Eleanor Kenney | 1978 |
| Henry Gardner | 1979 |
| Roger Arsenault | 1979 |

Planning Board

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Norman Bell | 1977 |
| Willard Bean | 1978 |
| Richard Martin | 1978 |
| William Ingram | 1978 |
| Edna Whyte, Fern Johnson | 1978 |
| George Smith | 1979 |

Cemetery Committee

Hugh J. Galbraith, Minnie Currier, Dorothy H. Johnson

Fire Chief

Roger N. Emery

Town History Committee

Hugh J. Galbraith

Faith Kent

Edna E. Whyte

Raymond Carr

Cecile Costine

Glenn S. Sheridan

Thelma Murphy

Conservation Commission

Howard K. Bartow

Richard Whipple

Marshall Patmos

Irene Connary

Gordon Miller

Ellen Denison

Fred Emerson

Term Expires

1977

1977

1978

1978

1979

1980

1980

Librarians

Barbara Miller, Elizabeth Currie

Chief of Police

Allvin L. Leonard

Water Dept. Foreman

Roger N. Emery

Highway Foreman

Earl Maker, acting

Ambulance Corps Director

Daniel J. Truland

Report to the Citizens

The annual report of the activities of your municipal government are presented in this report, including the financial conditions of the community.

The country's Bicentennial was celebrated this year throughout the nation and Lancaster was no exception with the many activities in recognition of the 200th birthday.

Plans for a sewer line for Bridge Street were designed by a professional engineer working under a Federal Government program on loan to the Town at no cost to the Town, thus not requiring the expenditure of an appropriation approved by the Town Meeting. The same engineer prepared plans for an addition to the Town Garage and renovations to the Town Hall.

The tax map under development is progressing successfully and all land research should be completed early in 1977.

The year ended with a budget surplus of \$34,763.00 which resulted from excess revenues. The current surplus (excess of assets over current liabilities) increased from \$33,901 to \$64,379.

I express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their continued leadership, the department heads and employees for their dedicated service, the various committee members and citizens for their cooperation.

DONALD E. CRANE
Town Manager



The reviewing stand at the Lancaster Bicentennial parade on July 3 featuring the town's Bicentennial projects.

Lancaster Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Coos, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be open at said meeting place on said date from ten o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon for the reception of your ballots for the election of Town officers and said polls will be open for such additional time after 7:00 p.m., as shall be determined by said meeting for the reception of your ballots on any matters to be voted on by written ballot at said meeting.

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the tax commitment of the previous year (1976) in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue in the name and on the credit of the Town negotiable notes therefor, said notes to be paid in the current municipal year from taxes collected during the current municipal year.
3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by tax collector's deeds.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rata deductions in the amounts as estimated entitlements are reduced or to take any other action hereon. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriations as follows:

| Appropriation | Estimated Amount |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| New Equipment | \$33,000.00 |
| Fire Department (supplies) | 2,500.00 |
| Public Safety (Police) | 14,500.00 |
| Highway Maintenance | 12,000.00 |
| Water Department (Engineering) | 13,000.00 |
| | \$75,000.00 |

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use \$1,132.00 already received and any other sums which may be received by the Town from the federal government under Title II (Anti-recession Fiscal Assistance to State and Local Governments) of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 for highway maintenance. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept any grants of Federal Funds or Aid under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976, or any replacement thereof.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend any and all funds received under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976, or any extension thereof, or any replacement thereof, on the following projects, but not necessarily limited to said projects, for which applications for funds in the indicated amounts have been (or will be) submitted:

| Project | Amount Requested |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Bridge Street Sewer | \$177,000.00 |
| Town Garage Addition | 143,000.00 |
| Town Hall | 40,000.00 |
| Water System | 150,000.00 |

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply, negotiate and do all other things necessary to obtain such Federal, State or other assistance as may be available for the report for and design of a sewage disposal system and to expend any and all of such sums received to carry out the purpose of this Article.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of financing part of the cost of purchasing a new fire truck; and, for this purpose, to authorize the Selectmen to borrow, by the issue of serial notes of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33 of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, being known as the Municipal Finance Act, and any amendment thereto, the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00); and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the time and place of payment and the rate of interest on said notes and do whatever may be necessary and convenient in connection with the issuance thereof. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Capital Reserve Fund the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000.00) for the purpose of financing part of the cost of purchasing a new fire truck. (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept grants of federal or state aid, or both, for the purpose of reconstructing Town roads and bridges, or portions thereof, hereafter destroyed or damaged by floods and to raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the Selectmen to carry out the purpose of this Article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to inform the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture of the Town's desire that the land located on the North slopes of Starr King Mountain and presently owned by The Gregg Trust, so-called, be acquired as a part of the White Mountain National Forest. (By petition to the Selectmen).

13. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Pleasant Valley Road and the Reed Road as scenic under the provisions of NHRSA Chapter 253:17-18, for the purpose of protecting and enhancing the scenic beauty of Lancaster. (By petition to the Selectmen).

14. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a "Conflict of Interest Ordinance" which would automatically disqualify any elected or appointed official or officials of the Town of Lancaster and any member or official of a legally established entity of the Town of Lancaster from voting or participating in a regulatory decision whose outcome could seem to confer financial benefit to themselves, families or business associates. And further to provide that by a petition signed by 25 or more voters of the Town of Lancaster, any elected or appointed official or officials of the Town of Lancaster and any member or official of a legally established entity of the Town of Lancaster be required to have available for public inspection a disclosure of his or her financial interests and real estate holdings within the boundaries of the Town of Lancaster. (By petition to the Selectmen).

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

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

17. To act upon any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of February, 1977.

EARLE K. AMADON
NORMAN H. CROSS
RICHARD W. MARTIN
Selectmen of Town of Lancaster, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

EARLE K. AMADON
NORMAN H. CROSS
RICHARD W. MARTIN
Selectmen of Town of Lancaster, N.H.

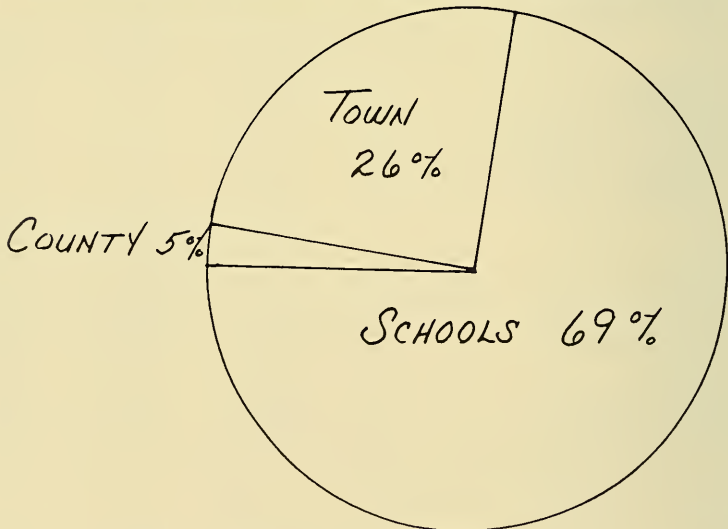
Town Budget

The proposed budget for the fiscal year 1977 follows. The budget is prepared by the Budget Committee from information furnished by the Board of Selectmen and other Town Officers. The Budget Committee held a public hearing for a general discussion of all recommended appropriations. Expression from the public is a determining factor as to the amount of appropriations, or a particular appropriation. Many long hours were spent by the Committee and Town Officials in preparation of the Budget. It is their feeling that the expression of the public is reflected in the Budget.

Included is the estimate of revenues and actual revenues, appropriations and expenditures of the previous year 1976.

| SECTION I PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION | APPROPRIATIONS PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR | ACTUAL EXPENDITURES PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR | APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR 1977 (1977-78) |
|---|---|---|---|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT: | | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$28,200 00 | \$27,934 90 | \$29,080 00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 12,950 00 | 12,761 46 | 13,050 00 |
| Election & Registration Expenses | 600 00 | 1,617 61 | 300 00 |
| Municipal & District Court Expenses | 12,500 00 | 12,350 00 | 11,700 00 |
| Town Hall & Other Town Buildings | 14,200 00 | 14,490 81 | 15,200 00 |
| Employees' Retirement & Social Security | 14,300 00 | 14,214 71 | 14,800 00 |
| Contingency Fund | 8,000 00 | 0 | 8,000 00 |
| Conservation Commission | 500 00 | 500 00 | 500 00 |
| PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY: | | | |
| Police Department | \$66,050 00 | \$67,127 73 | \$68,350 00 |
| Fire Department | 15,800 00 | 14,784 13 | 19,000 00 |
| Care of Trees | 1,000 00 | 537 00 | 1,000 00 |
| Insurance | 16,261 00 | 17,517 68 | 17,360 00 |
| Planning & Zoning | 2,800 00 | 3,859 66 | 3,744 00 |
| Damages & Legal Expense | 2,500 00 | 5,395 48 | 5,200 00 |
| Parking Meter | 3,550 00 | 3,550 00 | 3,550 00 |
| HEALTH DEPT. (Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance) | | | |
| Vital Statistics | 22,386 25 | 22,131 27 | 24,727 50 |
| Sewer Maintenance | 350 00 | 291 50 | 350 00 |
| Town Dump & Garbage Removal | 33,350 00 | 32,808 61 | 31,800 00 |
| Town Dump & Garbage Removal | 17,100 00 | 22,451 41 | 17,100 00 |
| HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES: | | | |
| Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter | \$121,600 00 | \$141,982 85 | \$138,100 00 |
| Street Lighting | 19,000 00 | 18,458 36 | 19,000 00 |
| Soils Survey | 0 | 2,606 00 | 2,000 00 |
| Town Road Aid | 892 00 | 882 36 | 882 00 |
| LIBRARIES: | | | |
| LIBRARIES: | 15,535 00 | 15,277 15 | 17,870 00 |
| PUBLIC WELFARE: | | | |
| Town Poor | 2,500 00 | 1,704 00 | 2,500 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 11,500 00 | 14,047 66 | 18,000 00 |
| Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled | | | |
| PATRIOTIC PURPOSES (Memorial Day, Etc.) | | | |
| | 400 00 | 400 00 | 400 00 |
| RECREATION | | | |
| | 83,702 50 | 83,702 50 | 96,226 00 |
| PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES: | | | |
| Municipal Water-Electric Utilities | 36,500 00 | 35,235 37 | 36,700 00 |
| Cemeteries | 2,500 00 | 2,500 00 | 2,500 00 |
| Airports | 1,000 00 | 1,000 00 | 1,000 00 |
| Advertising & Regional Associations | 6,200 00 | 6,232 72 | 6,200 00 |
| DEBT SERVICE: | | | |
| Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds | 110,000 00 | 110,000 00 | 115,000 00 |
| Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds | 80,325 00 | 80,325 00 | 76,305 00 |
| Interest on Temporary Loans | 4,500 00 | 7,206 18 | 7,200 00 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY (List Below): | | | |
| New Equipment | 23,500 00 | 22,330 45 | 32,800 00 |
| Fire Equipment, Pumper | 0 | 0 | 52,000 00 |
| Engineering Sewer | 19,000 00 | 707 10 | 20,000 00 |
| Water Line Construction | 5,000 00 | 6,717 15 | 5,000 00 |
| Water System Engineering | 0 | 0 | 13,000 00 |
| Engineering Solid Waste | 0 | 0 | 2,000 00 |
| E.D.A. Projects: Bridge St. Sewer, Garage, | | | |
| Town Hall, Water System | 0 | 0 | 510,000 00 |
| Payment to Capital Reserve Funds | | | |
| Water Dept. | 5,000 00 | 5,000 00 | 5,000 00 |
| Highway Equipment & Buildings | 15,000 00 | 15,000 00 | 15,000 00 |
| Fire Department Equipment | 10,000 00 | 10,000 00 | 10,000 00 |
| Ambulance | 1,500 00 | 1,500 00 | 1,500 00 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | \$848,051.75 | \$857,639.11 | \$1,922,256.50 |

| SECTION II SOURCES OF REVENUE | ESTIMATED REVENUE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR | ACTUAL REVENUE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR | ESTIMATED REVENUE INCLUDING FISCAL YEAR 1977 (1977-78) |
|--|---|--|--|
| FROM STATE: | | | |
| Interest & Dividends Tax | \$24,888 00 | \$24,888 41 | \$24,800 00 |
| Railroad Tax | 893 00 | 893 23 | 900 00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 6,625 00 | 6,625 25 | 6,625 00 |
| Meals & Rooms Tax | 21,616 00 | 23,475 60 | 23,400 00 |
| State Aid - Water Pollution Projects | 125,183 00 | 125,183 00 | 122,016 00 |
| Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V) | 19,118 00 | 19,573 25 | 19,056 00 |
| Reimbursement Forest Conservation Aid | 900 00 | 775 56 | 772 00 |
| Reimbursement A/C Flood Control Land | | | |
| Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion) | 28,186 74 | 28,186 74 | 29,595 66 |
| FROM LOCAL SOURCES: | | | |
| Dog Licenses | 725 00 | 916 75 | 900 00 |
| Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees | 1,000 00 | 722 50 | 800 00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 48,700 00 | 63,455 77 | 50,000 00 |
| Interest on Taxes & Deposits | 33,000 00 | 36,424 98 | 35,347 25 |
| Income from Trust Funds Col. Town Fund | 78,052 00 | 78,052 00 | 90,576 00 |
| Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds | 0 | 0 | 37,000 00 |
| Parking Meter Income | 3,550 00 | 3,447 26 | 3,550 00 |
| Fines & Forfeits - Municipal & District Court | 12,000 00 | 12,054 22 | 12,000 00 |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | 1,936 00 | 1,922 00 | 1,900 00 |
| Resident Taxes Retained | 18,150 00 | 17,550 00 | 18,150 00 |
| Normal Yield Taxes Assessed | 982 00 | 976 70 | 1,000 00 |
| Rent of Town Property | 3,000 00 | 3,208 45 | 3,000 00 |
| Sub-division Fees | 300 00 | 423 03 | 400 00 |
| Income from Departments Sewer Acct. | 19,000 00 | 707 10 | 20,000 00 |
| Ambulance Fees | 10,270 00 | 10,584 46 | 10,910 00 |
| Sewer Rentals | 33,350 00 | 33,004 65 | 31,800 00 |
| Income from Municipal Utilities Water Dept. | 46,500 00 | 42,562 79 | 51,500 00 |
| Bond & Note Issues (Contra) | 0 | 0 | 15,000 00 |
| SURPLUS Budget Surplus | 0 | 0 | 17,800 00 |
| FROM FEDERAL SOURCES: RDA Projects | 0 1 | 0 | 510,000 00 |
| Revenue Sharing | 50,450 00 | 50294 12 | 75,000 00 |
| Anti-recession funds | 0 | 0 | 1,132 00 |
| * TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES | \$588,374 74 | \$585,313 42 | \$1,214,932.91 |
| *AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES | | | \$ 282,323 59 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | | \$1,497,256 50 |



THE TAX DOLLAR

Report of the Bicentennial Committee

The Town of Lancaster participated in our nation's Bicentennial observance in many ways, following the National Committee's plan for a grass roots celebration exemplifying the three themes, Heritage, Festival and Horizons. Many people were involved directly and many more celebrated our nation's birthday in their own way.

The first official project was the making of the Bicentennial Quilt, the first to be made in this area. Under the chairmanship of Ellen Denison and Lois Vashaw, and fashioned by many talented women, it was completed in August of 1975 and was unveiled at a tea at the Community House. It is now on permanent display at the Wilder-Holton House.

The year 1976 was welcomed with prayer and song at an ecumenical service held at the Methodist Church at which a call was issued for all to rededicate themselves to the ideals of our foundation.

May 4, 1976, the Flag Presentation Ceremony was held at the Town Hall. It was planned in cooperation with the Unity Club, which invited Dr. J. Duane Squires, noted historian of New London, and a member of ARBA, to speak. Attractive invitations with a patriotic motif designed and printed by Ann Bottoms were sent to local, county, and state dignitaries, several of whom were able to attend. The hall was decorated with flowers and with a display of early flags made by Myra Emerson. The program was planned by Eleanor Gammon and featured the presentation of colors, and patriotic songs offered by Brenda Marshall Bray and Harry Hikel. Prizes were also given at this time to the young people who made the best posters advertising the event.

Memorial Day was observed with the usual parade, and as the stop was made at Centennial Park, the American Legion Auxiliary dedicated a plaque to war veterans.

The V.F.W. Auxiliary distributed leaflets on flag etiquette to the pupils of the elementary school.

On Saturday, July 3rd, was Lancaster's Independence Day Parade, an excellent one under the auspices of the V.F.W. with the late John Merrow in charge of arrangements, assisted by Mrs. Merrow. George and Jane Hunter were in charge of signing up floats. A reviewing stand for officials and some of the town's oldest citizens was decorated by the American Legion.

On the morning of July 4th an ecumenical service was held in Centennial Park and at 2:00 P.M. our town joined the nation in the ringing of the church bells to commemorate the actual signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The week of July 18th to 24th was designated the Bicentennial Days, with a special event each day. Sunday there was a flea market and craft show in Centennial Park. Monday, there were tours of the Garland Mill in East Lancaster. Tuesday, the Senior Citizens presented an Antique Show at the Community House. Wednesday, there were a picnic in the park, a demonstration by the Black Powder group, and a band concert. Thursday, there was a variety show at the Town Hall. Small charges were made for some of these events to defray expenses and the profit realized was donated to the Town Hall curtain fund.

One of the outstanding events of the year was the presentation of the play "1776" in October by the Colonel Town Players.

The town itself was given a Bicentennial look by the display of flags and flowers, and by the decoration of the parking meters and fire hydrants.

The foregoing events all came under the heading of Heritage or Festival. To receive a Bicentennial flag each town was required to plan a project of a lasting nature, the Horizons project. The Town of Lancaster was most fortunate to be offered by World Radio Mission a new park to be called the Israel's River Park, to be located on the site of the old granite shop on Middle Street. The site has been graded and a retaining wall built at the lower end. It is expected that the preparations will be completed in the spring and a dedication ceremony will be held, possibly in connection with the Memorial Day observances.

A full report of Lancaster's Bicentennial activities has been sent to ARBA, the national committee, and will be included in their archives.

CECILE M. COSTINE
Chairman



The Business and Professional Women's (BPW) club float, which won the grand prize in the Lancaster Bicentennial parade.

Board of Assessors

The Board of Selectmen-Assessors are charged with the responsibility of fairly and equitably assessing all taxable property at its full and true value. The assessors have accomplished that very difficult task well. The gross assessed valuation of taxable property reached \$25,889,865. Removed from the gross figure was \$855,555.00 for current use assessments, \$5,000.00 blind exemption and \$232,650.00 of valuation for elderly exemptions, making a net taxable valuation of \$24,796,600. The equalization survey shows the town is assessing at 70 percent of full value, therefore the elderly exemption was \$3,500.00 rather than \$5,000.00.

The current use assessment law offers land owners who qualify an assessment of their land at its current use, i.e. farm land, forest land, etc., not taking into consideration the location of the land or its true value or market value. The range of valuations of these lands are determined by the current use Advisory Board. Land to qualify must first meet the criteria established by the Current Use Board. The law also contains a provision for a land use change tax of 10 percent which becomes due if the land changes to a non-qualifying use.

Applications for current use assessment must be made each year before April 16th to be eligible or to continue eligibility.

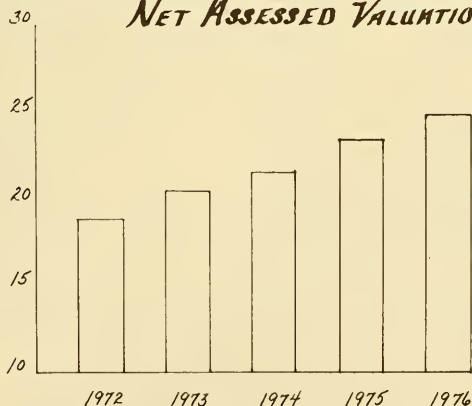
The elderly exemptions are for those property owners who have reached the age of 68 and do not have a combined income of more than \$5,000.00 or for a single person more than \$4,000.00, and do not have assets in excess of \$35,000.00. Applications are required and must be filed before April 16th of each year. Application forms are available at the Town Office.

The Board approved a total of 276 applications for veterans exemptions, three at \$700.00 for service connected disability, 275 at \$50.00 per application or less. The exemption is for taxes and the total taxes exempted was \$15,633.33.

The Board assessed all known boats located in Lancaster on April 1st and assessed the \$10.00 resident tax to all persons between the ages of 18 and 65.

The Board of Assessors held meetings to receive inventories of taxable property forms and answer all inquiries relating to them. Other meetings were arranged for particular situations involving assessments. The Board attended meetings conducted by the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration.

MILLIONS
NET ASSESSED VALUATION



Taxes, Revenues and Tax Rate

Property Taxes: The total 1976 property tax commitment was \$1,112,614.70, the first million dollar property tax commitment in the town history. Add to that amount \$15,633.33 for approved Veterans Exemptions and \$8,659.04 of overlay for abatements and refunds, making the gross property taxes \$1,128,248.03. The school share was \$759,566.63, the Town \$315,970.62 and Lancaster share of County government \$52,710.78.

Federal Revenue Sharing: The Federal Revenue Sharing law that became effective in 1972 returned to the town in 1976 \$50,450.00. The formula used for determination of allocation is population, tax effort and per capita income. The formula begins at the state level, to the county and then the towns. The present program continues through December 1, 1976 under the present law.

Other Taxes: The \$10.00 resident tax commitment was \$18,150.00. Interest and other dividends tax returned \$24,888.41, rooms and meals tax \$21,616.00, Savings Bank tax \$6,625.00 and the Highway Subsidy (gas tax reimbursement) \$19,117.85. Only the resident tax is collected locally. A complete list appears under the summary of receipts locally.

Revenues: Motor vehicles permit fees increased this year due to the change in registering of automobiles on birthdays, some had to register twice; and is the largest single local revenue producing item, this year's yield was \$48,700.00. Others include district court returns \$12,000.00, interest on taxes \$11,524.00, interest earning from the bond issue money \$23,352.00, sewer rental fees \$33,350.00, license fees \$1,000.00 and rental of Town property and equipment \$3,000.00. These and others are found in the summary of receipts.

Tax Rate: The 1976 tax rate as approved by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration was \$45.50 per \$1,000.00 of valuation, up \$4.50 from the 1975 rate. The rate for each entity is: Municipal \$12.70, School \$30.70, and County \$2.10 or the respective percentages of the rate—Town 28 percent, School 68 percent and County 4 percent. The tax rate is determined by applying the total net amount of money necessary from property taxes for the School, Town and County, to the net taxable valuation of the Town. The 1976 property taxes totaled \$1,128,248.03 and the net taxable valuation of the Town was \$24,796,660.00.

TAX RATES

| | | |
|------|---|------|
| 1976 | → | 4.55 |
| 1975 | → | 4.10 |
| 1974 | → | 3.93 |
| 1973 | → | 3.66 |
| 1972 | → | 3.57 |

Budget Summary

A comparison of the Town's, School's (Lancaster's share of the White Mountains Regional School District) and Coos County Budget summaries and share of property taxes is listed below.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| School | 1976 | 1975 |
| Total budget W.M.R.S.D. | \$2,174,005.56 | \$1,973,832.01 |
| Lancaster share | 978,219.89 | 915,850.16 |
| Less: Revenue | 102,706.20 | 79,114.90 |
| Less: Foundation Aid | 40,208.96 | 53,643.59 |
| Less: Foster Children Aid | 1,600.00 | 1,600.00 |
| Plus: Property Adjustment | 772.62 | 772.62 |
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| | \$ 834,477.35 | \$ 782,264.96 |
| Less: Appli. Bus. Prof. Taxes | 74,910.62 | 71,343.68 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net Raised by Property Taxes | \$ 759,566.73 | \$ 710,921.28 |
| | | |
| Town | | |
| Total Appropriations | \$ 880,052.59 | \$ 868,505.79 |
| Less: Revenues | 560,188.00 | 611,960.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 319,864.59 | \$ 256,545.79 |
| Less: Appli. Bus. Prof. Taxes | 28,186.34 | 26,844.22 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net | \$ 291,678.25 | \$ 229,701.57 |
| Plus: Veterans Exceptions & Overlay | 24,292.37 | 24,137.58 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Amount Raised by Prop. Taxes | \$ 315,970.62 | \$ 253,839.15 |
| County | | |
| Lancaster Share Coos Cty. Bud. | \$ 58,022.82 | \$ 45,020.15 |
| Less: Appli. Bus. Prof. Taxes | 5,312.04 | 5,050.10 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Amount Raised by Property Taxes | \$ 52,710.78 | \$ 39,961.05 |

The amounts raised for veterans exemptions and for overlay are included in the amount of property taxes and reflected in the tax rate of the Town only. When these sums are proportionately charged to each, as they ought to be, the tax rates, the amount of property taxes and the percentage of the total property taxes change, as illustrated below:

| | 1976 Gross Property Taxes \$1,212,364.76 | | |
|---|--|--------------|-------------|
| | School | Town | County |
| Net Approp. after respective revenues are applied | \$834,477.25 | \$319,864.59 | \$58,022.82 |
| Less: Profits Taxes | 74,910.62 | 28,186.34 | 5,312.04 |
| Plus Veterans Exemptions | 10,630.66 | 4,377.34 | 625.33 |
| Plus Overlay | 5,888.15 | 2,424.53 | 346.36 |
| Net Property Taxes | \$776,085.44 | \$298,480.12 | \$53,682.47 |
| Tax Rates | 3.13 | 1.20 | .22 |
| Percent of Property Taxes | 69 percent | 26 percent | .05 percent |

SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS

| | 1976 | 1975 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Lands | \$ 5,780,395.00 | \$ 5,408,008.00 |
| Buildings (Inc. House Trailers) | 18,681,437.00 | 18,284,867.00 |
| Electric Plants | 813,008.00 | 805,597.00 |
| Pipe Lines | 410,200.00 | 410,200.00 |
| Machinery | 195,700.00 | 195,700.00 |
| Boats | 9,125.00 | 11,525.00 |
| Total Valuation | <u>\$25,034,310.00</u> | <u>\$25,508,247.00</u> |
| Less: Cur. Land Use Asses. | 855,555.00 | 817,795.00 |
| Elderly Exemptions | 232,650.00 | 185,050.00 |
| Blind Exemptions | 5,000.00 | |
| Net Taxable Valuations | <u>\$24,796,660.00</u> | <u>\$24,505,402.00</u> |

Transfers and Credits

Appropriations for projects that are not completed within the fiscal year for which it was approved, the unused balance may be forwarded into the next fiscal year to complete the project. Appropriations that are made in one fiscal year to go with a future appropriation for a particular project or item may also be forwarded. The following items were forwarded to 1976:

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Police Department | \$1,200.00 |
| Soils Survey | 5,400.00 |
| Tax Mapping | 4,779.00 |
| Town Officers Expense | 4,050.00 |

Some departments earn credits during the year for performing services, sales of materials, work under State Programs, such as Town Road Aid, and reimbursements from other Town Departments. Listed below are the departments and credits received.

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Town Maintenance | \$6,061.00 |
| Retire. and Soc. Sec. | 7,783.00 |
| Fire Department | 1,030.00 |
| Police Department | 2,774.00 |
| Hospitalization and Group Ins. | 2,163.00 |
| Welfare | 544.00 |
| Parks | 360.00 |

Notes Worth Noting

SOME NEW LEGISLATIVE ACTS ADOPTED 1976

Town Meeting

An act changing the date of the annual Town Meeting from the first Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in March. The presidential preference primary will be held in presidential election years on the second Tuesday in March or the Tuesday immediately preceding the date on which any other New England state holds their presidential primary.

Literacy Tests for Voters

Effective July 25, 1976 eliminated literacy tests for voters by repealing RSA 55:10-13 which provided for a literacy test before a person may be registered as a voter.

Court Clerk's Salaries

Salaries of clerks of the district court shall be set by the justice of each particular court in an amount not less than sixty nor more than seventy-five percent of the justice of that court.

Veteran's Property Tax Exemption

A termination date of May 7, 1975 for the Viet Nam conflict as a condition of a veteran's eligibility for the \$50 tax exemption on residential real estate and also allows the surviving spouse of an eligible veteran to receive the \$50 tax exemption on residential real estate.

Staggered Registration

Effective January 1, 1976 several changes were made to implement the staggered registration system for private passenger vehicles established in the 1975 regular session. It restores the provisions for part-year permit fees for vehicles other than private passenger vehicles registered between November 1 and March 31. The language for determining registration and permit fees for a registration which occurs in a month other than the owner's birth month is clarified so that the month of birth is included when determining the fees. The requirement for obtaining an operator's license or registering a vehicle that one show a resident tax receipt for the prior year is modified to allow showing a receipt for the current year as well.

Town Clerks Report

MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

The change to a staggered system for most motor vehicle registrations resulted in an increase of \$16,603.70 in revenue over the year 1975.

The system is working well and will alleviate the heavy loads of the past during the month of March for the Town Clerks and the Motor Vehicle Department.

Still in the standard system are motor cycles, trailers, tractors, farm trucks, vehicles with weights in excess of 8000 pounds and vehicles registered in business or company names.

From now on it is inspection AND registration in one's birthday month for those vehicles in the staggered system.

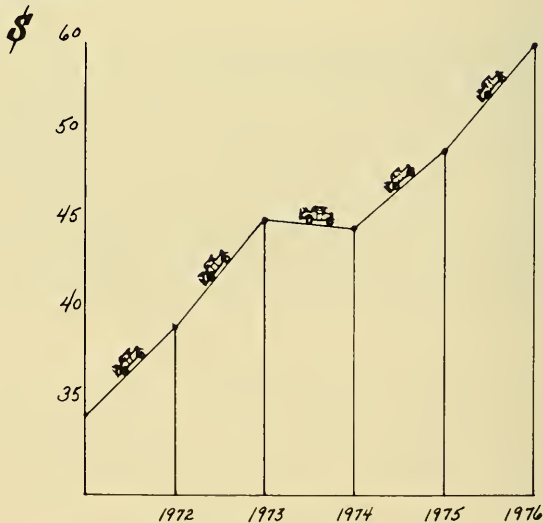
Revenue Collected and Remitted to the Treasurer

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| Motor Vehicle | \$63,610.00 |
| Dog Licenses | 797.00 |
| Filing fees | 11.00 |
| | \$64,418.00 |

VITAL STATISTICS

| 1976 | 1975 |
|--------------|--------------|
| Births 185 | Births 208 |
| Deaths 91 | Deaths 133 |
| Marriages 33 | Marriages 43 |

THOUSANDS



MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES

Planning and Zoning

Planning

The Planning Board prepared and presented a Flood Plain Ordinance which received approval April 28, 1976. The ordinance is a necessary regulation to qualify for the Federal Flood Insurance program and for mortgage money for property located in the flood plain. The flood plain map is on file at the Town Office for public inspection.

The Lancaster Planning Board conducts regular meetings every second Tuesday of each month, which meetings are open to the public. In addition, many special meetings are held on particular sub-divisions plans and for other matters relating to sub-division of lands and other land regulations.

Land owners are reminded that sub-division approval of any planned sub-division of land is required by the Planning Board before lots can be sold.

The Planning Board heard 29 cases for sub-division of lands. The approved sub-divisions included: 3 to increase sizes of existing lots, 12 one-lot sub-divisions, 9 two-lot, 1 three-lot, 2 four-lot, 1 five-lot and 1 six-lot. Two plans were approved for revision in existing sub-divisions.

Zoning Board

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard five appeals, including one for a special exception and three for variances. The special exception for a gravel pit was granted with conditions. The variances were for permits to build closer than the required distances from the nearest property line and one for a lot of less frontage than required. All were approved after public hearing.

The Building Inspector issued 51 building permits for new residential and commercial structures and additions and alterations to existing structures. A summary of the permits issued and their estimated values follow:

| Permits Issued | Estimated Costs |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 12 Single Residential Family units | \$282,100.00 |
| 10 Additions and Alterations | 59,200.00 |
| 6 Garages | 19,000.00 |
| 2 Commercial Structures | 21,500.00 |
| 3 Commercial Additions | 31,500.00 |
| 3 Agricultural Structures | 14,000.00 |
| 7 Residential Swimming Pools | 50,900.00 |
| 2 Recreational Uses | 6,500.00 |
| 4 Miscellaneous | |
| 2 Municipal permits (pool, etc.) | 141,500.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL | \$594,700.00 |

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard four appeals involving one special exception for uses that are permitted in a particular zone.

North Country Council, Inc.

The Council provided technical assistance and information with the town's application for assistance for a collector sewer and a municipal garage under the local Public Works Act, and assistance with the preparation of a community development pre - application in 1976.

On a regional level, North Country Council, Inc. completed the Overall Economic Development Program, a blueprint for increasing the region's economic potential. The Council assisted several communities in making progress with the development of their Industrial Parks, projects which will benefit residents of adjacent communities. With the passage of the Local Public Works Act of 1976, the Council provided some form of technical assistance to 25 potential grant applicants. A wood utilization project is investigating how forest products, the region's most important natural resource, can be used more advantageously to the region's benefit. Word was received in late 1976 that the Federal Highway Administration approved the Public Transportation Demonstration project.

On a community planning level, in addition to local technical services, the Council prepared a report entitled "Model Sub-division Regulations" as a guide for local planning boards. A series of four lectures on planning board activities was sponsored in the spring; the Council co-sponsored a series of five municipal law lectures in September and October. Both were well attended. "Guidelines for Municipal Tax Mapping" provides communities with information on what to look for when preparing a tax map.

Planning News, the Council's quarterly newsletter, disseminates useful information on community planning, economic development, state legislation, court decisions, and general activities to interested persons in town. A town resident can be placed on the mailing list by contacting the town's NCC representative or the Council office in Franconia at 823-8108.

In helping communities with their planning, the Council attends approximately 200 night meetings a year.

In 1977, the Council will continue to provide community planning services to member municipalities. The Council will complete work on a Land Use Program and Housing Program in 1977. Efforts to help communities with economic development will continue. The Council's Economic Development Committee will be investigating the probable impact of the lessening of energy supplies for the North Country and how the Council can assist through the community and regional planning process.

The Council sincerely appreciates and thanks the town for its support and participation. The support and participation of the town has enabled the Council to provide an impressive package of local and regional services.

Elections and Registration

Town Meeting: Moderator Robert D. Calamari opened the 1976 Town Meeting at 10:00 a. m., and the polls were open for voting by written ballot for all Town Officers, as is required by law, and voting continued until 7:00 p. m., at which time the polls were closed for voting and the meeting opened to act on the remaining articles in the Warrant.

There were 384 ballots cast, including 10 absentees, for the election of Town Officers and the following were elected to the various offices.

Selectman (3 years)
Library Trustee (3 years)
Library Trustee (2 years)
Budget Committee (3 elected,
3 years)

Emmons Smith Fund
Col. Town Spending Committee
(3 elected, 3 years)

Trustee of T. Funds (3 years)

Richard W. Martin
Margaret E. Guilmette
Mary S. Kopp

Randall C. Carr
John E. Gormley
Howard R. Piche
Jean C. Foss

Elwin R. Falkenham
Ellen T. Moody
Erling R. Roberts
Mary Jane Falkenham

The evening session commenced at 7:00 p. m., and following an invocation by Rev. Frank E. Thurston, Jr., the remaining warrant articles were considered.

The meeting authorized the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts. Early tax payment could reduce the borrowing requirement or eliminate the need to borrow short term money. Approval was also received to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any real estate that may be acquired by Tax Collector's Deeds.

The Revenue Sharing Article asking withdrawal of \$50,450.00 in Revenue Sharing Funds was approved. The setoffs as recommended, \$23,500 towards new equipment, \$2,500.00 for fire department supplies, \$14,450.00 for public safety use and \$10,000.00 for highway maintenance were also approved.

A vote by written ballot to borrow \$20,000.00 towards the construction of a new swimming pool was approved, the ballot count was 186 yes and 47 no, an impressive affirmative vote. Two other articles concerning the swimming pool also passed, one to transfer funds from the pool reserve fund and one for authority to apply for and accept 50 percent matching funds. All three were necessary to have adequate funding to construct the pool.

An article to raise \$35,000.00 by serial notes to construct an addition to the Town Garage to provide space for ambulance storage and highway equipment was defeated by a slim margin. The ballots cast were 144 yes and 90 no, a two-thirds majority vote is required to borrow money. Although defeated, it was a satisfying vote.

Authorization was received for engineering and design work for a sewer line on Bridge Street. The line, if constructed, would serve the area now without a sewer line, replace the existing line that cannot be extended and is inadequate to do an effective job and give relief to the Main Street line.

The meeting voted to exclude election officials and workers who earn less than \$50.00 in a quarter from coverage under the Social Security Act. A resolution to allow the N.H. Housing to operate its program in Lancaster received approval.

The meeting voted to designate the East Whitefield Road, Mt. Prospect Road, Wesson Road and Gore Road as scenic roads, a provision to protect and enhance the scenic beauty. This also means a public hearing is required and consent of the Planning Board needed if maintenance or reconstruction include the removal of trees or stone walls.

The Budget as submitted by the Budget Committee was approved and the meeting authorized the Selectmen to expend the money for the purposes raised and appropriated.

A well attended meeting with meaningful discussion by many people, makes Town Meeting a real democracy in action.

Special Town Meeting

On November 2, 1976, a special Town Meeting was held to give authorization to the Board of Selectmen to accept Federal Grants that may be available under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976. The need for such authority was that if an application for a grant under the act was approved, the money must be accepted within 10 days.

The motion was adopted.



District Court

The Honorable Walter D. Hinkley is Justice of the Lancaster District Court, the Honorable Paul F. Donovan, Associate Justice, and Mr. George Carter, Clerk. The expenditures of \$12,350.00 made by the town was for the salaries of those court officers. The following show the receipts of the Court and how the funds were distributed and expended.

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fines, etc. | | \$26,374.06 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | |
| N.H. Division of Motor Vehicles | \$12,760.00 | |
| N.H. Fish & Game Department | 292.00 | |
| Printing & Supplies, Postage | 388.09 | |
| Special Justice | 202.00 | |
| Dues | 155.00 | |
| Other | 100.50 | |
| Witness fees | 435.00 | |
| | | \$14,332.59 |
| Paid Town of Lancaster | | \$12,041.47 |

Police Department

To Serve and to Protect

Your Police Department has an obligation to provide a professional standard of law enforcement to the community. To the end, your Police personnel have set their objectives, to provide you, the citizens of Lancaster, with a community in which you can live in safety and self content.

Over the past ten years, a tremendous increase in activities has been recorded by the Police Department. In 1966 only 187 complaints were filed, while in 1976 complaints filed increased to 1047. During 1966 a total of 99 court complaints were processed, 13 for criminal activities and 86 motor vehicle, the upswing in 1976 was 450 court complaints, with 302 motor vehicle complaints, 125 criminal and 23 juvenile cases. These figures must not be misconstrued that there has been 450 percent more crime in Lancaster, although crime has risen here in Lancaster, as all over the United States, but it is a reflection of the coordinated efforts of all the personnel of your Police Department and the determination to keep our streets safe.

The ever increasing demand for police services is the by-product of the moods of the people, the influx of transients within our town, unemployed in the area, changing pattern of family life and a complete disregard for other people's rights.

In 1976, there were 63 major burglaries and 50 larceny cases reported to the Department, an increase of 43 and 11 respectively. Of these cases, nine were classified as unfounded, 34 court complaints were issued (12 burglaries, four larcenies, and 18 juvenile petitions) clearing 68 cases and the recovery of 63 percent of the items stolen. We are proud of this accomplishment, noting that the national average is less than nine percent.

Juvenile crimes increased from 28 to 82, of these 23 were brought before the Juvenile Court for hearing, while 36 received counseling at the station, and three were provided help from outside agencies.

During the past year, auto accidents increased a little over one third, going from 96 to 132, with 25 occurring during the month of December when we experienced severe weather and road conditions. This year marked our third year without a highway fatality. Of the 132 accidents, 28 resulted in court action being brought against the operator including: operating to endanger, failing to report, failing to keep right, unreasonable speed, and uninspected motor vehicle leading the list.

Motor vehicle court cases increased over last year by 51 cases, the biggest increase coming under speeding. In this area last year we had 117 cases, while this year there were 175 brought before the court. All other motor vehicle offenses showed a decrease with the exception being operating under the influence remaining at 31, operating without a license increasing to 13 and failing to report an accident increasing to seven cases.

Police Department time is spent on many activities throughout the year, with some activities consuming more time than others. Business door checks 2426 hours, motor vehicle traffic control 1294 hours, and Main Street traffic 1071. Others are: Burglary investigation 580 hours, school traffic 499 hours, camp and house checks 320 hours, larceny investigation 289 hours, juvenile investigation 271 hours, and making and filing reports 526 hours. These nine activities encompass more than 80 percent of the Department's time.

This year the Department had two members attend one week police fire-arms school conducted by the FBI, one member completed the Breathalyzer operator school. We also held regular in-service training within the Department to update their knowledge and evaluate the effectiveness of the Department.

Your Police Department is again as in the past sincerely grateful for your support and with your understanding and encouragement, we will strive to serve you and provide you with a high level of Law Enforcement.

ACCIDENTS — 132

| | |
|---|----|
| Property damage under \$300.00 | 75 |
| Property damage over \$300.00 | 55 |
| Property damage listed as total | 6 |
| Accident requiring medical attention | 13 |
| Accident requiring hospitalization | 3 |
| Accident involving pedestrian | 0 |
| Number of one car accidents | 40 |
| Number of two car accidents | 89 |
| Number of three car accidents | 4 |
| Number of accidents involving deer | 3 |
| Accidents resulting in fatality | 0 |
| Number of accidents resulting in court action | 28 |

COMPLAINTS FILES — 1047

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Dog | 186 |
| Family | 82 |
| Juvenile | 82 |
| Burglary | 63 |
| Larceny | 50 |
| Malicious damage | 38 |
| Bad Checks | 117 |
| Missing person | 1 |
| Prowler | 2 |
| Cat | 18 |
| Harrassment | 5 |
| Nuisance | 408 |

OTHER ACTIVITIES

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Motor vehicle checked | 627 |
| Motor vehicle warnings | 210 |
| DE tags issued | 109 |
| Emergency blood runs | 22 |
| Assistance to sick and injured | 73 |
| Assistance to motorists in trouble | 540 |
| Door and windows found open | 176 |
| Parking tickets given | 258 |
| Assistance to other departments | 58 |
| Breath tests given | 61 |

CRIMINAL COURT CASES — 125

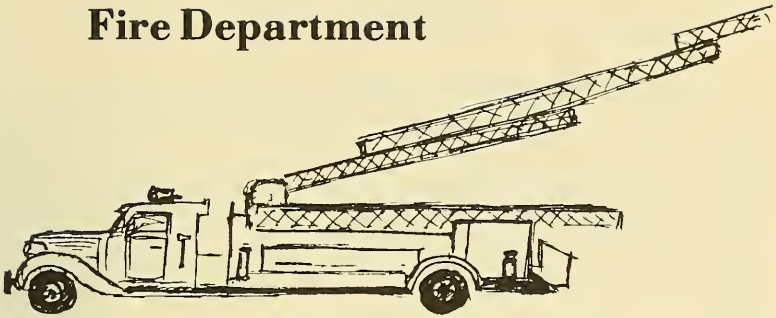
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| Giving false report to a police officer | 2 |
| False fire alarm | 2 |
| Abusive Language | 1 |

| | |
|---|----|
| Illegal possession of alcohol | 2 |
| Illegal possession of a controlled drug | 3 |
| Knowingly being present | 2 |
| Disorderly conduct | 6 |
| Larceny | 4 |
| Intoxication | 5 |
| Assault | 7 |
| Fraudulent check | 27 |
| Larceny by check | 13 |
| Burglary | 12 |
| Allowing dog to run at large | 5 |
| Theft by unauthorized taking | 2 |
| Concealment of merchandise | 2 |
| Malicious damage | 3 |
| Procuring for a minor | 3 |
| Receiving stolen property | 2 |
| Criminal mischief | 5 |
| Resisting arrest | 1 |
| Sexual Assault | 3 |
| Failure to answer a summons | 2 |
| Disobeying a police officer | 1 |
| Malicious damage to municipal property | 3 |
| Operating a junk yard | 1 |
| Resisting arrest | 1 |
| Criminal mischief | 5 |
| Juvenile Court Cases | 23 |

MOTOR VEHICLE COURT CASES — 302

| | |
|--|-----|
| Operating to endanger | 2 |
| Failing to report an accident | 7 |
| Failing to yield | 3 |
| Passing on a yellow line | 13 |
| Failing to stop at a stop sign | 4 |
| Operating without a license | 13 |
| Operating after revocation | 2 |
| Improper U-turn | 5 |
| Operating after suspension | 1 |
| Driving while intoxicated | 29 |
| Operating under influence of drugs | 2 |
| Speeding (radar) | 120 |
| Speeding | 55 |
| Unreasonable speed | 5 |
| Operating without registration on person | 2 |
| Missuse of plates | 2 |
| Following too close | 1 |
| Operating unregistered motor vehicle | 7 |
| Operating with unsafe tires | 8 |
| Operating uninspected vehicle | 13 |
| Failing to wear protective lenses | 2 |
| Failing to wear protective headgear | 1 |
| Operating over width vehicle | 1 |
| Operating over length vehicle | 1 |
| Operating over weight vehicle | 1 |
| Operating without motorcycle license | 2 |

Fire Department



The Fire Department experienced a sharp increase in the number of alarms this year, with a total of 71 as compared to 52 in 1975. Most alarms were between 6 A.M. and 6 P.M. which is not the normal trend. The greatest number of calls were on Monday and the fewest came on Friday.

The firefighter training program has been increased and regular meetings for training have been increased to twice each month, with each session providing two hours of training. Additional training is also conducted at various times on special topics. This is a high gear training program for a small town, however benefits certainly have been reaped as evidenced at fire scenes.

Fund raising projects netted the Department a new power unit which has been placed on the aerial ladder truck to support the lighting equipment. This truck has been equipped to handle almost any emergency lighting problem that the Department may encounter.

Many hard hours of practice by Department Muster Teams, won Lancaster the trophy for total overall points in this year's North Country Firemen's Muster held in Lancaster.

Many programs have been conducted by the Department this year for various organizations on Fire Prevention. The fact that more people are becoming exposed to fire prevention through these programs is a great help to everyone in Fire Service.

As in previous years, the Lion's share of all maintenance work on equipment is done by Department personnel. This has a two-fold effect in that the men learn more about the equipment and the residents of Lancaster are spared many dollars in maintenance expenses.

The best reason a Volunteer Department can be so effective is the firefighters themselves. We have members that are professional truck drivers, locksmith, expert machinist, linemen, policemen, emergency medical technicians, carpenters, painters, mechanics, water supply specialist, electricians, accountant, machine operators, scuba divers, communication and management personnel to mention a few. During an emergency the Town Fire Department has quite a pool of knowledge to draw from.

All Department personnel thank Lancaster residents again for their support and their continued interest in the Fire Department.

| | | | |
|------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| Disaster Drills | 1 | Automobile Accidents | 1 |
| Grass Fires | 3 | Electrical Fires | 4 |
| Brush Fires | 3 | Out of Town Asst. | 0 |
| Forest Fires | 0 | Fireplace | 0 |
| Oil Burners | 3 | Rescue | 2 |
| Dwelling Fires | 4 | System Malfunction | 2 |
| Structural | 7 | False Alarms | 8 |
| Chimney Fires | 12 | Others | 15 |
| Automobile Fires | 6 | | |

Report of District Fire Chief and Town Forest Fire Warden

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

1976 Forest Fire Statistics

| | No. of Fires | No. of Acres |
|----------|--------------|--------------|
| State | 746 | 294 |
| District | 11 | 7 |
| Town | 2 | 3 |

BURNHAM A. JUDD
District Fire Chief

ROGER EMERY
Forest Fire Warden

Public Works

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Reconstruction work on Page Hill Road was continued but weather conditions and demand of other work limited the duration of the project; work will be continued early summer of 1977. Financing of the project is through the Town Road Aid program which is a state aid program. The amount of money received is determined by the number of town road miles.

Approximately five miles of asphalt streets were surface treated with asphalt. This year it was necessary on at least three streets to put down leveling courses of asphalt to bring the street back into shape prior to surface treatment. All the work was done by the Town personnel and Town owned equipment.

Improvements in drainage of all rural roads were done this year. New surface drains and basins were added and replacements of some old drains were completed in many streets.

The winter months are busy times for the personnel and equipment, maintaining the streets for safe travel by snow plowing, salting and sanding, and snow removal. Considering the sometimes hazardous conditions winter time brings, the streets were maintained well.

The spring finds the same people cleaning the sand that was spread in the winter and the cleanup of other debris. Patching streets and cleaning of ditches caused by winter conditions are other duties.

The fall is time for preparation of the coming winter by storing sand, erecting snow fences, maintaining plowing equipment and other preparatory activities.

The department personnel's duties are many and varied and among those is keeping the highway equipment maintained and repaired within their ability. The equipment maintenance work is done in the town garage, which is also maintained by them.

WATER DEPARTMENT

A new water line was installed on Riverside Drive to replace an old, smaller line that could no longer properly serve the area.

Several service lines were replaced with copper for long life and improved service. There were four new services connected to the system: three domestic and one commercial.

The system operated efficiently considering its age and condition with little interruption to users. Minor problems still exist and will until such time as major changes are made in the system, which may require a new source of supply.

A policy adopted by the N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission and because of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (Federal) improvements within the system will be required.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

The sewage treatment facilities operated successfully without problems. New chemical controls were added at the chlorination plant for better control of chlorine injection and recording of its use.

New services were added to the system, both domestic and commercial. The total cost of operation is affected by electric costs and chemical costs. The reason, our system is a combined system, storm and sanitary, all water entering the system must be pumped to the lagoons where chemicals are than added. Separation of the storm water would reduce the costs of operation and improve efficiency of the system.

Municipal Cemeteries



The maintenance costs of Municipal Cemeteries and income is included in the statement below. Of the total \$2,500 was raised by taxation, the balance from other sources. The cemeteries include the Wilder, Main Street; Summer Street Cemetery and No. 10 on the Martin Meadow Pond Road.

Cash on Hand—January 1, 1976:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Regular Account | \$ 85.01 |
| Special Account | 1,026.61 |
| Siwooganock Guaranty Capital Fund | 4,637.28 |
| Siwooganock Guaranty Operating Fund | 15,128.64 |
| | \$20,877.54 |

Income:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Trustees of Trust Funds | \$ 6,528.67 |
| Town of Lancaster | 2,500.00 |
| Perpetual Care | 4,300.00 |
| Burials | 2,315.00 |
| Interest Income | 837.04 |
| Care of Lots | 673.00 |
| Sale of Lots | 1,950.00 |
| Vault Rental | 50.00 |
| | 19,153.71 |

Total Funds Available

\$40,031.25

Less Expenditures:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Labor | \$19,413.75 |
| Equipment Rentals | 976.00 |
| Repairs | 332.83 |
| Operating Supplies | 937.66 |
| Payroll Taxes | 1,176.97 |
| Trustees of Trust Funds | 4,400.00 |
| Power and Water | 230.36 |
| Insurance | 76.00 |
| Flowers and Plantings | 467.00 |
| New Equipment | 705.95 |
| Road Construction | 5,359.88 |
| Fence Construction | 252.50 |
| | 34,328.90 |

Balance on Hand

\$ 5,702.35

Balances on Hand—December 31, 1976:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Lancaster National Bank, Regular Acct. | \$ 1,402.49 |
| Lancaster National Bank, Special Acct. | 916.34 |
| Siwooganock Guaranty, Capital Fund | 1,634.76 |
| Siwooganock Guaranty, Operating Fund | 1,748.76 |

\$ 5,702.35

Public Welfare

Town Welfare: There were 10 families assisted by the local welfare, involving 14 adults and 16 children. Most cases are of short duration, assisted until accepted under a state aid program, other programs, or until employment can be found. Two local funds, administered by committees, have helped keep local welfare costs to a minimum. Information concerning these funds may be learned by contacting the Town Office.

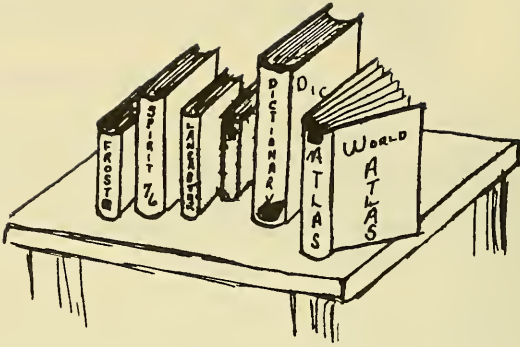
The Medicaid Program helps reduce local costs, the program is designed to assist persons who do not have the means to provide for their medical care, or who do so only at a great financial sacrifice. Through this program, pharmaceutical, laboratory, skilled nursing home care, and physician's services are supplied in whole or in part. In determining eligibility for these services certain limitations have been established on the amount of annual income and assets that persons may have.

State Welfare Assistance: These programs are administered by the State Department of Welfare and financed jointly by federal, State and local governments. The expenditure is Lancaster's share of Lancaster persons over the age of 65 years, eligible to receive assistance under the program. The costs for the program was greater this year because of increased costs primarily in the Nursing Home care.

The Town is assisting in support of an average of 33 recipients of the Old Age Assistance program, one under the O.A.A. Aliens program, and six persons aided under the disability program.

Information concerning these programs may be received by contacting the N.H. Department of Welfare, Berlin, N.H.

Food Stamps: Lancaster residents must call the Woodsville office of the Public Welfare Office, telephone 747-2786, for an appointment to apply. If anyone thinks they may qualify for food stamps, they should telephone for an appointment so a determination can be made. Do not delay.



Weeks Memorial Library

Librarian's Report

This has been a relatively quiet year at the library, we continue to circulate a good number of books, even though we have been unable to buy as many new ones as usual, this is due mostly to the steeply rising cost of books, most of which cost \$2.00 to \$5.00 more than last year.

The weekly story hour continues to attract many of the little pre-school youngsters, and the weekly film showing at the school is well attended. Much appreciation for running these two programs so successfully goes to the members of the Friends of The Library Group. We wish to express our deep thanks for the hours of work which they put in on these two projects.

We continue to lend large numbers of books to the smaller libraries in surrounding towns, as well as to the local elementary school. We continue this service even though we have received absolutely no state or federal funds for three years. According to the state library's projected budget we are entitled to about \$2500 each year, but so far the legislature has not allocated any funds for local libraries, so we still are hoping that this year may be the one in which the legislature makes the grant gesture and gives us some much needed financing.

We welcome your visit to the library to see the service which you support.

Weeks Memorial Library

Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement

For Year Ended, December 31, 1976

Balance on Hand, Checking Account 1-1-76 \$ 144.14

Received From:

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| Fines and Photocopier Fees | \$ 274.36 | |
| Col. F. L. Town Income Spending Committee | 1,800.00 | |
| Shurtleff Fund Interest | 23.37 | |
| Shurtleff Bond Interest | 62.50 | |
| Certificate of Deposit - Interest | 73.19 | |
| Brackett Fund Interest | 5.05 | |
| Linscott Fund Interest | 341.06 | |
| Town of Lancaster Appropriation | 15,000.00 | |
| Trustees of Trust Funds - 1975 Earning (part) | 881.56 | |
| Trustees of Trust Funds - 1976 Earnings | 2,501.81 | 20,962.90 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$20,818.76 |

Disbursements:

| | | |
|--|-------------|-----------|
| Salaries | \$ 7,250.00 | |
| Substitute Salaries | 3,126.80 | |
| Social Security | 606.93 | |
| Lights, Sewer and Telephone | 664.40 | |
| Heat | 1,179.49 | |
| Insurance and Bond | 791.00 | |
| Flowers, Travel and Dues | 129.19 | |
| Maintenance and Service | 622.58 | |
| Books - Adult | 3,950.18 | |
| Juvenile | 1,155.65 | |
| Periodicals | 302.61 | |
| Cassettes | 9.80 | |
| Office, Janitor and Audio Visual Supplies | 558.56 | 20,382.19 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance on Hand, Checking Account 12-31-76 | | \$ 436.57 |

Ambulance Service

A record number of patient calls were made this year; a summary appears below. These calls include emergency transfers, accident victims and non-emergency transfers.

We thank the dedicated volunteers of the Lancaster Ambulance Corps for their service to the community and for unselfishly giving many hours standing by, prepared to answer any call. Members of the Corps gave many more hours of their time for further training and for refresher courses.

Summary of Calls

| | |
|-----|-----------|
| 255 | Lancaster |
| 48 | Jefferson |
| 38 | Lunenburg |
| 3 | Guildhall |

Receipts and Disbursements

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|
| Receipts | | | |
| Collection 76 charges | \$10,589.46 | | |
| Collection prior years | 948.29 | | |
| | | | \$11,537.75 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Payroll | \$ 5,189.83 | | |
| Clerical | 4,000.00 | | |
| Vehicle Expense | 2,207.46 | | |
| Training | 338.88 | | |
| Supplies, Equip., and Dues | 1,199.68 | | |
| Non-Cash | 600.00 | | |
| Depreciation | 1,500.00 | | |
| | | | \$11,435.85 |
| Balance | | | \$ 101.90 |

The towns of Jefferson, Lunenburg and Guildhall contribute to the maintenance and operation of the Ambulance Service, for serving their communities.

Public Health

Nursing Service, Inc., 1976

As the Bicentennial year ends Lancaster Public Health Nursing can look back on a successful year with many changes taking place. Lancaster Public Health made a change in administration on the recommendation of Medicare surveyors. We now have a nurse director as of September 1, 1976, and Mrs. Janice Knowles, R.N. of Danville, Vermont, was hired as a full time staff nurse in September, 1976.

We continue to provide coverage for Lancaster, Whitefield, Jefferson, Dalton and Groveton, along with a medicare billing contract with Milan.

The Public Health Nursing Committee organizes the agency program. The committee is composed of volunteer members from each community represented by the agency. The officers of the past year were:

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer

Mrs. Roland Kimball
Mrs. Keith Tenney
Mrs. Benjamin Blodgett
Mrs. Robert Quay

This year the agency has held monthly blood pressure clinics for senior citizens in the towns of Lancaster, Jefferson, Whitefield and Groveton. These have been sponsored by Community Action. Diabetic screenings are also conducted at these clinics approximately twice a year.

Pre-school physical examinations including dental checks were done in May. Physicians in attendance included Drs. Beattie, Lewis and Yunghans, and the Dental Hygienist from Dr. Perreault's office. Forty-three children were examined. Pre-school vision and hearing testing were done on 80 children also in May.

A very successful swine flu clinic was held in Lancaster and in Groveton, immunizing a total of 2,188 people. The Agency wishes to extend its sincere thanks to all organizations and volunteers who participated in this very successful clinic. I personally would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the Public Health Nursing Committee for a job well done.

In October, 1976, the Lancaster Public Health Nursing Service signed a contract with Groveton to provide nursing services to that community.

A total of 2,924 nursing and physical therapy visits were made to area residents in 1976.

We continue to have immunization clinics on the third Friday of each month. A total of 329 children attended these clinics with the following immunizations being given: DPT, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Tine Tests were done on several children.

We wish to extend our appreciation to the many organizations which have assisted us during the year. The Emmons Smith Fund, Timberland Machines, Inc., White Mountain Community Services, Crippled Children's Services, N.H. Heart Association, and the Department of Welfare and Communicable Disease.

The members of the staff have attended in-service meetings throughout the year covering many interesting and varied topics, such as Care of the Patient with a Pacemaker, Heart and Breath Sounds, Quality Assurance, and Nursing Audit.

In the future the agency hopes to do more in the areas of prevention and health education.

I would like to extend special thanks to the Public Health Nursing Committee, The Medical Staff of B. D. Weeks Memorial Hospital, Drs. James Ferguson and Robert Lewis for serving our Medical Advisory Committee, Miss Eleanor Kenney, R.N., Mrs. Stewart Foss, Secretary; Mrs. Jacquelyn Sawin, R.N.; Mrs. Mary Fitch, R.N.; Miss Sandra Placey, R.N.; Mrs. Janice Knowles, R.N.; Mrs. Carol Haas, R.P.T.; Mrs. Julia Belmore, R.N.; Mrs. Alice Cummings, R.N.; and members of our communities for their guidance and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
MARCIA HARMER, Director

Debt Service

Bond Issue: The principal payment on the Sewer Bond Issue was \$110,000.00 and interest \$80,325.00 of which the State of N.H. paid \$125,183.00. A schedule of the Bond follows:

Long Term Note: A \$20,000 note was authorized and issued in 1976 to go with other funds for the construction of the swimming pool. The first payment will be in 1977.

Temporary Loans and Interest: The Town paid \$7,206.18 in interest to borrow \$350,000.00 in anticipation of tax receipts. Early payment of taxes or early part payment could eliminate borrowing short term money, resulting in a savings to all.

LONG - TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Statement of Debt Service Requirements as of December 31, 1976

| | | Sewer Bonds | |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | 4.5 percent | |
| Amount of Original Issue | | \$2,170,000 | |
| Date of Original Issue | | March 1, 1972 | |
| Principal Payable Date | | March 1st | |
| Interest Payable Dates | | March 1 and September 1 | |
| Payable at | | Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company | |
| Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending: | | Principal | Interest |
| December 31, 1977 | | \$ 110,000 | \$ 75,375 |
| December 31, 1978 | | 110,000 | 70,425 |
| December 31, 1979 | | 110,000 | 65,475 |
| December 31, 1980 | | 110,000 | 60,525 |
| December 31, 1981 | | 110,000 | 55,575 |
| December 31, 1982 | | 110,000 | 50,625 |
| December 31, 1983 | | 110,000 | 45,675 |
| December 31, 1984 | | 110,000 | 40,725 |
| December 31, 1985 | | 110,000 | 35,775 |
| December 31, 1986 | | 110,000 | 30,825 |
| December 31, 1987 | | 110,000 | 25,875 |
| December 31, 1988 | | 110,000 | 20,925 |
| December 31, 1989 | | 110,000 | 15,975 |
| December 31, 1990 | | 100,000 | 11,250 |
| December 31, 1991 | | 100,000 | 6,750 |
| December 31, 1992 | | 100,000 | 2,250 |
| Total | | \$1,730,000 | \$ 614,025 |

LONG TERM NOTE

Swimming Pool Note 4.50 Percent — 4.80 Percent

| | | | |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Amount of Issue | | \$20,000.00 | |
| Date of Issue | | October 15, 1976 | |
| Principal Payable Date | | October 15 | |
| Interest Payable Date | | April 15 & October 15 | |
| Payable at | | Lancaster National Bank | |
| Year | | Principal | Interest |
| 1977 | | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 930.00 |
| 1978 | | 5,000.00 | 705.00 |
| 1979 | | 5,000.00 | 475.00 |
| 1980 | | 5,000.00 | 240.00 |
| | | \$20,000.00 | \$2,350.00 |

Advertising - Promotional

Information Booth: Mrs. Glenn Sheridan, attendant, reports a fine year at the booth with more than the usual number of our Canadian friends stopping for information and several from other foreign nations as visitors. Most seekers of information, of course, are our fellow Americans.

Information about the town is given each visitor, both the spoken word (and no one speaks it better than Glenn Sheridan) and the written word. Of course, folders are supplied upon request, of the state and other areas of interest. An average day at the booth is 160 people in approximately 55 vehicles.

The total number of persons for the season was 9,381 and 3,260 vehicles carried them to Lancaster.

White Mountains Region Association: Your Region Association during the past year has committed much of its energy and time in helping to design an air passenger - freight system for northern New Hampshire, which, given the constraints of available funds, would have the best chance for long term success. The WMRA, together with the N.H. Aeronautics Commission, the N.H. Office of Comprehensive Planning, the New England Regional Commission, the Lebanon Airport Development Corporation, and the N.H. Transportation Authority revised the program substantially from that which was implemented during the summer of 1975. The major change was a shifting of focus of the air system from Lebanon to Boston's Logan International Airport. The reasons for the change were: 1) a questionnaire distributed to businesses, and informal discussions with numerous residents of the region, confirmed a prevailing opinion that people preferred to fly to Boston, 2) to fly directly to Boston would increase reliability, improve service, and create passenger satisfaction. Other changes included the integration of the Berlin Municipal Airport in addition to the Whitefield Regional Airport, and enlistment of travel agents to handle all reservations, ticketing and information. Also a reservations only system was implemented in an effort to minimize "empty flights" which occurred under the initial fixed schedule system.

The response to the new air system which began June 13, 1976, has been encouraging. There is no doubt that the program changes have markedly increased public acceptance, but the question remains whether the region can or is willing to support a year - round air service, or whether such service, at best, will be limited to the summer and fall seasons only.

In other activities your Association, during the past year, has published three issues of its new magazine, Outlook, copies of which were sent to all businesses in the region. The magazine included articles on skiing, on Burndy's move to northern New Hampshire, on the Volvo Tennis Tournament, on Colebrook's interest in aviation, on Berlin's growth and progress, on the Bicentennial histories of Haverhill, Jackson, and Woodstock, on Berlin's Vocational Technical School, on tourism, on the White Mountain National Forest, on the Christmas tree industry, on the White Mountains Center for the Arts, on the Lin-Wood Medical Center, on Heritage New Hampshire, and on industrial development in the White Mountains Region.

Also, your Association put together and published 40,000 Where to Stay folders and, in addition, put together the White Mountains section of the State Accommodations directory. The Association distributed thousands of its Where to Stay, its White Mountains Map and Guide, its Canoeing and Kayaking folder, and its Fall Foliage brochure to chambers of commerce, to state highway rest areas and to automobile clubs and travel agents throughout the United States and Canada.

Furthermore, your Association is putting together a new cross country - nordic ski brochure, 30,000 of which were printed and distributed during the fall and winter of 1976. Other brochures the Association distributed in reply to inquiries were those of Ski 93, the White Mountains Attraction Assoc., the White Mountains Center for the Arts, and the Mt. Washington Valley Association. The Association also distributed individual business and town brochures upon request.

The Association answered 3,539 single inquiries, 241 bulk inquiries, wrote 167 personal letters, sent 51 bulletins of lodging and real estate inquiries, sent 15,178 mimeographed letters, and wrote 14 news releases.



Colonel Town Recreation Program

1976 Annual Report y Superintendent of Recreation

The Col. Town Recreation Program is operated from funds derived from the Colonel L. Town Trust Fund. The trust fund makes it possible for the Town of Lancaster to provide facilities and programs comparable to much larger communities. Lancaster's recreation program and facilities are administered by the nine - member Col. Town Spending Committee.

Groups and organizations are encouraged to make maximum use of their recreation facilities. The meeting rooms and other facilities are available to local groups on a first come, first served basis. To make a reservation, telephone the Community House (788-3321). From June - September, the Community Camp facilities are reserved by calling the caretakers (788-3546) at the Camp.

1976 was an exciting year for the recreation program. Thanks to the voters who approved the \$20,000 bond issue for the swimming pool at town meeting, work on the new pool - bathhouse complex is 90 percent completed. The pool finish coating, decking and fencing will be completed in May.

The pool dedication and open house is scheduled for early June 1977. The Spending Committee and Citizens Pool Committee extend an invitation to you to attend the grand opening. The larger facilities will meet the swimming needs of Lancaster adults as well as children. Tentative plans are to offer adult lessons and recreational swim sessions two weeks prior to regular opening while the children are still in school. Please take advantage of the adult swim sessions.

The Lancaster Recreation program offers activities for all ages from pre-school, to elementary, to junior high and high school students, young adults through and including our Senior adults. Become a frequent participant in your recreation activities. If a program you would like is not offered, stop at the Community House and discuss your ideas with Andrea or Louis.

We would like to give special recognition to the boys and girls age group summer track and field team for capturing the State Playground Track Meet championship in Laconia under coaches John Sheptor and Kathy Sanborn. The summer track program is actually eight teams in one with four divisions for both boys and girls ranging from under eight to age 15. Congratulations coaches and track and field participants.

Special recognition should also go to the Col. Town Players for their two outstanding performances during the year, "Barefoot in the Park" directed by Ralph Aldrich and "1776" directed by Domenic Pallaria. Lancaster's adult theatre group is open to anyone interested in theatre. More people are needed for stage and non-stage roles.

COMMUNITY CAMP

The new caretakers log cabin was officially dedicated with an open house program in May. George and Thelma Murphy who returned as caretakers kept the open house atmosphere at the family - group picnicking area all summer. The Murphys invite you and your family and friends to the Community Camp often this summer.

LESS FREE PLAY OPPORTUNITIES

The Col. Town Spending Committee regretfully reduced the "free play" hours at the Community House last December. "Free play" is when participants come to the Community Center to play in either the gym or game room or both on a non-scheduled basis during specified hours. The gym free play time was continued but the game room closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The group visiting the game room evenings seemed to gain their enjoyment from flaunting the rules and giving the Supervisor a hard time. Several regular users of the facilities developed the opinion that the facilities were theirs and they could use equipment anyway they pleased. Adults interested in working as the evening Supervisor became impossible to find.

The Committee hopes to reopen the game room facilities each evening soon. The rules are basically common courtesy, good manners, use each piece of equipment for its intended use only and respect the rights of the other users. Use of the facilities is given to all residents and their guests. If the privilege of using the facilities is abused, the abuser loses his - her privileges.

We encourage more Moms and Dads to come to the Community House during "free play" sessions with their children. They too can enjoy playing table soccer, shuffleboard, pool, table tennis or shooting baskets, etc., with their children. More adults using the facilities would have a positive effect on behaviour of other participants.

We would like to use the popular saying — "If you like the program, tell others. If you do not like the activities offered or the way they are being conducted, tell us." We take a critical look at all programs constantly in an effort to offer the best possible recreation program for you and your children to enjoy.

MORE ADULT PROGRAMS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

New adult programs currently in progress include cane seating, knitting, bridge and art lessons. A woodcarving class is scheduled to begin in April if sufficient interest is shown. Please contact the Community House if you have an interest in a program not being offered and - or if you have a skill you would like to share. Most of the adult programs are self - supporting. Adult program leaders are paid from the fees collected for the classes.

Volunteers are urgently needed to maintain quality in our athletic programs. The upsurge in interest in girls activities has increased our need for coaches and officials. Officials clinics will be conducted to train interested men or women. We need more parents helping with our athletic programs.

Andrea and I would like to express our appreciation to the Spending Committee members for their leadership and guidance. We would like to thank the Citizens Pool Committee members for their help in making the new pool a reality. We extend our appreciation to the recreation staff and to the many volunteers who worked with us during the past year. These staff members and volunteers are responsible for the successes the program attained during 1976.

The Town of Lancaster lost a very valuable citizen with the untimely death of John Mellow. John was a very active and important member of the Citizens Pool Committee. Donations made in "loving memory of John Mellow" will be used toward purchase of an additional furnace for the new swimming pool.

Respectfully submitted,
 Louis F. Leaver
 Superintendent of Recreation

Colonel Town

Income Spending Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT 1976

Checkbook balance 1-1-76 \$ 19,502.58

INCOME

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Col. Town Trust Fund | \$67,895.04 | |
| House fees | 90.30 | |
| Camp fees | 305.23 | |
| Pool fees | 3,035.45 | |
| Town of Lancaster—pool support | 1,500.00 | |
| Student loan fund | 325.00 | |
| Game room | 22.70 | |
| | \$ 73,173.72 | |
| Special Activities | | |
| Play school | \$ 4,146.44 | |
| Coke and candy | 717.05 | |
| Baton and dance lessons | 303.50 | |
| Telephone refund | 330.00 | |
| Bus rental | 455.90 | |
| Col. Town Players | 313.35 | |
| Blue Cross re-imburement | 330.12 | |
| Fees | 190.00 | |
| Softball lights | 805.54 | |
| Trophies | 39.09 | |
| | \$ 7,630.99 | |
| Kiwanis Club—Little League | \$ 300.00 | |
| Snow Drifters—Pee-wee League | 100.00 | 400.00 |
| Vocational Rehabilitation | 665.00 | |
| Man Power training | 574.40 | |
| | \$ 1,239.40 | |
| Miscellaneous | | |
| Camp telephone overpayment | 22.56 | |
| Chlorine | 37.50 | |
| Carboys | 20.50 | |
| Insurance for damage | 56.70 | |
| Payment for broken door and window | 19.00 | |
| | \$ 156.26 | |
| Total income | \$82,600.39 | |
| Checkbook balance 1-1-1976 | 19,502.58 | |
| | \$102,102.95 | |
| Transfer from Savings Account | | 5,000.00 |
| | | \$107,102.95 |

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Savings A-c Balance 1-1-76 | \$ 1,374.92 |
| Transfers from checking account | 9,140.00 |
| Direct deposit student loan fund | 500.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$11,014.92 |
| Transfer to Checking Account | -5,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance 1-1-77 | \$ 6,380.33 Interest added |

EXPENDITURES

Appropriations

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Girl Scouts | \$ 300.00 | |
| Good Citizen awards (school) | 200.00 | |
| Weeks Memorial Library—Juvenile Dept. | 1,800.00 | |
| Dr. Ferguson Scholarship fund | 250.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 2,550.00 |
| Insurance | | 5,042.00 |

Capital Expenditures

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Camp furnishings | \$ 473.15 | |
| Outside work—camp | 374.35 | |
| Two lawn mowers | 192.95 | |
| Bermico pipe | 92.00 | |
| Washer and dryer | 428.10 | |
| Mimeograph | 500.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 2,060.55 |

House

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Maintenance and repairs | 914.81 | |
| Supplies | 778.22 | |
| Office supplies | 203.57 | |
| Heat | 4,107.58 | |
| Lights | 1,631.66 | |
| Telephones | 1,286.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 8,921.84 |

Camp

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|-----------|
| Lights | 214.85 | |
| Telephone | 162.59 | |
| Supplies and repairs | 351.54 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 728.98 |

Field

| | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Gasoline | \$ 1,093.70 | |
| Repairs to vehicles | 1,504.95 | |
| Repairs to equipment | 82.77 | |
| Field maintenance | 553.30 | |
| Tennis courts | 66.17 | |
| Miscellaneous | 89.17 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 3,390.06 |

Pool

| | | |
|-----------|--------|-------------|
| Supplies | 483.67 | |
| Repairs | 108.50 | |
| Heat | 476.71 | |
| Lights | 429.33 | |
| Telephone | 88.35 | |
| Films | 16.30 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 1,602.86 |

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Rink | | |
| Telephone | 18.40 | |
| Lights | 272.09 | |
| Heat | 346.67 | |
| Motor for snowblower | 106.26 | |
| Repairs | 89.37 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 832.79 |
| Recreation | \$ 1,891.66 | |
| Special Activities | 3,613.46 | |
| Wages and salaries | 29,565.70 | |
| Gross wages and salaries | <hr/> | \$ 34,454.00 |
| Income tax withheld | 3,212.70 | |
| Retirement withheld | 1,154.14 | |
| Retirement assessment | 494.55 | |
| Blue Cross—Blue Shield | 1,260.66 | |
| Social Security withheld | 2,012.92 | |
| Social Security—Col. Town share | 2,012.92 | |
| Miscellaneous | | |
| Water and sewer | 425.00 | |
| Conventions | 468.00 | |
| Dues and fees | 160.00 | |
| TV Cable | 136.50 | |
| Treasurer's pay | 1,200.00 | |
| Stamps for treasurer | 52.75 | |
| Care of Col. Town lot | 110.00 | |
| Other small items | 59.90 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 2,612.15 |
| Total Expenditures | | 72,959.94 |
| Transfers to Savings A-c | | 9,140.00 |
| Checkbook balance | | 25,003.01 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$107,102.95 |

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE M. LEE, Treasurer

Colonel Town Trust Fund

TOWN OF LANCASTER
 Summary of Colonel F.L. Town Trust Fund
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Fund Balance - December 31, 1975 \$1,065,147

Receipts During Year:

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Income From Investments | \$71,257 |
| Gain on Sale of Securities (Net) | <u>241</u> |

Total Receipts 71,498

Total Amount Available \$1,136,645

Expenditures During Year:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Paid to Colonel F.L. Town Spending Committee | \$67,895 |
| Administrative Expenses | <u>3,362</u> |

Total Expenditures 71,257

Fund Balance - December 31, 1976 \$1,065,388



The Col. Town program had these majorettes marching in Lancaster's Bicentennial parade on July 3.

TOWN OF LANCASTER
Summary of Colonel F.L. Town Trust Fund
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Summary of Investments

| | Balance December 31, 1975 | Additions During Year | Withdrawals During Year | Balance December 31, 1976 |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>On Deposit:</u> | | | | |
| Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank | \$ 18,099 | \$ 4,701 | \$ 3,233 | \$ 19,567 |
| <u>Bonds:</u> | | | | |
| 168,000 U.S. Government Securities | 202,902 | 74,987 | 75,031 | 202,858 |
| 50,000 Alabama Power Co. - 7-3/4% Due 9-1-2002 | 51,357 | | 1,357 | 50,000 |
| 40,000 Boston Gas Co. - 9-7/8% Due 1-15-82 | 40,000 | | | 40,000 |
| 10,000 Boston Gas Co. - 9-7/8% Due 1-15-82 | 10,689 | | 689 | 10,000 |
| 15,000 Consolidated Edison Co. of N.Y. - 9-3/8% | 15,000 | | | 15,000 |
| 50,000 Columbia Gas System Inc. 7-1/2% - Due 10-1-97 | 51,906 | | 1,906 | 50,000 |
| 50,000 General Motors Corp. 8.05% - Due 4-1-85 | 50,203 | | 203 | 50,000 |
| 20,000 Ohio Edison Co. - 9-1/4% | 20,000 | | | 20,000 |
| <u>Stocks: (At Cost)</u> | | | | |
| <u>Number of</u> | | | | |
| <u>Shares</u> | | | | |
| 400 Atlantic Richfield Co. | | 27,024 | | 27,024 |
| 1,500 Bay State Corp. | 38,898 | | | 38,898 |
| 1,500 Charter New York Corp. | 31,342 | | | 31,342 |
| 1,075 Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. | 25,512 | | | 25,512 |

TOWN OF LANCASTER
Summary of Colonel F.L. Town Trust Fund
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Summary of Investments

| | | Balance December 31, 1975 | Additions During Year | Withdrawals During Year | | Balance December 31, 1976 |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <u>Stocks: (Continued)</u> | | | | | | |
| | <u>Number of Shares</u> | | | | | |
| | 600 Duquesne Light Co. | \$ 17,777 | \$ | \$ | | \$ 17,777 |
| | 300 E.I. de Pont de Nemours Co. | 50,370 | | | | 50,370 |
| | 1,000 Exxon Co. | 45,280 | | | | 45,280 |
| | 2,000 Federal National Mortgage Association | 8,495 | | | | 8,495 |
| | 400 Florida Power & Light Co. | 14,382 | | | | 14,382 |
| | 2,000 Freeport Minerals Co. | 41,804 | | | | 41,804 |
| | 500 General Motors Corp. | 41,749 | | | | 41,749 |
| | 1,000 Iowa Power & Light Co. | 27,357 | | | | 27,357 |
| | 800 Kraftco Corporation | 39,292 | | | | 39,292 |
| | 1,500 Montana Dakota Utilities Co. | 43,089 | | | | 43,089 |
| | 1,700 Ohio Edison Co. | 39,921 | | | | 39,921 |
| | 600 Philadelphia Electric Co. | 13,010 | | | | 13,010 |
| | 700 Smith, Kline & French Laboratories | 31,976 | | | | 31,976 |
| | 437 Southern New England Telephone Co. | 23,533 | | | | 23,533 |
| | 2,500 Union Electric Co. | 47,152 | | | | 47,152 |
| | 1,300 Wisconsin Public Service Co. | 24,052 | | 24,052 | | |
| | <u>Totals</u> | <u>\$1,065,147</u> | <u>\$106,712</u> | <u>\$106,471</u> | | <u>\$1,065,388</u> |

Report of Audit

PLODZIK AND SANDERSON
ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS
KEARSARGE BUILDING
5 SOUTH STATE STREET
CONCORD, N. H. 03301

January 24, 1977

TOWN OF LANCASTER

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster
Lancaster, New Hampshire 03584

Gentlemen:

We have examined the books and records of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976 and have prepared the attached exhibits and schedules in conformity with the recommended format prescribed by the Municipal Services Division of the State of New Hampshire. Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Weeks Memorial Library, Summer Street Cemetery, Trustees of Trust Funds, Colonel F.L. Town Trust Fund, Colonel F.L. Town Spending Committee, District Court, and Bicentennial Committee Fund.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheet: (Exhibit A-1)

A comparative balance sheet disclosing the financial condition of the general fund as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976 is presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the current surplus of the Town increased by \$30,478 in 1976, from \$33,901 at December 31, 1975 to \$64,379 at December 31, 1976.

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in current financial condition of the Town is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein.

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures - Estimated and Actual Revenue: (Exhibits A-3 and A-4)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenue for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a revenue surplus of \$54,620, less a net overdraft of appropriations of \$19,857, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$34,763.

The major factor contributing to the net budget surplus was that property taxes were raised in excess of budgetary requirements by \$20,000. Through an oversight, the 1976 swimming pool appropriation (Article 5), to be financed by the issuance of long-term notes, was not inserted on the revenue section of the statement of appropriations. The effect was that the net town appropriations and subsequent amount to be raised by taxation was overstated by \$20,000.

Capital Projects Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheet: (Exhibit A-5)

A comparative balance sheet disclosing the unexpended balances of appropriations and unappropriated surplus of the capital projects fund as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976, is presented in Exhibit A-5. As indicated therein, the unappropriated surplus amounted to \$32,691 at December 31, 1976. The unexpended balance of the swimming pool appropriation was determined as follows:

| <u>Funding Source</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--|--------------------|
| Long-Term Notes Issued | \$ 20,000 |
| Transferred from Capital Reserve Fund | 26,892 |
| Gifts | 30,000 |
| Federal and State Funds Receivable | <u>79,000</u> |
| <u>Total Funding</u> | \$155,892 |
| <u>Expended in 1976</u> | <u>127,403</u> |
| <u>Unexpended Balance of Swimming Pool</u> | |
| <u>Appropriation - December 31, 1976</u> | <u>\$ 28,489</u> |

Enterprise Funds:

Water and Sewer Departments:

Comparative Balance Sheets: (Exhibits A-6 and A-7)

Comparative balance sheets of the water and sewer departments as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976 are presented in Exhibits A-6 and A-7. As noted in our auditor's opinion, there are no fixed assets or contributions in aid of construction accounts maintained for these funds. Likewise, there is no record of inventory maintained. Therefore, we do not express an opinion on the financial statements of the Enterprise Funds as of December 31, 1976.

Long-Term Indebtedness:

Comparative Balance Sheet: (Exhibit A-8)

A comparative balance sheet disclosing the long-term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976, is included in Exhibit A-8. As stated therein, the long-term debt of the Town decreased by \$90,000 in 1976, from \$1,840,000 at December 31, 1975 to \$1,750,000 at December 31, 1976.

Statement of Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-9)

A statement showing annual debt service requirements of principal and interest is contained in Exhibit A-9.

OTHER FUNDS AND OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS

The accompanying supplemental exhibits covering segregated funds and the accounts of those officials entrusted with the custody, receipt or expenditure of Town funds, are presented in accordance with the current requirements of the Municipal Service Division of the State of New Hampshire. Although not considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements and results of operations, our examination of these accounts included the same tests and auditing procedures applied in the examination of the aforementioned financial statements. In our opinion, these exhibits are stated fairly in all material respects when considered in conjunction with the financial statements taken as a whole.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONSOverdraft of Appropriations and Application of Municipal Budget Law:

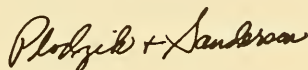
There was a net overdraft of budgetary appropriations in 1976 of \$23,219. In accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law (R.S.A. 32:10), application was made to the Commissioner of Revenue Administration by the Board of Selectmen, with the approval of the Budget Committee, to exceed budgetary appropriations in the amount of \$25,300. A certificate of emergency authorizing the excess expenditure has not been received from the Commissioner as of this date.

In addition to our certified examination and audit procedures, we have over the past recommended certain bookkeeping procedures and internal control procedures. All accounting and finance procedures of the Town of Lancaster constitute the system of internal control for the safeguarding of the assets of the Town.

We again recommend that the Town consider the implementation of a mechanical accounting system that would perform multiple accounting functions in a single operation, thereby eliminating duplicate record keeping and facilitate monthly and year-end reporting. Also, in our opinion, the tax collector's office should be provided with proper cash register equipment not only to provide proper proofs, but also to expedite the work, especially during peak periods.

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

Very truly yours,



TOWN OF LANCASTER

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Funds:

Under governmental accounting, self-balancing financial statements are prepared for each fund. A fund is defined as an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, recording cash and/or other resources together with all related liabilities, obligations, reserves and equities which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations or limitations. Please refer to the exhibits enumerated in the table of contents for the funds included in this report.

Accounting Method:

The general accounting system of the Town of Lancaster is on the cash basis except for the accountability of taxes and substantial accounts receivable. It is the practice of the Town to carry forward unexpended capital expenditure appropriations, representing those expenses which are committed or actually incurred. General operating expenses are budgeted on a twelve-month basis. Routine bills received after December 31 are included in the subsequent year's budget. This practice is consistent with that of the preceding fiscal years.

General Fixed Assets:

The Town does not maintain a record of fixed assets. Accordingly, a report of this type fund was not included within the scope of this audit.

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees:

The present system inaugurated by the State of New Hampshire in issuing motor vehicle permits to the Town Clerks creates an audit problem due to the fact that the permits are preprinted and are not issued by the Clerk and subsequently recorded in the cash book in numerical order.

Although our examination of the records included such tests as we considered necessary to express an opinion on the financial statements, it is not practical to account for 100% of the motor vehicle permits issued to the Clerk by the State of New Hampshire.

| <u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u> | <u>December 31, 1975</u> | <u>December 31, 1976</u> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Liabilities and Reserves:</u> | | |
| <u>Bills Outstanding</u> | \$ 132 | \$ |
| <u>Matured Interest Payable</u> | 113 | 225 |
| <u>Due State of New Hampshire:</u> | | |
| 2% Bond and Debt Retirement Tax | 281 | 339 |
| <u>Special Appropriations Forwarded</u> | 27,429 | 31,529 |
| <u>Yield Tax Security Deposits</u> | 745 | 3,453 |
| <u>Restricted Assets:</u> | | |
| Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds | \$12,477 | \$14,326 |
| Unappropriated Title II Funds | | 1,132 |
| 200th Anniversary Fund | <u>351</u> | <u>15,458</u> |
| | 12,828 | |
| <u>School District Tax Payable</u> | 447,265 | 479,477 |
| <u>Capital Reserve Funds</u> | <u>46,400</u> | <u>53,254</u> |
| | | |
| Total Liabilities and Reserves | \$535,193 | \$583,735 |
| Current Surplus | <u>33,901</u> | <u>64,379</u> |
| | | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE | <u>\$569,094</u> | <u>\$648,114</u> |

TOWN OF LANCASTER
General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976

| <u>ASSETS</u> | <u>December 31, 1975</u> | <u>December 31, 1976</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Cash:</u> | | |
| General Fund | \$299,406 | \$249,252 |
| Payroll Fund | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Change and Petty Cash Funds | 145 | 145 |
| 200th Anniversary Fund | 351 | |
| With Fiscal Agent | <u>113</u> | <u>225</u> |
| | \$302,015 | \$251,622 |
| <u>Capital Reserve Funds:</u> | | |
| New Equipment - Highway | \$ 8,717 | \$ 14,191 |
| Fire Equipment | 16,641 | 27,563 |
| Swimming Pool | 21,042 | |
| Ambulance | | 1,500 |
| Town Garage | <u>46,400</u> | <u>10,000</u> |
| | | 53,254 |
| <u>Accounts Receivable:</u> | | |
| General (Net of Allowance) | \$ 2,669 | \$ 11,666 |
| Due From Capital Projects Fund | | 50,511 |
| C.E.T.A. Funds | <u>2,669</u> | <u>262</u> |
| | | 62,439 |

Taxes Receivable:

| | | |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Property | \$148,049 | \$192,798 |
| Resident | 6,207 | 5,757 |
| Yield | 848 | 925 |
| Tax Liens | <u>62,906</u> | <u>81,319</u> |
| | | <u>280,799</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$569,094 | \$648,114 |

TOWN OF LANCASTER
General Fund
Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Current Surplus - December 31, 1976 | \$64,379 |
| Current Surplus - December 31, 1975 | <u>33,901</u> |
| Increase in Current Surplus | <u>\$30,478</u> |

Analysis of ChangeIncreases in Current Surplus:

| | |
|--|------------|
| Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit A-4) | \$34,763 |
| Prior Year Accounts Payable Adjustment | <u>132</u> |
| | \$34,895 |

Decreases in Current Surplus:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Tax Liens Transferred to Tax Deeds | \$ 3,542 |
| Decrease in Revenue Sharing Fund | |
| Encumbrance | <u>875</u> |
| | <u>4,417</u> |

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Net Increase in Current Surplus | <u>\$30,478</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|

TOWN OF LANCASTER
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Current Year:

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Property Taxes | \$920,303 | |
| Resident Taxes | 13,240 | |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | 1,922 | |
| Yield Taxes | <u>977</u> | |
| | | \$936,442 |

Prior Years:

| | | |
|----------------|------------|---------|
| Property Taxes | \$147,243 | |
| Resident Taxes | 4,400 | |
| Yield Taxes | <u>125</u> | |
| | | 151,768 |

Interest on Delinquent Taxes

11,524

Resident Tax Penalties

472

Tax Sales Redcemed

65,566

\$1,165,772

From State of New Hampshire:

| | | |
|--|------------|---------|
| Highway Subsidy | \$ 19,118 | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | 24,888 | |
| Railroad Tax | 893 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 6,625 | |
| Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands | 691 | |
| White Mountain National Forest | 84 | |
| Road Toll Refunds | 2,220 | |
| Old Age Assistance Recovery | 479 | |
| Meals and Rooms Tax | 23,476 | |
| Business Profits Tax | 108,408 | |
| State Aid For Water Pollution Projects | 125,183 | |
| Education Vocational Rehabilitation Program | <u>301</u> | |
| | | 312,366 |

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | \$ 63,610 |
| Dog Licenses | 797 |
| Business Licenses, Permits and Fees | 732 |

TOWN OF LANCASTER
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

RECEIPTS (Continued)

Current Revenue: (Continued)

From Local Sources, Except Taxes: (Continued)

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| District Court Receipts | \$ 6,308 | |
| Rent of Property and Equipment | 3,663 | |
| Sewer Bond Interest | 23,353 | |
| Interest on Deposits | 912 | |
| Parking Meter Income | 3,447 | |
| Ambulance Fees | 11,549 | |
| Sub-Division Fees | 383 | |
| Income From Departments | 478 | |
| 200th Anniversary Fund | <u>369</u> | |
| | | \$ 115,601 |

Total Current Revenue Receipts \$1,593,739

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------|
| Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes | \$350,000 | |
| Proceeds of Long-Term Notes | 20,000 | |
| Gifts For Swimming Pool | 30,000 | |
| Withdrawals From Capital Reserve Funds | 21,892 | |
| Refunds - Prior Year | 126 | |
| Refunds and Reimbursements - Current Year | 17,557 | |
| <u>Grants From U.S.A.:</u> | | |
| Revenue Sharing | \$ 49,808 | |
| Interest on Revenue Sharing Deposits | 446 | |
| Governors Commission on Crime and Delinquency | 956 | |
| Highway Safety Agency | 949 | |
| Comprehensive Employment and Training Act Funds | 1,026 | |
| Title II - Fiscal Assistance Program | <u>1,132</u> | |
| | | 54,317 |
| Sale of Tax Deeded Property | 6,500 | |
| Yield Tax Security Deposits | <u>3,353</u> | |

Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue 503,745

Total Receipts From All Sources \$2,097,484

Cash Balance - December 31, 1975 299,406

GRAND TOTAL \$2,396,890

TOWN OF LANCASTER
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

EXPENDITURES

General Government:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 27,767 | |
| Town Office Administrative Expenses | 13,529 | |
| Election and Registration Expenses | 1,688 | |
| District Court Expenses | 12,350 | |
| Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance | 14,491 | |
| Tax Mapping | 47 | |
| | | \$ 69,872 |

Protection of Persons and Property:

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Police Department | \$ 67,402 | |
| Parking Meters | 3,200 | |
| Fire Department | 15,814 | |
| Care of Trees | 537 | |
| Planning and Zoning | 1,860 | |
| Insurance | 13,775 | |
| Conservation Commission | 500 | |
| | | 103,088 |

Health and Sanitation:

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|
| Health Department | \$ 13,682 | |
| Ambulance Service | 8,449 | |
| Vital Statistics | 292 | |
| Town Dump | 22,705 | |
| | | 45,128 |

Highways and Bridges:

| | | |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Town Road Aid | \$ 882 | |
| Town Maintenance | 149,663 | |
| Street Lighting | 18,458 | |
| | | 169,003 |

Libraries

15,277

Public Welfare:

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------|--------|
| Old Age Assistance | \$ 14,048 | |
| Town Poor | 1,769 | |
| | | 15,817 |

Patriotic Purposes

400

Recreation:

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|-------|
| Parks and Playgrounds | | 5,755 |
|-----------------------|--|-------|

TOWN OF LANCASTER
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Public Service Enterprises:

| | | |
|------------|--------------|----------|
| Cemeteries | \$ 2,500 | |
| Airport | <u>1,000</u> | \$ 3,500 |

Unclassified:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Damages and Legal Expenses | \$ 5,395 | |
| Advertising and Regional Associations | 5,752 | |
| Taxes Bought By Town | 87,600 | |
| Retirement and Social Security Taxes | 22,676 | |
| Employee Health and Life Insurance | 5,255 | |
| North Country Council | 2,000 | |
| Historical Society | 500 | |
| Yield Tax Security Deposits | 645 | |
| Soil Survey | 2,606 | |

Abatements and Refunds:

| | | |
|---|--------------|---------|
| Property Tax | \$ 727 | |
| Interest | 90 | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 125 | |
| Water Rents | <u>241</u> | |
| | 1,183 | |
| Comprehensive Employment and Training Act Funds | <u>1,288</u> | 134,900 |

Debt Service:

Interest on Debt:

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------|--|
| Tax Anticipation Notes | \$ 7,206 | |
| Long-Term Debt | <u>80,325</u> | |
| | \$ 87,531 | |

Principal of Debt:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Tax Anticipation Notes Paid | \$350,000 | |
| Bonds Paid | <u>110,000</u> | |
| | <u>460,000</u> | 547,531 |

Capital Outlay:

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------|--|
| New Equipment | \$ 22,330 | |
| Sewer Construction | 707 | |

TOWN OF LANCASTER
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Capital Outlay: (Continued)

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Swimming Pool | \$127,403 | |
| Payment to Capital Reserve Fund | <u>26,500</u> | \$ 176,940 |

Payments To Other Governmental Divisions:

State of New Hampshire:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--|
| 2% Bond and Debt Retirement Tax | \$ 139 | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--|

| | | |
|-------------------|--------|--|
| <u>County Tax</u> | 58,023 | |
|-------------------|--------|--|

School Tax:

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1975-76 Assessment | \$447,265 | |
| 1976-77 Assessment | <u>355,000</u> | |
| | 802,265 | <u>860,427</u> |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Total Expenditures For All Purposes | \$2,147,638 | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Cash Balance - December 31, 1976 | <u>249,252</u> | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--|

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| GRAND TOTAL | \$2,396,890 | <u><u> </u></u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|

TOWN OF LANCASTER
Capital Projects Fund
E.P.A. Sewer Construction Fund
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

| | | |
|---|-----------|--|
| <u>Cash Balance - December 31, 1975</u> | \$425,080 | |
|---|-----------|--|

Receipts During Year:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Interest Earned on Investments | <u>23,747</u> | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--|

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--|
| <u>Total Amount Available</u> | \$448,827 | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--|

Expenditures During Year:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Interest Transferred To General Fund | <u>24,058</u> | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--|

| | | |
|---|-----------|--------------------------|
| <u>Cash Balance - December 31, 1976</u> | \$424,769 | <u><u> </u></u> |
|---|-----------|--------------------------|

TOWN OF LANCASTER
Water Department
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Cash Balance - December 31, 1975 \$13,649

Receipts During Year:

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Water Rents Collected | \$37,568 |
| Refund on Labor and Materials | 1,667 |
| Miscellaneous Income | <u>119</u> |

Total Receipts 39,354

Total Amount Available \$53,003

Expenditures During Year:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Salaries and Wages | \$25,168 |
| Materials and Supplies | 3,631 |
| Social Security and Retirement | 2,253 |
| Chlorinator | 1,290 |
| New Construction | 6,729 |
| Truck Expense | 603 |
| Insurance | 705 |
| Printing and Supplies | 424 |
| Telephone | 250 |
| Miscellaneous | 453 |
| Payments To Trustees of Trust Funds | <u>5,000</u> |

Total Expenditures 46,506

Cash Balance - December 31, 1976 \$6,497

TOWN OF LANCASTER
Sewer Department
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Cash Balance - December 31, 1975 \$ 1,229

Receipts During Year:

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Sewer Rents Collected | \$31,323 |
| Sewer Connections | 250 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>231</u> |

Total Receipts 31,804

Total Amount Available \$33,033

Expenditures During Year:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Wages | \$ 8,078 |
| Utilities | 12,495 |
| Chemicals | 6,207 |
| Printing and Supplies | 648 |
| Social Security and Health Insurance | 1,000 |
| Insurance | 36 |
| Maintenance | 443 |
| Alarm System | 419 |
| Payment To Trustees of Trust Funds | 3,000 |
| Miscellaneous Expense | <u>250</u> |

Total Expenditures32,576Cash Balance - December 31, 1976\$457

TOWN OF LANCASTER
Cash With Fiscal Agent
Statement of Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Cash With Fiscal Agent - December 31, 1975

\$ 113

Deposits With Fiscal Agent During Year:

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Maturing Bonds | \$110,000 |
| Maturing Interest | <u>80,325</u> |

Total Deposits190,325Total Amount Available

\$190,438

Payments By Fiscal Agent During Year:

| | |
|------------------|---------------|
| Matured Bonds | \$110,000 |
| Matured Interest | <u>80,213</u> |

Total Payments190,213Cash With Fiscal Agent - December 31, 1976\$225

TOWN OF LANCASTER
Revenue Sharing Fund
Statement of Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Unappropriated Fund Balance - December 31, 1975

\$12,477

Revenue During Year:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Entitlement Payments | \$49,808 |
| Interest Earned on Invested Funds | 446 |
| Prior Encumbrance Cancelled | <u>875</u> |

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| <u>Total Revenue</u> | <u>51,129</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| <u>Total Amount Available</u> | \$63,606 |
|-------------------------------|----------|

Expenditures During Year:Operating and Maintenance Expenditures:

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Public Safety | \$26,950 |
|---------------|----------|

Capital Expenditures:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Public Transportation | <u>22,330</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Total Expenditures</u> | <u>49,280</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|

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|--|-----------------|
| <u>Unappropriated Fund Balance - December 31, 1976</u> | <u>\$14,326</u> |
|--|-----------------|

TOWN OF LANCASTER
Payroll Fund
Summary Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

| | |
|---|----------|
| <u>Cash Balance - December 31, 1975</u> | \$ 2,000 |
|---|----------|

Add:Fund and Departmental Transfers:

| | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| General Fund | \$201,173 | |
| Sewer Department | 8,066 | |
| Water Department | <u>25,082</u> | |
| | | \$234,321 |

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| <u>Miscellaneous Refunds</u> | <u>20</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------|

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| <u>Total Receipts</u> | <u>234,341</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| <u>Total Amount Available</u> | \$236,341 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|

Deduct:

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Total Payroll Drafts | <u>234,341</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| <u>Cash Balance - December 31, 1976</u> | <u>\$ 2,000</u> |
|---|-----------------|

TOWN OF LANCASTER

Trust Funds

Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

| FUND | -----PRINCIPAL----- | | | -----INCOME----- | | | Balance of Principal and Income December 31, 1976 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | Balance December 31, 1975 | New Funds Created (Withdrawals) | Gain or (Loss) on Sale of Securities | Balance December 31, 1975 | Earned During Year | Expended During Year | |
| Cemetery Funds | \$179,480 | \$ 4,500 | (\$ 4,414) | \$179,566 | \$11,739 | \$ | \$11,739 |
| Helen Wilder Cross Dennison Fund | 6,549 | (| 177) | 6,372 | 426 | 360 | 1,224 |
| George M. Stevens Trust | 148,070 | (| 4,572) | 143,498 | 9,805 | | 9,805 |
| Historical Trust | 930 | (| 29) | 901 | 61 | | 61 |
| Weeks Memorial Library Trust | 39,686 | (| 1,191) | 38,495 | 2,615 | | 2,615 |
| School Funds | 5,874 | (| 135) | 5,739 | 373 | | 373 |
| Emmons S. Smith Fund | 48,022 | (| 1,394) | 46,628 | 3,146 | | 3,146 |
| James S. Dow Tree Fund | 5,593 | (| 166) | 5,427 | 370 | 52 | 973 |
| Alice Catherine Monahan Trust | 704 | | | 704 | 69 | | 308 |
| Lyman W. Blandin Fund | 67,665 | (| 1,559) | 66,106 | 4,573 | | 4,573 |
| <u>Capital Reserve Funds:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Water Department | 20,371 | 5,000 | | 25,371 | 1,585 | | 10,034 |
| New Equipment - Highway | 6,774 | 5,000 | | 11,774 | 474 | | 2,417 |
| Fire Department | 11,757 | 10,000 | | 21,757 | 922 | | 5,806 |
| Ambulance | | 1,500 | | 1,500 | | | 1,500 |
| Swimming Pool | 20,000 | (| 20,000) | | 850 | 1,892 | |
| School Bus Fund | 7,609 | 5,076 | | 12,685 | 620 | | 1,000 |
| Sewer Department | | 3,000 | | 3,000 | | | 3,000 |
| Town Garage | | 10,000 | | 10,000 | | | 10,000 |
| Totals | \$569,084 | \$24,076 | (\$13,637) | \$579,523 | \$37,628 | \$2,304 | \$54,074 |
| | | | | | | | \$633,597 |

TOWN OF LANCASTER
Trust Funds
Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Investments

On Deposit:

| | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|
| Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank | \$144,823 | |
| Lancaster National Bank - Checking Account | 5,522 | |
| Lancaster National Bank - Certificate of Deposit | 3,000 | |
| Lancaster National Bank - Savings Account | <u>79,607</u> | |
| | | \$232,952 |

Bonds:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Federal National Mortgage - 7.80% | \$ 49,968 | |
| Niagara Mohawk Power Company - 4.50% | <u>1,997</u> | |
| | | 51,965 |

Stocks: (At Cost)

| <u>Number of</u> <u>Shares</u> | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1,242 | Consumers Power Company | \$ 36,935 | |
| 6,732,838 | Eaton and Howard Income Fund | 43,782 | |
| 400 | General Motors Corp. | 27,923 | |
| 4,400 | Keystone Custodian Fund | 42,636 | |
| 126 | Lancaster National Bank | 2,975 | |
| 250 | Libby Owens Ford | 8,716 | |
| 3,433 | National Securities Bond Fund | 14,957 | |
| 1,500 | New York State Electric & Gas Co. | 47,622 | |
| 2,000 | Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. | 34,315 | |
| 2,134 | Philadelphia Electric Co. | 44,055 | |
| 2,000 | Remington Arms Co. | 28,073 | |
| 24 | Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank | 600 | |
| 480 | Southern California Water Co. | 3,450 | |
| 500 | Texaco, Inc. | <u>12,641</u> | |
| | | | <u>348,680</u> |

Total Investments

\$633,597

TOWN OF LANCASTER
Trust Fund Income Account
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| <u>Cash Balance - December 31, 1975</u> | \$4,845 |
| <u>Receipts During Year:</u> | |
| Investment Income | \$3,467 |
| Transfers From Savings Account | 488 |
| New Cemetery Funds | 400 |
| Town of Lancaster - General Fund | <u>650</u> |
| <u>Total Receipts</u> | <u>5,005</u> |
| <u>Total Amount Available</u> | \$9,850 |
| <u>Expenditures During Year:</u> | |
| New Investments | \$3,252 |
| Maintenance of Lots | 412 |
| Accounting Service | 650 |
| Postage | <u>14</u> |
| <u>Total Expenditures</u> | <u>4,328</u> |
| <u>Cash Balance - December 31, 1976</u> | <u>\$5,522</u> |

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

—DR.—

| | 1976 | Prior Yrs. |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1975 | | |
| Property Taxes | | \$148,049.00 |
| Resident Taxes | | 6,207.00 |
| Yield Taxes | | 848.00 |
| Taxes Committed to Collector | | |
| Property Taxes | \$1,112,313 | |
| Resident Taxes | 18,150 | |
| National Bank Stock | 1,936 | |
| Yield Taxes | 1,179 | |
| Added Taxes | | |
| Property Taxes | 1,077 | |
| Resident Taxes | 160 | 160.00 |
| National Bank Stock | 1 | |
| Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes | 48 | 5,204.00 |
| Penalties on Resident Taxes | 36 | 436.00 |
| Total Debits | \$1,134,900 | \$160,904.00 |

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

—CR.—

| | 1976 | Prior Yrs. |
|--|-------------|------------|
| Remittances to Treasurer | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 920,303 | \$147,243 |
| Resident Taxes | 13,240 | 4,400 |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | 1,922 | |
| Yield Taxes | 977 | 125 |
| Interest | 48 | 5,204 |
| Resident Tax Penalties | 36 | 436 |
| Abatements Allowed | | |
| Property Taxes | 990 | 105 |
| Resident Taxes | 340 | 940 |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | 15 | |
| Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1976 | | |
| Property Taxes | 192,097 | 701 |
| Resident Taxes | 4,730 | 1,027 |
| Yield Taxes | 202 | 723 |
| Total Credits | \$1,134,900 | \$160,904 |

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

—DR.—

| | 1975 | Prior Yrs. |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Unredeemed Taxes—December 31, 1975 | | \$62,906 |
| Tax Sale of May 3, 1976 | \$87,600 | |
| Int. and Costs Collected after Sale | 1,059 | 5,213 |
| Total Debits | \$88,659 | \$68,119 |

—CR.—

Remittances to Treasurer

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Redemptions | \$33,851 | \$31,715 |
| Interest and Costs | 1,059 | 5,213 |
| Abatements Allowed | | 79 |
| Property Deeded to Town | 1,224 | 2,318 |
| Unredeemed Taxes—December 31, 1976 | 52,525 | 28,794 |
| Total Credits | \$88,659 | \$68,119 |





The Chamber of Commerce and the Cub Scouts teamed up for a float in Lancaster's Bicentennial parade on July 3.

Town Telephone Directory

Town Office 788-2306 – 788-3391

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Town Manager, Donald Crane | 788-3391 |
| Town Clerk and Treasurer, Dorothy H. Willson | 788-2306 |
| Town Accountant and Water Collector, Donna P. Young | 788-3391 |
| Information on Zoning and Building Permits | 788-3391 |
| Public Health Nursing Service | 788-2366 |
| Col. Town Community Center | 788-3321 |
| School Department, Lancaster | 788-4924 |
| Supervising Principal W.M.R.S.D. | 837-2553 |
| Supt. of School Office | 837-2553 |
| Weeks Memorial Hospital | 788-4911 |
| Weeks Memorial Library | 788-3352 |

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Police Department | 788-4402 |
| Fire Department | 788-4830 |
| Civil Defense | 788-3391 |
| Ambulance | 788-4911 |

Town of Lancaster

BOX 151
LANCASTER, N.H. 03584

*University of N.H.
Durham, N.H. 03824*

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Special Collections

FIRE TELEPHONE 788-4830

Fire Call Boxes

- 12 Main St., near Old Cemetery
- 13 Corner Main and Railroad Sts.
- 14 Corner Main and North Main Sts.
- 15 Corner North Main and Kilkenny Sts.
- 16 Corner Causeway and Summer Sts.
- 21 Corner Main and Mechanic Sts. and all Rural Areas
- 22 Corner Pleasant and Portland Sts.
- 23 Corner Williams and Prospect Sts.
- 24 Prospect St., near Mary Elizabeth Inn
- 25 Corner Elm, Burnside and Winter Sts.
- 26 Corner Elm and Water Sts.
- 27 Prospect Park
- 28 Portland St., near John Brooks
- 31 Corner Summer and Wolcott Sts.
- 32 Corner Railroad and Depot Sts., B&M Crossing
- 33 Corner High and Summer Sts.
- 34 Corner Summer and Middle Sts.
- 35 Corner Middle and Wesson Sts.
- 36 Corner Middle, Hill and Mechanic Sts.
- 37 North Road, (beyond Hospital)
- 41 Thompson Manufacturing Co.
- 42 Corner Main and Middle Sts., near Chesley's
- 43 Corner Main and Parks Sts.,
- 44 WEEKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- 45 Elementary School Building
- 51 Bunker Hill St., by M.C.R.R. Crossing
- 52 Top of Bunker Hill St.
- 55 Red Cross - CD Emergency First Aid
- 66 Assistance to Other Towns
- 2 Chimney Fire
- 333 National Guard
- 7-7 6:45 A.M. — All schools closed entire day

CIVILIAN DEFENSE SIGNALS

- Alert Signal - Steady Blast, 3 minutes
- Take Cover Signal - Short Blast, 3 minutes
- All Clear - 30 second Blast - 2 minutes silence; repeated