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## FOREWORD - - -

This report is published to inform the people of Somersworth of the functions of their municipal government. It also provides documentary evidence concerning the stewardship of its officials.

While detailed data in considerable volume has been eliminated from the various departmental reports, the facts are on file at the office of the city clerk and citizens are welcome at all times to view the records.

In brief, the report contains an analysis of activities and expenditures of the various departments for the fiscal year.

## *Somersworth And Its Origin*

### **Founding Of The Parish Of Summersworth**

The following are excerpts taken from "An HISTORICAL SKETCH" compiled by Honorable William D. Knapp. February 10, 1894.

The records of the first parish meeting under An Act passed by the House of Representatives Decr 19, 1729 is as follows:

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Summersworth Greeting.

These are to give notice of a Parish meeting to be held at the meeting house in the Parish of Summersworth on Wednesday next the Seventh of this instant January, at ten of the clock before noon then & there to choose Parish officers for the Year ensuing as the Law directs, and all persons are desired to give their attendance at time and place, Dated at Summersworth, January Second 1729/30.

Paul Wentworth )  
Thomas Wallingford ) Selectmen  
John Recker )

A true Entry of the original  
warrant per Thomas Miller  
Par. Cler.

### **First Parish Officers**

At a parish meeting held at the meeting house in Summersworth Pursuant to the above warrant on

Wednesday, January 7th 1729/30.  
Paul Wentworth Esqr Moderator.

Doctr Thomas Miller Parish Clerk, Paul Wentworth Esqr Thomas Wallingford & Mr John Recker Parish Selectmen, and James Hobbs was chosen Collector of the Parish Assessments.

A true Entry of the Parish officers as they were Elected as attests.

Thomas Miller Parish Clerk.  
**The First School Board**

The first provision for a school in the new parish was made by the following vote at a parish meeting December 11, 1733:

Voted that the Selectmen have power to raise one hundred and ninety four pounds money, to pay Mr Pike his salary, his fire wood, the School, the selectmen and Clerk and Collector.

This money was probably raised, for July 2, 1734, the parish "voted that Hercules Mooney be the schoolmaster here for one month (Viz) from July 4th to Augt 4th 1734 next ensuing at Three pounds fifteen shillings per month, voted that Capt Thomas Wallingford and Mr Philip Stackpole be the men that Joyn with the Selectmen at the months end above to agree with sd Mooney or any other suitable person to keep school in this Parish for the Residue of this Sumer and autumn."



## Somersworth - A Town.

Establishing the Parish of Somersworth to that of a town was authorized by an act of the Legislature passed April 22nd, 1754 entitled as follows according to the first entry:

"Anno Regni Georgii Secundi Magnae Britanae Franciae et Hiberniae Vicessimio Septimo" "An act for Erecting the Parish of Somersworth in this Province into a Township.

This change in orthography made no change in the meaning of the name. According to Dr. Samuel Johnson, whose large dictionary was published in 1755, "Summer" is Saxon and "Somer" is Dutch for the English word "Summer." Summersworth (or Sumersworth as it is frequently spelled in the parish records) is all Saxon, while Somersworth is Dutch and Saxon. Whether the first vowel is o or u and the word contains two ms or only one m, the name means a summer town.

This name is unique. There is no other Summersworth or Somersworth in the United States. It is also peculiarly appropriate. New Hampshire has come to be known all over this country and beyond, as a delightful "summer state," and it requires little foresight to see in the near future, the city of Somersworth, with its magnificent Prospect Hill, its beautiful and diversified scenery of mountain, valley, and shore; its pure air, fresh from the hills, abundance of pure water, complete drainage,

and ample accommodations for visitors, become widely known and sought after as one of the most desirable summer resorts in the state. But this is a digression: prophecy is not history. The record of the first town-meeting will show who were the men prominent in town affairs. It is as follows:

At a Town meeting held at ye meeting house in Somersworth on Tuesday ye 14th day of May 1754 Pursuant to warrant by virtue of an act of General Assembly.

Capt John Wentworth was chosen moderator of sd meeting. Doctr Moses Carr Town Clerk Col<sup>l</sup> Thomas Wallingford first selectman Capt James Hobbs second selectman, Capt John Wentworth 3d Selectman. Mr Charles Baker & Capt William Wentworth assessors. Mr Richard Philpott. Mr Francis Roberts & Mr Samuel Austin, Commissioners. Mr Amos Howard, Constable. Mr Daniel Goodin & Ensign Benj<sup>a</sup> Twombly, Tythingmen, Capt Arch<sup>d</sup> Smith, Mr Eliphlet Cromwell, Mr Moses Stevens Mr Saml Jones & Ensign Ichabod Rallings, surveyors of highways. Mr Eliphlet Cromwell. Mr Ebenezer Wentworth & Mr Thos Whitehouse, Field Drivers, Thos Whitehouse, Abraham Mimmee Rich<sup>d</sup> Downs & Saml Horn, Hogsreves, Mr Moses Stevens, Pound-keeper, Lt Benj<sup>a</sup> Wentworth & Mr Benj<sup>a</sup> Weymouth, fence viewers, Dea Gershom Wentworth & Mr Philip Stacpole overseers of ye Poor, Mr Elisha Andrews, Surveyor of lumber, Mr Moses Tebbets, Leather sealer.

At ye above meeting Colo Thos Wallingford declared yt he freely gave to ye of Somersworth ye charge of mending ye meeting house Bell upon which ye Town voted thanks.

A true entry By Moses Carr Town Cler.

### Somersworth - A City

The Legislature on February 24, 1893 passed the following Act, entitled, "An Act to Establish the City of Somersworth."

The First Municipal Officers were as follows: Mayor, Franklin N. Chase; City Clerk, Fred L. Shapleigh; Aldermen, Albert A. Perkins, Samuel A. Seavey, Albert A. Ham, John Parsons, Jr., George J. Frechette; Councilmen, President, Cyrus Freeman; Clerk, Edmund S. Boyer; Phillip H. Stiles. Daniel Hodsdon, Alfred Carter, Charles H. Harmon, Frederick C. Pearson, Cyrus Freeman, Edward A. Smith, Octave Demers, George F. Hill, John Murray, Frank Dion, Martin V. B. Wentworth, James A. Kearns, Daniel A. Whitehouse, Archie Houle; Treasurer, Almon D. Tolles; City Solicitor, David R. Pierce; Collector of Taxes, William F. Harmon; Sanitary Officer, Noah S. Brown; City Physician, Charles E. Swasey, M. D.; Over-

seer of the Poor, William B. Martin; Street Commissioner, John P. Stevens; Assessors, Howard M. Hanson, Daniel Wingate, Eldorus B. White; Police Department, Marshal, Patrick Quinlan, Assistant Marshal, Charles C. Bunker, Night-Watchman, Louis Letendre; Fire Department, Chief Engineer, James S. McDaniel, Assistant Engineers, Charles H. Plummer, Samuel D. Edgerly, Henry Duford, Lewis E. Mellen; Board of Health, President, Charles E. Swasey, M. D., Secretary, Noah S. Brown, William B. Martin; Inspector of Oil, Michael P. Flanagan; Weighers of Hay, Coal, Etc., Harry H. Remick, Benjamin F. Hanson, James E. Richards, Benjamin F. Hill; Sealer of Weights and Measures, Hilarion Gastonguay; City Messenger, Charles O. Rankins; Surveyors of Wood, Lumber and Bark, Leavitt C. Horne, Francis A. Thurston, Hiram Horne, Benjamin F. Hill; City Liquor Agent, Loren D. Casler; Fish and Game Warden, Edwin W. Folsom; Fence Viewer, Hiram Horne; Police Justice, William D. Knapp; Forest Glade Cemetery, Trustees, Jesse R. Horne, Edwin R. Bartlett, William F. Harmon, William D. Knapp, James A. Edgerly; Superintendent, William B. Martin.

## *City Government*

### CITY OF SOMERSWORTH CITY GOVERNMENT 1947

#### MAYOR

Romeo St. Laurent

#### CITY CLERK

Napoleon A. Berube

#### COUNCILMEN

##### Ward 1

Oscar Lemay

Simeon Rainville

##### Ward 2

Normand A. Fournier

Sarkis N. Maloomian

##### Ward 3

Fred J. Lauzon

Irene LeBlond

##### Ward 4

Joseph Aubert

Joseph H. Bolduc

##### Ward 5

Leon J. Littlefield

Alfred Perusse

#### CITY TREASURER

Yvonne D. Turcotte

#### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Edward L. Flanagan,

resigned

Lionel A. Aubert\*

#### SANITARY OFFICER

Peter N. Chasse

#### CITY MESSENGER

Albert E. Boisvert

#### PROBATION OFFICER

Frank H. Kinsman

#### FENCE VIEWER

William J. Krikes

#### FIELD DRIVER

Roy Gardner

#### AUDITORS

Margaret C. O'Connell

Emerson T. Bates

\*From January 8, 1947

#### STREET COMMISSIONER

Arthur Gaudette

#### CITY SOLICITOR

John F. Beamis

#### CITY PHYSICAN

W. Edmour Precourt, M. D.

#### OVERSEER OF THE POOR

James E. Perreault

#### PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Albert A. Tapscott

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

James E. Perreault

Chairman

Peter N. Chasse, Clerk

W. E. Precourt, M. D.

#### MUNICIPAL COURT

Clovis I. Desmarais, Judge

William R. Fitts, Clerk

#### POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Charles P. Kinsman

Chairman

Harold W. Skillings, Clerk

Wilfred J. Pare

#### POLICE OFFICERS

Charles A. Parsons

Marshal

Emile J. Gauvin

Assistant Marshal

#### Patrolmen

William J. Orr

Howard Wooley

Frederick Rodney

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
ROMEO ST. LAURENT, MARY C. FURBUSH,  
Chairman Secretary

MEMBERS

WILLIAM G. BALL, ANGELINE GILBERT, PETER M. GAGNE,\*  
LEO CATER, ANNA J. BERNIER

Appointed by the Council EMERY L. WHITTEN, MARY C. FUR-  
BUSH, LORENZO ROSS, RENE A. MORIN, JAMES F.  
MALLEY

\*Deceased April 29, 1947



CITY COUNCIL

Seated left to right: Norman Fournier, Oscar Lemay, Romeo St. Laurent, Mayor,  
Irene Leblond, Alfred Perusse. Rear: Joseph H. Bolduc, Joseph Aubert, Simeon  
Rainville, Fred Lauzon, Leon Littlefield, Sarkis N. Maloomian.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance The Mayor, Councilmen Rainville and Fournier  
Roads, Bridges and Drains The Mayor, Councilmen Rainville and  
Aubert  
Bills in their Second Reading Councilmen Aubert. LeBlond and  
Maloomian  
Engrossed Bills and Resolutions Councilmen Lemay, Bolduc and  
Littlefield  
Public Buildings Councilmen Rainville, Lemay and Fournier  
Claims and Accounts Councilmen Littlefield, LeBlond and Aubert  
Printing LeBlond, Lemay and Maloomian  
Fire Councilmen Lauzon, Bolduc and Littlefield  
Ordinances The Mayor, Councilmen Perusse and Rainville  
Poles and Wires Councilmen Lemay, Maloomian and Lauzon  
Forest Glade Cemetery Councilmen Maloomian, Perusse and Aubert

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Engineer	JOHN O'NEIL
First Deputy Engineer	HARRY D. LEDGER*
Second Deputy Engineer	EDWARD A. CARON

\*From January 7, 1947 to June 3, 1947

## WATER COMMISSIONERS

Chairman ROMEO ST. LAURENT, term expires January, 1949  
JOSEPH B. NASH, term expires January, 1948  
NAPOLEON A. HABEL, term expires January, 1950  
Clerk and Superintendent JOHN R. HODSDON, term expires  
December 31, 1947

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Chairman MICHAEL O'MALLEY, term expires January 1950  
Clerk FRED J. COFFIN, term expires January 1949  
ROLAND G. PERREAULT, term expires January 1948

## PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MAX ISACOFF, term expires January, 1947  
HENRY P. MULLEN, term expires January, 1950  
CELOPIE SEMITROS, term expires January, 1949  
ANNA M. MORIN, term expires January, 1949

## FOREST GLADE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

MARY C. FURBUSH, term expires January, 1949  
FRANK H. KINSMAN, term expires January, 1948  
FRED H. BROWN, term expires January, 1952  
FRED LEGRO, term expires January, 1951  
MELANIE F. SULLIVAN, term expires January, 1950



## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLISTS

Chairman THOMAS L. PERRON, term expires September 1, 1949;  
 Clerk ANNIE CHASSE, term expires September 1, 1947; PAT-  
 RICK MULVANITY, term expires September 1, 1948; OLIVER  
 F. COLBURN, term expires September 1, 1946; ERNEST VAL-  
 LEY, term expires September 1, 1945

## PARK COMMISSIONER

The Mayor, ex-officio; ROMEO ST. LAURENT, HAROLD W. ADAMS,  
 M. D., term expires April, 1948; W. E. PRECOURT, M. D. term  
 expires April, 1949; RENE A. MORIN, term expires April, 1950;  
 WILLIAM M. AMES, term expires April, 1947

## WEIGHER OF HAY, COAL AND STRAW

JOHN R. HODSDON, ADJUTOR TURGEON, LEO F. RUEL, WIL-  
 FRED BRETON, LEONARD FERLAND, GRAFTON J. COVEY

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER

WILLIAM M. AMES, LEO F. RUEL, WILFRED BRETON

## *Mayors Since The City Was Chartered*

1893-	Franklin N. Chase	1923-1933	Peter M. Gagne
1894-1896	Christopher H. Wells	1934-	Clement P. Roy
1897-	Benjamin F. Hanson	1935-1943	Alfred J. Boucher
1898-1900	Arthur J. Seavey	1944-1944*	Arthur W. Proulx (Jan. 1 - June 6)
1901-	Haven Doe	1944-1945**	Napoleon A. Habel (June 6 - Dec. 31)
1902-1903	John N. Haines	1946-	Romeo St. Laurent
1904-	Freeman A. Hussey		
1905-1908	Benjamin F. Hanson		
1909-1911	Thomas J. Dougherty		
1912-1913	Paul LaBonte		
1914-1922	Fred H. Brown		

\* Resigned

\*\* Unexpired term

## *Ordinances - Resolutions - Petitions*

### **AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES:**

- Chapter 11—Section 4 Salary of Tax Collector—Passed February 4, 1947—Effective January 8, 1947.
- Chapter 5—Section 1 Salaries affecting Street Commissioner, City Solicitor, Assessors and Clerk, City Physician, Sanitary Officer, City Messenger, City Clerk, Help Hire City Clerk,—Passed January 7, 1948—Effective January 1, 1947.
- Chapter 18—Section 3 Relative to age of eligibility of firemen—Passed and effective April 1, 1947.
- Chapter 18—Section 15 Relative to salary of firemen—Passed April 1, 1947—Effective January 1, 1947.
- Chapter 5—Section 1 Relative to Salary of Engineer of the Fire Department and Clerk of Court—Passed April 1, 1947—Effective January 1, 1947.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

- Authorization of \$100,000.00 anticipation of tax loan passed January 2, 1947.
- Authorization of \$28,000.00 for purchase of Highway equipment passed March 10, 1947.
- Authorization of \$10,000.00 anticipation of tax loan passed July 1, 1947.
- Resolution relative to School Aid Funds to be appropriated and applied to the payment of operating the schools—Passed July 1, 1947.
- Authorization of expending \$1,789.15 for repairs to Eddy Bridge so-called—Passed August 18, 1947.
- Authorization of an additional sum of \$118.71 for Highway equipment—Passed October 7, 1947.
- Authorization of Finance Committee to transfer from departmental appropriation that may have an excess of appropriation to departments as may have expended more than the appropriation therefor—Passed December 2, 1947.
- Authorization for an additional \$363.12 to sewer construction—Passed December 2, 1947.
- Eighteen petitions were presented to the City Council and all petitions were referred to their respective Committees with power to act.

G. E.



*Welcome G. E. !*

*We, in Somersworth, extend to the General Electric Company a most sincere welcome to our community.*

*We well remember the late twenties when a gradual but definite decline in the cotton textile industry in New*

*England industrially doomed our own city. It was in the spring of 1933 when the then owners of the mills, the Nashua Mfg. Co., closed its doors. This was a disastrous blow to us – we were then a discouraged people.*

*The years that followed were very trying ones – for our people and the City Government. We prayed and we hoped for the reopening of this plant for we knew that the fate of Somersworth depended on the disposal and operation of its facilities.*

*With the Country's entry into the war in 1941, the Navy Department acquired this property and operated it as a branch of the Portsmouth Navy Yard – this was appreciated of course, but the temporary nature of these operations was well understood. Early in 1946, we received word of the expected release of this plant by the Navy Department.*

*The help of the State Planning Commission and Officials in Washington was immediately enlisted to approach proper government officials that this release might be affected as soon as possible. After several months of contacts with these officials, the Navy Department finally agreed to transfer the property to the War Assets Corporation in order that this board could proceed with the sale. During these months, some 28 different firms either inspected or sought information relative to this proposed sale.*

*Many obstacles were encountered during all these negotiations with the government departments which made the task very difficult at times. This was finally rewarded when the War Assets Corporation adver-*

tised for bids. Of the many firms interested, only two submitted a bid. One came from the General Electric Company and the other from a Massachusetts Textile Concern.

It was obvious to us that the size and operating cost of this huge plant pointed to General Electric being the only possible and definite prospect. Every possible cooperation was given to this Company in its efforts to locate in our city. Finally after over a year of negotiations during which countless telephone calls and telegrams were exchanged between the State Planning Commission and officials in Washington with the various government agencies and two personal trips to Washington, the long awaited and hoped for news of the approval by the government of the sale to General Electric reached us in April of 1947.

Our pleasure at this news knew no bounds and well may we rejoice for here was a plant, idle since 1933, a tax burden and an eyesore sold to one of the outstanding companies in the world – it meant a steady source of employment to our people as well as to hundreds in this area, it meant a diversification of industry and it furnished the city with a hard core of stability – yes, it meant a bright and prosperous future to our community.

It was my pleasure during all the negotiations to work with Mr. Nicholas M. DuChemin, Manager, Meter and Instrument Divisions of General Electric. His unrelenting efforts, with the approval of the Board of Directors, resulted in their locating in our community. We, in Somersworth, are grateful to him and to the Company – it is my hope and I earnestly request our



*people that we continue to cooperate with them in the years to come for they are part of our community – a very important addition to it.*

**TO YOU, GENERAL ELECTRIC AND  
TO ALL YOUR PERSONNEL, SOMERS-  
WORTH SAYS “W E L C O M E .”**

*Romeo St. Laurent,*  
**M A Y O R**



**Nicholas M. DuChemin, Mgr.,  
Meter and Instrument Divisions**



**Leo P. Hannaway,  
Plant Manager**

## *Reports Of City Officials*

### *City Clerk*

Other than being a general information center the duties with which the city clerk is encumbered are varied, and not too generally known.

One of the important functions is the accurate recording, indexing and reporting, to the State Department, of births, deaths and marriages. Facilities for examining records have been greatly increased by having two indices, one for the individual volume and a master index which gives an abridged record to be supplied practically instantaneously which has proven to be a source of rapid information especially in matters of telephone requests from Courts and Welfare Departments in and out of State.

Among other duties are that of recording personal liens, conditional sales contracts, writs of attachments and assignments, issuing licenses relative to marriages, pool rooms, bowling alleys, dogs, theatres, exhibition of skill, dances, shows, resident and non-resident fish and game together with automobile registration permits.

The matter of recording all transactions and business conducted at City Council meetings also is vested in the city clerk along with any assignment which the city council may deem advisable.

Under the provisions of the statutes, the city clerk must supervise the proper methods of drawing jurors, distributing election supplies and ballots for all elections in their respective wards.

Pursuant to our city charter all bills against the city must be properly vouchered and all checks for payment are drawn and countersigned by the city clerk and entered in their respective departments which include the payroll

deductions of individuals subject to Federal Withholding Taxes, Retirement, Blue Cross and Blue Shield benefits.

The city clerk is a member of the Licensing Board, custodian of all city records and keeper of the city seal and compiles a comprehensive annual report for public information.

The following amounts were collected during the year ending, December 31, 1937: Auto. Taxes, 1946, \$135.-79; Auto. Taxes, 1947, \$7,159.41; Miscellaneous Licenses, \$455.33; Milk Licenses collected by Sanitary Officer, \$92.-00; Dog Licenses, \$216.84; Rent of Pleasant Street Property, \$120.00.

## *Tax Collector*

### SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1947

— DR. —

**Taxes Committed to Collector:**

Property Taxes	\$192,498.84
Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2.00	6,222.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	1,583.25

Total Warrant	\$200,304.09
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**Added Taxes:**

Property Taxes	38.88
Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2.00	64.00
Interest Collected	1.48

TOTAL DEBITS	\$200,408.45
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— CR. —

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Property Taxes	\$179,550.43
Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2.00	4,762.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	1,583.25
Interest Collected	1.48

Added Poll Taxes	64.00
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Abatements	1,576.80
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Added Property Taxes	18.00
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Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:	
Property Taxes	11,392.49
Poll Taxes - Regular \$2.00	1,460.00
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$200,408.45

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1946

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 8, 1947:	
Warrant (Prop. & Poll Taxes)	\$11,886.75
Added Poll Taxes	30.00
Interest Collected During Fiscal Year	
Ending December 31, 1947	51.47
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$11,948.22

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947:	
Property Taxes	\$ 9,334.22
Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2.00	860.00
Interest Collected During Year	51.47
Added Poll Taxes	30.00
Abatements made During Year	294.66
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List: (Prop. & Poll Taxes)	1,377.87
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$11,948.22

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1945

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 8, 1947:	
Warrant (Prop. & Poll Taxes)	\$ 1,200.25
Added Poll Taxes	5.00
Interest Collected During Fiscal Year	
Ending December 31, 1947	9.80
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,215.05

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947:	
Property Taxes	\$ 577.50
Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2.00	80.00

Poll Taxes - Special @ \$3.00	114.00	
Interest Collected During Year	9.80	
Added Poll Taxes	5.00	
Abatements made During Year	33.40	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Property Taxes	55.35	
Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2.00	136.00	
Poll Taxes - Special @ \$3.00	204.00	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 1,215.05

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1944

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 8, 1947:		
Warrant (Prop. & Poll Taxes)	\$ 489.63	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 489.63

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947:		
Property Taxes	\$ 276.90	
Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2.00	16.00	
Poll Taxes - Special @ \$3.00	18.00	
Abatements made during year	16.60	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Property Taxes	5.13	
Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2.00	64.00	
Poll Taxes - Special @ \$3.00	93.00	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 489.63

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1943

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 8, 1947:		
Warrant (Prop. & Poll Taxes)	\$ 158.00	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 158.00

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947:		
Property Taxes	\$ 98.00	
Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2.00	12.00	
Abatements made during year	8.00	



**Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:**

Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2.00	40.00	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$ 158.00</b>

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
LEVY OF 1942**

**— DR. —**

**Uncollected Taxes as of January 8, 1947:**

Warrant (Prop. & Poll Taxes)	\$ 147.07	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$ 147.07</b>

**— CR. —**

**Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal  
Year Ending December 31, 1947:**

Property Taxes	\$ 75.07
Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2.00	12.00
Abatements made during year	28.00

**Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:**

Poll Taxes - Regular @ \$2.00	32.00	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$ 147.07</b>

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS AS OF DEC. 31, 1947**

**\* DR. \***

**Tax Sale Account of Levy of:**

	1946	1945	1944
Sales to City During Current Year	\$691.46	\$	\$
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
January 1, 1947		76.36	73.36
Interest Collected after sale		7.64	13.34
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$691.46</b>	<b>\$84.00</b>	<b>\$86.70</b>

**\* CR. \***

**Remittances to Treasurer During**

Year	\$	\$84.00	\$80.10
Abatements during year			6.60
Unredeemed Taxes - at close of year	691.46		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$691.46</b>	<b>\$84.00</b>	<b>\$86.70</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Lionel A. Aubert

Somersworth, N. H.  
December 31st., 1947  
To The Honorable Mayor  
And Members of The City Council:  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit to you the  
report of my collections as Tax  
Collector for the period of Jan-  
uary 2nd to January 9th, 1947.

For the year of 1946

Property taxes collected

\$ 1,508.99

Poll taxes collected

86.00

Total Collected

\$ 1,594.99

Paid to City Treasur-  
er

\$ 1,594.99

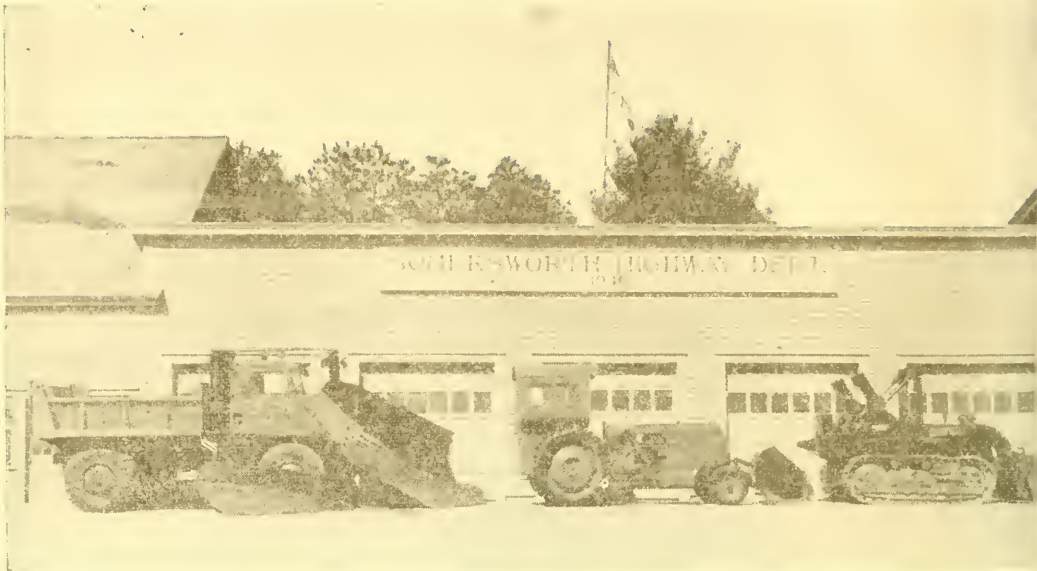
Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. Flanagan

### *Street Commissioner*



Equipment Purchased 1946 - 47



Equipment Purchased 1946 - 47

Somersworth, N. H., December 31, 1947  
To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947.

Following is a summary of the work completed the past year.

Oiling: The following streets were treated with Tarvia—Indigo Hill, New Dam, and Buffumville roads, Hamilton, Tremont, Noble, Grove and Franklin streets.

Gravel Rural Roads: A coating of gravel was added to the Lily Pond, Otis, Laurier Platt, Buffumville, Pray and Rocky Hill roads and the Patterson Project.

Sewer System Extension: Approximately two thousand feet of sewer main was added to the system the past year including the construction of seven new manholes, as follows:

Patterson project	950 feet - 3 manholes
Indigo Hill Road	900 feet - 3 manholes
Laurier Platt	150 feet - 1 manhole
Sewers rebuilt	6

Bridge repairs: Eddy Bridge was replanked and treated with tarvia, the guard rails repaired and painted. New Dam Bridge was replanked and guard rails repaired.

Trees: All the trees were trimmed and those that were dangerous were cut down and removed.

New Equipment: New equipment purchased for this department included a Sanitary Garbage Truck mounted on a new Studebaker Chassis which has assisted greatly in the keeping of our streets clean and free of refuse in going to and returning from the disposal plant. This truck has met with the approval of the majority of our citizens and also eliminates the labor of one man per day throughout the year resulting in a savings in the collection of garbage.

A Walters snow fighter was purchased to replace the Meade Morrison Tractor. This truck assists the department greatly in the opening of roads in the outlying districts.

A Bucyrus Eire Tractor shovel was purchased and has been used to date in storing sand, backfilling ditches for installing of water and sewerage, and also in snow removal resulting in a great savings and in keeping our streets clear of snow.

Also a Dodge and a Chevrolet truck were added, replacing two obsolete trucks which were beyond repairs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur Gaudette

Somersworth, N. H.

March 10, 1947

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Tonight, we meet for the purpose of appropriating funds for the replacement of highway equipment — equipment that was impossible to replace during the war.

It is my opinion that it is false economy and seriously impairs the service taxpayers expect if we delay any longer the gradual replacement of our equipment, therefore, I am now recommending to you immediate action on this question. No new equipment has been purchased since 1941, highway trucks date back to 1936 and they are in a deplorable condition.

The last two storms cost the City close to \$600.00 for repairs. If we had not received the new Walter truck which was ordered last Summer, these two storms would have paralyzed traffic in this City.

The facts are before us, it is our duty to remedy these conditions and it is my opinion that it is better economy to purchase new equipment than to try to get along with make-shift and worn-out appliances.

I now recommend the purchase of a two-ton Chevrolet truck, a Studebaker garbage truck and a tractor-shovel.

The garbage truck, I suggest, should have an up-to-date covered body — not only will this provide sanitary conditions by eliminating paper and garbage flying all over the streets but it will dispense with the services of one man, the salary of whom will pay for this sanitary body in less than three years, meanwhile, this man can be working on other jobs, thereby giving more service to the taxpayer.

A major problem facing the Highway Department is the removal of snow from the business district, churches and fire station. We have no equipment to handle this with efficiency — the hiring of many men to remove snow is too costly and too slow. Snow-removal, in the years to come, will be a very essential job. It will have to be done



quickly as modern traveling and parking conditions demand this. For this problem I recommend the purchase of a Tractor-Shovel. With this shovel, snow could be removed and it also could be used in our gravel pit. It could be used year-round and would save so many man-hours that it would pay for itself quickly while again providing more efficient service for the taxpayer.

I realize that the tax rate will be affected by this program, together with salary increases already granted, therefore, I suggest that the purchase of new equipment be financed in two years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Romeo St. Laurent, Mayor

### *City Marshal*

To the Honorable Mayor, and the		Committed to the House of C.	9
Honorable Board of City Council:		Placed on file	3
Gentlemen:		Cases continued	3
Respectfully submitted herewith		Cases Nolle Prosequi	1
is the report of the City Marshal		Held for High Court	1
for the year ending December 31,			
1947:		Total	156
Arrests		Motor Vehicle Offenses	
Drunkenness	36	Operating under the influence	
Disorderly conduct	11	of liquor	34
Assault	3	Attempting to operate under	
Non-support	2	the influence	3
Breaking and entering	1	Operating without a license	16
Robbery	1	Unreasonable rate of speed	7
Fraud	2	Ignoring stop signs	14
Vagrancy	3	All night parking	1
Lascivious conduct	1	Failure to stop for an officer	1
Distrubing the peace	1	Reckless driving	2
Resisting an officer	1	Leaving the scene of an acci-	
		dent	5
Total	62	Failure to have car inspected	1
Disposition of Cases		Parking in a restricted area	1
Paid fines and cost of court	132	Passing on yellow line	1
Cases dismissed	4	Allowing an unlicensed person	
Ordered to leave the city	3	to operate	3

Operating an unregistered auto	1	Assistance given Red Cross	1
Operating to endanger	1	Persons for safekeeping	38
Misuse of plates	2	Persons given lodgings	276
Allowing an intoxicated person to operate	1	Doors found unlocked	129
	—	Street lights reported out	131
Total	94	Fire alarms answered by Police	29
<b>Juvenile Cases</b>		False alarms	4
Breaking and entering—both placed on probation for two years	2	Complaints about dogs	4
All motor vehicle accidents reported for the year	141	A. W. O. L. from U. S. Army turned in by Police	4
Autos damaged in accidents	116	Breaking and entering	3
Persons injured in auto accidents—minor injuries	15	Suicide	2
Damage to property by autos	9	Complaints reported and attended to by Police	710
Dogs killed by autos	17	Runaway boy returned to Portland School	1
Dogs shot by Police	14	Prisoners escaped from House of Correction	2
Dogs hit by autos	11	Prisoners escaped from House of Correction—captured	2
Goods reported lost	35	Airplane accidents	1
Goods reported lost and recovered	26	Assistance given F. B. I.	1
Goods reported stolen	31	Attempted assault on minor female	1
Goods reported stolen and recovered	15	Attempt to break and enter	4
Bicycles reported stolen	14	Auto and bike collision	6
Bicycles recovered by Police	14	Auto and bike collision—child injured	1
Bicycles recovered for Rochester Police	2	Auto and dog collision	6
Autos reported stolen	5	Auto and pony collision—pony killed	1
Autos reported stolen and recovered	5	Auto and pony collision—no injury	1
Children reported missing	21	Forged check passed	1
Children reported missing and recovered	21	Persons injured on bikes	2
Adults reported missing	4	Lascivious conduct (male with minor male)	1
Adults missing and recovered	2	<b>NO FATAL ACCIDENTS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.</b>	
Assistance given persons	194	Respectfully submitted,	
Assistance given other reports	93	Charles A. Parsons,	
Assistance given other Police	113	Chief of Police	

## *City Solicitor*

Somersworth, N. H.

January 1, 1948

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the  
City Council:  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the period from January 1, 1947, to December 31, 1947.

The City was involved in no litigation during the year 1947 with the exception of the proposed agreement and sale of the pump-

ing station property. This matter was satisfactorily concluded, and the City recovered the rent that was due.

During the year the usual routine matters involving the various City departments were handled. Once again the City was free from any serious crime.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Beamis,

City Solicitor.

## *Forest Glade*

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

Somersworth, N. H.

December 31, 1947

To His Honor, The Mayor, and  
City Council:  
Gentlemen:

Herewith we submit a report of the affairs of Forest Glade Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1947, as made up by the clerk.

#### Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 3,600.00
Receipts	1,010.95
Trust fund receipts	1,030.20
	<hr/> \$ 5,641.15

#### Expenditures

Labor	\$ 4,204.80
Repairs and supplies	1,125.17
	<hr/> \$ 5,329.97

Unexpended Balance \$ 311.18

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie W. Sullivan,

Mary C. Furbush,

Frank H. Kinsman,

Fred Legro,

Trustees Forest Glade Cemetery.

### CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Donations and legacies held by the city for the care of graves and lots, avenues and monuments in Forest Glade Cemetery, deposited in Somersworth Savings Bank as a cemetery trust fund, up to December 31, 1947.

Total for year ending	
December 31, 1946	\$51,221.24
Added during year ending	
December 31, 1947	
Joseph L. Hobbs, Lot,	
Ave. G. N. No. 33 de-	
posited by Est. Frank	
E. Hobbs	200.00
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Total in Somersworth	
Savings Bank	\$51,421.24



Furber Memorial Chapel  
Forest Glade Cemetery

# Clerk Of Court

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Somersworth, N. H.		Juvenile Docket	
December 31, 1947		Breaking and entering	2
To His Honor, The Mayor, and the			2
City Council:			
Gentlemen:		Disposed of as follows:	
I herewith submit the report of		Placed on probation for two	
the Municipal Court of the City		years	2
of Somersworth, N. H., for fiscal			2
year ending December 31, 1947:			
Total number arraigned	156	Civil Court	
Assault	3	Civil cases	16
Disorderly conduct	11	Small court claims	8
Drunk	36		24
Disturbing the peace	1	Receipts from Fines, Costs. Civil	
Breaking and entering	1	Court Fees	
Robbery	1	January 1, 1947—cash	
Resisting an officer	1	on hand	\$ 731.14
Non-support	2	January	157.25
Fraud	2	February	142.60
Vagrancy	3	March	602.92
Lascivious conduct	1	April	246.64
Operating motor vehicle while		May	112.30
under the influence of in-		June	11988
toxicating liquor	34	July	405.22
Other motor vehicle offenses	60	August	314.96
	156	September	421.26
		October	321.30
Disposed of as follows:		November	399.53
Paid fines and costs	132	December	1,087.20
Dismissed	4		\$ 5,062.20
Ordered to leave city	3	EXPENDITURES	
Committed to House of Cor-		City of Somersworth	
rection	9	N. H., Treasurer	\$ 1,200.00
Placed on file	3	State motor vehicle	
Continued	3	Commissioner	2,451.50
Nolle Prosequi	1	Witness fees and Court	
Held for Superior Court	1	charges	111.50
	159		



Supplies	54.23	Cash on hand December	
Sheriff's Fees	28.40	31, 1947	734.00
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	\$ 4,328.20		\$ 5,062.20
		Respectfully submitted,	
		W. R. Fitts,	
		Clerk of Court.	

## *Library*

Somersworth, N. H.  
To His Honor, The Mayor, and the  
Honorable City Council of Somersworth, N. H.  
Gentlemen:

In submitting the report of the Librarian of the Public Library for the past year, your trustees wish to express their appreciation for the friendly and cooperative spirit displayed by the librarian in the discharge of her duties. In her selection of books, we find that she has carefully considered her public and has very successfully met its every demand. Since this has been accomplished without exceeding her appropriation, we feel that she merits our approbation.

Since the library has been renovated, its appearance is far more attractive than ever before. Due to the high wage scale now prevalent, it is rather difficult to secure the services of a capable janitor. We are in hopes of successfully coping with this problem this year.

We were confronted with a heat condition last year that made it next to impossible to use the library. Thanks to the interest shown by our Mayor and the

conscientiousness of our librarian, the reading rooms were kept open and, with the overhauling of the heating apparatus, a comfortable atmosphere was restored.

The library is sorely in need of a new book stack. We trust that our appropriation will be increased so that this addition will be made possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miss Celopie Semitros,  
Mrs. Anna Morin.  
Mr. Max Isacoff,  
Henry P. Mullen, Chairman  
Trustees of the Somersworth  
Public Library.

Somersworth, N. H.  
January 1, 1948  
To the Board of Trustees of the  
Public Library:

Herewith is submitted my report as Librarian for the year 1947.

In preparing this report it was very evident that 1947 was a busy year.

Library service in Somersworth can mean many things—service to adults and young people who wish reading for relaxation, books for people who are seeking information in connection with the pursuit

of a chosen occupation, information for the curious on almost every topic one can imagine. We render this service to the citizens of our city and although our activities during 1947 were much the same as in past years, the use of reference books has increased noticeably.

The funds for the purchase of new books have not been sufficient to allow for extensive purchase of many reference books. During the year, however, we bought a set of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia, a most useful set of fifteen volumes.

The problem of book purchase is not a simple one as we endeavor to furnish books to satisfy adults, books to supply the latest information on all topics of concern, replace books that are worn out and still useful, and add new books for boys and girls of all ages.

We spent \$650.00 for books, a small amount of money for use in buying good current literature, and in the coming year it will not buy so many books as it has in the past, as the cost of books, like the cost of all materials and supplies has risen greatly.

More shelving is much needed, as I have mentioned in previous reports. The cost of one of these bookcases is included in the 1948 budget; this unit should be installed in the library immediately to relieve somewhat the crowded condition of the book stacks.

We have as assistants Miss Ethel Wexler and Miss Wynne Mullen, both of whom are doing ex-

cellent work as helpers.

My statistical report gives information on the work done in the library during 1947.

### Statistical Report

Number of volumes in library, January 1, 1947	20,137
Number of volumes added during 1947 (By purchase 390, by gift 6)	396
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	20,533
Number of volumes discarded	86
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Number of volumes in library, December 31, 1947	20,447
Total number of books loaned for home reading	14,702
Of this number 10,704 were fiction; 3,998 were non-fiction	
The juvenile books circulated numbered	3057
The non-fiction were in the following classes:	
General works	39
Philosophy and Religion	98
Sociology	354
Language and Literature	444
Natural Science	153
Useful and Fine Arts	841
History	303
Travel	283
Biography	364
Magazines	962
Pamphlets	146
Maps	8
Music	3
Permit me at this time to ex-	

press my appreciation for your kind cooperation through the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leona H. Savithes,  
Librarian.

## Board Of Health

To His Honor, The Mayor, and City Council:	Issued 46 milk licenses @	
Gentlemen:	\$2.00	\$92.00
I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947:	Issued 3 milk licenses ex-	
Buried nuisance 80	empt by law of fee	3
Complaints from other sources 45	Contagious diseases:	
Disinfection of houses 4	Scarlet fever	1
	Polio	2
	Measles	45
	Chicken Pox	2
	Peter N. Chasse,	
	Sanitary Officer.	

## Water Works

During the year 1895, the City of Somersworth purchased from the Great Falls Mfg. Co. at a cost of approximately \$22,055.40, the franchise, water rights and privileges, main services and meters which had previously been operated by them, and also consisted of 2,973 ft. of 8" pipe—876 ft. 6" pipe, 688 ft. 4" pipe which was to be incorporated into a new system to be constructed by the city and to be known as the Somersworth Works.

The Committee on Water Works were very favorable to driven wells and after many attempts and tests for wells, on the advice of the Engineering Co., driven wells were not located because of the supply of water needed, and upon the advice of their engineers, it was the decision of the Committee

on Water Works to erect the Pumping Station on the Rocky Hill Road and pump from the Salmon Falls River through a filter bed into the system and to build a standpipe on the land now known as the Noble Playgrounds on Grand and Hamilton streets. The standpipe was built at an expense of \$16,976.76 furnishing storage of approximately 902,147 gallons of water assuring the necessary pressure and supply for fire purposes and general use.

This system of pumping, filtering and purifying the water from 1895-1934 upon investigation by City Officials was proving very costly and unsatisfactory, due to the obsolete pumps and boilers and the condition of the water of the Salmon Falls River.

In 1934, after careful consider-

ation by the Water Commissioners and advice from the State Board of Health Officials, it was deemed advisable to locate and construct a driven gravel packed well, if possible, with ample supply. This well was located on the Pepin farm and the land purchased. A gravel packed well 75' deep was erected and an Automatic Worthington Pump installed, capable of pumping 600 gallons per minute. This project proved very successful and the great improvement in the quality of water has met with great approval from the State Board of Health and our citizens.

The Water Commission showing shrewd judgment in 1938 for safety reasons and for protection to the City, and with the assistance of Federal Funds contracted to have the No. 2 well installed which was completed with the new Worthington Pump with a pumping capacity of 950 gallons per minute.

At the present time, the department has increased its services to the public and the following is an itemized list of the distributing system:

3 in., 19 ft.; 4 in., 9309 ft.; 6 in., 41,437 ft.; 8 in., 27,178 ft.; 12 in., 6108 ft.; 16 in., 3066 ft.

Meters in services:

$\frac{5}{8}$  in., 1058;  $\frac{3}{4}$  in., 33; 1½ in., 2; 2 in., 10.

Services in use—1160.

No. of Commercial Customers—1058.

There is being pumped daily an average of 390,000 gallons and a yearly amount consumed of 120,275,500 gallons.

Samples of this water are forwarded to the State Board of Health monthly for analysis and tests which monthly report shows regularly as "Very good."

Due to the increase in the number of new homes now under construction and the several districts where the property owners have not had the convenience of our water supply and fire protection, it has been necessary to extend our main lines in various parts of the city and plans have been made for the addition of approximately 10,000 feet of 6-inch pipe and 15 hydrants to supply these locations with water.

Romeo St. Laurent, Chairman,  
Napoleon A. Habel,  
Joseph B. Nash,  
Board of Water Commissioners.

#### SUPT OF WATER WORKS REPORT

Somersworth, N. H.  
December 31, 1947

To the Honorable Board of Water Commissioners:

I respectfully submit to you the report of the Water Department for the year ending December 31, 1947.

The following is an itemized report of the accomplishments of the Department:

#### Mains

Extensions of Mains have been made as follows:

High St. (Patterson Project so-called)—682 ft. of 6-inch pipe.

High St. (Patterson Project so-called)—200 ft. of 2-inch pipe.

Laurier Platt—150 ft. of 2-inch pipe.

New Hydrants		Meter changes for repairs	31
High St. (Patterson Project so-		New meters installed	21
called)—2 Eddy Hydrants.		Changes in accounts	61
Fore St.—Replacement— 1 Ed-		Amount of water pumped:	
dy Hydrant.		1946—117,843,400 gallons.	
New services installed	42	Amount of water pumped:	
Old services renewed	18	1947—114,466,000 gallons.	
Services turned off or on	32	Following is the comparative	
Leaks checked and repaired	30	balance sheets as submitted to the	
Meter readings checked	33	Public Service Commission of New	
Freezeups	6	Hampshire:	



Water Department Wells



ASSETS			Increase or Decrease*
Fixed Assets	1947	1946	
Land	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$
Water Supply Structure	22,491.01	22,491.01	
Pumping Station Structure	32,869.20	32,869.20	
Water Supply Equipment	35,913.22	35,913.22	
Pumping Station Equipment	11,199.77	11,199.77	
Purification Equipment	1,076.18	1,076.18	
Water Storage Equipment	19,275.41	19,275.41	
Distribution Mains	95,545.65	94,912.04	631.61
Services	18,969.87	18,475.83	494.04
Hydrants	8,037.89	7,442.25	595.64
Meters	12,394.59	12,012.39	382.20
Truck	560.00	560.00	
Other Equipment	588.65	588.65	
Total Fixed Assets	\$261,119.44	\$259,015.95	\$ 2,103.49
Current Assets			
Material and Supplies	6,749.83	\$ 4,269.56	\$ 2,480.27
Accounts Receivable	10,624.24	7,333.56	3,290.68
Total Current Assets	17,374.07	11,603.12	5,770.95
TOTAL ASSETS	\$278,493.51	\$270,619.07	\$ 7,874.44

LIABILITIES			
Capital Liabilities			
Municipal Investment	\$100,392.79	\$100,392.79	\$
Funded Debt	3,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00*
Total Capital Liabilities	103,392.79	106,392.79	3,000.00*
Contributions to Aid in Construction	21,420.35	21,420.35	
Accrued Interest	30.00	60.00	30.00*
Reserve for Depreciation	137,379.77	132,343.90	5,035.87
Surplus	16,270.60	10,402.03	5,868.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$278,493.51	\$270,619.07	\$ 7,874.44

\* denotes red

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
For the Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 1947 and 1946

			Increase or Decrease*
<b>Income</b>	<b>1947</b>	<b>1946</b>	<b>Decrease*</b>
Commercial Sales and Job Work	\$ 30,680.15	\$ 32,346.23	\$ 1,666.08*
Total Income	30,680.15	32,346.23	1,666.08*
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Pumping Station, labor	1,556.62	1,583.50	26.88*
Pumping Station, expense	404.00	196.64	207.36
Power Purchased	2,552.37	2,495.72	56.65
Superintendence	1,513.95	1,668.39	154.44
Distribution of Supplies	109.80	192.07	82.27
Repairs to Mains	338.32	180.65	157.67
Repairs to Services	447.98	421.68	26.30
Repairs to Hydrants	556.17	500.92	55.25
Repairs to Meters	243.20	181.54	61.66
Repairs to Wells	229.16	446.03	216.87
Office Salaries and Expense	1,562.25	1,329.92	232.33
General Expense	826.90	667.50	159.40
Insurance	116.42	116.01	.41
Shop Expense	258.70	750.92	492.22*
Truck Expense	396.74	483.33	86.59*
Interest	210.00	330.00	120.00*
Total Expense	11,322.58	11,544.82	222.24*
Net Income Before Depreciation	19,357.57	20,801.41	1,443.84*
Depreciation	5,035.87	5,540.79	504.92*
Net Income for the Year	14,321.70	15,260.62	938.92*
Balance of Cash Appropriated by City	8,453.13	15,004.42	6,551.29*
<b>INCREASE IN SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 5,868.57</b>	<b>\$ 256.20</b>	<b>\$ 5,612.37</b>

\* denotes red

Respectfully submitted,  
John R. Hodsdon  
Superintendent

# Overseer Of Poor

## Direct Relief Case Report

	Gro.	Fuel	Rent	Med.	Hosp.	B&C	Off. Ex.	OAA	No. of Fam. Ex. of in	No. of Sing. Ex. of	No. Total
January	\$ 35.46	\$ 11.20	\$ 9.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 34.29	\$ 14.67	\$ 410.47	52	\$ 34.29	1 \$ 459.43
February	\$ 72.49	5.59	18.00	115.00		30.00	13.42	428.18	53	30.00	1 645.26
March	71.70	12.10	18.00	125.00		34.29	18.25	441.00	53	134.29	2 704.62
April	104.40	5.24	22.50			48.86	4.27	443.16	53	173.86	3 723.09
May	62.00	6.05	12.00		5.00	34.29	5.87	428.00	56	52.29	2 600.30
June	72.00	3.00	13.50		118.50	32.86	3.97	497.73	56	77.29	2 744.19
July	30.00			70.00		34.29	3.67	487.21	56	68.86	2 609.09
August						34.29	3.67	489.19	58	64.29	2 627.15
September						85.26	5.95	501.54	57	85.26	2 592.75
October						61.25	11.00	538.75	57	73.25	3 623.00
November						63.17	61.25	524.86	57	75.17	3 661.28
December						139.29	5.75	587.86	57	181.29	7 774.90
	\$514.05	\$ 43.18	\$ 93.00	\$370.00	\$181.50	\$632.14	\$153.24	\$5,777.95	58	\$783.73	10 46 \$1,050.14 12 \$7,765.06

## Soldiers' Aid Report

Gro.	Clo.	Fuel	Rent	Med.	No. No.	
					Fam. Ex. of in	
355.24	3.45	39.30	56.00	220.75	674.74	3 11
					674.74	674.74
						\$8,439.80

James E. Perreault, Overseer of Poor.

## *Fire Chief*

Somersworth, N. H.	No. of Box alarms	33
December 31, 1947.	No. of Brush alarms	48
To His Honor, The Mayor, and	No. of Chimney alarms	31
Council:	No. of Still alarms	22
Gentlemen:	Fire drills were held regularly	
I herewith submit my annual	in the schools.	
Report of the Fire Department:	Chemicals in the public build-	
Roll Of The Fire Department	ings were kept charged and lo-	
Chief—John O'Neil.	cated for emergency use.	
2nd Deputy Engineer—Edward	Woodlands were kept posted	
A. Caron.	with fire warnings and closed dur-	
Captains—Napoleon Couture and	ing dry spells.	
George Berry.	Inspection to eliminate fire haz-	
Clerk—Robert Beamis.	ards were conducted every three	
Drivers—Arthur Nadeau. Napo-	months.	
leon Couture, Benedict Nadeau,	In closing, I wish to thank His	
Fred Garneau, Max Isacoff, Rob-	Honor, The Mayor, the Committee	
ert Beamis.	on Fire Department, and all those	
Equipment	who have assisted me in the dis-	
Two American LaFrance Triple	charge of my duties during the	
Combination hose, pump, chemical.	year.	
One American LaFrance city	To the officers and members of	
service truck—ladder and chemi-	the department my thanks are al-	
cal.	so due for their faithful attention	
One Ford V8 combination pump	to duty and their promptness in re-	
and hose.	sponding to the numerous calls	
There are at present 4850 feet	during the year.	
of hose in good condition, 1550 feet	Respectfully submitted,	
of 1½" hose and 600 feet of chemi-	John O'Neil,	
cal hose.	Chief.	
Total number of alarms	134	

## *City Treasurer*

Gentlemen of the City Council:	Auto Taxes, 1946	135.79
The City Treasurer herewith	Auto Taxes, 1947	7,159.41
submits his report for the year	Cemetery Trust Fund	200.00
ending December 31. 1947.	Cemetery Trust Funds	
Dr.	Income	1,030.20
To cash balance Jan-	Cemetery Income	1,010.95
uary 1, 1947	Chandler Building	540.00
\$	7,067.86	

Chandler Fund Income	40.20	Highway Equip.	1,390.00
City Hall	3,120.00	Damage Ward 5 Bldg.	10.00
Dog Licenses, 1946	1.50	High School Trade In-	
Dog Licenses, 1947	215.34	dustries	1,295.56
Miscellaneous Licenses	547.33	Interest Redemption	164.10
Notes Payable	150,000.00	Rochester Bank Capt.	
Police Court Fees	1,200.00	Stock Tax 1947	6.25
State of New Hampshire	17,493.18	Tel. Exp. in re-super	
Sundries	4,693.23	Union 56	5.05
Taxes, 1942	87.07	Rebate Forest Fires	16.20
Taxes, 1943	110.00	Manual Training Re-	
Taxes, 1944	310.90	ceipts	37.67
Taxes 1945	791.59	Total	4,693.23
Taxes. 1946	11,944.96		
Taxes, 1947	183,556.76		\$ 420,941.71
Water Works	28,634.07	Chandler Trust Fund	2,000.00
Old City Barn	360.00	Cemetery Trust Fund	51,421.24
Tax Sales	691.46	Cemetery Gate Trust	
State Of New Hampshire Items		Fund	2,210.02
Railroad Tax	\$ 1,461.12	Richard Royal Eastman	
Savings Bank Tax	1,157.62	Fund	132.62
Interest and Dividend			
Tax	2,575.26	Cr.	
School Allotment	12,299.18	Bonds	\$ 6,000.00
		Cemetery	4,871.04
		Cemetery Trust Fund	200.00
	\$ 17,493.18	Chandler Building	791.81
Sundries Items		City Hall	24.43
Highway Department \$	705.78	County Tax	23,576.44
School Department	131.61	Spec. Poll Tax	248.22
Refund B. C and B. S.	16.80	Fire Department	8,093.45
Reimbursement, school		District Nurse	1,000.00
Lunches	408.05	Highways	26,688.40
Rent Pleasant St. Prop.	120.00	Highway Equipment	28,188.71
Refund old age	207.56	Hydrant	4,000.00
Refund Tel. call city		Income Tax	8,760.15
marshal	83.19	Interest	1,456.25
Refund Tel. call Fire		Lights	10,023.88
Dept.	12.20	Macadamizing	2,236.14
Refund Welfare and Re-		Miscellaneous	2,105.89
lief	39.34	Municipal Building	1,147.23
Refund Playground,		Notes Payable	120,000.00
1947	82	Outstanding Checks	2,160.57
Overpaid check 5275,		Police	17,413.04
\$4.60, 1070 \$37.50,		Public Library	2,860.44
1959, .95	43.05	Printing	436.31
		Salaries	19,536.62



Schools	83,108.80	Sundries Items	
Sewers	2,178.16	Memorial Day	\$ 600.00
Sundries	6,819.17	Repairs on Public Build-	
Soldiers' Aid	801.44	ings	808.46
Water Works	19,698.90	Noble Pines	2,306.93
Welfare and Relief	6,996.33	Noble Pines Spec.	3,103.73
Workmen's Compensa-			
tion	1,254.55		\$ 6,819.17
Retirement	7.64	By balance on hand	4,564.49
Blue Cross	1,211.55		
Tax Sales	691.46	Total	\$ 420,941.71
Bridges	1,789.95		
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	\$ 416,377.22	Yvonne D. Turcotte,	
		City Treasurer.	

## Playgrounds

For the first time, the Noble Pines Playground summer program consisted of planned activities under the guidance of Dale O'Connell Physical Education graduate of U. N. H., assisted by Frank Kennedy, Robert Dumais, Barbara Chadbourne and Marie Rainville.

**Winter Program.**  
Through the cooperation of the Highway and Water Departments, skating rinks were available for the children and adults at Central Park, St. Hilaire field on Green street and on Third street.

**Adult Recreation.**

The new baseball diamond was completed in 1947—this addition to our playgrounds provided the necessary spark for the formation of the first twilight league in this city for many years. Five teams were entered and they furnished excellent after-supper entertainment for our people along with games almost every Sunday. Under Supervisor O'Connell an adult tennis tournament was held as well as a horseshoe tournament. By virtue of this program, thousands of people were provided with proper recreation while hundreds of youngsters and adults benefited from the facilities—it was as a most successful summer season for all concerned.

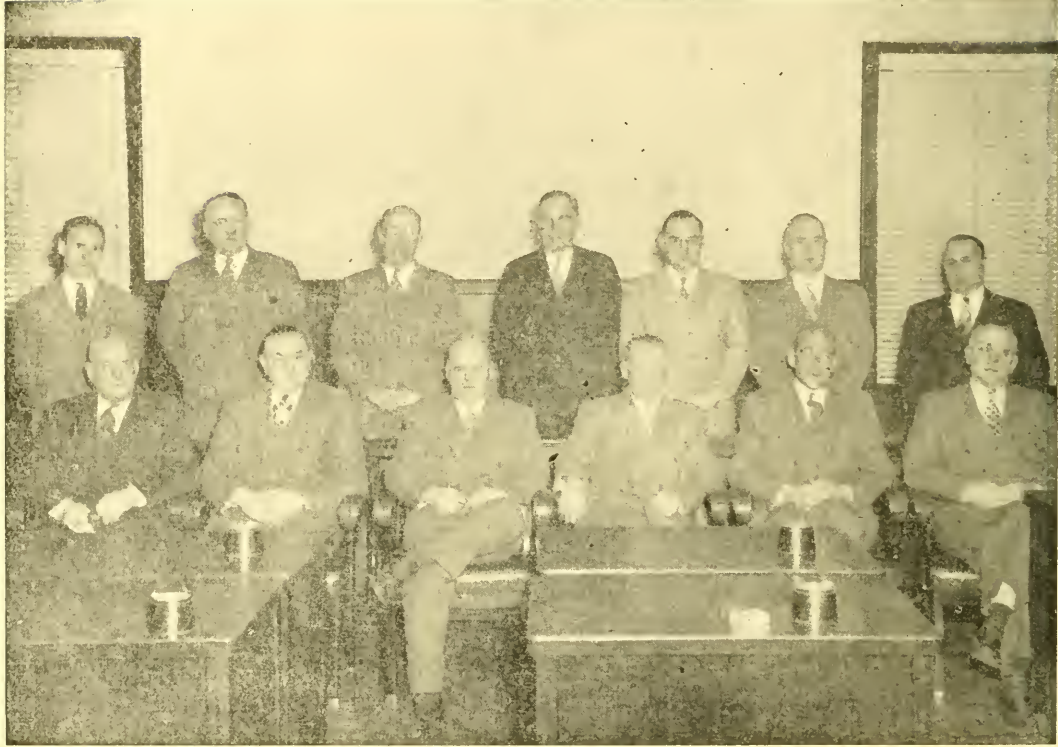
### Special Events.

In addition to the regular activities such as swings, teeters, wading-pool, merry-go-round, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, tennis and baseball, special events were introduced by the addition to the organized recreational program of a Doll Parade contest, Pet Show contest and grammar school baseball league. 225 children were taken to the rodeo at Granite State Park and 50 boys were guests of the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park, Boston. The expenses of these trips were paid by the receipts of the grammar school baseball league.



Playgrounds

## *School Building Committee*



School Building Committee

Seated left to right: H. V. Sheahan, E. L. Whitten, R. St. Laurent, S. Rainville, H. O. Jackson, A. J. Boucher. Rear: Supt. J. A. Osgood, J. F. Beamis, J. F. McKeon, J. F. Malley, L. O. Perreault, R. J. Fontaine, L. T. Ross.

The expected growth of our City and the noticeable increase in the birth rate are factors which prompted the Mayor to appoint a representative committee of our people to make a thorough study of those conditions in relation to present facilities of our schools as well as possible future needed additions of those facilities. Funds were applied for and received from the federal government for planning. This money is to be used for detailed planning and does not have to be repaid in the event that construction does not take place. The committee has and is still studying the many details of this problem. It is expected they will be ready to report their findings, with recommendations, in the near future.

## Bonds

Date Issued—Oct. 1, 1933; amount issue. \$48,000.00; amount redeemed, \$45,000.00; outstanding Oct. 1, 1947, \$3,000.00.

### MATURITIES

April 1, 1948           \$       60.00  
Oct. 1, 1948, \$3,000.00       60.00

Highway	NOTES	
Note	Equipment	
Anticipation of Tax		\$ 15,000.00
Note		25,000.00

## Valuation

	1946
Real estate	\$3,269,275.00
Growing wood and timber	2,600.00
Electric plants	958,500.00
Horses, 34	3,600.00
Cows, 157	15,700.00
Other neat stock, 4	350.50
Hogs, 13	285.00
Fowls, 4,941	4,996.00
Portable mills, 12	1,700.00
Value of wood and lumber	600.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	4,795.00
Value of stock in trade	814,975.00
Mills, machinery and factories	211,798.00
	\$5,215,404.00
Somersworth National Bank, 770 shares	770.00
Somersworth First National Bank, 805 shares	805.00

First National Bank, Rochester, 25 shares at .25	6.25
Soldiers' exemptions	73,770.00
Poll taxes, 3171 at \$2.00	6,342.00

### 1947

Real estate	\$3,354,825.00
Growing wood and timber	2,800.00
Electric plants	959,300.00
Horses, 26	2,450.00
Cows, 165	16,500.00
Other neat stock, 7	700.00
Hogs, 5	85.00
Fowls, 5879	5,895.00
Portable mills	5,200.00
Value of wood and lumber	4,200.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	3,825.00
Value of stock in trade	862,850.00



Mills, machinery and factories	256,515.00	shares	806.00
		Rochester First Na- tional Bank, 25	
	\$5,346,640.00	shares	6.25
Somersworth National Bank, 771 shares	771.00	Soldiers' exemptions	128,505.00
Somersworth First Na- tional Bank, 806		Poll taxes, 3111 @ \$2.00	6,222.00

## 1946 - 1947 Appropriations

1946—1947		ings	1,000.00
Post War construction \$	2,572.50	Salaries	19,500.00
High school bonds	6,000.00	Schools	73,000.00
High school bonds, in- terest	510.00	Street lights	9,650.00
Highway Improvement bonds	4,000.00	Welfare and relief	5,500.00
Highway Improvement bonds, interest	160.00	County tax	21,283.17
School and City bonds	5,000.00	Memorial Day	450.00
School and City bonds, interest	56.25	Workmen's compensa- tion	1,000.00
Cemetery	2,800.00	Total Appropriation \$	215,242.85
City Hall—stoker	403.16	To be raised by taxation	171,914.95
Fire department	5,500.00	Valuation	4,592,799.00
Highway	23,000.00	Approved tax rate \$35.00 per \$1,000.00.	
Hydrants	4,000.00	Respectfully submitted,	
Library	2,500.00	Romeo St. Laurent,	
Macadam	2,000.00	Simeon Rainville,	
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	Norman Fournier,	
Municipal building	750.00	(Committee on Finance)	
Somersworth District Nursing	1,000.00	The Committee on Finance here- with submits the list of Appropri- ations for the fiscal year of 1947:	
Noble Pines	1,500.00	T. R. A.	\$ 513.00
Noble Pines, special	3,500.00	High School Bonds	6,000.00
Interest, notes payable	707.77	High School Bonds, In- terest	255.00
Police department	15,000.00	Cemetery	3,500.00
Printing	1,400.00		
Repairs to public build-			



Fire Department	6,500.00	Workmen's Compensation	1,000.00
Highway	28,000.00	Highway Special (Sewers)	2,000.00
Hydrants	4,000.00	Highway Special Equipment	13,00.00
Library	3,080.00		
Macadam	2,500.00	Total Appropriations	\$ 246,431.09
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	Amount to be raised by	
Municipal Building	800.00	Taxation	188,681.74
Somersworth District Nursing Service	1,000.00	Total Valuation	\$5,346,640.00
Noble Pines	2,000.00	Tax rate approved by Tax Commission, \$36.00 per \$1,000.00.	
Noble Pines Special	3,103.78	Respectfully submitted,	
Interest, Notes Payable	1,126.25	Romeo St. Laurent,	
Police Department	16,500.00	Norman A. Fournier.	
Printing	1,000.00	Committee on Finance.	
Repairs to Public Buildings	1,000.00	The foregoing list of Appropriations was amended and accepted at a Public Hearing held on July 14th, 1947.	
Salaries	22,000.00		
Schools	83,176.56		
Street Lights	9,700.00		
Welfare and Relief	9,000.00		
County Tax	23,576.44		
Memorial Day	600.00		

### *1947 Tax Rate In N. H. Cities*

Dover	\$ 4.27	Berlin	4.60
Rochester	3.55	Laconia	3.60
Portsmouth	3.70	Franklin	3.80
Concord	4.10	Nashua	3.69
Manchester	3.79		
Keene	3.50	Somersworth	36.00

## *Street Lights*



Before

Our so-called "White Way" street lighting system was modernized by the installation of 16,000 Lumen Mercury lights to replace the antiquated method of street illumination. This service was extended on Main street from Franklin street to Indigo Hill road, from corner of Orange street on High street to Washington street and on Orange street, Green street to Franklin street.



After

## *Departmental Expenditures*

### BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD

Officials and Police	\$ 568.35	\$
Schools	643.20	
Total		1,211.55
City Treasurer		1,211.55

### BONDS

High School Bonds	\$ 6,000.00
City Treasurer	6,000.00

### BRIDGES

Total Expenditures	\$ 1,789.95
City Treasurer	1,789.95

### CEMETERY

Superintendent	\$ 509.60
Labor	3,695.20
Total Salaries	4,204.80
Withholding Tax	390.50
Net Amount - Salaries and Labor	\$ 3,814.30
Repairs	492.89
Supplies	298.41
Seeds & Fertilizer	194.35
Shrubs	112.40
Oil	27.12
Total	\$ 4,939.47
Outstanding Checks	68.43
	4,871.04
City Treasurer	4,871.04

### CHANDLER BUILDING

Lights	\$ 12.33
Supplies	1.00
Fuel	238.88
Repairs	222.77
Insurance	306.03
Water Rent	14.40
Total	\$ 796.31
Outstanding Check	4.50
	791.81
City Treasurer	791.81

### CITY HALL

Repairs	\$	58.01	
Water Rent		13.00	
Total			\$ 71.01
Outstanding Check			46.58
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			24.43
City Treasurer			24.43

### COUNTY TAX

Treasurer, Strafford County	\$	23,576.44
City Treasurer		23,576.44

### DISTRICT NURSE APPROPRIATION

State Treasurer of N. H.	\$	1,000.00
City Treasurer		1,000.00

### FIRE

Sub-driver	\$	339.00	
Labor		128.45	
Firemen's Semi-Annual Pay		3,765.00	
Telephone & Gas		205.15	
Supplies		827.93	
Lights, Water & Power		238.92	
Truck Maintenance		120.50	
Equipment		56.00	
Repairs - Fire Alarm		881.40	
Insurance		478.26	
Gas & Fuel		552.34	
Repairs		202.79	
Auto Hire		20.00	
Inspection		100.00	
Maintenance - Fire Alarm		328.00	
Miscellaneous		21.97	
		<hr/>	\$ 8,265.71
Outstanding Checks			172.26
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			8,093.45
City Treasurer			\$ 8,093.45

### HIGHWAY

Labor (Gross)	\$	\$ 19,499.60
Withholding Tax		1,009.90
Blue Cross & Shield		107.90
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Labor (Net)		1,117.80
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		18,381.80



Truck Maintenance	2,742.18	
Office Supplies	23.50	
Plowing & Snow Removal	324.00	
Water Telephone & Lights	259.90	
Gasoline & Oil	2,330.10	
Miscellaneous	218.77	
Supplies	1,322.78	
Fuel	447.01	
Insurance	391.55	
Equipment	200.00	
Repairs	809.64	

	<hr/>	\$ 8,979.44
Town Road Aid		513.06

		<hr/>	27,874.30
Outstanding Checks			1,185.90

		<hr/>	\$ 26,688.40
City Treasurer			26,688.40

#### HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

H. W. Skillings Co.	\$ 2,223.71	
Arthur A. Jalbert	2,100.00	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	13,000.00	
H. W. Skillings Co.	3,075.00	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	7,790.00	

	<hr/>	\$ 28,188.71
City Treasurer		28,188.71

#### HYDRANTS

Fire Hydrant Service	\$ 4,000.00
City Treasurer	4,000.00

#### INTEREST

Anticipation of Tax Notes	\$ 982.50	
Highway Equipment Note	218.75	
High School Bond	255.00	

	<hr/>	\$ 1,456.25
City Treasurer		1,456.25

#### LIBRARY

Salaries (Gross)	\$ 2,220.40	
Withholding Tax	\$ 219.60	
Blue Cross & Shield	20.80	240.40

Salaries (Net)	<hr/>	1,980.00
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Lights	64.00	
Books	705.88	
Telephone	29.41	
Binding	84.15	
Miscellaneous	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,868.44
Outstanding Check		8.00
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		2,860.44
City Treasurer		\$ 2,860.44
<b>MACADAM</b>		
The Barrett Division	\$ 1,299.84	
Trimount Bituminous Co.	936.30	
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	2,236.14	
City Treasurer	\$ 2,236.14	
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>		
American Legion Post No. 69	\$ 450.00	
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4485	150.00	
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	600.00	
City Treasurer	\$ 600.00	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Office Expenses:		
Tax Collector	\$ 216.50	
Assessors	251.01	
City Clerk	318.44	
Election Supplies	145.45	
Vital Statistics	188.00	
Water, Rent - Pleasant St. Property	47.62	
Poll Tax Audit	47.25	
Expenses - Departmental	209.90	
Official Bonds & Incidentals	122.47	
Drawing Jurors	9.50	
Registration Permits	705.25	
Refunds	10.50	
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Total		\$ 2,271.89
Withholding Tax		165.75
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		2,105.89
Outstanding Check		.25
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		2,106.89
City Treasurer	\$ 2,105.89	

# MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Supplies	\$	138.80	
Lights & Water		224.01	
Telephone		219.28	
Repairs		108.33	
Fuel		489.16	
Outstanding Check			\$ 1,179.58
			32.25
			1,147.33
City Treasurer			\$ 1,147.33

## NOBLE PINES SPECIAL

Bleachers	\$	1,558.00	
Supplies		105.61	
Lumber		111.17	
Fence		1,329.00	
			3,103.78
City Treasurer	\$	3,103.78	

## NOTES PAYABLE

Somersworth National Bank	\$	20,000.00	
Lincoln R. Young		100,000.00	
			120,000.00
City Treasurer		\$120,000.00	

## OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Outstanding 12/31/47	\$	2,173.32	
Still Outstanding		12.65	
			2,160.67
City Treasurer	\$	2,160.67	

## POLICE

Salaries (Gross)	\$	14,507.37	
Specials		3,369.61	
			17,876.98
Retirement from Wages	213.64		
Withholding Tax	1,007.50		
Blue Cross & Shield	134.40		
		\$	1,355.54
Salaries (Net)			16,521.44
Retirement - City's Share			299.10
Supplies			118.85
Commissioners			175.00
Auto Hire			193.65

Lights & Telephone	816.66	
Medical	16.00	
Incidentals	43.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 18,183.70
Outstanding Checks		770.86

		17,413.04
City Treasurer		\$ 17,413.04

#### NOBLE PINES

Salaries (Gross)	\$ 1,558.50	
Withholding Tax	88.50	
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Salaries (Net)		\$ 1,470.00
Lights		432.41
Seeds and Fertilizer		162.25
Equipment		80.00
Repairs		33.22
Score Board		60.00
Incidentals		20.95
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		\$ 2,307.95
Outstanding Check		1.00
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		2,306.95
City Treasurer		\$ 2,306.95

#### PRINTING

Assessors	\$ 2.25	
Supervisors	312.49	
City Clerk	136.57	
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	451.31	
Outstanding Checks	15.00	
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	436.31	
City Treasurer	\$ 436.31	

#### REPAIRS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

City Hall	\$ 148.46	
Ward 5 Building	10.00	
Chandler Building	3.30	
Insurance - Public Buildings	646.70	
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	808.46	
City Treasurer	\$ 808.46	

## SALARIES

Salaries (Gross)		\$ 15,336.38
Withholding Tax	\$ 870.50	
Blue Cross & Shield	188.80	

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1,059.30

Salaries (Net)	14,277.08
Election Officials	614.00
Quarterly Salaries	5,902.60

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20,793.68

Outstanding Checks	1,257.06
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19,536.62

City Treasurer	\$ 19,536.62
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## SEWERS

Indigo Hill Road	\$ 1,310.38
Highland Park	908.78
Manhole Castings	144.00

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\$ 2,363.16

Outstanding Check	185.00
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2,178.16

City Treasurer	\$ 2,178.16
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## SCHOOLS

Teachers (Gross)	\$ 54,675.51
Nurse, Clerk, Truant & Dist. Officers	3,490.00
Janitors	5,490.00
Teachers' Retirement	485.88
School Lunch Help	54.00

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\$ 64,142.46

Withholding Tax	\$ 5,487.40
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Blue Cross & Shield	805.35
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Retirement	637.00
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6,929.75

Salaries (Net)	\$ 57,212.71
Transportation	8,100.00
Gas & Lights	681.47
Administration	622.17



Water Rent	258.11
Supplies	3,829.95
Repairs	419.52
Books	1,275.49
Special Activities	408.74
Expense of Instruction	335.40
Fuel	2,635.74
Superintendent's excess salary	1,022.12
Lunch Program & Incidentals	2,790.29
Insurance	1,554.94
Per Capita Tax - 1946 & 1947	2,078.00

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\$ 83,224.65

Outstanding Checks 115.85

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83,108.80

City Treasurer \$ 83,108.80

#### SOLDIERS' AID

Medical	\$ 264.25
Rent	62.00
Food	421.24
Fuel	50.50
Clothing	3.45

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801.44

City Treasurer \$ 801.44

#### SPECIAL POLL TAXES

F. Gordon Kimball,	
State Treasurer	\$ 248.22
City Treasurer	\$ 248.22

#### STREET LIGHTS

Public Service Co. of	
N. H.	\$ 10,023.88
City Treasurer	\$ 10,023.88

#### TAX SALES

Taxes paid by City	\$ 691.46
City Treasurer	\$ 691.46

#### WATER DEPARTMENT

Salaries (Gross)	\$ 7,708.86
Withholding Tax	
\$	183.50

#### Blue Cross & Shield

98.00

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281.50

Salaries (Net)	7,427.36
Water Commissioners	650.09
Repairs	347.42
Truck Maintenance	175.25
Lights, Power & Tele- phone	2,688.07
Fuel	271.74
Supplies	4,811.56
Bonds & Interest	3,270.27
Incidentals	264.41
Insurance	86.15

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\$ 19,992.23

Outstanding Checks 293.33

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19,698.90

City Treasurer \$ 19,698.90

#### WELFARE & RELIEF

Board & Care	\$ 593.85
Medical	551.50
Provisions	472.05

Rent	81.00
Fuel	43.18
Incidentals & Mileage	59.75
Office Expenses	105.49
Old Age Assistance	5,614.42
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	7,521.24
Outstanding Check	524.86
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	6,996.38
City Treasurer	\$ 6,996.38

WITHHOLDING TAX	
U. S. Internal Revenue	
Department	\$ 8,760.15
City Treasurer	8,760.15
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	
Workmen's Insurance	\$ 1,254.55
City Treasurer	1,254.55

## *Elected Officials*

Officials elected at Municipal election held November 4, 1947, who are to be inducted in office the first Tuesday of January, 1948, for a term of two years are:

MAYOR  
Romeo St. Laurent

### COUNCILMEN

Ward 1  
Oscar Lemay  
Simeon Rainville

Ward 2  
Louis Chasse  
Norman Fournier

Ward 3  
Fred J. Lauzon  
Joseph F. McKeon

Ward 4  
Joseph Aubert  
Joseph H. Bolduc

Ward 5  
Leon J. Littlefield  
Alfred Perusse

### SCHOOL BOARD

Ward 1  
William G. Ball  
Ward 2  
Angelina Bickford

Ward 3  
Russell J. Fontaine

Ward 4  
Leo Cater

Ward 5  
Anna Bernier

### SELECTMEN

Ward 1  
Thomas Lazzara  
Flora Lemay  
Omer Nadeau

Ward 2  
Thomas C. Joyal  
Margaret C. O'Connell  
Raymond J. Pouliot

Ward 3  
Peter Chasse  
Louis Therrien  
George J. Lauzon

Ward 4  
Onesime Blouin  
Ovide Nadeau  
William Perron

Ward 5  
Alfred Grondin  
Theodore Grondin  
Alfred J. Lamb

## *School Report*



**School Lunch Program**

Somersworth has good schools; well trained and experienced teachers work for the interests of the children. Our present 4-4-4 organization of grades in the three

buildings is very satisfactory except that a need exists for new building construction to eliminate the use of the old primary school and to alleviate the lack of play-

ground area around the buildings. An excellent building committee has employed architects and is working to accomplish these needs. "Weighty questions ask for Deliberate Answers."

Somersworth has a health program that includes all schools. The Federally Aided Lunch program in the elementary schools has provided for the serving of over 15,000 complete meals to pupils since its beginning in December 1947. Approximately 2,100 complete lunches have been served at the high school to transported pupils during the winter months. A report of the School Nurse indicates that a careful check is made continuously on physical ailments and disease. One hundred and sixty-one children were treated during the dental clinic which was sponsored during the current year. Several other clinics and tests have provided for treatment and correction of many weaknesses.

The curricula of the Somersworth High School are more varied than in many larger schools; the following courses are offered: Academic, General, Commercial, Mechanic Arts and Home Economics. The total program includes many clubs and class organizations as well as dramatics, music, physical education and four major sports.

The school produces an excellent yearbook and participates in many state and community Non-Athletic Contests such as essay and speaking contests.

We hope to expand the guidance,

physical training, music and remedial programs. Text and supplementary books are being renewed as finances permit; they are now in very good general condition. All schools will have the advantage of Audio-visual aids during the coming year, after the purchase of a new projector for the elementary schools.

School costs in Somersworth—like everywhere else—have increased. The present budget provides for the essentials of good elementary and secondary training. There is a continuous need for new equipment.

In consideration of "Extending Education Downward," the addition of kindergarten training to the present school offerings would be of much value to the social and educational lives of our children.

Recent and present trends toward increased birth rate and an apparent increased desire on the part of parents, pupils and employers for more schooling on the part of our children, indicate that our school enrollment will show abrupt increases during the next few years. This probable change is characteristic of the country as a whole. Statistics have proven that proper education is an INVESTMENT which is more than worthy of the financial demands.

We are looking forward to the continuation and improvement of our present good educational system.

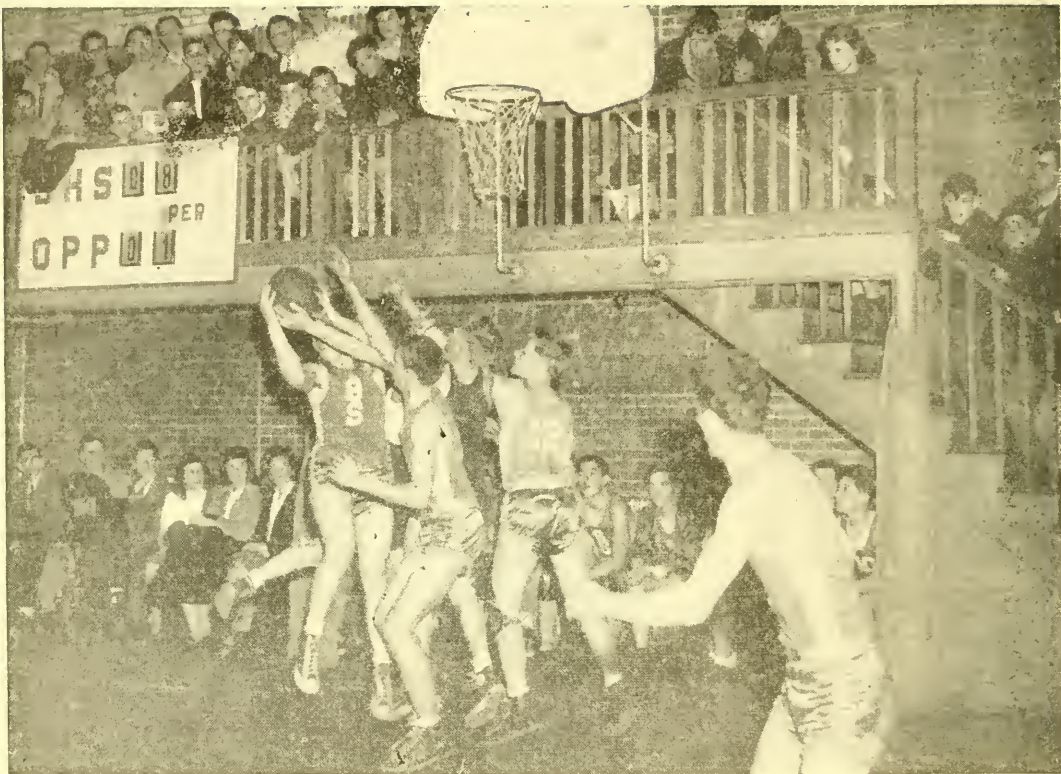
Jonathan A. Osgood,  
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