

**ANNUAL  
REPORTS**

**OF THE TOWN OF  
GREENFIELD  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1954**



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***for the Town of***

## ***GREENFIELD***

***New Hampshire***



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***1954***

## TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator, Marjorie Aiken.

Town Clerk, Anna M. Chute.

Treasurer, Lucy A. Brooks.

Selectmen, Hobart M. Adams, George F. Shea, Ralph H. Russell

Tax Collector, Anna M. Chute.

Trustees of Trust Funds, Donald W. Hopkins, Marjorie Aiken,  
Hobart M. Adams.

Library Trustees, Jarvis M. Adams, Ann Lovett, Catherine P.  
Merrill.

Supervisors of Check List, Charles P. Hopkins, Frances Russell,  
Frank S. Gage.

Highway Agent, Dean P. Russell.

Fire Chief, Dean P. Russell.

Fire Warden, Perley W. Blanchard.

Deputy Fire Wardens, Thomas Coughlan, Robert Atkinson.

Chief of Police, Albert Knudsen.

Special Police Officers, Thomas Coughlan, John F. Rideout.

Overseer of Poor, Blanche L. Gage.

Health Officer, Philip E. Magoon, Sr.

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber, John T. Robertson.

Auditors, Frances Russell, Florence S. Adams.

# TOWN WARRANT

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Greenfield, in the County of Hillsboro in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Greenfield on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at 7:30 P. M. to act upon the following subjects:

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

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

Art. 3. To choose a Highway Agent for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To hear reports of Selectmen, Highway Agent, Treasurer, Overseer of Poor, Library Trustees, and other Officials, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for repairs of highways and bridges, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for snow removal, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for support of Library, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$85.00 for Memorial Day, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire a sum of money to pay Town Debts, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70.00 for the Monadnock Region Association, or take any action thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Town Poor, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$549.14 for Class V. Roads. The State will contribute \$3,660.91, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote a discount of 2% on Tax bills 30 days from date of Tax bills, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Blister Rust control in cooperation with the Forestry and Recreation Commission, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote, that the Tax Collector's Salary be 1% of all Property, Poll and Yield Taxes collected, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for purchase of additional chairs for Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the purchase of additional Fire Hose, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay all Firemen on the roster, \$1.00 each, per month, for regular attendance at monthly meetings. No Fireman will be paid unless he attends the regular meetings, and such payment to be made April 1 of each year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay each active Fireman on the roster \$1.00 per hour, while fighting fires, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to pay one half the cost of running and permanently marking the Town Line, if the Town of Peterborough will pay one half the cost. The line to be run from Main Road to Peterborough and marker at the "Old Gulf Road." Greenfield's share \$75.00 or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to request the State Tax Commission to reappraise improved lands and buildings, in order to equalize assessments thereof on proportional basis, and to raise and appropriate money for this purpose, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to purchase a heavy used grader complete with plow and wing. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$25,000.00 of which \$15,000.00 shall be used to retire Town indebtedness with the Souhegan National Bank, and \$10,000.00 shall be made available for the purchase of a used heavy grader as per following resolution.

### **KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS**

WHEREAS the voters of the Town of Greenfield, N. H., now assembled on the 8th day of March, 1955, at a regular scheduled meeting have voted to purchase a grader for the sum not exceeding ten thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS the said Town has serial notes outstanding with the Souhegan National Bank of Milford, N. H., in the amount of Fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars; and, payable at the sum of Thirty Five Hundred (\$3500.00) Dollars, annually, with interest at Two and a Half ( $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ ) per cent, and,

WHEREAS it is the desire of said voters that the new financing be placed on serial notes with no additional increase in yearly payments or interest charges.

### **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**

That the combined financing of said Town shall not exceed in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars to be borrowed at said Bank at a rate of interest not to exceed Two and one-half ( $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ ) per cent per annum and payments not to exceed Thirty Five Hundred (\$3500.00) Dollars per annum payable at Office of said Bank at Milford, N. H., and That serial notes be the direct obligation of said Town and shall be dated on or about July 1st, 1955, issued in serial form maturing each year with July 1st, 1956.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

That the proceeds of said serial notes be used for payment now existing of serial notes now at said Bank and balance to be used for purchase of new equipment according to vote of Town.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to work out details of a guaranteed wage of \$50.00 per week for the Highway Agent for the months of December, January, February and March of each year, in accordance with principals outlined in the report of The Road Committee dated February 1, 1955, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will discontinue the so-called Brantwood Camp Road as a Public Highway. The road to be used as a private road, as they practically own the property on both sides of the road. Thereby eliminating any further road expense on the part of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. The Selectmen have located a suitable piece of property for a new Town Dump. This property large enough to last many years can be purchased for \$150.00. A road into the property can be made for \$150.00. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for this purpose, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to reimburse the Treasury \$1,500.00 to cover hurricane expense and tax rebates on account of the Stock in Trade Law, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To transact any other business that can legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 22nd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty five.

HOBART M. ADAMS  
GEORGE F. SHEA  
RALPH H. RUSSELL  
Selectmen of Greenfield

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HOBART M. ADAMS  
GEORGE F. SHEA  
RALPH H. RUSSELL  
Selectmen of Greenfield



## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$4,738 45	\$4,738 45	\$4,738 45
Railroad Tax	296 20	284 05	280 00
Savings Bank Tax	118 81	97 11	95 00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	2,057 08	839 82	223 68
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Ass't		95 62	
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Dog Licenses	158 40	211 50	200 00
Rent of Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	100 00	113 00	70 00
Income of Departments:			
(a) Highway, incl. rental of equipment		97 07	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,083 55	2,131 79	2,100 00
Sale of Town Property	200 00		200 00
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	430 00	352 00	350 00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	4 20	22 20	22 00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROP. TAXES</b>			
	\$10,186 69	\$8,982 61	\$8,279 13
<b>Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes</b>	<b>\$43,330 27</b>		<b>\$41,707 75</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>			<b>\$49,986 88</b>

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>			
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,117 00	\$1,395 65	\$1,200 00
Town Officers' Expenses	886 00	887 04	850 00
Election & Regis. Expenses	100 00	48 25	
Expenses Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	835 00	1,075 96	900 00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Police Department	40 00	57 50	50 00
Fire Department	850 00	941 65	800 00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	400 00	400 00	400 00
<b>Health:</b>			
Vital Statistics	7 00	5 50	7 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	175 00	255 00	50 00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance—Summer	4,700 00	5,889 40	4,700 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	4,000 00	3,374 98	4,000 00
Street Lighting	885 00	904 71	904 71
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	40 00	406 36	400 00
Town Road Aid	546 02	546 02	549 14
<b>Libraries:</b>	400 00	400 00	400 00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	500 00	213 09	500 00
Old Age Assistance	880 00	1,379 23	1,400 00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>			
Memorial Day & Veterans' Assn.	85 00	82 50	85 00
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks & Playground, Inc. Band Con.	200 00	333 88	350 00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	200 00	304 31	300 00
Scales		5 00	25 00
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Damages & Legal Expenses, Incl. Dog Damage		7 50	
Advertising & Regional Associations	70 00	70 00	70 00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955
<b>Interest:</b>			
On Temporary Loans		269 60	
On Long Term Notes & Bonds	462 50	441 25	600 00
Outlay for New Construction and Perm. Improv.			
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Town Construction—Tar	1,200 00	1,201 16	
Bridge Construction	500 00	341 78	
New Lands and Buildings	225 00		
New Equipment		335 00	
Indebtedness:			
<b>Payment on Principal of Debt:</b>			
(b) Long Term Notes	3,500 00	3,500 00	3,500 00
Payments to Other Gov. Div.:			
County Taxes	3,652 37	3,652 37	3,652 37
School Taxes	27,061 07	27,061 07	24,293 66
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$53,516 96</b>	<b>\$55,785 76</b>	<b>\$49,986 88</b>

Comparative Statement Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

TITLE OF APPROPRIATIONS	Appropriations	Receipts	Total Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,117 00		\$1,117 00	\$1,395 65		\$278 65
Town Officers' Expenses	886 00		886 00	887 04		1 04
Election and Registration	100 00		100 00	48 25	\$51 75	
Town Hall Expenses	1,060 00		1,060 00	1,075 96		15 96
Police Department	40 00		40 00	57 50		17 50
Fire Department	850 00	\$300 00	1,150 00	941 65	208 35	
Blister Rust	400 00		400 00	400 00		
Vital Statistics	7 00		7 00	5 50	1 50	
Town Dump	175 00		175 00	255 00		80 00
Roads—Summer	4,700 00	108 23	4,808 23	5,889 40		1,081 17
Roads—Snow	4,000 00		4,000 00	3,374 98	625 02	
Street Lighting	885 00		885 00	904 71		19 71
General Expenses Highway Dept.	40 00	40 00	80 00	406 36		326 36
Town Road Aid	546 02		546 02	546 02		
Library	400 00		400 00	400 00		
Town Poor	500 00		500 00	213 09	286 91	499 23
Old Age Assistance	880 00		880 00	1,379 23		133 88
Memorial Day	85 00		85 00	82 50	2 50	
Parks and Playgrounds	200 00		200 00	333 88		104 31
Cemeteries	200 00		200 00	301 31		5 00
Scales				5 00		7 50
Legal Expenses				7 50		
Monadnock Region Association	70 00		70 00	70 00		
Interest, Temporary Loans				269 60		269 60
Interest Serial Notes	462 50		462 50	441 25	21 25	
Construction—Tar	1,200 00		1,200 00	1,201 16		1 16
Bridge Repairs	500 00		500 00	341 78	158 22	
New Equipment				335 00		335 00
Serial Notes	3,500 00		3,500 00	3,500 00		
County Taxes	3,652 37		3,652 37	3,652 37		
Schools	27,061 07		17,605 42	17,605 42	9,455 65	
Totals	\$53,516 96		\$44,509 54	\$46,317 11	\$10,811 15	\$3,176 07
				Unexpended	\$7,635 08	

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall land and buildings	\$40,000
Town Hall furniture and equipment	2,000
Library land and buildings	10,000
Library, furniture and equipment	2,500
Fire Department land and buildings	6,000
Fire Department, equipment	15,000
Highway Department land and buildings	2,500
Highway Department, equipment	7,600
School land and buildings	20,000
Parks and Common	1,000
Cemetery land and equipment	2,100
D. M. White land	100
L. J. White field land	800
Leroy Hopkins lot	50
Burnham lot	150
Lawrence & Dora M. Parker lot	75
William Hopkins meadow land	100
Waldo Clement lot	100
	\$110,025

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## TOWN INVENTORY, 1954

Land and buildings	\$524,486 00
Electric Plants	55,404 00
Horses, 12	1,025 00
Neat stock, 5	475 00
Cows and Cattle, 87	12,145 00
Goats, 9	135 00
Fowls, 13,743	13,493 00
Portable Mills, 1	500 00
Gasoline Pumps and tanks, 13	1,450 00
Stock in trade	79,493 00
Mills and machinery	50,650 00
	\$739,256 00
Gross Valuation	\$739,256 00
Exemptions Soldiers and Charitable Camps	39,250 00
	\$700,006 00
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$700,006 00
Polls 216 National Bank Stock Tax \$4.20	
Average rate of taxation per one hundred valuation for all purposes \$6.36.	

## APPROPRIATIONS

Defray Town Expenses	\$5,700 00
For Repairs of Highways and Bridges	4,700 00
Snow Removal	4,000 00
Support of Public Library	400 00
Memorial Day	85 00
Monadnock Region* Association	70 00
Class V Roads	546 02
Blister Rust Control	400 00
Town Poor	500 00
Old East and Mill Road	700 00
Extending Black Top on East Road	500 00
Painting & Making Minor Repairs on Tractor Bldg.	40 00
Yearly Salary of Fire Chief	100 00
Purchasing & Installing Emergency Lights in Town Hall	75 00
Repairing and Building Fire Wells	300 00
Replacing Wooden Bridges	500 00
Paying for Chairs for Town Hall	225 00
County Tax	3,652 37
Schools	27,061 07
Serial Notes	3,500 00
Interest	462 50
	\$53,516 96

## ASSETS

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1954	\$3,189 33
In Hands of Officials	500 00
Due from State—Bounties	47 00
Rent of Hall	50 00
Brantwood Camp, Road work	100 00
Yield Tax Due from State	223 68
Unredeemed Taxes, 1953	256 67
Uncollected Taxes, 1954	6,229 53
	\$10,596 21

## LIABILITIES

Souhegan National Bank, Town Hall Notes (Serial)	\$10,000 00
Souhegan National Bank, Fire Truck Notes (Serial)	5,000 00
Souhegan National Bank, Temporary Loans	5,000 00
Church Note	1,192 00
State Head Tax	205 00
School District	9,445 65
	\$30,842 65

**STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT**

**Town of Greenfield, N. H., Dec. 31, 1954**

Showing Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes Souhegan National Bank, Milford, N. H.

Town Hall Repairs, Serial Notes 1948.

Fire Truck, Serial Notes, 1953.

Maturities	Original Amount Hall \$25,000 Truck, \$6,000	Total Annual Maturities
1955	\$2,500 at 2½%	
	\$1,000 at 2½%	\$3,500
1956	\$2,500 at 2½%	
	\$1,000 at 2½%	\$3,500
1957	\$2,500 at 2½%	
	\$1,000 at 2½%	\$3,500
1958	\$2,500 at 2½%	
	\$1,000 at 2½%	\$3,500
1959	\$1,000 at 2½%	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

Demand Note \$1,192 at 3% Union Congregational Church

## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Robert Stanley, auditor	\$25 00
Ralph H. Russell, auditor	25 00
Anna Chute, fees	163 65
Anna M. Chute, Tax Collector	125 00
Anna M. Chute, Town Clerk	35 00
Charles P. Hopkins, Supervisor Check List	20 00
Frances Russell, Supervisor Check List	20 00
Frank S. Gage, Supervisor Check List	20 00
Marjorie Aiken, Moderator	15 00
Blanche L. Gage, Overseer of Poor	50 00
Lucy A. Brooks, Treasurer	50 00
George F. Shea, Selectman	200 00
Ralph H. Russell, Selectman	200 00
Hobart M. Adams, Selectman	250 00
Dean P. Russell, Fire Chief	100 00
Albert Knudsen, Police Chief	75 00
Perley Blanchard, Fire Warden	12 00
Philip E. Magoon, Sr., Health Officer	10 00
	\$1,395 65

## TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Public Service, Lights	\$59 29
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., Phone Service	90 35
John Bellows Agency, officers' Bonds	96 20
Transcript Printing Co., Town Reports	297 00
Mittag & Volger Inc., Town Clerk Printing Supplies	2 00
U. S. Auto Truck Guide, Town Clerk	7 00
Wheeler & Clark, Town Clerk Supplies	13 85
Register of Deeds, Recording	9 92
Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, Supplies	1 25
N. H. Tax Collectors' Asso., Dues	3 00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Office Supplies	25 00
Ralph Russell, New Window Screens	15 42
Registry of Deeds, Recording	4 29
George F. Shea, Trips, to Manchester, Concord	20 00
H. M. Adams, Trips, to Manchester, Concord (2) Milford	35 00
H. M. Adams, Expense, Postage, etc.	5 20
Ralph H. Russell, Trips, Manchester, Concord	20 00
Eastman & Co., Office Supplies	20 23
Anna M. Chute, Expenses	30 28
Anna M. Chute, Tax Sale Expense	41 22
Anna M. Chute, Tax Collectors' Trip, Portsmouth to Attend Meeting	26 75



N. H. Assessors Asso., Dues	3 00
John Bellows Agency, Workmen's Compensation	7 83
Sargent Bros., Printing, Tax Collector	13 50
Registry of Deeds, Recording	4 50
N. H. Town Clerks' Asso., Dues	2 00
Floyd Cornwell, Wood for Office	15 00
Transcript Printing Co., Tax Notices	6 00
Leon Cochran, Storing Wood	2 00
Philip E. Magoon, Sr., Services	2 00
Lucy A. Brooks, Expense	8 00
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	\$887 04

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TOWN HALL EXPENSE

Public Service, Lighting	\$185 03
Russell Fuel Oil Co., Fuel Oil	70 00
C. F. Stevens, Care of Hall	34 00
Leitch Engineering Co., Cleaning Furnace	28 70
North Branch Chair Co., Chairs for Hall	240 90
Alfred Perry, Roof Repairs	33 50
John Bellows Agency, Fire Insurance	415 99
Eastern Fire Equipment Co., Safety Lights	41 51
Albert Knudsen, Care of Clock	25 00
Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, Supplies	1 33
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	\$1,075 96

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TOWN MAINTENANCE OF ROADS

Dean P. Russell, Road Agent	\$5,889 40
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SNOW REMOVAL

Dean P. Russell, Road Agent	\$3,374 98
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GENERAL EXPENSE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

John Bellows Agency, Liability Insurance	\$82 24
John Bellows Agency, Workman's Comp. Ins.	292 60
John Bellows Agency, Fire Insurance	10 38
Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, Supplies	21 14
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	\$406 36

## FIRE DEPARTMENT & FOREST FIRES

New England Tel. & Tel. Co., Phones	\$98 15
Public Service, Power	22 75
Russell Fuel Oil Co., Fuel	158 68
C. H. Cragin & Son, Gas, Oil, Repairs, Parts	88 69
Derby's, Part for Portable Pump	9 03
Perley Blanchard, Warden's Meeting	7 86
John Bellows Agency, Fire Insurance	32 24
Eastern Fire Equipment Co., Supplies	14 52
John Bellows Agency, Accident Insurance	46 80
Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, Supplies	8 87
Perley Blanchard, Forest Fires	27 25
John Bellows Agency, Auto Lia. Ins.	162 50
Eastern Fire Equipment Co., Liner Tank	13 38
John Bellows Agency, Compensation Insurance	107 50
John Bellows Agency, Fire Insurance	15 57
Town of Bennington, Saw Mill Fire	44 00
Greenfield Industries, Gas	2 93
Eastern Fire Equipment Co., Supplies	20 18
Leon Cochran, Clearing Snow, Fire Wells	17 00
Thomas Cochran, Work on Fire Wells, Cutting Brush	43 75
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	\$941 65

## BRIDGE REPAIRS

Town Construction	\$341 78
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## NEW EQUIPMENT

Boutwell's Garage, Chain Saw	\$335 00
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## TOWN ROAD AID

N. H. Highway Dept., Appro.	\$546 02
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## SPECIAL ROAD ACCOUNT

Asphalt East Road, Mill Road & Extension, Appro.	\$1,201 16
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## PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Dean P. Russell, Work on Common	\$11 25
J. A. Belmore, Work on Common	12 00
George F. Shea, Work on Common	12 00
Howard Russell, Work on Common	8 00
Rodney White, Work on Common	8 00
Woodbury & Son, Mowing Common	140 00
C. H. Cragin & Son, Gas and Oil	1 20
Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, Supplies	8 35
Leon Cochran, Work on Common	16 25
C. H. Cragin & Son, Repairs on Mower	4 92
Derby's Dept. Store, Lights for Tree	8 38
Leon Cochran, Work on Tree	4 00
Robert Boudrieau, Half price of Mower	99 53
	\$333 88

## TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO GREENFIELD RECREATION COMM.

Zephyr Lake Appro., Authorized by Town Meeting	\$200 00
War Memorial Appro., Authorized by Town Meeting	600 00
	\$800 00

## TIMBER TAX

Anna M. Chute, Tax Paid to Treasurer	\$220 00
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## VITAL STATISTICS

Anna M. Chute, Recording	\$5 50
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## CEMETERIES

Public Service, Power	\$24 45
C. H. Cragin & Son, Supplies & gas, oil	11 98
O. B. Peirce, Parts for Water Line	2 62
Woodbury & Son, Cemetery back of Church	150 00
Robert Boudrieau, Half of cost of lawn mower	99 53
Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, Supplies, gas & oil	2 98
Russell Holt, Clearing small Cemetery	12 75
	\$304 31

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Balance for timber taken from Cemetery \$207 45

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## TOWN DUMP

Varnum Bros., Clearing Dump \$255 00

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

John F. Rideout, Special Police Duty \$23 50  
Starr Sumner, Special Police Duty 18 50  
Albert Knudsen, Extra Police Duty 14 00  
John Bellows Agency, Compensation Insurance 1 50

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\$57 50

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## STREET LIGHTING

Public Service \$904 71

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## TOWN POOR

Daniel Webster Home, Final Payment Durant  
Children \$49 50  
Robert Boudrieau, Food, Randall family 40 00  
Community Hospital, Care of Gertrude Magoon 75 59  
Alfred G. Chandler, M.D., Care of Gertrude Magoon 33 00  
Harlan E. Karr, Care of Gertrude Magoon 15 00

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\$213 09

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## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Welfare Department \$1,379 23

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## BOUNTIES

Porcupine Bounties \$47 00

## MEMORIAL DAY

Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, Flags	\$19 50
Windy Hill Greenhouses, Plants	63 00
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	\$82 50

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## SCHOOLS

Balance of 1953 Appro.	\$6,839 03
Part of 1954 Appro.	\$17,605 42
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	\$24,444 45

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## LIBRARY

Library Trustees, Appro.	\$400 00
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## ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Gardner Glover, Ballot Inspector	\$12 25
Willard Hopkins, Ballot Inspector	12 00
Jarvis Adams, Ballot Inspector	12 00
Philip Magoon, Sr., Ballot Inspector	6 00
Charles P. Hopkins, Ballot Inspector	6 00
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	\$48 25

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## UNCLASSIFIED

Anna M. Chute, Taxes bought by Town	\$211 11
H. D. Cheever, Legal Fees	7 50
Monadnock Region Association, Appro.	70 00
Anna M. Chute, Head Tax fees	31 95
N. H. Department of Agri., Testing Scales	5 00
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	\$325 56

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## ABATEMENTS

White Mountain Freezer Co., Refund on timber tax	\$5 04
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PAYMENTS ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Souhegan National Bank	\$11,000 00
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PAYMENTS ON SERIAL NOTES

Souhegan National Bank, Town Hall Note	\$2,500 00
Souhegan National Bank, Fire Truck Note	1,000 00
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	\$3,500 00

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INTEREST

Souhegan National Bank, Temporary Loans	\$269 60
Souhegan National Bank, Serial Notes	405 49
Union Congregational Church, Demand Note	35 76
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	\$710 85

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PAYMENTS TO GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS

State Treasurer, Head Tax	\$1,247 32
State of N. H., Blister Rust Control	400 00
County Treasurer, County Tax	3,652 37
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	\$5,299 69

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Expense	\$887 04
Fire Department & Forest Fires	941 65
Town Hall Expense	1,075 96
Town Officers' Salaries	1,395 65
Payments on Temporary Loans	11,000 00
Payments on Serial Notes	3,500 00
Interest	710 85
Payments to Government Divisions	5,299 69
Town Maintenance of Roads	5,889 40
Snow Removal	3,374 98
General Expense Highway Department	406 36
Bridge Repairs	341 78
New Equipment	335 00
Town Road Aid	546 02
Special Road Account	1,201 16
Schools	24,444 45
Library	400 00
Election & Registration	48 25
Unclassified	325 56
Abatements	5 04
Parks and Playgrounds	333 88
Transfer of Funds to Greenfield Recreation Comm.	800 00
Timber Tax	220 00
Vital Statistics	5 50
Cemeteries	304 31
Cemetery Trustees	207 45
Town Dump	225 00
Police Department	57 50
Street Lighting	904 71
Town Poor	213 09
Old Age Assistance	1,379 23
Bounties	47 00
Memorial Day	82 50
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Total	\$66,939 01

## REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1954 \$5,273 71

Received:

Anna Chute, taxes	45,708 34
Anna Chute, Auto Permits	2,131 79
Anna Chute, Dog Licenses	211 50
Souhegan National Bank, loan	10,000 00
Greenfield Truck Plowing Drives	135 00
Elwin Bailey, Balance in Bank	144 71
Town, Rent of Hall	113 00
N. M. Mitchell, Sand	3 50
Philip Woodbury, Old Mower	35 00
Town of Hancock, Rent of Truck	26 40
D. P. Russell, Collecting Waste	59 50
John Bellows Agency, Premium	3 25
Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, Use of Scales	11 90
Selectmen, Pistol Permits	3 50

State Treasurer:

Reimbursement 1953 Head Tax	8 78
Reimbursement 1953 Loss a/c	839 82
State Forestry Dept., services	1 05
State Forestry Dept., training	3 93
State Forestry Dept., fire bill	13 63
State Highway Dept., reimbursement, Class V	103 23
State Treas., bounties, porcupines	57 00
State. Treas., Interest & dividends tax	4,738 45
State Treas., Recovery Greenfield Shares	
Old Age Assistance, Arthur Taylor	95 62
State. Treas., White Mt. Freezer Co.	5 04
State Treas., Savings Bank Tax	97 11
State Treas. Railroad tax	284 05
State Treas., reimbursement Class V	13 38
State Treas., Refund Pine Blister Rust	1 15

	\$70,128 34
Paid Selectmen's orders	66,939 01

Balance Dec. 31, 1954	\$3,189 33
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LUCY A. BROOKS, Treasurer



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

(For Current Year's Levy)

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1954:

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	\$44,520 39
Poll Taxes	426 00
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Total Warrant	\$44,946 39
Yield Taxes	1,770 69
Added Taxes:	
National Bank Stock Taxes	22 20
Poll Taxes	6 00
Interest Collected	5 04
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Total Debits	\$46,750 32

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	\$38,232 80
Poll Taxes	352 00
National Bank Stock Tax	22 20
Interest Collected	5 04
Discounts Allowed	534 69
Abatements Allowed:	
Property and Stock in Trade Tax (overtax)	1,360 06
Poll Taxes	14 00
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:	
Property Tax	4,392 84
Poll Taxes	66 00
Yield Taxes	1,770 69
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Total Credits	\$46,750 32

"I hereby certify that the above list showing a summary of the taxes committed to me, and a summary of all payments to the Treasurer, as of December 31, 1954, on account of the Tax levy of 1954 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

(Signed) ANNA M. CHUTE

Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS, AS OF DEC. 31, 1954

1954 Uncollected Property Taxes:

Resident:

Babine, Clarence	\$763 08
Bailey, Elwin G.	31 80
Blaha, William	127 20
Bowes, Louis M., Jr.	298 92
Bowes, Maurice M.	114 48
Brooks, Harold W. & Delia W.	164 40
Carbee, Sheldon and Beverly	127 20
Cleaves, Clinton H.	165 36
Coughlan, Thomas and Elise	72 29
Davis, Earl T. and Edna M.	38 16
Dorr, Harry A.	143 10
George, Donald	25 44
George, Mildred L.	111 30
Glover, Gardner W. and Edna	25 44
Hayes, Wilhelmina	114 48
Knudsen, Albert and Eva	76 32
Magoon, David	12 72
Magoon, Richard	15 90
Magoon, Francis and Dorothy	4 77
Magoon, George and Agnes	36 57
Robertson, John J.	375 24
Sampson, John J. and Ann	69 96

Total uncollected resident taxes

\$2,914 14

Non Resident:

Atwood, Harry	\$3 18
Clark, Grover	4 77
Carbee, Roland E. (Store Buildings)	381 60
Cuddyer, Robert	12 72
Eaton, Maxwell P.	101 76
Doremus, Richard W.	3 18
Goodwin, Annette	9 54
Goodwin, Harvey	69 96
Hopkins, Sumner P. & Ruth	248 04
Keefe, Perley C.	76 32
Moses, George	12 72
Murry, Robert J.	44 52
Munzing, Elizabeth	57 24
MacFarland, Russell	222 60
Nordgren, Ralph E.	31 80
Paige, Harvey	12 72
Ramsey, John	3 18
Rockwell, George	4 77

Scanlon, James T. & Mary V.	95 40
Sumner, Walter	82 68

Total uncollected non-resident taxes	\$1,478 70
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Total uncollected taxes ending Dec. 31, 1954	\$4,392 84
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“I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1954, on account of the tax levy of 1954, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

(Signed) ANNA M. CHUTE  
Tax Collector

### SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS, AS OF DEC. 31, 1954

#### 1954 UNCOLLECTED POLL TAXES

Bailey, Elwin G.	\$2 00
Bailey, Elizabeth	2 00
Blaha, William	2 00
Blaha, Agnes	2 00
Brooks, Harold	2 00
Brooks, Delia	2 00
Davis, Earl	2 00
Davis, Edna	2 00
Ferry, Joseph	2 00
Ferry, Adaline	2 00
Glover, Gardner	2 00
Glover, Edna	2 00
Hayes, Wilhelmina	2 00
Knudsen, Albert	2 00
Knudsen, Eva	2 00
Magoon, Francis, Sr.	2 00
Magoon, Richard	2 00
Pace, Laura	2 00
Parker, Olive M.	2 00
Parker, Donald G.	2 00
Rideout, Josephine	2 00
Robertson, John T.	2 00
Robertson, Rachel	2 00
Russell, Ruth H.	2 00
Russell, Beulah	2 00
Sampson, Ann	2 00
Sullivan, Isabel	2 00
Terry, Sarabelle	2 00
Thomas, Raymond	2 00
Warren, Della	2 00

Young, Leon	2 00
Young, Dorothy	2 00
Thomas, Edna	2 00

1953 UNCOLLECTED POLL TAXES:

Warren, Della	2 00	
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1954 ABATEMENTS POLL TAXES

Earle, Edward T., (over 70)	\$2 00
Earle, Florence, (over 70)	2 00
Johnston, Frank, (non resident)	2 00
Johnston, Vera, (non resident)	2 00
Merchant, George, (over 70)	2 00
Wilson, Henry T., (Vet.)	2 00
Johnson, Merrill, (Vet)	2 00

Abatements Total \$14 00

"I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent poll taxpayer, as of December 31, 1954 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

(Signed) ANNA M. CHUTE  
Tax Collector

(For Current Year's Levy)  
SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
STATE HEAD TAX—Levy of 1954

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Original Warrant	\$1,270 00	
Added Taxes	20 00	
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Total Commitment	\$1,290 00	
Penalties Collected	9 50	
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Total Debits		\$1,299 50

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	\$1,060 00	
Penalties	9 50	
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	\$1,069 50	
Abatements	25 00	
Uncollected Head Taxes per Collector's List	205 00	
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Total Credits		\$1,299 50

1954 Uncollected Head Taxes:

Bailey, Elwin G.	\$5 00	Parker, Olive M.	\$5 00
Bailey, Elizabeth	5 00	Rideout, John	5 00
Blaha, William A.	5 00	Rideout, Josephine	5 00
Blaha, Agnes J.	5 00	Robertson, John T.	5 00
Brooks, Harold W.	5 00	Robertson, Rachel E.	5 00
Brooks, Delia H.	5 00	Russell, Dean P.	5 00
Davis, Earl T.	5 00	Russell, Ruth H.	5 00
Davis, Edna M.	5 00	Russell, Clifford T.	5 00
Dorr, Harry	5 00	Russell, Beulah E.	5 00
Ferry, Joseph T.	5 00	Sampson, John J.	5 00
Ferry, Adeline R.	5 00	Sampson, Ann	5 00
Glover, Gardner W.	5 00	Sullivan, Michael J.	5 00
Glover, Edna D.	5 00	Sullivan, Isabel	5 00
Hayes, Wilhelmina	5 00	Terry, Noel	5 00
Knudsen, Albert L.	5 00	Terry, Sarabelle	5 00
Knudsen, Eva L.	5 00	Thomas, Edna H.	5 00
Magoon, Francis B., Sr.	5 00	Warren, Alfred	5 00
Magoon, Francis B., Jr.	5 00	Warren, Della	5 00
Magoon, Richard	5 00	Young, Leon C.	5 00
Pace, Laura B.	5 00	Young, Dorothy H.	5 00
Parker, Donald, Sr.	5 00		

"I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1954, on account of the tax levy of (1954), is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

(Signed) ANNA M. CHUTE  
Tax Collector

(For Previous Year's Levy)  
SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1953

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1954:

Property Taxes	\$4,304 65	
Added Property Taxes	31 20	
Poll Taxes	74 00	
Added Poll Tax	2 00	
Yield Taxes	1,092 15	
Added Yield Taxes	225 00	
		\$5,729 00
Interest Collected During Fiscal Year		
Ended Dec. 31, 1954		\$126 74

Total Debits \$5,855 74

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Ended December 31, 1954:

Property Taxes	\$4,273 45
Poll Taxes	72 00
Interest collected	126 74
Yield Taxes	1,060 48

Abatements during Year:

Property Taxes	\$62 40
Poll Taxes	2 00

Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's list:

Poll Tax	2 00
Yield Taxes	256 67

Total Credits		<u>                    </u>	\$5,855 74
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### SUMMARY OF WARRANT

#### POLL TAX—LEVY 1952

Uncollected January 1, 1954:

Poll Taxes	\$2 00
Interest collected	16

Total Debits		<u>                    </u>	\$2 16
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Remittances to treasurer during Fiscal Year:

1954

Poll tax	\$2 00
Interest	16

Total Credits		<u>                    </u>	\$2 16
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"I hereby certify that the Summary of the taxes Committed to me, and a summary of all payments to the Treasurer, as of December 31, 1954, on account of the tax levy of 1952 and levy 1953 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

(Signed) ANNA M. CHUTE  
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS,  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1954

DR.

Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:

(a) Taxes Sold to Town during Current Fiscal Year	1953	1952	1951
Purchased by Town	\$211 11		
Taxes sold to Robert Thomas, Sr., during current fiscal year	36 24		
(b) Balance of unredeemed taxes January 1, 1954		\$34 60 189 18	\$163 94
Total Debits	\$247 35	\$223 78	\$163 94

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Remittances to Treasurer during Current Fiscal year, with interest	\$247 35		\$189 18
Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales	247 35	223 78	
Names and amounts taxes of Unredeemed tax sales on account of Levies of:			
Atwood, Harry	\$7 04		
Fitzgerald, Chester	36 24	34 60	
Magoon, Richard	20 04		
Dorr, Harry A.	184 03	189 18	
Total Credits	\$247 35	\$223 78	

"I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1954 on account of the tax sales held on levies 1953, 1952 and 1951 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed) ANNA M. CHUTE  
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF YIELD TAXES  
LEVY 1953

Yield Taxes as of January 1, 1954:	
Uncollected	\$1,116 92
Supplementary yield taxes	225 00
Total Debits	\$1,341 92

## CREDITS

Collected during Fiscal Year:		
Yield taxes	\$1,010 48	
Uncollected Yield Taxes	81 67	
Abatements	24 77	
Added Yield collected	50 00	
Added Yield uncollected	175 00	
Total Credits		\$1,341 92
Summary of Yield Taxes, Levy 1954:		
Yield committed to Tax Collector, Dec. 31, 1954		\$1,770 69

“I hereby certify that the above summary of Timber yield taxes committed to me, and a summary of all payments to the Treasurer, as of December 31, 1954, on account of the tax levy (1953) and (1954) is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

(Signed) ANNA M. CHUTE  
Tax Collector

## SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS, AS OF DEC. 31, 1954

### 1953 LEVY OF STATE HEAD TAX

Uncollected Taxes, as of Jan. 1, 1954	\$235 00	
Head Taxes added during 1954	15 00	
Penalties Collected	23 50	
Total Debits		\$273 50

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	\$235 00	
Penalties Collected	23 50	
Abatements allowed	5 00	
Uncollected per list	10 00	
Total Credits		\$273 50

### ABATEMENTS

Peaslee, Helen (non Resident)

### UNCOLLECTED

Warren, Alfred          Warren, Della



1952 LEVY OF STATE HEAD TAXES

Uncollected head taxes as of January 1, 1954 \$10 00

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head taxes	\$10 00	
Penalties	1 00	
Total		\$11 00

“I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each head taxpayer, as of December 31, 1954, on account of the tax Levy of 1952 and 1953, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

(Signed) ANNA M. CHUTE  
Tax Collector

**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

**January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954**

Automobile Permits:

Remittances to Town Treasurer:

January	\$137 24	
February	877 70	
March	529 14	
April	185 27	
May	40 66	
June	73 37	
July	14 79	
August	97 43	
September	8 64	
October	85 48	
November	39 61	
December	42 46	
Total		\$2,131 79
Received from Selectmen's orders		152 50
		\$1,979 29
Total		
Dog taxes, (90) dogs taxes	\$229 50	
Less Clerk's fees	18 00	
Total		\$211 50

Respectfully submitted,  
ANNA M. CHUTE, Town Clerk

## REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

### SNOW ROADS

Dean Russell, labor	\$795 25
Leon Cochran, labor	369 00
Howard Russell, labor	64 50
Chester Russell, labor	2 00
Philip Magoon, Jr., labor	8 00
Floyd Cornwell, truck	345 00
Charles E. Mann, loader	201 00
Edward S. Holt, truck	14 40
S. B. Harriman, truck, equipment	59 00
C. H. Cragin & Son, gas, repairs	406 99
Robert Boudrieau, gas & oil	31 78
Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, gas & supplies	93 28
A. W. Peters, gas, oil, grease	182 80
Clough Garage, welding	20 00
R. C. Hazelton, Inc., parts	87 01
Peterborough Hardware	91 10
Sargent Motors Inc., parts	7 87
International Salt Co.	515 00
Merrimack Farmers Exch., salt	52 20
J. Milton Attridge, wood	12 00
Army & Navy Store	23 96
Public Service Co.	12 45
Postage & Envelopes	1 52
Bank Charge	10 07
N. H. Explosives & Mach Co., parts	3 92

Total

\$3,410 10

### DIRT ROADS

Dean Russell, labor	\$1,396 00
Leon Cochran, labor	1,000 50
Howard Russell, labor	293 50
Philip Magoon, Jr., labor	22 00
Roger Magoon, labor	24 00
Charles Mann, loader, truck, gravel	1,144 50
Edward S. Holt, mower	16 25
S. B. Harriman, grease gun	10 00
C. H. Cragin & Son, gas, repairs, tires	402 76
Robert Boudrieau, gas & oil	95 25
Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, gas & supplies	122 98
Cheshire Oil, oil	13 42
A. W. Peters, gas, oil	128 22
Clough Garage, welding	24 00
F. A. Gleason, repairs	15 00
Greenfield Industries, gas	1 49
R. C. Hazelton Inc., parts	23 73

Peterborough Hardware, supplies	1 75	
Earl Bullard, truck & labor	63 90	
Clyde Eaton, sander	8 00	
Town of Lyndeboro, grader	64 00	
Town of Temple, grader	54 00	
Varnum Bros., bulldozer	20 60	
George Merchant, gravel	3 80	
J. A. Quinn, gravel	20 00	
Chester Russell	98 00	
C. W. Babine & Son, planks	13 60	
E. C. & W. L. Hopkins, Inc., cement	4 80	
Mason K. Harris, patch	112 00	
Hume Pipe Inc., culverts	221 52	
Howard Whitcomb, asphaltting	29 80	
State Treasurer of N. H., chloride	239 41	
Gordon Kemp, hone	150 00	
Clifford Russell, binder	5 00	
Files, School district	21 12	
Public Service Co.	8 75	
Bank Charge	5 75	
Total		\$5,879 40

#### BRIDGE

Dean Russell, labor	\$21 25	
Leon Cochran, labor	8 00	
Howard Russell, labor	9 00	
Thomas Coughlan, labor	36 00	
Arthur Blanchard, labor	42 00	
Arthur Blanchard, material	8 00	
E. C. & W. L. Hopkins, bailed hay	6 08	
C. W. Babine & Son, planking	60 10	
Arthur Whitcomb Inc., concrete mix	91 75	
Lyon Iron Works Inc., reinforcement	33 60	
Total		\$315 78

#### SUMMARY

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1954		\$535 45
Received from Selectmen's Orders		\$9,580 16
Snow Road Maintenance	\$3,410 10	
*Dirt Road Maintenance	5,879 40	
Bridge	315 78	
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1954	510 33	
Totals		\$10,115 61

\*(Small print) Explanation of Dirt Roads:

Hurricanes Aug. 31, & Sept. 11, 1954	\$1,350	76
Heavy Rains, July 1st to Aug 30th	913	45
Normal Road Repair	3,615	19

Respectfully submitted,

DEAN P. RUSSELL  
Highway Agent

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## REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMITTEE

The report of your Road Committee, created by the vote of the Town in 1954 and appointed by the Board of Selectmen, consists of the following parts:

- (1) Shall our back roads be Tar topped or Improved Gravel Surfaced?
- (2) What Equipment is necessary for efficient Summer and Winter Maintenance of Our Roads?
- (3) Can necessary Equipment be Financed without Increasing Our Tax Rate?
- (4) Two Proposed changes in the Road Agent Set-Up.
- (5) What Roads shall be improved with TRA Funds in the next few years?
- (6) Necessary Articles in the Warrant to make such a program possible.
- (7) Summary of Recommendations.

### (1) Tar Topped or Improved Gravel Surfaces?

**Maintenance:** Your committee recommends that tar topped roads should only be added where high traffic or difficult and expensive road maintenance conditions exist. The reasons are twofold: (1) According to the State engineers, borne out by our own cost experience the cost of maintaining a tar road is about \$450. per year per mile vs. \$150 per year per mile to maintain an improved gravel road. Thus if all our roads were tar topped our annual road appropriation would have to be approximately \$16,000—three times its present amount. (2) TRA money is NOT available for maintenance of roads, so the higher cost of the tar road annual upkeep would have to be borne by us entirely. However, if at a later date, it is deemed wise to black top a certain section of road, TRA funds are available because we would be "changing the character of the road surface."

**Improvement:** The first cost of a built-up (improved) gravel road runs, according to the State engineers and borne out by our experience, approximately \$8,000 per mile. To this figure is added \$1,500 per mile for a two coat tar job or \$2,100 per mile for a mixed tar job (the latter is very superior and almost demanded by the State today where they are bearing most of the cost). Thus the difference in first cost is not tremendous, but at the end of ten years our maintenance cost (using the figures above which we believe to be wholly fair) of a tar road is **\$3,000 More Per Mile** than a mile of improved gravel road.

## **(2) What Equipment is Necessary for Efficient Road Maintenance?**

Our present equipment is largely over-age and worn out. (1) The small tractor, purchased in 1939, is in poor condition, needing an expenditure in the vicinity of \$1,000 to put in good condition. It is used to pull the road machine only. (2) The large tractor, purchased in 1931 is in good condition (reconditioned in 1951) but has not been used for two years. (3) Our international dump truck was purchased in 1946, is in fair condition, but should certainly be replaced in the next few years, trusting we will not have a major breakdown on it in the meanwhile. (4) The road machine was purchased second hand in 1937. It is uneconomical because it requires a two man operation, it is not right to do the job or put the roads in good condition, is virtually useless in gutter maintenance, and is in very poor condition. On top of the equipment we own, we regularly hire an extra truck for snow ploughing at a cost of about \$600 per year for the truck and driver (part of this would be saved by our proposal below regarding a grader) and we also employ a loader for gravel, etc. (which we recommend be continued). The cost of the loader runs around \$350 per year, and it is recommended that this work still be hired.

It is recommended that we put our equipment in order by the following steps: (1) Purchase of a used heavy road grader immediately. (2) Plan for the replacement of our International truck with a new unit when it becomes essential. (3) Sell the old road machine (almost valueless except for junk) and the small tractor. (4) Keep the large tractor for another year and then if it is determined that the power grader makes this tractor wholly unnecessary, to dispose of the same by sale.

The purchase of the power grader should mean better roads because (1) It will do a vastly better job on the road surfaces. (2) Over a period of two or three years all the gutters in town should be brought back to normal shape. (3) As it requires only one operator instead of two (one on the road machine and one on the tractor) the same money will scrape the roads more frequently. It will also be of great use in the TRA program

and give us more for our money in improving our roads with those funds. It will mean lower cost snow removal as we will not have to hire a second truck to plow the town, as the grader plus the town truck would be used. It can become a source of some income as the state has already indicated that, should we have such a machine, they would gladly give it several weeks work per year. As it would be deisel powered the saving on fuel would be all the way from 40¢ per hour over the present gasoline tractor for ordinary work, to the extreme of our big tractor which, for a trip from town to Brantwood Camp and back, required five hours and 30 gallons of gasoline vs. two and one half hours with the power grader using 30¢ of fuel per hour, or a total saving in labor and fuel of about \$9.00.

In regard to the purchase of a power grader one thing should be made clear. We can and certainly should improve the condition of our back roads. However the grader itself will not be a "cure-all." The state engineers tell us that our gravel in this part of the state simply cannot be prevented from washboarding and pitting because of the characteristics of the gravel itself. They do feel we will get material improvement. However, it is the recommendation of the State Engineer, the Road Agent and this Committee that additional calcium chloride be used in front of houses and on such hills as may be deemed wise. This both lays the dust and binds the hills better.

To have sufficient money to purchase a good, guaranteed used grader plus the plow and wing that will be necessary \$10,000 should be made available to the selectmen. As this committee was not empowered to take any action other than this report it could do no more than contact equipment suppliers to get approximate prices on such a machine. These prices ran from \$17,346 for a new Adams grader with plow and wing down to a used State grader, without guarantee, at about \$6,000 with plow and wing, (such grader to be in "as is" condition). The committee believes that in the vicinity of \$9,000 to \$10,000 the desired equipment can be purchased, with a reasonable used guarantee, and that we should have a machine adequate to do the job for many years.

### **(3) How Can Such Equipment Be Financed?**

To finance the heavy grader (and in a few years much the same method could be used to finance a new town truck), it is proposed that the present notes occasioned by the work on the Town Hall and the purchase of the new fire truck be discharged and a new note be negotiated to both pay off the old notes and furnish the money for the grader. This would work out as follows:

## RESOLUTION:

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, the Voters of the Town of Greenfield, New Hampshire, here assembled on the 8th day of March, 1955, at a regular scheduled meeting, have voted to purchase a Grader for a sum not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the said Town now has serial notes outstanding with the Souhegan National Bank of Milford, N. H., in the amount of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars, payable at the sum of Thirty-five (\$3500.00) Hundred Dollars, annually, with interest at two and one-half (2½) per cent; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of said Voters that the new financing be placed on serial notes with no additional increase in yearly payments or interest charges;

### BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

That the combined financing of the said Town shall not exceed in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, to be borrowed at said Bank at a rate of interest not to exceed two and one-half (2½%) per cent per annum and payments not to exceed Thirty-five Hundred (\$3500.00) Dollars per annum, payable at the Office of said Bank at Milford, N. H., and

That the said serial notes be the direct obligation of said Town and shall be dated on or about July 1st, 1955, issued in serial form maturing each year with July 1st, 1956.

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the proceeds of said serial notes be used for the payment now existing of serial notes now at said Bank and the balance to be used for the purchase of new equipment according to the Vote of said Town.

#### **(4) Two Proposed Changes in the Road Agent Set-up:**

It is recommended that the road agent present to the Selectman two monthly reports: (1) A financial report of his previous month's expenditures and (2) A breakdown of the type of work done by man hours and a general report of what work was done on which roads. It is further recommended that the Board of Selectmen shall, in general, direct the road agent in the distribution of his work if necessary.

Due to the fact that it is nearly impossible, under the present set-up, for the road agent to count on any reasonable income during such months as the past December and January, it is recommended that a guaranteed weekly wage of \$50. be given to the road agent for the months of December, January, February and March of each year. The road agent in turn guarantees to supply at least 40 hours of work per week during

this period. In this way, in a snowless winter, snow road funds could be made available for brushing, etc., and we in turn will be sure of the availability of the agent for storms. Time beyond 40 hours, which might under some conditions be essential would be paid at the regular rate.

#### **(5) What Roads Shall Be Done in the Next Few Years?**

Over the next five years, unless a change in the present situation is created by the legislature or town, there will be approximately \$22,500 available for TRA improvement. The "yardsticks" that the State uses on where to spend such money goes as follows: (1) Traffic roads—over 100 cars per day—should be tar topped. Beyond that whether they are tar or improved gravel such matters as number of houses to be reached, tax value of the properties on the road, and whether it is a school bus or mail route become important factors. Also of great importance is whether the road costs the town a great deal to maintain because of washouts, etc.

In the past year the road from the iron bridge (Near the Harris house in the West end of town) to the black Bennington Road (near the Fitts') has been started as a built up gravel road. Approximately one third of this distance has been completed. It will take a little more than one year's TRA funds to complete this project. It is the recommendation of this committee that this road be completed as planned. If the cost of this (some \$5,500) is taken from the five year total of \$22,500 we have a balance to spend on such improvement over the following four years of somewhere near \$17,000. This amount, as we have pointed out above, will do approximately two miles of road on a complete job, or somewhat more distance if the road has been improved to any material extent.

After the above project has been completed it is recommended that we tar such hills as may be necessary to reduce the annual maintenance cost thereof or have acute maintenance problems. This, with the completed work on the Harris road, will take all of the TRA money for 1955 and 1956. It is recommended that planning for work beyond 1956 should be planned at a later date. This is because of the following reasons: (1) The possible (but at present uncertain) development of real estate on the Pond Road (past Zephyr Lake to the Zillisen Road) would make this almost certainly subject to improvement. (It is now a mail route). (2) If Peterborough black tops to the Greenfield line on the back Bennington Road (past the Fitts home), the Greenfield link as far as the Hancock Road should also be so treated. (3) It could be very possible that the order of the projects should be changed because of new residences or changing conditions, so this flexibility should be part of the plan itself.



**(6) Articles for the Warrant to make this Program Possible:**

(1) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to purchase a used heavy power grader complete with plow and wings.

(2) To authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$25,000, of which \$15,000 shall be used to retire town indebtedness with the Souhegan National Bank and \$10,000 shall be made available for the purchase of a used heavy power grader. Any unexpended balance on the total of \$10,000 made available for the grader shall be used to reduce the new note of \$25,000.

(3) To authorize the Board of Selectmen to work out the details of a guaranteed wage of \$50. per week for the Road Agent for the months of December, January, February and March of each year, in accordance with the principals outlined in the report of the Road Committee dated February 1, 1955.

**(7) Summary of Recommendations:**

(1) Because of the high cost of maintenance tar roads should only be added where traffic or maintenance problems justify.

(2) The quality and frequency of maintenance on our gravel and dirt roads should be materially improved.

(3) A heavy grader should be purchased at once, and a new truck in a few years.

(4) The financing be done over a period of years so as not to increase the current tax rate.

(5) The road agent shall have more general supervision by the selectmen and file necessary monthly reports.

(6) The road agent shall have a guaranteed weekly minimum wage in the winter months.

(7) The Harris Road shall be completed with TRA money and thereafter the general recommendations of this committee be followed.

This report respectfully submitted this 1st day of February, 1955.

RICHARD C. MERRILL, Chairman  
DONALD HARRIS  
EDWARD S. HOLT  
HOBART M. ADAMS

Road Committee

## REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR FOR 1954

Paid:		
Irene Randall, for groceries	\$40 00	
For Gertrude Magoon:		
Monadnock Community Hospital	75 59	
Dr. Chandler	33 00	
Dr. Karr	15 00	
Daniel Webster Home:		
For Durant Children	49 50	
		\$213 09
Paid Dept. of Public Welfare:		
For Old Age Relief	\$1,379 23	
Reimbursed by State	95 62	
		1,283 61
Total		\$1,496 70

Respectfully submitted,  
 BLANCHE L. GAGE  
 Overseer of the Poor

## REPORT OF STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### RECEIPTS

Amount on hand, January 1, 1954	\$434 47	
Butler Fund	27 00	
Appropriation	400 00	
Gipson Fund	302 25	
Shirley Merchant Fund	5 50	
Ramsey Fund	13 34	
Fines and sale of books	26 18	
		\$1,208 74

### EXPENDITURES

Books	\$289 19	
Magazines	9 50	
Care of property	113 50	
Fuel	213 65	
Lights	18 27	
Librarian	100 00	
Insurance	16 55	
Supplies	23 17	
		\$783 83
		\$424 91

Respectfully submitted,  
 JARVIS M. ADAMS  
 ANN LOVETT  
 CATHERINE P. MERRILL

## TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Greenfield on December 31, 1954

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Funds Purpose of Trust Fds.	How Invested	PRINCIPAL		INCOME				
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance Beginning Year	Percent	Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1892	Selinda Holt Cem.	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	\$100 00		\$50 48	3%	\$4 53	\$4 53	\$50 48
1901	Mary D. French Cem.	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	200 00		101 69	3%	9 11	9 11	101 69
1906	Jacob Gould Cem.	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		9 91	3%	3 31	3 31	9 91
1910	Albe Stephenson Cem.	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	400 00		302 10	3%	21 21	20 00	303 31
	Moses Robertson Cem.	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		10 57	3%	3 33	3 33	10 57
	Mary G. Emerson Cem.	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	120 00		10 52	3%	3 93	3 93	10 52
1914	John Gage Cem.	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	50 00		6 36	3%	1 70	1 70	6 36
1917	Library Fund:								
	Butler Library Fund	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	50 00			3%	1 50	1 50	
	Butler Library Fund	U. S. Gov. Bond Series G-M-44-346	1,000 00			2½%	25 00	25 00	
1916	Cemetery:								
	Henry P. Holt	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	50 00		3 99	3%	1 61	1 61	3 99
	John D. Hardy	Amoskeag Sav. Bk.	1,192 26		380 20	3%	47 97	30 00	398 17
1917	Income Acct.								
	A. A. Ramsay	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	122 74		6 94	3%	1 64	1 64	8 58
	Elvira Ramsay	Amoskeag Sav. Bk.	200 00		23 90	3%	6 89	6 86	23 93
1922	Elvira Ramsay	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		10 16	3%	3 32	3 32	10 16
	Mrs. Edwin Jaquith	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	500 00			3%	15 11	15 11	
	David Rogers	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		7 48	3%	3 25	3 25	7 48
1925	Joanna Simonds	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		9 61	3%	3 31	3 31	9 61
	Harriet Farwell	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	50 00		5 25	3%	1 67	1 67	5 25
	George S. Peavey	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		5 39	3%	3 17	3 17	5 39
1926	Lona F. Gould	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		8 52	3%	3 27	3 27	8 52
	Mrs. Edwin Jaquith	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	50 00		7 06	3%	1 72	1 72	7 06
	Fay Lewis	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		5 32	3%	3 17	3 17	5 32

1928	Adeline S. Peavey	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	200 00	10 83	3%	6 35	6 35	10 83
	Charles E. Hopldins	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	4 94	3%	3 15	3 15	4 94
1929	George O. Joslin	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	4 92	3%	3 15	3 15	4 92
	Sarah Peavey	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	9 85	3%	3 31	3 31	9 85
1930	John H. Day	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	60 00	4 40	3%	1 94	1 94	4 40
1931	John May	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	8 75	3%	3 27	3 27	8 75
1932	David Starrett	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	5 80	3%	3 19	3 19	5 80
	William Whittemore	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	3,011 00	297 86	3%	97 28	97 28	215 14
1935	Nina C. Russell	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	5 12	3%	3 17	3 17	5 12
1937	Emma Gipson	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	300 00	21 54	3%	9 71	9 71	21 54
	Emma Gipson	N. H. Sav. Bk.	5,000 00	506 01	3%	166 41	150 00	522 42
	Bertha Dodge Cem.	Amoskeag Sav. Bk.	10,000 00		3%	302 25	302 25	
1938	General Fund, Income Sale of Lots, etc.	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	50 00	2 58	3%	1 58	1 58	2 58
	Emerson Young	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	63 00	-4 01	3%	5 63		1 62
1939	Elmathan Hodgman	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	150 00	11 33	3%	4 87	4 87	11 33
1941	Charles E. Blanchard	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	4 52	3%	3 15	3 15	4 52
	C. M. Magoon	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	200 00	13 43	3%	3 14	3 14	4 07
	Carrie E. Gould	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	200 00	13 45	3%	6 44	6 44	13 43
	Fred B. Atherton	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	200 00	8 86	3%	6 29	6 29	13 45
	Mabel Hirtz	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	4 21	3%	3 14	3 14	9 15
1942	Franklin Fletcher	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	3 51	3%	3 18	3 18	4 35
1944	Ned C. Pollard	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	200 00	5 57	3%	6 20	6 20	8 84
	Etna J. Fletcher	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	17 26	3%	3 55	3 55	5 77
1945	Eugene C. Muzzey	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	3 94	3%	3 13	3 13	17 26
	John Reynolds	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	3 51	3%	3 13	3 13	4 07
1948	Emma Joslin	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	300 00	7 40	3%	9 29	9 29	3 64
	H. F. & F. F. Richardson	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	150 00	7 16	3%	4 75	4 75	8 27
1950	Shirley Merchant Lib. Cemetery:	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	140 00		3%	4 23	4 23	7 61
	Hattie E. Holt	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	3 76	3%	3 11	3 11	3 87
	Lois G. Davis	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	3 10	3%	3 11	3 11	3 21
	Franklin Farrington	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	4 40	3%	3 14	3 14	4 54
1951	George Cady	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	3 76	3%	3 13	3 13	3 89
	William E. Hopkins	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00	3 10	3%	3 11	3 11	3 21

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			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance Beginning Year	Percent	Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1952	Nellie F. Heller	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		3 10	3%	3 11	3 00	3 21
	Harriet G. Simmons	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		3 10	3%	3 11	3 00	3 21
	Clarence S. Lowe	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		3 58	3%	3 13	3 00	3 71
	Perley N. Blanchard	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		3 58	3%	3 13	3 00	3 71
	Joseph H. Blood	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	200 00		6 05	3%	6 23	4 00	8 28
1953	George R. Blanchard	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	200 00		6 05	3%	6 23	3 00	9 28
	George W. Cary	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		1 50	3%	3 07	1 50	3 07
	Harlan E. Burns	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100 00		1 50	3%	3 07	1 50	3 07
	Arthur E. Holt	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	150 00		2 25	3%	4 59	1 50	5 34
1954	Fred W. & Bertha M. Dunklee	Peterborough Sav. Bk.		100 00			1 50		1 50
Totals			\$28,064 00	\$348 45	\$1,911 09		\$903 76	\$836 61	\$1,978 24

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

DONALD W. HOPKINS  
 MARJORIE L. AIKEN  
 HOBART M. ADAMS, Trustees

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds of money received and expended for year ending December 31, 1954.

### RECEIPTS

Unexpended bank balance Jan. 1, 1954		\$1,911 09
Cash on hand January 1, 1954	\$328 54	
Borrowed John D. Hardy Fund	100 00	
Interest withdrawn	836 61	
Interest received	\$903 76	
Accumulated Interest, 1954		67 15
Totals	\$903 76	\$1,265 15
		\$1,978 24

### PAYMENTS

Library Trustees	\$348 09	
Maintenance water system	9 00	
Labor, cemeteries	440 50	
Painting gates, labor & material	41 00	
Windy Hill Greenhouses	18 00	
Safety Deposit Box rent	4 40	
Repaid John D. Hardy Fund	100 00	
Miscellaneous	7 53	
		\$968 52
Cash on hand December 31, 1954		296 63
Total		\$1,265 15

Respectfully submitted,  
 DONALD W. HOPKINS  
 MARJORIE L. AIKEN  
 HOBART M. ADAMS  
 Trustees of Trust Funds

## AUDITORS' REPORT

February 4, 1955

To: Selectmen, Town of Greenfield, N. H.

From: Town Auditors.

Re: Annual Audit of Town Accounts for Calendar Year, 1954.

We have examined the accounts of the following town officers for the calendar year 1954 and certify them to be correct and properly vouched: Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Cemetery Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds, Library Trustees, Road Agent, Tax Collector and Overseer of the Poor.

FRANCES H. RUSSELL  
 FLORENCE S. ADAMS

Auditors

## TOWN JOURNAL, 1954

The winter of 1954 was mild and open; the summer wet and cool with the rainfall considerably above normal.

The Annual Community Day was observed on June 5 when work was done on the town land at Otter Lake in preparation for a memorial recreational area. Funds to develop the project were furnished by the Veterans' War Memorial Fund, the Town, and the Greenfield Improvement Association. Fred Wilkinson was employed as life guard at the area during the summer. Swimming lessons were provided for children.

The Greenfield Improvement Association again received first prize in the New Hampshire Roadside Improvement Contest. The Greenfield Industries received first prize in the native planting division.

Black top surfacing of the East Road was extended from the McCormack house to the entrance of the Ralph Sayles property.

Jeremiah Twomey, Ernest Belmore and Armand Hebert enlisted in the Armed Forces. Giffard Merchant and Jean Russell Roughton were honorably discharged.

Fire destroyed two houses,—that of Carl Magoon and one owned by Clarence Babine at Zephyr Lake.

The razing of the homestead of the late Frank Magoon was completed.

The following real estate was transferred: Mrs. George Blanchard, dwelling, to George Foster; Mrs. Grace Hall estate, dwelling, to Miss Eilene Southerland; Lawrence Flynn, dwelling, to Perley Blanchard; Lou Atherton, dwelling on Bennington Road, to Harold Brooks; Arthur Blanchard, cottage off Peterborough mountain road, to Peter Bertocci; Thomas Coughlan, land on Francestown road, to Harold Thoms; John Robertson, land at Otter Lake, to Albert Moisan.

New construction consisted of houses by Clarence Babine, Mrs. George Blanchard, William Jackson, Carl Magoon, a house for personnel at the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center, funds for which were privately donated; a cottage at Otter Lake by Albert Moisan, two apartments finished by Thomas Coughlan in the former Schofield building, and an addition to the fire house to provide housing for one automotive vehicle and the trailer pump.

Wells were drilled for Thomas Coughlan to a depth of 222 feet, for Mrs. George Blanchard, 235 feet, and for Harold Thoms 229 feet.



The Greenfield Baseball team placed fifth in the Crotched Mountain League.

The Little League Baseball team again played in the finals.

The Greenfield Woman's Club donated \$100.00 for the construction of a bath house at Otter Lake beach.

The Parent Teachers Club financed the installation of a telephone at the school house, purchased an amplifier for the school record player, and assumed part of the financial responsibility for a dental clinic for the children.

Hopkins Brothers and Belcher's general store closed in December and thus concluded its history of 81 years in the Hopkins family. Christie Belcher became a partner in the firm in 1917. The Greenfield Industries will reopen the store in 1955.

In December, Frank S. Gage retired as Greenfield agent for the Boston and Maine Railroad after 47 years in that position and 65 years with the railroad.

# SCHOOL REPORT

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator: Mr. Malcolm Atherton	March 1955
Clerk: Mrs. Elizabeth Hopkins	March 1955
Treasurer: Mrs. Lucy A. Brooks (resigned)	
Mr. Robert Stanley	June 1955
Auditor: Mr. Ralph Russell	March 1955
Census Enumerator: Mrs. Ruth Russell	March 1955

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Edythe Atherton, Chairman	March 1955
Mrs. Ruth Russell, Secretary	March 1956
Mr. Floyd Cornwell	March 1957

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Newell J. Paire

## TEACHING STAFF FOR 1954-1955

Mr. Alfred Goulet, Principal, Grades 3, 4, 5, 6  
Miss Elsie MacDonald, Grades 1, 2, 3  
Miss Ethelyn G. Edwards, Music Supervisor

## SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Florence Merchant, R. N.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

- 1954-55: School opens Jan. 3, 1955 to February 18.  
    School opens Feb. 28, Closes April 22.  
    School opens May 2, Closes June 17.
- 1955-56: School opens Sept. 7, 1955, Closes Nov. 23 at 12:15  
    (one session).  
    School opens Nov. 28, Closes Dec. 20.  
    School opens Jan. 4, 1956, Closes Feb. 17.  
    School opens Feb. 27, Closes April 20.  
    School opens April 30, Closes June 15.
- Holidays: Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, Closes 12:15 (one session)  
    Memorial Day, May 30.
- Teachers' Convention: October 13 and 14.
- Total Number of School Days 180  
Total Number of Weeks 38

# SCHOOL WARRANT

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 10th day of March 1955, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500 for the purpose of re-roofing the school building or take any action relating thereto.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 for the purpose of painting the front of the school building or take any action relating thereto.

11. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350 for the purpose of painting the stairwells and hallways in the school building or take any action relating thereto.

12. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1700 for the purpose of drilling an artesian well, purchasing and installing adequate pump, tank and appropriate fittings or take any action relating thereto.

13. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing land adjoining the west boundary line of the present school lot, presently owned by Mr. Rodney White, for the purpose of expanding the school playground area or take any action relating thereto.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Give under our hands at said Greenfield this 21st day of February, 1955.

EDYTHE H. ATHERTON  
RUTH H. RUSSELL  
FLOYD A. CORNWELL  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EDYTHE H. ATHERTON  
RUTH H. RUSSELL  
FLOYD A. CORNWELL  
School Board

**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1955-56**

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955 and comparative analysis of expenditures.

	Expended 1953-54	Budgeted 1954-55	Estimated Budget 1955-56
<b>A. ADMINISTRATION:</b>			
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$115 00	\$110 00	\$110 00
2. Supt.'s Salary (local share)	*315 94	326 55	351 75
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	158 00	164 00	180 00
4. Salaries of Other Adm'n Personnel	181 40	185 38	187 00
5. Supplies and Expenses	303 99	303 38	316 25
<b>B. INSTRUCTION:</b>			
6. Teachers' Salaries	5,910 14	6,381 00	6,556 00
7. Books & Other Instructional Aids	231 86	372 00	346 00
8. Scholars' Supplies	439 00	325 40	325 40
10. Other Instructional Expenses	81 50	27 00	27 00
<b>C. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:</b>			
11. Salary of Custodian	468 55	400 00	425 00
12. Fuel or Heat	607 81	475 00	500 00
13. Water, Light & Other Expenses	322 47	259 00	249 00
<b>D. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:</b>			
14. Repairs and Replacements	576 13	180 00	180 00
<b>E. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:</b>			
15. Health Supervision	198 74	230 00	250 00
16. Transportation	4,273 20	4,720 00	4,936 00
17. Tuition: High School	3,230 60	6,045 00	8,000 00
Elementary	4,600 00	3,550 00	2,925 00
18. Special Fund Activities	15 71	30 00	30 00
18a. School Lunch	197 75		
<b>F. FIXED CHARGES:</b>			
19. Teacher Retirement	393 95	579 36	456 26
20. Insurance, Bonds & Expenses	234 96	243 00	243 00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$22,856 70</u>	<u>\$24,906 07</u>	<u>\$26,593 66</u>
<b>G. CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>			
22. Additions & Improvements	116 20	1,400 00	
23. New Equipment	256 82	235 00	
<b>H. DEBT AND INTEREST:</b>			
25. Payments on Principal	1,000 00	500 00	
26. Payments of Interest	19 16	20 00	
<b>Total Net Payments</b>	<u>\$24,248 88</u>		
<b>Total Amount required to Meet School Board's Budget</b>		\$27,061 07	\$26,593 66
I. Payments of "In and Out" Items	58 24		
J. Total Gross Payments for all Purposes	<u>\$24,307 12</u>		
<b>K. INCOME OF DISTRICT:</b>			
	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED
Balance on Hand June 30, 1953	\$100 87	\$49 89	\$2,300 00
School Lunch	197 75		
Other Sources	161 12		
Local Taxation	23,839 03		
"In and Out" Items	58 24		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>\$24,357 01</u>	<u>\$49 89</u>	<u>\$2,300 00</u>
L. Total Assessment Required to Cover School Board's Budget	\$23,839 03		
M. Total Estimated Assessment Re- quired to Meet School Board's Budget		\$27,011 18	\$24,293 66
Balance on Hand June 30, 1954	\$49 89		
*Supervisory Union No. 63 share of Supt's Salary		\$4,525;	State share \$2,500.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Greenfield:

I respectfully submit my eighth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

### STAFF

The school year of 1954-55 opened with a completely new teaching staff. Miss Elsie MacDonald was employed to teach grades 1, 2 and 3, replacing Mrs. Paul Pelletier, who resigned from teaching. Miss MacDonald is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and formerly taught in Bennington. Mr. Alfred Goulet was employed to teach grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 and to act as Principal of the school, replacing Mr. Fred Wilkinson, who resigned to become Principal of the Milford Elementary School. Mr. Goulet is a graduate of Arnold College, Milford, Connecticut, and previously taught in Antrim, N. H. Both new teachers are discharging their duties with efficiency and understanding.

Miss Ethelyn Edwards is continuing her fine work in music instruction. Mrs. Florence Merchant with the assistance of Dr. Weiderhold, is supervising the school health program and the details of this work are described in the School Nurse Report.

The past several years space has been devoted to describing and analyzing certain phases of our educational program. We are continuing to constantly evaluate the work we are doing, making changes in techniques of teaching and changing emphasis according to the needs of individual pupils and classes. Consequently, my report this year will confine itself largely to a description of the physical needs of the school plant and maintenance problems.

### SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Our school lunch program is being operated this year by Mrs. John Robertson with the assistance of Mrs. Malcolm Atherton, who maintains the books. Despite the fact that our school enrollment in grades 1 through 6 has not increased appreciably this year the participants in the school lunch program have. This is a tribute to the fine cooking of Mrs. Robertson.

A new milk program partially financed by Federal funds was inaugurated this fall and additional milk has been supplied to children during the morning and afternoon recess periods. This has worked out well and the children have availed themselves of this service.

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Many improvements have been made to the school building this past summer and fall. New sills were placed under the north end of the building, rectifying a poor condition that had

existed for several years. The porch roof has been replaced over the exit leading to the playground area.

This fall the State Fire Marshal's Office made a very comprehensive study of our plant and made several recommendations to the School Board that required immediate attention. Panic bars were placed on both main exits from the building; the basement exit door was re-built to swing out and panic bars were installed; several safety devices were placed on the heating system and a sprinkler head installed in this area; fire extinguishers and emergency lights were purchased and placed in recommended locations to comply with State Statutes. The wiring system has been completely surveyed and necessary repairs made, the major one being that of properly grounding the system.

The roof on the school building is a major problem. After surveying what needed to be done it was found that to do the job properly, more extensive repairs were necessary than anticipated and the cost would exceed the funds available. Consequently, it was decided that this problem should be presented to the voters of the district for their consideration. A very temporary repair was made this past summer, awaiting the action of the school district. The details of the work to be done will be explained at the District Meeting. However, it has been suggested that some consideration should be given to the desirability of removing the cupola from the building so that a more complete roofing job can be performed. The cupola has long been the cause of much leakage into the building and it is questionable whether it can be water-proofed to the extent desired. It has also for many years, been the haven for pigeons, and a very unsanitary situation exists because of these inhabitants. Article 9 gives the voters an opportunity to take some action on this problem.

It has been several years since any painting has been done in the building, with the exception of that which was occasioned by the fire. Article 10 requests the voters to provide \$300 so that the front of the building can be re-painted. At the present time the appearance of the school building presents the poorest appearance of any public building in town. Article 11 requests a sum of \$350 for the purpose of painting the hallways and stair-well to the auditorium. These have not been touched for at least eight years and are the most unattractive interior portion of our plant.

At the last annual meeting considerable discussion ensued relative to the desirability of supplying the school with an independent water supply. The School Board was requested to make a study of this and present the problem for consideration by the voters at the next annual district meeting. The water problem has been studied and Article 12 presents to the voters the estimate that has been given to drill an artesian well and

provide for the necessary equipment and labor to install a complete system.

The School Board was presented this fall with the proposition that land presently owned by Mr. Rodney White might be purchased for the purpose of expanding our present inadequate playground area. At this writing complete details on acreage and cost are not known, however it is expected that these will be made available at the district meeting so that the voters can take action on Article 13.

#### FINANCE

The School Board's Budget for the school year 1955-56, calls for an appropriation of \$26,593.66, a decrease of \$487.41. Due to the estimate of the roofing job exceeding the amount of money available, the balance of the \$1,400 not used for this purpose, plus balances that are estimated from our tuition estimate, makes it possible for us to estimate a balance of approximately \$2,300 when we close our books in June. Thus it would appear that exclusive of any appropriations made on the special articles, the school assessment would approximate \$24,293.66, a reduction of \$2,717.52 over last year's assessment. If all special articles for which we have estimates, are passed, this would involve a total amount of \$4,850.

A study of the school budget will reveal that the major decreases are in the areas of Additions and Improvements, New Equipment and Debt and Interest. The last payment on School District Indebtedness was made this year in the amount of \$500.

#### CONCLUSION

It has been a pleasure to work with the teachers, parents and citizens of Greenfield on educational problems. I have found all to be most helpful and eager to cooperate. I wish to particularly express my thanks to the Greenfield School Board for their cooperation and understanding. It has been a very pleasant and constructive year.

NEWELL J. PAIRE  
Superintendent of Schools



# STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING

JUNE 30, 1954

## ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Primary & Intermediate	10	14	10	3	10	8	55

## ATTENDING SCHOOLS ELSEWHERE

Attending Peterborough High School	10
Attending Peterborough Elementary School	20
Attending Bennington Elementary School	2
Attending Milford High School	1

## ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardinesses Total	Per Pupil
Primary and Intermediate	46.93	44.33	94.45	17	.38
Visits by Superintendent				60	

## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

One Year: Herman Anderson, Jr., Herbert Fielders, Harriet Mussey, Jane Russell, Robert Russell.

## STATISTICS FOR FIRST TWENTY WEEKS 1954-55

Census: (1 day to 18 yrs. incl.) Boys 72; Girls 59; Total 131

Attending Greenfield Public Schools	54
Attending Bennington Elementary School	2
Attending Peterborough High School	18
Attending Peterborough Elementary School	12
Attending Wilton High School	1
Attending Private Schools Outside District	2

### ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Primary	11	10	4				25
Intermediate			6	9	3	10	28
							53

### ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Primary	25.5	24.3	95.4
Intermediate	28.3	26.8	94.7

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954**

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers	\$115 00
2. Supt.'s Salary (local share)	418 84
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	158 00
4. Salaries of Other Admn. Personnel	291 57
5. Supplies and Expenses	90 92

INSTRUCTION:

6. Teachers' Salaries	5,910 14
7. Books & Other Instructional Aids	231 86
8. Scholars' Supplies	439 00
10. Other Supplies and Expenses	81 50

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salaries of Custodians	468 55
12. Fuel	607 81
13. Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	322 47

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and Replacements	576 13
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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision	198 74
16. Transportation	4,273 20
17. Tuition	7,830 60
18. Special Activities	15 71
18a. School Lunch	197 75

FIXED CHARGES:

19. Teacher Retirement	393 95
20. Insurance, Treas. Bond & Expenses	234 96

Total Net Current Expenses	\$22,856 70
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CAPITAL OUTLAY:

22. Additions & Impro. to Building	\$116 20
23. New Equipment	256 82

DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. Payments on Principal	1,000 00
26. Payment of Interest	19 16

Total Net Payments for all Purposes	\$24,248 88
Cash on Hand at End of Year June 30, 1954	49 89

Grand Total Net Payments	\$24,298 77
"In and Out" Items Paid	58 24

Total Gross Payments for all Purposes	\$24,357 01
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RECEIPTS	
National School Lunch	\$197 75
Local Taxation: Current Appro.	23,839 03
All Other Sources	161 12
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Total Net Receipts from all Sources	\$24,197 90
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year July 1, 1953	100 87
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Grand Total Net Receipts	\$24,298 77
Received "In and Out" Items	58 24
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Total Gross Income from All Sources	\$24,357 01

Respectfully submitted,  
EDYTHE ATHERTON  
RUTH RUSSELL  
FLOYD CORNWELL

School Board

## ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

### SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1953		\$100 87
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	\$23,839 03	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Funds	197 75	
Received from all other Sources	219 36	
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Total Receipts		\$24,256 14
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		\$24,357 01
Less School Board Orders Paid		24,307 12
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1954		\$49 89

LUCY A. BROOKS

July 12, 1954

District Treasurer

### AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Greenfield of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

FRANCES H. RUSSELL  
FLORENCE ADAMS

July 14, 1954

Auditors

## SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT

The summary below covers the receipts, expenditures, and balances of the School Lunch Program for the fiscal year 1953-54:

Cash on Hand July 1, 1953		\$218 39
Receipts:		
Lunch Sales	\$920 43	
Reimbursements	197 75	
Miscellaneous Cash Contributions	153 50	
Total Receipts		<u>\$1,271 68</u>
Total Available Cash		<u>\$1,490 07</u>
Expenditures:		
Food	\$697 38	
Labor	348 00	
Equipment	272 75	
All Other	63 18	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$1,381 31</u>
Actual Cash Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1954	\$108 76	
Donations received during the year, \$150.00.		

I certify that the above information is true and correct; that the cash balance has been determined by actual count and/or verification of the check book balance; and that invoices and other pertinent records as required are on file to substantiate the School Lunch Program transactions.

Respectfully submitted,  
RUTH H. RUSSELL  
School Lunch Accountant

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education:

The following is a summary of the Health work completed by the School Nurse in the Greenfield School from September 1953 to June 1954.

Number of Visits to School	28
Total Number of Inspections by Nurse	460
Total Number of Inspections by Doctor	47
Total Number of students weighed	455
Total Number of students measured	128

(Each child is weighed every month and measured every three months)

Total Number of Vision Tests	92
Total Number of Hearing Tests	54

Parents of all pre-school children were notified in April to have their children vaccinated early.

Due to Chicken Pox among the school children, the school Board and the School Nurse decided a pre-school examination at school would be inadvisable.

Number of Parents of Pre-school children contacted by home visits or by telephone 8

Physical examinations made by Dr. Moore revealed the following:

Number examined	47
Number defects found	25
Number defected	20
Poor Nutrition	7 of these two were under weight
Carious teeth	15
Heart	1
Spine	1

Corrections made during year:

Children having dental care	6
Glasses fitted or refitted	2

Exclusions from school have been made in compliance with the State and Local Boards:

Scarlet Fever	1
Polio	1
Chicken Pox	15

The First Aid Medicine Cabinet has been checked and supplies have been secured at the Drug Store.

Special Health Activities:

Each child in the school was given Cod Liver Oil, sponsored by the local Women's Club.

One child was sent to the Nashua Community Council.

The School Lunch Program has been a great help in weight gain.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation to the people who made the Health Program possible in the school, the Superintendent of Schools, School Doctor, Board of Education, Principal, Teachers and Parents.

Respectfully submitted,  
 FLORENCE T. MERCHANT, R.N.  
 School Nurse

# VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Greenfield, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Cond.	No. of Children	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1954										
Jan. 11	Dean Robert	M	L	2	Robert M. Thurston	Velma C. Babine	Greenfield	Maintenance	Haverhill, Mass.	Danville
Jan. 28	George Dana III	M	L	7	George D. Lawrence, Jr.	Ruth W. Hannula	Greenfield	Mechanic	Peterborough	New Ipswich
Jan. 30	Deborah Jean	F	L	4	Clifford T. Russell	Beulah E. Jones	Greenfield	Laborer	Wentworth	Little Rock, Ark.
Feb. 10	Celia Christine	F	L	2	Henry T. Wilson	Cecile A. Landry	Greenfield	Public Relations	Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y.	Sanford, Me.
June 3	Brenda Lee	F	L	1	David G. Magoon	Doris M. Rich	Greenfield	Packer	Greenfield	Goffstown
July 4	Susan Elaine	F	L	2	Donald G. Parker	Olive J. Murray	Greenfield	Carpenter	Unity	Keene
Sept. 23	Frederick Daniel	M	L	1	Frederick D. Paro	Muriel E. Lynch	Greenfield	Electrician	Wilton	Milford
Nov. 9	Alan	M	L	2	Wilfred J. Window	Roberta H. Thomas	Greenfield	Ins. Underw. s em.	Sheffield, Eng.	Lowell, Mass.

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Marriages Registered in the Town of Greenfield, N. H., for the year Ending December 31, 1954

Date & Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name and Residence of Person By Whom Married
1954 Feb. 20 Peterboro	Richard D. Whitney Mary Jane Ryan	Greenfield Peterborough	20 18	Store Clerk Kind'en Assist.	Nashua Nashua	Stephen J. Whitney, Jr. Eva F. Durant	Hillsboro Litchfield	Howard P. Horn Minister Peterborough
June 22 Greenfield	Richard Lewis Taylor Elsie Josephine Mann	Millford Greenfield	22 31	Student Factory worker	Millford Greenfield	Anna S. Bagley Charles A. Taylor Mabel E. Todd Martin F. Mann	Peterborough New Ipswich Rindge Greenfield	Donald S. Ewing Minister Greenfield
Aug. 21 Bennington	Jerome V. Halloran Janet Margaret Cary	Pittsburg, Pa. Greenfield	30 24	U. S. Army None	Penna. Mass.	Rosie A. Stephenson Vincent J. Halloran Beatrice R. Lanahan George W. Cary	Millford Penna. Penna. Wisconsin	Rev. L. P. Mason Priest Bennington
Nov. 20 Antrim	Walter A. Creighton, Jr. Theresa M. Magoon	Francesstown Greenfield	28 29	Truck driver Mill Worker	Antrim Greenfield	Hazel E. Quinlin Walter A. Creighton, Sr. Yvonne A. Piper Philip E. Magoon, Sr. Glady's E. Lowe	Francesstown Francesstown Greenfield Greenfield	Harrison L. Packard Minister Antrim

ANNA W. CHUTE, Town Clerk



Deaths Registered in the Town of Greenfield, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1954 May 10	Peterborough	Harry Forrest Russell	61	Greenfield	M	Farmer	William F. Russell	Nellie F. Hodgman
July 11	Francestown	Arthur C. Taylor	74	Groveland, Mass.	M	Laborer & Farmer	Arthur Taylor	Anna Taylor
Aug. 28	Greenfield	Clarence S. Lowe	83	Greenfield	M	Farmer	Henry Story Lowe	Sarah Giddion

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

(Signed) ANNA M. CHUTE, Town Clerk





