

ANNUAL REPORT

**OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF**

STRATFORD, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1953

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Town Officers

	Term Expires
Moderator	
Walter L. Niles	1954
Town Clerk	
Edna Fuller	1954
Selectmen	
Aaron E. Stevens	1954
Jessie C. Silsby	1955
George D. Keysar	1956
Treasurer	
Grace S. Martin	1954
Tax Collector	
Amy J. Blodgett	1954
Health Officer	
Roger Hunt	1954
Library Trustees	
Rose Niles	1954
Flora Stevens	1955
Edith McGuire	1956
Town Road Agent	
Howard McMann	1954
Water Rent Collector	
Frank A. Smith	1954
Supervisors of Check List	
Ruth Barnett	1954
Lena Stinson	1954
Clara LaCasse	1954
Cemetery Trust Fund Trustees	
Hugh H. Johnson	1954
Delia B. Hapgood	1955
Dorothy Taylor	1956
Cemetery Trustees	
Leslie Barnett	1954
Hugh Johnson	1955
William Fuller	1956
Public Health Nurse	
Delia B. Hapgood	1954
Soldiers' Memorial Trust Fund Treasurers	
Grace S. Martin	
Walter L. Niles	
Police Officer	
Elmer Paradis	1954

Town Warrant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said village of North Stratford, on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, 1954, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To elect two auditors for the ensuing year, or to see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the cost of such an audit.

ARTICLE 3. To elect a treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To elect one selectman for three years, and all other town officers.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to continue the services of the Public Health Nurse, and raise money for same.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$50.00 toward Blister Rust Control. This amount to be set aside for future use.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for highways, bridges and town maintenance.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the following: Libraries; Memorial Day; Skating Rinks; Sewers; Street Lighting; Cemeteries; Retirement of Bonds; Long Term Notes; Interest; Insurance; Personal Bonds and any other money for the town.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the voters will authorize the selectmen and town treasurer to borrow a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate \$15,000 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue in the name, and on the credit of the town, negotiable notes therefor, said notes to be repaid during the current municipal year, from taxes collected within the current municipal year.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to advertise for sealed bids on any property acquired by the town through tax collector's deeds, with the right to accept or reject all bids.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87.88 to the White Mountains Region Association, being 10c per \$1000 of assessed valuation (1/100th of 1%) for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns in the region.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road, subject to gates and bars, from the Maxie Berdeau house to the end of the town road.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to buy a suitable truck for fire purposes; also a 500 gallon tank and pump, and hose, and raise money for same.

ARTICLE 14. To hear reports of agents, officers and committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relative thereto.

Given under our hands and seal at Stratford, this 15th day of February, A. D. 1954.

GEO. D. KEYSAR,
AARON E. STEVENS,
JESSIE C. SILSBY,
Selectmen of Stratford.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEO. D. KEYSAR,
AARON E. STEVENS,
JESSIE C. SILSBY,
Selectmen of Stratford

Budget for 1954

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954 compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31 1953.

REVENUES

	Estimated 1953	Actual 1953	Estimated 1954
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 104.97	\$ 106.72	\$ 106.00
Railroad Tax	1,150.00	1,140.21	1,140.00
Savings Bank Tax	70.00	99.46	100.00
Reim. a/c Exemption of grow- ing Wood & Timber	4,610.02	89.97	600.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		12.35	
Reim. a/c Old Age Assistance		35.72	25.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	175.00	188.20	175.00
Rent of Town Hall & Other Buildings	900.00	483.00	500.00
Income of Departments		1,387.00	1,200.00
Income from Municipally owned Utilities:			
(a) Water Department	3,500.00	3,522.89	3,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,500.00	3,500.07	3,000.00
Sale of Town Property		31.50	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Flood Damages		2,000.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes - Reg. @ \$2		622.00	700.00
National Bank Stock Taxes		60.00	20.00
Total Revenues from all Sources			
Except Property Taxes			\$11,081.00
Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes			54,797.10
Total Revenues			\$65,878.10

EXPENDITURES

	Approp. 1953	Actual Expend. 1953	Estimated Expend. 1954
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$2,195.00	\$2,103.81	\$2,195.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,300.00	1,308.65	1,300.00
Election & Registration Expenses	100.00	88.00	300.00
Expenses Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	1,500.00	2,005.45	1,500.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	100.00	102.31	100.00
Fire Department	1,000.00	849.13	1,000.00
Moth Exterm. - Blister Rust & Care of Trees	50.00		50.00
Insurance	472.13	560.50	500.00
Health:			
Health Dept. including Hospitals	2,550.00	3,446.17	2,550.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	37.20	30.00
Sewer Maintenance	225.00	285.63	300.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	100.00	14.00	50.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance - Summer	950.00	543.40	950.00
Town Maintenance - Winter	1,050.00	475.06	1,050.00
Street Lighting	1,450.00	1,479.13	1,500.00
General Expense of Highway Department	25.00	5.00	25.00
Town Road Aid	108.07	108.07	109.07
Libraries:	500.00	500.00	500.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	2,650.00	2,105.87	2,550.00
Old Age Assistance	1,260.00	1,520.90	1,600.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Veterans' Associations	200.00	154.25	200.00
Aid to Soldiers & their Families	250.00	75.15	200.00
Recreation:			
Parks & Playgrounds, Including Band Concerts	11.00	27.00	25.00

Public Service Enterprises:			
Municipally Owned Water &			
Electric Utilities	700.00	2,007.41	1,000.00
Cemeteries	100.00	112.50	100.00
Unclassified:			
Damages & Legal Expense, including Dog Damage			
	100.00	156.78	100.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security			
	300.00	306.67	315.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans			
	50.00	40.03	50.00
On Long Term Notes & Bonds			
	825.00	815.97	572.50
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Bonds			
	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
Long Term Notes			
	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes			
	3,893.79	3,893.79	4,000.00
School Taxes			
	31,608.13	31,306.49	34,156.53
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	\$61,638.12	\$62,434.32	\$65,878.10

Summary Inventory of Valuation

Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$ 679,996.40
Electric Plants (Public Service Co. of N. H.)	62,291.00
Horses, Asses and Mules, 49	4,700.00
Cows, 353	40,595.00
Other Neat Stock, 85	6,375.00
Sheep and Goats, 2	30.00
Hogs, 1	35.00
Fowls	215.00
Portable Mills, 1	1,500.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	47,126.50
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1,650.00
Stock in Trade	23,350.00
Mills and Machinery	134,050.00
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Total Gross Valuation before Exemptions Allowed	\$1,001,913.90
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind	33,227.75
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Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$ 968,686.15
Amount of Property valuation exempted to Veterans	\$33,227.75
Number of inventories distributed	230
Number of inventories returned	105
Number of veterans who received property exemption	44
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	85

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

GEO. D. KEYSAR,
AARON E. STEVENS,
JESSIE C. SILSBY,
Selectmen of Stratford.

July 27, 1953.

Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

TAX YEAR 1953

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,195.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,300.00
Social Security or Retirement	300.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	1,500.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	1,000.00
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination	50.00
Health Department	2,550.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	100.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Road Aid	108.07
Town Maintenance (Summer \$950, Winter \$850)	1,800.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	25.00
Plowing 3 miles E. S.	200.00
Insurance	472.13
Street Lighting	1,450.00
Sewers (Maintenance)	225.00
Libraries	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,260.00
Public Relief (Town Poor \$2,650., Soldiers' Aid \$250)	2,900.00
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc., Old Home Day	200.00
Parks and Playgrounds	11.00
Water and Electric Utilities	700.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Damages and Legal Expenses, inc. Dog Damages	100.00
Payments on Debt (Prin. \$6000, Int. \$875)	6,875.00
County Tax	3,893.79
School Tax	31,608.13

Total Town and School Appropriations	\$61,638.12
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Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:	
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 104.97
Railroad Tax	1,150.00
Savings Bank Tax	70.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	4,610.02
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,500.00
Dog Licenses	175.00
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	900.00
Water and Electric Departments	3,500.00
Other Revenue	1,000.00
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Total Revenues and Credits	\$14,009.99
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	\$47,628.13
Plus Overlay	697.44
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$48,325.57
Less: 400 Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	\$800.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	60.00
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	860.00
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Amt. to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	\$47,465.57
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	\$47,465.57
Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	800.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	60.00
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Total Taxes to be Committed	\$48,325.57
Tax Rate—\$4.90 (Approved by Tax Comm.)	

CERTIFICATE

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

Date: July 27, 1953

GEO. D. KEYSAR,
AARON E. STEVENS,
JESSIE C. SILSBY,
Selectmen of Stratford.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Title of Appropriation	Appro.	Receipts &		Total Available	Expend.	Balance	
		Reimburse.	Available			Unexpend.	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,195.00		\$ 2,195.00	\$ 2,103.81	\$ 91.19	\$	
Town Officers' Expenses	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,308.65			8.65
Election & Registration	100.00		100.00	88.00	12.00		
Town Hall & Other Buildings	1,500.00	\$ 483.00	1,983.00	2,005.45			22.45
Police Department	100.00		100.00	102.31			2.31
Fire Department	1,000.00	12.35	1,012.35	849.13	163.22		
Blister Rust — Moth Control	50.00		50.00		50.00		
Health Department	2,550.00	1,387.00	3,937.00	3,446.17	490.83		
Insurance	472.13		472.13	560.50			88.37
Vital Statistics	15.00		15.00	37.20			22.20
Sewer Maintenance	225.00		225.00	285.63			60.63
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	100.00		100.00	14.00	86.00		
Town Maintenance:							
Winter	1,050.00		1,050.00	475.06	574.94		
Summer	950.00		950.00	543.40	406.60		
Street Lighting	1,450.00		1,450.00	1,479.13			29.13
General Expenses	25.00		25.00	5.00	20.00		
Town Road Aid	108.07		108.07	108.07			
Libraries	500.00		500.00	500.00			

Town Poor	2,650.00	121.54	2,771.54	2,105.87	665.67	225.18
Old Age Assistance	1,260.00	35.72	1,295.72	1,520.90		
Memorial Day	100.00		100.00	54.25	45.75	
Memorial Trust Fund	100.00		100.00	100.00		
Aid to Soldiers & their Families	250.00		250.00	75.15	174.85	
Parks & Playgrounds	11.00		11.00	27.00		16.00
Water Department	700.00		700.00	2,007.41		1,307.41
Cemeteries	100.00		100.00	112.50		12.50
Damages & Legal Expenses	100.00		100.00	156.78		56.78
Retirement	300.00		300.00	306.67		6.67
Interest	875.00		875.00	856.00	19.00	
Payments on Principal of Debt	6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00		
County Tax	3,893.79		3,893.79	3,893.79		
School	31,608.13		31,608.13	31,306.49	301.64	
	\$ 61,638.12	\$ 2,039.61	\$ 63,677.73	\$ 62,434.32	\$ 3,101.69	\$ 1,858.28
					1,858.28	
					\$ 1,243.41	

Unexpended Balance

\$ 1,243.41

BALANCE

Assets

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$17,562.04
In hands of officials: Tax Collector	152.00
	\$17,714.04
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State:	
Bounties	73.50
Reimbursement Yield Tax	668.16
	741.66
Other bills due Town:	
Groveton Papers Co., Christie Bridge	455.00
K. of P. Lodge, Rent	250.00
James Provencher Estate--	
H. W. Ramsay, Admr.	406.55
Water Rents	1,273.02
	2,384.57
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1952	761.90
Levy of 1951	420.26
Previous Years	219.84
	1,400.00
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1953	11,221.53
Levy of 1952	128.73
Levy of 1951	17.60
Previous Years	690.57
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1953	505.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	5.00
	12,568.43
Total Assets	\$34,810.70
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	7,732.43
	\$42,543.13
Grand Total	\$42,543.13
Net Debt—December 31, 1952	\$12,876.38
Net Debt—December 31, 1953	7,732.43
	\$ 5,143.95
Decrease of Debt	\$ 5,143.95

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Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills outstanding	\$ 475.00	
Unexpended Balance of Special Appropriations: Blister Rust	150.00	
Due to State:		
State Head Taxes—1953, Uncollected		
\$505, Collected, not remitted to State		
Treas. \$132.00	505.00	
1952	5.00	
Due to School Districts:		
Balance of Appropriation	23,408.13	
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Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Water Notes, Issue of 1938	9,000.00	
Flood Damage, Due 1954	1,000.00	
Flood Damage, Due 1955	1,000.00	
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Bonds Outstanding:		
Water Bonds, Issue of 1920	4,000.00	
Water Bonds, Issue of 1921	3,000.00	
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Total Liabilities		<hr/> \$42,543.13
Grand Total		<hr/> \$42,543.13

RECEIPTS AND

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year, 1953	\$40,075.07
Poll Taxes, current year, Reg. @ \$2, 1953	622.00
National Bank Stock Taxes, 1953	60.00
Yield Taxes, 1953	1,097.05
State Head Taxes @ \$5, 1953	1,750.00

Ttl. Cur. Yr.'s Taxes col. & remitted	\$43,604.12
Prop. Taxes & Yield Taxes, Prev. Yrs.	9,380.08
Poll Taxes, Previous Yrs., Reg. @ \$2	144.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5, Prev. Yrs.	350.00
Interest received on Taxes	282.58
Penalties on State Head Taxes	35.00
Tax sales redeemed	1,715.65

From State:

For Highways and Bridges:

For Class V Highway maintenance	974.42
For State Aid Construction	1,782.87
Interest and dividend tax	106.72
Railroad Tax	1,140.21
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	99.46
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber, Bal. 1952	89.97
Fighting forest fires	12.35
Bounties	28.75
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	35.72

From County:

For support of poor & aid furnished soldiers	121.54
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From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	188.20
Rent of town property	483.00
Income from department	1,387.00
Income from Municipal Water & Electric Depts.	3,522.89
Registration of motor vehicles, 1952 Permits	48.62
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 Permits	3,500.07

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$69,033.22
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PAYMENTS

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,103.81
Town officers' expenses	1,308.65
Election and registration expenses	88.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	2,005.45

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	102.31
Fire department, including forest fires	849.13
Bounties	73.50
Insurance	560.50

Health:

Health department, including hospitals	3,446.17
Vital statistics	37.20
Sewer maintenance	285.63
Town dumps and garbage removal	14.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	108.07
Town Maintenance (Summer \$543.40, Winter \$475.06)	1,018.46
Street lighting	1,479.13
General Expenses of Highway Department	5.00

Libraries

Libraries	500.00
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	1,521.90
Town poor	2,105.87

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veteran's Associations	154.25
Aid to soldiers and their families	75.15

Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds	27.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Municipal water and electric departments	2,007.41
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	112.50

Unclassified:

Damages and legal expenses	156.78
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Total Payments (carried forward)	\$20,145.87
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RECEIPTS AND

Total receipts brought forward	\$69,033.22
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$5,500.00
Long term notes during year	2,000.00
Sale of town property	31.50
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Ttl. Receipts other than Cur. Revenue	7,531.50
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$76,564.72
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	18,123.92
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Grand Total	\$94,688.64

PAYMENTS (CONTINUED)

Total payments brought forward		\$20,145.87
Unclassified: (Continued)		
Taxes bought by town	\$1,506.32	
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	12.49	
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	306.67	
Total Current Maintenance Exp.	—————	1,825.48
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	40.03	
Paid on long term notes	315.97	
Paid on bonded debt	500.00	
Total Interest Payments	—————	856.00
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways & Bridges—State Aid construction, Flood Damage	4,621.95	
Highways & Bridges—Town con- struction, Conn. River & Christie Bridges	1,022.23	
Total Outlay Payments	—————	5,644.18
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	5,500.00	
Payments on long term notes	2,000.00	
Payments on bonded debt	4,000.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments	—————	11,500.00
Payments to Other Governmental Div.		
State Head Taxes paid State Treas. (1953 Taxes \$1,577.50, Prior Yrs. \$377.30)	1,954.80	
Taxes paid to County	3,893.79	
Payments to School Districts (1952 Tax \$23,106.48, 1953 Tax \$8,200)	31,306.48	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		\$37,155.07
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$77,126.60
Cash on hand December 31, 1953		17,562.04
Grand Total		\$94,688.64

Schedule of Town Property

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 18,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Libraries, Lands & Buildings, Stratford Hollow	2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Fire Department, Lands & Bldgs., and Library	5,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Highway Department, Equipment	100.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	2,000.00
Water Supply, if owned by Town	100,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	84,800.00
Equipment	11,000.00
Town House, Stratford Center	2,000.00
Town Histories	200.00
Aldef Leclair, L. & B.	1,500.00
Cora Graham, L. & B.	500.00
Clinton Kelley Camp on Leased Land, Stratford Bog	300.00
130 A (more or less) Lot 163	500.00
Total	232,400.00

Town Clerk's Report

Vital Statistics:

Number of Marriages	10
Copies	5
Number of Births	3
Copies	14
Number of Deaths	12
Copies	10

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

14 1952 Permits	\$ 48.62	
450 1953 Permits	3,500.07	
	\$3,548.69	

Dog Licenses Issued:

64 @ \$2.00	\$128.00	
4 @ 5.00	20.00	
18 @ 2.50	45.00	
2 @ 5.50	11.00	
1 1952 @ \$2.00	2.00	
Less Fees Retained, 89 @ 20c	17.80	
	188.20	

Paid to Treasurer	\$3,736.89
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Respectfully submitted,
MRS. EDNA FULLER,
Town Clerk.

Report of Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANT PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1953

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$47,465.70
Poll Taxes	800.00
Bank Stock Taxes (1951-52-53)	60.00

TOTAL WARRANT

\$48,325.70

Yield Taxes: Warrant

4,600.48

Added (error)

.30

4,600.78

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	210.51
Poll Taxes	18.00
Interest Collected	.07

TOTAL DEBITS

\$53,155.06

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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$40,075.07
Poll Taxes	622.00
Bank Stock Taxes (1951-52-53)	60.00
Yield Taxes	1,097.05
Interest	.07

Abatements:

83.58

Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:

Property Taxes	7,554.05
Poll Taxes	148.00
Yield Taxes	3,519.48
Cash on Hand (Polls Unremitted)	22.00

\$53,181.30

Refunds on overpayment of taxes \$10.49

Yield Tax remitted twice	15.75	
	<u> </u>	26.24
		<u> </u>
TOTAL CREDITS		\$53,155.06

AMY J. BLODGETT,
Tax Collector.

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY AND POLL TAXES
LEVY OF 1952**

DR.

Uncollected Taxes--As of Jan. 1, 1953:		
Property Taxes	\$8,899.33	
Poll Taxes	168.00	
		<u> </u> \$9,067.33
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	280.00	
Poll Taxes	14.00	
		<u> </u> 294.00
Interest Collected: During Fiscal Year		
Ended December 31, 1953		<u> </u> 168.17
		<u> </u>
TOTAL DEBITS		\$9,529.50

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal		
Year Ended Dec. 31, 1953		
Property Taxes	\$8,941.05	
Poll Taxes	140.00	
Interest Collected	168.17	
Abatement Made During Year	40.00	
Deeded to Town	117.88	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Property Taxes	120.40	
Poll Taxes	2.00	
		<u> </u>
TOTAL CREDITS		\$9,529.50

AMY J. BLODGETT,
Tax Collector.

YIELD TAX REPORT

1951

DR.

Uncollected Yield Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1953	
Yield Tax	\$ 27.60

Interest	2.24	
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TOTAL DEBIT		\$ 29.84
CR.		
Remitted to Treasurer:		
Yield Tax	\$ 27.60	
Interest	2.24	
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TOTAL CREDIT		\$ 29.84
	1952	
	DR.	
Yield Tax Unremitted Dec. 31, 1952	\$114.21	
Uncollected Yield Tax	41.46	
Interest Collected	.35	
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TOTAL DEBIT		\$156.02
CR.		
Remitted to Treasurer:		
Unremitted Yield Tax	\$114.21	
Collected	35.13	
Interest Collected	.35	
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	\$149.69	
Uncollected Yield Tax	6.33	
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TOTAL CREDIT		\$156.02

AMY J. BLODGETT,
Tax Collector.

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS — LEVIES OF PRIOR YEARS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953**

Debits	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944
Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1952								
Property Taxes	\$ 13.60	\$ 150.34	\$ 187.81	\$ 788.11	\$ 38.40			
Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	26.00	24.00	22.00	4.00	2.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
Poll Taxes @ \$3.00							6.00	6.00
Yield Taxes	27.60							
Interest Collected	2.24	28.48	25.00	6.48				
	\$ 69.44	\$ 202.82	\$ 234.81	\$ 798.59	\$ 40.40	\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Credits								
	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944
Remittances to Treasurer:								
Property Taxes		\$ 137.59	\$ 92.50	\$ 27.00				
Poll Taxes	\$ 8.00							
Yield Taxes	27.60							
Interest	2.24	28.48	25.00	6.48				
Abatements	14.00	24.75	31.10	9.40	\$ 40.40	\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Deeded to Town				163.35				
Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1953								
Property Taxes	13.60		78.21	592.36				
Poll Taxes	4.00	12.00	8.00					
	\$ 69.44	\$ 202.82	\$ 234.81	\$ 798.59	\$ 40.40	\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
As of December 31, 1953

DEBITS

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:		
	1952	1951	Previous Years
(a) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$1,506.32		
(b) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes, Jan. 1, 1953		\$1,283.91	\$ 782.41
Interest Collected After Sale	21.48	84.54	34.50
Total Debits	\$1,527.80	\$1,368.45	\$ 816.91

CREDITS

Remits. to Treas. during Year	\$ 765.90	\$ 811.37	\$ 195.01
Abatements during Year			95.02
Deeded to Town - during Year		132.84	307.04
Unredeemed Taxes - At Close of Year	761.90	420.26	219.84
Total Credits	\$1,527.80	\$1,368.45	\$ 816.91

AMY J. BLODGETT
Tax Collector.

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1953**

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant		\$2405.00
Added Taxes		25.00

Total Commitment:		\$2,430.00
Penalties Collected		12.00

TOTAL DEBITS		\$2,442.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes		\$1,750.00
Abatements		55.00
Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's List		505.00
CASH ON HAND (collected after Dec. 1st)		132.00

TOTAL CREDITS		\$2,442.00

LEVY OF 1952

DR.

Uncollected Head Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1953		\$ 455.00
Added Taxes during 1953		10.00
Penalties Collected During 1953		35.00

TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 500.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During 1953:

Head Taxes		\$ 350.00
Penalties		35.00

		385.00
Abatements During 1953		110.00
Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's List		5.00

TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 500.00

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

BALANCE—December 31, 1952		\$18,123.92
Received from:		
Amy J. Blodgett, Tax Collector:		
1953 Property Taxes	\$40,075.07	
Interest	.07	
Poll Taxes	622.00	
		40,697.14
1952 Property Taxes	9,078.64	
Interest	198.94	
		9,277.58
1952 Redeemed Taxes	759.18	
Interest	6.72	
		765.90
1952 Poll Taxes	140.00	
Interest	.20	
		140.20
1951 Property Taxes:		
Redeemed	793.71	
Interest and Cost	17.66	
Polls	4.00	
Interest	.26	
		815.63
1950 Property Taxes	5.00	
Redeemed	75.00	
Redeemed	72.76	
Interest	27.25	
		180.01
1949 Property Taxes	92.50	
Interest	25.00	
		117.50
1948 Property Taxes	27.00	
Interest	6.48	
		33.48
1943 Property -- Redeemed	10.00	
	5.00	
		15.00

Severance Tax		
1953	15.30	
	517.46	
	564.29	
	<u> </u>	1,097.05
1952	103.91	
	13.92	
	59.11	
	<u> </u>	176.94
1953 Head Taxes	500.00	
	1,250.00	
	<u> </u>	1,750.00
1952 Head Taxes	315.00	
Penalties	31.50	
	38.50	
	<u> </u>	385.00
Frank A. Smith, Water Rent Collector:		
Water Rent		3,522.89
Edna Fuller, Town Clerk:		
Motor Vehicle Permits		3,548.69
Dog Taxes		188.20
Delia B. Hapgood, Public Health Nurse:		
Health Association Fees		887.00
Stratford School District:		
Health Supervision		500.00
Selectmen:		
Town Histories		6.50
Town of Columbia:		
Snow Plow Hitch		25.00
State of New Hampshire:		
Bounties on Bears		20.00
Bounties on Porcupines		8.75
Reimbursement on Posting Fire Ban		4.03
Reimbursement on Old Age Assistance		35.72
State's Share of East Stratford Road		974.42
Reimbursement of Yield Tax (1952)		89.97
(Credits accruing from Interest and Dividend Tax 1953)		106.72
Reimbursement -- Flood Damage		1,782.87
Savings Bank Tax		99.46
Railroad Tax		1,140.21
State's Share of Fire Supression Cost		3.37
Reimbursement -- Fire Tools		4.95

County of Coos:		
Reimbursement Rainey Account		121.54
Kenneth McMann:		
Rent LeClair House		180.00
Charles Sedgell:		
Rent Graham House		84.00
Elmer Paradis:		
Rent Town Hall		219.00
National Bank Stock Tax:		
1951	20.00	
1952	20.00	
1953	20.00	
		<hr/> 60.00
Farmers & Traders National & Savings Bank:		
Temporary Loan	2,000.00	
	5,500.00	
		<hr/> 7,500.00
Total Receipts		<hr/> \$94,688.64
Total Payments		<hr/> 77,126.60
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Balance, December 31, 1953		\$17,562.04

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE S. MARTIN,
Treasurer

Water Department Report

January 1, 1954

Deposit with Treasurer	\$3,522.89
Collected water rent	3,513.71
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	\$ 9.18
Sold lead pipe connection to Main line	7.80
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Over deposit	\$ 1.38
Unpaid Accounts, 1952	\$1,290.19
Billings, 1953	3,645.93
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	\$4,936.12
Less Vacancy	149.39
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	\$4,786.73
Less Collections	3,513.71
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Unpaid Balance	\$1,273.02

FRANK A. SMITH,
Collector.

Detailed Statement of Payments

Town Officers' Salaries

George D. Keysar, Selectman	\$ 300.00
Aaron E. Stevens, Selectman	300.00
Jessie C. Silsby, Selectman	300.00
Grace S. Martin, Treasurer	100.00
Edna Fuller, Town Clerk	100.00
Edna Fuller, Issuing Auto Permits	232.00
Amy J. Blodgett, Clerk	360.00
Amy J. Blodgett, Tax Collector	300.00
Balance on 1952 Taxes	52.38
Head Tax Commission 1952	21.93
Head Tax Commission 1953	37.50
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	\$ 2,103.81

Town Officers' Expenses

Coos County Registry of Deeds, Recording and Listing	\$ 25.68
Royal Typewriter Company	102.50
Association of N. H. Assessors, Dues	3.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	112.13
Edna Fuller, Express on File Cabinet	7.95
Edna Fuller, Printing Affidavits, Auto Guide and Postage	8.05
Lewis Marshall, Postage and Envelopes	51.80
Sargent Bros., Printing Tax Bills	21.33
Amy J. Blodgett, Rent	120.00
Office Expense and Postage	17.02
Attending Tax Meetings	25.95
Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Bonds	100.95
George D. Keysar, Mileage and Supervision	161.49
Jessie C. Silsby, Tax Meeting & Telephone Expense	12.87
Division of Municipal Accounting, Auditing	212.68
Coos County Democrat, Printing Reports & Notice	166.00
Caledonia Typewriter Company, Ribbon & Carbon	3.95
New Hampshire Tax Collectors' Assn., Dues	3.00
Aaron E. Stevens, File Cabinet and Supplies	53.65
Amy J. Blodgett, Commission on Tax Sale	54.25
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	\$ 1,308.65

Election and Registration

Sentinel Publishing Co., Printing Check Lists	\$	60.00
Ruth Barnett, Supervisor		6.00
Clara LaCasse, Supervisor		6.00
Lena Stinson, Supervisor		6.00
Walter L. Niles, Moderator		10.00
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	\$	88.00

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Nugent's Plumbing & Heating, Labor & Materials	\$	615.83
Nugent Motor Company, Fuel Oil		791.29
Elmer Paradis, Janitor and Repairing		385.50
H. E. Savage & Son, 1952 repairing		38.61
Public Service Company, Electricity		142.43
Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies		31.74
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	\$	2,005.45

Police Department

Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Bond	\$	5.00
Elmer Paradis, Salary and Services as Special Police		74.00
Eastern Fire Equipment Co., Badges		4.91
Town of Northumberland (Homer Fontaine)		18.40
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	\$	102.31

Fire Department

Colebrook Fire Precinct, H. W. Ramsay Fire	\$	57.75
Raymond Savage, Payroll -- Chimney Fires		97.50
Rupert Willey, Repairing tools & posting signs		17.09
Conn. General Life Insurance Co.		82.50
Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Insurance		51.30
Fyr-Fyter Company, Hose		504.00
Fire Protection Company, Chimfex & Wrenches		32.79
Aaron E. Stevens, Light Bulbs		1.20
Frank A. Smith, Labor		5.00
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	\$	849.13

Bounties

Aaron E. Stevens, 4 Bears; 39 Hedgehogs	\$	38.00
Jessie C. Silsby, 6 Bears; 13 Hedgehogs		35.50
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	\$	73.50

Insurance

Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co.	\$	560.50
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Health Department

Delia B. Hapgood, Salary	Public Health Nurse	\$ 2,550.00
Delia B. Hapgood, Transportation		600.00
Claire Belisle, Substitute Nurse		200.00
Aaron E. Stevens, Supplies		54.48
Roger Hunt, Health Officer and Express on Water Bottles		41.69
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		\$ 3,446.17

Vital Statistics

Edna Fuller, Fees and Returns	\$	37.20
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Town Maintenance**WINTER:**

Warren Whitney, Plowing 1952-53	\$	15.00
Burl Howland, Sanding		97.00
Leo LaPointe, Plowing		165.06
J. J. Gould, Plowing		117.00
Forrest Maguire, Shedd & Bordeau Roads		56.00
Joseph Portigue, Labor on Road		5.00
Archie Portigue, Putting up Snow Fence		12.50
Joseph Portigue, Putting up Snow Fence		7.50
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		\$ 475.06

SUMMER:

Blodgett Bros., Labor	\$	12.00
Howard McMann, Payroll, March		103.50
Howard McMann, Payroll, October		19.00
Bruce LaCasse, Labor on Streets		3.00
No. Paving & Construction Co., Cold Patch		53.07
Murray Celley, Labor		7.00
Jasper Howland, Truck		2.50
J. J. Gould, 5 hrs. on Richards Road		35.00
Forrest Maguire, Egan & Bog Brook Road		56.00
H. E. Savage & Son, Labor on Streets		55.10
Irving Blodgett, Labor on Streets		7.00
Merit Blodgett, Labor on Streets		5.00
Treas., State of New Hamp., Town Maintenance		30.60
Roland Poutre, Gravel Ruch & Paradis Hill		83.50
Howard McMann, Labor		11.00
H. W. Crooker Co., Cold Patch		60.13
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		\$ 543.40

Flood Damage

H. E. Savage & Son, Contractor	\$	2,581.55
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Roland Poutre, Trucks & Tractor	197.85
Clyde Gray, Truck	118.80
Edward Smith, Truck	88.40
Francis Chapple, Truck	26.40
Louis Demers, 101 yds. Gravel	10.10
Nora McMann, 1016 yds. Gravel	101.60
Clyde Gray, Trucks	381.50
Glen Hurlbert, Land Damage, etc.	40.00
William Sheltry, Tractor 24 hrs.	84.00
Fred Lehoux, Labor, Truck & Tractor	15.75
Washburn Lumber Co., Rental of Angle Dozer	976.00

\$ 4,621.95

Connecticut River Bridge

H. E. Savage & Son, 2 days labor	\$ 30.83
J. J. Gould,	84.00
Aaron E. Stevens, Plank	112.12
Aaron E. Stevens, Axe, Spikes, Nails, etc.	12.70

\$ 239.65

Christie Bridge

Fred Lehoux, Tractor & Loader	\$ 161.00
Gordon Christie, Truck & Labor	84.00
Clifford Christie, Labor	94.50
Fred Lehoux, Truck & Labor	33.25
George Keysar, 25 lbs. Spikes	3.75
Aaron E. Stevens, Spikes and Oil	6.85
Washburn Lumber Company, Plank	176.60
H. E. Savage & Son, Bridge Work	195.49
H. W. Silsby, Spikes, Oil, etc.	13.77
P. A. Hicks & Son, Cable	13.37

\$ 782.58

Sewer Maintenance

Nugent's Plumbing & Heating, Labor & Materials	\$ 58.63
Alice Hutchins, Lease	200.00
Frank A. Smith, Labor	27.00

\$ 285.63

Town Road Aid

State of New Hampshire	\$ 108.07
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Employees' Retirement

N. H. Employees' Retirement System, Delia B. Hapgood	\$ 306.67
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Street Lighting	
Public Service Company of N. H.	\$ 1,479.13
General Expense	
Frank A. Smith, Painting Signs	\$ 5.00
Libraries	
Flora A. Stevens, Treas., Appropriation	\$ 500.00
Old Age Assistance	
State of New Hampshire	\$ 1,093.90
State of New Hampshire, Alien O. A. A.	428.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,521.90
Town Poor	
Lina K. Wood, Board & Care of Maxine Laythe	\$ 398.00
Daniel Webster Home, Board & Care of Emmagene Laythe	277.50
Mrs. Elroy Egan, Board & Care of Esther and Sonny Laythe	758.90
Mrs. Willie Poulin, Room and Breakfast for Transient	3.30
J. J. Sullivan, D. D. S., Dental work Emmagene Laythe	3.00
Robert Hinkley, Medical Services Maxine Laythe	13.00
Aaron Stevens, Blouse for Maxine Laythe	2.50
Jessie C. Silsby, Clothes for Maxine Laythe	120.11
Jessie C. Silsby, Clothes for Esther & Sonny Laythe	96.56
Public Service Co., Electric Bill for Mrs. John Howland	3.32
Hurlbutt's Fuel Service, Kerosene for Mrs. Howland	32.72
H. W. Silsby, Groceries for Howland Family	95.86
Groveton Dairy, Milk for Howland Family	12.60
Lancaster Hospital, Elmer McFarland	288.50
	<hr/> \$ 2,105.87
Memorial Day	
Art Novelty Company, Flags	\$ 12.73
V. F. W., Balance of N. S. share of Appropriation	37.27
Hill's Department Stores, Flags	4.25
	<hr/> \$ 54.25
Memorial Trust Fund	
Grace S. Martin, one-half appropriation	\$ 50.00

Walter L. Niles, one-half appropriation, Stratford Hollow	50.00
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\$	100.00
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Aid to Soldiers and Their Families

Lancaster Hospital	\$ 66.50
Groveton Oil Company	8.65

\$	75.15
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Parks and Playgrounds

Canadian National Railways, Fountain Site & Lease 2 yrs.	\$ 12.00
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John Drapeau, Care of Monument	5.00
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Nugent's Plumbing & Heating, Skating Rink	10.00
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\$	27.00
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Water Department

Nugent's Plumbing & Heating	\$ 1,344.76
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Sentinel Publishing Co., Printing Bills	4.25
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Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Bond	7.50
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Jack Kingston, Cleaning Reservoir	24.00
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Donald Howland, Cleaning Reservoir	40.00
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Everett Stanton, Cleaning Reservoir	40.00
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Alton Hurley, Cleaning Reservoir	19.00
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William Daley, Cleaning Reservoir	8.00
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Henry Baker, Cleaning Reservoir	13.50
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Willie Poulin, Cleaning Reservoir	5.50
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George LaPointe, Cleaning Reservoir	5.50
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H. R. Prescott & Sons, Eddy Valves	28.80
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J. J. Gould, Bulldozer	108.50
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Aaron E. Stevens, oil	.20
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Frank A. Smith, Labor	252.21
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Commission on Collections	105.69
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\$	2,007.41
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Cemeteries

William Fuller, Cleaning Center Cemetery	\$ 30.50
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Hugh H. Johnson, Cleaning Center Cemetery	17.00
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Murray Celley, Mowing Center Cemetery	50.00
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Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co., Bonds	15.00
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\$	112.50
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Town Dump

J. J. Gould, Bulldozer	\$ 14.00
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Head Taxes	
State of New Hampshire 1952	\$ 377.30
State of New Hampshire 1953	1,577.50
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	\$ 1,954.80
Taxes Bought By Town	
Amy J. Blodgett, Tax Collector	\$ 1,506.32
Damages and Legal Expenses	
Perley Hurd, Dog Constable	\$ 10.00
William H. Lehnert, Legal Expense	130.03
Edson C. Eastman Co., Dog Tags	16.75
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	\$ 156.78
Refunds	
Amy J. Blodgett, Refund on Poll Tax listed twice	\$ 2.00
H. W. Silsby, Refund on overpayment of taxes	3.49
Leon Fortier, Refund on overpayment of taxes	7.00
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	\$ 12.49
Interest	
Lancaster National Bank, Water Bonds	\$ 500.00
Robert P. Burroughs, Water Notes	137.50
First National Bank of Westboro, Water Notes	137.50
Farmers & Traders Bank, Temporary Loan & Note	81.00
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	\$ 856.00
Temporary Loans	
Farmers & Traders National & Savings Bank	\$ 5,500.00
Bonds and Long Term Notes	
Lancaster National Bank,	\$ 5,000.00
Farmers & Traders Bank, Fire Station Note	1,000.00
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	\$ 6,000.00
County Tax	
J. Arthur Sullivan, County Treasurer	\$ 3,893.79
School District	
Amy J. Blodgett, Treasurer	\$31,306.48
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$77,126.60

Public Health Nursing Report

December 31, 1953

Nursing Care Visits		1680
Obstetrical		5
Baby		35
Clinics (Toxoid and Dental)		17
Welfare		289
School		180
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Total		2206
Fees Collected	\$901.00	
Fees turned to Treasurer	887.00	
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Cash on Hand	\$ 14.00	

Respectfully submitted,
DELIA B. HAPGOOD, R. N.
Public Health Nurse

Veterans' Memorial Funds

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

North Stratford Fund

Balance December 31, 1952		\$468.81
Town Appropriation	\$50.00	
Interest, Earned	17.12	
		67.12
		\$535.93

GRACE S. MARTIN,
Treasurer.

Stratford Hollow Fund

Balance December 31, 1952		\$584.47
Town Appropriation	\$50.00	
Interest Earned	11.74	
		61.74
		\$646.21

WALTER L. NILES,
Treasurer.

Library Trustee's Report

Receipts

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953	\$328.57
Appropriation for 1953	500.00
Rent from Laura Johnson Library	24.00
Miscellaneous	1.51
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Total	\$854.08

Expenditures

Books	\$119.47
Lights	23.12
Fuel	26.56
Salaries	209.00
Repairs on Laura Johnson Library	116.62
Miscellaneous	21.03
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	\$515.80
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Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1954	338.28
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	\$854.08

Respectfully submitted,
FLORA H. STEVENS,

Rollin Baldwin Trust Fund

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953	
Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$210.15
Dividends received January 10,	176.10
Dividends received July 8,	178.66
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Total Receipts	\$564.91
Payments to Elderly Needy during year	200.94
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Balance on Hand January 1, 1954	\$363.97

Auditors' Report

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Tax Collector for the current year and find all taxes accounted for. We have checked the revenue received from the Town Clerk for motor vehicle permits and dog licenses. The Selectmen's orders and receipts were checked with the vouchers and the Treasurer's cash book and found correct. The Treasurer's balance in the Farmers & Traders Bank was reconciled with the Selectmen's cash book balance and found correct. The records of the Water Department were checked and found correct. Receipts, disbursements and balances in Trust Funds were correctly recorded.

In our opinion all the accounts and records for the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1953 were correct and in good order .

VICTOR P. BRUNO,
EVERETT M. WILLIAMS,
Auditors.

Report of Trust Funds of the Town of Stratford, N. H., on December 31, 1953

Date of Creation and Trust Funds for care of Cemetery lots	How Invested	Amt. of Prin.	Rate of Int.	Bal. Income		Exp. during Year	Bal. Inc.
				dur. Yr.	dur. Yr.		
1897 N. D. Piper Est.)	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	\$ 150.00	2 1/2%	\$ 97.62	\$ 6.22	\$ 25.92	\$ 77.92
1907 Laura Johnson)	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	100.00	"	56.94	3.95	3.95	56.94
1918 Isaac Johnson)	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	105.36	"	10.87	2.92	2.92	10.87
1928 Isaac Crown)	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	100.00	"	1.00	2.53	2.53	1.00
1934 Eliza Connary	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	100.00	"	10.18	2.77	2.77	10.18
1935 Clara Waters	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	100.00	"		2.51	2.51	
1935 Alice Wheeler, 3 lots	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	300.00	"	7.54	7.54	7.54	
1936 Florence French, 2 lots	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	200.00	"		5.03	5.03	
1937 Rev. L. W. Prescott	Plymouth Guar. Sav. Bk., Plymouth	100.00	"	2.05	3.88	5.93	
1939 Michael & John O Dowd	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	100.00	"	4.66	2.61	2.61	
1941 J. P. Ockington & J. G. Stone, 2 lots	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	100.00	"		2.51	2.51	
1946 Rev. Blanche Morey	2 shares Siwooganock Bank stock	200.00	6%		12.00	12.00	
1946 Ernest Bean	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	100.00	2 1/2%		2.51	2.51	
1946 Frederick Hapgood	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	200.00	"		5.03	5.03	
1946 Martha Burns	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	200.00	"		5.03	5.03	
1948 Angelo Del Medico	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	100.00	"	3.87	2.60	2.60	3.87
1948 McNally lot, Ella Howes, donor	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	100.00	"	2.99	2.58	2.58	2.99
1949 Emma Stone Estate	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	100.00	"	1.33	2.54	2.54	1.33
1950 Seth Richardson, 3 lots	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	200.00	"	.67	5.04	5.04	.67
1953 George & Amy Mason--New Fund \$300	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster	600.00	"	25.37	15.72	10.00	31.09
1953 Sherman M. Carter--New Fund \$200	Siwooganock Guar. Sav. Bk., Lancaster		"		2.50	2.50	
		\$3,255.30		\$217.55	\$98.02	\$114.05	\$201.52

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief. Date: February 1, 1954.

DELIA B. HAPGOOD,
DOROTHY M. TAYLOR,
HUGH H. JOHNSON,
Trustees.

REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF THE
TOWN OF STRATFORD
NEW HAMPSHIRE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1953

School Warrant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants or the School District of Stratford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in the village of North Stratford, in said district, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March, 1954, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or other Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. 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 equalization 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.
8. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to spend during the present fiscal year any unanticipated receipts, other than from taxation, for repairs and replacements and general expenses of operating the school program.
(Article suggested by the State Tax Commission).
9. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Given under our hand at said Stratford this 15th day of February, 1954.

AGNES MERRIAM,
ALICE RUCH,
MARGARET SALLS,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

AGNES MERRIAM,
ALICE RUCH,
MARGARET SALLS,
School Board.

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Motion: Moved that the school district raise and appropriate \$ and to authorize and direct the school board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the school board exclusive of state aid, and upon the determination of the amount of state aid to be received by the school district during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the school board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from state aid and with the school district clerk certify to the selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

(Suggested motion to follow Article 7)

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Organization

	Term Expires
Mrs. Agnes Merriam	1954
Mrs. Alice Ruch	1955
Mrs. Margaret Salls	1956
Treasurer, Mrs. Amy Blodgett	
Clerk, Mrs. Edna Fuller	
Truant Officer, Miss Delia B. Hapgood	
Auditors, State Tax Commission	
Moderator, Mr. Loyal P. Brown	
Supt. of Schools, Mr. Howard D. Fowlie	
Board meetings are called by the Chairman.	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

Summary

Cash on hand July 1, 1952	\$ 0
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$35,806.48

Loyal P. Brown, moderator, 1953	10.00	
		\$ 295.00

Superintendent's Salary—**Local Share**

Supervisory Union, No. 58		\$ 704.90
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Tax for State Wide Supervision

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire		\$ 496.00
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Salaries of Other Administrative**Personnel**

Supervisory Union, No. 58, Secretary	\$466.40	
Robert Cushing, census	20.00	
		\$ 486.40

Supplies and Expenses

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$170.15	
National School Methods	9.94	
Supervisory Union, No. 58	407.80	
Post Index Co.	3.34	
N. H. Tax Commission	41.63	
Stratford High School Activities Fund	30.74	
Coos County Democrat	58.00	
Howard D. Fowlie	38.50	
William Lehnert	9.06	
		\$ 769.16

Teachers' Salaries

Robert Cushing	\$3,500.00	
Florence Daley	2,300.00	
Nathalie Fuller	2,500.00	
Martin Harwood	2,200.00	
Marie Lantelme	2,600.00	
Harold Lary	2,700.00	
Grace Martin	2,408.40	
Constance Martin	658.00	
Edith McGuire	2,500.00	
Mary Nugent	2,500.00	
Wilfred Robitaille	2,592.78	
Ethel Wheeler	2,500.00	
Substitutes	175.00	
		\$29,134.18

Books & Other Instructional Aids

American Book Co.	\$153.30
Scott Foresman Co.	163.28
MacMillan Co.	2.62
D. C. Heath Co.	3.32
Follett Publishing Co.	66.44

L. W. Singer Co.	38.40
Allyn & Bacon Co.	14.46
Row Peterson Co.	8.50
South Western Publishing Co.	38.61
Kitchen & Glover	101.76
Iroquois Publishing Co.	43.19
Webster Publishing Co.	4.52
McGraw Hill Publishing Co.	13.16
J. B. Lippincott Co.	26.54
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	2.21
Laidlaw Bros.	2.69
The Book Supply Co.	6.75
Arlo Publishing Co.	6.84
Charles Scribner's Sons Co.	25.40
Martin & Murray Co.	50.90
Wilcox & Follett Co.	12.12
Doubleday & Co.	69.38
Houghton Mifflin Co.	9.30
Ginn & Co.	260.40
College Entrance Book Co.	17.87
R. M. Beuttel	5.74
Continental Press	1.30
John C. Winston Co.	6.96
Northern Office Supply	11.67
World Book Co.	2.12
University of New Hampshire	2.00
Aaron E. Stevens	16.62
Time	14.00
	\$ 1,202.37

Scholars' Supplies

American Book Co.	\$ 87.37
Scott Foresman Co.	90.19
Houghton Mifflin Co.	33.35
Mainco Trading Co.	114.38
Aaron E. Stevens	10.70
Benton Review Publishing Co.	37.27
Cambosco Scientific Co.	91.11
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co.	2.88
Lyons & Carnahan Co.	20.65
Science News Letter	4.50
Milton Bradley Co.	7.05
H. S. Kinsman Co.	97.85
South Western Publishing Co.	11.47
Ginn & Co.	40.66

Northern Office Supply	88.45
James E. Davidson	17.00
Robert Cushing	4.25
North Stratford Hot Lunch	27.99
American Education Publications	.75
Ginn & Co.	2.56
Beckley-Cardy Co.	4.00
World Book Co.	23.20
Cascade Paper Co.	7.65
Northumberland School District	210.22
J. L. Hammett Co.	103.84
	\$ 1,139.34

Supplies and Other Expenses

Loring, Short & Harmon	\$ 18.87
J. L. Hammett Co.	10.12
Robert Cushing	22.45
Essex County Herald	30.22
Beckley-Cardy Co.	100.00
Howard D. Fowlie	101.89
Kitchen & Glover	53.00
H. S. Kinsman Co.	41.15
	\$ 377.70

Salaries of Janitors

John Drapeau	\$1,010.00
Erastus Blodgett	530.75
Arthur Hapgood	91.50
Burl Howland	40.00
	\$ 1,672.25

Fuel

Canadian National Railway	\$623.56
M. Hurlbutt	40.75
E. J. Normandeau	166.00
Elias Lyman Coal Co.	7.10
Jasper Howland	4.00
Lawrence LaPointe	4.00
Granite State Veneer	15.00
Elias Lyman Coal Co.	300.00
	\$ 1,160.41

Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses

Aaron E. Stevens	\$ 14.38
Public Service Co.	702.80
I. G. Young	11.37
Perley Hapgood	2.78

Stratford Water Dept.	93.75	
A. J. & E. A. deBanville	2.06	
C. B. Dolge Co.	32.40	
Neil Wilkinson	11.25	
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co.	2.80	
R. J. Emerson	10.85	
R. E. York	68.04	
J. L. Hammett Co.	4.31	
Northumberland School District	258.60	
		\$ 1,215.39
Repairs and Replacements		
H. E. Savage & Son	\$ 51.23	
David Blair	430.00	
Harland Wheeler	126.00	
Arthur Hapgood	46.00	
Edward Nason	7.50	
George Zoulias	15.00	
Grace Hurd	57.00	
Burl Howland	6.00	
Bessie Nason	62.13	
R. J. Emerson	20.23	
James L. Emery	159.97	
Gordon Christie	12.75	
Aaron E. Stevens	28.35	
William A. Sheltry	6.94	
Nugent's Plumbing & Heating	2,029.85	
Ralph J. Emerson	26.38	
North Stratford Hot Lunch	200.00	
H. W. Silsby	19.46	
Erastus Blodgett	10.00	
		\$ 3,314.79
Health Supervision		
Town of Stratford	\$ 500.00	
W. H. Gifford, M. D.	100.00	
		\$ 600.00
Transportation		
Arthur Hapgood	\$ 54.00	
Loyal P. Brown	1,700.00	
Leo Normandeau	750.00	
Lina Woods	486.00	
Earl McMann	3,374.58	
		\$ 6,364.58
Special Activities and Special Funds		
Carolina Biological Supply Co.	\$ 41.15	

Stratford High School Activities Fund	305.48	
Portland Tinware Co.	27.00	
		\$ 373.63
Retirement		
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	\$1,687.08	
Supervisory Union, No. 58 (Supt's. Retirement)	50.88	
N. H. State Employees' Retirement System	84.33	
		\$ 1,822.29
Insurance		
George M. Stevens & Son Co.		\$ 620.68
New Equipment		
Hammond Desk Co.	\$ 42.87	
American Playground Device Co.	3.23	
James L. Emery	175.00	
J. E. Faltin Motor Transportation, Inc.	5.84	
General Electric Supply Co.	5.25	
Technygraph Co.	11.55	
H. S. Kinsman Co.	395.00	
Paris Mfg. Co.	75.00	
A. H. Rice Co.	350.00	
		\$ 1,063.74
Principal of Debt		
Farmers & Traders National Bank		\$ 1,015.32
Interest on Debt		
Farmers & Traders National Bank		\$ 74.12
School Lunch		
No. Stratford Hot Lunch Fund		
(Lunch Sales)	\$5,975.31	
(Federal Reimbursement)	1,633.92	
		\$ 7,609.23
Total Payments for All Purposes, 1952-53		\$61,511.48

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Stratford:

It is with pleasure that I submit my third annual report. To save duplication we publish the State Auditors' report for 1953, plus detailed list of payments. Other narrative and statistical data including the proposed budget is for the current year unless otherwise noted.

Resignations at the end of the year last June left us with two new teachers to find. Mr. Alfred White of Keene was engaged to take the place of Mr. Robitaille and Mr. Paul Mitchell of Ware, Mass. was engaged to take the place of Mr. Harwood. Both of these teachers are proving satisfactory and the school program has not suffered as much as last year when there were four out of five new teachers.

The arrangement to send all the members of the fifth grade to the Hollow School and allowing one room for the sixth grade at North Stratford has worked out most satisfactorily and will, no doubt, be continued in some combination of grades.

It will be noted that there is a present enrollment of 35 in the sixth grade. When these are promoted for next year there will be over fifty members in the seventh and eighth grades, and nearly sixty the following year. These two grades are commonly taught together using one teacher but the large enrollment forecast for next year makes it necessary to have another teacher and a room in which to house the overflow. Looking toward this end the School Board have made plans to repair and repaint the shop room, so called, as a classroom. Rearranging the classes will make a room available for the seventh and the eighth grade. It will still be necessary, no doubt, to hold classes in the main room while it is being used as a study hall but the situation will be improved over what it has been for the past several years. The floor space in the shop is about 20% greater than the room that has been refinished at the Hollow schoolhouse.

The installation of a new furnace and the refinishing of an all purpose room at the Hollow have greatly improved the efficiency of this building. Health and safety factors have been improved and excellent hot lunch facilities have been provided. Special mention should be made of the lunch program which is being conducted by Mrs. Grace Brown. The lunches are ample and well cooked and meet all requirements of the State and National program. Both Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Fuller cooperate to make this building an excellent school unit.

Nothing in the foregoing paragraph is meant to detract from the North Stratford Lunch Program. Here, too, is a well conducted lunch serving approximately 175 meals daily. New piping installed throughout the building with a new lead from the water main outside the building has made for a plentiful supply of water. The installation of new valves

and, in some cases, new toilets has corrected unpleasant odors and a poor health condition.

Early in the year the School Board made arrangements with Mr. Linwood Peck of Canaan to teach instrumental music. Mr. Peck was available only for evening engagement so practice sessions are held once each week. About twenty young people have instruments and are practicing faithfully. Much interest has been shown by the parents, and the P. T. A. is interested in the possibility of uniforms or capes for the band members.

The P. T. A. also has continued its active sponsorship of the dental clinic. A great many children have dental care through the clinic who otherwise might have to do without it.

The need of a new teacher seems imperative for the coming year. To this end the School Board has prepared a budget in identical amounts as last year, except to add the probable cost of this teacher. The Board has already been advised that the State School Fund will be in the amount of \$18,366.11, which is \$421.00 greater than last year's amount. With the tuition estimate at \$7,000.00 it will leave a balance to be raised by taxation of approximately \$34,200.00 or about \$1,600.00 less than was raised in 1952-1953.

In the past several years schools of the State and Nation have taken a bombardment of criticism. In individual schools some of this may be justified but in general much of it is not. During the past year in Stratford there has been a close and understanding supervision of and cooperation with the teachers to see that the school program is in line with the State approved course of study and the best interest of the children of Stratford. In standardized tests our children do as well on the average as they could be expected to do if they were attending school in an urban situation. The teachers, the superintendent, and the School Board members welcome an opportunity to listen to and meet any such criticisms as they apply to our schools. Moreover, a cordial welcome is extended to the parents to visit the school at any and all times.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege for me to take part in the school program of Stratford schools. Thank you for this opportunity to report.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD D. FOWLIE,
Superintendent of Schools

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND BUDGET

Summary	Expend. for 1952-53	Estim. for 1953-54	Budget for 1954-55
Administration			
Salaries of district officers	\$ 295.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
Supt. salary (local share)	704.90*	826.80	826.80
Tax for state wide supervision	496.00	496.00	496.00
Salaries of other adm. personnel	486.40	501.40	501.40
Supplies and expenses	769.16	503.60	503.60
Instruction			
Teachers' salaries	29,134.18	31,850.00	34,850.00
Books & other instructional aids	1,202.37	805.25	805.25
Scholars' supplies	1,139.34	856.25	856.25
Supplies & other expenses	377.70	200.00	200.00
Operation of School Plant			
Salaries of janitors	1,672.25	1,700.00	1,700.00
Fuel or heat	1,160.41	2,295.00	2,295.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses	1,215.39	670.00	670.00
Maintenance of School Plant			
Repairs and replacements	3,314.79	2,700.00	2,700.00
Auxiliary Activities			
Health supervision	600.00	625.00	625.00
Transportation	6,364.58	6,490.00	6,490.00
Special activities & spec. funds	373.63	1,180.00	1,180.00
School Lunch Program	7,609.23		
Fixed Charges			
Retirement	1,822.29	2,300.00	2,300.00
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses	620.68	479.00	479.00
Capital Outlay			
New equipment	1,063.74	650.00	650.00
Debt and Interest	1,089.44	1,089.44	1,089.44
Total Payments for All Purposes	\$61,511.48	\$56,522.74	\$56,522.74

Receipts

Cash on hand	0		
From Town Appropriation	35,806.48	31,608.13	34,156.63
State Aid	10,052.02	17,914.61	18,366.11
Federal Aid (School Lunch)	1,633.92		
Tuition	7,773.75	7,000.00	7,000.00
School Lunch (Sales)	5,975.31		
Other Receipts	270.00		
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	\$61,511.48	\$56,522.74	\$59,522.74
 *Superintendent's Salary	 \$5,600.00		
Paid by Stratford	704.90		

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
High School*									28	18	22	19	87
Junior High*							17	20					37
Mary Nugent					35								35
Grace Martin				23	16								39
Ellen Jordan	29												29
Edith McGuire	25												25
Ethel Wheeler				4	24								28
Nathalie Fuller	10	9	8										27
	35	38	31	20	24	35	17	20	28	18	22	19	307

* At 7th Grade and above school work is departmentalized so that no student's class time is identified with any single teacher.

Robert Cushing, Principal	Mathematics
Marie A. Lantelme	Business
Harold Lary	English
Paul Mitchell	Science
Alfred White	Social Studies.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1953-1954**First Term (71 days)**

September 9, Wednesday, School Opens

November 25, Wednesday, one session

November 26, 27, Thanksgiving Recess

December 18, Friday, one session

Second Term (35 days)

January 4, Monday, School Opens

February 19, Friday, School Closes

Third Term (40 days)

March 1, Monday, School Opens

April 16, Good Friday, one session

April 23, Friday, School Closes

Fourth Term (34 days)

May 3, Monday, School Opens

May 31, Memorial Day Observance

June 18, Friday, School Closes

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Graduation -- June 18, 1954**SCHOOL CALENDAR 1954-1955****First Term (71 days)**

September 8, Wednesday, School Opens

November 24, Wednesday, one session

November 25, 26, Thanksgiving Recess

December 17, Friday, School Closes

Second Term (35 days)

January 3, Monday, School Opens

February 18, Friday, School Closes

Third Term (40 days)

February 28, Monday, School Opens

April 22, Friday, School Closes

Fourth Term (35 days)

May 2, Monday, School Opens

May 30, Monday, Memorial Day Observance

June 17, Friday, School Closes

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Graduation -- June 17, 1955

VITAL STATISTICS

FOR THE TOWN OF

STRATFORD, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

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Marriages Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence at Time of Marriage	Age and Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	No. of Marriages and Name, Residence and Station of Persons by Whom Married
September 26 No. Stratford	Fletcher Blay Carole Simino	Stratford Stratford	25 Laborer 18 At home	Derby, Vt. Carroll	1 Rev. F. K. Emerson 1 No. Stratford
August 7 No. Stratford	Richard Bennett Aurora Gingue	Groveton Stratford	23 Laborer 20 Housework	Groveton Canada	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller 1 No. Stratford
November 14 Groveton	Kenneth Cantin Mary Jane Cass	Northumberland Stratford	22 Truck Driver 18 Clerical	N. H. N. H.	1 Rev. Rudolph Heon 1 Groveton
June 27 No. Stratford	Joseph Caron Francis Laythe	No. Stratford No. Stratford	23 Millworker 29 Millworker	Canada Stratford	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller 1 No. Stratford
June 14 East Charleston, Vt.	William Daniels Doris Bonchard	Brighton, Vt. No. Stratford	29 Millworker 22 Housework	Newport, Vt. Berlin	1 Rev. Philip Chatto 1 E. Charleston, Vt.
October 17 No. Stratford	Alfred Eastman Jean Wheeler	Stratford Stratford	22 Millhand 18 Housework	Porter, Me. Wolfeboro	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller 1 No. Stratford
July 14 Canaan, Vt.	Richard Harding Josephine Poupart	No. Stratford Stewartstown	18 Housework 16 At home	Wolfeboro W. Stewartstown	1 Fred C. Carlton, JP 1 Canaan, Vt.
October 23 No. Stratford	Ernest Laroche Clara Flagg	Stratford Stratford	51 Millhand 44 Millhand	Canada Orleans, Vt.	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller 4 No. Stratford
June 24 Brighton, Vt.	Charles Moulton Maxine Page	Charleston, Vt. No. Stratford	18 Farmer 18 At home	Derby, Vt. Charleston, Vt.	1 Chas. F. Maw, JP 1 Brighton, Vt.
June 15 No. Stratford	Gary Paquette Beverly Gilman	No. Stratford Groveton	20 Mill work 17 At home	Stratford Lancaster	1 Rev. F. K. Emerson 1 No. Stratford
April 24 No. Stratford	William Rollins Evelyn Hewey	No. Stratford No. Stratford	49 Millhand 20 Housework	Bath Kingfield, Me.	2 Rev. Leo J. Poulin 1 No. Stratford
September 12 Stratford	John Shedd Ada Howland	Stratford Lancaster	20 Laborer 16 At home	W. Stewartstown Lancaster	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller 1 No. Stratford
September 12 Stratford	Ronald Shedd Jacqueline Potter	Stratford Groveton	24 Laborer 18 At home	Groveton Groveton	1 Rev. E. M. Fuller 1 No. Stratford
August 8 Colebrook	Harold Sheiry Lila Allin	No. Stratford Colebrook	31 Garageman 21 Housework	Northumberland Northumberland	1 Rev. Ralph Grieser 1 Colebrook
April 11 No. Stratford	Richard Tetreault Frances Poulin	No. Stratford No. Stratford	21 Laborer 20 Housework	No. Stratford Jackman, Me.	1 Rev. Leo J. Poulin 1 No. Stratford

Births Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Birth Name of Child	S—L or S No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Mar. 12 Bruce Carleton	M L 5	Charles Baraw	Berdina Gibney	Vermont	Vermont
Apr. 15 Linda Anne	F L 3	Joseph Bernier	Rose Bonneau	Canada	New Bedford, Mass.
Apr. 29 Norman Leo	M L 1	Leo Breault	June Pond	Canada	N. H.
June 30 Bradley James	M L 4	Raymond Curtis	Sheila McAuliffe	N. H.	England
Aug. 25 Daniel Gary	M L 5	Daniel Connors	Marguerite Ramsay	Newport, N. H.	No. Stratford
Jan. 5 Roberta Jean	F L 4	Israel Houle	Bernice Patenaude	Canada	Vermont
Apr. 7 Douglas Dean	M L 2	John Howland	Naomi Fields	Caswell, Me.	Derby Line, Vt.
Mar. 10 David Neil	M L 4	Robert Lovering	Gladys Riff	W. Stewartstown	No. Stratford
July 8 Marie Jeanne Lise	F L 3	Lionel Maltais	Lucille Lafond	Maine	Canada
May 2 Joyce Marjorie	F L 2	Norman McLeod	Anne Bishop	Stratford	Boston, Mass.
Sept. 9 Bonnie Lee	F L 2	Harian McMann	Patricia Gilman	Gorham	Groveton
Sept. 9 Joanne	F L 2	Willard Ruch, Jr.	Ruth Bass	Ohio	Vermont
June 13 Tracy Ann	F L 3	Willard Ruch, Jr.	Ruth Bass	Ohio	Vermont
June 26 Peggy Lee	F L 1	Stewart Sweett	Myra Ball	N. H.	N. H.
Feb. 15 Wallace James	F L 4	Charles Stinson	Mary Cass	Stratford	Groveton
Feb. 19 Kathleen Sue	F L 1	Leonard Wheeler, Jr.	Wava Sanborn	Dalton	Stratford
			Dorothy Reed	N. H.	Vermont

Deaths Registered in the Town of Stratford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age in Years, Months and Days and Place of Birth	Male or Female, Single, Married or Widowed, and Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Feb. 1 Pembroke	Mary Annis	88	F W Housewife	Charles Bresse	Louise Bonneau
Jan. 15 Newport	Brewster Bennett-	78	M W Farmer (ret.)	Peter Bennett	Martha Hapgood
July 9 Stratford	Maude Blodgett	71	F W Housewife	Melvin Young	
Aug. 5 Lancaster	Annie Barnett	67	F M Housewife	Charles Lewis	
Sept. 29 Hartford, Vt.	Howard W. Colby	47	M M Millwright	James Colby	Annie Smith
Dec. 12 Concord	Harriet Cleveland	80	F W Housewife	Octave Demers	Ellen Cesse
July 8 Stratford	Lizzie E. Douglas	71	F W Housewife	Franklin P. Rowe	Ella H. Skillings
Jan. 4 No. Stratford	Madge Fuller	71 11	F M Housewife	George Dresser	Jennie Beckler
June 20 Stratford	Edward B. Fuller	84 4	M W Farmer (ret.)	William G. Fuller	Ann Merriam
Oct. 18 Stratford	Homer Fontaine	47	M D Meat cutter	Joseph Fontaine	Eugenie Audette
July 27 Stratford	Noel Gingue	24	M S Laborer	Archie Gingue	Armande Benoit
Aug. 26 No. Stratford	Fred Hapgood	73	M S Veterinry	Charles Hapgood	Jennie Paquin
Aug. 26 No. Stratford	Emma Labonte	78 2 13	F W Housework	Albert Blackburn	
Nov. 13 Stratford	Elmer McFarland	50	M M Truck driver	Charles McFarland	
Feb. 11 Stratford	Laura Peck	80 9	F W Housewife	Benjamin Ball	
Oct. 26 Hanover	Lawrence Paquette	13	M S None	Oral Paquette	Rose Lunn
Aug. 19 Stratford	Frank Richards	85	M W Farmer	Romance Richards	Lois Whitcomb
Sept. 30 Stratford	George Biggie	58	M M Section Foreman	Bartholomew Riggie	Isabel Barden
Apr. 23 W. Stewartstown	Charles Stevens	73 10 11	M W Ret. Laborer	Charles Stevens	Liza Bolton
Jan. 16 Kearsan Area	Earl Sweatt	22 2	M M Army	Sylvan Sweatt	Mary Ann McCrae
Mar. 6 No. Stratford	Lillian Taylor	85	F W Retired	Charles Elliott	Evangeline Hamel
Dec. 3 W. Stewartstown	Paula Savage	1 1 6	F Infant	Paul Savage	Helen Gowiszke

