

1954

Annual Reports

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

OTHER TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF


LANGDON

New Hampshire



For the year ending

December 31, 1954



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## TOWN OF LANGDON OFFICERS OF 1954-1955

TOWN CLERK .....	Sydney H. Batchelder
SELECTMEN .....	George A. Holmes Arthur G. Marx Arthur J. Gude
TREASURER .....	Walter H. Smith
TAX COLLECTOR .....	Kenneth M. Merrell
ROAD AGENT .....	Ernest F. Batchelder
SEXTON .....	Sumner Hurd
LIBRARY TRUSTEES .....	Alice Porter Marion Holmes Harriet Whitton
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS .....	Lydia Hatch Harold Lamb Walter Bornschein
AUDITOR .....	George L. Porter
FENCE VIEWERS .....	Emery Hall Fred Griggs Walter Smith, Jr.
SURVEYOR OF WOOD	
BARK & LUMBER .....	Sidney Harris
CONSTABLE .....	Fred D. Hatch
FIRE CHIEF .....	George L. Porter

### TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Langdon, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Langdon on Tuesday, the 8th day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles.

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

Art. 2. To see if the Town will appropriate and authorize the selectmen to use the income, estimated to be \$4,068.75 from

- a. Savings Bank Tax
- b. Interest and Dividends Tax
- c. Yield (Timber) Tax
- d. Reimbursements on Account of Growing Wood and Timber
- e. Dog Licenses
- f. Motor Vehicle Permit Fees
- g. Interest
- h. Rent of Town Hall
- i. Miscellaneous
- j. Reimbursements, Bounties and fighting forest fires

To defray Town Charges, estimated to be \$5,522.26 Town charges to include, but not being limited to:

- a. Town Officers Salaries
- b. Town Officers Expenses
- c. Election and Registration Expenses
- e. Expenses of Town Hall and other Town Buildings
- d. Printing Town Reports
- f. Police
- g. Bounties
- h. Damage by dogs
- i. Insurance
- j. Vital Statistics
- k. Old Age Assistance
- l. Town Poor
- m. Aid to Disabled
- n. Interest
- o. Cemeteries

Art. 3 To see what sum of money, in addition to the sum appropriated under article 2 of this Warrant, the Town will raise and appropriate to defray said Town charges.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate, to be used together with and in addition to the Class V Maintenance Allotment, for the summer maintenance of highways and bridges.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the winter maintenance of highways and bridges.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$353.93 and apply for Class V Assistance T. R. A. so called, the State to furnish \$2,359.54.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$345.00 for the purchase of a sander.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the fire department, and for the purchase of fire fighting equipment, and authorize the Selectmen to pay over said sum to the fire Department.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to reduce the principal amount of the note incurred for the purchase of the fire truck.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the Town Library.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the privilege of the use for one year of the Alstead Public Dump.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the control of white pine blister rust.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of money from the Langdon Community Club and appropriate said gift to pay for part of the cost of painting the exterior of the Town Hall.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will authorize the imposition of a fine of 50 cents per month for the delinquent payment of dog licenses.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, together with the unexpended balance of '54 approp. in the hands of the Trustees of Trust Funds, for the repair and painting of South Cemetery fence.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept all Trust Funds of \$100.00 or more each, received for the perpetual care of Cemetery lots.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell property acquired by Tax Collectors Deed.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to throw up the Prentiss Covered Bridge and approaches thereto.

Art. 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Art. 22. To allow accounts.

GEORGE A. HOLMES }  
 ARTHUR G. MARX } Selectmen of Langdon  
 ARTHUR J. GUDE }

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES**

**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954**

	Amount Raised & Appropri.	Receipts & Reimburse- ments	Total Amt. Avail.	Expendi- tures	Unexpended or Over- draft +\$
Town Charges					
Town Roads			\$4,805.76	\$4,037.97	+\$767.79
Winter	1,800.00		1,800.00	2,035.00	- 235.00
Summer	3,200.00	1,179.42	4,379.42	4,320.11	+ 59.31
T.R.A.	351.92		351.92	351.92	
Prentiss Bridge Reserve Fund	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
Fire Dept.	150.00		150.00	95.72	+ 54.28
Fire Truck Note	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Memorial Day	50.00		50.00	50.00	
Library	150.00		150.00	142.00	+ 8.00
Dump	50.00		50.00	50.00	
Repair of South Cemetery Fence	100.00		100.00	100.00	
S.W.N.H. Fire Mut. Aid	5.00		5.00	5.00	
School District	\$8,356.92	\$5,985.18	\$14,342.10	\$13,682.72	\$659.38
County Tax	\$16,790.63			\$15,054.51	
Town share on Prentiss Bridge Construction	1,511.03			1,511.03	
(Pump installed on snow plow)					
New Equipment (Marine pumper for Fire Dept.)				1,500.00	
				538.75	
Total Net Expenditures				32,287.01	
Taxes Bought at Tax Sale				\$1,312.75	
Payment of Anticipation Notes				7,000.00	
Head Taxes Paid to State				1,166.50	
					\$41,766.26



## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LANGDON, 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.

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$1,300.00	\$1,276.73	\$1,250.00
Railroad Tax			
Savings Bank Tax	70.00	85.92	70.00
Bounties			73.75
Refund on Tool Order	—————	2.36	—————
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	460.16	1,130.91	400.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	67.39	91.74	25.00
Bal. Acc. Blister Rust Fund	—————	.91	—————
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance			
Class V Highway Maintenance	1,179.42	1,179.42	1,000.00
From Local Sources Except			
Taxes: Property			
Dog, Licenses	250.00	268.16	250.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	—————	4.00	—————
Fines and Forfeits, Municipal Court			
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	70.00	101.00	100.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	200.00	154.37	150.00
Income from Trust Funds			
Income of Departments:			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment			
(b) Sewers			
Timber Tax	—————	285.41	350.00

Income from Municipally owned Utilities:			
(a) Water Departments			
(b) Electric Light Departments			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,400.00	1,411.44	1,400.00
Sale of Town Property			
Uncashed Check	_____	.08	_____
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	1,500.00	_____	_____
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
(State Purpose of each Issue)			
Anticipation of Taxes:	_____	2 000.00	_____
Anticipation of Taxes:	_____	5,000.00	_____
State Aid Bridge Building	1,500.00	_____	_____
†Cash Surplus			
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	350.00	328.00	340.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes			
'53 Head Taxes & Penalties	_____	204.50	_____
'54 Head Taxes	_____	800.00	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Total Revenues from all Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$ 8,346.97	\$14,039.54	\$ 5,408.75
*Amt. to be Raised by Prop. taxes			\$25,532.94
	_____	_____	_____
Total Revenues			\$30,941.69

## PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations Previous Year 1954	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955
<i>Current Maintenance Expenses:</i>			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 800.00	\$ 746.00	\$ 800.00
Town Officers' Expense	200.00	163.81	200.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00	136.90	100.00
Printing Reports	250.00	265.00	265.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	500.00	736.89	1,200.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	25.00	14.00	25.00
Fire Department Tel. \$40.50 Fire Ext. \$100	150.00	95.72	390.50
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	_____	_____	200.00
Insurance	275.00	507.55	337.26
Tax Sales	_____	1,312.75	_____
Health:			
Health Department, Including Hospitals			
Vital Statistics	15.00	6.50	15.00
Sewer Maintenance			
Use of Alstead Dump	50.00	50.00	50.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,200.00	4,320.11	3,200.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,800.00	2,035.00	2,000.00
Street Lighting			
General Expenses of Highway Department			
Town Road Aid	351.92	351.92	353.93
Libraries	150.00	142.00	200.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	150.00	120.00	1,100.00
Town Poor	150.00	152.00	1,100.00
Old Age Assistance	800.00	705.26	800.00
		(11 Mo.)	

Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and			
Veterans' Association	50.00	50.00	50.00
Aid to Disabled Persons	290.00	266.56	300.00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playground, Incl.			
Band Concerts			
Public Service Enterprises:			
Municipally Owned Water and			
Electric Utilities			
Cemeteries	200.00	266.50	200.00
Airports			
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses,			
Incl. Dog Damage			
Bounties	25.00	38.00	40.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	50.00	120.00	150.00
On Long Term Notes and			
Bonds	60.00	45.00	30.00
On Principal of Trust Funds			
Used By Town			
<i>Outlay for New Construction</i>			
<i>and Perm. Improv.</i>			
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction			
State Aid Construction—			
Town's Share	—————	1,500.00	—————
Water Works Construction			
Sidewalk Construction			
Sewer Construction			
New Land and Buildings			
New Equipment	—————	538.75	335.00
Indebtedness:			
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(a) Anticipation Notes	—————	7,000.00	—————
(b) Long Term Notes	500.00	500.00	500.00
(c) Payment to Capital Reserve			
Funds for Bridge Con.	—————	2,000.00	—————
(d) Deficit of Previous Year			

*Payments to Other Governmental**Divisions:*

Head Taxes & Penalties to State	_____	1,166.50	_____
County Taxes	1,600.00	1,511.03	1,600.00
School Taxes	16,500.00	15,054.51	16,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$28,091.92	\$41,766.26	\$30,941.69

**REPORT OF SELECTMEN****Inventory**

Real Estate	\$443,890.00
Electric Plants	10,840.00
Horses (17)	520.00
Neat Stock (63)	3,710.00
Cows (448)	34,010.00
Sheep & Goats (36)	360.00
Fowl (2240)	1,460.00
Mill (1)	1,000.00
Road Machine (1)	600.00
Wood & Lumber not stock in trade	80.00
Gasoline Pumps & Tanks	510.00
Stock in Trade	780.00
Total Valuation	\$497,760.00
Soldier's Exemptions	22,050.00
	_____
	\$475,710.00
Inventories distributed	165
Inventories returned	92
No. of veterans receiving property exemptions	24
No. of veterans receiving poll tax exemptions	40

**Appropriations***(Voted at Town Meeting March 9, 1954)*

Town Charges as Per Tax Comm.	\$ 3,790.00
Summer Highways	3,200.00
Winter Highways	1,800.00
T. R. A.	351.92
Prentiss Bridge Reserve Fund	2,000.00
Support of Fire Dept.	150.00
To reduce note on Fire Truck	500.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Town Library	150.00
Use of Alstead Dump	50.00
South Cemetery Fence	100.00
S.W.N.H. Fire Mutual Aid	5.00
County Tax	1,511.03
School District	16,790.63
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	\$30,448.58
Minus revenues estimated to be	4,474.83
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	\$25,973.75
Poll Taxes added	358.00
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Total committed to Collector	\$26,331.75

Tax Rate \$5.46

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF LANGDON**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954**

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. Dated Dec. 31, 1954.

**Assets**

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$3,063.55
Trustees of Trust Funds—balance of fund for painting fence (cemetery)	43.00
Accounts due the Town:	
Bounties '51 - '52 - '53 - '54	73.75
Unredeemed Taxes	
Levy of 1954	<hr/>
Levy of 1953	1,115.48
Levy of 1952	842.32
Levy of '51 - '50 - '49	123.48
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1954	7,995.53
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954	315.00
Total Assets	<hr/> \$13,572.11
Excess of liabilities over assets	<hr/>
Grand Total	\$13,572.11

**Liabilities**

Accounts owed by the Town:	
State Head Taxes—1954	
Uncollected \$315.00—Collected but not remitted to State Treas. \$195.00	\$ 510.00
Due to School District: Balance of Appropriation	10,790.63
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Fire Truck #25 Due Mar. 11, 1957— Bal. Due	1,000.00
Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$12,300.63
Excess of assets over liabilities	1,271.48
Grand Total	<hr/> \$13,572.11

## Receipts

## Current Revenue:

## From Local Taxes:

(Collected and remitted to Treasurer)

1. Property taxes current year 1954	\$18,095.50
2. Poll Taxes Current year	
Reg. @ \$2.00 1954	254.00
3. Yield Taxes 1954	87.97
4. State Head Taxes @ 5.00—1954	800.00
5. Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$19,237.47
6. Property and Yield Taxes— Previous Years	4,348.84
7. Poll Taxes—Previous Years Reg. @ 2.00	74.00
8. State Head Taxes @ \$5—Previous Years	185.00
9. Interest received on taxes	154.37
10. Penalties on State Head Taxes	19.50
11. Tax Sales redeemed	744.48

## From State:

For Class V Highway Maintenance	\$ 1,179.42
Interest and Dividend Tax	1,276.73
Savings Bank and Building and Loan Association Tax	85.92
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber—460.16 in 1953 670.75 in 1954	1,130.91
Fighting Forest Fires	94.10
Balance from Blister Rust	.91

## From Local Sources except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	268.16
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	4.00
Rent of town property	101.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 permits	3.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1954 permits	1,408.44

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Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$30,316.25
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## Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$ 7,000.00
Uncashed Checks	.08

Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$ 7,000.08
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$37,316.33
Cash on Hand January 1, 1954	7,513.48

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Grand Total	\$44,829.81
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## Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 746.00
Town Officers Expenses	163.81
Election and Registration Expenses	136.90
Printing Town Reports	265.00
Expenses Town Hall and other	
Town Buildings	736.89
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police Department	14.00
Fire Department, including forest fires	95.72
Bounties	38.00
Insurance	507.55
Health:	
Vital Statistics	6.50
Town dumps and garbage removal	50.00
Highways and Bridges:	
Town Road Aid	351.92
Town Maintenance (Summer—\$4,320.11	
Winter—\$2,035)	6,355.11
Libraries:	
Libraries	142.00
Public Welfare:	
Old Age assistance (11 months)	705.26
Town Poor	120.00
Disabled Persons (11 months)	266.56
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day and Veteran's Associations	
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	266.50
Unclassified:	
Taxes Bought by Town	1,312.75
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	<hr/> \$12,330.47
Interest:	
Paid on long term notes	120.00
Paid on bonded debt	45.00
Total interest payments	<hr/> 165.00

Outlay for new Construction, Equipment		
and permanent Improvement:		
Highways and Bridges—		
State Aid Construction	1,500.00	
New Equipment (Highway \$145.75)		
(Other \$393.00)	538.75	
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Total outlay Payments		2,038.75
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	7,000.00	
Payments on long term notes	500.00	
Payments to capital reserve funds on Bridge Building	2,000.00	
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Total Indebtedness Payments		9,500.00
Payments to other Governmental Divisions:		
State Head Taxes paid State Treas. (1954 Taxes \$681.50) (Prior Yrs. \$485)	1,166.50	
Taxes paid to County	1,511.03	
Payments to School Districts (1953 Tax \$9,054.51) (1954 Tax \$6,000)	15,054.51	
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Total Payments to other Governmental Divisions		17,732.04
Total Payments for all Purposes		41,766.26
Cash on hand December 31, 1954		3,063.55
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Grand Total		\$44,829.81

**Schedule of Town Property**

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$4,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	
Furniture and Equipment	250.00
Fire Department	
Equipment	3,250.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	150.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Schools, Land and Buildings	8,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
All lands and Buildings acquired through	
Tax Collector's Deeds	
305 Acres Blake Land	1,220.00
350 Acres Halladay Land	1,400.00
100 Acres Dodge Mining Rights	13.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,783.03</b>

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**

**Town Officers' Salaries**

Carroll A. Robbins, Selectman salary 1953	\$ 150.00
Arthur G. Marx, Selectman salary 1953	100.00
George A. Holmes, Selectman salary 1953	100.00
K. M. Merrell, Salary & % Head Tax	163.50
George L. Porter, Salary auditor	10.00
Walter H. Smith, Salary Treasurer	50.00
Sydney H. Batchelder, Salary Clerk and Auto Registrations	172.50
	<b>\$ 746.00</b>

**Town Officers' Expenses**

Association of N. H. Assessors,—1954 Dues	\$	3.00
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags		8.06
D. L. Garrison, auto guide		7.00
Tony O. Russell, reporting transfers and Mortgages		7.32
Brown & Saltmarsh, Selectmen and Collectors supplies		16.22
Leon Trow, Bonds		48.50
Ida M. Horner Sec., Tax Assn. Dues		3.00
Sargent Bros., Printing Bills		4.25
E. C. Eastman, Register, Notes and Bonds		12.95
Sargent Bros., Tax Coll. Supplies		8.10
N. H. City & Town Clerk Assn. Dues		2.00
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide 1955		7.50
Sydney H. Batchelder, Expenses		2.00
George A. Holmes, Selectmen Meeting, Car and postage		14.11
Arthur G. Marx, Selectmen Meeting		5.00
Arthur J. Gude, Selectmen Meeting		5.00
K. M. Merrell, Tax Meeting & Postage		9.80
	\$	163.81

**Election and Registration**

Vt. Newspaper Corp., Adv. filing notice	\$	7.20
Royal B. Holmes, Supervisor of Check List 13 hrs. @ .75		9.75
The Rockingham Press, Printing Check Lists		18.50
The Wm. Miller Co., 100 ballots		8.00
Agnes M. Bryant, Supervisor		7.20
Agnes M. Bryant, Supervisor Primary		9.00
Henry Ormsby, Supervisor, Mar. & Nov.		19.50
Royal B. Homes Supervisor Sept. & Nov.		18.75
Agnes M. Bryant Supervisor Nov.		9.00
Walter H. Smith Molerator (3) meetings		30.00
	\$	136.90

**Printing Town Reports**

The Model Press, Printing Town Reports	\$	265.00
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**Town Hall and Other Town Buildings**

E. F. Batchelder, Loam	\$	36.00
Frank L. Adams Co., Painting Town Hall Steeple		495.00
S. R. Young, Inc., Gas bill to May 7		45.93
Marx Hardware, Seal and Wax		17.71
S. R. Young, Inc., Gas to Sept. 24		26.50
S. R. Young, Inc., Gas to Dec. 20		16.35
Granite State Elec. Co., 1954 Elec. Bill		18.00
Laurence Pelton, Fertilizer seed & seeding T. H. grounds		35.25
Rodney Campbell, Labor on Town Hall Floor & Blinds		46.15
	\$	736.89

**Police**

Fred D. Hatch, Collecting Dog taxes	\$	7.00
Fred D. Hatch, Halloween		7.00
	\$	14.00

**Fire Department**

Geo. L. Porter, Bugbee grassfire	\$	10.20
Geo. L. Porter, Fire Tool Requisition		20.04
Warden School		5.58
Geo. L. Porter S.W.N.H. Mutual Aid dues		5.00
Geo. L. Porter, Lane Fire		6.21
Patrol Kempton Fire		8.80
Geo. L. Porter, Deputy Fire School		39.89
	\$	95.72

**Insurance**

Mass. Bonding & Ins. Co., Blanket Ins. Fire Co.	\$	114.00
Leon Trow, Town Hall, tool house and contents		279.55
Mass. Bonding & Ins. Co., Blanket Ins.		114.00
	\$	507.55

**Bounties**

Arthur G. Marx, 8 hedgehogs	\$	4.00
Geo. A. Holme, 68 hedgehogs		34.00
	\$	38.00

**Dump**

Town of Alstead, Use of Alstead Dump for '54	\$	50.00
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**Vital Statistics**

Sydney H. Batchelder, Recording Vital statistics '53	\$	6.50
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**Tax Sale**

Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Sale Levy of '53	\$	1,312.75
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**Libraries**

Agnes Bryant, On Library Approp.	\$	54.00
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Agnes Bryant, Librarian Feb. 1, Apr. 1		24.00
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Agnes Bryant, Librarian May to Oct.		48.00
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Agnes Bryant, Librarian Nov. & Dec.		16.00
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	\$	142.00
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**T. R. A.**

N. H. State Treasurer, T. R. A. approp.	\$	351.92
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**Old Age Assistance**

N. H. State Treasurer, La Bonta, Picknell		
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John & Mable Ring, Spaulding 11 Months	\$	705.26
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**Aid to Disabled**

N. H. State Treasurer, Maude Davis 11 months	\$	266.56
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**Town Poor**

Frank A. Annis, Financial Aid	\$	120.00
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**Memorial Day**

Wm. Kemp, Finance Officer, Memorial Day Approp.	\$	50.00
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**Cemeteries**

Mable Cotton, Opening grave Mrs. Miles	\$	30.00
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Sumner Hurd, Cleaning cemeteries		44.00
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Walter Bornschein, Special Cemetery Approp.		100.00
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Sumner Hurd, Mowing Cemeteries		51.00
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Sumner Hurd, Cemetery Work		41.50
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**New Equipment**

Blanchard Associates, New Marine Pumper \$458		
Cr. old Pumper \$65	\$	393.00

The Fire Dept. Approp. of \$150 was used in this item		
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Snow Plow pump, mounting and checking		145.75
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	\$	538.75
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**Interest**

Savings Bank of Walpole, Fire Truck note (\$1,500)	\$	45.00
Savings Bank of Walpole Anticipation notes		120.00
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	\$	165.00

**State Aid Construction**

State Treasurer on acct. Prentice Bridge construction	\$	1,500.00
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**Temporary Loans**

Savings Bank of Walpole, Anticipation Notes	\$	7,000.00
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**Long Term Notes**

Savings Bank of Walpole, On Fire Truck Note		
Balance due \$1,000	\$	500.00

**State and County**

N. H. Treasurer 90% of 80 Head Taxes & Penalties	\$	370.00
N. H. State Treasurer Bal. of 53 Head Taxes & Penalties		115.00
N. H. State Treasurer 90% of 30 Head Taxes		135.00
N. H. State Treasurer 90% of 121 Head Taxes		546.50
Merton J. Sargent, County Tax		1,511.03
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	\$	2,677.53

**School District**

Eva F. Smith School Treas. '53-'54 Approp.	\$	2,054.51
Eva F. Smith School Treas. on '53-'54 Approp.		1,000.00
Eva F. Smith School Treas. Bal. '53-'54 Approp.		6,000.00
Eva F. Smith School Treas. on '54-'55 Approp.		1,000.00
Eva F. Smith Treas. on '54-'55 Approp.		5,000.00
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	\$	15,054.51

**Capital Reserve Funds for Bridge Construction**

Langdon Trustees of Trust Funds	\$	2,000.00
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## TOWN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

## Winter

## January 18, 1954

E. F. Batchelder Truck 26 hrs. at \$3.30	\$	85.80
Robert Batchelder 15 hrs. at \$1.00		15.00
Milton Wright 18 hrs. at \$1.00		18.00
Tractor & Man 3½ hrs. at \$3.00		10.50
E. F. Batchelder Truck 29 hrs. at \$3.30		95.70
Robert Batchelder 14 hrs. at \$1.00		14.00
Milton Wright 27 hrs. at \$1.00		27.00
	\$	266.00

## January 31, 1954

Milton Wright 28 hrs. at \$1.00	\$	28.00
Robert Batchelder 28 hrs. at \$1.00		28.00
E. F. Batchelder Truck 28 hrs. at \$3.30		92.40
R. C. Hazelton Inc. Shoes		45.75
E. F. Batchelder Truck 26 hrs. at \$3.30		85.80
Robert Batchelder 19 hrs. at \$1.00		19.00
Milton Wright 26 hrs. at \$1.00		26.00
Alstead Garage labor & sheet iron		9.50
J. E. F. Ex		2.45
Carroll Robbins Tractor 2 hrs. at \$3.00		6.00
	\$	342.90

## February 28, 1954

E. F. Batchelder Truck 19 hrs. at \$3.30	\$	62.70
R. H. Batchelder 11 hrs. at \$1.00		11.00
Milton Wright 19 hrs. at \$1.00		19.00
Tractor & Man 6 hrs at \$3.00		18.00
E. F. Batchelder Truck 21 hrs. at \$3.30		69.30
R. H. Batchelder 21 hrs. at \$1.00		21.00
Milton Wright 21 hrs. at \$1.00		21.00
Tractor 6 hrs. at \$3.00		18.00
E. F. Batchelder 21 hrs. at \$3.30		69.30
Milton Wright 21 hrs at \$1.00		21.00
R. H. Batchelder 14 hrs. at \$1.00		14.00
Alstead Garage		1.00
	\$	345.30



**April 12, 1954**

E. F. Batchelder Truck 27 hrs. at \$3.30	\$	89.10
Milton Wright 18 hrs. at \$1.00		18.00
Robert Batchelder 9 hrs. at \$1.00		9.00
Town of Alstead		15.00
Seth Kempton 10 hrs. at \$1.00		10.00
E. F. Batchelder Truck 18 hrs. at \$3.30		59.40
Harry Mazzie 29½ hrs. at \$1.00		29.50
Milton Wright 31 hrs. at \$1.00		31.00
	\$	261.00

**November 29, 1954**

E. F. Batchelder Truck Salt & Snow Fence 18 hrs. at \$3.30	\$	59.40
Robert Batchelder 9 hrs. at \$1.00		9.00
Milton Wright 25 hrs. at \$1.00		25.00
Milton Wright 22 hrs. at \$1.00		22.00
Harry Mazzie 22 hrs. at \$1.00		22.00
Robert Batchelder 11 hrs. at \$1.00		11.00
E. F. Batchelder, 5 hrs. at \$3.30		16.50
International Salt Co. 140 bags salt		142.80
Harry Mazzie 8 hrs. at \$1.00		8.00
Milton Wright 11 hrs. at \$1.00		11.00
Robert Batchelder 11 hrs. at \$1.00		11.00
E. F. Batchelder 11 hrs. at \$3.30		36.30
	\$	374.00

**December 31, 1954**

E. F. Batchelder Truck 15 hrs. at \$3.30	\$	49.50
Robert Batchelder 10 hrs. at \$1.00		10.00
Milton Wright 13 hrs. at \$1.00		13.00
E. F. Batchelder Truck 8 hrs. at \$3.30		26.40
Robert Batchelder 8 hrs. at \$1.00		8.00
Milton Wright 8 hrs. at \$1.00		8.00
E. F. Batchelder Truck 29 hrs. at \$3.30		95.70
Milton Wright 24 hrs. at \$1.00		24.00
R. H. Batchelder 24 hrs. at \$1.00		24.00
E. F. Batchelder 21 hrs. at \$3.30		69.30
Robert Batchelder 15 hrs. at \$1.00		15.00
M. Wright 21 hrs. at \$1.00		21.00

E. F. Batchelder Truck 13 hrs. at \$3.30	42.90
M. Wright 13 hrs. at \$1.00	13.00
E. F. Batchelder 11 hrs. at \$1.00	11.00
Milton Wright 11 hrs. at \$1.00	11.00
R. H. Batchelder 4 hrs. at \$1.00	4.00

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\$ 445.80

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Total Winter Payments \$ 2,035.00

**Summer Highway Maintenance**

**April 16, 1954**

Fred Carman Shovel 16 hrs. at \$8.00	\$ 128.00
Carman Truck 16 hrs. at \$4.50	72.00
Carman Truck 16 hrs. at \$4.50	72.00
L. Balla Truck 16 hrs. at \$4.50	72.00
Ralph W. Truck 16 hrs. at \$3.90	62.40
Almon Clark Truck 16 hrs. at \$4.50	72.00
E. F. Batchelder Truck 16 hrs. at \$3.90	62.40
Milton Wright 16 hrs. at \$1.00	16.00
Robert Trask Bulldozer 16 hrs. at \$7.00	112.00
Fred Carman 1252 yds. gravel	125.20

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\$ 794.00

**May 5, 1954**

Robert Trask Bulldozer 34 hrs. at \$7.00	\$ 238.00
E. F. Batchelder 36 hrs. at \$3.90	140.40
Milton Wright 32 hrs. at \$1.00	32.00
Fred Carman shovel 27 hrs. at \$8.00	216.00
Fred Carman Truck 27 hrs. at \$4.50	121.50
Fred Carman Truck 21½ hrs. at \$4.50	96.75
L. Balla 26 hrs. at \$4.50	117.00
Ralph Willoughby 25 hrs. at \$3.90	97.50
Ralph Willoughby 9 hrs. at \$3.90	35.10
Edward Murdough 27 hrs. at \$4.50	121.50
Berger Metal Co. 2 12' 32' at \$1.76	112.64
2 Bands at \$1.76	3.52
Fred Carman 1363 yd. gravel	136.30

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\$ 1,468.21

E. F. Batchelder Truck 33 hrs. at \$3.00	\$ 99.00
Milton Wright 33 hrs. at \$1.00	33.00

Robert Batchelder 6 hrs. at \$1.00	6.00
Tom Marx 2 hrs. at .75¢	1.50
Stanley Ring 3 hrs at \$1.00	3.00
Milton Wright 10 hrs. at \$1.00	10.00
E. F. Batchelder 10 hrs. at \$3.00	30.00
Alstead Garage Labor on plow	4.50
Howard Bragg 6 hrs. at \$1.00	6.00
Mark Baldwin 6 hrs. at \$1.00	6.00
C. J. LaFrank 2492' Plank	180.44
Marx Hardware 60" Nails	12.50

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\$ 391.94

**June 30, 1954**

Berger Metal 2 Bands at \$1.76	
2 4 ft. at \$1.76	\$ 17.60
Robert Trask Bulldozer 16 hrs. at \$7.00	112.00
Fred Carman Shovel 15 hrs. at \$8.00	120.00
Fred Carman Truck 15 hrs. at \$4.50	67.50
Fred Carman Truck 15 hrs. at \$4.50	67.50
Bella & Sons Truck 15 hrs. at \$4.50	67.50
Edward Willette Truck 15 hrs. at \$3.90	58.50
E. F. Batchelder Truck 15 hrs. at \$3.90	58.50
Milton Wright 15 hrs. at \$1.00	15.00
Fred Carman 700 yds. gravel	70.00

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\$ 654.10

**June 30, 1954**

Mark Baldwin 3½ hrs at \$1.00	\$ 3.50
Howard Bragg 3 hrs. at \$1.00	3.00
R. H. Batchelder 20 hrs. at \$1.00	20.00
E. F. Batchelder Truck 20 hrs. at \$3.00	60.00
C. J. LaFrank 460 ft. Plank	32.20
Town of Alstead 11½ hrs. at \$5.00	57.50
Milton Wright 28 hrs. at \$1.00	28.00
R. H. Batchelder 30 hrs. at \$1.00	30.00
E. F. Batchelder Truck 31 hrs. at \$3.00	93.00

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\$ 327.20

**September 9, 1954**

E. F. Batchelder Truck 22 hrs. at \$3.30	\$ 72.60
Richard Parker 14 hrs. at \$1.00	14.00
E. F. Batchelder Truck 9 hrs. at \$3.30	29.70
Robert Batchelder 9 hrs. at \$1.00	9.00

Stanley Ring 2 hrs. at \$1.00	2.00
Charles Lamb 3 hrs. at \$1.00	3.00

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\$ 130.30

**September 11, 1954**

Richard Parker cutting brush 16 hrs. at \$1.00	\$ 16.00
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**June 1, 1954**

Treas. State of N. H. 6 tons Calcium Chloride	\$ 162.00
Freight on same	41.81

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\$ 203.81

**November 5, 1954**

Town of Charlestown Grader 9 hrs. at \$3.25	\$ 29.25
E. F. Batchelder 9 hrs. at \$1.00	9.00
E. F. Batchelder Truck 13 hrs. at \$3.30	42.90
Robert Batchelder 6 hrs. at \$1.00	6.00
Milton Wright 15 hrs. at \$1.00	15.00
Robert Batchelder 11 hrs. at \$1.00	11.00
E. F. Batchelder, Tractor 11 hrs. at \$2.50	27.50
E. F. Batchelder, Tractor 17 hrs. at \$2.50	42.50
Robert Batchelder 17 hrs. at \$1.00	17.00
Milton Wright 17 hrs. at \$1.00	17.00
Howard Hdw. 2 bags cement at \$1.30	2.60
C. J. LaFrank 140 ft. plank	9.80

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\$ 229.55

**November 29, 1954**

E. F. Batchelder Grading 10 hrs. at \$2.50	\$ 25.00
Robert Batchelder 10 hrs. at \$1.00	10.00
Milton Wright 10 hrs. at \$1.00	10.00
E. F. Batchelder 12 hrs. at \$2.50	30.00
Robert Batchelder 12 hrs. at \$1.00	12.00
Milton Wright 12 hrs. at \$1.00	12.00
Harry Mazzie 6 hrs. at \$1.00	6.00

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\$ 105.00

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Total Summer Payments	\$ 4,320.11
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## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR LEVY OF 1954

## Local Taxes

Original Warrant	\$26,331.75
Added Taxes	
Property	24.57
3 Polls	6.00
Yield Taxes	285.76
Interest	.93
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	\$26,649.01
Payments to Treasurer	
Property	\$18,095.50
127 Polls	254.00
Yield Taxes	285.41
Abatements	
Property	15.29
Poll Tax	2.00
Unpaid	
Property	7,887.53
Polls	108.00
Yields	.35
Interest	.93
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	\$26,649.01

## State Head Taxes 1954

Original Warrant	\$ 1,100.00
Added Warrant	20.00
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	\$ 1,120.00
Taxes Collected (160)	\$ 800.00
Abated (1)	5.00
Uncollected (63)	315.00
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	\$ 1,120.00
Head Taxes Levy of 1953	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 225.00
Paid to Treasurer by June 13, '54	185.00
Abated (8)	40.00
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	\$ 225.00

**Levy of 1953**

Total Warrant	\$18,762.39
2 Unpaid Head Taxes & Pen. added to Tax Sale	11.00
Interest	65.98
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	\$18,839.37
Property, Polls & Interest pd. & abated	
Dec. 31, 1953	\$14,524.99
Paid from Dec. 31 to April 15, '54	3,019.88
Taxes bought by Town Apr. 15, '54 Property	1,205.52
2 Head Taxes & Penalties added to Tax Sale	11.00
Taxes abated	12.00
Interest on Taxes pd. to Apr. 15, '54	41.00
Interest on Taxes in Tax Sale	24.98
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	\$18,839.37

### Report of Tax Sales

	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949
Taxes sold to town					
during current year	\$ 1,312.75				
Balance of Unredeemed					
Interest collected		\$ 1,041.71	\$ 408.18	\$ 50.46	\$ 12.66
Taxes Jan. 1, 1954					
after sale	7.26	17.14	63.06		
	\$ 1,320.01	\$ 1,058.85	\$ 471.24		
Remittance to Treas.					
Taxes	\$ 197.27	\$ 199.39	\$ 347.82		
Interest	7.26	17.14	63.06		
Unredeemed taxes at					
close of year	1,115.48	842.32	60.36	50.46	12.66
	\$ 1,320.01	\$ 1,058.85	\$ 471.24		

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

## Fiscal Year 1954

Jan. 1, 1954. Cash balance from previous year	\$ 7,513.48
State of N.H.—Settlement a/c Grantham forest fire	67.39
State of N.H.—Reimb. forest fire acct.	24.35
State of N.H.—Refund—Tool order, Forestry & Rec. Dept.	2.36
State of N.H.—Bal. a/c White pine blister rust funds	.91
State of N.H.—Reimb. a/c Tax loss on wood & timber	460.16
State of N.H.—Reimb. a/c Tax loss on wood & timber	670.75
State of N.H.—Maint. Class V Highways	1,179.42
State of N.H.—Interest & Dividends Tax	1,276.73
State of N.H. Savings Bank Tax	85.92
Uncashed—Check #1492, Dated Dec. 31, 1946	.08
G. A. Holmes, Sel.—Town Hall rent	101.00
Savings Bank of Walpole—Money Borrowed— Anticipation of Taxes	7,000.00
G. A. Holmes, Sel.—Redeemed Tax Sale, Year 1951	59.92
G. A. Holmes, Sel.—Interest on Tax	41.06
S. H. Batchelder, Town Clerk—Auto Permits	1,411.44
S. H. Batchelder, Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	268.16
S. H. Batchelder, Town Clerk—Filing Fees	4.00
K. M. Merrell, Tax Coll.—Head Taxes Year 1954	800.00
K. M. Merrell, Tax Coll.—Poll Taxes Year 1954	254.00
K. M. Merrell, Tax Coll.—Head Taxes Year 1953	185.00
K. M. Merrell, Tax Coll.—Head Tax Penalties 1953	19.50
K. M. Merrell, Tax Coll.—Poll Taxes Year 1953	74.00
K. M. Merrell, Tax Coll.—Property Taxes Year 1954	18,095.50
K. M. Merrell, Tax Coll.—Property Taxes Year 1953	4,151.40
K. M. Merrell, Tax Coll.—Interest on Taxes	113.31
K. M. Merrell, Tax Coll.—Yield Taxes—Timber	285.41
K. M. Merrell, Tax Coll.—Redeemed Tax Sales Year 1951	287.90
K. M. Merrell, Tax Coll.—Redeemed Tax Sales Year 1952	199.39
K. M. Merrell, Tax Coll.—Redeemed Tax Sales Year 1953	197.27
Total Receipts	<u>\$44,829.81</u>
Paid on Selectmen's orders	<u>\$41,766.26</u>
Cash Balance at close of Business, Dec. 31, 1954	\$ 3,063.55

Respectfully Submitted,

WALTER H. SMITH, Treas.



**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR**

This is to certify that the accounts and records of all officials of the Town of Langdon charged with the custody, receipt, and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls, as well as the entries in the book of records. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. All records are correct to the best of my knowledge.

GEORGE L. PORTER

Auditor Town of Langdon

**LANGDON LIBRARY REPORT 1954**

Book Circulation	850
Books purchased	63
Appropriation	54.00
Discarded Books	12.50

Librarian and trustees of the Langdon Library wish to thank Langdon people, Mr. and Mrs. Holzinger of Drewsville for their many gifts of books and magazines. Thanks to Peyton Washburn of Alstead for the gift of a large book-case.

All residents are cordially urged to take advantage of the privileges of the library.

AGNES M. BRYANT

Librarian

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF LIBRARY**

Total appropriation used		\$ 142.00
Salary	\$ 88.00	
Books	54.00	
Sale of discarded books	\$12.50	
Used for purchase of new books		

ALICE N. PORTER }  
 MARION K. HOLMES } Library Trustees  
 HARRIET W. WHITTON }

**REPORT OF THE LANGDON FIRE DEPARTMENT 1954**

The main thing I have to report in regard to the Fire Department in 1954 is that I wish we had more men who would turn out for fire drills.

In 1954 we had three chimney fires, 2 grass fires, one car fire, one serious farm loss, one maintenance drill, and 14 regular drills at 13 locations. At these drills certain men were outstanding in their regular attendance. Fred Hatch leads the list followed closely by Ben Porter. Bill Kemp, Royal Holmes, Dick Miller of Drewsville. Al Challoux and Joe Johnson.

The Kempton fire was a serious loss. At two fire drills held there previously, it was thought to have been established beyond doubt that our small forest fire pump was the only pump possible to use at that water supply. The pump proved wholly inadequate; and at the risk of wrecking the equipment the jeep truck was set in. If more trained personnel had been available to make the hose shift faster, 10 minutes, or a decisive period might have been gained. But the fury and speed with which this fire spread, it might not have been enough to do any good. Following this fire, the Selectmen bought us a Pacific Marine Pump with an air cooled Wisconsin engine. This is a mighty good investment for the Town.

I wish to point out that your firemen serve without charge, even at fires, and that we heartily wish there were a few more men who would be willing to drill with them. These men are mixed up in other activities, as is the nature of busy men; and it is quite possible that a fire might strike when some of them are out of Town. Constant practice is the only way that efficient service can be made reasonably certain when a fire occurs in a rural community. Too many things can go wrong with an undrilled outfit, or any outfit for that matter. A once-over is not enough. Each water supply should be visited and actually used to smooth out the procedure, To look at it means very little.

The Keene Mutual Aid set-up is now a going concern. Alstead and Walpole now belong to this group.

We take pride in reporting that 3 new water holes have been added this year and another one improved. One that we had not known about was brought to our attention. This sort of installation is a splendid insurance. Improvement of approaches to water holes is an important detail of this business. Two or three loads of gravel might save a building.

## LANGDON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Financial Statement 1954

## Income

Balance	\$	87.23	
Parish House Supper		52.25	
Annis & Timpano Supper		3.50	
Cash on Hand		8.00	
	\$	150.98	\$ 150.98

## Expense

Alstead Garage			
Battery & Repair of Springs	\$	34.00	
McCarthy Co.			
Santa Rosa Fog Nozzle		46.83	
Alstead Garage		4.00	
Rental for Parish House		4.00	
Bills outstanding		3.55	
	\$	92.38	\$ 92.38

December 31, 1954 Balance \$ 58.60

Checking Account	\$	54.15
Cash		8.00

	\$	62.15
Bills Outstanding	\$	3.55

\$ 58.60

### FOREST FIRE REPORT

Another year has gone by with only a very small item for Forest Fire expense. There were two small grass fires; but neither was chargeable to public funds. The only expense was for routine training and twenty dollars for shovels and lights. It was, of course, not a dangerous fire year; but even so, such a record could not be achieved without nearly 100% public support. In this connection it cannot be too strongly emphasized that permits for any sort of outdoor fire must be obtained from the Fire Warden, except when the ground is covered with snow. This does not release the landowner from responsibility if the fire gets away; but it does give the warden an idea of the situation when a smoke is reported; and a chance to protect the landowner from expense if the conditions are dangerous.

Three of your local forest fire force are District Special Deputies. This is a good record for a small town, there being only 12 Special Deputies in the District.

At the risk of saying the same thing too many times, I wish to point out in no uncertain terms that a large fire, like one that could occur on Fall Mountain in a dry year, is a staggering expense. It could raise taxes a lot and involve expenditures in the thousands of dollars. The Success, Ossipee, and Grantham fires were in the \$100,000 class. The tax payer's vigilance and cooperation has gone a long way toward preventing this sort of thing in our town; but we cannot afford to relax. Accidents, like lightning strikes, can always happen.

GEORGE L. PORTER  
Forest Fire Warden

### WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

#### Financial Statement Town of Langdon 1954

Town funds expended	\$ 166.99	
Cooperative funds expended	15.58	
Total expenditures		\$ 182.57
1954 Town Appropriation		
Balance from previous year	167.90	
Total town funds	\$ 167.90	
Town funds expended	166.99	
Balance due town		.91*
Area worked		1855 acres
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed		230

**Notes**

## REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H. ON DECEMBER 31, 1954

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR Percent	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
				\$	\$	Amount	\$	\$
1904	Henry Prentiss	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200.00	5.32	2 1/2	5.32	5.00
1907	Mary E. Holden	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	100.00	2.50	2 1/2	2.50	2.50
1908	Martha Ann Bowles	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	100.00	2.50	2 1/2	2.50	2.50
1911	Elish Garfield	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	100.00	2.50	2 1/2	2.50	2.50
1915	Charles Winch	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3.18	3	3.18	3.02
1916	Mary Sartwell	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	200.00	6.27	3	6.27	6.05
1916	Edmond Walker	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200.00	5.29	2 1/2	5.29	5.00
1918	Leander G. Hill	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200.00	5.00	2 1/2	5.00	5.00
1919	Sibel Guild	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200.00	5.40	2 1/2	5.40	5.00
1919	Gilsum Walker	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200.00	5.00	2 1/2	5.00	5.00
1921	Mary P. Jeffs	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200.00	5.00	2 1/2	5.00	5.00
1921	Catherine B. Holmes	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	50.00	1.50	3	1.50	1.50
1922	Melissa Smith	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3.06	3	3.06	3.02
1923	Mary E. Stanley	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3.02	3	3.02	3.02
1923	Gram & Hutchins	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	125.00	3.46	2 1/2	3.46	3.12
1923	Joseph F. Tarble	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	75.00	1.87	2 1/2	1.87	1.88
1923	Ira W. Kingsbury	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	208.00	6.46	3	6.29	6.29
1926	Henry Bates	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	50.00	1.50	3	1.50	1.50
1927	Samuel K. Unton	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3.21	3	3.21	3.02
1927	Holden Winch	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	150.00	4.80	3	4.80	4.53
1927	Frank A. Carpenter	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	50.00	1.50	3	1.50	1.50
1928	Etta V. Clark	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3.02	3	3.02	3.02
1928	Roswell Huntoon	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3.02	3	3.02	3.02
1929	Robert C. Huntley	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3.36	3	3.36	3.02
1929	Ira Davidson	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	100.00	2.50	2 1/2	2.50	2.50

1931	Sidney Wiley	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	1.50	3	1.50	1.50
1936	Chas. S. Edgerton	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	300.00	2 1/2	7.82	7.50
1936	Fred W. Dodge	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50
1938	Marshall F. Bragg	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50
1938	Herbert A. Holmes	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	150.00	3	4.83	4.53
1939	Sarah A. Porter	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200.00	2 1/2	5.00	5.00
1939	Walker Knight Porter	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200.00	2 1/2	5.63	5.00
1940	Norman Adams	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3	3.31	3.31
1943	Henry & Achash	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	45.00	3	1.36	1.36
1943	George Jenna	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	50.	3	1.50	1.50
1943	Samuel Slader	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	95.00	3	2.87	2.87
1943	Orville Pierce	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
1944	George & Rebecca Goodnow	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3	3.31	3.31
1944	John Lamb	Cemetery Care	6th War Loan Bond	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50
1945	William & Mary Roberts	Cemetery Care	7th War Loan Bond	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50
1945	Dean Russell	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	150.00	3	4.59	4.53
1945	Roy W. Gardner	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3	3.31	3.31
1946	George W. Ramsey	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3	3.32	3.32
1948	Daniel & Joseph Davis	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	200.00	3	6.19	6.05
1950	Daniel & Agnes Bryant	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
1950	Alice & Nancy Kingsbury	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3	3.06	3.02
1950	Eli L. Wilson	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3	3.92	3.02
1952	Sydney D. Harris	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
1952	Jesse Pickering	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
1953	Samuel W. & James J. Prouty	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	200.00	3	3.02	3.02
1953	Catherin Ford Washburn	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	500.00	3	.50	6.05
1954	Walter T. Winch	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	200.00	3	---	15.11
1954	Lydia Victoria Miles	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3	---	4.52
1954	Ira M. Russell	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	200.00	3	---	1.50
					3		3.00
			Totals	\$175.91		\$199.24	\$199.24

# LANGDON SCHOOL DISTRICT

LANGDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## OFFICERS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL

1954-1955

Moderator  
GEORGE A. HOLMES

Clerk  
BRADLEIGH SMITH

Treasurer  
EVA A. SMITH

Auditor  
MAY B. HOLMES

### School Board Members

WALTER H. SMITH, JR.	Term expires 1955
ARTHUR GUDE	Term expires 1956
ARTHUR G. MARX	Term expires 1957

### Teachers

CLEO DUNCAN	Grades 1-3
MILDRED STEARNS	Grades 3-6

Union Clerk  
MARION BRADISH

Union Nurse  
FLORENCE MACIVER

Superintendent of Union #5

RALPH H. MEACHAM



**SCHOOL WARRANT**  
**State of New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Langdon qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the eighth day of March, 1955, at two 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 fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and 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 and payment of tuition, 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.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Langdon this 4th day of February, 1955.

WALTER H. SMITH, JR.  
ARTHUR GUDE  
ARTHUR G. MARX  
School Board

A true copy of warrant—attest:

WALTER H. SMITH, JR.  
ARTHUR GUDE  
ARTHUR G. MARX  
School Board

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Actual Expendi- tures 1953-54	Estimated Expendi- tures 1954-55	Budget 1955-56
<b>Administration</b>			
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 140.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00
2. Supt.'s Salary (Local Share)	122.50	167.50	167.50
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	170.00	162.00	202.00
4. Salaries of Other Admin. Pers.	88.75	95.00	95.00
5. Supplies and Expenses	129.70	166.25	199.25
<b>Instruction</b>			
6. Prin. and Teachers' Salaries	5,098.75	6,000.00	6,350.00
7. Books & Other Instruct. Aids	209.88	175.00	130.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	262.51	225.00	325.00
9. Salaries of Clerical Assist.			
10. Supplies and Other Expenses	33.52	25.00	100.00
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>			
11. Salaries of Janitors	220.00	250.00	250.00
12. Fuel or Heat	253.17	300.00	300.00
13. Water, Light, Supplies & Exp.	126.46	200.00	200.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>			
14. Repairs and Replacements	95.46	150.00	250.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>			
15. Health Supervision	224.45	287.13	248.93
16. Transportation	1,500.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
17. Tuition	7,713.17	10,672.40	11,930.00
18. Special Act. & Spec. Funds	2,148.70	50.00	50.00
<b>Fixed Charges</b>			
19. Retirement	364.49	425.34	449.31
20. Insurance, Tr. Bond & Exp.	163.75	137.49	126.93
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
21. Land and New Buildings		238.55	
22. Additions & Improve. to Bldgs.			150.00
23. New Equipment	36.29		
24. Pmts. into Capital Res. Fund			
<b>Debt and Interest</b>			
25. Principal of Debt			
<b>ESTIMATED BALANCE FOR YEAR</b>	<b>\$19,101.55</b>	<b>\$21,661.66</b>	<b>\$23,458.92</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Balance (Actual or Estimate)	\$ 1,600.41	\$ 18.67	\$ 798.18
State Aid	6,358.83	5,650.54	
Other	2,106.47		
District Assessment	9,054	16,790.63	22,660.74
	<b>\$19,120.22</b>	<b>\$22,459.84</b>	<b>\$23,458.92</b>

**SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY****1953-1954**

Acworth	\$ 171.50
Charlestown	1,102.50
Cornish	465.50
Croydon	147.00
Goshen	122.50
Langdon	122.50
Lempster	122.50
Unity	196.00
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	\$2,450.00
State share	3,250.00
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	\$5,700.00

**LANGDON PUPIL ENROLLMENT**

1954-55

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	High	Totals
Langdon	6	18	13	5	7	8					57
Alstead	2	3	1	1		3	8	7		22	47
Charlestown						1				1	2
Totals	8	21	14	6	7	12	8	7		23	106

1955-56—Estimated:

Langdon	11	6	18	13	5	7					60
Alstead	2	2	3	1	1		3	8		22	42
Charlestown							1			1	2
Totals	13	8	21	14	6	7	4	8		23	104

## TUITION LIST

1954-55

## Alstead, Elementary:

Laura Wood, 1  
 Richard Wood, 1  
 Francis Chase, 2  
 John Holzinger, 2  
 Raymond Ring, 2  
 Kathleen Wood, 3  
 Diane Morrison, 4  
 Randee Marx, 6  
 Laura Mason, 6  
 Rita Wood, 6  
 Julie Bruzgis, 7  
 Peter Bruzgis, 7  
 Elsie Burke, 7  
 Lorenz Gude, 7  
 Donna Morrison, 7  
 Margaret Scanlon, 7  
 Marjorie Wood, 7  
 Shelley Wood, 7  
 Christine Owens, 8  
 Roger Pelton, 8  
 William Pelton, 8  
 Stephen Robie, 8  
 John Scanlon, 8  
 Richard Wood, 8

## Charlestown, Elementary:

Warren Newcomb, 6

## Alstead, High:

Lillian Barton, 9  
 Patricia Batchelder, 9  
 William Gilbert, 9  
 Thomas Marx, 9  
 Sandra Robie, 9  
 Bernardette Burke, 10  
 Everett Bragg, 10  
 Joanne Campbell, 10  
 Madeline Edson, 10  
 William Harrington, 10  
 Marjorie Hurd, 10  
 Francis Pelton, 10  
 Jacqueline Robie, 10  
 Joan Bugbee, 11  
 Patricia Burke, 11  
 William Batchelder, 12  
 Virginia Campbell, 12  
 Norris Edson, 12  
 Vernard Hurd, 12  
 Marilyn Robie, 12  
 Marion Tuthill, 12  
 William Wood, 12

## Charlestown, High:

Phillip Newcomb, 11

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

### Administration:

#### Salaries of District Officers:

Eva R. Smith, Treas.	\$ 25.00
May B. Holmes, Auditor (Two Years)	10.00
Arthur Marx, School Board	60.00
Walter Smith, Jr., School Board	30.00
Arthur Gude, School Board	25.00

Superintendent's Salary (Local Share) 122.50

Tax for Statewide Supervision 170.00

#### Salaries of Other Admin. Personnel:

Supervisory Union Clerk 78.75

#### Supplies and Expenses:

Rent and Costs of Union Office 129.70

\$ 650.95

### Instruction:

#### Teachers' Salaries:

Cleo Duncan \$2,600.00

Francis Usher 2,400.00

Books and Other Instructional Aids 209.88

Scholars Supplies 262.51

Supplies and Other Expenses 33.52

Special Tutoring Fees 98.75

\$5,604.66

### Operation of School Plant:

Salaries of Janitors \$ 220.00

Fuel or Heat 253.17

Water, Light, Supplies and expenses 126.46

\$ 599.63

### Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs and Replacements \$ 95.46

\$ 95.46

### Auxiliary Activities:

Health Supervision \$ 224.45

#### Transportation:

Leroy Clark 1,000.00

Charlestown School Dist. 500.00

#### Tuition:

##### High School:

Alstead School Dist. 4,199.64

Charlestown School Dist. 450.00

Elementary:		
Alstead School Dist.	2,913.00	
Charlestown School Dist.	125.00	
Walpole School Dist.	25.53	
Special Activities and Special Funds:		
Floris Batchelder—Music Supervision	136.20	
Alstead School Dist.:		
Duplicate Check Written to Replace		
Check Lost and Uncashed		
Previous Year	2,012.50	
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		\$11,586.32
Fixed Charges:		
Retirement	\$ 364.49	
Insurance and Treasurer's Bond	163.75	
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		\$ 528.24
Capital Outlay:		
New Equipment	\$ 36.29	
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		\$ 36.20
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Total Payments for All Purposes		\$19,101.55

**REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER**  
**For Year Ending June 30, 1954**

Cash on hand, July 1, 1953		\$1,600.41
Receipts:		
State of New Hampshire		
Education and Equalization Fund	6,358.83	
Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Dividend	32.32	
Mt. Kilburn Paper Co.		
Refund—Invoice paid twice	21.65	
Income from 1952 tuition		
Check to Alstead, not cashed.	2,012.50	
Selectmen Appropriation	9,054.51	
Ira Huntley—Tuition, Marcia Huntley	40.00	
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Total Receipts		\$19,120.22
Disbursements:		
Paid on School orders		\$19,101.55
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Cash Balance on Hand June 30, 1953		\$ 18.67

Respectfully submitted

EVA R. SMITH, Treasurer

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

To the School Board and Citizens of Langdon, I herewith submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

Mrs. Margaret Finley was hired to replace Mr. Francis Usher who is now teaching in Putney, Vermont. Mrs. Finley, a graduate of Plymouth Teachers College, had one year of teaching experience. It was necessary to find a replacement for Mr. Finley as of January 3rd. Miss Mildred Stearns of Charlestown, who has had many years of teaching experience, was employed to complete the year.

Due to the enrollment, it was necessary to transfer some of the third grade into the intermediate room thus giving this teacher four grades with twenty-eight pupils. There are twenty-nine pupils in the primary room. The predicted enrollment for 1955-56 indicates that it will still be necessary to split the third grade again and each teacher will have approximately thirty pupils.

Miss Florence MacIver, school nurse, carries on a health program and she not only informs parents of the need for medical and mental treatment, but also prevents the spread of communicable diseases by isolating and promptly reporting those pupils who may be exposed.

Miss Duncan is again acting as principal and teaching very effectively. I wish to express my appreciation to Mrs. Pauline Durling and Mrs. Leon Newton for substituting when teachers have been absent due to illness. Their willingness to honor a request on short notice is most appreciated by the school board and pupils.

The increase in the budget is due to salary increases and tuition costs.

I wish to express my appreciation to the school board members for their cooperation and guidance, and to the citizens for their support of education.

The possibility of financial assistance in the form of general aid, flat grant, building aid and transportation costs from the state level would do much to relieve the real estate tax burden in Langdon.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH H. MEACHAM, Superintendent

**SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT**

In 1833 a law was passed in France requiring school committees of towns and cities to keep school houses clean. From this very simple but necessary beginning, stem our present day school health services.

What are school health services?

School health services are procedures established: (a) to appraise the health status of pupils; (b) to advise pupils, parents and others of the appraisal findings; (c) to encourage correction of remediable defects; (d) to assist in the identification and education of handicapped children; (e) to help prevent and control disease; (f) to provide necessary emergency service for injury or sudden illness.

Our modern school deals with the physical, mental, emotional and social development of each pupil. Gone is the day when the school was primarily concerned with the facts a child memorized. The desire now is health, happiness and foundation for a useful life.

Certain health services help parents and school personnel to become acquainted with the health problems of children, and provide a means of helping children obtain solutions for their problems. For example, vision and hearing tests assist in determining the degree to which a child may benefit from his school experiences. As child health is improved, other aspects of school endeavor are more successful. To learn effectively, children need good health.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE MACIVER, R.N.



## LANGDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### Vital Statistics for the Year 1954

#### Marriages

Date	Place	Name	Age	Residence
Jan. 23	Alstead	Frank George Jenks	30	Windsor, Vt.
		Bernice Ethelyn Burbank	34	Langdon, N.H.
Feb. 27	Charlestown	Robert Joseph Quinn	22	Flushing, N.Y.
		Mary Ann Lagassey	21	Langdon, N.H.

#### Births

Date	Place	Name	B#	Father	Mother
Jan. 2	Bellows Falls	Peter Francis Burke	8	Thomas Joseph Burke	Evelyn Virginia Prunier
Mar. 1	Bellows Falls	Helen May Holmes	1	Herbert Harry Holmes	Lois Ann Kezer
May 22	Bellows Falls	James Bradford Holmes	4	Royal Barnes Holmes	Marion Ida Kemp
June 20	Bellows Falls	Gary Robert Batchelder	2	Robert Henry Batchelder	Madeline Elizabeth Haskins
Aug. 26	Bellows Falls	Penny Loo Libby	5	Donald Wilson Libby	Gladys Louise McCue
Sept. 10	Langdon	Infant	3	Gardner Burns	Ada Dawson
Dec. 12	Bellows Falls	Susan Beatrice Cross	2	Carlton Gleason Cross	Caroline Ann Porter

#### Deaths

Date	Place	Name	Age	Birthplace
Feb. 2	Langdon	Lydia Victoria Miles	85	Starksboro, Vt.
Feb. 7	Dayton Beach Florida	Edwin H. Clark	86	Swansey, N.H.
July 18	Bellows Falls	Leon Everett Shooter	1 day	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Sept. 10	Langdon	Infant Burns	—	Langdon, N.H.
Dec. 10	Langdon	William Harvey Wilson	87	Langdon, N.H.

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

SYDNEY H. BATCHELDER,  
Town Clerk

**Notes**



