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## HANOVER FINANCE COMMITTEE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

The Hanover Finance Committee was established in March, 1932, by a vote of the three municipal units in order to provide an organization to secure a more unified financial program for Hanover. The vote read "It shall be the duty of this Committee to confer with officials of the Town, Precinct and School District on financial matters, to hold hearings when considered desirable, and to make reports to the Town, Precinct and School District with specific recommendations".

The Committee began its deliberations this year with the full knowledge that it would have to face the necessity of some kind of expansion in our high school facilities. This thought with its inevitable effect on the tax rate, was on the minds of all members as they listened to the presentation of the annual budgets of Town, Precinct and School District. Perhaps more than in most years they searched for possible economies in our local government operations, but found the search only a pious hope. While protesting vociferously over rises in our tax rate, our citizens seem to expect, and demand, more and more services from their local government.

Because the Finance Committee had not yet had an opportunity, before the publication of the Annual Town Report, to study carefully all the facets of the High School Expansion Program and come to a decision on it, its report on this will appear in the special report issued before the School District meeting.

A brief summary follows of the conclusions and recommendations of the Finance Committee on each budget and any proposed special articles in the warrant.

### TOWN BUDGET

The Town closed its books with a balance of \$8,666 to be carried over to 1955. The amount spent by the Town for its current operations last year was \$3,026 less than the budgeted figure. The most noteworthy savings were in expenditures for highways and bridges, health and cemeteries.

In its budget for 1955 the Town proposes outlays for current expenses of \$92,247 as compared with \$91,485 in the 1954 budget, an increase of \$762. Reductions are contemplated in several operating items, notably \$2,000 for highways and bridges. But the decreases are offset by increases in several items. An increase in the grant to the Howe Library from \$2,500 to \$3,500 is proposed. This is still far below the grant of \$6,500 which the Finance Committee considered equitable when it first became necessary for the library to ask funds from the Town to help balance the annual budget.

Cemetery maintenance will cost \$300 more than last year due to road repairs. The Etna Fire Association will require an additional appropriation of \$500 for the purchase of coats and hats. \$1,500 is included in the budget to defray one-half the cost of establishing the Hanover Fire Services Radio System, explained under the Precinct budget.

An item of \$2,500 is budgeted for capital reserve toward the purchase of a new highway truck in 1956. The new equipment item of \$1,693 is for the purchase of a new pick-up truck for the cemeteries, but this will be reduced to \$793 by a trade-in value of \$900 for the old truck.

Several years ago the Finance Committee was disturbed about milk inspection in the town. It recommended that the whole problem be reviewed. This year the committee is pleased at the report that all cows in the Hanover milkshed are inspected, unhealthy cows isolated, and that regular bacteria checks will be made at the Medical School.

The Town is raising its contribution for the maintenance of Precinct highways from \$18,000 to \$20,000 to equalize the tax burden between Town and Precinct residents in relation to the maintenance of town and precinct roads.

Increases in revenue from several sources are expected in 1955, notably \$2,500 for automobile permits, \$500 from sale of cemetery lots, \$500 in parking fines and \$400 for town nursing services. The effect of these anticipated rises in revenue is to reduce substantially the amount which must be raised by the town property tax. This amount is \$30,099 for 1955 as compared with \$39,430 for 1954, or a decrease of \$9,331 or 24.2%.

It was therefore—VOTED: that the Town Budget for 1955 be approved.

#### VILLAGE PRECINCT

The Precinct budget for 1954 shows an overrun of \$3,095. The departments where expenditures exceeded the budget estimates were—Police, \$318; Health and sanitation, \$121; Sewer, \$68; Highways, \$5,965; Interest on indebtedness, \$208; New equipment, \$117; Sewer construction, \$52. There was a substantial overrun in General Government covered by the item of \$2,271 paid for engineering services for the proposed reconstruction of Lebanon Street. One half of the amount spent for these services will be refunded to the Precinct by the State.

Expenditures less than budgeted were made in a number of departments. The most noteworthy were Fire, \$620; Street lighting, \$229; Meters, \$319; Municipal Building, \$470; Municipal apartments, \$300; Gould Farm, \$114; Hall apartments, \$279; Civil defense, \$123; Care of Precinct trees, \$191.

The substantial overrun in the Highway Department of \$5,965 is the major factor in the 1954 deficit. \$11,920 was spent for new roads and drains, compared to the budgeted figure of \$4,000. The largest item, \$7,688 was not anticipated and was caused by a severe washout on West Wheelock Street during the heavy July rains, demanding the installation of a new surface drain.

The second major item was one of \$3,777 for the construction of the road into the new dump. An additional amount of \$310 for this construction will be paid in 1955.

The proposed budget for 1955, of \$159,965 is an increase of \$6,990 over the 1954 budget, or an increase of approximately 4.5%

Reductions are proposed in the expenditures for the operation of the Gould Farm and the Hall apartments. Increases are proposed for new equipment, \$5,300, consisting of \$850 for replacement of the police cruiser and radio; \$4,500 for a new 3½ ton truck which will be a replacement of a 1941 model and which will be used in part for snow plowing; and \$1,850 for new equipment for the Fire Department. Of this latter, \$1,500 is to be used for the establishment

of a Hanover Fire Services Radio System, which involves the installation of a base station set in the Hanover Station and mobile units for three pieces of fire equipment not now equipped with radios. Under this arrangement, the Etna alarm may be tripped from the Hanover station and be answered by equipment from Hanover or Etna, or both. The Etna station will be fitted out with radios and the new system will provide vastly improved fire protection throughout the township.

The increase of \$2,800 in the Police Department budget allows for the addition of a fifth man to the force. This will reduce the work week for the police to 45 hours, with three weeks' vacation, bringing our schedules more in line with the state police system, and those in surrounding towns.

Fire hydrant rentals are up \$2,500 in the proposed budget, but this amount may still not meet the increase in rates which may become effective in the spring of 1955. The Highway Department increase of \$1,000 is for street and sidewalk maintenance and equipment repairs. The increase of \$1,000 in the street lighting budget is to take care of improved lighting on Lebanon, Park and Wheelock Streets.

There are no significant changes in budgeted receipts. The Precinct tax on property would therefore be \$117,210. This means an increase of \$5,976 over 1954, or about 5.4%.

In addition the Precinct Commissioners recommend a special article in the warrant to authorize the borrowing of \$60,800 to be applied toward the reconstruction of Lebanon Street, from Main Street to the Precinct line, except for the portion between Crosby and Summer Streets, improved in 1952. The principal amount would be repaid in 10 years, \$6,080 per year, \$3,040 from apportionment B funds from the state, and \$3,040 from Precinct funds. Since an annual appropriation of \$3,040 for highway reconstruction has been included in the Precinct budget in recent years, only the interest charges will constitute an added burden. The funds available for this project will be \$153,600 to be contributed about as follows—Federal, 50%; State, 25%; Precinct, 25%. If the project costs more than the \$153,600 available, the difference will have to be borne by the Precinct.

It was therefore—VOTED that the Precinct budget be accepted, but in passing the vote the Committee added words of admonition over the increased appropriations which seem to appear annually in the Precinct budget for the police department and for fire equipment.

It was also VOTED—that the special article in the warrant for the reconstruction of Lebanon Street be approved.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT

In the proposed expenditures for the Hanover schools for 1955-56 the cost of Administration is up from \$11,888 to \$13,161, or an increase of 10.7% over the 1954-55 budget. This is accounted for by increases in the salaries of the Superintendent and his secretaries and in the allowance for the Superintendent's travel and expense. The Committee was assured that Hanover is paying no more than its fair share of the costs in the supervisory union.

The proposed budget of \$200,070 for Instruction is an increase of \$24,304 over last year or approximately 13.8%. A large share of this is for increased salaries for teachers and principals, as provided in the salary schedule adopted in 1951. A two step increase is provided for, which will make the minimum starting salary in Hanover \$2,760. Graduates of the New Hampshire teachers colleges are now asking a starting salary of \$3,000.

It is proposed to hire 3 new teachers for the High School, which calls for an appropriation of \$9,000. This will mean that the schools will have a full time teacher to handle guidance and counseling. The expected larger enrollment calls for increased expenditures for books and other instructional aids and supplies.

An item of \$2,000 for extra pay for the direction of extra-curricular activities came under special scrutiny by the Finance Committee which, after considerable discussion, recommended that the School Board consider alternate ways of handling this problem.

An increase in janitors' salaries and higher fuel costs account for an increase of \$925 in school plant operation costs. The expenditure for maintenance of the school plant is up nearly 47%, covering repairs and replacements to furniture, equipment and instructional

apparatus. These items in the past few years were unwisely pared down because of the heavy costs of the new Grade School.

In health supervision and in transportation, an increase of 5.4% is anticipated. Transportation will be up \$2,514. Tuition will be down \$945 because fewer pupils will be attending school in Enfield.

Fixed charges will be up 16.2% due to the fact that retirements rise automatically with salary increases, plus additional insurance charges. Capital outlay is up about 145% due to new furniture, equipment, additions and improvements to service systems and instructional apparatus, and the appropriation for a new school bus. The budget figure for debt interest and other charges is down \$195, because of the reduced interest on Grade School bonds.

On the receipts side, an increase of \$8,016 over the previous year is noted, much of this attributable to an increase in tuition rates to be charged non-Hanover students. Elementary tuition is to be increased from \$175 to \$200, while High School tuition will rise from \$310 to \$325. Tuition rates charged to students from other New Hampshire towns must be based on the average cost per pupil in the state. Hanover costs are higher than the state average. The 1953-54 Hanover elementary costs were estimated at \$224.75 per pupil and secondary costs at \$348.14. Capital costs and debt service may not be covered by tuition rates. It is lawful, however, to include 2% of the value of the plant in determining tuition charges. The Hanover plant is valued at \$340,000. The Committee was advised that capital outlay and debt service were being taken into account in determining future tuition rates.

After a long and thoughtful discussion of the whole problem of tuition students, the Committee drew up the following statement—  
“The Finance Committee fully appreciates the close community interest between the towns of Hanover and Norwich and strongly favors the continued sharing of our high school with Norwich students. It understands, moreover, the considerations which in the past have resulted in the tuition charge to Norwich students being fixed at a figure below the annual average operating cost per pupil to Hanover. It seriously questions, however, the further continuation of this practice under which it appears the Hanover taxpayers may be

subsidizing the cost of educating Norwich high school students. It is recommended that the School Board give careful consideration to fixing the tuition for Norwich students attending Hanover High School at a figure at which each Norwich Student pays his or her fair share of both the annual operating costs and of the debt service on the additional capital expenditures which are involved in enlarging the high school."

Noting that the item for Salaries in the school budgets has risen 65% in the last five years, the Committee requested that the Superintendent make a projection of the estimated school salaries for the next five years. On the basis of this estimate it would appear that by 1960-61 school salaries would increase approximately 31.7% over the 1955-56 figures.

The amount to be raised from the local property tax for 1955-56 is \$270,944 or an increase of \$35,974 or 15.3% over last year.

With a word of commendation for the greatly improved form of the school budget presented to the Finance Committee this year it was VOTED that the School budget be accepted.

In addition to the expenditures in the regular budget, certain capital expenditures and major repairs to the high school may be the subject of a special article in the warrant. These capital expenditures and capital repairs must be undertaken regardless of the proposed expansion of the high school building. The total cost of these items is estimated by the School Board at \$42,400. The Finance Committee recommended to the School Board that a further investigation be made as to the necessity of certain new heating equipment included in the estimate, for the purpose of reducing the cost thereof. The Finance Committee voted that these capital expenditures and major repairs be financed as a part of the long-term financing program for the high school expansion or, if the high school expansion is not approved, that they be financed by borrowing for a term of not more than ten years.

## SUMMARY

The estimated results of the proposed budgets on tax rates, with a five year comparison, are given below. The rates are based on a Town valuation of \$1,584,443 and a Precinct valuation of \$8,931,143.

Unit	1951	1952	1953	1954	Est. 1955
Town	62	69	86	63	56
Precinct	92	98	1 07	1 25	1 30
School District	1 92	2 16	2 26	2 25	*2 58
Within Precinct	3 46	3 83	4 19	4 13	4 44
Outside Precinct	2 54	2 85	3 12	2 88	3 14

(\*2 62 if special article is voted)

## HANOVER PUBLIC DEBT

Description	Rate	Final	Outstanding
Grade School bonds	1.5 %	9-1-70	203 000
Sewer bonds	2.5 %	9-1-64	30 000
Sewer notes	1.75%	8-1-57	22 500
Fire equipment bonds	1.7 %	5-1-61	32 000
Highway equipment bonds	2.25%	10-1-60	30 000

## HANOVER FINANCE COMMITTEE

MRS. GEORGE H. COLTON

Term expires 1957

JOHN F. MECK

Term expires 1955

KENNETH W. FOLEY

Term expires 1955

F. MANNING MOODY

Term expires 1957

CHARLOTTE E. FORD

Term expires 1956

WILLIAM L. WILSON

Term expires 1956

NILES A. LACOSS, Representing the Town

MARTIN L. LINDAHL, *Sec'y* Representing the Precinct

JOHN C. MANCHESTER, Representing the School District

CHARLOTTE E. FORD, *Chairman*



ARCHIE B. GILE  
Born November 27, 1895  
Died September 26, 1954  
1950—SELECTMAN—1954

## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF HANOVER

*Moderator*

EDGAR H. HUNTER

*Town Clerk*

L. LEROY BLODGETT

*Selectmen*

NILES A. LACOSS (Term expires 1955)

FLETCHER LOW (Term expires 1956)

ARCHIE B. GILE (Deceased Sept. 26, 1954)

GORDON R. INGRAM (Appointed)

*Town Treasurer*

ETHEL C. BOND

*Board of Health, Town District*

FLETCHER LOW

NILES A. LACOSS

GORDON R. INGRAM

DR. REGINALD K. HOUSE

DR. PHILIP O. NICE

*Auditors*

LEROY G. PORTER

LOUIS O. FOSTER

*Tax Collector*

L. LEROY BLODGETT

*Highway Agent*

FREDERICK R. HART



## WARRANT

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grafton, SS

Town of Hanover

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hanover in the County of Grafton, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Auditorium of the High School in said Hanover on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at seven thirty o'clock in the evening, until nine thirty o'clock in the evening, unless otherwise voted, to act upon the following subjects:

*First:* To choose by Non-Partisan Ballot the following Town officers:

- one Selectman for three years
- one Selectman for two years
- one Town Clerk
- one Treasurer
- one Library Trustee
- one Trustee of Trust Funds

*Second:* To see if the Town will vote to declare its willingness to accept a sales tax, with food exempted, in order to relieve the burden of the property tax payer, and to aid education.

(By petition of David J. Bradley and others)

*Third:* To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, and other Town officers and to pass any vote relating thereto.

*Fourth:* To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriation of the same.

*Fifth:* To see if the Town will raise and appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) and place same in Capital Reserve to apply towards the future purchase of a highway truck.

*Sixth:* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the Town Planning Board; such money to be used for land use studies, surveys, technical services and other planning work.

*Seventh:* To elect by majority vote the following Town Officers:  
 two Auditors  
 one Member of the Advisory Assessors Board for three years  
 three Fence Viewers  
 two Surveyors of Wood and Lumber  
 other necessary Town Officers

*Eighth:* To see if the Town will vote to allow the Taxpayer a discount of 1 ½ per cent upon all taxes on real and personal property paid within fifteen days after the date of the tax bills, or on or before July 15—whichever is the later date.

*Ninth:* To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Town's obligations until the taxes are collected and paid into the Treasury.

*Tenth:* To transact any other business that legally may be brought before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this Twenty-first day of February in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred Fifty-five.

FLETCHER LOW,  
 NILES A. LACOSS,  
 GORDON R. INGRAM,  
*Selectmen of Hanover, N. H.*

A true copy of the Warrant, attest.

FLETCHER LOW,  
 NILES A. LACOSS,  
 GORDON R. INGRAM,  
*Selectmen of Hanover, N. H.*

## ABSTRACT FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORD

A legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Hanover, New Hampshire, was called to order by Edgar H. Hunter, Moderator, on March 9, 1954 at 10:00 A.M. in the auditorium of the High School Building.

The Warrant on which the meeting was called was read by the Clerk, L. Leroy Blodgett.

The following officers were elected by Non-Partisan Ballot:

Archie B. Gile, Selectman, for three years

L. Leroy Blodgett, Town Clerk, for one year

Ethel C. Bond, Treasurer, for one year

Helene A. Poland, Library Trustee, for three years

Francis V. Tuxbury, Trustee of Trust Funds, for three years

*Voted:* That the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors and other Town officers be accepted as printed.

*Voted:* That in addition to County, Highway, and regular Poll Taxes required by law, the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-seven thousand, three hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$37,399-.00) and appropriate said sum and all other money that may be paid into the Treasury, and which are not required by law otherwise to be expended, in accordance with the budget and report as presented by the Selectmen.

The following officers were elected by ballot:

Louis O. Foster and LeRoy G. Porter, Auditors, for one year

Halsey C. Edgerton, Member of the Advisory Assessors Board for three years

Leon Hayes, Elmer Dana, and Clifford R. Elder, to serve as fence viewers for one year

Morris Hayes and John H. Minnich, Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, for one year

*Voted:* That the Hanover Visiting Nursing Service be continued until otherwise voted in Town Meeting.

*Voted:* That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural resources and advantages of the Town, together with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

*Voted:* That the Town place under gates and bars that section of highway from the Goss Schoolhouse south to the intersection of old highway and new highway.

*Voted:* That the present dump site be moved as soon as possible, and as recommended by the Town Planning Commission.

*Voted:* That the Town allow the Taxpayer a discount of 1½ percent upon all taxes on real and personal property paid within fifteen days after the date of the tax bill, or on or before July 15th, whichever is the later date.

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Town's obligations until the Taxes are collected and paid into the Treasury.

*Voted:* That the Commission on Town Planning be requested to make a study regarding the districting of the Village Precinct of Hanover and to render a report thereon to the Selectmen on or before February 1, 1955.

*Voted:* That the Selectmen be instructed by this meeting to study the possibilities of holding Town Meeting in the evening or at a time when the business establishments and the College could be closed so that all Citizens may attend the meeting.

*Voted:* That the Clerk send a letter of appreciation to the Road Agent for the good work he had done in the Town of Hanover in keeping the roads in such good condition.

Adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

L. LEROY BLODGETT,  
*Town Clerk*

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON  
TOWN PLANNING

Hanover, N. H.  
January 8, 1955

To the Selectmen of the Town of Hanover, N. H.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the vote passed at the Town Meeting of March 9, 1954, to wit: "On the motion of John Amsden, duly seconded, it was voted that the Town Planning Board be requested to make a study regarding the districting of the Village Precinct of Hanover, and to render a report thereon to the Selectmen on or before February 1, 1955," the Town Planning Board are unanimous in submitting the following report.

It is hereby recommended that the Precinct Line be changed as follows: "Starting at a point on the western boundary of the Lyme Road, 500 feet in a northerly direction from the hydrant in front of Carl Sweet's residence, thence running in a straight line in a southerly direction to the intersection of Storrs Pond Road and Reservoir Road, thence in a straight line in a southerly direction to the intersection of Balch Hill Road, Grasse Road and Reservoir Road, thence in a southerly direction in a straight line to a point on the Greensboro Road, 500 feet east from the hydrant in front of the Kuehn property, and thence in a straight line perpendicular to the Hanover—Lebanon town line, to where it meets said Hanover—Lebanon town line, and thence in a westerly direction along said Hanover—Lebanon town line to a point on the east bank of the Connecticut river, thence northerly along said east bank to a point where the northerly extension of the first described line meets the river.

The Board also recommends that a survey of these bounds be made within the next two years and that suitable markers be placed at approximately every thousand feet."

The village Precinct of Hanover was organized October 29, 1855, to include what was then known as School District Number One. In as much as some of the citizens living on the outskirts of this

District were sending their children to school in a neighboring district, they requested that their property be excluded from the newly formed Precinct. Consequently the boundary line of the Precinct, which has never been changed since the Precinct was formed a century ago, is very irregular in shape. In view of modern living conditions, homes, which in horse and buggy days were considered to be in the country, are today thought of as being in town. The present Precinct line, the Board feels, has long since served its usefulness. The State Legislature has recognized that conditions change and during the last century has granted the Precinct additional powers, such as the right to zone, the right to increase the Precinct debt and jurisdiction over the sale of milk.

The population of the Precinct has increased to such an extent that it is practically impossible for a citizen to secure a desirable place to build a home. Consequently, for several years homes have been built just outside of the Precinct boundary. These citizens are receiving all the benefits of the Precinct, including fire and police protection, but paying nothing directly to help support these services. In this category there are 93 houses. The Board feels that this is very unjust, and is another reason why the Precinct boundary should be changed.

It is impossible to forecast the growth of the Precinct but the Board feels that if these recommendations are followed, the Precinct will contain enough desirable land for expansion, for many years to come. Some citizens have suggested that the Precinct be abolished and that all property in the town be subject to the same tax rate, but the Board feels this should not be done, at least at present.

The assessed valuation of the property in the Precinct is \$9,011,-643.00, while the assessed value of property outside the Precinct is \$1,657,883.00. Both types of property are subject to the same Town and School tax, while the Precinct property is subject to a Precinct tax which this past year was \$1.25 per hundred dollar valuation. The assessed valuation of the 93 houses and land mentioned above is approximately \$535,000.00.

The Board desires to call the selectmen's attention to Chapter 70, Section 5, Revised Laws of New Hampshire, which clearly states that they and no one else can change the Precinct bounds. In other

words, the question can not be settled by a vote of the citizens of the Town but only by a vote of the selectmen. However the selectmen must hold a public hearing to hear the views of the citizens, before reaching their decision.

In concluding the Board wishes to state that the primary reasons for their recommendation to change the Precinct line are

1. To make it conform to present conditions, the existing line having been established a century ago.
2. To establish a definite and easily traceable boundary line, the present line being very difficult to follow.
3. To try to overcome the more obvious irregularities in the existent tax policy.

IVES ATHERTON,

JAMES CAMPION, JR.,

NILES LACOSS,

PETER LIHATSH,

FRANK MORGAN,

MRS. HARRY NELSON,

ARTEMAS PACKARD,

HARRY TRUMBULL,

*Town Planning Committee*

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS  
WITH BUDGET COMPARISONS

	Budget	Receipts	Proposed Budget
	1954	1954	1955
<i>CURRENT REVENUE</i>			
<i>From Local Taxes</i>			
Taxes Previous Years	1 200	1 268 66	1 000
Poll Taxes Current Year	3 200	3 200 00	3 200
National Bank Stock Taxes	1 000	1 047 20	1 000
Timber Yield Tax	490	265 81	490
Head Tax	950	10 378 50	950
<i>Property Taxes, Current Year for</i>			
School	234 970	234 970 00	270 945
Precinct	111 234	111 234 00	117 210
County	23 241	23 240 55	23 500
Town	39 430	40 530 55	30 099
<i>From State</i>			
Railroad Tax	650	640 18	640
Savings Bank Tax	175	266 98	250
Interest and Dividends Tax	38 469	38 607 88	38 000
Town Road Aid	*8 630	*7 696 04	8 184
Forest Fire—Grantham	7 415	7 593 96	
Bounties		96 75	125
<i>From Local Sources—Except Taxes</i>			
Town Nursing Services	600	861 54	1 000
Automobile Permits	17 500	21 218 05	20 000
Dog Licenses	1 100	1 100 39	1 100
Other Licenses	200	126 00	175
Municipal Court Fines	1 100	1 412 00	1 200
Parking Fines	500	985 50	1 000
Precinct of Hanover—Secretary Fees	1 100	1 100 00	1 100
Town Clerk's Fees	1 700	1 971 40	1 850
Sale of Cemetery Lots	2 000	3 175 00	2 500
Trustee of Trust Funds	1 100	1 186 79	1 200
Cemeteries—Miscellaneous	1 200	1 431 75	1 300

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS  
WITH BUDGET COMPARISONS

(continued)

	Budget	Receipts	Proposed Budget
	1954	1954	1955
Accounts Receivable—Previous Years	250	273 90	525
Capital Reserve	2 500	2 575 55	
Timber Tax Reserve (Interest)	75	192 17	200
Misc. Accounts (Town Histories, etc.)		31 98	
Temporary Notes		38 000 00	
Accounts Receivable—1954		2 271 85	
Tax Sales Redeemed	750	438 64	287
Sale of Truck	800		900
Balance		95 168 86	8 667
	503 529	654 558 43	538 597

\*Balance of allotment received in materials from State

SUMMARY  
TOWN ROAD AID  
1954

*Expenditures*

Materials from State	933 96
Labor, Gas, and Gravel	7 696 04
	8 630 00

*Receipts*

Cash from State	7 696 04
Culverts—From State	933 96
	8 630 00

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES  
WITH BUDGET COMPARISONS

	Budget	Expenses	Proposed
	1954	1954	Budget
			1955
<i>CURRENT EXPENSES</i>			
<i>General Government</i>	20 230	20 176 22	20 270
<i>Election and Registration</i>	600	326 84	400
<i>Legal Expense</i>	75	119 07	75
<i>Protection of Persons and Property</i>			
Dog Account	350	670 80	400
Street Lights	375	443 04	450
Etna Fire Association	1 000	1 038 48	1 500
Police	500	500 00	500
Civil Defense	180	52 20	240
Precinct Fire Department	300	189 00	300
Pine Blister Rust	400	400 00	400
Bounties		125 00	
Radio Control, Fire Trucks, Including Etna			1 500
Other Accounts	1 000	503 06	800
<i>Health (Including Vital Statistics)</i>	6 400	5 444 75	6 500
<i>Highways and Bridges</i>	35 000	34 069 80	33 000
<i>Etna Library</i>	1 000	798 51	1 000
<i>Howe Library</i>	2 500	2 500 00	3 500
<i>Charities</i>	11 000	11 138 39	11 000
<i>Patriotic Purposes</i>			
Memorial Day	60	49 50	75
<i>Cemeteries</i>	9 500	8 972 31	9 800
<i>Tax Sales (Bought by Town)</i>	750	606 99	287
<i>Tax Refunds</i>		126 70	
<i>Interest</i>	265	208 03	250
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<i>Total Current Expenses</i>	91 485	88 458 69	92 247

*NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY*

Capital Reserve			2 500
New Construction	500		
New Culverts	750	1 297 01	750
New Equipment	4 800	3 857 85	1 693

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES  
WITH BUDGET COMPARISONS

(continued)

	Budget 1954	Expenses 1954	Proposed Budget 1955
<i>OTHER PAYMENTS</i>			
Temporary Notes		38 000 00	
Payment on Indebtedness	2 000	2 000 00	
Town Road Aid	8 630	7 696 04	8 184
Accounts Receivable		2 821 41	
Dartmouth—Lake Sunapee Region	500	500 00	500
State Highway Appropriation (TRA)	1 126	1 125 65	1 068
<i>OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS</i>			
County Tax	23 241	23 240 55	23 500
Precinct Tax	111 234	111 234 00	117 210
Precinct Highways	18 000	18 000 00	20 000
Head Taxes		9 354 50	
Schools	234 970	241 461 98	270 945
Balance due Schools		94 970 05	
Balance due State (Head Taxes)		1 874 00	
<i>BALANCE</i>	6 293	8 666 70	
	503 529	654 558 43	538 597

TAX DETERMINATION

<i>General</i>	
County Tax	23 500
Highway Tax by Law	5 000
<i>By Vote of Town</i>	
General	25 099
Overlay	5 500
	59 099
Total Town and County Tax	59 099
Village Precinct	117 210
School	270 945
	447 254
Total Taxes inclusive of \$5,500 overlay	447 254

## TAX RATES

	1946	1951	1952	1953	1954	Est. 1955
Town	76	62	69	86	63	56
Precinct	80	92	98	1 07	1 25	1 30
Schools	1 76	1 92	2 16	2 26	2 25	*2 58
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Tax rate within						
Precinct	3 32	3 46	3 83	4 19	4 13	4 44
Tax Rate outside						
Precinct	2 52	2 54	2 85	3 12	2 88	3 14

\*Estimated rate, adding in special articles of School Warrant, 2 62

## ASSESSMENT STATISTICS

1954

	Dist. No. 1	Town Dist.
Land and Buildings	8 493 250	1 525 620
Electric Plants	158 918	65 578
24 Horses over two years old		1 400
410 Cows		27 850
185 Neat Stock over two years old		7 955
75 Sheep and Goats		775
200 Hogs over two per family		2 000
1750 Fowls over 50 per family		1 750
5 Boats	200	150
Road Machinery	4 750	2 500
Gas Pumps and Tanks	3 225	2 380
Stock-in-trade	386 718	19 125
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	9 047 061	1 657 083
Veterans' Exemptions	80 500	68 200
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Net Valuations	8 966 561	1 588 883
GRAND TOTAL		10 555 444
Number of Polls		
Listed at \$2.00	1 280	453

## TIMBER YIELD TAX

Total Valuation	7 067 82	
Tax at 7% and 10%		628 31

## ASSETS

Cash		
Balance from 1954		8 666 70
Balance due Schools		94 970 05
Balance due State—Head Taxes		1 874 00
Taxes not Collected		
1953	326 74	
1954	1 613 10	
	<hr/>	1 939 84
Accounts Receivable		549 56
State Bounties		125 00
Road Machinery and Tools		
Truck, International, No. 13	3 000 00	
Truck, International, No. 12	2 000 00	
Truck, International, No. 14	4 000 00	
Truck, International, No. 11	1 500 00	
Truck, Chevrolet Pickup	100 00	
Tractor, Diesel, No. 3	500 00	
Austin-Western Grader, 99M	7 500 00	
Caterpillar, No. 33, Grader No. 20,		
Grader	100 00	
Snow Plow, Tractor	250 00	
Snow Plow, (Frink), Grader No. 3	2 000 00	
Snow Plow, (Good Roads),		
Truck No. 1	200 00	
Snow Plow, (Good Roads),		
Truck No. 2	1 000 00	
Welder (Arc)	500 00	
Two sanders	100 00	
Gasoline Shovel and Truck	4 000 00	
Supplies	1 500 00	
Other Tools and Equipment	500 00	
1 Two way Field Radio (Forest Fires)	400 00	
	<hr/>	29 150 00

History of the Town of Hanover		50 00
Schedule of Town Property (Not including Trust Funds)		
Pine Knolls Cemetery	20 000 00	
Truck, Chevrolet ½ Ton Pickup (Cemetery)	800 00	
Other Cemeteries	2 000 00	
Gravel Bank, Reed	1 000 00	
Library Building, Etna	3 000 00	
Storehouse Property, Etna	5 000 00	
Storehouse, Pine Knolls Cemetery	2 000 00	
Storehouse, East Side	100 00	
Adams Farm	500 00	
Fire Station Property, Etna—Old	1 000 00	
Fire Station Property, Etna—New	9 500 00	
	<hr/>	44 900 00
Total Assets		<hr/> 182 225 15

### LIABILITIES

Yield Tax Reserve		6 536 55
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## TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT 1954

L. LEROY BLODGETT

*Debits*

	1949	1952	1953	1954	Total
Property Taxes		47 03	1 060 05	414 488 24	415 595 32
Poll Taxes	2 00	8 00	160 00	3 390 00	3 560 00
Bank Stock				1 047 20	1 047 20
Yield Taxes		140 30	261 90	628 31	1 030 51
Additions			119 42	1 665 67	1 785 09
Interest	12	1 29	13 62	27 26	42 29
	2 12	196 62	1 614 99	421 246 68	423 060 41

*Credits*

Property Taxes paid					
Treasurer			1 060 63	409 947 84	411 008 47
Poll Taxes paid					
Treasurer	2 00	4 00	186 00	3 200 00	3 392 00
Bank Stock paid					
Treasurer				1 047 20	1 047 20
Yield Taxes paid					
Treasurer		13 30		252 51	265 81
Interest paid Treasurer	12	1 29	13 62	27 26	42 29
Discount				4 540 88	4 540 88
Abatements		4 00	28 00	617 89	649 89
Uncollected		47 03	64 84	1 237 30	1 349 17
Uncollected Yield Taxes		127 00	261 90	375 80	764 70
	2 12	196 62	1 614 99	421 246 68	423 060 41

### TAX SALES REDEEMED

Received Tax Purchase accounts	685 82
Received Interest on above	11 06
Received Expense	3 86
	700 74
Paid Ethel C. Bond, Treasurer	438 64
	262 10

L. LEROY BLODGETT,  
*Tax Collector*

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
STATE HEAD TAX  
LEVY OF 1954

— DR —

*State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:*

Original Warrant	10 535 00
Added Taxes	160 00

<i>Total Commitment</i>	10 695 00
<i>Penalties Collected</i>	34 50

<i>TOTAL DEBITS</i>	10 729 50
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*Remittances to Treasurer:*

Head Taxes	9 612 50
Penalties	34 50

	9 647 00
<i>Abatements</i>	230 00
<i>Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's List</i>	852 50

<i>TOTAL CREDITS</i>	10 729 50
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L. LEROY BLODGETT,  
*Tax Collector*

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
STATE HEAD TAX  
LEVY OF 1953

— DR —

<i>Uncollected Taxes—As of January 1, 1954</i>	655 00
<i>Added Taxes During 1954</i>	130 00
<i>Penalties Collected During 1954</i>	65 50
	850 50
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	850 50

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<i>Remittances to Treasurer During 1954:</i>	
Head Taxes	655 00
Penalties	65 50
	720 50
<i>Abatements During 1954</i>	130 00
	850 50
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	850 50

L. LEROY BLODGETT,  
*Tax Collector*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1954

Balance on hand		95 168 86
Received from L. L. Blodgett		
Tax Collector	416 195 41	
Head Taxes	10 378 50	
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		426 573 91
L. L. Blodgett, Town Clerk		
Automobile Account	21 218 05	
Dog Account	1 100 39	
Fees	1 987 40	
Selectmen	23 781 23	
Nursing Service	861 54	
State		
Railroad Tax	640 18	
Savings Bank Tax	266 98	
Interest and Dividends Tax	38 607 88	
Municipal Court Fines	1 412 00	
Parking Fines	985 50	
Trustee of Trust Funds	1 378 96	
Capital Reserve	2 575 55	
Temporary Notes	38 000 00	
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		559 389 57
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		654 558 43
Amount paid out as per		
Selectmen's orders	549 047 68	
Balance on hand		
December 31, 1954	105 510 75	
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		654 558 43
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ETHEL C. BOND,  
*Treasurer*

## EXPENDITURES DETAIL

	Expenses 1954
<i>General Government</i>	
Salaries and Expenses	13 878 27
Retirement	775 03
Postage, Printing, Telephone	1 045 45
Insurance and Bonds	253 50
Supplies and Equipment	691 68
Miscellaneous	81 79
	<hr/> 16 725 72
<i>Municipal Court</i>	
Salaries	740 00
Miscellaneous	110 50
	<hr/> 850 50
<i>Rent</i> (Municipal Building)	2 600 00
	<hr/> 20 176 22
<i>Election and Registration</i>	
Salaries	153 00
Supplies and Printing	91 60
Miscellaneous	82 24
	<hr/> 326 84
<i>Legal Expense</i>	119 07
<i>Protection of Persons and Property</i>	
<i>Dog Account</i>	
Constable	163 05
Expenses	507 75
	<hr/> 670 80

*Etna Fire Association*

Salaries	286 50
Supplies and Repairs	145 82
Lights, Fuel, Insurance	606 16

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 1 038 48
*Street Lights*

443 04

*Police*

500 00

*Precinct Fire Department*

189 00

*Civil Defense*

52 20

*Pine Blister Rust*

400 00

*Bounties*

125 00

*Other Accounts*

503 06

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 3 921 58
*Health*

Vital Statistics	730 25
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Milk Inspection	400 00
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Health Officers	60 00
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*Town Nurse*

Salary	3 466 56
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Equipment & Supplies	93 59
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Car Expense	348 80
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Telephone	29 03
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Clothing Allowance	64 35
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Other	16 41
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Retirement	235 76
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 5 444 75
*Highways and Bridges*

General Expenditures	24 969 84
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Snow and Ice	4 649 31
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Employment Liability	1 093 58
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Equipment	3 357 07
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 34 069 80

<i>Town Road Aid</i>	7 696 04
<i>State Highway Appropriation (TRA)</i>	1 125 65
<i>Libraries</i>	
Etna	798 51
Howe	2 500 00
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	3 298 51
<i>Charities</i>	
Old Age Assistance	6 065 75
Town Poor	2 846 78
Hospitalization	2 225 86
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	11 138 39
<i>Patriotic Purposes—Memorial Day</i>	49 50
<i>Cemeteries</i>	
Salaries	7 010 50
General Maintenance	705 80
Supplies	142 40
Gas & Oil—Truck	240 42
Repairs & Use of Truck	275 03
Mowers & Small Equip.: Repairs, Gas, etc.	448 96
Insurance	121 11
Miscellaneous	28 09
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	8 972 31
<i>Tax Sales (Bought by Town)</i>	606 99
<i>Tax Refunds</i>	126 70
<i>Interest</i>	
Temporary Notes	143 03
Bonds	65 00
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	208 03

<i>New Equipment</i>	3 857 85
<i>New Culverts</i>	1 297 01
<i>Payment on Indebtedness</i>	
Temporary Notes	38 000 00
Bonds	2 000 00
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	40 000 00
<i>Dartmouth—Lake Sunapee</i>	500 00
<i>Accounts Receivable</i>	2 271 85
Balance to be collected	549 56
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	2 821 41
<i>Other Government Divisions</i>	
County	23 240 55
Precinct	111 234 00
Precinct Highway	18 000 00
<i>Head Taxes</i>	9 354 50
<i>Schools</i>	
1953 Balance	101 461 98
1954	140 000 00
Balance due Schools	94 970 05
Balance due State (Head Taxes)	1 874 00
Balance	8 666 70
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	654 558 43

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS  
FOR THE TOWN OF HANOVER

*Common Trust Funds*

Principal January 1, 1954		47 337 09
Add		
Pine Knolls Cemetery Fund		200 00
		47 537 09
Principal December 31, 1954		47 537 09

*Income*

Balance January 1, 1954		606 93
Add		
Interest—Dartmouth Savings Bank	848 62	
Interest—United States Government Bonds 2½%	500 00	1 348 62
		1 955 55

*Expenditures*

Ethel C. Bond Treasurer for Schools	161 83	
Ethel C. Bond Treasurer for Poor	5 81	
Ethel C. Bond Treasurer for Library	40 46	
Ethel C. Bond Treasurer for Cemeteries	1 140 52	1 348 62
		606 93
Balance Income December 31, 1954		606 93

*Reserve Principal Account*

Timber Tax Reserve January 1, 1954	5 322 14	
Add Timber Tax Reserve 1954	1 131 28	
Town of Hanover Equipment Reserve		
January 1, 1954	2 500 00	
Equipment Reserve—Precinct	2 025 95	10 979 37
		2 500 00
Paid Town of Hanover During Year		2 500 00
		8 479 37
Balance December 31, 1954		8 479 37

*Income & Expenditures*

Precinct Equipment Reserve January 1, 1954	1 262 09	
Interest—Dartmouth Savings Bank	99 39	
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	1 361 48	
Timber Tax Reserve—Interest Dartmouth Savings Bank	192 17	
Equipment Reserve, Town—Interest Dartmouth Savings Bank	75 55	1 629 20
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Paid Ethel C. Bond Treasurer Town of Hanover		
Income from Equipment Reserve		75 55
Paid Ethel C. Bond Treasurer Town of Hanover		
Income from Timber Tax Reserve		192 17
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Balance Precinct Reserve Income		1 361 48

## REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

	Principal	Balance of Income Last Year	Income for Year	Income Expended	Balance of Income End of Year
For the Support of Schools	6 522 58		161 83	161 83	
For the Support of the Poor	200 00		5 81	5 81	
For the Care of Cemetery Lots	39 514 51	606 93	1 140 52	1 140 52	606 93
For the Support of the Town Library	1 300 00		40 46	40 46	
Precinct Equipment Reserve Account	2 025 95	1 262 09	99 39		1 361 48
Timber Tax Reserve Account	6 453 42		267 72	267 72	
	<u>56 016 46</u>	<u>1 869 02</u>	<u>1 715 73</u>	<u>1 616 34</u>	<u>1 968 41</u>

SUMMARY OF TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNT  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1954

*Debits*

*Motor Vehicle Permits Issued*

1953-1954 Nos. 253821 - 253894	361 76	
1954-1955 Nos. 86567 - 88500	19 383 01	
1954-1955 Nos. 254351 - 254518	1 241 78	
1955-1956 Nos. 91251 - 91263	231 50	
		21 218 05

*Dog Licenses Issued*

333 @ 2.00	666 00	
25 @ 2.50	62 50	
42 @ 5.00	210 00	
1 @ 5.50	5 50	
8 Kennels	104 00	
32 Miscellaneous	52 39	
		1 100 39

*Fees to Town*

Filing Fees	16 00	
Town Clerk's Fee	824 50	
Vital Statistics	730 25	
Hanover Water Works	375 00	
Tax Fees	41 65	
		1 987 40

Paid to Ethel C. Bond, Treasurer		24 305 84
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L. LEROY BLODGETT,  
*Town Clerk*

## HANOVER TOWN LIBRARY REPORT

for the

Year Ending December 31, 1954

Mrs. Corliss Greenwood has served competently as librarian since the resignation of Kathrina Spencer last January.

The library has run in much the same manner this year—well used by a few, but not exactly over-crowded. The walls and ceiling were scrubbed last Spring to remove a long accumulation of coal dust. This brightens the room. The new oil-burning furnace is a pleasure to all concerned.

A large number of the adult book loans seem to be recent novels, mystery stories, or Western stories which go out only a few times. For this reason it has seemed wise to supply most of these through the Bookmobile which comes from Concord every other month with a large selection of books to borrow. We have been fortunate to have been given many books. Second-hand, and even pocket books have been purchased for adult reading.

Children's books go out more often and have harder wear. More emphasis is being made on building up a good collection of permanent books in this corner.

Painting and repairs around the front vestibule will be necessary this year. Also, it is hoped to provide a box for returning books when the library is not open.

Respectfully submitted,

PHOEBE STEBBINS,

HELENE POLAND,

ADNA CAMP,

*Trustees of Hanover Town Library*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

January 1, 1954—December 31, 1954

From January 2, 1954 through December 29, 1954, the Town Library has been open one hundred and two days.

Eight hundred and ninety-eight adult books and six hundred and thirty-six juvenile books were loaned. This is an increase over the preceding year.

The Bookmobile has visited six times. Two hundred and sixty books were borrowed and went out to our readers two hundred and seventy-two times.

There have been some changes made during the year. We now have a children's corner which was much needed. All the books in the library have been rearranged for more convenience to borrowers.

A good number of books and victrola records have been added through purchase and by gifts from friends and from the Howe Library. Grateful thanks are extended for these gifts.

## LOANS

(Does not include Bookmobile books)

Adult Fiction	690
Adult Non-Fiction	208
Juvenile	636
Magazines	518

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2 052

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH GREENWOOD,  
*Librarian*

## HANOVER MUNICIPAL COURT

Fiscal Year Ending December, 1954

The following cases were tried in the Hanover Municipal Court during the calendar year 1954:

*Offenses against State Motor Vehicle Laws and Local  
Motor Vehicle Ordinances:*

Careless and negligent driving	6
Failure to observe "Stop" sign	15
Failure to stop on officer's signal	1
Illegal parking	1
Misuse of plates	3
Operating after suspension or revocation of license	5
Operating overloaded truck	4
Operating to left of "yellow line"	4
Operating under influence of liquor	7
Operating uninspected vehicle	18
Operating unregistered vehicle	19
Operating with inadequate brakes	1
Operating without a license	18
Permitting an improper person to operate	4
Reckless driving	2
Speeding and unreasonable speed	62

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The five cases of "operating after suspension or revocation of license" include two involving the serious additional charge of "operating when the license had been suspended pending filing proof of financial responsibility."

*Offenses against State Statutes and Local Ordinances  
other than Motor Vehicle:*

Assault	2
Contributing to the delinquency of a minor	1
Disorderly conduct	11
Drunk	7
Fishing in restricted waters (Hanover Water Co. reservoir)	2
Fishing without a license	2
Non-support	1
Petty larceny	3
Offensive language	1
Receiving stolen goods	1
Taking deer at night by artificial light ("Jacking")	2
Throwing rubbish in street	1
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The following information will be of interest to the residents of the Town and Precinct:

"Parking Tickets" continue to be an important source of revenue of the Court. It will be noted that almost as much money was received by the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Court, for minor parking violations as were received in fines for cases of every sort actually tried.

Costs in criminal cases have been abolished. The Justice and Associate Justice receive straight salaries (\$600 for the Justice, and \$120 for the Associate Justice.) Police receive no fees for the police service, with the exception that an officer called as a witness when off duty, is entitled to witness fee.

Most of the money received from fines, and forfeitures of bail, in cases of the violation of state motor vehicle laws and of state fish and game laws is remitted to the state authority concerned. By law the Town is entitled to the first \$5.00 of such fines and forfeitures and to 10% of the balance of the fine or forfeited bail.

## MUNICIPAL COURT OF HANOVER

Receipts and Expenditures for Calendar Year 1954

*Receipts*

Town of Hanover:			
Fines	1 247 50		
Bail forfeiture	150 50		
Civil Case Fees	14 00		
	<hr/>		1 412 00
Parking Tickets			985 50
New Hampshire State Motor Vehicle Dept.—Fines			981 00
New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission			288 00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS			3 666 50

*Expenditures*

Town of Hanover:			
Fines	1 247 50		
Bail Forfeitures	150 50		
Civil Case Fees	14 00		
	<hr/>		1 412 00
Parking Tickets			985 50
New Hampshire State Motor Vehicle Dept.—Fines			981 00
New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission			288 00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES			3 666 50

The fee, payable in advance, in "small claims cases" is \$1.90. Claims must not exceed \$60, exclusive of interest and the court fee. The "small claims law" is designed to facilitate the collection of small claims; the debtor receiving notice by registered mail in lieu of personal service by sheriff. No attorney is necessary. The creditor fills out a blank furnished by the Court.

There were 8 juvenile cases during the year.

DONALD L. STONE,  
*Justice*

## THE ETNA FIRE ASSOCIATION

The Etna Fire Association submits the following report as from August 1, 1953 to August 1, 1954.

Ten regular meetings have been held with an average attendance of 10 members. Our men have put two coats of paint on the interior of our station, greatly improving both for looks and light. Articles have been given that make it possible for us to serve feeds to men as the need may arise. From our personal fund we purchased an electric clock. That is much appreciated.

In April, 1954, our Department was guest of the Hanover Fire Department, at which time Fire Warden Howard Randall, (who is now a member of the Etna Fire Department), gave a very helpful talk on the mechanics of forest fire fighting. Eleven of our men were in attendance. We were treated most royally.

On October 31, our Association gave a party to all the young folks and their parents. Fun and frolic were enjoyed by a capacity number.

New men have come to join our Department, and were urgently needed. Some of our older men have asked to be excused from active duty, and, by vote, are automatically placed on the Honorary list.

Our expenses were somewhat more than we anticipated due to a large work bill; as we had many calls; an old truck that because of its condition, has become a problem of economy. At present we have no helmet hats. Rubber coats and boots are needed, and added equipment will be a must. We are asking for \$1,500 this year, feeling we owe to the Town's citizenry a reasonable preparedness for any emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

HARLEY H. CAMP, *Secretary*

## AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk, Judge of the Municipal Court, and Trustees of Trust Funds for the year ending December, 1954, and find them correct with disbursements supported by appropriate vouchers.

LOUIS O. FOSTER,  
LEROY G. PORTER,  
*Auditors*

## MARY HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

During the year January 1, 1954 through December 31, 1954 the Hanover Free Bed Fund in the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover New Hampshire rendered 106 days' service to 13 residents of the town of Hanover.

The charges at the minimum hospital rates for services rendered to these patients during the period amounted to \$835.79.

The allotment for the year was \$650.00. In addition the town of Hanover made a cash payment of \$17.75, making the net allotment \$667.75. Deducted from this figure was the service rendered for the year in the amount of \$835.79, showing an overuse in the amount of \$168.04 as of December 31, 1954.

WILLIAM L. WILSON,  
*Administrator*

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

January 1, 1955

During the past year, Hanover was fortunate in having no fires of any consequence, the only fires being very small and causing no damage. Several smokes were reported by the Mt. Cardigan look-out tower, but investigations proved them to be from legitimate causes.

During the year the warden and deputies took part in the regular Wardens' Training program, and also, worked out with the Civil Air Patrol. We found the CAP very cooperative, and used their services to excellent advantage in locating a reported smoke which could not be traced from the ground.

We appreciate the cooperation of the people of Hanover in obtaining the necessary permits before kindling fires. Several minor violations were encountered, but all parties concerned were cooperative when the laws and their purposes were explained.

The law on burning reads in part, "No person shall kindle a fire or burn any material in or near woodlands, pasture, brush, sprout, waste or cut-over lands, or where fire may be communicated to such lands, except when the ground is covered with snow,——". This law ap-

plies to all fires, including incinerators. Where incinerators are of relatively safe construction, a seasonal permit may be issued. However, if the incinerator is deemed to be of unsafe construction, a permit will be required for each separate use of such incinerator.

During the past year, a portable radio and two large capacity pumps were added to our forest fire fighting equipment. The radio is on the same frequency as the Hanover Fire Department, and can be used to good advantage in many situations. Through an allotment of Civil Defense funds, the Federal Civil Defense agency is sharing the cost of the radio with the Town. The two pumps are the property of the Hanover Improvement Society, which has given us the use of them for Forest Fire Work. Some conversion is needed to make them adapted to fire fighting usage, and we expect to have them ready by the spring fire season, in case of need.

With the assistance and cooperation of the people of Hanover, we can have a fire-free year. We do need your help—in obtaining permits before burning, in keeping under control fires for which permits are issued, and in reporting fires which are out of control and/or unattended. Any questionable smoke or fire should be reported immediately to the Warden, Deputy Warden, or Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD J. RANDALL,  
*Forest Fire Warden*

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL  
TOWN OF HANOVER

1954

*Financial Statement*

Town Funds Expended	399 27	
Cooperative Funds Expended	134 98	
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Total Expended		534 25
Received from Town	400 00	
Expended from Town Funds	399 27	
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Balance due Town		73
Area Worked	522 Acres	
Currant and Goosebery Bushes Destroyed	8 227	

WILLIAM H. MESSECK, JR.,  
*State Forester*

## REPORT OF TOWN NURSE

December 31, 1954

I made 1,052 visits during the year 1954. These visits included:

Crippled Children	13
Communicable Disease	1
Post Natal	115
Children under 1 month	108
Children over 1 month	28
Pre School Children	41
School Children	25
Adult	666
Persons not at home	55
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	1 052

An immunization and vaccination clinic was held in Etna in April. I plan to hold another clinic in Etna this spring.

I received \$5.00 from the Women's Club, and \$13.50 from the "Volunteers of America." This money was used for Welfare Services. The Salvation Army has also given me help for needy families.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. PATTEN,  
*Hanover Visiting Nurse*

REPORT OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
ACTIVITIES IN THE TOWN OF HANOVER

For the Year 1954

The New Hampshire Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Nursing, conducted a series of three clinics for children at the library at Etna, on the following dates—April 7, May 5, and May 26, 1954.

At these clinics, babies and children to eight years old were given the opportunity of having a physical examination, immunizations for diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, and smallpox vaccinations.

Dr. William Putnam and Dr. Marion Davies of Lyme serviced these clinics, and were assisted by the Local Visiting Nursing Association, Committee of Local ladies of the community and student nurses from Mary Hitchcock Nursing School.

	<i>Infants</i>	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>School Age</i>	
Number of children having physical examinations	35	2	33	
Total attendance at immunization and vaccination clinics	77	11	60	6
Immunizations Completed	71	7	60	4
Total vaccinations for smallpox	28	4	23	1

I wish to extend sincere thanks to the local visiting nurse, local committee of ladies, student nurses who assisted, for the use of the library, and any others who helped make these clinics a success.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS W. BARTON, *R.N.*  
*Public Health Nurse*  
*N. H. Dept. of Health*

## SCHOOL REPORT DELAYED

The annual report of the School District for the year 1955 will appear later as a separate report. This delay is caused by the many problems associated with the development of recommendations for an expansion of school building facilities.

S. J. STEBBINS,

*Chairman, School Board*

FIFTY-FOURTH

**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**OFFICERS**

OF THE

**VILLAGE PRECINCT**

OF

HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31,

**1954**



## OFFICERS OF THE PRECINCT OF HANOVER

*Moderator*

DONALD L. STONE

*Clerk*

I. N. BIELANOWSKI

## COMMISSIONERS

MARTIN L. LINDAHL (Term expires 1955)

GORDON H. GLIDDON (Term expires 1956)

JAMES CAMPION, JR. (Term expires 1957)

*Treasurer*

ETHEL C. BOND

*Building Inspector*

FRANCIS R. DRURY

*Auditor*

LOUIS O. FOSTER

*Park Commissioner*DONALD L. STONE  
(Term expires 1955)

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

CARLTON H. NOTT, *Chief*SYDNEY C. HAZELTON, *1st Asst.*ALBERT P. STEWART, *2nd Asst.*HOWARD J. RANDALL, *Capt.**Lieutenants*

GERALD WHEELER

HARRY WARE

JOHN RAND

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANDREW J. FERGUSON, *Chief*

DENNIS COONEY

ROLAND M. LEE

RALPH PROVENCHER

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*Milk Inspector and Health Officer*

DR. REGINALD K. HOUSE

DR. PHILIP O. NICE, *Asst.*

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

FRANK M. MORGAN, *Chairman*EDWARD S. BROWN, *Clerk*

LEWIS BRESSETT

FRED F. PARKER

KENNETH C. DIMICK

## WARRANT

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grafton, SS.

Town of Hanover

To the inhabitants of the Village Precinct, in the Town of Hanover, in the County of Grafton, in the State of New Hampshire; qualified to vote in Precinct affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the auditorium of the High School Building, in said Village, on Thursday, March 10, 1955, at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to act upon the following subjects:

*First:* To choose by ballot a Moderator to serve for one year.

*Second:* To choose by ballot a Clerk to serve for one year.

*Third:* To hear the report of the Precinct Commissioners, Treasurer, Auditor, and other Precinct Officers, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

*Fourth:* To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Precinct expenses for the ensuing year according to the proposed budget for 1955, including an item of \$1,600 from Highway Reserve, and make appropriation of the same.

*Fifth:* To choose by ballot a Treasurer and an Auditor, each to serve for one year; and one Park Commissioner and one Precinct Commissioner to serve for three years.

*Sixth:* To see if the Precinct will vote:

1. To authorize the Precinct Commissioners to complete the widening and reconstruction of Lebanon Street from South Main Street to the Precinct line, removing the trees when necessary, putting in proper drains and sidewalks where feasible, and putting in the

proper grade; the expense of this project to be borne by the Precinct with aid from state and federal funds.

2. To raise and appropriate \$60,800, in addition to the federal funds available, to finance the project, and for this purpose to authorize the Precinct Commissioners to borrow not exceeding \$60,-800 and to issue notes or bonds of the Precinct under and in accordance with the provisions of the Precinct charter and of the Municipal bonds statute, so-called, as amended, and whether the authority to fix the time and place of payment of principal and interest of said bonds or notes, the interest rate and principal amount of each of such bonds or notes, and the sale thereof, shall be delegated to the Precinct Commissioners.

3. To take any other action incidental to the foregoing.

*Seventh:* To see if the Precinct will vote to allow the taxpayer a discount of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent upon all Taxes, on real and personal property paid within fifteen days after the date of the tax bills, or on or before July 15, 1955, whichever is the later date.

*Eighth:* To see if the Precinct will vote to authorize the Precinct Commissioners to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Precinct obligations until the Taxes are collected and paid into the Treasury.

*Ninth:* To transact any other business that legally may be brought before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 23rd day of February, 1955.

MARTIN L. LINDAHL,  
GORDON H. GLIDDON,  
*Commissioners*

A true copy of Warrant, attest,

MARTIN L. LINDAHL,  
GORDON H. GLIDDON,  
*Commissioners*

Hanover, New Hampshire

March 11, 1954

A meeting of the voters of the Village Precinct of Hanover, New Hampshire was called to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Auditorium of the High School Building.

The Warrant was read by the Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. Donald L. Stone was elected Moderator for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 2. I. N. Bielanowski was elected Clerk for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 3. *Voted:* That the Precinct report as printed, including the reports of the Commissioners, the Treasurer, the Auditor and other Precinct Officers be accepted.

ARTICLE 4. *Voted:* That the Village Precinct of Hanover raise the sum of one hundred and eleven thousand, two hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$111,234) and appropriate said sum and all other moneys which may be paid into the Treasury, to defray the expenses of the Precinct for the year ending December 31, 1954, according to the budgets and reports as presented by the Commissioners, including an item of \$1,600 from Highway Reserve.

ARTICLE 5. (a). Ethel C. Bond was elected Treasurer for a term of one year.

(b). Louis O. Foster was elected Auditor for a term of one year.

(c). James Campion, Jr. was elected Precinct Commissioner for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 6. *Voted:* That the Precinct allow the Taxpayer a discount of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  percent upon all taxes on real and personal property

paid within fifteen days after the date of the tax bills or on or before July 15, 1954, whichever is the later date.

ARTICLE 7. *Voted:* That the Village Precinct Commissioners be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the Precinct obligations until the Taxes have been collected and paid into the Treasury.

ARTICLE 8. After a brief discussion of the use being made of some of the office space in the Precinct Building it was voted to adjourn the meeting.

I. N. BIELANOWSKI,  
*Clerk*

## CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	1954	1955
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Cash on Hand		
General	998 94	304 72
Accounts due Precinct		
Miscellaneous Accounts 1943		
(Maps on Consignment)	6 40	6 40
Miscellaneous Accounts 1950	279 50	279 50
Miscellaneous Accounts 1951	47 50	47 50
Miscellaneous Accounts 1952	19 93	17 78
Miscellaneous Accounts 1953	1 284 96	
Miscellaneous Accounts 1954		160 15
Materials and Supplies		
(Schedule A)	2 776 00	2 790 00
	5 413 23	3 606 05
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Notes outstanding (Schedule B)	138 500 00	119 500 00
<i>Excess of Liabilities over Current Assets</i>	133 086 77	115 893 95
<i>Capital Reserve Account</i>		
(Trustee of Trust Funds)		
Reserve for Highways	1 641 18	1 688 95
Reserve for Fire Equipment	1 646 86	1 698 48
<i>Sewer Construction Fund</i>		
Cash Balance	4 424 77	4 424 77
	7 712 81	7 812 20

## SCHEDULE OF PRECINCT PROPERTY

	1954	1955
<i>Land and Buildings</i>		
Municipal Buildings and Apartments, including Land	77 000 00	77 000 00
Storehouse and Sand Shed, including Land	7 500 00	7 500 00
Gould Farm	4 000 00	4 000 00
Sand Bank, Record Farm	2 700 00	2 700 00
Hall House	3 600 00	3 600 00
Gile Land		3 300 00
<i>Furniture and Apparatus</i>		
Municipal Building Equipment	2 000 00	2 000 00
Fire Department Equipment (Schedule C)	69 650 00	62 200 00
Fire Alarm System	8 893 00	8 893 00
<i>Highway Department Equipment</i>		
(Schedule D)	52 851 00	49 289 00
<i>Police Department Equipment</i>		
(Schedule E)	4 717 50	4 909 50
<i>Sewer Department</i>		
East Side Sewer	87 002 00	90 655 00
River Ridge	11 772 00	11 772 00
Storrs Road	4 452 00	4 452 00
Carter Street	2 376 00	2 376 00
<i>Other</i>		
Hanover Water Works Company	42 500 00	42 500 00
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	381 013 50	377 146 50

RECEIPTS 1954  
WITH  
BUDGET COMPARISONS

	Budget	Receipts	Proposed Budget
	1954	1954	1955
<i>Town of Hanover</i>			
Precinct Tax	111 234	111 234 00	117 210
Highway Tax	18 000	18 000 00	20 000
Police Services	500	500 00	500
Refund on Fires Outside Precinct	300	189 00	300
<i>Milk Licenses</i>	60	44 00	50
<i>Taxi Licenses</i>	65	60 00	60
<i>Bicycle Plates</i>	80	58 75	60
<i>Sale of Maps</i>	25	27 50	25
<i>Entertainment Licenses</i>	500	526 00	500
<i>Police Fees</i>	200	301 00	300
<i>Fire Department—Outside Fires</i>		44 00	
<i>Sale of Gravel</i>		58 40	
<i>Refund from State—Lebanon     St. Project</i>		2 193 25	
<i>Rentals</i>			
Municipal Building	2 600	2 600 00	2 600
Municipal Apartments	1 200	1 542 00	1 500
Hall Apartment	600	738 50	1 000
Gould Farm	600	800 00	600
<i>Sewer</i>	1 600	1 812 00	1 800
<i>Dividends</i>			
Hanover Water Works Co.	2 550	2 550 00	2 550

RECEIPTS 1954  
WITH  
BUDGET COMPARISONS  
(Continued)

	Budget 1954	Receipts 1954	Proposed Budget 1955
<i>Reserve for Highways</i>	1 600		1 600
<i>Use of Equipment</i>		279 20	
<i>Parking Meter Account</i>	8 500	8 492 22	8 500
<i>Loans</i>			
Temporary		88 500 00	
<i>Accounts Receivable</i>			
Miscellaneous—1954		9 400 11	160
Miscellaneous—1953	1 377	1 284 96	
Miscellaneous—1952	21	2 15	18
Miscellaneous—1951	84		48
Miscellaneous—1950	280		280
Balance from Previous Year	999	998 94	304
	152 975	252 235 98	159 965

DISBURSEMENTS 1954  
WITH  
BUDGET COMPARISONS

	Budget 1954	Expenses 1954	Proposed Budget 1955
<i>General Government</i>			
Administration	3 350	3 483 34	3 350
Printing, Postage & Telephone	500	494 65	500
Legal	500	352 09	500
Other	100	38 20	100
Engineering—Lebanon St. Project		2 271 25	
	<hr/> 4 450	<hr/> 6 639 53	<hr/> 4 450
<i>Police Department</i>			
Regular Service	16 100	16 090 80	18 850
Special Service	750	931 20	250
Insurance	400	437 32	500
Transportation	750	542 41	750
Uniforms	400	346 62	500
Postage, Telephone, & Telegraph	325	376 49	350
Bicycle Plates	150	96 03	100
Traffic Signs	200	393 55	500
Other	125	303 74	200
	<hr/> 19 200	<hr/> 19 518 16	<hr/> 22 000
<i>Fire Department</i>			
Services	12 000	11 459 85	12 000
Equipment: Repairs & Replacements	500	605 88	750
Alarm System Maintenance	200	168 82	200
Supplies	300	174 50	300
Insurance	750	793 13	800
Other	350	277 20	350
	<hr/> 14 100	<hr/> 13 479 38	<hr/> 14 400

DISBURSEMENTS 1954  
WITH  
BUDGET COMPARISONS  
(Continued)

	Budget 1954	Expenses 1954	Proposed Budget 1955
<i>Fire Hydrant Rentals</i>	4 700	4 680 00	7 200
<i>Health and Sanitation</i>			
Services—Health Officer	175	150 00	250
Dump	1 820	2 009 77	1 820
Other	125	81 82	125
	<hr/> 2 120	<hr/> 2 241 59	<hr/> 2 195
<i>Sewer Department</i>	800	868 00	800
<i>Highway Department</i>			
<i>Roads and Sidewalks</i>			
Ordinary Maintenance	21 500	24 225 03	22 000
New Roads and Drains	4 000	11 920 11	4 000
Reconstruction and Surfacing	6 080	3 040 00	6 080
Oiling	4 000	2 122 33	4 000
Snow Removal and Sanding	6 000	5 190 67	6 000
Equipment: Repairs and Replacements	2 000	2 671 52	2 500
Storehouse, Sand Shed, and Sand Bank	300	397 04	300
Supplies	1 200	1 370 57	1 200
Insurance	1 500	1 576 17	1 500
Other	200	231 75	200
	<hr/> 46 780	<hr/> 52 745 19	<hr/> 47 780
<i>Street Lighting</i>	8 000	7 770 49	9 000
<i>Meters</i>			
Maintenance and Additions	800	480 26	800
Dartmouth National Bank (Services)	400		400
	<hr/> 1 200	<hr/> 480 26	<hr/> 1 200

DISBURSEMENTS 1954  
WITH  
BUDGET COMPARISONS  
(Continued)

	Budget 1954	Expenses 1954	Proposed Budget 1955
<i>Municipal Building</i>			
Services and Supplies	2 500	2 567 50	2 500
Repairs and Betterment	500	304 63	500
Heat, Light, and Power	1 350	1 222 29	1 350
Insurance	420	356 88	400
Other	180	27 99	50
	4 950	4 479 29	4 800
<i>Municipal Apartments</i>			
Services and Supplies	125	66 00	125
Repairs and Betterment	200	50 62	300
Heat	800	716 68	800
Other	75	66 53	75
	1 200	899 83	1 300
<i>Gould Farm</i>	1 500	1 385 97	500
<i>Hall Apartments</i>			
Repairs	3 000	2 764 47	100
Insurance, Water, Sewer	100	56 33	100
	3 100	2 820 80	200
<i>Interest on Indebtedness</i>	3 400	3 608 66	3 200
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES</b>		121 617 15	

DISBURSEMENTS 1954  
WITH  
BUDGET COMPARISONS  
(Continued)

	Budget 1954	Expenses 1954	Proposed Budget 1955
<i>Work for Outside Parties</i>			
Accounts Receivable,			
Miscellaneous—1954		9 322 11	
Balance to be collected		160 15	
		<hr/> 9 482 26 <hr/>	
	<hr/> 115 500	<hr/> 131 099 41	<hr/> 119 025
<i>New Equipment</i>			
Police Department	500	467 52	850
Fire Department	1 000	735 00	1 850
Highway Department	400	815 39	4 500
	<hr/> 1 900	<hr/> 2 017 91	<hr/> 7 200
<i>Sewer Construction</i>	3 600	3 652 98	3 500
<i>Civil Defense</i>	175	52 00	240
<i>Care of Precinct Trees</i>	4 500	4 308 96	4 500
<i>Land for New Dump</i>	3 300	3 300 00	
<i>Payment on Indebtedness</i>			
Temporary	3 500	87 000 00	5 000
Other	20 500	20 500 00	20 500
	<hr/> 24 000	<hr/> 107 500 00	<hr/> 25 500
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	152 975	251 931 26	159 965
Balance Forward		304 72	
GRAND TOTAL	<hr/> 152 975	<hr/> 252 235 98	<hr/> 159 965

## PARKING METER ACCOUNT

TOTAL RECEIPTS—1954		8 892 22
Paid Dartmouth National Bank—		
Services	400 00	
Inspection and Maintenance	480 26	
Precinct General Fund	8 011 96	
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		<u>8 892 22</u>

## SEWER CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Received from Sewer Bonds		37 534 64
Expenditures—1952:		
Conant Road	285 24	
Carter Street	2 375 86	
Storrs Road	4 452 20	
Rip Road	14 224 38	
River Ridge	9 132 25	
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		30 469 93
Expenditures—1953:		
River Ridge		2 639 94
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		33 109 87
Balance, December 31, 1954		<hr/> <hr/>
		4 424 77

## SCHEDULE A

*Materials and Supplies*

Grease and Oil		125 00
614 Bags of Salt		668 00
Drain Pipes and Grates		1 551 00
Other Supplies		364 00
Tar and Asphalt		82 00
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		2 790 00

## SCHEDULE B

*Bonds and Notes Outstanding*

F. W. Horne and Company		
East Side Sewer Bonds		30 000 00
Fire Equipment Bonds		32 000 00
Sewer Notes		22 500 00
Highway Equipment Bonds		30 000 00
Dartmouth National Bank Note		5 000 00
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		119 500 00

## SCHEDULE C

*Fire Department Equipment*

Maxim Pumper No. 1	11 500 00
Maxim Pumper No. 2	14 500 00
Chevrolet Triple Combination No. 3	2 800 00
Ford Tank	200 00
Portable Pump	350 00
Panel	350 00
Trailer	100 00
Hose Dryer	400 00
Fire Hose, Extinguishers, Rubber Coats, Hats, Boots, and other equipment	3 500 00
Maxim Aerial Ladder Truck	28 500 00
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	62 200 00

## SCHEDULE D

*Highway Department Equipment*

Truck, Reo 1934, No. 1	250 00
Truck, Chevrolet 1941, No. 2	300 00
Truck, GMC 1941, No. 3	650 00
Truck, Chevrolet 1947, No. 4	1 000 00
Truck, Chevrolet 1949, No. 5	1 500 00
Truck, Chevrolet 1936, No. 6	100 00
Truck, Chevrolet 1950, No. 7 Pickup	600 00
Truck, Chevrolet 1947, No. 8	1 000 00
Cletrac Tractor, 1933, No. 1	100 00
Cletrac Tractor, 1939, No. 2	150 00
Ford Tractor, 1948, No. 3	700 00
Old Sweeper	10 00
2 Chip-it-over Sanders	150 00
2 Winter Sanders	50 00
2 Truck Plows	450 00
2 Sidewalk Plows	100 00
2 Old Road Machines	10 00
Tarvia Mixer	5 00
Steam Boiler and Truck	200 00

Wheel Dray	50 00
2 Pavement Plows	50 00
Air Compressor	60 00
Paint Sprayer	10 00
Austin Western Grader	14 200 00
Sicard Snow Loader	14 200 00
Elgin Sweeper	9 200 00
Ditch Pump	65 00
2 Loaders	600 00
Tar Pot	50 00
Mowing Machine	5 00
Road Hone	225 00
2 Hand Sprayers	5 00
Zone Line Marker	20 00
Set Sewer Rods and Truck	650 00
Small Road and Shop Tools	2 574 00
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	49 289 00

## SCHEDULE E

*Police Department Equipment*

4 Pair Peerless Handcuffs	40 00
1 Reising Sub-Machine Gun	50 00
1 Winchester Shot Gun 16 in. Barrel	20 00
4 Colt Police Service Revolvers	217 00
500 Rounds of .45 Cal. Tracer Ammunition	50 00
500 Rounds of .38 Cal. Ammunition	50 00
1 Sickening Gas Grenade	12 50
4 Tear Gas Grenades	50 00
1 1954 Chevrolet Patrol Car	1 800 00
1 Underwood Typewriter	100 00
2 Gas Lanterns	15 00
1 Police Short Wave Receiver	100 00
Uniforms	300 00
1 Tape Recorder	150 00
1 Radio Transmitter	1 260 00
1 Mobile Two-Way Radio	290 00
1 Handi Talki Radio	250 00

1 Hand-Carrying Spotlight	10 00
1 Fire Extinguisher	20 00
1 Camera	75 00
1 Pair Binoculars	50 00

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4 909 50

### TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1954

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1954 998 94

Received From:

Town of Hanover

    Taxes Collected 129 234 00

    Police Services 500 00

    Outside Fires 189 00

Sewer Rentals 1 812 00

Milk Licenses 44 00

Taxi Licenses 60 00

Bicycle Plates 58 75

Entertainment Licenses 526 00

Police Fees 301 00

Fire Department, Outside Calls 44 00

Rentals 5 680 50

Hanover Water Works Co. (Dividends) 2 550 00

Parking Meter Account 8 492 22

Sale of Maps 27 50

Accounts Receivable 13 218 07

Temporary Notes 88 500 00

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251 237 04

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252 235 98

Amount paid out as per

    Commissioners' orders 251 931 26

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1954 304 72

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252 235 98

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ETHEL C. BOND,  
*Treasurer*

## PARKING METER ACCOUNT

December 31, 1954

Received from Meters	8 492 22
Amount paid out as per Commissioners' orders	<u>8 492 22</u>

ETHEL C. BOND,  
*Treasurer*

## SEWER CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Balance on hand, January 1, 1954	4 424 77
Balance on hand, January 1, 1955	4 424 77

ETHEL C. BOND,  
*Treasurer*

## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

Hanover, New Hampshire  
February 4, 1955

I have examined the accounts of Gordon H. Gliddon, James Campion, Jr., and Martin L. Lindahl, Precinct Commissioners, for the period of one year, January 1, through December 31, 1954, and I find them to be correctly kept and supported by proper vouchers.

I have examined the accounts of Ethel C. Bond, Precinct Treasurer, for the year 1954, and I find them correctly kept and supported by proper vouchers.

LOUIS O. FOSTER,  
*Auditor*

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1955

To the Board of Precinct Commissioners of the Village Precinct  
of Hanover, New Hampshire:

*Roster of the Department:*

1. Andrew J. Ferguson, Chief  
Appointed March 31, 1941
2. Dennis J. Cooney, Patrolman  
Appointed July 4, 1945
3. Roland M. Lee, Patrolman  
Appointed November 16, 1949
4. Ralph J. Provencher, Patrolman  
Appointed April 1, 1951
5. Sten Olson, Patrolman  
Appointed September 1, 1951  
Assigned to School Patrol

*Special Officers*

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Robert Agan         | 19. Leath Henderson     |
| 2. Ernest Badger       | 20. George Jewett       |
| 3. Bryce Beattie       | 21. Richard Kaye        |
| 4. Oren Beckley        | 22. Francis LaBounty    |
| 5. Wilbert Bowen       | 23. Harold LaBounty     |
| 6. Rufus Bruce         | 24. Norman LaCroix      |
| 7. Harley Camp         | 25. Roger Lambert       |
| 8. Ernest Cilley       | 26. Dana Leavitt        |
| 9. John Connor         | 27. Levi LeMere         |
| 10. William Connor     | 28. Remembrance Martin  |
| 11. Gerald Duncan      | 29. Donald Michaud      |
| 12. Alfred Gauthier    | 30. Armand M. Normanden |
| 13. Dona J. Greenwood  | 31. James Ricard        |
| 14. Benjamin Griggs    | 32. Henry Richards      |
| 15. Norman Hackett     | 33. Richard Robbins     |
| 16. George O. Harrison | 34. Robert Saulter      |
| 17. James Hayes        | 35. Howard Shawney      |
| 18. Seymour Hazen      | 36. Francis Tuxbury     |

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 37. Clayton Shovan         | 40. Gilson A. Vanier |
| 38. Edgar R. Sorel         | 41. Freeman Wright   |
| 39. Benjamin Thompson, Jr. |                      |

In addition to the above list of Special Officers, it was necessary for the Department to hire one hundred and fifty four Officers from other Police Departments in the State of New Hampshire and Vermont to assist with handling the crowd and traffic for the special exercises at Commencement, House Party Weekends, Winter Carnival, Green Key, etc. This was done at no expense to the Precinct or the Town of Hanover.

### *Motor Vehicle Activities*

The following is an account of the various Motor Vehicle activities. In addition to the arrests and warnings the Department investigated 22 Automobile Accidents which include both the Precinct and Town of Hanover. Out of the 22 accidents, only 5 persons reported minor personal injuries. During the year no pedestrian accidents were reported to the Department. This report will, no doubt, place the Town of Hanover on the National Traffic Safety Honor Roll again this year.

	<i>Arrests</i>	<i>Warnings</i>
Accidents, Leaving Scene of		4
Accidents, Failed to Report		10
Careless and Negligent Operating	6	
Defective Brakes	1	5
Defective Equipment		15
Defective Lights		40
Defective Muffler		3
Failed to Display Red Flag on Truck		2
Failed to Furnish Financial Responsibility	2	
Failed to Inspect Vehicle	18	10
Failed to Keep Right of Yellow Line	4	5
Failed to Stop for an Officer	1	1
Failed to Observe Stop Sign	15	6
Failed to Carry Registration		3

Failed to Carry License		4
Failed to give Hand Signal		9
Misuse of Plates	2	
Obstructing Traffic		12
Operating after Suspension of License	3	
Operating on Sidewalk		10
Operating Under the Influence of Liquor	7	
Operated Unregistered Vehicle	19	
Operating Without a License	18	
Operating Overloaded Truck	1	1
Permitting Improper Person to Operate	4	2
Reckless Operating	2	
Road Racing		4
Speeding and Unreasonable Speed	60	80
Unnecessary Noise, Horn Blowing	5	10
Using Without Authority		1
Violation of Parking	*1202	65
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	1370	302

\*Indicates number of Motor Vehicle operators paying small fines for minor violations of traffic ordinances. These people were allowed, by permission of the Justice of the Hanover Municipal Court, to pay their fines to the Town Clerk at the time of the violation, rather than appear in court at a later date.

### *Criminal Activities*

The following 43 arrest figures pertain to persons arrested as a result of investigations made by the department; in each case the persons were found guilty, either by the Hanover Municipal Court, the Grafton County Superior Court, or turned over to other law enforcement agencies for prosecution. The investigations number 126 Criminal Cases, which the department made during the year. In the "Apprehended and Released" column are persons released without prosecution for reasons which the department felt were for the betterment of all concerned.

<i>Crime</i>	<i>Arrests</i>	<i>Investigation</i>	<i>Apprehended &amp; Released</i>
Assault & Battery	2	2	
Attempted Breaking and Entering		2	2
Attempted Larceny		3	3
Breaking, Entering, & Larceny	7	8	
Carrying Concealed Weapons		2	
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	1	1	
Destruction of Property		3	2
Disorderly Conduct	11	15	4
Discharging Firearms		10	10
Discharging Firecrackers	1	10	
Drunk & Disorderly	7	20	13
Embezzlement		1	1
Fishing in Restricted Waters	2	2	
Fraudulent Checks	1	10	5
Furnishing Liquor to Minors		1	1
Grand Larceny	1	3	1
Non-Support	1	4	2
Offensive Language	1	2	1
Petty Larceny	4	10	3
Receiving Stolen Property	1	2	1
Taking Deer by Artificial Light	2	2	
Throwing Rubbish in Street	1	2	1
Statutory Rape		1	1
Violation of Local Ordinances		10	10
All types, Fishing, Shooting, etc.			
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	43	126	61

The Department investigated many minor complaints which are too numerous to mention in this report. However, all complaints regardless of their nature, were investigated to the best ability of the Department. During the year seven missing persons were reported to the Department, and all were located with the exception of two adults.

*Commitment Cases*

To N. H. State Hospital at Concord, N. H.	2
To Private Institution at Brattleboro, Vt.	1
To Grafton County House of Correction	3
To Grafton County Jail	1
To Grafton County Farm	6
	13

*Automobiles*

Number of Automobiles reported stolen, 8; valuation	\$9 200
Number of Automobiles recovered, 8; valuation	\$9 200

*Bicycles*

Number of Bicycles registered in Precinct, 275	
Number reported lost or stolen, 44; valuation	\$1 100 00
Number recovered, 44; valuation	\$1 100 00

*Miscellaneous Articles*

Money, clothing, jewelry, etc., reported lost or stolen and returned to original owner all to the value of \$2 273 56

This figure also includes restitution collected for property damage and in many bad check cases

*Grand Total* \$12 573 56

This figure includes automobiles, bicycles, miscellaneous articles and restitution made to persons for losses of various kinds for which the Department takes credit for returning to the rightful owner.

*Miscellaneous Activities*

Transients—34 given a night's lodging. 264 doors and windows found unlocked. 72 street lights reported out. 28 homes checked during the absence of the owner.

There were 7 emergency cases transported to the hospital by the night officers. Twelve emergency messages delivered when no other means of communication was available.

Mileage—19,381 miles covered patrolling streets and town highways, checking vacant buildings, construction jobs, answering complaints, and various emergency work.

This report does not permit me to go into any greater detail with the many other frustrations of the department. However, I would like to say that I welcome the citizens of Hanover at any time for an inspection of our headquarters.

I feel, as the result of the efforts of the entire Police Department, this community maintains its high record of enforcement, and, once again, the overall crime picture in Hanover does not reflect the upswing in crime that seems to prevail in many other towns of equal size.

In the past several months a number of interested citizens have inquired about the juvenile delinquent problem in Hanover, and it was their belief that this problem was increasing at an alarming rate. In answer to this question, I feel the situation is well under control, and we have a relatively small number of juvenile cases.

The department has tried to keep up with a nation-wide training program of its personnel; during the past year the members attended several educational lectures, and a week's training school conducted by the F. B. I. on all phases of law enforcement.

In conclusion of this report, I would like to emphasize the fact that members of the department are working a minimum of 58 hours a week, and in many instances they actually work 70 hours per week. Therefore, it is my hope that another officer can be added to the force this coming year to reduce the hours to a 49 hour week.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. FERGUSON,  
*Chief of Police*

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1955

## CALLS

During the past year there was a total of 53 calls. Of these calls there were 13 bell alarms, 40 silent alarms, and 2 false alarms. Eight of these calls were outside the Precinct, and 2 were out of town.

Within the Precinct there were 2 serious fires, one of which involved an apartment house, and the other a dwelling house.

There were two fires in Etna, one on the side of Moose Mountain, and one on Rudsboro Road. In each of these fires the house was a total loss.

One of the out-of-town fires was in Lewiston, Vt., and caused the total loss of a storehouse. The other was a small grass fire on the West Lebanon Road.

## CHIEF CAUSES OF FIRES

The largest number of any one type of fire was due to the flooding of pot type oil burners and heaters.

In cases where permits were issued to individual citizens, no fire got out of control.

The Rules and Regulations concerning the building of fires out-of-doors is as follows:

"Section 6. No person shall burn or cause to be burned any trash, brush, leaves, straw or any other combustible material in the open without a written permit signed by the State or Town Forest Fire Warden and the Chief Engineer or an Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department, stating the time and place when such burning is to be permitted and the nature of the material to be burned; provided, however, that such material may be burned by any person on land owned or occupied by him in incinerators so constructed and operated as to prevent the ignition therefrom of other combustible material."

During the year 1954, the so-called incinerator law was a source of grave concern to Forest Fire Wardens and the Chiefs of the neighboring Fire Departments.

"Many incinerators which are constructed of a coarse, loosely woven wire mesh or of perforated sheet metal, which are, due to their construction or location, entirely unsafe receptacles in which to burn

rubbish. Such incinerators are the source of many fires and investigations.

These incinerators are of such unsafe construction that the building of a fire in them corresponds to igniting a fire in the open, which is prohibited by law without a permit from the Fire Warden or the Fire Chief. If, in the opinion of one of these officials, the burning of refuse in such an incinerator might be the source of a fire being communicated to other material or woodlands, he should refuse to issue a permit for such burning, until weather conditions, or changes made in the incinerator or its location, make such burning safe."

The preceding quotation is from the "Manual of the Forest Fire Service" of the State of New Hampshire, page 6.

Therefore, it is evident that, if you use an incinerator, you need a permit for its use, the same as you would if you built an open fire in your garden or any place on your property.

#### MEETINGS

Some members of the Board of Engineers, together with certain officers and members of the Hanover Volunteer Hose Co., attended meetings of the New Hampshire Chiefs Club, the Grafton-Sullivan Forest Fire Wardens Association, and also the sessions of the Fire Training schools.

The Fire Training School sessions were sponsored by the Twin State Fire Districts Association, and were held in Hanover, White River Junction, Woodstock, West Lebanon, and Hartland. Instruction by competent teachers was given in these subjects; First Aid and Rescue, Ladders, Pumps, Gas and Oil Fires, and Pump Relays.

Chief Nott attended the New England Chiefs convention at Wentworth-by-the-Sea.

Chief Nott and Warden Howard Randall attended the spring meeting of the State Federation of Forest Fire Wardens which was held at Rochester, N. H.

#### EQUIPMENT

The rolling stock of the Department is the same as last year, namely: one 75 foot aerial ladder, two 750 gallon pumpers, one Chevrolet truck, one Panel truck, one portable pump, and the use of a Navy type portable pump.

## IMPROVED PROTECTION IN THE COMMUNITY

The Department congratulates both dealers and builders for their continued cooperation in obtaining permits from Chief Nott when purchasing or installing oil burning equipment.

The Rules, Regulations, and the Penalty for Violation of said Rules and Regulations are as follows:

These rules and regulations require that a permit be obtained in order (1) to install oil burning equipment, and (2) to operate oil burning equipment. The permits may be obtained at the Fire Department headquarters, at no cost to the firm which installs the equipment, or to the operator.

“22. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS. Whoever shall violate any rule or regulation of the board issued pursuant to section 5 of paragraph 1, section 12, shall upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each offense. All penalties, fees or forfeitures collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the treasury of the State.”

Several meetings of the Rescue Squad were held during the winter, including Ice Rescue and other winter activities.

During the summer, six drills on the use of a boat in water rescue, and artificial respiration, were held at Storrs Pond. These drills were under the direction of Ass't Chief Sidney C. Hazelton and Dr. Lewis H. Lambert.

Two of the outdoor drills in the fall were held at the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, in order to familiarize the men of the Department with the valves of the water system of the plant, as well as the general layout of the hospital.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Engineers of the Hanover Volunteer Hose Company favor the establishment of a Radio Communication System for the fire departments of the Town and Precinct.

At the request of the Fire Commissioner and a member of the Board of Selectmen, a study of this problem was made by Prof. H. W. Curtis, a radio technician of the Thayer School of Dartmouth

College. A committee report has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners and the Selectmen.

The Board of Engineers further recommend the purchase of a Station Wagon to replace the Panel Truck—1939 model, which needs major repairs.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Among the various duties which the Department was called upon to perform during the year, should be mentioned the following; the removal of cats from trees, and using the ladder truck to aid in putting up Christmas decorations on the College campus and on Main Street.

In spite of the rainy weather, the Children's Christmas party was held according to schedule. A tarpaulin was spread over one of the pumps which kept the children dry during their ride around town to the Fire Station.

The arrival and departure of the Fire Truck at both the Grade School and the Fire Station was controlled by radio. This procedure enabled Santa Claus to greet his young friends in a more leisurely manner, and without causing them to stand in line in the cold, too long.

Santa's visit to the children in the hospital was a source of much happiness and pleasure to each and everyone of them. They enjoyed their gifts and light refreshments to the full.

On January 1, 1955, another call number was added to our alarm system. This number is 1-2-3, and has been assigned to Etna.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. NOTT, *Chief*

S. C. HAZELTON, *Assistant Chief*

A. P. STEWART, *Assistant Chief*

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1955

To the Commissioners of the Village Precinct of Hanover,  
New Hampshire:

	1953	1954
Total Calls	71	53
Bell Alarms	20	13
Silent Alarms	51	40
False Alarms	3	2
Calls, Defined and Compared with Last Year		
Out of Town	4	2
Out of Precinct	7	8
Precinct Alarms		
Chimney	4	5
Grass, Brush, and Leaves	4	5
Fraternity and College Buildings	4	2
Grease	0	0
First Aid and Life Saving	2	0
Automobiles	4	3
Woodland	2	1
Waste Material and Dump	9	3
Oil Burners and Heaters	5	7
Electric or Broken Wires	3	1
Lightning	1	0
Furnaces	0	2
Dwellings	4	1
Investigations	5	4
Miscellaneous	10	7
Amount of 2½ in. Hose laid in feet	6350	5200
Amount of 1½ in. Hose laid in feet	3150	3000
Amount of Booster Hose laid in feet	6775	5200
Amount of Ladders raised in feet	3490	1674
Total Miles Driven	4890	1932

## REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1955

To the Commissioners of the Village Precinct of Hanover,  
New Hampshire:

Gentlemen:

Hanover has had the following number of infectious diseases reported to the Health Department during the past year. Pneumonia (all types) fifty-two (52), Chicken Pox fifty-one (51), Streptococcic sore throats forty-three (43), Influenza thirty (30), Mumps ten (10), Poliomyelitis three (3), Measles two (2), and one each of Tuberculosis, German Measles, and Meningococcio Meningitis. December had the highest instance of virus pneumonia and influenza. There was an occasional sporadic case of scarlet fever.

It should be pointed out that many of the less serious infectious diseases are not seen by a physician and therefore, the figures above do not represent an accurate total of the contagious diseases in this community. There was no contagious disease of serious proportions in the past year.

There were three cases of poliomyelitis during 1954. Gamma globulin obtained from the State Department of Health was offered to all contacts and residents of a specific age group in the immediate neighborhoods. A total of one hundred-eleven injections were given. This was accomplished through the generous cooperation of the Doctors Colin Stewart, Ralph Hunter, Joshua Burnett, and their associates.

In conjunction with Mr. John Peck, regional inspector for the State Department of Health, we have periodically inspected the establishments dispensing food as well as investigated complaints relative to the health of the town. Corrective measures were taken when necessary. The water supply continues to be satisfactory as proved by periodic testing. The inspection of the dairies supplying milk to Hanover has continued under the supervision of Doctor Wilbur Collins. A total of 1050 milkers were examined in fifty-three herds. The appointment of Doctor P. O. Nice as assistant health officer to the

community has extended and complemented the activities of the Health Department.

The Health Department deeply regrets the death of Kenneth N. Atkins during the past year, who served faithfully as Health Officer for over twenty-five years.

Respectfully submitted,

REGINALD K. HOUSE, M.D.  
*Health Officer*







