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*Annual Report*

**of the Town of**

*Piermont, New Hampshire*



**For the Year Ending December 31, 1961**



# **Annual Report**

of the

## **Officers**

of the

## **Town**

of

# **PIERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**



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### TOWN OFFICERS

- Selectmen ..... Stephen L. Underhill  
William Putnam  
Martin H. Day
- Town Clerk ..... Meda L. Kinghorn
- Treasurer ..... William R. Deal
- Tax Collector ..... Meda L. Kinghorn
- Road Agent ..... Frank W. Rodimon
- Police ..... Remembrance L. Martin
- Supervisors ..... Harry R. Deal  
Arthur M. Evans  
Theodore Heath
- Trustees of Trust Funds ..... James L. Wilson  
Glen E. Perkins
- Auditors ..... Alice Heath  
Warren Martin

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### Library Trustees

- Mrs. Louise Horton ..... Term Expires 1962
- Mrs. Shirley Metcalf ..... Term Expires 1962
- Mrs. Helen Underhill ..... Term Expires 1963
- Mr. William R. Deal ..... Term Expires 1963
- Mrs. Eleanor Deal ..... Term Expires 1964
- Mrs. Caroline French ..... Term Expires 1964

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Piermont in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Piermont Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

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

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

3. To raise and appropriate money to maintain highways and bridges.

4. To raise and appropriate money for town road aid. A request has been made to spend it on East Piermont road.

5. To raise and appropriate money to maintain street lights and blinker.

6. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the Library.

7. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the Fire Department.

8. To raise and appropriate money for the relief of poor and old age assistance.

9. To raise and appropriate money for maintenance of cemeteries.

10. To raise and appropriate money for Memorial Day and choose committee for the same.

11. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

12. To raise and appropriate to the White Mountain Region Association for its program of advertising, etc., as a part of the cooperative investment by regional towns, an amount equal to 7c per \$1,000 of the assessed valuation of the Town for 1961.

**TOWN WARRANT — (Continued)**

13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to distribute the inventory blanks at the time they examine the taxable property.

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

15. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by Town through Tax Collector's Deeds or otherwise.

16. To see if the Town wishes to raise and appropriate money for Liability and Compensation Insurance.

17. To raise and appropriate money for Pine Blister Rust Control.

18. The Town has been petitioned to appoint a committee of three to establish a town dump and appropriate \$500 to cover expense of the same.

19. To see if the Town will vote to take over and maintain the private drive to Sirecho Shores Cottages as far as the Floyd Davis property.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for future use of the Fire Department.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

STEPHEN L. UNDERHILL,  
WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
MARTIN H. DAY,  
Selectmen of Piermont.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

STEPHEN L. UNDERHILL,  
WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
MARTIN H. DAY,  
Selectmen of Piermont.

## BUDGET FOR 1962

Town Charges	\$ 4,400.00
Town Maintenance of Highways and Bridges	5,500.00
Town Road Aid	276.34
Street Lights and Blinker	450.00
Library	1,000.00
Fire Department	1,200.00
Poor Relief	1,200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,600.00
Cemeteries	200.00
Memorial Day	150.00
White Mountain Region	150.00
Liability and Compensation Insurance	300.00
Pine Blister Rust	100.00
School	40,391.05
County Tax	3,200.00
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	\$ 60,117.39

Actual Rate, 1961 ..... \$ 4.00

Estimated Rate, 1962 .... 3.90

STEPHEN L. UNDERHILL,  
WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
MARTIN H. DAY,  
Selectmen of Piermont.

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

### Sources of Revenue

	Actual Revenue 1961	Estimated Revenue 1962
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 681.81	\$ 650.00
Savings Bank Tax	15.02	15.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Fed- eral forest lands	14.58	14.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	3.32	—
From Local Sources except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	174.50	170.00
Rent of Town Hall and Land	263.63	—
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	119.73	100.00
Income from Trust Funds	5,081.11	3,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,817.00	2,600.00
From Local Taxes other than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes, regular at \$2.00	314.00	350.00
Yield Taxes	481.86	300.00
Total Revenues from all Sources except Property Taxes	\$ 9,966.56	\$ 7,699.00
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes		52,418.39
Total Revenues		\$ 60,117.39

### Purposes of Expenditures

	Actual Expenses 1961	Estimated Expenses 1962
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,054.34	1,100.00
Election and Registration Expenses	37.00	350.00
Expenses Town Hall and other Town Buildings	1,612.79	1,450.00



**BUDGET — (Continued)**

**Purposes of Expenditures — (Continued)**

	<b>Actual Expenses 1961</b>	<b>Estimated Expenses 1962</b>
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Fire Department	2,251.44	1,200.00
Blister Rust	99.00	100.00
Insurance	259.11	300.00
Health: Vital Statistics	11.50	—
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance	5,923.56	5,500.00
Street Lighting	388.65	450.00
Town Road Aid	277.82	276.34
Library	1,000.00	1,000.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	1,183.16	1,200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,385.03	1,600.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	942.30	200.00
Advertising and Regional Assns.	100.00	150.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:		
Long Term Notes	7,866.00	—
County Taxes	3,288.00	3,200.00
School Taxes	39,674.35	40,391.05
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Total Expenditures	\$ 68,854.05	\$ 60,117.39

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Lands and Buildings		\$ 1,271,050.00
House Trailers	10	16,500.00
Electric Plants		26,130.00
Stock in Trade		9,500.00
Horses, Asses and Mules	23	1,770.00
Cows	835	105,470.00
Other Neat Stock	114	12,605.00
Sheep and Goats	10	200.00
Fowls	225	125.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		1,945.00
Road Building and Construction Machinery		1,400.00
Total Gross Valuation before exemptions allowed		\$ 1,446,695.00
Less: Veterans' exemptions		33,900.00
Net Valuation		\$ 1,412,795.00

Conn. Valley Electric	\$ 21,120.00
N. H. Electric Coop.	5,010.00
Total	\$ 26,130.00

Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans \$ 33,900.00

Number of inventories distributed	224
Number of inventories returned	118
Number of veterans receiving property exemption	30
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	54

STEPHEN L. UNDERHILL,  
WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
MARTIN H. DAY,  
Selectmen of Piermont.

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES**  
**ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1961**

**Town of Piermont, New Hampshire**

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,100.00
Election and Registration Expenses	50.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	1,350.00
Fire Department	1,200.00
Blister Rust	100.00
Insurance	300.00
Town Maintenance	5,500.00
Street Lighting	550.00
Town Road Aid	277.82
Library	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	1,800.00
Public Relief	500.00
Memorial Day	150.00
Swimming Pool	200.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Painting Library and Fire Dept. Building	700.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	100.00
Payment on Debt	2,500.00
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Total Town Appropriations	\$ 18,977.82
County Tax	3,288.00
School Tax	42,064.37
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Total Town, County and School Appropriations	\$ 64,330.19

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 681.81
Savings Bank Tax	15.02
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	500.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	100.00
Dog Licenses	170.00

**APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED — (Continued)**

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,550.00
Income from Trust Funds	3,300.00
195 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	390.00
Cash Surplus	250.00
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Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 7,956.83
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	\$ 56,373.36
Plus Overlay	138.44
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Amount to be raised by Property Taxes	\$ 56,511.80

Tax Rate, approved by Tax Commission — \$ 4.00

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
of the Town of Piermont in Grafton County  
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1961

**Assets**

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$ 11,225.74
Bounties due to Town from State	83.50
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1960	351.07
Levy of 1959	736.71
Previous Years	194.50
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1961	6,565.20
Levy of 1960	2.00
Levy of 1959	4.00
State Head Taxes — Levy of 1961	275.00
State Head Taxes — Previous Years	35.00
Yield Tax — 1961	150.83
	\$ 19,623.55
Total Assets	\$ 19,623.55

**Liabilities**

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes	\$ 610.00
Yield Tax	25.14
Due to School:	
Balance of Appropriation	14,564.37
	\$ 15,199.51
Total Liabilities	\$ 15,199.51
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	4,424.04
	\$ 19,623.55
Grand Total	\$ 19,623.55

Surplus, December 31, 1960	\$ 245.30
Surplus, December 31, 1961	\$ 4,424.04

## UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

### Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, 1961	\$ 49,416.60
Poll Taxes, 1961	314.00
Yield Taxes, 1961	481.86
State Head Taxes at \$5.00, 1961	985.00

Total Current Year's Taxes  
collected and remitted \$ 51,197.46

Property Taxes and Yield Taxes, previous years	5,514.18
Poll Taxes, previous years	78.00
State Head Taxes at \$5.00, previous years	225.50
Interest received on Taxes	119.73
Tax Sales redeemed	414.22

From State:

Yield Taxes, previous years	856.67
Town Road Aid	1,852.14
Interest and Dividends Tax	681.81
Savings Bank Tax and Building & Loan Association Tax	15.02
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest lands	14.58
Fighting forest fires	3.32

From Local Sources except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	174.50
Rent of Town Property	263.63
Income from Trust Funds	5,081.11
Motor Vehicle Permits	2,817.00

Total Current Revenue Receipts \$ 69,308.87

Receipts other than Current Revenue:

Income from Cemetery Funds	\$ 720.51
Other income	708.50
Gravel	39.60

Total Receipts other than Current Revenue 1,468.61

Total Receipts from All Sources \$ 70,777.48  
Cash on hand January 1, 1961 12,823.60

Grand Total \$ 83,601.08

**UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION — (Continued)**

**Payments**

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,350.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,054.34
Election and Registration Expenses	37.00
Expenses Town Hall and other buildings	1,612.79
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police Department	34.00
Fire Department, including forest fires	2,251.44
Blister Rust	99.00
Insurance	259.11
Bounties	83.50
Health: Vital Statistics	11.50
Highways and Bridges:	
Town Maintenance	3,431.30
Street Lighting	388.65
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	2,492.26
Library	1,000.00
Public Welfare:	
Old Age Assistance	1,385.03
Town Poor	1,183.16
Memorial Day	150.00
Cemeteries	942.30
Unclassified:	
Advertising & Regional Associations	100.00
Taxes bought by Town	413.66
Other unclassified	800.00
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$ 19,079.04
Notes and Interest	7,866.00
Outlay for Permanent Improvements:	
Painting Library and Fire Dept. Bldg.	1,317.39

## UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION — (Continued)

### Payments — (Continued)

#### Payments to other Governmental Divisions:

State Head Taxes paid State Treas.	\$ 1,014.00
Payment to State a/c Yield Tax	
Debt retirement	136.56
Taxes paid to County	3,288.00
Payments to School Districts	39,674.35

Total Payments to other Govt. Divisions 44,112.91

Total Payments for All Purposes \$ 72,375.34

Cash on hand, December 31, 1961 11,225.74

Grand Total \$ 83,601.08

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### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Building	\$ 15,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Library, Lands and Building	9,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Fire Department, Land, Building and Equipment	3,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,000.00
Equipment	8,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	7,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	50.00
	<u>\$ 48,050.00</u>



## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

### Wages, 1961

Frank W. Rodimon, wages	\$ 1,055.01
Frank W. Rodimon, truck	1,520.48
Frank W. Rodimon, tractor	210.00
Clinton Stetson, wages	81.50
John B. Simpson, wages	89.65
Bradley Simpson, wages	87.90
Everett Jesseman, wages	142.95
Charles Webster, wages	9.90
Duncan Campbell, wages	152.20
Earl Gove, wages	8.50
John Sprague, wages	6.50
Floyd Smith, wages	8.80
Stephen Underhill, wages	47.15
Glen Perkins, wages	14.10
Vern Weaver, wages	9.90
Rodney Gardner, wages	8.25
Lawrence Underhill, wages	3.30
Theodore Heath, wages	11.55
Timothy Cole, wages	84.00
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	\$ 3,551.64

### Expenses, 1961

Interstate Equipment Co., blades and filter	\$ 92.03
Hazen's Service Station, fuel oil	61.58
Albert Clayburn, shoveling walks	33.58
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co., freight	2.64
Earl Gove, shoveling walks	5.50
International Salt Co., 16 tons salt	329.28
Conn. Valley Electric Co., Town barn lights	24.00
Woodrow Noyes, oil and anti-freeze	22.20
Grafton Fuel Co., fuel oil	26.85
Paige Welding Co., welding bridges	95.60
Donald Tatham, 2003 ft. planks	152.25
Kenneth Whitcher, 364 ft. planks	27.30
B. & M. Railroad, 330 ft. rails	134.07
Wood Bros., 2208 ft. planks	150.08
Gould's Country Store, shovels, spikes and bolts	27.29
Theodore Heath, gravel	50.50

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT — (Continued)

Expenses — (Continued)

New England Culvert Co., 40 ft. of 12 in. culvert	89.67
Blaktop, Inc., cold patch	446.25
Glen Perkins, plowing	7.50
Burgess Metcalf, 155 yd. sand	15.50
New Hampshire Bituminous Co., asphalt	556.87
Stephen Underhill, trucking	13.90
Glen Oakes, man and tractor	15.00
Carmen Genovese, trucking	18.00
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	\$ 2,397.44

**STATEMENT OF ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN  
ON TREASURER**

**Town Officers' Salaries**

Selectmen:		
Stephen L. Underhill	\$	171.00
William Putnam		175.00
Martin H. Day		124.00
Martin H. Day, bookkeeping		100.00
Town Clerk:		
Meda L. Kinghorn		300.00
Treasurer:		
William R. Deal		100.00
Tax Collector:		
Meda L. Kinghorn		275.00
Auditors:		
James T. Brewer		20.00
Trustees of Trust Funds:		
James L. Wilson		75.00
Health Department:		
Louise Rodimon		10.00
	—————	\$ 1,350.00

**Town Officers' Expenses**

Bradford National Bank, service charge	\$	17.50
Assessors Association, dues		3.00
Ida H. Rowell, collector's dues		3.00
Charles Hardy, Town Clerk's dues		3.00
Branham Publishing Co., auto book		5.35
Martina Stever, typing		10.00
James Brewer, Auditor's expense		8.57
Floyd Smith, envelopes and postage		39.96
Charles Wood, property transfers		8.76
Martin Day, town reports and expenses		44.38
William Putnam, use of car and expense		10.50
Stephen L. Underhill, use of car & expense		4.00
William R. Deal, expense		20.00
Anna Proctor, name transfers		.30
Green Mt. Press, printing town reports		321.60
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags		8.13
Taylor-Palmer, bonds		155.82
Sargent Bros, tax bills		12.50
Elder's Garage		4.00

**SELECTMEN'S ORDERS — (Continued)**

**Town Officers' Expenses — (Continued)**

Secretary of State, book	12.00	
Meda Kinghorn, office rent	100.00	
Meda Kinghorn, auto permits	187.00	
Meda Kinghorn, expense	22.92	
Meda Kinghorn, collecting head tax	36.15	
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	15.90	
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**Election**

Meda Kinghorn	\$ 5.00	
Arthur M. Evans	5.00	
Theodore Heath	13.00	
Harry R. Deal	14.00	
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**Town Hall**

Woods Brothers	\$ 3.87	
Grafton Fuel Company	41.10	
Taylor-Palmer	22.04	
Conn. Valley Electric Co.	116.48	
Floyd L. Smith	47.00	
George Quig, insurance	205.92	
Gould's Country Store, paint & supplies	219.98	
George L. Webster	253.02	
Glen Perkins	280.65	
Perry's Oil Service	422.73	
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**Police**

R. L. Martin		34.00
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**Fire Department**

Grafton Fuel Co., coal	\$ 255.20	
Taylor-Palmer, insurance	9.00	
Gorham Fire Equipment	379.95	
Sudbury Laboratory, supplies	12.50	
Hazen's Garage	9.63	
Farrar Company, repairs on pump	136.20	

**SELECTMEN'S ORDERS — (Continued)**

**Fire Department — (Continued)**

Glen Perkins, snow	28.77	
George L. Webster	125.00	
Floyd L. Smith, fires and expense	295.50	
Bradford Fire Department	351.00	
North Haverhill Fire Department	228.69	
Haverhill Fire Department	420.00	
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**Blister Rust Control**

State of New Hampshire		99.00
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**Bounties**

Selectmen		83.50
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**Liability and Compensation Insurance**

Taylor-Palmer Insurance Agency		259.11
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**Vital Statistics**

Meda Kinghorn		11.50
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**Unclassified**

Frank Rodimon	\$ 4.00	
Church	4.00	
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**Painting**

Glen Perkins	\$ 854.88	
Gould's Country Store	462.51	
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**Highways and Bridges**

Frank Rodimon	\$ 3,431.30	
Expenses	2,492.26	
	<hr/>	5,923.56

**SELECTMEN'S ORDERS — (Continued)**

**Street Lights**

Street Lights and Blinker 388.65

**Library**

William R. Deal 1,000.00

**Public Welfare**

Old Age Assistance	\$ 1,385.03	
Public Relief	1,183.16	
	<hr/>	2,568.19

**Memorial Day**

Edgar Musty 150.00

**Cemeteries**

Joseph Clayburn, labor and car	\$ 300.50	
George L. Webster	195.55	
Hazen's Garage	11.36	
Glen Perkins	172.30	
Gould's Country Store	214.59	
Alfred Stevens	15.00	
Shearer's Greenhouses	15.00	
Connecticut Valley Electric Co.	18.00	
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**Regional Association**

White Mountain Region 100.00

**Taxes Bought by Town**

Tax Collector 413.66

**Town Notes**

Bradford National Bank, T. R. A. note	\$ 2,691.00	
Bradford National Bank, grader note	5,000.00	
Bradford National Bank, interest	175.00	
	<hr/>	7,866.00

**SELECTMEN'S ORDERS — (Continued)**

**State and County**

County Tax	\$ 3,288.00	
Head Tax	1,014.00	
Yield Tax	136.56	
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**School**

School District		39,674.35
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Total Payments		\$ 72,375.34

STEPHEN L. UNDERHILL,  
WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
MARTIN H. DAY,  
Selectmen of Piermont.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS  
AND EXPENDITURES**

**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1961**

	Approp.	Receipts	Exp.	Bal. Unex.	Over- drawn
Town Charges	\$ 4,000.00	\$ —	\$ 4,054.13	\$ —	\$ 54.13
Highways & Bridges	5,500.00	—	5,923.56	—	423.56
Town Road Aid	277.82	—	277.82	—	—
Liab. & Comp. Ins.	300.00	—	259.11	40.89	—
St. Lights & Blinker	550.00	—	388.65	161.35	—
Memorial Day	150.00	—	150.00	—	—
Library	1,000.00	—	1,000.00	—	—
Fire Department	1,200.00	—	2,251.44	—	1,051.44
Public Relief	500.00	—	1,183.16	—	683.16
Old Age Assistance	1,800.00	—	1,385.03	414.97	—
County Tax	3,288.00	—	3,288.00	—	—
Swimming Pool	200.00	—	—	200.00	—
White Mt. Region	100.00	—	100.00	—	—
Blister Rust	100.00	—	99.00	1.00	—
Cemeteries	100.00	720.51	942.30	—	121.79
Painting Library & Fire Dept.	700.00	—	1,317.39	—	617.39
	\$19,765.82	\$ 720.51	\$22,619.59	\$ 818.21	\$2,951.47
					818.21
Net overdraft of Appropriations					\$2,133.26



**TREASURER'S REPORT — 1961**

Balance on hand, January 1, 1961 \$ 12,823.60

Received from Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits, 1961	\$ 2,793.23	
Motor Vehicle Permits, 1962	23.77	
Dog Licenses	174.50	
		2,991.50

Received from Tax Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 54,930.78	
Head Taxes	1,190.00	
Head Tax Penalties	20.50	
Poll Taxes	392.00	
Interest	119.73	
Yield Taxes	1,338.53	
Tax Sales Redeemed	414.22	
		58,405.76

Received from Trustees of Trust Funds:

Clark Fund - Dividends and Interest	\$ 3,205.43	
Clark Fund - Capital Gain	1,875.68	
Cemetery Funds - Dividends	555.46	
Cemetery Funds - Capital Gain	163.05	
		5,799.62

Received from State Treasurer:

T. R. A.	\$ 1,852.14	
Forest Service	3.32	
Interest and Dividends Tax	681.81	
Savings Bank Tax	15.02	
Reimbursement - State Forest Lands	14.58	
Gravel purchased from Town	39.60	
		2,606.47

Income from Other Sources:

Sale of Town Histories	\$ 30.00
Wood on Town Lot	11.00
Rent of Town Land	50.00
Sale of Tar	82.50
Use of Town Hall	30.00
Sarah Moore Lease	10.00
Hay on School Lots	150.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT — (Continued)**

Taylor-Palmer Agency - Insurance Refund	10.00	
Road Agent Refund	400.00	
Town of Wentworth - Plowing Roads	23.63	
Care of Cemetery Lot	2.00	
Traveller's Insurance Co. - Damage to Bridge	175.00	
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Total Receipts for 1961		\$ 83,601.08
Less Expenses		<hr/> - 72,375.34
Balance, December 31, 1961		\$ 11,225.74

WILLIAM R. DEAL,  
Treasurer.

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### Levy of 1961

Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 56,501.80	
Poll Taxes	400.00	
Total Warrant		\$ 56,901.80
Yield Taxes		632.69
Added Taxes		46.00
Interest Collected		.40
Total Debits		\$ 57,580.89

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 49,416.60
Poll Taxes	314.00
Yield Taxes	481.86
Interest	.40

Abatements 652.00

Uncollected, December 31, 1961:

Property Taxes	6,477.20	
Poll Taxes	88.00	
Yield Taxes	150.83	
Total Credits		\$ 57,580.89

### Levy of 1960

Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 1960:

Property Taxes	\$ 5,514.18
Poll Taxes	78.00
Yield Taxes	856.67
	\$ 6,448.85

Interest collected during year 119.33

    Total Debits \$ 6,568.18

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 5,514.18
Poll Taxes	76.00
Yield Taxes	856.67
Interest	119.33

Uncollected as per List 2.00

    Total Credits \$ 6,568.18

MEDA L. KINGHORN,  
Tax Collector.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT — (Continued)**

**Summary of State Head Taxes**

**Levy of 1961**

Original Warrant	\$ 1,265.00	
Added Taxes	5.00	
Total Commitment	<u>1,270.00</u>	\$ 1,270.00
Total Debits		\$ 1,270.00
Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 985.00	
Abatements	10.00	
Uncollected Taxes as per List	275.00	
Total Credits	<u>1,270.00</u>	\$ 1,270.00

**Levy of 1960**

Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 1960	\$ 225.00	
Penalties Collected	20.50	
Total Debits	<u>245.50</u>	\$ 245.50
Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 225.50	
Abatements	5.00	
Uncollected as per List	15.00	
Total Credits	<u>245.50</u>	\$ 245.50

**Uncollected for Other Years**

1959 Levy	\$ 15.00
1958 Levy	5.00

MEDA L. KINGHORN,  
Tax Collector.

**Report of Unredeemed Sales**

Total Unredeemed Taxes, Dec. 31, 1960	\$ 1,240.54	
Taxes sold to Town at Tax Sale, Sep- tember 15, 1961	413.66	
Interest Collected after Sale	42.30	
	<u>1,696.50</u>	\$ 1,696.50
Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 414.22	
Unredeemed, December 31, 1961	1,282.28	
	<u>1,696.50</u>	\$ 1,696.50

MEDA L. KINGHORN,  
Tax Collector.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### Debits

Auto Permits, 1960	\$ 58.26	
Auto Permits, 1961	2,734.97	
Auto Permits, 1962	23.77	
74 Male Dogs	148.00	
4 Female Dogs	20.00	
1 Female Dog (½ year)	2.50	
1 Kennel License	20.00	
	—————	\$ 3,007.50

### Credits

Receipts to Treasurer, auto permits	\$ 2,817.00	
Receipts to Treasurer, dog licenses	174.50	
Fees retained — dog licenses	16.00	
	—————	\$ 3,007.50

MEDA L. KINGHORN,  
Town Clerk.

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## AUDITORS' REPORT

We certify that we have examined the Accounts of the Officers of the Town of Piermont for the year ending December 31, 1961, and find them correctly kept, with proper vouchers for all payments.

WARREN H. MARTIN,  
ALICE HEATH,  
Auditors of Piermont.

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Financial Report — December 31, 1961

Balance, January 1, 1961 \$ 43.15

Receipts:

Town Treasurer	1,000.00
Grace Mattoon Memorial Fund	323.48
Miscellaneous	80.44
Total	<u>\$ 1,447.07</u>

Expenditures:

Books	\$ 580.95
Magazines	89.98
Librarians	325.00
Clerk of Mattoon Fund	25.00
Insurance	15.00
Conn. Valley Electric Co.	29.65
Perry's Oil Service	113.32
Postage and Telephone	11.81
Supplies	66.27
Bradford National Bank, safe deposit box and service charge	10.50
Trustees' Expenses	26.50
Repairs (to furnace)	62.84
Total	<u>\$ 1,356.92</u>

Balance, January 1, 1962 \$ 90.15

WILLIAM R. DEAL, Treas.,  
Piermont Public Library.

PIERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY — (Continued)

Library Report — 1961

Total circulation of books and magazines	14,316
Adult Fiction	3,396
Adult Non-fiction	1,566
Juvenile Fiction	4,677
Juvenile Non-fiction	1,506
Magazines	2,652
Juvenile Magazines	519
New Books Purchased	230
Gift Books	22
Adult Magazine Subscriptions	24
Juvenile Magazine Subscriptions	6
Gift Magazine Subscriptions	11

1961 has been an outstanding year for the Piermont Public Library.

Early in the year it was announced by the State Library that the Grafton Co-operative group of Libraries, comprising Woodsville, Haverhill, Piermont, Orford, Orfordville and Lyme Libraries, had been awarded a Dorothy Canfield Fisher prize of \$1,000.00 to be spent for books to be owned collectively. This award was presented during National Library Week by Governor Wesley Powell at a luncheon for over two hundred held on April 20th at the Concord Armory at which these Libraries were honored. Mrs. Stephen Underhill, Mrs. Chester French, Mrs. Harry Deal, William Deal; Library Trustees; and Mrs. Meda Kinghorn, Town Representative, attended from Piermont.

During 1961 the Library was painted, a much needed improvement both for the Library and for High Street as well, and, to complete the picture, an artistic Piermont Public Library sign was placed on the Library grounds. This was a gift of Mrs. Mary Babbitt, and was designed by her daughter, Mrs. Philip Robinson.

Piermont now purchases most of its books through the State Library and the plan is most satisfactory, giving a larger discount and saving mailing costs. The Community Meetings at which new books to be considered for purchase are displayed by a State Librarian are helpful and interesting.

Two Memorial Books have been bought; "Living Free", a Florence Chase Memorial gift, and "Wild Flowers of North America" given in memory of Mrs. Edith Kleinlein by Mrs. H. Raymond Johnson, her friend of many years at The Robbins.

From the Bookmobile, we have borrowed during the year 275 adult fiction, 397 adult non-fiction and 942 juvenile books, a total of 1,614.

The large, sturdy table in the Library — so useful for book displays — was given us by Floyd Smith.

As always, the Trustees are grateful for the generous support of the Town and for the continuing kindness of our many friends.

ELEANOR D. DEAL,  
Librarian.

WILLIAM R. DEAL,  
Asst. Librarian.



# **Annual Report**

**of the**

## **School Board**

**of**

## **Piermont School District**

**for the**

## **Fiscal Year**

**July 1, 1960 - June 30, 1961**

# ORGANIZATION OF PIERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## School Board

Roger Jesseman, Chairman  
George F. Ritchie  
Mrs. Lillian Swain

### Moderator

James Wilson

### Truant Officer

Floyd Smith

### Clerk

Caroline French

### Health Officer

Louise Rodimon

### Treasurer

Meda L. Kinghorn

### Auditors

Bertha Manchester  
William R. Deal

## Superintendent of Schools

Phil A. Bennett

## Teachers

Donald White, Principal, Grades 7-8  
Mrs. Shirley Metcalf, Grades 5-6  
Mrs. Evelyn Howe, Grades 3-4  
Mrs. Marion Burley, Grades 1-2

## Music Supervisor

Mrs. Charlotte Wilson

## School Nurse

Mrs. Muriel LaMott, R. N.

## Transporter

William Hazen

## Janitor

George Webster

## SCHOOL WARRANT

### The State of New Hampshire

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 13th day of March, 1962, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose agents, auditors, and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the support of the school lunch program for the ensuing year.
10. To see if the district will vote to authorize the application of any unanticipated income to expenses.

**SCHOOL WARRANT — (Continued)**

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

Given under our hands at said Piermont this 14th day of February, 1962.

ROGER W. JESSEMAN,  
GEORGE F. RITCHIE,  
LILLIAN SWAIN,  
School Board of Piermont.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

ROGER W. JESSEMAN,  
GEORGE F. RITCHIE,  
LILLIAN SWAIN,  
School Board of Piermont.

## COMPARATIVE BUDGET

### School District of Piermont

	Financial Report 1960-1961 Expenditures	Adopted Budget 1961-62	Estimated Expenditures 1961-62	Proposed Budget 1962-1963
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>				
*Salaries of Dist. Officers	\$ 363.00	\$ 368.00	\$ 368.00	\$ 368.00
*Superintendent's Salary	412.18	465.66	465.66	331.20
*Tax for State-wide Supervis'n	192.00	202.00	210.00	184.00
*Salaries of other Adminis- trative Personnel	367.00	397.83	397.83	411.60
*Supplies and Expenses	599.49	323.27	323.27	310.35
<b>INSTRUCTION:</b>				
Principal's & Teachers' Salaries	16,842.24	16,952.48	16,552.48	17,300.00
Books & Other Aids	326.48	350.00	350.00	350.00
Scholars' Supplies	461.67	756.94	756.94	766.87
Supplies & Other Expenses	38.28	65.00	50.00	50.00
<b>OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:</b>				
Salaries of Janitors	1,201.45	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Fuel or Heat	303.40	300.00	300.00	300.00
Water, Lights, Supplies	381.68	350.00	350.00	350.00
<b>MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:</b>				
Repairs & Replacements	623.33	1,000.00	1,650.00	800.00
<b>AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:</b>				
Health Supervision	350.83	366.68	366.68	360.12
Transportation, H. S.	11.00	33.50	33.50	88.00
Transportation, Elem.	4,453.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Tuition, H. S.	10,136.78	14,400.00	11,870.00	13,520.00
Special Activities, etc.	72.86	100.00	75.00	75.00
School Lunch	2,124.81	1,500.00	1,500.00	—
<b>FIXED CHARGES:</b>				
*Retirement	1,175.77	926.27	909.57	938.58
Social Security	—	295.98	289.25	360.80
Insurance, Treas. Bonds, etc.	164.60	289.98	294.98	104.00
<b>CONTINGENCY FUND</b>	—	1,000.00	—	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$40,601.85</b>	<b>\$45,243.59</b>	<b>\$41,913.16</b>	<b>\$42,768.52</b>

## COMPARATIVE BUDGET — (Continued)

\* The starred items are required by law to be raised as determined by the proper authorities. The district determines the salaries of the district officers. The supervisory union board decides the local share of the superintendent's salary and other union expenses. The supervisory union's share of the Superintendent's salary for 1962-1963 is \$5,355.00 with \$1,250.00 allowed for travel. The State Treasurer reports the amount of the per capita tax. The retirement board assesses the amount of the teachers' retirement.

### Receipts

	<b>Financial Report 1960-1961 Receipts</b>	<b>Adopted Budget 1961-62</b>	<b>Estimated Receipts 1961-62</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 1962-1963</b>
Balance on hand	\$ 6,902.96	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,825.75	\$ 2,000.00
Federal Aid	586.39	128.47	128.47	127.47
Elem. School Tuition	550.20	—	—	—
High School Tuition	181.20	—	—	—
Trust Funds	275.95	225.00	225.00	250.00
Other Income	2.79	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS OTHER THAN TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 8,499.49</b>	<b>\$ 1,353.47</b>	<b>\$ 3,179.22</b>	<b>\$ 2,377.47</b>
<b>DISTRICT ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>37,174.35</b>	<b>43,890.12</b>	<b>42,064.37</b>	<b>40,391.05</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION VOTED BY DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$45,673.84</b>	<b>\$45,243.59</b>	<b>\$45,243.59</b>	<b>\$42,768.52</b>

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report of the Piermont School District for the Fiscal  
Year beginning July 1, 1960, and ending June 30, 1961

### Receipts

FEDERAL AID:	
National School Lunch and Special Milk	\$ 570.66
Other	15.73
	<hr/> \$ 586.39
LOCAL TAXATION:	
Current Appropriation	\$ 35,674.35
Special Appropriations	1,500.00
	<hr/> 37,174.35
OTHER SOURCES:	
Elementary School Tuitions	\$ 550.20
Secondary School Tuitions	181.20
Trust Funds	275.95
Other	2.79
	<hr/> 1,010.14
TOTAL NET RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES	
	\$ 38,770.88
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1960:	
General Fund	6,902.96
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GRAND TOTAL NET RECEIPTS	\$ 45,673.84

### Explanation of Difference between Net (Actual) Expenditures and Gross Transactions

#### A. Receipts

Total Net Income, plus cash on hand, July 1, 1960	\$ 45,673.84
Receipts from Refunds, Double Payments, "In and Out" Transactions between Districts, Transfers to or from Building or other Accounts, etc.	15.09
	<hr/>
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	\$ 45,688.93

#### B. Payments

Total Net Payments, plus cash on hand, June 30, 1961	\$ 45,673.84
Payments Refunded or Returned, Payments made on Centralized Purchasing for other Districts, Trans- fers to or from Building or other Accounts, etc.	15.09
	<hr/>
TOTAL GROSS PAYMENTS	\$ 45,688.93

**FINANCIAL REPORT — (Continued)**

**Payments**

	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Support of High Sch.</b>	<b>Support of Elem. Sch.</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>			
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 363.00	\$ —	\$ 363.00
*Supt. Salary (local share)	412.18	—	412.18
Tax for State-wide Supervision	192.00	14.00	178.00
Salaries of other Adm. Personnel	367.00	—	367.00
Supplies and Expenses	599.49	—	599.49
<b>INSTRUCTION:</b>			
Teachers' Salaries	16,842.24	—	16,842.24
Books & other Instructional Aids	326.48	—	326.48
Scholars' Supplies	461.67	—	461.67
Supplies and other Expenses	38.28	—	38.28
<b>OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:</b>			
Salaries of Custodians	1,201.45	—	1,201.45
Fuel or Heat	303.40	—	303.40
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	381.68	—	381.68
<b>MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:</b>			
Repairs and Replacements	623.33	—	623.33
<b>AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Health Supervision	350.83	—	350.83
Transportation	4,464.00	11.00	4,453.00
Tuition	10,136.78	10,136.78	—
Spec. Activities & Spec. Funds	72.86	—	72.86
School Lunch (Federal and District Funds only)	2,124.81	—	2,124.81
<b>FIXED CHARGES:</b>			
Retirement	1,175.77	—	1,175.77
Ins., Treas. Bonds & Exp.	164.60	—	164.60
<b>TOTAL NET CURRENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$40,601.85</b>	<b>\$10,161.78</b>	<b>\$30,440.07</b>
<b>TOTAL NET PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES</b>	<b>\$40,601.85</b>	<b>\$10,161.78</b>	<b>\$30,440.07</b>
Cash on hand at end of year, June 30, 1961 — General Fund	5,071.99		
<b>GRAND TOTAL NET PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$45,673.84</b>		

**\* Superintendent's Salary**

Bath	\$ 305.05	Piermont	\$ 412.18
Haverhill	1,274.86	Warren	328.72
Monroe	1,352.58	Woodsville	1,426.61
Total	\$5,350.00 (Local Share)		
	\$3,500.00 (State's Share)		



## BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1961

### Assets

Cash on hand, June 30, 1961	\$	5,071.99
Accounts due to District from State		54.15
		5,126.14
Total Assets	\$	5,126.14
GRAND TOTAL	\$	5,126.14

### Liabilities

Accounts owed by District:		
Teachers' Salaries	\$	1,991.64
O. A. S. I.		59.75
Janitor's Salary		200.00
Labor on wood		49.00
		2,300.39
Total Liabilities	\$	2,300.39
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)		2,825.75
		5,126.14
GRAND TOTAL	\$	5,126.14

## REPORT ON TUITION RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Tuition Receipts:	Elem.	H. S.
N. H. School Districts	\$ 550.20	\$ 181.20
	550.20	181.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 550.20	\$ 181.20
Tuition Payments:	H. S.	Elem.
N. H. School Districts	\$ 1,783.34	\$ —
Out of State and others	8,353.44	—
	10,136.78	—
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 10,136.78	\$ —

## SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

### Activity A — Piermont School Lunch Program

#### Receipts

District General Fund	\$ 1,500.00	
Other Receipts	2,114.52	
Reimbursements	624.81	
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Total Receipts		\$ 4,239.33
Cash on hand, July 1, 1960		434.62
		-----
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 4,673.95

#### Payments

Elementary	\$ 4,103.97	
	-----	
Total Payments		\$ 4,103.97
Cash on hand, June 30, 1961		569.98
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GRAND TOTAL		\$ 4,673.95

### Activity A — Balance Sheet, June 30, 1961

#### Assets

Cash on hand, June 30, 1961	\$ 569.98
Total Assets	\$ 569.98
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 569.98

#### Liabilities

Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$ 569.98
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 569.98

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**

**School District of Piermont**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961**

**Summary**

Cash on hand, July 1, 1960		\$ 6,902.96
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	\$ 35,674.35	
Special Appropriations	1,500.00	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Funds	570.66	
Received from Tuitions	731.40	
Received as Income from Trust Funds	275.95	
Received from all other Sources	33.61	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		38,785.97
		<hr/>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR	\$ 45,688.93	
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	40,616.94	
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BALANCE ON HAND, JUNE 30, 1961		\$ 5,071.99

July 6, 1961

MEDA L. KINGHORN,  
District Treasurer.

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**AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the Treasurer of the School District of Piermont, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961, and find them correct in all respects.

July 14, 1961

BERTHA C. MANCHESTER,  
WILLIAM R. DEAL,  
Auditors.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Piermont School District:

I submit, herewith, my fifteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

### 1960 - 1961

Different pupils registered during year	85
Average membership	80.7
Percent of attendance	97.1
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	16
Number of children age 6-14 not attending any school	0
Non-resident pupils	5
Pupils whose tuition was paid by district	31
Pupils transported at district expense: Elementary	67

### ROLL OF HONOR FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR FULL YEAR

Robie, Todd, Grade 1	Dessert, Everett, Grade 5
Winn, Janet, Grade 1	Fadden, Joyce, Grade 6
Winn, JoAnn, Grade 1	Jesseman, Gloria, Grade 6
Musty, Jim, Grade 2	Niles, Richard, Grade 6
Dessert, Aleta, Grade 3	Wilson, Charlotte, Grade 6
Hazen, Bruce, Grade 3	Dessert, Gui, Grade 7
Robie, Timothy, Grade 4	Dessert, April, Grade 8
Woodard, Michael, Grade 4	French, Marion, Grade 8

### PROMOTED FROM GRADE 8 TO HIGH SCHOOL JUNE 1961

Bishop, Susan	French, Larry
Bixby, David	Fulford, Madeline
Cole, David	Hazen, Mary Ann
Dessert, April	Hobbs, Lovena
Fagnant, John	Holmes, Susan
French, Marion	Jesseman, Linda

### ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Piermont	15	4	13	11	9	12	10	11	85

## 1961 - 1962

The Piermont Elementary School opened on September 6, 1961, with an enrollment of 74 pupils, nine less than were registered in September 1960. Secondary pupils, however, have increased in number; 28 in 1960 to 31 as of September 1961.

Mrs. Marion Burley, formerly of Laconia, N. H., was employed in January 1961 to fill the vacancy created by the release of Mrs. Jean Kennett Crouse, who had given dedicated service in grades three and four since September 1956. Mrs. Burley returned in September as teacher in grades one and two, replacing Mrs. La Pierre, who resigned in June 1961. Mrs. LaPierre also served the district with distinction, from September 1951 to June 1961.

Mrs. Evelyn Howe returned to New Hampshire from a teaching position in Tucson, Arizona, having previously taught in Franconia, to accept the position of teacher in grades three and four in Piermont.

Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Burley are Plymouth graduates and each has eight or more years of successful teaching experience.

Mrs. Shirley Metcalf continues with her fine methods of instruction in grades five and six.

The staff, under the commendable administration of Principal Donald White, combined with his fine instruction in grades seven and eight, makes a teaching unit of which the district should be justly proud.

At this writing, Mr. Webster is on health leave from his custodial duties. We hope that, before this report goes to press, he will be recovered and back doing the job which he so conscientiously does so well.

The school lunch program at Piermont is an outstanding one, deserving the highest praise of those concerned. Mrs. Day goes far beyond the call of duty to make the service all that could be desired.

A service which is often taken for granted, but one which would be greatly missed if omitted, is that of the music instructor, Mrs. Charlotte Wilson. Although her services are shared with Bath, Haverhill, and Warren, yet her weekly scheduled visits bring joy to the classroom. Her vivacious personality and ability to impart her knowledge of the art

of music to her pupils motivate them when they joyously exclaim: "Here comes Mrs. Wilson!".

The activities and functions of the school of the '60's are quite different than those of the '20's.

\*"Forty years" holds a different meaning for each of us, depending on our vantage point. In retrospect, we must concede the unreliability of memory, but we may also rationalize that the intervening years have brought important changes and significant improvements — both in the schools and in society as a whole.

In broad terms, the major changes in the schools during the past four decades have developed in a setting of great social and economic change. The automobile, a mobile population, high standards of material living, working mothers, television, and increased leisure are illustrative of new ingredients in the complex social recipe for rearing children.

Changes in the school's physical plant and equipment are evident from observation. The Rip Van Winkle school administrator of 1921 would marvel at the increased size of school buildings and the space for work and play.

The principle that learning is affected by one's attitude toward learning and the atmosphere in which it takes place now extends to school construction. Children and human nature have changed very little during the last 40 years.

Recognizing the educational lag and the wide diversity in classroom procedures, let us list some general trends in the classroom:

1. Recognition that children learn and are not "taught" in the usual meaning of the word has altered classroom procedures. Learning is an individual matter.
2. Learning is best achieved, whenever possible, through problem solving, use of children's interest, and actual situations in which knowledge is functional. Real learning is a process of changing behavior.
3. The importance of understanding individual children to provide better educational opportunities for them has captured the thinking of modern teachers.
4. Schools use standardized tests, record the results, analyze the data, and apply the findings in guiding children to an extent undreamed of 40 years ago.

5. Use of increased amounts and kinds of instructional materials of multilevel difficulty. Provision for individual differences through a variety of purposeful activities based on units, problem solving, and research. Identification of and provision for groups of children such as the gifted and the retarded.

The over-all picture in respect to both school organization and classroom procedures has been one of development and improvement.

If we could view the future in a crystal ball, the educators work would be much easier. That is not possible. But we do know that the next 40 years will bring accelerating change far beyond the scope of the years from 1921 to 1961. The past and the present give us our vantage point for the challenge of the persistent future. \*Nat. Elem. Prin.

Appreciation is hereby expressed for the cooperation of the school staff, of the school board, and of the citizens of Piermont.

The report of Mrs. Muriel LaMott, R. N., follows.

Respectfully submitted,

PHIL A. BENNETT,  
Superintendent of Schools.

Piermont, N. H.  
January 11, 1962

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Number of pupils examined:	80	
School Visits:	23	Home Visits: 46
Symptoms of Defects:		Corrections
Vision	13	12
Teeth	46	27
Tonsils	4	
Number successfully vaccinated:		14
Number excused from vaccination:		2
Contagious diseases reported:	German Measles	1
Clinics:		
Pediatric Diagnostic Clinic	10/7/60	1
Pediatric Diagnostic Clinic: Mr. Harmes	5/5/61	1
Pediatric Diagnostic Clinic: Dr. Hume	11/2/60	
	4/20/61	1
Heaf Tuberculosis Tests		30
Chest Clinic, X-ray		2

All routine vision and hearing tests were completed and referrals made when necessary.

The Union Audiometer was destroyed by fire at the Woodsville Graded School, January 12, 1961. The Woodsville Cohase Lions Club voted to donate a new hearing machine to replace the one lost in the fire. This new audiometer was delivered just before school closed in June 1961. The new machine makes it possible to test either ear by turning a switch on the instrument panel. It is also light and compact, making it easier to store and carry.

In March, Dr. Prince from the Department of Health, assisted by Mrs. Reade, R. N., and myself, did the Heaf tuberculosis tests in grades 1 and 8.

I want to thank Mr. Bennett, Mr. White and his staff, the parents and pupils for their continued cooperation in the School Health Program.

Respectfully submitted,

MURIEL LaMOTT, R. N.,  
School Nurse.



## DISBURSEMENTS OF SCHOOL BOARD

July 1, 1960 — June 30, 1961

### Administration

Superintendent Phil A. Bennett (local share)	\$	412.18
Moderator, James Wilson	\$	5.00
District Clerk, Caroline French		3.00
Auditors:		
Charles Reneau		5.00
Robert Evans		5.00
Treasurer, Meda L. Kinghorn		45.00
School Board:		
Lillian Swain		100.00
Roger W. Jesseman		100.00
George F. Ritchie		100.00
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		363.00
Tax for State Wide Supervision		192.00

### Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel

Union Clerk, District's share	\$	202.00
School Census, Lillian Swain		30.00
Bookkeeper, Roger W. Jesseman		125.00
Truant Officer, Floyd Smith		10.00
Supplies and Other Expenses		599.49
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		966.49

### Instruction

Donald White	\$	3,220.14
Esther LaPierre		3,065.49
Shirley Metcalf		2,771.78
A. Jean Kennett		1,950.80
Marion Burley		1,293.92
Marion Burley, substitute		40.00
Bertha Manchester, substitute		16.00
Dorothy Jesseman, substitute		18.00
Music Supervisor		780.36
Teachers' Withholding Tax		2,480.20
Teachers' Retirement Fund		598.26
Teachers' Withholding for Blue Cross		121.80
Teachers' Social Security		480.94
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		16,837.69

## DISBURSEMENTS OF SCHOOL BOARD — (Continued)

### Instruction — (Continued)

Books and other Instructional Aids	\$	326.48	
Scholars' Supplies		461.67	
Supplies and other Expenses		38.28	
		<hr/>	826.43

### Operation of School Plant

Janitor's Salary			1,206.00
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### Fuel or Heat

Duncan Campbell, 7 cords wood	\$	84.00	
Woodrow Noyes, sawing & hauling wood		90.00	
Fred Robinson, sawing & use of truck		6.00	
Joseph Clayburn, work on wood		16.00	
Alfred Stevens, work on wood		10.00	
Everett Jesseman, work on wood		4.00	
George Webster, work on wood		18.00	
Charles Webster, cutting 2 cords wood		10.00	
E. D. Day, use of truck		15.00	
Grafton Fuel Inc., bottled gas		50.40	
		<hr/>	303.40

### Water, Lights, Supplies and Expenses

Connecticut Valley Electric Co., Inc.	\$	290.02	
Cascade Paper Company		4.95	
C. B. Dolge Company		20.22	
Reed Supply Company		3.05	
Hill's Store		7.11	
Milton Bradley Company		46.25	
Fuller Brush Company (George Webster)		10.08	
		<hr/>	381.68

### Maintenance of School Plant

D. C. McLam, supplies and hardware	\$	53.45	
Western Auto, keys		.60	
Gould's Country Store		31.02	
Henry Wilson, labor		55.64	
Doris Jesseman, cleaning schoolhouse		73.00	
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co.		1.14	
Woodsville School District, fire extinguisher		31.50	

**DISBURSEMENTS OF SCHOOL BOARD — (Continued)**

**Maintenance of School Plant — (Continued)**

George Webster, to pay Sten Olsen for waxing floors	20.00	
Hill's Store, supplies	15.09	
Beckley-Cardy Company	.80	
Grafton Fuel Inc.	15.09	
Alfred Stevens, hauling banking and rubbish	14.00	
Davis Electric, hooking up blower on furnace	11.60	
Guy B. Kinghorn, blower and installation on furnace	205.55	
Hartley & LaMott, light bulbs	8.55	
Robert Musty, labor	8.00	
Glen Perkins, plowing snow	3.00	
Lawrence Ricker, pumping out septic tank	30.00	
Glen Perkins, hardware and labor	45.30	
	<hr/>	623.33

**Auxiliary Activities**

**Health Supervision:**

Mrs. Muriel LaMott, School Nurse	\$ 339.36	
E. B. Mann Co., medical supplies	10.28	
Edson C. Eastman Co., District's share 1,000 health cards	1.19	
	<hr/>	350.83

**Transportation:**

A. Jean Kennett	\$ 118.00	
William Hazen	3,435.00	
Vernon Bixby	900.00	
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**Transportation:** High School 11.00

**Tuition, High School:**

Bradford Academy	\$ 7,978.44	
Haverhill Academy	1,733.20	
Barton School District	375.00	
Orford High School	50.14	
	<hr/>	10,136.78

**DISBURSEMENTS OF SCHOOL BOARD — (Continued)**

**Special Activities and Special Funds:**

Lurena Day, Supervisor Hot Lunch, Special Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	
Lurena Day, reimbursement from State Treasurer for Hot Lunch program	624.81	
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Marion Hall, Supervisory Union #23	\$ 5.58	
Clark-Harris, sporting goods	23.35	
The Willis Music Co., music for Christmas play	8.99	
F. Sherwin & Son, sports equipment	7.34	
Gove & Bancroft, 6 poster board	.60	
Woodsville School District, member- ship Aviation Education Council	5.00	
Cardigan Sport Store, Inc., soccer balls	22.00	
	<hr/>	72.86

**Fixed Charges**

Retirement — Superintendent, Nurse, Music Teacher	\$ 108.92	
Teachers' Social Security	286.17	
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	780.68	
N. H. School Board Association	10.00	
The Taylor-Palmer Agency, Inc.	92.49	
George E. Quig, insurance on schoolhouse	77.20	
	<hr/>	1,355.46
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 40,616.94</b>

## REVENUE REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$ 6,902.96
National School Lunch	* 570.66
Current Appropriation	35,674.35
Special Appropriation	1,500.00
Elementary School Tuitions	731.40
Trust Funds	275.95
Other	33.61
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TOTAL INCOME	\$ 45,688.93

Total Income	\$ 45,688.93
Total Expenditures	40,616.94
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Balance, June 30, 1961	\$ 5,071.99

\* One school lunch (Reimbursement Check) for \$54.15 does not show in Revenue Report as it was not banked in time. Will appear on next year's Revenue Report.

## PIERMONT SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

July 1, 1960 — June 30, 1961

### Receipt and Expenditure Record

#### Distribution of Income Items

	Receipts	Lunch Sales		Food Reim- burse- ment	Dist. Approp.	Misc.
		Child.	Adults			
July & August	\$ 86.56	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 80.61	\$ —	\$ 5.95
September	644.25	127.25	12.90	—	500.00	4.10
October	317.48	235.05	28.20	—	—	54.23
November	270.19	184.15	16.80	68.05	—	1.19
December	213.85	163.50	16.20	—	—	34.15
January	877.93	212.30	16.25	148.75	500.00	.63
February	224.85	156.85	13.50	54.50	—	—
March	418.75	259.35	27.30	132.10	—	—
April	187.95	162.45	18.70	—	—	6.80
May	845.01	231.58	25.20	86.65	500.00	1.58
June	152.51	76.05	5.70	54.15	—	16.61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,239.33</b>	<b>\$1,808.53</b>	<b>\$ 180.75</b>	<b>\$ 624.81</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 125.24</b>

#### Distribution of Expenditure Items

	Expendi- tures	Food	Labor (Adult)	Equip- ment	Other
July & August	\$ 76.92	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 76.92	\$ —
September	419.32	220.33	190.00	7.00	1.99
October	540.28	318.76	205.00	—	16.52
November	397.52	201.40	190.00	.59	5.53
December	366.54	211.65	150.00	—	4.89
January	459.18	244.14	200.00	—	15.04
February	283.10	111.10	170.00	—	2.00
March	579.46	332.98	245.00	—	1.48
April	372.17	207.91	150.00	—	14.26
May	355.60	98.71	220.00	5.44	31.45
June	253.88	153.88	96.00	—	4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,103.97</b>	<b>\$2,100.86</b>	<b>\$1,816.00</b>	<b>\$ 89.95</b>	<b>\$ 47.16</b>

Total Income .....	\$4,239.33	Total Expenditures ....	\$4,103.97
Balance July 1, 1960	434.62	Balance forwarded	
		June 30, 1961 .....	569.98
	<u>\$4,673.95</u>		<u>\$4,673.95</u>

Cash on hand, June 30, 1961 ..... \$ 569.98

**REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS**

**Town of Piermont**

**For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1961**

**CERTIFICATE**

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

GLEN E. PERKINS,  
JAMES L. WILSON,

December 31, 1961

Trustees.

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

### Common Trust — Income for Care of Cemetery

	Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year
Fidelity Fund	\$ 3,558.10	\$ 9,918.00	\$ 278.89	\$ 278.89
Mass. Inv. Trust	1,391.35	—	37.83	37.83
Hdfd. El. Lt.	3,780.00	4,800.00	180.00	180.00
Geo. Put. Fund	7,725.00	—	154.50	154.50
Puritan Fund	—	4,076.90	43.83	43.83
Broad St.	—	1,479.00	23.46	23.46
Amoskeag Sav. Bank	570.10	819.40	28.56	—
TOTALS	\$ 17,024.55	\$ 20,993.30	\$ 747.07	\$ 718.51

### Trust Funds of the Town of Piermont, N. H.

1900	Feb.	14	—	Chandler, George .....	\$ 50.00
1902	July	11	—	Fletcher, Mary .....	47.25
1902	Sept.	12	—	Simpson, Charles A. ....	100.00
1902	Nov.	3	—	Platte, James .....	100.00
1907	Sept.	12	—	Talmon, Emily .....	50.00
1909	Apr.	29	—	Quint, Hosea .....	50.00
1910	Nov.	10	—	Drown, Stephen .....	600.00
1912	June	4	—	Mattoon, Mrs. E. O. ....	50.00
1915	June	6	—	Hunt, Mary .....	100.00
1915	Oct.	1	—	Clark, Judson .....	50.00
1918	Apr.	1	—	Baldwin, Hattie .....	100.00
1919	Sept.	1	—	Spaulding, Pearl D. ....	108.65
1919	Oct.	1	—	Muchmore, Henry S. ....	108.65
1922	Nov.	22	—	Page, Charles and Fred ..	100.00
1923	July	1	—	Lawrence, Ellen .....	100.00
1923	Oct.	19	—	Kimball, Catherine L. ....	100.00
1924	Mar.	7	—	Learned, Sarah .....	100.00
1925	Nov.	17	—	Butson, James and Luvia ..	100.00
1925	Dec.	1	—	Stickney, Emma .....	100.00
1926	July	1	—	Chandler, George .....	50.00
1926	Sept.	9	—	Colby, (Sarah Hammond) ..	100.00
1927	Aug.	3	—	Sargent, Fay S. ....	100.00
1928	Mar.	28	—	Manson, Ardella L. ....	100.00
1928	July	1	—	Mattoon, Mrs. E. O. ....	50.00
1928	July	2	—	Webster, Ellen .....	100.00
1928	Nov.	14	—	Knight, Albert J. ....	310.00
1929	Apr.	25	—	Palmer, Chestina A. ....	200.00



## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS — (Continued)

1931	Oct.	1	— Ranney, Gertie B. ....	100.00
1931	Nov.	1	— Blaisdell, Kate M. ....	100.00
1933	July	15	— Swift, Elsie B. ....	100.00
1933	Sept.	30	— Bickford, Elizabeth ....	100.00
1935	July	1	— Robie, Freeman A. ....	75.00
1938	Dec.	1	— Underhill, Sarah A. ....	100.00
1938	Dec.	10	— Emery, Mr. and Mrs. George .....	75.00
1939	Nov.	29	— Carman, Hewlett S. ....	100.00
1940	July	1	— Brown, William B. ....	100.00
1942	Jan.	29	— Horton, William and Mary .....	100.00
1943	Aug.	9	— Hill, Joseph .....	100.00
1943	Sept.	1	— Underhill, Elizabeth .....	50.00
1943	Oct.	13	— Clark, Judson .....	50.00
1944	Nov.	29	— Libbey, Alice G. ....	100.00
1944	Nov.	29	— Mead, Alice G. ....	100.00
1945	Apr.	6	— Gould, Aaron P. ....	100.00
1945	Dec.	20	— Ford, Edward .....	100.00
1946	June	1	— Manchester, Beatrice .....	100.00
1946	June	15	— Dodge, George and Croydon .....	200.00
1946	June	15	— Cutting, David .....	100.00
1948	Sept.	4	— Horton, Fred .....	100.00
1948	Nov.	15	— Ranney, Orlene .....	50.00
1949	Nov.	28	— Ames, Luella .....	85.00
1949	Nov.	28	— Runnels, Arthur .....	85.00
1951	Jan.	2	— Flint, Burton and Ella .....	1,000.00
1952	May	8	— Underhill, Edward .....	100.00
1952	Nov.	14	— Underhill, Stephen .....	100.00
1954	Mar.	29	— Underhill, Leon .....	100.00
1955	May	11	— Gannett, Grace .....	50.00
1955	May	11	— Gannett, Grace .....	600.00
1955	May	11	— Gannett, Grace .....	5,000.00
1955	Aug.	20	— Howard, Earl V. ....	100.00
1956	May	29	— LaMontagne, Clarence .....	100.00
1956	June	13	— Alessandrini, Simeone .....	100.00
1956	Dec.	28	— Evans and Weeks .....	100.00
1957	Oct.	27	— Stricker, William .....	50.00
1958	Nov.	4	— Robie, Lyman .....	100.00
1959	Feb.	3	— Howard, Earl V. ....	100.00
1959	Nov.	25	— Smith, George F. ....	100.00
1960	Apr.	13	— Morey, Dwight .....	100.00
1961	Feb.	14	— Piermont Grange .....	125.38

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\$ 13,319.93

## HERBERT A. CLARK MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

### Income for Benefit of the Town of Piermont, N. H.

	Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year
Bank of America	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 4,410.00	\$ 135.84	\$ 135.84
Htfd. El. Lt.	7,245.00	9,200.00	345.00	345.00
Chase Man. Bank	8,884.00	12,510.00	368.87	368.87
Bankers Trust	5,000.00	6,800.00	197.00	197.00
Std. Oil of N. J.	—	5,300.00	65.00	65.00
Incorp. Inc. Fd.	1,656.60	—	72.60	72.60
Mass. Inv. Trust	6,829.50	—	149.14	149.14
Fidelity Fd.	12,783.40	18,450.00	819.26	819.26
Incorp. Inv.	14,441.50	—	1,342.21	1,342.21
Puritan Fd.	4,296.00	10,324.50	250.74	250.74
Chemical Fd.	7,296.00	10,153.00	121.93	121.93
Boston Fd.	17,521.90	—	686.56	686.56
Broad St. Tr.	11,622.00	13,296.50	402.31	402.31
Eaton & Howard Bal.	—	10,111.50	84.33	84.33
Eaton & Howard Stk.	—	10,366.80	59.96	59.96
New Eng. Fd.	—	9,887.50	67.24	67.24
Amoskeag Sav. Bank	1,471.67	1,545.93	60.69	—
TOTALS	\$102,157.57	\$126,355.73	\$5,103.01	\$5,042.32

## SCHOOL TRUST FUND

### Income for Support of School

	Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year
Chase Man. Bank	\$ 3,366.00	\$ 4,770.00	\$ 133.99	\$ 133.99
Fidelity Fund	4,765.60	5,544.00	126.28	126.28
Incorp. Investors	2,261.00	—	38.54	38.54
Puritan Fund	—	2,401.00	24.84	24.84
Woodsville Sav. Bank	89.42	96.43	3.24	—
TOTALS	\$ 10,482.02	\$ 12,811.43	\$ 326.89	\$ 323.65

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

#### Registered in the Town of Piermont — 1961

1961	Name of Child	Names of Parents
Jan. 16	Pauline Sue Woodard	Russell W. Woodard Marie S. Landry
Mar. 27	Steven Raymond Julien	Raymond A. Julien Bertha J. Szuch
Mar. 28	Patricia Ann Reed	Richard A. Reed Beverly J. Spencer
Apr. 28	David Ernest Perkins	Glen E. Perkins Agnes E. Hodsdon
June 6	Steven John Ellsworth	John E. Ellsworth Ella E. Hurlbert
Sept. 3	Rachel Mae Colby	Jack L. Colby Esther R. Witham

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

MEDA L. KINGHORN, Town Clerk.

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### MARRIAGES

#### Registered in the Town of Piermont — 1961

1961	Names of Parties	Residence
Jan. 28	DuVernette R. Weaver Patricia M. Ochs	Piermont, N. H. Piermont, N. H.
Aug. 5	John Edward Whitcomb Judith A. Simpson	Lancaster, N. H. Piermont, N. H.
Sept. 9	Kenneth G. Smith Charlotte K. Chase	Piermont, N. H. Bradford, Vt.

## VITAL STATISTICS — (Continued)

### MARRIAGES — (Continued)

	<b>1961</b>	<b>Names of Parties</b>	<b>Residence</b>
Oct.	7	Alcide G. Fagnant Martha Fortier	Piermont, N. H. Woodsville, N. H.
Dec.	16	Valentin Rivera Rose L. Strout	Piermont, N. H. Lyme, N. H.

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### DEATHS

#### Registered in the Town of Piermont — 1961

	<b>1961</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>
Jan.	5	Rufus Ansley	60	Hanover, N. H.
Jan.	25	Ellen Duval Hatfield	83	Haverhill, N. H.
June	29	Amy S. Howard	75	Haverhill, N. H.
July	24	Heriberto R. Cruz	29	Piermont, N. H.
July	26	William A. Clayburn	71	Piermont, N. H.
Aug.	5	Etta M. Wilson	88	Piermont, N. H.
Aug.	27	Ernest Pierson	82	Haverhill, N. H.
Oct.	11	Mattie L. Swain	89	Piermont, N. H.
Nov.	15	Agnes Leonard	90	Haverhill, N. H.

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