



# *Annual Report*

TO THE CITIZENS of Keene, N. H.

1943







*Keene's Service Flag*

1943

# *This Report is Dedicated*

TO MEN AND WOMEN OF KEENE  
IN THE ARMED SERVICE . . . .

In the Fall of 1943, when the photograph which appears on the preceding page was taken, Keene had 1263 of its sons and daughters in the armed forces of our country. Since then, nearly 300 more men and women have left their homes here to help preserve the American Way of Living. This year's City Report is dedicated to those brave men and women. The folks at home pledge to work many long hours to contribute to the welfare of those who are away . . . to speed the day of their return. And we of the City Government pledge our efforts to administer to the city's needs to hold secure the democracy for which all are striving.



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*Annual Report*  
TO THE CITIZENS OF  
*Keene, New Hampshire*

A REPORT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1943



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*Richard L. Hollbrook*

MAYOR OF KEENE

# PREFACE

The art of Reporting is as old as the written word, whether cut in stone, written on parchment or set in type.

The oldest known records of the sayings and deeds of prophets, pharaohs and kings were, in effect, reporting. Later on, the early examples of reports concerning this country were the cartographers' maps of voyages of discovery. Then later came the newspapers, followed by official reporting of business corporations and governmental bodies, which in many cases, has been so formal as to be largely statistical and therefore uninteresting. Especially has this been true of Town Reports, the reporting and printing of which has followed a style precedent set generations ago.

Within the past decade, the public began to evidence a greater interest in its civic business and a change is being noted in the reporting and printing of municipal reports.

Official reporting of a municipal business must, of course, be done accurately. But a City Report need not necessarily be presented in the prosaic form to which we have long been accustomed. With this belief in mind, the Printing Committee of the incumbent City Government presents the 1943 Annual Report of the City of Keene in a modern styling,—informal in its writing, more attractive in its typography.

The change was made to encourage your interest in and to incite your study of our community affairs.



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# FACTS ABOUT KEENE

## LOCATION

The site of Keene is called "The Heart of New England", because of its location in the southwestern corner of New Hampshire, almost the very center of New England. The city, 483 feet above sea level, is built upon a broad plain so that practically all its streets are level, but surrounding it on all sides are hills varying from 800 to 1,500 feet in height. The hills in turn are overshadowed by majestic Mount Monadnock (3,166 foot elevation) 15 miles to the southeast. Keene is situated on the Ashuelot River 35 miles from Greenfield, Mass., 74 from Springfield, 46 from Fitchburg, 86 from Boston, 210 from New York City, 20 miles from Brattleboro, Vt., 73 from Rutland, 53 miles from Manchester, N. H., 49 from Concord and 241 miles from Montreal, Canada.

## HISTORICAL

Keene's history dates back to Colonial days. When the charter was granted to Governor White, on April 11, 1753, New Hampshire was yet a British province. Before this, Keene had been known as Upper Ashuelot, Lower Ashuelot being what is now the town of Swanzey. The first settlement on the site of Keene was founded in 1734 but the village was burned by Indians in 1747 so the actual history of Keene did not start until 1753.

## POPULATION

Keene has had a steady growth in population since 1820, when it had 1,895 persons. In 1860, the population was 4,317; 1880, 6,786; 1900, 9,165; 1910, 10,065; 1920, 11,210; 1930, 13,744 and 1940, 13,832.

## INDUSTRIAL

Keene is, in a modest way, an industrial city. There are nearly a half-hundred factories producing nearly as many different lines of merchandise, making this a city of widely diversified industries. The total output of manufactured products approximates in normal times \$17,000,000 annually, with more than \$2,800,000 paid in wages to about 2,500 persons. The principal products made are chairs, shoes, woolen goods, mica and ceramic products, toys, drilling machines, manicuring instruments, woodenware, furniture, ledger books, silver polish, precision bearings, elastic and woven webbings, screws and bolts.

## MERCANTILE

Keene is the trading center for southwestern New Hampshire and its retail and wholesale houses serve the 40,000 or more persons residing within 25 miles of this city. There are about 225 retail outlets in Keene.

## FINANCIAL

Keene has three national banks with total deposits of more than \$9,127,000 and resources of \$10,653,000, also two savings banks with total deposits in excess of \$8,973,400. The approximate average deposit per person in Keene is \$1,310 against the average of \$35 in the United States, indicative of Keene's prosperity.

## EDUCATIONAL

Keene has always had a notably fine school system. In this system there are ten well planned elementary schools and a high school designed to accommodate 1,100 students. The total valuation of school property is \$977,995. The average yearly enrollment in these schools is 3,000 students, which does not include the pupils of St. Joseph's Parochial school. One of New England's largest state teachers colleges is located in Keene, approximately 600 students attending each year.

## STATISTICS

Keene has an area of 37 square miles, 3,200 dwellings, 48 miles of sewers, a low mortality rate, 18.33 per 1,000; 4,025 telephones, a community hospital with 100 beds; 12 churches, 225 acres of public works valued at \$1,000,000; one daily and a weekly newspaper, a radio station, a water system valued at \$800,000 with a capacity of 861,500,000 gallons in four reservoirs and 63 miles of water mains, and a sewage disposal system costing \$215,000; 100 miles of streets with 75 miles hard surfaced, the largest white pine nursery in the world and the widest paved main street in the world, 186 feet!

## TRANSPORTATION

Keene is served by two divisions of the Boston & Maine Railroad, the Cheshire Branch giving direct service to Fitchburg, Boston, Rutland and Montreal and the Ashuelot Branch to East Northfield and Springfield, Mass. With these lines the city obtains the best of freight facilities. The Cheshire Transportation Company gives local bus service and to Marlboro and Swanzey. Interurban bus lines run to Winchester, Brattleboro and Boston. The Dartmouth College Highway runs through Keene and is the direct route from the south to the White Mountains while one of the main routes from Boston to Vermont and Canada also goes through Keene. Motoring over these highways increased rapidly until wartime restrictions came into effect. Two large and complete airports are located only  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the center of the city, the new municipal airport affording 2 long paved landing strips.

## RECREATIONAL

Keene is in the heart of Vacationland and beautiful lakes and majestic mountain scenery are all within a half-hour drive. There are many first class hotels and inns in Keene catering to temporary visitors and permanent residents and tourists making Keene their headquarters enjoy delightful vacations in the invigorating air and beautiful scenery of these southwestern New Hampshire hills. In addition to water sports, vacationists can enjoy two local golf courses, three year 'round theaters and in normal times a summer theater.



*The afternoon sun casts the shadow of the First Church spire over the entrance to Keene's City Hall.*

# DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

# CITY CLERK

ELMER B. CHAMBERLAIN *City Clerk*  
(Elected January 7, 1943)  
Resigned March 18, 1943

MRS. LENA WARREN *Acting City Clerk*  
(Elected City Clerk Protem)  
March 18, 1943

1943 Expenditure ..... \$2,961.42

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How much does it cost to hold an election of city officers? In 1943, the biennial city election expenses amounted to \$1,124.66, which includes costs for printing ballots and check lists, rental of voting places and salaries of election officers and supervisors of check lists. The officers filled by the election included mayor, one member of the police commission, five aldermen, 15 councilmen and 15 selectmen.

During 1943, the mayor and board of aldermen held 20 regular and seven special meetings, with 63 resolutions and 13 ordinances passed by the city councils, indicative of the amount of time expended and work accomplished by this group of, with the exception of the mayor only, unpaid gentlemen.

## \$4,445.37 FROM LICENSES

During 1943, \$4,445.37 was collected through the city clerk's office. From March 18 to December 31, 1943, \$1,124.66 was received for marriage licenses, certified copies of vital statistics, recording mortgages, conditional sales and discharges.

Of the total sum, \$2,342.21 was collected for dog licenses while the remaining amount, \$978.50, was collected for licenses of persons en-

gaged in such varied businesses as taxi, trucking, theaters, bowling alley, pool room, circuses, dances, auctioneering and itinerant photographing.

War conditions have somewhat altered the usual demands of recording work and have had a commensurate effect on the receipts of funds taken in by this office. There is increased work in one respect and decreased recordings in another respect. A considerable increase in the demand for certified copies of vital statistics was noted due to employees in defense plants requiring proof of citizenship. Receipts from the recording of mortgages and conditional sales are again lower than normal, due, of course, to the fact that the public is unable to purchase new cars, refrigerators and other comparatively costly items.

## VITAL STATISTICS AT CITY HALL

In 1941, the state legislature repealed that part of Chapter 41 of the state laws making it no longer necessary that vital statistics be printed in a city's annual report. Because of the cost of printing so much information, Keene's vital statistics will not be available in printed form this year. They will, however, be accessible to the public at the office of the city clerk. In condensed form, and for a matter of comparison with the statistics of the previous year, 1942, the recordings of births, marriages and deaths are totalled as follows:

	1942	1943
Births Recorded .....	508	485
Marriages Recorded .....	235	170
Deaths Recorded .....	294	339



# FINANCES

SIDNEY S. FRISSELL      *Comptroller*  
(Resigned June 1, 1943)

CHARLES F. SUMNER, *Acting Comptroller*  
(Elected June 1, 1943)

Expenditures in 1943      \$7,478.30

Without resorting to the use of columns of statistics to illustrate the point, Keene's financial condition may be called excellent, with the year 1943 adding to the surplus of funds in excess of operating expenses.

There are three reasons why the city's position was bettered during the past year; the city government continued its policy of economical administration; certain savings were made through unexpended appropriations due to curtailed activities enforced by wartime conditions, and the third and perhaps most important reason, the tax collector's department made an exceptional showing in collecting back taxes.

## \$1,012,545.98 IN RECEIPTS

Total receipts during 1943, including the cash balance of January 1, 1943, amount to \$1,012,545.98.

Total expenditures of the past year were \$846,717.14, leaving a net cash balance of \$165,828.84, which is 148% higher than the cash balance which appeared on the books as of the first day of 1943. This, in simple terms, is the city's "cash-in-the-bank" picture as we go into another wartime year.

## CITY OWES \$181,500

Other parts of the general picture are the bond funds and the trust funds. Keene's outstanding bond indebtedness at the first of 1943 was \$215,000 and no further loans were made during the year. Of this indebtedness, \$33,500 was paid off, leaving the city owing \$181,500 as of January 1, 1944. This does not include the school system's indebtedness.

## \$265,904.42 IN TRUST FUNDS

On January 1, 1943, Keene's total assets in trust funds were \$256,789.59. During 1943, \$9,145.83 was added, making the year end total \$265,904.42. Income from interest and dividends totaled \$5,885.74 while cash expenditures from this amount aggregated \$5,731.55.

## BONDED INDEBTEDNESS BALANCES

(Not including the bonded indebtedness of the Union School District)

<i>Balance</i>		<i>Net Decrease or</i>
<i>Outstanding as of:</i>		<i>Increase From Preceding</i>
		<i>Year:</i>
December 31, 1939	\$225,500	\$28,500—
December 31, 1940	197,000	28,500—
December 31, 1941	168,500	28,500—
December 31, 1942	215,000*	46,500+
December 31, 1943	181,500	33,500—

\*Increase due to \$75,000 Municipal Airport Loan.

# ASSESSMENT

RALPH E. PROCTOR  
 BYRON B. BRITTON  
 PAUL B. HAYWARD, *Clerk*

Expenditures in 1943 ..... \$2,607.50

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The work of the Board of Assessors is to determine the taxable wealth of the city and, after an idea is gained as to the amount of money needed to conduct the city's business, to determine the tax rate on that wealth.

The members of this board form an opinion as to the value of a given property. Sometimes this opinion is not shared by the property owner, but basing their judgment on a standard attained through their years of experience, the members of the board have a well-founded method of arriving at valuations.

## \$19,253,467 VALUATION

Keene's 1943 taxable valuation was \$19,253,467, which was \$164,845

less than for the year previous. The 1943 tax rate, \$2.56, was four cents higher than in 1942, while the total amount to be collected by the tax collector for the year 1943 was \$10,872.76 higher than for 1942. The number of polls was smaller in 1943, due, of course, to persons leaving town for the armed service.

ABATEMENTS TOTAL \$7,565.44

The Board of Assessors reported a considerably higher figure in tax abatements allowed during 1943, totaling \$7,565.44 as compared with 1942's \$640. These abatements were made on unpaid taxes extending as far back as 1927, and being considered definitely uncollectible, the taxes were abated to clear the books.

The statistical report of the Board of Assessors is as follows:

## TAX RATES OF THE PAST DECADE

1934 .....	\$2.66	1939 .....	\$2.77
1935 .....	2.83	1940 .....	2.72
1936 .....	3.07	1941 .....	2.59
1937 .....	2.99	1942 .....	2.52
1938 .....	2.89	1943 .....	2.56

## TOTAL APPRAISED VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1943:

Land and Buildings .....	\$14,519,099.00
Mills and Machinery .....	1,940,624.00
Electric Plants .....	643,034.00
Stock in Trade .....	2,204,105.00
Livestock .....	79,155.00
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	\$19,386,017.00
Soldiers' Exemptions .....	132,550.00
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<i>Total Taxable Valuation</i> .....	\$19,253,467.00
Tax Rate, \$2.56	
Taxes on Real Estate and Personal .....	\$500,571.28
Taxes from 7,685 Polls .....	15,370.00
National Bank Tax .....	4,981.77
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<i>Amount to be Collected by Tax Collector for the year 1943</i> .....	\$520,923.05



# TAX COLLECTION

CLEON B. NIMS *Tax Collector*  
(Elected January 2, 1943)

MYRON A. NIMS *Deputy Tax Collector*

RONALD M. SEAVER *Deputy Collector*  
(Appointed in March, 1943)

Expenditures in 1943 ..... \$6,046.28

When a man goes to a bank to borrow money, the result of his request is generally in accord with his ability to repay the loan. It's the same with a city; the better a city repays the money it borrows the better are its chances of obtaining not only a loan but of getting a lower rate of interest.

The promptness and integrity in the repayment of its loans have

made it possible for Keene to borrow money for as little as 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ % interest. The exceptional credit rating given our city is a direct reflection of our willingness to pay our taxes promptly. An evidence of this willingness to pay is seen in the tax collector's report, the department having collected 92% of 1943's tax warrant.

Another interesting part of this report is that the total amount of taxes collected during the year exceeded the tax warrant (total amount needed to operate all departments, including schools) by more than 33%. The explanation of this is that the tax collector's office placed extra emphasis on past due accounts, Police Officer Ronald Seaver, appointed deputy tax collector, having devoted most of his time on past-due accounts.

The year's receipts came from the following sources:

1943 Taxes (See <i>a</i> on next page) .....	\$479,976.78
Previous Years' Taxes (See <i>b</i> on next page) .....	70,441.72
Tax Sale (See <i>c</i> on next page) .....	10,067.30
Automobile Permits .....	12,051.21
Water Assessments .....	59,857.61
Cemetery Collections .....	6,579.17
City Clerk Collections .....	12,288.81
City Messenger (Rent, City Hall) .....	462.67
Airport Property (Rent) .....	1,349.50
Fire Department .....	134.60
Public Works Department .....	7,145.94
Public Library .....	455.77
Park Department .....	1,023.40
Police Department .....	1,515.55
Health Department .....	119.45
Welfare Department .....	278.33
Receipts from Tax Deeded Properties .....	631.92
Sales .....	\$55.92
Rents .....	14.00
Deposits .....	60.00
	\$631.92
Municipal Court .....	3,257.44
Miscellaneous .....	340.21
City Engineer .....	10.80
City Treasurer .....	33,936.71
	\$701,924.89
<i>Total Amount Collected and Deposited</i> .....	

COLLECTION OF 1943 TAXES (a)

<i>Tax Warrant; Including Added Taxes and Interest:</i>	<i>Collections Made During 1943:</i>	<i>Abatements, To Deeded Properties:</i>	<i>Balance Due City:</i>
\$521,499.00	\$479,976.78	\$585.29	\$40,936.93

COLLECTION OF PREVIOUS YEARS' TAXES (b)

<i>Taxes for the Year of:</i>	<i>Uncollected Taxes (With Added Taxes and Interest) as of Jan. 1, 1943</i>	<i>Collections Made During 1943</i>	<i>Abatements, Adjustments, Discounts, etc.</i>	<i>Balance Due City</i>
1942	\$64,460.93	\$62,048.71	\$776.33	\$1,635.89
1941	3,675.32	1,510.48	131.42	2,033.42
1940	2,396.52	830.22	155.56	1,410.74
1939	2,190.08	645.55	207.14	1,337.39
1938	2,619.41	674.77	263.85	1,680.79
1937	3,614.54	514.26	730.36	2,369.92
1936	3,547.65	601.53	675.22	2,270.90
1935	4,290.77	645.56	725.38	2,919.83
1934	4,765.15	598.68	709.07	3,457.40
1933	1,819.71	541.98	908.73	369.00
1932	1,481.04	466.68	549.70	464.66
1931	1,324.37	423.41	645.18	255.78
1930	681.77	436.66	158.31	86.80
1929	506.84	278.64	228.20	.00
1928	241.64	224.59	17.05	.00
1927	7.35	.00	7.35	.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$97,623.09</i>	<i>\$70,441.72</i>	<i>\$6,888.85</i>	<i>\$20,292.52</i>

TAX SALE (c)

<i>Taxes for the Year of</i>	<i>Unredeemed (Including Interest &amp; Costs) As of Jan. 1, 1943</i>	<i>To Deeded Properties</i>	<i>Abatements &amp; Adjustments</i>	<i>Collections During 1943</i>	<i>Unredeemed As of Dec. 31, 1943</i>
1942	\$2,650.88	\$8.29	.00	\$ 456.82	\$2,185.77
1941	6,449.26	27.57	13.74	5,478.18	929.77
1940	3,054.44	30.87	16.01	2,990.53	17.03
1939	187.52	22.27	28.55	128.83	7.87
1938	80.43	20.65	50.16	9.62	.00
1937	258.25	58.76	42.94	131.75	24.80
1936	164.56	32.31	68.43	34.19	29.63
1935	138.39	19.81	36.27	34.20	48.11
1934	115.79	18.62	16.82	33.00	47.35
1933	403.26	12.28	16.56	282.65	91.77
1932	557.89	17.78	55.50	418.57	66.04
1931	69.25	17.64	5.04	46.57	.00
1930	27.23	.00	4.84	22.39	.00
1929	4.80	.00	4.80	.00	.00
1928	16.45	11.75	4.70	.00	.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$14,178.40</i>	<i>\$298.60</i>	<i>\$353.65</i>	<i>\$10,067.30</i>	<i>\$3,448.14</i>

# PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARY L. SAXTON,..... Librarian  
Expenditures in 1943 \$10,870.25

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The City Library, even as other departments, was faced with personnel problems. Not only were there many changes in the staff, but at times there were fewer than usual members. Despite this handicap, however, no change in policy was made necessary and the library was able to continue the extension work with schools, churches and the hospital as usual.

## VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN

Early in the year another Victory Book Campaign was organized on practically the same lines of 1942's project and this library undertook the work for the vicinity under the supervision and advice of a committee of citizens representing many clubs and associations. Aided greatly by publicity from the Keene Evening Sentinel and Radio Station WKNE, gifts of books came in until Fall, when 4,363 books of all descriptions were sent to the servicemen through the receiving stations in Boston. Of this number 2,582 books were donated by Keene citizens.

## BOOK WEEK

Book Week brought the usual display of new and attractive books. A speaker from the Junior Reviewers of Newton, Mass., came to tell

the pupils of the junior high schools and students of children's literature at the Teachers College of the Reviewers' work and showed many noteworthy books.

## AMERICAN ART WEEK

American Art Week was celebrated at the library by a very interesting exhibit of paintings, prints and handiwork assembled by Miss Helena Putnam of the State Art Committee of Federation of Women's Clubs, Miss Quill of the Keene Teachers College and Miss Kirkpatrick of the high school. Many visitors attended the exhibit.

## BOOK BUYING

Because of the diversification of today's demands, book buying has called for much thought and discrimination. Both young and old are reading mechanics, electricity and anything to do with airplanes and flights. A special desire for accounts of action in foreign zones, of countries in Latin America and of post-war planning is evident. Recreational books are needed as a relief from the war so a large supply of the outstanding novels of the year has been provided.

## REDUCED CIRCULATION

Because of the conditions prevailing during the year,—young men in service, the older folks and even the younger people working long hours, nearly everyone doing volunteer duty in Civilian Defense, Red Cross, hospital or other war-time activities,—a smaller reading public has been the natural result. Likewise, the circulation of books has been less than for several years.

Despite the reduced circulation it seems impossible to plan for a lessening of the books fund; it may even need to be more generous, partly because of the increased cost of books and binding, and partly because of the importance of books in the world today and the probability of greater leisure in the near future for many now busily employed.

Activity in the children's department has maintained a more normal level and the children's librarian has told many stories to her eager gatherings and has addressed several groups.

#### 35,374 VOLUMES AT LIBRARY

The total number of volumes owned by the library at the end of 1943 was 35,374, 967 books being added during the year and 388 withdrawn. The number of non-fiction books lent for home use totaled 21,017 with fiction volumes running better than double that figure, 52,400. More than 14,000 persons used the reading and reference rooms while the library hall and clubroom have been used by ten organizations for 57 meetings, or a total attendance of 607 persons.

*Book Week at the Library attracts a number of grade school children.*



# LEGAL SERVICE

ARTHUR OLSON *City Solicitor*  
(Resigned June 3, 1943)

EDWARD C. SULLIVAN *City Solicitor*  
(Elected June 3, 1943)

Expenditures in 1943 \$500.50

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A change in the office of city solicitor occurred in June of last year when Edward C. Sullivan was elected to succeed Arthur Olson, who resigned to become county solicitor.

At the time of the change, the city was involved in four tax abatement cases, those of Faulkner & Colony Mfg. Co., John Elliot, Bertha S. Whipple and J. A. Wright & Co., and a suit referring to zoning, Glenroy W. Scott vs. J. Earl Davis, Frank J. Foley and the City of Keene. During the present solicitor's term, one more tax abatement suit has been added, John A. Booras vs. the City of Keene. All of the tax abatement cases have been referred to the State Tax Commission for hearing.

The City Solicitor has attended the meetings of the city councils and has advised members of the city government and city officials as to the law. He has also drawn up various agreements, deeds and other instruments which have been requested of him, including considerable title work concerning the Keene airport. Criminal cases within the jurisdiction of the city solicitor were prosecuted.

# POLICE PROTECTION

JOSEPH E. REGAN *Chief of Police*  
Expenditures in 1943 \$29,411.51

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In recent years, the taxpayers of Keene have been more interested in the type of police protection they purchase; they have become more conscious of the progressive trends of public protection and have been willing to provide additional funds to secure these additional benefits.

A comparison of our present day department and policing procedure with the system Keene had ten years ago would give much satisfaction to the taxpayer, But, in a general sense, the comparison is not possible because the police department of Keene today is being operated along a totally different school of thought. It is not only an agency of "after-the-fact" action; it is also a department interested in arresting an incipient crime by curing the condition that prompts it.

In other words, while the Keene police department is furnishing actual public protection, much of its efforts are directed to educational work, preparing the citizen of tomorrow for his rightful place in the life of the community.

To illustrate this "extra-curricula" work, the outstanding example of the police department's efforts is the Junior Police organization, formed during the past year, upon the suggestion of Mayor Holbrook.





## JUNIOR POLICE

To the average citizen, Junior Police is merely a war-born idea to combat juvenile delinquency. Just how far removed from this obvious conclusion the Junior Police Corps is, and will continue to be, can best be described by the program itself.

Boys from 11 to 13 years of age, no matter in what part of Keene they resided, were invited to join the movement. With the co-operation of the Superintendent of Schools, the invitation was issued just prior to the closing of schools for the summer vacation and within a week, more than 300 boys enrolled in the corps.

For obvious reasons there was no charge or fee for enrollment; it was necessary to attract those boys who could not afford to pay.

Officer William T. Bridgham was placed in charge of the boys and meetings of the corps were held daily at the City Hall until its or-

ganization was completed. The boys were divided into groups corresponding to the wards of the city and the divisions further subdivided into squads with a sergeant in charge of each. In completing the organization of the Junior Police Corps, a board of directors was appointed, members of which were civic spirited citizens interested in the youth of Keene and whose ideas could be most valuable to the corps.

After the corps had been in existence for a month or so, a public exercise was held at the City Hall and the boys were presented their diplomas and badges. Their first official act after being "sworn in" as junior officers was the patrolling of Victory gardens and needless to report, very few complaints were received regarding larcenies from gardens. Later on, the corps assisted the regular police at parades, baseball and football games and at all public gatherings.

*Members of the Junior Police drill team exhibit their new uniforms. On opposite page are pictured some of the activities of The Keene Junior Police.*



Since then, the boys have been receiving considerable attention, a program combining entertainment with education having kept them attentive and eager to build up their corps. They have been given instruction in boxing, jiu jitsu, proper use of firearms, social hygiene and military drill. Various speakers were obtained for the boys, including members of the F. B. I., together with educational and sports motion pictures.

A group of 60 boys were selected to form a drill team. The uniform was adopted, and through the generous contributions of Keene Citizens and particularly the Auxiliary Police, it was possible to uniform the entire group. Another group of boys was selected to form a band. Many instruments were donated and second-hand pieces were purchased, and with the assistance of Mr. Charles A. Woodbury, who will direct the band, and other interested citizens who will give instruction in the instruments, the boys will have a 37-piece group. The band uniforms consist of a barracks cap with white top, a red blouse and white belt, with dark blue trousers. The materials for the blouses was manufactured in Keene.

Since the movement started, many inquiries have been received from other police departments of this state and Massachusetts regarding the Junior Police. A letter was received from J. Edgar Hoover of the F. B. I., commending the department for its efforts in combatting juvenile delinquency.

Juvenile delinquency enters into the Junior Police movement as only one of the reasons for the existence of the corps. The main objective, however, is to treat the minds of these boys; to show them the way

to good citizenship and to prove that this better citizenship will give them a fuller, more enjoyable life. The result will prove a great asset on the ledger books of Keene's future tomorrows.

#### AUXILIARY POLICE

According to the City Charter, the department can employ but ten regular officers. In effect, the city has many more in its personnel, for the Auxiliary Police have volunteered to do a number of policing duties which would otherwise have been left unattended.

The present membership of this group is 18, the original 30 having been decreased by enlistments and officers being drafted into the armed services. No additions have been made for replacement because the men have requested that their membership be left open for them upon completion of their services in the armed forces. It is the hope of the Police Commission that this organization will be retained after the present emergency and be made a part of the department.

It is also the commission's belief that all regular officers added to the force should first become members of the auxiliary group, believing that this procedure would be of considerable saving to the city by having experienced, well trained, new members readied to assume their full responsibilities immediately upon their appointment as regular officers.

#### F. B. I. TRAINING

In 1943 funds were made available for the department to send an officer to the National Police Academy conducted by the F. B. I. in



Washington, D. C. The selection of the Keene patrolman, Officer Paul J. Fontaine, was determined by a competitive examination, and the choice proved a good one as Officer Fontaine graduated high in his class, leading his fellow students in the efficient use of police-issue firearms.

It is the desire of the Police Commission that another local officer be given this training if and when funds are made available. In line with the policy of constant improvement, the department would be that much more efficient and able to give better service to the citizens of Keene as a result of this schooling.

#### EQUIPMENT

Of great importance in the successful management of a police department is the equipment pur-

chased for its use, and in this respect, Keene has been well repaid for its investments in modern police needs. The city's two cruising cars, radio communication system, exceptionally fine arsenal, photographing, finger printing, filing system and first aid equipment, to mention a few of the comparatively new acquisitions, are being put to constant use and are proving their worth to the public.

For instance, one piece of this equipment has paid for itself many times over; in fact there can be no financial reckoning,—thus far it has saved three lives. That undeniably prudent investment is the resuscitator, part of the first aid equipment, and the use to which it was put during this past year is worth recording here.

Three children in Gilsum had been overcome by carbon monoxide

*Information from the police department files is radioed to cruising cars while another officer is busy at the teletype machine.*



gas and a phone call was made to the Keene police department for assistance. A Keene officer, accompanied by Sheriff Jennison, left immediately with the resusitator, which was placed in use immediately upon arrival. Two of the victims did not require the resusitator, but the life of the third, in the opinion of a doctor at the scene, was definitely saved by the machine.

A few days after this incident, the officers were called to a local residence where a woman was overcome by illuminating gas escaping from an accidentally turned on jet. Upon the arrival of the officers, the woman was unconscious, but soon regained full consciousness after the resusitator had been applied. Again a physican credited another life saved by the timely application of the city's resusitator.

Another occasion of its use was where a child, suffering from pneumonia, was unable to be moved to the hospital where it could be placed under an oxygen tent. The resusitator, supplying oxygen until a tent could be procured from a nearby city, again proved its need in the community.

#### RADIO COMMUNICATION

The radio communication system was changed during the year for the purpose of better co:operation between the sheriff's office and this department, the transmitter being removed from the City Hall to Concord hill, at no expense to the city. This removal enables the Keene police to cover the whole county and to service the three radio-equipped cars of the sheriff's department.

The radio was used in summoning a doctor to the scene of the Gilsum carbon monoxide case and later

proved helpful in providing directional guidance to an army plane which had lost its way because of an unusually low ceiling and poor visibility.

#### FINGER PRINTS

The filing sytem has been maintained continuously and a number of additional fingerprints have been added so that at the present time there are approximately 3,500 fingerprints on file. When a subject is arrested, three sets of these prints are taken, one for the F.B.I., one for the State Bureau in Concord and one for the Keene files. Through this interchange of fingerprints, a complete criminal history of every subject arrested by this department is made available. Incidentally, the State Bureau's files, which also contain fingerprints other than of those who have been arrested, are at the disposal of the local department.

The value of having one's fingerprints on file has been proven time

*The resusitator has proved to be one of the department's best investments.*



and time again. Recently a man was found dead in Fitzwilliam with no identification on his person. After impressions of his fingers were taken, a check was made through the local file and positive identification made. This enabled the local police to communicate with the victim's relatives.

Information contained in the department's files has been of inestimable value to such federal agencies as the Army and Navy Intelligence, F. B. I. and the Internal Security Command. This filing system is, in the belief of the Police Commission, as modern as that of any police department in the state and seems adequate enough to care for the department's needs under normal conditions for the next 25 years.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

In the commission's report to the city government, and of particular

interest to clergy, school officials as well as the city government, are pointed recommendations regarding juvenile delinquency and possible remedies, which include fundamental education, home influence, the duty of churches, the need of suitable playgrounds and a community center under supervision of the police.

A statistical review of the cases handled by the police department is as follows:

#### RECAPITULATION OF ARRESTS:

Arrests .....	723
Males .....	675
Females .....	48
To House of Correction .....	82
To Other Institutions .....	8
Fines or costs .....	393
To Grand Jury .....	14
To other agencies .....	24
Pending .....	12
Other disposition .....	190

*The auxiliary police group, established primarily as a civilian defense project, has brought Keene much favorable publicity, the unit being recognized as one of the best trained in New England.*



## STATISTICAL REVIEW OF CASES HANDLED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Complaints received—all natures,	1,584
Complaints investigated—all natures	1,331
Investigations for other departments	25
Complaints referred to other departments for investigation,	42
Tours of special duty—all officers,	4,184
Summons served locally for other departments,	2
Emergency messages delivered,	65
Lost property recovered—returned to owners—value,	\$840.50
Stolen property recovered—value,	\$6,788.00
Money accepted for safekeeping,	\$63,393.39
Operators stopped, warned, and booked—Vio. M. V. Law,	111
Operators checked for license, occupants of cars, etc.,	231
Tags issued violation of parking law,	288
Repair tags issued for defective lighting equipment,	33
Accidents investigated:	
Property damage,	27
Personal injury,	23
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<i>Total,</i>	50
Accidental deaths investigated,	8
Missing persons located,	3
Prisoners accepted for safekeeping—state police,	84
Prisoners accepted for safekeeping—sheriff's office,	67
Prisoners accepted for safekeeping—all other agencies,	51
Doors & windows—Business places—found open—secured,	1,103
Lights left on in business places,	767
Nite lights out—business places—premises checked,	134
Street lights found out—reported,	190
Vacant residences inspected—number of inspections,	2,702
Persons accepted for night lodging,	220
Miles traveled by Cruiser No. 1,	28,369
Miles traveled by Cruiser No. 2,	13,889
Cases Pending,	18
Unserved warrants in file,	11
Expenditures,	\$28,461.61
Balance of appropriation,	699.39
Fines and assessments,	\$3,099.00
Cash receipts:	
Bicycle registrations,	\$52.75
Pistol permits,	44.00
Board of Prisoners,	239.10
Junk Licenses,	105.00
Telephone tolls,	4.55
Miscellaneous,	474.95
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<i>Total,</i>	\$920.35



# FIRE PROTECTION

EUGENE B. RILEY

Chief

Expenditures in 1943

\$27,749.79

The night before Christmas, 1943, gave every indication that it was going to be a cold, cold holiday. After the Christmas tree trimmings had received their final touch, the man of the house took a peak at the thermometer outside the kitchen window, quickly bedded down his furnace for the night, dug out a couple of extra blankets and proceeded to enjoy the comforting warmth of his bed.

At approximately two-thirty Christmas morning, the first of three fire alarms sounded and house lights went on all over town as citizens contemplated "going to the fire". Probably a third of Keene's adult population, deciding to brave the below-zero weather, hurriedly donned their clothes, added an extra sweater for good measure and dashed off for the general vicinity of Alarm Box 6.

By the time people arrived at the scene, the Robertson Motor Company building was already well on its way to being completely gutted and the worst and most expensive fire since 1934 was underway.

## "EFFICIENT WORK"

In the department chief's annual report to the city government regarding this fire, he merely com-

*Norman's Motor Transportation terminal added greatly to 1943's fire loss. Here the firemen had to battle oiled soaked materials.*



mented, "It was efficient work on the part of the firemen to hold the fire in the building in which it started." But to those persons who were on the scene, it was much more than simply "efficient work".

No fewer than 13 lines of hose were used in combatting the blaze, many of the lines being used solely to prevent a spread of the fire to adjoining business buildings and homes, some of which were within four feet of the blazing inferno. Despite the fact that there was no wind

blowing, it was a superlative feat of fire-fighting that the blaze was confined to the one building. Oil soaked floors and exploding gasoline tanks of automobiles stored in the garage helped to create an intensely hot fire, and though the adjacent buildings were scorched by this radiated heat, they were saved only because of hoses constantly played on them.

The Christmas morning fire served as an excellent example of the fire-fighting capabilities of Keene's firemen,—regulars, call men and the auxiliary group. It gave the onlookers a dramatic illustration of



*The upper photo shows the close proximity of buildings which were endangered by the Robertson Motor Co. fire. The lower picture shows not only the fire damage but indicates the zero weather.*



the protection the tax payers are buying when they invest in proper equipment and obtain willing and "efficient" personnel.

### 388 ALARMS IN 1943

During 1943, there were 16 bell alarms and 372 stills, 13 of which were for out-of-town fires. There were 20 alarms more than during 1942, and in the financial loss, the most severe since 1934. Other large individual losses were occasioned by fires at the Golding-Keene Company and at the Norman's Motor Transportation terminal.

Statistically, 1943's fire report is:

Estimated value of buildings damaged by fire .....	\$384,800.00
Damage to these buildings .....	39,704.68
Insurance on these buildings .....	299,550.00
Losses paid by insurance .....	39,704.68
Value of contents .....	561,114.41
Damage to contents .....	92,442.48
Insurance on contents .....	483,275.00
Insurance paid on contents .....	92,324.62

### PRESSURE TESTS

In October a test was made to prove that if a broken water main crippled the usual supply, water could be pumped into Central Square from Mill Pond or from Beaver Brook with good pressure maintained. Using 2,150 feet of hose, from the Faulkner & Colony mill to the square, engine No. 2 at the pond had 210 pounds pressure through 1,350 feet of hose to the point where engine No. 3, carrying 160 pounds pressure, brought the water through 800 feet of hose to the square.

With a one-inch nozzle at 70 pounds pressure, it was delivering 247 gallons of water per minute, and in a second test engine No. 2

alone, with 410 pounds engine pressure, with the 2,150 feet of hose, delivered the same amount of water at the same nozzle pressure.

All the motor fire apparatus and its equipment are in very good condition as well as the fire alarm system, and for the latter, two replacement boxes were purchased.

### BUSINESS DISTRICT INSPECTION

As a preventative measure, the department engineers continue to inspect the business district for fire hazards. While the value of this procedure cannot be determined in dollars and cents, it is recognized by fire-fighters that a maintenance of these inspections saves countless fires which could of course, prove to be costly. Basements of buildings and adjacent alleys are inspected once a month as part of the local program.

### TWO MEN ADDED

During the past year, two more men were added to the permanent force, there now being eight men on permanent duty. New rooms have been provided these men and a big improvement is noticeable in fire service.

Number of Alarms and Fire Losses During the Past Decade:

Year	Still Alarms	Bell Alarms	Fire Loss
1934	445	24	\$218,838.66
1935	414	34	22,830.25
1936	373	24	21,491.64
1937	360	21	34,871.66
1938	360	17	11,470.51
1939	380	24	18,283.49
1940	520	56	75,048.56
1941	422	34	19,551.77
1942	347	21	15,325.70
1943	372	16	132,029.32

# HEALTH & SANITATION

EVAN C. WHITE *Health Officer*  
Expenditures in 1943 ..... \$3,263.44

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Probably the world's most asked question is "How are you?" Thanks to the work of the Board of Health, the general reply here in Keene is "Well and happy". But should Keene suddenly dispense with the services of this department, a startling increase would be noticed in the death rate due to any number of reasons.

Anything of any nature that might cause or spread illness is the immediate concern of the board and its officer. It might be a dumping of emptied cans in a vacant lot. Or it might be an embryonic epidemic of a dreaded disease. It could be any number of things,—calling merely for an investigation or an intricate laboratory analysis.

## DAIRY INSPECTION

However, one of the more important duties of the health officer is the constant "policing" which maintains the production and distribution of milk and dairy products at an absolutely safe level. Not a single drop of milk may be sold in Keene unless the producing farm is inspected and licensed by the Keene Board of Health. There are 99 dealers and producers and 43 stores licensed to sell milk and each of these places is constantly inspected to maintain the state regulations.

During 1943 there were 299 tests of milk made by the health officer,

tests made to determine the amount of sediment, both types of bacteria, butterfat and total solids in each of the samples analyzed. The samples were taken directly from milk offered for public sale with no warning given either the producer or retailer. There were also 24 samples of milk (and 86 samples of other products) collected for the state Laboratory of Hygiene in Concord. Whenever samples analyzed do not measure up to standards, immediate corrections are made, assuring Keene citizens of a safe supply of milk.

General inspections are regularly made of bakeries, barber shops, food stores, ice cream plants, restaurants and hotel kitchens, meat storage plants, slaughter houses, soda fountains and tourist inns and camps. Including these and the trips to dairy farms, the health officer made a total of 763 inspections during 1943.

## VENEREAL DISEASE

Possibly resulting from wartime conditions, there has been a large increase in the number of cases of venereal diseases locally discovered and placed under treatment. Other cases, called to the attention of the department by the Army, Navy and the division of Venereal Disease Control of the State Department of Health, are being watched, persons having been located, examined by physicians and placed under treatment where found needed. It was necessary to pay for more cases during the past year than ever before in order to insure that treatment would be continued until the cases were noncontagious, and in this regard 370 calls were made by the health officer. In many instances it



was necessary to place the afflicted persons in hospitals for varying periods. Drugs for most of these cases were furnished by the state.

Corrective measures are costly to the department but necessary for the good health of a community. Preventative measures are of course, beyond control of the department, but the sharp increase in the reported cases of venereal diseases should concern the taxpayer. A general relaxing of morals is usually the companion of war. Army and Navy officials extend every effort to protect the health of the enlisted men. Parents who, because of war-time employment, have been unable to maintain proper guidance and supervision of their older children's leisure hours should make definite provisions for the care of their boys and girls.

#### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

In comparison with 1942, when only a single case of "regular" measles was reported, there were 128 cases

of measles reported in 1943. This is not necessarily an indication that there was any greater amount of measles; rather it is the opinion of the health officer that many cases in 1942 were not reported to him. In this regard, the state law is to the effect that ALL cases of contagious diseases shall be reported to the Board of Health under penalty of a \$20 fine. It is not up to the doctor alone to report the illness; parents, relatives or the afflicted themselves should see to it that the law is obeyed. The contagious diseases reported during 1942 and 1943 were:

Disease:	1943	1942
Chicken pox	8	103
German measles	5	80
Gonorrhoea	38	4
Measles	128	1
Meningococcus meningitis	1	0
Mumps	1	0
Scarlet fever	43	6
Syphilis	39	12
Tuberculosis	1	2
Undulant fever	3	2
Vincent's angina	14	0
Whooping cough	1	30

*A well equipped laboratory is at the disposal of the health officer, shown here in the process of testing milk.*



## GARBAGE COLLECTION

A word or two about the collection of garbage should be included in this resume of 1943 activities. There were 301 calls to this office regarding garbage collection but due to war-time conditions, there was little this office could do. The contractor was unable to secure sufficient help or to continue with the type of service he expected to be able to render. Upon the expiration of his contract on the last day of the year, the present contractor was not interested in bidding for the work during the coming year. Nor was any other person interested in bidding for the work at a price in line with that which the city has been paying. Consequently, the 1943 contractor expressed a willingness to continue to the best of his ability until another contract is made.

## DIPHThERIA TOXOID

The health department furnished to the school physician and school nurse enough diphtheria toxoid to immunize 230 children, and incidentally, this is the ninth year in which there has not been a case of diphtheria in Keene.

## PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS

Other activities of the department included the caring for more than 400 complaints of nuisances and public health hazards, as well as the erection of various signs, disposition of dead animals found on public property and licenses approved and issued. The health officer gave 32 talks to various groups during the year, some as part of a high school course.

## LABORATORY WORK

Regarding laboratory work, war-time conditions presented a demand for many more tests than ever before, particularly on milk, water and sewage. Also, 151 separate tests were made on utensil samples alone, these including dishes, drinking glasses, silverware, etc. In addition to the usual tests made on milk, the comparatively new "Phosphatase Test" has been applied for the purpose of determining whether milk had been properly pasteurized.

In general, it may be said that the Keene residents may continue to answer queries as to his health with "Well and happy".

## A 5-YEAR COMPARISON OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
Chicken Pox	103	25	130	14	4
German Measles	80	99	3	1	5
Gonorrhoea	4	10	22	31	15
Measles	1	424	20	3	17
Pneumonia	13	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	6	25	5	7	27
Syphilis	2	13	17	6	8
Tuberculosis	2	2	3	3	6
Undulant Fever	2	1	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	30	45	5	39	19
Mumps	0	255	130	1	1
Typhoid Fever	0	0	0	0	4
Meningitis	0	2	0	0	0

# WELFARE

PAUL B. HAYWARD *Overseer of Poor*

Expenditures in 1943 . . . \$18,410.76

With the demand for manpower to maintain maximum war production continuing throughout the past year, another decrease was effected in the number of Keene residents requiring aid. There having been ample opportunities for employment for all who were physically able to work, public relief was extended to only 150 persons in 1943 as compared with 214 persons during 1942.

Many part-time workers found permanent employment and a number of relief clients formerly classified as "practically unemployable" located jobs they could handle. A general upward surge in the total wages of families previously on supplemental relief helped to lessen the public burden while a few persons formerly on local relief moved to accept out-of-town employment.

## 25 CASES AT YEAR'S END

During the year, the Welfare Department extended aid to 67 cases, representing 150 persons. The number of cases being cared for on the last day of 1943 was 25 cases, representing 55 persons.

Whether or not there will be an appreciable change in the number of cases during the coming year depends entirely upon the trend of employment. With the cessation of the war, which we all hope for, there will no doubt be considerable unemployment with a commensurately greater demand for public relief. It may well be assumed that the cases now being cared for are caused by disability or age so that no further lessening of relief demands can be expected in 1944, although, of course, could suitable employment be found for persons now receiving aid, efforts to further reduce relief costs would be made.

Old Age assistance cases have dropped from 123 at the first of the year to 116 on the last day of 1943.

### A 4-YEAR COMPARISON OF WELFARE WORK

	1943	1942	1941	1940
Appropriations	\$21,300	\$19,000	\$22,250	\$30,842
Expenditures	18,410	21,295	23,566	30,380
Year-End Balances	2,889	4,791	6,382	6,850
Cases During Year	67	86	136	199
Persons Aided	150	214	342	540
Year-End Case Load	25	33	50	65
Age Old Assistance	116	123	130	

### AVERAGE CASE COST PER YEAR BASED ON "CASES DURING YEAR"

	1943	1942	1941	1940
	\$274.77	\$247.85	\$175.50	\$152.66

# WEIGHTS & MEASURES

GEORGE E. FAIRBANKS *Sealer*  
Expenditures in 1943 \$500

In these days of ration coupons, red and blue points and scarcity of commodities, buyers are more than ever before "watching the scales" and checking the contents,—to make sure they get not only their money's worth but the full share permitted by rationing.

The work of the city's sealer of weights and measures protects both parties, the buyer and seller alike. He tests the scales, weights and containers as well as all other types of measuring devices used by all retailers of Keene, and during the course of his inspection, should any device or container be inaccurate, it is his work to see that correction be made at once.

## SCALES MUST BE ACCURATE

Through no fault of a retailer, a set of scales may become inaccurate because of wear or because of any of several reasons. If those scales can be adjusted to show true weight, such adjustments are ordered to be made immediately. If the scales are in such condition that they cannot be made to be accurate, they are condemned and removed.

According to the sealer, there has been such a demand for his services in recent months that he recommends the office should be operated on a full time rather than part time basis. In addition to scales, weights, etc., the sealer has been called upon to inspect berry baskets, packaged goods, wood trucks, coal weighing, oil meters and many other unusual tasks, making as many as 500 calls during 1943. Three loads of coal and 139 miscellaneous packages were re-weighed, many of the latter having been found improperly marked or underweight.

The sealer's statistical report was as follows:

	<i>Found Correct</i>	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Condemned for Repairs</i>	<i>Removed</i>	<i>Idle</i>	<i>Private Use</i>
Weights	1116	32	14	—	—	—
Scales	326	204	10	2	—	—
Slot Scales	14	1	—	1	—	—
Wagon Scales	7	4	—	—	—	—
R. R. Scales, 4 sections	1	—	—	—	—	—
Yardsticks	30	—	—	2	—	—
Dry Measure	2	—	—	—	—	—
Gas Pumps	68	25	13	—	43	34
Kerosene Pumps	34	2	2	—	5	—
Grease Pumps	71	—	—	—	—	—
Liquid Measures	207	2	—	—	—	—
Oil Bottles	364	—	—	—	—	—
Tank Truck Meters	18	—	—	—	—	—
Wood Trucks	41	11	—	—	—	—

# PUBLIC WORKS

A. M. WHITTEMORE.....*Superintendent*

G. E. HAWKINS..... *Assistant Super't*  
(Appointed May 24, 1943)

Expenditures in 1943 ..... \$123,292.35

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Excepting for the amount of money required for schools, county tax and debt service, the public works department's annual appropriation is larger than the total of all other departments put together. This fact is indicative of the importance of public services to our civil well being.

## \$123,292.35 FOR PUBLIC WORKS

In 1943, the varied civil facilities cost the taxpayers \$123,292.35, which figure does not include any of the airport expenditures. And if wartime restrictions were not in effect the figure would have been higher; 1943's expenditure having been close to \$30,000 less than that which was spent in 1942.

Because materials were difficult to obtain, work on streets and highways during 1943 was practically all of a maintenance nature. Six cars of road oil was applied where most needed and the usual patching of openings and ravelled edges was done with cold patch.

## TOWN ROAD AID

For the first time, at least in the memory of the department's incumbent superintendent, the city accepted town road aid assistance from the state highway department. Keene was allotted \$2,421.09 by the

state, to which sum the city added \$605.27.

About \$600 was spent to provide an adequate ditch for about 1,000 feet of the Daniels Hill (or West Hill) Road beyond the tar road at Tucker's. Three culverts were rebuilt with concrete pipe and another was extended. About \$800 was used for ditching along the Roxbury South Road below the former railroad crossing and widening on both sides of the road all the way up the hill. This latter work will provide better drainage and permit snow to be pushed back from the roadway. Another expenditure from the fund, approximately \$1,800, was spent widening the north end of the Branch Road. The work was laid out by the state highway engineers and the material used for filling was taken from the east side of the road and used on the west side.

As a part of this Branch Road project, ledge had to be blasted near the north town line and many trees removed, including a row of large pines south of the Starkey farm.

## 3,095 WATER METERS

During 1943, water service was extended to eight new places, the reduced number of new installations due, of course, to the lessened building activity. With these eight installations, there are now 3,393 houses and buildings obtaining city water service, with 3,095 meters in use at the close of last year. Due to pipes or drains becoming faulty, 39 house services were relaid in 1943.

Incidentally, cement lined wrought iron pipe is now being used for new water services and relays, due to the restrictions on the use of copper tubing.

Statistically, the department now



has in service 429 hydrants, 669 gates and 134 manholes, with the following sizes and lengths of pipes:

Size of Pipe:	Length
1 and 2-inch .....	6,864 feet
4 inch .....	50,276 feet
6 inch .....	160,481 feet
8 inch .....	61,516 feet
10 inch .....	15,747 feet
12 inch .....	38,014 feet
14 inch .....	5,545 feet
16 inch .....	656 feet
20 inch .....	65 feet
24 inch .....	306 feet
12 inch, cement lined ..	406 feet
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	339,870 feet
	or 64.4 miles

### SURFACE DRAINAGE

For surface drainage, three new grates and one manhole were added during the past year, making 123 manholes and 168 grates now in the system. There are 1954 catch basins and 19,928 feet of open ditch drainage now being used.

Pipe being used for surface drainage is as follows:

Size:	Length:
6 inch .....	8,090 feet
8 inch .....	33,760 feet
10 inch .....	41,465 feet
12 inch .....	55,693 feet
15 inch .....	21,498 feet
18 inch .....	9,323 feet
20 inch .....	2,953 feet
22 inch .....	550 feet
24 inch .....	4,773 feet
30 inch .....	930 feet
36 inch .....	920 feet
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	179,955 feet
	or 34 miles

### FILTER CONTROL HOUSES

Both filter control houses were insulated during the fall of 1943, with insulating board or nailing strips placed on the walls and rock wool bats over the ceilings. The oil burner and tank formerly used to heat the health department office, were installed downstairs at the Stone

Dam, and it is expected that a considerable saving in oil and electricity will be made with these improvements.

### 2,880 SEWER SERVICES

Sewer service was installed in seven new places in 1943, making the total services 2,880 as of December 31, 1943. Three new standpipes and one manhole were installed during the year, bringing the total number now in use up to 1,011 and 455 respectively. The length of sewer mains and laterals in the city system is now:

Size:	Length:
6 inch .....	164,188 feet
8 inch .....	29,526 feet
10 inch .....	20,434 feet
12 inch .....	11,814 feet
15 inch .....	14,304 feet
16 inch .....	12 feet
18 inch .....	791 feet
20 inch .....	4,144 feet
24 inch .....	7,211 feet
30 inch .....	110 feet
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	252,534 feet
	or 47.8 miles

### NEW CLEANING EQUIPMENT

It became necessary to clean out the sand which had accumulated in the Arch Street sewer main over a period of years. This was done with a "Flexible" sewer cleaning equipment, after which several leaky manholes on the line were repaired. This job convinced the department that "Flexible" equipment should be obtained for routine cleaning of all sewers, and following the authorization of its purchase, the equipment proved its usefulness.

### SEWERAGE DISPOSAL

In the report of the superintendent of the public works department, there appears reference to the sewerage disposal system, with figures on

operational functions. Such references as "5-12,444,000 gallons of water pumped", "18,530 gallons of waste removed from screens", "1,400 gallons of grit removed", "Tank beds drained off and cleaned four times" and "lime used, 360 bags" require the reader's knowledge of the disposal system itself, otherwise the figures would be meaningless. The department hopes that another year's annual report may include an illustrated description of city's sewerage disposal plant.

#### \$285 FOR SALVAGE MATERIALS

An interesting sidelight on the collection and disposal of rubbish is the amount of materials salvaged for the war effort. Paper and metal salvaged at the incinerator was sold for \$285, which gives the reader an idea of the amount of vital materials discarded by Keene citizens.

*A break in a Court Street water main occurs during mid-winter, forcing the public works department employees to excavate through two to three feet of frozen ground.*

#### TREE SPRAYING

The usual spraying of trees was done in the past year with the remainder of the money appropriated for the care of trees being spent for the removal of dead or dangerous trees. According to the department superintendent, too little money has been spent for trimming, an important part in the care of shade trees.

#### SNOW REMOVAL

Snow removal cost approximately the same amount of money, \$12,185.57, as it did during the previous year. The department, handicapped for man power and sometimes lacking in trucks, had occasional difficulty in giving the citizens the usual prompt snow removal services.

#### NEW HEADQUARTERS

In January of 1943 the highway and water works offices were combined and located in renovated quarters in the City Hall.



# BUILDING & ENGINEERING

RALPH H. CLARK *Engineer*  
Expenditures in 1943 \$3,392.78

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Working for and with all of the city's various departments and special committees, the office of the city engineer handles all of the city's engineering and building inspection duties. It is through this office that all building permits are issued and zoning law violations corrected.

Of these duties, one of the most time-consuming during 1943 was surveying done at Keene's new municipal airport. Because this property consists of nearly 400 acres of land, with about 40 different abutting land owners, it is necessary to have all boundaries permanently marked. Due somewhat to carelessness on the part of the airport contractor during construction, many established corners were obliterated. Most of those on the easterly side have been re-set but on the south and west sides much work remains to be done.

## COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED

A few violations of the zoning laws came to the attention of the city engineer and these have either been corrected or are in the process of being corrected. Many complaints were received concerning the untidy and littered up condition of neighboring yards. These cases are always investigated, often in company with the health officer, and

where health or zoning laws have been violated, corrections are made.

The city engineer cooperated with the Victory Garden project by staking out 13 tracts of land, lines and grades were given for highway work and in several cases granite boundary stones were set to define street lines.

## BUILDING PERMITS

During 1943, 123 permits for building were granted at a construction cost of \$76,070, which included \$1,940 for new houses, \$33,915 for new non-residential construction, \$11,290 for residential repairs and alterations and \$28,925 for non-residential repairs and alterations, the figures being lower than normal, of course, due to the war-time restrictions in obtaining materials.

The permits were issued as follows:

Single Houses .....	2
Two-Tenement House into 4 tenements .....	1
Houses, Additions, Repairs and alterations .....	59
Stores and Shops .....	10
Office Building .....	1
Church Repaired .....	1
Church Fire Escape Added .....	1
1-Car Garages .....	7
2-Car Garages .....	4
Garage Additions and Repairs...	2
Storehouses .....	2
Barns, Additions and Repairs ...	4
Sheds, Poultry Houses, etc.....	27
Greenhouse, small .....	1
Building Removed, B&M Roundhouse .....	1
Permits Granted for Hanging Signs .....	4
New House Numbers Assigned .....	5



# ZONING

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

HOLLAND S. WHEELER . . . . . Clerk  
Expenditures in 1943 . . . . . \$50

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When a property owner desires to enlarge a dwelling and enable himself to add one or more apartments, he secures the necessary permit from the city engineer and proceeds with his alterations,—provided there is no conflict with existing zoning laws.

If the district in which the owner's building is located is not in a zone that permits such alterations and additions, the owner would then be required to petition the Board of Adjustment for permission to proceed with his plans.

### 3 PETITIONS IN 1943

During 1943, only three such petitions were filed with the board. Of these, two were granted; the third should have been addressed to the city government for it called for a re-zoning of a particular property, which is not in the province of the Board of Adjustment.

Owners of houses at 60 Davis Street and 12 Marlboro Street were granted permission to make enlargements, while the petition to have the property at 50 Marlboro Street re-zoned had to be denied.

In ordinary years, the number of petitions received annually by the board would total from 15 to 25, but due to the curtailed activity in

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# PLUMBING

JOHN H. SIMPSON . . . . . Inspector  
Expenditures in 1943 . . . . . \$500

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Once again, due to wartime restrictions not only on building construction but on the sale of plumbing fixtures and supplies, a curtailed activity in plumbing installations was experienced during 1943.

The plumbing inspector contacted all persons doing plumbing to see that all regulations were being complied with, and also inspected and tested all new installations and alterations made in the city.

The total number of permits issued was 107, only two of which permits were for new construction, while 234 installations of fixtures were installed. The amount collected for plumbing license fees was \$10.50, two licenses being new ones and 17 were renewals.

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the building line, the limited number received in 1943 was not unexpected. Judging from the numerous inquiries received by the board regarding proposed changes in residences, it is expected that an unusually large number of petitions will be received as soon as building restrictions are relaxed.

Persons having inquiries regarding zoning laws are invited to see or communicate with the clerk of the board.

# PARKS & PLAYGR'NDS

ROBERT T. KINGSBURY, *Commissioner*  
Expenditures in 1943 ..... \$5,637.52

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In time of war, there are many who believe that the use of public funds for recreation is money questionably spent, but to be lax in furnishing children opportunities for healthful play is to let down the bars to juvenile delinquency. Nothing can be more important on "Victory Day" than the knowledge that children,—men and women of tomorrow,—have survived the struggle with strong bodies and clean minds.

And if the word "trees" could be substituted in place of "children", the same arguments could be used in the expenditure of funds for the maintenance of our parks. The longer we postpone appropriating necessary funds for the restoration of our trees, that much longer must

we wait for the beauty that once belonged to our parks.

## REDUCED FUNDS

In 1943, there was approximately \$2,500 less available from city funds than during the previous year, and this, coupled with the increased cost of labor and materials, made it a difficult problem to do anything more than mere maintenance work in the large area of parks owned by the city. It was only because of the generous gift of \$1,000 from the Rural Improvement Society that any of the much needed restoration or improvement work could in any way be attempted.

At Robin Hood Park the roads were badly washed during the spring and an unexpected amount was necessary for repairs and resurfacing. Some additional clearing was done and 2,000 more pine were planted on the west side of the pond. No attempt could be made to do the much needed cutting of brush on the larger areas on the hill-sides where 35,000 seedlings were previously planted.

Considerable work was done at Fuller Park in clearing and trimming the hedges around the pond and park, repairing the walks and completing the replanting of shrubs and perennials commenced last year.

At Wheelock Park 5,000 more pine seedlings were planted and several hundred stumps removed to make room for a similar planting in the coming year. Clearing was done in the Dinsmoor lot and 1,000 spruce and hemlock seedlings planted.

*Robin Hood Park continued to attract large gatherings seeking relief from the hot summer sun.*



In the other areas maintenance had been kept up and the unsightly growth of brush in the ungraded part of Hickey-Desilets Park was cleared in the hope that more filling may soon be accomplished there.

#### PLAYGROUNDS WELL ATTENDED

Despite the fact that a number of older boys and girls have left town for either the armed service or for war production work, Robin Hood Park continued to attract huge crowds. It seemed that more children than ever made use of the swimming and playground facilities, the increase in attendance possibly being due to the fact that a lack of transportation prevented them from going to more distant lakes. However, owing to necessary higher pay and a number of replacements and repairs proving more costly than usual, the expense of operating the swimming pool and playgrounds was somewhat increased over normal.

#### NEW SKATING RINK

In its first year, the new skating rink on the Fish property has attracted a large number of children, so much so that consideration might

be given to an enlargement of the skating area. Incidentally, the necessary work of regrading and re-surfacing the Fish property this fall required a considerable amount of money, nearly \$500 being spent to make the property suitable and to maintain it for a skating rink.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The park commissioner, as a part of his report, recommended a larger appropriation for park and recreation maintenance. In accepting the large public areas which public minded citizens presented to the city, it was the commissioner's opinion that the city should recognize the responsibility of properly maintaining them, both in the spirit of the gifts and in the incentive for continued benevolences. Furthermore, it is more economical to conserve that which is at hand than it would be to disregard necessary work and be forced, at a later date, to rebuild those parks which might be neglected due to a lack of funds. The park commissioner's recommendation was that \$6,500 be appropriated for park and playground work during 1944.

*The new skating rink on the former A. E. Fish Company property brought joy to hundreds of youngsters.*



# CEMETERIES

ELMER S. BRITTON

*Superintendent and Sexton*

Expenditures in 1943 ..... \$11,844.14

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The oldest cemetery in Keene is the Ash Swamp Burying Ground, but it wasn't until the city government took action this past year that it became under the care of the Cemetery Department, despite the

fact that the cemetery had actually belonged to the city for years.

Unless the average citizen was a golfer, and a poor golfer at that, he would have difficulty in locating Ash Swamp Burying Ground. An old history of Keene locates it as sited "on a knoll this side of Ash Swamp brook." Golfers at the Keene Country Club would find the cemetery if their approach shots to the eighth green were hit too hard.

Private citizens have been giving Ash Swamp Burying Grounds what little attention it has been receiv-

*From an old history of Keene we learn that Ash Swamp Burying Ground is located "on a knoll this side of Ash Swamp Brook." Though placed under supervision of the Cemetery Department in 1943, it is the oldest cemetery in Keene. This mid-winter view of the burying ground is one looking toward the southeast, the telegraph pole in the center of the picture being located along the side of the West Hill road just east of Ash Swamp Brook. Had the day upon which this photo was taken been less cloudy, Mt. Monadnock's peak would have been seen in the distance. The cemetery is bounded on one side by property used by the Keene Country Club, being just southeast of the 8th green.*





ing, but with its formal acquisition this year, the Cemetery Department cut some brush and otherwise cleaned up Ash Swamp Burying Ground as far as means permitted. So now the department has eight cemeteries to care for,—Woodland, Woodland Extension, Greenlawn Washington Street, Chase, Hurricane, West and Ash Swamp. The city does not take care of the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

#### 80 NEW LOTS AT WOODLAND

In 1942, the department prepared and opened 80 new lots at Woodland Cemetery and during the past year, 51 of these were sold. Provided labor permits, it is hoped that another 40 lots can be made available at Woodland during the coming summer.

During the past year, the department cared for 704 lots on perpetual care and 250 lots on annual care. In addition to this, the department straightened approximately 175 stones, filled, graded and seeded 26 walkways, filled and seeded 200 depressions, regraded and seeded seven lots and of course, cared for the more than five miles of roadways in our cemeteries.

#### 144 BURIALS IN 1943

In 1943 there were 131 adult and 13 infant burials, and during the winter of 1942-43, there were 14 bodies stored in the tomb, of which nine of these were buried out of town.

The sale of grave lots during the year included ten at \$100 each, 30 at \$60 each and nine single grave lots at \$10 each. Collections for the year were \$6,579.17 and bills receivable total \$4,856.75.

# VICTORY GARDENS

VICTORY GARDEN COMMITTEE  
REV. WILLIAM W. LEWIS *Chairman*  
Expenditures in 1943 ..... \$66.50

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During World War I, we frequently heard that "Food will win the war". That same slogan, though not as well publicized today as it was a quarter-century ago, is nonetheless appropriate for the present day conflict, in fact, more so in view of the huge shipments of food necessary for our allies.

Sensing the need of locally grown produce to help relieve transportation and to make Keene as self-sustaining as possible, Mayor Holbrook appointed a committee to encourage Victory gardening, and as a result, more than 13 hitherto untilled acres of land were put into use to help win the war.

#### 375 PLOTS PUT TO USE

Thirteen plots of land, located in sections throughout the city, were divided into 375 lots and each of these was used. A nominal charge was made to cover the expenses of plowing and harrowing, but because severe rains necessitated this work being done more than once, the total expense proved to be larger than the income. However, the total deficit, payable by the city, was but \$53.50, or approximately 15 cents per plot.

Frequent inspections were made by the committee during the grow-



ing season and while the crops were being harvested. The committee found, on the whole, a most enthusiastic and grateful group of gardeners and indications that the vegetable requirements of hundreds of Keene families were going to be well cared for even into the winter months.

#### CANNING INSTRUCTION

As a part of the program, the committee arranged for canning demonstrations, and through the cooperation of school officials and teachers, a canning center was es-

tablished to teach methods of canning. Housewives brought their garden produce to canning classes and thousands of quarts of eatables were canned in the process of instruction.

While the entire committee acted mainly in an advisory capacity, a smaller committee was more active in the actual promotion of the Victory Garden project. This smaller committee included Rev. William W. Lewis, Ernest L. Blodgett, Dayton L. Park, Laverne Bushnell, Cornelius Ahern and Mrs. Ralph W. Newell.

*One of thirteen pieces of land sub-divided into 375 individual Victory gardens was the Arch Street plot, photographed below. This particular plot turned out to be one of the most productive of them all, the excellent soil having provided the tillers with abundant vegetables. Corn, potatoes, cucumbers, beets, carrots, squash, tomatoes and pole beans seemed to comprise the average garden, many of these items produced, having been canned for use throughout the winter. An exceptionally high average of gardeners stuck with their task throughout the season, resulting in an important crop of vegetables.*



# PLANNING BOARD

J. ALFRED DENNIS ..... *Chairman*  
PERCY A. HUDSON ..... *Clerk*  
Expenditures in 1943 ..... \$1.75

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During 1943, activities of the Planning Board were of necessity somewhat curtailed owing to the fact that many projects had to be subordinated to the war effort, and because of problems which will be created as a result of the war, much of the board's work of the past year has been in regard to post-war planning.

Early in the year a number of committees of the board were set up to study post-war planning in Keene but during the summer a local branch of the National Committee for Economic Development was formed and in order to avoid duplication of effort the Planning Board co-operated with this local committee since its inception.

## GROUP CO-ORDINATION

Several meetings have been held and the board expressed the hope to be able to co-ordinate the various groups that are studying the post-war program as it affects Keene. The program is one primarily to find jobs for the men who will return from the services following the war. The Committee on Economic Development has already made a survey among local manufacturers regarding their post-war plans and payrolls, and the Planning Board is

endeavoring to promote a study by the Keene Merchants Association so that post-war plans of the merchants, banks, insurance companies and professional services will be available. Farmers have also been included in the survey; the local Farm Bureau office was able to furnish much information in this respect.

With information received from these three sources, definite plans can be laid regarding employment of returning soldiers and sailors, and, of particular interest to the Planning Board, will be the estimated number of public works projects which may be undertaken by Keene during the change-over by industry from a war to peace-time production. These public works projects are being studied by the Planning Board and a list of them may be found in the mayor's inaugural speech.

## PLAYGROUND STUDY

During 1943 a committee of the board conferred with the Board of Education regarding the use and proper equipping of various playgrounds connected with the city schools so that a real year-round program can be developed. This committee is still at work and will render a full report at a later date. Also, the board was represented at a conference called by Gov. Blood regarding a state-wide recreational program.

The Planning Board is also working with the state highway office regarding highways which may be built during the post-war period and which, if accomplished, may materially solve the traffic congestion in the center of the city.

# SERVICEMAN GIFT COMMITTEE

Expenditures in 1943 = \$1,092.02

Anticipating the Christmas season and desiring to express Yuletide greetings to Keene men and women in the armed forces, a committee was appointed by Mayor Holbrook to bring suggestions to the city government for a suitable gift to accompany a message of greeting "from the folks back home."

This committee, which included Aldermen Mitchell and Park and Councilmen Coddling, Emery and McCarthy, entertained many suggestions. After discarding one possible gift after another as either impractical or being of a short-lived nature, the suggestion of a booklet which would contain home town news and views was finally accepted by the committee and recommended to the city government.

## \$1,200 APPROPRIATED

An appropriation of \$1,200 was voted to cover the cost of printing and mailing the booklets and the committee was authorized to proceed with the plan, the only restric-

*The photos on this and the two following pages were among those appearing in the servicemen's Christmas Booklet. The photo below was taken in September, 1940, when these Battery G boys left for Texas.*





tion being that no booklet should be given to any person not serving in the armed forces. The booklet was intended strictly as a gift of greeting to men and women already in the service and those who were to enter at subsequent periods, and a suggestion that additional copies of the booklet be sold to offset its cost was turned down to avoid any taint of commercialism. The booklet was designed by John E. Coffin and printed by the Sentinel Printing Co, at a cost of \$945.

Nearly 1,300 of the 2,500 booklets printed were mailed to service men and women in time to reach them before Christmas and today, as men and women leave civilian life to enter the service, a copy of the

booklet reaches them soon after their induction.

#### MANY LETTERS RECEIVED

Several letters of appreciation have been received from those to whom booklets were sent and a scrap book is being made up of these replies. Some of the typical phrases in these letters are:

"You couldn't have chosen a better way of making our Christmas a happier one and our hopes for the future a little brighter. Your booklet has done more than that for us—it has shown that you haven't forgotten us or why we are over here."

"I will try my best to keep the booklet clean because I want to keep it for a souvenir and bring it home when I come so I will have it to show my folks."

*Typical of many groups of draftees, this one includes a number of boys who, but a short time ago, were playing football on the high school team. The photo below was taken just prior to train time.*



"May I hasten to compliment, through you, the city of Keene on the Christmas booklet sent those of us in the service. It was marvelously done and I can imagine nothing nicer. I have seen nothing comparable—in fact nothing—by any community.

"It's things such as this, together with the city's splendid war record that makes us proud of her. Congratulations and thanks."

"Each page brought back many memories of happy experiences and times I had in the old home town."

"There were so many things and places of interest in it to us who expect to return again some day—I surely would like to be back to enjoy some of that snow and sleet as shown in one of the pictures of Central square in contrast to the sweltering and steaming jungle existence over here."

"When I read that booklet back at the barracks in California, I knew I

really wanted to come home more than ever. I know that all of the other people in the service, like myself, will find a spot to keep that book in, even with rigid inspections. It is something to keep and I know I'll enjoy reading and looking at it many times in the future."

Of special interest is the following reaction from an outsider. He says: "There is a Keene boy in my organization. He says this little piece of Keene is one of the best presents he could hope to get for Christmas. Others to whom I show your booklet almost invariably say, 'I wish my home town would put out something like that.' Congratulations, people of Keene, you have done a great service for your sons out here and I know they will never forget that they have a great little city of which to be proud."

*Created as a part of the civilian defense activity is the auxiliary fire-fighting unit, pictured below with the regular firemen. The auxiliary group, trained in all phases of fire-fighting, is still an active organization.*





# MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Expenditures in 1943 — \$11,576.56

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After weeks of effort in purchasing land in North Swanzey, Keene's new municipal airport began to take form in Fall of 1942. In September, the city government formally voted that it "shall be known and bear the title 'Dillant-Hopkins Municipal Airport' in honor of Thomas David Dillant, Keene, New Hampshire, and Edwin Chester Hopkins of Swanzey, New Hamp-

shire, who willingly gave their lives in defense of their country in the early months of the year 1942 of the Second World war."

Soon after the airport received its name, ground-breaking exercises were held and construction got underway. By the time it was accepted by the city, approximately \$1,100,000 were spent, \$71,800 by the city and the remainder by the United States government.

Officially dedicated Sunday, October 31, 1943, an estimated 5,000 persons witnessed an impressive program, taking a part in which were Governor Robert O. Blood, the entire New Hampshire congressional delegation and representatives of the army and navy.

*Two long runways greet the aviator to Keene's new municipal airport, located in North Swanzey.*



Hailed as a "new milestone in the history of the period" and the greatest single asset to Keene and the Monadnock region in the years to come," the vast port was a scene of great aerial activity all afternoon, powerful fighting craft of the military putting on a show which thrilled every person on the field.

Indicative of the contribution which the new port will make to the war effort, a large formation of local planes being used to train Uncle Sam's future fighting pilots, came over in a "V for Victory" formation as the dedication ceremonies were launched. Planes of the Civil Air Patrol also filled the air, hopping off and landing as though they were little bugs.

Assembly of the distinguished guests and officials was made the occasion of considerable fanfare, the official party headed by Gov. Robert O. Blood marching behind the Junior Catholic Daughters of America Drum and Bugle Corps to the speaker's stand after having been escorted by State police from Hotel Ellis where they had lunched as guests of the Monadnock Region association.

#### OFFICIALS MEET

Greetings were exchanged by Keene officials and Swanzey selectmen before they took their places on the platform, the two groups having marched behind the Keene Girls Drum Corps and the West Swanzey Girls Fife and Drum Corps from opposite points on one of the runways.

#### OFFICIALS PRESENT

The Keene officials included Mayor Richard L. Holbrook; Pres. Robert M. Sayers of the common council; and Bernard A. Streeter, chair-

man of the airport committee. The Swanzey party was made up of Selectmen J. M. Hackler, chairman; John E. Conboy, Jr., and Myrle Wheeler. Richard C. Carrick, chairman of program, presided at the opening of the ceremonials and called on Rev. William W. Lewis, pastor of the Unitarian church, who gave the invocation.

#### INGALLS PRESENTS PORT

Capt. E. Fletcher Ingalls, Boston, district airport engineer for the Civil Aeronautics administration, called upon by Mr. Carrick, reviewed briefly the highlights of planning the airport, the allocation of CAA funds for construction and drawing of the plans by the U. S. Corps of Engineers before officially turning over the port to the city.

"It is a fine job. I consider this airport one of the nicest of airports and the finished product shows the work which the engineers have put into it," he said in his presentation speech. The acceptance for the city

TOP LEFT: *Bob Peebles interviews Major J. H. Brown, C. O. N. H. Wing C. A. P.*

CENTER LEFT: *Fletcher Ingalls, C. A. A., presenting airport to City of Keene.*

LOWER LEFT: *View from rear of speakers' stand showing part of 5,000 spectators.*

TOP CENTER: *Chief of Police Joseph L. Regan, paces the Keene Girls Drum Corps smartly up the field.*

CENTER: *Selectmen of West Swanzey and Keene greet each other.*  
TOP RIGHT: *Lee Bowman, of Bowman Flying Service, talks to Howard E. Wheelock in preview of ceremony.*

RIGHT CENTER: *Mayor Richard L. Holbrook of Keene formally accepts airport from Captain Ingalls.*

LOWER RIGHT: *Governor Robert O. Blood of New Hampshire, says the State is proud of Keene and the new airport.*





was by Mayor Holbrook who expressed his personal appreciation and that of the city government to all who had a hand in making a dream become a reality.

#### MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE

In accepting the airport Mayor Holbrook spoke as follows:

"Capt. Ingalls, in behalf of the City of Keene I accept this airport from the federal government of the United States with the deepest gratitude and thanks. I commend the Civil Aeronautics Administration for its forward thinking and planning in obtaining the necessary federal appropriation to make it possible for municipalities to have adequate landing fields, not only for home defense in time of war but as an aid to the extension of a national airway system in order that our country may continue its progress as the greatest democracy in the world.

"Capt. Ingalls, we are personally indebted to you for your courtesy and consideration of our many problems during the planning and construction of this airport. I know that many times you went beyond your official obligation as district airport engineer of the Civil Aeronautics administration, to aid and advise us on many occasions.

"I recall the many trips you have made to Keene at my request and Mr. Streeter, chairman of the aviation committee, which I know, must have caused you a great deal of inconvenience and extra work. For this consideration and keen interest in our airport please accept my sincere personal thanks and I know I express the feeling of the aviation committee and the members of the city government.

"This airport has already been

inspected by high officials of the Army, Navy and Civil Aeronautics Administration and the results of their inspection have been expressed clearly in these words: 'The most polished airport built under funds provided by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.'

"A great part of the credit for this excellent job is due Donald M. Mills, resident engineer, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army and S. T. Morris, office engineer and his staff. Naturally any good construction projects must have excellent and extensive plans and these were painstakingly prepared by the District Office of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army at Providence, R. I., under the supervision of Lieut. Col. E. W. Garbisch but the responsibility of supervising and directing the construction of this airport fell on the shoulders of Donald Mills, resident engineer.

"The excellence of the performance of his duties lies visibly before you now. He was most cooperative at all times with the aviation committee and myself and many times went beyond the official requirements of his duties to solve the many problems that confronted us. The city, the aviation committee and myself express our sincere thanks for his excellent cooperation and the grand job that he did far and above his official obligations.

"The City of Keene had to go beyond its corporate limits to locate land suitable for the construction of a large airport. After many comprehensive surveys by the New Hampshire Aeronautics the best site was selected in North Swanzy.

"This fact necessitated making necessary arrangements with the town of Swanzy for the City of Keene to acquire the necessary land.

I want to take this opportunity to express on behalf of the City of Keene and that Aviation committee our thanks and appreciation to the selectmen of Swanzey, John M. Hackler, chairman, Myrle Wheeler and John E. Conboy, Jr., for their excellent cooperation and sacrifice of time in discussing and making the necessary arrangements for the acquisition of land and their interested, whole-hearted support of the airport project. They have rendered invaluable service.

"Naturally a project of this size required a committee representing the city to make the necessary land acquisition, discuss plans and problems with the Civil Aeronautics Administration, discuss plans and problems of construction with the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army and

a thousand and one tasks and duties that always complement a work of this magnitude.

"The Aviation committee appointed by the city government, with Bernard A. Streeter as chairman, has done a magnificent job. The citizens of Keene should know of the great sacrifice of time that has been made by the members of this committee attending countless meetings to pour over and discuss plans and problems that were ever present until the airport was completed.

"Their cooperation and willingness to make these sacrifices bears mute testimony to their great interest and keenness in the airport. The City of Keene owes a debt of gratitude to the aviation committee for their fine civic service."

*David Carpenter, manager of Radio Station WKNE, presents Mayor Holbrook with a recording of the airport dedication ceremonies.*





## FLAG RAISING IMPRESSIVE

One of the most impressive parts of the dedication was the flag raising ceremony in which Naval Aviation Cadets from the unit at Keene Teachers college participated. As the National Anthem was played and the American flag was being raised, the entire cadet unit stood at attention, the group then passing in review to the martial music of "Anchors Aweigh." Lieut. (jg) Theo J. Bleier, athletic officer for the cadets, was in charge of the group.

During the flag raising ceremony the mothers of the boys for whom the airport is named, Mrs. Joseph E. Dillant and Mrs. Frank A. Hopkins, were presented with a large arm bouquet of chrysanthemums, Mrs. Robert O. Blood and Mrs. Richard L. Holbrook making the presentation.

## GREETINGS FROM GOVERNOR

Introduced by Mayor Holbrook, Gov. Blood paid a high tribute to the two boys who gave their lives and stated that they were "distinguished names long to be remembered".

The airport, said Gov. Blood, will prove a great asset to the community in time of peace in the industrial development of New Hampshire, "Anything which helps this area helps New Hampshire and New England", declared the governor adding that "the state is proud of you and your organization who made this airport possible.

## SEN. TOBEY SPEAKS

Sen. Tobey, a member of the naval affairs committee, spoke briefly, pointing to the great strides which aviation has made in the last 40

years and predicting the field will be used by helicopters within a few years. He also paid a tribute to the names of Dillant and Hopkins.

Cong. Foster Stearns referred to the field as "my home airport" and he prophesied it will play a constructive role in the future. Congressman Chester E. Merrow was called to take a bow and Col. G. W. Gillette of the New England division U. S. Engineers, paid tribute to a "job well done" by the engineers of his organization.

Others called on to take a bow were Lieut. Col. E. W. Garbisch, Maj. Carl H. Lovejoy, E. H. Brown, all of the Corps of Engineers; Donald M. Mills, the resident engineer, paid tribute to the entire engineering department and to the contractors.

Also introduced were Lt. Com. E. S. Brewer, U. S. N., Fred E. Ennis, principal flight training supervisor, (Navy) from New York; Col. William D. Cottam, head of procurement of the First Service Command induction and recruiting office, Boston; Maj. Ernest Baldick, commanding officer of the Manchester induction centre; Maj. William V. Ellis, 2nd, base operations officer, Grenier Field, Manchester; J. Burleigh Cheney, Providence, chairman of the aviation committee of the New England Council; R. H. Herrstein of the Northeast Airlines; Ross Angier of the American Airlines; Pres. Bianchi of the general contracting firm which built the port; and Maj. A. Erland Goyette, president of the Monadnock Region association.

## BRIDGES CHIEF SPEAKER

Styles Bridges, New Hampshire's senior senator and who, in the words of Mayor Holbrook "went to

bât for the airport" on several occasions when continuance of construction appeared very dubious, was the principal speaker of the day.

Sen. Bridges declared that the occasion was important to the City of Keene, the town of Swanzey and the Monadnock Region for three reasons; first, because of the tribute to the mothers of the two boys for whom the port is named; secondly, because of the contribution which the port can make to the war effort, and, last, because in the years ahead the airport will become the greatest single asset to Keene and the Monadnock region.

"It contributes," said Sen. Bridges, "to the prosperity and accessibility of the region." He praised the foresight of Mayor Holbrook, the Swan-

zey selectmen and region officials for their foresight and perseverance in seeing that the project was carried through to a successful termination.

Following Sen. Bridges' talk the program was turned over to the New Hampshire Wing of the Civil Air Patrol for the flying show.

#### THRILLING AIR SHOW

Five huge Army and Navy aircrafts, three of them with folding wings, together with more than a dozen planes of smaller type owned by Bowman's Flying service in Keene and members of the Civil Air Patrol of the New Hampshire Wing, from five cities, participated in the thrilling air maneuvers.

At times the three Grumman

*Business district as seen last fall from an airplane. This is one of the views which appeared in the Christmas Booklet for the servicemen.*



Avengers levelled to a point within 50 feet of the ground and after these three planes massed to leave the port the wings of the great planes appeared to be only a few feet apart.

Four P-37, Thunderbolt planes, said to be the fastest aircraft built, circled the field but did not make a landing.

The master of ceremonies during the air show was Sergt. John F. Cotter, who is attached to the headquarters of the Army Air Forces Recruiting service.

Planes of the Civil Air Patrol demonstrated the picking up of messages, bomb dropping and materials dropped from planes by means of parachute.

#### FREE RIDES

Youths who signified their intention of becoming pilots were given free rides in planes from the Bowman Flying Service field, as were many members of the city government.

Maj. John H. Brown, commander of the New Hampshire Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, told the purpose of the units and commended the work of "Scotty" Wilson and Arthur Whitcomb of the Keene unit.

The first big plane to land on the field was the Beach Craft Bomber trainer piloted by Lieut. Quentin Fuchs and carrying Col. William Cottam, induction officer from the First Service Command, Boston, Maj. MacCracken and Capt. Cotnam.

Three TBF Grumman Avengers, piloted by officers from the Royal Air Forces, performed maneuvers over the field and then landed on the east-west runway. The pilots were Sub. Lieut. Donald Cash, Sub. Lieut. Morton Brown and Lieut. Bernard Furlong. Lieut Tattarnal

in command of the flight crew together with the pilots spoke briefly over the loud speaker system.

An A-25 Hell-Dive bomber from Grenier Field, Manchester, piloted by Lieut. Fred Carroll, "dropped in" at the port after performing maneuvers over the field.

#### CIVIL AIR PATROL

Five units of the Civil Air Patrol of the New Hampshire Wing were represented, Keene, Berlin, Concord, Laconia and Newport-Claremont. Four teams performed in competition for the silver trophy awarded by Maj. Brown, commander of the New Hampshire Wing. The Keene unit was the winner of the trophy.

Other teams competing were the Newport-Claremont unit, the combined A and B units of Concord and the C unit of Concord. Judges of the drill were Capt. John Sibley and Col. A. De Sandere. The Keene unit, which won the trophy, had as its drill master, Richard K. Palmer.

#### AIRLINES INTERESTED

Representatives of some of the major airlines were present for the ceremonies, indicating an interest in linking the Keene airport with some of the possible war and post-war service.

Committees in charge of the dedication were: Program, Richard C. Carrick, Arthur Whitcomb, Paul Shedd, Lee Bowman and Dayton L. Park; Publicity, Philip M. Darling, Ralph W. Newell and David Carpenter; Invitation and Entertainment of Guests: James Farmer, Dayton L. Park and Robert M. Sayers, Sr.; Policing, Parking and Catering: Clifford Emery, Gerald McCarthy and Chief of Police Joseph Regan.



*Time passes . . . and with its passing, many changes come to the world's widest paved main street. This photograph appeared in a Keene city report twenty years ago.*





# CITY *of* KEENE

Government . . .

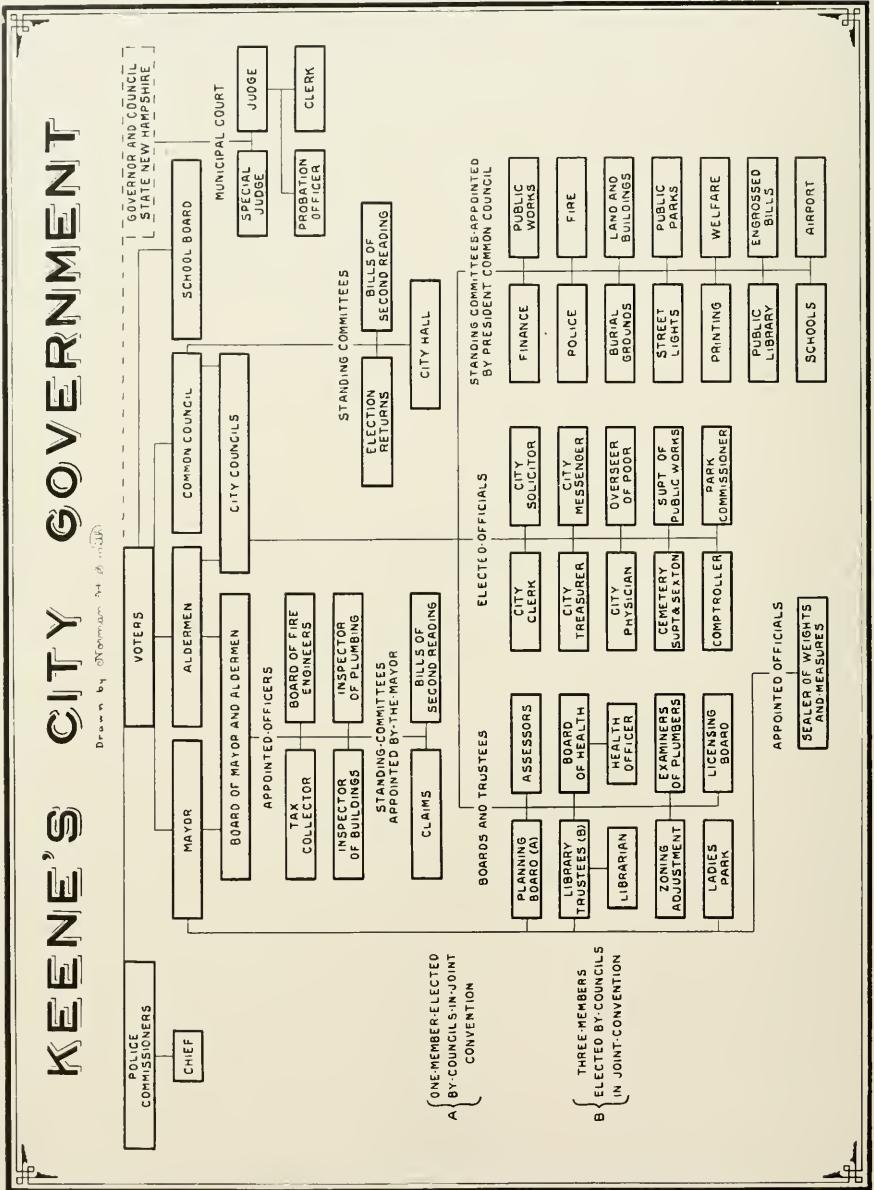
Committees . . .

Boards . . . . .

Officers . . . . .

Employees . . . .

How is your city operated? The graph below indicates the relationship of one department to another.



# CITY GOVERNMENT

1943

HON. RICHARD L. HOLBROOK  
*Mayor*

## ALDERMEN

JAMES C. GRAVES                      *Ward 1*  
(Resigned September 2, 1943 to  
enter Armed Forces)

DAYTON L. PARK                      *Ward 2*

FREDERICK D. MITCHELL              *Ward 3*

ELMER L. MACKENZIE                *Ward 4*

JAMES B. DEE                         *Ward 5*  
(Resigned October 21, 1943 to  
enter Armed Forces)

## COMMON COUNCILMEN

ROBERT M. SAYERS, SR.  
*President*

CLIFFORD E. EMERY                      *Ward 1*  
HOWARD W. KIRK  
HERBERT H. SANDERSON

FRED P. AMADON, JR.                      *Ward 2*  
CLIFFORD W. MARTIN  
FREDERICK P. SHARBY  
(Deceased, 1942)

JAMES M. ERWIN                         *Ward 3*  
OLANDE C. PUTNEY  
ALLEN L. MARTIN

LEROY E. CODDING                        *Ward 4*  
ROBERT M. SAYERS, SR.  
L. ROLAND TAYLOR

VENA DiLUZIO                              *Ward 5*  
LORENZO J. METIVIER  
JOHN GERALD MCCARTHY

HARRY E. GALE  
*Clerk*

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES

### FINANCE:

MAYOR HOLBROOK, ALDERMAN  
MITCHELL, COUNCILMEN CODDING,  
and A. L. MARTIN.

### PUBLIC WORKS:

ALDERMAN PARK, COUNCILMEN EM-  
ERY and PUTNEY.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT:

ALDERMAN GRAVES, COUNCILMEN  
METIVIER and AMADON.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

ALDERMAN DEE, COUNCILMEN MC-  
CARTHY and SANDERSON.

### BURIAL GROUNDS:

ALDERMAN MACKENZIE, COUNCIL-  
MEN KIRK and C. W. MARTIN.

### LANDS AND BUILDINGS:

ALDERMAN MACKENZIE, COUNCIL-  
MEN METIVIER and TAYLOR.

### STREET LIGHTS:

ALDERMAN DEE, COUNCILMEN EM-  
ERY and TAYLOR.

### SCHOOLS:

ALDERMAN GRAVES, COUNCILMEN C.  
W. MARTIN and DiLUZIO.

### PUBLIC PARKS:

ALDERMAN PARK, COUNCILMEN ER-  
WIN and DiLUZIO.

### PRINTING:

ALDERMAN MITCHELL, COUNCILMEN  
DiLUZIO and SAYERS.

### ENGROSSED BILLS:

ALDERMAN DEE, COUNCILMEN COD-  
DING and SANDERSON.

### PUBLIC LIBRARY:

ALDERMAN MACKENZIE, COUNCIL-  
MEN ERWIN and KIRK.

### WELFARE:

MAYOR HOLBROOK, ALDERMAN  
GRAVES and COUNCILMAN CODDING.

### ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES:

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING:

ALDERMEN PARK, MITCHELL and  
DEE.

#### LICENSES:

ALDERMEN MITCHELL, GRAVES and  
MACKENZIE.

#### CLAIMS:

FULL BOARD.

### COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

#### ELECTION AND RETURNS:

COUNCILMEN A. L. MARTIN, PUTNEY  
and AMADON.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING:

COUNCILMEN MCCARTHY, AMADON  
and TAYLOR.

# SPECIAL COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND TRUSTEES

## *LADIES PARK COMMITTEE:*

Mayor Richard L. Holbrook, Mrs. Edith K. Watson, Alderman Dayton L. Park.

## *CITY HALL COMMITTEE:*

Mayor Richard L. Holbrook, Councilman Fred P. Amadon, Jr., City Messenger William B. Stickels.

## *LICENSING BOARD:*

Mayor Richard L. Holbrook, Chief of Police Joseph L. Regan, City Solicitor Arthur Olson (Resigned June 3, 1943) Edward C. Sullivan (Elected June 3, 1943).

## *PLANNING BOARD:*

Mayor Richard L. Holbrook, J. Alfred Dennis, Chairman. Robert T. Kingsbury, Park Commission, Alderman James B. Dee (Resigned October 21, 1943), Carl D. Roche, (Appointed January 1, 1943), Robert D. Nims, (Resigned January 15, 1943), Mrs. Edith C. Kingsbury, (Appointed January 15, 1943, Resigned August 1943), Percy A. Hudson, Ellis Robertson, William C. Chapman.

## *MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:*

Mayor Richard L. Holbrook, Bernard A. Streeter, Chairman, Edward C. Sullivan, City Solicitor, Philip M. Darling, Executive Secretary Monadnock Region Association, Richard C. Carrick, Arthur Whitcomb, Elmer L. MacKenzie, James C. Graves, Clifford E. Emery, J. Gerald McCarthy, Dayton L. Park.

## *SERVICEMEN'S XMAS GIFT:*

Frederick D. Mitchell, Chairman, Dayton L. Park, Clifford E. Emery, Leroy E. Codding, J. Gerald McCarthy.

## *BOARD OF ASSESSORS:*

Ralph E. Proctor, Byron B. Britton, Paul B. Hayward, Clerk.

## *TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS:*

Harold I. Chandler, John L. Saunders, Harry A. Page.

## *BOARD OF HEALTH:*

Dr. Walter F. Taylor, Frank J. Foley, Ernest L. Bell, Jr.

## *POLICE COMMISSION:*

Arthur B. Nims, Rupert E. Robinson, Clerk, William E. Hetherman.

## *TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY:*

*Permanent Trustees:* Robert T. Kingsbury, John J. Colony, Lucy J. Dickinson, Elizabeth F. Lacey, Winfield M. Chaplin. *Elected by City Councils:* Ruth P. Huntress, Clerk, Chester B. Jordan (Deceased March 29, 1943), Philip H. Faulkner, Elizabeth S. Pressler, Julia F. Chapman, Kate L. Tilden.

## *BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBING:*

John H. Simpson, Arthur L. Russell, William V. Toomey.

## *ZONING, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:*

Philip H. Faulkner, Chairman, Clifford E. Emery, Howard W. Kirk, Theodore H. Bergeron, Holland S. Wheeler, Clerk.

# OFFICERS

*City Clerk* ELMER B. CHAMBERLAIN  
(Resigned March 18, 1943)

*Acting City Clerk* LENA F. WARREN  
(Elected March 18, 1943)

*City Comptroller* SIDNEY S. FRISELL  
(Resigned June 1, 1943)

*Acting City Comptroller*  
CHARLES F. SUMNER  
(Elected June 1, 1943)

*City Engineer* RALPH H. CLARK  
*City Messenger* WILLIAM B. STICKELS

*City Physician* WALTER F. TAYLOR

*City Solicitor* ARTHUR OLSON  
(Resigned June 3, 1943)  
EDWARD C. SULLIVAN  
(Elected June 3, 1943)

*City Treasurer* JOHN L. SAUNDERS

*Fire Chief* EUGENE B. RILEY

*Health Officer* EVAN C. WHITE

*Inspector of:*  
*Buildings* RALPH H. CLARK  
*Plumbing* JOHN H. SIMPSON

*Weights & Measures*  
GEORGE E. FAIRBANKS

*Librarian* MARY L. SAXTON

*Municipal Court:*  
*Judge* CHARLES A. MADDEN  
*Clerk* DON J. WILLIAMS

*Probation Officer*  
HAROLD F. DREW

*Overseer of Poor,* PAUL B. HAYWARD

*Park Commissioner*  
ROBERT T. KINGSBURY

*Police Chief* JOSEPH L. REGAN

*Superintendents of:*  
*Cemeteries* ELMER S. BRITTON  
*Public Works* ALFRED M. WHITTEMORE

*Tax Collector* CLEON A. NIMS

# DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

## *SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER:*

Melvin H. Haselton, Henry S. Hoisington, Milan H. Johnson, Alfred Kendall, James Mugford (Deceased October 8, 1943), George E. Newman, Jr., Victor Wayne Newell, Edward J. P. Olmstead, Walter G. Perry, Harry H. Spaulding, Silas M. Spring, Max A. Thomas, Samuel V. Thompson, Lewis T. Travis, Ruel B. Travis.

## *WEIGHERS:*

John P. Barron, Homer A. Cote, Michael Crocker, Joseph L. Hope, George T. Hope, Norbert J. Klaiher, Edward H. Newell, John H. Rule, Horace W. Sawyer, Richard W. Wood, Elmer A. Watkins.

## *GAUGERS:*

Edward H. Newell, Elmer A. Watkins.

## *FENCE VIEWERS:*

Ralph H. Clark, Ralph E. Proctor.

## *FIRE DEPARTMENT:*

*Board of Engineers:* Eugene B. Riley, Chief, Elwin H. Applin, 1st Assistant, Thomas B. Wallbank, 2nd Assistant, John H. Simpson, Associate and Clerk.

*Permanent Drivers:* Lyman O. Cass, Ladder Truck, Frank M. Reid, Engine No. 2, Samuel J. Guyette, Engine No. 3, Charles M. Ballou, Emergency Squad No. 2, Elton P. Britton, Engine No. 1, Walter R. Messer, Emergency Squad No. 1, Harry F. Hammond Reo Combination, Paul E. Gallup, Stewart Panel Body.



*Steamer Hose Company:* Harry W. Mason, Captain, Ralph H. Turner and Earl W. Little, Lieutenants, Charles F. Russell, Clerk, Maurice E. Blood, Bertrand G. Harvey, Carl W. Johnson, Albert I. Little, Jesse O. Little, Allison S. Hobson, Herbert W. Sander-son, Ronald W. Safford, Fordyce J. Thomas.

*Deluge Hose Company:* Lewis H. Dean, Captain, Arthur D. Irwin and Thomas E. Roche, Lieutenants, Philip A. Barrett, Clerk, Ralph M. Conant, Elmer R. Damon, Clarence S. Dean, George E. Fish, Robert H. Henry, Edward J. Keating, Jeremiah J. Keating, John Gerald McCarthy, Stephen W. Pollock, George H. Shep-ard, Gardner H. Seaver.

*Hook & Ladder Company:* Wil- lian B. Stickels, Captain, Edward L. Reason and Samuel V. Thomp-son, Lieutenants, Clair H. Symonds, Clerk, Edmund J. Auger, Francis J. Driscoll, John H. O'Neil, Jr., Melvin I. Pishon, Laurence W. Pickett, Frank W. Streeter, Cleon E. Symonds, George C. Symonds, Earl A. Smith, Fred W. Sharkey, Francis E. Winn.

#### *LIBRARY:*

Mary L. Saxton, Librarian, Ger- trude B. Stearns, Children's Li- brarian, Bessie M. McGregor, Marion L. Hunt (Resigned Aug- ust 31, 1943), Angela Chase (Re- signed 26, 1943), Bernece W. Col- by (Appointed July 6, 1943), Carolyn B. Turner, Page, (Ap- pointed September 1, 1943), Clif- ford W. Farrar, Janitor.

#### *POLICE DEPARTMENT:*

Joseph L. Regan, Chief, Michael T. Griffin, Sergeant, Fred J. Ber- geron, Paul J. Fontaine, Carl W.

Swanstrom (Leave of absence September 11, 1943 to enter armed forces), Ronald M. Seaver, Dan- iel D. Henderson, Arthur E. O'Neil, William T. Bridgham, Harold E. Savage, Patrolman, Michael R. Vitale (Appointed Special Patrolman April 26, 1943), Arlene S. Worcester, Clerk.

#### *CITY HALL MAINTENANCE:*

William B. Stickels, City Messen- gery, Mary J. Calkins, Albert W. Drogue, Francis N. Mackey, El- win F. Sprague.

#### *CEMETERY DEPARTMENT:*

Elmer S. Britton, Superintendent and Sexton, Vercil C. Tower, Freeman C. Whittemore, Patrick E. Sweeney, Lawrence W. Gilbo, Bertram Symonds.

#### *PUBLIC WORKS*

##### *DEPARTMENT:*

*Highway:* George E. Hawkins, Superintendent, Walter M. Hub- bard, Clifton E. Carey, William J. Morrison, Carl H. Dodge, Mar- shall C. Wagar, William Suuron- en, Henry J. Rondow, Elmer F. Ware, Charles J. Sweet, Harold G. Black, William Hanninen, Clement DiBernardo, Napoleon Roy, Walter M. Rollins, Arthur P. Dugan, Nunzio DiLuzio, War- ren L. Bishop, Samuel V. Thomp- son, Frank Loiselle, Victor Am- law, Henry J. Pond, Michael J. Kilroy, Edmund N. Barter, John H. Manning, John R. Wellman.  
*Water:* Robert W. McGregor, William S. Black, Herbert E. Ray- mond, Deane E. Hawkins, Fred M. Hadley, John T. Paire, Elmer W. Caldwell, John Driscoll, Eric D. Waling, Melvin W. Green- wood, Clarence S. Wilson, Phile- mon F. Beaudoin, Eugene J. Des- ruisseau, Joseph Valley, John R. Bruce.

# ELECTION OFFICERS

## WARD MODERATORS, 1943-44:

Ward 1 CHANDLER B. McALLISTER

Ward 2 KENNETH P. COLBY

Ward 3 FRED E. LANE

Ward 4 HARRY PEEL

Ward 5 ELLEN F. DUFFY

## WARD CLERKS, 1943-44:

Ward 1 CHARLES K. WHITCOMB

Ward 2 HOLLAND S. WHEELER

Ward 3 JESSIE H. COOGAN

Ward 4 RICHARD T. CALEF

Ward 5 CATHERINE MACKNIGHT

## SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST, 1943-44:

Ward 1 PAUL H. JOY

Ward 2 KIRKE W. WHEELER

Ward 3 HENRY L. BARRETT

Ward 4 CHARLES A. KINGSBURY

Ward 5 FRANK V. SYLVESTER

## SELECTMEN, 1943-44:

Ward 1 Francis H. Arnott, Henry E. Larson, Jesse O. Little.

Ward 2 Guy F. Lombard (a), William C. Chapman, Kenneth P. Colby (b).

Ward 3 Franklin H. Ingalls, Harry E. Gale, Howard W. Witham.

Ward 4 Frank E. Chase, Lewis H. Dean, Edwin A. Ellis.

Ward 5 Thomas H. Kepple, Ernest E. Desilets, Alphe J. Paren-teau.

## BALLOT INSPECTORS

October 1942 to October 1944.

Appointed by Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Ward 1 Alice D. Matthews (R), Ruth S. Bergeron (R), Margaret T. Webster (D), Estelle A. Winn (D).

Ward 2 Theodore R. Barton (R), Bertram A. Powers (R) (c), Maurice G. Waling (D), John H. Dennis (D).

Ward 3 Warren Delano (R), Elizabeth W. Wilcox (R), Arthur W. Cummings (D), William T. Winn (D) (d).

Ward 4 Louis A. Piper (R) (e), Mary E. Wyman (R), Helen A. Stanton (D), Edward C. Sullivan (D).

Ward 5 Roger W. Goodnow (R), Norman O. Trask (R), Lois Davis (D), Edith M. Flynn (D).

(a) Deceased September 16, 1943

(b) Resigned October 4, 1943

(c) Deceased May 29, 1943

(d) Deceased October 22, 1943

(e) Resigned July 24, 1943



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# BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1943

## ASSETS

### *General Fund:*

Cash in Bank and on Hand,		\$166,099 92	
Accounts receivable:			
Special assessments,	\$29,313 73		
Miscellaneous,	235 40		
	<hr/>	29,549 13	
Taxes receivable:			
Property,	\$41,119 82		
Poll,	18,551 89		
Tax Titles,	3,501 85		
Tax Deeds,	5,538 17		
	<hr/>	68,711 73	
Inventories:			
Materials and Supplies,		13,008 18	
		<hr/>	
<i>Total General Fund,</i>			\$277,368 96

### *Capital Fund:*

Land and Buildings,	\$701,775 11		
Departmental Equipment,	983,186 57		
Due from Capital Fund,	3,198 37		
	<hr/>		
<i>Total Capital Fund,</i>			\$1,588,160 05

### *Trust Funds:*

Cash in banks and on hand,	\$191,104 52		
Investment Securities,	74,799 90		
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<i>Total Trust Funds,</i>			\$265,904 42
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS,</b>			<hr/>
			\$2,131,433 43



# BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1943

## LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND OVERLAYS

### General Fund:

Deposits on Tax Deeded Property,	\$316 00
Due to Capital Fund,	3,198 37
Unexpended income, Trust Funds,	231 92
Accounts Payable,	3,139 05

### Unexpended balances:

Dog licenses,	\$2,171 58	
Union School District,	115,900 00	
Airport Operating Account,	754 70	
	<hr/>	118,826 28
Victory Tax Deductions,		980 61
Reserves and Overlays,		40,165 14
Surplus,		110,511 59
		<hr/>
		\$277,368 96

### Capital Fund:

Long-term Liability		
Bonds outstanding,	\$181,500 00	
Municipal equity represented by physical property,	1,406,660 05	
	<hr/>	\$1,588,160 05

### Trust Funds:

Charitable and Improvement funds,	\$97,433 65	
Public Library funds,	39,592 25	
Library Book funds,	6,493 52	
Cemetery funds,	122,385 00	
	<hr/>	\$265,904 42

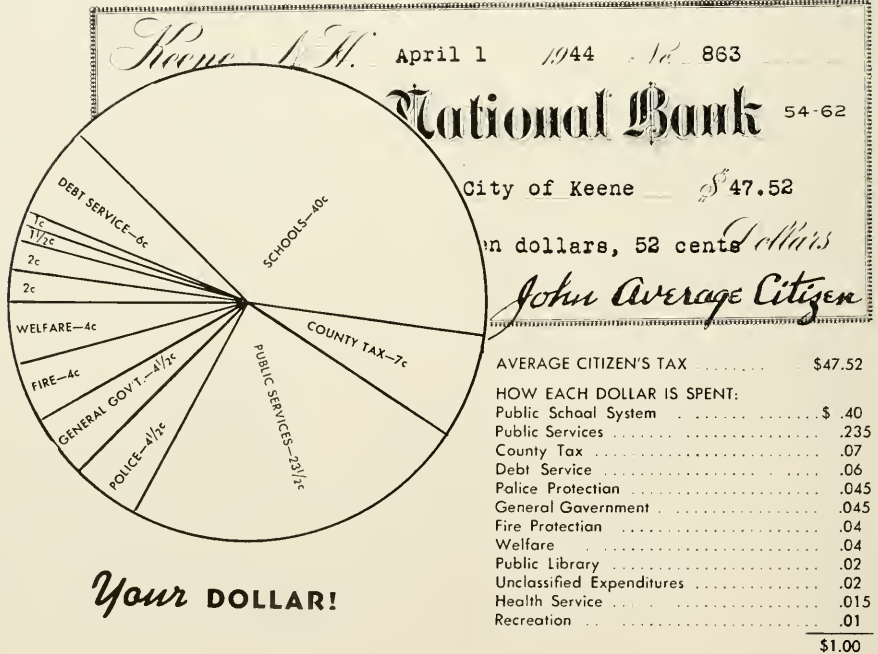
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS, \$2,131,433 43

# HOW YOUR TAX MONEY IS DIVIDED

General Fund, Expenses, \$345,763 63  
 Population, 1940 census, 13,832

## COST PER PERSON FOR—

General Government,	\$2 09	
Fire Protection,	2 00	
Police Protection,	2 13	
Public Services,	11 11	
Health Service,	60	
Welfare Services,	1 87	
Library,	78	
Recreation,	46	
Debt services,	2 92	
Unclassified items,	1 04	
Average cost per person,	25 00	
School Appropriation,		\$265,000 00
Average cost per person,	19 17	
County Taxes,		46,291 62
Average cost per person,	3 35	
<b>Total cost per person,</b>	<b>\$47 52</b>	



# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

For the Year ended, December 31, 1943

	Balance from previous yr.	Current Appropri.	Cash Receipts	Transfers	Total Amount Available	Total Expenditures	Balances	
							Assets	Unexpended Overdraft
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>								
Salaries.		\$20,200 00			\$20,200 00	\$17,255 30	\$2,044 70	
EXPENSES.		9,250 00	\$25.52		9,275 52	11,468 56	2,193 04	
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS:</b>								
Highway Division.		86,166 67	3,811 27		89,977 94	79,350 91	10,627 03	
Sewer Division.		10,913 33			10,913 33	14,061 71	3,148 38	
Drain Division.		4,533 33	12 68		4,546 01	4,450 56	95 45	
Incinerator.		2,600 00	184 46		2,784 46	2,569 97	214 49	
Collection of Rubbish.		750 00			750 00	692 80	57 20	
Water Division.		12,366 67	159 69		12,526 36	22,166 40	9,340 04	
<b>PUBLIC PROTECTION:</b>								
Fire Department.		27,950 00	387 71		28,337 71	27,749 79	587 92	
Police Department.		29,161 00			29,161 00	29,411 51	699 49	
Municipal Court.		9,450 00	\$950 00		9,450 00	9,251 77	198 23	
Inspection Services.		3,500 00			3,500 00	3,392 78	107 22	
Civilian Defense.		3,000 00			3,000 00	2,422 99	577 01	
<b>HEALTH &amp; SANITATION:</b>								
Health Department.		3,300 00			3,300 00	3,261 44	38 56	
Garbage Collection.		5,000 00			5,000 00	5,000 00		
<b>EDUCATION &amp; RECREATION:</b>								
Public Library.		9,400 00	1,928 92		11,328 92	10,870 25	458 67	
Parks and Playgrounds.		4,200 00	1,505 08		5,705 08	5,631 82	73 26	
Band Concerts.		800 00			800 00	800 00		
<b>PUBLIC WELFARE:</b>								
Welfare Department.		21,300 00			21,300 00	18,410 76	2,889 24	
Elliot Community Hospital.		4,500 00			4,500 00	4,500 00		
Keene Visiting Nurse Association.		3,000 00			3,000 00	3,000 00		
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES:</b>								
Municipal Airport—								
Construction Account.	\$13,037 86				13,037 86	9,839 49	\$3,198 37	
Operating account.	567 27		1,424 50	500 00	2,491 77	1,737 07	754 70	
Cemetery Department.		10,200 00	2,913 87	22 80	13,166 67	11,844 14	1,322 53	
<b>UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS:</b>								
Monahock Region Association.		1,000 00			1,000 00	1,000 00		
Patriotic Purposes.		1,100 00			1,100 00	870 59	229 41	
Fire Insurance Schedule.		1,550 00			1,550 00	1,504 03	45 97	
Loans and Interest.		40,268 13			40,268 13	40,515 72	247 59	
Addressograph Equipment.	500 00				500 00	106 72	393 28	
City Hall Alterations.	1,000 00				1,000 00	1,000 00		
Special Purposes.		500 00			500 00	4 32	495 68	
War Emergency Bonus.		8,000 00			8,000 00	6,759 00	1,241 00	
Chlorinator.		350 00			350 00	350 00		
Christmas Folders.		1,200 00			1,200 00	1,092 02	107 98	
Liability Insurance Schedule.		500 00			500 00	476 73	29 27	
	\$15,105 13	\$329,009 13	\$8,752 37	\$5,404 13	\$358,270 76	\$345,763 63	\$3,953 07	\$8,554 34

## TRUST FUNDS

*December 31, 1943*

### ASSETS:

Cheshire County Savings Bank,		\$97,702 69
Keene Savings Bank,		88,276 06
Savings Bank of Walpole,		5,125 77
		\$191,104 52
 <i>Total Cash in Banks,</i>		
 <i>Invested Securities:</i>		
5 M City of Berlin, N. H. Water	4 ¼ -46	\$5,096 88
5 M City of Berlin, N. H. Water	4 ¼ -48	5,053 02
4 M County of Hudson, N. J.	4 -59	4,000 00
19,500 Keene, N. H. Union School District Notes	3 ½ -61	19,500 00
5 M City of New Bedford, Mass.	4 -57	5,000 00
5 M Northern Pacific RR	6 -2047	4,800 00
5 shs. Connecticut River Power	6% Pfd.	500 00
150 Treasury of U. S.	3 ¼ -44-46	150 00
1,500 " " "	2 7/8 -55-60	1,500 00
5,000 " " "	2 ½ -52-54	5,000 00
1,000 " " "	2 ½ -63-68	1,000 00
20 M " " "	2 ½ -64-69	20,000 00
2,000 U. S. Savings Bonds G	6 -1-55	2,000 00
1,200 " " " "	10 -1-55	1,200 00
		74,799 90
<i>Total,</i>		
 <i>Total Assets,</i>		\$265,904 42

# TRUST FUNDS

*December 31, 1943*

## LIABILITIES:

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
George B. Elliot.	\$500 00	\$12 57
Simmons Eastburn & Morse,	1,980 35	49 80
Minister Fund,	4,698 11	118 16
Firemen's Relief Fund.	1,158 15	28 40*
Police Benevolent Fund,	2,919 72	71 64*
Ingersoll—Ladies Wildwood Park,	893 52	22 46
Mary R. Hall—Charitable Fund,	3,000 00	82 80
Wheelock Forest Fund,	5,000 00	305 03
Maria A. Griffin Hospital Fund,	1,011 94	25 44
Charles A. Jones—Band Fund,	1,000 00	25 15
Milan F. Jones—Deluge Hose Fund,	500 00	30 00
Sumner Knight Memorial Chapel.	5,041 18	326 80
Abbott A. Lane Playground Equipment,	1,010 00	25 41
Abbott A. Lane Beautification Fund,	5,050 00	127 03
Serena W. Upton—Disabled Men,	291 16	7 14*
Emily J. Elliot Deland Wheelock Park,	1,000 00	25 15
Mary P. Lane—Christmas Gift,	5,050 00	127 04
Frank A. Wright Scholarship,	57,329 52	1,621 15*
<i>Total,</i>	<u>\$97,433 65</u>	
*Added to principal.		
<i>Public Library Funds:</i>		
Henry O. Coolidge Fund,	\$23,556 63	\$843 91
John Symonds Fund.	16,035 62	403 38
<i>Total,</i>	<u>\$39,592 25</u>	
<i>Library Funds:</i>		
Thayer and Chapin Fund.	\$5,000 00	200 00
Mary R. Hall Fund,	500 00	12 58
Ingersoll Fund,	893 52	22 46
Maria W. Osborne Fund.	100 00	2 51
<i>Total,</i>	<u>\$6,493 52</u>	
<i>Cemetery Funds:</i>	<u>122,385 00</u>	<u>2,943 87</u>
<i>Total Liabilities,</i>	<u>\$265,904 42</u>	<u>\$7,459 88</u>



## CEMETERY FUNDS

*Balance Cemetery Fund December 31, 1942*

\$114,960 00

*New Funds Added:*

Nellie R. Smith,	2,000 U. S. Sav. G. 6-1-1955	\$2,000 00
Clarence H. Streeter,	C. C. No. 26442	100 00
Little Isham Addition,	26445	100 00
Cora P. Waterman,	26445	200 00
Emma J. Whitcomb,	26445	200 00
Grace M. Hall,	26445	200 00
Louis P Butler,	26445	200 00
Archie C. Gillis,	26445	200 00
Chester L. Kingsbury,	26447	300 00
Grace M. Hall,	26447	300 00
Louis Pierre,	26449	250 00
Carroll A. Nelson,	K. S. No. 18470	100 00
Philip G. Howe,	18470	100 00
Elmer A. Underwood,	18470	100 00
G. Bradford Frost,	18470	100 00
William R. Smyth,	18471	150 00
Frederick I. Wetmore,	18471	150 00
Charles W. Clark,	18471	150 00
Stephen Barker,	18471	150 00
Mark Savage,	18471	150 00
Hazel M. Perham,	18471	150 00
Clyde C. and Mabel M. Clark,	18471	150 00
S. Jennie and Forrest L. Jaquith,	18471	150 00
Elmer R. Ringland,	18471	150 00
Grace M. Dow,	18471	150 00
Harold L. Parker,	18471	150 00
Marquis O. Spaulding,	18471	150 00
Joseph H. Jones and Arthur C. Colton,	19471	150 00
John R. Wellman,	18471	150 00
Harvey & Simeneau,	18471	75 00
William L. Mosher,	18471	150 00
Jenney E. Christopherson,	18471	150 00
Fred T. Jewett,	18471	150 00
Robert E. Stone,	18471	150 00
Fannie E. Keyes,	18472	200 00

*Total Funds Received, 1943,*

\$7,425 00

*Balance December 31, 1943,*

\$122,385 00

# STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

*For the Year ended Dec. 31, 1943*

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS

### CASH RECEIPTS:

#### *From Local Taxes:*

Property taxes,	\$524,072 29
Poll taxes,	20,536 40
Interest on taxes,	7,368 39
Taxes redeemed,	8,490 82
	\$560,467 90

\$560,467 90

#### *From State of New Hampshire:*

Interest and Dividend tax,	\$20,089 32
Railroad tax,	2,942 61
Saving Bank tax,	5,077 98
State Forestry Department,	9 45
Bounties,	11 80
	28,131 16

28,131 16

#### *From Local Sources except Taxes:*

Water Assessments,	\$59,875 51
Motor Vehicle Permits,	12,051 21
Cemetery Accounts,	6,579 17
Sale of Tax Deeded Property,	557 92
Dog License Fees,	2,342 21
Licenses and Permits,	1,152 50
City Hall Rents,	416 55
Rent of Tax Deeded Property,	6 00
Rent of Land,	255 00
Municipal Court Fines,	3,257 44
City Clerk Fees,	1,124 66
Miscellaneous,	381 86
	88,000 03

88,000 03

#### *From Other Sources:*

Petty cash refund,	\$21 75
Deposits on Tax Deeded Property,	68 00
Trust Funds—Principal,	7,425 00
Income from Trust Funds,	5,885 74
	13,400 49

13,400 49

#### *From Tax Anticipation Notes:*

Notes,	\$200,000 00
Less Interest deducted,	708 40
	199,291 60

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*Income Credited to Departmental Operations:*

City Hall Maintenance,	\$44 17	
Public Works Departments,	5,670 84	
Public Works Departments, State Payrolls,	1,469 85	
Airport,	1,349 50	
Library Book Fines,	434 02	
Park Department,	1,017 40	
Fire Department,	201 10	
Police Department,	1,344 65	
Health Department,	115 45	
Welfare Department,	278 33	
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		11,925 31
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		\$901,216 49

*Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1943:*

Cash in Bank,	\$117,091 92	
Less Outstanding orders,	5,762 43	
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		111,329 49
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		\$1,012,545 98

REVENUE ACCOUNTS

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

*General Government:*

Salaries,	\$14,835 55	
City Hall Maintenance,	4,129 51	
Auditing,	2,154 47	
Temporary Loan expense,	139 19	
Incidentals,	6,884 47	
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		\$28,143 19

*Highways and Bridges:*

General Maintenance,	\$58,107 11	
Street Lighting,	22,596 00	
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		80,703 11

*Public Welfare:*

Administration,	\$1,926 43	
Direct Aid,	6,795 14	
Old Age Assistance,	9,471 87	
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		18,193 44

*Protection of Persons & Property:*

Fire Department,	\$26,372 54	
Police Department,	29,699 84	
Civilian Defense,	1,754 31	
Inspection Services,	3,260 48	
Bounties,	41 80	
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		61,128 97

*Health & Sanitation:*

Health Department,	\$3,003 70	
Garbage Collection,	5,000 00	
Elliot Community Hospital,	4,500 00	
Keene Visiting Nurse Association,	3,000 00	
Incinerator,	2,531 42	
Sewer Department,	10,026 39	
Drain Department,	3,822 29	
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		31,883 80

*Education:*

Library Maintenance,	\$8,749 85
Library Books,	1,588 87

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10,338 72

*Recreation:*

Parks and Playgrounds,	\$5,445 57
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Fuller Park	\$747.81
Robin Hood Park	571.34
Wheelock Park	268.38
Hickey-Desilets Park	256.50
Dinsmoor and Faulkner & Colony Lots	278.50
Ladies Park	188.00
Robin Hood Swimming Pool	879.85
Robin Hood Playground	893.44
Fuller Playground	302.71
Skating	492.93

Band Concerts,	800 00
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6,245 57

*Public Service Enterprises:*

Water Utility,	\$18,655 17
Cemeteries,	11,174 74
Municipal Airport,	10,611 12

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40,441 03

*Patriotic Purposes:*

Memorial Day Services,	\$191 78
Gordon-Bissell Post, No. 4,	450 00
Spanish War Veterans,	50 00
Entertainment of Draftees,	178 81

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870 59

*Unclassified Items:*

Monadnock Region Association,	\$1,000 00
Fire Insurance Schedule,	1,504 03
Liability Insurance Schedule,	470 73
Addressograph Equipment,	406 72
Advanced for Payroll—State Road Work,	1,469 85
City Hall Alterations,	1,000 00
Special Purposes and Miscellaneous Items,	299 22
Petty Cash Fund,	25 00
Christmas Folders,	1,038 02
War Emergency Bonus,	6,564 80
Sumner-Knight Memorial Chapel,	126 36
Collector of Internal Revenue, for Tax Deductions,	6,038 49

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19,943 22

*Taxes bought by City:*

*Tax Anticipation Notes:*

2,629 78

200,000 00

*Interest Paid:*

1928—Highway loan,	\$233 75	
1929—Highway note,	461 25	
1931—Babbidge Dam bonds,	903 13	
1934—Security bonds,	70 00	
1934—Water bonds,	380 00	
1934—Sewer System bonds,	3,200 00	
1942—Municipal Airport bonds,	900 00	
		6,168 13

*City Indebtedness:*

1928—Highway loan,	\$11,000 00	
1929—Highway note,	5,500 00	
1931—Babbidge Dam bonds,	2,500 00	
1934—Security bonds,	500 00	
1934—Water bonds,	1,000 00	
1934—Sewer System bonds,	7,000 00	
1942—Municipal Airport bonds,	6,000 00	
		33,500 00

*Trust Funds:*

Principal,	\$7,425 00	
Income,	615 55	
		8,040 55

*Payment to Other Governmental Units:*

Cheshire County, Tax,	\$46,491 62	
Union School District,		
Balance, 1942 appropriation,	100,001 40	
Balance, 1942 dog tax,	1,994 02	
On account 1943 appropriation,	150,000 00	
		298,487 04

*Total Cash Disbursements,*

\$846,717 14

*Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1943:*

Cash in bank,	\$171,715 93	
Less outstanding orders,	5,887 09	
		165,828 84
		\$1,012,545 98

## BONDS PAYABLE OUTSTANDING

<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Original Amount</i>	<i>Annual Payments</i>	<i>Balance outstanding Dec. 31, 1943</i>
Concrete Highway Cons.	4½%	\$80,000 00	\$5,500 00	\$5,000 00
Water-Babbidge Dam	4¼%	50,000 00	2,500 00	20,000 00
Water-Extensions	4%	22,000 00	1,000 00	9,000 00
Sewer Disposal Plant	4%	140,000 00	7,000 00	77,000 00
Park Development	4%	6,500 00	500 00	1,500 00
Mun. Airport Cons.	1¼%	75,000 00	6,000 00	69,000 00
				\$181,500 00

<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Date of issue</i>	<i>Maturity</i>
Concrete Highway Cons.	Mar. 21, '29	4/1/43 to 44
Water-Babbidge Dam	Mar. 5, '31	4/15/43 to 51
Water-Extension	Feb. 9, '34	2/1/43 to 52
Sewer Disposal Plant	Feb. 9, '34	2/1/43 to 54
Park Development	Mar. 5, '34	2/15/43 to 46
Mun. Airport Cons.	Jan. 6, '42	2/1/43 to 55



## UNEXPENDED INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS

		<i>Balance Jan. 1, 1943</i>	<i>Rec'd from Trustees</i>	<i>Disbursed in 1943</i>	<i>Balance Dec. 31, 1943</i>
Henry O. Coolidge, Library			\$843 91	\$843 91	
John Symonds, "			403 38	403 38	
Thayer & Chapin, "			200 00	200 00	
Caroline H. Ingersoll, "			22 46	22 46	
Mary T. Hall, "			12 58	12 58	
Maria W. Osborne, "			2 51	2 51	
Geo. B. Elliot, "			12 57	12 57	
Geo. A. Wheelock, Forestry			305 03	305 03	
Emily J. E. Deland, Park			25 15	25 15	
Caroline H. Ingersoll, "			22 46	22 46	
Abbott A. Lane, "			127 03	127 03	
Abbott A. Lane, Playgrounds			25 41	25 41	
Chas. A. Jones, Band			25 15	25 15	
Maria A. Griffin, Hospital			25 44	25 44	
Milan A. Jones, Deluge Hose Co.		\$15 00	37 50	45 00	\$7 50
Simmons, Eastburn,					
Morse & Hall Funds, Charitable			49 80	49 80	
Mary R. Hall, "			82 80	82 80	
Mary P. Lane, Christmas	2 68		127 04	120 00	9 72
Minister Lot, Ministers			124 16	124 16	
Sumner-Knight Mem. Chapel,	55 06		326 80	167 16	214 70
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,			2,943 87	2,943 87	
Bridgman Fund,			140 69	140 69	
		\$72 74	\$5,885 74	\$5,726 56	\$231 92

## SUMMARY OF CASH IN TREASURY

Cash balance, Jan. 1, 1943,	\$111,329 49	
Deposits,	901,216 49	
		\$1,012,545 98
<i>Checks drawn,</i>		846,717 14
		\$165,828 84

### PETTY CASH FUNDS

City Clerk,	\$50 00	
Tax Collector,	100 00	
Public Works Department,	50 00	
Park Department,	1 08	
Fire Department,	10 00	
Police Department,	10 00	
Health Department,	25 00	
Comptroller,	25 00	
		\$271 08
<i>Total cash in bank and on hand,</i>		\$166,099 92

### SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

<i>Water Assessments:</i>		
Balance, January 1, 1943,	\$20,978 31	
Current charges,	61,555 55	
		\$82,533 86
Current credits,	59,875 51	
		\$22,658 35
Balance, Dec. 31, 1943,		
<i>Water, Sewers &amp; Drains:</i>		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1943,	\$1,038 68	
Current Charges,	3,289 48	
		\$4,328 16
Current credits,	2,539 06	
		\$1,789 10
Balance, Dec. 31, 1943,		
<i>Highway Division:</i>		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1943,	\$1,855 78	
Current charges,	149 20	
		\$2,004 98
Current credits,	1,995 45	
		\$9 53
Balance, Dec. 31, 1943,		
<i>Cemetery Department:</i>		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1943,	\$5,194 32	
Current charges,	6,452 00	
		\$11,646 32
Current credits,	6,789 57	
		\$4,856 75
Balance, Dec. 31, 1943,		
<i>Total,</i>		\$29,313 73

*Miscellaneous accounts:*

Police Department,	\$109 60
Airport,	75 00
Firemen Retirement Fund,	9 00
State of New Hampshire, Bounties,	41 80

\$235 40

*Property Taxes Receivable:*

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1943,	\$65,172 83
1943 Assessments,	505,553 05

\$570,725 88  
13 47

Additional assessments,

\$570,739 35

Collections,	\$524,072 29
Less cash refund,	30 72

\$524,041 57
1 10
5,576 86

\$529,619 53

*Balance Dec. 31, 1943,*

\$41,119 82

*Poll Taxes Receivable:*

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1943,	\$24,858 29
1943 Assessment,	15,370 00
Additional assessment,	534 00

\$40,762 29

Collections,	20,536 40
Abatements,	1,674 00

22,210 40

*Balance Dec. 31, 1943,*

\$18,551 89

*Unredeemed Tax Titles:*

Balance, Jan. 1, 1943,	\$10,012 08
1943 Tax Sales,	2,302 53
Interests and Costs,	327 25
Adjustments,	27 20

\$12,669 06

Redemptions,	\$8,508 72
Transferred by tax deeds,	306 60
Abatements,	351 89

9,167 21

*Balance Dec. 31, 1943,*

\$3,501 85

*Tax Deeded Property:*

Balance, Jan. 1, 1943,	\$5,775 02
1943 Tax deeds,	321 07

\$6,096 09  
557 92

Sales,

*Balance, Dec. 31, 1943,*

\$5,538 17

## INVENTORY OF MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

City Clerk,	\$50 00
Comptroller,	100 00
Tax Collector,	25 00
Tax Assessors,	25 00
Public Works Department,	11,669 92
Fire Department,	506 71
Cemetery Department,	300 00
Police Department,	150 00
Health Department,	166 55
Welfare Department,	15 00
	\$13,008 18

## RESERVES

Water Assessments,	\$2,936 96
Public Works Departments,	782 93
Cemetery Department,	3,653 82
Cancelled Bonds and Warrants,	1,582 20
Uncollected Property and Poll taxes,	31,529 35
Unredeemed Tax Titles,	1,496 04
Unredeemed Tax Deeds,	5,775 02
	\$47,756 32

## LAND & BUILDINGS

City Hall,	\$150,000 00
Thayer Public Library,	30,000 00
Central Fire Station,	50,000 00
American Legion Building,	20,000 00
Sumner-Knight Memorial Chapel,	15,000 00
Public Works Department:	
Highway Division,	\$36,600 00
Water Division,	267,877 37
Sewer Division,	23,395 01
	327,872 38
Cemetery Department,	2,000 00
Minister Lot,	600 00
Common, Central Square,	1 00
Public Parks:	
Wheelock Park,	\$7,000 00
Robin Hood Forest,	7,000 00
Children's Woods,	300 00
Ladies' Wildwood Park,	4,300 00
Fuller Park,	10,000 00
Hickey-Desilets Park,	300 00
Dinsmore Woods, Maple Ave.,	1,900 00
Faulkner & Colony Land, Maple Ave.,	2,000 00
Faulkner & Colony Land, Park Ave.,	1,700 00
	\$34,500 00
Municipal Airport Construction,	71,801 73
	\$701,775 11

## DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT

City Clerk,	\$250 00
City Comptroller,	200 00
Tax Collector,	450 00
Tax Assessors,	475 00

Public Works Department.

Highway Division,	\$20,113 12
Water Division,	294,753 51
Sewer Division,	349,078 98
Drain Division,	147,759 15

811,704 76

Public Library,	20,000 00
Cemetery Department,	1,800 00
Fire Department,	37,010 13
Police Department,	7,225 00
Inspection Services,	305 00
Health Department,	1,004 18
Welfare Department,	995 00
Park Department,	1,767 50

\$883,186 57

## UNEXPENDED BALANCES

*Dog License Fees—Union School District:*

Balance, Jan. 1, 1943,	\$1,994 02
Receipts,	2,372 51

\$4,366 53

Expenditures,	2,194 95
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1943, \$2,171 58

*School Tax—Union School District:*

Balance, Jan. 1, 1943,	\$100,001 40
1943 Assessment,	265,900 00

\$365,901 40

Expenditures,	250,001 40
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1943, 115,900 00

*Airport Operating Account:*

Balance, Jan. 1, 1943,	\$567 27
Receipts,	1,924 50

\$2,491 77

Expenditures,	1,737 07
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1943, 754 70

\$118,826 28

## MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ACCOUNT

Unexpended balance, Jan 1, 1943,	\$13,037 86
Expenditures,	9,839 49

Unexpended balance—Due to Capital Account, \$3,198 37





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JOINT RESOLUTIONS  
AND ORDINANCES

*Passed by the  
City Councils  
During 1943*

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January 2, 1943.

To the City Councils of Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene, in trust, the sum of \$150.00. To be known as the William R. Smith Cemetery fund, the income only to be used in the care of lot No. 191 Greenlawn Cemetery.

Respectfully yours,  
WILLIAM R. SMYTH,  
71 Park Ave.

In the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-three.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE WILLIAM R. SMYTH CEMETERY FUND.  
*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the William R. Smyth Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 191 in Greenlawn Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

Passed January 7, 1943.

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December 7, 1942.

City of Keene.

Mr. Arthur Olson, City Solicitor,  
Keene, New Hampshire.

Re: Payment of bequest embodied in Article "Third of the last will of Cara P. Waterman, Deceased.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 5, 1942 regarding the inability of the City of Keene to execute a refunding bond and release in the matter of bequest made the City under the will of Cara P. Waterman.

The last will of the late Cara P. Waterman, who died a resident of the City of Plainfield, Union County, New Jersey, on May 30, 1941, in part provides as follows:—

"THIRD: I give and bequeath two hundred dollars to the City of Keene, New Hampshire, IN TRUST, nevertheless, to be held, managed, invested and kept safely and securely invested as a permanent endowment fund, the net income only therefrom, I direct be used and applied by it for the proper care and maintenance of my burial plot in Woodlawn Cemetery, at Keene, New Hampshire."

There are ample funds out of which to

pay this bequest without diminution.

I have therefore prepared and herewith enclose form of release for this bequest, which I trust you may be able to have executed by the City of Keene.

Assuming that this will be done, enclosed herewith is check of the Estate of the above named testatrix to the order of the City of Keene, New Hampshire, for \$200.00, in payment of the above mentioned bequest, with the understanding that by the acceptance and use of the enclosed check, the City of Keene accepts the same in payment of said bequest and also accepts and agrees to perform the trust according to the provisions of the above quoted Article Third of the will of said Cara P. Waterman, deceased.

In the event that the City of Keene is unable to execute the enclosed release, will you kindly return the enclosed check to me?

If possible, will you kindly give me the lot and block number of the Cemetery lot in the name of Waterman-Nims?

Very truly yours,  
ASA F. RANDOLPH

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CARA P. WATERMAN CEMETERY FUND.  
*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Cara P. Waterman Cemetery Fund of Two Hundred Dollars, in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 611 in Woodland Cemetery.

The Mayor shall receipt for said fund and give a release therefor. Said fund shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

Passed January 7, 1943.

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LEASE  
BETWEEN  
CITY OF KEENE  
AND  
THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA

1. THIS LEASE, made and entered into this fifteenth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-two by and between CITY OF KEENE, a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire whose address is City Hall, Keene, New Hampshire for itself, its successors, and assigns, hereinafter called the Lessor, and THE UNITED STATES OF



AMERICA, hereinafter called the Government;

Witnesseth: The parties hereto for the considerations hereinafter mentioned covenant and agree as follows:

2. The Lessor hereby leases to the Government the following described premises, viz: A two-story, frame dwelling, containing fourteen hundred (1400) square feet, more or less, together with a one-car, frame garage containing two hundred sixteen (216) square feet, more or less, all of which are located at No. 148 Sylvan Way, in the Town of Swanzev, County of Cheshire, and State of New Hampshire.

to be used exclusively for the following purposes (see instruction No. 3): Field Office for area Engineer in connection with proposed Keene Airport, and for such other uses as are necessary to and connected with the Armed Forces and National Defense.

3. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises with their appurtenances for the term beginning August 15, 1942 and ending with June 30, 1943.

4. The Government shall not assign this lease in any event, and shall not sublet the demised premises except to a desirable tenant, and for a similar purpose, and will not permit the use of said premises by anyone other than the Government, such sublessee, and the agents and servants of the Government, or of such sublessee.

5. This lease may, at the option of the Government, be renewed from year to year at a rental of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) per annum, or proportionate part thereof for actual period of occupancy and otherwise upon the terms and conditions herein specified, provided notice to be given in writing by mail to the Lessor at least thirty (30) days before this lease or any renewal thereof would otherwise expire: Provided that no renewal thereof shall extend the period of occupancy of the premises beyond the date six months after the date of termination of the unlimited National Emergency as declared by the President of the United States on May 27, 1941. (Proclamation No. 2487).

6. The Lessor shall furnish to the Government, during the occupancy of said premises, under the terms of this lease, as part of the rental consideration, the following: Adequate water connections as presently existing, and rights of ingress and egress to and from the demised premises.

6s. It is understood and agreed that the

attached physical condition report executed by or on behalf of the parties hereto represents the correct physical condition of the demised premises as of the date of this lease.

6b. This lease or any renewal or extension thereof may be terminated by either party upon giving thirty (30) days' written notice by mail to the other party.

7. The Government shall pay the Lessor for the premises rent at the following rate: THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) per annum, payable in monthly installments of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) or proportionate part thereof for actual period of occupancy.

9. The Lessor shall, unless herein specified to the contrary, maintain the said premises in good repair and tenable condition during the continuance of this lease, except in case of damage arising from the act or the negligence of the Government's agents or employees. For the purpose of so maintaining the premises, the Lessor reserves the right at reasonable times to enter and inspect the premises and to make any necessary repairs thereto.

10. If the said premises be destroyed by fire or other casualty this lease shall immediately terminate. In case of partial destruction or damage, so as to render the premises untenable, either party may terminate the lease by giving written notice to the other within fifteen days thereafter, and if so terminated no rent shall accrue to the Lessor after such partial destruction or damage.

11. No member of or Delegate to Congress or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this lease or to any benefit to arise therefrom. Nothing however, herein contained shall be construed to extend to any incorporated company, if the lease be for the general benefit of such corporation or company.

12. The following changes were made in this lease prior to execution by the parties hereto, to wit:

1. Deletion of the words "heirs, executors, administrators," in the sixth line of Paragraph 1.

2. Addition by insertion of the words "by mail" in the fourth line, and deletion of the words "day of" in the eighth line of Paragraph 5.

3. Addition by insertion of Paragraphs 6a and 6b.

4. Deletion of the words in Paragraph 8 beginning with "provided" in the third line and ending with "located" in the fifth line; beginning with "and" in the seventh

line and ending with "lease" in the eighth line; beginning with "restore" in the eighth line and ending with "lease" in the thirteenth line.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto subscribed their names as of the date first above written.

In presence of:

CITY OF KEENE, Lessor  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
By John A. Retter

Major, Corps of Engineers  
(Office, Division Engineer, NEW ENGLAND DIVISION, 75 Federal St., Boston, Mass.)

(If Lessor is a corporation, the following certificate shall be executed by the secretary or assistant secretary.)

I, ....., certify that I am the..... Secretary of the municipal corporation named as Lessor in the attached lease; that....., who signed said lease on behalf of the Lessor, was then....., of said municipal corporation; that said lease was duly signed for and in behalf of said municipal corporation by authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE KEENE AIRPORT.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the chairman of the Airport Committee, Bernard A. Streeter, be empowered in behalf of the City of Keene, to execute a lease to the United States of America, of the buildings and premises situated at No. 148 Sylvan Way, Swanzey, New Hampshire, as described in said lease dated August 15, 1942, for the term mentioned therein, at a rental of \$25.00 per month or proportionate part thereof, under the terms and conditions of the said lease, a copy of which said lease is hereto annexed and approved.

ROBERT M. SAYERS, SR.,  
President Common Council.  
RICHARD L. HOLBROOK,  
Mayor.

Passed January 7, 1943.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO A TEMPORARY LOAN.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:*

That for the purpose of paying such claims against the City of Keene as may fall due during the current municipal term, the Joint Standing Committee on Finance and

the City Treasurer of said City be and hereby are authorized and empowered to make such temporary loans, from time to time, for the use of said city of sums not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00): said loans being in anticipation of taxes of the present year and hereby expressly made payable therefrom; said treasurer giving for said loans the notes of said city, bearing interest or discounted, and signed by said treasurer and the mayor of said City of Keene and payable within one year from their respective dates; and be it further resolved that the above resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

ROBERT M. SAYERS, SR.,  
President Common Council.  
RICHARD L. HOLBROOK,  
Mayor.

Passed January 21, 1943.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO WAR EMERGENCY BONUS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars, (\$8,000.00) be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of providing war emergency bonus payments to city employees for the year 1943. Said bonus shall be in the sum of \$100, to each full time employee of the city receiving less than \$2,100 annual remuneration for his services. Payment shall be in equal quarterly payments to each such employee who has worked regularly during the quarter for which such payment is made.

Passed February 4, 1943.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CURRENT BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1943 AND PROVIDING REVENUE FOR FINANCING THE SAME.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the amounts herein named, aggregating Three Hundred Twenty-two Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$322,479.13) or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated, from current revenue for the use of the several departments of the city government and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1943, and ending December 31, 1943, as follows:

	Budget Allowances	Dedicated Revenue	Net Appropriation
10	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
11	Mayor & Councils	\$1,000	\$1,000
12	City Clerk	3,200	3,200
13	Accounts & Finance	7,500	7,500
14	Tax Collector	4,800	4,800
15	Tax Assessors	3,500	3,500
16	City Hall Maintenance	6,000	6,000
17	Election & Registration	1,200	1,200
18	City Solicitor	700	700
19	Planning Board	250	250
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		\$28,150	\$28,150
20	PUBLIC SERVICES		
21	Public Works Department	\$116,100	\$116,100
22	Municipal Airport		
23	Public Library	11,300	1,900 9,800
24	Playgrounds	2,200	2,200
25	Public Parks	2,500	500 2,000
26	Department of Cemeteries	13,000	2,800 10,200
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		\$145,100	\$140,300
30	PUBLIC PROTECTION		
31	Fire Department	\$27,950	\$27,950
32	Police Department	27,711	27,711
33	Municipal Court	2,450	2,450
34	Inspection Services	3,500	3,500
35	Civilian Defense	3,000	3,000
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		\$64,611	\$64,611
40	HEALTH & WELFARE		
41	Health Department	\$3,100	\$3,100
42	Welfare Department	21,300	21,300
43	Elliot Community Hospital	4,500	4,500
44	District Nurse Association	3,000	3,000
45	Collection of Garbage	5,000	5,000
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		\$36,900	\$36,900
50	UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS		
51	Advertising	\$1,000	\$1,000
52	Patriotic Purposes	800	800
53	Public Band Concerts	800	800
54	Fire Insurance—Schedule	1,550	1,550
55	Temporary Loan—Int. & Expense	600	600
56	Special Purposes	500	500
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		\$5,250	\$5,250
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	Total Departmental Appropriation	\$280,011	\$274,811
	War Emergency Bonus		8,000.00
	Debt Service Charges		39,668.13
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	Estimated Revenue		114,800.00
	To be raised by tax levy		207,679.13
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			\$322,479.13
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			\$322,479.13

Passed February 4, 1943.

February 2, 1943

Elmer B. Chamberlain  
City Clerk  
Keene, N. H.

Dear Mr. Chamberlain—

Please submit the enclosed check of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) to the City Councils for their acceptance as an addition to the Perpetual Care Fund on the Isham-Little Cemetery Lot No. 281 in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Yours very truly,  
JESSE O. LITTLE  
G. F. Little Estate  
JESSE O. LITTLE  
EARL W. LITTLE  
ALBERT I. LITTLE

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN ADDITION TO THE LITTLE-ISHAM CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils hereby accepts the addition to the Little-Isham Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 281 in Greenlawn Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed February 4, 1943.*

We, the undersigned, being all the heirs at law of Fannie E. Keyes, deceased, late of Keene in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, hereby request and authorize Lawrence A. Howard, administrator of the estate of said decedent, to pay over to the City of Keene, out of the funds of said estate, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to establish a cemetery fund for the care and upkeep of lot No. 12, Sec. 8 in Woodland Cemetery in said Keene, where the said decedent is buried.

HELEN K. MILLER,  
JOHN H. KEYES,  
LAWRENCE A. HOWARD.

October 26, 1942.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE FANNIE E. KEYES CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Fannie E. Keyes Cemetery fund of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 12, Section 8, in Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund

which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed February 4, 1943.*

Keene, N. H., February 5, 1943

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene, in trust, however the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars, for perpetual care of Lot No. 47, Section 14, North East Division in Woodland Cemetery, and known as the Frederick I. Wetmore Cemetery Fund.

FREDERICK I. WETMORE.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE FREDERICK I. WETMORE CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Frederick I. Wetmore Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 47, Section 14, North East Division Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed March 4, 1943.*

To the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and Council of the City of Keene.

Gentlemen:

To insure the perpetual care of Lot No. 469 situated in Woodland Cemetery, N. E. division I wish to establish a fund to be known as the Charles W. Clark fund and am herewith enclosing a check for One Hundred Fifty dollars, the income of which is to be used for the purpose stated above, provided you accept the trust.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES W. CLARK.

February 15, 1943.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CHARLES W. CLARK CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Charles W. Clark Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150), in trust; however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 469, North East Division Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed March 4, 1943.*



Feb. 23, 1943.

City Councils of the City of Keene,  
Keene, N. H.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene, One Hundred and fifty Dollars in trust, however, the interest or income to be used for the care of lot No. 3, Section 11 in Woodland cemetery. The fund to be known as the Stephen Barker fund.

Very truly yours,  
ROBERT S. CALEF,  
MRS. GEORGE F. BARKER

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
STEPHEN BARKER CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Stephen Barker Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 3, Section 11 in Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed March 4, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN  
APPROPRIATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT  
OF DRAFTEES.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) be and hereby is appropriated from, unappropriated surplus, to contribute toward the expense of entertainment for men at the time of their induction into the armed forces of the United States. Said money to be expended under the direction of the Mayor.

*Passed March 18, 1943.*

April 14, 1943.

To the City Councils  
of the City of Keene:

The undersigned desire to give to the City of Keene, in trust, however, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 1065, Section 7 in Woodland Cemetery, and to be known as the Clyde C. and Mabel M. Clark Cemetery Trust Fund.

PAUL E. WHITCOMB and  
ROBERT R. KING,  
Administrators of the Clyde C.  
and Mabel M. Clark Estates.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
CLYDE C. AND MABEL M. CLARK CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils hereby accepts the Clyde C. and Mabel M. Clark Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 1065, Section 7 in Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed April 15, 1943.*

April 22, 1943  
Keene, N. H.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene in trust however the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for perpetual care of Lot No. 24 sec. 14 in Woodland cemetery. (N. E. D.)

MRS. ESTELLA D. SAVAGE.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
MARK SAVAGE CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Mark Savage Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 24, Section 14, North East Division, Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed May 6, 1943.*

95 High St.,  
Keene, N. H.  
April 30, 1943

To the Members of the City Councils of  
Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene, in trust, however, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for perpetual care of Lot No. 22, Sec. 14 in Woodland Cemetery (N. E. D.)

CARROLL A. NELSON.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
CARROLL A. NELSON CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils,



hereby accepts the Carroll A. Nelson Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), in trust however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 22, section 14, North East Division, Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

Passed May 6, 1943.

Keene, N. H., April

To The City Council of the City of Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to The City of Keene, in trust, however, the sum of One hundred and Fifty Dollars \$150.00. The income to be used for the perpetual care of lot No. 494, situated in the N. E. Division of Woodlawn Cemetery. To be known as the Hazel M. Perham Cemetery Fund.

And oblige,

HAZEL M. PERHAM.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE HAZEL M. PERHAM CEMETERY FUND. Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Hazel M. Perham Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 494, North East Division, Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

Passed May 6, 1943.

Keene, New Hampshire,  
April 28, 1943

To the City Councils; of the City of Keene.

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene, in trust, however, the sum of (\$100.00), one hundred dollars, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Philip G. Howe Lot. Lot D, Section 5, Woodland Cemetery.

MARY N. HOWE.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE PHILIP G. HOWE CEMETERY FUND. Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Philip G. Howe Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. D Section

5, in Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

Passed May 6, 1943.

Keene, New Hampshire,  
April 29, 1943.

City of Keene,  
Keene, N. H.  
Gentlemen:—

Enclosed check for \$300. Will you please have the proper resolution introduced in the City Councils for its acceptance to cover perpetual care of the Chester L. Kingsbury lot in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Yours very truly,

HTK/KH

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CHESTER L. KINGSBURY CEMETERY FUND.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Chester L. Kingsbury Cemetery Fund of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of the Sarah E. Kingsbury Lot No. 252, in Greenlawn Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

Passed May 6, 1943.

To the Councilmen:

I would like to invest the sum of \$200.00 dollars for perpetual care of the Whitcomb & Carroll lot in Greenlawn Cemetery.

MRS. EMMA J. WHITCOMB,  
30 Allen Ct.,  
City.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE EMMA J. WHITCOMB CEMETERY FUND. Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Emma J. Whitcomb Cemetery Fund of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of the Whitcomb and Carroll Lot No. 421, in Greenlawn Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

Passed May 6, 1943.

May 3, 1943

To the City Councils,

The undersigned desires to give to the city of Keene in trust, however, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (150.00), the income to be used for the perpetual care of lot No. 1068, Sec. 7, Woodland Cemetery N. E. D. This fund to be known as the S. Jennie and Forrest L. Jaquith Cemetery fund.

F. L. JAQUITH.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE S. JENNIE AND FORREST L. JAQUITH CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the S. Jennie and Forrest L. Jaquith Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 1068, Section 7 in Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed May 6, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE KEENE AIRPORT.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the Mayor, Richard L. Holbrook be empowered in behalf of the City of Keene to execute a supplementary lease to The United States of America, of the buildings and premises situated on Sylvan Way, Swanzey, New Hampshire, as described in said supplementary lease dated May 1, 1943, for the term and rental price under the terms and conditions of the original lease dated August 15, 1942.

ROBERT M. SAYERS, SR.,  
President Common Council.  
RICHARD L. HOLBROOK,  
Mayor.

*Passed May 6, 1943.*

60 Federal Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
May 12, 1943

Woodland Cemetery  
Keene, New Hampshire  
Gentlemen:

We are pleased to enclose a check to your order in full payment of the bequest to you under the Will of Mrs. Nellie R. Smith, Section 23, which reads as follows:

"To WOODLAND CEMETERY in said Keene, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for perpetual care of the gravestones in the family lot of my late father CLARK F. ROWELL."

It will be appreciated if you will sign and return the enclosed receipt at your convenience.

Very truly yours,  
GEORGE A. STOCKEMER.

Aubrey R. Gilmore,  
George A. Stockemer,  
Executors u/w of Nellie R. Smith  
Enclosures  
DH

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE NELLIE R. SMITH CEMETERY FUND.  
*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Nellie R. Smith Cemetery Fund of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) in trust, however, the income to be used for perpetual care of the gravestones in the Clark F. Rowell Lot No. 29, Section 5, in Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed May 20, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE KEENE AIRPORT.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the Mayor, Richard L. Holbrook be empowered in behalf of the City of Keene to execute a renewal for one year of the lease dated August 15, 1942, to the United States of America of the buildings and premises situated on Sylvan Way, Swanzey, New Hampshire, as described in said lease.

*Passed May 20, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO SALE OF TAX DEEDED PROPERTY.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the Tax Collector, Cleon A. Nims be empowered to convey to Mrs. Blanche Scott two tracts of land, and buildings thereon, Lots No. 67 and No. 76 in Homestead Villa upon payment of the agreed balance of \$127.92.

*Passed May 20, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO UNCLAIMED FUNDS.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to deposit to the credit of the City of Keene the contents of certain payroll envelopes remaining unclaimed in that office, amounting to the sum of fifty-six dollars and ninety cents (\$56.90).

*Passed June 3, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO LAND IN REAR OF KNOWLTON & STONE BLOCK.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the Land and Buildings Committee be authorized to enter into a contract with Knowlton & Stone Company to lease the land in the rear of Knowlton & Stone Block at a rental of One Hundred and Eighty Dollars annually until the 23rd day of September, 1946; to enter into a contract with Knowlton & Stone Company providing for a quit claim deed from the City of Keene to Knowlton & Stone Company of the building upon the leased land, and for a deed of the said building from the Knowlton & Stone Company to the City of Keene at the expiration of the said lease.

*Passed June 3, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO COLLECTION OF POLL TAXES.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to give notice in writing to persons whose poll taxes shall remain unpaid after December 1, 1943, and if the said poll taxes are not paid within fourteen days after the said notice, then the said Collector may charge twenty cents for said notice and may distrain for the same.

That the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to appoint such deputies as he may see fit, which said deputies shall be sworn, given bond to the satisfaction of the city, and have the powers of collectors, and who may be removed at the pleasure of the collector.

*Passed June 17, 1943.*

June 14, 1943

To The City Councils of The City of Keene, N. H.

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene, in trust, however, the sum

of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to be used for the perpetual care of the Hervey Woods Cemetery Lot No. 69, Section 12, in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Signed ELEANOR S. TOWNS  
For Judge Thomas D. Coulter  
Administrator of The Estate  
of Grace M. Dow.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE GRACE M. DOW CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Grace M. Dow Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of the Hervey Woods Lot No. 69, Section 12, in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed June 17, 1943.*

June 15, 1943.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene.

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene, in trust, however, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) to be used for the perpetual care of the Elmer L. Ringland Cemetery Lot No. 46, Section 14, in Woodland Cemetery.

ELMER L. RINGLAND,

12 Pearl Street  
Keene, N. H.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ELMER L. RINGLAND CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils, hereby accepts the Elmer L. Ringland Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 46, Section 14 in Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed June 17, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That when these bodies adjourn it be to meet on the first Thursday in September next, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., unless ordered by the Mayor.

*Passed June 17, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR SEWER CLEANING EQUIPMENT AND FLUSHING HOSE.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the sum of \$1,230.00 be and hereby is appropriated out of money not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of providing necessary sewer cleaning equipment and rubber hose for flushing sewers and drains.

*Passed August 5, 1943.*

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A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE KEENE AIRPORT.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the Mayor, together with the advice and consent of the members of the committee on Public Works, who shall have such jurisdiction as may be necessary for the upkeep and maintenance of said Airport, be authorized to enter into contracts with and to lease to individuals, associations and/or corporations land owned by the City for airport purposes and further that the Mayor, together with the advice and consent of the members of the committee on Public Works, be authorized to hire a manager for the Airport and to enter into agreements with and make such contracts with such manager as are necessary for the operation and management of the Airport and to otherwise enter into such agreements and make such contracts with individuals, associations and/or corporations as may be necessary for the operation, management, maintenance and care of the City's interests in said Airport.

*Passed August 5, 1943.*

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A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO PAY FOR ACTING COMPTROLLER.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the Joint Committee on Finance recommends that the Acting Comptroller, Mr. Charles Sumner be paid at the rate of Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) per week while serving in that capacity and that this rate be retroactive to June 1, 1943, the date at which said service began.

*Passed August 5, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO UNPAID BALANCE OF COST OF INAUGURATING VICTORY GARDEN PROGRAM.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the sum of Fifty-three dollars and fifty cents (\$53.50) be appropriated from the unexpended surplus account to pay for the balance due to complete the cost of the Victory Garden Program.

*Passed August 5, 1943.*

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A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF AN ELECTRIC ADDING MACHINE FOR THE ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That a sum not to exceed \$255.60 be and hereby is appropriated for the purchase of an electrically operated Adding, Subtracting and Listing Machine for the Assessors' Department, said sum to come from department appropriation.

*Passed August 5, 1943.*

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Keene, N. H., July 20, 1943.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene, in trust however, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), income to be used for the perpetual care of Lots No. 34 and 35, Section 14, Woodland Cemetery, N. E. D. This fund to be known as the Louis Pierre Cemetery Fund.

LOUIS PIERRE,  
157 School Street  
Keene, N. H.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE LOUIS PIERRE CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils hereby accepts the Louis Pierre Cemetery Fund of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lots No. 34 and No. 35, Section 14, Woodland Cemetery, N. E. D.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed August 5, 1943.*

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July 14, 1943

Hampton Beach, N. H.

To the City Councils,

We the undersigned desires to give to the



city of Keene, N. H. in trust, however the sum of (\$150.00) one hundred and fifty dollars, (\$75.00) each, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the C. E. Harvey lot, No. 338, Sec. 9 and the Simeneau lot, No. 338, Woodland Cemetery.

J. MAY HARVEY  
KATHRYN T. SIMENEAU

Mrs. J. May Harvey  
No. 89 Ocean Blvd.  
Hampton Beach, N. H.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
C. E. HARVEY AND F. A. SIMENEAU  
CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City  
of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils hereby accepts the C. E. Harvey and F. A. Simeneau Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars, (\$150), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 338, Section 9 in Woodland Cemetery, known as the C. E. Harvey and Simeneau Lot.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed August 5, 1943.*

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Keene, N. H., July 10, 1943.

To the City Councils of the City of  
Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene, in trust however, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00), income to be used for the perpetual care of Lot No. 19, Section 14, N. E. D. Woodland Cemetery. This fund to be known as the Harold L. Parker Cemetery Fund.

HAROLD L. PARKER.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
HAROLD L. PARKER CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City  
of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils hereby accepts the Harold L. Parker Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 19, Section 14, N. E. D. Woodland Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed August 5, 1943.*

Keene, N. H., July 28, 1943

To the City Councils of the City of  
Keene:

I wish to carry out the bequest of Grace M. Hall, deceased, late of Keene, under the third clause of her will, which reads as follows:

"THIRD. I give and bequeath to the City of Keene, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), in trust however, the income only to be used for the upkeep and care of the cemetery lot No. 58, section 5 in Woodland Cemetery where I am to be buried, and also for the upkeep and care of the gravestones on said lot."

I enclose my check to the order of the City of Keene for Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and ask that it be accepted for the purpose stated.

WILLIAM H. WATSON  
Executor under the will  
of Grace M. Hall

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
GRACE M. HALL CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City  
of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils hereby accepts the Grace M. Hall Cemetery Fund of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 58, Section 5 in Woodland Cemetery, also for the upkeep and care of the gravestones on said lot.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed August 5, 1943.*

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A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN  
APPROPRIATION FOR INSURANCE FOR  
DEPARTMENT VEHICLES.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City  
of Keene, as follows:*

That the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) be and hereby is appropriated, from unappropriated surplus, to insure all Department Vehicles not now insured against Public Liability and Property Damage.

*Passed September 2, 1943.*

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A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO A  
RELEASE FOR DAMAGES TO A FIRE  
HYDRANT.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City  
of Keene, as follows:*

That the Mayor be authorized to execute

a release to George Tellia in the sum of Sixty-Five and 10/100 Dollars (\$65.10) in full settlement for damages to a hydrant in South Keene on April 27, 1943.

Passed September 2, 1943.

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August 16, 1943.

To the City of Keene:—

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene (\$150) One Hundred Fifty Dollars, in trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Marquis O. Spaulding lot, number 140 in the West Keene Cemetery.

GERTRUDE E. SPAULDING.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE MARQUIS O. SPAULDING CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its Councils hereby accepts the Marquis O. Spaulding Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars, (\$150.00), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 140, in West Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees according to law.

Passed September 2, 1943.

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Keene, N. H., August 18, 1943.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene, in trust however, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150), income to be used for the perpetual care of Lot No. 1074, Section 7, Woodland Cemetery, known as the Joseph H. Jones and Arthur C. Colton Cemetery Lot.

MRS. LILLIE M. JONES,  
MRS. FLORA D. COLTON

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE JOSEPH H. JONES AND ARTHUR C. COLTON CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its Councils hereby accepts the Joseph H. Jones and Arthur C. Colton Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 1074, Section 7, Woodland Cemetery, known as the Joseph H. Jones and Arthur C. Colton Cemetery Lot.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said

fund which shall be invested by the Trustees according to law.

Passed September 2, 1943.

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Keene, N. H., August 23, 1943.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene, in trust, however, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), income to be used for the perpetual care of Lot No. 129, West Cemetery, to be known as the John R. Wellman Cemetery Fund.

JOHN R. WELLMAN,  
74 Park Avenue  
Keene, N. H.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE JOHN R. WELLMAN CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its Councils hereby accepts the John R. Wellman Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 129 in West Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

Passed September 2, 1943.

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Keene, N. H., August 31, 1943

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

I wish to carry out the bequest of Grace M. Hall, deceased, late of Keene, under the fourth clause in her will, which reads as follows:

"FOURTH. I give and bequeath to the City of Keene the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) as a flower fund, said sum to be held in trust and the income only to be used to furnish suitable flowers to be placed on my cemetery lot annually on Memorial Day and throughout the summer."

I enclose my check to the order of the City of Keene for Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) and ask that it be accepted for the purpose stated.

W. H. WATSON,  
Executor under the will  
of Grace M. Hall

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE GRACE M. HALL CEMETERY FLOWER FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its Councils



hereby accepts the Grace M. Hall Cemetery Flower Fund of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300), in trust, however, the income to be used to furnish suitable flowers to be placed on her Cemetery Lot annually on Memorial Day and throughout the summer.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

Passed September 2, 1943.

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September 11, 1943

Cemetery Fund  
City of Keene  
New Hampshire  
Gentlemen:

Re: Louis P. Butler

The enclosed check for two hundred dollars (\$200) drawn on the Louis P. Butler Estate and payable to the City of Keene is to be used for the care and maintenance of the Charles H. Butler cemetery lot in Greenlawn Cemetery.

If this is not the correct manner in which this matter should be taken care of or if you have any questions regarding this estate, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

ISABEL K. LANE

Mrs. Howard B. Lane

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE LOUIS P. BUTLER CEMETERY FUND.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the City of Keene by its Councils hereby accepts the Louis P. Butler Cemetery Fund of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care and maintenance of the Charles H. Butler Cemetery Lot No. 353 in Greenlawn Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

Passed September 16, 1943.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN EMERGENCY CHLORINATOR.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of \$350.00 be and hereby is appropriated out of money not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of providing necessary portable Chlorinator for the emergency chlorination of our water supply.

Passed September 16, 1943.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) be and hereby is appropriated, from unappropriated surplus, to be used for sending a Christmas remembrance to men and women from Keene serving in the Armed Forces.

Passed September 16, 1943.

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September 27, 1943.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to the city of Keene in trust however the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for perpetual care of Lot No. 31 sec. 14, in Woodland cemetery, N. E. D., known as the G. Bradford Frost Cemetery Lot.

ANNA S. FROST.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE G. BRADFORD FROST CEMETERY FUND.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the City of Keene by its councils hereby accepts the G. Bradford Frost Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 31, Section 14, in Woodland Cemetery, N. E. D., known as the G. Bradford Frost Cemetery Lot.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

Passed October 7, 1943.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO PHOTOGRAPHING VICTORY GARDENS.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of Thirteen Dollars (\$13) be and hereby is appropriated from unappropriated surplus, to cover cost of Photographing Victory Gardens.

Passed October 7, 1943.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS FOR JUNIOR POLICE CORPS.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars

(\$900) be and hereby is appropriated, from unappropriated surplus, to be used for the purchase of necessary equipment and uniforms for the Junior Police Corps.

Passed October 7, 1943.

#### EXHIBIT A

THIS INDENTURE, made this ..... day of ..... A. D. 1943, between Knowlton & Stone Co., a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and with a place of business in Keene in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire and the City of Keene, a municipal corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

WITNESSETH, that in consideration of the rents and agreements to be paid and performed on the part of the said Knowlton & Stone Co. a certain piece of land situated in the rear of the Knowlton & Stone Co. store in said Keene and being part of the Mary F. Elliot lot purchased by the City of Keene and bounded and described as follows:—Beginning at the southwest corner of said land at an iron pipe set in the ground which is one foot southerly and one foot westerly of the southwest corner of the building which sets on said land and which building has this day been quitclaimed by the City of Keene to Knowlton & Stone Co., thence easterly along land owned by Fannie Medvidofsky a distance of forty (40) feet more or less to a corner, thence northerly along land of the City of Keene a distance of twenty-six (26) feet more or less to a corner; thence westerly along land of the City of Keene a distance of forty (40) feet more or less to a corner; thence southerly a distance of twenty-six (26) feet, more or less, and along a right of way to the place of beginning. Also a right of way over a strip of land as now used at the southeast corner of said land for the purpose of entering the 'Wright Bros.' building, so-called.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME the said Lessee from the date of the execution of this INDENTURE until September 23, 1946, the said Lessee paying therefor the sum of FIVE HUNDRED FORTY and no/100 DOLLARS (\$540.00) as rent for said term, in the manner hereinafter provided.

And the said Lessor covenants with the said Lessee that the said Lessee may occupy the premises during the term aforesaid, peaceably, the free from all lawful claim of any other person.

And the said Lessee covenants with the said Lessor that it will pay to said Lessor the sum of FIVE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$540.00) as the rent of said premises as follows:—first payment in the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$180.00) to be paid on the date of the execution of this INDENTURE. It is however agreed that credit in the sum of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) shall be allowed the Lessee on said sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$180.00) because of the mutual agreement between the Lessor and Lessee to terminate an existing lease which term had not expired and for which term the rent of the Lessee had been paid in advance. The second payment to be in the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$180.00) and to be due and payable on September 23, 1944. The third payment to be in the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$180.00) and to be due and payable on September 23, 1945.

And the said Lessor covenants with the said Lessee that the Lessee shall have an option to renew said lease for a term of five years from September 23, 1946, upon the same terms and conditions of this lease the Lessee paying therefore an annual rent of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$180.00), payable in advance on the 23rd day of September of every year.

And the said Lessee covenants with the said Lessor that it will at the termination of this lease or any renewals thereof quitclaim to the Lessor all its right, title and interest to the building on said leased land.

And the said Lessee covenants with the Lessor that it will not make nor suffer any waste upon the premises; that it will not lease or underlet, nor permit any other person or persons to occupy the same, and that it will not carry on therein any offensive trade or business; and that the Lessor may enter, to view and make improvement, and to expel the Lessee if he shall fail to pay the rent or perform its covenants aforesaid, or shall make or suffer any waste thereof; and that he will peaceably quit and deliver up the premises to the Lessor at the termination of this lease, in as good order and condition, reasonable and careful usage thereof, and unavoidable casualties excepted, as the same now are or may be put into by the said Lessor.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto interchangeably set

their hands and seals, the day and year first herein written.

KNOWLTON & STONE CO.

By John P. Wright, Treasurer  
duly authorized

CITY OF KEENE

By Richard L. Holbrook, Mayor  
duly authorized.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO  
LAND IN REAR OF KNOWLTON & STONE  
PLACE OF BUSINESS.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City  
of Keene, as follows:*

That the Mayor be authorized to execute a quitclaim deed of the building in the rear of the place of business of Knowlton & Stone Co. to said Knowlton & Stone Co. and further that the Mayor be authorized to execute a lease of the land on which said building stands for such time and according to such terms as are incorporated in a draft of a lease marked Exhibit A and appended hereto.

*Passed October 7, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN  
APPROPRIATION FOR DEDICATION OF  
DILLANT-HOPKINS MUNICIPAL AIR-  
PORT.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City  
of Keene, as follows:*

That a sum not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) be, and hereby is appropriated, from the Airport Fund not otherwise appropriated, for expenses of the dedication exercises to be held at the Dillant-Hopkins Municipal Airport, Sunday, October 31, 1943.

*Passed October 21, 1943.*

October 28, 1943

To the City Councils of the City of  
Keene:—

The undersigned desires to give to the city of Keene in trust however the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00), for perpetual care of Lot No. 29, sec. 14 in Woodland Cemetery, known as the William L. Mosher cemetery lot.

WILLIAM L. MOSHER.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
WILLIAM L. MOSHER CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City  
of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils hereby accepts the William L. Mosher Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) in trust, however, the income to

be used for the care of Lot No. 29, Section 14, in Woodland Cemetery, N. E. D., known as the William L. Mosher Cemetery Lot.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed November 4, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN  
APPROPRIATION FOR SALARY OF DEP-  
UTY TAX COLLECTOR AND EXTRA  
CLERK.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City  
of Keene, as follows:*

That the sum of Thirteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,300) be and hereby is appropriated, from unappropriated surplus, to be used for Salary of Deputy Tax Collector Ronald M. Seaver and extra Clerk in the Tax Collector's Office.

*Passed November 4, 1943.*

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN  
APPROPRIATION FOR PURCHASE OF AN  
AUTOMOBILE FOR THE POLICE DE-  
PARTMENT.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City  
of Keene, as follows:*

That the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550), be and hereby is appropriated, from unappropriated surplus, to be used for purchase of an automobile for the Police Department.

*Passed November 4, 1943.*

Keene, N. H., Nov. 8, 1943.

To the City Councils of the City of  
Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to City of Keene, in trust, however, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Clarence H. Streeter cemetery lot No. 44, Section 14, in Woodland Cemetery N. E. D.

CLARENCE H. STREETER  
By E. S. Britton

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE  
CLARENCE H. STREETER CEMETERY  
FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City  
of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its Councils hereby accepts the Clarence H. Streeter Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), in trust, however, the income to

be used for the care of Lot No. 44, Section 14, in Woodland Cemetery, N. E. D.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed November 18, 1943.*

Keene, N. H., Nov. 13, 1943.

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars, (\$150.00) in trust however, and the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Eklund lot No. 214 in Greenlawn Cemetery. This fund to be known as the Christopherson fund.

(MRS.) JENNY EKLUND  
CHRISTOPHERSON

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE MRS. JENNY EKLUND CHRISTOPHERSON CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its councils hereby accepts the Mrs. Jenny Eklund Christopherson Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 214 in Greenlawn Cemetery, known as the Eklund Lot.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed November 18, 1943.*

Keene, N. H., Nov. 29, 1943.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of lot No. 285 in Greenlawn Cemetery. The fund is to be known as the Archie C. Gillis Cemetery Fund.

BESSIE K. GILLIS.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ARCHIE C. GILLIS CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its Councils hereby accepts the Archie C. Gillis Cemetery Fund of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 285 in Greenlawn Cemetery.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed December 2, 1943.*

November 4, 1943

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The undersigned desires to give to the City of Keene One hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of lot No. 75, Greenlawn Cemetery. The fund to be known as the Fred T. Jewett Cemetery Fund.

FRED T. JEWETT.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE FRED T. JEWETT CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its Councils hereby accepts the Fred T. Jewett Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 75, in Greenlawn Cemetery known as the Samuel Kimball Lot.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed December 2, 1943.*

Meadville, Pa.,  
November 18th, 1943

City of Keene

Keene,

New Hampshire,

Attention

Mrs. Lena F. Warren

City Clerk Pro Tem.

Dear Madam:—

In reply to your letter of November 12th I am enclosing check for \$150, payment in full for perpetual care of Cemetery Lot No. 7, Greenlawn Cemetery.

I have no way of knowing that this Lot is No. 7 however I assume that you are correct. It is the lot of the late Solon W. Stone. Please check this and see that everything is in good order and correct.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT E. STONE.

RES/E

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ROBERT E. STONE CEMETERY FUND.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the City of Keene by its Councils hereby accepts the Robert E. Stone Cemetery Fund of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150), in trust, however, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 7 in Greenlawn Cemetery, known as the Solon W. Stone Lot.

The City Clerk shall receipt for said fund which shall be invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds according to law.

*Passed December 2, 1943.*



A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) be and hereby is appropriated from unexpended surplus to cover the balance of expenditures for the year for the Health Department.

*Passed December 16, 1943.*

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A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That the sum of Four Hundred Seven

and 60/100 (\$407.60) Dollars be and hereby is transferred from the Civilian Defense Fund as follows:

That the sum of Fifty-Three and 22/100 Dollars (\$53.22) be transferred to the Public Works Department Fund to pay for labor with compressor and trucking filling.

That the balance of the amount, Three Hundred Fifty-four and 38/100 Dollars (\$354.38) be transferred to the Fire Department Fund to pay for labor and material used to provide a suitable depository for Civilian Defense apparatus loaned by the Federal Government.

*Passed December 16, 1943.*



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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER  
XXIX OF CITY ORDINANCES

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the  
City of Keene, as follows:*

That chapter XXIX of the City Ordinances of the City of Keene be amended by adding the following to Section 1 thereof:

Trustees of Trust Funds, in the sum of ten thousand dollars each; clerk of the municipal court, in the sum of one thousand dollars, so that the said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 1. The following named officers of the city shall not enter upon the duties of their office until they have furnished bonds, approved by the mayor and aldermen, for the faithful discharge of their duties, in the following sums, to wit: treasurer, in the sum of thirty thousand dollars; superintendent of public works, in the sum of two thousand dollars; collector of taxes and water rents, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars; city clerk, in the sum of one thousand dollars; chief of police, in the sum of three thousand dollars; city messenger, in the sum of three hundred dollars; constables, in the sum of three hundred dollars each; superintendent of public cemeteries, in the sum of one thousand dollars; comptroller, in the sum of five thousand dollars; trustees of trust funds, in the sum of ten thousand dollars each; clerk of municipal court, in the sum of one thousand dollars.

*Passed January 7, 1943.*

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING.

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the  
City of Keene as follows:*

Section 1. That the Amended Zoning Ordinance of the City of Keene shall be amended as follows:

By striking out the words "Undertaker" in Subsection J of Section 5; and by adding to Subsection G in Section 4 "Undertaking Establishments and Funeral Homes."

*Passed January 21, 1943.*

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DEPART-  
MENTAL INCOME.

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the  
City of Keene, as follows:*

Section 7 of Chapter 3 and Section 4 of Chapter 6 of the City Ordinances are hereby repealed.

*Passed February 4, 1943.*

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18,  
ARTICLE 4, SECTION 21.

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the  
City of Keene as follows:*

That a stop sign is hereby ordered erected and maintained at the following location:

Winchester Street for east bound traffic at Main Street.

*Passed February 4, 1943.*

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANNUAL  
REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the  
City of Keene as follows:*

Amend Section 4 of Chapter 14 of the city ordinances by striking out the last paragraph which reads as follows:

"Said report of said board of assessors shall be printed in the annual report of the City of Keene".

*Passed February 18, 1943.*

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SALARY OF  
SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES.

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the  
City of Keene as follows:*

That Section 16 of Chapter XXXV be amended by striking out the said Section and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 16. The superintendent of cemeteries shall receive in full for his services the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per year, to be paid in equal monthly payments.

*Passed February 18, 1943.*

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SALARY OF  
CITY CLERK.

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the  
City of Keene, as follows:*

Amend Section 2 of Chapter XXXV of the City Ordinances by striking out the same and inserting in place thereof the following:

The City Clerk shall receive for his services and all duties connected with his office, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars per year, to be paid in equal monthly payments. All fees appertaining to said office shall be deposited to the credit of the City.

*Passed March 18, 1943.*

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ELEC-  
TION OF THE ASSESSORS.

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the  
City of Keene, as follows:*

That Section 15 of Chapter XXXV be amended by striking the same out and in-

serting the following in place thereof, so that the said Section shall read as follows:

Section 15. The assessors shall be elected by ballot and by vote of the City Councils in joint convention by a majority vote, which vote shall state the name of the assessor elected and shall fix his compensation, not to exceed annually the sum of \$750, for such time as they hold office. One quarter of the said yearly salary shall be paid at the close of each quarter year's period, March 30, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

Passed May 6, 1943.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE POWERS OF CITY MESSENGER AND LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That Chapter VII of the City Ordinances be amended by striking out Section 2 and Section 3 and inserting the following:

Section 2. The joint standing committee on Land and Buildings shall have the general care and supervision of the City Hall Building and other City Buildings not under the jurisdiction of any other department or officer. The City Messenger shall be Custodian of the City Hall Building and under the direction of the Land and Buildings committee shall see that the building is kept in good condition and repair.

Passed May 6, 1943.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO SALARY OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That Section 29, Chapter XXXV of the City Ordinances be amended by striking out the words "Twenty-two" and inserting in place thereof the words "Twenty-five", so that the Section shall read as follows:

Section 29. The Assistant Superintendent of Public Works shall receive in full for his services the sum of Twenty-five hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per year, to be paid in equal monthly payments.

Passed May 6, 1943.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO STOP SIGNS.

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

That Section 21, Article 4, of Chapter XVIII, be amended by adding thereto the following:

That a stop sign is hereby ordered erect-

ed and maintained at the following location: Myrtle Street for west bound traffic at Grove Street.

Passed June 3, 1943.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FIRE ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES.

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

Amend Section 4 of Chapter XXX of the City Ordinances by striking out the same and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 4. No person, association, partnership or corporation, shall use, cause or permit to be used, any building, land, or place, for the storage, deposit, or keeping of gunpowder, nitro-glycerine or other like explosives unless said storage shall conform to the regulations issued by the Director of the Bureau of Mines under authority of the Federal Explosives Act of Dec. 26, 1941, or any amendments thereto. Quantities of explosives in excess of 50 pounds shall be stored at least 1000 feet from any dwelling house, public road or public place, municipal water system, dam, reservoir, mains, or other principal parts thereof, and under a license from the Mayor and Board of Alderman.'

Passed September 2, 1943.

AN ORDINANCE

*Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:*

Amend Section 3 of Chapter VIII as amended January 18, 1940 and as amended May 16, 1940, by adding the following at the close of said section:

"Any call fireman who is placed on the honorary list at the age of 70 years, shall be kept on the payroll of the Department at one-half pay. This provision shall be retroactive to January 1, 1943." so that said section as amended shall read:

Chapter VIII, Section No. 3. It shall be the duty of the Board of Engineers to retire or place on the honorary list any call fireman of the Department who reaches the age of 70 years, or any member who in their opinion shall, because of physical condition, inefficiency, or inactivity, be unable or fail to perform the duties required of him as a fireman. Any call fireman who is placed on the honorary list at the age of 70 years shall be kept on the payroll of the Department at one-half pay. This provision shall be retroactive to January 1, 1943.

Passed October 7, 1943.







