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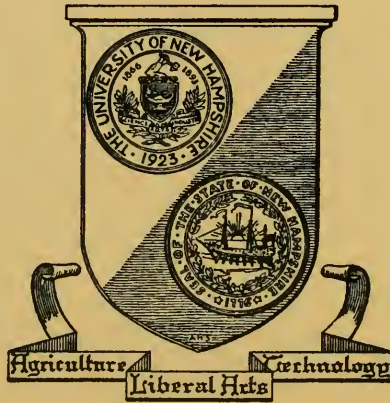
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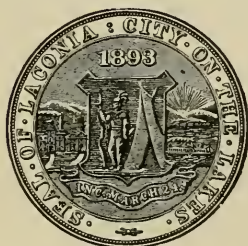
of the

CITY OF LACONIA

NEW HAMPSHIRE

for the

Year Ending June 30, 1953



UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIONS OF

HONORABLE ROBINSON W. SMITH, Mayor
and Councilmen

LEO G. ROUX	Ward 1
ARCHIE L. TARDIF	Ward 2
EVERETT D. WHEELER	Ward 3
CLARENCE J. BRAZIL	Ward 4
FORREST A. BUCKLIN	Ward 5
HAROLD E. TEFFT	Ward 6

and

HONORABLE GERARD L. MORIN, Mayor
and Councilmen

(Inaugurated March 24, 1953)

HUGH H. BOWNES	Ward 1
ARCHIE L. TARDIF	Ward 2
ALLAN J. AYRE	Ward 3
JACK P. BULL	Ward 4
LEO L. BOURGAULT	Ward 5
HAROLD E. TEFFT	Ward 6



Seated, Mayor Gerard L. Moran; standing, left to right, Archie L. Tardif, Councilman Ward 2; Leo L. Bourgault, Councilman Ward 5; Jack P. Bull, Councilman Ward 4; Harold E. Tefft, Councilman Ward 6; Allan J. Ayre, Councilman Ward 3; Hugh H. Bownes, Councilman Ward 1,

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

OF THE

Honorable Gerard L. Morin

Thank you Mayor Smith, Members of the Clergy, Invited Guests, Members of the Outgoing Council, Members of the Board of Education, Gentlemen of the Council, Ladies and Gentlemen.

In the exercise of your power and right of self-government, you have committed to me, one of your fellow citizens, a supreme and sacred trust—and I dedicate myself to your service. There is no legal requirement that the Mayor take the oath of office in the presence of the people, but I feel it is appropriate that the people of Laconia be invited to witness this solemn ceremonial. It affects a tie—a sort of covenant between the people of Laconia and its chief executive. I covenant to serve the whole body of our citizenry by a faithful execution of the duties of a Mayor as prescribed by law. Thus, my promise is spoken—yours unspoken, but nevertheless real and solemn. May Almighty God give me wisdom, strength and fidelity.

Let us pause for a moment in memory of those individuals who have, in the past, rendered public service—have unselfishly given of their time and who have passed away during the past two years: George R. Bowman, John O'Connor, Frederick Brockington, Perley Avery, William Kempton, Max Chertok, Albert R. Collins, Allan H. Simpson, Rev. L. J. W. Robichaud, Wesley D. Sanborn, and Rev. John Chapin.

This evening the executive branch of the City government is transferred to a new keeping, but it is still your government, and I ask that any animosities which may have arisen during the campaign, any bitterness of defeat, any exultation of victory give way, or better still, merge in the conscientious concern for the general welfare of Laconia, so that we will realize all the benefits which our form of government can bestow. A government is competent when all who compose it work as trustees for the whole people.

In the discharge of my duties, I shall always be mindful of the pledge within the boundary of the platform to which I subscribed.

An important item which cannot be passed unnoticed is the ever increasing demands upon our municipality which is reflected in the tax dollar. This is a matter of grave concern to me.

In 1946, the net debt in Laconia was \$85,500 and today it is \$1,242,450

—an increase of \$1,156,950. In 1946, the tax rate was \$33 per thousand, while in 1952 the rate was that of \$45.20 per thousand—or a jump of \$13.20 per thousand. The assessed valuation in 1946 was \$16,307,771. In 1952 it was \$27,466,609—a difference of \$11,158,838. The trend is decidedly on the increase at an alarming rate. I solicit the help of everyone in this city to meet this challenge—I urge that all demands upon our city be studied carefully to determine if it is a necessity, a luxury, a privilege, or a whim.

Inasmuch as our youth in schools today will be the citizens and our leaders of tomorrow, I will co-operate in any way possible with the Board of Education and other interested groups toward the solution of our school problems.

The Park Commission has made great strides toward bettering our parks and beaches; and I offer my support in the continued progress in these endeavors. During former Mayor McIntyre's administration, the City of Laconia created a beach at The Weirs and initiated the movement by which Endicott Rock Park would be re-acquired. We should not stop there—we should develop and promote the beaches so that maximum benefits may be attained by the citizens of Laconia and the Lakes Region.

I will invoke the continued study of the traffic and parking problem. This study is to be translated into action as soon as it is practicable.

I will ask the Council to study a plan to establish a system of personnel administration based on merit principles and accepted methods for the recruitment, appointment, compensation, promotion, transfer, removal and discipline of classified City employees. This will afford a fair and equal opportunity to City employees. It will make City employment more attractive so that the employees will be encouraged to work willingly to promote and increase economy and efficiency in City service. Furthermore, I believe it will reduce City expenditures compatible with efficiency and economy in City service.

It is my honest belief that in the past we have approached the problem of permanent improvements upon a deceptive, hence, false premise—no successful business would think of indebting itself in the manner in which the City of Laconia has done. I am not critical of any one individual—I am simply seeking a better method. Many bond issues have been voted upon because they were the line of least resistance, and it means the putting off until tomorrow what should have been done today. It evidences lack of projected planning. However, I realize and recognize that legitimate bond issues have a definite place in municipal financing. It appears to me that inasmuch as improvements are of duration, they should be anticipated and this can be accomplished by careful planning. In this manner when any project is to be executed the City would be ready to proceed. For example, there was a

\$225,000 bond issue in 1948 for public improvements—that is, sidewalks, drains, sewers, curbs, and so forth.

While this type of public improvements as a subject of a bond issue may legally be correct, I disapprove very much because I place such improvements in the category of maintenance. The cost alone, in interest, for this bond will amount, I am informed, to over \$48,000. Careful capital budget planning could have eliminated this unnecessary cost by setting aside a certain amount each year so that money would be available without undue burden. Not only is this beneficial in eliminating cost, it is, likewise, good business because the City would be receiving interest instead of paying interest. A concrete example may be found on Page 82 of the 1952 annual City Report. There, you will note capital reserves have been established and money set aside. This money was deposited in one of our local banks and this past year the City received interest instead of paying interest. So, I urge the incoming Council to familiarize themselves with the principles of Capital Budget Administration. This form of finance, the reverse of bond issues, I am sure you will all agree, is good, sound and logical business.

I do not want the people of Laconia to lose sight of the heroic deeds of those who have made it possible for us to enjoy and maintain our freedoms, and I sincerely hope that their memories will be perpetuated by the erection of a plaque until such time that a permanent memorial be dedicated. I feel that it is high time that a formal recognition be given to the veterans of World War II and of all veterans who are presently in the Armed Forces of our country.

I believe that one of the principal economic bloodstreams of Laconia is its industrial payrolls. The entire community feels the impact of industrial payroll, and the standard of living is in direct proportion to its activities; therefore, an expansion or a growth of desirable industrial payroll is a vital principle for a better and prosperous Laconia. From my observation, I am under the impression that the weak link in the chain of efforts has been the lack of delegated authority on behalf of the City of Laconia in dealing with desirable prospects. I would say that one of the policies in industrial expansion is to add industries in the City wherever possible, and to seek to establish new industries of a type which will tend to strengthen the industrial economy of our City. Obviously, if we are to make a net gain toward industrial growth, we must seek to establish new industries of the type which will tend to strengthen and diversify the City's present economy. My convictions are that in order for an industrial program to be successful, we of the City government must enlist the support of all individuals and groups and not necessarily the efforts of a single individual or a single group.

I am certain that I will find everyone interested and co-operative in our Laconia, which of necessity includes the various branches of the City

government, Chamber of Commerce, banking institutions, utilities, and the fine group of men in the Laconia Industrial Development Corporation.

I shall ever bear in mind these sacred trusts placed in me. You are the source to which I look for aid to supply my deficiencies. I plan to proceed slowly and deliberately. I shall seek counsel and by the same token I will welcome advice from any source. The actions of your elected officials shall always be an open book for your inspection. The Mayor's door will always be open to you.

May God, in His Infinite Wisdom, guide us.

EX-AUGURAL ADDRESS
BY
MAYOR ROBINSON W. SMITH
MARCH 24, 1953



The occasion which brings us together tonight is traditional. Our city charter provides for the inauguration of its newly elected officers to take place on the fourth Tuesday of March of their year of election; and it is also traditional that the retiring Mayor report to you briefly on the activities and accomplishments of his administration which is about to be brought to a close. I can assure you that I will be as brief as possible.

When the present administration was sworn into office two years ago, naturally there were projects started that necessarily had to be completed for the good of everyone in our city. Among these was the proposed acquisition from the State of New Hampshire of Endicott Park at The Weirs. This we found to be a very difficult project to handle. As you know, Endicott Park was acquired by the City of Laconia in 1925

from the Boston & Maine Railroad at a purchase price of \$2500.00. In 1935 it was deeded to the State of New Hampshire with the understanding that it would be developed as a public park; and during the past years it has been operated by the New Hampshire Forestry and Recreation Commission as such. With the building of the new beach at The Weirs, it seemed very desirable that Endicott Park be returned to the City of Laconia and added to its park system. Inasmuch as Endicott Park was one of the few state parks that was being operated at a profit, naturally the Forestry and Recreation Commission objected strenuously against any act of legislature that would deprive them of this scenic spot. Therefore, the return of Endicott Park to the City of Laconia was not looked upon with favor by many members of our legislature, especially the Committee on Forestry and Recreation, before which the hearings were to be held. Your Mayor, backed by the members of our City Council, and members of our city delegation, together with other interested citizens, were able to get the hearings transferred to a joint committee composed of the members of the Forestry and Recreation Committee and the city delegation. Several hearings were held on this bill and after many amendments, it was finally agreed that a commission of three men be appointed to appraise the property and report their findings to the Governor and Council who were to make their final decision as to the purchase price. This Commission met with the result that the majority set a price of \$18,000.00 for the purchase of the park. A minority report filed by the appointee of your Mayor indicated a price much less than the \$18,000.00 as reported by the majority. It was our opinion, and the opinion of the Council, that \$18,000.00 was a prohibitive price. This necessitated many more days of conferences with the Governor of the State of New Hampshire, members of the Commission of the Forestry and Recreation Department, and the Attorney General. Your Mayor and your City Solicitor worked many hours, to the end that this last January, nearly twenty-four months from the time the bill was introduced into the New Hampshire legislature, we received the deed from the State at a purchase price of \$9000.00—or one-half of that recommended by the Board of Appraisers. The park was immediately added to our park system, the two beaches have been connected, and I am pleased to report that last year the two beaches were operated at a profit to the satisfaction of all; and I can see no reason why they cannot be operated in the future with sufficient profit, not only to maintain running expenses, but with sufficient income to take care of all needed improvements that may be required from time to time.

Last July, on recommendation of your Mayor, and with approval of the Council, the Boston & Maine Railroad was requested to sell to the City of Laconia land, on Lakeside Avenue at The Weirs, which is now being occupied by a track not used by the Boston & Maine. Negotiations were immediately started with Mr. Reed, the Boston & Maine's real estate agent, and the City was offered what amounted to 2300 square

feet for a purchase price of \$2500.00. We won't discuss here at this time all of the details that took place during these negotiations—we merely wish to report to you that in addition to the 2300 feet on the street, the City has purchased from the Boston & Maine Railroad a total of 18,000 square feet which includes lake frontage adjacent to both beaches, from the Irwin Corporation land south to the canal, at a purchase price of \$2000.00.

A year ago, it came to our attention that the Rudzinski property, known as the old ice house, could be purchased. After consulting with many of our businessmen in town, and by vote of the Council, this property was obtained at a purchase price of \$8,000.00, and added to our Opechee Park holdings. The ice house is now being demolished and this piece of property when improved, will add a great deal to our beach facilities at this end of our City.

Upon taking office, we found that the City held an option on the so-called Bartlett Beach at the southwest end of town. This option was taken up, and the City now has the deed to this property which can be developed into a fine beach close to our City when all of the residences in that area have finally been connected with our sewerage disposal plant which is now in full operation.

Early in 1951, many members of the Merchants' Committee of the Laconia Chamber of Commerce visited the Mayor and Council in session at the City Hall and placed before us their opinions as to badly needed parking and traffic regulations. They brought to our attention the report of the Planning Board of 1949, and a second report of the Planning Board made to the Mayor and Council in September, 1951. These reports recommended that traffic signals be installed; that Pleasant Street south to Main Street from Veteran's Square be made a one-way street; that Main Street from Bank Square north to Church Street be made a one-way street; that the lot south of the City Hall, then owned by the Laconia Amusement Co. be purchased if possible; and that parking be regulated by the installation of meters. Your Mayor and Council, after several hearings and much investigation, voted to act on the recommendations made by the Planning Board and the Merchants' Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The parking lot was purchased for \$31,000.00; and the lights were installed at a cost of \$13,100.00.

We appreciate the fact that there has been some criticism of both the traffic lights and the parking meters—this is to be expected. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that both traffic lights and parking meters are in use in almost every city in the United States, and judging from the number of letters that your Mayor has received since their installation from not only the citizens of Laconia, but from many people who live outside of Laconia and frequent our City, especially in the summer, we are of the opinion that they are appreciated by a large majority

of the traveling public and that their installation will be looked upon in the future as one of the outstanding accomplishments of the present administration.

More recently it was brought to the attention of your Mayor by Councilman Brazil that the Laconia Shoe Co. must expand its operations if it were to remain in the City of Laconia. Mr. Ralph Smith, Chairman of the Industrial Committee of the Laconia Chamber of Commerce, was immediately contacted. A hearing was held in the city council chambers, with the result that some 17,000 square feet at the rear of the parking lot in back of City Hall was sold to the Shoe Co. for \$3,000.00, and already plans are in the process of being drawn for an addition which when completed will provide labor for some 150 of our citizens. I might say right here that I was in the Council and later Mayor when the Laconia Shoe Co. first came to town. It was a small business at that time, but has expanded since and is now recognized as one of our thriving industries and we wish them God speed in their new adventure.

Two years ago, I recommended to the Council that a change of our fiscal year from February 15 to July 1st would be desirable, and in looking back through the city reports, I find that I made the same recommendation to the Council of 1942. The prime reasons why such a change was desirable were first, because with a new administration being sworn into office as they will be tonight, certainly they cannot be expected to act intelligently upon the budgets of the different departments for at least three months; and secondly, the Board of Assessors cannot possibly get their inventories into the hands of the Mayor and Council until well into June. Under the old system, it meant that all departments, with the exception of the School Department, were operated on monies that had not been appropriated. Under such a procedure, the Mayor and Council had little to say about the expenditures of these departments until July 1st of each year; and then again, under the new system, there is quite a saving in interest money as it will not be necessary this year to borrow money on the anticipation of taxes until after July 1st. We appreciate the fact that the changeover of our fiscal year necessitated a higher tax rate during the immediate past two years. However, from now on, your city government will operate on a twelve-months year and your tax rate for 1953 should be considerably lower. The financial structure of our City is in fine condition, a very large percentage of our taxes have been collected, and our tax rate is the lowest of any city of our state, with the exception of Dover and Portsmouth. Our bonded indebtedness is well within the limits set by law, our departments are operating within their budgets, and all are giving good service to our citizens. Our schools rank high with other cities in the state, and for the first time in fifty years a building program for our grade schools has been started, and if continued, will bring about many needed improvements. I refer to the rebuilding of the old Bowman Street School, and

I have been informed by members of the School Board that they now have four first-class rooms of modern construction which are badly needed.

There are many other projects that have been inaugurated and carried out during the past two years such as the widening of the Square in Lakeport to take care of heavy traffic at that end of town; reorganization of the Fire Department as suggested in the bill introduced into our legislature by Ex-Mayor McIntyre; the leasing from the State of New Hampshire of the parking lot in back of the Palmer-Simpson warehouse which will accommodate some 80 automobiles; the appropriation of \$3500.00 to supplement State and Federal funds whereby badly needed improvements were made at our Airport; the draining of South Court Street, a project that has been under discussion since 1940; the building of a new bath house and a new road at Bond Beach, Lakeport. These are only a few of the problems that have been met by your City Government during the past two years, and I have every reason to believe from my experience in city affairs, that the incoming administration will have their problems and that they will meet them as they see them.

At this time I want to pay my respects to the many unpaid workers and officials in our city government. I refer to the members of the different commissions who are carrying on a wonderful work in the interests of their city.

I want to thank the members of my Council for their untiring work and co-operation in bringing about the many changes that I have enumerated here this evening. You have been wonderful to work with, you have done your own individual thinking, and you have voted according to the best judgment that you possess. With each change of administration, there necessarily must come certain changes of policy in the administration of city affairs. Fortunately, our City Charter protects the several departments and commissions from sudden and complete change of personnel, thereby guaranteeing uninterrupted service to our citizens. You, the members of the Council, have left your mark during the past two years, as I have tried to do in what has seemed to me to be a brief term of service. This is a time for preparation for things yet to be accomplished—it is no time for boasting. This is a time for a keener perception of the road ahead, rather than a time for looking back. Whatever mark has been made by me during the past years in the history of our City, you, of the Council, have shared in its making by your actions and by your deeds. The perception you had of the problems placed before you is only characteristic of the vision of generations of Councilors who have come and gone before you. Also the history of city government of our time has been molded to a large extent because you have participated in the problems which we have asked you to share. Whatever mark has been made during my service with you has not been made by standing still. The system and structure of city government

means changes in order to keep up with the demands of the times. What we did yesterday is not necessarily what we do tomorrow. Successful government must have the good sense to know what to do less of as well as what to do more of, and often must have the courage to do the *political inexpedient* although it may mean defeat at some future election.

Always, we in government must remember that we are *dealing with human beings*, not just dollars and departments. As human individuals, our employees are entitled to treatment without political prejudice, but with decency and fairness. The advantage of adequate compensation is measured in a low employee turnover and a high work standard.

The mark that I and my helpers have made will be written down more legibly than I can state it here ; the record is not perfect, as no such record is ever perfect. The tasks to which I assigned myself as your Mayor would not always have been the kind you might have selected for me, yet they have been honorable objectives and toward their success I have not spared myself. In their attainment I think the city is no poorer, nor is it less well regarded in the estimation of our people.

As this day comes to a close, it marks the end of my duties here. The dawn of tomorrow will find me carrying on my many activities in other fields. Yet the affection and respect that I have for the citizens of Laconia and for those who have worked with me during the many years that I have been your servant will not diminish.

Thank you.

CITY CLERK

CHAS. E. LORD, *City Clerk*

MADÉLINE E. TARDIF, *Fiscal Officer*

ETHEL ALDRICH, *Typist-Clerk*

MAUDE LEMERE, *Typist-Clerk*

The City Council:

The City Council held fifteen regular meetings, eleven special meetings, two adjourned meetings and twelve hearings. Thirty-three of these meetings were held under Mayor Smith's administration; seven were under Mayor Morin's administration. The public hearings related to budgets, re-location of highways in Lakeport Square, amendments to the Zoning Ordinances, and to the acceptance of Bisson Avenue, Leighton Avenue Extension, Jameson Street, Crescent Court, Larkwood Road and portions of Morningside Drive, and Taylor Street Extension.

There were thirteen ordinances relative to traffic rules and regulations, licensing of bicycles, salaries of certain city officials, zoning, finances, salaries of Board of Health. There were twelve resolutions relative to temporary loans, application for Federal advance of funds for the Laconia Housing & Redevelopment Authority, school bonds, bond issue for public improvements, Laconia Municipal Airport and Palmer Construction Co., minority representation of political parties in city government. These ordinances and resolutions will be found in the back of this City Report.

The following streets were ac-

cepted:

Winter Street Extension

Cherry Street

Champagne Avenue

Bungalow Court

Clairmont Street

Bisson Avenue

Leighton Avenue Extension

Larkwood Road and portions of

Morningside Drive

Taylor Street Extension

In addition to the accomplishments mentioned by Mayor Smith in his ex-augural address, the past year witnessed the formal dedication on November 6, 1952, of the Sewerage Treatment Plant, and the erection of the observation tower for "Operation Sky Watch," and a civil defense practice alert on May 27, 1952.

Mortgages:

The City Clerk wishes to call to the attention of those persons who have had personal mortgages, etc., recorded in his office that it is their legal obligation to see that such mortgages, etc., upon completion of payments, are discharged.

There were during the year the following instruments recorded:

Conditional Sales Contracts.....	656
Personal Mortgages.....	434
Chattel Mortgages.....	720
Bulky Article Attachments.....	40
Miscellaneous	62
Discharges	591
Total	2503

Motor Vehicles:

During the fiscal year the following permits were issued:

	1952	1953
April 26-30, 1952.....	40	
May	240	
June	241	
July	186	
August	131	
September	143	
October	132	
November	86	3

December	168	23
January, 1953.....	88	269
February	60	1008
March		2429
April		358
May		278
June		283
	1515	4651
		1515
Total.....		6166

Receipts for the year amounted to \$49,752.89.

On December 1st of each year, the permit fee for motor vehicles is reduced to one-third of the regular rate and the fee to Concord is one-half of the regular rate. Individuals desiring to retain their old registration numbers must submit their applications on or before the third Wednesday of February. Starting January 1st, operators' licenses will be issued on a two-year basis. That is, on your first birthday after this coming January 1st, you will pay \$4.00 for a two-year license, and you will be duly notified of the necessity for a renewal by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in Concord before the license expires.

Elections:

The check lists for Laconia's six wards are in the process of being corrected. Errors and omissions may occur and the supervisors will welcome any corrections which may be discovered by anyone.

The polling places in Laconia have in several wards been changed and the new quarters are a decided improvement over the old, especially in Ward 2, to the Parish Hall in Normandin Square; Ward 4 to the new Odd Fellows building

on Court Street; and Ward 5, to the Wyatt Park Clubhouse.

VITAL STATISTICS

For the year ending December 31, 1952
 Number of Births..... 551
 Still Births..... 9

Total.....	560
Parents living:	
Alton	3
Ashland	6
Bangor, Maine.....	1
Belmont	41
Bethel, Maine.....	1
Barrington	1
Bloomfield, N. J.....	1
Bristol	2
Epsom	1
Franklin	13
Gilford	27
Gilmanston	9
Hartford, Conn.....	1
Holderness	3
Laconia	294
Meredith	53
Moultonboro	8
New Durham.....	1
New Hampton.....	7
Northfield	11
Ossipee	3
Plymouth	3
Portsmouth	1
Center Harbor.....	12
Reading, Massachusetts.....	1
Sanbornton	8
Sandwich	7
Shelton, Connecticut.....	1
Tamworth	7
Tilton	23
Tuftonboro	1
Chichester	1
Claremont	2
Concord	2
Loudon	3
Fort Lauderdale, Florida.....	1
	560

Marriages	167
Deaths	247
Deaths occurring at Belknap County Home	2

Total Deaths.....	249
Bodies brought to Laconia for burial	87
Veterans bodies brought from Korea	1

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

BELKNAP COUNTY TAX

Budget Appropriation and Expenditures..... \$78,877.97

CITY OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Budget Appropriation..... \$ 7,985.00

Balance Carried from 1951-52 Budget..... 171.27

Receipts :

Supplies, Equipment, Etc..... \$ 255.95

(Reimbursements \$ 30.20)

(City Solicitor Fees..... 2.00)

(Sealer of Weights & Measures Fees..... 223.75)

Telephone — Reimbursements 5.35

Travel 4.86

Total Receipts 266.16

Transferred In..... 1,950.08

TOTAL..... \$10,372.51

Expenditures :

City Report..... 1,534.27

Dog Officer 916.27

Flowers 42.65

Supplies, Equipment, Etc..... 6,951.79

Taxes — Gilford Sandbank..... 42.50

Telephone 509.59

Travel 346.17

Total Expenditures..... 10,343.24

Transferred to Excess & Deficiency..... 29.27

TOTAL..... \$10,372.51

SALARIES

Budget Appropriation..... \$40,295.29

Expenditures :

Mayor \$1,400.00

Councilmen 1,800.00

City Clerk..... 4,434.21

Fiscal Officer..... 2,989.00

Clerical Assistance..... 8,072.00

City Auditor..... 1,625.00

City Physician..... 1,037.50

City Sealer of Weights & Measures..... 1,050.00

City Solicitor..... 1,675.00

City Treasurer..... 1,800.00

Secretary-Treasurer, Trustees of Trust Funds..... 625.00

Board of Public Works..... 300.00

State of N. H. Retirement System..... 11,333.42

Longevity	840.00
Total Expenditures.....	38,981.13
Transferred to Other Budget Accounts.....	500.00
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....	814.16
TOTAL.....	\$40,295.29

STATE EDUCATIONAL TAX

Budget Appropriation and Expenditures.....	\$3,654.00
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STREET LIGHTING

Budget Appropriation.....	\$28,500.00
Receipts — Reimbursement	59.40
TOTAL.....	\$28,559.40
Total Expenditures.....	26,513.52
Transferred to Other Budget Accounts.....	2,045.88
TOTAL.....	\$28,559.40

HYDRANT SERVICE

Budget Appropriation.....	\$5,200.00
Total Expenditures.....	4,982.31
Transferred to Other Budget Accounts.....	200.00
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....	17.69
TOTAL.....	\$5,200.00

LACONIA HOSPITAL

Budget Appropriation and Expenditures.....	\$16,000.00
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PARKING METER FUND

Receipts :	
Parking Meters.....	\$32,232.64
For Damages to Meters.....	24.00
Refund on Rent of Dana Parking Lot.....	50.00
Refund on Supplies.....	3.04
Sale of Traffic Paint.....	10.30
Total Receipts.....	\$32,319.98
Transferred from Parking Meter Surplus Account.....	4,805.00
Transferred from Excess & Deficiency.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$37,174.98

Expenditures :

Collection, Maintenance & Supervision.....	1,356.47	
Labor & Materials for Repairs — Meters.....	879.44	
Labor & Materials for Repairs — Traffic Lights.....	60.82	
Labor, Equip., & Materials for Widening Main St. & Corner of Union Ave.....	1,120.72	
Light Bills — Parking Lots.....	939.57	
Light Bills — Traffic Lights.....	436.06	
Rent of Parking Lots.....	1,125.00	
Sorting Coins.....	332.94	
Supplies	215.92	
Traffic	1,994.57	
Capital Outlays.....	24,386.63	
(Traffic Lights.....	\$13,100.00)	
(Pedestrian Traffic Signal.....	85.00)	
(Labor & Materials used in laying cable & resetting meters for traffic lights.....	1,250.50)	
(Labor on City Hall Parking Lot.....	8,151.13)	
(Purchase of Parking Meters.....	1,800.00)	
Total Expenditures.....		32,848.14
Transferred to Parking Meter Surplus Account.....		4,326.84
TOTAL.....		\$37,174.98

MAINTENANCE OF CITY HALL

Budget Appropriation.....	\$10,209.13
Balance Carried from 1951-52 Budget.....	275.00
Transferred In from 1952 Bond Issue.....	5,115.00
TOTAL.....	\$15,599.13

Expenditures :

Equipment	\$ 205.95	
Fuel	1,325.18	
Labor & Materials for Repairs.....	704.85	
Lakeport Clock.....	251.31	
Lights & Power.....	896.65	
Salary — Janitor	3,009.13	
Supplies	372.56	
Total Expenditures.....		6,765.63
Transferred to Other Budget Accounts.....		1,999.25
Transferred to 1952 Bond Issue.....		5,115.00
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....		1,719.25
TOTAL.....		\$15,599.13

ELECTIONS

Budget Appropriation.....	\$5,549.00
Receipts:	
Filing Fees.....	\$ 44.00

Refund — Salaries	6.00	
Total Receipts.....		50.00
TOTAL.....		\$5,599.00
Expenditures :		
Labor, Materials, Trucking.....	203.25	
Lights & Power.....	75.86	
Meals — Ward Officers.....	757.93	
Printing & Notices.....	377.11	
Rent	190.00	
Salaries — Ward Officers	3,474.00	
Supplies	121.14	
Total Expenditures.....		5,199.29
Transferred to Other Budget Accounts.....		350.00
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....		49.71
TOTAL.....		\$5,599.00

INSURANCE

Budget Appropriation.....		\$4,674.40
Expenditures :		
Fire Insurance.....	\$2,403.37	
Fleet Insurance :		
Fire, Theft, Collision & \$50 Deductible on 2 Police Cars	582.66	
Public Liability & Property Damage.....	1,176.53	
Floodlights	105.11	
Total Expenditures.....		4,267.67
Transferred to Other Budget Accounts.....		400.17
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....		6.56
TOTAL.....		\$4,674.40

MISCELLANEOUS

Budget Appropriation.....		\$2,025.00
Balance Carried from 1951-52 Budget.....		3,500.00
TOTAL.....		\$5,525.00
Expenditures :		
Lakes Region Association.....	\$ 900.00	
Public Wharves.....	250.00	
State Grange.....	600.00	
Vital Statistics.....	241.00	
Total Expenditures.....		1,991.00
Balance Carried to 1953-54 Budget....		3,500.00

Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....	34.00
TOTAL.....	<u>\$5,525.00</u>

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Budget Appropriation.....	\$1,554.25
Transferred In.....	550.00
TOTAL.....	<u>\$2,104.25</u>

Expenditures :

4th of July.....	\$ 600.00
Memorial Day.....	991.25
Spanish War Veterans.....	250.00
Veterans of Foreign Wars.....	200.00

Total Expenditures.....	2,041.25
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....	63.00
TOTAL.....	<u>\$2,104.25</u>

ATHLETIC FLOODLIGHTS

Receipts—High School and Ball Clubs.....	\$ 375.00
Transfer from Excess and Deficiency.....	681.67
TOTAL.....	<u>\$1,056.67</u>

Expenditures :

Bulbs	\$ 243.96
Labor & Materials for Repairs.....	80.56
Light Bills.....	407.15
Removing and Installing Lights.....	325.00

Total Expenditures.....	<u>\$1,056.67</u>
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL BOARD

MR. EARLE V. KINSMAN, *Chairman*
MRS. ESTHER NIGHSWANDER, *Secretary*
MR. THEO S. JEWETT
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DR. JEROME R. LEAVITT
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MR. RHODEN B. EDDY, *Clerk*

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL BOARD

Your School Board Chairman is pleased to transmit herewith the annual report of the Laconia School Board for the school year that began July 1, 1952 and ended June 30, 1953.

There is much that I might write about in this transmittal, but it seems to me that a brief account of the responsibilities of your School Board is of more interest to you than a preview of the excellent report of our school superintendent, Mr. Rhoden B. Eddy, which you can read for yourselves.

Your School Board is concerned with a multitude of problems and needs. The Board must make decisions continuously that affect the quality of our school system; the School Board must attempt to secure adequate financial support for the schools; it must determine where to spend its funds to best advantage, not only in the larger categories, such as teachers' salaries, but in smaller ones as well, such as allocating funds for visual aids equipment, teacher travel and so on. The School buildings and their maintenance and improvement have been an ever-present problem, and always will be. The subjects taught in our schools and the teaching procedures employed, the provisions for meeting the educational needs of the individual pupil, the school health program—these matters and many of similar nature must be known to the Board and be constantly borne in mind. The Board is especially concerned that the conditions surrounding our school staff shall foster high morale and spirit, a sense of security and personal and professional happiness, even while in-service growth of each staff member is held forth as being necessary and desirable together with efficient teaching.

The School Board is confident that it has unusually conscientious and skillful administration and skillful and conscientious teaching, but the overall policies of the Board and the deep interest and attention of each Board member are necessary to maintain our school system at the point to which it has thus far advanced and to assure its further growth.

As you know, School Board members are elected for six-year terms in Laconia to assure the city of the services of a School Board that will be familiar with duties and responsibilities necessary to the task of operating an excellent school system. Laconia is indebted to those members that have, in the past, made it possible for the schools to reach the position they now occupy. During the past year the most sincere interest on the part of each member has been evidenced by an unusually fine attendance at regular and special school board meetings. It is a rare meeting that does not find every member present.

I want to conclude my message to you with a few special observations and comments. The members of the Board have been happy with the growth of our kindergarten program. There is no doubt that the whole school life of the child holds greater promise because he has had kindergarten experience and training. At the same time the Board is witnessing a badly over-crowded kindergarten situation; there are far too many children for each teacher in each session, and this condition should be corrected.

The School Board believes that additional school facilities should be planned for now. As the first step in providing for future expansion, the Laconia School Board has requested the Mayor and City Council to purchase the so-called Normandin Property, a tract of about ten acres of land abutting the high school property at the rear boundary. A Committee of Council members was appointed by Mayor Gerard Morin to work with the Board, and negotiations are now under way with Mr. F. E. Normandin to purchase this land for future school needs. The matter is particularly important because there is not, within the city limits, any other single tract of land available for school building purposes.

The School Board believes that great benefits can come to the schools through greater public interest in the whole educational enterprise. The Board believes that the key to such public interest lies in a better understanding of the work, the needs, and the problems of our system of public education. As a consequence, your School Board is encouraging the entire school staff to seek out ways and means for developing this public understanding and interest. In this connection I want to express appreciation for the work of the individual elementary school Parent-Teacher Associations throughout the city. For their work and interest, I also want to thank the members of "The Citizens Committee for the Examination of the School Plant" that has operated during the past year. This has been Laconia's first venture into the field of lay committees. It is my hope that there may be a further development of this practice in Laconia. Throughout the United States the participation of lay committees has advanced the quality of the schools, and consequently the worth of the community itself.

In the above connection, I want to urge our citizens to attend school board meetings so they may experience, at the source, the procedures of

the School Board in dealing with the educational affairs of our school system.

Your School Board's job is not simple, nor are there simple means for discharging those responsibilities that are calculated to help us attain our goal which is so simply stated: *To Bring To All Our Sons And Daughters The Best Possible Educational Opportunities.*

EARLE V. KINSMAN, *Chairman*
Laconia School Board

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR
July 1, 1952 – June 30, 1953**

(NOTE: With a change in the City's fiscal year to July 1-June 30, it is possible for the first time to write a school report for the same period. The school report shown in the last city report (1951 City Report for the Year Ending April 26, 1952) was for the school year 1950-1951. The 1951-1952 material should be in printed form to preserve an unbroken record, and therefore must be included here. At the end of this report, therefore, the reader will find the financial statement and statistics for the school year July 1, 1951 through June 30, 1952.)

*To The Members of the Laconia School Board and the Citizens of
Laconia:*

I am happy to have this opportunity to report briefly the affairs of the Laconia School System for the school year, 1952-1953. As noted above the reporting period for the School District and for the whole Laconia City Government is now the same—that is for the year that begins, July 1, in any year, and ends on June 30 of the following year. As an addition to this report, therefore, please see the appended Report for the School Year 1951-1952.

LACONIA'S TEACHING STAFF

The quality of the school system is equal to the quality of the teaching staff. Superior teachers make for a superior school system; mediocre teachers make for a mediocre school system. While it is not my purpose here and now, to discuss the factors making for a high quality teaching staff, I hope that the reader will draw his own conclusions from his own frame of reference as he reads this report.

I – Size of Teaching Staff

Teachers serving senior high school only.....	27
Teachers serving both junior and senior school.....	9
Teachers serving junior high school only.....	10

Teachers serving junior and senior high and elementary schools	8*
Teachers serving elementary school grades only.....	35
Home Visiting Teacher — serving all schools and grades.....	1
Assistant in Supervision serving all schools and grades.....	1
School Nurses, Dental Hygienist serving all schools in Laconia	2½

Total Instruction Staff.....	93½**

* Includes Mrs. June Bowman, Cafeteria Director.

** This figure does not include the Instructor of the Veterans-On-Farm Training Program, employed until November 1, 1952; nor does it include the Supervisory Teachers who come monthly to carry on the Rinehart Handwriting System; this system is carried on in all elementary school grades, the junior high school grades, and the high school commercial department.

II — Distribution of Staff by Sex

Number male teachers serving junior-senior high school....	28
Number female teachers serving junior-senior high school..	18
	---- 46
Number male teachers serving all schools.....	4
Number female teachers serving all schools.....	4
	---- 8
Number of male teachers serving elementary schools only....	0
Number female teachers serving elementary schools only..	35
Home Visiting Teacher, female.....	1
Assistant in Supervision, female.....	1
School Nurses, Dental Hygienist, female.....	2½
	---- 39½
	----- 93½

The balance in the junior-senior high school teaching staff between men and women is favorable to the educational program. Since the teachers serving all schools spend a major part of their time in the junior-senior high school, the staff numbers are—32 men and 22 women.

III — Training of the Teaching Staff

In our instructional staff of 93½ teachers:

Men teachers holding the MASTER'S DEGREE.....	11
Women teachers holding the MASTER'S DEGREE.....	9
Men holding the BACHELOR'S DEGREE.....	15
Women holding the BACHELOR'S DEGREE.....	41
Teachers without a degree.....	17½*

* In this group are three Industrial Arts men teachers, who have trade training and experience that is equal to a Bachelor's Degree, or better.

This number also includes two School Nurses.

With the deduction of five persons from this number (17) it will be seen that Laconia has in its service only twelve teachers without at least four years' educational training. All twelve teachers are carrying on additional summer study and extension course study that is bringing them nearer the four year degree status.

Approximately 22 per cent of the teaching staff has five years' training, or better. This group holds the Master's Degree. Approximately 60 per cent of the staff have four years' training, or better. This group holds the Bachelor's Degree. Eighteen per cent of the staff has had less than four years' training.

The School Board members recall that it is not the policy of the Board to employ 'permanently' teachers with less than a Bachelor's Degree; only in case of very special need is an exception made to the rule.

I want to point out that nearly every teacher holding the Master's Degree has secured that degree *after* joining the Laconia School System. The number increases steadily; hardly a year passes that does not bring one or more staff members the advanced degree as the culmination of several summers' study.

IV – Miscellaneous Facts Concerning the Laconia Teaching Staff

During the school year for which this report is written, that is from July 1, 1952 through June 30, 1953, twenty-five teachers undertook study at a College or University Summer School or took one or more Extension Courses during the school year. That is, seventeen teachers attended Summer School and eight teachers took Extension Courses; in some cases a teacher attending Summer School also took an Extension Course; and some teachers took two or three Extension Courses.

Miss Sadie Stevens of the high school staff spent the summer of 1952 traveling in Europe.

Mr. Stanley Spencer, not only attended a summer session at the University of Denver in 1952, but he also traveled extensively by automobile in the far west.

Mrs. Laura DuMars of the high school staff spent the year teaching in Hegdelangen Skole, High School at Oslo, Norway. Mr. Georg Peterson of that high school taught with us at Laconia High School. The values of such teacher exchange are many. They enrich the experiences of pupils studying with the exchange teachers, they add to the whole cultural background of the school staff, they bring to us new ideas, they enlarge our own educational outlook.

All of the men teachers in our school system are married. Laconia also employs many married women. School age children, or younger, whose mothers and fathers are teachers number seventy-one. The figure does not include sons and daughters of our teachers who have completed public school. Comment on the fact of parenthood and the maturity of so many of our teachers seems unnecessary in suggesting that the reader apply these standards of quality to the Laconia teaching staff.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PROGRAM

A community and its school administration should exert every effort to establish and maintain a climate favorable to the personal and professional growth and happiness of its teachers. While the community has its part to discharge, the school administration has a very special task to perform. If the administration wishes to attract and hold good teachers, if the administration wishes to obtain the best of its good teachers' services for the benefit of the pupils, then the administration must work ceaselessly to provide a climate that is cordial to the professional growth of its staff members.

IN-SERVICE GROWTH ACTIVITIES

CURRICULUM STUDY

During the past year the staff has continued the study and development of a language arts curriculum for our own use. (The study began in 1951.) The study entails an overview, at least, of how pupils learn and develop; an examination of the best and most appropriate teaching procedures; the selection and grade placement of subject matter, fundamental skills and appreciation for our Mother Tongue; it requires a more thorough understanding, on the part of every teacher, of the really important objectives of the language arts as they are needed by pupils of varying abilities.

Curriculum study of this nature draws all the teachers in the system together from kindergarten through grade twelve; it also draws them together in smaller grade and department groups—briefly, this type of professional activity concentrates staff resources in a common purpose, promotes the exchange of ideas, provides each teacher with an insight to common needs, problems and opportunities throughout the entire system. Good, professionally minded teachers gain stature in the process while the school offering with which they are individually concerned is undergoing vast improvement.

STAFF ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES, CONTESTS AND FESTIVALS

Our school staff and our school system derive great benefits from contacts with outside educational sources. We acquire new ideas, have the opportunity to reevaluate established educational practices, gain new insights to our work, and receive the inspiration that comes from association with hundreds of other fine teachers and educational leaders throughout the United States.

Wide educational interests characterize our staff. The listing below indicates the scope and extent within Laconia's teaching staff. Laconia

has become widely known throughout the entire United States for some of its school practices and for the achievements of some of its pupils and teachers.

Mr. Howard Wagner during the past year :

Attended, with some of his Science Club pupils, the New Hampshire Science Club Fair at Dartmouth College, the New England Science Club Fair at Bowdoin College, in Maine.

Attended the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE TEACHERS Conference at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He had a place on the program at this conference.

Mrs. Ruth Estes during the past year :

Attended the New Hampshire Speech and Debate Tournament at Rochester. Some sixty Laconia High School pupils took part in the tournament and won the major position among the New Hampshire High Schools.

Attended a dozen or more Public Speaking and Debate Contests in the New England area. Her pupils won the privilege of sending contestants to Denver.

Attended, with her winning pupils in Speech and Debate, the National Forensic League Contest in Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Estes's pupils have won the right to represent New England at this national contest for the last six consecutive years. The representative pupils this year were: Mildred Nighswander, Philip Ritterbush, Ronald Snow and Carle Johnson.

Attended the combined conference of all the National Speech Associations in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Estes was especially honored to have an important place on the program of this conference.

Mr. Gilbert Center, during the year :

Attended, as the New Hampshire representative, the New England Classroom Teachers' Conference at Swampscott, Massachusetts.

Mr. John Lockwood, Jr., during the year :

Attended, with some of his science pupils, the New Hampshire Science Fair at Dartmouth College.

Mr. Richard Benshimol, during the year :

Coached Carle Johnson for the American Legion Speaking Contest and accompanied Carle finally to Burlington, Vermont, for the selection of the New England Winner.

Mr. Victor Bowen, during the year :

Attended the New England Reading Association Conference at Poland Springs, Maine.

Attended a Workshop on Citizenship Education (held especially to promote the teaching of citizenship at the junior high school level) at Albany, N. Y.

Mr. Wayne Shipman, during the past year :

Attended the National Future Farmers of America Convention at Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Shipman accompanied delegates from the Laconia High School F.F.A. as well as delegates from other New Hampshire Clubs. He acted as New Hampshire State Representative as well.

Miss Helen Martin, during the past year :

Attended the New England Reading Association Conference at Poland Springs, Maine.

Attended as a consultant the Spring Conference of the New England School Development Council at Harvard University.

Assisted the State Department of Education in compiling a source book in elementary school music at Plymouth Teachers College.

Conducted a conference for new teachers at Plymouth Teachers College (with Superintendent Rhoden B. Eddy).

Mrs. Elizabeth Graves, during the past year :

Attended the New England Reading Association Conference at Poland Springs, Maine.

Mr. Donald Piper, during the past year :

Attended the New England Association of Principals and Headmasters Conference at Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Herman Caswell, during the past year :

Attended the American Vocational Association Conference in Boston.

Attended as a consultant the National Warm Air Heating and Ventilating Association Conference at Boston.

Took a ten weeks, part-time, course given by the Oil Institute of New England, at Manchester, New Hampshire. (This might have been listed under Summer School and Extension Course Study, Item IV, but is not included there.)

Mr. Wesley Adams, during the past year :

Mr. William Volkman " " " "

Mr. Andrew Moynihan " " " "

Attended the Conference of Secondary School Vocational Teachers of New England at Portland, Maine.

Attended the American Vocational Association Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. William Rice, during the past year :

Attended the New England Solo Festival in Newport, New Hampshire.

Mr. Bernard Williams, during the past year :

Attended and took part in the New England Music Festival, to-

gether with some of the pupils in his musical organizations. Conducted, at Laconia, the New Hampshire Music Festival, which brought together more than 2000 pupils from New Hampshire High School musical organizations.

Mrs. Arline Bownes :

Miss Dorothy Kingsbury, during the past year :

Attended the New England Home Economics Conference at Portland, Me.

Mr. James Noucas, during the past year :

Attended the Conference of the Northeastern Association of Physical Education Instructors at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Superintendent Rhoden B. Eddy, during the past year :

Attended the October Conference for the Exchange of Educational Opinion at Crawford, New Hampshire.

Attended four meetings of the New Hampshire City Superintendents' Group.

Attended the Conference of the New England Superintendents' Association at Swampscott, Massachusetts, and had a place on the program. Conducted a conference for new teachers at Plymouth Teachers College (with Miss Helen Martin, Assistant in Supervision.) Served as Chairman for the Lakes Region Superintendents in a New England Cooperative Project in Educational Administration under the auspices of the Kellog Foundation and administered by the Center For Field Studies at Harvard University. Ten meetings attended.

Attended a week's Workshop at Teachers College, Columbia University, conducted by the Associated Public School Systems.

Attended the meeting of the American Association of School Administrators for six days at Atlantic City, New Jersey. At this meeting attended a Directors Meeting of the Associated Public School Systems.

Attended a Spring Workshop, conducted by the N. H. State Department of Education, at Plymouth Teachers College. Took part in a Panel discussion of the New Hampshire School Secretaries.

Attended five New Hampshire School Superintendents Meetings at Concord, called by Commissioner Hilton E. Buley.

A quick calculation shows that twenty-two percent of the Laconia teaching staff made contact with major educational thought and practices during the past year. A major portion of these contacts took place on a nation-wide level; a minor portion on New England and state-wide levels. One can only estimate the immense benefits accruing to the individual teachers, and the great potential benefits that may come to the whole school system—that is to the whole pupil body—through the practice of sending teachers to conferences, meetings and conven-

tions. However, the time and expense (small though it is) imposes a special responsibility upon the administration to provide good channels of communication from the individual, conference-attending teacher to the whole school staff. Nor is it enough merely "to talk about" good practices and ideas; there must be provisions to weave them into our own school system. I consider this to be a most important administrative responsibility and one demanding great patience and much skill in the area of working with an enlightened and superior group of teachers.

OTHER IN-SERVICE GROWTH ACTIVITIES

A variety of other in-service growth activities remain that are of no less importance because they have only brief mention here.

1. The Laconia Teachers Association carries on its own program of professional improvement and its committees are tied into administrative policy and action at several points.
 - (a) The Personnel Advisory Committee which includes three teachers, a School Board member, and the superintendent, concerns itself with matters affecting the salary schedule and special matters affecting individual staff members.
 - (b) Usually representatives of the Teachers Association attend School Board meetings. The staff through this procedure may exchange ideas and opinions directly with the Board.
2. Each year for the past three years a four-day Teachers Workshop has preceded the opening of school in September. Action initiated jointly by the teaching staff, the Teachers Association and the administration, selects the topics for workshop study and carries out the program through Steering Committees.
3. Teachers working in groups, especially in the elementary school grades, come together in frequent meetings to discuss matters pertaining to their work, to types of reports, and to special aspects of the offering.
4. There is a Professional Resources Room in connection with the High School Library for junior-senior high school teachers, and an elementary school Resources Room located at the Academy Street School. These rooms contain professional books and magazines, sample textbooks, curriculum materials and similar materials for teacher use.
5. Laconia has membership in the Associated Public School Systems, an organization of two hundred school systems large and small throughout the entire United States banded together for the exchange of good educational ideas and practices. The organization has its center at Teachers College, Columbia University; it has its own magazine, issued four times a year, called KNOW-HOW,

and keeps the member schools supplied with a large assortment of outstanding materials that are being developed nationally by administrative bodies, teacher groups, school study councils, etc.

During 1952-1953 your superintendent was Director of the Northeast Region of APSS, a territory covering northeastern United States—New England, New York into Pennsylvania, and as far south as Virginia. There are some forty-eight member school systems in this area; the New England APSS member systems are: Laconia, and Manchester, New Hampshire; Newton, Massachusetts; Skowhegan, Maine.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF OUR IN-SERVICE GROWTH PROGRAM

The material reported on up to this point has had to do largely with those activities and practices in our school system that permit our teachers to develop their capacities, their abilities, and their entire personal worth. These activities and practices are at once professional and personal in value.

With such a staff of teachers we need to give our attention continuously to the needs of our pupils and the betterment of our community. We should attempt to bring about in Laconia a more and more perfect understanding of what the schools are attempting to do and what they should do for your sons and daughters. Briefly, we should:

- (1) Seek to develop more complete community understandings of our school system. Secure from this community those ideas that we require to do better the work we are trying to accomplish.
- (2) Through the more perfect exchange of ideas and practices among ourselves we should come ever nearer to achieving the educational ideal of providing completely for every single pupil according to abilities and needs.
- (3) Make better and better use of the educational ideas and practices that are proving successful elsewhere in the United States.

To achieve these three objectives we need to continue our program of in-service professional growth through Workshop discussions, through good staff organization, through the use of public information materials, through closer contacts with parents as individuals and in groups, through the exchange of ideas among ourselves, through visitation at conferences, meetings and in other school systems.

OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Objectives

The general objective of our educational program has been stated several times. It is: To meet the educational needs of every pupil according

to his capacities, interests and abilities; to give all pupils that basic training for American citizenship that will assure the perpetuation of our free way of life; to develop within each pupil a sense of moral and spiritual values that will strengthen his belief in God and his practices of his own religion.

The simple statement of our educational objectives is well enough; the attainment of these objectives is a complex process, or more accurately, the attempt to approach the attainment of the objectives is a complex process. We are attempting to:

- (a) Teach the fundamental skills so that each pupil will have the tools with which to achieve more and more learning for himself.
- (b) To present the fundamental skills in such a way that learning will be attractive and interesting to each pupil.
- (c) To develop within each pupil an appreciation for knowledge and what it holds for him.
- (d) To give basic skills and habits for entrance to a worthwhile working life.
- (e) To give those understandings of our history and our country that fix in the mind of every pupil the meaning of democratic living. To give training that will make each young person a responsible democratic citizen.
 - (1.) To teach regard for every other person.
 - (2.) To give meaning to "fair play," generosity, morality, charity, and like terms, and to attempt to train young people through practice, as well as through books, so that these qualities will be exemplified in their total behavior.

Needs and Problems

People differ in every physical and mental characteristic. People react to situations in a wide variety of ways. People learn at different rates of speed. Because of these differences the work of the school, teaching, is a complicated job. The needs and problems of the school revolve around individual strengths and weaknesses, physical qualities and mental capacities. It is a sobering thought—the entire life of a human being depends to some extent upon the school.

In Laconia our Schools need:

1. Better methods of learning about the individual pupil:
 - (a) The bright pupil should be better identified and provided for.
 - (b) The pupil who learns at average speed should not be subjected to academic requirements that will make his best efforts appear futile.
 - (c) The slow pupil, the pupil with emotional problems, the physically handicapped pupil, all have special needs that the school

should recognize so that pupil may be taught with greater understanding and sympathy and effectiveness.

We need better machinery and specialized staff knowledge to help us identify each type so that we may work more effectively with each pupil. Through the special efforts of Dr. Douglass Walker we do have a monthly Child Guidance Clinic in Laconia, and this is made possible by the New Hampshire Child Guidance Clinic under Dr. Anna Philbrick and the efforts of Miss Mellinger and Mrs. Jones and some of our teachers. However, Laconia needs to have this service greatly expanded so that we may deal with more individual cases and a greater variety of problems.

We should have specialized workers on our school staff for more effective guidance service.

With the specialized services we now have, and in conjunction with any extension of the service that we may have in the future, there is the ever present, and ever growing need, for an administrative and teaching staff that has the perception, the skill, the interest, and the large personal outlook that can and will take the findings and the recommendations of the specialized service and *do something about them in the everyday life of the individual pupil.*

Plant Facilities and Equipment

There has been a brief report dealing with Laconia's school plant. There will be another more extensive report. In this report it is enough to say that Laconia should consider seriously the expansion of its school plant.

The only land of sufficient size conveniently located within the city abuts the high school property on the east and south boundaries beyond the present playing field. Negotiations for the purchase of this property, belonging to the Normandin heirs, are now under way with Attorney F. E. Normandin. There has been approval of this purchase by the Laconia School Board, and a committee of City Council members and School Board members has been authorized to carry out the purchase.

In the elementary schools we are near the end of the task of completely replacing the old, out-of-date school furniture with modern hygienic seating units.

At the high school we have kept pace with certain replacement needs, particularly in the commerce and science departments and the music department (with the use of some of that department's own funds). However, certain pressing equipment needs remain.

1. The home economics food laboratory equipment is outmoded and should be replaced.
2. A great amount of our shop equipment has been in use for many years and a program of replacement should be undertaken. Because much of the equipment is heavy machinery and costly, the program should not be too long delayed.
3. There is a very real need for a good intercommunication system at the high school. This school, with approximately one thousand pupils and teachers, has no direct way of reaching any person or group of persons without resorting to written messages and "runners." To carry out the daily routine of the school, to have some way of meeting a number of emergencies that may, and do arise, there should be an efficient method of communication. Laconia is completely able financially to spend five or six thousand dollars for the safety of its pupils, the greater efficiency of its administration, the convenience of parents who wish to convey messages to their sons and daughters, and for the convenience of many other citizens who find it necessary to locate and communicate with one or more of the thousand people located somewhere within the high school building. Laconia is at least a quarter of a century behind the times in respect to this equipment.

Transportation

The public and parochial schools of Laconia are served by a system of school bus transportation under the authority of the School Board. As more and more parents have taken up their residence at The Weirs, on the White Oaks Road, in the area of Governor's Island, and several other sections of Laconia removed from the center, transportation facilities have become more and more extensive. At the present time the need for the transportation of kindergarten children from these areas should receive attention. The problem is concerned largely with increased cost and service.

CONCLUSION

It is with real satisfaction that I am able to report some of the accomplishments of the past year. But none of the accomplishments of the school system, none of the plans for further progress would be possible if it were not for the interest and spirit of the teaching staff, the understanding and effort and confidence of the School Board members, and the help and cooperation of so many people in and out of our city government. I am grateful for all of these things because they have enabled all of us together to advance Laconia's educational program to the position it now occupies. It argues well for further progress.

There is much to do. We have many imperfections, many educa-

tional improvements to attempt, many changes to effect, for the children and young people of Laconia, and for the community itself. Since cooperation, professional spirit and community interest and good hard work are the bottom of past successes, we may have confidence that these qualities set the pattern for us to follow in the future.

Very respectfully submitted,

Rhoden B. Eddy
Superintendent of Schools

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

During the school year 1952-1953, the Laconia School Board made the following major improvements:

Ten elementary school classrooms were relighted as follows:

Academy Street	1 room
Batchelder Street	2 rooms
Gilford Avenue	4 rooms
Harvard Street	1 room
Mechanic Street	1 room
Washington Street	1 room

The following rooms were remodeled and completely repainted:

Gilford Avenue	4 rooms and halls
Batchelder Street	2 rooms, halls, and teacher's room
Mechanic Street	1 room, halls, and teacher's room
Washington Street	1 room, halls, and teacher's room

Walks and aprons at Harvard Street School were completely refinished with tarvia and also widened.

Snow guards were put on the Academy Street School roof, thus eliminating a condition that has been dangerous for years. The roof of the old furnace room at Academy Street School was replaced at the same time.

The area between the two high school buildings was finished with tarvia.

Ninety-four window shades at the high school were replaced.

Two hundred twenty-five (225) elementary school seating units were purchased, sixty (60) of which were purchased for Bowman Street School from Bond Issue money. The others replace old units in other schools.

BOND ISSUE

Bowman Street School was completely renovated for use of two kindergartens and one grade. Next year the fourth room will be used for

another grade. The building has been in disuse for many years, but increased enrollment in the elementary grades and kindergartens necessitated this re-use of Bowman Street School. The entire building was redecorated and relighted. A new heating and ventilating system was installed, along with new toilets, sinks and drinking fountains.

At the high school, the rear wall of the Academic Building was torn down and the outer course of brick was relaid with new water struck brick. A new roof was laid, and an incinerator was built into the chimney.

Beyond this, worn out stair treads on three of the stairways in the Academic Building were replaced.

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET July 1, 1952-June 30, 1953

RECEIPTS

Annual Appropriation.....	\$423,817.00	
Bond Issue.....	70,000.00	
School Receipts.....	54,163.57	
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....		\$547,980.57

EXPENDITURES

School Expenditures.....	\$546,962.67	
Bond Issue — not spent in 1952-1953.....	1,015.00	
Returned to City.....	2.90	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....		\$547,980.57

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

RECEIPTS July 1, 1952-June 30, 1953

Regular Appropriation.....		\$423,817.00
Bond Issue.....		70,000.00
Other Receipts:		
Federal Reimbursements		
Area Vocational School — Teachers' Salaries.....	\$5,914.63	
Area Vocational School — Teachers' Travel.....	230.17	
Veterans Farm Training Program.....	2,993.92	
Total Federal Reimbursements.....	\$9,138.72	
State Reimbursements		
Area Vocational School — Teachers' Salaries.....	\$3,337.15	
Area Vocational School — Pupils' Travel.....	292.80	
Area Vocational School — Pupils' Tuition.....	1,268.46	
Total State Reimbursements.....	\$4,898.41	

Tuition

<i>Town</i>	<i>S.H.S.</i>	<i>J.H.S.</i>	<i>Elem.</i>	
Gilford	\$16,704.91	\$8,959.43	\$.00	\$25,664.37
Alton	190.00	.00	.00	190.00
Center Harbor....	190.00	.00	.00	190.00
Gilmanton	3,502.20	.00	.00	3,502.20
Moultonboro	2,180.80	.00	.00	2,180.80
New Hampton....	950.00	.00	.00	950.00
Sanbornton	3,420.00	.00	.00	3,420.00
Private	790.10	336.44	274.64	1,401.18
Total Tuition.....				\$37,498.55

Miscellaneous Receipts

Rental— School Facilities.....	\$ 785.00
Library Fees.....	221.95
Sale School Supplies.....	1,055.14
Telephone Refunds.....	85.26
Lost Books.....	17.26
Sale Maintenance Supplies.....	74.60
Miscellaneous	388.68
Total Miscellaneous Receipts.....	\$2,627.89
Total Other Receipts.....	\$ 54,163.57
TOTAL RECEIPTS 1952-1953.....	\$547,980.57

**LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXPENDITURES**

July 1, 1952-June 30, 1953

BUDGET "A" OPERATION PUBLIC DAY SCHOOLS

	Senior H.S. (IX-XII)	Junior H.S. (VII-VIII)	Elem. Schools (Kdg.-VI)	Total Expenditures
I. ADMINISTRATION (Prorated)				
1. Salaries District Officers....	\$ 167.24	\$ 76.44	\$ 269.32	\$ 513.00
2. Sup'ts. Salary (local).....	1,630.00	745.00	2,625.00	5,000.00
3. Attend. Officer & Census....	521.60	238.40	840.00	1,600.00
4. Other Expenses of Admin....	297.33	135.89	478.82	912.04
5. Sec. & Clerical Salaries.....	2,215.99	1,012.83	3,568.68	6,797.50
6. Off. Tel Mail'gs, Off. Sup.	225.52	103.07	363.18	691.77
TOTAL ADMIN.....	\$ 5,057.68	\$ 2,311.63	\$ 8,145.00	\$ 15,514.31
II. INSTRUCTION				
7. Teachers' Salaries.....	\$146,443.75	\$54,853.03	\$123,358.13	\$324,654.91
8. Textbooks	1,546.48	782.57	1,650.94	3,979.99
9. Pupils' Supplies.....	7,197.97	3,103.37	4,418.00	14,719.34
10. Other Exp. of Instruction....	3,801.37	828.68	1,144.11	5,774.16
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$158,989.57	\$59,567.65	\$130,571.18	\$349,128.40
III. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT				
11. Janitors' Salaries.....	\$ 9,500.42	\$ 4,750.71	\$ 8,284.35	\$ 22,535.48
12. Fuel	2,897.84	1,448.90	6,254.71	10,601.45

	Senior H.S. (IX-XII)	Junior H.S. (VII-VIII)	Elem. Schools (Kdg.-VI)	Total Expenditures
13. Water, Lights, Gas.....	3,089.64	1,529.70	2,078.88	6,698.22
13a. Maintenance Supplies.....	993.84	499.92	960.89	2,454.65
13b. Other Expenses of Maint.....	207.90	103.91	61.27	373.08
TOTAL OPERATION.....	\$ 16,689.64	\$ 8,333.14	\$ 17,640.10	\$ 42,662.88
IV. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT				
14. Painting & Decorating.....	.....	.....	\$ 2,411.34	\$ 2,411.34
14a. Repairs & Replacements.....	\$ 3,622.80	\$ 1,946.37	4,541.22	10,110.39
TOTAL MAINT.....	\$ 3,622.80	\$ 1,946.37	\$ 6,952.56	\$ 12,521.73
V. AUXILIARY AGENCIES				
15. School Nurses' Salaries.....	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 7,050.00
16. School Physician's Salary....	280.00	140.00	280.00	700.00
17. Dental Hygienist.....	.00	138.00	552.00	690.00
18. Health Supplies.....	31.23	14.22	40.28	85.73
19. Transportation	814.50	814.47	10,513.43	12,142.40
20. Other Special Activities.....	1,528.48	25.00	90.00	1,643.48
20a. Tuition — Handicapped .....	.00	.00	557.62	557.62
TOTAL AUXILIARY AGENCIES	\$ 4,654.21	\$ 2,131.69	\$ 16,083.33	\$ 22,869.23
VI. FIXED CHARGES				
21. Insurance	\$ 2,083.51	\$ 942.01	\$ 1,917.51	\$ 4,943.03
22. Teachers' & Supt's. Retirement	8,520.76	3,217.51	6,786.90	18,525.17
TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	\$ 10,604.27	\$ 4,159.52	\$ 8,704.41	\$ 23,468.20
VII. OUTLAY & NEW EQUIPMENT				
23. Building Alterations.....	\$ 1,200.32	\$ 600.71	\$ 3,934.63	\$ 5,735.66
24. New Equipment.....	1,814.72	355.39	2,260.02	4,430.13
TOTAL OUTLAY & NEW EQUIPMENT.....	\$ 3,015.04	\$ 956.10	\$ 6,194.65	\$ 10,165.79
TOTAL BUDGET "A".....	\$202,633.21	\$79,406.10	\$194,291.23	\$476,330.54
BUDGET "B" EXTENSION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES				
VIII. EXTENSION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES				
1. Evening Schools.....	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
2. Vets on Farm Training.....	.00	.00	.00	1,647.13
TOTAL EXT. OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 1,647.13
TOTAL BUDGET "B".....				\$ 1,647.13

BUDGET "C" - BOND ISSUE

IX. CAPITAL OUTLAY - BOND ISSUE

1. Building Alterations:				
1a. Bowman Street				
(A) Alterations .....	.....	.....	\$ 34,577.98	\$ 34,577.98
(B) Furniture .....	.....	.....	1,485.00	1,485.00
1b. High School.....	\$ 16,988.65	\$ 8,494.33	25,482.98
2. New Equipment.....	2,698.09	949.77	3,791.18	7,439.04
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TOTAL CAPITAL				
OUTLAY	\$ 19,686.74	\$ 9,444.10	\$ 39,854.16	\$ 68,985.00

TOTAL BUDGET "C" -

BOND ISSUE.....	\$ 19,686.74	\$ 9,444.10	\$ 39,854.16	\$ 68,985.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....				\$546,962.67

STATISTICS

	Average Daily Membership			
<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Jr. High</i>	<i>Sr. High</i>	<i>Total</i>	
1012.6	286.2	627.9	1926.7	
	Days of School		180	

LUNCH PROGRAM REPORT

1952-1953

Cash on hand July 1, 1953.....				\$ 1,607.35
Receipts -				
Lunch Sales - Children.....	\$18,195.15			
Lunch Sales - Adults.....	1,422.05	\$19,617.20		
Reimbursements		4,291.50		
Misc. Cash Contributions.....		6,943.64		
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Total Receipts.....				30,852.34
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AVAILABLE TOTAL..				\$32,459.69
Expenditures -				
Food		\$20,748.74		
Labor		6,992.75		
Equipment		72.46		
Other		1,445.68		
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Total Expenditures.....				29,259.63
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ACTUAL CASH BALANCE

as of June 30, 1953.....				\$ 3,200.06
Unpaid Bills.....				1,180.11
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Estimated Value of Food on Hand.....				\$ 841.14
N. H. Commodities received - valued \$3,161.95 at a cost to us of \$157.01 for express and service charges.				
69,862 meals served				
64,609 reimbursable				
1,035 free meals served				
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July 13, 1953

Clerk

CLASS of 1953

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 Jane Claire Barlow
 Lyndon Wilmer Berwick
 Richard Paul Binette
 Arthur Otis Bishop, Jr.
 Sally Anne Blakeney
 Edmond John Bolduc
 Judith Scott Bowen
 Carole Anne Brisse
 Lorraine Hazel Brown
 Jane Blanche Brulott
 Edna Mae Burbank
 Nancy Lou Burleigh
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 Rita Mildred Champagne
 Gertrude Ann Charles
 Carolyn Priscilla Chase
 Janice Ann Chiolino
 Carolyn Clark
 Lee Chalmers Clow, Jr.
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 Dorothy Mae Cole
 Madeline Dolloff Connelly
 Robert Edward Corbin
 Donna Hazel Crain
 Glenda Lorraine Cummiskey
 Janice Diane Currier
 Roland Maxime Cyr
 Rita Lorraine Dickner
 Richard Kirk Dougal
 Joyce Martha Downing
 Frances Louise DuPont
 Irene Agnes Dupont
 Raymond Joseph Duquette
 Muriel June Dutile
 Dorothy Ann Eckels
 Carol Drover Erickson
 Maurice Eugene Fecteau
 Donald Haven Flanders
 Donald Ernest Florence
 Frances Lucille Ford
 Mary Theresa Fortier
 Dorothy Suzanne Fournier
 Gerard Wilbrod Fournier
 Virginia Gay Fournier
 Patricia Ann Gamache
 Walter Cutler Gardner, III
 Barbara Jean Garneau
 Patricia Ann Garrity
 Jeannette Gaudet
 Mae Pauline Gaudet
 Barbara Enola Goodall
 Mary Louise Goodine
 Maurice Joseph Goyette
 Grace Ina Grant
 Nancy Ruth Haley
 Lyall Sydney Hall
 Donald Cedric Hamel
 Allen Philip Hamilton
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 Ruth Louise Hayes
 Joann Hilton
 James Patrick Horn
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Loren David Hunt
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 Lucien Eugene King, Jr.
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 Ronald James Thomas LaPierre
 Pauline Alice Livernois
 Victor Rudolph Lucier
 Ann Patricia Luneau
 Nancy Jean MacEwen
 Patricia Ann MacQuarrie
 Douglas Ronald Mastine
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 Marjorie Vesta McGonagle
 Gloria Arlene Mitchell
 Thomas Owen Mooney
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 Sandra Marilyn Russell
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 Ernest Edwin Scribner
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 Diane Shattuck
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 Mary Louise Simmers
 Richard Alfred Simoneau
 Annette Rachel Smith
 Shirley Ruth Snow
 Angelo Demetrios Sobliros
 Katie Irene Stevens
 Donald Hawes Stone
 Janet Roberta Stubbs
 Elwin Henry Hardy
 Claire Elaine Taylor
 Norman Lorraine Taylor
 Patricia Anne Trombly
 Harvey James Uhlenberg
 Arlene Pauline Vanell
 Janet Page Wheeler
 Barbara Elaine White
 Clifford Smart White, Jr.
 Linwood Joseph Whitten, Jr.
 Mary Jane Whyte
 Kathleen Elita Wilson
 Janet Elaine Witham

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

1951-1952 Report

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

Major improvements for the school year 1951-1952 include the following:

- Soundproof Room 215 at H. S.
- Install new main water line between H. S. buildings
- Install oil burner at Academy Street School
- Install oil burner at Harvard Street School
- Relight one room each at Harvard, Mechanic, and Washington Street Schools
- Zone (heating) Academy Street School
- Redecorate school rooms as follows:
 - Room 4, Batchelder Street
 - Room 6, Mechanic Street
 - Room 6, Washington Street
 - Room 110, High School
 - Supervisor's Office, Academy St. School

Sixty-eight (68) elementary school seating units were purchased to replace old outdated units.

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET

July 1, 1951-June 30, 1952

Receipts

Annual Appropriation.....	\$390,091.14
Special Appropriation.....	600.00
School Receipts.....	55,028.42

TOTAL RECEIPTS..... \$445,719.56

Expenditures

School Expenditures.....	\$445,683.01
Returned to City.....	36.55

TOTAL EXPENDITURES..... \$445,719.56

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

RECEIPTS

July 1, 1951-June 30, 1952

Regular Appropriation.....	\$390,091.14
Special Appropriation.....	600.00

Other Receipts

Federal Reimbursements

Area Vocational School Program.....	\$ 7,902.61
Veterans Farm Training Program.....	5,242.54

Total Federal Reimbursements..... \$13,145.15

State Reimbursements

Area Vocational School Program..... \$ 6,370.24

Tuition

Senior High School..... \$22,034.50
 Junior High School..... 11,024.10
 Elementary School..... 28.00

\$33,086.60

Miscellaneous Receipts

Rental — School Facilities..... \$ 892.00
 Library Fees..... 140.00
 Sale School Supplies..... 1,190.96
 Telephone Refunds..... 72.35
 Lost Books, Breakage, Etc..... 101.12
 Miscellaneous 30.00

Total Miscellaneous Receipts..... \$ 2,426.43

Total Other Receipts..... 55,028.42

TOTAL RECEIPTS 1951-1952..... \$445,719.56

LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1951-June 30, 1952

BUDGET "A" OPERATION PUBLIC DAY SCHOOLS

	Senior H.S. (IX-XII)	Junior H.S. (VII-VIII)	Elem. Schools (Kdg.-VI)	Total <i>Expenditures</i>
I. ADMINISTRATION (Prorated)				
1. Salaries District Officers....	\$ 133.93	\$ 63.36	\$ 203.71	\$ 401.00
2. Supt's. Salary (local).....	1,594.85	754.45	2,425.70	4,775.00
3. Attend. Officer & Census.....	516.03	244.11	784.86	1,545.00
4. Other Expenses of Admin....	272.35	128.84	414.23	815.42
5. Sec. & Clerical Salaries.....	2,102.86	994.77	3,198.37	6,296.00
6. Office Tel. & Mailings.....	216.85	102.59	329.82	649.26
TOTAL ADMIN.....	\$ 4,836.87	\$ 2,288.12	\$ 7,356.69	\$ 14,481.68
II. INSTRUCTION				
7. Teachers' Salaries.....	\$137,572.95	\$53,114.64	\$110,190.87	\$300,878.46
8. Textbooks	1,228.26	1,798.50	2,116.25	5,143.01
9. Pupils' Supplies.....	6,861.26	2,855.48	3,612.37	13,329.11
10. Other Exp. of Instruction....	2,891.16	755.75	987.85	4,634.76
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$148,553.63	\$58,524.37	\$116,907.34	\$323,985.34
III. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT				
11. Janitors' Salaries.....	\$ 8,322.84	\$ 4,160.77	\$ 7,375.00	\$ 19,858.61
12. Fuel	3,265.97	1,632.97	5,501.00	10,399.94
13. Water, Lights, Gas.....	3,119.68	1,562.53	1,674.66	6,356.87

	Senior H.S. (IX-XII)	Junior H.S. (VII-VIII)	Elem. Schools (Kdg.-VI)	Total Expenditures
13a. Maintenance Supplies.....	1,097.26	514.03	861.53	2,472.82
TOTAL OPERATION.....	\$ 15,805.75	\$ 7,870.30	\$ 15,412.19	\$ 39,088.24

IV. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

14. Painting & Decorating.....	\$ 124.82	\$ 62.41	\$ 664.31	\$ 851.54
14a. Repairs & Replacements.....	1,964.48	875.02	3,514.03	6,353.53
14b. Other Expenses of Maint....	227.83	106.52	71.52	405.87
TOTAL MAINT.....	\$ 2,317.13	\$ 1,043.95	\$ 4,249.86	\$ 7,610.94

V. AUXILIARY AGENCIES

15. School Nurses' Salaries.....	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 6,750.00
16. School Physician's Salary..	240.00	120.00	240.00	600.00
17. Dental Hygienist.....	.00	.00	.00	.00
18. Health Supplies.....	29.76	14.87	43.62	88.25
19. Transportation	844.45	844.43	10,102.52	11,791.40
20. Other Special Activities.....	160.40	25.00	75.00	260.40
20a. Tuition — Handicapped .....	.00	.00	93.00	93.00
TOTAL AUXILIARY AGENCIES	\$ 3,174.61	\$ 1,954.30	\$ 14,454.14	\$ 19,583.05

VI. FIXED CHARGES

21. Insurance	\$ 1,327.35	\$ 633.98	\$ 1,081.88	\$ 3,043.21
22. Teachers' & Supt's. Retirement	8,275.18	3,407.77	6,310.44	17,993.39
TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	\$ 9,602.53	\$ 4,041.75	\$ 7,392.32	\$ 21,036.60

VII. OUTLAY & NEW EQUIPMENT

23. Building Alterations.....	\$ 236.41	\$ 118.21	\$ 5,169.46	\$ 5,524.08
24. New Equipment.....	4,576.25	2,015.21	2,944.08	9,535.54
TOTAL OUTLAY & NEW EQUIPMENT.....	\$ 4,812.66	\$ 2,133.42	\$ 8,113.54	\$ 15,059.62
TOTAL BUDGET "A".....	\$189,103.18	\$77,856.21	\$173,886.08	\$440,845.47

BUDGET "B" EXTENSION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

VIII. EXTENSION OF EDU- CATIONAL SERVICES

1. Evening Schools.....	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
2. Vets on Farm Training.....	.00	.00	.00	4,837.54
GRAND TOTALS				\$445,683.01

LUNCH PROGRAM REPORT 1951-1952

Cash on hand July 1, 1951.....	\$ 1,266.95
Receipts —	

Lunch Sales — Children.....	\$18,889.54	
Lunch Sales — Adults.....	1,079.80	
	<hr/>	\$19,969.34
Receipts for Reimbursement.....		4,159.08
Misc. Cash Contributions.....		5,093.85
Total Receipts.....		<hr/> 29,222.27
AVAILABLE TOTAL.....		<hr/> \$30,489.22
Expenditures —		
Food		\$20,629.03
Labor		5,563.70
Equipment		1,038.19
Other		1,650.95
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Total Expenditures.....		28,881.87
ACTUAL CASH BALANCE		
as of June 30, 1952.....		<hr/> \$ 1,607.35
Estimated Value of Food on Hand.....		\$480.07
N. H. Commodities received — valued \$1,619.23. Cost us \$174.35 for express and service charges.		
70,287 meals served		
1,492 free meals served		
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Date: July 2, 1952		Clerk

STATISTICS

Average Daily Membership

<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Jr. High</i>	<i>Sr. High</i>	<i>Total</i>
933.8	291.3	615.8	1840.9
	<i>Days of School</i>		
	180		

Class of 1952

Beverly Mae Andrews	Rodney Frank Cass
Una Gloria Arnold	Robert David Chapman
Richard Joseph Arsenaull	Barbara Cherie Chartier
Claire Elizabeth Asselin	Anne Marie Clairmont
John Milo Bacon	Jason Cotton Clark
Genoise Blanche Baillargeon	Donald William Cloutier
Elaine Blanche Baker	Robert Oliver Colby
Norma Jean Baker	Ralph Melvin Corriveau
Richard LeMoyné Baker	Maurice Normand Cote
Lawrence Baldi, Jr.	John Edwin Cotton
Betty-Jeanne Delores Bassett	Nancy Jane Cotton
Richard William Bastraw	Norma Helen Crawford
Annalie Vida Bean	Armand Simon Cyr
Jane Alice Bean	Normand Antoine Cyr
Mary Donna Beauchaine	Mary-Denise Davis
Theresa Marie Beaulé	Francis Joseph Defosses
Aileen Mary Belford	Louis Anthony Demers
David Ross Bickford	Elizabeth Alice Dion
Robert Alphonse Bilodeau	Guy Stanley Dore
Simone Rita Bilodeau	Ann Marie Dow
Raymond Norman Blanchette	John Henry Dow III
Lucien Delano Bouley, Jr.	Annie Ruby Dowe
Joan Beverly Bragg	Charles Leonard Downs
Robert Douglas Brown	Robert Gow Drever
Richard Hervy Carrier	Donald Dumais Drouin

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 Mary Ellen Dube
 Paul Albert DuBrule, Jr.
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 Sylvia Monique Fecteau
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 Faye Arlene French
 Lorraine Priscilla Gilman
 Constance Lorraine Goss
 Virginia Frances Gove
 Donald Lawrence Grant
 Edythe Claire Grant
 Edith Gray
 Lee Ann Hall
 William Jean Hammond
 Robert Malcolm Harrington
 Sandra Harris
 Ann Elizabeth Hilliard
 Mary Jane Hoey
 Marilyn Anita Holt
 Joyce Edith Howland
 Rachel Beatrice Isabelle
 Richard Jacques
 Sally Ann James
 Betty Jane Jorgensen
 Virginia Esther Joyal
 Kevin Arnold Joyce
 William Albert King II
 Sandra Korn
 Charles William Krug
 Mary Jane LaPierre
 Eileen Rita LaPointe
 Mary Louise LaRoche
 Herbert Joseph Little
 Henry Norman Littlefield
 Wilbur James Lounsbury, Jr.
 Samuel Edward Marshall, Jr.
 Richard Andrew Martin
 Joan McIntyre
 Terry Allen Miller
 Joan Elaine Morancy

Ruth Elizaeth Morgan
 Donald Richard Morin
 Everett Durgin Munsey, Jr.
 Joy Valarie Nadon
 Dorothy Nelson
 Irene Jane O'Neill
 Rachel Violet Ouellette
 Doreen Alice Owen
 Joan Parsons
 Shirley Ann Pettazoni
 Jessie Lena Phelps
 Dawn Priscilla Plaisted
 Norman Andre Poulin
 Leonard Frederick Ritterbush
 Jane Olive Roberts
 William Albert Roberts
 David Ellis Rogers
 Elizabeth Mae Rogers
 Jane Eleanor Rusk
 Kenneth Alan Sallies
 Richard Hill Saltmarsh
 Louis Palmer Sargent
 Donald Arthur Sibson
 Barbara Joyce Smith
 Richard Stanton Smith
 Patricia Olive Snow
 Donald Arthur Spear
 Carroll Whittaker Stafford, Jr.
 Patricia Ann Stinson
 Edith Joy Stockwell
 Donald Woodman Swain
 Patricia Ellen Tefft
 Maurice Albert Thibodeau
 Frederick Albert Tilton, Jr.
 Paul Lionel Toutant
 Carol Marie Vachon
 George Joseph Vaillancourt
 John Sheldon Valliere
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RUTH E. JOHNSON

JANITORS

SAMUEL R. HARRIMAN
ALBERT W. HEAD

GENERAL INFORMATION

Those associated with the library felt a personal loss at the sudden death of Max Chertok in April, 1952. Since 1949 he had served faithfully as a trustee and his sincere interest was manifest by the conditions of his will which left \$500 for the benefit of the library. Mr. Charles Raymond was appointed by the Mayor and Council to complete this unexpired term. On April 28, 1953, Dr. Alice Normandin and Dr. Kenneth Achber were appointed to the Board of Trustees to serve the customary three year term.

Two encyclopedias were added to the reference collection: Compton's and The World Book. One

hundred forty gifts were included in the total number of books added. Among the outstanding contributions were memorial volumes from Dr. and Mrs. Brody and a four volume set of Thomas' Register of American Manufacturers from Scott and Williams, Inc. Eighty-six magazines were currently purchased for the library, and forty-four were received as gifts. Seven newspapers are available in the reading room. Periodicals circulate for seven days, with the exception of the latest issue. This year 6,029 adult and 586 juvenile magazines were loaned to patrons.

Borrowers using the library for the past three years total 4,979. Patrons will be re-registered during the next fiscal year.

The library institute which is sponsored annually by the State Library was held at Laconia for one week in June. Miss Ruth Johnson attended all the classes for which credit was given by the state certification system. The library was well represented by staff members and trustees at the annual meetings of the N.H. Library Association at Exeter and Conway.

Students of the high school manual training class built the bookcase, designed with sloping shelves for the convenience of patrons, which is in front of the circulation desk. They also built a glass exhibition case which attracts much attention. Jewelry, pottery and miscellaneous articles pertaining to the recent coronation of Queen Elizabeth were used for the first display. During national Bible Week, rare Bibles from many lands were exhibited. Members of the

Laconia Art Group had charge of the exhibit for Art Week and the library was transformed into a veritable art gallery. Mr. Stafford Good has left three of his original illustrations for children's books hanging in the small reading room. Mr. Percy Brown, president of the N.H. Archeological Society, gave generously of his time to re-arrange the Indian artifacts in Memorial Hall.

A dehumidifier is in operation in the basement stack room. This removes four quarts of water each day from the atmosphere.

CHILDREN'S WORK

For many years the trustees have been aware of the necessity of a children's room. This is the only large library in the state which does not have a room planned especially for the young group of readers. All juvenile books are therefore crowded into the stacks and in every available space of the reference room. A trained librarian in a separate room is almost imperative if we are to offer the best possible service to the younger generation. Her time would be spent with the children, planning their visual and reading programs, and working in close cooperation with the schools. It is enlightening to find in his 1905 report to the city, the librarian recommended that "as soon as possible, the larger room in the basement should be fitted up as a children's room with an attendant in charge, during at least a part of each day." In 1908, Mr. Davis also reported, "The first floor of the stack is nearly filled. Only a little space on some of the

top and bottom shelves remains for new books. Unless the children's room is provided for the juvenile books, a second story should be added to the stack during the year 1909." And now, forty-five years later, the library still does not have a children's room or a second tier of metal stacks. A children's room requires a separate entrance. It must be dry, well ventilated and large enough to allow for expansion. Years ago it was decided the basement would be inadequate for this purpose. No better memorial could be left to the city than to help with either of these permanent improvements. The vacation reading club was sponsored at both libraries during July and August. Thirty-eight youngsters enrolled and read 482 books.

Diplomas were given the 26 members who read and reported on at least 10 books. Books were given as prizes to those reading the greatest number from separate grades. The film program was offered alternate Saturday mornings during the winter months. The attendance for the 19 showings totaled 1,352.

GALE PARK

Plans were made to replace the curb and concrete around the flag-pole. As yet, this has not been completed and funds appropriated for this purpose were returned to the city, as there is a possibility of widening the street at that corner. Eight squares of concrete were replaced in the front walk. New benches and tables were used by many visitors to the park this sum-

mer. Last November a large elm on the west side of the main sidewalk near the railroad track was removed before the installation of the new signal lights. The trustees were in agreement that the tree should not remain to constitute a hazard for pedestrians.

HIGH SCHOOL SURVEY

Students of the college preparatory sociology class recently made a survey of the library. They divided into various committees to study the grounds, building, operation and maintenance, personnel and administration, books and censorship. It proved to be an absorbing project for them as well as the library staff. Members of the class were interviewed at a program sponsored by the local radio station. A few excerpts from their report will be of interest to the general public.

"Working with Mrs. Cotton was comparable to pushing a button on an 'idea' machine which would produce all sorts of angles and statistics never before understood by any of us. I, for one, never realized that librarians need a top-notch education in business and finance as well as in other subjects. Information for our study was gathered from all imaginable sources; field trips, interviews, class discussions, city reports, and even city council meetings. Most people don't know that if we want to have nice looking grounds we must keep off the grass, and if you keep off the lawn, you are more likely to leave the flowers alone. They look best where they are. For a comfortable place to read and study you need plenty of room, fine clear lighting, good heat and ventilation, and comfortable seating arrangements. Our library is an old and beautiful building—but is impractical. There is need for more space for shelves. Unnecessarily big windows take up

space which might be used for books. It was one student's duty to look through the city and state charters to learn about the setup of public libraries. She studied also the history and present administration of the local library. When Napoleon Gale died, he left money to have the Laconia library built and provided a trust fund, the interest from which, supplemented by appropriations from the city, would support the public library. We learned that the City Council appoints the trustees with care as they must be people of good scholarship and with a knowledge of business. Some of us were amazed to discover the complications which arise in selecting new books. The librarian has this responsibility. She must have some idea of the interests of the community and how these interests vary. We were especially surprised to find that at the library we can obtain information on house building, cooking, basket weaving, square dancing, and just about anything else. If we want a specific book which is not there, the librarian will send to the state library for it. Since our library is the largest in the area, the libraries surrounding us use the information and material here when there is a demand for it. It's amazing to me that people don't use the library reading room more. Few of us could afford the variety of magazines available there, but they are not used as extensively as they might be. Not only are materials not censored but also no one side of a controversy is overly stressed. Information to clarify both sides is easily found. We Americans don't know how lucky we are to be able to walk into a library and have free access to any type of information in which we are interested. We don't have to worry about its being censored and forbidden because it is against the government or the political party in power. Far from restricting the circulation of ideas, the library staff welcomes opportunities to extend its usefulness to special groups. My eyes have been opened to hundreds of things. The most important thing in a laboratory practice like this is that we are exposed to information for which we aren't specifically hunting but which,

somehow, we absorb. Freedom to gather information is one of the basic premises on which democracy is based. Sometimes we take our privileges for granted. When we think of some of the other nations who have so little opportunity to express their ideas through the freedom of speech, opinion, and press, we begin to take advantage of our democratic way of living and to appreciate it!"

50th ANNIVERSARY

Gale Memorial Library was dedicated June 9, 1903 with appropriate exercises. Transferring books to the new building started the following day, and on August 3, patrons were registered and books were loaned. To observe the 50th anniversary, "Open House" was held during the evenings of June 24th and 25th. The Laconia Citizen printed the historical facts which had been compiled as well as the early history written

by General Knight and a personal recollection of Napoleon Gale written by Dr. Maurice Wiley. At a meeting with the Mayor and Council, it was suggested that this 50th anniversary year of the library would be a fitting time to make plans for starting funds to provide either a children's room or additional stack room. One possibility would be for the city to set aside the income from the Gale Estate trust funds for permanent improvements rather than use the amount received each year for current expenses. In this way the library would keep pace with progress in our community, and continue to be a growing memorial to its benefactor, Napoleon B. Gale, who so thoughtfully in his will of 1894 laid the foundation for a great service to all the generations of citizens in Laconia.

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1952-1953

Circulation	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Laconia Public Library.....	46,552	27,883	74,435
Goss Reading Room.....	7,019	4,683	11,702
Total Circulation.....	53,571	32,566	86,137
Number of books added.....	1,098	1,133	2,231
Number of books withdrawn.....	601	334	935
Total number of books.....			41,742

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH ON HAND, April 28, 1952.....	\$ 214.58
Receipts	
City of Laconia.....	\$22,788.84
Goss Estate.....	800.00
Gale Estate.....	2,706.80
Interest	643.76
Fines, Deposits, etc.....	1,707.09
	<u>28,646.49</u>
Total	\$28,861.07

Expenditures

Staff Salaries.....	\$15,128.16	
Longevity Bonus.....	540.00	
Extra Help.....	271.45	
Books	4,050.00	
Periodicals	486.46	
Binding	131.21	
Library Supplies.....	305.95	
Postage	105.64	
Printing	54.30	
Janitors' Salaries.....	4,350.80	
Longevity Bonus.....	30.00	
Building Supplies.....	213.15	
Building Repairs.....	50.25	
Water — Light	635.80	
Fuel	1,096.02	
Travel	45.73	
Telephone	395.80	
Insurance	37.50	
Children's Work.....	201.20	
50th Anniversary.....	50.00	
Deposits Returned.....	186.00	
Transfer to Gale Park.....	142.40	
Capital Outlay.....	296.44	
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Total Expenditures.....		\$28,804.26
Balance on hand, June 30, 1953.....		56.81
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Total		\$28,861.07

GALE PARK
TREASURER'S REPORT
June 30, 1953

CASH ON HAND, April 28, 1952..... \$ 89.80

Receipts

City of Laconia.....	\$ 1,876.93	
Gale Estate.....	902.27	
Transfer from Library Funds.....	142.40	
		2,921.60

Total \$ 3,011.40

Expenditures

Fertilizer	\$ 118.18	
Flowers	226.60	
Fountain Maintenance.....	3.55	
Gas & Oil.....	20.33	
Lawn Maintenance.....	100.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	
Salaries	1,603.50	
Seed	20.23	
Spraying Trees.....	38.00	
Trucking	29.50	
Water	121.55	
Trees	36.96	
Flag Pole.....	64.83	
Front Walk.....	187.42	
Refund to City.....	388.58	
		388.58

Total \$ 3,011.40



WELFARE

Director of Welfare . . . FRANCIS O'CONNELL

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Laconia:

Gentlemen:

It is my privilege and duty to submit herewith my report as Director of Welfare for the year ending June 30, 1953.

The amount appropriated for Direct Relief for the fiscal year, April 26, 1952 to June 30, 1953 was \$63,500. This has been expended as follows:

	April 26, 1952-June 30, 1953
Families	\$10,527.41
Single Persons.....	5,584.87
Veterans Families.....	2,523.44
Adult Board and Care.....	5,513.85
Children Board and Care.....	4,539.25
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Total Relief.....	\$28,688.82
Salaries and Expenses.....	4,221.83
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Total amount expended.....	\$32,910.65
Balance from appropriations.....	\$30,589.35
Refunds	621.60
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Available for transfer to Excess & Deficiency Fund..	\$31,210.95

The amount of \$32,910.65 expended for Relief is broken as follows:

Food	\$ 9,033.04
Rent & Shelter.....	4,013.84
Fuel	1,247.07
Clothing, shoes and rubbers.....	281.89
Gas, electric and miscellaneous.....	90.44
Board & Care (does not include medical)	
Adults	5,280.48
Children	4,355.45
Salaries	3,647.57
Office Expense.....	574.26
Hospital	2,284.56
Other Medical.....	1,760.67
Funerals and Ambulances.....	341.38
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Total	\$32,910.65

Assistance has been rendered to 39 families, comprised of 158 persons; to 54 single persons; to 12 veterans families, comprised of 52 persons;

to three single veterans; to 11 regular Board & Care of adults, and to 11 Board & Care of children. This is a total of 289 persons assisted, a decrease of 116 persons over last year.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

For the FISCAL YEAR, April 26, 1952 to June 30, 1953 the recipients of Old Age Assistance, Alien Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled have received \$42,799.07 from the City of Laconia. The appropriation was \$49,500.00. The sum of \$42,799.07 has been expended leaving a balance of \$6,700.93.

Refunds recovered from estates were \$726.55 making a total of \$7,427.48 to be transferred to the Excess & Deficiency Fund.

A year ago there were 244 cases ; at present there are 226.

RECEIPTS

City Relief Appropriation.....	\$63,500.00
Old Age Assistance Appropriation.....	49,500.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS..... \$113,000.00

EXPENDITURES

City Relief.....	\$32,910.65
Old Age Assistance.....	42,799.07

TOTAL EXPENDITURES..... \$ 75,709.72
 Transferred to Excess & Deficiency..... 37,290.28
\$113,000.00

HEALTH and SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH

ARTHUR SIMONEAU, *Pres.*
LEONARD SLOVACK, *Secy.*
DR. FREDERICK FILLMORE

DEPARTMENT

C. F. MOWERS, *Dept. Head*
EDWARD S. MORRIS, M.D.,
City Physician
JULIA PERIARD, R.N., *City Nurse*
BARBARA SISSON,
Laboratory Technician

CITY PHYSICIAN

The City Physician examines in Municipal Court those cases of intoxication brought in, being suspects or mandatory. He treats patients receiving welfare from the city, and attends all major fires to insure immediate care to those endangered by fire fighting.

SUMMARY

Police cases.....	60
Office calls.....	39
House calls.....	64
Hospital visits.....	98
Examinations for State Hospital (At request of City).....	6
Deaths	2
E. S. Morris, M.D.	

CITY NURSE

The City Nurse made 2390 calls for medical and surgical patients for the past year. The following is a summary of the visits:

Medical	1429
Surgical	561
Pre-School children.....	106
Crippled children.....	43
Pre-natal	11
Infant care.....	69

Home visits..... 121

The City Nurse is responsible to the Board of Health for carrying out her duties.

Following is a summary of the Nurse's care to patients:

- Chronic and Medical patients.
 - Who require bedside nursing and treatment over a period of years.
 - Patients who require treatment and nursing care and advice.
- Surgical Patients.
 - Visits in the home for surgical dressings following discharge from the hospital.
 - More numerous service, establishment of early ambulatory routine for hospital patients.
- Visits for Pre-Natal and Post-natal and infant care and instruction.
- Visits for instruction and the care of crippled children.

HEALTH INSPECTOR

The Health Department work consists of the following phases:

Milk Inspection and Milk Analysis; Slaughter Inspection; Inspection of markets, restaurants, diners, cabin colonies, water supply and water analysis, swimming facilities; Investigation of nuisances, quarantine, passports, signing and issuing death certificates, etc. The scope of the department is large and many duties not mentioned here have to be executed. We will take up a few of the branches in detail.

Milk Inspection

Many persons do not think of the work involved in producing a good quart of milk and having it delivered to their homes. They only see a bottle of milk, and if sufficient cream is evident, they assume it comes from a cow some-

where in the immediate vicinity. Quite a bit more effort is needed to get that quart of milk to your doorstep.

We will start at the farm. First, the farm has to meet the approval of this department: Cooling facilities, milking machine handling and cleaning, cleanliness of the barn, and the health of each individual cow. Upon approval this farm may then produce milk to supply a dealer to the Laconia area. He ships his milk to a dealer who begins processing this milk. First the weighing in of the milk, then clarification, to storage tanks or pasteurization vats. The milk is heated to 143 degrees, Fahrenheit, for thirty minutes, and then pumped to the cooler where it is immediately cooled to below 50 degrees, Fahrenheit. In the meantime, bottles have been prepared to go through the filling machine. From here to cold storage until delivery time. At delivery time care has to be taken to maintain the milk below 50 degrees, Fahrenheit, to insure its wholesomeness. Samples to be tested are taken every month from each farmer who produces milk for a dealer, and from the dealer selling the finished product.

During the summer months, milk has to be obtained from other areas due to the increased population. These sources have to meet the same qualifications as our local producers, and due to their distance from Laconia require much time and travel to secure the necessary inspections for their approval.

Analysis of the milk is performed in the City Hall Laboratory where a technician is employed to run the samples.

Milk samples are sent to this department from districts who do not have laboratory facilities, and a revenue is obtained from this source, as well as from water analysis and milk licenses.

Slaughter Inspection

Slaughter Inspection involves a time element in that the animal has to be inspected before slaughter, as well as during the slaughtering.

After the animal is killed all the organs and glands are examined to find any abnormality. By examining the glands and their pathology, a determination is made as to whether or not the animal is fit for consumption, partially fit for consumption, or is to be condemned.

If the animal is normal in all respects it is washed down in hot water, stamped as to approval, and then refrigerated until delivery.

If the animal is condemned, or partially condemned, it is cut, and dyed beyond possible use, and either buried or ground to be used as fertilizer, depending upon the type of infection present.

Markets

Inspection of markets consists of food handling and food storage. Refrigeration of meats and certain vegetables are the most important part of market procedure. Cleanliness of refrigeration equipment, grinders, etc., is mandatory, and the disposal of refuse in covered metal containers is necessary to

maintain fly control. The majority of our markets may be classified as excellent in all respects.

Cabin Colonies

Inspection of cabin colonies this year was done by the state. This was necessary due to the increased work by this department in other fields.

Cabin colonies, surrounding the lake, present a serious sewage problem. It is quite easy to understand that with the increased building of cabin units the land will absorb only so much material. The Weirs Blvd. is a very good example of this type pollution. There is only one answer to this problem, that is, a sewer line extending the entire length of the boulevard to absorb the sewage from the ever-increasing population.

Beaches

A constant check is made of the bathing areas of the city. It was necessary this year to close one beach due to a pollution factor. Upon correction of this factor, with the cooperation of those causing same, a quick and complete recovery of this beach was made.

A water pollution program has now been established through the cooperation of the State Health Department, to try to clear Paugus Bay in the areas that will come in contact with our water intake. The water company has done a very fine job this year in maintaining their supply from contamina-

tion. Samples are taken from this supply weekly.

Complaints

Complaints range from septic tanks to birds on the roof. We cover each complaint made to this department, and if our regulations cover the condition action is taken by this department. We only wish that fewer complaints, received by this department, were of the neighbor-quarrel type.

LABORATORY SUMMARY

Number of Tests :

Bacteria Analysis (Raw milk, Grade A, pasteurized, and homogenized milk)	
1. Raw plate.....	1,748
2. Laboratory pasteurized.....	1,748
3. Finished products.....	538
4. Coliform analysis.....	538
5. Sediment tests.....	369
6. Phosphatase tests.....	280
7. Butter fat tests.....	635
	Total 5,856

Water analysis	Total 274
Results of Tests :	
Bacteria Count Averages	
Producer samples of Grade A, Pasteurized, and Homogenized milk.....	5,238
Producer-Dealer samples of raw milk.....	28,608
Laboratory pasteurized samples	2,377
Butter Fat Averages	
Grade A, Pasteurized and Homogenized milk	4.16
Raw milk.....	4.16

MILK LICENSES

Markets	53
Restaurants	80
Dealers	8
Producer-Dealers	9
Total Receipts.....	\$1,548.45

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Budget Appropriation.....	\$13,899.49
Transfers In.....	147.00
	\$14,046.49
TOTAL	\$14,046.49
Expenditures :	
Equipment & Supplies.....	\$ 225.83
Mileage	900.00
Milk & Cream.....	176.77
Miscellaneous	17.67
Postage	33.97
Salaries	12,463.71
Supplies, City Nurse.....	22.68
Telephone & Gas.....	186.39
	14,027.02
Total Expenditures.....	14,027.02
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....	19.47
	\$14,046.49
TOTAL	\$14,046.49

Civil Defense

BRANDON L. HALL, *Director*

Civil defense for the past year has been devoted mostly to the Ground Observer Corps.

The Laconia G.O.C. has been organized since August, 1952, and is under the direct supervision of the Local Civil Defense Director. The local American Legion Post #1 sponsors the Laconia G.O.C. and many of the personnel are members of the American Legion Post.

Mr. Joseph G. L. Gagne, Supervisor of the local G.O.C. was appointed by the Commander of the local American Legion Post, and now Mayor of this City, Mr. Gerard L. Morin.

Mr. Gagne works closely with a staff consisting of two Assistant Supervisors, seven Chief Observers, and a secretary. Each of the seven Chief Observers supervises the operation of the post one day a week.

Since organizing in Laconia the Ground Observer Corps, through the efforts of the Legion Post, has obtained from the city and the office of Civil Defense, funds with which a watch tower has been built, located on Taylor Street, and furnished by civic-minded merchants of this city. Mr. Archie Tardif donated the land on which the tower is erected. This is a one-room building on stilts and is placed so that it affords a good view of any aircraft flying in this vicinity. The tower is manned wholly by volunteers who donate two or more hours each week. The

duty of the observer is to report to the Filter Center in Manchester, New Hampshire, any aircraft flying in this area. Each new volunteer is trained for the job either in a class by an Air Force instructor, or at the Post itself by a competent observer. To date Laconia G.O.C. has approximately 100 volunteers and the post is being operated about fourteen hours a day, seven days a week.

The duties of the Supervisor and staff are to see that the Post is operating smoothly and that each observer does his job to the best of his ability and to recruit new members.

During the past year, the Civil Defense Director has gone to such meetings that have been held and has held such meetings as have been necessary. A two-day convention was held in Durham, New Hampshire, and the Director and four of the staff were in attendance. This was a good conference and a great deal of valuable information was acquired. The Director also went to Manchester to hear Mrs. Howard, the National Deputy Civil Defense Director, speak.

In closing this report for the year, I wish to make one or two observations. Whether we like it or not, Civil Defense is here to stay, and the sooner everyone understands it, the better prepared we will be here in Laconia if the time ever comes when we will have a need for it. Those people in high places in Washington keep telling us to be prepared. A strong offense is a good sound defense. Let it be said that we have a very strong defense in Laconia.

I would also like to thank all of my staff who are always ready to work when needed. If you are not a member of Civil Defense, join it today.

Following is the financial report of the past year :

RECEIPTS :

Budget Appropriation.....	\$ 1,200.00
Transferred from Excess & Deficiency.....	500.00
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TOTAL	\$ 1,700.00

EXPENDITURES :

Equipment	\$ 56.95
Fuel	50.25
Lights	13.37
Supplies	28.52
Travel & Conventions.....	3.00
Telephone	80.35

Capital Outlays — Observation Tower.....	1,348.13
Total Expenditures.....	1,580.57
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....	119.43
TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>



POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE COMMISSION

KENNETH D. HOPKINS, *Chairman*

GUY C. RICHARDS, *Clerk*

F. E. NORMANDIN

CHARLES E. DUNLEAVY.....*Chief of Police*

NORMAN P. DROUIN.....*Deputy Chief*

WALTER E. MONT.....*Captain*

The Police Commission believes, and we are sure that the citizens of Laconia also believe, that the Police Department is very ably managed and efficiently operated.

It is a fact that the average motorist cooperates, by and large, with this Department, and complies with the traffic ordinances and other regulations. We sincerely believe that our citizens and visitors realize that the operation of our cruising cars are not intended to abuse the motoring public, but to keep spending at a minimum, and thereby reduce the possible heavy accident rate.

It is the opinion of your Police Commission that the new traffic lights in the Laconia business area, as well as the new traffic regulations, have tended to speed the flow of traffic through our city this summer. There are, of course, corrections to be made which will increase their efficiency and these corrections are now being studied by the City Council and the Planning Board. The Mayor and Council and the citizens of Laconia

may be assured that they have the full cooperation of the Laconia Police Department in the enforcement of these ordinances and regulations.

Your Police Commission is most pleased at this point to commend the Chief of Police and all officers of the Department. We are convinced that they are all of high standing, and we are sure that the citizens and taxpayers are of the same opinion.

In passing, and by way of recommendation, your Commission would very much appreciate the consideration by the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the purchase of an Alcometer for the use of this Department. We are convinced that the use of the Alcometer will result in greater efficiency and a greater savings in time and expense.

Laconia Police Commission

Kenneth D. Hopkins, *Chairman*

Annual Report of the Chief of Police for Year Ending January 31, 1953

ARRESTS:

Males	494
Females	23
Total	517

CAUSES OF ARREST:

Allowing unlicensed person to operate	3
Arrested for out of town Officers	9
Assault	4
Assault on an Officer.....	5
Breaking, entering & larceny....	2
Contributing to juvenile delinquency	3
Deserters (Army & Navy).....	14
Disorderly conduct.....	34
Diverse words.....	1

Transferred In.....		400.00
TOTAL		<u>\$95,654.19</u>
Expenditures :		
Auto Expense.....	\$ 2,519.34	
City Lockup Supplies.....	173.56	
Labor & Materials.....	36.78	
Lights & Power.....	277.72	
Lunches, Travel & Conventions.....	173.30	
Medical Expenses.....	152.00	
Miscellaneous & Contingencies.....	88.30	
Printing	158.02	
Radio & Professional Services.....	113.39	
Salaries	80,530.62	
Sick Leave.....	1,015.21	
State of N. H. Retirement.....	4,097.66	
Supplies	555.15	
Telephone, Postage & Contingencies.....	2,513.46	
Uniform Allowance.....	1,509.12	
Capital Outlays.....	940.68	
Total Expenditures.....		94,854.31
Balance Carried to 1953-54 Budget.....		690.26
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....		109.62
TOTAL		<u>\$95,654.19</u>

MUNICIPAL COURT

Budget Appropriation.....		\$ 4,075.00
Receipts :		
Costs	\$ 54.15	
Fines	16,822.43	
Parking Violations.....	2,117.50	
Small Claims.....	577.34	
Writs & Entry Fees.....	4.20	
Total Receipts.....		<u>19,575.62</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$23,650.62</u>
Expenditures :		
City Physician — Examinations.....	\$ 288.00	
Miscellaneous	84.02	
Small Claims.....	105.29	
Supplies	107.75	
Travel	80.00	
Salaries :		
Harry E. Trapp, Justice.....	\$ 2,250.00	
Harry E. Trapp, Small Claims Fees	252.00	
Theo. Jewett, Special Justice.....	250.00	
Chas. E. Lord, Clerk.....	750.00	
Chas. E. Lord, Small Claims Fees..	63.00	

Robert Tilton, Probation Officer....	375.00	
Total Salaries.....		3,940.00
State of N. H.:		
Fish & Game Department.....	63.00	
Motor Vehicle Department.....	8,023.50	
Public Service Commission.....	18.00	
State Unemployment Department..	75.00	
Total Paid State of N. H.		8,179.50
Total Expenditures.....		12,784.56
Towards Estimated Revenue.....		7,275.00
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....		3,591.06
TOTAL		\$23,650.62

MOTH AND FORESTRY

Budget Appropriation.....		\$ 2,200.00
Receipts — White Pine Blister Rust Control Reimbursement.....		57.60
Transferred In from Excess & Deficiency.....		500.00
TOTAL		\$ 2,757.60
Expenditures:		
Spraying Trees.....	\$ 1,250.00	
Tree Warden.....	1,075.96	
White Pine Blister Rust Control.....	400.00	
Total Expenditures.....		2,725.96
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....		31.64
TOTAL		\$ 2,757.60

FIRE PROTECTION

MERLE B. SARGENT	. . . . .	<i>Fire Chief</i>
ARTHUR PLOURDE	. . . . .	<i>1st Assistant Engineer</i>
RAYMOND TEFFT	. . . . .	<i>2nd Assistant Engineer</i>
GEORGE TARLSON	. . . . .	<i>3rd Assistant Engineer</i>
ALLEN S. VEAZEY	. . . . .	<i>Member at Large</i>

FIRES AND FIRE LOSSES

During the year of 1952, we had 249 calls; of which 230 were still alarms, 19 bell alarms, 4 false alarms, and 12 mutual aid calls. The fire loss for 1952 was \$23,461.67, based on the losses reported by the insurance companies.

Our fire apparatus and equipment are in reasonably good condition, and our hose has recently been tested at 220 pounds pressure and is in good condition, the poor hose being replaced with new.

We have 187 hydrants in Laconia and Lakeport, plus 30 private hydrants, and 16 hydrants in The Weirs section. Six new hydrants which have been voted by the past Councils for some time have not yet been installed by the Laconia Water Company.

The Elm Street Station in Lakeport is in very poor condition, as we have reported in the past, and a new one should be built. The section of the board walk near The Weirs railroad station, leading to the Mount Washington Boat wharf should be reinforced so that the fire engines could get on to the wharf to be in a position to pump water to that section of The Weirs in case of a large fire. This should be attended to immediately.

The fire alarm system is in better condition due to the fact that we now have a maintenance man who is one of the drivers and he is able to take care of many repairs before they become too serious. Two new radios have been installed in the trucks during the past year which have proven of valuable assistance to the Department.

The Board of Engineers seriously recommends that a Building Code and a suitable Fire Prevention Code be adopted. The principal reason for the codes is that we may be able to retain our present low insurance rates. The New Hampshire Board of Fire Underwriters, in whose jurisdiction rests the making of the rates, and the State Fire Marshall recently made inquiries as to what the City Government is doing regarding this matter, as they have recommended several times in the past that these codes be adopted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Budget Appropriation.....	\$78,718.55
Balance Carried from 1951-52 Budget.....	243.78
Receipts :	
Gasoline	\$ 2,260.28
Sale of Equipment.....	13.10
Sale of Junk.....	15.20
Sale of Supplies.....	25.55
Supplies — Refilling Extinguishers.....	223.00
Telephone .....	.20
Uniform Allowance.....	6.13
	2,543.46
Total Receipts.....	2,543.46
Transfers In	11,159.53
	\$92,665.32
TOTAL	\$92,665.32
Expenditures :	
Batteries for Trucks.....	\$ 155.81
Fire Alarm Maintenance.....	450.02
Fire Inspection.....	175.00
Fuel, Oil & Coal.....	1,804.83
Gas	73.50
Gasoline	2,863.65
Accident Insurance.....	318.20
Laundry	160.77
Lights & Power.....	1,069.78
Longevity	270.00
Lunches, Travel & Conventions.....	69.53
N. H. Motor Vehicle Inspection.....	19.50
Office Supplies.....	18.69
Oil for Trucks & Compressors.....	19.80
Radio Maintenance.....	141.23
Salaries	68,425.74
Snow Removal.....	33.00
State of N. H. Retirement.....	2,216.61
Station Maintenance — Labor.....	134.59
Station Maintenance — Material.....	509.54
Supplies	1,425.95
Telephone	983.43
Truck Repair & Maintenance.....	536.81
Uniform Allowance.....	864.98
Water	107.19
Capital Outlays.....	9,055.14
	91,903.29
Total Expenditures.....	91,903.29
Balance Carried to 1953-54 Budget.....	134.93
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....	468.78
Transferred to Bond Issues.....	158.32
	\$92,665.32
TOTAL	\$92,665.32

PLANNING

Members of the Planning Board

NORMAN P. RANDLETT, *Chairman, succeeding* HOWARD O. DECOSTER

HENRY I. BURBANK
HAVEN E. FLANDERS
WILLIAM W. KELLER
ALPHONSE J. MORIN

Ex-officio

GERARD L. MORIN, *Mayor, following* DR. ROBINSON W. SMITH

HUGH H. BOWNES, *Councilman, following* FORREST A. BUCKLIN

ARNOLD J. O'MARA, *City Engineer*

Planning Director and Secretary to the Board

LEONARD F. HUBBARD, A.I.P., *following* WILLIAM BLAKEY (*resigned*)

The several changes in the Planning Board's organization may be noted above. On June 8, 1953, Mr. Randlett was elected Chairman when Mr. DeCoster, who had served as Chairman, urged that the office be taken by another Board member. Two changes in ex-officio membership resulted from the city election in March of 1953. Mr. Blakey's resignation as Planning Director became effective on December 10, 1952 and the staff position was open until his successor assumed office in February, 1953.

During the period covered by this report, substantial progress was made toward the long-range orderly development of the community, such as the preparation of a land use plan for commercial areas. Several important proposals were studied for rezoning certain parts of the city. These included an area on the east side of Union Avenue near Messer Street and another on the east side of Union Avenue in Lakeport in both of which cases a change to less restricted use was disapproved. Disapproval was also given to making a portion of Endicott Avenue at The Weirs a less restricted use.

A number of street acceptance proposals were discussed and appropriate recommendations made to the Mayor and Council. The acceptance of Bisson Avenue was approved, Crescent Court, the general plan for the Windmill Shores subdivision and an extension to Taylor Street. Adverse recommendations were submitted on the Jameson Street and Leighton Avenue proposals. Through the technical services of the City Engineer's office, surveys were carried out completing a first portion of the official city map in the downtown district.

Three conditional uses for commercial purposes were studied, where

the zoning ordinance requires joint approval of the Zoning Board and Planning Board. All three uses were approved.

The Planning Director was authorized to attend the annual conference of the American Society of Planning Officials in October, 1952, from which much useful information was obtained bearing on problems in Laconia.

When the City parking lot adjacent to City Hall was planned, much work was given to the development of a parking pattern of maximum usefulness. When a portion of the lot behind the City Hall was sold under restrictive conditions to the Laconia Shoe Company for a plant expansion program, the effect of the new arrangement on parking was diagrammed for the Council. It is to be noted that the land will revert to the City in a stated time if the intended development does not come to fruition.

Further study has been given to the general parking and traffic situation, and an adverse report on the installation of traffic lights at Lakeport Square rendered to the governing body. With the Planning Board's technician cooperating with the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Traffic Improvements, a striking change was effected in the Main Street traffic flow. Three traffic lights were discontinued at Bank Square and right turns from entering streets onto Main Street developed. At the same time, the entrance and exit of the City Hall parking lot on Pleasant Street were reversed. Although these alterations have unquestionably brought about some degree of hardship in the form of inconvenience and extra cost to a few firms and individuals, the revised traffic plan has proved to be a benefit in expediting the passage of traffic through the principal business streets.

The Planning Board has continued to give advice and information on countless problems to individual citizens, developers, business firms, organizations, and governmental agencies. It has provided data, lists, and compilations; it has aided in the preparation of sketches and maps. Its function as a research agency on municipal planning and management problems has grown in importance.

The Planning Board, in the review of its scope of responsibilities, looks to some further achievements for the benefit of the community in the period ahead. It hopes to develop a fire prevention ordinance and a building code for Laconia with the prospect of thereby reducing the hazards to life and property and also of keeping fire insurance rates to a minimum. The New Hampshire Board of Fire Underwriters has repeatedly pointed out that the imminent reclassification of the Laconia rate structure will definitely cost the community thousands of extra dollars in premiums unless these ordinances are enacted and effectively enforced.

The Planning Board also hopes to develop an integrated offstreet

parking program to bring a measure of relief to the present downtown summer traffic congestion. It is believed that more adequate parking facilities will bring fresh vigor to the business section, intensifying Laconia's effective market area. It is also hoped that offstreet parking at The Weirs can be developed so as to improve conditions on Lakeside Avenue for the following tourist season. In addition to the increased public safety and convenience afforded by offstreet parking facilities, it should be recalled that the alleviation of traffic congestion prevents the blockade or serious delay of emergency vehicles such as fire apparatus, ambulances, and police cars. An offstreet parking program is expensive to develop but it is necessary to the economic life of the City, especially in meeting the competition of other communities.

A third field of action should lie in the seeking out of new selective industries for Laconia's industrial sites which are limited in extent. Complete data should be prepared on these areas so that Laconia's interests can be pursued through a planned program of industrial development. It is believed that Laconia should be able to attract desirable new business and industry because of its advantageous labor market, housing supply, and the direct service to metropolitan areas offered by the all-year service of Northeast Airlines, among other factors. A careful program of promotion and contacts based on the data for readily available sites should, over a period of time, be productive.

The day to day operation of the office services to the governing body of the municipality and to the public will continue.

PLANNING BOARD

Budget Appropriation.....	\$ 7,445.00
Receipts — Telephone Reimbursement.....	2.70
Transferred In	119.64
	\$ 7,567.34
TOTAL	
Expenditures :	
Printing & Copy.....	\$ 149.63
Salary — Clerical	58.50
Salary — Director	5,121.64
Supplies	60.40
Telephone, Postage & Contingencies.....	232.21
Travel	116.01
Official Map Engineering.....	1,265.52
	7,003.91
Total Expenditures.....	7,003.91
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....	563.43
	\$ 7,567.34
TOTAL	\$ 7,567.34

ZONING

JASON C. SLOAN, *Chairman*
ARCHIE L. TARDIF
ARTHUR C. TROMBLY
JOHN H. DOW
ALLEN G. VEAZEY
(WILLIAM BLAKEY, *Clerk — resigned*)
LEONARD F. HUBBARD, *Clerk*

The Zoning Board of Adjustment continued its important function of conducting public hearings and making decisions on each case brought before it through appropriate procedures where individual owners felt that the strict application of the zoning ordinance would create hardship bearing on particular parcels of property. Fourteen reviews and decisions were made in respect to the granting of variances or exceptions. It may be noted that 10 cases related to industrial or commercial properties, and 4 concerned residential uses.

It is anticipated that the work of the Zoning Board of Adjustment may increase, commensurate with general building activity and the evolving pattern of community development.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Budget Appropriation.....	\$ 300.00
Receipts — Hearing Fees.....	150.00
TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 450.00
Expenditures:	
Advertising	\$ 121.75
Postage & Printing.....	27.42
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Total Expenditures.....	149.17
To Estimated Revenue.....	150.00
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....	150.83
TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 450.00

Board of Public Works

Board of Public Works

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of the Public Works Department for the fiscal year of May 1, 1952 to July 1, 1953.

BRIDGES

Mill Street bridge remains closed except to pedestrians. A recent examination of the structure shows that the stone pier in the middle of the river has been damaged by high water during the spring run-off and the timber truss is in poor condition. Another year of high water might remove the remaining stones in the pier and cause the bridge to collapse. If this should occur, undoubtedly the flume leading to the Guild-Northland Mill would be damaged extensively.

I would recommend that the bridge be dismantled before another year and that a wooden foot bridge be erected over the river, if this part of Mill Street is to remain open for the accommodation of pedestrians.

Funds should be provided next year for painting the steel bridges at Fair and Messer Streets and for repairing the wooden foot bridge at Gold Street.

RESURFACING STREETS

Our annual program of street resurfacing was carried out. Approximately 60,000 gallons of asphalt were used to surface $\frac{1}{3}$ of our city streets and outlying roads.

Main Street from Hanover to Church Street was resurfaced with 3" of plant mixed hot laid asphalt. The pavement was laid with a Barber Green paver under a contract with the Granite State Asphalt Company. This project was accomplished with Class 4 Road funds in which the State of New Hampshire pays one half the cost and the City of Laconia the balance.

We propose to continue the resurfacing of Main Street to a point south of Court Street and Pleasant Street, from the railroad crossing to Main Street, in the summer of 1954.

WINTER EXPENSES

The accumulation of snowfall during the past winter was 68 inches or about $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount of fall during the previous year, and therefore the cost of removing snow was low, enabling the department to show a substantial balance in the snow removal account at the end of the fiscal year. There was considerable rainfall during the winter which made for slippery sidewalks and streets necessitating more sanding and salting of our streets.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain horses that are suitable for use on sidewalk plows. A number are available but the majority of them are not heavy enough for our use, and this past year we have had to scour the country side before we found the number necessary and capable to do the work required of them. Then too, the cost of maintaining 14 horses from November to May is considerable, amounting to about \$5,000.00. The actual working hours for these horses during that period is small.

We purchased a crawler type tractor equipped with a sidewalk plow late in the season but did not have an occasion to use it. It will be in use this winter, and if it proves satisfactory, 5 additional plows should be purchased with which we could provide the same service as is now given with 14 horses, at a much reduced expenditure.

Our citizens in the majority of cases have cooperated wholeheartedly with the department in the matter of snow removal from their property. When it was explained to them that it was contrary to our City ordinance to plow snow from their premises into the street, they engaged private contractors to remove the snow for them.

SEWERS

The department has completed the construction of sewers in the lower Court Street section and with the connecting of the dwellings and stores in this neighborhood to the mains, this project will be finished.

The next sewer project to be constructed should be the sewer starting at Lawrence Court, where a pumping station will be built, and following along the Winnepesaukee River, north to Main Street and along Main to Mill Street, thence on Mill Street to Sterling Engineering Company. Another main would be laid on Main Street southerly from the bridge to Rowe Court. It is planned to lay the Main Street sewer in this fall, preparatory to paving Main Street in 1954. When this project is completed, it will serve all the buildings in the vicinity of Main and Mill Streets that are now discharging their wastes into the Winnepesaukee River.

Some of the other sewer projects which should be constructed as funds become available are: Mathews Court to Route #106; Shore Drive and Holman Streets; Union Avenue, north of Clark Avenue; Davis Place; Sheridan Street area; and Moulton Street. The estimate cost for construction of these sewers is \$650,000.

The sewage treatment plant has now been in operation for a year. During the fall and winter, employees of the N. H. Water Pollution Commission have made a study and inspection of the plant, in particular, as to the results of the treatment obtained. It is their intention to continue the study in the summer of 1953 along with an inspection of the whole lake area around Laconia. At the conclusion of their inspec-

tion, it is my understanding that the Commission will issue a report of its study.

GENERAL

A section of Stark Street from St. Catherine Street to the Laconia-Gilford Town line was rebuilt with Class 5 Road funds. Surface drains and catch basins were installed, the street was widened and the grade improved, and the surface gravelled and asphalted. With monies from this fund we also plan to rebuild the Lane road.

A surface drain was built in Court and Durkee Street with its discharge emptying into Lake Winnisquam. This project eliminates what was a particularly bad drainage condition, when each spring streets and cellars in that locality would be inundated. Consideration should be given to providing funds for the correction of a similar condition in the Wyatt Park Area.

Among the major improvements was that of the street widening on Union Avenue at the Elm Street corners and at the northerly side of Clinton Street. At Elm Street, the road was cut back and granite curbs were installed, a retaining wall was built at Quimby Court, and a new asphalt walk was constructed. With the installation by the B. & M. Railroad of standards and signal lights in the center of Elm Street, this widening provides for an easier flow of traffic proceeding southerly from Elm Street, enabling it to blend in more easily with the south bound traffic on Union Avenue.

The existence of the present dumps off the Marsh Hill Road is the subject of many complaints from property owners in that locality, especially because of the smoke nuisance.

These dumps are leased by the city, one being for the use of business establishments who transport their own wastes to it, and the other is used by this department to dispose of waste material collected weekly.

Consideration should be given to the cancelling of these leases and that the dumps be located elsewhere, further removed from the City than are the present ones.

The City of Laconia owns a dump about 1000 feet off Route 3, beyond The Weirs, which is for the accommodation of the residents of that area. This site covers a considerable territory and could be used for a number of years before being filled. However, if this dump was to be used exclusively, then another truck and load packer must be purchased for garbage collection, because of the extra mileage involved in transporting all waste material to this location. It must also be considered that the merchants in Laconia may object to transporting their waste material a distance of 6 miles to dispose of it.

Respectfully submitted,
ARNOLD J. O'MARA
City Engineer
Supt. of Streets and Sewers

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Balances & Appropriations	Receipts & Transfer	Total Credits	Total Expended	Unexpended Balance
Highway & Bridge Maintenance	62,000.00	21,981.64	83,981.64	87,034.20	3,052.56 #
Winter Maintenance	70,918.44		70,918.44	60,383.45	10,534.99
Coll. Ashes, Waste, rentals	20,200.00		20,200.00	20,775.17	575.17 #
City Engineering	13,500.00		13,500.00	13,468.90	31.10
Cleaning Streets	16,300.00		16,300.00	16,620.06	320.06 #
Surface Drain Maintenance	7,300.00		7,300.00	7,439.39	139.39 #
Sidewalk Maintenance	3,300.00		3,300.00	2,463.14	836.86
City's Share T. R. A.	921.56		921.56		.....
City's Share Class 4 Roads	5,560.00		5,560.00	5,560.00	.....
Sanitary Sewerage Fund		29,886.30	29,886.30	29,886.30	.....
Reimbursable Expend. (T. R. A.)		8,630.35	8,630.35	8,630.35	.....
Reimbursable Expend. (Class 4 Rds)		2,264.62	2,264.62	2,264.62	.....
Sewer Bond Fund—Contingent Acct.		2,613.65	2,613.65	2,613.65	.....
S.B.F.—Sewer Const. Acct.		23,023.73	23,023.73	23,023.73	.....
Union Ave. Walk at Barton's				292.00	292.00 #
Lakeport Square Improvement	10,000.00		10,000.00	11,703.89	1,703.89 #
Bell Street Sewer	450.00		450.00	447.92	2.08
Durkee Street Drain	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,961.42	38.58
Widening Union Ave. (Elliot to Spring St.)	949.00		949.00	1,046.17	97.17 #
Lewis Street Improvement	2,265.00		2,265.00		2,265.00
Purchase of Equipment	18,976.00		18,976.00	18,456.92	519.08
	\$237,640.00	\$ 88,400.29	326,040.29	317,992.84	8,047.45

Indicates an overdraft

Sanitary Sewerage Fund (Other revenue).....

161.00

161.00

161.00

RECREATION

Park Commission

ARTHUR J. CLAIRMONT, *Chairman*
 BERTRAND I. MORIN
 EDWARD J. DUPONT
 ROBINSON W. SMITH
 FRANCES F. FOSTER, *Secretary*

Much has been accomplished on parks and playgrounds during the past fiscal year. Some of the major improvements were:

1. Completion of fencing at Wyatt Park.
2. Extension of fence at Opechee Park along North Main Street to corner of Busiel Street.

3. The Construction of two new rafts at Opechee beach.
4. General improvement of Leavitt Park waterfront.
5. Repairing and painting of grandstand and other buildings at Pearl Street grounds.

A director of recreation was retained for the summer season. This resulted in increased efficiency and a better organized schedule of recreational activities for the children of Laconia. The entire staff for the season consisted of eight playground instructors and life-guardians assigned to the following: four at Opechee; two at Leavitt; one each at Wyatt and Tardif Parks.

The budget for the fiscal year '52 and '53 was as follows:

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Budget Appropriation.....		\$17,175.01
Balance Carried from 1951-52 Budget.....		915.42
Receipts:		
Rent of Clubhouses.....	\$ 918.50	
Rent & Moving of Bleachers.....	342.15	
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Total Receipts.....		1,260.65
Transfers In — 1952 Bond Issue.....		1,500.00
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TOTAL		\$20,851.08
Expenditures:		
Band Concerts.....	\$ 360.00	
Fuel	1,333.04	
Gas, Lights & Power.....	974.42	
Labor & Materials.....	986.19	
Moving Bleachers.....	521.85	
Salaries — Park Attendants.....	2,935.00	
Skating Rinks.....	1,020.00	
Supplies	593.40	
Wages — Laborers	3,398.52	
Capital Outlays.....	2,454.75	
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Total Expenditures.....		14,577.17
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....		3,775.30

Transferred to 1952 Bond Issue.....	1,500.00
Balance Carried to 1953-54 Budget.....	998.61
TOTAL	<u>\$20,851.08</u>

THE WEIRS BEACH

Receipts and Expenditures for 1953 Season

RECEIPTS:

Service Charges & Parking.....	\$ 7,196.67
Checkroom	194.95
Coke Machine.....	1,778.80
Ice Cream & Miscellaneous.....	359.98
Pay Toilets.....	47.35

TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 9,577.75</u>
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EXPENDITURES:

Band Concert.....	\$ 125.00
Coke Machine.....	971.48
Ice Cream & Miscellaneous.....	334.80
Labor & Materials for Repairs.....	437.50
Lights & Power.....	34.64
Pay Toilets.....	14.21
Salaries — Lifeguards & Collectors.....	3,496.75
Supplies	256.58
Telephone	23.02
Capital Outlays.....	359.49

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 6,053.47</u>
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Net Profit for 1953 Season.....	<u><u>\$ 3,524.28</u></u>
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WEIRS BEACH

The Weirs Beach is fast becoming the most popular fresh water beach in northern New England. The city played host to more than two hundred thousand people during the past summer months. There is every indication that this number will increase appreciably as time goes on and more learn of the facilities available at The Weirs Beach. A staff of four lifeguards and three collectors was retained for the season.

Among the improvements realized during the past year were:

1. Connection of the two beaches.
2. Building of six picnic tables and two lifeguard towers.
3. Installation of copper plumbing throughout the bathhouse.
4. General improvement of grounds and waterfront.

Following is the budget allocated to The Weirs Beach for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953:

THE WEIRS BEACH	
Budget Appropriation.....	\$ 9,400.00

Receipts :	
Service Charges & Parking.....	\$ 6,495.00
Checkroom	169.80
Coke Machine.....	1,305.75
Ice Cream & Miscellaneous.....	392.48
Other	3.60
Armstrong Company Concession.....	1,753.04
Pay Toilets	1,036.02
Lights & Power — Reimbursement.....	116.24
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Total Receipts.....	11,271.93
Transferred In from 1952 Bond Issue.....	12,424.00
Transferred In from Other Accounts.....	2,203.97
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TOTAL	\$35,299.90
Expenditures :	
Coke	\$ 559.40
Equipment	578.20
Ice Cream & Miscellaneous.....	288.00
Labor & Materials for Repairs.....	1,559.23
Lights & Power.....	649.97
Pay Toilets.....	332.67
Salary — Janitor	1,115.36
Salaries — Lifeguards & Collectors.....	3,503.05
Supplies	741.97
Telephone	50.69
Capital Outlays.....	13,588.40
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Total Expenditures.....	22,966.94
Transferred to 1952 Bond Issue.....	2,924.00
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....	808.96
To Estimated Revenue.....	8,600.00
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TOTAL	\$35,299.90

It is evident from the above re-*port* that The Weirs Beach project is definitely self supporting.

Trustees of Trust Funds

KENNETH D. HOPKINS, *Chairman*
LAURETTE B. JOHNSON, *Secretary-Treasurer*
FRANK D. BRISSE

We, the Board of Trustees of Trust Funds, are pleased to submit the annual report signed by the Secretary-Treasurer.

The Board would like to point out that with a very few exceptions, there are no funds available for the care of the Meredith Bridge, Dow, and Round Bay cemeteries.

For a number of years the city has provided funds to partially care for these cemeteries and we would therefore recommend that the City make the necessary appropriations to properly and more fully care for these cemeteries each year.

The Board of Trustees would also again like to stress the necessity of more substantial trust funds being created by those who intend to establish funds for the care of lots in any of the cemeteries of the city.

The Board is still attempting to obtain greater returns from funds in their custody, by a well planned investment program, than may be developed from savings bank deposits alone.

We earnestly hope that the Mayor and Council, and the citizens of the City of Laconia, will give the foregoing very careful and favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH D. HOPKINS, *Chairman*
Trustees of Trust Funds

LACONIA CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Statement of Condition, June 30, 1953

ASSETS

Cash in Banks:

City Savings Bank.....	\$29,910.54	
Laconia Savings Bank.....	48,957.90	
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan.....	12,464.21	
Lakeport National Bank.....	331.78	
		\$91,664.43

Investments:

Laconia Water Co.....	\$ 100.00	
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund.....	5,185.74	
Fidelity Fund, Inc.....	10,173.47	
Mass. Investors Trust.....	4,981.80	
The George Putnam Fund.....	4,981.74	
		25,422.75

Total Assets.....		\$117,087.18
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LIABILITIES

Principal Trust Funds.....		\$111,238.61
Available Accrued Interest.....		5,848.57
		\$117,087.18
		\$117,087.18

(1) Eaton & Howard Fund:		
150 shs. orig. pur.....	\$ 4,998.00	
6 shs. cap. gain.....	187.74	
		\$ 5,185.74
(2) Fidelity Fund:		
267 shs. orig. pur.....	\$ 4,995.57	
9 shs. cap. gain.....	155.40	
		\$ 5,150.97
Additional 1952 pur. 250 shs.....	5,022.50	
		\$10,173.47
(3) The Trustees purchased in 1952 stock in the Mass. Invest. Trust (230 shs. \$4,981.80) and Geo. Putnam Fund (237 shs. \$4,981.74)		

LEAVITT PARK TRUST FUNDS

Statement of Condition, June 30, 1953

ASSETS

Cash — Banks:

Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n....		\$ 3,658.40
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Investments:

Stocks:

Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund.....	\$3,309.16	
Fidelity Fund, Inc.....	4,803.75	
New Eng. Tel & Tel.....	700.00	

Laconia Water Co.....	3,500.00		\$12,312.91
Bonds:			
U. S. Government.....		200.00	
			<u>12,512.91</u>
Total Assets.....			\$16,171.31

LIABILITIES

Principal Trust Funds.....			\$12,606.84
Available Accrued Interest.....			3,564.47
			<u>\$16,171.31</u>

(1) Eaton & Howard Fund:			
100 shs. orig. pur.....	\$3,184.00		
4 shs. cap. gain.....	125.16		
			<u>\$3,309.16</u>
(2) Fidelity Fund:			
265 shs. orig. pur.....	\$4,648.35		
9 shs. cap. gain.....	155.40		
			<u>\$4,803.75</u>

(3) Detail receipts and disbursements are presented in the annual report of the Trustees of Trust Funds.

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Statement of Condition, June 30, 1953

ASSETS

Cash in Banks.....			\$ 6,088.10
Investments:			
U. S. Government Bonds.....	\$10,525.00		
Stocks	2,600.00		
Coupons Due and Receivable.....	43.75		
			<u>13,168.75</u>
Total Assets.....			<u>\$19,256.85</u>

LIABILITIES

Principal Trust Funds.....			\$19,092.66
Available Accrued Interest.....			164.19
			<u>\$19,256.85</u>

CHAS. H. PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL TRUST FUND

Statement of Condition, June 30, 1953

ASSETS

Cash — Banks:

Laconia Savings Bank..... \$ 396.46

Investments:

Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund..... \$ 2,673.13

Fidelity Fund, Inc..... 2,450.58

5,123.71

Total Assets..... \$ 5,520.17

LIABILITIES

Principal Trust Fund..... \$ 5,212.98

Available Accrued Interest..... 307.19

Total Liabilities..... \$ 5,520.17

(1) Eaton & Howard Fund:

75 shs. orig. pur..... \$ 2,388.00

2 shs. cap. gain..... 62.58

\$ 2,450.58

(2) Fidelity Fund:

148 shs. orig. pur..... \$ 2,586.30

5 shs. cap. gain..... 86.83

\$ 2,673.13

Board of Assessors

DONALD TABOR, *Chairman*

MALCOLM E. BARNEY

LIONEL C. LANGLOIS

HARRISON E. MORIN, *Office Manager*

This report refers to the period from April 26, 1952 to June 30, 1953. At the start of the fiscal year, the Board of Assessors consisted of Harrison E. Morin, full-time assessor, Donald Tabor, and Lionel Langlois. Mr. Langlois' term expired on April 1, 1952, and Mr. Malcolm Barney was appointed for a three-year term. The Board then consisted of Harrison E. Morin, Chairman; Donald Tabor, and Malcolm Barney until April 1, 1953.

During the first week of April, 1953, the new Mayor and City Council created the following changes in the Assessors' Department. Mr. Donald Tabor was re-elected to a three-year term. Mr. Lionel Langlois was appointed April 9, 1953 as an assessor, replacing Mr. Morin who resigned to become Office Manager.

The Assessors office was reorganized during Ex-Mayor Barney's administration of 1945-46. Since that time, this office has become a very valuable asset to all concerned—the Board of Assessors, the taxpayers, and the general public at large. Tax ledgers are prepared for Real & Personal property, Poll Taxes, Head Taxes, Timber Taxes, National Bank Taxes and Railroad Stock Taxes.

The increase in property valuations, both new and old, since 1947 of \$20,918,328 to \$28,366,844 in 1953, has created a necessity for this full-time office.

The limited space here in making this report forbids outlining the duties that occur daily in this office. The new card index system has simplified the labor and maintenance of city tax records.

These tax records are public records and this information is always available to taxpayers as well as interested citizens. The office is open daily at 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday of each week.

The office is now supervised by Harrison E. Morin as Office Manager. Mr. Carl Blaisdell is custodian of the City Map and Tax Collector's deeds. The office of full-time assessor and office clerk has been abolished.

ASSESSORS' REVIEW

1952

Equalization of all property is the most important problem of the Board of Assessors. During the spring survey, properties were reviewed

over the whole city. There were no general increases, although adjustments and corrections were carried out to equalize valuations between some properties.

The unified standard used by the assessors for equalization compares favorably with other towns and cities.

Summarizing the final analysis, your Board of Assessors has labored diligently to bring valuations on a more equitable basis.

SUMMARY: GROSS VALUATIONS BY WARDS

	1951	1952	Increase	%
Ward 1.....	\$ 3,277,004	\$ 3,352,943	\$ 75,939	2.2
Ward 2.....	5,568,089	5,762,809	194,720	3.4
Ward 3.....	4,601,081	4,107,068	494,013	10.6
Ward 4.....	5,052,608	5,103,793	51,185	0.8
Ward 5.....	2,928,573	2,883,394	45,179	1.4
Ward 6.....	6,051,551	6,256,602	205,051	3.2
TOTAL.....	\$27,428,906	\$27,466,609	.....	1
Vet. Exemp....	614,525	634,945	.....	3.1
	\$26,814,381	\$26,831,664	.....	0.2

**Trend: — “Stock in Trade Valuations”
1951-1952**

**Trend: — “Assessed Valuations”
1951-1952**

1948.....	\$ 4,250,929.00	1948.....	\$22,386,225.00
1949.....	3,737,363.00	1949.....	22,445,195.00
1950.....	3,735,314.00	1950.....	23,281,560.00
1951.....	4,108,626.00	1951.....	26,814,381.00
1952.....	3,788,507.00	1952.....	26,831,664.00

SUMMARY OF ASSESSED VALUATIONS

	Year 1951	Year 1952
Electric Plants.....	\$ 762,840.00	\$ 610,538.00
Land and Buildings.....	20,418,775.00	20,792,600.00
Mature Wood & Timber.....	00.00	00.00
Horses	3,725.00	3,475.00
Oxen	750.00	00.00
Cows	27,375.00	27,150.00
Other Neat Stock.....	2,325.00	3,225.00
Sheep and Goats.....	90.00	00.00
Hogs	1,050.00	975.00
Fowls	2,062.00	1,341.00
Fur Bearing Animals.....	1,700.00	4,010.00
Vehicles	5,740.00	15,990.00
Boats & Launches.....	235,510.00	241,610.00
Portable Mills.....	00.00	00.00
Wood & Lumber (Not St. & Tr.).....	11,101.00	7,479.00
Gasoline Pumps & Tanks.....	46,345.00	45,410.00
Stock in Trade*.....	4,108,626.00	3,788,507.00
Mills & Machinery.....	1,795,892.00	1,918,999.00
Aqueducts, Locks & Canals.....	2,500.00	2,500.00
Wharves	2,500.00	2,800.00
Total	\$27,428,906.00	\$27,466,609.00

Less Veterans Exemptions.....	614,525.00	634,945.00
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate Computed.....	\$26,814,381.00	\$26,831,664.00
Property Taxes.....	\$ 1,185,195.64	\$ 1,212,791.21
Poll Taxes @ \$2.00.....	12,872.00	12,510.00
National Bank Stock Taxes.....	1,799.65	2,121.35
Taxes Committed.....	\$ 1,199,867.29	\$ 1,227,422.56
Tax Rate.....	\$44.20	\$45.20
Fiscal Year.....	63 Weeks	61 Weeks

*A 10% was allowed by the Assessors on Stock in Trade reports for 1952.
A 5% was allowed by the Assessors on Stock in Trade reports for 1951.
1951 City percentage value was 95% (State Tax Commission survey).
1952 City percentage value was 90.1% (State Tax Commission survey).

OVERLAY FOR ABATEMENTS

RECEIPTS	1951	1952
Budget Appropriation.....	\$39,150.48	\$16,493.66
Added Tax during the year.....	1,869.37	1,082.57
Total Receipts.....	\$41,019.85	\$17,576.23
EXPENDITURES		
Abatement Refunds.....	\$12,057.51	\$ 631.77
Abatements by the Assessors.....	28,720.27	14,148.77
Transferred to Unappropriated Surplus.....	242.07	2,795.69
Total Expenditures.....	\$41,019.85	\$17,576.23

ASSESSORS OFFICE

RECEIPTS	1951	1952
Budget Appropriation.....	\$15,023.53	\$15,201.45
Sales of Equipment & Supplies.....	78.50	76.94
Transfers In.....	388.48	131.44
Total Receipts.....	\$15,490.51	\$15,409.83
EXPENDITURES		
Auto	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Equipment	393.53	287.46
Register of Deeds.....	419.20	278.45
Salaries	7,983.34	13,791.79
Special Account.....	5,173.80	000.00
Supplies & Printing.....	848.61	641.61
Travel	42.54	60.22
Telephone	139.60	150.30
Cost of Living Adjustment.....	255.00	.00
Total Expenditures.....	\$15,455.62	\$15,409.83
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....	34.89	.00
	\$15,490.51	\$15,409.83

Tax Collector

RICHARD F. SHELLEY, *Tax Collector*

SUSIE M. LAWRENCE, *Assistant*

DORIS C. CARPENTER, *Clerk*

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I hereby submit my report as Tax Collector for the year ending June 30, 1953.

During the past year, this office has collected a large number of old poll taxes, dating back as far as 1946. The uncollected balance of these old poll taxes will probably have to be abated, due to errors in the original warrants, such as names being listed twice, people over seventy years of age, veterans and hardship cases, all being incorrectly listed.

Since the end of the fiscal year now falls on June 30th instead of earlier as in former years, the work of closing the books, and the preparation of reports so that the City Auditor can check the records, in addition to (1) mailing out of sewer rental bills July 1st, with collections starting almost from the date these bills are mailed; (2) rendering both poll and head taxes for the current year; (3) preparing our list of advertising for sale of all unpaid property taxes from the previous year; (4) sending out current property tax bills—all this makes the work very heavy in this department during July and August. In view of this, the sale of all unpaid property taxes should, therefore, be held in June in order to level off the peak load during these two months.

An order has been placed for a receipting machine to be delivered about January of 1954, which will eliminate posting of individual items to a cash sheet. The total of the day's cash receipts will be posted to a cash book, and posting to the warrant will be direct from the invoice stubs; this, it is believed, will save a great deal of time.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD F. SHELLEY,
Collector of Taxes

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Budget Appropriation.....	\$11,640.07
Balance Carried from 1951-52 Budget.....	338.40
Receipts:	
Postage & Envelopes.....	\$ 171.37
Telephone	1.30

Total Receipts.....	172.67
Transferred from 1952 Bond Issue.....	2,100.00
Transferred from Excess & Deficiency.....	250.00
TOTAL	\$14,501.14

Expenditures:

Advertising	\$ 24.00
Bond Expense.....	215.00
Equipment	332.55
Miscellaneous	87.71
Postage & Envelopes.....	882.71
Salaries	10,051.91
Supplies	258.83
Telephone	157.35
Travel	27.53
Capital Outlays.....	2,100.00

Total Expenditures.....	14,137.59
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency.....	363.55
TOTAL	\$14,501.14

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I hereby submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the City of Laconia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953.

TAXES

1953

Total amount of taxes not committed.....	\$ 1,751.93
Total amount of polls not committed.....	228.00
	\$ 1,979.93
Total amount collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$ 1,751.93
Total amount of polls collected June 30, 1953.....	228.00
	\$ 1,979.93

1952

Total amount of taxes committed by the Board of Assessors.....	\$1,214,912.56
Total amount of polls committed by the Board of Assessors.....	12,510.00
Total amount of added taxes committed by the Board of Assessors....	576.57
Total amount of polls added and committed by the Board of Assessors	460.00
Total amount of refunds.....	92.18
	\$1,228,551.31
Total amount collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$1,150,706.04
Less error transferred to 1951 Redemption.....	100.00
	\$1,150,606.04
Total net cash received — June 30, 1953.....	10,929.00
Total amount of polls collected June 30, 1953.....	7,871.68
Total amount of taxes abated June 30, 1953.....	59,144.59
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1953.....	
	\$1,228,551.31

1951

Total amount uncollected April 26, 1952.....	\$ 89,921.19
Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors.....	50.84
Total amount of Timber Tax transferred to Timber Tax Account (Credit).....	92.72
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	\$ 90,064.75
Total amount collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$ 88,193.75
Total amount abated to June 30, 1953.....	613.10
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1953.....	1,257.90
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	\$ 90,064.75

1950

Total amount uncollected April 26, 1952.....	\$ 2,984.39
Total amount collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$ 498.95
Total amount abated to June 30, 1953.....	1,561.04
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1953.....	924.40
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	\$ 2,984.39

1949

Total amount uncollected April 26, 1952.....	\$ 2,168.07
Total amount collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$ 245.88
Total amount abated to June 30, 1953.....	1,443.59
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1953.....	478.60
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	\$ 2,168.07

1948

Total amount uncollected April 26, 1952.....	\$ 1,089.03
Total amount collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$ 56.30
Total amount abated to June 30, 1953.....	774.00
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1953.....	258.73
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	\$ 1,089.03

1947

Total amount uncollected April 26, 1952.....	\$ 1,209.47
Total amount of polls added and committed June 30, 1953.....	2.00
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	\$ 1,211.47
Total amount collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$ 83.00
Total amount abated to June 30, 1953.....	888.80
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1953.....	239.67
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	\$ 1,211.47

1946

Total amount uncollected April 26, 1952.....	\$ 1,074.58
Total amount collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$ 72.25
Total amount abated to June 30, 1953.....	996.56
Total amount uncollected June 30, 1953.....	5.77
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	\$ 1,074.58

1952
TIMBER TAX

Total amount of tax committed by the Board of Assessors.....	\$ 986.50
Total amount of Timber Tax added to June 30, 1953.....	77.41
	\$1,063.91
Total amount collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$ 971.19
Total amount transferred from 1951 R. E. Tax.....	92.72
	\$1,063.91

SUMMARY OF REGULAR TAXES

	Costs & Fees	Prop. & Poll	Interest
Total amount collected for 1953 taxes.....		\$ 1,979.93	
Total amount collected for 1952 taxes.....		1,161,535.04	\$1,148.69
Total amount collected for 1951 taxes.....		88,193.75	3,220.88
Total amount collected for 1950 taxes.....		498.95	46.04
Total amount collected for 1949 taxes.....		245.88	41.28
Total amount collected for 1948 taxes.....		56.30	16.55
Total amount collected for 1947 taxes.....		83.00	30.45
Total amount collected for 1946 taxes.....		72.25	33.89
Total amount fees collected for above taxes....	\$1,052.39		
	\$1,052.39	\$1,252,665.10	\$4,537.78

SUMMARY OF TAXES REDEEMED

	Levy 1948	Levy 1949	Levy 1950	Levy 1951	(Sale) 8/19/52
Uncollected April 26, 1952....	\$199.29	\$122.89	\$1,476.69	\$10,062.34	
Collected to June 30, 1953....	110.91	36.21	1,016.36	3,859.92	
	\$ 88.38	\$ 86.68	\$ 460.33	\$ 6,202.42	
Abated by vote of City					
Council	42.75	72.32			
Taxes deeded to City.....		14.36			
Minus \$100.00 transferred from 1952 R. E.....			100.00		
Uncollected June 30, 1953....		None			
	\$ 45.83	None	\$ 360.33	\$ 6,202.42	
Interest Collected June 30, 1953	5.84	9.85	103.69	43.14	

TOTAL SUMMARY

Total taxes collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$1,252,665.10
Total interest collected to June 30, 1953.....	4,537.78
Total taxes & interest redeemed June 30, 1953.....	6,771.10
Total costs & fees collected June 30, 1953.....	1,052.39
	\$1,265,026.37

**REPORT OF ACCOUNTING FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
HEAD TAX IN CAPACITY AS AGENT FOR THE
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

1953	
Total Amount of Head Taxes Not Committed.....	\$ 515.00
Total Amount Collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$ 515.00
1952	
Warrant: April 1952.....	\$39,505.00
Total Amount of Added Head Taxes Committed by Board of Assessors.....	1,325.00
	\$40,830.00
Total Amount Collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$34,850.00
Transfer 1951 Head Tax (Durgin) to 1952.....	5.00
Total Abatements to June 30, 1953.....	1,700.00
Amount Uncollected June 30, 1953.....	4,275.00
	\$40,830.00
1951	
Total Amount Uncollected April 26, 1952.....	\$ 5,216.00
Total Amount Added Head Taxes June 30, 1953	185.00
	\$ 5,401.00
Total Amount Collected to June 30, 1953.....	\$ 2,689.50
Less Transfer (Durgin) to 1952 Head Tax.....	5.00
	2,684.50
Total Amount Abated to June 30, 1953.....	2,716.50
	\$ 5,401.00

SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND

June 30, 1953

Warrant: January 1953.....		\$16,737.28
Less Cash Received June 30, 1953.....	\$15,503.47	
Less Refunds to be made Welch.....	\$4.50	
Less Refunds to be made Suderland.....	\$7.95	
	12.45	
Total Net Cash Receipts June 30, 1953.....		\$15,491.02
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works		79.64
Balance Uncollected June 30, 1953.....		1,166.62
		\$16,737.28
Warrant: July 1952.....		\$15,858.35
Less Cash Received June 30, 1953.....	\$15,074.23	
Less Items to be Refunded — Sanborn.....	3.00	
Less Transfer — Richards to January 1951.....	14.90	
	14.90	
Total Net Cash Receipts June 30, 1953.....		\$15,056.33
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works.....		52.74

Balance Uncollected June 30, 1953.....		749.28
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		\$15,858.35
Balance: Warrant January 1952-April 26, 1952.....		\$ 2,830.39
Less Cash Received June 30, 1953.....	\$ 2,431.01	
Less Items to be Refunded—Lessard.....	4.50	
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Total Net Cash Receipts June 30, 1953.....		\$ 2,426.51
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works		18.80
Balance Uncollected June 30, 1953.....		385.08
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		\$ 2,830.39
Balance: Warrant July 1951-April 26, 1952.....		\$ 1,685.59
Less Cash Received June 30, 1953.....	\$ 1,386.77	
Less Transfer—Error to January 1951.....	8.55	
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Total Net Cash Receipts June 30, 1953.....		\$ 1,378.22
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works		13.09
Balance Uncollected June 30, 1953.....		294.28
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		\$ 1,685.59
Balance: Warrant January 1951-April 26, 1952.....		\$ 1,796.34
Less Cash Received June 30, 1953.....	\$ 1,522.54	
Plus Transfer—Richards from July 1952.....	14.90	
Plus Transfer—Error from July 1951.....	8.55	
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Total Net Cash Receipts June 30, 1953.....		\$ 1,545.99
Less Abatements Allowed by Board of Public Works		24.90
Balance Uncollected June 30, 1953.....		225.45
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		\$ 1,796.34

REPORT OF PARKING METER RECEIPTS

May 1952.....	\$ 2,560.40
June 1952.....	2,162.10
July 1952.....	3,075.60
August 1952.....	2,932.10
September 1952.....	1,918.70
October 1952.....	2,957.14
November 1952.....	1,005.35
December 1952.....	3,708.92
January 1953.....	1,346.90
February 1953.....	1,727.50
March 1953.....	1,627.60
April 1953.....	2,398.45
May 1953.....	2,215.00
June 1953.....	2,596.88

Total Receipts through June 30, 1953.. \$32,232.64

Respectfully submitted

R. F. SHELLEY
Collector of Taxes

Report of City Auditor

Laconia, N. H.

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

To the HONORABLE MAYOR, the FINANCE COMMITTEE of the COUNCIL, and the COUNCIL of the CITY of LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of the city ordinances, I have examined the financial accounts of the City of Laconia as of June 30, 1953 and the results of the budget operations for the fiscal year April 26, 1952 to June 30, 1953. This end of the year audit and those throughout the past fiscal year were made in accordance with certain accepted auditing standards as applied to municipal examinations. Certain tests were applied to the extent deemed appropriate in view of the system of internal control; however, all disbursements were examined in detail.

June 30, 1953 marks the climax of a two-year endeavor by the city to change the end of the fiscal year from February 15 to June 30. The plan was executed to

- (a) tie-in the assessing and receiving of taxes more closely with the expenditure of funds for the current budget year,
- (b) enable a new mayor and council coming into office in March to prepare a new budget for the city to take effect on July 1,
- (c) and to prevent as much as possible the borrowing of temporary funds, thereby permitting a saving in interest.

The city ended its operations on June 30 with a total surplus or retained revenue of \$91,160. As can be seen by charts in this report, the city transferred to surplus \$54,498 in savings in budget needs and \$18,061 in excess revenue received during the past fiscal year.

I refer you to the graph depicting in bar form the current wealth of the city on June 30, 1953. In order to complete the above mentioned tax-cycle so as to have the current tax money available for the current budget expenditures, I suggest serious study and consideration be given to moving forward the date of the current year's tax sale to June 30 instead of September. This would increase the amount of cash on hand to start the next year and decrease the amount of wealth in the form of taxes receivable. Thus the future 1953 taxes would be billed and received in cash entirely within the period of appropriation expenditures for the fiscal year.

The duties of the City Auditor are continuous throughout the year, providing constant examination and investigation of the financial operations of the city. Various procedures of accounting for city funds have been scrutinized and changes instituted or recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS

(1) The budget machinery of Laconia provides the means of raising money and the manner in which it is to be spent; however, in general there is an additional need for an analysis of cash receipts throughout the fiscal year for the purpose of planning cash outlays at the most opportune time. With advance knowledge of the city's cash position during the year certain projects and abnormal expenditures could be deferred to the time when funds are available without resorting to borrowed money. Not only should availability of cash be of the essence, but the availability of manpower and equipment at that particular time should be considered factors.

Operation of such a cash budget would also enable the city to temporarily invest its surplus cash funds occurring at the end of each year due to 80% of tax collections being made at that time. Obligations could be purchased, having maturities corresponding with planned cash outlays. It is my opinion that such a plan, ably administered, would eliminate our present yearly borrowings in anticipation of taxes and substitute interest income in the place of interest paid out.

(2) As is usual in most municipal regulations, there is ample control of funds expended, but a lacking in positive control of the property and equipment once it has been purchased. It is my opinion that records showing the cost or appraised value of all city property, repairs and alterations, estimated useful life, purpose and usefulness are equally important and necessary for sound municipal management as data recording the amount of cash in the bank and unpaid taxes. I recommend that a system of property accounts be integrated in our general accounting system providing the above information, and that the finance committee of the council review (preferably each six months or at least once a year) each record of real property and equipment to:

- (a) insure that the city is utilizing such property to its fullest extent,
- (b) ascertain any duplications in the departments,
- (c) dispose of surplus items by sale,
- (d) replace equipment when repairs and other maintenance expenses become too costly.

(3) In order to eliminate a multitude of adjusting entries reflecting added taxes, abatements, etc. at the end of each fiscal year, it is suggested that monthly reports of abatements and added taxes by year of tax levy be rendered to the central accounting office for current posting by the assessors' department. Such reports were rendered in the past and the practice should be resumed during the next fiscal year.

(4) Upon the granting of a tax collector's deed to the city, information concerning the amount of defaulted tax, costs, and interest to the date of the deed should be turned over to the City Clerk. A card should be prepared to record this data and future interest and costs accrued periodically. A cross-reference index should be used to tie-in each card with the actual deed or a typed legal description of the property may be attached to the card. Any payments accepted by the city on such account should be posted to this card. Such information, properly maintained, would aid materially in establishing a price for the property in event of sale; and by its existence, such tax-deeded property would, I believe, find its way back into the hands of private citizens where it may be assessed for revenue purposes. I realize that the above information may be ascertained at present in our departments; however, such data is worthless unless placed in a compact and easily accessible form for the constant use of city administrators.

(5) It is recommended that the city purchase a detail bond register to be set up and maintained by the accounting office. Material and dates of resolutions and public hearings in regard to city bond issues, detail data concerning type of issue, denomination and number of bonds and coupons, premiums and accrued interest at sale, name of purchasers, terms and features of issues, dates and amount of cancellations, etc. should be recorded in behalf of past issues and currently maintained.

(6) As a result of a review of accounting operations in our collection department by the tax collector and auditor during the past year, the next fiscal year should see a change in some procedures of booking receipts and mechanization of facilities for handling the increased work-load at the present time. There are over 25,000 items of collection in this office compared with 11,000 at the start of 1951. It is my opinion that the assessing and collection departments of our city directly affect more taxpayers than any other function and should receive the greatest consideration in providing and modernizing the tools necessary to do an efficient job.

Trends are now appearing which indicate that municipalities will now pay more for the money they borrow. Indicative of such increases in cost of long-term financing is the issuance by the U. S. government in April of 1953 of $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ bonds of \$78-'83. As reported monthly in the News Letter of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada, "for the first time since August, 1938, the *Bond Buyer's Index* of the average yield of twenty municipal bonds has exceeded 3.00%. The *Index* has increased more than 26% over the amount of 2.40% registered for January 8, 1953, and it is about 41% higher than the 2.15% reached on July 2, 1952."

It appears by the present facts and future possibilities in the financial field, that Laconia should continue to strive for sound fiscal manage-

ment, for financing in all likelihood will be needed in this expanding era. Bankers, brokers and all in the field of extending credit will look not only to the fiscal position of our municipality, but to its diversification of industry, its full employment, the strength and growth of its financial institutions, the potentiality of its resources, and the wealth of its citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA S. BEANE, JR.,
City Auditor

CITY OF LACONIA — JUNE 30, 1953

GENERAL FUND ONLY

YOUR CITY'S CURRENT WEALTH

CASH \$56,442.

TAXES OWED CITY \$69,116.

HEAD TAXES OWED CITY \$4,275. MISC. \$23.

WE OWE

\$22,847.

DEPT. BILLS

\$6,516. DUE STATE — HEAD TAXES

\$9,332. RESERVED MONEY

OUR SURPLUS \$91,160.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION — THE GENERAL FUND

June 30, 1953

ASSETS

Cash:		
In Depositories.....	\$55,992.64	
Petty Cash.....	450.00	
		\$56,442.64
Taxes Receivable:		
Due City — Current Year.....	\$59,144.59	
Due City — Delinquent.....	3,169.07	
		62,313.66
Tax Liens.....		6,608.38
Taxes on Deeded Property.....		193.99
Accounts Receivable:		
Due on State N. H. Head Tax.....	\$ 4,275.00	
Miscellaneous	23.20	
		4,298.20
Total Assets.....		\$129,856.87

LIABILITIES

Department Unexpended Balances:		
Appropriations Retained:		
School District (6-30 payroll).....	\$15,523.97	
Uniform Allowances.....	825.19	
History of Laconia.....	2,000.00	
Railroad Crossing.....	3,500.00	
Parks & Playgrounds (Fences).....	998.61	
		22,847.77
Accounts Payable:		
Due State N. H. — 1952 Head Tax.....	\$ 6,001.50	
Due State N. H. — Adv. Coll.: 1953 Head Tax.....	515.00	
		6,516.50
Revenue Earned and Deferred to 1953 Year:		
Interest & Premium on Bonds.....	\$ 171.50	
Advance Collection — 1953 Taxes.....	1,979.93	
		2,151.43
Reserve for Grow. Wood & Timber Tax.....		813.70
Total Liabilities.....		\$32,329.40

SURPLUS

General Fund Surplus.....	\$91,160.55
Parking Meter Surplus.....	6,366.92
Total Liabilities and Surplus.....	\$129,856.87

NOTE: For statement presentation all unexpended bond issue proceeds carried on the city records in the general fund have been removed and are shown in the "Combined Statements of Financial Condition of Bond Funds," Exhibit B.

DELINQUENT TAXES BY YEAR OF LEVY

Levy of 1951.....	\$1,259.90
1950.....	924.40
1949.....	480.60
1948.....	258.73
1947.....	239.67
1946.....	5.77
Total	<u>\$3,169.07</u>

TAX LIENS HELD BY CITY BY YEAR OF LEVY

Levy of 1951.....	\$6,202.42
1950.....	360.33
1948.....	45.63
Total	<u>\$6,608.38</u>

CITY OF LACONIA
GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATION
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

1952 TAXES

BUDGETS TO
RUN CITY
\$1,399,710.



SPENT OR TO
BE SPENT
\$1,345,212.



SAVING IN BUDGET NEEDS

\$54,498.

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND SURPLUS**For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953**

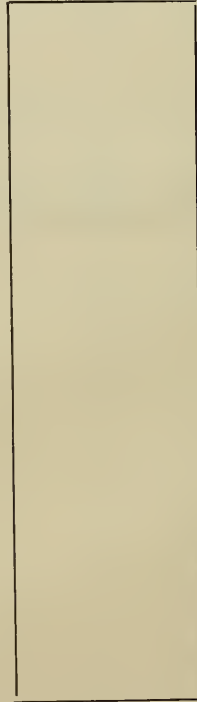
Balance April 26, 1952.....		\$30,644.80
Less — Amount used for 1952 tax rate.....		5,000.00
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		\$25,644.80
Less — Direct approp. made by city during fiscal year :		
1. Bowman St. School.....	\$ 1,500.00	
2. Removal — Weirs Seaplane base.....	850.00	
3. Rafts — Opechee Park.....	188.00	
4. Observ. tower — Civ. Defense.....	500.00	
5. Salary increases — Depts.....	3,193.07	
6. Deficit — Floodlight Acct.....	681.67	
7. Medical — Police Dept.....	100.00	
8. Misc. — Travel	50.00	
	<hr/>	7,062.74
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Add — Misc. book adjustments.....		\$18,582.06
		19.50
		<hr/>
Balance before closing of rev. & bud. accts.....		\$18,601.56
Add — Excess of actual income over budget.....	\$18,060.81	
Excess of budget approp. over actual expended.....	54,498.18	
	<hr/>	72,558.99
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Balance, June 30, 1953.....		\$91,160.55

CITY OF LACONIA
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

RECEIPTS
(OTHER THAN TAX LEVIES)

EXPECTED TO RECEIVE
\$172,288.

ACTUALLY RECEIVED
\$190,349.



EXCESS REVENUE

\$18,061.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES — ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953

	Estimated Revenue	Net Actual Revenue	Excess or Deficiency*
Fees, City Clerk.....	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,479.00	\$ 479.00
Fees, Tax Collector.....	600.00	914.69	314.69
Health Department.....	1,200.00	1,258.95	58.95
Interest & Dividends Tax (State).....	19,654.58	19,654.58	.....
Interest on Sewer Bonds & Gov't Secur.	6,514.98	6,514.98	.....
Interest on Taxes.....	3,500.00	4,696.97	1,196.97
Dog Licenses.....	2,500.00	3,341.22	841.22
Licenses — Miscellaneous	3,000.00	3,223.28	223.28
Motor Vehicles Registration.....	45,000.00	49,752.89	4,752.89
Municipal Court.....	7,275.00	10,811.81	3,536.81
Premium Surplus — Sewer Bonds.....	7,765.58	7,765.58	.....
Railroad Stock Tax (State).....	1,200.00	1,209.65	9.65
Remit. Grow. Wood & Timber Tax.....	255.15	255.15	.....
School District.....	54,000.00	54,002.90	2.90
Savings Bank Tax (State).....	3,223.00	3,223.33	.33
Income for Coll. State Head Tax.....	700.00	729.66	29.66
Weirs Beach.....	8,600.00	9,328.66	728.66
Zoning Board of Adjustment.....	300.00	150.00	150.00*
Sale of City Property.....	None	3,035.00	3,035.00
Income — Settlement of '51 Head Tax....	None	491.00	491.00
Miscellaneous — City Departments.....	None	2,509.80	2,509.80
Surplus — from previous year.....	5,000.00	5,000.00
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	\$172,288.29	\$190,349.10	\$18,060.81

CITY OF LACONIA BOND FUNDS

Combined Statements of Financial Condition

June 30, 1953

ASSETS	Sewer Bonds Fund	Weirs Bonds Fund	Park Lot Bonds Fund	School Bonds 1952 Fund	Improve. Bonds 1952 Fund	Improve. Bonds 1948 Fund	Total
Cash in Depositories:							
Peoples National Bank.....	\$33,325.56	\$321.18	\$886.02	\$1,015.00	\$11,016.03	\$5,791.00	\$52,354.79
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS							
Liabilities:							
Accounts Payable:							
Northern Construction Co.....	\$14,595.10						
Public Works Dept. of City.....	12,709.19						
Improvement Allocations:							
Maintenance City Hall.....					\$ 5,115.00		
Fire Department.....					64.77		
Parks & Playgrounds.....					1,500.00		
Public Library.....					388.58		
Public Works.....					1,023.68		
Weirs Beach.....					2,924.00		
Laconia School District.....				\$1,015.00		\$5,791.00	
Unallocated to Department.....							
Total Liabilities.....	<u>\$27,304.29</u>	<u>\$263.08</u>	<u>\$824.42</u>	<u>\$1,015.00</u>	<u>\$11,016.03</u>	<u>\$5,791.00</u>	<u>\$45,126.32</u>
Reserve for Contingencies.....	6,021.27	58.10	61.60				7,108.77
Premium Surplus.....							119.70
	<u>\$33,325.56</u>	<u>\$321.18</u>	<u>\$885.02</u>	<u>\$1,015.00</u>	<u>\$11,016.03</u>	<u>\$5,791.00</u>	<u>\$52,354.79</u>

SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND
Statement of Financial Condition
June 30, 1953

ASSETS

Cash:		
Peoples National Bank.....	\$19,983.85	
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n.....	20,869.57	
	\$40,853.42	
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Fees, Due on Warrants:		
Jan. 1, 1951.....	\$ 225.45	
July 1, 1951.....	294.28	
Jan. 1, 1952.....	385.08	
July 1, 1952.....	749.28	
Jan. 1, 1953.....	1,166.62	
	2,820.71	
Total Assets.....		\$43,674.13

LIABILITIES, RESERVES, SURPLUS

Accounts Payable:		
Refunds Due Taxpayers.....		\$ 19.95
Reserve:		
Depreciation — Plant, Equipment.....		3,500.00
Unappropriated or Available Surplus.....		40,154.18
Total Liabilities, Reserves, Surplus.....		\$43,674.13

NOTE: Upon complete disbursement of sewer bonds construction proceeds, the completed value of plant and equipment will be set-up as an asset account. As the appropriation for depreciation is made each year and accumulates, provision for current repair and renewals need not be especially provided in the budget for this fund, as such requirements should be made from this accumulating reserve. This method for providing funds to keep the plant and equipment in good operating condition throughout the years will prevent the fluctuation of the amount of rental charge necessary to levy from year to year.

**ANALYSIS OF BUDGETED AND ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSE
OF SEWERAGE PLANT AND FACILITIES
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1953 (61 Weeks)**

INCOME

Estimated Amount to be Raised.....	\$35,000.00
Less — Income Earned — Actual:	
(1) From two 6 mos. sewer rental levies.....	\$32,595.63
(2) Interest on late bill payments.....	270.76
(3) Interest on invested idle funds.....	812.98
(4) Miscellaneous	161.00
	33,840.37
	\$ 1,159.63

EXPENSE

Estimated Amount of Expenses.....	\$35,000.00
Less — Actual Expenses:	
Plant Operation.....	\$18,147.75
Clerical Assistance.....	947.40
Printing, Envelopes, etc.....	562.26
Sewer Maintenance.....	10,349.14
Depreciation	3,500.00
Abatements	195.48
	33,702.03
Excess of Estimated Expenses Over Actual.....	\$ 1,297.97
Net Saving Between Budgeted and Actual Amounts.....	\$ 138.34
Plus — Surplus Beginning of Year April 26, 1952.....	40,015.84
Unappropriated Surplus June 30, 1953.....	\$40,154.18

Exh. D

**STATEMENT OF SERIAL DEBT — CITY OF LACONIA
June 30, 1953**

TYPE OF OBLIGATION	Balance 4/26/52	Added During Year	Paid Off During Year	Balance 6/30/53	Rate of Int.
Practical Arts High School..	\$ 15,000		\$ 3,750	\$ 11,250	3%
Public Improve. 1946.....	30,000		6,000	24,000	1¼%
Public Improve. 1947.....	60,000		10,000	50,000	1½%
Public Improve. 1948.....	180,000		15,000	165,000	2¼%
Fire Equip. Notes 1949.....	10,800		3,600	7,200	1½%
Public Improve. 1952.....	.....	\$ 60,000	.....	60,000	1½%
Weirs Beach.....	30,000		5,000	25,000	1.35%
Sewer Construction.....	820,000		30,000	790,000	1½%
Parking Lots 1952.....	40,000		8,000	32,000	1¼%
School Improve. 1952.....	.....	70,000	.....	70,000	1.60%
	\$1,185,800	\$130,000	\$81,350	\$1,234,450	

STATEMENT OF CONDITION – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

June 30, 1953

ASSETS

Cash:

Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n.....	\$8,311.38
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RESERVES

Fire Alarm Central System.....	\$4,351.69
Truck Replacement.....	149.11
Power Sweeper (See Note #3).....	2,175.84
Gravel and Screening Plant.....	1,634.74
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Total Reserves.....	\$8,311.38
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









NOTES:

- (1) The above funds earned \$323.80 for the fiscal year which includes three dividend dates.
- (2) These funds may be added to by appropriation or the transfer of excess funds at the end of the year.
- (3) During the past year the Public Works Department purchased a power sweeper from bond proceeds. The above allocation of funds was not used, and therefore the city should change the purpose of this fund in accordance with Chapter 181, Laws of N. H. "An Act Relating to Capital Reserve Funds of Cities."

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM

GENERAL FUND

April 27, 1952 - June 30, 1953









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Property, Pbl, Natl Bank Stock Taxes		—————					1 253 035.44	
Notes Issued		—————					300 000.00	
Bond Issues		—————					130 000.00	
Public Works Dept		—————|					88 400.29	
School Dept:		—————|					74 737.92	
Motor Vehicle fees		—————|					49 851.00	
Miscellaneous	Misc.	—————|					40 402.49	
State of N.H. Head Taxes		—————|					38 014.50	
Parking Meters		—————|					32 319.98	
State of N.H.		—————|					26 804.06	
Municipal Court		—————|					19 575.62	
The Weirs Beach		—————|					11 271.93	
Fire Department		—————|					11 111.92	
Taxes Redeemed		—————|					5 123.40	

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$ 2 080 648.15
Balance - April 27, 1952.....	25 839.06
Total.....	\$ 2 106 487.21

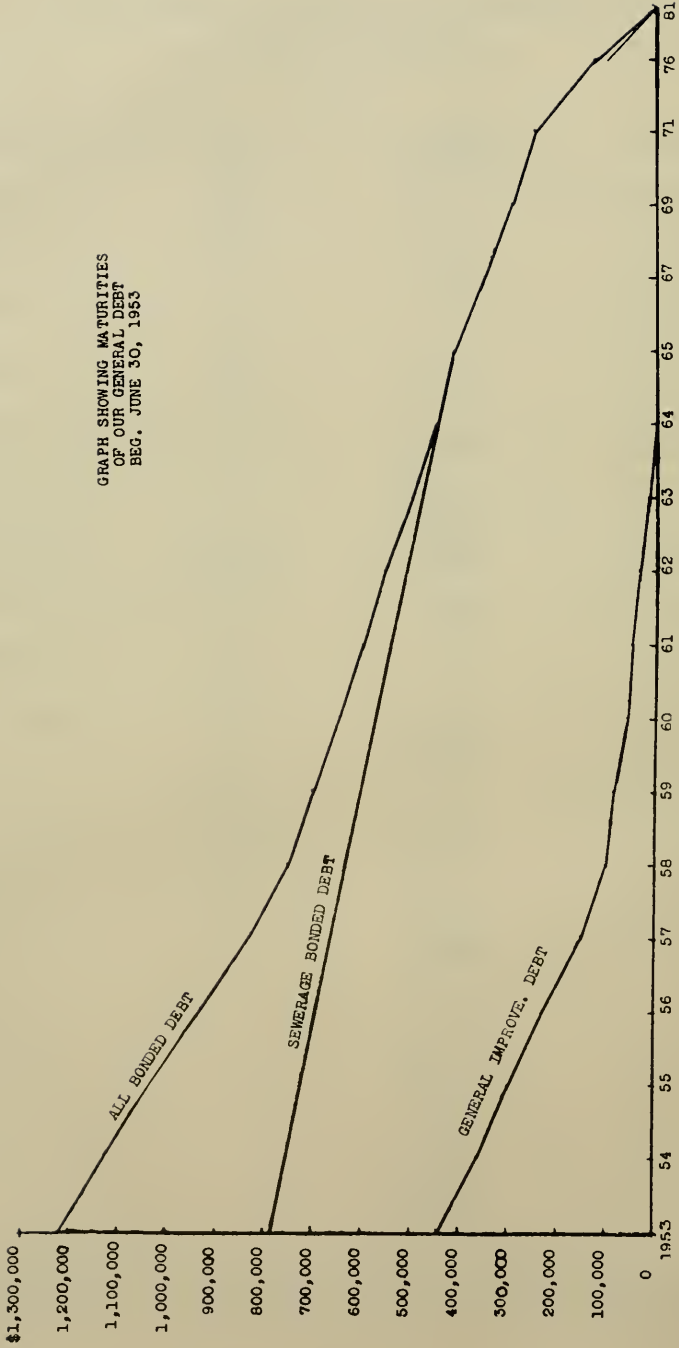
WHERE THE MONEY WENT

GENERAL FUND
April 27, 1952 - June 30, 1953

Hundred Thousands

Schools		546 582.40
Public Works Dept.		317 992.84
Notes Paid		300 000.00
Miscellaneous	Misc.	130 348.12
Police Dept.		94 854.31
Fire Department		91 903.29
Bond Indebtedness		81 350.00
County Tax		78 877.97
Welfare Dept.		75 709.72
School Bond Issue		68 985.00
State of N. H. Head Tax		42 014.00
Misc. Salaries & Retirement		38 981.13
Parking Meters		32 848.14
Interest on Debt		27 408.67
Street Lighting		26 513.52
Public Library		24 665.77
The Weirs Beach		22 966.94
Laconia Hospital		16 000.00
Parks & Playgrounds		14 577.17
TOTAL PAYMENTS.....		\$ 2 032 578.99
Balance.....		73 908.22
Total.....		\$ 2 106 487.21

GRAPH SHOWING MATURITIES
OF OUR GENERAL DEBT
BEG. JUNE 30, 1953



ORDINANCES

Passed during the Year
ending June 30, 1953

CITY OF LACONIA

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE.

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO
THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

1. Amend Article VII-A, Section 3,
of the Zoning Ordinance of 1948 by
deleting therefrom the following:
"and in no case shall a sign pro-
ject above the roof line", so that
the said ordinance shall read as
follows:

SECTION 3. *Signs*—are permitted
provided they shall pertain only
to a use conducted on the premises.

2. This ordinance shall take effect
upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 29th day of
October, 1953.

Gerard L. Morin,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE.

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO
THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

1. Amend Article XII of the Zoning
Ordinance of 1948 by adding after
Section 2 the following:

SECTION 3. *Duration of Permit:*
No building permit shall be valid
for a period of more than one year
from the date of issuance, if con-
struction has not begun thereunder.

2. This Ordinance shall take effect on
the date of its passage.

Passed and approved this 29th day of
October, 1953.

Gerard L. Morin,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
TRAFFIC.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Amend Article III, Sec-
tion VIII of Chapter 42 of the compiled
ordinances as amended by inserting the
following:

- (ai) The section of the City Hall
Parking lot known as the
Morin lot.

SECTION 11. Amend Article VI, Sec-
tion 1 of Chapter 42 of the compiled ordi-
nances as amended by inserting the fol-
lowing:

- (r) The section of the City Hall
Parking lot known as the
Morin lot.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall
take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 28th day of
July, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

COMPILED ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO
TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

Amend Chapter 42 of the Compiled
Ordinances as amended by striking out
the whole thereof and inserting in place
thereof the following:

ARTICLE I. General

SECTION A. Exercise of Police Power.

This ordinance shall be deemed and
construed to be an exercise of the
police power of the City of Laconia
in the State of New Hampshire for
the preservation and protection of pub-
lic safety, and all of its provisions shall
be liberally construed with a view to
the effectuation of such purposes.

SECTION B. Vehicles Excepted

Nothing in this chapter shall apply to
fire apparatus, ambulances or police
cars or vehicles officially used in con-
nection with the fire department and
police department of the City of La-
conia, but such vehicles shall at all
times be operated and otherwise
handled in a reasonable manner under
the circumstances.

SECTION C. Definitions

1. The word "vehicle" shall mean
any device in, upon or by which
any person or property is or may
be transported upon a highway,
except a device which is operated
upon rails or tracks.

2. The word "street" shall mean any
public street, avenue, road, park-
ing lot, alley, highway, lane, path,
or other public place located in

- the City of Laconia and established for use of vehicles.
3. The word "person" shall mean and include any individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation.
 4. The word "operator" shall mean and include every individual who shall operate a vehicle as the owner thereof, or as the agent, employee or permittee of the owner, or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.
 5. The word "park" or "parking" shall mean the standing of a vehicle whether occupied or not, upon a street otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, receiving or discharging passengers or loading, or unloading merchandise, or in obedience to traffic regulations, signs or signals or an involuntary stopping of the vehicle by reason of causes beyond the control of the operator of the vehicle.
 6. The words "Parking Meter" shall mean and include any mechanical device or meter, not inconsistent with this ordinance, placed or erected for the regulation of parking by authority of this ordinance. Each parking meter installed shall indicate by proper legend the legal parking time established by the City, and when operated shall at all times indicate the balance of legal parking time, and at the expiration of such period shall indicate illegal or overtime parking.
 7. The words "Parking Meter Zone" shall mean and include any restricted street upon which parking meters are installed and in operation.
 8. The words "Parking Meter space" shall mean any space within a parking meter zone, adjacent to a parking meter, and which is duly designated for the parking of a single vehicle by lines painted or otherwise durably marked on the curb or on the surface of the street adjacent to the parking meters.
 9. The words "even Numbered side" shall mean that side of a street on which the street numbers of the buildings are even numbers.
 10. The words "odd Numbered side" shall mean that side of a street on which the street numbers of the buildings are odd numbers.

ARTICLE II. Administration and Enforcement.

SECTION A. Punishment for Violations
Any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty (20) dollars.

SECTION B. Proof of Ownership
Proof of ownership of any vehicle operated in violation of this Chapter shall be prima facie evidence that such owner operated said vehicle in violation of this Chapter.

SECTION C. Police Dept. Shall Control Traffic

The police department shall control all traffic on the highways. Vehicles must stop or start immediately on signal by any police officer in uniform.

SECTION D. Notice of Arrest

Forms and notices of arrest or appearance. The City Clerk, upon advice and council of the City Auditor, shall provide in triplicate suitable serially numbered forms for notifying violators to appear and answer to charges of violating traffic laws and ordinances. Such forms shall be issued to and accepted for by the Chief of Police or other authorized person acting for him. The original of said form shall be conspicuously affixed to the vehicle in violation, one copy shall be returned by the Police Dept. to the City Clerk with disposition thereof noted, which shall be audited at least once a month by the City Auditor, and one copy shall be filed into the records of the Police Department. If a violator does not appear in response to a notice affixed to such motor vehicle within a period of five (5) days, the Police Department shall send to the owner of the motor vehicle to which notice was affixed a letter or card informing him of the violation and warning him that in the event such letter is disregarded for a period of five (5) days a complaint will be filed and warrant of arrest issued. Notice to appear and answer to charges of violating parking time limits shall only be kept on file for the time that the registration of the motor vehicle in violation is in force.

SECTION E. Police Shall Issue Receipt on Payment of Fine

1. The payment of a fine to the Police Department shall be deemed an acknowledgement of conviction of the alleged offense, and the Police Department, upon

accepting the prescribed fine, on payment shall issue a serially numbered receipt to the violation acknowledging payment thereof, and file a duplicate thereof with the City Clerk.

SECTION F. Police may remove vehicle in violation

Any police officer in uniform, in his discretion, may remove any vehicle left upon any street when such vehicle is not in the apparent charge of any driver or other person, or when such vehicle is parked in violation of the regulations of this chapter other than over-time parking during the hours the parking meters are legally in force.

SECTION G. Traffic Signs Required
Whenever by this or any other ordinance of this City any parking time limit or traffic regulation is imposed, or parking is prohibited on designated streets, it shall be the duty of the Board of Public Works to erect appropriate signs or curb painting giving notice thereof.

SECTION H. Reservation of Powers
Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as prohibiting the City Council from providing for bus stops, for taxicab stands, street marking, signs, parking arrangement and other matters of similar nature including the loading or unloading of trucks, vans or other commercial vehicles.

ARTICLE III. Vehicles in Motion

SECTION A. No U Turns

A vehicle shall not turn about (make a one hundred and eighty degree turn) in a public street or intersection.

SECTION B. No person shall steal rides.

No person shall steal a ride on any vehicle or ride on the rear of any vehicle without the consent of the driver.

SECTION C. Following fire Apparatus Prohibited

The driver of any vehicle, other than one on official business, shall not follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than 500 feet or drive into or park such vehicle within 500 feet of where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.

SECTION D. Traffic Signs and Signals

1. Stop signs shall be erected at street intersections by vote of the City Council and shall be of a type and size approved by the state highway commissioner. Every person driving a vehicle

shall upon approaching an intersection at which there is such a stop sign facing him and at which there is no police officer directing traffic and are no traffic lights in operation, come to a full stop before crossing said intersection and yield the right of way to any vehicle approaching said intersection by any street not likewise posted.

2. Traffic lights. No person shall drive a vehicle on to or over the intersection of highways protected by any traffic signal or signals maintained by the City when such signal or signals show a red or an amber light facing him, or otherwise indicates that vehicles are to be stopped; provided, however, that he may make a right hand turn over such intersection if there is a green arrow on such signal or signals or a sign posted by the City, indicating that such a turn is permissible, and if in so doing he does not have to pass to the left of any vehicle stopped or stopping because of such signal or signals.
3. Pedestrians to obey traffic signals. Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic control signals when said signals are in operation, and shall cross the street on red-amber only.

ARTICLE IV. One Way Streets

SECTION A.

The following named streets, or portions of streets, are hereby designated one-way streets and traffic thereon shall move only in the direction designated:

1. Hanover Street: Motor vehicles shall move in a northeasterly direction only along Hanover Street.
2. Canal Street: Motor vehicles shall move in a northeasterly direction only along Canal Street.
3. Water Street: Motor vehicles shall move in a northeasterly direction only along Water Street.
4. Davis Place: Motor vehicles shall move in a northwesterly direction only along Davis Place.
5. Howard Street: Motor vehicles shall move in an easterly direction only along Howard Street from the easterly side of Riverside Court for a distance of three hundred ninety (390) feet.

6. Main Street: Motor vehicles shall move in a northerly direction only on Main Street from Bank Square to Church Street.
7. Pleasant Street: Motor vehicles shall move in a southerly direction only on Pleasant Street from Veterans Square to Main Street.
8. Motor Vehicles shall move in a northerly direction only along Beacon Street.

ARTICLE V. Vehicles Stopping or Standing

SECTION A. Vehicles shall not park in travelled way.

No vehicle shall stop or stand in the travelled way of any public street except close to the curb or sidewalk unless in an emergency or to allow the other vehicles to cross its path or to permit pedestrians to cross the street or to discharge or take on passengers.

SECTION B. Vehicle shall not park with left wheel to curb.

No vehicle shall stop or stand with its left side to the curb or stand with its left side to the curb or sidewalk on any public street except where said public street is a one-way street.

SECTION C. No vehicle shall park within 10 feet of intersection.

No vehicle shall stop or stand within ten feet of a street intersection unless in an emergency except to allow pedestrians to cross at the intersection, or in response to a police signal.

SECTION D. No vehicle shall park within 10 feet of a hydrant.

No vehicle shall stop or stand within ten feet of a fire hydrant except that a vehicle may stop or stand within any designated parking area in accordance with other provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION E. Vehicles shall observe street marking.

All vehicles shall be driven and parked in accordance with such designated lines and areas as shall be made by the Police Department, as approved by the City Council.

SECTION F. Trucks shall not park in a diagonal space.

No vehicle with an overall length of more than 17 feet shall park in a diagonal parking space unless said vehicle is actually being loaded or unloaded.

SECTION G. Pedestrian has right of way on crosswalk.

The driver of any vehicle shall allow

pedestrians the right of way crossing a street at a properly designated crosswalk.

SECTION H. Railroad trains shall not block highway.

It shall be unlawful for the direction officer or the operator of any railroad train to direct the operation of, or to operate the same in such a manner as to prevent the use of any street for purposes of travel for a period of time longer than five minutes, except that this provision shall not apply to trains or cars in motion other than those engaged in switching.

SECTION I. Taxi Stands.

1. The Mayor and Council of the City of Laconia shall cause to be designated and marked off four (4) parking places on the westerly side of Main Street, directly across from the Gale Memorial Library; five (5) parking places on the northerly side of Mill Street beginning at the first parking place near the intersection of said Mill Street with Main Street for the exclusive use of taxicabs.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person, except persons operating taxi-cabs duly licensed by the City of Laconia, to park a motor vehicle in an area marked off and designated as a taxi stand.

SECTION J. Truck Loading Limited.

No truck or other vehicle shall stop or stand to deliver or pick up merchandise, freight, or other goods between the hours of 11:30 A. M., and 1:00 P. M. or between the hours of 4:30 P. M. and 6:00 P. M. unless said vehicle is parked in a designated loading zone at the curb or parking space in such manner that it does not project into or obstruct the travelled way in the following areas:

1. Within the limits of the area designated as the parking meter area in Article VI, Section G of this Ordinance.
2. Union Avenue from Quimby Street to Clinton Street.
3. Elm Street from Union Avenue to Fore Street.
4. Union Avenue from Summer Street to Gilford Avenue.

SECTION K. Bus Stops.

The following areas shall be reserved for and properly marked at which buses may pick up or discharge passengers at the curb.

1. The northerly corner of Pleasant Street and Water Street for a distance of 50 feet from the face of the northerly curb of Water Street.
2. The southerly corner of Main Street and Gove Court on Main Street for a distance of 25 feet.
3. Main Street at the northerly corner of Main Street and Union Avenue for a distance of 60 feet from Union Avenue.
4. Main Street at the northerly corner of Main Street and Hanover Street for a distance of 40 feet from Hanover Street.
5. Main Street for a distance of 40 feet from the alley at the northerly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 657 Main Street.
6. Veterans Square for a distance of 40 feet from the northwesterly corner of Main Street and Veterans' Square.
7. Court Street for a distance of 40 feet back toward Main Street, from the northeasterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 31 Court Street.

SECTION L. Bicycle Parking.

The Police Commission shall designate suitable areas in the business district for the parking of bicycles and shall install in such areas appropriate racks in which bicycles may be parked.

ARTICLE VI. Parking Time Limits.

SECTION A. 15 minute parking.

No vehicle shall stop or stand for more than 15 minutes at a time from nine o'clock A. M. until six o'clock P. M. on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, or from nine o'clock A. M. until eight o'clock P. M. on Friday, holidays excepted, on:

1. Beacon Street from the Post Office drive, so-called, to Church Street.
2. Church Street from Beacon Street to the Post Office drive, so-called.
3. The even numbered side of Church between the entrances to the Circular drive at the Saint Joseph's Rectory.
4. One parking space on the northerly side of Union Avenue parallel to the Busy Corner Store, so-called.
5. The even numbered side of Union Avenue from the northeast cor-

ner of the building numbered 24 Union Avenue to the northeast corner of the building numbered 44 Union Avenue.

6. Three (3) parking spaces immediately in front of the door of the Peoples National Bank.
7. The three (3) parking spaces immediately in front of the Laconia National Bank.

SECTION B. One Hour Parking.

No vehicle shall stop or stand for more than 1 hour from nine o'clock A. M. until six o'clock P. M. on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, or from nine o'clock A. M. until eight o'clock P. M. on Friday, holidays excepted on:

1. The odd numbered side of Main Street from Union Avenue to Church Street.
2. The even numbered side of Main Street from Court Street to Veterans Square.
3. The odd numbered side of Pleasant Street from Main Street to the southwesterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 27 Pleasant Street.
4. The even numbered side of Pleasant Street from Water Street to the southeasterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 22 Pleasant Street.

SECTION C. Two Hour Parking.

No vehicle shall stop or stand for more than two hours at a time from nine o'clock A. M. until six o'clock P. M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, or from nine A. M. until eight P. M. on a Friday, holidays excepted, on:

1. The even numbered side of Main Street from the southwesterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 384 Main Street to the corner of Court Street.
2. The odd numbered side of Main Street from the southwesterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 385 Main Street to Union Avenue and from Church Street to Oak Street.
3. The even numbered side of Court Street from Main Street to Academy Street.
4. The odd numbered side of Court Street from Main Street to Varney Court.

5. The even numbered side of Academy Street from Court Street to the Court House drive, so-called.
6. The odd numbered side of Union Avenue from Main Street to the northwest corner of building located at 117 Union Avenue; and from the intersection of Summer Street and Union Avenue to the southwesterly corner of the H. S. lot.
7. The even numbered side of Union Avenue from Church Street to the southwesterly corner of the lot on which is located building numbered 300 Union Avenue.
8. Mill Street from Main Street to Beacon Street.
9. The odd numbered side of Hanover Street from Main Street to Beacon Street.
10. The odd numbered side of Canal Street from Main Street to Beacon Street.
11. The odd numbered side of Beacon Street from Mill Street to the Post Office Driveway, so-called.
12. The odd numbered side of Water Street from the southwest corner of building numbered 31 Water Street to the main line tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad.
13. The even numbered side of Pleasant Street from the southeasterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 22 Pleasant Street to the northeasterly corner of the lot on which is located the City Hall.
14. The odd numbered side of Pleasant Street from the southwesterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 27 Pleasant Street to Veterans' Square.
15. Veterans' Square from Pleasant Street to Main Street.
16. The odd numbered side of Church Street from Main Street to Beacon Street; from the Post Office drive, so-called, to the northeast corner of building 71 Church Street; from River Street to Union Avenue.
17. The even numbered side of Church Street from Main Street to the driveway at 64 Church Street excepting the three (3) parking spaces included between entrances to the circular drive at the Saint Joseph's Rectory.
18. The odd numbered side of Messer Street from Church Street to the railroad crossing.
19. The even numbered side of Davis Place.
20. The odd numbered side of Strafford Street for a distance of 210 feet from the intersection of the northerly side of Strafford Street and the westerly side of Union Avenue, thence turning at right angles and running to the southerly side of Strafford Street thence running westerly to the present end terminus of Strafford Street.
21. The odd numbered side of Union Avenue from the entrance to the Mount Belknap garage to the northwest corner of the building numbered 799 Union Avenue.
22. The even numbered side of Union Avenue from the southeast corner of the building numbered 756 Union Avenue to Elm Street.
23. The odd numbered side of Elm Street from Union Avenue to Fore Street.
24. The even numbered side of Baldwin Street from Union Avenue to Pine Street.
25. The odd numbered side of High Street from Union Avenue to Avery Street.
26. Summer Street from Union Avenue to a point opposite the southeasterly corner of the building numbered 20 Summer Street.
27. Winter Street from Union Avenue to a point opposite the southeasterly corner of the building numbered 20 Winter Street.
28. The odd numbered side of Gilford Avenue to a point opposite Dewey Street.
29. The even numbered side of Union Avenue from Main Street to the northeast corner of the building numbered 24 Union Avenue.
30. On the even numbered side of Church Street from Howard Street to Davis Place.
31. The even numbered side of River Street from Church Street to Jewett Street.
32. The even numbered side of Jewett Street.
33. The even numbered side of Arch Street from Union Avenue to the

Public Service Company pole numbered 2.

34. The section of the City Hall parking lot, formerly known as the Morin lot, so-called, marked Section I on the plan of parking for said lot of file in the office of the City Engineer.

SECTION D. Three Hour Parking.

No vehicle shall stop or stand for more than three hours at a time, from 8:00 A. M. until 4:00 P. M. on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, holidays excepted, on the parking area located south of Water Street and west of the Laconia Fire Department.

SECTION E. Five Hour Parking.

No vehicle shall stop or stand for more than 5 hours at a time from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, or from 9 A. M. until 8 P. M. on a Friday, holidays excepted, on:

1. The section of the City Hall parking lot marked Section II on the plan of parking for said lot on file in the office of the City Engineer.

SECTION F. Vehicles shall stand reasonable time only.

On any City Street or portion thereof not specified in other sections of this article, vehicles shall stand for a reasonable time only, and upon complaint of the owner or occupant of the premises in front of which said vehicle is standing the Police shall investigate the time said vehicle has parked and upon reasonable proof that said vehicle has abused the parking privilege shall, upon first offense, issue a warning to the owner, operator, or manager of said vehicle and keep a record of said warning, and upon second or subsequent offenses shall issue to said owner, operator, or manager notice that he is in violation of this ordinance.

SECTION G. Parking Meters.

1. Parking Meter Zone. The following named and described areas, streets, or portions of streets and such other areas, streets, or portions of streets as may hereafter be included in this section by amendment hereto, lying within the corporate limits of the City of Laconia, shall constitute a Parking Meter Zone, namely:

(a) The even numbered side of

Main Street from the southeasterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 384 Main Street to Church Street.

- (b) The odd numbered side of Main Street from the southeast corner of the lot on which is located building 383 Main Street to a point opposite Harvard Street.
- (c) The even numbered side of Court Street from Main Street to Varney Court.
- (d) The odd numbered side of Court Street from Main Street to Varney Court.
- (e) The even numbered side of Acadmey Street from Court Street to the Court House drive, so-called.
- (f) The even numbered side of Union Avenue from Main Street to the northwest corner of building located at 117 Union Avenue and from the southwest corner of the building located at 153 Union Avenue to Gilford Avenue.
- (g) The odd numbered side of Union Avenue from Church Street to the Armory, so-called.
- (h) Mill Street from Main Street to Beacon Street.
- (i) The odd numbered side of Hanover Street from Main Street to Beacon Street.
- (j) The odd numbered side of Canal Street from Main Street to Beacon Street.
- (k) The odd numbered side of Beacon Street, from Mill Street to the Post Office Drive, so-called.
- (l) The even numbered side of Pleasant Street from Main Street to the northeast corner of the lot on which is located the City Hall.
- (m) The odd numbered side of Pleasant Street from Main Street to Veterans' Square.
- (n) Veterans' Square from Pleasant Street to Main Street.
- (o) The odd numbered side of Church Street from Main Street to Beacon Street, and from the Post Office Drive, so-called, to the bridge.

- (p) The even numbered side of Church Street from Main Street to the driveway at 64 Church Street, excepting the three (3) parking spaces included between the entrances to the circular drive at the Saint Joseph's Rectory.
 - (q) The even numbered side of Union Avenue from Main Street to the northeast corner of the building numbered 24 Union Avenue.
 - (r) Public parking areas in the rear of the City Hall and the Morin lot, so-called.
2. Designation of Parking Spaces. The Police Commission is hereby directed and authorized to mark off individual parking spaces in the parking zones designated and described in Section I of this Article and in such other zones as may hereafter be established, said parking spaces to be designated by lines painted or durably marked on the curbing or surface of the street. At each space so marked off it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in such a way that said vehicle shall not be entirely within the limits of the spaces so designated, unless such vehicle be too large to be confined in one such space.
 3. Installation of Parking Meters. In said parking meter zones parking meters shall be installed upon the curb or sidewalk immediately adjacent to the parking spaces provided in Section II of this article. The Police Department shall be responsible for the regulation, control and use of such parking meters, and the Tax Collector shall be responsible for the maintenance of and collection from such parking meters. Each parking meter shall be so arranged that upon expiration of time limits, defined in Section V of this Article, it will indicate by a proper visible signal that the time limit has expired, and in such cases it shall be prima facie evidence that the right of such vehicle has ceased and the operator, owner, possessor, or manager thereof shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the right

of such vehicle to occupy any area defined in Section I of this Article shall cease upon the expiration of the limit prescribed in Article III and the operator, owner, possessor, or manager thereof shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided.

4. Operation of Parking Meters. Except in a period of emergency determined by an officer of the Fire or Police Department, or in compliance with the directions of police officer, or traffic control sign or signal, when any vehicle shall be parked in any parking space alongside or next to which a parking meter is located, the operator or such vehicle shall, upon entering the said parking meter space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited in said meter such proper coin of the United States as is required for such parking meter and is as designated by proper directions on the meter, and when required by the directions on the meter, the operator of such vehicle after the deposit of the proper coin or coins, shall also set in operation the timing mechanism on such meter in accordance with directions properly appearing thereon, and failure to deposit such proper coin and to set the timing mechanism in operation when so required, shall constitute a violation of this ordinance. Upon the deposit of such coin (and the setting of the timing mechanism in operation when so required) the parking space may be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period of time which has been prescribed for the part of the street in which said parking space is located, provided that any person placing a vehicle in a parking meter space adjacent to a meter which indicated that unused time has been left in the meter by a previous occupant of the space shall not be required to deposit a coin so long as his occupancy of said space does not exceed the indicated unused parking time. If said vehicle shall remain in parking in any such parking space, then and in that event such vehicle shall be considered as

parking overtime and beyond the period of legal parking time and such parking shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance.

5. Parking Time Limits.

- (a) Parking or standing a vehicle in a designated space in a parking meter zone shall be lawful upon deposit of one or more one-cent coins, or one or more five-cent coins, or one or more ten-cent coins, or one twenty-five cent coin, or any combination of one cent, five cent, and ten cent coins as indicated on the face of the parking meter.
- (b) Said parking meters shall be operated in said parking meter zones Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and 6:00 o'clock P. M. and Friday 9:00 o'clock A. M. and 8 o'clock P. M., except Sundays and holidays, provided, however, that within the meaning of this ordinance the term "holiday" shall include the following days only,—the first day of January, Fast Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Christmas, and the day designated by the Governor of New Hampshire as a day of Thanksgiving.

6. It shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this ordinance for any person:

- (a) To cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of, or operated by such person to be parked overtime, or beyond the period of legal parking time established for any parking meter zone as herein described, or to deposit in any parking meter any coin for the purpose of parking beyond the maximum legal parking time for the particular parking meter zone.
- (b) To permit any vehicle to remain or be placed in any parking space adjacent to any parking meter while

said meter is displaying a signal indicating that the vehicle occupying such parking space has already been parked beyond the period prescribed for such parking space.

- (c) To park any vehicle across any line or marking of a parking meter space or in such position that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the area designated by such lines or marking, unless such vehicle be too large to park within one such parking meter space.
- (d) To deface, injure, tamper with, open or wilfully break, destroy, or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the provisions of this ordinance.
- (e) To deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slugs, device or metal substance, or other substitutes for lawful coins of the United States of America.

7. Collections. It shall be the duty of the City Tax Collector to designate some member of the City Tax Collector's department to make regular collections of the money deposited in said meters, and it shall be the duty of such person so designated to remove from the parking meters the money therein and to deliver to the City Tax Collector the money so collected to be counted and deposited with the City Treasurer.

8. Use of Funds. The coins deposited in parking meters are required and shall be used to defray the expense of proper regulation of traffic upon the public streets of the City of Laconia; to provide for the cost of supervision, regulation and control of the parking vehicles in parking meter zones; and to cover the cost of purchase, supervision, protection, inspection, installation, operation, maintenance, control and use of parking meters and otherwise as permitted by law.

ARTICLE VII. No Parking.

SECTION A. No vehicle shall stop or stand on:

- 1. The even numbered side of Main

- Street from the Boston and Maine Railroad tracks to Oak Street.
2. The even numbered side of Harvard Street from Main Street to a point opposite the westerly boundary line of the property of the Laconia Clinic, the northerly side of Harvard Street from the westerly side of Main Street for a distance of sixty-five feet (65').
 3. The even numbered side of Beacon Street.
 4. Mill Street from the intersection of Beacon Street to Union Avenue.
 5. The even numbered side of Canal Street.
 6. The even numbered side of Water Street from Main and Pleasant Streets to the southwest corner of the building numbered 31 Water Street.
 7. The even numbered side of Water Street from Main Street to the main tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad.
 8. The odd numbered side of Union Avenue from the northwest corner of building 117 Union Avenue to the southwest corner of building 153 Union Avenue.
 9. The even numbered side of Union Avenue from 44 Union Avenue to the intersection of Church Street, except for one parking space on the northerly side of Union Avenue parallel to the Busy Corner Store, so-called.
 10. The even numbered side of Gilford Avenue from Union Avenue to Morrill Street.
 11. The even numbered side of Academy Street from the Court House drive, so-called, to the northerly intersection of Academy Square.
 12. The even numbered side of Baldwin Street from Union Avenue to Pine Street.
 13. The even numbered side of Avery Street from Union Avenue to Pine Street.
 14. The even numbered side of Hanover Street.
 15. The odd numbered side of Pleasant Street from the railroad crossing to a point opposite the northwest corner of the lot on which is situated house numbered 185 Pleasant Street.
 16. The even numbered side of Messer Street from Church Street to the railroad crossing.
 17. The even numbered side of Church Street from the driveway at 64 Church Street to Howard Street.
 18. The odd numbered side of Church Street along the bridge.
 19. Elliott Street.
 20. The even numbered side of High Street from Union Avenue to Avery Street.
 21. The odd numbered side of Tower Street during the period from June 15th to September 15th of each year.
 22. The odd numbered side of Davis Place.
 23. The even numbered side of Strafford Street for a distance of 210 feet from Union Avenue.
 24. The odd numbered side of Strafford Street from a point 210 feet from Union Avenue to the end of Strafford Street.
 25. The even numbered side of Elm Street from the Scott & Williams gate to Union Avenue.
 26. Elm Street along either side of the Elm Street Bridge, so-called.
 27. River Street from Arch Street to Jewett Street and the even numbered side of River Street from Church Street to Jewett Street.
 28. The odd numbered side of Arch Street and the even numbered side from Pole #2 to River Street.
 29. The odd numbered side of Dewey Street.
 30. The odd numbered side of Court Street for a distance of thirty (30) feet easterly and westerly from the center line of Orange Court Extended.
 31. The even numbered side of Union Avenue from Elm Street to a point opposite Harrison Street.
 32. The even numbered side of Church Street from Main Street for a distance of 150 feet.
 33. The even numbered side of Union Avenue for a distance of fifty feet from Main Street.
 34. The even numbered side of Court Street for a distance of 75 feet from Main Street.
 35. The odd numbered side of Church Street from River Street to Normandin Square

- from 4:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M.
36. The odd numbered side of Union Avenue from the northwesterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 521 Union Avenue to the southwesterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 551 Union Avenue.
 37. The odd numbered side of Main Street from the northerly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 407 Main Street to the corner of Union Avenue.
 38. The odd numbered side of Union Avenue from Main Street to Baldwin Street.
 39. The even numbered side of Pleasant Street for a distance of 150 feet each side of the property lines of the Boston and Maine Railroad.
 40. New Salem Street from Pleasant Street for a distance of 100 feet.

ARTICLE VIII. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this chapter are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this ordinance shall be cumulative of other ordinances, laws, and duly promulgated rules and regulations regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this ordinance.

ARTICLE IX. Severability.

If any section or provisions, or parts thereof in this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or of any other section or provision or part thereof.

ARTICLE X.

This ordinance shall take effect September 8, 1952.

Passed and approved this 25th day of August, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE USE OF BICYCLES WITHIN THE CITY OF LACONIA, PROVIDING FOR LICENSING BICYCLES, AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF

THIS ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

Amend Section 2, Paragraph (a) of the Ordinance Relating to the Use of Bicycles Within the City of Laconia Providing for Licensing Bicycles and Fixing Penalties for the Violation of this Ordinance, passed September 26, 1949, by striking out the last seven (7) words thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"30th day of April of each year" so that Section 2, Paragraph (a) shall read as follows:

"The Chief of Police upon receiving proper application therefore is authorized to issue a bicycle license plate and registration card which shall be effective until the 30th day of April of each year."

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved August 25, 1952.
Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

Amend the compiled ordinances relative to traffic rules and regulations passed August 25, 1952 as follows:

SECTION 1. Strike out paragraph 6 of Section C, Two Hour Parking, of Article VI and insert in place thereof the following:

6. The odd numbered side of Union Avenue from Main Street to the northwest corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 117 Union Avenue; and from the intersection of Summer Street to the intersection of Lyman Street.

SECTION 2. Strike out paragraph 7 of Section C, Two Hour Parking, of Article VI and insert in place thereof the following:

7. The even numbered side of Union Avenue from Church Street to the southeasterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 372 Union Avenue.

SECTION 3. Strike out paragraph 1 of Section C, Two Hour Parking, and insert in place thereof the following:

1. The even numbered side of Main Street from the southeasterly

corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 384 Main Street to the southeasterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 428 Main Street.

SECTION 4. Strike out paragraph 2 of Section B, One hour Parking, of Article VI and insert in place thereof the following:

2. The even numbered side of Main Street from the southeasterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 428 Main Street to Veterans' Square.

SECTION 5. Strike out paragraph 3 of Section C, Two Hour Parking, of Article VI and insert in place thereof the following:

3. The even numbered side of Court Street from Wakeman Court to Academy Street.

SECTION 6. Strike out paragraph 4 of Section C, Two Hour Parking, of Article VI and insert in place thereof the following:

4. The odd numbered side of Court Street from the southeasterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 39 Court Street to Varney Court.

SECTION 7. Add the following paragraphs to Section B, One Hour Parking, of Article VI:

5. The even numbered side of Court Street from Main Street to Wakeman Court.
6. The odd numbered side of Court Street from Main Street to the southeasterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 39 Court Street.

SECTION 8. Strike out paragraph 13, of Section A, of Article VII, No Parking, and insert in place thereof the following:

13. The even numbered side of Avery Street from Baldwin Street to Dixon Street.

SECTION 9. Strike out paragraph 39, of Section A of Article VIII, No Parking, and insert in place thereof the following:

39. The even numbered side of Pleasant Street for a distance of 150 feet northerly from the northerly property line of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

SECTION 10. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved September 29, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend Section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the words "thirty-six hundred" and substituting therefor the words "forty-two hundred sixty", so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"Section 6. The collector of taxes shall receive in full for his services in the collection of taxes each year the sum of forty-two hundred sixty dollars, which shall be paid in equal weekly payments."

SECTION 2. Amend Section 2 of Chapter 8 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the words "Three thousand five hundred" and substituting therefor the words "Three thousand seven hundred eighty", and adding the words "plus longevity pay as determined by Finance Committee" so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"Section 2. The salary of the City Clerk shall be Three thousand seven hundred eighty dollars per annum, payable weekly, plus longevity pay as determined by Finance Committee."

SECTION 3. Amend Section 5, Chapter 22 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Section 5. The chief engineer of the Fire Department shall receive in full for his services the sum of Four thousand dollars (\$4000.00) per annum payable weekly. The salary of the assistant engineers of the board of engineers shall be Three Hundred (\$300.00) each, per annum, payable quarterly. The members at large of the board of engineers shall be paid Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per annum payable quarterly."

SECTION 4. Amend Section 2 of Chapter 13 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the

words "twenty-five hundred" and substituting therefor the words "Three thousand", and striking out the words "he" and "his" in the second sentence substituting therefor the words "Director of Welfare" and "his or her", so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 2. The Director of Welfare shall perform the same duties and be subject to the same liabilities as are now incumbent on overseers of poor of towns, and shall perform such other duties as the City Council may prescribe. The Director of Welfare shall receive as compensation or salary for services the sum of three thousand dollars per year, payable in equal monthly payments."

SECTION 5. Amend Section 1 of Chapter 18 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the words "One thousand two hundred" and substituting therefor the words "One thousand five hundred," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"Section 1. The City Treasurer shall receive in full for his services the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum, payable in equal quarterly payments."

SECTION 6. Amend Section 3 of Chapter 5 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the words "nine hundred" and substituting therefor the words "One thousand four hundred" so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"Section 3. The auditor shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of one thousand four hundred dollars per year, payable in equal quarterly payments."

SECTION 7. Amend Section 3 of Chapter 10 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the words "eleven hundred" and "quarterly" and substituting therefor the words "fourteen hundred" and "monthly", so that said section shall read as follows:

"Section 3. The City Solicitor shall receive in full for his services the sum of Fourteen hundred dollars per annum, payable in monthly payments. He shall also receive his reasonable traveling expenses when his attendance is required out of the city."

SECTION 8. Amend Section 7 of Chapter 20 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the words "six hundred" and substituting

therefor the words "nine hundred" so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 7. The Sealer of Weights and Measures shall receive as compensation or salary for his services the sum of nine hundred dollars per year, payable in equal quarterly installments."

SECTION 9. Amend Chapter 19 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the whole thereof and substituting therefor the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 19

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

"Section 1. The Board of Assessors shall be paid in full for the services of its members the sum of thirty-seven hundred dollars per annum, payable semi-annually. The chairman of said Board of Assessors shall receive thirteen hundred dollars per annum, and each of the other two members shall receive twelve hundred dollars per annum. The services of the members of said Board of Assessors shall include the assessment of taxes, and taking the enrollment."

SECTION 10. Amend Section 1 of Chapter 11 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the words "Seven hundred fifty" and "One hundred eighty-seven and fifty cents" and substituting therefor the words "eight hundred fifty" and "two hundred twelve and fifty cents" so that said section shall read as follows:

"Section 1. The City Council annually, on or after the fourth Tuesday of March, shall elect a city physician to hold office for the term of one year and until his successor is chosen and qualified. The City Physician shall be a resident of the city and a physician of good professional standing. The city physician shall receive as compensation or salary for his services, the sum of eight hundred fifty dollars per year, payable in four equal installments of two hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents each."

SECTION 11. This ordinance shall take effect as of July 1, 1952.

Passed and approved September 29, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.
AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
ZONING.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding the following to Article II, General Provisions:

Section 10. Setbacks in commercial and industrial zones. In any limited commercial, heavy commercial zone, or industrial zone any building with exterior walls having a fire resistance rating of less than one hour as defined by the National Building Code, 1949 edition, of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, pages 167-173 shall not be located within eight feet of any side or rear lot line or within eight feet of any other separate building.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved October 20, 1952.
Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

Passed and approved October 27, 1952.
Clarence J. Brazil,
ACTING MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.
AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
ZONING.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Amend zoning map by changing area shown on 1952 Tax Map, kept in office of Assessors, on Plat 57, Lots 11, 13 and 15; Plat 58, Lot 1 and Lot 3 to a depth of 400 feet; and Plat 59, Lot 1, all lots being located on the southeasterly side of Union Avenue, from a one-family zone to a limited commercial zone with permitted use Number 7 of Article VIII to be permitted therein.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved October 27, 1952.
Clarence J. Brazil,
ACTING MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Amend Article II of the Compiled Ordinances relative to traffic rules and regulations by adding the following:

Section 1. The Police Committee of the City Council may restrict parking on sections of streets otherwise than specified in other sections of this ordinance for such areas as loading zones, to keep driveways open, and similar purposes; and upon notice of establishment of said restrictions the Board of Public Works shall erect the signs requested.

SECTION 2. Amend Article VI, Section A, 15 Minute Parking, by striking out paragraph 5 and inserting in place thereof the following:

5. The even numbered side of Union Avenue from the southeast corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 16 Union Avenue to the southeast corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 30 Union Avenue.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Strike out paragraph 29 of Section C, Two Hour Parking of Article VI and insert in place thereof the following:

29. The even numbered side of Union Avenue from the southeasterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 30 Union Avenue to the northeasterly corner of the lot on which is numbered 44 Union Avenue.

SECTION 2. Strike out paragraph 6 of Section C Two Hour Parking of Article VI and insert in place thereof the following:

6. The odd numbered side of Union Avenue from Baldwin Street to the northwesterly corner of the lot on which is located the building numbered 117 Union Avenue.

SECTION 3. Amend Article VI, Section A, 15 Minute parking by adding the following:

8. Two parking spaces in front of the lot on which is located the building numbered 51 Water Street.

9. Two parking spaces in front of the lot on which is located the building numbered 69 Court Street.

SECTION 4. Amend Article VI, Section C, Two Hour Parking by adding the following to paragraph 4:

"Except for 2 spaces in front of the lot on which is located the building numbered 69 Court Street."

SECTION 5. Amend Article VI, Section C, Two Hour Parking, by adding the following to paragraph 12:

"Except for two spaces in front of the lot on which is located the building numbered 51 Water Street."

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved November 6, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO Zoning.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend the zoning map, a part of the zoning ordinance of the City of Laconia from a limited commercial zone to a heavy commercial zone for the area described as follows:

Beginning at the center line of the Boston and Maine Railroad 100 feet northerly of Bridge Street, thence running northerly along said center-line to a point made by the center-line of Quimby Street extended, thence turning and running easterly along the center line of Quimby and across Union Avenue to a point 100 feet easterly of the easterly street line of Union Avenue, thence turning and running southerly 100 feet from and parallel to Union Avenue to the boundary line between the heavy commercial and limited commercial zones, thence turning and running westerly to the point of beginning.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved November 6, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO FINANCES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. Amend by adding to second sentence of Section 5 of Chapter 4 of Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended:

"except that transfer of intra-departmental funds from one budget item to another in a sum not exceeding fifty (\$50.00) dollars may be made by vote of the accounts and claims committee and such vote shall constitute approval of the Mayor and Council."

so that said sentence shall read as follows:

Whenever any appropriation shall be expended the city clerk shall immediately give notice to the mayor, the city council and said committee on accounts and claims and said committee shall pass no claim or account chargeable to any head or appropriation which has been expended until the city council shall have provided the means of paying the same except that transfer of intra-departmental funds from one budget item to another in a sum not exceeding fifty (\$50.00) dollars may be made by vote of the accounts and claims committee and such vote shall constitute approval of the Mayor and Council.

2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved January 26, 1953.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SALARIES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend Section 4 of Chapter 12 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 4. The board of health shall be paid in full for the services of all its members the sum of six hundred fifty dollars per annum, payable one-half on the first day of October and one-half on the first day of March, which sum shall be divided among its members as follows: To the chairman of the board two hundred fifty dollars; and to each other member two hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 1953.

Passed and approved the 29th day of June, 1953.

Gerard L. Morin,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

Amend the compiled ordinances relative to Traffic Rules and Regulations passed and approved August 25, 1952, as follows:

1. Strike out paragraph 33 of Section C, Two Hour Parking of

Article VI, Parking Time Limits, and insert in place thereof the following:

33. The odd numbered side of Arch Street from Union Avenue to River Street.

2. Strike out paragraph 28, Section A, No vehicle shall stop or start on: Article VII, No Parking and insert in place thereof the following:

28. The even numbered side of Arch Street from Union Avenue to River Street.

3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved the 29th day of June, 1953.

Gerard L. Morin,
MAYOR

RESOLUTIONS

Passed during the Year
ending June 30, 1953

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
TEMPORARY LOANS TO AN AMOUNT
NOT EXCEEDING THREE HUNDRED
THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ANTICI-
PATION OF TAXES OF THE PRESENT
MUNICIPAL YEAR.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Laconia, as follows:*

That for the purpose of meeting cur-
rent expenses of the City, the City
Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized
and empowered to make temporary loans
from time to time for the use of said
City of sums not exceeding the aggre-
gate amount of \$300,000.00, said loans
being in anticipation of the taxes of the
present municipal year and hereby ex-
pressly made payable therefrom, and to
give for such loan subject to the written
approval of the Committee on Finance,
notes of the City, each note to become
due and payable within one year from
its date. Said notes shall be signed by
the Mayor and City Treasurer and
countersigned by the City Clerk, shall
be registered in the books kept for that
purpose in the offices of the City
Treasurer and City Clerk respectively.

This resolution shall take effect upon
its passage.

Passed and approved this 29th day of
April, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE
CITY GOVERNMENT TO FUNCTION
UNTIL THEIR BUDGETS FOR THE FIS-
CAL YEAR ARE APPROVED.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Laconia, as follows:*

That all departments of the Laconia
City Government be and they are here-
by authorized to carry on their usual
functions until the budget of each de-
partment for the fiscal year is passed
on and approved by the City Council.

This Resolution to take effect April
27, 1952.

Passed and approved April 29, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AN
APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL AD-
VANCE OF FUNDS.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Laconia as follows:*

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the
public interest that the Laconia Housing
and Redevelopment Authority avail itself
of the financial assistance provided by
Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 to
assist local slum clearance and urban re-
development projects, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that surveys
be made and other activities be performed
preparatory to undertaking such pro-
jects, and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that Title I
of the Housing Act of 1949 requires that
contracts for financial assistance there-
under impose certain obligations and re-
sponsibilities upon local public agencies
availing themselves of such financial as-
sistance, including among other things:
(1) the approval of the redevelopment
plan by the governing body of the lo-
cality in which the project is situated,
with appropriate findings (a) that finan-
cial aid by the Federal Government is
necessary, (b) that the redevelopment
plans for the redevelopment areas in the
locality will afford maximum opportunity,
consistent with the sound needs of the
locality as a whole, for the redevelopment
of such areas by private enterprise, and
(c) that the redevelopment plan con-
forms to a general plan for the develop-
ment of the locality as a whole; (2) the
provision of local grants-in-aid; (3) the
development of a feasible method for the
relocation of families displaced from the
project area; and (4) the several other
local obligations and responsibilities that
are imposed pursuant to Title I of the
Housing Act of 1949 in connection with
the undertaking and carrying out of slum
clearance and urban redevelopment pro-
jects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title I every
contract for a Federal capital grant will
require local grants-in-aid in connection
with the project which, together with
the local grants-in-aid to be provided in
connection with all other projects of the
local public agency on which contracts

for Federal capital grants have been made. will be at least equal to one-third of the aggregate net project costs involved in such projects; and

WHEREAS, such local grants-in-aid may be provided by a state, municipality or other public body, or by any other entity, and may consist of donations of cash, land, demolition or removal work, and streets, utilities, or other site improvements, and the provision of parks, playgrounds, and other public buildings or facilities which (1) are primarily of direct benefit to the project and are necessary to serve or support the new uses of land in the project area or (2) are of direct and substantial benefit both to the project and to other areas in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, New Hampshire, as follows:

SECTION I. That the financial assistance provided by Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 to assist local slum clearance and urban redevelopment projects is necessary; and

SECTION II. That it is fully cognizant of the foregoing obligations and responsibilities that are imposed under contracts for financial assistance pursuant to Title I and it is the sense of this body that such obligations and responsibilities can and will be fulfilled; and

SECTION III. That the filing of an Application or Applications by the Laconia Housing and Redevelopment Authority for financial assistance from the Housing and Home Finance Administrator under Title I for surveys and plans for the following general area or areas: the area generally bounded by Appleton Street, Paugus Bay, a line from Paugus Bay to the end of Sheridan Street, and Sheridan Street to the point begun at, and to the area generally bounded by the Winnepesaukee River, Mill Street, Main Street, and Church Street, be and is hereby approved.

Passed and approved this 11th day of August, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING. \$70,000 SCHOOL BONDS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

Resolved: That the sum of \$33,482.98 be and it hereby is appropriated for a public improvement of a permanent nature consisting of alterations at High School and capital improvements.

Resolved: That the sum of \$36,517.02 be and it hereby is appropriated for a public improvement of a permanent nature consisting of renovation of Bowman Street School.

Resolved: (1) That for the purpose of meeting the appropriations contained in the two preceding resolutions, there be and is hereby authorized the issuance and sale of serial coupon bonds of the City of Laconia aggregating \$70,000 in principal amount. Said bonds shall be dated and shall bear interest at such rate, not to exceed 2% per annum, payable semi-annually, as shall be determined by the City Treasurer, with the approval of the City Council, shall be payable to bearer, shall be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the City Treasurer and the City Clerk, shall bear the city seal and the authenticating certificate, duly executed, of The Second National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts, and shall be payable as to both principal and interest at said bank. The interest coupons attached thereto shall bear the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer. Ten of said bonds shall mature in each of the years 1953 to 1959, both inclusive.

(2) That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale at public sale in such manner as he shall determine and to award them, with the approval of the City Council, to the bidder offering to purchase said bonds at the lowest interest rate or if two or more bidders name the same lowest interest rate, to the one offering the highest premium, provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.

(3) That the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds be and they hereby are appropriated for the purposes set forth in the two preceding resolutions as specified therein, provided, however, that any premium arising upon such sale, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing the bonds, shall be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the first of said bonds to mature.

(4) That this resolution and the two preceding resolutions shall supersede

the vote, relating to the matters contained in said resolutions, which was adopted by the City Council on August 4, 1952.

Passed and approved August 25, 1952.
Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE \$70,000 SCHOOL BONDS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the \$70,000 School Bonds, authorized to be issued by resolutions of the City Council, duly adopted on August 25, 1952, shall be dated October 1, 1952, and shall bear interest, payable semi-annually, at the rate of 1.60 per cent per annum, and that ten of said bonds shall mature on the first day of October in each of the years 1953 to 1959, both inclusive;

That all action taken by the City Treasurer in advertising said bonds for sale be and it hereby is ratified, adopted, approved and confirmed;

That said bonds be and they hereby are awarded to the Second National Bank of Boston, Mass., on the basis of their bid to purchase them at 100.017 plus accrued interest to date of delivery, and the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to deliver said bonds to said purchaser or order against payment therefor;

That the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds, exclusive of the premium arising upon such sale, be and they hereby are appropriated to be expended as follows:

\$36,517.02 for a public improvement of a permanent nature, to wit, the complete rebuilding of the Bowman Street School, within the framework of the existing building; and

\$33,482.98 for a public improvement of a permanent nature, to wit, the construction of a new back wall for the High School and any other necessary construction in connection therewith.

That said bonds shall be issued, and all action taken and to be taken in connection with the authorization and issue thereof shall be deemed to have been and shall be taken by the City of Laconia acting in its capacity as and for the Laconia School District;

That all of the provisions contained in the Resolutions of the City Council,

adopted on August 25, 1952, relating to these bonds, to the extent that such provisions are not inconsistent herewith, be and they hereby are ratified, adopted, approved and confirmed.

Passed and approved this 29th day of September, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY LOAN TO AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES OF THE PRESENT MUNICIPAL YEAR.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That for the purpose of meeting current expenses of the City, the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make a temporary loan for the use of said City of a sum not exceeding the aggregate amount of \$100,000.00 said loan being in the anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year and hereby expressly made payable therefrom, and to give for such loan subject to the written approval of the Committee on Finance, notes of the City, each note to become due and payable within one year from its date. Said notes shall be signed by the Mayor and City Treasurer and countersigned by the City Clerk, shall be registered in the books kept for that purpose in the offices of the City Treasurer and City Clerk respectively. This authorization to borrow \$100,000.00 shall be in addition to the borrowing of \$300,000.00 authorized by a resolution passed and approved April 29, 1952 which took effect upon its passage.

This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved October 7, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RAISING MONEY BY TAXATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1953.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That there shall be raised and there is ordered to be raised on the polls and estate liable to be taxed within said City

the sum of one million, two hundred twenty-five thousand, three hundred one and twenty-one one hundredths (1,225,301.21) dollars to defray the necessary expenses and charges of the City for the financial year ending June 30, 1953.

Passed and approved October 7, 1952.
 Robinson W. Smith,
 MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO BOND ISSUE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. That the sum of \$38,279.00 be and it hereby is appropriated for the purpose of constructing the following described public improvements of a permanent nature, hereby authorized, namely,

Public Library:	
Construction front walk and curbing	\$ 576.00
Parks and Playgrounds:	
Construction of clubhouse at Leavitt park	1,500.00
Weirs Beach Development:	
Purchase of land from B. & M. Railroad	2,000.00
Fencing above land	1,424.00
Purchase of Endicott Park	9,000.00
Construction of surface drain at Durkee and Addison Streets	5,000.00
Construction of new street and sidewalks at Lewis Street	2,265.00
Widening of Union Avenue (Elliott to Spring Streets)	949.00
Construction sewer at Bell Street	450.00
Widening of Lakeport Square	10,000.00
Construction of new addition to City Hall	5,115.00
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	\$38,279.00

2. That the sum of \$21,721.00 be and it hereby is appropriated for the purchase of departmental equipment of a lasting character, hereby authorized, namely,

Fire Department:	
Radio Equipment	\$ 270.00
Recording set — Central Station	375.00
Public Works Department:	
Street Sweeper	10,766.00
Sidewalk Tractor	3,200.00

Truck (Exchange for Ford #5)	5,000.00
Tax Collector's Department:	
Combination steel counter and filing cabinets	2,100.00
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	\$21,721.00

3. (a) For the purpose of meeting the appropriations contained in the two preceding resolutions, there be and hereby is authorized the issuance and sale of serial coupon bonds of the City of Laconia aggregating \$60,000 in principal amount, which shall bear interest at such rate (not to exceed 2½% per annum payable semi-annually) as shall be determined by the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Committee on Finance. Said bonds shall be payable to bearer, shall be dated November 1, 1952, shall be signed by the Mayor, shall be countersigned by the Treasurer and City Clerk, shall bear the city seal and authenticating certificate, duly executed, of The Second National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts, and shall be payable as to both principal and interest at said bank. The interest coupons attached shall bear the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer. Twelve of said bonds shall mature on the first day of November in each of the years 1953 to 1957, inclusive.

(b) That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise said bonds for sale, at public sale, in such manner as he shall determine, and to award them, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, to the successful bidder, provided, however, that said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery.

(c) That the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds be and they hereby are appropriated for the purposes set forth in the preceding resolutions as specified therein, provided, however, that any premium arising upon such sale, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing the bonds, shall be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the first of said bonds to mature.

(d) All of the departmental equipment, the purchase of which has hereinbefore been authorized, is hereby determined to have a useful life in excess of five years, in the opinion of the City Council.

Passed and approved this 7th day of October, 1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
 MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO LA-
CONIA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND
PALMER CONSTRUCTION CO.

WHEREAS, Palmer Construction Co. of
Auburn, Maine, contracted to complete
CAA Project #9-27-014-102 at the La-
conia Municipal Airport in 30 working
days, and

WHEREAS, unavailability of materials
and periods of inclement weather neces-
sarily extended completion of the pro-
ject by 26 days beyond the contractual
date, and

WHEREAS, according to CAA Speci-
fication damages for such delay may be
computed at a total of \$390 and

WHEREAS, in fact no damages were in-
curred to the Airport or its sponsors by
such delay in completion

Now, THEREFORE, the City of Laconia
does hereby waive any and all claims to
damage arising from this source.

Passed and approved December 29,
1952.

Robinson W. Smith,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE.

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE
ACTS AND DOINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND COUNCIL.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Laconia, as follows:*

That all the acts and doings of the
Mayor and Council done at a duly
regularly-called meeting at the Audi-
torium of the High School, Laconia, New
Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 24, 1953,
be, and they hereby are, ratified and ap-
proved this 30th day of March, 1953.

Gerard L. Morin,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
TEMPORARY LOANS TO AN AMOUNT
NOT EXCEEDING THREE HUNDRED
THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ANTICI-

PATION OF TAXES OF THE MUNICI-
PAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1953
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1954.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Laconia, as follows:*

That for the purpose of meeting cur-
rent expenses of the City, the City
Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized
and empowered to make temporary loans
from time to time for the use of said
City of sums not exceeding the aggregate
amount of \$300,000.00 said loans being
in the anticipation of the taxes of the
municipal year, beginning July 1, 1953
and ending June 30, 1954, and hereby ex-
pressly made payable therefrom, and to
give for such loan subject to the written
approval of the Committee on Finance,
notes of the City, each note to become
due and payable within one year from its
date. Said notes shall be signed by the
Mayor and City Treasurer and counter-
signed by the City Clerk, shall be regis-
tered in the books kept for that purpose
in the offices of the City Treasurer and
City Clerk respectively.

This resolution shall take effect July
1, 1953.

Passed and approved June 29, 1953.

Gerard L. Morin,
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE.

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO
MINORITY REPRESENTATION OF
POLITICAL PARTIES IN CITY GOV-
ERNMENT.

*Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Laconia, as follows:*

That the principal of minority rep-
resentation of political parties shall be ap-
plied by the Mayor and Council in all
elections and appointments to Boards,
Commissions, Trustees, and other agencies
of the City Government, and that the
minority party shall be represented at all
times on all Boards, Commissions, Trus-
tees, and other agencies of the City
Government.

Passed and approved June 20, 1953.

Gerard L. Morin,
MAYOR

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