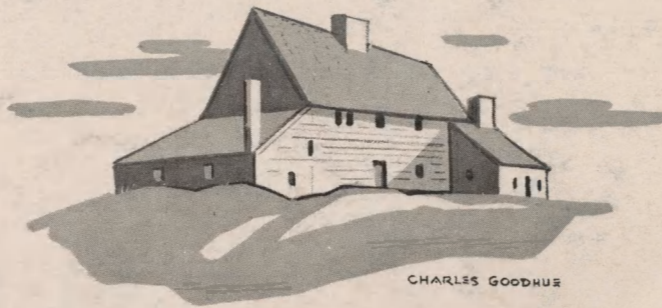
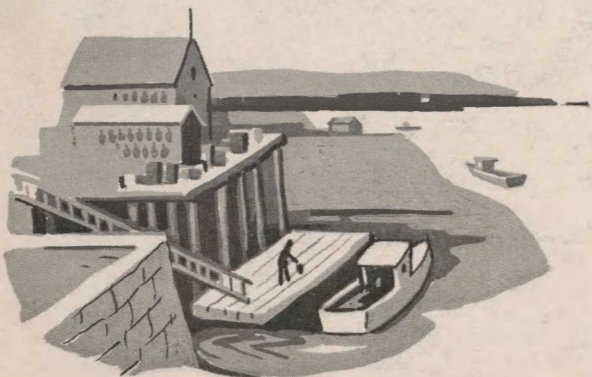




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PORTSMOUTH, N.H.





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City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

ROBERT C. VIOLETTE  
CITY MANAGER

February 20, 1956

Honorable Mayor, City Council and Citizens  
City of Portsmouth  
Portsmouth, N. H.

Gentlemen:

I am privileged to submit to you the Annual Report of the City of Portsmouth for the Year 1955 - the sixth under the Council-Manager form of government.

This report shows a record of improvements and services rendered by your City Government. To preserve good government a well informed citizenry is very essential. Credit is due our local newspaper and radio stations for their splendid cooperation in this regard, and for all the other services they have rendered the public toward that end.

We are a fast growing community, and this rapid growth will bring many problems. We will attempt to meet and solve them to the best of our abilities.

A Traffic Committee was organized and is already making plans to alleviate some of our traffic problems. Our schools will be overcrowded and inconvenienced until the completion of our new High School in the Fall of 1957.

The development of the Harbor and the completion of the Air Force Base, I believe, will encourage new industries to come to our area. This is no time for pessimism. The future is there for us to grasp, and it looks bright and very encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert C. Violette*  
Robert C. Violette  
City Manager

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES — 1955**

1. Held 12 Regular Meetings
2. Met For 19 Special Meetings
3. Conducted 18 Public Hearings
4. Passed 21 Resolutions
5. Adopted 13 City Ordinances  
and Ordinance Amendments
6. Approved Annual Budget of \$2,052,824
7. Tax Rate Continued as One of the Lowest in  
New Hampshire. \$37 per \$1,000. This was  
a decrease of \$ .20 per \$1,000 compared with  
1954

City Council	Members: 9
Expenditures: \$1,760.00	

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

Expenditures:	Employees:
\$14,665.44	Full Time 2

# PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Theodore R. Butler; Assistant Mayor John J. Leary; Mary C. Dondero; Andrew Jarvis; Donald H. Margeson; Sherman Newton; Edward C. Peterson; Eugene P. Soles; John J. Wholey; R. C. Violette, City Manager; Thomas E. Flynn, Jr., City Solicitor; Americo J. Belluci, City Clerk.





## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

CITY CLERK  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CITY AUDITOR  
CITY TREASURER  
BUILDING INSPECTOR  
CITY ASSESSOR  
TAX COLLECTOR  
CITY MARSHAL  
FIRE CHIEF  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
DIRECTOR OF WELFARE  
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

SANITARY INSPECTOR

CITY SOLICITOR  
JUSTICE, MUNICIPAL COURT  
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
CLERK OF COURT  
DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

LIBRARIAN, PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MEAT INSPECTOR  
PLUMBING INSPECTOR

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
DOG OFFICER

FIRE ALARM SUPERINTENDENT

AMERICO J. BELLUCCI  
NAT S. STEVENS  
WILFRED E. YOUNG

JOSEPH P. MARDEN  
LUCIAN O. GEOFFRION  
J. WARREN SOMERBY  
MARTIN O. BETZ  
FREDERICK R. CROMPTON  
RAYMOND I. BEAL  
MRS. MILDRED RIESE  
CHARLES R. DAWSON  
(Resigned December 1, 1955)  
FRANCIS T. MALLOY  
(Interim Appointment July 1, 1955)  
THOMAS E. FLYNN, JR.  
OSCAR NEUKOM  
SAMUEL LEVY  
JACK FENWICK  
NORMAN R. LANDRY  
(Resigned November 14, 1955)  
ALVIN A. MASON  
(Appointed December 15, 1955)  
MISS DOROTHY M. VAUGHAN  
LIONEL TRUDEL, V. M. D.  
CLEMENT R. MOULTON  
(Died September 30, 1955)  
WESLEY REMICK  
(Appointed Acting Inspector  
October 1, 1955)  
EDGAR F. WOOD  
(Appointed December 5, 1955)  
WILLIAM A. THOMSON  
JOSEPH J. PERRAULT  
(Died August 9, 1955)  
EDWARD J. FLAIVE  
(Appointed September 15, 1955)  
ARTHUR M. PATTERSON

● BOARD OF HEALTH

S. GERARD GRIFFIN, M. D.  
ARTHUR HEALEY  
WILLIAM M. FARRINGTON, D. M. D.

● PLANNING BOARD

JOHN W. DURGIN, Sr., *Chairman*  
CHARLES GOUSE  
KEIVEN GILLIS  
ROBERT E. CROWLEY  
JOSEPH J. SHANLEY  
A. NEIL SCHIOT  
EDWARD T. BURNHAM  
ROBERT C. VIOLETTE, *Ex-Officio*  
NAT S. STEVENS, *Ex-Officio*

● ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

FRANCIS K. LEITH, *Chairman*  
(Term Expires April 15, 1955)  
ERNEST E. STAFFORD, *Chairman*

JOHN FISHER	MORRIS D. LEVY
MRS. SAMUEL COHEN (Appointed April 15, 1955)	CORNELIUS F. HOBBS (Appointed October 6, 1955)
FRANK BUTTERWORTH, Jr. (Resigned August 1, 1955)	Mrs. BARBARA GRIFFIN (Appointed January 6, 1955)

CHARLES R. DAWSON, *Advisor and Secretary*  
(Resigned December 1, 1955)  
Mrs. DAVID LONG, *Acting Secretary*  
(Appointed December 15, 1955)

● PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD

MICHAEL A. BARRETT, *Chairman*  
FRANCIS P. TUCKER  
HUGO LILJEHULT

● TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

ARTHUR F. BROWN, *Chairman*  
ARTHUR GORMAN  
MISS DOROTHY F. LEAR, *Clerk*

● LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mrs. EDWARD T. WENDELL, <i>Clerk</i>	
MRS. IRVING E. SNOW	E. CURTIS MATTHEWS
ELLEN T. MOSES	KATHERINE P. FLANAGAN
E. BLISS MARRINER	WYMAN P. BOYNTON (Appointed March 16, 1955)

● RECREATION COMMITTEE

JOHN E. KANE, <i>Chairman</i>	
EDWARD PETRO (Resigned June 29, 1955)	JOHN R. WIGGIN
JEREMY WALDRON, Jr.	MRS. MARY WARNER
MRS. ROBERT H. DUNN	ARTHUR C. CLOUGH
JOSEPH POSTERNAK	RALPH ATWELL

● HOUSING AUTHORITY

LAWRENCE E. MULLONEY, <i>Chairman</i>	
FRANK J. MASSEY	ORMAN R. PAUL
FRANK E. PATTERSON	HARRY I. CASWELL
EDWARD J. ABBOTT, <i>Executive Director</i>	
ROBERT H. McCANN, <i>Assistant Director</i>	

● BOARD OF EDUCATION

STOWE WILDER, <i>Chairman</i>	
JEAN S. BUTLER	CHARLES J. GRIFFIN (Appointed September 1, 1955)
JOHN J. HASSETT	MARGARET BATCHELDER
WILLIAM M. FARRINGTON, D.M.D.	E. CURTIS MATTHEWS
KENNARD E. GOLDSMITH	JOHN W. DURGIN, Jr.
WYMAN P. BOYNTON	ALICE M. LEE
CORNELIA WALKER (Resigned March 8, 1955)	PAUL V. BROWN

● JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE

KENNARD E. GOLDSMITH, <i>Chairman</i>	
HARRY WINEBAUM	PAUL V. BROWN
JOHN J. WHOLEY	ALICE M. LEE
JAMES C. PIPER	

● POLICE COMMISSION

J. PAUL GRIFFIN, <i>Chairman</i>	
REGINALD E. GOLDSMITH	MORRIS SILVERMAN

● CIVIL DEFENSE

WILLIAM T. EVANS, *Director*

BOARDS  
AND  
COMMISSIONS

# PROGRESS REPORT 1955

- Completed Dennett Street Storm and Sanitary Sewers at a Cost of \$55,796.
- Completed Renovation of The Benedict Building, or Library Annex.
- Constructed Public Bath House at Municipal Swimming Pool.
- Reconstruction of Sherburne Avenue Begun. Estimated Cost: \$6,500.00
- Funds Provided and Land Acquired for Land Fill Sanitation.
- Constructed Hanover and Fleet Streets Parking Lot. 47 Car Capacity. Cost: \$70,386.
- Constructed Vaughan, Bridge and Hanover Streets Parking Lot. 164 Car Capacity. Cost: \$159,117.
- Constructed Court Street Parking Lot. 56 Car Capacity. Cost: \$17,189.
- Adopted The City's First Administrative Code.
- Approved Longevity Pay Plan For City Employees.
- Public Hearings Held on Proposed Housing and Building Codes.
- Approved Water Main Reimbursement Agreement.
- Ground Broken for New Senior High School to be Completed in 1957. Cost: \$3,223,000.
- Approved New Heating Plant For City Hall.
- Undertook Traffic Survey Under the Urban Planning Assistance Program.
- Renovated City Council Chamber.
- Bracket Lane Reconstructed.
- Peverly Hill Road Reconstructed.



# FUTURE PLANS FOR PORTSMOUTH

## PROJECTS

Extension of a twelve inch water main from the Spur Road along Gosling Road to Woodbury Avenue. Estimated cost \$30,000.00.

Construction and completion of Gosling Road.

Land Fill Sanitation to replace our present method of rubbish and garbage disposal.

Major repairs to Memorial Bridge Approach.

Reconstruction of Pierce Island Bridge.

Completion of Sherburne Avenue.

Adoption of the Housing Code and the Building Code.

Changing the methods of billing in the Water Division. Modern Posting Machines to be installed.

Revision of all Ordinances.

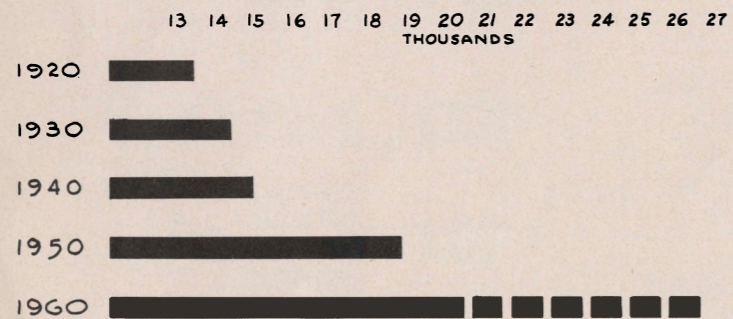
Renovation of Sherburne Pumping Station.

Complete construction of Little League Ball Park at Hislop Park.

Extension of Ceres Street water main at an Estimated cost of \$32,000.

Acceptance of Portsmouth-Madbury Water System.

## POPULATION TREND



# DEPARTMENTS

**RECORDS**  
 Expenditures: 10,644.09 Employees  
 Full time: 2  
 Part time: 1

**ELECTION**  
 Expenditures: 3,474.64

**CIVIL DEFENSE**  
 Expenditures: 6,243.63

**EDUCATION**  
 Expenditures: 870,853.19 Employees  
 Full time: 44

**LAW**  
**CITY SOLICITOR**  
 Expenditures: 4,331.33 Employees  
 Part time: 1

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
 Expenditures: 4,041.08 Employees  
 Part time: 3

**FINANCE**  
**CITY AUDITOR**  
 Expenditures: 13,422.45 Employees  
 Full time: 4

**CITY TREASURER**  
 Expenditures: 4,888.19 Employees  
 Full time: 1

**TAX COLLECTOR**  
 Expenditures: 8,114.96 Employees  
 Full time: 2  
 Part time: 1

**CITY ASSESSOR**  
 Expenditures: 10,047.97 Employees  
 Full time: 2  
 Part time: 1

**FIRE**  
 Expenditures: 106,836.47 Full time: 21  
 Revenues: 3,463.00 Part time: 36  
 (Ambulance Rental) (Call Men)

**PLANNING**  
 Expenditures: 6,091.75 Employees  
 Full time: 1

**POLICE**  
 Expenditures: 152,686.34 Employees  
 Full time: 34

**INSPECTION**  
**BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
 Expenditures: 629.38 Employees  
 Part time: 1

**DOG OFFICER**  
 Expenditures: 910.69 Employees  
 Part time: 1

**HEALTH**  
 Expenditures: 22,567.25 Employees  
 Full time: 13  
 (Including Comfort Station)

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**  
 Expenditures: 1,049.88 Employees  
 Part time: 1

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**  
 Expenditures: 838.36 Employees  
 Part time: 1

**PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 Expenditures: 21,328.90 Employees  
 Full time: 5  
 Part time: 1

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
 Expenditures: 281,036.93 Employees  
 Revenues: 5,631.01 Full time: 50

**WATER DIVISION**  
 Expenditures: 201,889.23 Employees  
 Revenues: 228,046.34 Full time: 35

**RECREATION**  
 Expenditures: 43,555.20 Employees  
 Revenue: 1,293.41 Full time: 3  
 Part time: 18  
 (Community Center) Volunteers: 66

**WELFARE**  
 Expenditures: 82,849.20 Employees  
 (Including Old Age Assistance) Full time: 1

### VITAL STATISTICS

	1952	1953	1954	1955
Births .....	565	561	617	600
Marriages .....	355	338	332	338
Deaths .....	253	245	266	252
Stillbirths .....	20	6	16	6

### LICENSES AND PERMITS

	1952	1953	1954	1955
Dog Licenses .....	1114	1327	1309	1253
Taxi Operator's Licenses .....	182	201	169	137
Taxicab Permits .....	39	37	35	35
Bicycle Licenses .....	838	629	736	658

Plus 149 licenses and permits for gasoline, shows, dances, pinball machines, tourist or trailer camps, tag days (20), bowling, roller skating, and special events.

### RECORDING OF PERSONAL LIENS

	1952	1953	1954	1955
Conditional Sales .....	1352	1451	1333	1347
Mortgages .....	793	653	947	1557
Miscellaneous .....	12	29	32	24

### SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION

	1952	1953	1954	1955
Registrations .....	187	148	144	135

Includes all boys who reach their 18th birthday or who have never registered.

### MUNICIPAL ELECTION

	1949	1951	1953	1955
Council Filings .....	15	13	30	22
Board of Education Filings .....	13	13	15	9

### 1955

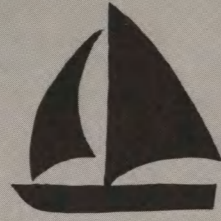
Total Eligible Voters .....	11,991
Regular Votes .....	3,556
Absentee Votes .....	87
Total Votes .....	3,643
Per Cent Voting .....	30%

### JURY DRAWINGS

	1953	1954	1955
Grand .....	17	18	19
Petit .....	37	33	45

Korean Bonus — 400 applications

# DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS



# LEGAL DEPARTMENT

## LAW DEPARTMENT

Legal Counsel to the City  
Contracts  
Leases  
Legal Instruments  
Opinions to Departments  
Municipal Prosecutor

## MUNICIPAL COURT

### CASES BEFORE THE COURT

	<i>1953</i>	<i>1954</i>	<i>1955</i>
Criminal			
Misdemeanors	696	718	807
Felonies	30	14	28
Civil	113	43	97
Juvenile	25	48	47
Small Claims	292	213	308
Motor Vehicle Violations	489	473	564

**TO PLAN AHEAD IS GOOD BUSINESS FOR A GROWING CITY**

PROGRESS ON THE MASTER PLAN

Proposed Land Use Plan .....	In Preparation
Existing Land Use Map .....	Completed
Master Thoroughfare Plan .....	In Preparation
(Under Urban Planning Assistance Program to be Completed in April, 1956.)	
Public Utilities Plan .....	1956
Community Facilities Plan .....	1956
Zoning Plan-Adopted-To Be Revised .....	1956
Master Redevelopment Plan .....	1956

URBAN PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Section 701 of the National Housing Act

Federal Share .....	\$3,450	In Cash
State Share .....	\$1,950	In Services and Supplies
City Share .....	\$1,500	In Services

(The Traffic Circulation Study is Being Done Under This Program)

- Completed Final Drafts of Housing and Building Codes
- Completed Draft of City's First Administrative Code.
- Prepared Sewer Rental Ordinance.
- Had Cloth Tracing of City Map Prepared — Showing All Streets as of June 1, 1955. Scale 1" - 500'.
- Prepared Staff Reports Based on 1950 Census Figures.

PLANNING BOARD

- Passed Resolution Setting Minimum Lot Sizes.
- Considered Proposed Regulations Governing the Location and Operation of Trailer Parks.
- Studied Sanitary Land Fill Program.
- Gave Final Approval to Two Subdivisions and Studied Two Others.
- Considered Six Petitions For Rezoning.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Variances Approved	6	Tabled	1
Variances Denied	4	Pending	1
Continuance of a non-conforming use	5		

Public Improvements Must Be Justified On The Basis Of Anticipated Needs, Not Just The Requirements Of Today.

**PLANNING  
DEPARTMENT**

**CITY AUDITOR**

POST AUDIT  
 PRE AUDIT  
 ACCOUNTING  
 BUDGET  
 CHECKS

FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO  
 THE CITY GOVERNMENT

Preparation and Processing of:

Payrolls of approximately 400 employees.

6,500 Purchase Orders.

5,000 Vouchers — Containing approximately  
 30,000 separate invoices.

**CITY ASSESSOR**

Addressed and mailed 5436 Inventory Forms; 3247 of which were returned and processed, and in addition 1051 Veteran's Exemption Forms, 976 Veteran's Exemptions granted.

Property Transfers — 1,124.

New Properties placed on Assessment Rolls — 86.

Prepared Poll Tax Warrant and bills for 7175 names — 2523 Veteran's exempted.

Prepared Head Tax Warrants and bills for 9698 names.

Prepared Property Tax Warrant and bills on 6,212 units of property.

96 Abatements granted. Less than .25% of the total Warrant committed.

New Hampshire Railroad Stock List prepared and forwarded to State Tax Commission.

Prepared list of Bank Stocks and included in Real Estate Warrant.

Total of Tax Exempt Property		
<i>1953</i>	<i>1954</i>	<i>1955</i>
\$7,794,560.	\$7,825,000.	\$7,800,000

**EQUALITY**

**PROPORTIONALITY**

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**CITY TREASURER**

Balance (All Accounts)	
January 1, 1955 .....	\$ 362,899.80
Receipts, 1955, Total .....	6,223,142.73
Disbursements, 1955, Total .....	3,804,152.38
Total Wages and Salaries .....	1,291,742.45
Total Withholding Tax	
withheld and paid to the District	
Director of Internal Revenue.	
(660 Employees) .....	137,279.79

**BORROWINGS 1955**

Tax Anticipation Loan .....	\$1,000,000.00
Rates of Discount .....	.66%
Actual Cost of Loan .....	4,465.99
Highway Loan .....	15,000.00
Rate of Discount .....	1.5%
Actual Cost of Loan .....	206.25
New Senior High School	
Bond Issue .....	\$2,750,000.00
Rate of Interest .....	2.1%
Invested Earnings of	
Proceeds .....	18,964.00
Amount Disbursed From	
High School Bond, 1955 .....	117,238.52

**POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS**

Parking Meter Fines .....	\$ 3,875.00
Parking Meter Receipts .....	31,267.01
Beano Licenses .....	660.00
Junk Dealer Licenses .....	250.00

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Amount of Real Estate	
Warrant .....	\$1,580,661.44
Amount collected by	
December 31, 1955 .....	1,477,140.00
Per Cent of Total .....	93.5%
Total State Head Taxes	
Collected .....	\$ 31,640.00
Total Poll Taxes	
Collected .....	\$ 9,554.00

**AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATIONS**

	1953	1954	1955
Number	7300	7726	8601
Income	68,317.86	77,518.25	92,375.20

## WATER DEPARTMENT

### Water Consumption

	<i>Total Gallons</i>	<i>Average Daily Consumption</i>
1952	794,036,800	2,025,263
1953	794,373,950	2,176,366
1954	806,123,285	2,208,557
1955	921,052,290	2,523,400

### WATER REVENUES

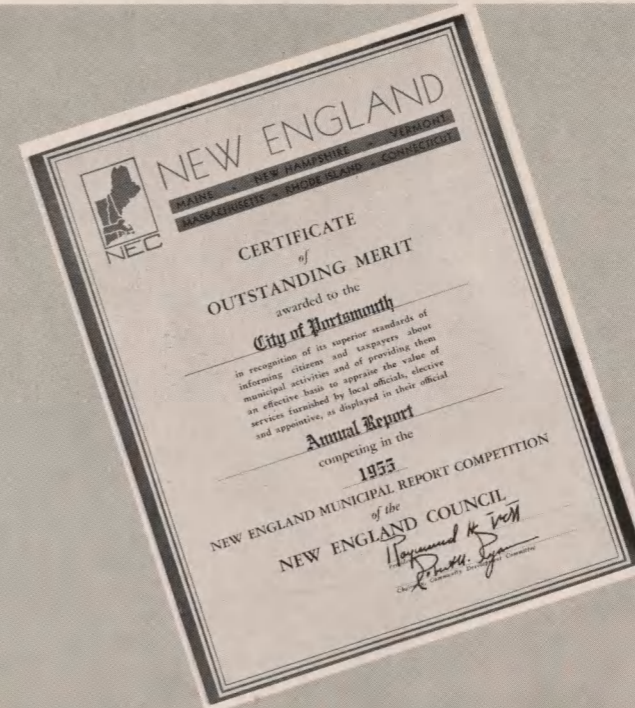
1952	\$166,302.68
1953	\$196,199.53
1954	\$196,645.02
1955	\$226,034.45

- 143 New Meters Installed.
- 475 Meters Renewed or Replaced.
- 15 Hydrants Renewed or Replaced.
- 1200 Feet of New Mains Laid.
- 6922 Feet Extended on Existing Mains.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## ANNUAL REPORT - City of Portsmouth

- 1953 Awarded First Place in New Hampshire Municipal Reports Contest. Contest sponsored by Public Administration Service—University of New Hampshire for cities over 10,000 population.
- 1954 Awarded First Place in New Hampshire Municipal Reports Contest.  
Awarded First Place in New England Municipal Reports Contest. Contest sponsored by The New England Council for all cities over 10,000 population.





Right: 164 Car Vaughan Street Parking Lot—  
One of New Hampshire's largest municipal  
parking areas.

**Street Resurfacing  
and Rebuilding**

Used: 39,198 gallons of asphalt  
1,965 tons of stone  
11,777 tons of gravel and sand  
124 tons of loam

**PATCHING**

Used: 1,578 tons of Hot Top or  
Bituminous Concrete  
1,039 tons of Blue Rock Mix  
or Cold Patch

**SEWER EXTENSIONS**

2,860 feet

**DRAIN EXTENSIONS**

1,500 feet

Right: 47 Car Hanover Street Parking Lot.



## ACTIVITIES - 1955

Adultery	1
Assault	14
Assault, Aggrevated	1
Automobile Offenses	272
Breaking and Entering	1
Breaking, Entering and Larceny	2
Breaking, Entering and Larceny Attempted	1
Contempt of Court	1
Disobeying Officer	1
Disorderly Conduct	23
Disorderly House	1
Disturbance	9
Driving under influence of Intoxicating Liquor	23
Drunkenness	217
Embezzlement	2
Exposing Person	1
False Statement to receive Unemployment Compensation	1
Firearms, possession of	1
Fish and Game Law Violations	3
Fornication	1
Fugitive from justice	1
Incest	1
Investigation	3
Larceny	20
Lewdness	1
Liquor Law Violations	11
Neglect of Minor Children	1
Non-Support	10
Possession of Obscene Literature	2
Resisting Arrest	3
Safekeeping	4
Suspicion	7
Violating City Ordinances	26
Suicides	2
Suicides, Attempted	3
Lodgers	437
Street Lights Reported out	202
Value of Lost and Stolen property recovered and returned to owners	\$13,897.39
Patrol and Escort Trips Made	12,846

- Inaugurated School Patrol System with 142 Members.
- Gave 3 months course of instruction to Recruits and Regular Members of Auxiliary Police.
- Firearms Training throughout the year.
- Sent one officer to 3 months course at the F.B.I. National Academy at Washington, D. C. This officer was elected President of his class.
- The Police Auxiliary spent 5,324 hours in public service or improving their knowledge of Police work. 766 hours were spent in the classroom, 172 hours in pistol inspection and practice. 3 members of the Auxiliary became members of the Regular Police Force.
- During the year \$13,897.39 worth of lost or stolen property was recovered by the Department and returned to its owner.
- Deputy Marshal Dougal D. MacLean retired December 4 after completing nearly 40 years of active meritorious service.

**P O L I C E   D E P A R T M E N T**

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

PREVENTION

INSPECTION

PROTECTION



## YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACTION

Each year the personnel of your Fire Department inspects all commercial property in the business district for possible fire hazards. Routine inspections are also carried out in all hospitals, convalescent homes, schools, and places of assembly. The Department avails itself of every opportunity to promote its continuing fire prevention program.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARMS

Installation of Speed Transformer and Retiming Boxes completed.  
 New lines on Greenland Road between Peverly Hill Road and Harvard Street constructed.  
 Smith Valve and Diaphone Horn installed on Fire Station.  
 3 new three-fold Fire Alarm Boxes installed.

### ACTIVITIES - 1955

Total Calls Answered	467
Still Alarms	363
Bell Alarms	50
False Alarms	15
Miscellaneous Calls	64
Emergency	5
Ambulance Calls	660
Calls Made Under Mutual Aid System	21
Rye	7
Newcastle	4
Newington	3
Stratham	2
Kittery	2
Greenland	1
Dover	1
Somersworth	1

Total Value of Buildings and Contents Endangered by Fire	\$1,090,600.00
Insurance on Buildings and Contents	\$ 774,100.00
Damage by Fire	\$ 93,586.30
Amount Covered by Insurance	\$ 57,711.30
Net Loss	\$ 35,815.00

### NEW EQUIPMENT

1 Deluge Gun  
 500' 2½" Double Jacket Hose  
 500' 1½" Double Jacket Hose  
 1 Hydrant Pump

**HUMANITARIANISM**

Average Number of Cases and Expenditures

Direct Relief

Average Number of Cases (Monthly)	36.3
Average Number of Persons (Monthly)	84.2
Average Monthly Expenditures	\$1,791.87

BOARD AND CARE

	<i>Children</i>	<i>Adults</i>
Average Number of Cases (Monthly)	9.6	5.4
Average Number of Persons (Monthly)	29.3	5.4
Average Monthly Expenditures	\$1,044.47	\$342.08

**DIRECT RELIEF**

FOOD

SHELTER

CLOTHING

FUEL

MEDICAL

HOSPITAL

Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets and Dinner Lists.

Participants "Toys For Tots" Program

**CIVIL DEFENSE**

GROUND OBSERVER CORPS

First Distinguished Service Award to be given in New Hampshire presented to Portsmouth resident.

Turned over Pulpit Rock Observation duties to 644th A. C. & W. Squadron, Rye Air Force Station. All activities now confined to the City Proper.



CD ACTIVITIES

Two representatives attended Atom Bomb Test "Operation Cue" in Nevada.

Participated in eight state 48 hour continuous communications test.

Participated in "Operation Alert" National Air Raid Test.

Awarded Bids for new Siren System.

Issued Monthly Bulletin.

Total hours served: 17,168

Total Enrollment: 897

BROWSING

STUDY

REFERENCE

BOOK FAIR

PAINTINGS

GREAT BOOKS SESSIONS

INTER LIBRARY LOAN

Number of Volumes January 1, 1955 .....	68,982
Total Volumes Added in 1955 .....	1,781
Worn Out, Obsolete Volumes Discarded .....	596
Number of Volumes January 1, 1956 .....	70,167
Magazines Subscribed to in 1955 .....	88
Magazines Presented in 1955 .....	41
Newspapers Received Daily .....	6

# PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Inter Library Loan

Books borrowed from other libraries .....	33
Books loaned to other libraries .....	83

## New Borrowers Registered in 1955

Adults .....	1,071
Juvenile .....	556

## Books Issued For Home Use

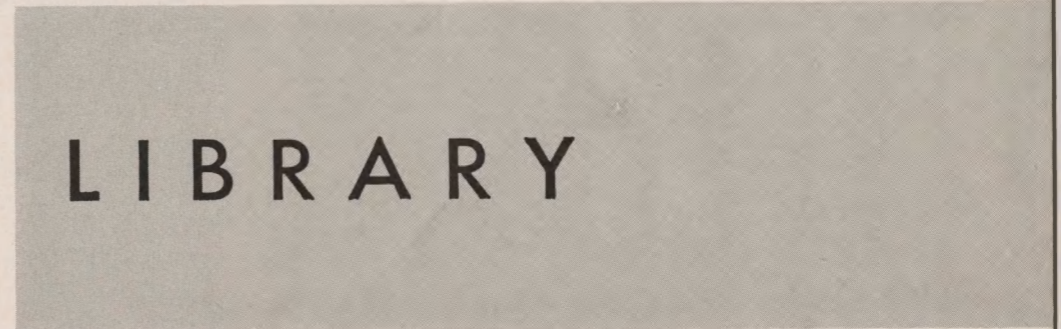
	1954	1955
Juvenile	27,451	29,171
Fiction	44,018	41,149
Non-Fiction	27,987	26,207

Librarian Re-elected President of the New Hampshire Library Association

Re-Registration of Library Patrons Undertaken.



General view of Public Library showing newly renovated annex.



Interior view of reading room in Benedict Building.



# RECREATION

## PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER

Judo — 104 meetings  
Children's Boxing — 32 meetings  
Adult Ping Pong League — 24 meetings  
City Basketball League — 56 games  
Industrial Basketball — 55 games  
Grammar School Basketball — 46 games  
Girls Basketball — 20 weeks  
Badminton — 28 weeks  
Teenage Dances — 25 dances  
Community Chorus — 26 meetings



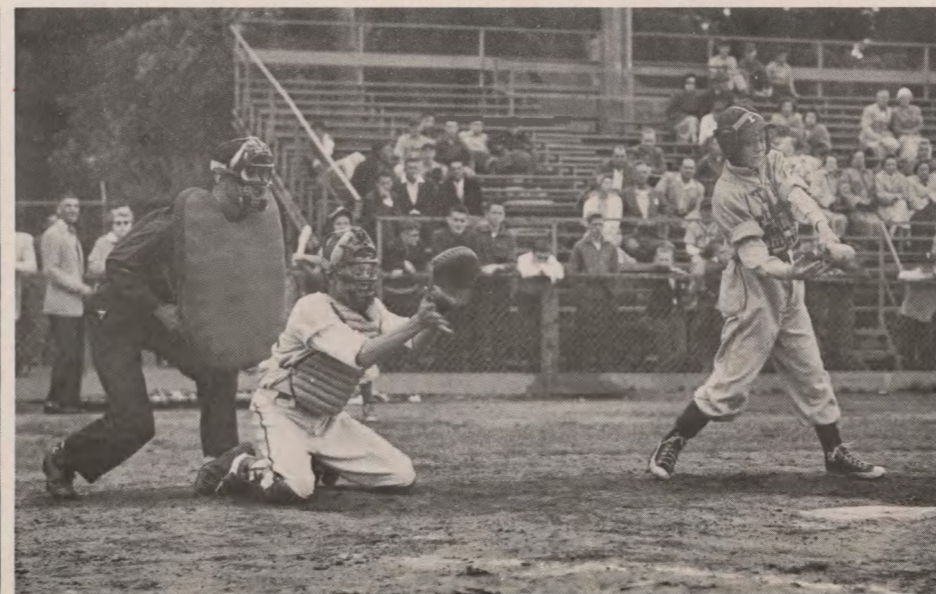
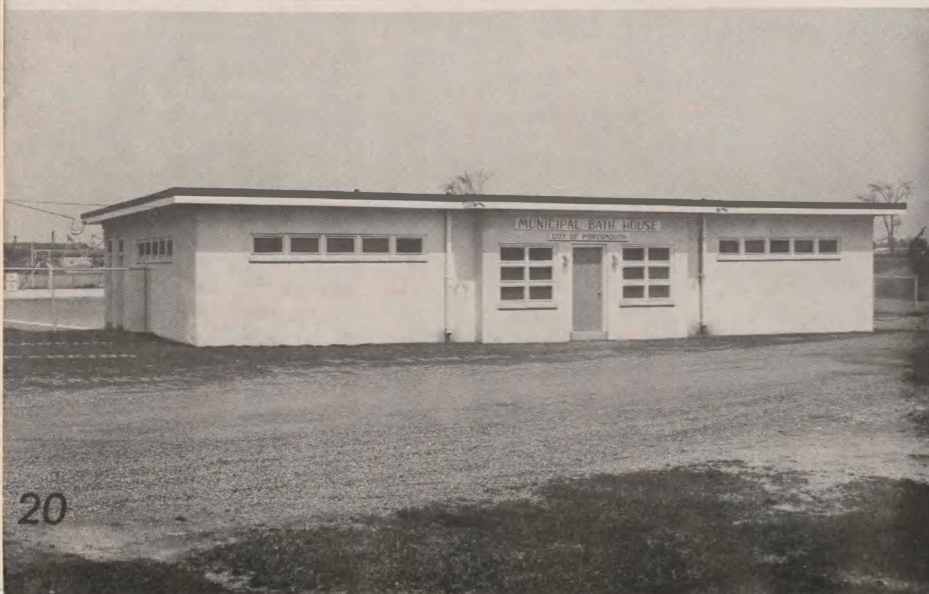
Top: Municipal Skating  
Rink: Greenland Road.

Bottom left: Newly constructed  
Municipal Bath House.

Bottom right: Future Major  
Leaguers in Action.

## UNION WHARF BUILDING

Archery — 32 weeks  
Art Association — 52 meetings



## SUMMER PROGRAM

Total Attendance Including  
Municipal Pool 48,000

### Sports

Arts and Crafts

Outing Activities

Quiet Activities

Special Events

Red Cross Swimming Program

650 in classes

7 Supervised Playgrounds

3 Play Areas

City Softball League



Top: Elementary League  
Basketball Playoffs  
—Community Center.

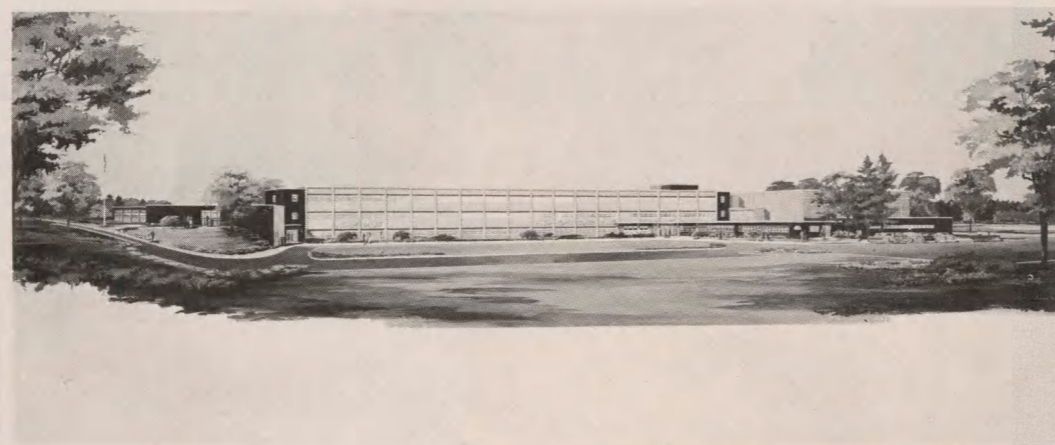


Top right: The Policemen's Ball —  
One of the many social events  
held at the Community Center.



Right: Pie Eating Contest





Portsmouth's new Senior High School now under Construction.

# E D U C A T I O N



Average School Membership	3727.5
Average Daily Attendance	3436.3
Average Daily Absence	291.2
Percentage of Daily Attendance	92.1

Non-Resident Pupils Attending Portsmouth Schools		
Kittery 2	Senior High	150
Newcastle 42	Junior High	79
Rye 117	Elementary	1
Greenland 46	Kindergarten	3
Stratham 2		
Newington 24		

#### NUMBER OF CHILDREN

October 1, 1955	
Under 5 Years of Age	1750
5 — 8	1232
8 — 14	1620
14 — 19	1123

#### SCHOOL NURSE — 1955

1085 Examinations given in Public Schools
171 Examinations given in St. Patricks School
258 Pre-School Examinations
5488 Visions Tests Given
248 Found to Have Uncorrected Visual Defects
2229 Hearing Tests
16 Found to Have Hearing Loss
47 Cases of Pediculosis
94 Home Visits Made

#### POLIO VACCINE CLINICS

May 23	795
Oct. 10	754
Oct. 24	124

### ACCELERATED RATE OF GROWTH IN ENROLLMENT SEVERE SHORTAGE OF WELL QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Year	Enrollment	Teaching Staff	Expenditures
1905	1722	59	\$ 53,548.88
1915	2124	63	61,587.12
1925	2479	83	168,101.61
1935	2955	112	222,777.81
1945	3049	136	356,512.24
1955	3781	164	871,407.65

#### AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP

June 30, 1955

		Cost Per Pupil
Senior High	772	\$293.47
Junior High	825	245.79
Elementary	1777	222.48
Kindergarten	354	131.84
Total	3728	Average \$233.73

#### COST PER PUPIL OF AVERAGE ENROLLMENT

1952	1953	1954	1955
\$212.66	\$213.49	\$228.66	\$233.73

#### NEW SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

General construction contract awarded to Davison Construction Company, Inc. of Manchester, N. H., November 28, 1955. Budgetary Cost \$3,223,000. Completion — Summer, 1957.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION

Members of the class of 1955 are attending such outstanding schools as Annapolis, Bowdoin, Colby, Dartmouth, Keene Teacher's College, Michigan State, M.I.T., University of New Hampshire (24), Rensselaer, and Saint Anslems.

# HEALTH

## Control by Education

Mosquito Control, Swimming Pool Inspection  
 Rodent and Predator Control  
 Housing Inspection, Milk Sanitation

## Disease Prevention

Polio Vaccinations 1,675  
 Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, Tetanus 54  
 Small Pox Vaccinations 25

Death Rate	1953	1954	1955
Per 1,000	12.2	13.3	12.6
Average Age			
At Death	62.4	63.03	64.18

## Leading Causes of Death in Portsmouth

	1953	1954	1955
Diseases of Circulatory System	146	149	146
Cancer and other Malignant Tumors	37	39	52
Nephritis	2	2	4
Pneumonia	11	13	12
Accidental	4	7	11
Diabetes Mellitus	2	0	3
Tuberculosis	0	0	0
Uremia	4	7	2
Stillbirths	6	16	6
Suicides	3	2	0
Polio	0	0	0
Lukemia	3	3	1
Appendicitis	2	0	0
Ulcers	2	2	5
Prematurity	0	10	6

# BUILDING INSPECTOR

## Total Permits Issued

1953	1954	1955
309	400	292

## Total Estimated Construction Cost

1953	1954	1955
\$2,221,535	\$1,046,010	\$5,835,005

## New Homes Constructed

1953	1954	1955
43	71	86

New Businesses	— 21	New Garages	— 45
New Additions	— 54	New High School	— 1
General Repairs	— 63	Business Repairs	— 22

# PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Number of Plumbers Granted Licenses	71
Number of Persons Receiving Licenses for the First Time	9
Plumbing Permits Issued	161

# INSPECTING AGENCIES

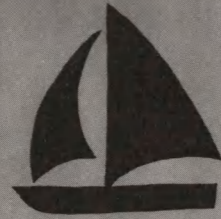
## DOG OFFICER

Complaints investigated	78
Dogs returned to owners	15
Dogs killed by autos	8
Dogs picked up and taken to Dr. Trudel	31
Persons bitten by dogs	7
Calls received from Police Dept.	13
Number of owners of unlicensed dogs brought to court	0
Dogs placed in good homes	9

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

### Tested and Sealed

Computing and counter balance scales	194	Kerosene Pumps	2
Platform Scales	30	Oil Bottles	20
Gasoline Pumps	110	Measuring Cans	31
Grease Pumps	51	Suspension Scales	7
Line Meters	12	Packages Reweighed	1070
Tank Trucks (Meters)	2		



**FINANCIAL SECTION**

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Balance Sheet — General Funds  
As of December 31, 1955

**Statement 1**

ASSETS	December 31, 1955	LIABILITIES	December 31, 1955
<i>Cash:</i>		<i>Unexpended Balances of Appropriations:</i>	
General Fund .....	\$ 98,582.79	Architect Fees .....	\$
Petty Cash .....	205.00	School .....	
Fiscal Agent — Bonds and Coupons .....	5,365.00	Senior High School Land .....	3,700.00
<i>Unexpended Bond Funds:</i>		Maplewood Acres Sewer .....	1,000.00
Issue of 1941 .....	1,689.65	Sherburne Avenue Project .....	2,449.05
Issue of 1950 .....	18,439.50	Public Library Annex .....	1,027.12
Issue of 1954 .....	8,797.29	Atlantic Heights Baseball Diamond .....	1,152.50
Issue of 1954 — Parking Area .....	2,725.15	New Equipment — Highway .....	21,215.00
Issue of 1955 — Schools .....	2,632,761.48	Repairs to Highway Equipment .....	2,500.00
	<u>\$2,768,565.86</u>	Sanitary Fill Land .....	150.00
<i>Accounts Receivable:</i>		Municipal Parking Lot .....	8,598.90
General Funds .....	\$ 25,851.25	Vaughn Street Parking Lot .....	5,880.29
Due from Trustees of Trust Funds .....	213.15		<u>\$ 47,672.86</u>
Due from Parking Meter Fund .....	75.00	<i>Unexpended Balances of Bond Funds</i> .....	2,664,413.07
	<u>26,139.40</u>	<i>Fiscal Agents — Bonds and Coupons</i> .....	5,365.00
Due from State a/c Peverly		<i>Accounts Payable — General Accounts</i> .....	72,010.92
Hill Construction .....	15,000.00	<i>Due State of New Hampshire:</i>	
Prepaid Interest .....	62.50	Uncollected Head Taxes .....	\$ 17,765.00
Deeded Property .....	1,974.99	Collected Not Remitted .....	6,680.00
<i>Unredeemed Taxes:</i>			<u>24,445.00</u>
Levy of 1954 .....	\$ 788.45	<i>Reserves:</i>	
Levy of 1953 .....	332.39	A/c Future Yield Tax Loss .....	\$
Prior Years .....	168.47	Reserve for Uncollected Taxes .....	1,155.64
	<u>1,289.31</u>	Reserve for Uncollected Head Taxes .....	
<i>Uncollected Taxes:</i>		Overlay — 1955 .....	4,649.69
Levy of 1955 .....	\$ 104,911.26		<u>5,805.33</u>
Levy of 1954 .....	1,017.44	<i>Municipal Escrow Account</i> .....	\$ 1,255.00
Prior Years .....	138.20	<i>Long Term Note a/c Peverly</i>	
	<u>\$ 106,066.90</u>	Hill Construction .....	15,000.00
<i>Uncollected State Head Taxes:</i>			<u>15,000.00</u>
Levy of 1955 .....	\$ 17,765.00	<i>Total Liabilities</i> .....	\$2,835,967.18
Levy of 1954 .....		<i>Current Surplus</i> .....	100,896.78
Prior Years .....			<u>\$2,936,863.96</u>
	<u>17,765.00</u>	<i>Grand Total</i> .....	\$2,936,863.96
<i>Total Assets</i> .....	\$2,936,863.96		
<i>Grand Total</i> .....	\$2,936,863.96		

**Statement 2**

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Analysis of Surplus Revenue  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Surplus — December 31, 1954 .....	\$141,260.41	
Surplus — December 31, 1955 .....	100,896.78	
Decrease in Surplus .....	<u>                    </u>	\$40,363.63

ANALYSIS OF CHANGE

*Decreases:*

Cash Surplus Used to Reduce Tax		
Rate .....	\$70,000.00	
Interest Paid on Tax Refund .....	.03	
Supplementary Appropriations Out of Surplus .....	70,554.50	
Abatements Out of Surplus .....	532.74	
Increase in Reserve for Uncollected Taxes .....	713.06	
	<u>                    </u>	\$141,800.33

*Increases:*

Net Budget Surplus .....	\$98,131.55	
Decrease Adjustment to Accounts Payable — As of December 31, 1954 ...	582.91	
Elimination of Yield Tax Reserve .....	494.85	
Reimbursement Due from Parking Meter Fund .....	75.00	
1953 Overlay Written Off .....	2,152.39	
	<u>                    </u>	101,436.70
		<u>                    </u>
		\$40,363.63

**Statement 3**

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and Budget Summary  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Source	Revenue		Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual		
Interest & Dividends Tax .....	\$ 29,376.77	\$ 29,376.77	\$	\$
Railroad Tax .....	8,000.00	7,790.12		209.88
Savings Bank Tax .....	10,585.19	13,313.39	2,728.20	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (NHA)	20,000.00	19,780.20		219.80
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber ..	59.94	60.00		.06
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees .....	85,000.00	93,045.72	8,045.72	
Dog Licenses .....	2,500.00	2,778.80	278.80	
Business Licenses, Fees, Etc. ....	9,500.00	11,959.73	2,459.73	
Parking Fines .....	3,000.00	3,919.50	919.50	
Interest on Taxes .....	2,500.00	2,494.22		5.78
Fines & Forfeits — Municipal Court .....	3,000.00	4,000.00	1,000.00	
Highway Department Revenue ..	4,000.00	5,631.01	1,631.01	
Head Tax Commissions .....	3,000.00	3,631.58	631.58	
<i>Schools:</i>				
Federal Government .....	211,002.31	221,774.31	10,772.00	
Tuition .....	56,700.00	62,052.27	5,352.27	
Rental of Buildings .....	1,000.00	1,113.56	113.56	
Physical Education .....	11,288.00	9,637.98		1,650.02
Ambulance Rental .....	2,500.00	3,463.00	963.00	
Community Center .....	1,200.00	602.91		597.09
Other Miscellaneous .....	18,874.62	36,158.45	17,283.83	
Housing Authority .....	1,625.38	1,625.38		
Cash Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate .....	70,000.00	70,000.00		
Added Taxes .....		1,133.20	1,133.20	
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
	\$554,712.21	\$605,342.10	\$53,312.46	\$2,682.57

BUDGET SUMMARY

Actual Revenues .....	\$605,342.10
Estimated Revenues .....	554,712.21
	<u>                    </u>
Revenue Surplus .....	\$50,629.89
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations .....	47,501.66
	<u>                    </u>
Net Budget Surplus .....	\$98,131.55

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Statement 4

	Forwarded From 1954	Appropriations	— Transfers — In                      Out		Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Total Expenditures & Encumbrances	Transfers To Surplus	Balances Forwarded To 1956
<i>General Government:</i>									
Assessors' Department .....	\$	\$ 11,006.00	\$	\$	\$ 4.16	\$ 11,010.16	\$ 10,047.97	\$ 962.19	\$
Auditor's Department .....		13,839.00			.67	13,839.67	13,423.12	416.55	
City Clerk's Department .....		10,712.00		50.00	11.60	10,673.60	10,476.37	197.23	
City Manager's Department ....		15,540.00	133.00		9.72	15,682.72	14,808.16	874.56	
Election & Registration .....		3,000.00	474.64			3,474.64	3,474.64		
Jury Drawing .....		75.00	50.00			125.00	117.72	7.28	
Collector's Department .....		8,623.40			.88	8,624.28	8,114.96	509.32	
City Treasurer's Department ..		4,868.00			.57	4,868.57	4,863.19	5.38	
Public Buildings & Places .....		13,046.00			146.02	13,192.02	12,278.88	913.14	
City Council Salaries .....		1,800.00				1,800.00	1,760.00	40.00	
<i>Protection of Persons &amp; Property:</i>									
Fire Department .....		107,248.72			454.68	107,703.40	104,229.20	3,474.20	
Fire Alarm System .....		2,880.00				2,880.00	2,605.84	274.16	
Police Department .....		154,624.74		133.00	12,639.23	167,130.97	162,929.20	4,201.77	
Civil Defense .....		6,275.00			35.00	6,310.00	6,278.63	31.37	
Dog Officer's Department .....		1,035.00				1,035.00	910.69	124.31	
<i>Health:</i>									
Health Department .....		9,995.00			2.26	9,997.26	6,550.53	3,446.73	
Comfort Station .....		18,735.00				18,735.00	17,066.60	1,668.40	
<i>Highways &amp; Bridges:</i>									
Town Road Aid .....									
General Maintenance Expense ..									
Dump & Refuse Removal .....		291,154.99		75.00	4,244.28	295,324.27	281,036.93	11,838.29	2,449.05
Sewer Maintenance .....									
Cemeteries .....									
Street Lights .....		39,000.00		627.72		38,372.28	37,734.46	637.82	
<i>Recreation:</i>									
Parks .....		8,913.40	75.00			8,988.40	8,656.73	331.67	
Recreation .....		22,042.60	3,855.00	1,175.80	157.89	24,879.69	24,550.49	329.20	
Community Center .....		16,811.00	1,175.80	3,855.00	454.50	14,586.30	14,586.30		
Libraries .....		20,065.99	*2,500.00		20.71	22,586.70	21,328.90	230.68	1,027.12
<i>Patriotic Purposes:</i>									
Memorial Day .....		450.00				450.00	417.32	32.68	
<i>Public Welfare:</i>									
Old Age Assistance .....		37,500.00				37,500.00	37,232.88	267.12	
City Welfare .....		52,500.00			1.31	52,501.31	45,616.32	6,884.99	
<i>Public Service Enterprises:</i>									
Planning Board .....		6,010.00	81.75			6,091.75	6,091.75		
Building Inspection Department		655.00			.78	655.78	630.16	25.62	
Inspection of Wires & Poles ....		685.00			.58	685.58	682.93	2.65	
Weights & Measures .....		870.00				870.00	838.36	31.64	

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Statement 4

	<i>Forwarded From 1954</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>— Transfers —</i>		<i>Receipts and Reimbursements</i>	<i>Total Amount Available</i>	<i>Total Expenditures &amp; Encumbrances</i>	<i>Transfers To Surplus</i>	<i>Balances Forwarded To 1956</i>
			<i>In</i>	<i>Out</i>					
<i>Unclassified:</i>									
Damages & Legal .....		10,405.00			21	10,405.21	8,372.41	2,032.80	
Contingency Fund .....		10,000.00		500.00	60.00	9,560.00	7,734.50	673.00	1,152.50
City Pension Fund .....		625.00				625.00	625.00		
Employees' Retirement .....		13,500.00	71.33			13,571.33	13,571.33		
Expenses — Trustees of Trust Fund .....		2,100.00	*3,600.00			5,700.00	4,573.95	1,126.05	
Advertising & Regional Associations .....		1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00		
Band Concerts .....			500.00			500.00	375.00	125.00	
City Report .....		1,000.00				1,000.00	1,014.30	14.30	
Housing Authority .....		1,625.38				1,625.38	1,625.38		
Harbor Master .....		200.00				200.00		200.00	
<i>Interest:</i>									
Temporary Loans .....		4,962.36			80.67	5,043.03	4,962.36	80.67	
Bonded Debt .....		41,472.75				41,472.75	41,472.75		
<i>Indebtedness:</i>									
Temporary Loans .....					1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00		
Bonded Indebtedness .....		91,600.00				91,600.00	91,600.00		
<i>Overlay — Abatements — Current Year .....</i>									
		20,005.98				20,005.98	15,356.29		4,649.69
<i>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</i>									
County Tax .....		114,893.66				114,893.66	114,893.66		
School Department .....		876,372.68			812.72	877,185.40	871,665.91	5,519.49	
<i>New Construction &amp; Permanent Improvements:</i>									
New Senior High School Land .....			* 3,700.00			3,700.00			3,700.00
Maplewood Acres Sewer ....			1,000.00			1,000.00			1,000.00
New Equipment — Highway ..			*21,215.00			21,215.00			21,215.00
Land for Sanitary Fill .....			* 150.00			150.00			150.00
Repairs to Highway Equipment .....			* 2,500.00			2,500.00			2,500.00
Municipal Parking Lot .....		80,000.00				80,000.00	71,401.10		8,598.90
Special School Fund .....	1,000.00					1,000.00	1,000.00		
Vaughn Street Parking Lot ..			*36,889.50			36,889.50	31,009.21		5,880.29
School Architect Fees .....	800.00					800.00	800.00		
	<b>\$1,800.00</b>	<b>\$2,149,723.65</b>	<b>\$77,971.02</b>	<b>\$6,416.52</b>	<b>\$1,019,138.44</b>	<b>\$3,242,216.59</b>	<b>\$3,142,392.38</b>	<b>\$47,501.66</b>	<b>\$52,322.55</b>

\* Supplementary Appropriations from Revenue Surplus.

**Statement 5**

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Balance Sheet — Bonded Indebtedness  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

ASSETS		
Bonded Indebtedness — Municipal & School .....	\$3,459,000.00	
Bonded Indebtedness — Water Department .....	179,000.00	
		3,638,000.00
LIABILITIES		
<i>Municipal &amp; School Bonds Outstanding:</i>		
Sewer, Street & Equipment — 1936 .....	\$ 2,500.00	
Permanent Improvements — 1946 .....	220,000.00	
Improvements & Equipment — 1947 .....	16,000.00	
Permanent Improvements & Equipment — 1950 (Schools) .....	10,000.00	
Permanent Improvements — 1951 .....	138,000.00	
Parking Area — 1953 .....	120,000.00	
Permanent Improvements — 1954 .....	90,000.00	
Parking Area — 1954 .....	112,500.00	
High School — 1955 .....	2,750,000.00	
		3,459,000.00
<i>Water Bonds Outstanding:</i>		
Water Bonds — 1951 .....	\$ 160,000.00	
Water Bonds — 1954 .....	19,000.00	
		179,000.00
		3,638,000.00

**Statement 7**

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Summary of Bond and Coupon Account  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Balance — January 1, 1955 .....	\$ 5,375.00
<i>Receipts:</i>	
Transfer from General Fund .....	\$133,072.75
Transfers from Water Department .....	14,070.00
	147,142.75
	152,517.75
<i>Expenditures:</i>	
Bonds Retired .....	\$102,600.00
Coupons Retired .....	44,552.75
	147,152.75
Balance — December 31, 1955 (*) .....	\$5,365.00
PROOF OF BALANCE	
Balance in The Merchants National Bank of Boston — Per Statement Dated December 27, 1955 .....	\$5,365.00
(*) Atlantic Heights Bridge Bonds Outstanding .... \$ 5,000.00	
Atlantic Heights Bridge Coupons Outstanding ..	250.00
Permanent Improvements & Equipment Coupons— 1950 Issue .....	62.50
High School Building Coupons — 1955 Issue ....	52.50
	5,365.00

**Statement 6**

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Municipal Bond Funds  
Summary of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

	<i>Balance December 31, 1954</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance December 31, 1955</i>
<i>Permanent Improvements:</i>				
1941 Issue .....	\$ 1,689.65	\$	\$	\$ 1,689.65
<i>Improvements &amp; Equipment:</i>				
1950 Issue .....	18,439.50			18,439.50
Parking Area — 1954 .....	125,000.00		122,274.85	2,725.15
<i>Permanent Improvements:</i>				
1954 Issue .....	89,567.81		80,770.52	8,797.29
<i>High School Bonds:</i>				
1955 Issue .....		2,780,129.12	147,367.64	2,632,761.48
Total .....	\$234,696.96	\$2,780,129.12	\$350,413.01	\$2,664,413.07

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in The New Hampshire National Bank of Portsmouth — Per Statement Dated December 1, 1955 .....	\$ 1,689.65
Balance in The Merchants National Bank of Boston — Per Statement Dated December 1, 1955 .....	18,439.50
Per Statement Dated December 19, 1955 .....	\$ 4,581.27
Less: Outstanding Check .....	1,856.12
	2,725.15
Per Statement Dated December 6, 1955 .....	8,797.29
Per Statement Dated December 30, 1955 .....	\$445,554.65
Less: Outstanding Checks .....	429.17
	\$ 445,125.48
Add: U. S. Treasury Notes Purchased .....	\$2,187,636.00
	2,632,761.48
Reconciled Balance — December 31, 1955 .....	\$2,664,413.07



**Statement 8**

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Summary of General Fund Receipts, Disbursements  
and Proof of Balance  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Balance — January 1, 1955 .....	\$ 95,825.41	
Receipts During Year (Per Treasurer's Record) .....	3,212,206.44	
	<u>                    </u>	\$3,308,031.85
Disbursements During Year .....	3,209,244.06	
	<u>                    </u>	
Balance — December 31, 1955 .....		\$98,787.79

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in The New Hampshire National Bank of Portsmouth — Per Statement Dated December 30, 1955 .....	\$56,546.28	
Less: Outstanding Checks .....	16,803.57	
	<u>                    </u>	\$39,742.71
Balance in the First National Bank of Portsmouth — Per Statement Dated December 30, 1955 .....	\$32,390.48	
Less: Outstanding Check .....	1.00	
	<u>                    </u>	32,389.48
Balance in The Merchants National Bank of Boston — Per Statement Dated December 1, 1955 .....	16,450.60	
Balance in the Second National — State Street Trust Company — Per Statement Dated December 1, 1955 .....	10,000.00	
	<u>                    </u>	\$98,582.79
Petty Cash — December 31, 1955 .....	205.00	
	<u>                    </u>	
Reconciled Balance — December 31, 1955 .....		\$98,787.79

**Statement 9**

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Parking Meter Account  
Balance Sheet  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

ASSETS	
Cash in Bank .....	\$2,339.76
	<u>                    </u>
Total Assets .....	\$2,339.76
LIABILITIES & UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS	
Accounts Payable .....	\$1,412.26
Unappropriated Surplus (Exhibit H-2) .....	927.50
	<u>                    </u>
Total Liabilities & Unappropriated Surplus .....	\$2,339.76

**Statement 10**

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Parking Meter Account  
Statement of Account  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Unappropriated Surplus — December 31, 1954 .....	\$21,805.46
Receipts .....	31,267.01
	<u>                    </u>
	\$53,072.47
<i>Expenditures:</i>	
Salaries of Officers & Clerk .....	\$12,348.45
Retirement .....	742.24
Uniform Allowance .....	286.26
Meter Repairs .....	884.02
Parking Area Expense .....	2,955.43
Public Safety Signs .....	5,075.64
Insurance .....	339.54
Court Street Parking Lot .....	18,814.81
Standards for Parrott Avenue Parking Lot ..	352.44
Payments to Parkit-Lockit Company for Meters .....	1,161.70
Payments to The Dual Parking Meter Company for Meters .....	9,184.44
	<u>                    </u>
	52,144.97
Unappropriated Surplus — December 31, 1955 .....	\$927.50

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Summary of Parking Meter Receipts, Disbursements  
and Proof of Balance  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Statement 11

Balance — January 1, 1955 .....	\$22,659.83
Receipts During Year (Per Treasurer's Records) .....	31,267.01
	\$53,926.84
Disbursements During Year .....	51,587.08
	\$2,339.76
Balance — December 31, 1955.....	\$2,339.76

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the First National Bank Portsmouth —	
Per Statement Dated December 30, 1955.....	\$12,683.40
Less: Outstanding Checks .....	10,343.64
	\$2,339.76
Reconciled Balance — December 31, 1955 .....	\$2,339.76

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Summary of Trust Fund Principal and Income  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Statement 12

<i>Funds</i>	<i>PRINCIPAL</i>				<i>INCOME</i>				<i>Balance of Principal &amp; Income December 31, 1955</i>
	<i>Balance December 31, 1954</i>	<i>Additions During Year</i>	<i>Gain or (Loss) on Sale of Securities</i>	<i>Balance December 31, 1955</i>	<i>Balance December 31, 1954</i>	<i>Earned During Year</i>	<i>Expended During Year</i>	<i>Balance December 31, 1955</i>	
Schools .....	\$ 15,800.00	\$	\$	\$ 15,800.00	\$3,257.80	\$ 522.88	\$	\$ 3,780.68	\$ 19,580.68
Worthy Poor .....	14,403.23			14,403.23	500.05	453.38	500.00	453.43	14,856.66
Colored Population .....	500.00			500.00	13.98	14.38	27.00	1.36	501.36
Haven Park .....	6,071.16		452.40	6,523.56	1,538.12	226.62		1,764.74	8,288.30
South Playground .....	15.00			15.00	41.06	1.68		42.74	57.74
Scholarship .....	5,000.00			5,000.00	362.40	137.14		499.54	5,499.54
Memorial Fountain .....	500.00			500.00	223.83	18.79	18.57	224.05	724.05
Public Library .....	38,358.08		150.80	38,508.88	489.79	978.48	969.00	499.27	39,008.15
Prescott Park .....	1,122,264.11		(445.79)	*1,121,818.32	16,637.48	39,246.63	19,895.65	35,988.46	1,157,806.78
Gray Scholarship .....		42,896.96		42,896.96		2,316.22	1,200.00	1,116.22	44,013.18
William J. Cater Playground ....		5,000.00		5,000.00		50.00		50.00	5,050.00
	\$1,202,911.58	\$47,896.96	\$157.41	\$1,250,965.95	\$23,064.51	\$43,966.20	\$22,610.22	\$44,420.49	\$1,295,386.44

\* Includes Reserve for Amortization of Bonds of \$385.97.

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Summary of Trust Fund Investments  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Statement 13

		<i>Number of Shares</i>	
<i>Checking Accounts:</i>			
New Hampshire National Bank .....	\$ 44,148.01		
First National Bank .....	26,019.86		
	\$ 70,167.87		
<i>Savings Banks:</i>			
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank ..	\$ 10,000.00		
Exeter Banking Company .....	10,000.00		
Franklin Savings Bank .....	10,000.00		
Lynn Institution for Savings .....	10,000.00		
Mechanics Savings Bank .....	10,000.00		
Merchants Savings Bank .....	10,000.00		
Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank .	10,000.00		
New Hampshire Savings Bank .....	10,000.00		
Peterborough Savings Bank .....	10,000.00		
Piscataqua Savings Bank .....	25,000.00		
Portsmouth Savings Bank .....	75,308.65		
Portsmouth Trust Company .....	25,224.05		
Provident Institution for Savings .....	10,000.00		
	225,532.70		
<i>Bonds — Government:</i>			
U. S. Treasury Bonds — 2½% .....	\$201,071.12		
U. S. Savings Bonds — Series G .....	29,700.00		
U. S. Savings Bonds — Series K .....	218,000.00		
	448,771.12		
<i>Bonds — Other:</i>			
American Telephone & Telegraph—2⅞% \$	19,860.00		
American Telephone & Telegraph—3⅞%	20,964.24		
Boston & Maine Railroad—4%	1,000.00		
Boston & Maine Railroad—4½%	1,000.00		
Canadian National Railroad—4½%	1,000.00		
Consolidated Edison—3⅞%	21,110.00		
Great Northern Railroad—4½%	11,538.36		
Ohio Power—3%	20,318.87		
Pacific Gas & Electric—3⅞%	20,182.44		
Potomac Electric Power—3%	10,047.46		
Southern California Gas—3½%	21,017.82		
West Texas Utilities—3⅞%	20,340.78		
	168,379.97		
<i>Stock — Bank:</i>			
Chase Manhattan Bank .....	500	\$ 18,118.00	
First National Bank of Boston ....	500	26,076.21	
Guarantee Trust Company .....	500	32,157.00	
Manufacturers Trust Company....	300	20,132.55	
National City Bank .....	550	27,462.00	
United States Trust Company ....	1000	57,429.76	
		\$181,375.52	
<i>Stocks — Insurance:</i>			
New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company .....	100	\$ 4,404.00	
Peerless Casualty Company .....	110	2,352.00	
		6,756.00	
<i>Stocks — Other:</i>			
American Steel Foundry .....	200	\$ 6,141.38	
American Telephone & Telegraph	225	36,731.22	
Beechnut Packing Company ....	200	6,469.35	
Boston Edison Company .....	200	10,340.26	
Commonwealth Edison Company	320	11,332.95	
Corporation of New York .....	500	500.00	
Detroit Edison Company .....	500	16,328.50	
Hershey Chocolate Company ....	200	7,876.07	
Libbey-Owens — Ford .....	100	4,742.50	
Massachusetts Life Insurance Company .....	1397.09	42,896.96	
Niagara Mohawk Power Company	400	12,062.00	
Northern Illinois Gas Company ..	90	1,496.37	
Otis Elevator .....	100	4,930.94	
Penn. Railroad .....	59	2,950.00	
Texas Gulf Sulphur .....	300	9,001.95	
United Shoe Machinery .....	200	8,370.29	
Wisconsin Electric Power .....	400	12,232.52	
		194,403.26	
Total Investments .....		\$1,295,386.44	

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Water Department  
Balance Sheet  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Statement 14

ASSETS			
<i>Current Assets:</i>			
Cash — In Bank .....	\$ 39,286.04	Stable & Garage	
Materials & Supplies .....	17,299.10	Equipment .....	2,567.53
Accounts Receivable .....	\$ 28,110.70	Other Equipment .....	2,112.70
Less: Reserve for Bad Debts ....	\$ 3,000.00		\$1,530,016.36
	25,110.70	Total Buildings & Equipment ....	\$1,669,061.92
Total Current Assets .....	\$ 81,695.84	Less: Reserve for Depreciation ..	402,292.01
<i>Fixed Assets:</i>			
<i>Land:</i>		Depreciative Value .....	\$1,266,769.91
Water Supply Land .....	\$ 7,063.00	Total Fixed Assets .....	\$1,288,289.91
Pumping Station Land .....	6,785.00	<i>Other Assets:</i>	
Water Storage Land .....	3,750.00	Other Special Funds (Petty Cash) .....	100.00
Distribution System Land .....	750.00	Total Assets .....	\$1,370,085.75
Other Land .....	3,172.00	LIABILITIES, INVESTMENT & SURPLUS	
	\$ 21,520.00	<i>Current Liabilities:</i>	
<i>Buildings:</i>		Accounts Payable .....	\$ 10,602.25
Water Supply		<i>Fixed Liabilities:</i>	
Structures .....	\$ 83,224.37	Federal Contribution for Plant Expansion .....	\$302,178.10
Pumping Station		Funded Debt .....	179,000.00
Structures .....	46,986.75	Total Fixed Liabilities .....	481,178.10
Stores Department		Total Liabilities .....	\$ 491,780.35
Structures .....	3,834.44	<i>Investment &amp; Surplus:</i>	
Stable & Garage		Municipal Investment .....	\$656,559.09
Structures .....	2,500.00	Surplus — January 1, 1955 .....	\$196,645.02
Other Structures .	2,500.00	Add:	
	\$ 139,045.56	Cash Rebate	
<i>Equipment:</i>		from Vendor .....	\$ 12.48
Water Supply		Net Profit for 1955 ...	26,157.11
Equipment ....	\$ 42,534.23		\$26,169.59
Pumping Station		Less:	
Equipment ....	112,516.22	Error in Recording	
Purification		Expense in 1954 .....	1,068.30
Equipment ....	3,997.75		25,101.29
Transmission		Surplus — December 31, 1955 .....	221,746.31
Mains .....	39,295.23	Total Investment & Surplus .....	878,305.40
Water Storage		Total Liabilities, Investment & Surplus .....	\$1,370,085.75
Equipment ....	91,905.04		
Distribution Mains	1,125,137.21		
Services .....	8,223.00		
Hydrants .....	33,117.57		
Meters .....	68,475.33		
Stores Department			
Equipment ....	134.55		

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Water Department  
Statement of Profit and Loss  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Statement 15

*Revenues:*

Commercial Sales .....	\$126,257.31	
Industrial Sales .....	84,990.34	
Other Municipal Sales .....	2,759.42	
		\$214,007.07

*Less: Expenses:*

*Operating Expenses:*

*Operation:*

Superintendence .....	\$ 6,705.00	
Pumping Station Labor .....	39,702.31	
Pumping Station — Supplies & Expenses .....	2,539.21	
Purification System — Supplies & Expenses .....	478.03	
Fuel .....	2,262.79	
Power Purchased .....	23,439.45	
		\$ 75,126.79

*Maintenance:*

Repairs to Water Supply Structures & Equipment .....	\$ 2,190.26	
Repairs to Pumping Station Structures & Equipment .....	325.72	
		2,515.98

*Distribution Expenses:*

*Operation:*

Superintendence .....	\$ 9,512.70	
Other Distribution — Supplies & Expenses .....	190.65	
		9,703.35

*Maintenance:*

Repairs to Mains .....	\$ 5,045.53	
Repairs to Services .....	30,933.51	
Repairs to Hydrants .....	1,342.78	
Repairs to Meters .....	7,782.35	
		45,104.17

*Commercial:*

Commercial Office Salaries .....	\$12,128.31	
Meter Reading Salaries .....	6,374.38	
		18,502.69

*General:*

General Office Rent & Expenses ....	\$ 1,204.81	
General Expense .....	67.94	
		\$ 1,272.75

*Miscellaneous Undistributed:*

Insurance .....	\$ 1,637.94	
Stationery & Printing .....	874.83	
Stores Department & Shop Expense .	7,059.23	
Garage Expense .....	1,222.69	
		10,794.69

Depreciation .....	29,291.72	
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Total Operating & Distribution Expenses .....	\$192,312.14	
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Net Operating Income .....	\$ 21,694.93	
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*Add: Other Income:*

Merchandise Sales & Job Work .....	\$ 13,025.35	
Other Non-Operating Revenue .....	1,013.92	
		14,039.27

Gross Income .....	35,734.20	
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*Less: Deductions from Income:*

Interest .....	\$ 3,070.00	
Employees' Retirement System .....	6,507.09	
		9,577.09

Net Profit .....	\$ 26,157.11	
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Statement 16

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Water Department  
Summary of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Balance — January 1, 1955 .....	\$ 715.80	
Receipts During Year .....	230,238.56	
	<u>\$230,954.36</u>	
Expenditures During Year .....	191,668.32	
Balance — December 31, 1955 .....		<u>\$39,286.04</u>

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the First National Bank — Per Statement Dated December 30, 1955 .....	\$ 42,573.89
Less: Outstanding Checks .....	3,757.13
	<u>\$ 38,816.76</u>
Add: Deposit Not Credited — January 3, 1956 .....	469.28
Reconciled Balance — December 31, 1955 .....	<u>\$39,286.04</u>

Statement 17

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Summary of Water Bond Funds  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

	Balance December 31, 1954	Receipts	Expenditures	Balance December 31, 1955
Bond Issue of 1951 .....	\$8,074.13	\$ —0—	\$8,074.13	\$ —0—
Bond Issue of 1954 .....	1,132.67	—0—	1,132.67	—0—
	<u>\$9,206.80</u>	<u>—0—</u>	<u>\$9,206.80</u>	<u>—0—</u>

PROOF OF BALANCE

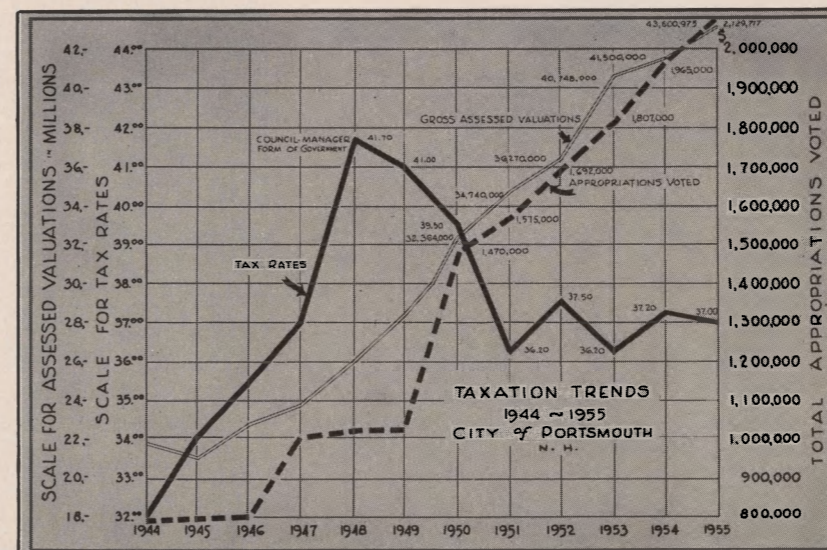
Balance in The Merchants National Bank of Boston — Per Statement Dated May 24, 1955 .....	\$ —0—
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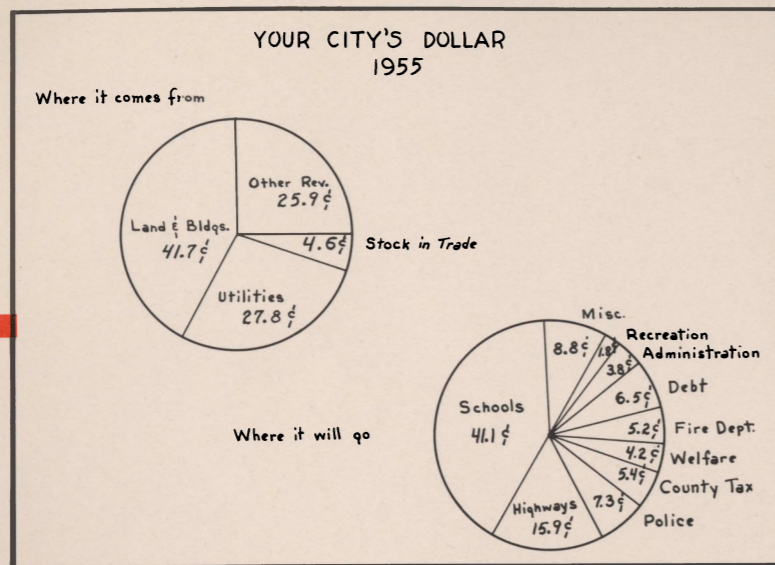
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Statement 18

ASSESSED VALUATION OF VARIOUS  
TYPES OF PROPERTY

Land and Buildings	\$24,330,090
Mature Wood and Timber	.....
Electric Plants	15,911,395
Horses	700
Cows	14,250
Other Neat Stock	100
Pheasants	500
Sheep and Goats	500
Hogs	600
Fowls	100
Vehicles	64,300
Boats and Launches	67,500
Compressors and Lifts	9,630
Road Building and Well Drilling Machinery	218,500
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	17,600
Stock in Trade	2,403,360
Machinery	561,050
Gross Valuation	\$43,600,975
Less Veteran's Exemptions	970,505
Net Valuation	\$42,630,470





## DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICES

### FIRE - GE 6-1127

Administration, General	GE 6-4125
Ambulance	6-1127
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Auto Permits	6-1124
Beano Licenses	6-2145
Bicycle Licenses	6-0013
Bills and Accounts	6-9222
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City Council	6-4125
Civil Defense	6-6666
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Death Certificates	6-0013
Dog Licenses	6-0013
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Housing, Low-rent, Public	6-3217
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Milk Licenses and Inspections	6-6015
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### POLICE - GE 6-2145

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**BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF  
PORTSMOUTH**

*Home of the Portsmouth Air Force Base*

Population	20,000
Area	15.6 sq. miles
Assessed Valuation	\$42,630,470
Tax Rate	37.00