

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
BELKNAP COUNTY

For the Year Ending December 31

1953

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
COMMISSIONERS
of the
COUNTY OF BELKNAP
together with the

Reports of the Superintendent of the County Home
Sheriff, County Treasurer, Jailer, Chaplain
Clerk of the Court, County Solicitor
and Auditors

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COUNTY OFFICERS

COMMISSIONERS

JOSEPH F. SMITH	MEREDITH
WALTER A. WOODWARD	LACONIA
MAURICE W. SAWYER	GILFORD

SOLICITOR

THOMAS P. CHENEY	LACONIA
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TREASURER

BYRON O. PARKER	LACONIA
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SHERIFF

HOMER L. CROCKETT	BELMONT
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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

HARRY E. TRAPP	LACONIA
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JUDGE OF PROBATE

CARROLL W. STAFFORD	LACONIA
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REGISTER OF PROBATE

RICHARD G. TILTON	LACONIA
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DEPUTY REGISTER OF PROBATE

DOROTHEA R. CONLY	LACONIA
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REGISTER OF DEEDS

CHARLES P. RAYMOND	LACONIA
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DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

DOROTHEA E. HILLIARD	LACONIA
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AUDITORS

DANA S. BEANE	LACONIA
J. CLINTON ROPER	MEREDITH

DEPUTY SHERIFFS

LOUIS ATHANAS	LACONIA
CHESTER C. BICKFORD	MEREDITH
RODNEY S. CROCKETT	BELMONT
GEORGE H. GAULT	TILTON
FREDERICK S. PERKINS	ALTON
WILLIAM WALLACE	NEW HAMPTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY HOME AND JAILER

JOHN A. PICKARD	TILTON
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MATRON

MRS. INA A. PICKARD	TILTON
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CHAPLAIN

REV. FREDERIC W. FITZPATRICK (Died October 23, 1953)	BELMONT
REV. THOMAS J. CATE (Appointed November 1, 1953)	LACONIA

MEDICAL REFEREE

EARL W. GAGE, M.D.	LACONIA
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BELKNAP COUNTY

Members of the Belknap County Delegation

ALTON	Frederick W. Perkins, Ch.
BARNSTEAD	Arthur H. McAllister
BELMONT	Charles W. Roeder
CENTER HARBOR	Clarence E. Nichols
GILFORD	Edith B. Gardner
GILMANTON	William W. Robertson
LACONIA:	
Ward 1	Myron B. Hart Deloria L. Stafford
Ward 2	Aime H. Morin Alfred W. Simoneau
Ward 3	Elmer S. Tilton
Ward 4	Oscar L. Hoyt (Died Dec. 2, 1953) Peter S. Karagianis
Ward 5	Henry L. Burbank Dave O'Shan
Ward 6	John F. Brown G. Walter Varrell
MEREDITH	Joseph F. Smith Walter D. Kipp
NEW HAMPTON	Archibald H. Mathews
SANBORNTON	Marion H. Atwood, Cl.
TILTON	Warren F. Metcalf

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RECORDS OF COUNTY DELEGATION

CONCORD, N. H.—JANUARY 14, 1953

A meeting of the Belknap County Delegation was called to order at 10 A. M. by Representative Elmer Tilton in the State House Recreation Room.

All representatives except Mr. Hoyt of Laconia were present.

It was moved by Rep. Mathews and duly seconded that Frederick W. Perkins of Alton be elected Chairman of the Delegation for the biennium. It was so voted unanimously.

Rep. Perkins in the Chair.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and duly seconded that Marion H. Atwood of Sanbornton be elected Clerk of the Delegation. It was so voted unanimously.

Chairman Perkins appointed as Executive Committee:

Rep. Mathews of New Hampton, Chairman; Elmer Tilton of Laconia; Alfred Simoneau of Laconia; Myron Hart of Laconia; Warren Metcalf of Tilton; and Chairman and Clerk, ex-officio.

It was voted to elect the Executive Committee as appointed by the Chairman.

Voted to adjourn at 10:30 A. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
F. W. PERKINS,
Chairman

LACONIA, N. H.—JANUARY 30, 1953

The Executive Committee met at the Commissioners Office in the County Court House at 2:30 P. M. with Chairman Archibald Mathews presiding.

Present were Representatives Mathews, Tilton, Simoneau, Hart, Metcalf, Chairman Perkins and Clerk Atwood. The three Commissioners were present and presented their 1953 budget for discussion. (See copy)

Every budget item was discussed and questions were answered by the Commissioners. It was stated that the Home had been partially equipped to care for the Old Age Assistance cases which would add about \$5,000. in revenue to the Home. In the item

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of "New Construction and Equipment for the County Home" about \$5,000. would be needed for hospital equipment supplies this year.

Voted to adjourn at 4:30 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
F. W. PERKINS,
Chairman

CONCORD, N. H.—FEBRUARY 5, 1953

The Executive Committee met in Room 308 at 1:30 P. M. for further study of the 1953 Budget figures. All members were present with Chairman Mathews presiding.

It was decided to ask the Commissioners for more data to support their requests — this to be considered on Thursday, February 12 after the day's session.

Rep. Perkins will secure the information from the county office.

It was announced that the delegation will meet at the County Home on Monday, February 16.

Voted to adjourn at 2:45 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
F. W. PERKINS,
Chairman

CONCORD, N. H.—FEBRUARY 12, 1953

The Executive Committee met in Room 308 after the legislative session. Present were Reps. Mathews, Tilton, Simoneau, Hart, Perkins and Atwood.

The budget figures were reviewed. Chairman Perkins read the figures he had received on breakdown of the county expense. The Superior Court budget was not broken down. As tentative figures to recommend to the consideration of the delegation on Monday, the following votes were taken:

1. Voted on motion of Rep. Tilton to recommend:
\$19,000. for Superior Court

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2. Voted on motion of Rep. Tilton to recommend:
\$65,000. for County Home Expenditures
3. Voted on motion of Rep. Tilton to recommend:
\$8,500. for support of the Poor
4. Voted on motion of Rep. Tilton to recommend:
\$6,000. for Soldiers Aid
5. Voted on motion of Rep. Tilton to recommend:
\$90,000. for Belknap Area.

The Clerk was instructed to ask Manager Baer to meet with the Executive Committee, Monday, February 16, at 10 A. M.; also to request Farm Bureau Representatives to appear at that time to explain their requested appropriation for Extension Service work.

Voted to adjourn at 1:20 o'clock.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
FREDERICK W. PERKINS,
Chairman

LACONIA, N. H.—FEBRUARY 16, 1953

The Executive Committee met at the Court House at 10 A. M. Present were Reps. Mathews, Metcalf, Hart, Simoneau, Tilton, Perkins and Atwood.

Manager Fritzie Baer appeared and answered questions concerning his proposed budget. He announced that revenue for January 1953 was \$20,433.69 compared with January 1952, \$12,279.85 revenue. Income (approximate) to February 15 — \$37,322.68. Mr. Baer reported he had less help than last year. In response to questions, he stated that he took an inventory every three months — the inventory at the present time on two departments was average, on the gift shop it was a bit higher.

Mr. Baer was asked for a breakdown on his 1952 expenses to compare with the budget presented for the same. Howard Sanborn, president of Belknap County Farm Bureau appeared and presented a committee to explain the increased appropriation requested for the Extension Service. Committee members were Cheever Newhall, Arthur Tilton and Malcolm Harrington. They spoke briefly and presented a comprehensive breakdown of

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expenses. The Executive Committee adjourned at 11 A. M. and met the Delegation at the County Home.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
F. W. PERKINS,
Chairman

LACONIA, N. H.—FEBRUARY 16, 1953

The Delegation met at the County Home and were conducted by Superintendent and Mrs. Pickard on a tour of investigation. The plant showed the efforts expended by the Pickards to keep the Home in excellent condition. At noon a delicious dinner was served the delegation, commissioners, county solicitor Thomas Cheney, Manager Baer, Senator Keller, Mr. Aiken (bookkeeper at the County Office), and representatives of the Manchester Union and Laconia Evening Citizen.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 P. M. by Chairman Perkins. Present were Reps. Perkins, Mathews, Atwood, Nichols, Gardner, Robertson, Hart, Morin, Simoneau, Tilton, Hoyt, Karagianis, Burbank, Varrell, Kipp, Smith and Metcalf.

The budget was discussed in detail. Commissioner Woodward explained that overdraft on County Home was due in part to painting the house and barn and \$2200. spent to equip and repair the hospital to meet requirements for taking care of Old Age Assistance patients. Under this set-up, with the existing number of patients, the County will receive \$5400. and spend \$1800.

The number of inmates at the County Home, boarders, prisoners, etc. averaged 41 for 1951, the staff and visitors averaged 21.

The Superintendent requested \$11,900. for the Farm which the Commissioners cut to \$10,900. in their budget request. The Superintendent's request covered

Hospital beds and equipment	\$5,000.
Laundry	2,000.
Furniture	1,400.
Repair of halls	500.
Truck	3,000.
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	\$11,900.

County Solicitor Cheney in response to a question stated that

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the Belknap County Bar Association would like an upstairs room for a Law Library but no appropriation proposal had been submitted by them.

It was moved by Rep. Karagianis and duly seconded that Mrs. Hayner — relief worker for the County — be sent a letter expressing the appreciation of the Delegation for her efficient conduct of her office. It was so voted.

Mr. Baer was called on and repeated somewhat the same information he gave the Executive Committee earlier. Some statements he made were that:

1. Our rate structure is the lowest in the State.
2. \$2000. a year is needed each year for replacements on the chair tramway.
3. Summer revenue of \$40,000. to \$50,000. is anticipated.
4. There are seven slopes and trails at the Area. Much work has been done on them but all are not in peak condition.
5. Budget figures may increase but so will profits.

The Delegation went into executive session. Revenue figures were discussed.

The County Solicitor was present to advise on points of law.

Voted to adjourn to meet at the call of the Chairman at 3:40 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
F. W. PERKINS,
Chairman

CONCORD, N. H.—MARCH 26, 1953

A meeting of the Delegation was called to order by Chairman Frederick Perkins in Section 5, Representatives Hall, at 11:45 A. M.

Present were: Reps. Perkins, Atwood, Mathews, Nichols, Gardner, Brown, Varrell, Stafford, Hart, Tilton, Simoneau, Morin, Hoyt, Burbank, Karagianis, Roeder, Kipp and Metcalf.

The Chairman spoke of the budget hearing and it was decided to hold it at the County Court House on Monday, April 6 at 7:30 P. M.

Chairman Perkins stated that the Commissioners had spoken to him about consulting Manager Baer concerning cutting down

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help at the Area from 8 to 3 with a saving of \$250. per week for the next two months. They asked if the Delegation would approve this action.

After discussion, it seemed the concensus of opinion that the Delegation was not sufficiently informed to vote on the matter without hearing the Commissioners and Manager Baer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
FREDERICK W. PERKINS,
Chairman

LACONIA, N. H.—APRIL 6, 1953

A budget hearing was held in the County Court House at 7:30 P. M. with Chairman Frederick Perkins presiding. Members absent: Reps. Hart, Brown and Metcalf. Also present were Commissioners Smith, Woodward and Sawyer and County Solicitor Thomas Cheney. Chairman Perkins explained the budget items and a few questions were asked.

Public hearing on House Bill No. 418 was opened. Rep. Atwood read the bill and explained the features of it. Those speaking in favor of the bill were: Robert Tilton and Arthur H. Nighswander. The Commissioners stated they would abide by the provisions of the bill if it became law.

Manager Baer spoke in general of the conditions of the Area. Several suggestions were made for minor changes in the bill.

The hearing on H. B. No. 418 was closed and the Chairman closed the budget hearing.

An executive session was held with Solicitor Cheney present. No action was taken but it was decided to call a delegation meeting in Concord on Thursday, April 9.

Voted to adjourn at 9:45 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
FREDERICK W. PERKINS,
Chairman

CONCORD, N. H.—APRIL 9, 1953

The delegation met in Room 317 after the session and were called to order by Chairman Perkins. Absent were: Reps. Roeder, Robinson, Morin, Simoneau and Smith.

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House Bill No. 418 was discussed and amendments suggested: (See bill appended).

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and duly seconded that proposed amendments be adopted as read. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton and duly seconded that House Bill No. 418 as amended be reported as "ought to pass."

It was so voted.

Voted to adjourn at 1:30 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
FREDERICK W. PERKINS,
Chairman

CONCORD, N. H.—MAY 7, 1953

The Executive Committee met in section 5 following the morning session. Present were Reps. Mathews, Simoneau, Tilton, Hart, Metcalf and Atwood.

The budget was discussed but no action taken.

It was decided to meet at the Court House on May 11 at 2 P. M. and ask the Commissioners and Fritzie Baer to meet with the committee at 2:30 P. M.

Voted to adjourn.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
FREDERICK W. PERKINS,
Chairman

LACONIA, N. H.—MAY 11, 1953

The Executive Committee met at the Court House and were called to order by Chairman Mathews at 2 P. M. Present were Reps. Mathews, Tilton, Metcalf, Simoneau, Hart, Perkins and Atwood.

Manager Fritzie Baer and the three commissioners were present also.

The budgets for the County and the Area were discussed. House Bill No. 418 having passed, the Area Budget was now considered separately. Manager Baer was asked to fit his budget submitted earlier into the form now made up by the Tax Commission — Division of Municipal Accounting.

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The Commissioners discussed the equipment needed at the Home for a hospital. The Superintendent reported hospital beds with mattresses would cost \$233.

They reported that County Auditor Beane had not approved taking out of the Capital Reserve Fund half the amount needed for capital construction and equipment for the Home.

It was decided not to take \$4,000. from the Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.

It was voted to recommend to the delegation that \$8,000. be substituted for the amount, "\$10,500." in the item "Construction and Equipment" for the County Home. With the changes adopted on February 12, the recommended budget amount for 1953 is \$138,595.92 .

Voted to adjourn at 4:30 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
F. W. PERKINS,
Chairman

CONCORD, N. H.—MAY 19, 1953

The Executive Committee met in the House Gallery at 10 P. M. and were called to order by Chairman Mathews.

Present were Reps. Mathews, Hart, Tilton, Simoneau, Metcalf and Atwood.

Rep. Metcalf reported that he had consulted the licensing department of the State Welfare Department. They had informed him that ten hospital beds would be sufficient for a hospital the size of the one conducted at the County Home. These could be purchased for \$100. each complete with mattress.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton and duly seconded that the amount to be recommended for the delegation's approval on the item "New Construction and Equipment" at the County Home be \$7,000. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Metcalf and duly seconded that the Executive Committee recommend to the Delegation that \$10,000. be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund to set up the Area Revolving Fund. It was so voted.

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Voted to adjourn at 10:20 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
F. W. PERKINS,
Chairman

CONCORD, N. H.—MAY 28, 1953

The Belknap County Delegation met in Room 306 at 3:30 P. M. Called to order by the Chairman.

Present: Representatives Perkins, Morin, McAllister, Simoneau, Gardner, Robertson, Tilton, Varrell, Nichols, Mathews, Burbank, Kipp, O'Shan, Brown, Metcalf, Hart and Atwood.

Representative Mathews submitted the 1953 Budgets with the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

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\$251,704.25	Expenditures
114,108.33	Revenue

\$137,595.92 to be raised by taxation.

It was explained that the Register of Deeds needed filing cabinets which would cost \$500.00.

It was moved by Representative O'Shan and duly seconded that \$500. be added to the County Budget for said cabinets. It was so voted.

It was moved by Representative Robertson and duly seconded that the budget as submitted by the Executive Committee with the addition of the \$500. be approved. It was so voted.

It was moved by Representative O'Shan and seconded by Representative Varrell that \$10,000. be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund and be set up as a Recreation Area Fund.

The roll was called and the seventeen members present all answered in the affirmative and it was so voted.

It was moved by Representative Kipp and duly seconded that the Recreation Area Budget be approved as submitted. It was so voted.

Representative Metcalf gave the report on hospital beds which he gave at the May 19th Executive Committee. He was asked to report to Commissioner Woodward.

Voted to adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
F. W. PERKINS,
Chairman

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CONCORD, N. H.—JUNE 4, 1953

The delegation met in Room 307 at 3:15 P. M. and were called to order by the Chairman. Present were: Reps. Perkins, Hart, Kipp, Stafford, Atwood, Nichols, Mathews, McAllister, O'Shan, Burbank, Gardner, Simoneau, Morin and Karagianis.

It was moved by Rep. Mathews and duly seconded that the Commissioners be authorized to take \$8,000. from the Area Fund to repay the amount spent for the Sno-Cat. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Hart and duly seconded that not more than \$68,000. of the Area Budget be approved for expenditure at this time and that a meeting of the delegation be called by the Chairman at the Area not later than September 15th to consider Area expenditures further. It was so voted.

Voted to adjourn at 3:40 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Clerk

Approved by

F. W. PERKINS,

Chairman

LACONIA, N. H.—JULY 2, 1953

The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Mathews at 2:10 in the Commissioner's Office. Present were Reps. Mathews, Hart, E. Tilton, Simoneau, Metcalf and Atwood.

Councilman Hugh Bownes appeared to speak upon the subject of acquiring the county owned beach on Lake Winnisquam for the use of the City when the Opechee Beach could not be used. No action could be taken by the committee on this subject. (Atty. William Keller appeared after the meeting closed and spoke informally with the committee, representing the owners of lots bought from the County.)

Commissioner Woodward explained that the Commissioners had allowed the City to use the beach while Lake Opechee was closed, and the arrangements had been that the beach be put in condition for use, be policed at all times it was in use, and a chain put up when closed. The Park Commission had carried out all these requests. Some lot owners had objected to public use of the beach and a petition may be presented to the delegation from them. It was the decision of the committee that

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the Commissioners were handling the matter satisfactorily.

The budget was reviewed, and found to be within expected expenditures for the most parts.

Commissioner Woodward asked: "Is my understanding correct that \$10,000. was taken from the Capital Reserve Fund for a Revolving Fund for the Area, and \$8,000. was voted toward Area expenses, leaving \$2,000. in the Area Revolving Fund?" He was told that his understanding was correct.

The Area budget was discussed.

Lawrence Baldi has asked the Commissioners if a special price could be set, if all remaining lots were bought. The Executive Committee's reply is that the previous vote of the delegation in this matter still holds.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

A true copy attest
MARION H. ATWOOD

GILFORD, N. H.—AUGUST 10, 1953

A meeting of the Delegation was called to be held at the Area at 7:30 P. M. Present were commissioners Woodward and Sawyer, Manager Baer and Reps. McAllister, Gardner, Stafford, Simoneau, Tilton, Karagianis, Burbank, O'Shan, Varrell, Atwood, and Metcalf. A quorum not being present it was decided to call another meeting at the Court House on Monday evening August 24 at 8 P. M.

The Area was discussed but no action could be taken. Atty. Keller was present and represented the attitude of his clients in regard to the Community Beach. They claim that their lots were bought with the understanding that the beach was to be reserved for the use of the lot owners. They would like an arrangement similar to the Lakewood project which Atty. Keller described. No action was taken on this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

LACONIA, N. H.—AUGUST 24, 1953

A meeting of the Delegation was called to order at the Court House at 8 P. M. by Chairman Fred Perkins. Present were Com-

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missioners Smith, Woodward and Sawyer, representatives of the Evening Citizen and Union-Leader, Manager Baer and Reps. McAllister, Robertson, Hart, Stafford, Morin, Simoneau, Tilton, Karagianis, Burbank, O'Shan, Varrell, Smith, Mathews, Atwood and Metcalf.

The Area budget was discussed pursuant to the vote taken June 4. Manager Baer gave a complete report on the operation of the Area up to date. (Expense sheet appended). He spoke of improvements made and those needed. The latter includes a T-Bar which he estimated would cost \$35,000.

After some discussion it was moved by Rep. Karagianis and duly seconded that Manager Baer and the Commissioners be requested to consider any improvements needed at the Area and make recommendations to the Executive Committee at their next meeting, and that a copy of the recommendations be sent to each member of the Delegation. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Karagianis and duly seconded that the amount of money estimated in the Area budget be made available for expenditure at this time. It was so voted.

Manager Baer spoke in regard to his contract which had expired and could not be renewed without approval by the Delegation.

It was moved by Rep. Robertson and duly seconded that the Commissioners draw up a contract with the Manager of the Area, with the salary as stipulated in the budget, the contract to be for a two-year period 1953-1954. It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

A true copy attest:
MARION H. ATWOOD

LACONIA, N. H.—OCTOBER 6, 1953

The Executive Committee met at the Court House for their quarterly meeting at 2 P. M. with Chairman Mathews presiding. Present were the three Commissioners and Representatives Mathews, Tilton, Simoneau, Metcalf, Hart, Perkins and Atwood.

The budget was reviewed. Old Age Assistance expense is running above the estimate, but receipts will offset this. The members looked over the painting that has been done and approved the expenditure of the remainder of the Court House repair item for use in the Court Room.

It was moved by Rep. Metcalf and duly seconded that a

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copy of Mr. Baer's contract be sent each member with a card enclosed requesting approval or disapproval of the contract. (Letter and contract appended). It was so voted.

Mr. Baer presented recommendations for Area improvements according to the request of the August meeting. These had not been considered by the Commissioners.

It was voted that this list be included in the letter sent with the contract, and that members be informed that no action will be taken until a meeting of the Delegation is held.

The Executive Committee voted to hold a meeting at the Court House on December 29 at 2:30 P. M.

Voted to adjourn at 3:45 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

A true copy attest:
MARION H. ATWOOD

LACONIA, N. H.—OCTOBER 6, 1953

The Executive Committee met in the Commissioners' office, called to order by Chairman Mathews at 2:30 P. M. Present were Reps. Mathews, Perkins, Tilton, Simoneau, Metcalf, Hart and Atwood. The three Commissioners and Manager Baer were present.

The contract for Manager Baer had been prepared by the County Solicitor. Chair. Perkins stated that he would sign it after a majority of the Delegation had signified their approval. After some discussion it was moved by Rep. Metcalf and duly seconded that: A copy of the contract for Mr. Baer be sent to each member of the delegation with a letter of explanation to each and a card which they should return to Chairman Perkins to signify their approval of his signing the contract. It was so voted.

It was voted to send with this letter a copy of the recommendations for Area repairs which Manager Baer presented to the Commissioners but which have not been acted upon by them as yet. These recommendations to be for the information of the Delegation before next year's budget is considered.

The Executive Committee then reviewed the total county budget for the first nine months of the year. Added costs at the hospital maintained at the County Home will make that budget over run but extra O. A. A. receipts allowed now will offset this item.

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It was voted to hold a meeting of the committee on December 29 at 2:30 P. M. to go over the end of year figures.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Sanbornton, N. H.
October 10, 1953

Dear Representative:

At the August 24th meeting of the Belknap County Delegation it was voted that the Commissioners draw up a contract with Manager Baer for 1953-1954 at the salary which the Delegation had approved earlier. This contract is similar to Mr. Baer's previous one, with minor changes only, and was approved by the Executive Committee at its quarterly meeting this week.

As recent legislation provides that Chairman Perkins sign the contract, after its approval by the Delegation, I was directed to send a copy of the contract to each member. Will you please indicate your vote on the enclosed card, sign it and return to Mr. Perkins promptly?

The August meeting also requested the Commissioners and Mr. Baer to make up a list of recommended improvements for the Area to present to the October Executive Committee meeting, and directed that a copy of these be sent to each member. The list enclosed includes Mr. Baer's recommendations. These will not be put into effect until after a meeting of the whole Delegation is called and the proper action taken.

Sincerely yours,

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

LACONIA, N. H.—DECEMBER 29, 1953

The Executive Committee met at the Commissioners' office and were called to order by Chairman Mathews at 2:30 P. M. Present were Reps. Mathews, Tilton, Simoneau, Metcalf, Hart and Atwood. The three County Commissioners were present.

The financial standing of the County budget was reviewed. Chairman Joseph Smith stated that there would be a balance on hand when all 1953 bills were paid of about \$10,000.00. The

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County Home would exceed their budget but had received more income than estimated because of the O. A. A. patients there now. Complete figures were not available but these will be sent out as soon as the year ends.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton and duly seconded that the final account for the year show outstanding bills and estimates of revenue expected, if any. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Metcalf and duly seconded that hereafter the Clerk receive \$10. per meeting attended, plus mileage. It was so voted (The clerk did not instigate this move or vote upon it.)

Comm. Woodward explained about some lots which Mr. Sneirson would like to buy. They have been surveyed at Mr. Sneirson's expense. He asked that this matter be considered by the Delegation at their annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P. M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

A true copy attest:
MARION H. ATWOOD

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BELKNAP COUNTY BUDGET FOR 1953

Salaries of:

Commissioners	\$3,600.00
Treasurer	300.00
Auditors	200.00
Solicitor	1,500.00
Sheriff	1,300.00

Expenses of:

County Officers	2,000.00
Register of Deeds	1,685.00
Register of Probate	1,400.00

Care and Supplies, Court House

6,000.00

Superior Court

19,000.00

Public Welfare:

County Home	65,000.00
Poor Off Farm	8,500.00
Old Age Assistance	7,000.00
Care of Children	14,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	6,000.00
Relief — Administration	3,500.00
Office Expense	3,500.00

Interest:

On Bonds	866.25
Service Charges	3.00

New Construction and Equipment:

Court House	1,000.00
County Home	7,000.00
Register of Deeds (Index)	500.00

Indebtedness:

Bonds	7,000.00
Temporary Loans	60,000.00
Deficit 1952	20,000.00

All Other Payments:

Extension Service	9,300.00
Delegation Expense	400.00
Retirement System	1,650.00

\$252,204.25

Estimated Revenue

114,108.33

Amount to be raised by Taxation

\$138,095.92

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COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Commissioners of Belknap County present the annual report of the County Commissioners, Treasurer, Superintendent of the County Home and House of Correction, Manager of the Recreation Area, Clerk of Superior Court, Sheriff, Solicitor and Auditors for the year ending December 31, 1953.

COURT HOUSE

The work of repainting the Court House interior walls and ceilings, started a year ago, has been completed, together with minor repairs. This work was done well within the amount appropriated for that purpose and the results have received much favorable comment from the patrons of the Court House. An adequate appropriation each year for maintenance of the Court House would seem advisable.

COUNTY HOME

The report of the Superintendent and Matron, together with particulars of Farm operations for the year appear elsewhere in this report.

The piggery, which was destroyed by fire a year ago, was not replaced. The old piggery has been repaired and remodeled without any appropriation for that purpose.

No extensive repairs were needed at the Dairy Barn and the herd of registered Ayshires cattle has maintained its high level of production, furnishing milk and cream for the Institution, with a surplus which has a ready sale. The income from milk sales was \$9,498.33.

To bring the Infirmary up to the standard required by the State Licensing Board, to complete the modernizing of the Laundry and other necessary maintenance needs, the sum of \$7,735.41 was expended during the year. Further expenditures for Infirmary improvements will be needed this year and an appropriation for this purpose appears in this year's budget.

WELFARE AND RELIEF

Direct assistance expenses remained relatively low until late in the year. During the Fall and early winter, a definite deterioration in business conditions locally was reflected in a marked increase in relief requests. The same condition will apply at least for the early 1954.

Soldiers' Aid cases, while low in 1953 will no doubt increase in 1954. This will be due to increase in returning veterans and

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to the fact that each veteran family presents a problem not usually found in other categories.

Boarded children, resulting in nearly every case from broken homes, is still a troublesome relief problem. There seems no decrease, at least, in this class of aid and reimbursement on such cases, except through the Probation Dept. are difficult to obtain. Total Payments for care of Children this year were \$12,929.66 and reimbursements \$3,484.28.

Old Age Assistance grants have increased both Medical pool and actual grants. This increase not only reflects on cases throughout the County as well as those in the County Infirmary. An increase in the amount \$7,000.00 appropriated in 1953 has been requested to take care of the increased old age load. \$11,146.90 was received from the Dept. of Public Welfare for cases at the Belknap County Infirmary during 1953. An overdraft of \$3,997.87 in the Old Age Assistance budget will be reflected in the County Financial statement since the amount spent was \$10,997.87, however the amount received from the Dept. of Public Welfare more than covers the overdraft and is over and above the County's share for Old Age cases outside the Infirmary.

BELKNAP RECREATION AREA

The County Delegation introduced legislation, later enacted into law by the last Legislature, whereby the Recreation Area was established as a separate County operation with its own Bank Account and Bookkeeping set-up.

This did not actually go into effect until August first, at which time \$8000.00 was withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund as an initial working capital.

The report of Mr. Baer, manager of the Area, and operating statistics for the year appear elsewhere.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all agencies who have assisted us in our duties serving the public of our County.

The past year has been a most successful and gratifying one from a financial as well as an operational one for the County of Belknap, all departments remaining well within the amount budgeted other than those mentioned. This is due in no small measure to the faithful performance of duty of all County employees, and to them we extend our thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. SMITH
WALTER A. WOODWARD
MAURICE W. SAWYER

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FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash on hand	\$5,576.67
Capital Reserve:	
County Home Improvements	18,876.94
Recreation Area, Revolving Fund	2,030.00
Accounts due County:	
Town of Alton, County taxes unpaid	5,147.52
Other Assets:	
Recreation Area, Petty Cash Account	500.00
County Home, Petty Cash Account	200.00
Recreation Area Balance, 12-31-53	8,058.84
Total Assets	<u>\$40,389.97</u>

Liabilities

Accounts owed by County:	
Laconia National Bank — tax ded. for Dec.	\$454.10
Emp. Retirement System — fourth quarter	323.92
Emp. Retirement System, Co. Share 7/1 — 12/31/53	680.76
Capital Reserve Funds:	
County Home Improvements	18,876.94
Recreation Area, Revolving Fund	2,030.00
Bonds Outstanding:	
Belknap County — Refunding, 2¾%	28,000.00
Recreation Area Account 12-31-53	8,058.84
Total Liabilities	<u>\$58,424.56</u>
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (net debt)	18,034.59
Net Debt, December 31, 1952	35,861.81
Net Debt, December 31, 1953	18,034.59
Decrease of Debt	\$17,827.22

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STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
OF BELKNAP COUNTY

DECEMBER 31, 1953

SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES OF OUTSTANDING
OBLIGATIONS

REFUNDING

	1937	
	$2\frac{3}{4}\%$	
1954		\$7,000.00
1955		7,000.00
1956		7,000.00
1957		7,000.00
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		\$28,000.00

PAYABLE AT THE NATIONAL SHAWMUT BANK
40 WATER STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
TO DECEMBER 31, 1953

	Budget	Payment	Unexpended	Overdraft	Revenue
Salaries of:					
Commissioners	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00			
Treasurer	300.00	300.00			
Auditors	200.00	200.00			
Solicitor	1,500.00	1,500.00			
Sheriff	1,300.00	1,300.00			
Expenses of:					
County Officers	2,000.00	2,075.85		\$75.85	
Register of Deeds	1,685.00	1,671.56	\$13.44		\$1.50
Register of Probate	1,400.00	1,378.25	21.75		
Care and Supplies, Court House	6,000.00	6,460.21		460.21	2,355.21
Superior Court	19,000.00	18,722.97	277.03		30.00
Public Welfare:					
County Home	65,000.00	67,271.56		2,271.56	34,211.32
Poor Off Farm	8,500.00	4,151.50	4,348.50		844.47
Old Age Assistance	7,000.00	10,997.87		3,997.87	2,195.81
Care of Children	14,000.00	12,929.66	1,070.34		3,484.28

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Soldiers' Aid	1,383.19	4,616.81	
Relief — Adm.	3,455.02	44.98	
Office Expense	3,445.26	54.74	
Interest:			
On Bonds	866.25		
Service Charges	1.92	1.08	
New Construction and Equipment:			
Court House	1,000.00	987.93	12.07
County Home	7,000.00	7,735.41	735.41
Reg. of Deeds (Index)	500.00	470.32	29.68
Indebtedness:			
Bonds	7,000.00		
Temporary Loans	60,000.00		
Deficit 1952	20,000.00		
All Other Payments:			
Extension Service	9,300.00		
Delegation Expense	400.00	25.10	
Retirement System	1,650.00	269.73	
	<u>\$252,204.25</u>	<u>\$10,785.25</u>	<u>\$7,540.90</u>
			<u>\$43,122.59</u>

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SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:	Value:
Land and buildings:	
(a) Court House	\$50,000.00
(b) Jail	15,000.00
(c) County Home	50,000.00
(d) Recreation Area	16,000.00
 Furniture and Equipment:	
(a) Court House	10,500.00
(b) Jail	1,000.00
(c) County Home	21,175.00
As of December 31,1953	<hr/> \$164,675.00

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
*Taxes from Towns	\$132,948.41
Income from Institutions:	
County Home	34,211.32
Reimbursement, Support of Poor, Old Age Assistance and Care of Children:	
State of New Hampshire	1,121.16
County Home	2,011.50
Personal Refunds	2,547.43
Sale of Real Estate	844.47
Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary Loans	88,643.75
Withdrawn from Capital Reserve: a/c Shore Lot Payments by County	408.77
All Other Receipts:	
Treasurer of U. S., office rent	2,349.96
Treasurer of N. H., a/c flood control	126.90
Retirement System, check returned	1,354.90
Recreation Area, payroll deductions	881.55
Miscellaneous	36.75
Total Receipts	\$267,486.87
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	19,821.83
Grand Total	\$287,308.70

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expense:

General Government:

1. Salaries of:	
(a) Commissioners	\$3,600.00
(b) Treasurer	300.00
(c) Auditors	200.00
(d) Solicitor	1,500.00
(e) Sheriff	1,300.00

*1c overpaid by Town of Belmont, refund made

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2. Expenses of:	
(a) County Officers	2,075.85
(b) Register of Deeds	1,671.56
(c) Register of Probate	1,378.25
3. Care & Supplies, Court House	6,460.21
Superior Court:	
4. Jury — Payrolls	2,302.70
5. State vs. — Payrolls	3,216.72
6. Referees and Masters	165.00
7. Counsel Fees	360.00
8. Stenographer, etc.	2,605.42
9. Clerk of Court	5,560.22
10. Sheriff and Deputies	4,512.91
Public Welfare:	
11. County Home Expenditures	66,298.67
12. Jail Expenditures	972.89
13. Support of Poor — not on Farm	4,151.50
14. Old Age Assistance	10,997.87
15. Board and Care of Children	12,929.66
16. Aid to Soldiers	1,383.19
17. Welfare Administration	3,455.02
18. Office Expense	3,445.26
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$140,842.90
Interest:	
19. Paid on Bonded Debt (including postage)	868.17
Total Interest Payments	\$868.17
Outlay for New Construction and Equipment:	
20. Court House Repairs	\$987.93
21. Register of Deeds (index files)	470.32
22. County Home Repairs	5,221.58
23. County Hospital (equipment)	2,513.83
Total Outlay Payments	\$9,193.66
Indebtedness:	
24. Paid on Temporary Loans	110,000.00
25. Paid on Principal of Bonds	7,000.00
Total Indebtedness Payments	\$117,000.00

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All Other Payments:

26. Extension Service	9,300.00
27. Recreation Area, tax ded. (refunded)	881.75
28. Retirement System (\$1354.90 refunded)	2,735.17
29. Delegation Expense	374.90
30. All Other	535.68
Total Payments for all Purposes	\$281,732.03
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1953	5,576.67
Grand Total	\$287,308.70

RECEIPTS

COUNTY TAXES

*Alton	\$5,147.53
Barnstead	3,312.92
*Belmont	4,590.32
Center Harbor	2,662.49
Gilford	11,397.06
Gilmanton	3,410.97
Laconia	69,946.96
Meredith	14,348.17
New Hampton	4,731.17
Sanbornton	3,431.68
Tilton	9,969.14
Total	\$132,948.41

INCOME FROM INSTITUTIONS

County Home, Jail and House of Correction	\$34,211.32
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REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPPORT OF POOR

W. W. Keller, a/c County case	\$844.47
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REIMBURSEMENT, CARE OF CHILDREN

Dept. Public Welfare, reimbursement	\$321.85
Probation Department, reimbursement	615.00

*Town of Alton, December balance unpaid;
Town of Belmont, overpaid 1c, refunded.

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Check No. 2803, payment stopped	9.00
Personal Refunds	2,538.43
Total	\$3,484.28

REIMBURSEMENT, OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State of New Hampshire, reimbursement	\$184.31
Belknap County — Infirmary, reimbursement	2,011.50
Total	\$2,195.81

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS, REC. AREA

Payroll and retirement deductions, paid by County and refunded	\$881.55
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RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE TEMPORARY LOANS

Date issued:	Payable
January 20, 1953	December 20, 1953
Peoples National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Note No. 258, \$60,000.00 Discount \$962.50	\$59,037.50
May 15, 1953	December 15, 1953
Peoples National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Note No. 259, \$30,000.00 Discount \$393.75	\$29,606.25
Total	\$88,643.75

ALL OTHER RECEIPTS

Treasurer of U. S., office rent, cr. Court House	\$2,349.96
Treasurer of N. H., flood control payments	126.90
Retirement System, check returned	1,354.90
Capital Reserve, a/c shore lot expense	408.77
Superior Court, two checks cancelled	30.00
Refund, cr. Court House	5.25
Refund on toll call, cr. Register of Deeds	1.50
Total	\$4,277.28

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PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSE

SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Commissioners:	
Joseph F. Smith	\$1,200.00
Walter A. Woodward	1,200.00
Maurice W. Sawyer	1,200.00
Treasurer:	
Byron O. Parker	300.00
Auditors:	
Dana S. Beane	100.00
J. Clinton Roper	100.00
Solicitor:	
Thomas P. Cheney	1,500.00
Sheriff:	
Homer L. Crockett	1,300.00
Total	<hr/> \$6,900.00

EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Joseph F. Smith, travel and expense	\$104.08
Walter A. Woodward	91.02
Maurice W. Sawyer	132.88
Louis Athanas, installing car light	10.25
Boutin Ins. Agency, solicitor's bond	18.50
Citizen Publishing Co., ads for bids & supplies	32.95
W. S. Darley Co., siren & flasher light	44.10
E. C. Eastman Co., Sheriff's docket	25.35
A. P. Gerry, Sheriff's bonds	478.64
G. U. Horne, bonds, Treas., Reg. Deeds, Dep. Reg. Deeds	279.62
Howell Business Service, County reports	453.30
Kiplinger Agency, News Letter	18.00
Maher's Bookstore, typewriter service (Sheriff)	9.75
Melcher & Prescott Agency, bond — Dep. Reg. Probate	12.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., Service	364.41
State Planning & Development Commission, Directory	.50
Total	<hr/> \$2,075.85

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COURT HOUSE EXPENSE

Barney's Esso Station, supplies	\$1.20
Bragdon Paint Co., supplies	61.12
Byse Agency, Insurance	288.43
G. S. Copp, janitor	2,485.33
Curley & Spears, plowing	32.00
Duro Test Corporation, supplies	55.80
Peter Dutile Co., fuel	1,159.99
Gale Insurance Agency, Insurance	893.82
J. M. Guay Hardware Co., supplies	24.29
J. H. Labbe, supplies	.72
Laconia Furniture Co., supplies	5.20
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies	156.42
Laconia National Bank, tax deductions	90.40
Laconia Water Co., service	43.80
Lakes Region Feed & Supply Co., supplies	3.20
Lougee-Robinson Co., supplies	18.35
Munsey & Brazil Inc., Insurance	128.88
Public Service Co., lights	431.51
Retirement System, deductions	165.48
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., furniture	278.50
R. F. Shelley, sewer tax	21.28
M. L. Tibbetts, wiring	50.00
L. S. Weeks, trucking	48.00
D. D. Whitemore, vigoro	15.75
Woodward's, supplies	.74
Total	<hr/> \$6,460.21

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Citizen Publishing Co., printing	\$55.10
Emery Record Preserving Co., map binder	48.00
Filing Equipment Co., book racks	230.00
R. A. Foss, printing	61.00
Carl Larson, supplies	252.74
E. L. Lydiard, printing	146.25
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	3.25
L. E. Muran Co., supplies	30.95
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	152.72
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	678.75
F. L. Tower Co., N. H. Register	12.80
Total	<hr/> \$1,671.56

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REGISTER OF PROBATE

Boston Law Book Co., N. H. Digest	\$12.00
Carl Larson, supplies	\$154.08
E. L. Lydiard, printing	322.60
Laconia Furniture Co., supplies	34.50
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	3.45
L. E. Muran Co., supplies	11.95
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	206.01
Postmaster, stamps	102.00
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	506.86
Ted's Printing Service, printing	24.80
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Total	\$1,378.25

SUPERIOR COURT

JURY PAYROLLS

Petit Jury, March term	\$720.96
Petit Jury, October term	1,247.40
Grand Jury, March term	155.28
Grand Jury, October term	179.06
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Total	\$2,302.70

"STATE VS" — PAYROLLS

State vs Boiselle	\$50.00
Cedergren	2.00
Clark	55.00
Cronin	25.00
Davis	38.40
Duval	18.84
Flanders	15.20
Frasier	35.24
Huard	25.00
LaPerle, Michel and Boiselle	22.86
Lewis	17.20
Lewis & Huard	100.00
McCann	208.00
Pike	35.12
Royal	25.00
Smith	10.48
Stebbins	150.00
Tilton	52.00
Weeks	119.00

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Miscellaneous	2,212.38
Total	<hr/> \$3,216.72

COUNSEL FEES

H. E. Trapp, master's fees	\$165.00
P. Makris, counsel fees	35.00
Nighswander, Lord & Bownes, counsel fees	15.00
B. I. Snierson, counsel fees	50.00
Tilton & Tilton, counsel fees	260.00
Total	<hr/> \$525.00

STENOGRAPHER, ETC.

Elsa Avery, stenographer's fees	\$20.00
Martha A. Fosberg, stenographer's fees	178.84
Arlene Haddock, stenographer's fees	50.00
Gertrude M. Johnson, stenographer's fees	37.50
P. A. Sheehan, stenographer's fees	288.17
American Law Book Co., Corpus Juris	15.00
Boston Law Book Co., law books	123.00
Citizen Publishing Co., stationery (Solicitor)	26.80
Lorraine French, two deeds	2.50
Lawyers Co-Operative Printing Co., law books	81.00
F. P. Shepard Co., Shepard's Citations	18.00
G. D. Shovan, Supreme Court Opinions	25.00
Treasurer of N. H., Stenographer's salaries	1,734.36
Wright & Potter Printing Co., Mass., Reports	5.25
Total	<hr/> \$2,605.42

CLERK OF COURT

Citizen Publishing Co., printing	\$731.50
Mrs. M. Dunleavy, typing	102.00
A. S. Healey, printing	27.30
Kee-Lox Mfg. Co., supplies	13.50
Carl Larson, supplies	43.20
E. L. Lydiard, printing	156.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	371.01
A. H. Nighswander, clerk's bond	25.00
Postmaster, postage	66.76
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., typewriter repair	18.70
H. E. Trapp, clerk's account	4,000.00

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Wright & Potter Printing Co., printing	5.25
Total	\$5,560.22

SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES

Louis Athanas, sheriff's fees	\$680.10
Chester C. Bickford, sheriff's fees	159.60
Homer L. Crockett, sheriff's fees	1,976.80
Rodney S. Crockett, sheriff's fees	1,370.20
George H. Gault, sheriff's fees	26.00
Sylvio J. Morin, sheriff's fees	26.05
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	274.16
Total	\$4,512.91

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES

(See Report of Superintendent of County Home)

Commissioners' orders drawn and paid by County Treasurer January 1, to December 31, 1953	\$67,271.56
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PUBLIC WELFARE

	Poor Off Farm	Soldiers' Aid
Alton	\$15.00	\$315.13
Barnstead		
Belmont	676.71	50.00
Center Harbor		
Gilford		
Gilmanton		
Laconia	2,339.56	271.01
Meredith	479.50	30.00
New Hampton	381.66	
Sanbornton	68.00	
Tilton	191.07	717.05
Total	\$4,151.50	\$1,383.19

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

County Payments	\$10,997.87
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BOARD AND CARE OF CHILDREN

County Payments	\$12,929.66
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RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

Investigator's salary	\$2,242.24
Investigator's expense and travel	603.05
Laconia National Bank, tax deductions	438.00
Retirement System, deductions	171.73
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Total	\$3,455.02

OFFICE EXPENSE

H. Aiken, stamps	\$9.00
Bookkeeper's salary	2,578.45
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., service	18.00
R. A. Foss, printing	7.00
Haldon Mfg. Co., supplies	8.36
Kee-Lox Mfg. Co., supplies	9.50
Laconia National Bank, tax deductions	371.90
Laconia National Bank, checks	55.80
Carl Larson, supplies	15.36
Postmaster, stamps and envelopes	151.32
Retirement System, deductions	220.57
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Total	\$3,445.26

INTEREST

Paid on Bonded Debt:	
National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass. Issue of 3-15-37	\$866.25
Postage	1.92
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Total	\$868.17

INDEBTEDNESS

Paid on Temporary Loans:	
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Note No. 257	\$20,000.00
Peoples National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Note No. 258	60,000.00
Peoples National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Note No. 259	30,000.00
Paid on Bonded Debt:	
National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass. Issue of 3-15-37	7,000.00
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Total	\$117,000.00

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ALL OTHER PAYMENTS

Delegation Expense:

F. M. Perkins, Chairman	\$28.00
A. H. Mathews	33.60
Mrs. M. H. Atwood, Clerk	28.00
A. H. McAllister	24.00
Mrs. E. B. Gardner	7.60
W. T. Robertson	12.00
M. B. Hart	25.20
A. H. Morin	6.40
A. W. Simoneau	19.20
E. S. Tilton	22.40
P. S. Karagianis	9.60
G. W. Varrell	10.20
J. F. Smith	10.80
W. D. Kipp	5.40
W. F. Metcalf	35.00
C. E. Nichols	6.40
H. L. Burbank	9.60
O. L. Hoyt	3.20
Mrs. D. L. Stafford	6.40
D. O'Shan	6.40
Citizen Publishing Co., budget ads	58.50
Mrs. Dorothea Conly, typing	5.00
State of N. H., photostat copy H. B. 418	2.00

Total	\$374.90
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Flood Control Payments:

Paid Town of New Hampton	\$56.14
Paid Town of Sanbornton	70.76

Total	\$126.90
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Paid a/c Shore Lot Sales:

L. Baldi, overpayment on lot No. 35	\$1.00
Byse Agency, commission on lot No. 35	90.00
L. K. Perley, surveys and plans	317.77

Total	\$408.77
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Paid to Capital Reserve:

From sale of shore lots	\$1,992.23
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Paid to Recreation Area Account:	
August 1 operating surplus	\$4,458.09
Paid a/c Rec. Area Payroll Deductions:	
To Laconia Nat. Bank and Ret. System	
Reimbursed from Area account	\$881.55
Extension Service, Appropriation	\$9,300.00
Retirement System:	
County Share	\$1,380.27
Tax Refunds:	
Town of Belmont, overpayment	\$.01

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

County Home — Laundry:

Diamond Match Co., supplies	\$93.51
Geo. A. Head, wiring	9.10
W. D. Huse & Sons, labor and material	319.49
Laconia Electric Co., labor & material	426.24
Merrimack Farm. Exch., supplies	76.06
C. R. Parsons, paint	152.25
B. G. Walker, plumbing	89.61
Total	\$1,166.26

County Home — Boiler:

Citizen Publishing Co., ads for bids	\$36.00
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co., pump and installation	915.00
Total	\$951.00

County Home — Infirmary:

Baker & Co., supplies	\$17.42
Bean's Furniture Co., equipment	521.90
Laconia Furniture Co., equipment	67.59
E. F. Mahady Co., equipment	1,874.02
C. R. Parsons, paint	32.90
Total	\$2,513.83

BELKNAP COUNTY

County Home — Men's Ward:

Baker & Co., supplies	\$36.85
Diamond Match Co., supplies	203.47
Finen's, wallpaper	4.58
Laconia Furniture Co., supplies	68.21
E. F. Mahady Co., beds	77.40
C. R. Parsons, paint	142.63
Total	<hr/> \$533.14

County Home — Women's Ward:

Baker & Co., supplies	\$17.18
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County Home — Truck:

Citizen Publishing Co., ads for bids	24.00
N. G. Pynn, Ford truck	2,530.00
Total	<hr/> \$2,554.00

Court House Repair:

Bouliia-Gorrell Lumber Co., supplies	\$8.48
W. D. Huse & Co. Inc., paint	201.25
Frank Joyce, painting	485.00
Laconia Furniture Co., supplies	293.20
Total	<hr/> \$987.93

Register of Deeds, Card Index:

Citizen Publishing Co., printing	\$8.50
Emery Record Preserving Co., map repair	77.00
Carl Larson, supplies	33.87
E. L. Lydiard, printing	12.75
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., index files	338.20
Total	<hr/> \$470.32

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TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners for Belknap County:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Belknap for the twelve months ending December 31, 1953.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1953	\$19,821.83
*Taxes from Towns	132,948.41
Income from Institutions	34,211.32
Reimbursement, Support of Poor	844.47
Reimbursement, Old Age Assistance	2,195.81
Reimbursement, Care of Children	3,484.28
Receipts from Recreation Area:	
Payroll Deductions, refunded	881.55
Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary Loans	88,643.75
Office Rent, cr. Court House	2,349.96
Capital Reserve, a/c Shore Lots	408.77
Retirement System, check returned	1,354.90
Receipts, a/c Flood Control	126.90
All Other	36.75
Totals	\$287,308.70

PAYMENTS

Paid on Commissioners' Orders	\$145,761.56
Funding Bonds Paid	7,000.00
Interest on Bonds, including postage	868.17
Paid on Temporary Loans	110,000.00
Paid by Order of the Court:	
Jury Payrolls	2,302.70
State vs. — Payrolls	3,216.72
Counsel Fees	525.00
Stenographer etc.	2,605.42
Clerk of Court	5,213.71
Sheriff and Deputies	4,238.75
Total Payments	\$281,732.03
Cash on Hand December 31, 1953	5,576.67
Total	\$287,308.70

Respectfully submitted,

BYRON O. PARKER,
Treasurer, Belknap County

*Town of Alton, December balance unpaid; Town of Belmont, overpaid 1c, refunded.

BELKNAP COUNTY

RECREATION AREA OPERATION

January 1 through December 31, 1953 inclusive.

RECEIPTS

Tows	\$35,128.49
Restaurant	30,097.22
Dance Hall — net	2,717.32
tax	520.53
Gift Shop — net	3,555.05
tax	
Ski Shop	13,316.58
Rentals	337.25
Special Events	4,087.91
Miscellaneous	2,012.88
Refunds	177.13
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Totals	\$91,950.36

PAYMENTS

Tows	\$5,932.85
Restaurant	22,634.89
Dance Hall — net	1,611.50
tax	546.54
Gift Shop — net	3,225.69
tax	
General Operating Expense	3,643.27
General Maintenance Expense	12,894.26
Construction & Repairs	642.10
Promotion & Travel	786.01
Office Expense	1,849.57
Salary, Manager	6,866.62
Expense, Manager	817.68
Special Events	2,039.79
Advertising	4,504.38
Equipment	7,742.97
Ski Shop	11,781.56
Taxes & Insurance	4,249.84
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Totals	\$91,891.52
Receipts	91,950.36
Payments	91,891.52
Operating Profit	58.84
Capital Reserve	8,000.00
Area Balance December 31, 1953	8,058.84

BYRON O. PARKER,
Treasurer, Belknap County

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BELKNAP COUNTY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1954

Name of Bank	Balance 1953	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 1954
Iona Savings Bank	\$2,421.45		6-1-53 30.26 12-1-53 30.64		\$2,482.35
Lakeport National Bank	2,419.22		4-1-53 24.19 10-1-53 24.43		2,467.84
Laconia Savings Bank	2,395.79		7-1-53 35.93 1-1-54 42.54		2,474.26
City Savings Bank	19,052.87	6-17-53 *\$1,182.23 7-16-53 *810.00	7-1-53 238.15 1-1-54 169.24	7-31-53 \$†8,000.00 7-31-53 +2,000.00	11,452.49
Total in Banks					\$18,876.94

†To Set Up Belknap County Recreational Fund Account and Belknap County Recreational Area Revolving Fund Per Letter received from County Commissioners July 8, 1953.
*Proceeds from Sale of Lots by County Commissioners.

BELKNAP COUNTY RECREATION AREA REVOLVING FUND—JANUARY 1, 1954

City Savings Bank	3%	7-31-53 \$2,000.00	1-1-54 30.00	\$2,030.00
Total in Banks				

COUNTY OF BELKNAP
Byron O. Parker
Treasurer

BELKNAP COUNTY

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953—Belknap County

County Treasurer's Account

Balance on Hand January 1, 1953	\$19,821.83	
Receipts Year Ending Dec. 31, 1953	\$267,486.87	
	<u>\$287,308.70</u>	
Payments — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1953	281,732.03	
Balance Dec. 31, 1953 — As Per Cash Book		\$5,576.67
Balance in Laconia National Bank As Per Statement of Dec. 31, 1953	\$8,910.85	
Less Outstanding Orders	3,334.18	
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Reconciled Bank Balance — As of December 31, 1953		<u>\$5,576.67</u>

County Farm Superintendent's Account

Total Amounts of Receipts from Institution — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1953	\$34,211.32	
Total Remittances to County Treasurer — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1953	\$34,211.32	
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — January 1, 1953	\$200.00	
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — December 31, 1953	\$200.00	

Indebtedness—December 31, 1953

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	None
Outstanding Long Term Notes	None
Outstanding Bonds	\$28,000.00
Bills Owed by County	None

County Taxes uncollected—December 31, 1953

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities \$5,147.52

Signed DANA S. BEANE,
J. CLINTON ROPER,
County Auditors

January 27, 1954

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BELKNAP COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Belknap County Area Report—Aug. 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953

Cash Receipts on hand Aug. 1, 1953	\$4,458.09	
Credited to Area Account from Capital Reserve Fund	8,000.00	
Petty Cash Account	500.00	
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	\$12,958.09	
Cash Receipts — Area 8-1-53 to 12-31-53	20,332.81	
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		\$33,290.90
Payments — Area 8-1-53 to 12-31-53		24,732.06
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Balance on Hand December 31, 1953		\$8,558.84

Balance 12-31-53 As per Cash Book	\$500.00	
Balance in Laconia National Bank as per Statement of Dec. 31, 1953	\$8,212.97	
Less Outstanding Orders	154.13	
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Reconciled Bank Balance as of 12-31-53	\$8,058.84	
Total Balance on Hand 12-31-53		\$8,558.84

Area Manager's Account

Total Receipts from Area 8-1-53 to 12-31-53	\$20,332.81
Total Remittances to County Treasurer 12-31-53	\$20,332.81
Area Manager's Cash Balance on Hand 8-1-53	\$500.00
Area Manager's Cash Balance on Hand 12-31-53	\$500.00

Signed . DANA S. BEANE,
J. CLINTON ROPER,
County Auditors

January 27, 1954

BELKNAP COUNTY

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1953 for the Belknap County Home and Infirmary.

We would first direct attention to the Infirmary's operation apart from the Institution's and actual farming operation. By authorization of the County Delegation much needed repairs were made and new equipment purchased to make the hospital more adaptable for the care of the many chronic aged persons sent us. There seems to be a growing need, country wide, for more and better facilities to care for the aged and sick. You will note that there has been a considerable increase in the patient days served this past year, in comparison with the previous year 1952. Old age assistance and other categories under the Dept. of Public Welfare in need of hospital and nursing care are reflected in our increased patient load, which has taxed our present facilities. New equipment requested this year will enable us to open more rooms and greatly facilitate this increased patient load.

Our farm has had a most productive year, 448 bushels of potatoes per acre have been harvested and other vegetables accordingly.

Our milking herd has continued to do very well under the program which we operate. We have a very definite production increase over previous years. We feel this increase is conclusive evidence of the merits of the feeding program year round.

In keeping with our practice of cooperating with the Belknap County Extension Service program excellent results have been obtained from our soil conservation program.

It is very gratifying to us that during the past year many more clubs and organizations have evidenced an interest in our institution and hospital and have contributed greatly to the happiness of our aged and ill folk living here. We hope that interest will continue to grow and that any group or organization or individual who would like to become better acquainted with their County Home, will feel free to come and visit at any time. To each and every one our deep gratitude for your many kind remembrances, particularly gifts at Christmas time.

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It was our pleasure this year to entertain the State Commissioners' Association, also the Superintendents and Matrons of the County Institutions throughout the State.

We want to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks for the very fine cooperation extended to us at all times by our Board of Commissioners, our County Delegation, the Doctors, City and Town Officials who have aided us in our work. To the members of our staff who have been so faithful during the year we are truly grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

INA A. PICKARD, Matron

JOHN A. PICKARD, Superintendent

BELKNAP COUNTY

COUNTY HOME RECEIPTS

Date	Board	Produce	Swine	Milk	Cattle	Misc.	Total
January	\$1,561.00			\$185.70	\$1,020.00	\$17.68	\$2,784.38
February	887.21			568.34	27.00		1,482.55
March	1,331.63		\$54.00	445.70	25.00	225.01	2,081.34
April	1,090.00	\$5.00	248.00	711.33	28.00	28.90	2,111.23
May	2,300.75		24.00	1,016.70	50.80	13.51	3,405.76
June	1,680.35	138.30	110.00	1,038.15	10.00	759.90	3,736.70
July	1,073.67		115.00	1,159.39	10.00	251.25	2,609.31
August	1,813.30			1,128.00			2,941.30
September	2,704.94			1,027.77	10.00		3,742.71
October	1,951.75	9.00		915.91		8.59	2,885.25
November	2,101.26	1.50		657.71	6.00	27.27	2,793.74
December	2,660.36	25.00	110.00	643.63		198.06	3,637.05
Totals	\$21,156.22	\$178.80	\$661.00	\$9,498.33	\$1,186.80	\$1,530.17	\$34,211.32

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COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES

JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Date	Labor	Supplies	Total
January	\$90.00		\$90.00
February	130.08		130.08
March	83.31		83.31
April	130.80		130.80
May	140.00		140.00
June	94.60		94.60
July	44.60		44.60
August	40.00		40.00
September	47.50		47.50
October	77.50		77.50
November	40.00	\$14.50	54.50
December	40.00		40.00
Totals	\$958.39	\$14.50	\$972.89

BELKNAP COUNTY

FARMING

Date	Labor	Seed and Fertilizer	Supplies	Equipment	Other Expense	Total
January	\$232.00		\$132.26		\$56.85	\$421.11
February	303.00	\$344.96	254.64		120.99	1,023.59
March	240.00	188.07	306.94		105.18	840.19
April	230.00	22.34	160.44		61.50	474.28
May	256.00	231.40	214.58	\$6.60	143.00	911.58
June	230.00	337.39	366.47		183.61	1,117.47
July	230.00	11.50	251.85	7.31	9.80	510.46
August	349.80		110.83		204.12	664.75
September	253.00	164.46	232.35		306.23	956.04
October	239.50		44.85		94.54	378.89
November	220.00		199.55	120.00	59.65	599.20
December	230.00		108.51	20.88	76.54	435.93
Totals	\$3,013.30	\$1,300.12	\$2,383.27	\$214.79	\$1,422.01	\$8,333.49

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DAIRY

Date	Labor	Feed	Supplies	Equipment	Other Expense	Total
January	\$80.00	\$472.08	\$12.68		\$58.25	\$623.01
February	80.00	405.65	63.57	\$14.09	92.48	655.79
March	80.00	239.43	1.35		178.24	499.02
April	80.00	422.83	30.12		106.80	639.75
May	80.00	601.65	60.39		55.51	797.55
June	80.00	347.82	2.01	48.22	129.72	607.77
July	80.00	637.99			40.00	757.99
August	84.00	537.12	9.16		55.52	685.80
September	80.00	542.74	12.42			635.16
October	80.00	329.80	13.52		83.10	506.42
November	80.00	432.17	10.26		21.18	543.61
December	80.00	406.09	4.89		18.66	509.64
Totals	\$964.00	\$5,375.37	\$220.37	\$62.31	\$839.46	\$7,461.51

BELKNAP COUNTY

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

<i>Date</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Provisions</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Additions and Repairs</i>	<i>Fuel, Lt. Water, Power</i>	<i>Fixed Charges</i>	<i>Other Expense</i>	<i>Total</i>
January	\$1,005.20	\$615.54	\$206.44	\$699.92	\$74.80	\$44.36	\$2,160.18	\$1,489.69	55.77	\$6,351.90
February	1,087.80	644.89	61.80	611.62	95.30	7.41	131.56	92.50	178.32	2,911.20
March	1,211.50	868.07	62.22	633.36	153.75	28.54	928.03	48.88	110.83	4,045.18
April	1,137.20	585.17	4.86	684.76	292.66	6.85	850.18	469.34	88.58	4,119.60
May	1,180.50	780.03	176.98	884.04	111.89	25.07	206.54		113.84	3,478.89
June	1,342.45	845.75	18.93	542.13	121.97	156.85	133.14	36.20	70.13	3,267.55
July	1,258.36	540.87	73.65	617.00	72.94	30.00	1,143.54		45.71	3,782.07
August	1,295.90	635.80	53.27	522.17	88.27		246.33		125.03	2,966.77
September	1,418.58	798.72	105.18	531.45	86.40	2.10	805.42	172.00	41.54	3,961.39
October	1,344.45	690.32	127.58	783.60	108.91	154.04	122.58	3,042.60	141.25	6,515.53
November	1,547.29	915.41	122.66	760.64	166.36	25.40	480.44		130.30	4,148.50
December	1,877.92	821.48	234.65	800.42	191.18	65.34	819.60		144.70	4,955.29
Totals	\$15,707.15	\$8,742.05	\$1,248.22	\$8,071.11	\$1,564.43	\$545.96	\$8,027.54	\$5,351.21	\$1,246.00	\$26,329.55

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COUNTY FARM EXPENDITURES

SUMMARY

Date	Jail & House Of Correction	Farming	Dairy	Operation and Maintenance	Totals
January	\$90.00	\$421.11	\$623.01	\$6,351.90	\$7,486.02
February	130.08	1,023.59	655.79	2,911.20	4,720.66
March	83.31	840.19	499.02	4,045.18	5,467.70
April	130.80	474.28	639.75	4,119.60	5,364.43
May	140.00	911.58	797.55	3,478.89	5,328.02
June	94.60	1,117.47	607.77	3,267.55	5,087.39
July	44.60	510.46	757.99	3,782.07	5,095.12
August	40.00	664.75	685.80	2,966.77	4,357.32
September	47.50	956.04	635.16	3,961.39	5,600.09
October	77.50	378.89	506.42	6,515.53	7,478.14
November	54.50	599.20	543.61	4,148.50	5,345.81
December	40.00	435.93	509.64	4,955.29	5,940.86
Totals	\$972.89	\$8,333.49	\$7,461.51	\$50,503.87	\$67,271.56

BELKNAP COUNTY

INVENTORY — 1953

PERSONAL PROPERTY, BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

Live Stock	\$24,000.00
House of Correction	300.00
Jail Equipment	1,200.00
Women's and Men's Infirmary	6,000.00
Women's Wards (Two Floors)	2,400.00
Men's Wards (Two Floors)	2,400.00
Two Kitchens—Equipment and supplies	7,200.00
Supt. Dept., stock, medicine and new clothing	4,500.00
Contents freezer locker (Water St.)	5,000.00
Basement and contents	4,000.00
Farm equipment, machinery and two trucks	8,000.00
Hay, ensilage, grain, etc.	10,000.00
Boiler room contents	3,000.00
Coal on hand	1,450.00
Sawed wood on hand	1,000.00
Fertilizer	587.00
Lumber	200.00
Potatoes	1,500.00
Vegetables	1,000.00
Total	<hr/> \$75,737.00

LIVE STOCK AT FARM—1953

48 Registered Ayrshire Cows	\$20,000.00
10 Two-year olds	2,000.00
5 Calves	525.00
1 Bull	200.00
4 Horses	600.00
1 Boar	75.00
8 Brood Sows	600.00
Total	<hr/> \$24,000.00

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BELKNAP COUNTY HOME CROP REPORT, 1953

Apples	350 Boxes
Beans	30 Bushels
Beets	64 Bushels
Carrots	67 Bushels
Corn	82 Bushels
Cabbage	870 Heads
Greens	77 Bushels
Oats	175 Bushels
Onions	49 Bushels
Peas	47 Bushels
Potatoes	1200 Bushels
Pumpkins	923 Pounds
Squash	1800 Pounds
Tomatoes—green and ripe	169 Bushels
Turnips	90 Bushels
Hay	215 Tons
Straw	15 Tons
Ensilage	160 Tons
Beef dressed	3000 Pounds
Pork dressed	2300 Pounds
Cream used at home	800 Quarts
Milk used at home	1100 Quarts
Wood used at home	100 Cords
Wood sawed and piled	200 Cords

BELKNAP COUNTY

STATISTICS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

January 1 to December 31, 1953

Inmates at Home January 1, 1953	31	
Admitted during year	35	
	—	
	66	
Inmates at Home December 31, 1953	42	
Died during year	9	
Discharged during year	15	
	—	
	66	
	Weeks	Days
Inmates	712	
Boarders	508	5
Old Age Assistance Cases	1156	1
Prisoners in House of Correction	682	5
Prisoners in Jail	101	
Held for Police Dept. overnight	10	3
Employees and visitors	1592	6

FARM COSTS

Total Expenditures 1953	\$67,271.56	
Inventory personal property Dec. 31, 1952	77,395.00	
	—	\$144,666.56
Total cash receipts 1953	\$34,211.32	
Accounts receivable	4,205.59	
Supt. petty cash account	200.00	
Inventory, December 31, 1953	73,737.00	
	—	112,353.91
		—
Balance against Farm		\$32,312.65
Weeks board furnished		1,506
Per capita cost per week, not including boarders, employees and guests		\$21.45

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PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOUSE
OF CORRECTION — 1953

Name	Weeks	Days
Burke, Patrick	20	5
Barton, Irvin	7	4
Baldwin, Ralph		2
Bolduc, Francis	47	
Brooks, Glenn H.	4	2
Beaule, Francis	12	2
Boyd, Eddie L.	3	6
Bedard, Norman	8	2
Brazeau, Harold L.	2	3
Brown, Carroll	3	3
Conley, William	11	4
Chase, Fred W.	4	1
Conway, Christopher	7	5
Dennis, Harold E.	23	5
Drouin, Robert L.	22	6
Daoust, Eugene J.	47	
Dearborn, Martin	3	6
Deforge, Earl	3	6
Ellsworth, Walter	6	3
Fraszyk, Joseph F.	3	6
Fontaine, Emery	7	
Flanders, Gilbert	47	
Ferry, Ernest	1	3
Garland, George	7	5
Goupee, Armand	6	2
Gagne, Henry	23	1
Godbout, Wilfred	3	6
Huard, Raymond	23	1
Hughes, Barbara	1	1
Hammond, Walter	11	5
Houle, George J.		5
Healey, Francis	46	3
Lacroix, John	23	1
Lawson, Walso	4	
Lewis, Odell		1
Moyer, Henry D.	3	4
McClary, Horace	2	3
Morin, Adelard	11	4

BELKNAP COUNTY

Newman, Harold	21	6
O'Brien, Frank	3	6
Pepin, Wilfred	2	1
Parris, Joseph	49	
Page, Richard	11	3
Plona, Gideon	7	5
Plourde, Robert		1
Prescott, Harold	2	3
St. Jacques, Onesime	23	1
Sansoucie, Noel J.	7	5
Smith, Lawrence	2	4
Smith, Charles	19	1
Taylor, George	4	6
Thompson, E. Paul	23	3
Thereault, Paul	23	3
Wyatt, Richard	10	1
Wood, Clarence	23	1

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**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE CASES AT BELKNAP
COUNTY INFIRMARY, 1953**

Name	Where From	Weeks	Days
Atwood, William H.	Weirs	10	3
Baker, John F.	Lakeport	7	
Burris, Charles	Laconia	52	1
Bickford, David F.	Gilmanton	24	4
Clark, Minnie	Franklin		6
Collard, Peter (AOAA)	Meredith	8	5
Couch, Edwin L.	Belmont	25	
Farrar, Charles B.	Laconia	52	1
Fogg, Florence (ANB)	Laconia	52	1
Guy, Walter	Gilmanton	52	1
Greaves, Eleanor	Lakeport	6	3
Higgins, Milo	Sanbornton	52	1
Kidney, George	Gilford	34	5
Lamprey, Ernest	Gilford	52	1
Leavitt, Lillian	Laconia	21	3
McIntire, Lillian	Laconia	52	1
McLellan, Eva M.	Laconia	52	1
Puffenberger, Henry	Laconia	22	
Robie, Thomas	Sanbornton	11	6
Sinclair, Ada	Meredith	19	
Strong, Fred	North Conway	18	4
Tasker, Arthur W.	Gilmanton	52	1
Wallace, George M. (ANB)	Laconia	6	3

DEATHS AT COUNTY HOME DURING 1953

Name	Date	Age
Bickford, David F.	June 21, 1953	88
Couch, Edwin L.	November 23, 1953	80
Covey, Charles	February 12, 1953	72
Clark, Minnie	February 1, 1953	71
Davis, William F.	November 15, 1953	83
Kidney, George	October 29, 1953	73
Strong, Frederick	May 16, 1953	78
Sanborn, G. Weston	June 15, 1953	82
Thompson, Amos J.	September 10, 1953	73

BELKNAP COUNTY

RECREATION AREA REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

It is gratifying to report to the Belknap County Commissioners that the year ending December 31, 1953 showed the second largest income of its history of \$91,950.36. From our income, we paid for the Sno-Cat and new equipment, the sum of \$7,742.97 and, also, added to our ski rental department and ski shop over \$4,000.00 worth of merchandise and had a cash balance of \$58.84, thus showing a profit of over \$11,790.00.

The long range program set up by management and the Ski Advisory Board now shows the results, particularly in the improved ski trails, added picnic grounds, parking facilities, etc. During the past year, all of the steel structure poles on the chair tramway received two coats of red paint which greatly improved the appearance, and all of the rubber mounted new chairs were thoroughly checked for repairs. We have seen thousands of skiers using trails that formerly had to have several inches to a foot of snow, schussing down on 4 inches and even less. Again we were able to utilize the County bull dozer for further smoothing of the trails. Fletcher Hale was started from the 60 meter jump to the foot of the steepest part, working backwards, and much desirable publicity and praise was received from the skiers. We expect to finish another section of the Expert slalom slope this season.

Larger groups utilized the picnic and playgrounds this season including 1,000 from General Electric. Many Belknap County firms held their outings at the Area and we are now in a position to have several groups here at one time.

The New York Symphony Orchestra utilized the Belknap Area's Recreation building for their two symphony concerts. They plan to return in 1954 for several concerts backed by the Laconia Chamber of Commerce.

A larger turnout than ever was here for both the National Championship Motorcycle Race and the Arts and Crafts Fair. The fall hill climb, with the co-operation of the Laconia and Weirs Beach Chambers of Commerce and the Winnisquam groups, turned over again to the Laconia Hospital, for new equipment, over \$2,000.00. The Area facilities were again furnished free.

The local hotels and cabin groups banded together this year

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and put out over 35,000 Ski Belknap folders with the Area furnishing only a small outlay of money.

We are very grateful to all of the people and groups who worked as a team in promoting the Belknap Area. The Chamber of Commerce from Laconia and the Weirs Beach and the Winnisquam groups that raised over \$2,000.00 for the National Motorcycle group that again left over \$300,000.00 here in the region, our Ski Advisory Board, The Belknap Mt. Ski Patrol, the Scout leaders, both men and women, the Citizen, and the radio station W.L.N.H., and many individuals too numerous to mention.

We wish at this time to take the opportunity to express our thanks to the Board of County Commissioners, the County Delegation, our Belknap staff, and the various communities in Belknap County for their support and guidance in our many problems at the Belknap Mountain Recreation Area.

With no snow in December of 1953, our program is growing as the early quoted figures show and many more people now use Belknap Area as part of their advertising in promoting Belknap County, bringing thousands of vacationists here to the Vacation Land of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

FRITZIE BAER, Director
Belknap Mountain Recreation Area

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REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
BELKNAP COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

ACCOUNT OF HARRY E. TRAPP, CLERK

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Charges Against County:

1	Fees Chargeable to County, Mittimus, Capias, etc	\$27.00	
	Commitments	4.00	
	Subpoenas	1.20	
	Probation Certificates	5.00	
	Divorce Records	10.25	
	15 State Entries @ 30c	4.50	
2	Permanent Records	150.00	
3	Allowance for Clerk & Clerical Hire	7,586.64	
	Total Charges		\$7,788.59

Credits to County:

1	360 Entries @ 90c (Civils, Equities and Appeals)	\$333.80	
2	Fines and Costs	826.00	
3	Sale of Dockets	72.00	
4	Miscellaneous Credits to County		
5	Fees Chargeable to County	51.95	
6	Clerk's Allowance and Clerical Hire Paid	6,504.84	
	Total Credits		\$7,788.59

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Belknap County Commissioners

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report for 1953.

1953 saw a great increase in the number of matters requiring the attention of your Solicitor, and this was particularly true of criminal matters before the Superior Court where your Solicitor prosecuted twenty-six cases or approximately two-and-a-half times the number of cases arising in 1952. The increase arose principally in the crime of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny. Your Solicitor also prosecuted numerous complaints in the four Municipal Courts situated in Belknap County and argued one case, *State v Dyer*, before the Supreme Court of New Hampshire. In *State v Dyer* the Supreme Court upheld the position of the State that it could prosecute for the use of the word "scab" on a public highway. Of the cases before the Superior Court, no case involving a felony went to trial, the defendants having chosen to plead and be sentenced prior to trial. In the two Municipal Court appeals that went to trial, the jury returned a verdict of guilty in *State v Godbout* (assault on a police officer), and a verdict of not guilty in *State v Royal* (driving under the influence of alcohol).

In *State v Stebbins*, a case which involved the starvation death of a three weeks old baby, the Grand Jury refused to return an indictment because of the mental derangement of the defendant. The practical effect of this finding was to place the defendant under the future control of the Superior Court, and at this writing she is confined in the State Hospital.

At the close of 1953 your Solicitor had two indictments outstanding. Both defendants are fugitives from justice and help in apprehension will be greatly appreciated. They are as follows:

1. Robert Brown — indicted for breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny. Age 35, 5' 9" 165 lbs. Dark Complexion, Brown Hair and Eyes.
2. Carleton French — indicted for unnatural act. Age 52, 5' 9" 160 lbs. Fair complexion, Brown hair and eyes with

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hair streaked with grey over ears. Wears clerical collar and claims to be a Minister. His method of operation is to form youth groups, sometimes in what he calls Missions, and then to induce the men into homosexual practices. He is chiefly interested in males in the age group of seven to forty.

Body was recovered in each of the three drownings through the combined efforts of the Conservation Officers, local Police, Sheriff and Deputies, State Police, Public Utilities Commission, Civil Air Patrol, and others. Great assistance was rendered by Stephen S. Jewett, Esq. and the Civil Air Patrol frogmen and a body recovery resulted from their efforts.

All local Police Officers offered their full cooperation and Inspector Swenson of Laconia has been especially helpful. The State Police time after time proved their worth, and your Solicitor is especially appreciative of the many off-duty hours freely given by the Officers assigned to this area. Your Solicitor is also fortunate in having an able Medical Referee in Dr. Gage.

Mr. Keller and other former Solicitors have repeatedly testified to the high quality of our Sheriff's Department. Their efficiency was, if anything, increased in 1953 by the addition of more Deputies. During 1953 your Sheriff entered, at the request of the Attorney General, a new and vital field of investigation. I am not at liberty at the present to report on this investigation other than to say it has to do with subversive activities.

No civil actions involving the County were pending when I took office on January 1, 1953 and none have been entered during the year. Your Solicitor has furnished legal opinions when requested and prepared one contract — the Manager Contract for the Belknap Area.

Your Solicitor has been spared most of the problems arising out of Public Welfare, which confronts the other Solicitors, because of the fine work performed by Mrs. Hayner.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. CHENEY,
County Solicitor

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1953:

March Term

Homer Crockett	
45 days attendance and expenses	\$493.40
George H. Gault	
2 days attendance and expenses	26.00
Chester Bickford	
2 days attendance and expenses	26.40
Rodney Crockett	
17 days attendance and expenses	234.60
Lou Athanas	
17 days attendance and expenses	173.40
Rev. Frederic Fitzpatric	
Clergyman	5.00

October Term

Homer Crockett	
58 days attendance and expenses	\$673.00
Chester Bickford	
8 days attendance and expenses	105.60
Lou Athanas	
29 days attendance and expenses	295.80
Rodney Crockett	
29 days attendance and expenses	386.60
George Gault	
4 days attendance and expenses	51.00
Meals for Jury	
Crystal Cafe	27.40
Rev. Clinton Condict	
Clergyman	5.00

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER CROCKETT,
Sheriff

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INMATES AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME, 1953

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Akerson, Rodney	75	Meredith	52	1
Bennett, Ruth	63	Meredith	52	1
Burt, Ruth	27	Laconia	2	4
Bedard, Norman	31	Laconia	2	4
Currier, James L.	43	Laconia	52	1
Clark, Irlene	39	Meredith	52	1
Cole, Eliza	66	Sanbornton	52	1
Collard, Peter	82	Meredith	44	
Fields, George	50	Tilton	11	6
Faford, Joseph	66	Laconia	52	1
Hill, Frances	22	Laconia	10	
Howe, Gary	3	Laconia	4	
Hill, Forest	62	Laconia	48	2
Herbert, Leroy	59	Laconia	8	2
Johnson, Mabel	62	Meredith	52	1
Lovering, Grace	63	Gilford	52	1
Lamontagne, Wilfred	52	Laconia	5	
Newman, Harold D.	66	Laconia	30	6
St. Peter, Ada	60	Laconia	52	1
Teriac, Camille	59	Tilton	49	4
Valois, Charles H.	59	Laconia	25	5

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PAID BOARDERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME — 1953

Name	Where From	Weeks	Days
Booska, Constance	Belmont	18	3
Boyce, George R.	Tilton	4	4
Brown, Millie	Tilton	52	1
Copp, Shirley	New Hampton	52	1
Couch, Edwin	Belmont	6	6
Covey, Charles	Laconia	1	2
Craig, Anna	Laconia	9	3
Davis, William	Gilford	2	4
Davie, Eva	Tilton	52	1
Decato, Charles	Laconia	7	3
Dore, Albert	Laconia	41	5
Ferrin, William	Laconia	3	6
Gilbert, Robert R.	Alton	2	3
Jenness, Alonzo	Meredith		2
Kidney, George	Gilford	6	6
LaFlamme, Joseph G.	Laconia	52	1
Moore, John	Lakeport	45	1
Sanborn, G. Weston	Laconia	2	1
Sanborn, Myrtie	Laconia	31	1
Sawyer, Fred	Gilford	5	3
Stevens, Ethel W.	Laconia	10	1
Stokes, Stephen	Laconia	52	1
Thompson, Amos J.	Laconia	21	3
Williamson, Thomas	Laconia	8	1
Willis, Waldo	Alton		3
Young, Carrie	Laconia	13	5
Young, Fred	Laconia	4	4

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PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME
DURING 1953

In Jail January 1, 1953	3
Admitted during year	33
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	36
Discharged during year	36
In Jail December 31, 1953	0
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In House of Correction January 1, 1953	12
Admitted during year	43
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	55
Discharged during year	43
In House of Correction December 31, 1953	12
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PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY JAIL, 1953

Name	Weeks	Days
Brazeau, Harold L.	1	4
Batrum, Andrew F.		4
Boisselle, David J.	20	5
Brooks, Glenn H.	2	4
Cronin, Albert	8	6
Cameron, Donald E.		1
Daoust, Eugene J.	6	4
Drouin, Robert	3	1
Dufolt, Armand		3
Emerson, Harold E.		1
Flanders, Gilbert		1
Huard, Raymond	1	5
Horn, Kenneth		1
Huckins, Lewis		2
Jenoit, Horace	1	2
Kennedy, Joseph	9	5
LaPerle, Andrew		1
Levasseur, Leo		1
LaBlond, Henry		1
Michel, Donald	8	
McClary, Horace		1
McCann, Arthur F.		1
Newman, Harold		3
Ouellette, J. S. V.	5	5
Parris, Joseph		2
Pay, Paul	1	6
Ryan, James L.	1	2
Robinson, Raymond		1
Rogers, John H.		4
Shute, Charles		4
Stebbins, Annette		3
Shute, Richard E.		1
Thompson, E. Paul	8	5
Thereault, Paul	8	6
Wyatt, Richard	5	2

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REPORT OF BELKNAP COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

Your County Budget includes an appropriation to augment State and Federal funds to maintain a system of educational Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture, Forestry, Home Economics and 4-H work with boys and girls.

The County Extension Staff consists of the following:

County Agricultural Agent	— Horace C. Ballard
Home Demonstration Agent	— (Mrs.) Harriet L. Clark
Four H Club Agent	— Charles A. Proctor
County Forester (shared with Strafford County)	— Roger S. Leighton
Office Secretaries	— Rita L. Douphinett Annie E. Swenson (part time)

The Belknap County Farm Bureau Executive Board of Directors is locally responsible with the University of N. H. for the operation of the County Extension Programs and supervises the expenditure of public funds for same.

This year rather than submitting a report here in detail of each Agent's line of work, as has been the custom in the past, the Agents desire to include a list of people throughout the County who are giving freely of their time and effort in helping to plan and guide the sort of Extension Service programs which will be of greatest possible service to the people of Belknap County, whether they are city, suburban, or rural people.

The residents of the County as well as we Extension Agents owe these folks a word of praise for the work they contribute toward a successful Extension program.

Belknap County Farm Bureau Executive Board

Ellwood V. Bennett, Pres., Sanbornton

Arthur Tilton, Jr., V.P., Alton	Gertrude Tilton, Sec., Alton
James Hughes, V.P., Laconia	Stanley F. Hill, Treas., Belmont
Kent Locke, Alton	Elizabeth Gates, Gilmanton
Dorothy Nedeau, Meredith	Malcolm Harrington, Laconia
Cheever Newhall, New Hampton	Arthur Rogers, Belmont
Lewis Proctor, Alton	Howard Sanborn, Sanbornton
Leslie Roberts, Belmont	Frances Swain, Gilford
Joseph Bodwell, Sanbornton	Ruth B. Varney, Barnstead
Aaron Clark, Meredith	Arthur Wyatt, Tilton
S. Gilbert Emilio, Gilford	Bessie B. Gerry, Gilford

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Agricultural Committees

Dairy

Maurice Taylor, Chm., Laconia
Paul Abbott, Tilton
Paul Bushnell, Meredith
Richard Price, Gilmanton
Ellwood Bennett, Sanbornton

Poultry

Arthur Tilton, Chm., Alton
Ernest Nedeau, Meredith
Joseph Ledoux, Jr., Tilton
Clifford Eastman, Gilford
Russell Hart, Meredith

Fruit

Charles Smith, Chm., Laconia
Fred Carlson, Gilmanton
Arthur Hale, Meredith
Cheever Newhall, New Hampton
Robert Kelley (from Grafton
County)

General Livestock

Arthur Harris, Chm., Gilford
Frank Swain, Sanbornton
Elmon Phelps, Gilford
Harry Besse, Gilmanton
Mrs. John Weeks, Gilford

Vegetables

Marshall Hodsdon, Chm., Meredith
William Pearson, Laconia
Fred Welch, Barnstead

Forestry Advisory Committee

Charles Roberts, Chm., Alton
Howard Sanborn, Sanbornton
Fred Friend, Belmont

Home Demonstration Advisory Council

Dora Gustafson, Pres., West Alton
Cynthia Brown, Sec., Gilmanton
Francis Scribner, Treas., Gilford

Other Council Members:

Dorothy Aldrich, Tilton	Ruth Gray, Sanbornton Bay
Barbara Benoit, Ctr. Harbor	Alma Pitman, Barnstead
Thelma Bryant, Lakeport	Pauline Richards, Alton
Mrs. Joseph Dawson, Gilmanton	Mrs. Ralph Smith, Meredith
Dorothy Drake, New Hampton	Helen Wollinger, Tilton

Belknap County 4-H Advisory Council

Byron Galloupe, Chm., Belmont	Robert Talbot, Belmont
Howard Sanborn, Sanbornton	Arthur Covio, Tilton
Norma Taylor, Laconia	Alice Joslyn, Sanbornton
Elaine Townsley, Laconia	Jessie Perry, Sanbornton
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Taylor, Laconia	Frances Swain, Gilford

Many of you are acquainted with persons in the above lists who would welcome questions you may have with reference to their interests in the County Cooperative Extension Service Program. For more detailed information, the Agents themselves would welcome an opportunity to talk with you.

HOWELL BUSINESS SERVICE
TILTON, N. H.