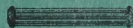


Annual Report
of
Belknap County



For the Year Ending December 31
1959

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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 Attorney
and Auditors

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COUNTY OFFICERS**COMMISSIONERS**

JOSEPH F. SMITH	MEREDITH
WILLIAM I. STAFFORD	LACONIA
NORMAN HUBBARD	GILFORD

ATTORNEY

JAMES D. O'NEILL	LACONIA
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TREASURER

BYRON O. PARKER	LACONIA
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SHERIFF

RODNEY S. CROCKETT	BELMONT
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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

ROBERT P. TILTON	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
ROBERT G. HOLBROOK	LACONIA

DEPUTY SHERIFFS

DONALD C. ALDEN	ALTON
PERLEY A. BEACH	MEREDITH
CHESTER C. BICKFORD	MEREDITH
HERBERT E. HOWE	TILTON
SYLVIO J. MORIN	GILFORD
GEORGE A. POIRE	LACONIA
WILLIAM WALLACE	NEW HAMPTON

**SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COUNTY HOME
AND JAILER**

HERBERT HAYNER	LACONIA
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MATRON

MRS. HELEN D. HAYNER	LACONIA
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CHAPLAINS

REV. THOMAS J. CATE	LACONIA
REV. JOSEPH E. VACHON	LACONIA

MEDICAL REFEREE

EARL W. GAGE, M.D.	LACONIA
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**Members of the
Belknap County Delegation**

1959

ALTON	Arthur Rollins
BARNSTEAD	Arthur H. McAllister
BELMONT	Lyle Watson
CENTER HARBOR	Keith L. Matheson
GILFORD	Marion M. Lord
GILMANTON	Conrad E. Snow
LACONIA:	
Ward 1	Rene C. Lacaillade Myron B. Hart
Ward 2	Paul L. Normandin Walter A. Harkins
Ward 3	Ellis J. Ayre
Ward 4	Peter S. Karagianis Oscar C. Prescott
Ward 5	Dave O'Shan Henry I. Burbank Died May 20, 1959
Ward 6	G. Walter Varrell, Ch. Donald W. MacIsaac
MEREDITH	Joseph F. Smith Raymond Pickering
NEW HAMPTON	H. Thomas Urie
SANBORNTON	Marion H. Atwood, Clerk
TILTON	Herbert E. Howe

RECORDS OF COUNTY DELEGATION**Laconia, N. H. — March 2, 1959**

The Public Hearing on the County Budgets was called to order by Chairman Varrell in the Court House at 8 p.m. Present were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Lord, Snow, Pickering, Smith, Atwood, Howe, Hart, Lacaillade, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Prescott, Burbank, O'Shan, MacIsaac, Varrell, also Delegate Matheson from Center Harbor.

Chairman Varrell read the County Budget as presented by the Commissioners. Explanations were given for the increases asked for in the Sheriff's department — a part time clerk is asked whom the Sheriff plans to use as needed with women jurors. An increase in the rate paid for foster homes, from \$40 to \$50 per month, makes the item on "Care of Children" higher. Com. Smith stated there were from 60 to 70 Children's Aid cases. Mr. DuBlois questioned the matter of retirement pay for former Supt. Picard and his wife. Com. Smith replied that they chose not to enter the retirement system when it was set up in the county.

The Area Budget was then read and discussed at length. Com. Smith reported that the Commissioners were not satisfied with the bookkeeping at the area and felt that an office manager should be hired. They have, therefore, employed one and placed the amount of \$4,500.00 in the Budget to pay his salary for the remainder of this year. He stated that Manager Baer agreed to the employment of this person. Mr. DuBlois objected to the item allocating money to the Lakes Region Assn. and thought the money should be spent in some other advertising media.

Mr. Rosenblatt asked several questions which the Commissioners felt were not in order but which were ruled proper by the Chairman. In response to questions, Com. Smith said that a Time Clock was in use at the Area. He said the answers to other questions as to expenses could be found if any one chose to consult the records in the Commissioners' office. He said there was, at present, \$64,000.00 in the Area account, and all bills except February ones have been paid. Rep. Snow questioned the amount of \$7,000.00 which was transferred from the Area Account to the County to pay up County expenses by December 31, in lieu of uncollected taxes, and noted that this did not show in 1959 Budget as being repaid. This was acknowledged an error as it had been repaid.

The three Commissioners were asked their opinion on the Area bill setting up a separate Commission. Their replies were:

Mr. Smith: "He was agreeable to a separate Commission if elected by the voters and not appointed."

Mr. Stafford: "Had spent a lot of time at the Area and felt it was properly run. Commissioners can do little unless the Delegation empowers them."

Mr. Hubbard: "Thought the arguments the same as for the last ten years. The only change he would approve would be to give the new Commission complete control of the Area so that taxpayers would not be asked to aid the Commission if it failed."

Mr. Morency asked if the Commissioners' proposed budget called for any expansion.

Answer: \$4,000.00 for repair of cables etc. Until such time as some other agency is authorized to bond the County, the Commissioners would like to set aside \$25,000.00 of the present surplus to be kept for Capital Outlay."

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by:
G. WALTER VARRELL,
Chairman

Concord, N. H. — March 25, 1959

The Executive Committee met in Room 306 at 10 a.m. All members were present also Commissioner Smith.

The Committee made its quarterly review of County finances. Chr. Smith reported for the County Home, usually the average jail population is 5, House of Correction 12 to 15; 80 in the infirmary — only five or six pay nothing toward support. The turnkey also works upon the farm, the herdsman works for small salary.

It was reported that the Area account had \$74,876.13 on deposit with some accounts owed; there is \$3,971.44 in the Area Revolving Fund.

The Committee deferred further examination of accounts until the end of the March quarter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by:
ARTHUR H. McALLISTER,
Chr. of Executive Committee

Concord, N. H. — April 20, 1959

The Executive Committee met in Room 306 one half hour after adjournment. Present were Representatives McAllister, Varrell, Snow, Rollins, Harkins and Atwood.

Rep. Marion Lord attended and gave the report of the Area Sub-Committee as follows:

"The Area Sub-Committee of the Convention, consisting of Representatives Watson, Lord, Normandin, Ayre, Karagianis and Howe met with the Ski Advisory Board, Manager Fritzie Baer, and the three County Commissioners to consider the 1959 Area Budget.

After two executive sessions the Sub-Committee has recommended the following changes in the Budget as submitted by the Commissioners:

Under 'Administrative Expenses' the words 'Office Salary' shall be changed to read 'Accountant's Salary' — \$3,700.00 and 'Office Salary' — \$2,000.00. This is an addition of \$1,200.00 to Administrative Expenses. The \$1,200.00 shall be deducted from 'General Maintenance' so that it reads \$25,800.00 instead of \$27,000.00. The total appropriation remains the same.

A sum of \$25,000.00 is banked in the account of the Area at this time. The Sub-Committee recommends that \$10,000.00 of this be placed in the Revolving Fund and that \$15,000.00 be budgeted for 1) Kitchen improvement, \$2,500.00, 2) Toilet facility additions, \$4,000.00 and 3) Parking lot paving, \$7,500.00.

In addition the Sub-Committee recommends

- 1) That vouchers or bills be published in the *Laconia Evening Citizen* monthly in the same manner as city bills are published.
- 2) That an employment contract be drawn up between the Accountant and Belknap County in order that there be no doubt as to the rights and liabilities of the parties concerned.

Marion Lord, Chairman"

It was moved by Rep. Rollins, and duly seconded, that the Chairman ask the Commissioners to send the Executive Committee members a statement of the County finances as of March 31. It was so voted.

It was decided to meet at the Court House on the afternoon of April 30, if the session adjourns in time, and then look over the lots on the Lake Winnisquam shore. Hearing on H.B. No. 319 will be held that night.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by:
ARTHUR H. McALLISTER,
Chr. of Executive Committee

Laconia, N. H. — Court House — April 30, 1959

A Public Hearing on H. B. No. 319 was called to order by Chairman Varrell at 8:15. Present were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Lord, Hart, Lacaillade, Harkins, Norman-din, Ayre, Karagianis, Prescott, O'Shan, MacIsaac, Varrell, Pickering, Smith, Urie, Atwood and Howe.

The chairman explained that he would call on proponents, then opponents alternately.

Former Rep. W. T. Robertson spoke in favor of the bill. (Report appended) Former Rep. Metcalf spoke against the bill but for the amendments as proposed by several delegation members. (See amendments appended)

Mr. MaDan of New Hampton School said H. B. No. 319 seemed to him to be a good one. He had no fault to find with Commissioners but felt they could not run the Area well under present laws.

John Goodhue of Glendale opposed the bill vigorously. He advocated leasing the Area to business interests. Asked if he would care to lease the Area, he responded negatively. He suggested any private operator should let all Belknap County children under sixteen years of age use the Area free of entrance fee.

John Chandler of Laconia represented the State and National Affairs Com. of the Laconia Chamber of Commerce. The committee, after a study of the bill, voted to recommend the passage of it. They felt the present authority was too divided; neither Commissioners nor Delegation members were elected for their ability as Area managers. If Commission is appointed by the Delegation it would resemble the Board of any Corporation.

Larry Brown of Laconia spoke in opposition. Did not think it right for the County to be engaged in business in opposition to private enterprise. He thought the bill a poor approach to solution of the problem.

Arthur Rothafel, chairman of the present Ski Advisory Board, spoke in favor; the 16 members of the Board had voted in favor of the bill as a step in the right direction. It provides a longer tenure of office so that long range plans could be adopted.

Charles Stafford asked to be classified not as an opponent, but thought that the Delegation had sufficient power at present to appoint persons to run the Area. He thought the Area needed some money to expand facilities. He did not like some of the provisions of the bill. All the Delegation needed to do was to direct the Commissioners at present, and their wishes would be carried out.

Question by Rep. O'Shan: Do you know any time the Delegation has refused to give Commissioners money for Area?

A. I tried a few years ago, when a member of the Delegation, to get them (the members) to vote appropriations for the Area but did not succeed.

Q. Did you ask for any specific thing?

A. No, just general improvements.

Q. By Rep. Hart: Do you believe that the business men of the County would be happy if the Delegation decided to build a Motel at the Area?

A. I would not be.

Q. by Rep. Watson: Do you think there is adequate housing in the vicinity for all who might come to the Area?

A. Yes.

Q. by Rep. Atwood: You appeared in favor of a similar bill in 1950. Do you mind telling the Delegation, either now or after the meeting, why you feel it unwise now?

A. I have simply changed my mind since then.

Alfred Rosenblatt spoke in favor. He stated that since the Budget Hearing on March 2, he had been able to find the answers to questions on Area management by reading the records in the County office. He gave excerpts from Area records back to 1945. He remarked that Area management over the years had been a failure and needed a shot in the arm. He praised Manager Baer's work. He thought the bill the right beginning.

Atty Harold Wescott spoke in opposition. In response to a question, he stated that he represented the Commissioners and the County. He maintained that County Commissioners since 1855 had been authorized to manage all the affairs of the county. He questioned the section of the bill which did not limit the amount of time for which the new Commission members could receive compensation. He felt the present set-up was adequate for Area supervision. He did not oppose improvement of the Area.

Atty. Arthur Nighswander spoke for himself, stating he was not retained by any one. He explained his relation to the bill. In 1944 he drew a bill patterned after the Fraconia franchise act. A later one was drawn up by Fred Tilton, and in 1950 one was presented by F. A. Normandin. He said his experience included membership on the Ski Advisory Board and 11 years on the Ski Patrol. Last year the Special Investigating Committee asked him to testify to them and this year he had, reluctantly, agreed to give time to assist. In his bill as originally suggested, the pay that Commission members could receive was limited to \$200.00

a year. This seemed to him a logical change to make in Area management. If changes are needed in the bill, they should be made, but not such as to kill its effect. He said that a separate Corporation could be set up but it had seemed to him that thinking throughout the County did not favor this approach.

Keith Matheson, delegate from Center Harbor, spoke in favor.

John Goodhue spoke the second time. He brought up the loss of taxable property to the town of Gilford and stated Gilford could not afford to lose more.

Former Rep. Ruth Miner spoke in favor of the bill and against any proposed amendments. She outlined the results of the Investigating Committee and drew attention to the fact that all speakers of the evening joined in expressing dissatisfaction with the Area as presently managed. She stated that the Delegation has no control over the running of the Area at present.

Lawrence Guild of Gilford spoke in favor. He deplored the sanitary conditions and asked for prompt action to correct this.

Thomas Roach, selectman of Belmont, spoke for bill with proposed amendments. All county residents affected by taxes. He favored appropriation of money if all benefit.

Mr. MaDan spoke a second time: "If this bill is killed, will the Delegation and Commissioners please do something at once about sanitary conditions at the Area?"

At this time 36 others signed in favor of the bill, and 8 in opposition.

Hearing adjourned at 11:15.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by:
G. WALTER VARRELL,
Chairman

Concord, N. H. — May 7, 1959

A meeting of the Convention was held in Room 305 one half hour after adjournment, called to order by Chairman Varrell. Present were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Lord, Snow, Pickering, Smith, Urie, Atwood, Howe, Hart, Lacaillade, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Karagianis, Prescott, O'Shan, MacIsaac and Varrell.

It was moved by Rep. MacIsaac, and duly seconded that we express our sympathy to our member, Mr. Burbank, on his serious illness, and hope for him an immediate recovery, and fur-

ther moved, if he so desires, that he may present his vote to the Chairman on any action taken today. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and duly seconded, that further action on H. B. No. 319 be postponed until the Area Sub-Committee gives a complete report. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Rep. Normandin, and duly seconded, that this matter lay on the table and no further action taken until Rep. O'Shan is notified. (Rep. O'Shan having stated that he must leave soon.) It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Snow and seconded by Rep. Karagianis that the bill be amended. (See amendments as finally adopted.) General and prolonged discussion followed. Opinions were polled on the several phases of the bill in dispute namely,

1. Shall new Commission have 5 or 7 members?
2. Shall the law specify that any member be a Commissioner or Delegate?
3. Shall salary of Commissioners be limited?
4. Shall Commission be allowed to bond the County without vote of the Convention?

Rep. O'Shan left.

It was voted, upon motion of Rep. Normandin, duly seconded, that Rep. O'Shan be allotted the same courtesy given Rep. Burbank, if action is taken today.

After a recess of fifteen minutes, some agreement seemed possible. On motion of Rep. Smith, it was voted to appoint a committee consisting of Reps. Snow, Normandin and Urie to work out the amendments as agreed upon to present to the Convention for action at a later meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by:
G. WALTER VARRELL,
Chairman

Concord, N. H. — May 14, 1959

The Convention met in Room 305 at 1:45, called to order by Chairman Varrell. Present were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Lord, Snow, Pickering, Smith, Urie, Atwood, Howe, Lacaillade, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Karagianis, Prescott, O'Shan, MacIsaac and Varrell.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan, and duly seconded, that the County Commissioners be authorized to pay the members of the Convention for their attendance at the Budget Hearing on March 2. It was so voted.

Amendments to H. B. No. 319 were discussed. Chairman Varrell announced that he had taken the copy of proposed amendments into Laconia Hospital where Representatives Hart and Burbank are confined by illness, and they had approved them.

It was moved by Rep. Lord, and duly seconded, that the proposed amendments be amended by adding the words "those members present and voting" after the words "by two-thirds vote of" in Section 15. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. MacIsaac, and duly seconded, that in Line 4, Section 4, the number "3" be stricken out and the number "2" be inserted. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Urie, and duly seconded, that the amendments to H. B. No. 319 be adopted as read and corrected at this meeting. It was so voted. (See copy of amendments attached)

It was moved by Rep. Urie and seconded by Rep. Rollins that H. B. No. 319 be reported as "Ought to pass with amendment." It was so voted with Rep. O'Shan asking to be recorded as passing on the vote.

Rep. MacIsaac reported on the need of considering County Home Building plans which must be in Mr. Billings office by June 1. It was decided that the Executive Committee and the special County Home Study Committee meet at the County Home next Monday at 2 p.m. to look at the County Home property and that a meeting of the Convention be held on next Thursday to take any action desired on their report.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Clerk

Approved by:

G. WALTER VARRELL,
Chairman

Meeting was held at the County Home on May 18; Convention meeting was called for May 21, following the close of the session but was postponed because of the length of the session of the House.

Laconia, N. H. — May 18, 1959

The County Home Investigating Committee met at the County Farm at 2 p.m. The members, appointed by Chairman Varrell, are:

Representative McAllister, Chairman; also Representatives MacIsaac, Smith, Prescott, Normandin, O'Shan, Watson with Chairman Varrell and Clerk Atwood.

Present were all members except Rep. Smith, also Representatives Harkins and Lord.

County Commissioner directed a tour of the Lake Shore property which was given a brief inspection by the committee. Following this, they met in the lounge of the Home to discuss the sale of shore lots and the proposed building of a new Infirmary.

The question of competing with private nursing homes was discussed as well as a site for the proposed Infirmary. The discussion of site involved three possibilities

- (1) Adjoining the present buildings
- (2) At the State School end of the County property
- (3) On a new site

It was moved by Rep. MacIsaac and seconded by Rep. O'Shan that this committee recommend to the delegation that a study be made in regard to the Infirmary. It was so voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by:
ARTHUR H. McALLISTER,
Chr. Special Com.

Laconia, N. H. — Court House — June 8, 1959

A Public Hearing on H. B. No. 326 and H. B. No. 408 was called to order by Chairman Varrell at 8:10 p.m.

Present were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Snow, Lord, Ayre, Smith, Howe, Atwood, Lacaillade, Harkins, Normandin, Prescott, MacIsaac and Varrell.

Rep. Harkins, sponsor of H. B. No. 326, explained his bill which provides for the election of County Commissioners by the voters of each of the respective districts as now set up. The three districts are 1) Laconia 2) west district made up of Center Harbor, Meredith, New Hampton, Sanbornton and Tilton and 3) east district which includes Gilford, Alton, Barnstead, Gilmanton

and Belmont. He gave a comprehensive report and compared the Commissioners to Representatives, Senators and Councilmen who are elected by their districts alone but who vote upon state wide affairs. He answered questions. No one appeared against the bill.

Rep. MacIsaac explained H. B. No. 408 for its sponsor, Rep. Lacaillade. This provides for an increase of \$200 in the annual salary of the County Attorney. He explained that this would make Atty. O'Neill's salary \$2,200.00 and this would be more in line with other counties of our size.

No one appeared in opposition. Mr. O'Neill was not present to answer questions.

Rep. Smith asked to be recorded as "neutral" and stated that Mr. O'Neill's salary was raised last session as a result of a bill introduced by him.

The Chairman closed the hearings, and the convention went into Executive Session.

It was moved by Rep. Snow, and duly seconded, that H. B. No. 408 be laid on the table. It was so voted unanimously.

It was moved by Rep. MacIsaac that we adjourn. Four members having voted in the affirmative, and seven members in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

It was moved by Rep. Watson, and duly seconded, that H. B. No. 326 be laid on the table for further study. It was so voted.

Upon motion of Rep. Snow, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by:
G. WALTER VARRELL,
Chairman

Concord, New Hampshire — June 17, 1959

The Executive Committee met in Room 306 following the day's session, called to order by Chairman Varrell. The death of Rep. Burbank caused a vacancy in the membership of the Executive Committee. The Chairman announced he had appointed Rep. O'Shan to this post. Therefore all members of the Executive Committee were present, also Commissioner J. Smith.

The Area budget was discussed and it was decided, in view of the passage of House Bill No. 319, a budget be compiled by the Commissioners, up to September 15, and presented to the Convention for action.

Suggestions were made for changes in the County Budget:

1. Deletion of \$1300 for clerical hire in sheriff's office
2. Deletion of \$215 for desk
3. Deletion of \$2500 for permanent records in the Register of Probate's office (new records are not available this year) Total of \$4015.

Upon motion of Rep. O'Shan, duly seconded, it was voted to recommend to the Convention these changes in the 1959 Budget.

Meeting adjourned.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved:

ARTHUR H. McALLISTER,
Chm. Executive Committee

Concord, N. H. — State House, Room 306 — June 18, 1959

The Convention was called to order by Chairman Varrell at 1:45. Present were all members except Representatives Hart, Rollins and Snow and Delegate Matheson.

The Chairman called on Rep. McAllister to report the recommendations of the Executive Committee on the adoption of the Area and County budgets.

Chr. McAllister stated that the report of the Sub-Committee had been received and asked the Clerk to read it, if the Convention desired. Rep Lord explained that this report was based on a full year's operation of the Area in the present manner. After some discussion it was moved by Rep Atwood and seconded by Rep. Karagianis that further discussion of the Area budget be postponed until the Commissioners present a new budget extending to Sept. 15 which is the date set by pending bill for the beginning of the new Commission to run the Area. (H. B. 319 is now law) Com. Smith said a new budget could be available in two weeks. It was moved by Rep. Karagianis and seconded by Rep. Ayre that the Chairman be empowered to appoint a five man Sub-Committee to recommend and report to the Convention names for nominations to membership on the Area Commission.

Discussion, long and heated, ensued.

It was moved by Rep. Urie, and seconded by Rep. Pickering that the motion be amended to make the number of the Sub-Committee three instead of five. Another discussion ensued.

Rep. Urie and Rep. Pickering withdrew their motion to amend and moved another amendment "to change the number on the

Sub-Committee from five to three and substitute for the word "recommend" to "present." After some discussion the vote was taken. Seven members having voted in the affirmative and eight members in the negative, the amendment did not prevail.

The previous question was called for. The motion of Rep. Karagianis was carried and the Chairman appointed on the committee Representatives Lord, Snow, Normandin, Karagianis and Smith.

Rep. Watson spoke on the importance of the choice of this new Commission and moved, seconded by Rep. Ayre, that no member of this delegation or any County Official serve on this first Commission.

Objection was voiced by several. Rep. Urie stated that one of the objections to bill by many was that elected officials were not included specially in the bill. Rep. MacIsaac stated "I am not a candidate for membership nor will I serve but I intend to place in nomination the names of at least two of the delegation."

Rep. Watson, Lord and Karagianis spoke in favor of the motion as did others stating that the first Commission should be kept free of any suggestion of setting up a Committee for our own members to serve on with pay. Rep. Watson withdrew his motion.

It was moved by Rep. MacIsaac and seconded by Rep. Prescott that this Belknap County Convention be governed in its procedures by the Rules of the General Court except as otherwise specified by statute, and that where questions of order are not clear they be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order." It was so voted.

Rep. McAllister asked the Clerk to read the recommendations of the Executive Committee on the County Budget. These were given and general discussion followed.

The item of \$7,000.00 which was transferred to the County Account from the Area Account in December was again brought up. There was doubt in the minds of many of the actual amount to be raised by taxation. Several wished for a new budget giving more detail. Com. Smith stated that the Commissioners had presented a budget as required by law and they would not present another. To solve the difficulty, the Clerk offered to have a Budget comparing last year's appropriations and expenses, also this year's appropriation prepared and given to each member before our next meeting.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan, and duly seconded, that we adjourn until Thursday, July 2, and be given mimeographed

copies of the revised budgets at which time action upon both budgets could be taken.

It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned until July 2 at 4 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by:
G. WALTER VARRELL,
Chairman

Concord, N. H. — July 2, 1959

A meeting of the Convention, adjourned from June 18, was called to order by Chairman Varrell during a recess in the House session. Present were Representatives McAllister, Watson, Lord, Snow, Smith, Pickering, Urie, Atwood, Lacaillade, Harkins, Prescott, O'Shan, Varrell and MacIsaac.

It was moved by Rep. MacIsaac and seconded by Rep. Prescott that the Delegate from Center Harbor be allowed to vote on the Budgets, if he so desires. It was so voted.

Com. Smith presented the requested revised Area Budget, including the period from January 1 to September 15. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and seconded by Rep. Snow that the revised Budget for the Area be adopted, (See) It was so voted.

The County Budget was discussed. It was moved by Rep. Snow and seconded by Rep. Lord that the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) be added to item "Register of Probate Expense" for forms needed until the new ones become available. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and seconded by Rep. Howe that the sum of \$7,500.00 in the item "Aid to Soldiers" be changed to the sum of \$5,000.00. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. MacIsaac and seconded by Rep. Snow that the sum of \$1,500.00 be added to the revenue side of the Budget on item "Surplus Commodities." It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Urie and duly seconded that the sum of \$1,000.00 under item "Delegation Expense" be changed to \$500.00. It was so voted. It was moved by Rep. Prescott and duly seconded that the item "Cash Balance" on the Revenue side of Budget be changed from the figure \$15,194.66 to \$8,194.66 to re-

flect the repayment of the \$7,000.00 loan from the Area. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Snow and duly seconded that the Belknap County Budget with the changes as recommended by the Executive Committee and the amendments made today be adopted. It was so voted.

The amount to be raised by taxation was thereby changed from \$151,859.97 to \$143,844.97. See Budget appended.

Meeting adjourned.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by:
G. WALTER VARRELL,
Chairman

Laconia, N. H. — August 13, 1959

A meeting of the Belknap County Convention was called to order in the Court House at 7:45 by Chairman Varrell. All members were present except Rep. Harkins (who came in later). Delegate Matheson from Center Harbor was present, also.

Upon the request of Rep. O'Shan, the Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved on motion of Rep. Karagianis.

The Clerk reported from the last meeting of the Executive Com. meeting that an error had been discovered in the interest item of the Area Budget. The amount is \$675.00, but was listed at \$500.00. It was moved by Rep. Karagianis and duly seconded that this error be corrected. It was so voted.

Moved by Rep. Watson and seconded by Rep. Ayre that no member of the Belknap County Delegation nor any employee of Belknap County shall serve on the new Area Commission.

DISCUSSION:

Rep. Urie — It is my feeling, and that of my town, that one or possibly two members of this Delegation should be on this Commission. We have compromised on this bill; no mention was made in the law as it finally passed, that delegation members would be excluded from membership. I think we have been double crossed and I don't like it.

Rep. Normandin — As to compromise, both sides on this question have given on some points, Rep. Urie's group gave in on membership, our group gave on the question of financial control.

Rep. O'Shan — We have qualified men on this Delegation. They know the full background of the Area and should be members of the Commission. I'd like to ask Rep. Watson if this is his own idea, or how did he arrive at the thought of this motion?

Rep. Watson — I have had this idea for some time and feel that the members of the Commission should be non-political.

Rep. Atwood — The Area has been a headache for a long time to Convention members. I can't imagine why any member should care for further active participation in it. If any member should be chosen, it should be the representative from Gilford because the Area is in that town. However I do not wish to recommend the member from Gilford, and do not believe she would care to serve.

Rep. MacIsaac — I speak in opposition to the motion. We are elected representatives. It is absolutely wrong to bar those who are capable from membership. It will take a two-thirds vote of the Delegation to provide money for the new Commission. If Delegation members are on the Commission, it will be easier to get this vote.

Rep. Lord — At leats for this first time, it would seem a bit odd to elect our own members on this Commission. Part of the law stipulates that a Report be given by the Commission to the Delegation. It might be harder for the Delegation to deal impersonally with the Commission, if one member was from our own group. It is like being judge and jury at the same time.

Rep. Ayre — It was my understanding that this bill was an attempt to take the Area out of politics. Why should we elect politicians on the new Commission?

Rep. Rollins — I cast no reflections on any member of this Delegation but I do feel that the membership of this first Commission, at least, should not be chosen on any political basis, but should be chosen without prejudice and only on the question of competence.

Rep. Prescott — Whenever you elect, you make the members politicians. I see no reason why members of this Delegation should be excluded.

Rep. Pickering — I agree with Mr. Prescott. I don't think the motion before us is necessary.

Rep. Normandin — We avoid some embarrassment if we vote on this first and settle the point before the slate is presented by the Nominating Committee. I would request, too, that Mr. Harkins vote be allowed to count on this motion. He is absent, as you know, because of the death of his son.

Rep. Urie — I suggested to the Chairman this morning that this meeting be postponed because of Mr. Harkins. His vote can

not count in this meeting because we are acting under the Rules of the House.

Rep. O'Shan — I am on record as opposed to this whole bill. This is not the Delegation's idea. The County Commissioners and the Delegation have built up this Area over the years. Now THEY want to take over. I'll bet they will never do as well as the County Commissioners. In a few years we will have to take the Area back.

Rep. Urie — I had hoped when we made our compromise, before the bill was passed, that we could come to some agreement. If there is no representative from the Delegation on the Commission, I promise you this: There is not doing to be one d— cent appropriated for that Area. You know it as well as I do. It only takes eight people to stop a two-third vote which is necessary. I am going to do all that I can to see that you get no money from New Hampton.

Rep. Hart called for the question and it was so voted.

Voting "Yes" on the motion of Rep. Watson were Representatives Rollins, Watson, Lord, Snow, Atwood, Normandin, Ayre, Karagianis, Matheson and Varrell. Voting "No" were Representatives McAllister, Pickering, Smith, Howe, Hart, Lacaillade, Prescott, O'Shan, Urie and MacIsaac.

Ten members having voted for the motion, and ten members having voted against the motion, it did not prevail.

Rep. Normandin moved to adjourn until next Tuesday.

Speaking on the subject of personal privilege were Representatives Smith, Urie, Watson and MacIsaac.

At this point such confusion and acrimonious discussion ensued that the Clerk was unable to report the meeting with accuracy.

Rep. Normandin withdrew his motion.

Rep. Karagianis moved, seconded by Rep. Lord that Rep. Harkins be given the privilege to vote on a slate of officers, inasmuch as the voting privilege had been given previously to Reps. Burbank and Hart.

Rep. Urie — I speak against the motion at this time. An absent member can not vote unless we suspend the rules and I stand on that. I'm not having anything put over on me tonight.

General and confused discussion ensued during which the Clerk was asked to read the Rules of the House. She stated that she would be forced to resign as Clerk unless an orderly procedure could be followed.

Rep. Karagianis withdrew his motion temporarily.

Rep. Snow was asked to read the slate of officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee. He stated that the Committee had prepared two slates, one with a Delegation member on it,

one without, thinking that they would present the slate after the vote settling Delegation membership was taken.

The slates as presented were:

Five Year Term —	Dana Beane Jr. of Laconia
Four Year Term —	Whitman Ide of Laconia
Three Year Term —	Dr. William Baker of Gilford
Two Year Term —	George Weissen of Tilton
One Year Term —	Mrs. Mary Robertson of Meredith

or

Rep. Arthur McAllister of Barnstead

Rep. O'Shan — You have exceeded your authority. Your committee was set up to collect the names of all candidates. You should present the names of all who were suggested, and then the Delegation elects.

Rep. Karagianis renewed his motion that Rep. Harkins be allowed to vote. It was not seconded.

Rep. MacIsaac moved we adjourn. The motion did not prevail. Chairman Varrell declared a recess.

Chairman called to order. At this time Rep. Harkins joined the meeting.

Rep. Karagianis moved that no member of the Delegation be a member of the new Commission. Seconded by Rep. Lord.

Rep. Urie and Pickering and others spoke in opposition. Rep. Karagianis withdrew his motion.

Rep. Snow reported for the Nominating Committee that they had used care in selection of the five members so that the requirements of the law as to residence and occupation be met. He read the names of all members recommended and their sponsors. He suggested the method of procedure to be the election of the Five Year member etc. This met with objection from one half the delegation so it was finally decided to begin with the One Year member instead.

Rep. Snow nominated Dana Beane Jr. for the term of one year. This was duly seconded, and Dana Beane was unanimously elected for the one year term.

For the two year term the following were nominated:

Whitman Ide	by the Nominating Committee
A. John Lacaillade	by Rep. Prescott
Kenneth Bunker	by Rep. Karagianis
Arthur Rothafel	by Rep. Ayre

Voted that nominations cease.

Discussion ensued. On a Roll Call vote, voting for Dr. A. John Lacaillade were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Pickering, Smith, Urie, Howe, Hart, Lacaillade, Prescott, O'Shan and MacIsaac.

Voting for Mr. Ide were Representatives Watson, Lord, Snow, Atwood, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Karagianis and Delegate Matheson.

The Chairman declared Dr. A. John Lacaillade elected for the two year term.

Nominations for the Three Year Term were:

George Weissen of Tilton	by the Committee
William Robertson of Gilmanton	by Rep. Watson
Mrs. Mary Robertson of Meredith	by Rep. Normandin
Alexander McGregor of Tilton	by Rep. Howe

Voting for William Robertson were Representatives Rollins, Watson and Atwood.

Voting for Mrs. Mary Robertson were Representatives Lord, Snow, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Karagianis, McAllister, Pickering, Smith, Urie, Howe, Hart, Lacaillade, Prescott, O'Shan, MacIsaac and Delegate Matheson.

The Chairman declared Mrs. Mary Robertson elected for the Three Year Term.

Nominations for the Four Year Term were:

Whitman Ide	by the Committee
Rep. McAllister	by Rep. MacIsaac

Rep. Atwood challenged Rep. McAllister's right to vote for himself inasmuch as the Rules of the House had been invoked earlier in the meeting, and this was in violation of a House Rule. This was disregarded and the Roll Call proceeded.

Voting for Mr. Ide were Representatives Rollins, Watson, Lord, Snow, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Karagianis, Atwood and Delegate Matheson.

Voting for Rep. McAllister were Representatives McAllister, Pickering, Smith, Urie, Howe, Hart, Lacaillade, Prescott, O'Shan and MacIsaac.

The vote being a tie, Chairman Varrell voted for Mr. Ide and then declared him elected for the four year term.

Nominations for Five Years:

Dr. William Baker	by the Committee
Rep. McAllister	by Rep. Urie
Arthur Rothafel	by Rep. MacIsaac

Rep. Atwood — According to the terms of the bill we can elect not more than two members from any one municipality.

We now have two members from Laconia and two from Meredith. With no prejudice whatever toward any other nominee, I believe that Gilford should be represented on this Commission because the Area is in that town.

Objection was voiced by several members. The voting proceeded by Roll Call. Voting for Rep. McAllister were Representatives McAllister, Pickering, Smith, Urie, Howe, Hart, LaCaillade, Prescott, O'Shan and MacIsaac.

Voting for Dr. Baker were Representatives Rollins, Watson, Lord, Snow, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Karagianis, Atwood and Delegate Matheson. The vote being a tie, the Chairman voted for Dr. Baker. Dr. William Baker was declared elected for the Five Year Term.

The meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by:
G. WALTER VARRELL,
Chairman

Concord, N. H. — September 8, 1959

A meeting of the Belknap Convention was held in Room 306, called to order by Chairman Varrell at 10 a.m. Present was Delegate Matheson from Center Harbor. All members were present except Representatives Hart, Ayre and Karagianis.

It was moved by Rep. Watson, duly seconded, and voted that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with.

It was moved by Rep. MacIsaac and seconded by Rep. Urie, that the rules of the Convention be suspended to permit the reconsideration of the vote whereby the 1959 County Budget was adopted on July 2.

DISCUSSION:

Rep. Smith, who is also Chairman of the County Commissioners was questioned as to the state of County Finances. He stated that he saw no probability of cutting budget figures in the 1959 budget inasmuch as jurors pay has been raised from \$6 to \$10 a day; money had to be borrowed because taxes from towns was not available on July 1 as is usually the case; Soldiers' Aid had been reduced from \$7,500 to \$5,000, etc.

In response to the question of taking money from the Area

Surplus to apply to taxes, he replied that there would be a balance in excess of \$50,000 to turn over to the Area Commission on September 15. He said many repairs that were planned the first of the year had not been completed because the Commissioners wished to give the new Area Commissioners the opportunity to make other plans, if they so desired, so this surplus figure contained ordinary repair costs in some ways.

Rep. Lord commended the Commissioners for asking Manager Baer to keep expenses at a minimum after the Area Bill passed so that the new management could have a fair start.

Rep. Urie called for the question. It was so voted.

Voting "Yes" were: Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Pickering, Smith, Urie, Howe, Prescott, MacIsaac, Varrell. Voting "No" were: Representatives Lord, Snow, Lacaillade, Harkins, Atwood and Delegate Matheson. Rep. O'Shan passed. (Rep. Normandin did not arrive until after this vote). Ten having voted in the affirmative and six in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Rep. O'Shan brought up several features of the Area Law, particularly in regard to insurance and taxes. Rep. Smith answered questions in regard to same. After some discussion, it was moved by Rep. Atwood and seconded by Rep. Lord, that Insurance and Taxes at the Area be figured to September 15 and the bill pro-rated. It was so voted.

Rep. MacIsaac spoke on personal privilege to the effect that it had been generally agreed that Budget would be reconsidered nearer the date of September 15 to see if money could be used from the Area Surplus to keep the 1959 County Tax at last year's level, and he felt the agreement had not been kept.

It was moved by Rep. Urie and seconded by Rep. MacIsaac that the sum of \$4,349.17 be transferred from the Area Surplus and applied to the County Funds to reduce the County Budget.

General Discussion ensued; it was questioned whether this was legal but it was stated by several that it should be voted, legal or not. Rep. Smith moved the previous question, and it was so voted.

Voting "Yes" were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Pickering, Smith, Urie, Howe Lacaillade, Normandin, Prescott, O'Shan, MacIsaac and Varrell.

Voting "No" were Representatives Lord, Snow, Atwood and Harkins and Delegate Matheson. The motion prevailed.

An attempt was made to consider other unfinished business, but a motion of Rep. Urie adjourned the meeting at 11 a.m.*

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

*The clerk consulted the Atty. Gen.'s office and the Tax Commission and was told that the July 2 Budget was the adopted Budget of the County and thereon gave that Budget to the Tax Commission.

Approved by:
G. WALTER VARRELL,
Chairman

Concord, N. H. — September 10, 1959

The County Convention met in Room 306 at 10 a.m. to consider unfinished business. Present were Representatives Rolins, McAllister, Watson, Lord, Pickering, Smith, Urie, Atwood, Howe, Lacaillade, Harkins, Ayre, Prescott, O'Shan and Varrell.

There was some discussion of a suggestion by Rep. Atwood that a member, preferably the Chairman of the Executive Committee, be a liaison member between the new Area Commission and the Convention. It was moved by Rep. Urie, and seconded by Rep. Pickering that the delegation take no action on electing a member to represent them, the delegation, in any capacity with the Area Commission. It was so voted.

Upon an attempt to take up further business, it was moved by Rep. Urie and seconded by Rep. Pickering that the meeting adjourn.

Rep. Atwood moved that the motion be amended to read "adjourn until next Tuesday." Rep. Urie moved to amend the amendment that "we adjourn not to meet until after the legislature adjourns." Subsequently he withdrew his amendment and the first motion, and substituted the following motion: "I move that we adjourn this meeting of the Delegation and that no further meeting be called until after the adjournment of the 1959 Legislature." The motion prevailed and the meeting adjourned at 10:30.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by:
G. WALTER VARRELL,
Chairman

Laconia, N. H. — November 2, 1959

A meeting of the County Convention was called, at the request of the County Commissioners, at the Court House to consider repairs to the County Home and authorizing the preparations of space studies for a new Infirmary. Chairman Varrell called to order at 8:05 p.m. All members of the Convention, including the Delegate from Center Harbor, were present. Also in attendance were the Commissioners, Architect Norman Randlett and other visitors.

The Clerk read the call of the meeting. Rep. Joseph Smith, who is also Chairman of the County Commissioners explained the request for the County Home repairs. He stated that it should have been in the regular budget but had been overlooked. The repairs would consist of weatherproofing, insulating, etc. to make the Home more comfortable. The Commissioners had consulted Mr. Randlett who gave an estimate of \$1,882.00 for the work proposed. Later, some additions were made to bring the amount requested up to \$2,000.00. Com. Smith responded to questions:

- Q. Is this in excess of 1959 Budget?
A. No. We are asking that you take it from the County Capital Reserve fund.
- Q. Can it come from the surplus \$4,000.00 Area fund?
A. No. We have a sum of money from sale of lots that is set aside for a Capital Reserve.
- Q. Is the Area surplus in that fund?
A. No.
- Q. Is this money included in regular County funds?
A. No, it is still in the hands of the County Treasurer.
- Q. Will the proposed changes make for savings?
A. by Mr. Randlett: It should save some money in fuel, but is mainly for the greater comfort of the inmates. One room I visited last winter was particularly in need of insulation.
- Q. Why wasn't this included in your Budget?
A. by Com. Smith: It was just neglect on the Commissioners' part.
- Q. Are these all the known or anticipated repairs?
A. So far as I know.
- Q. Isn't the Capital Reserve Fund for long term improvements and not repairs?
A. Not strictly repairs, but we didn't have any thing in budget for repairs.

- Q. What was the sum for repairs in Budget? \$3,150.00 for the Infirmary.
Com. Hubbard read the amounts which were mainly supplies and fixtures for bathroom etc.
- Q. What was the Capital Reserve set up for, and how has it been used?
- A. There has been money taken out for the Sprinkler system, and for a new roof.

It was moved by Rep. Normandin and seconded by Rep. MacIsaac that

The County Convention authorize the County Commissioners to withdraw a sum not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of insulating and installing aluminum doors and windows at the County Home, according to the estimate presented by Architect Norman Randlett, dated October 14, 1959.

The Roll was called and all members having voted in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Convention then took up the matter of a new Infirmary. Com. Smith said that the Commissioners were asking for \$2,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund to apply for Federal Funds for a new County Infirmary. They needed to make application before November 15. He called on Com. Hubbard who explained that last May 22 the Commissioners had written to Mr. Billings in regard to securing Federal funds for a new building. The Commissioners had engaged Mr. Randlett to make space studies. No action had been taken by the Delegation to authorize the preparation of plans. When negotiations were started, no other applications were before the state Advisory Board, now there are other groups seeking aid, and the County's approval of preliminary plans should be on hand by November 15. He stated that application at this time, did not bind the County to build, and no particular site was necessary to prepare these plans.

Rep. McAllister then read a copy of the recommendations of the committee set up to study the County Home situation. The Clerk stated that she had been present at the first part of the May 18 meeting but had to leave before a vote was taken. Later she was given a report of the vote taken and that had been made a part of her record which was signed as approved by the Chairman of the special committee and had been made part of the official records. (See May 18 record) Rep. Watson asked to be recorded that he was not present when the vote was taken.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and seconded by Rep. McAllister that:

Two thousand Dollars be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund to be used for preliminary plans to be furnished to the County Commissioners so that they may present plans for a new Infirmary to the Federal Authority.

Discussion ensued:

Rep. Normandin brought up the need for extensive study in regard to a site for a new Infirmary. The County owns about 443 acres in Laconia much of it desirable for future development. He advised further study before taking advantage of availability of Federal funds. He felt that doctors, planning board, etc. should be consulted on this question. He agreed that a new Home was needed. Rep. O'Shan and Rep. MacIsaac advised putting in application at the present time.

Com. Hubbard stated that since the County Commissioners had called the meeting, the remarks being made were entirely irrelevant. All the Convention is asked to do tonight is to make use of Federal funds.

Rep. Hart asked if present Infirmary had been condemned. Answer seemed to be in the negative.

Rep. Lord thought the ignorance of the whole matter was appalling and advised getting more facts before action was taken. Rep. Atwood inquired if the County did not have plans for a complete County Home, not just an Infirmary, which were not used several years ago because the vote to build was not legally taken, and asked how much these plans cost? Com. Smith answered that the plans cost \$250.00 but were not suitable now. The amount of \$2,000.00 needed for such a short period of study was questioned. Rep. Rollins spoke of the proposed action as insurance which need not bind us. Rep. Watson thought he needed more information in view of the few prisoners and few actual charity patients now taken care of at the County Home.

The Chairman called for a five-minute recess.

Meeting reconvened.

Mr. Randlett was questioned. He said it was obvious that the amount of \$2,000.00 could not be used in the time remaining. The drawings would not be made for any particular site but could be adapted. When site is not selected, it is assumed that plans will be for a level site.

Rep. Urie moved to amend the motion to read "One thousand, two hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) instead of the \$2,000.00 mentiond. This was accepted by the movers, Reps. O'Shan and McAllister, so that motion then read as given with \$1,200.00 substituted.

Rep. Normandin moved to amend the motion by adding: "and that the Delegation appoint a Study Committee consisting of three doctors, two business men and a Planning Director or Chairman of the Planning Board to investigate and report to this delegation and make recommendations on the report of the McAllister committee."

Seconded by Rep. Snow.

Discussion of the motion ensued.

Rep. Hart called for the previous question. It was so voted.

The amendment was adopted by a hand vote. 9-4.

The motion then was voted upon by a Roll Call Vote. Motion as amended reads:

"Move that One Thousand two hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund to be used for preliminary plans to be furnished to the County Commissioners so that they may present plans for a new Infirmary to the Federal Authority, and that the Delegation appoint a Study Committee consisting of three Doctors, two business men and a Planning Director or Chairman of the Planning Board to investigate and report to this delegation and make recommendations on the report of the McAllister committee." Voting "Yes" were Representative Rollins, McAllister, Snow, Hart, Lacaillade, Prescott, O'Shan, MacIsaac, Varrell, Pickering, Smith, Urie, Atwood and Howe and Delegate Matheson. Voting "No" were Reps. Watson, Lord, Harkins, Ayre, and Karagianis. Rep. Normandin passed. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Clerk

Approved by:

G. WALTER VARRELL,

Chairman

Laconia, N. H. December 8, 1959

The Executive Committee met at the Court House, called to order by Chairman Arthur McAllister at 6:30. All members except Rep. Snow were present, also Commissioner Joseph Smith. The Budget was reviewed. Com. Smith stated there was a budget surplus as of this week that he felt would be sufficient for the rest of the month. There were overdrafts in two items; Expense of County Officers and Care of Court House and the Executive

Committee duly voted to request that the Commissioners send the Committee an itemized account of these items. The overdraft in the Clerk of Court's account is not accountable except to the Court. The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

A true copy attest:
MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

The Belknap County Convention met to transact unfinished business, called to order by Chairman Walter Varrell at 7:45. Present were Representatives Rollins, McAllister, Watson, Lord, Hart, Harkins, Normandin, Ayre, Prescott, O'Shan, Varrell, Pickering, Smith, Atwood and Howe and Delegate Matheson. Also present, at the request of the Chairman, was County Attorney O'Neill. The press was represented by Ray Smith of the "Citizen" and Earl Anderson of the "Union Leader." Other visitors were members of the N. H. Nursing Home Ass'n.

The County Attorney was asked about the status of the votes taken November 2 which have been questioned by the County Treasurer. His opinion was that the votes were properly taken and replied to a question by the Clerk that she should send the Treasurer an attested copy of votes taken.

Rep. Atwood moved and it was seconded by Rep. Normandin that: We delegate the authority given us on November 2 to appoint a Study Committee, to the Chairman of our Convention, and that we add to this committee the members of the Special County Home Study Committee and the County Commissioners, and that they serve without pay, and report to this full Convention before the 1960 Budget is made up.

In the discussion which ensued Rep. Atwood stressed the importance of all working together on this subject. Rep. McAllister spoke in favor as did Rep. Lord and others. Rep. Ayre asked the privilege of having the following statement which she read incorporated in the minutes:

"Mr. Chairman: As a member of the House of Representatives from Ward 3, I ask the personal privilege of reading the following statement, which tells exactly how I feel about the matter for which this meeting is being held and I ask to read this statement because I realize that many times there is a possibility of being "misquoted."

First, I should like to say that the only reason I go along with appointing a committee to study the matter of whether or not to build a County Infirmary, is because I sincerely believe that

such a committee can return ONLY one solution — and that is — we should NOT build such an Infirmary!

We are being asked to consider the expenditure of \$400,000 (actually nearer $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Million Dollars, according to Mr. Lester Billings) to house FIVE poor people who are not self-supporting. The present population of 80-odd people at the County Home is made up of people WHO PAY THEIR OWN WAY, and WHO COULD PAY THEIR OWN WAY IN PRIVATE NURSING HOMES, except for FIVE PEOPLE WHO CANNOT. You may say there are not enough private nursing homes in which to take care of these people, and that therefore we NEED this new building (and I wish to remind you here that the proposed Infirmary is an ADDITIONAL building. It is NOT TO BE BUILT TO REPLACE what we now have.)

I say this: If we don't have enough private nursing homes, why? In my opinion, it is because we HAVE a County Home COMPETING with private nursing homes. And if we did not have a County Home, I believe there would immediately be PLENTY of new private nursing homes started up. THEN we could, as we SHOULD, take care of the FIVE PEOPLE whom we now have at the County Home, who cannot afford to pay their own way in a private nursing home; pay for their care from County funds, and SAVE the taxpayers an unbelievable sum of money — THINK of the cost to us, the taxpayers, NOW, in operating what we do — ALL FOR ONLY FIVE PEOPLE, whom we should take care of anyhow, but whom we must take care of, according to law.

To take care of these five people today, in a private nursing home, might cost somewhere between \$8,000 and \$10,000 a year. A NEW INFIRMARY (which I would like to remind you again, is an ADDITIONAL BUILDING and therefore will require a staff, heat, lights, maintenance etc.) will cost nearer a million dollars (and this is just to BUILD it — not to maintain it and its additional staff) than the \$400,000 we are asked to consider. And what about the interest on such a bond issue? When you take into account amortization, etc., it will surely cost \$100,000 a year — and we could take care of those FIVE POOR PEOPLE for approximately \$10,000? I don't know the answer — do any of you?

There is another factor. If we DO build on the present County Land, we will close forever access to the most desirable place in Laconia for private development — and Laconia has very little land left for any sort of development and expansion. In my opinion, to BUILD A NEW COUNTY INFIRMARY here would WASTE not only the cost of building, but would likewise WASTE land that would bring to Laconia and to Belknap

County, through private development, tax money of perhaps \$90,000 a year, or even more.

In conclusion, I should like to say that it is my sincere opinion that by building the ADDITIONAL COUNTY INFIRMARY, as proposed, will, FIRST: Waste as much as \$200,000 of our taxpayer's money; and SECONDLY, it will stop PRIVATE ENTERPRISE from building PRIVATE NURSING HOMES.

I'm a REPUBLICAN. Most of you are, too. It is NOT the policy of the Republican Party, and never has been, to ENGAGE IN COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY.

It is my hope that this APPOINTED COMMITTEE will come back to us with just ONE ANSWER — no NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING, and no new TAXES. I'm paying more taxes than I want to, RIGHT NOW, without adding a further burden — especially, when I feel that we can do what we should do — for \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year, rather than for \$100,000 a year, or MORE."

Rep Atwood stated that she had asked the Nursing Home Ass'n. for a statement as to the number of beds now available in Belknap County. The written statement from the Ass'n. was that there were now 50 beds available in licensed Homes.

Upon motion of Rep. Normandin, the previous question was ordered. The vote was put and the motion prevailed in the affirmative.

The County Attorney was questioned as to the status of the surplus Area money which was voted to use to reduce 1959 County Tax on Sept. 8 but which could not be applied to the Budget adopted on July 2. After discussion, it was moved by Com. Smith and seconded by Delegate Matheson that the County Attorney be requested to study the status of a sum of money in excess of \$4,000, appropriated in the 1959-60 Budget, which was voted by the County Convention to be turned over to County Funds, the County Attorney to render an Advisory opinion to the Chairman of the County Convention. It was so voted.

The report given by Rep. McAllister at the November 2 meeting was not accepted; therefore it was moved by Rep. Hart, seconded by Rep. Pickering that the McAllister Committee report be accepted. It was so voted. (Report appended)

Members of the N. H. Nursing Home Ass'n. were present and were informally consulted following adjournment of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Clerk

Approved by:

G. WALTER VARRELL,

Chairman

Committee appointed was: Drs. Perley, Brody and Eckels; Haven Flanders, Mrs. Dorothy Meredith and Jason Sloan.

BELKNAP COUNTY BUDGET FOR 1959
Salaries of:

Commissioners	\$4,500.00
Treasurer	500.00
Auditors	200.00
County Attorney	2,000.00
Medical Referee & Autopsies	1,200.00
Sheriff	1,500.00

Expenses of:

County Officers	2,200.00
Register of Deeds	1,943.00
Register of Probate	1,730.00
Sheriff Dept.	250.00
Sheriff, Radio	500.00

Care & Supplies, Court House 7,500.00

Superior Court:

Books & Printing	3,500.00
Permanent Records	
Jury Payrolls	3,500.00
State vs. Payrolls	1,800.00
Referees & Masters	600.00
Counsel Fees	500.00
Stenographer etc.	2,900.00
Clerk of Court	10,000.00
Sheriff	10,000.00

Public Welfare:

County Home	126,650.00
Poor off Farm	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	12,000.00
Care of Children	21,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	5,000.00
Office Expense	6,500.00
Relief Administration	3,500.00

Interest:

T-Bar Notes	675.00
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Indebtedness:

T-Bar Notes	5,000.00
Short Term Loans	80,000.00

Special Appropriations:	
Clerk of Court (index)	900.00
Register of Deeds (index)	2,220.00
Register of Deeds (maps)	720.00
County Home:	
Furniture	1,000.00
Kitchen	3,000.00
Farm, silo & equipment	2,000.00
Hospital	3,150.00
All Other:	
Extension Service	11,890.00
Surplus Commodities	2,300.00
Retirement & Social Security	5,000.00
Delegation Expense	500.00
Airport Authority	2,000.00
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Budget	\$356,828.00
Estimated Revenue	212,983.03
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To be raised by taxation	\$143,844.97

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

In accordance with the Public Statutes of the State of New Hampshire, the Commissioners of Belknap County herewith submit the annual report of the Commissioners along with the Treasurer, Superintendent and Matron of the County Home and House of Correction, Clerk of Superior Court, County Attorney, Chaplain, Sheriff, Auditors and County Extension Service for the year ending December 31, 1959.

Seasonal unemployment and the result of our last recession reflects in an overdraft, this year, of our Welfare budget. Because of an increased rate for board of children in foster homes, an increase in number of children being cared for by the County and unusually high medical bills, our total expense for board and care of children was higher than in former years.

Our Surplus Food program has been a tremendous assistance in our Welfare program and the following towns have participated in it, Alton, Barnstead, Belmont, Gilford, Gilmanton, Laconia, Meredith, New Hampton, Sanbornton, and Tilton.

New lights were installed in the vaults of the Registry of Deeds and Registry of Probate. The office of the Registry of Probate also had new lights installed. The Court House roof was repaired, the bricks were pointed up and some stone work was done.

On September 18 and 19 the annual meeting of the State Association of County Commissioners was held in Laconia, at which time the County Home was visited. All those present expressed their opinion that the improvements did much to improve the physical structure. Many of the rooms were repainted, new wiring and lights were installed, beds and mattresses were replaced and a new sterilizer was purchased for the Infirmary. At the present time, an additional bathroom is being installed for the convenience of the Infirmary patients. Forty-eight storm windows and insulation was added to the north side of the Home and two doors to the front of the building. A new electric slicer and mixer were purchased for the kitchen. A new silo was built and a new manure spreader was purchased for the farm.

The Laconia Lions Club presented to the Infirmary a wheel chair and a portable electric aspirator which is most greatly appreciated. In October, of this year, the Laconia Altrusa Club organized the Belknap County Home Auxiliary which is doing a splendid job, not only in actively working with the Home inmates, but also in interpreting the problems of the Home to the general public.

Currently, the Commissioners are meeting with a Citizens' Committee to investigate possibilities relative to new construction of a 60-bed Infirmary.

The Board of County Commissioners appreciate and wish to thank all County officials and all County employees for their help and cooperation, also all individuals, clubs and organizations who have contributed to the welfare and happiness of the inmates at the County Home and Infirmary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. SMITH
WILLIAM I. STAFFORD
NORMAN HUBBARD

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET
Assets

Cash on hand	\$4,790.48
Capital Reserve Funds:	
County Home Improvements	17,885.60
Recreation Area, Revolving Fund	4,106.58
Accounts due County:	
Due on County Taxes (Meredith)	7,151.25
Due County Home	9,756.13
Due from Recreation Area:	
Social Security, fourth quarter	678.28
Other Assets:	
County Home Superintendent, petty cash	200.00
Total Assets:	<u>\$44,568.32</u>

Liabilities

Capital Reserve Funds:	
County Home Improvements	\$17,885.60
Recreation Area, Revolving Fund	4,106.58
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
T-Bar Notes, a/c Recreation Area	25,000.00
Social Security, fourth quarter (including Recreation Area)	2,089.75
Tax withholdings for December	728.90
Total Liabilities:	<u>\$49,810.83</u>
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (Net Debt)	5,242.51
Net Debt December 31, 1958	13,655.67
Net Debt December 31, 1959	5,242.51
Decrease of Debt	<u>\$8,413.16</u>

**STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
OF BELKNAP COUNTY****December 31, 1959**

**T-BAR NOTES, ISSUED FOR PURCHASE AND
ERECTION OF T-BAR AT RECREATION AREA**

SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES

1960 — Note No. 6, Peoples National Bank, Laconia	\$5,000.00
1961 — Note No. 7, Laconia National Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1962 — Note No. 8, Peoples National Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1963 — Note No. 9, Laconia National Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1964 — Note No. 10, Peoples National Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
TOTAL	<hr/> \$25,000.00

Interest payable November 21 and May 21, 2.25% in arrears.

Principal payable May 21, \$5,000.00 annually.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

1959

Salaries of:	Budget	Payments	Unexpended	Overdraft	Receipts
Commissioners	\$4,500.00	\$4,502.53		\$2.53	
Treasurer	500.00	500.00			
Auditors	200.00	200.00			
County Attorney	2,000.00	1,997.80	\$2.20		
Medical Referee & Autopsies	1,200.00	2,208.44		1,008.44	
Sheriff	1,500.00	1,498.63	1.37		
Expenses of:					
County Officers	2,200.00	2,648.57		448.57	
Register of Deeds	1,943.00	1,914.30	28.70		
Register of Probate	1,730.00	1,496.74	233.26		
Sheriff Dept.	250.00	250.00			
Sheriff, Radio	500.00	500.00			
Care & Supplies, Court House	7,500.00	8,992.42		1,492.42	\$260.00
Superior Court:					6.14
Books & Printing	3,500.00	1,913.78	1,586.22		
Permanent Records		2,577.04		2,577.04	
Jury Payrolls	3,500.00	5,036.60		1,536.60	
State vs. Payrolls	1,800.00	1,610.60	189.40		
Referees & Masters	600.00	325.40	274.60		
Counsel Fees	500.00	686.76		186.76	
Stenographer, etc.	2,900.00	4,457.06		1,557.06	
Clerk of Court	10,000.00	9,010.06	989.94		
Sheriff	10,000.00	11,318.33		1,318.33	
Public Welfare:					
County Home	126,650.00	123,518.96	3,131.04		118,371.37
Poor off Farm	5,000.00	5,945.01		945.01	604.11
Old Age Assistance	12,000.00	11,421.51	578.49		2,787.35
Care of Children	21,000.00	23,247.88		2,247.88	3,780.07
Soldiers' Aid	5,000.00	4,303.10	696.90		111.46
Office Expense	6,500.00	6,320.24	179.76		10.93
Relief Administration	3,500.00	2,880.92	619.08		

BELKNAP COUNTY

Interest:					
T-Bar Notes	675.00	618.75	56.25		618.75
Indebtedness:					
T-Bar Notes	5,000.00				5,000.00
Short Term Loans	80,000.00				78,533.37
Special Appropriations:					
Clerk of Court (index)	900.00		900.00		
Reg. of Deeds (index)	2,220.00		224.09		
Reg. of Deeds (maps)	720.00			16.00	
County Home:					
Furniture	1,000.00				
Kitchen	3,000.00				
Farm, silo & equipment	2,000.00			976.49	
Hospital	3,150.00			704.74	
All Other:					
Extension Service	11,890.00				
Surplus Commodities	2,300.00		1,386.96		2,030.99
Retirement & Social Security	5,000.00		100.32		
Delegation Expense	500.00		22.32		10.80
Airport Authority	2,000.00				
Total Expenditures	<u>\$356,828.00</u>	<u>\$357,275.50</u>	<u>\$13,865.63</u>	<u>\$14,313.13</u>	<u>\$212,125.34</u>
				13,865.63	
Estimated Revenue	<u>212,983.03</u>			<u>Net Overdraft</u>	<u>\$447.50</u>
To be raised by taxation	<u>\$143,844.97</u>				<u>* 4,349.17</u>
* Transfer from Recreation Area					<u>\$216,474.51</u>

(See vote of Delegation 9/8/59)

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY**Description:****Land and Buildings:**

(a) Court House	\$50,000.00
(b) Jail	15,000.00
(c) County Home	50,000.00
(d) Recreation Area — land value	16,000.00

Furniture and Equipment:

(a) Court House	15,000.00
(b) Jail	1,775.00
(c) County Home	29,450.00
(d) County Infirmary	12,000.00

TOTAL	\$189,225.00
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
Taxes from Towns	\$136,693.73
Income from Institutions:	
County Farm	14,666.83
Infirmary	103,704.54
Reimbursement for Support of Poor:	
Old Age Assistance	2,787.35
Care of Children	3,780.07
Direct Relief	604.11
Soldiers' Aid	111.46
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:	
Temporary Loans	138,083.37
Transfers from Recreation Area	25,000.00
T-Bar Note and Interest	5,618.75
Transfer from Recreation Area (See vote of Delegation of 9-8-59)	4,349.17
All Other Receipts:	
Recreation Area, deductions, insurance etc.	11,102.59
Blue Cross refunds	1,040.45
Social Security refunds	615.62
Office Rent, cr. Court House	260.00
Surplus Commodities, from Towns	2,030.99
Insurance Refund	94.04
Flood Control payments	115.87
Refund, Civil Defense, Treasurer of U. S.	16.66
Miscellaneous	27.87
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$450,703.47
Cash on hand January 1, 1959	15,194.66
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Grand Total:	\$465,898.13

PAYMENTS
Current Maintenance Expense:**General Government:**

1. Salaries of:	
(a) Commissioners	\$4,502.53
(b) Treasurer	500.00
(c) Auditors	200.00
(d) County Attorney	1,997.80

(e) Sheriff	1,489.63
(f) Medical Referee	1,083.44
(g) Autopsies	1,125.00
2. Expenses of:	
(a) County Officers	2,648.57
(b) Register of Deeds	1,914.30
(c) Register of Probate	1,496.74
3. Care and Supplies, Court House	8,992.42
Superior Court:	
4. Books and Printing	1,913.78
5. Permanent Records	2,577.04
6. Jury Payrolls	5,036.60
7. State vs. Payrolls	1,610.60
8. Referees and Masters	325.40
9. Counsel Fees	686.76
10. Stenographer etc.	4,457.06
11. Clerk of Court	9,010.06
12. Sheriff	11,318.33
Public Welfare:	
13. County Home, Infirmary and Jail	123,518.96
14. Support of Poor not on Farm	5,945.01
15. Old Age Assistance	11,421.51
16. Care of Children	23,247.88
17. Soldiers' Aid	4,303.10
18. Relief Administration	2,880.92
19. Office Expense	6,320.24
Total Current Maintenance Expense:	\$240,523.68
Interest:	
20. Paid on T-Bar Notes	618.75
Indebtedness:	
21. Paid on Temporary Loans	\$140,000.00
22. Paid on T-Bar Notes	5,000.00
23. Paid on Transfers from Recreation Area	32,000.00
Total Indebtedness Payments:	\$177,000.00
Outlay for New Construction and Equipment:	
24. County Infirmary	\$2,445.26
25. Farm — (silo and equipment)	2,976.49
26. Institution (kitchen)	1,790.01
27. Furniture	1,000.00

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28. County Home (insulation etc.)	50.00
Total Outlay Payments:	\$8,261.76
Special Appropriations:	
29. Register of Deeds (index)	\$1,995.91
30. Register of Deeds (maps)	736.00
Total Special Appropriations:	\$2,731.91
All Other Payments:	
31. Extension Service	\$11,890.00
32. Recreation Area, deductions, insurance, etc.	10,001.99
33. Delegation Expense	477.68
34. Retirement and Social Security	4,899.68
35. Social Security (non payroll)	681.62
36. Surplus Commodities	913.04
37. Blue Cross, refunded	975.00
38. Airport Authority	2,000.00
39. Flood Control Payments	115.87
40. Civil Defense	16.66
41. Tax Refund, Town of Belmont	.01
Total Payments for All Purposes:	\$461,107.65
Cash on hand December 31, 1959	4,790.48
Grand Total:	\$465,898.13

RECEIPTS
COUNTY TAXES

Alton	\$11,320.60
Barnstead	2,996.29
†Belmont	5,835.80
Center Harbor	4,059.31
Gilford	14,426.21
Gilmanton	3,968.68
Laconia	69,252.72
*Meredith	7,151.26
New Hampton	4,162.87
Sanbornton	4,144.17
Tilton	9,375.82
Total:	\$136,693.73
†Town of Belmont, overpaid 1c, refunded	
*Town of Meredith, December installment not paid in 1959	

INCOME FROM INSTITUTIONS

County Farm	\$14,666.83
County Infirmary	103,704.54
Total:	\$118,371.37

REIMBURSEMENT, SUPPORT OF POOR

City Savings Bank, savings account	\$130.42
Treasurer of United States, a/c Social Security	372.60
City of Laconia, refund	8.90
Personal refunds	92.19
Total:	\$604.11

REIMBURSEMENT, SOLDIERS' AID

Personal refunds	\$111.46
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REIMBURSEMENT, CARE OF CHILDREN

H. D. Hayner, guardian	\$261.56
Probation Dept., refunds	1,251.31
Treasurer of United States, social security	870.20
Welfare Dept., refunds	360.00
Personal refunds	1,037.00
Total:	\$3,780.07

REIMBURSEMENT, OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

H. D. Hayner, a/c County Home	\$2,175.50
State of New Hampshire, reimbursements	611.85
Total:	\$2,787.35

RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE**RECREATION AREA**

Payroll deductions, Blue Cross, insurance etc., paid by County and refunded	\$11,102.59
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TEMPORARY LOANS

Date issued:	Payable:
January 30, 1959	December 30, 1959
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H., Notes No. 273 and No. 274 — \$80,000.00 — interest 2% — Discount \$1,466.63	\$78,533.37
August 18, 1959	December 18, 1959
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Note No. 275 — \$60,000.00 — interest 2.25% Discount \$450.00	59,550.00
Total:	\$138,083.37

TRANSFERS FROM RECREATION AREA

January 26, 1959	\$5,000.00
June 17, 1959	20,000.00
Total:	<u>\$25,000.00</u>

T-BAR NOTES

T-Bar Note No. 5, Plus interest due	\$5,618.75
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ALL OTHER RECEIPTS

Transfer from Recreation Area account (See Del. 9/8/59)	\$4,349.17
Blue Cross refunds	1,040.45
Social Security refunds	615.62
Office Rent, credit Court House	260.00
Surplus Commodities, from Towns	2,030.99
Insurance refund	94.04
Flood Control payments	115.87
Refund, Civil Defense, Treasurer of United States	16.66
Miscellaneous	27.87
Total:	<u>\$8,550.67</u>

PAYMENTS

**CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSE
SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS**

Commissioners:	
Joseph F. Smith	\$1,488.31
William I. Stafford	1,492.51
Norman Hubbard	1,490.58
Adjustments:	
Tax withholding 1958	22.70
Social Security, 4th quarter 1958	8.43
Treasurer:	
Byron O. Parker	500.00
Auditors:	
Dana S. Beane	100.00
Robert G. Holbrook	100.00
County Attorney:	
James D. O'Neill	1,997.80
Sheriff:	
Rodney S. Crockett	1,489.63
Medical Referee:	
Dr. Earl J. Gage	1,083.44

Autopsies:	
Dr. N. G. B. McLetchie	1,125.00
Total:	<u>\$10,898.40</u>

EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Joseph F. Smith	\$110.68
William I. Stafford	164.20
Norman Hubbard	191.02
American Public Welfare Ass'n. membership	30.00
E. O. Anderson, photos	16.50
G. U. Horne, Agency, bonds	293.75
Howell Printing Service, County Reports	582.88
Jewett Agency, sheriff bonds	497.78
Seth Keller, caterer	183.00
L. & L. Engraving Co., desk plates	6.00
H. A. Manning Co., directory	27.16
Melcher & Prescott Agency, bonds	25.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	329.10
H. O. Pierce, Association dues	15.00
State of New Hampshire, House Bill No. 319	31.00
F. L. Tower Co., N. H. Register	20.50
H. E. Wescott, legal fees	125.00
Total:	<u>\$2,648.57</u>

COURT HOUSE EXPENSE

Atlas Products Co., supplies	\$15.14
S. F. Baker, roof repair	24.35
Bartlett Tree Service, tree work	102.00
Boulia Gorrell Lumber Co., supplies	8.96
Bragdon Paint Co., supplies	54.03
G. F. Brough, supplies	10.05
Byse Agency, boiler insurance	81.90
C. B. Dolge Co., supplies	25.20
Don Sales Co., supplies	42.25
P. Dutile Co., coal	1,441.35
Gale Insurance Agency, insurance	522.47
A. Godbout, repairs	299.20
Goodwin Paper Co., supplies	84.95
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., insurance	33.80
Hayward's, supplies	71.55
W. D. Huse & Co., supplies	11.48
G. T. Johnson Co., Supplies	29.86
Laconia Furniture Co., supplies & equipment	500.50

Laconia Hardware Co., supplies	49.96
Lamere's Esso Station, plowing	4.00
Luxor Lighting Products Co., supplies	45.12
Munsey & Brazil Inc., public liability	131.84
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co., repairs	130.73
Palmer Plumbing & Supply Co., supplies	3.03
L. M. Pike & Son, plowing	66.00
Public Service Co., lights	649.51
Robbins Disinfecting Co., supplies	22.33
Rodd Roofing Co., roof repair	38.00
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	5.40
Salary, janitor	3,725.75
R. F. Shelley, Collector, water & sewer charges	44.94
Sherritt Flag Co., flag	16.77
F. M. Shurbert, trucking	50.00
M. L. Tibbetts, lights & wiring	650.00
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Total:	\$8,992.42

REGISTER OF DEEDS

R. A. Foss, printing	\$57.00
I.B.M. Corporation, service & supplies	98.96
Carl Larson & Son, supplies	328.18
Lerman Press, printing	252.70
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	26.69
Meredith News, envelopes & printing	55.75
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	190.55
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., desk & supplies	721.47
Royal McBee Corp., typewriter	162.50
F. L. Tower Co., N. H. Register	20.50
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Total:	\$1,914.30

REGISTER OF PROBATE

H. Aiken, stamps	\$128.00
American Photocopy Equipment Co., supplies	94.47
Boston Law Book, N. H. Digest	20.00
I.B.M. Corporation, typewriter & service	267.90
Carl Larson & Son, supplies	200.66
Lerman Press, printing	229.75
H. A. Manning Co., directory	27.16
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	230.30
Postmaster, stamps	33.00
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	239.05
Ted's Printing Service, printing	26.45
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Total:	\$1,496.74

**SUPERIOR COURT
BOOKS AND PRINTING**

Books:

Boston Law Book Co., Words & Phrases	\$267.50
Lawyers Co-op. Printing Co., books	45.00
Little Brown Co., Wigmore Ev. 59 S.P.	25.00
H. A. Manning Co., directory	27.16
F. P. Shepard Co., Shepard's Citations	70.00
G. O. Shovan, Supreme Court Opinions	25.00
F. L. Tower Co., N. H. Register	20.50
Wright & Potter Printing Co., Mass. Reports	10.80

Printing:

Citizen Publishing Co., printing	\$907.10
B. A. Degasis, docket fillers	35.14
Lerman Press, printing	65.45
Ted's Printing Service, printing	415.13

Total:	\$1,913.78
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PERMANENT RECORDS

R. P. Tilton, typist's salary	\$2,577.04
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JURY PAYROLLS

Petit Jury:

March Term	\$3,003.80
October Term	1,630.94

Grand Jury:

March Term	177.16
October Term	224.70

Total:	\$5,036.60
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"STATE VS." PAYROLLS

State vs Draper	\$380.00
Foster	81.00
Marker	21.00
McClellan	100.00
Shute	15.00

State vs Miscellaneous:

J. D. O'Neill, attorney's expense	980.70
Ted's Printing Service, attorney's supplies	32.90

Total:	\$1,610.60
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REFEREES AND MASTERS

R. P. Tilton, Master's fees \$325.40

COUNSEL FEES

R. D. Branch 50.00
 A. Catalfo 50.00
 Cooper, Hall & Cooper 81.00
 J. W. Doherty 275.00
 S. S. Jewett 50.00
 L. J. Walsh 75.00
 P. V. Millham, guardian ad litem 105.76

Total: \$686.76

STENOGRAPHER ETC.

M. A. Forsberg, stenographer's fees \$319.75
 E. L. McDonough, stenographer's fees 138.29
 P. A. Sheehan, stenographer's fees 949.68
 P. A. Sheehan, supplies 4.50
 I.B.M. Corporation, typewriter service 37.00
 Treasurer of N. H., stenographer's salaries 3,007.84

Total: \$4,457.06

CLERK OF COURT

Aldrich Camera Shop, frames \$5.76
 B. A. Degasis, supplies 16.25
 I.B.M. Corporation, supplies 58.28
 Laconia Furniture Co., supplies 9.15
 Carl Larson & Son, envelopes 202.80
 Lerman Press, envelopes 16.50
 Maher's Bookstore, supplies 33.75
 Melcher & Prescott Agency, bonds 105.35
 N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service 463.40
 C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., supplies 63.15
 M. L. Tibbetts, wiring 72.35
 R. P. Tilton, clerk's account 7,761.82
 Yawman & Erbe Mfg. Co., filing cabinets 201.50

Total: \$9,010.06

SHERIFF

R. S. Crockett, sheriff's fees \$5,812.00
 R. S. Crockett, jury expense 271.90
 D. C. Alden, sheriff's fees 915.20
 P. A. Beach, sheriff's fees 1,688.38

C. C. Bickford, sheriff's fees	128.80
H. E. Howe, sheriff's fees	353.10
S. J. Morin, sheriff's fees	600.90
G. A. Poire, sheriff's fees	1,024.65
Belknap Communication Service, radio repair	25.00
W. S. Darley & Co., supplies	13.48
Everson Ross Co., sheriff badge	5.42
H. A. Manning Co., directory	27.16
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	369.13
D. Neal, radio repair	28.45
Ted's Printing Service, Printing	54.76
Total:	\$11,318.33

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES

(See Report of Superintendent of County Home)

Commissioners' orders drawn and paid by the County Treasurer Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1959	\$123,518.96
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PUBLIC WELFARE

	Poor off Farm	Soldiers' Aid
Belmont	\$476.86	\$299.03
Gilmanton		75.00
Laconia	4,919.51	3,291.99
Meredith	475.64	281.95
New Hampton	20.00	209.93
Tilton	53.00	145.20
Total:	\$5,945.01	\$4,303.10

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

County Payments	\$11,421.51
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CARE OF CHILDREN

County Payments	\$23,247.88
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RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries, welfare worker	\$2,596.83
Expense, welfare worker	275.01
National Rehabilitation Ass'n., membership	5.00
N. H. Social Welfare Council, membership	3.00
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., desk calendar	1.08
Total:	\$2,880.92

OFFICE EXPENSE

Salaries, bookkeeper & clerk, typist	\$5,929.72
H. Aiken, stamps	44.00
Burroughs Corp., service on adding machine	25.00
Postmaster, envelopes & stamps	243.20
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., supplies	77.32
State Planning & Development Commission, directories	1.00
Total:	\$6,320.24

INTEREST

Paid on T-Bar Notes:	
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H.	\$281.25
Peoples National Bank, Laconia, N. H.	337.50
Total:	\$618.75

INDEBTEDNESS

Paid on Temporary Loans:	
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H.	
Note No. 275	\$60,000.00
Notes No. 273 and No. 274	80,000.00
Total:	\$140,000.00
Paid on T-Bar Notes:	
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H.,	
Note No. 5	5,000.00
Transfers:	
Paid to Recreation Area, January 1, 1959	\$12,000.00
Paid to Recreation Area, September 4, 1959	20,000.00
Total:	\$32,000.00

ALL OTHER PAYMENTS

Delegation Expense, mileage & attendance		
Alton	Arthur Rollins	\$28.00
Barnstead	Arthur H. McAllister	40.00
Belmont	Lyle Watson	21.00
Center Harbor	Keith L. Matheson, delegate	25.60
Gilford	Marion M. Lord	19.00
Gilmanton	Conrad E. Snow	18.00
Meredith	Joseph F. Smith	27.00
	Raymond Pickering	21.60
New Hampton	H. Thomas Urie	11.20
Sanbornton	Marion H. Atwood, clerk	64.80

Tilton	Herbert E. Howe	25.00
Laconia:		
Ward 1.	Rene C. Lacaillade	12.80
	Myron B. Hart	19.20
2.	Paul L. Normandin	16.00
	Walter A. Harkins	16.00
3.	Ellis J. Ayre	16.00
4.	Oscar C. Prescott	16.00
	Peter S. Karagianis	6.40
5.	Dave O'Shan	12.80
	Est. Henry I. Burbank, died May 20, 1959	3.20
6.	G. Walter Varrell, Chairman	17.00
	Donald W. MacIsaac	13.60
Expenses:		
Paid Ellis J. Ayre, mimeographing		7.68
Paid Citizen Publishing Co., notice of budget hearing		19.80
Total:		<u>\$477.68</u>
Extension Service, appropriation		\$11,890.00
Airport Authority, appropriation		2,000.00
Retirement System, County share		584.67
Social Security:		
County		4,283.14
Non payroll		681.62
Administration costs		31.87
Total:		<u>\$4,996.63</u>
Paid a/c Recreation Area:		
Payroll deductions		\$4,525.61
Retirement deductions		235.76
Social Security deductions		1,379.30
Blue Cross deductions		649.85
Insurance		2,683.50
Window envelopes		75.60
Adjustment		452.37
Total:		<u>\$10,001.99</u>
Flood Control Payments:		
Paid Town of Sanbornton		\$64.62
Paid Town of New Hampton		51.25
Total:		<u>\$115.87</u>

Surplus Commodities:	
Paid Treasurer of New Hampshire	\$913.04
Blue Cross, refunded	\$975.00
Civil Defense:	
a/c Mass Feeding Program	\$16.66
Tax Refund:	
Town of Belmont	\$.01

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Register of Deeds (index):	
Salary, supervisor	\$442.12
Salary, typist	1,041.00
Boulia Gorrell Lumber Co., records bench	139.14
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., supplies	373.65
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Total:	\$1,995.91
Register of Deeds (maps):	
Cragg Bindery Inc., two books of maps	\$736.00
County Home:	
Farm:	
Bucklin Tractor Co., manure spreader	\$692.00
G. C. Ellis, topping silo	99.00
Guay & Tardiff, foundation for silo	608.49
F. M. Snyder, erecting silo	218.00
Unadilla Silo Co., silo	1,359.00
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Total:	\$2,976.49
Infirmary:	
G. C. Ellis, contract	\$93.92
Hayward's, supplies	146.09
Landau Store No. 8, supplies	16.14
E. F. Mahady Co., beds & equipment	1,410.80
Modern Hospital Publishing Co., subscription	5.00
Remington Rand Co., book unit & cards	28.10
Rhoads & Co., mattresses, bedding etc.	391.89
M. L. Tibbetts, wiring	295.00
Tradingbar, supplies	58.32
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Total:	\$2,445.26

Institution (kitchen):	
G. C. Ellis, contract	\$93.91
Hobart Dayton Sales Co., mixer & slicer	1,400.00
M. L. Tibbetts, wiring	296.10
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Total:	\$1,790.01
Furniture, Mrs. H. D. Hayner	\$1,000.00
Special Appropriation, County Home:	
Insulation, storm windows, door etc.	
Citizen Publishing Co., ads for bids	\$50.00

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, 1959.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1959	\$15,194.66
Taxes from Towns	136,693.73
Income from Institutions, County Home	118,371.37
Reimbursements:	
Old Age Assistance	2,787.35
Care of Children	3,780.07
Direct Relief	604.11
Soldiers' Aid	111.46
Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary Loans	138,083.37
Transfers from Recreation Area	25,000.00
T-Bar Notes & Interest	5,618.75
Transfer from Area account (See vote of Delegation 9-8-59)	4,349.17
All Other Receipts:	
Recreation Area, deductions, insurance etc.	11,102.59
Blue Cross refunds	1,040.45
Social Security refunds	615.62
Office Rent, cr. Court House	260.00
Surplus Commodities, from Towns	2,030.99
Insurance refunds	94.04
Flood Control payments	115.87
Refund, Civil Defense, Treas. of U. S.	16.66
Miscellaneous	27.87
Total Receipts:	\$465,898.13

PAYMENTS

Paid on Commissioners' orders	\$246,553.27
Paid on Temporary Loans	140,000.00
Paid on T-Bar Notes, principal & interest	5,618.75
Paid on Transfers from Recreation Area	32,000.00
Paid by Order of the Court:	
Books and Printing	1,913.78

Permanent Records	2,577.04
Jury Payrolls	5,036.60
State vs — Payrolls	1,610.60
Referees and Masters	325.40
Counsel Fees	686.76
Stenographer etc.	4,457.06
Clerk of Court	9,010.06
Sheriff	11,318.33
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Total Payments	\$461,107.65
Cash on hand December 31, 1959	4,790.48
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Grand Total:	\$465,898.13

Respectfully submitted,

BYRON O. PARKER,
Treasurer

**BELKNAP COUNTY
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1960**

Name of Bank	Rate	Balance 1959	Interest	Balance 1960
Iona Savings Bank	3	\$2,884.34	\$46.87	\$2,978.84
			47.63	
Laconia Savings Bank	3 1/2	3,649.67	63.86	3,783.15
			69.62	
City Savings Bank	3 1/4	10,757.49	174.81	11,123.61
			191.31	
TOTAL IN BANKS				\$17,885.60

BELKNAP COUNTY RECREATION AREA REVOLVING FUND, January 1, 1960	
City Savings Bank	3 1/4
	\$3,971.44
	7-1-59
	\$64.53
	1-1-60
	70.61
	\$4,106.58

COUNTY OF BELKNAP
BYRON O. PARKER,
Treasurer

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1959

BELKNAP COUNTY**COUNTY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT**

Balance on Hand — January 1, 1959	\$15,194.66	
Receipts — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1959	450,703.47	
		\$465,898.13
Payments — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1959	\$461,107.65	
Balance — December 31, 1959 — As Per Cash Book		\$4,790.48
Balance in Laconia National Bank as Per Statement of 12-31-59	\$87,635.87	
Less: Outstanding Orders	82,845.39	
Reconciled Bank Balance — As of Dec. 31, 1959		\$4,790.48

COUNTY FARM SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution — Year Ending December 31, 1959	\$118,371.37
Total Remittances to County Treasurer — Year Ending December 31, 1959	118,371.37
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — January 1, 1959	200.00
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — December 31, 1959	200.00

INDEBTEDNESS — DECEMBER 31, 1959

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	None
Outstanding Long Term Notes (T-Bar Notes)	\$25,000.00
Outstanding Bonds	None
Bills Owed by County	None

COUNTY TAXES UNCOLLECTED — DECEMBER 31, 1959

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	\$7,151.25
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Signed DANA S. BEANE,
ROBERT G. HOLBROOK,
County Auditors

January 27, 1960

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1959, for the Belknap County Home and Infirmary.

In reviewing the year 1959 we would like to state that the Infirmary has operated to full capacity all through the year, as evidenced by the census report of an average of 74.6 patients per day. Of this number, all categories of Welfare make up 96.7; the balance, self-sustained persons.

The majority of Welfare cases are persons who are unable to adjust themselves physically or mentally in homes, yet cannot be committed to a mental hospital. Such cases adjust themselves very well after a period of orientation at the Infirmary. For such persons, who comprise 92% of the total population, a very definite need in Belknap County is being fulfilled, by being able to offer such a needed service to our aged and sick residents.

Several improvements have been made throughout the institution, by special appropriations, requested by the Commissioners and authorized by the Belknap County Delegation. A power dough and pastry mixer, also a slicer, coffee maker and several new pieces of cooking ware and cutlery were added to the kitchen equipment. In the Infirmary a larger and more modern sterilizer has been installed, a cardex system and file added so that the record of each individual patient is always available for the attending physician, and four vari-height beds with full equipment were also installed. These beds are an absolute necessity for patient protection since 98.7% of the patients require bed-sides, some both day and night.

The farm had a most productive year. Statistics given in the crop and freezer report are found elsewhere in this report. Our dairy herd had the highest milk production that it has had for the past ten years.

The increased interest indicated and the many kindnesses extended to the County Home by individuals and organizations, the visiting groups, flowers, tray favors, entertainment by groups and individuals, etc. has been deeply appreciated. The gifts and individual thought for each patient's Christmas cheer given by the Altrusa Club definitely made the 1959 Christmas outstanding. The Laconia Lion's Club presented the Infirmary with an aspirator and two wheel chairs. We wish to express our deep appreciation to each and every individual and organization who have contributed so generously of their time and finances to help make the lives of our aged patients happier.

We also wish to express our deep appreciation to all for the counsel and encouragement given us in carrying on the work of the institution, to our clergy for their spiritual guidance, to the doctors for their cooperation, to the board of Commissioners; our especial thanks to the friendly visitors, who have been so faithful in their weekly visits to our aged family. Also, we are grateful to our faithful employees who have been so cooperative in the performance of their duties during the year and without whose help this report would have been impossible.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT HAYNER, Superintendent
HELEN D. HAYNER, Matron

COUNTY HOME RECEIPTS — 1959

Date	Board	Produce	Swine	Milk	Cattle	Misc.	Total
January	\$3,176.18	\$31.25		\$790.55		\$9.50	\$4,007.48
February							
March	7,932.69	142.25		991.16		169.97	9,236.07
April	15,287.58	347.40	\$265.00	1,319.20		111.67	17,330.85
May							
June	12,361.65	280.50	770.00	884.78	\$191.00	76.68	14,564.61
July	12,813.69	74.25		586.53	93.00	51.51	13,618.98
August						27.41	27.41
September	7,951.19	155.25		1,071.68	57.00	34.50	9,269.62
October	15,220.30	104.82		3,024.39	54.00	97.06	18,500.57
November	12,962.27	15.00		575.15	16.00	10.00	13,578.42
December	15,998.79			1,989.31	15.00	234.06	18,237.36
Total:	\$103,704.34	\$1,150.72	\$1,035.00	\$11,232.75	\$426.00	\$822.36	\$118,371.37

**COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES
JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

Date	Labor	Total
January	\$40.13	\$40.13
February	60.00	60.00
March	60.00	60.00
April	60.00	60.00
May	60.00	60.00
June	90.00	90.00
July	60.00	60.00
August	30.00	30.00
September	60.00	60.00
October	71.28	71.28
November	60.00	60.00
December	60.00	60.00
Total:	\$711.41	\$711.41

FARMING

Date	Labor	Seed and Fertilizer	Supplies	Equipment	Other Expense	Total
January	\$274.14		\$344.13		\$120.16	\$738.43
February	376.48		235.90		10.00	622.38
March	400.48		132.80		93.51	626.79
April	450.23		132.39	\$500.00	13.70	1,096.32
May	385.53	\$260.54	257.21		219.22	1,122.50
June	556.39	584.52	245.48		87.64	1,474.03
July	487.31	56.24	367.02		87.21	997.78
August	294.31	1.44	178.36		543.64	1,017.75
September	405.72		367.24	185.00	38.83	996.79
October	726.57	19.75	279.37		367.38	1,393.07
November	505.12		228.33	22.00	165.62	921.07
December	272.89		249.30		234.70	756.89
Total:	\$5,135.17	\$922.49	\$3,017.53	\$707.00	\$1,981.61	\$11,763.80

DAIRY

Date	Labor	Feed	Supplies	Equipment	Other Expense	Total
January	\$100.69	\$496.42	\$.80		\$54.70	\$652.61
February	177.99	435.85	6.53		29.00	649.37
March	177.99	450.67	98.23		30.25	757.14
April	199.74	448.15	3.60		75.85	727.34
May	177.99	373.74	48.32		23.00	623.05
June	165.04	356.48	20.80		70.85	613.17
July	170.87	179.35	15.22		59.45	424.89
August	104.67	340.09	14.71		28.90	488.37
September	106.94	322.76	8.01		50.90	488.61
October	9.12	334.35	6.19		183.00	532.66
November	18.24	486.44	6.15		40.90	551.73
December	36.36	535.10	2.11	\$46.00	94.90	714.47
Total:	\$1,445.64	\$4,759.40	\$230.67	\$46.00	\$741.70	\$7,223.41

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Date	Labor	Provisions	Clothing	Supplies	Health	Additions and Repairs	Fuel, Light, Water and Power	Fixed Charges	Other Expense	Total
January	\$2,861.98	\$1,885.09	\$124.34	\$685.17	\$743.12	\$514.82	\$2,287.28	\$1,442.95	\$88.62	\$10,633.37
February	4,062.22	1,406.80	92.40	669.68	669.30	26.50	518.20		56.07	7,501.17
March	3,949.33	1,230.60	38.06	697.10	373.19	81.88	467.47	630.07	76.82	7,544.52
April	4,795.58	1,068.60	81.22	1,111.38	632.25		1,899.62	216.54	67.92	9,873.11
May	4,319.59	1,398.33	35.33	612.14	520.76	28.06	1,197.60	50.00	40.32	8,202.13
June	6,554.30	1,252.62	88.24	646.87	298.94	156.21	458.79		138.82	9,594.79
July	5,280.96	900.16	57.37	826.47	672.37	15.00	623.46		108.04	8,483.83
August	2,987.99	964.60	37.30	567.98	448.33	24.17	532.36	365.21	72.52	6,000.46
September	4,563.29	696.98	80.40	237.12	499.39		447.41		107.41	6,632.00
October	4,966.30	1,455.69	117.75	483.55	441.22	143.23	1,378.76	6,336.40	58.47	15,381.37
November	5,047.99	976.40	50.34	278.16	329.21	104.02	498.86		92.88	7,377.86
December	4,825.01	515.70	48.67	351.54	566.18		205.85		82.78	6,595.73
Total:	\$54,214.54	\$13,751.57	\$851.42	\$7,167.16	\$6,194.26	\$1,093.89	\$10,515.66	\$9,041.17	\$990.67	\$103,820.34

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES

SUMMARY

Date	Jail & House of Correction	Farm	Dairy	Operation & Maintenance	Total
January	\$40.13	\$738.43	\$652.61	\$10,633.37	\$12,064.54
February	60.00	622.38	649.37	7,501.17	8,832.92
March	60.00	626.79	757.14	7,544.52	8,988.45
April	60.00	1,096.32	727.34	9,873.11	11,756.77
May	60.00	1,122.50	623.05	8,202.13	10,007.68
June	90.00	1,474.03	613.17	9,594.79	11,771.99
July	60.00	997.78	424.89	8,483.83	9,966.50
August	30.00	1,017.75	488.37	6,000.46	7,536.58
September	60.00	996.79	488.61	6,632.00	8,177.40
October	71.28	1,393.07	532.66	15,381.37	17,378.38
November	60.00	921.07	551.73	7,377.86	8,910.66
December	60.00	756.89	714.47	6,595.73	8,127.09
Total:	\$711.41	\$11,763.80	\$7,223.41	\$103,820.34	\$123,518.96

INVENTORY — 1959

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

Livestock	\$11,790.00
House of Correction	650.00
Jail Equipment	1,200.00
County Infirmary:	
Medical Supplies	2,400.00
Equipment	14,000.00
Women's Dormitories	3,500.00
Men's Dormitories	3,500.00
Two Kitchens' Equipment & Supplies	14,000.00
Stock, Linen Room, Clothing	4,200.00
Contents Freezer Locker (County Home)	6,100.00
New Store-room, Contents	4,675.00
Farm Equipment, Machinery etc.	9,300.00
Hay, Ensilage, Grain, etc.	8,700.00
Boiler Room Contents	4,950.00
Coal on hand	1,575.00
Sawed wood on hand	800.00
Potatoes	1,650.00
Lumber	450.00
Vegetables	1,700.00
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	\$95,140.00

**BELKNAP COUNTY HOME
CROP REPORT — 1959**

Apples	225 Boxes
Beans (Shell)	50 Bu.
Beans (String)	55 Bu.
Beets	40 Bu.
Cabbage	400 Heads
Carrots	45 Bu.
Greens	125 Bu.
Peas	80 Bu.
Potatoes	1400 Bu.
Tomatoes (Green and Ripe)	80 Bu.
Turnips	80 Bu.
Hay	140 Tons
Ensilage	200 Tons
Beef Dressed	2200 Lbs.
Pork Dressed	700 Lbs.
Milk used at Home	34,150 Qts.
Cream used at Home	580 Qts.
Rhubarb	20 Bu.
Raspberries	275 Qts.
Wood used at Home	30 Cords
Wood sawed and piled	35 Cords
Squash	4 Tons
Corn	400 Bu.

Above Foods Processed — Frozen

Apples	40 Boxes
Carrots	20 Bu.
Greens	80 Bu.
Peas	30 Bu.
Squash	75 Bu.
Beef	2200 Lbs.
Pork	700 Lbs.
Succotash	85 Gals.
Beans, Shell and String	60 Gals.
Raspberries	185 Qts.
Rhubarb	25 Gals.

Live Stock at Farm — 1959

34 Cows	\$8,500.00
7 Two Year Olds	1,050.00
14 Yearlings	1,400.00
2 Calves	100.00
2 Grade Cows	500.00
4 Horses	1,200.00
7 Brood Sows	800.00
1 Boar	100.00
2 Bulls	350.00

STATISTICS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME
January 1 to December 31, 1959

Residents at Home January 1, 1959		73
Admitted During Year		56
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		129
Residents at Home December 31, 1959		71
Died During Year		22
Discharged During Year		36
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		129
	Weeks	Days
Residents	3892
Prisoners in House of Correction	676	3
Prisoners in Jail	65	3
Held for Police overnight	18	4

**PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOUSE
OF CORRECTION — 1959**

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Abbott, Hugh	25	6	5
Ahearn, Edward	40	10	6
Baldwin, Ralph	58	9	..
Bolduc, Leo	37	5	3
Brace, Fred, Jr.	20	2	6
Burnett, Floyd	45	1	3
Callahan, John	60	11	3
Carle, Alfred	33	16	1
Chamberlain, Charles	31	12	..
Gilley, Robert	22	39	3
Deal, Paul	31	8	6
Douville, Kenneth	20	3	6
Elliott, Fred	50	4	3
Faford, Alphonse	71	11	..
Fogg, Richard	27	2	1
Fountain, Raymond	36	17	4
Gobeil, Charles	18	4	2
Grant, George	75	8	3
Grenier, Aurelien	53	11	4
Hanley, Francis	51	2	..
Harrington, Donald	28	18	4
Hayward, Leon	34	8	1
Heath, Clifton	38	11	4
Heath, Raymond	49	25	6
Holt, Harold	50	11	4
Honeysett, Bruce	20	22	..
Hoyt, Ray	19	16	..
Huard, Raymond	25	17	..
Marker, Fred	35	15	6
Matheson, Daniel	68	3	6
McDonald, Francis	70	9	4
Morin, Adelard	49	13	4
Nourse, Welles	59	15	4
O'Keefe, Felix	58	11	6
Olisky, Robert	20	..	6
Peloquin, George	31	5	1
Perkins, Walter	35	24	1
Perry, William	33	11	4
Phillips, Ceiland	22	9	4
Pike, Stanley	24	4	2
Plourde, Robert	30	3	6

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Powers, George	56	29	1
Samson, Armand	45	4	1
Scott, Lawrence	21	3	6
Smith, Harold	45	18	6
Stone, Charles	62	22	4
Stone, Robert	20	6	6
Thompson, Fred	21	23	5
Valliere, Lionel	27	27	4
Wallingford, Douglas	20	21	4
Weeks, David	25	30	..
Winget, Charles	43	..	2
Wortman, Bernard	65	38	..

DEATHS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME DURING 1959

Name	Date	Age
Bolduc, Gideon	January 3, 1959	82
Clark, Lena	February 18, 1959	82
Dow, Annie	March 19, 1959	79
Dulac, Celina	January 24, 1959	86
Evans, James	November 6, 1959	85
Girouard, Phillip	June 6, 1959	49
Greene, Francis	August 6, 1959	85
Greenleaf, Wilbur	February 3, 1959	97
Landry, Alcide	June 1, 1959	83
Leblanc, Celia	October 13, 1959	96
Merrill, Edwin	September 4, 1959	75
Meserve, Dora	June 3, 1959	80
Morris, Edward	September 4, 1959	59
Mudgett, Henry	July 20, 1959	
Odell, Ruth	May 13, 1959	75
Paling, Mark	October 27, 1959	93
Proctor, Mary	December 2, 1959	90
Putnam, Catherine	June 12, 1959	94
Sears, William	October 8, 1959	69
Shepard, William	December 17, 1959	90
Virgin, James	August 16, 1959	85
Whitten, Linwood	September 1, 1959	49

**RESIDENTS AT BELKNAP COUNTY
INFIRMARY DURING 1959**

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Ackerson, Rodney	79	Meredith	52	1
Aiken, Lucilla	81	Laconia	34	6
Aldrich, Ernest	85	Laconia	52	1
Allard, Maybelle	82	Laconia	6
Arsenault, Napoleon	70	Laconia	9	4
Atkinson, May	75	Laconia	29	6
Bacon, Henry	81	Gilford	37	4
Baker, George	57	Gilford	52	1
Batchelder, Clyde	71	Gilford	52	1
Bedard, Ferdinand	45	Laconia	52	1
Bennett, Rose	80	Gilford	2	1
Bisson, Delphis	69	Laconia	4	6
Bolduc, Gideon	82	Laconia	3
Boyd, Florence	84	Alton	52	1
Bradshaw, Clarence	71	Sanbornton	2	4
Breer, James	78	Laconia	44	6
Brown, George	67	Tilton	50	4
Caron, Zelia	88	Laconia	52	1
Chesley, Charles	85	Alton	52	1
Clark, Irlene	45	Meredith	52	1
Clark, Lena	82	Laconia	7	...
Cohn, Joseph	81	Laconia	13	4
Colburn, Oretta	88	Laconia	20	1
Collard, Peter	88	Meredith	52	1
Collieson, Clarence	96	Laconia	22	3
Constant, Edmond	82	Laconia	52	1
Cook, Merle	66	Laconia	7	3
Currie, David	87	Tilton	4	2
Currier, James	49	Laconia	52	1
Dame, Rosetta	77	Laconia	52	1
Darling, Mabel	80	Laconia	37	...
Davie, Eva	65	Tilton	46	...
Dearborn, Bertha	91	Laconia	50	5
Dion, Joseph	65	Laconia	52	1
Dow, Annie	79	Meredith	4	4
Drouin, George	89	Laconia	52	1
Dulac, Celina	86	Laconia	2	...
Durgin, Emma	58	Laconia	3	...
Durkee, Ralph	79	Laconia	52	1
Elliott, Minnie	58	Alton	52	1
Evans, James	85	Laconia	44	2

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Faford, Joseph	72	Laconia	52	1
Gagnon, Joseph	73	Laconia	49	6
Garland, Fred	81	Meredith	1	4
Gaulin, Ernest	72	Tilton	52	1
Girouard, Phillip	49	Laconia	21	5
Greene, Francis	85	Laconia	17	3
Greene, George	87	Gilmanton	22	4
Greenleaf, Wilbur	97	Belmont	3	..
Gregory, Anna	38	Northfield	17	2
Griffin, Etta	82	Laconia	51	4
Guy, Walter	75	Gilmanton	52	1
Hardy, Bernard	79	Laconia	52	1
Hawkins, Ernest	78	Laconia	14	6
Herbert, Leroy	65	Laconia	..	1
Hersey, Mina	86	Sanbornton	52	1
Huckins, Frank	84	New Hampton	10	1
Huntoon, Charles	61	Belmont	51	6
Jacques, Charles	78	Laconia	52	1
Jacques, Daisy	75	Laconia	52	1
Johnson, Bernice	81	Gilford	50	1
Johnson, Mabel	68	Meredith	52	1
Joncas, Joseph	84	Laconia	8	1
Jondro, Herbert	74	Laconia	51	1
Jones, Frank	51	Laconia	11	1
Jones, Walter	76	New Hampton	3	2
Kellogg, Ruth	73	Laconia	52	1
Kirk, Frank	78	Laconia	4	1
Lacasse, Marie	83	Laconia	52	1
Lakeman, Raymond	73	Laconia	52	1
Lamprey, Ernest	73	Gilford	52	1
Landry, Alcide	83	Laconia	21	5
Lavigne, Marie	83	Laconia	17	6
Leblanc, Celia	96	Laconia	18	4
Lemay, Odelia	84	Laconia	21	5
Lepitre, George	66	Tilton	36	..
Lepitre, Mary	55	Laconia	1	1
Lind, John	74	Laconia	51	2
Lombard, Emma	85	Meredith	52	1
Lougee, Donald	68	New Hampton	19	6
Lunt, Edith	73	Laconia	29	5
Marden, Richard	85	Meredith	19	1
Merrill, Alice	58	Meredith	6	1
Merrill, Edwin	75	Laconia	3	..
Meserve, Dora	80	Laconia	19	1

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Morris, Edward	58	Meredith	2	1
Moscardini, Stella	75	Center Harbor	52	1
Mudgett, Henry		Laconia	2	2
Northrup, Clara	68	Tilton	19	2
Odell, Ruth	75	Tilton	1	..
O'Laughlin, Vina	86	Laconia	13	5
Paling, Mark	93	Laconia	10	5
Parsons, Charles	76	Laconia	..	4
Penniman, Blanche	79	Laconia	26	2
Penniman, Robert	81	Laconia	26	..
Perkins, Theodore	56	Meredith	43	4
Perry, Mamie	76	Laconia	14	3
Plummer, Maude	60	Laconia	5
Porter, Mildred	73	Moultonboro	52	1
Powell, Alice	85	Laconia	52	1
Proctor, Mary	90	Laconia	26	1
Provencal, George	77	Laconia	14	2
Putnam, Catherine	94	Claremont	12	...
Reed, Marguerite	95	Laconia	52	1
Rice, Albert	80	Laconia	52	1
Rickert, Marie	79	Laconia	49	2
Roberts, Charles	90	Meredith	52	1
Sanborn, Myrtie	88	Laconia	25	6
Sears, William	69	Meredith	3	...
Shepard, William	90	Laconia	2	2
Smith, Harvey	76	Weirs	52	1
Smith, Louisa	91	Laconia	46	6
Stevens, Ralph	72	Laconia	52	1
St. Peter, Ada	66	Laconia	52	1
Thompson, Karl	64	Laconia	52	1
Tippett, Robert	36	Laconia	19	1
Tuttle, Leon	86	Laconia	12	6
Virgin, James	85	Tilton	4	5
Warner, Orrell	52	Laconia	8	...
Way, Elizabeth	87	Laconia	40	6
Weaver, Archie	68	Laconia	52	1
Whitten, Linwood	49	Laconia	2	5
Williams, Fred	78	Center Harbor	11	2
Wood, Fred	73	Laconia	3	2
Woodward, Ida	92	Laconia	52	1
Wortman, Bernard	64	Laconia	4	5
Wright, Anna	77	Tilton	14	...
Wright, Margaret	77	Sanbornton	52	...
Young, Carrie	92	Laconia	52	1

PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY JAIL
1959

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Beaule, Francis	28	3	1
Booth, Clyde	23	1	..
Cochrane, Bruce	20	3	2
Draper, Forrest	26	6	5
Dyment, Howard	47	1	..
Kosakoski, Francis	30	8	4
Marker, Fred	35	13	5
McLellan, George	27	1	4
Morin, Albert	25	3	4
Morin, Normand	40	..	1
Moses, Ronald	19	4	..
Nevers, George	24	..	2
Perkins, Arnita	22	4	1
Powers, Patrick	20	3	5
Smith, Lewis	32	..	1
Travers, Edward	28	4	6
Valliere, George	25	3	4
Waterman, William	28	1	..
Weeks, Leslie	31	1	..

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME AUXILIARY

The Belknap County Home Auxiliary was chartered on October 6, 1959. This Auxiliary was organized and sponsored by the Laconia Altrusa Club. Membership is open to any man or woman interested in the objectives of the Auxiliary as defined in the charter.

The purpose of the auxiliary is to supply friendly visitors, entertainment and, generally, for the enrichment of the aging.

From date of charter to December 31, 1959 172 volunteer hours have been spent at the County Home visiting residents and assisting with the occupational therapy program.

In October a 58th wedding anniversary party was sponsored featuring the Sweet Adelines for entertainment.

In November the Barbershoppers presented a songfest.

In December a Christmas party was given for all the residents with personalized gifts for all. Refreshments were served. All the residents joined in singing of carols and Gov. Powell was present to join in the festivities.

In January an open house was held and the general public invited to visit the home. 187 people, representing every town in the County, visited the home and refreshments were served to all visitors. 25 new members were signed up on that date bringing total membership to date of 71 members.

Signed,

EDITH GARDNER,
President

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I herewith submit my report of the Receipts and Disbursements of this office for the period of January 1, 1959, to December 31, 1959.

Charges Against County

1. FEES:		
Mittimus, Capias, etc.	\$22.00	
State Entries	76.50	
Certificates	1.00	
Divorce cards	9.45	
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Total Fees		\$108.95
2. Extending Permanent Records		2,797.09
3. Miscellaneous Cash Disbursements		206.01
4. Allowance for Clerk & Clerical Hire		10,516.92
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Total Charges		\$13,628.97

Credits to County

1. Entries:		
Equity & Civil Entries and Appeals	\$379.80	
2. Fines & Costs	128.10	
3. Miscellaneous Credits to County	2,952.63	
4. Fees Chargeable to County	108.95	
5. Allowance for Permanent Records	2,797.09	
6. Allowance for Clerk & Clerical Hire	7,262.40	
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Total Credits		\$13,628.97

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. TILTON

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

February 1, 1960

Belknap County Commissioners
Belknap County Court House
Laconia, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find report for the calendar year 1959.

Cases pending against the County
Civil

All cases under this category involve the accident at the Belknap Ski Area. Comment at this time is inappropriate in view of current litigation.

Cases Pending in Supreme Court
None

Cases Pending in Superior Court
Criminal

Several appeals from various Municipal Courts involving traffic cases are pending. In addition, several cases will be presented to the grand jury, in March which may result in further criminal trials, March Term, Superior Court, 1960.

I have found all law enforcement officers in the county most cooperative and helpful. The judges of our county's municipal courts are, in my opinion, of extremely high caliber and we are fortunate to have such a fine group of men.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. O'NEILL,
County Attorney

SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1959.

MARCH TERM

Rodney S. Crockett	
49 days attendance and expenses	\$805.20
Donald C. Alden	
13 days attendance and expenses	290.00
Perley A. Beach	
13 days attendance and expenses	236.60
Herbert E. Howe	
1 day attendance and expenses	18.00
Sylvio J. Morin	
16 days attendance and expenses	262.40
George A. Poire	
22 days attendance and expenses	334.00

OCTOBER TERM

Rodney S. Crockett	
58 days attendance and expenses	\$1,005.80
Donald C. Alden	
13 days attendance and expenses	260.00
Perley A. Beach	
11 days attendance and expenses	206.20
Herbert E. Howe	
4 days attendance and expenses	72.00
Sylvio J. Morin	
1 day attendance and expenses	16.40
George A. Poire	
14 days attendance and expenses	212.80
Chester C. Bickford	
5 days attendance and expenses	92.00

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY S. CROCKETT,
Sheriff

REPORT OF CHAPLAINS**REPORT OF THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN — 1959**

February 3, 1960

Belknap County Commissioners
Laconia, N. H.

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit our report for the work done, mostly to the Catholics, at the Belknap County Home and Jail for the year ending December 31, 1959.

At least once a month, we have celebrated Holy Mass for all those able to attend. At all our religious services a spiritual talk is given to all present. People are free to make use of the sacraments of the Church; this they do in increasing number every year. Those unable to attend the services are visited in their rooms and are given the opportunities of receiving all the sacraments. Those persons in need of it are given the consoling sacrament of Extreme Unction.

We give freely, to those who have none, rosaries, medals and prayer books.

When patients are moved temporarily to the Laconia Hospital we visit them there too. During the month we are always ready to make other visits at the Home and this is as often as required to offer spiritual guidance and care to those who might wish to avail themselves of our services. We are always willing to help those in jail, if they so desire. When asked, we also keep in touch with the families of those confined in the Home and inform them of our work with their loved ones.

I wish to add that we find we are very fortunate in having the complete cooperation of Mrs. Helen Hayner. Her help makes our work much easier.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. JOSEPH E. VACHON,
Catholic Chaplain

REPORT OF THE PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN — 1959

The Protestant Chaplain of the Belknap County Home carries on, mainly, a ministry of visitation and counseling with a worship and preaching service held on the first Sunday of each month.

Visits have been made to the home regularly with special attention given to the sick and the infirm. There have been some contacts with those in the House of Correction. The chief purpose has been to bring comfort and spiritual help to all.

In all the work of the Chaplain, the Superintendent and members of the staff have been most sympathetic and cooperative. The Commissioners are to be commended for providing this service.

THOMAS J. CATE,
Protestant Chaplain

1959
**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 an off-campus 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 Clark Turnquist
4-H Club Agent	Martin J. Felker
County Forester (shared with Strafford County)	Roger S. Leighton
Office Secretaries	Annie E. Swenson Donna L. Strathern

This educational system is cooperative in nature because of funds from county, state, and federal levels and because of *guidance* by local people (county residents) U. of N. H. representatives, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Last year's report included condensations of each Agents Annual Statistical and Narrative reports and occupied more than its share of your county report. This year, after a span of six years, your Extension Agents desire to give public recognition to many residents of the county who have given fully of their time and effort the past year toward the guidance of your Cooperative Extension Service programs in Agriculture, Forestry, Home Economics and 4-H Youth. Such programs were designed to be of greatest possible service to the people of the county whether they are in city, suburban or rural areas.

The County Extension Service Council

1959 represents the second year in which the Belknap County Extension Service Council has carried the responsibility for the sponsorship and over-all-guidance of the Belknap County Extension Service.

Council Members

1959-61

Lawrence Scovill, Gilmanton
 Mrs. Bessie Gerry, Gilford
 Robert Talbot, Belmont
 Irving Roberts, Alton

1959-60

John Eckels, Laconia
 Mrs. Barbara Benoit, Ctr. Hbr.
 Byron Galloupe, Belmont
 Malcolm Harrington, Laconia

1959

Marshall Hodsdon, Meredith
 Edith Gardner, Gilford
 Leslie Roberts, Belmont
 Lyle Watson, Belmont

County Delegation Representative — G. Walter Varrell, Laconia

Officers

Chairman — Harrington
 Vice-Chairman — L. Roberts
 Secretary — Gardner
 Treasurer — Galloupe

Finance Committee

Chairman — Galloupe
 Secretary — Eckels
 Benoit
 Watson
 Varrell

Agricultural Committees

Dairy

John Eckels, Laconia
 Richard Shaw, Belmont
 Stewart Vincent, Gilford
 Weslie Taylor, Tilton
 Irvin Somero, Belmont
 Ralph Wallis, Sanbornton
 Robert Moulton, New Hampton
 Frederick Warburton, Gilmanton
 Frederick Fillmore, Laconia

Poultry

Clifford Eastman, Gilford
 Charles Garnache, Alton
 Lawrence Scovill, Gilmanton
 Roland Langlais, Tilton
 Fred Hiltz, Gilmanton
 Clement Hamilton, Tilton

Fruit

Fred Carlson, Gilmanton
 Robert Carr, Alton
 Bernard Lowell, New Hampton
 Ernest Nedeau, Meredith
 Frank Sanborn, Laconia
 Bernard Smith, New Hampton

Vegetables

Frank Sanborn, Laconia
 Raymond Nudd, Tilton
 Marshall Hodsdon, Meredith

Food Retailers

Walter Filaroski, Laconia
 Alfred Carroll, Tilton
 Everett Heath, Center Harbor
 Matt Mirski, Winnisquam

Home Demonstration Advisory Council

President, Miss Elizabeth Bartlett, Barnstead
 Vice-President, Mrs. Vanue DeMark, Laconia
 Secretary, Mrs. John McGrew, Ctr. Harbor
 Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Beauchaine, Laconia
 Publicity Chm., Mrs. Howard Hunt, Laconia

Council includes all Presidents and Past Presidents of organized Home Demonstration clubs.

4-H Advisory Council

Richard Brouillard, Laconia	Chm. Byron Galloupe, Belmont
John P. Chandler, Laconia	Sec. Elaine Townsley, Laconia
Perley A. Beach, Meredith	Mrs. Ed. Howland, Belmont
Daniel Clare, Laconia	John Merrill, Jr., Laconia
Albert Edgerly, Laconia	Evelyn Merrill, Belmont
Edith Gardner, Gilford	Frank Uhlenburg, Gilmanton
James F. Hughes, Laconia	Jane Scott, Laconia
Leslie Roberts, Belmont	Royal Smith, Jr., Laconia
Thomas Watts, Belmont	Esther Weeks, Gilford

Forestry Planning Committee

Malcolm Harrington, Chm., Laconia	Leonard P. Wolfe, New Hampton
Lyle Watson, Belmont	Otto Page, Gilford
Irving Roberts, Alton	Dr. Warren St. Sauveur, Laconia
	Timothy J. Sullivan, Barnstead

The residents of the County, as well as we Extension Agents, owe these folk a word of praise for their contribution toward successful Extension Service programs.

Many of you are acquainted with persons mentioned above who would welcome questions and suggestions relative to their phase of interest in County Extension Service programs.

For more detailed information residents are invited to visit the Extension Offices in the U.S.D.A. Forestry Building in Laconia where complete Agent reports are on file. Also, your Extension Agents would welcome an opportunity to talk with you.

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