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For the Year Ending December 31  
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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**of the**

## **COMMISSIONERS**

**of the**

## **COUNTY OF BELKNAP**

**together with the**

**Reports of the**

**Superintendent of the County Home, Sheriff,  
County Treasurer, Chaplain, Clerk of the Court,  
Superintendent of County Jail & House of Correction  
County Attorney and Auditors**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

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**COUNTY OFFICERS**
**Commissioners**

Marion H. Atwood, Chairman	Sanbornton
John G. Ruel	Laconia
Henry T. Spear	Gilford

**Attorney**

David R. Decker	Laconia
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**Treasurer**

H. Max Wakeman, Jr.	Laconia
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**Sheriff**

Donald C. Alden	Alton
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**Clerk of Superior Court**

Robert P. Tilton	Laconia
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**Judge of Probate**

Richard G. Tilton	Laconia
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**Register of Probate**

Dorothea R. Conly	Laconia
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**Deputy Register of Probate**

Estelle J. Bouchard	Laconia
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**Register of Deeds**

Everette D. Wheeler	Laconia
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**Deputy Register of Deeds**

Lora M. Dunleavy Laconia

**Auditors**

Dana S. Beane, Sr. Laconia  
Paul A. Lussier Gilford

**Deputy Sheriffs**

Michael E. Alden Alton  
Chester C. Bickford Meredith  
Carol A. Cunningham Tilton  
Philip P. Daigneault Barnstead  
Arthur R. Edgar Center Harbor  
Robert F. Gilbert Laconia  
Herbert E. Howe Tilton  
Raymond J. Lakeman Laconia  
Donald S. Lance Laconia  
Eleanor W. Merrill Laconia  
Sylvio J. Morin Gilford  
Martin M. Murray Belmont  
Stephan H. Nedeau Meredith  
Andre H. Paquette, Jr. Belmont  
Richard A. Paul Gilford  
George A. Poire Laconia  
Clyde E. Rogers Alton

**Superintendent of the County Home**

Perley A. Beach, Supt. Laconia

**Superintendent — Jail and House of Correction**

Thomas N. Myatt, Supt. Laconia

**Chaplains**

Rev. Otto L. Palmer Laconia  
Rev. George Chicoine Laconia

**Medical Referee**

Norman G. B. McLetchie Laconia

## MEMBERS OF THE BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

1971-1972

District No. 1 (Center Harbor, New Hampton)	Guy N. Davis
District No. 2 (Meredith)	Marshall French Robert M. Lawton
District No. 3 (Sanbornton, Tilton)	Charles B. Roberts Nana Wilkinson
District No. 4 (Gilford)	Esther Nighswander
District No. 5 (Belmont)	Marion Wuelper
District No. 6 (Barnstead, Gilmanton)	George B. Roberts, Jr., Ch.
District No. 7 (Alton)	Jacob Mutzbauer, Vice-Ch.
District No. 8 (Laconia, Ward 1)	Walter D. McCarthy Robert E. Hood
District No. 9 (Laconia, Ward 2)	David O. Huot Florence G. Drouin
District No. 10 (Laconia, Wards 3 and 4)	George A. Head Oscar C. Prescott
District No. 11 (Laconia, Ward 5)	Lucien R. Dulac Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk
District No. 12 (Laconia, Ward 6)	David T. Whittemore Frank A. Maguire, Jr.



## COMMITTEES OF THE BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

1971-1972

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### Executive Committee

Jacob Mutzbauer, Chairman	Alton
Oscar C. Prescott	Laconia
Marshall French	Meredith
Esther Nighswander	Gilford
Charles B. Roberts	Sanbornton
David O. Huot	Laconia
Marion Wuelper	Belmont

### Ex-Officio

George B. Roberts, Chairman	Gilmanton
Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk	Laconia
H. Thomas Urie, Vice-Chairman	New Hampton

### Belknap County Infirmary

Frank A. Maguire, Jr., Chairman	Laconia
Florence G. Drouin, Vice-Chairman	Laconia
Marion Wuelper	Belmont
Robert M. Lawton	Meredith
Lucien R. Dulac	Laconia

### Belknap County Court House

Robert E. Hood	Laconia
Walter D. McCarthy	Laconia
Lucien R. Dulac	Laconia
Nana Wilkinson	Tilton
Dorothy V. Randlett	Laconia

### Gunstock Mt. Area Committee

David T. Whittemore, Chairman	Laconia
Jacob Mutzbauer, Vice-Chairman	Alton
Charles B. Roberts	Sanbornton
George A. Head	Laconia
Dorothy V. Randlett	Laconia
Robert M. Lawton	Meredith
Nana Wilkinson	Tilton

## REPORT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### To the Residents of Belknap County:

The year of 1972 has brought out many problems, which the individual department reports will illustrate.

The Convention voted to implement the Commissioners' recommendation to build an annex to the House of Correction and renovate the security of the Jail. Complying with the many requirements faced in governmental buildings, this project got off to a slow start. We shall have an Open-House when the building is finished and invite all citizens to come. The cooperation of all has been outstanding. Supt. Myatt's supervision of the construction should be appreciated by all taxpayers, inasmuch as it effected savings in the cost.

Supt. and Mrs. Beach have continued their usual good supervision of the Infirmary, aided by their competent staff. We added to our capital budget, the renovation of the heating system in the Infirmary. When completed this will add to the comfort of our patients and increase the much needed hot water supply.

The County suffered great loss by the death of Sheriff Rodney Crockett. He had given long and extraordinary service to the county and is missed by all. His well-trained Deputy Sheriff Donald Alden has been chosen by the Court to carry on in the same quality service.

Other projects of the County are those that benefit all who are taxpayers and have been operated at a cost that is kept as low as current prices will allow.

The Donated Food Program continues to be an expensive project. We feel that most of our recipients are getting well-deserved aid to their budgets. This program is under Federal rules and regulations which we must follow. All abuses reported to us have been investigated and when proven, the recipients have been dropped from our rolls. One Federal regulation is that we must give to anyone on A.F.D.C. so we are unable to correct any seeming abuses in this category.

We will not repeat the reports of all County departments, as we feel they have given a good report of their stewardship.

The Commissioners office has suffered the temporary loss of Commissioner John Ruel's services since his hospitalization, but the reports are that he is gaining and will be back soon.

We have a small, but efficient office staff whose aid is appreciated. The Belknap County Convention has listened and responded favorably to our recommendations.

To all who have shared our efforts in 1972 to make Belknap County a better place in which to live, we extend our gratitude. We pledge to you that we will spend your money prudently. We welcome visits to any of our facilities, and welcome constructive criticism.

Marion H. Atwood, Chairman

Henry T. Spear, Clerk

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION  
BELKNAP COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
January 19, 1972**

**Members Present:**

George Roberts, Jr., (Chairman)  
Jakob Mutzbauer (Vice-Chairman)  
Marion Wuelper  
Oscar Prescott  
Esther Nighswander  
David Huot  
Charles Roberts  
Marshall French  
Dorothy Randlett (Clerk)  
Marion H. Atwood (Commissioner)  
John H. Ruel (Commissioner)  
Henry T. Spear (Commissioner)

It was announced that the meeting was called because the Commissioners need to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. A request for the year 1972 was made for \$700,000 to be used in amounts of \$100,000 as needed. Requested under regulation RSA 28:8, revised 1970.

Moved: (David Huot), seconded by Marion Wuelper, that the Executive Committee authorize the Commissioners to borrow up to \$700,000 as needed for short-term notes or bonds in anticipation of taxes for the year 1972.

Voted unanimously.

A tentative budget for 1972 was presented and discussed.

Revenues for 1971	\$139,673.88
Proposed revenues for 1972	193,900.00
Raised by taxes, 1971	\$691,184.81
Proposed increase to be raised by taxes, 1972	94,000.00

It was agreed that a meeting with department heads would be held on Wednesday, January 26, 1972 at 9:00 A.M. at the Court House on the following schedule:

9:00	Sheriff
9:45	County Home
10:30	Jail
11:00	Mutual Fire Aid

The county budget for 1972 will be a complete and final form by the end of this week.

Moved: by Charles Roberts, seconded by Marion Wuelper, to hold the Public Hearing at the Belknap County Court House at 7:30 P.M. on February 7, 1972.



The Jail Committee will meet on Thursday, January 20, 1972 at 9:00 A.M. at the Court House.

Receipts from Gunstock Area for 1971:

April 22, 1971	\$7,500.00
January 19, 1972	1,018.96
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	\$8,518.96

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 26, 1972

Court House, Laconia, N.H. 9:00 A.M.

Present:

George B. Roberts, Jr., (Chairman)  
Jakob Mutzbauer, (Vice-Chairman)  
Marshall French  
David Huot  
Esther Nighswander  
Marion Wuelper  
Oscar Prescott  
Dorothy Randlett (Clerk)

Budgets were presented to the Committee from the Sheriff's Department, the County Home, Lakes Region Fire Dispatch Center, Cooperative Extension Service and the House of Correction and Jail.

Sheriff's Budget: Total \$83,155.00

Four new cruisers will be purchased at \$11,000. One Deputy Sheriff (Court Officer) will be added. There will be six Deputy Sheriffs in all and three full-time Dispatchers.

Cooperative Extension Service: Total \$29,880.00

Belknap County Home: Total \$625,258.41

Lakes Region Fire Dispatch Center:

Total to be raised in Belknap County. \$30,591.07

House of Correction and Jail: Total \$105,591.47

Final budgets from all departments will be presented at the Public Hearing to be held February 7, 1972.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk



**PUBLIC HEARING  
BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION  
COURT HOUSE**

**February 7, 1972      7:30 P.M.**

**Present:**

George B. Roberts, Jr. (Chairman)  
Jakob Mutzbauer (Vice-Chairman)  
Charles Roberts  
Oscar Prescott  
Marshall French  
David Whitemore  
Florence Drouin  
Esther Nighswander  
Marion Wuelper  
George Head  
Robert Lawton  
Robert Hood  
Frank Maguire  
David Huot  
Dorothy Randlett (Clerk)

**Absent:**

Lucien Dulac  
Nana Wilkinson  
Walter McCarthy

Meeting opened at 7:30 P.M. with a Roll Call. A quorum being present, the rules of the meeting were presented: Department heads will present their budgets, the Delegation may ask questions after presentations, the public may testify for or against through the Chair, Department heads to give the answer.

Commissioner Marion Atwood presented the budget. Item No. 110 was received in 1972. No. 108. Revenue received. No. 190, 255 (Franklin not included). No. 270 received this year for the full County.

Register of Probate. Total budget request \$3,044.00 Would like air conditioning.

Superior Court. Budget request \$82,700.00. Increase largely because of extended term running from January to June. Jury payroll will have four extra weeks. \$9,750 was taken in last year. Have eliminated issuing passports which produced \$666. Transferred to Probate Court. Next year will have full eight months of court. Income of \$9,000 reduced total to \$73,700.

General Welfare. No. 570. Direct Relief will doubtless be increased.

Register of Deeds. Revenue based on anticipated income which was large last year. Budgeted for 1972, \$38,610.00. Did \$46,694. in business last year. Has had to increase secretarial help.

Extension Service. No. 800. \$29,880 budgeted for 1972.

Airport Authority. No. 805. \$15,000. Mayor Dyer, Chairman of LAA said

the City of Laconia has always contributed the important upkeep for the Airport. Recommended that it become regional. \$15,000 footnoted for capital improvements.

Delegation Expense. No. 810. \$500.

Capital Outlay: \$6,645.00 for entrance to sheriff's quarters.

Lakes Region Mental Health Clinic. \$25,275.00 Howard Bacon and Dr. Thomas spoke.

Mutual Fire Aid Commission. Budget \$50,058.42. Campton, Waterville Valley and Thornton have asked to come in. Amount to be raised from towns in Belknap County is \$30,591.07.

County Attorney. No. 325. Budget for salary \$5,000. Budget requested \$20,916. for increased expenses and a salary increase of \$4,500. Submitted letters from several county attorneys giving salaries and expense accounts. Speaking for the increase were Officer Cheney (Gilford), Louis Nielson (Sanbornton) and Commissioner Marion Atwood.

Jail and House of Correction. Total budget \$105,591.47. Nine (9) full-time employees, with 16 hours a week extra. 40 hours a full week. Discussion on the minimum and maximum to be done at the Jail. A Public Hearing would have to be called for a bond issue. After the Jail Committee has made its recommendations to the Executive Committee, a budget proposal will be made.

Belknap County Home. Total budget \$616,120.79.

Sheriff's Department. Total budget \$156,214.00. Amount to be returned from LEAA Crime Commission \$70,000.

Rep. Marshall French read a Resolution favorable to H.B. No. 50. Moved (Charles Roberts), seconded (David Huot), that the Resolution be adopted. Roll Call requested.

For:	Against:	Abstaining:
George Roberts, Jr.	David Whittemore	Lawton Hood
Dorothy Randlett	Florence Drouis	Maguire
Charles Roberts	Esther Nighswander	
Jakob Mutzbauer	Marion Wuelper	
Oscar Prescott	George Head	
Marshall French	David Huot	

The Clerk was requested to write a letter of appreciation to Representative Urie for his service as a past member of the Delegation, past Chairman of the Delegation, and past member of the Executive Committee. Moved and seconded.

Moved, seconded, voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 18, 1972

Court House — Laconia, N.H. 9:30 A.M.

Present:

George Roberts, Jr. (Chairman)  
Charles Roberts  
Esther Nighswander  
Marion Wuelper  
David Huot  
Dorothy Randlett, Clerk  
Marshall French

Absent:

Jakob Mutzbauer, Vice-Chairman  
Oscar Prescott

Discussion and amendments to budget.

No. 150. Gunstock. Increase revenue to \$6,000. For capital improvements.

No. 170. Register of Deeds. Increase to \$45,000.

No. 255. Mutual Fire Aid. Decrease to \$15,000.

No. 325. County Attorney. Increase salary by \$2,500.

No. 805 Airport Authority. \$15,000 footnoted for capital provement.

No. 815. Capital Outlay. Increase to \$8,500.

No. 765. Interest - Bond Issue. Increase by \$6,000.

No. 775. Principal - Bond Issue by \$19,000.

Items No. 765 and No. 775 tentative, subject to bond hearing and any other information. Based on a tentative amount of \$150,000 for a jail.

Item No. 815 — Increase for electrical locks, plus sheriff's entrance. Need partition for a door on basement floor for times when the Grand Jury is in session.

Item No. 850 — \$5,000 remains in budget for preliminary jail plans.

Sheriff. Moved and seconded that the Sheriff be authorized to accept the bids from Meredith Motors, Inc. in the sum of \$11,000 for 4 police cruisers. Voted unanimously.

Motions for all of the above were made, seconded, and voted unanimously with the exception of Items No. 765 and No. 775 where the vote was 6-1.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk

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**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING**

Monday, March 20, 1972

Court House

Present:

George B. Roberts, Jr., Chairman  
 Jacob Mutzbauer, Vice-Chairman  
 Oscar Prescott  
 David Huot  
 Esther Nighswander  
 Charles Roberts  
 Marion Wuelper  
 George Head  
 David Whittemore  
 Florence Drouin  
 Frank Maguire  
 Guy Davis  
 Robert Lawton  
 Nana Wilkinson  
 Lucien Dulac

Absent:

Robert Hood  
 Walter McCarthy  
 Dorothy Randlett  
 Marshall French

Chairman George Roberts opened the meeting at 7:45 P.M. The Belknap County General Fund Budget was under discussion.

Chairman Roberts expressed thanks to David Huot and Jakob Mutzbauer for the change in the format of the budget.

Mr. Mutzbauer went through the Budget - section by section and members of the Delegation asked questions which were answered by members of the Executive Committee.

Total Revenues	\$1,036,992.12
Total Expenditures	\$1,760,737.38
To be raised by taxes	\$968,011.37

Report of Special Committee on Jail and House of Correction given by Chairman Esther Nighswander. At this time it was pointed out that notation of \$5,000.00 for preliminary plans for House of Correction - Item No. 850 will not remain in the Budget as noted in minutes of Executive Committee of February 18, 1972.

Oscar Prescott moved we adopt the recommendations of the Executive Committee that alterations and an addition be constructed at the County Jail and House of Correction. Motion seconded by Guy Davis and passed unanimously.

Oscar Prescott moved that we allow a bond issue up to but not to exceed \$185,000.00 for the purpose of making alterations and additions at the County Jail and House of Correction, subject to the public hearing. Motion seconded by Charles Roberts and voted unanimously.



David Huot proposed the following footnotes to the Budget:

A. Under Airport Authority - Moved the funds appropriated hereby shall not be expended for any purpose other than capital expenditures; provided, however, that principal and interest on current bond issues shall be considered capital expenditures. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

B. Under Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association: Moved that this appropriation shall be reduced by any amounts received by the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association from any city, town, private fire department or fire district outside Belknap County as its share of the cost of operating the fire dispatch center, including any amounts collected on account of years prior to 1972. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Moved by David Huot that the County Convention raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,760,737.38 for all expenditures of county revenue for the year beginning January 1, 1972 and ending December 31, 1972 subject to any corrections which may be made by the County Commissioners on account of computation errors. Seconded by Lucien Dulac and voted unanimously.

Marion Wuelper moved that the Delegation approve a resolution, which she read, regarding Marshall French and his efforts on behalf of House Bill 50. Seconded by Florence Drouin and voted unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Wuelper, Clerk, Pro Tem

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION**

**Public Hearing**

**Court House, Laconia, N.H.**

**June 23, 1972**

Present:

George B. Roberts, Jr., (Chairman)  
Jakob Mutzbauer, (Vice-Chairman)  
Marshall French  
Charles B. Roberts  
Nana M. Wilkinson  
Esther Nighswander  
Marion Wuelper  
George Head  
Oscar Prescott  
David Whittemore  
Frank Maguire  
Dorothy Randlett, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. for the purpose of con-

sidering two bond issues: (1) in the amount of \$185,000 for an addition to the House of Correction, (2) renovation of the Recreation Building at Gunstock, in the amount of \$100,000., to increase restaurant facilities and to build a garage.

The Commissioners reported that three bids had been presented by three different contractors and all three ran about \$50,000 higher than the estimate. They requested an additional twenty days to reconsider the bids, after which a second public hearing could be held.

Discussion followed.

Moved. (Rep. Mutzbauer), seconded (Maguire) to table acceptance of the bond issue until a future date. Voted unanimously.

After a five minute recess, Mr. Peter Milham, Belknap Area Commissioner, presented the plans for a new garage and renovation of the kitchen facilities at the Area, requesting a bond issue of \$100,000 for this purpose. Interest on borrowing will be 4.6 percent for four years, \$25,000 to be paid back out of current funds over a four year period.

Speaking in favor of the bond issue. Dr. Baker

Public Hearing closed at 9:00 P.M. followed by an open session for discussion and action.

Moved. (Nighswander), seconded (Prescott) to authorize \$100,000 in bonds or notes for the Belknap Area. Voted unanimously by Roll Call as follows:

For: All those present.

Against: None

Discussion of the request by Merrimac County for an LEAA grant (cooperative effort in the House of Correction) was postponed.

The Clerk read a Resolution honoring Rep. Marshall French for his superb work on H.B. No. 50.

The meeting adjourned in memory of Rep. Randall of Tilton who recently passed on.

Respectfully submitted

Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk

### BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

#### Executive Committee Meeting

Court House 7:00 P.M.

July 10, 1972

Chairman Jacob Mutzbauer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering alterations and additions to the Belknap County Jail and House of Correction.

Present:

George B. Roberts, Jr.  
Marion Wuelper

Charles B. Roberts  
Oscar Prescott  
Dorothy V. Randlett

Absent:

Esther Nighswander  
Marshall French  
David O. Huot

The Chairman requested Commissioner Henry T. Spear to explain the business of the meeting.

\$190,000.00	Authorized by Delegation
3,500.00	Budgeted for Belknap County Home
12,620.00	To come from Belknap Area
28,830.00	Additional amount requested
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\$234,950.00	Total amount requested.

Moved (Prescott) seconded (Wuelper), to appropriate the amount of \$234,950.00 for alterations and additions to the Belknap County Jail and House of Correction.

Discussion followed. Voted unanimously.

Chairman Mutzbauer read a letter from Commissioner Atwood requesting an additional salary increase of \$500.00 if she is to continue in charge of welfare and the surplus food program.

After discussion it was moved (Roberts), seconded (Wuelper), that Commissioner Atwood be given an increase in salary of \$500.00 effective in 1973.

On a motion to adjourn the meeting closed at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION**  
**Public Hearing Court House**  
**Monday, July 10, 1972**  
**7:30 P.M.**

Chairman George Roberts, Jr., opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Present:

George Roberts, Jr., (Chairman)  
Jacob Mutzbauer, (Vice-Chairman)  
Marshall French  
Charles B. Roberts  
Esther Nighswander  
Marion Wuelper  
Frank Maguire  
David Whitemore  
Florence Drouin

George A. Head  
 Oscar Prescott  
 Lucien Dulac  
 Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk

## Absent:

Guy Davis  
 Robert Lawton  
 Nana Wilkinson  
 Robert E. Hood  
 Walter D. McCarthy  
 David Huot

The Clerk read the motion passed by the Executive Committee: to appropriate the amount of \$234,950 for alterations and additions to the Belknap County Jail and House of Correction.

Commissioner Spear explained the break-down figures as follows:

House of Correction building construction and renovation including \$23,250.00 for jail locking devices	\$182,800
Correction to heating plant and hot water system, County Home	26,950
Electrical	2,200
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$211,950</b>
Architect's fee	17,000
Equipment	6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$234,950</b>

Speaking in favor of the appropriation: Mr. Myatt, Commissioners Ruel and Spear, Supt. Beach, Mr. Red Dunn.

Moved (Prescott), second (Mutzbauer), that the County utilize bonds or notes to the sum of \$234,950 and appropriated same for alterations and additions to the Belknap County Jail and House of Correction.

Discussion followed.

\$190,000	already authorized
3,500	in Infirmary budget
12,620	to come from Belknap Area
\$206,120	Total
\$234,950	total requested
206,120	in hand
\$ 28,830	over and above original request.

Rep. Whittemore moved the question. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Chairman Roberts remarked that this is probably the last meeting before the elections and many present this evening will not be candidates. He expressed his appreciation to Reps. Drouin, Prescott, Whittemore and



Dulac for supporting this landmark of appropriations for County capital expenditures and requested their presence for the opening of the addition.

Commissioner Spear expressed his thanks to the Chairman and the Delegation for their favorable consideration of the appropriation.

On a motion to adjourn, the meeting closed at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION**

**August 3, 1972 1:00 P.M.  
Court House**

**Present:**

Reps. Jakob Mutzbauer, (Chairman)  
Oscar Prescott, (Vice Chairman)  
George B. Roberts, Jr., Chairman Belknap Delegation  
Marshall French  
David Huot  
Marion Wuelper  
Esther Nighswander  
Charles Roberts  
Dorothy V. Randlett, (Clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M. by Chairman Mutzbauer to discuss the 1972 budget. The State Tax Commission has found some slight differences which Mr. Stephen D. Plodzick, Municipal Accounts Auditor of the Division of Municipal Accounting for the State Tax Commission explained.

Mr. Plodzick questioned the Radio Communications Grants, Phase I and Phase II, saying the federal funds must be matched with cash. He adjusted the County tax for 1972 as follows:

\$856,224.31	Corrected County tax assessment for 1972
<u>772,696.01</u>	Original amount to be raised by County Tax.
\$ 83,528.30	Balance needed to be raised.

**ADJUSTMENTS:**

Radio Communication Grant	
Deleted	\$70,363.00
Adjustment to Surplus	13,165.30
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	\$83,528.30

MOVED (Marion Wuelper), that the State Tax Commission make the necessary corrections of revenue and adjustment to the surplus for a total figure of \$83,528.30.

Amendment (George Roberts), "at a special meeting of the

Delegation to be called for Friday, August 11, 1972 at 1:00 P.M. at the Court House to inform the Delegation of the changes to be made by the State Tax Commission.

Motion and amendment seconded by Charles Roberts. Voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk

### BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

Special Meeting August 11, 1972

Court House, Laconia, N.H.

1:00 P.M.

Present:

George B. Roberts, Jr., (Chairman)  
 Jakob Mutzbauer  
 Marshall French  
 David Huot  
 Marion Wuelper  
 Esther Nighswander  
 Charles Roberts  
 Frank Maguire  
 David T. Whittemore  
 Dorothy V. Randlett, (Clerk)

A quorum being present, Chairman Roberts opened the meeting at 1:15 P.M.

Mr. Jakob Mutzbauer explained that the meeting was called because the \$70,000 to be received from the federal government for the Communications system had mistakenly been considered revenue. This was in error. Consequently the County budget for 1972 is as follows:

Original budget figure	\$772,696.01
Revised budget figure	\$856,224.31

A motion from Mr. LaPlante of the Tax Commission allowing the County Commissioners to receive and expend federal funds was presented by Marion Atwood and it was

MOVED (by Charles Roberts), seconded (by Marshall French), that the County Commissioners be authorized to receive and expend federal money sent to the County for grants. Voted unanimously.

MOVED (by Marshall French), seconded by (Marion Wuelper), that the above motion be attached to the 1972 County budget. Voted unanimously.

Mr. Plodzick of the Tax Commission explained the budget to the Delegation saying that the problem arose when the County used the \$70,000

as revenue to reduce the County tax and such use of the funds was not approved by the Tax Commission.

Mr. Mutzbauer felt that in 1973 the proposed County budget should be presented to the Tax Commission for approval before being presented to the Delegation.

MOVED (by Marion Wuelper), seconded (by David Huot), that the present Delegation recommend to the in-coming Delegation that the results reached by the Executive Committee on the budget be approved by the Tax Commission prior to presentation to the Delegation for final action. Voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION**  
**Meeting of the Executive Committee**

**Court House, Laconia, N.H.**

**December 7, 1972 10:00 A.M.**

Present:

Reps. Jakob Mutzbauer (Vice-Chairman)  
 Oscar Prescott  
 Marshall French  
 David Huot  
 Esther Nighswander  
 Charles Roberts  
 Marion Wuelper  
 Dorothy Randlett (Clerk)

Absent:

George B. Roberts, Jr. (Chairman)

Vice-Chairman opened the meeting at 10:00 A.M. A Roll Call was taken and the meeting turned over to the Commissioners.

Detailed examination was then made of the Belknap County Home and Hospital budget ending October 31, 1972 and the Belknap County General Fund for the period ending November 30, 1972. No changes were made.

Mr. Myatt reported on the progress of construction of the House of Correction and the Jail. It is about 75 percent finished but will not be done on schedule. There will be an over-run of approximately \$8,000.

Mr. Perley Beach requested funding for a generator — the money to be taken from the nursing fund.

Rep. Nighswander spoke about the vacancy at the Gunstock Ski Area.

The Executive Committee expressed regret that Rep. Mutzbauer will not be a member of the Delegation during the coming session and said he would be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy V. Randlett, Clerk

### BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

Friday, December 15, 1972

Court House, Laconia, N.H.

7:30 P.M.

Present:

George Roberts, Jr., (Chairman)  
 Jakob Mutzbauer, (Vice-Chairman)  
 Marshall French  
 Robert W. Lawton  
 Charles B. Roberts  
 Frank Maguire  
 David Whittemore  
 Esther Nighswander  
 Marion Wuelper  
 David Huot  
 Oscar Prescott  
 Lucien Dulac  
 Dorothy Randlett (Clerk)

Meeting opened at 7:35 P.M. After welcoming new members of the Delegation, the Chairman commented on the revenue sharing check for approximately \$42,000 which the County has received. Apparently there are no exceptions to regulations for counties.

The Chairman then said the Delegation will prepare Resolutions offering their sympathy to the families of the late Sheriff Crockett and Representative George Head. This was in the form of a motion which was voted unanimously.

The Chairman then called for interviews with candidates for a vacancy on the Belknap County Recreational Area Commission. Candidates were interviewed in alphabetical order.

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Lowth, Charles W. H. | Meredith  |
| 2. Milham, Peter V.     | Gilford   |
| 3. Norberg, Colin A.    | Laconia   |
| 4. Rich, Paul W.        | Laconia   |
| 5. Simpson, Robert S.   | Barnstead |
| 6. Tankard, David       | Laconia   |
| 7. Watson, Gail         | Laconia   |

Meeting called into Executive Session at 8:15 P.M. The new representatives were present but not voting.

Rep. Wuelper, Vice-Chairman of the Belknap Area Commission Committee explained that one of the present Area Commissioners who resided in Laconia at the time of his appointment had now moved into Gilford which gave Gilford three Commissioners on the Committee. Since the statute allows only two Commissioners from each town, it was felt that a resignation was in order from said Commissioner. The vote at a meeting of the Belknap Area Committee on December 11, 1972 was unanimous that a letter of resignation should be filed. The County Attorney has ruled, orally, that three can remain from one town. Letters were read from the



County Attorney and Attorney Arthur Nighswander, the latter in disagreement with the ruling of the former.

The Chairman has discussed the matter with the Attorney-General for advice, to the effect that the change of residency into a municipality where there were already two Commissioners, disqualified that member from the Commission. This is not an opinion. The opinion of the County Attorney is an opinion of his own and the Delegation is not bound by it. Asking for a resignation "for cause" would mean only because of change of residency.

It was agreed, after discussion, that if Mr. Ladieu presented his resignation he could then qualify for another five-year term as well as any other resident in the County. With his resignation there would be two vacancies.

Moved: (Huot), second by French, that the Delegation go on record as being of the opinion that where two members of the Belknap County Recreational Area Commission reside in the same municipality and a third member of the Commission removes from the municipality in which he lived at the time of his appointment into the municipality in which the two other Commissioners reside he is there-after disqualified from continued membership on the Commission.

Voted unanimously.

Moved: (Huot), second by French, that the Clerk be directed to send a letter to Commissioner Richard Ladieu formally requesting his resignation from the Belknap County Recreational Area Commission because the Delegation is of the opinion his removal from Laconia to Gilford disqualifies him from continued membership on the Commission under the provisions of Laws of 1959, Chapter 399, Section 4, and stating that should he resign he would be entitled to apply for one of the vacancies on the Commission, and that he is requested to respond on or before December 22, 1972 to the Clerk of the Delegation.

Voted unanimously.

Moved: (Huot), second by French, that a letter be sent to Mr. Ladieu asking for his resignation and then he could become a candidate for the vacancy created.

Voted unanimously.

Rep. Mutzbauer requested that \$12,620 from the Belknap Area checks be applied to the House of Correction Fund. The check from the Area totalled \$12,630.85. The \$12,620 is needed for construction costs at the House of Correction.

Moved: (Mutzbauer), second by Huot, that the Delegation accept the money from the Area for \$12,630.85 and that \$12,620 be taken out of the treasury and transferred into the House of Correction Building Fund.

Voted unanimously.

It was moved to recess until 9:00 A.M., Thursday, December 28, 1972 and to meet at the Court House. Voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Randlett,  
Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING**

Court House, Laconia, N.H.

9:30 A.M. December 28, 1972

9:30 A.M.

Meeting called to order 9:30 A.M. by Chairman George B. Roberts, Jr.

Present:

George B. Roberts, Jr., (Chairman)  
 Lucien Dulac  
 David Whittemore  
 Frank Maguire  
 Esther Nighswander  
 Robert Lawton  
 Charles Roberts  
 David Huot  
 Marshall French  
 Marion Wuelper (Clerk, Pro Tem)

Discussion as to legality of this meeting since per constitution of State Legislature is dissolved seven days before new legislature convenes.

Moved by Rep. Lawton that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded (Whittemore). Motion put to vote and defeated.

Rep. Huot researched the law and it was decided that the County Convention was not dissolved — only the Legislature.

Letter from Mr. Richard Ladiou of the Area Commissioners was read. It was decided that this was not really a letter of resignation and Chairman Roberts called Mr. Ladiou on the telephone to verify that this was his letter of resignation. Mr. Ladiou stated that it was and was asked to send a letter of resignation dating it December 22, 1972 which he promised to do.

The Chairman now declared there were two vacancies on the Area Commission.

Moved by Rep. Nighswander, seconded (Charles Roberts), that the Delegation accept the letter of resignation of Mr. Ladiou. Unanimously passed.

Chairman Roberts advised he had a proxy from Rep. Randlett who could not be present today.

Moved (Dulac), seconded (Huot), that we accept the proxy. Voted unanimously.

Chairman then declared the Delegation would vote first on an Area Commissioner for five years and then for one to fill the remaining term of Mr. Ladiou — until October 1, 1973.

At this time it was also decided to allow Mr. Michael Emanuel, who presented a resume, to address the Delegation.

On a vote for an Area Commissioner for five years, the vote was;

Millham	6
Lowth	2
Norberg	1

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Simpson	1
Rich	1

Chairman Roberts announced Mr. Peter V. Millham appointed for five years.

A vote was then taken on an Area Commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Richard Ladieu. The vote was;

Lowth	3
Simpson	2
Norberg	2
Rich	2
Tankard	1
Emanuel	1

Discussion regarding vote. Since the vote was very close it was asked whether another vote should be taken. Some members felt this decision should have been made before the vote.

Moved that Mr. Lowth be declared appointed to the Area Commission for the unexpired term of Mr. Richard Ladieu - up to October 1, 1973. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Marion Wuelper, Clerk pro tem.

**COUNTY OF BELKNAP**  
**GENERAL FUND - BALANCE SHEET**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**December 31, 1972**

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**Assets**

Cash on Deposit	\$116,243.35
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$116,243.35

**Liabilities**

Amounts owed by County:	\$ — 0 —
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ — 0 —
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities 12-31-72	\$116,243.35



COUNTY OF BELKNAP  
STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT  
December 31, 1972

BELKNAP COUNTY BUILDING FUND

Total Issue: \$280,000.00  
(No. 1 to 280 for \$1,000.00 each)  
Interest Rate: 3.20 percent  
Date of Issue: November 1, 1964

PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

November 1, 1965 to 1980 - \$15,000.00	
November 1, 1981 to 1984 - \$10,000.00	
Balance of Principal due on Bonds 1-1-72	\$175,000.00
Amount Paid on bonds 1972	15,000.00
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Balance of Principal due on Bonds 1-1-72	\$160,000.00

Principal and Interest Payments to be made  
to the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.

COUNTY OF BELKNAP  
STATEMENT OF NOTE DEBT  
December 31, 1972

BELKNAP COUNTY JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION  
BUILDING FUND

Total Issue: \$234,950.00  
Notes No. 1 For \$9,950.00  
Notes No. 2 - No. 10 For \$25,000.00 each  
Interest Rate 3.80 percent  
Date of Issue: September 1, 1972  
Principal Payments as Follows:

September 1, 1973	\$ 9,950.00
September 1, 1974 to 1982	25,000.00
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Balance of Principal Due on Notes 12-31-72	\$234,950.00

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**SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY**

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## Description:

## Land and Buildings:

(a) Court House and Annex	\$266,700.00
(b) Jail and House of Correction	171,518.00
(c) County Farm (Land Value Only)	10,000.00
(d) County Infirmary and Other Buildings	591,600.00

## Furniture and Equipment:

(a) Court House	28,100.00
(b) Jail and House of Correction	5,000.00
(c) County Infirmary	37,315.00
(d) Kitchen Equipment	13,000.00
(e) Sheriff's Department Equipment	3,404.00

Total Valuation	<u>\$1,126,637.00</u>
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REVENUE SHARING FUNDS RECEIVED	\$84,220.00
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## SUGGESTED EXPENDITURES

Generator - County Home	\$20,000.00
Truck - County Home	6,200.00
Car - Thomas Myatt	3,067.00
Copier Machine	1,425.00
Zoning Heat in Court House	6,650.00

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\$37,342.00

We suggest that the remainder be  
left at Interest until the need of  
extra space at the Court House is determined.

**BELKNAP COUNTY**  
**PROPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY TAX — 1972**  
 \$856,224.43

	<b>Proportion of Tax</b>	<b>Amount of Tax</b>
Alton	9.298%	\$ 79,611.75
Barnstead	4.514	38,649.97
Belmont	4.842	41,458.39
Center Harbor	3.239	27,733.11
Gilford	15.244	130,522.85
Gilmanton	4.108	35,173.70
Laconia	30.874	264,350.73
Meredith	15.441	132,209.61
New Hampton	3.585	30,695.65
Sanbornton	3.713	31,791.61
Tilton	5.142	44,027.06
	<hr/> 100.000 %	<hr/> \$856,224.43

**BELKNAP COUNTY GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF BUDGET OPERATIONS**

December 31, 1972

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Taxes — City and Towns	\$879,361.31	\$856,224.43
Belknap County Home	393,283.70	357,186.72
Other	218,769.95	182,767.69
<b>Total — All Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,491,414.96</b>	<b>\$1,396,178.84</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Total Expense — General Government	\$ 28,328.66	\$ 30,394.00
Total Expense — Bookkeeping	12,296.83	12,000.00
Total Expense — Court House	24,128.88	21,155.00
Total Expense — Superior Court	92,827.66	82,700.00
Total Expense — General Welfare	108,062.96	128,486.00
Total Expense — Register of Deeds	41,510.95	38,610.00
Total Expense — Institutional Welfare County Home	609,155.63	616,123.87
Jail and House of Correction	87,901.89	105,591.47
Total Expense — Sheriff's Department	182,523.73	156,214.00
Total Expense — Budgeted Debt	30,187.29	57,360.00
Total Expense — Miscellaneous Budgets	158,247.13	147,544.50
<b>Total — All Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,375,171.61</b>	<b>\$1,396,178.84</b>
<b>Cash on Hand December 31, 1972</b>	<b>\$ 116,243.35</b>	<b>— 0 —</b>



## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

## RECEIPTS

1972

## COUNTY TAXES

Alton	\$ 79,611.75
Barnstead	38,649.97
Belmont	41,458.39
Center Harbor	50,869.99
Gilford	130,522.85
Gilmanton	35,173.70
Laconia	264,350.73
Meredith	132,209.61
New Hampton	30,695.65
Sanbornton	31,791.61
Tilton	44,027.06
Total	<u>\$879,361.31</u>
Belknap County Home and Hospital	\$393,283.70

## REIMBURSEMENT, OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State of New Hampshire	\$ 30,213.67
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## REIMBURSEMENT, DIRECT RELIEF

City of Laconia	\$ 456.69
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## REIMBURSEMENT, CARE OF CHILDREN

Probation Department	270.00
Total	<u>\$ 270.00</u>

Rockingham County on Conklin Case	\$ 2,948.15
Sheriff's Department — Training, Firearms	629.00
Sheriff's Department — Information on Drugs	300.00
Grant — Lakes Region Fire Dispatch Trainee	7,970.00

## ALL OTHER RECEIPTS

Office Rent	760.00
Gunstock Ski Area	— 0 —
Non-Payroll Refunds	
Blue Cross	1,907.51
Social Security	1,437.86

Retirement System	501.43
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Total	3,846.80
Miscellaneous	5,053.65
Register of Deeds	54,111.74
Sheriff's Fees	11,651.00
New Hampshire Distributing Agency	2,903.96
State Grant — Juvenile Delinquency Officer	5,580.00
Sheriff's Department — Town of Gilmanton	8,380.00
Lakes Region Fire Dispatch — Towns Outside County	10,573.68
State Grant — Sheriff's Department — Cadets	1,600.00
Fees — Clerk of Court	9,807.50
State Grant — Radio Communications	29,714.00
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Total — Other Receipts	143,982.33
Cash on Hand December 31, 1972	32,000.11
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GRAND TOTAL	\$1,491,414.96

## PAYMENTS

### CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

#### SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Commissioners:	
Marion H. Atwood	\$3,000.00
John G. Ruel	3,000.00
Henry T. Spear	3,000.00
Treasurer:	
H. Max Wakeman, Jr.	500.00
Auditors:	
Dana S. Beane, Sr.	200.00
Paul A. Lussier	200.00
Attorney:	
David R. Decker	7,500.00
Medical Referees:	
Norman G. B. McLetchie, M.D.	1,987.90
Autopsies:	
Norman G. B. McLetchie	1,496.00
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Total Salaries	\$20,883.90

#### EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

David R. Decker — County Attorney — Office Expense	\$ 2,500.00
Travel — Commissioners	500.00
Citizen Publishing — Printing of Annual Report	783.30
All Other	426.32

New England Telephone — Service	328.88
New Hampshire Association of Counties — Dues	300.00
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Total Expenses — County Officers	\$4,838.50

**REGISTER OF PROBATE**

Printing	\$ 940.32
Supplies	1,285.70
Telephone	380.24
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Total Expense — Register of Probate	\$ 2,606.26
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Total Expenses — General Government	\$28,328.66

**OFFICE EXPENSES**

Accounting Service	\$ 1,170.00
Supplies	1,626.83
Salaries:	
Bookkeeper, Secretary, Typist	9,500.00
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Total Expense — Office	\$12,296.83

**COURT HOUSE EXPENSES**

Workmen's Compensation and Fire	\$ 3,329.55
Fuel Oil	2,425.15
Sewer Rental	97.00
Water	108.00
Waste Removal and Snow Plowing	1,459.50
Electricity	2,181.65
Supplies and Repairs	5,027.64
Wages — Custodians	9,500.39
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Total Expense — Court House	\$24,128.88

**SUPERIOR COURT EXPENSES****Books and Printing**

Books	\$ 582.80
Printing	1,469.44
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Total	\$2,025.24

**JURY PAYROLLS**

Grand Jury	\$1,790.40
Petit Jury	29,109.49
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Total	\$30,899.89

**JURY MEALS**

Total	\$ 965.03
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<b>STATE VS. '----' PAYROLLS</b>		
County Attorney — Expenses		\$ 4,664.64
Miscellaneous — Witness Fees		1,971.64
	Total	\$ 6,636.28
<b>REFEREES AND MASTERS</b>		
	Total	\$ 2,765.74
<b>STENOGRAPHERS' FEES</b>		
State of New Hampshire		\$10,650.00
All Other		6,560.69
	Total	\$17,210.69
<b>CLERK OF COURT</b>		
Insurance		\$ 250.80
Bonds		100.00
Telephone		1,174.13
Supplies, Etc.		4,223.96
Clerk's Account for Office		22,499.46
	Total	\$28,248.35
<b>SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT</b>		
Court Attendance		\$ 2,915.18
<b>EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
Chairs, Addressorette		\$ 309.88
<b>SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Janitor Service		
	Total	\$ 824.38
	Total Expense — Superior Court	\$92,827.66
<b>GENERAL WELFARE</b>		
	<b>Regular Relief</b>	<b>Soldiers' Aid</b>
Alton	\$ 148.21	
Barnstead	40.63	\$ 64.21
Belmont	40.00	
Center Harbor	65.52	
Gilford		
Gilmanton		12.00
Laconia	6,796.04	2,849.00
Meredith		25.00
New Hampton		
Sanbornton		
Tilton	698.50	85.00
	Total	\$7,788.90
		\$3,035.31
		\$10,824.21
<b>SURPLUS COMMODITIES</b>		
State Treasurer — County Payments		\$ 6,996.32



**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

State Treasurer — County Payments	67,666.72
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**CARE OF CHILDREN**

State Treasurer — County Payments	10,527.05
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**RELIEF ADMINISTRATION**

Surplus Food Delivery	\$ 2,525.49
Telephone	307.87
Salaries and Wages	8,131.42
Supplies	1,083.88

Total	\$12,048.66
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Total Expense — General Welfare	\$108,062.96
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**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Salaries — Register of Deeds & Deputies	\$24,750.27
Insurance	204.00
Telephone	278.82
Bonds	18.00
Printing, Binding & Supplies	7,873.66

Total	\$ 33,124.75
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**XEROX RENTAL**

Rental and Minimum rate copy fee	\$ 1,679.55
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**MICROFILMING**

Xerox Corporation — Microfilming	\$ 506.65
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**EQUIPMENT**

Records Storage & Retrieval — Records Storage	6,200.00
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Total Expense — Register of Deeds	\$41,510.95
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**INSTITUTIONAL WELFARE**

Belknap County Home & Hospital	\$587,061.83
Jail and House of Correction	104,932.29

Total Expenses — Institutional Welfare	\$691,994.12
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**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Salaries — Sheriff & Deputies	\$ 79,202.35
Gas and Oil	2,904.00
Cruiser Insurance	1,554.00
Insurance, Riot	210.00
Bonds	208.00
Dues	449.56
Telephone	2,302.20
Register of Deeds — Fees paid to Register of Deeds	2,280.83
Supplies and Repairs	8,213.80
New Cruisers	11,433.16

Total	\$108,757.90
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**DISPATCH**

Salaries and Wages	\$21,038.00
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**JUVENILE DELIQUENCY OFFICER**

Salary	\$8,407.32
Gas and Oil	174.36
Car Insurance	200.00
Bond	56.00
Camera Equipment	953.48
Telephone	340.50
Supplies	145.44
State Grant — School for Juvenile Delinquency Officer	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,577.10</b>

**CONTINGENCY — SUBJECT TO COURT APPROVAL**

Travel expense to return prisoners	\$ 248.13
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**RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Radio Equipment	\$41,902.60
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<b>Total — Sheriff's Department</b>	<b>\$182,523.73</b>
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**BUDGETED DEBT**

Interest — Temporary Loan	
Laconia Peoples National Bank and Trust Company	\$ 9,587.29
Interest — Bond Issue	
National Shawmut Bank of Boston, Boston, Mass.	5,600.00
Principal — Bond Issue — Infirmary	
National Shawmut Bank of Boston, Boston, Mass.	15,000.00
	<b>\$30,187.29</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS BUDGETS**

Extension Service	\$29,880.00
Airport Authority	15,000.00
Delegation Expense	
Mileage and Attendance	477.20
Capital Outlay	
Sheriff's Entrance	\$5,975.00
Miscellaneous	2,978.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,953.26</b>
Social Security and Blue Cross	
County Share	\$14,165.51
Retirement System	
County Share	\$1,750.55
Non-Payroll Items (County Reimbursed)	
Blue Cross	\$2,054.85
Social Security	1,398.75

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Retirement System	501.13
Total	<u>\$3,954.73</u>
Miscellaneous	
Lakes Region Mental Health Clinic	\$ 25,275.00
3M Machinery — Rental and Purchase	695.00
Crime Commission Officer — Rent	599.50
Lakes Region Fire Dispatch	57,496.38
Total	<u>\$158,247.13</u>
Total Expenditures	\$1,370,108.21
Cash on Hand December 31, 1972	\$ 116,243.35
Net Income County Home	\$ 4,995.21
Net Income Jail & H.F.C.	\$ 68.19
	<u>\$121,306.75</u>

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**TREASURERS 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 ended December 31, 1972.

**RECEIPTS**

Cash on Hand January 1, 1972	\$ 32,000.11
Taxes from Towns and City	879,361.31
Reimbursements:	
Old Age Assistance	\$30,213.67
Direct Relief	456.69
Care of Children	270.00
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	\$30,940.36
Receipts other than Current Income:	
Temporary Loan	650,000.00
Belknap County Home and Hospital	393,283.70
All Other Receipts:	
Office Rent	\$ 760.00
Non-Payroll Refunds	3,846.80
Miscellaneous	5,982.65
Register of Deeds	54,111.74
Rockingham County	
For Conklin Case	2,948.15
Sheriff's Department — Fees	11,651.00
N. H. Distributing Agency	2,903.96
Grant — Juvenile	
Delinquency Officer	5,580.00
Fees — Clerk of Court	9,807.50
Lakes Region Fire Dispatch —	
Towns Outside County	10,573.68
Town of Gilmanton —	
Sheriff's Department	8,380.00
Grant — Cadets, Sheriff's	
Department	1,600.00
Grant — Radio	
Communications	29,714.00
Grant — Lakes Region	
Fire Dispatch - Trainee	7,970.00
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	\$155,829.48
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$2,109,414.85
Total Cash Available	<hr/> \$2,141,414.96



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**PAYMENTS**

Paid on Commissioners' Orders	\$1,252,156.66
	650,000.00
Paid on Bond Issue	15,000.00
Payments — Interest	
Temporary Loans	\$ 9,587.29
Bond Issue	5,600.00
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	\$15,187.29
Paid by order of the Court:	
Books and Printing	\$ 2,052.24
Jury Payrolls	30,899.89
Jury Meals	965.03
State vs. “-Payrolls”	6,636.28
Referees and Masters	2,765.74
Stenographers' Fees	17,210.69
Clerk of Court	28,248.35
Court Attendance —	
Sheriff's Department	2,915.18
Equipment	309.88
Janitor Service	824.38
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	\$92,827.66
Total Payments	\$2,025,171.61
Cash on Hand December 31, 1972	116,243.35
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Grand Total	\$2,141,414.96

Respectfully submitted,  
H. Max Wakeman, Jr., Treasurer

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Sheriff Rodney S

This County Report is dedicated to Rodney S. Crum, 18 years. His untimely passing on November 10, 1988, was a great loss to the community. He was a true friend to all its citizens. We picture him with his family and staff. If you take a picture of me alone, these are the ones that

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Rockett and Staff

...tt who was in the employ of Belknap County for  
...removed a faithful servant of the county and a  
...because that was always his wish ..... "Don't  
...ke the program work."

**COUNTY AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year ended December 31, 1972**

Balance on Hand — January 1, 1972	\$ 32,000.11
Receipts — Year ended December 31, 1972	1,763,405.81
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	\$1,795,405.92
Payments — Year ended December 31, 1972	1,679,162.57
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Balance — December 31, 1972 as per Cash Book	\$ 116,243.35
Balance in Laconia Peoples National Bank and Trust Company as per Statement of December 31, 1972	141,697.77
Less: Outstanding Checks, Etc.	25,454.42
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Reconciled Bank Balance — As of December 31, 1972	\$116,243.35

**COUNTY HOME SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution Year ended December 31, 1972	\$722,066.22
Total Remittances to County Treasurer Year ended December 31, 1972	722,066.22
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Superintendent's Balance on Hand — January 1, 1972	200.00
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — December 31, 1972	200.00
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**INDEBTEDNESS DECEMBER 31, 1972**

Outstanding Long Term Notes	234,950.00
Outstanding Bonds	160,000.00

Paul A. Lussier  
Donald S. Beane, Sr.  
County Auditors  
January 1973



**BELKNAP COUNTY HOME**  
**Superintendent's Report**

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To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

I hereby submit a report of activities at the Belknap County Home for the year ending December 31, 1972.

During 1972 the Nursing Home was operated at full capacity. We are still crowded and are using two solariums in order to care for as many admissions as possible. We have a waiting list of over twenty names.

During 1972 we added a portable whirl-pool to our Physical Therapy Department.

Our Occupational Therapy Department is operating very well now and this year held a Christmas sale which was very successful.

The heating system is being changed over in the Home with some corrections made and when this is completed I believe the heat in the Home will be more even and better controlled. We are still having trouble with our hot water supply, however it is hoped that it may be corrected soon.

I would like to thank the County Commissioners for all the help they have given me during this very trying year just past. I would also like to thank the employees and organizations that have helped to make things more pleasant at the Home.

Respectfully submitted,  
Perley A. Beach, Supt.

**BELKNAP COUNTY HOME**  
**STATEMENT OF BUDGET OPERATIONS**

(Prepared under the generally accepted method of accounting on the accrual basis)

		December 31, 1972	
		Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget
120	Total Patient Revenue	\$396,996.60	\$363,920.00
140	Total Other Revenue	25,544.85	23,266.64
144	Less: OAA — Medical Pool — County Share	(29,257.75)	(30,000.00)
	<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>\$393,283.70</b>	<b>\$357,186.64</b>
188	Total Administrative Costs	\$ 73,917.10	\$ 71,800.30
212	Total Dietary Costs	116,161.38	129,040.80
238	Total Housekeeping Costs	37,096.59	34,143.52
258	Total Laundry Costs	37,768.54	37,000.84
278	Total Plant Costs	29,233.37	24,450.00
298	Total Building Maintenance Costs	8,322.88	7,855.03
328	Total Nursing Care Costs	234,099.90	263,445.54
333	Total Occupational Therapy Costs	10,760.57	9,201.40
348	Total Medical Service Costs	7,314.75	8,300.00

440	Total Maintenance of Grounds Costs	12,826.76	11,626.06
368	Total Other Costs	19,559.99	19,260.00
414	Total Jail and House of Correction Costs	104,932.29	105,591.47
	<b>Total — All Costs</b>	<u>\$691,994.12</u>	<u>\$721,715.26</u>
	<b>Loss — Combined</b>	\$298,710.42	\$364,528.62
	<b>County Budget Funds</b>		
554	Hospital Budget	201,182.34	261,937.15
556	Jail and House of Correction Budget	102,591.48	102,591.47
	<b>Total County Budget Funds</b>	<u>\$303,773.82</u>	<u>\$364,528.62</u>
	<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 5,063.40	\$ 0.00

**COUNTY OF BELKNAP**  
**COUNTY HOME AND HOSPITAL**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**Accrual System**  
**December 31, 1972**

**ASSETS**

Cash in Bank	\$23,172.38
Superintendent — Petty Cash	200.00
Patient Receivables	21,908.86
Dietary Inventory	2,825.68
General Store Inventory	2,607.27
Pharmacy Inventory	2,388.17
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$53,102.36

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable	\$21,435.25
Withheld FICA Taxex	5,681.37
Withheld Income Taxes	1,233.00
Withheld Blue Cross	285.00
Withheld Other	
Accrued Taxes FICA	5,678.71
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$34,313.39

Operating Capital	13,725.57
Net Profit or (Loss)	5,063.40
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TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$18,788.97

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL \$53,102.36

Excess of Assets over Liabilities 12-31-72 \$18,788.97



**STATISTICS OF BELKNAP COUNTY HOME  
1972**

Patients in Home January 1, 1972	82
Admitted during year	23
	105
Patients at Home December 31, 1972	81
Died during year	23
Discharged during year	1
	105

**FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1972**

Patients days	30,639
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**PATIENTS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME DURING 1972**

Old Age Assistance	76
Old Age Assistance — Alien	7
Aid to the Partially and Totally Disabled	10
Private	5
County	2
Aid to Needy Blind	4
City — Town	1
	105

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**BELKNAP HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND JAIL**

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

The following report of activities at the Belknap House of Correction and Jail is submitted.

The number of inmates held this year was 1,224 an increase of 15 percent over the number held in 1971.

Operation of the facility during the last half of the year has been difficult due to renovations of the old House of Corrections building converting it to a new dining area and bath facility and the building of a new dormitory 53' x 36' including a full basement for surplus food also more office space and storage space was added, due to continued expanded operation. Construction has progressed slower than expected. All work should have been completed this year. At the present time it appears it will be completed sometime in February of 1973 except for landscaping that will be completed in the spring.

There were no escapes from the facility this year. The number of prisoners held for drug related offenses has increased sharply this year. The holding of prisoners held for drug related offenses and the increase in the number of prisoners held in jail that should be treated in mental institutions has doubled operational problems as we are not staffed or equipped to handle mental patients.

The transfer of prisoners to the State Hospital for treatment is nearly impossible.

The demonstration project for prisoner rehabilitation by Federal Grant was funded for another year. The project is working well. This year 21 prisoners were on work release and there were seven prisoners that received high school diplomas through the adult education program.

We convey our thanks to the State, County, City and local towns for their cooperation through out the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas N. Myatt, Supt.

**PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY  
JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

Prisoners in Jail January 1, 1973	7
Admitted during the year	1224
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Prisoners in Jail December 31, 1972	7
Discharged during the year	1222
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Prisoners in House of Correction January 1, 1973	12
Admitted during the year	60
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Prisoners in House of Correction December 31, 1972	12
Discharged during the year	60
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FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1972

	Weeks	Days
Prisoners in Jail	462	2
Prisoners in House of Correction	735	4

**PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY  
JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

	Age	Weeks	Days
Abbott, Lawrence E.	24		1
Abbott, Richard H.	21		1
Abramek, William	25		1
Abren, Jonathan C.	18		1
Adams, William J.	22		1
Adley, Robert C.	22		2
Akerman, Allen	39		1
Alexander, Michael K.	25		1
Allard, Edward J.	29		1
Amsden, Glenn H.	29		2
Andersen, Greig L.	18		1
Anguish, George R.	18		2
Archambeault, Arthur	39	1	
Armano, Michael	24		2
Armstrong, Cristie	29		1
Aubin, David J.	45		1
Aubut, Richard M.	24	10	2
Avery, Eugene	21		2
Avery, Guy	19		1
Bailey, Carl S.	28		1
Baker, Lawrence Jr.	19		5
Baker, Robert J	23		1
Ball, Roger S.	18	6	2
Ballam, Richard J.	26		2
Bara, Joseph M.	44		1
Barbin, Andre M.	24		1
Barker, Fred R.	39		1
Barker, Richard P.	17		1
Baroody, James	28	18	2
Barros, Anthony F.	28		2
Beals, Ellis	53		2
Bean, Jeffery	26		2
Beaudoin, Robert J.	30		2
Beaudoin, Vincent J.	24		1
Beaule, Alphonse A. Jr.	44		1
Beausoliel, Paul J.	18		3
Beede, Barry	21		1
Belisle, Harvey A.	18		1
Bell, Charles W.	27		5
Gerard, Benoit	20	8	2
Bent, Milton M.	51		4
Benwell, Robert A.	33		1
Benzinis, Michael	22		3
Berthiaume, Charles J.	20		3
Bertholet, Dennis M.	21		1
Berwick, Gary	18	11	

	Age	Weeks	Days
Berry, Lawrence D.	23		6
Berry, Michael A.	20		2
Bezanson, Chester E.	27		1
Bibeault, Robert	35		2
Bickford, Eugene F.	28	4	6
Bieler, Emil	40		1
Binette, Alfred	43	5	5
Bissanti, Joseph	19		1
Bissett, Sandra	20		2
Blackey, Theodore R.	36	4	6
Blackwell, Alfred A.	18		2
Bogonovich, George E.	23		1
Bonner, Charles H.	24		1
Bonyea, Edwin H.	45		2
Boosa, Richard J.	37		1
Boulanger, Gerard	18		2
Bourque, Stephen P.	17		3
Bowdoin, Ralph E.	49		1
Boyce, Grace	37		5
Brady, Kenneth	26		2
Brake, Ernest	41		3
Braman, Russell	18		1
Brassard, Alan G.	18		1
Breen, Lawrence	34		3
Brenton, Ronald C.	21		1
Brewster, Gerald M.	19		1
Brickett, Scott A.	24		3
Brideau, Robin	20		1
Briggs, Clifton	21		6
Briggs, Edwin G.	22		1
Briggs, John W.	25		2
Brightbill, Dennis F.	17		5
Brough, Daniel	20	11	3
Brough, George K.	44	8	
Brouillard, G. Arthur	43		2
Brouillard, Ronald	20		1
Brown, Gloria	18		2
Brown, Richard A.	22		1
Brown, William A.	22		2
Bruno, Nelson Jr.	37	24	1
Bryan, Patrick J.	21		1
Bryk, Patrick J.	20		1
Buckley, Edward R.	22		1
Bumford, Robert L. Jr.	17		1
Burby, Frederick	18	1	6
Burby, Norman	23	8	4
Bureau, Dominique	33		2
Bureau, Joseph E. Jr.	23		2
Burgess, Harry C.	24	4	2
Burnham, Frederick A.	54		1



	Age	Weeks	Days
Burke, Richard W.	18		2
Burleigh, Walter C.	41	2	1
Burns, John	18		2
Button, Anthony M.	20		2
Cadogan, Kevin B.	19		1
Caldrain, Armand J.	28		4
Caldwell, Reginald	29	1	3
Cameron, John H.	22		3
Cannon, Robert W.	24		2
Carignan, Herve A.	54		1
Carlson, Russell L.	49	1	
Carnes, Stephen R.	18		2
Caron, Edmond J.	39		1
Carpenter, Daniel F.	38		2
Carpenter, Robert B.	25	2	2
Cartier, Rudolph	39		3
Casadei, Gregory	22		1
Cass, Stephen	19		1
Cassidy, Joseph	54		1
Chamberlain, David B.	26		1
Champagne, Norman	39		2
Champagne, Robert	29		4
Champion, Lois G.	41		1
Chandler, Fred	54		4
Chandronnait, Roland H.	42		1
Chapdelaine, Paul	25		1
Charland, Ronald N.	40		1
Charron, Richard	39	1	4
Chase, Francis H.	18		2
Chase, Stephen J.	21		5
Chiccola, Guy	19		1
Chun Mui Fuk	31		1
Ciampa, Karan	22		2
Cilley, Albert C.	30		2
Cilley, Judith	26		2
Clairmont, Gary	21		1
Clement, Ralph H.	27		1
Clifford, Lawrence A.	21		1
Clifton, Christopher	29		2
Clough, Janice A.	20		1
Cloutier, Roger	26	19	4
Coakley, Charles R.	21		1
Coan, William C. R.	18		1
Cochran, Elwin J.	22		1
Cochran, Guy E.	18		2
Colburn, Roger	18	1	3
Colby, Steven L.	21		1
Cole, Torrence G.	25		3
Colen, Henry P.	37		3
Collett, Lawrence L.	26		2

	Age	Weeks	Days
Comeau, Ann	20		1
Comeau, Ronald L.	22		2
Comerford, William	36		6
Conahan, John A.	22		1
Conklin, Lawrence	41	2	3
Conlon, Thomas J.	39		2
Constant, John	25		4
Constant, Richard H.	29		1
Converse, Richard	21		6
Conway, Patrick	25	7	3
Coolidge, William	18		2
Cooper, Leonard	43		1
Copp, Terry	21		1
Cormiea, Dennis R.	22		1
Cormier, Lucien	32		1
Cormier, Ronald W.	26	3	4
Corso, Joseph	36		2
Cote, Lucille B.	37		1
Cote, Lyman	29		1
Crawford, James E.	25		2
Crocker, Raymond	37	28	
Crocker, Tom W.	19		3
Cross, Fred H.	20		3
Croteau, Ernest A.	22		1
Crowder, Clinton	22	23	
Cruther, Robert	17		1
Curtis, David	22	11	6
Cutler, George S.	22		3
Daigneault, Warren	23		1
Daniels, Norman R.	27	4	2
Daley, John F.	46	2	4
Daley, William P.	19		1
Darling, Richard	20	25	3
Davidson, Charles M.	21		1
Davis, Dennis J.	29		1
Davis, George F.	21		1
Davis, Mark J.	19	10	6
Davis, Paul	22	5	3
Dawson, David B.	22	5	2
Dawson, Mark A.	18		1
Dearborn, Kenneth A.	18		1
Dearborn, Martin	46		1
Decato, Victor	27	50	6
Degrandmont, Jean	26		2
Dehart, Howard R.	29		5
Demers, George	47		1
Dennis, Rollin	22	2	4
Deninger, Peter	19		1
Derrick, Gerald	20		2
Desfosses, Richard	18	1	1

	Age	Weeks	Days
Dieffenbach, Kevin	20	14	
Del Re, Kenneth	26		1
DeRoche, Reginald R.	22		2
Desjardin, David	17		2
Devine, Michael P.	26		1
Deware, James	19		1
Dion, Aime R.	43		1
Dion, Armand	50	12	5
Dion, Jackie	37		1
Dion, Leo	32		1
Dion, Philip	31	1	3
Dixon, Kevin B.	19		1
Domenice, Amevico P.	51		1
Dominic, Gary	22		1
Donoghue, Kevin	20		2
Donnelly, Joseph	20		1
Dorval, Max	39		1
Downes, Christopher	22	23	4
Drake, Francis	24		2
Downing, Arthur L.	20		1
Drake, Stanley	20	6	1
Drouin, Lucien F.	43		2
Droukas, Joseph P.	24		1
Dudley, Glenn	20		2
Dulac, Lawrence P.	61		2
Dunne, Mike F.	48	33	6
Dupont, Andrew J.	22	1	1
Dupont, Harry	60		2
Duquette, Alphonse	56		1
Durgin, Steven	22	23	2
Duso, Arthur	40		1
Duso, Wilfred	65		1
Dyken, Bruce	19		4
Eastman, Kenneth	27		1
Eaton, Charles	20		1
Edgerly, Dana	35		1
Edgerly, Lawrence	31		1
Edwards, Arlington	19		4
Ekstrom, Roland	19		1
Elbaum, Frances	23		1
Eldridge, Allan	55		1
Eldridge, Robert	43		1
Ellinger, Moward	42		1
Elliott, Robert	25		1
Elwell, Wilbur	47		1
England, George	18	1	1
Euerle, Christopher	27		1
Falardeau, Albert	48		2
Farnham, Herbert	37		1
Farrar, Elaine	21		1

	Age	Weeks	Days
Farris, Catheryn	19		1
Favorite, George	24		1
Fay, Judith	21		2
Felice, Carol	23		1
Ferland, David	19		1
Ferland, Richard	21		2
Fifield, Allen	29		1
Fitzgerald, Michael	22		1
Fitzgerald, Robert	23		2
Flanders, Thomas	18	2	
Fletcher, Richard	28		1
Flibotte, Michael	19		1
Florence, Ralph	21		3
Flynn, Elizabeth	46		1
Fogg, Norman	20		2
Fogg, Robert	39		2
Foley, Maurice	34		1
Folliard, Bruce	22		1
Fone, Rita	20		1
Fontaine, Brian	18	9	4
Foote, Lawrence	19	26	6
Forest, Maurice	26		2
Forman, Michael	18		2
Fortin, Paul	51		3
Foster, Robert	31		2
Freitas, George	41		2
French, Craig	18	29	6
Frye, James	21		1
Furlong, Louis	54		2
Gabert, Donna	20		1
Gaiko, Richard	22		2
Gallagher, Robert	22		2
Gallier, Jeffery	19		1
Gammon, David	21		1
Gangi, Michael	19	2	3
Garnett, David	44		1
Gaudette, Grant	26		1
Gaudette, William	22	16	1
Gauthier, David	19		1
George, Earl	62		2
Giberson, Catheline	21		1
Giberson, Ronald	26		2
Gibson, Joseph	42	24	6
Gifford, Robert	30	3	4
Gilbert, David			2
Gilbert, Michael	23		1
Gilpatrick, Bernard	26		3
Gleason, Barbara	32		1
Glennon, John	28		2
Gokey, Reed	22		1

	Age	Weeks	Days
Goldthwaite, David	29		2
Goodale, Warren	35		1
Goodell, Scott	17		1
Goodine, John	33		1
Goodwin, Bruce	25	7	5
Goodwin, Donald	49		1
Goodwin, Gary	19	1	4
Goodwin, Robert	36	1	
Goodwin, Ronald	33	29	5
Goolkasian, Eleanora	19		2
Goupil, Armand	48	2	4
Graham, Paul	20		2
Grant, Jon	30		1
Green, Dean	24		2
Green, James	20		1
Green, John	39		2
Greer, Robert	19	12	
Gregory, Raymond	49		2
Griffiths, Urban	41		1
Gruenler, John	25		2
Grundy, Kim	22		1
Guertin, Norman	28		1
Gullison, Ralph	31		2
Guyotte, Allan	21	7	4
Goyotte, Gary	20		6
Haberland, William	26		6
Hanks, Larry	23		2
Hahn, Clavin	38		1
Hallock, Thomas	19		2
Halpern, Barbara	20		1
Hamblin, Barbara	36		2
Hanson, Dave	18		1
Harbour, Dennis	23		1
Harden, Charles	32	6	4
Harding, Phillip	21		3
Harnish, Ronald	17		3
Hart, Howard	29		2
Hawkins, Dean	18		2
Haynes, Leslie	27	35	5
Heath, Clifton	52		2
Heath, Raymond	24	11	3
Helfrich, Craig	21		1
Halpern, Saul	42		2
Herbert, Elmer	22		1
Hickey, John	20		1
Hicks, Robert	24		4
Hight, George	30		2
Hill, Linda	17		2
Hillard, George	47		2
Hilson, Michael	23	1	1



	Age	Weeks	Days
Hogan, Daniel	19		1
Hoglund, Carl	48		1
Holbrook, Earl	25	11	5
Holman, Dorothy	21		1
Holman, Paul	19		2
Homo, Robert	24		1
Hooper, William	26		2
Horan, John	31		1
Houle, Douglas	19		2
House, David	22	6	1
Howard, Michael	18		1
Howe, Gary	22		1
Howlett, Peter	33		5
Howlett, Richard	25		2
Huard, Paul	36	1	
Hudson, Kenneth	18		2
Huke, Bradley	20		2
Huke, Jan	17		2
Humbarger, Donald	19		3
Humbarger, Keith	42		3
Hunt, Mark	19		2
Hunt, Rory	22		1
Iannuzzo, Ernest	20		1
Jacques, Ronald	19	3	3
Jelinek, Joseph	24		2
Jenkins, Charles	22		1
Jenkins, Harvey	63		2
Jenkins, Ronald	18		1
Jewell, Wayne	22		1
Jewett, Robert	27		3
Johnson, Bruce	17		1
Johnson, Duane	41		1
Jordan, Glen	20		1
Josserand, John	25		2
Jozitis, Floyd	21		1
Jozitis, Sally	19		1
Judkins, David	27		2
Kasperson, Donald	39		6
Keeler, Karl	23		1
Keith, Randy	18		6
Kelly, Robert	17		3
Kempton, Robert	22		3
Kennedy, John	18		2
Kennedy, Robert	20		1
Keyes, John	18	1	1
Keyes, William P.	20		3
Keyser, Chester	39		3
Kimball, Elizabeth	38		4
Kimball, Gregg	22		1
Kimball, Kenneth	33		1

	Age	Weeks	Days
Kimball, Lafayette	18		3
Kimball, Paul	23		2
King, Paul	28		2
Kirane, Daniel F.	18		1
Kissel, Jan F.	27		3
Klardine, David	18		1
Kleber, Ronald	17		2
Knight, Jackie	27	3	2
Kohler, Michael	21		2
Komulainen, Wendell	31		6
Krajewski, Ann	24		1
Kranz, John	18		1
Labbe, Michael	21	2	
Labonet, Leo	19		2
Labossiere, David	22		2
Lacroix, Chester	48		2
Laffey, Forrest	22		1
LaFrence, Arnold	30		2
Lageux, Norman	46		2
Lamontange, Stephen	19		2
Landry, Robert	24		2
Lapierre, Sylvio	32		2
Larivere, Ronald	21		1
LaRose, Donald	19		3
Larrivee, Kenneth	22		2
Leach, Robert	20		1
Leavesly, Joseph	26		2
LeClair, Steven	17		2
Ledley, Wilson	59		2
Legassie, Peter	25		2
Leger, Robert	20		2
Lemieux, Raymond	53		1
Lessard, Roger	18		2
Leto, Charles	18		2
Lipomi, Louis	20		2
Lique, David	18		2
Littlefield, George	20		2
Littlefield, Peter	21		1
Lindsey, Stephen	17		1
Lockwood, Gary	26		2
Longo, Bruce	19	13	1
Lucia, James	20		2
Ludwig, Frederick	18		2
Lupo, Ernest	21		1
Lussier, Gerard	25		1
Lutz, Edward	25		1
Lynch, Robert	27		1
McAvoy, Timothy	19		1
McCabe, Edward	22		1
McCann, Kenny	19		1

	Age	Weeks	Days
McCarthy, William	26		5
McCormack, Raymond	17		1
McCrea, Robert	25		3
McCulloch, Neil	19		1
McDermott, James	26		1
McDonald, Kenneth	18		1
McGrath, Frederick	22		1
McIntosh, Richard	19		2
McKiernan, James	27		2
McLaughlin, James	18		1
McManus, Warren	19		1
McNamara, Joseph	27		3
McPherson, Richard	19		1
MacFarlane, Joseph	17		2
Maheux, Robert	30		1
Maloney, Richard	17		4
Marchand, Michael	17		2
Macie, Stanley	26		1
Mack, Christopher	19		3
McMichael, Gerald	29		1
MacNeil, Michael	17		1
MacQuarrie, Walter	42		1
Madar, David	19		3
Major, Kenneth	29		2
Malpiedi, John	28		1
Manning, James	20		1
Manning, Timothy	43		1
Mansur, Norman	19		2
Martell, Joseph	36		2
Martin, Bruce	19		1
Martin, James	18		2
Matherson, Charles	25		1
Mazerole, Michael	71		2
Mazur, Joseph	38		3
Meade, George	56		2
Mearn, Michael	19		1
Medugno, Robert	17		1
Medugno, Thomas	19		1
Meekins, James	25		1
Mercier, Alan	24		1
Mercier, Dennis	27		1
Mercier, Frances	18		1
Mercier, Jacquelyn	24		1
Mercier, Marcel	34		1
Merrill, Albert Jr.	18		2
Merrill, Irving	19		4
Miller, Lester	32		1
Miller, Richard	19		1
Miles, Kristopher	19		2
Minor, Stephen	17		2

	Age	Weeks	Days
Mitchell, Thomas	22		2
Moniz, Michael	23		2
Monti, Jim	18		2
Moody, Janelle	18		1
Moon, Leon	17		1
Mooney, Arthur	25	2	1
Mooney, Walter	21		1
Moore, Gregory	24		2
Moore, Roy	25	4	5
Morgidge, Leslie	18		1
Morin, Alfred	30	4	4
Morin, Patricia	36		2
Morin, Paul	40		2
Morin, Roger	27		4
Morrill, Robert	20		3
Morrison, Eva	45	1	
Morsehead, William	18		1
Moss, Calvin	21		2
Moulton, Ralph	34		1
Moyer, Todd	18		1
Moynihan, Brian	19		2
Muise, Leonard	18		1
Mulroney, Donald	32		1
Munroe, Albert	18		1
Murphy, Edward	18		1
Murray, Richard	17		1
Murray, Ronald	20		6
Myers, Francis	19		1
Nalette, Donald	18		1
Nason, Steven	28		1
Naughton, Jon	19		2
Nee, James	19		1
Neuenhaus, Doris	41	2	1
Newton, Gerry	24		3
Noel, Leo	40	2	6
Norton, Everett	27	2	4
Novak, Bennie	22		1
Noyes, Conrad	23		2
Noyes, Herbert	42		3
Noyes, Richard	17		1
Nunes, Joseph	41		1
O'Brien, Edward	17		2
O'Brien, John	21		1
O'Callaghan, Mary	31		1
O'Connor, Ernest	27		1
O'Connor, Tom	20		1
O'Donnell, Keith	18		1
Olsen, Robert	33		1
O'Leary, Timothy	20		3

	Age	Weeks	Days
O'Neil, Myron	34		1
Ortakales, John	22		1
Osgood, Albert	29	4	5
Osgood, Newell	37	4	5
Overka, Patrica	31	1	3
Overton, Richard	25		1
Page, Richard	42		2
Palluccio, Paul	19		2
Palmoutsos, Joseph	25		2
Paquette, Phillip	25		1
Parent, Robert	26		1
Parini, Ronald	24		1
Parker, Francis	30		1
Parris, Dale	24		2
Pattavina, Michael	18		1
Patten, Gary	19	1	6
Patten, Hadley	26		4
Patten, James	20		1
Patten, Roy	22	16	
Pease, Dianne	24		2
Pease, Richard	19		1
Peavey, Charles	41		1
Peavey, Earl	37	5	2
Pelletier, Doesithee	72		1
Pelletier, Robert	20		1
Pennington, Richard	32		4
Peone, Lee	20		1
Pepler, Bruce	20		1
Perkins, Benjamin	58		2
Perkins, Edward	21		1
Perkins, Stephen	24		1
Perry, Maurice	35		1
Perry, Paul	20		1
Phillips, Anthony	24	23	4
Pickering, Robert	26		3
Pike, Charles	52	28	
Piper, David	28		1
Pitts, Mary Ann	23		2
Plourde, Robert	25	22	
Poitras, Ray	32		2
Pollock, Dale	29		1
Porell, Michael	20		2
Pringle, Richard	41		2
Proulx, Gregory	20	2	3
Proulx, Michael	20	1	
Provencher, Robert	25		2
Prudhomme, Roland	20		1
Puglisese, Nicholas	42		1
Purrington, Louise	43		1
Purrington, Rainsford	51		1



	Age	Weeks	Days
Pursley, Kenneth	19		1
Quaker, Albert	28		2
Quinn, Thomas	17		1
Ralph, William	21		5
Ramirez, David	21		2
Rasner, Peter	23		3
Raymond, Edward	19	8	4
Redmond, John	24		1
Redmond, Timothy	17		1
Redron, Michael	18		2
Regan, Robert	40		1
Regucci, Peter	20		2
Reynolds, Brian	17	3	2
Rhodes, Joseph	18	11	2
Riccard, George	18		1
Richards, Wallace	21		1
Richardson, Eric	21		3
Rideout, Richard	20		1
Riel, Arthur	20		1
Risley, Ernest	20	11	3
Rivet, Dean	20		1
Robarge, David	22		2
Robbins, Lester	68	1	2
Roberts, William	52		2
Rockwell, Luke	20		1
Rogers, Daniel	52		1
Roosa, Richard	37		1
Ross, Gary	22		1
Roubo, Joseph	34		1
Rowe, Allan	21		1
Rowley, Robert	23		2
Rowley, Storer	18		1
Runis, Richard	20		1
Russell, Charles	22		2
Russell, Michael	25		1
Sabol, Jeffery	19		1
Sacco, Joseph	22	1	5
Salvati, Robert	20		1
Salvatti, Thomas	18		1
Sanders, Gordon	23		1
Santosuosso, Robert	22		2
Sapienza, Stephen	20		2
Sargent, Christopher	22		1
Sargent, Ricky	18	13	2
Saunders, Willard	21		1
Schad, Stephen	18		2
Schenker, Jeffery	18		1
Schultz, Linda	19		1
Schultz, Richard	38		2
Scott, Robert	18		2

	Age	Weeks	Days
Sear, James	41		2
Seeley, John	20		1
Senior, Joanne	18		3
Shattuck, Charles	33	4	4
Shaw, David	19		1
Shaw, Philip	31	2	6
Shaw, Robert	33		1
Shea, Alvin	23		2
Shepard, Brian	24		3
Shore, Herman	64		1
Shrake, Donald	40		1
Sibley, Russell	17		4
Silberberg, Alan	19		2
Silva, Robert	20		1
Simard, George	23		1
Simoneau, Bruce	22		1
Slater, David	19		2
Smith, Alfred	17	19	1
Small, James	23	7	1
Smith, Harry	59		1
Smith, Karmen	20	2	3
Smith, Kenneth	22	5	
Smith, Kenneth P.	18		2
Smith, Peter	21	30	
Smith, Richard	31		1
Smith, Richard	25		1
Smith, Steven	23		1
Smith, William	27		2
Smock, Robert	18	11	4
Snook, Stephen	18		1
Snow, Michael	18	6	2
Snyder, Barry	21		2
Southworth, William	22		2
Spaulding, David	28		1
Spinale, Dominick	19		1
Stanley, Joseph	28		1
Staples, Arthur	74		2
Stendor, William	20		1
Stinson, Lawrence	36		1
Stitt, Cheryl	20		6
Stitt, James	20		1
Stitt, Richard	20		2
Stone, Dennis	22	4	2
Stone, Jacob	24		1
Storino, Lloyd	22		1
St. Gelais, Mark	19		1
Sullivan, Stephen	19		1
Sumner, Richard			1
Suttill, William	60		1
Svendsen, Brian	20		1

	Age	Weeks	Days
Sweeney, Steven	23		5
Switzer, John	18		2
Swormstedt, Kenneth	32		1
Sumonds, James	28		2
Szabo, James	27		1
Tabaldi, Stephen	21		1
Tallman, Gary	25		2
Tardiff, Gordon	24	1	4
Taschler, Gerald	24		1
Teachout, Robert	19		3
Teigue, Joseph	19		2
Teigue, Michael	17		1
Temple, William	26		1
Tetreault, Norman	25		2
Thibault, Joseph	31		2
Thifault, Joseph	17	3	2
Thomas, Glenn	27	40	2
Thompson, William	19		1
Tibbetts, John	18	2	6
Tilton, Michael	18		2
Tilton, Peter	19		1
Tipping, Alan	41		1
Tobin, Paul	32	11	
Toczyłowski, Stefan	21		2
Todisco, Richard	19		2
Toner, James	22		1
Tower, Harold	44	1	5
Traficanti, Nick	66		2
Trendell, Lance	18		2
Tucker, Dennis	24		1
Turgeon, Robert	22		1
Turner, George	20	4	2
Turner, Peter	17		1
Tyrrell, Bruce	22	22	6
Uralowich, Susan	19		2
Valliancourt, Paul	22	26	6
Veradi, Antonio	21		2
Viano, Kenneth	19	38	2
Vonstamwitz, Peter	18		2
Wagner, Roberta	18	1	5
Walls, Mary	24		1
Walsh, Terry	25		1
Wardwell, David	22		3
Wareing, Glenn	19		1
Warner, David	28		1
Warren, Earl	40		2
Warren, Howard	19		2
Warren, Timothy	26		1
Watkins, Gary	21		1
Watson, Albert, Jr.	31	9	5

	Age	Weeks	Days
Watson, Albert, Sr.	61	32	4
Weeks, Arthur	20		2
Weissman, Keith	20		2
Werner, Roger	22		1
Werren, Reece	22		2
Wheeler, James	25		1
Wheeler, Tenney	25		2
Whedon, Thomas	18		1
Whitcomb, Wayne	17		1
White, Arthur	24		1
White, David	18		2
White, John	40		1
Wiggin, Charles	19		1
Wilbur, Douglas	22		2
Wilbur, Everett	32		1
Wilkens, Lawrence	38		2
Williamson, James	37	4	2
Wilson, Jack	18		2
Winchester, William	21		3
Wineman, George	43		1
Witkum, Robert	26		2
Wood, Barry	19		1
Wood, Steven	19	11	3
Woodman, Michael	24		1
Woods, Raymond	58		2
Wright, Donald	27		2
Wright, John	23	1	1
Wyatt, George	45		1
Wylie, Alva	23		1
Yell, Wayne	23	23	6
Yergeau, Robert	44	2	3
Young, Donald	27	4	4
Young, Michael	27		1
Young, Terrel	19		1
Zimmerman, Judith	43		1
Zitta, Robert	20		2

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**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, 1972, through December 31, 1972.

**CHARGES AGAINST COUNTY**

1. Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire	\$24,701.10
2. Due County for fines & Costs	1,082.18
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Total Charges	\$25,783.28

**CREDITS TO COUNTY**

1. Fines and Costs	\$11,624.98
2. Sale of Rules of Court	240.00
3. Miscellaneous Credits to County	143.39
(a) Reimbursement for Master's fees	325.00
(b) Reimbursement for Printing costs	122.25
(c) Registration fee for professional Bondsmen	200.00
4. Allowance for Clerk & Clerical Hire	13,127.66
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Total Credits	\$25,783.28

Respectfully submitted,  
**ROBERT P. TILTON**  
 Clerk



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**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

As Commissioner Sheriff of Belknap County, I submit my report for the year 1972. The following activities were investigated by the Sheriff's Department in the year 1972: one murder, two suicides, nine incest cases, twenty-three charges of assault, one hundred and forty-one charges of burglary, one hundred and fifty-two charges of larceny, six charges of rape, ninety-eight charges of malicious damage and-or vandalism, seven arson investigations, twenty-seven narcotic investigations, one AWOL subject apprehended and held for the military, eight charges of auto theft, fifty-eight persons transported to New Hampshire State Prison and-or New Hampshire State Hospital, forty-six runaways and-or missing persons returned, attended twenty-nine alarms, eighty-seven motor vehicle accidents investigated, four hundred seventy-five M-V complaints and-or assists, forty-six cases of DWI, three snow-mobile complaints, twenty-four abandoned vehicles, four cases of taking a motor vehicle without authority investigated, one plane crash, nine infractions of the liquor laws, fifty-suspicious vehicles and-or persons checked, seven unattended deaths investigated, three charges of unnatural acts, two kidnapping cases. This department was involved in one hundred and sixty-four assists to other departments and two hundred and forty-eight miscellaneous complaints were investigated. Two hundred and sixty-six arrests were made by the Department. Seven hundred and ninety-four hours were spent by the deputies attending Superior Court. During patrol, thirty-eight thousand and eleven house and camp checks were made by the Department.

Fifteen thousand forty dollars and eighty-seven cents worth of stolen property was recovered by this Department and one hundred twenty-one thousand seven hundred sixty-two miles were logged by our cruisers with reference to our investigations.

In 1972, the Department served one thousand four hundred twenty-four civil writs and collected nine thousand one hundred forty-nine dollars and twenty-seven cents in fees and mileage, which amount was turned over to Belknap County.

The Sheriff's Radio Dispatch Center is still operating at an ascending volume. A total of thirty-seven thousand nine hundred sixteen telephone calls were received and processed during 1972, and increase of five thousand four hundred and four over 1971. A total of one hundred thirty-one thousand one hundred and thirty-six radio transmissions were processed during 1972, an increase of twenty-eight thousand five hundred twenty-eight over 1971.

The Dispatch Center soon will be operating with the most modern radio equipment available with a Federal Grant to improve communications. Phase one is now completed. Phase two is now in progress with over \$48,000.00 in Federal Matching Funds which have been approved at this time. This equipment will be distributed to the local police that are participating in the system.

The Juvenile Program which was started under the auspices of the late Rodney S. Crockett is still in progress, but Federal Matching Funds

were discontinued on November 25, 1972. This program will be carried on by the Belknap County Sheriff's Department.

In 1972, the Department participated in the Cadet Program funded by the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency. In 1972, rather than two female cadets, we employed one female and one male cadet, for the ten week period of the program. Ann Jewett of Laconia, New Hampshire and Michael Alden of Alton, New Hampshire. Both cadets were trained in all phases of the Communication Center, typing, filing and Michael was introduced to patrol procedures by the various deputies on duty. As in the previous year, both cadets had several hours in firearm instruction, both verbal and actual use of the Smith and Wesson .38 revolver, .45 automatic Resing Sub-Machine gun and the .12 gauge Mosberg Shot Gun. At the end of the ten week program, the cadets were asked to submit a report as to their feelings with regard to the work they had been involved in. As one cadet stated "I really got to know what it was like to be on the side of the law. It was much different than I had expected. After coming in as an outsider, I soon realized that my views about the whole system greatly changed towards the better. —How much you put into it determines how much you will get out of it. —It is an experience which makes a person realize how much effort is made to help the people in the surrounding areas and how one can feel good, knowing he or she is a part of it, and makes it possible."

In 1972, approximately seven weeks were spent in police training at various schools in the area by the deputies, who are continuously striving to improve as individuals, who in turn will add to the modern progressiveness of the Sheriff's Department as a unit. I wish to sincerely thank the entire Sheriff's Department, the County Commissioners, the County Delegation and the County Attorney for their full cooperation extended to me when I was appointed Commissioner Sheriff at the time of the tragic death of Sheriff Rodney S. Crockett. His death was a tremendous personal loss to the members of this Department who considered him a "friend" as well as an employer. It is my desired aim to continue the goals and principles set forth for the Department by the late Sheriff Crockett. In order to achieve these principles, I can foresee that there may be some changes necessary in order to make this possible. Therefore, I respectfully request the continued cooperation and consideration of all in the future development of the Belknap County Sheriff's Department as one of the finest law enforcement agencies in the area.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald C. Alden,  
Commissioner Sheriff

## JUVENILE OFFICER'S REPORT

Donald C. Alden, Sheriff  
County of Belknap  
64 Court Street  
Laconia, New Hampshire

Dear Sheriff Alden:

During the calendar year 1972 the Belknap County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Officer Program has enjoyed relative success. This is evidenced by the caseload and the number of hours spent with regard to prevention and control programs. The latter being instrumental in any program of this nature.

The efforts of the juvenile officer have brought him in close contact with the schools in the County and as a result, was often asked to participate in and lead classroom discussions relative to the duties and responsibilities of the juvenile officer and the role of the juvenile officer in our society today. Through the purchase of a 16 mm projector and youth oriented films made possible by the use of grant funds, the effectiveness of classroom lectures were further enhanced.

As can be seen in the activity report on Chart I, the caseload increased by approximately twenty in number over 1971 and the service provided was more evenly distributed from that of the previous year. This is indicative of the fact that although the communities displayed reluctance at the program's inception, utilization became more prominent as time progressed.

The primary impetus in any delinquency oriented program is derived from what can be done in the nature of prevention and control. Although an estimated 30 percent of duty time and number of off duty hours has been spent in this area, it is felt that a great deal more could be done. Classroom lectures and speaking engagements to civic organizations have comprised the bulk of prevention and control efforts. Caseload and administrative duties give rise to the major portion of this officer's time.

It can be readily seen that this past year's statistics with regard to counsel and release and referrals have had a significant effect on the recidivism rate. The recidivism rate can be looked into even further insofar as they reflect only those youths that underwent counsel and release and referral measures, not those who were petitioned to court. This, possibly, could be indicative of the fact that court diversionary tactics employed in the field of law enforcement today may not be the answer to curbing the ever increasing rate of juvenile delinquency.

With this in mind, it is the opinion of this officer that more time should be given to police community relations programs, in essence, prevention and control efforts concentrated within the schools and youth orientated activities. Practically speaking, such programs are a great deal more sound because the youth are being reached in the pre-delinquent stage not subsequent to an offense. Hopefully, this objective will be met during the



ensuing year. The logic of such an approach is sound; however, the method by which one can measure success is ambiguous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip P. Daignealt,  
Juvenile Officer

### ACTIVITY REPORT

A total of ninety-two cases relating to juvenile offenses were handled by the County Juvenile Officer during the 1972 calendar year. The following statistics reflect the nature of the dispositions for the 1972 and 1971 calendar years.

	1971	1972
	%	%
Counsel and Release to Parents	51	45.6
Referrals to Other Agencies	21	15.2
Referrals to Juvenile Court	28	39.2
Females	27.6	40.2
Males	72.4	59.8
Rate of Recidivism	8.0	17.4

A total of nine cases were investigated regarding offenses against children. They are as follows:

Statutory Rape	2
Lascivious & Unnatural Act	1
Child Abuse	3
Child Neglect	3

The following is the breakdown of degree of utilization by the respective townships within the County:

	%	%
Alton	9.2	14.1
Barnstead	7.8	6.5
Belmont	38.2	21.6
Center Harbor	—0—	—0—
Gilford	7.8	6.5
Gilmanton	9.4	13.0
Laconia	3.9	3.2
Meredith	—0—	10.0
New Hampton	5.3	3.2
Sanbornton	2.6	6.8
Tilton	15.8	15.1

**REPORT OF CHAPLAIN**  
**Report of Protestant Chaplain**

It has been my God-given privilege for another year, as Chaplain at Belknap County Home in Laconia, N. H. to share with those employed in ministering to the residents there and also helping others at The Belknap House of Correction and Jail.

I appreciate the co-operation of Perley Beach and Thomas Myatt and others employed who have caused me to enjoy having a part in helping such as the above mentioned.

The County should be most pleased and proud of such an institution and appreciate greatly those who dedicate themselves to be of such service.

I enjoy the residents at the Home and hope and pray that any and all contacts that have been made will help to brighten and cheer lives unending.

In many cases my own life has been helped and cheered as I have visited the folks there.

I thank God too, that perhaps I have been used to help some life behind bars and in The House of Correction to realize that earthly help and friends are good and we need to thank God for such, yet there is a Higher help. This is why the Psalmist says "I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help, my help cometh from the Lord, Who, made the heavens and the earth."

I might add!!!

Who doesn't need help?

I hope and pray that my life will add more to help in this year, than it has in the past.

May God help to this end.

In His Service,

Rev. Otto L. Palmer, Chaplain



### REPORT OF CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS

Belknap County Commissioners  
64 Court Street  
Laconia, New Hampshire 03246

Gentlemen:

During 1972 our spiritual services to the Belknap County Home have been as follows:

We have been available for advice counseling at any time and have answered emergency calls for the seriously ill.

We have visited these people when they become patients at the Lakes Region General Hospital.

For our Catholic patients we have offered Mass or given Holy Communion.

These spiritual activities are extended to the inmates of the County Jail, who are also invited to participate in mass and Holy Communion at the Home.

Sincerely Yours,

By Perley A. Beach,  
Superintendent  
for

Rev. George Chicoine  
Rev. Roland Corriveau

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**REPORT OF COUNTY PHYSICIAN**

Belknap County Commissioners  
64 Court Street  
Laconia, New Hampshire 03246

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

The Belknap County Home continues to serve well its patients. During the past year the County Home has been operating at full capacity. The North Wing (43 patients) is used for the more ill patients. The East Wing (42 patients) houses the less ill and ambulatory patients. It has been necessary for us to use the solariums in order to care for the large number of admissions. The nursing care continues to be excellent. A new whirlpool has been added to our equipment which has been beneficial to the patients.

Also under my care is the Jail and House of Correction. Each new admission is given a complete physical examination.

Respectfully submitted,  
by Perley A. Beach,  
Superintendent  
for  
Mendon MacDonald, M.D.

## REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I hereby submit my report as Belknap County Attorney for 1972.

### Criminal Matters

A total of 118 indictments were returned by the two Grand Juries convened in 1972 for the commission of the following felonies:

Burglary or Accomplice to Burglary	38
Fraudulent Check	5
Sale of Narcotic or Controlled Drug	32
Grand Larceny or Accessory to Larceny	15
Aggravated Assault	1
Possession of Controlled Drug, 2nd Offense	2
Reckless Operation, Death Resulting	1
Manslaughter, 2nd Degree	1
False Pretenses	3
Forgery	2
Statutory Rape	4
Arson	2
Attempted Rape and Rape	4
Attempted Incest	1
Assault with intent to commit Rape	1
Embezzlement	6

A total of 148 misdemeanor appeals from Municipal or District Courts were taken to the Superior Court.

A number of miscellaneous matters were handled in the course of the year, including committal or release proceedings involving persons with mental illness or suffering from retardation, extradition petitions brought before the Governor for consideration, petitions for support under the New Hampshire Uniform Civil Liability for Support Law brought before the Belknap County Superior Court, non-support complaints, petitions under the uniform act on paternity and civil matters in which the County or the Belknap County Recreational Area Commission were parties.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID R. DECKER

Belknap County Attorney

REPORT OF BELKNAP COUNTY  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

1972

COUNTY FORESTER

The Belknap Extension Forestry program has the responsibility of providing educational and technical advice to private landowners, local governmental organizations, and processors of forest products with respect to their role in the management of a natural resource. The program is responsible for educational assistance in the fields of forest land management, harvesting, production and utilization, wildlife management, recreation, ecological and environmental considerations and the role of forestry in proper land use. Each acre of the more than 200,00 acres of privately owned woodland in Belknap County is looked upon by its owner with particular objectives in mind. Through the guidance of the County Forester, these objectives, whether they be timber production, wildlife habitat, recreational use or a combination of these, are achieved and maintained.

Much of the forester's time is spent in the field with the individual landowner. An individual's needs and problems are more readily discovered, and his questions answered with "on the ground" advice and demonstrations. During 1972, the County Forester conducted 85 woodlot examinations covering 9,078 acres. Thirty-five woodland owners were newly introduced to the services and assistance provided by the Cooperative Extension Service.

In providing assistance to those desirous of improving their woodlands, the County Forester approved 386 acres of timber stand improvement work done under the Rural Environmental Assistance Program on 60 individual ownerships.

In an effort to keep the landowners of Belknap County well informed of current events, a total of 5 demonstrations and tours were conducted, the forester took part in 11 various evening meetings, and prepared 6 newspaper articles in addition to the Monthly Newsletter which reaches over 400 forestry oriented families.

In addition to numerous requests in areas such as the creation of scenic vistas, logging road location, timber marking, preparation of sales agreements, and assistance with shade tree problems, a total of 222 incidental requests were serviced either by letter, phone or office visit to bring the total number of assists serviced by the Belknap County Forester during 1972 to 468.

Peter D. Brewitt,  
County Forester

#### 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

“4-H AINT ALL COWS AND COOKING” This slogan that 4-H has adapted is the new direction that 4-H has been taking for the past few years. It is becoming more and more oriented for urban as well as rural youth. Special mini-courses have been set up in the areas of bicycle and snowmobile safety. This allows many children to join up in an area that they are interested in and do not have to belong to a special club. It is the goal of 4-H to serve all youth in the 35 educational projects offered along with 100 divisions.

There are 22 4-H Clubs in Belknap County served by 106 volunteer leaders. There are over 500 members in these clubs and over 500 non-member youth have been served by the special mini-courses. These projects provide knowledge, practical skills, and understanding through meaningful activities.

It is the aim of 4-H to “Bridge the Gap” in its “people to people” programs on county, state, national, and international levels.

James E. Grady

County 4-H Youth Development Agent



### Home Economics

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Being a homemaker is a profession, about the most important and rewarding profession there is. Yet how many homemakers have any real training or education for their job? A wife and mother must be a nurse, a teacher, a dietitian, a psychologist, a financial wizzard, a management specialist as well as a maid, a cook, a laundress, and a seamstress, to name just a few. She is expected to do all of this with little guidance or prior training. Yet if this same homemaker were to work outside the home, as many do, she would get "on the job" training or previous schooling would be required.

The Cooperative Extension Service through its Home Economics program provides this "on the job" training for homemakers. By means of meetings, workshops, educational bulletins, individual help, newsletters, newspaper columns, and radio information, Extension fulfills an important function.

Overall, the purpose of Home Economics education is to help families achieve healthier and more satisfying lives. Understandably, there are many facets to this job and it cannot be done in one training period. Each year, we try to include the kinds of information and skills in our program for which the homemaker has the greatest need.

During 1972 meetings and-or workshops were held to help Belknap County homemakers —

- increase knowledge in areas of nutrition, food purchasing, preparation and preservation.
- understand town meeting and her responsibility as a citizen.
- learn construction skills of upholstery, along with the care and cleaning of same.
- be a wise consumer by reading and understanding labels, guarantees, warranties, etc.
- learn the skills and techniques of sewing on knit fabrics.
- learn the use and care of a sewing machine and construction of a simple garment.
- achieve competence of living within one's income.
- understand how food affects health and weight.
- gain a better understanding of problems of our older citizens.

Merle Kincade & Lee McGuire,

Extension Home Economists

## Agriculture

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The once in every-five-year summary of New Hampshire agriculture by the U. S. Department of Commerce Census provides background data on the significance of agriculture to the economy of Belknap County. Census figures have always left much to be desired. On top of this factor is our wait of two and one half years to receive 1969 data through a newly computerized system.

A few prime details follow:

Number of Farms	155
Acres of land	256,064
Value of land & buildings	\$6,469,200.
Market value of farm products	\$1,638,700.
Farm Production Expenses	\$1,303,500.
Feed for livestock & poultry	\$466,500.
Hired farm labor	121,000.
Livestock & poultry purchases	73,200.
Gasolene, oils, etc.	66,900.
Commercial fertilizers	35,300.
All other production expenses	540,600.

Major products included:

Fluid Milk	Vegetables
Replacement Heifers	Nursery Crops
Hay for sale	Eggs
Fruits	Replacement pullets
Apples, Blueberries,	Forest products
Strawberries, Grapes	Maple syrup

This represents part of the climate in which agricultural Extension Service work is conducted in the county. Farm business management decisions for 1973 will be further aggravated by the government's reduction and-or elimination of certain programs of financial assistance to our farm operators. Many programs of county and-or statewide interest help our farmers and related businesses to become more effective business entities.

## Resources Development

All County Extension Agents become involved in various aspects of overall Community Resource Development. Two such pieces of work are related here for illustrations:

The Agricultural Agent's work in the development of the grape and wine industry has been one of putting together available resources into combinations that help to keep farm lands farming and old and new farm families farming; to delay dates when farm lands become development sites and lost from ecology and environmental quality, and encouraging operations which also provide income potentials. A 12-minute documentary slide-tape show on "New Hampshire's Grape and Wine Industry" by the Agricultural Agent is now available for public showing.

#### **Special Alton Project**

During 1972, Belknap Agents, Mrs. Merle Kincade, Home Economist and Agricultural Agent Ballard with Paul Fiske, U.N.H. Community Resource Development Specialist, compiled and authored "A Manual for Officers of Towns in New Hampshire." Developed in cooperation with the Alton Planning Board, with Robert Sederquist the coordinator, the first public presentation of the Manual took place December 19 in that town. 45 town officers discussed it and offered suggestions for its improvement. When in final form, it is felt that further publication may be possible in order to make it available to other town officers in the state.

Horace Ballard

County Agricultural Agent

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