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Annual Report 1953



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TOWN REPORT

A record
of the town's business
for the year ending
December 31,
1953

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school reports
for the year ending
June 30,
1953



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COVER PHOTO by Fritz Wetherbee shows
1953 Town Meeting in action.

TOWN REPORT AWARD — Milford won second place in its
population class, 2500 to 5000, for the 1953 Town Report.

Town Officers

Selectmen

Charles P. Hayward	Term Expires 1954
Ernest J. Durant	Term Expires 1955
A. Wallace Wilkins	Term Expires 1956

Superintendent of Public Works

Salvatore P. Grasso

Moderator

Rodney C. Woodman

Town Treasurer

Hugo E. Trentini

Tax Collector

Donald C. Bruce

Checklist Supervisors

William A. Medlyn

Mario D. Bianchi

J. Harold O'Neil

Auditors

Robert C. Campbell

Paul C. Rizzi

Chief of Police

Oliver G. Williamson

Town Clerk

Donald C. Bruce

Town Counsel

C. Bradley Frost

Water Advisory Board

Owen P. Fisk	Term Expires 1954
Kenneth C. Langdell	Term Expires 1955
William A. Whipple	Term Expires 1956

Firewards

Robert H. Seavey	Term Expires 1954
Edgar A. Norwood	Term Expires 1955
Paul N. Hutchinson	Term Expires 1956

Trustees of Trust Funds

Hugo E. Trentini	Term Expires 1954
Archibald A. Murray	Term Expires 1955
Benjamin F. Prescott	Term Expires 1956

Cemetery Advisory Board

Margaret Howison	Term Expires 1954
Rodney C. Woodman	Term Expires 1955
Philip N. Brown	Term Expires 1956

Planning Board

Ernest J. Durant, Chairman	Selectman
Francis J. Lorden	Term Expires 1954
Lawrence E. Billings	Term Expires 1956
Joseph M. Silva	Term Expires 1956

Meat Inspector

Dr. Walter B. Loring

Health Officer

Oscar Burns, M.D.

Trustees of the Wadleigh Memorial Library

Benjamin F. Prescott	Term Expires 1954
William B. Rotch	Term Expires 1955
Muriel B. Young	Term Expires 1956

Budget Committee

Arthur Walmsley, <i>Chairman</i>	Harold S. Remick
Edward P. Hallet	Robert C. Campbell
Paul C. Rizzi	L. Paul Ecklund
Carl H. Holland	George F. Nelson
Clarence E. Weymouth	William Ferguson
Clayton W. Chase	Donald M. Brown
Herbert G. Benton	Roy E. Boulter
G. Fred Peavey	

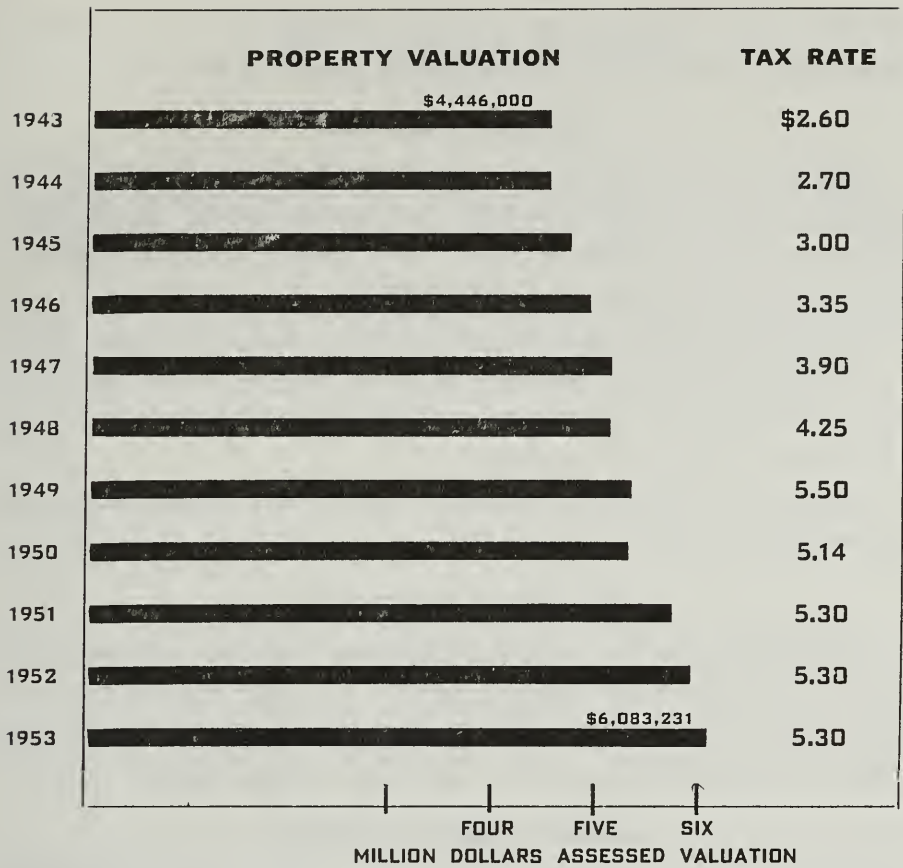
Selectmen's Report

We are pleased to submit to you this report in an effort to bring to your attention some of the more important activities of the past year.

As all departments and committees render a report and all items are well covered in some other section, it seems unnecessary to more than mention them here.

The full Board attended the instruction meeting held in Manchester by the State Tax Commission in March, soon after Town Meeting.

As has been the custom we have held meetings every Friday evening with the Superintendent of Public Works for the purpose of affording the citizens an opportunity to meet us and discuss any matter which concerns the Town of Milford.



We welcome constructive criticism and endeavor to give a fair and honest answer to any question.

The Board attended the meetings with the Town Garage Committee and were in contact with the progress of the garage while it was being built.

Several meetings were held here and in Concord with the State Highway Commission on the South Street and Nashua Street plans, also on the possibility of a By-Pass.

PERAMBULATION

By law town lines are perambulated every seven years. This was the year to do the Hollis-Milford town line. A great deal of time was spent locating and marking all corner posts.

SWIMMING POOL

A report of the second year of the town swimming pool is submitted elsewhere by the Director, Miss Thomas. We were

fortunate in having aid from the Keyes Fund and were able to operate the pool several weeks longer than last year.

STEADY GROWTH

Milford is continuing the same healthy, steady growth it has been experiencing during the past several years. In addition to fourteen new dwellings there were several industrial plants that added to their present buildings.

With the steady growth it becomes more important than ever to keep the tax or property maps up to date. With information received from the Register of Deeds office in Nashua the maps have again been revised.

For the first time in its history Milford has a total valuation of over six million dollars.

DIFFICULT DECISIONS

During the past year your Selectmen have been faced with some very difficult decisions to make. It is our opinion that we have made these decisions for the best interest of the town and hope to the satisfaction of the majority of its citizens.

GRASSO RESIGNATION

Much to our regret, on December 15th we received the resignation of Salvatore P. Grasso, Superintendent of Public Works, to take effect March 15, 1954. Enough cannot be said for the splendid cooperation the Board has had for nearly eight years with Mr. Grasso. The town has lost the service of a valuable person, and we hope for him the best of everything in his future endeavor. Milford was very fortunate in having such a man for its first Superintendent to help set up and organize the Public Works system. We have spent a great deal of time in endeavoring to replace the Superintendent with an equally efficient person.

Our thanks to the citizens who have helped make the year 1953 a successful and prosperous one for our town.

We urge you to support the appropriations called for in the budget so the Selectmen can operate the departments in a manner the people are accustomed to.

Board of Selectmen.

WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Milford in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Milford on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at two of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To act upon the reports of all Town Officers, Agents and Committees and raise and appropriate money relative thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, if necessary, as provided by law of 1907.

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be used with income if any, for the election and registration expenses, municipal court expenses, public works administration, town hall and other buildings expenses, town officers' expenses, town officers' salaries, civil defense, fire department, hydrant rental, police department, garbage collection, health department, sewer maintenance, town dump, vital statistics, highway maintenance, oiling, snow removal, street lighting, town road aid, Wadleigh Memorial Library, old age assistance, town poor, Memorial Day, parks and playgrounds, cemeteries, information booth, damages and legal expenses, employees' retirement, insurance, police pension, tax map revision, interest on long term notes, interest on temporary loans, sewer correction, sidewalk construction, long term notes, and county taxes.

6. Shall the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the Revised Laws relative to playing games of Beano be adopted in this Town.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the Community House.

WARRANT

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to float a bond issue in accordance with the provisions of T.R.A. Apportionment B for the reconstruction of Nashua Street from the railroad crossing to the compact line.

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend the sum of \$4630.00 from the Parking Meter Fund for Apportionment B which is for Class IV roads.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend the sum of \$2500.00 from the Parking Meter Fund to reconstruct Middle Street from Putnam Street to School Street, and School Street from Middle Street to Nashua Street.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend the sum of \$2500.00 from the Parking Meter Fund for the Nashua Street sewer road repairs.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for the construction of a sewer on Park Street Extension if accepted. (By Petition.)

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 to extend the sewer on Union Street from the property of Everett Smith to that of Edward Nichols. (By Petition.)

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800.00 to replace the 1948 Ford $\frac{3}{4}$ ton Pickup Truck with a one ton Dual Wheel Dump Truck.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4200.00 to replace the 1947 KSB8 International Dump Truck.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for use by the Milford Industrial Committee if needed. (By request of the Industrial Committee.)

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for the installation of a Fire and Police Radio Station in the town hall, and appoint a committee with power, if deemed necessary, to complete the transaction. (By request of the Milford Civic Club Committee.)

WARRANT

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9200.00 to re-construct and re-surface Highland Avenue, beginning at one end and proceeding as far as the money will allow, according to the discretion of the Public Works and Selectmen. (By Petition.)

19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey to Dr. Edward Sheris of Wilton, New Hampshire, a certain tract of land situate Westerly of the old former right of way of the Milford Branch of the Fitchburg Division of Boston and Maine Railroad, being a tract about nine-tenths of one acre in size, bounded and described as follows:

“Beginning at a point on the Westerly side of the right of way of the former Milford Branch, Fitchburg Division, Boston and Maine Railroad, at a corner of wire fence at land of Henry Curtis, said point being Thirty-three (33') feet Westerly of the Westerly line of said railroad right of way; thence North Forty-six degrees Forty minutes (46°40') West by land of Henry Curtis Thirty-three (33') feet to a corner of said wire fence; thence North Thirty-five degrees Forty-four minutes (35°44') East Seventy-six and one-tenth (76.1) feet to a corner of said fence; thence North Three degrees Forty-four minutes (3°44') East One Hundred One and Forty-five one-hundredths (101.45') feet; thence North Seven degrees Forty-four minutes (7°44') East Ninety-eight and two-tenths (98.2') feet; thence North Thirteen degrees Twenty-nine minutes (13°29') East Thirty-eight and four-tenths (38.4') feet; thence North Twenty degrees Fourteen minutes (20°14') East Sixty-five (65') feet; thence North Twenty-two degrees and Forty-four minutes (22°44') East Two Hundred Twenty-nine and Thirty-five one-hundredths (229.35') feet all by wire fence to a corner of said fence; thence North Eighty-eight degrees Twenty-nine minutes (88°29') East One Hundred Four (104') feet to said Westerly side of said right of way of said former Milford Branch, Fitchburg Division, Boston and Maine Railroad; thence in a line parallel to and Thirty-three (33') feet Westerly of the center line of said right of way of said Milford Branch, Fitchburg Division, Boston and Maine Railroad, to the point of beginning. Being the small tract purchased by the Town of Milford from the Boston and Maine Railroad as shown on plan of J. P. Cromire, Engineer of Design, November 1950 and being that small portion of land Northeasterly of the Intersection of said railroad right of way with Union Street, which said small portion of land lies Westerly of said Sixty-six foot railroad right of way.” (By Petition.)

20. To see if the Town will vote to convey to the Milford School District a certain tract or parcel of land known as the upper level of Endicott Park, said tract or parcel of land to be used for erection of a new school building. Such conveyance to take effect only with the approval of the new building by the

WARRANT

School District meeting. Said land being bounded and described as follows:

“Beginning at a stone post on the northerly side of Elm Street forty feet easterly on said street from the Southeast corner of the premises of Angelo Bernasconi; thence North $14\frac{1}{2}$ degrees East on a line parallel to the Easterly side of said Bernasconi premises to a point to be determined by mutual agreement of the Milford Board of Selectmen and Milford School Board; thence Westerly to the Souhegan River; thence up said river to old burying ground; thence Easterly by the Northerly side of said burying ground and by the Northerly side of land of Alice Parent, Darius Robinson and of the said Angelo Bernasconi to the Northeast corner of said Bernasconi land; thence Southerly by the Easterly side of Bernasconi land to said Elm Street; thence Easterly by said Elm Street forty feet to the bound first mentioned. (By request of the Educational Survey Committee.)

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 for the purpose of installing a permanent Public Address System and Recorder in the Town Hall.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$608.00 ($\frac{1}{100}$ th of 1% of the valuation of the Town) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southwestern New Hampshire for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven Towns of the Monadnock Region.

23. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 for the purpose of replacing the present Police Cruiser.

25. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

CHARLES P. HAYWARD,
ERNEST J. DURANT,
A. WALLACE WILKINS,

Selectmen of Milford.

BUDGET

for
1954



REVENUE — estimated and actual, in 1953, and estimated for 1954

EXPENDITURES — for 1953 (showing income and total available), and proposed expenditures (and income) for 1954.

SOURCES OF REVENUE (Other Than Shown With Approp.)	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$6379 98	\$6653 29	\$6653 29
Railroad Tax	362 95	361 56	361 56
Savings Bank Tax	471 54	464 78	464 78
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	1000 00	1491 49	1000 00
From Local Sources			
Except Taxes:			
Business Licenses & Permits	250 00	269 00	250 00
Dog Licenses	900 00	1036 53	900 00
Interest Received on Taxes	1000 00	1253 67	1000 00
Motor Vehicle Permits & Fees	12000 00	16524 40	12000 00
Municipal Court:			
a. Fines and Forfeits	875 00	1068 98	1000 00
Sale of Town Property:			
Tractor		550 00	
Water Department:			
a. Interest on Notes	1091 19	1091 19	1011 36
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes — Regular at \$2.00	3000 00	3092 00	3000 00
National Bank Stock Taxes	838 30	826 50	826 50
Cash:			
Surplus	12431 88	12431 88	9923 70
Earmarked:			
Civil Devense	\$ 419.82	Nashua Street Sewer	15106.19
Jones Bridge	1100.00	Highway Garage	3562.54

Purpose of EXPENDITURES

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

	Approp. Previous Year 1953	Income Previous Year 1953	Total Available Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensnung Year 1954	Estimated Income Ensnung Year 1954	Recommend. Approp. Ensnung Year 1954
Election & Reg. Expenses	175 00		\$ 175 00	\$ 175 00	\$ 560 00		\$ 560 00
Municipal Court Expenses	1000 00		1000 00	990 00	1100 00		1100 00
Public Works Administration	6250 00	\$6346 00	12596 00	12487 68	10500 00	\$5250 00	5250 00
Town Hall and Other							
Buildings -- Expenses	7500 00	4684 90	12184 90	11155 13	11600 00	4600 00	7000 00
Town Officers -- Expenses	7500 00	83 44	7583 44	7987 56	7850 00		7850 00
Town Officers -- Salaries	4600 00		4600 00	4600 00	5600 00		5600 00

Protection of Persons & Property:

Civil Defense	120 65	379 35	500 00	80 18	500 00	419 82	80 18
Fire Department (Truck)	15000 00		15000 00	15000 00			
a. Regular	8300 00	330 51	8630 51	8627 91	8600 00		8600 00
b. Scott Air Paks	1000 00		1000 00	1000 00			
Hydrant Rental							
a. Milford Water Dept.	2740 00		2740 00	2740 00	2740 00		2740 00
b. Wilton Water Works	180 00		180 00	180 00	180 00		180 00
Police Department	11600 00	93 25	11693 25	11901 07	12500 00		12500 00

Health:

Garbage Collection	1225 00		1225 00	1115 30	1225 00		1225 00
Health Department	750 00		750 00	682 00	750 00		750 00
Sewer Maintenance	1000 00		1000 00	643 12	1000 00		1000 00
Town Dump	500 00		500 00	607 53	500 00		500 00
Vital Statistics	175 00		175 00	131 00	160 00		160 00

Highways and Bridges:

Highway Maintenance	15000 00	4060 48	19060 48	20479 25	15000 00		15000 00
Oiling	7000 00		7000 00	2705 99	7083 56	1083 56	6000 00
Snow Removal	9000 00	134 73	9134 73	8505 46	9000 00		9000 00

Street Lighting	7644 40	7644 40	7754 50	8253 00	8253 00
Town Road Aid — App. A	775 07	775 07	775 07	5662 24	738 55
Town Road Aid — App. B		8327 95	8327 95		4923 69
Libraries:	7648 53	3770 82	10543 23	11297 00	Article 2835 89
Public Welfare:					8461 61
Old Age Assistance	9000 00	783 46	10013 06	9000 00	9000 00
Town Poor	3000 00	573 47	2913 02	3500 00	3500 00
Patriotic Purposes:					
Memorial Day	425 00		419 06	425 00	425 00
Recreation:					
Parks and Playgrounds					
a. Regular	1500 00	247 75	1516 95	1500 00	1500 00
b. Swimming Pool	1800 00	271 32	2071 32	1800 00	1800 00
Public Service Enterprises:					
Cemeteries	1200 00	7145 44	8437 19	6800 00	1500 00
Information Booth	300 00	300 00	300 00	310 00	310 00
Unclassified:					
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	300 00	300 00	300 00		Article
Community House	200 00	200 00	200 00		Article
Damages & Legal Expenses	250 00	250 00	268 75	250 00	250 00
Employees' Retirement	3279 00	1563 85	5006 81	3434 70	3434 70
Insurance	4148 63	4148 63	3862 23	4374 59	4374 59
Police Pension	135 00	135 00	128 70	135 00	135 00
Insurance — Community House	115 50	115 50	115 20		
Tax Map Revision	250 00	250 00	130 87	250 00	250 00
Parking Meter Fund					
Balance Jan. 1, '53	5083 68				
Income	9955 08	15038 76	12455 86	1100 00	9900 00
Interest:					
Long Term Notes					
a. Other Than Water	254 80	254 80	254 80	819 88	819 88
b. Water Department	1091 19	1091 19	1091 19	1011 36	1011 36

Purpose of EXPENDITURES

	Approp. Previous Year 1953	Income Previous Year 1953	Total Available Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954	Estimated Income Ensuing Year 1954	Recommnd. Approp. Ensuing Year 1954
Temporary Loans	700 00		700 00	568 77	700 00		700 00
Outlay for New Construction & Permanent Improvements:							
Highways and Bridges:							
New Equipment					1100 00	1100 00	Earmarked
a. Jones Bridge	1100 00		1100 00				
b. Swing Bridge	1300 00		1300 00	1300 00			
c. Dump Truck	2800 00		2800 00	2783 60			
d. West St. Water Ext.	2000 00		2000 00	2014 87			
e. Highway Garage	18000 00		18000 00	14437 46	5310 00	3562 54	1747 46
Sewer Construction	1000 00		1000 00	653 86	1000 00		1000 00
Nashua St. Sewer	16500 00	209 20	16709 20	1603 01	15106 19	15106 19	Earmarked
Sidewalk Construction	1500 00		1500 00	1468 21	1500 00		1500 00
Town Construction							
a. Chestnut St. Sewer	5000 00		5000 00	4069 44			
b. Farley St. and Tonella		1000 00	1000 00	430 40			
Indebtedness:							
Long Term Notes							
Water	4500 00		4500 00	4500 00	4500 00		4500 00
Other Than Water	8400 00		8400 00	8400 00	18400 00		18400 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:							
County Taxes	23883 57		23883 57	23883 57			
Payments to School Dist.	161,266 13						

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash	\$114,026.58
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on account of)	
(b) Levy of 1952	3,872 47
(c) Levy of 1951	3,470 64
(d) Previous Years	516 03
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1953	39,640 80
(b) Levy of 1952	39 68
(c) Levy of 1951	91 50
(d) Previous Years	668 67
(e) State Head Taxes — Levy of 1953	2,080 00
Total Assets	\$164,406 37
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	37,176 51
Grand Total	\$201,582 88
Net Debt — December 31, 1952	\$20,647 67
Net Debt — December 31, 1953	\$37,176 51
Increase of Debt	\$16,528 84
Purpose for which debt was created: Purchase of Sundry Equipment	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations:

Civil Defense	\$ 419 82
Nashua Street Sewer	14,896 99
Jones Bridge	1,100 00
Town Garage	3,562 54
Parking Meter Reserve Fund	2,582 90

Due to State:

Head Taxes (uncollected) \$2080.00; Head Taxes (collected but not submitted to State) \$290.00; Penalties \$24.50	2,394 50
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Due to School Districts: Balance of Appropriation 81,226 13

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Fire Truck — Streets — Sewer	8,400 00
Water Extension	57,000 00
West Street Water — Garage — Trucks	30,000 00

Total Liabilities	\$201,582 88
Grand Total	\$201,582 88

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes: (Collected and remitted to Treasurer)

Property Taxes – Current Year – 1953	\$283,012 07
Poll Taxes – Current Year – regular	
at \$2 – 1953	3,092 00
National Bank Stock Taxes – 1953	826 50
Yield Taxes – 1953	402 06
State Head Taxes @ \$5 – 1953	9,930 00
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$297,262 63
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes – Previous Years	38,244 22
Poll Taxes – Previous Years – Regular at \$2	608 00
State Head Taxes @ \$5 – Previous Years	2,015 00
Interest received on Taxes	1,232 97
Penalties on State Head Taxes	226 00
Tax sales redeemed	3,276 91

From State:

For Highways and Bridges:	
(a) For Town Road Aid	4,071 10
Interest and dividend tax	6,653 29
Savings Bank tax and Building and Loan	
Association tax	826 34
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of	
Growing Wood and Timber	1,491 49
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	783 46

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	1,036 53
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	365 00
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	1,068 98
Rent of town property	4,684 90
Income from departments	2,943 67
Income from parking meters	9,955 08
Income from municipal water department	7,341 19
Registration of motor vehicles, 1952 Permits	229 94
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 Permits	16,294 46

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of	
taxes during year	75,000 00
Long term notes during year	30,000 00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	550 00
Cemeteries	7,145 44

Highway Maintenance	4,060 48
Abatements	2,596 29

Total Receipts from All Sources	\$519,963 37
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	115,548 68

GRAND TOTAL	\$635,512 05

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government

Town officers' salaries	\$ 4,600 00
Town officers' expenses	7,987 56
Election and registration expenses	175 00
Municipal court expenses	990 00
Expenses town hall and other town bldgs.	11,155 13
Milford Public Works	12,487 68

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	11,901 07
Parking Meters—operation & maintenance	15,038 76
Fire department, including forest fires	8,627 91
Community House	200 00
Community House (Insurance)	115 20
Bounties	10 75
Scott Air Paks \$1000; Fire Truck \$15,000	16,000 00
Insurance	3,862 23
Civil Defense	80 18

Health:

Health department	682 00
Vital statistics	131 00
Sewer maintenance	643 12
Town dump \$607.53, Garbage \$1115.30	1,722 83

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid (\$4071.10 and \$775.07)	4,846 17
Town Maintenance (Summer \$20,479.25)	
(Snow Removal \$8505.46)	28,984 71
Street lighting	7,754 50
Highway Garage	14,437 46
Oiling	2,705 99

Libraries:

Libraries	7,648 53
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Payments

Public Welfare:	
Old age assistance	10,013 06
Town poor	2,913 02
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day	419 06
Information Booth	300 00
Recreation:	
Parks and playgrounds	1,516 95
Swimming pool	2,071 32
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries	8,437 19
Map revision	130 87
Unclassified:	
Damages and legal expenses	268 75
Monadnock Region	300 00
Taxes bought \$4352.16, costs \$58.15	4,410 31
Abatements (Head Tax \$295.00) (\$2301.29)	2,596 29
D. C. Bruce (2% Head Tax)	245 67
Police Retirement	128 70
Employees' Retirement	5,006 81
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	-----\$201,545 78
Interest:	
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$ 568 77
Paid on long term notes	1,345 99
Total Interest Payments	----- 1,914 76
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:	
Farley Street	430 40
Swing Bridge	1,300 00
West Street Water Extension	2,014 87
Nashua Street Sewer	1,603 01
Chestnut Street Sewer	4,069 44
Wilton Water Works	180 00
Hydrant Rental	2,740 00
Sidewalk construction	1,468 21
Sewer correction	653 86
New equipment — Ford dump truck	2,783 60
Total Outlay Payments	----- 17,243 39

Payments

Indebtedness:

Milford Public Works (Temp. loan)	\$ 1,000 00
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	75,000 00
Payments on long term notes	12,900 00

Total Indebtedness Payments ----- 88,900 00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State Head Taxes paid State Treas.	\$20,730 33
Taxes paid to County	23,883 57
Payments to School Districts	167,267 64

Total Payments to Other Gov. Divisions ----- 211,881 54

Total Payments for all Purposes ----- \$521,485 47

Cash on hand December 31, 1953 ----- 114,026 58

GRAND TOTAL ----- \$635,512 05

Town Treasurer

DEBITS

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1953	\$115,548 68
Donald C. Bruce, Tax Collector:	
1953 – Poll and Property Taxes	\$287,343 47
Head Taxes	9,930 00
Penalties	24 50
Abatements:	
Property and Poll	837 64
Head Taxes	130 00
	----- 298,265 61
1952 and Previous Years:	
Poll and Property	40,074 35
Head Taxes	2,015 00
Penalties	201 50
Abatements	1,628 65
	----- 43,919 50
Taxes Redeemed	3,276 91
Donald C. Bruce, Town Clerk:	
Dog Licenses	1,036 53
Auto Permits	16,524 40
Selectmen:	
N. H. Interest and Dividend Taxes	\$ 6,653 29
N. H. Timber Tax	1,491 49
Water Department	1,091 19
Savings Bank Taxes	826 34
Tax Anticipation Loan	75,000 00
Serial Notes	30,000 00

Sale of Equipment	550 00	
Swimming Pool Donation	271 32	
Permits and Licenses	269 00	
Old Age Assistance	783 46	
Town Road Aid	4,071 10	
Income from Departments	1,795 67	
Parking Meters	9,955 08	
	-----	132,757 94
Public Works:		
Cemeteries:		
Annual Care	\$ 559 00	
Grading	489 00	
Opening Graves	633 50	
Other	5,463 94	
Highway Maintenance	4,060 48	
Snow Removal	134 73	
Town Buildings	4,684 90	
Parks and Playgrounds	247 75	
Building Inspections	96 00	
Nashua Street Sewer	209 20	
Town Poor	285 00	
Water Department	6,250 00	
	-----	23,113 50
Municipal Court		1,068 98

Total Debits		\$635,512 05

CREDITS

Total Orders from all Accounts — 1953	\$521,485 47
Balance on Hand December 31, 1953	114,026 58

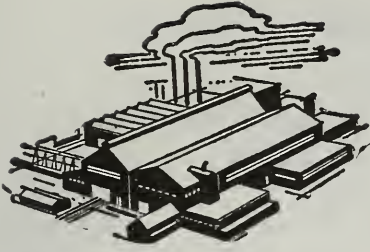
	\$635,512 05
Balance — December 31, 1953	\$114,026 58
Deduct:	
Due School District	\$81,226 13
Nashua Street Sewer	14,896 99
Parking Meters	2,582 90
Civil Defense	419 82
Jones Crossing Bridge	1,100 00
State Head Tax	314 50
Town Garage	3,562 54

	104,102 88

Net Balance — December 31, 1953	\$ 9,923 70
	H. E. TRENTINI,
	Town Treasurer.

CIVIL DEFENSE FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

County Stores, Inc	\$ 2 96	
Ernest J. Durant	19 76	
John Ferguson	20 00	
Arthur Provencher	4 00	
Public Service Co. of New Hampshire	21 37	
Standard Railway Fusee Corp.	12 09	
	-----	\$80 18



What The Town's Worth

INVENTORY FOR 1953

Lands and Buildings	\$3,906,882.00
Electric Plant	282,094.00
Horses, 37	2,715.00
Cows, 552	62,675.00
Other Neat Stock, 24	1,920.00
Sheep and Goats, 21	210.00
Hogs, 50	960.00
Fowls, 12,918	12,815.00
Mink, 500	5,000.00
Chinchillas, 9	450.00
Boats	500.00
Portable Mills and Road Building Equipment	17,180.00
Wood, Lumber	5,875.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	25,735.00
Stock in Trade	1,102,205.00
Mills and Machinery	656,015.00
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Soldiers' Exemptions	\$6,083,231.00
Poll Taxes (1852 at \$2.00)	\$289,418.00
	\$3,704.00

What the Town Owns

Town Hall, land and buildings – Furniture and equipment
 Library, land and buildings – Furniture and equipment
 Fire Department, lands and buildings – Equipment
 Highway Department, lands and buildings – Equipment
 Parks, commons and playgrounds
 Water supply
 Schools, lands and buildings – Equipment
 Smalley-Souhegan Co., Cutts land 1 1/3 acres, Brookline road.
 Frank T. Lang, Queen Quarry, Brookline road, and land on
 Brookline road.
 Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds:
 1/4 interest in undivided Moore pasture of 35 acres, Fred H.
 Melendy heirs; 1/4 interest in undivided Moore pasture, Ruby M.
 Holt; 1/12 interest in Moore pasture, Albert Melendy.

1953 Tax Rate — \$5.30 PER HUNDRED

Town Clerk

DOG ACCOUNT

472 Dogs Licensed and 3 Kennel Licenses issued from
January 1, 1953 to January 1, 1954

Dr.

7 Dogs for part of the year 1952	\$ 5 40
237 Male dogs at \$2.00 each	474 00
70 Female dogs at \$5.00 each	350 00
152 Spayed Female dogs at \$2.00 each	304 00
6 Dogs for part of the year 1953	7 10
2 Kennel Licenses covering not more than 5 dogs at \$12.00 each	24 00
1 Kennel License covering not more than 10 dogs at \$20.00 each	20 00
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	\$1184 50

Cr.

Amount paid Town Treasurer	\$1036 53
Dog Tags	25 62
Dog License Notice – Milford Cabinet	3 75
Dog Books	25 00
Commission for Licensing Dogs	93 60
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	\$1184 50

AUTO ACCOUNT

57 (1952) Auto Permits issued from January 1, 1953 to April 1, 1953	\$ 229 94
2175 (1953) Auto Permits issued from January 1, 1953 to January 1, 1954	16,294 46
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	\$16,524 40

2232 Auto Permits issued from January 1, 1953 to January 1, 1954	
Total Amount paid Town Treasurer	\$16,524 40

DONALD C. BRUCE,
Town Clerk of Milford.

Synopsis of 1953 Town Meeting

MARCH 10, 1953

Total Vote Cast – 563

The polls were open for balloting at 2 o'clock p. m. by the Moderator, Rodney C. Woodman. Election officers present: Mrs. Katherine Richardson, Mrs. Lillian Cain, Mrs. Agnes Rossi, Mrs. Flora Doucet. First voter: Charles Watkins. First woman voter: Agnes Rossi.

David Deans, Jr., and Mrs. Mary Wright were sworn in as assistant Moderator and assistant Town Clerk respectively before the start of the business meeting.

The reading of the Warrant by the Moderator, Rodney C. Woodman, took place at 6:00 p. m., followed by prayer by Rev. Ernest M. Jones, Pastor of the Baptist Church.

Acting under Article 1 of the Town Warrant, the following officers were elected: Town Clerk, Donald C. Bruce; Town Treasurer, Hugo E. Trentini; Selectman for three years, A. Wallace Wilkins; Fire Ward for three years, Paul N. Hutchinson; Auditors, Robert C. Campbell, Paul C. Rizzi; Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, Benjamin F. Prescott; Library Trustee for three years, Muriel B. Young.

Article 2. It was voted to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 3. It was moved and voted that all reports of town officials be accepted as reported.

It was moved by Mr. George F. Nelson that the Fire Truck Replacement Committee's report be accepted and that this committee be continued. This was voted unanimously.

Article 4. It was moved and voted that the Selectmen borrow money in anticipation of taxes, if necessary, as provided by law of 1907.

Article No. 5. The following sums of money were raised and appropriated:

Election and Registration Expenses	\$ 175.00
Municipal Court Expenses	1,000.00
Public Works Administration	6,250.00
Town Hall and Other Buildings, Expenses	7,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	7,500.00
Town Officers' Salaries	4,600.00
Civil Defense (\$379.35 earmarked)	120.65
Fire Department, Regular	8,300.00
Hydrant Rental	
Milford Water Department	2,740.00
Wilton Water Works	180.00
Police Department	11,600.00
Garbage Collection	1,225.00
Health Department	750.00
Sewer Maintenance	1,000.00
Town Dump	500.00
Vital Statistics	175.00
Highway Maintenance	15,000.00

Oiling	7,000.00
Snow Removal	9,000.00
Street Lighting	7,644.40
Town Road Aid – Apportionment A	775.07
Libraries	7,648.53
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00
Town Poor	3,000.00
Memorial Day	425.00
Parks and Playgrounds	
Regular	1,500.00
Special, Swimming Pool	1,800.00
Cemeteries	1,200.00
Information Booth	300.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	250.00
Employees Retirement (\$1563.85 earmarked)	3,279.00
Insurance (plus insurance on new town garage)	4,148.63
Police Pension	135.00
Tax Map Revision	250.00
Long Term Notes	
Other than Water	254.80
Water Department	1,091.19
Temporary Loans	700.00
Sidewalk Construction	1,500.00
Sewer Correction	1,000.00
Interest on Long Term Notes	
Water	4,500.00
Other than Water	8,400.00
County Taxes	23,883.57

A Petition was presented by Mr. Cowperthwaite regarding the changing of street lights on Mont Vernon Street. Mr. Cowperthwaite moved that the petition be accepted in full. Motion carried.

A motion was made and voted that \$40.00 be raised and appropriated to be added to the \$7604.40 to take care of street lighting on Mont Vernon Street.

After considerable discussion on the Overseer Duties by Mr. George Nelson, Mr. A. Wallace Wilkins, Mr. Hugo Trentini, Mr. David Deans, Jr., Mr. Salvatore Grasso, Mr. Fred T. Wadleigh, Mr. Frederic Fletcher and Mr. Cecil MacAleese, a motion was made by Mr. Hugo Trentini: "That the Public Works Department be relieved as Overseer of the Poor and it be placed in the hands of the Selectmen." This motion was amended to read: "The Overseer of the Poor job be taken out of the Public Works Department and placed in the hands of the Selectmen for appointment." Motion passed.

Under County Taxes a motion made by Mr. George Nelson that the town raise and appropriate funds to pay County Taxes when, as, and if they become due. Motion carried.

Article 6. Relative to playing Beano it was voted: Yes 263, No 169.

Article 7: The Budget Committee made recommendation and it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$200.00 for the Community House.

Article 8. The Budget Committee made recommendation and it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$115.50 to pay the premium on fire insurance policies written on the Community House coming up for renewal on March 29, 1953, for the term of three years.

Article 9: There was considerable discussion regarding the Town Dump. Motion made by Cecil MacAleese that the recommendations of the Budget Committee be accepted. Motion carried unanimously. The Budget Committee recommended the following: "That the Moderator appoint a committee of five to study the dump situation and bring in specific recommendations to the next regular Town Meeting. The committee is as follows: Albert Martin, Chairman; Philip N. Brown, Raymond A. Dyer, Mrs. Mary Watkins, Oscar Burns, M.D.

Motion made by Mr. Charles Naimie: "That the Selectmen draw up a suitable local ordinance requiring all vehicles carrying trash to the dump to cover their loads. Those failing to do this and thereby allowing trash to fall along the highways should be liable to a \$10.00 fine. Said ordinance should be drawn up and enforced by April 30, 1953." Mr. Merritt Langdell made an amendment to Mr. Charles Naimie's resolution from "Should be subject to fine . . ." to "Shall be subject to fine . . ." Amendment passed unanimously. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. A. R. Cowperthwaite suggested that we also include ordinances to be arranged by the Board of Selectmen that will also cover dumping of garbage at the Town Dump.

Article 10. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for the purpose of installing a six inch water main on West Street, a distance of 600 feet southerly from Spaulding Street. This with the understanding that the property owners affected sign the customary agreement with the water department.

Article 11. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was moved and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1300.00 to clean and paint the swing bridge, over the Souhegan River, with two coats of paint.

Article 12. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was moved and voted to raise and appropriate \$1100.00 for the purpose of repairing Jones' Crossing bridge. This was an increase of \$300.00 over the amount asked for in the Warrant article and for the purpose of using treated lumber instead of untreated lumber.

Article 13. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was moved and voted to raise and appropriate \$18,000.00 to build a new Public Works Garage, seventy (70) feet by forty-eight (48) feet with specifications to follow the directions as unanimously recommended in the report of the committee of five, appointed by the Moderator as directed by the March 1952 Town Meeting, and that the Moderator appoint a new committee of seven to consist of the three Selectmen and four citizens to supervise the construction of said building and the committee be authorized to execute any and all contracts or agreements necessary in connection with the construction of said Public Works Garage Building.

Town Garage Committee appointed: William A. Whipple, Chairman; Charles P. Hayward, Harold McBride, Ernest J. Durant, Harold S. Remick, A. Wallace Wilkins, Clayton W. Chase.

Article 14. It was moved and voted to raise and appropriate \$2800.00 to replace the Ford dump truck, with the balance to be returned to the town if suitable equipment can be bought for less.

Article 15. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was moved and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum

of \$1000.00 to purchase four (4) Scott Air Paks.

Article 16. It was moved and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to purchase a new fire truck.

Under Article 32 and in conjunction with Article 16 motion was made and voted that the Moderator appoint a committee of seven (7), three (3) to be the firewards, with authority to purchase a fire truck in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 and to make such disposition of the old truck as they deem for the best interest of the town. Committee appointed by the Moderator is as follows: Paul N. Hutchinson, Chairman; Edgar A. Norwood, Robert Seavey, Roscoe N. Coburn, Ralph S. Woodman, Arthur L. Rea, William G. E. Mutz.

Article 17. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was moved and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8327.95 (this is the town's share with the State providing an equal amount) under Apportionment B, which is for Class IV roads.

Article 18. Article passed – taken care of by actions of State Legislature.

Article 19. Mr. Raymond Dyer presented the following resolution: "That the net receipts from parking meters be retained in a separate fund to reduce the tax burden, each year, by voting at town meeting for particularly desirable projects instead of permitting this parking meter fund to be just an unsupervised, revolving fund with no voting control over its expenditure." Mr. Fred T. Wadleigh made the following amendment to the resolution: "I move that the parking meter money to the extent of \$8327.95 be used against Apportionment B." Motion further amended by Mr. William Ferguson, adding "after meters have been paid for." The resolution as amended, voted unanimously.

A motion made by Mr. William Whipple and voted unanimously that the Parking Meter Committee be discharged with thanks.

Article 20. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was moved and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000.00 to construct a sewer on Chestnut and Orchard Streets.

Article 21. The report of Sidewalk Plowing Committee was given by Mr. Bernasconi. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was moved and voted not to purchase a sidewalk plow.

Article 22. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was moved and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500.00 to build a sewer on Nashua Street extending from Linden Street to Francis Lorden's home, also to include 550 feet on Medlyn Street, and to connect into the present Shepard Street sewer if possible.

Article 23. Dr. Joseph Jasper made a motion that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2200.00 to reconstruct the sidewalk on the west side of South Street from the square to the railroad tracks. Motion not carried.

Article 24. A motion was made by Mr. Bartolo Prestipino that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6637.00 for the purchase of a tractor type front end loader equipped with gravel bucket, snow buck and cab. This motion was not carried.

Article 25. Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Silva that the Selectmen be authorized to make rules for the use of the Town Banquet Hall and Kitchen for the School Lunch Program as they may deem just and reasonable. even to use without rental charge; and to allow school officials to take charge as to its use by other organizations and operations in general. This motion was not carried.

Under Article 32 motion was made and voted that Article 25 be reconsidered.

Motion made and voted unanimously that Article 25 be adopted as written in the warrant, which is as follows: "To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to grant the use of the Banquet Hall to the Milford School Lunch Program for the purpose of serving school lunches if they deem it advisable." (by Petition)

Article 26. Motion to see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey to L. Paul Ecklund of said Milford a certain tract or parcel of land situate in the rear and southeast corner of the Library lot. Motion not carried.

Article 27. It was moved and voted unanimously to make an exception for the portion of Laurel Street between Olive Street and Riverview Street relative to the Town Ordinance requiring forty feet of width for acceptance as a town street.

Article 28. It was moved and voted unanimously to discontinue as an open highway and make subject to gates and bars a section of road referred to in State Highway records as road No. 80 beginning at the southerly side of the Young Road and proceeding along the Osgood Road (road No. 80) southerly to the Brookline Town line.

Article 29. On recommendation of the Budget Committee it was moved and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to the Monadnock Region Association of Southern New Hampshire.

Article 30. The motion was made and unanimously voted to adopt the following resolution: "Be it resolved, that the gifts of the Socony Vacuum Oil Company of the parcel of land adjacent to the High School property and the easement in land adjacent to Union Square be accepted; and be it further resolved: that the land adjacent to Union Square be established and designated as part of the highway; and be it further resolved that the Selectmen forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Company as an expression of appreciation."

Article 31. Report of the Building Committee was read by Mr. Mario Infanti. He presented a pamphlet of Fire Prevention Code. This covers storage of gasoline, petroleum, dry cleaning establishments; the type of fluid used in cleaning of clothing; covers motion picture film of explosive type; covers storage of explosives and fireworks. The code does not create hardships. Fire Chief is in a position where he can give permission for storage of such highly inflammable material.

Mr. Mario Infanti made a motion: "Be it resolved that the report of the Fire Prevention Code Committee as presented to the Moderator be adopted in its entirety by this Town Meeting." Resolution passed.

Be it resolved that:

1. The section, in the Town of Milford Building Ordinances, under the heading of Chimneys, which now reads: "No chimney shall hereafter be built or rebuilt, below the roof, save with tile or brick lining, and with an iron clean out door at or near its base and shall extend at least three feet above the roof." The following sentence be added to the above ordinance: "Chimneys approved by the National Board of Fire Underwriters may also be used."

2. The following ordinance will become a part of the Town of Milford Building Ordinances:

All electric wiring in any new building or newly installed in any

existing buildings shall comply with regulations of National Board of Fire Underwriters, known as National Electric Code.

Motion made and voted unanimously to adopt above resolution.

Article 32. Mr. William Ferguson made a motion that the Selectmen be instructed to procure insurance for the new Town Garage. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and voted that Article 25 be reconsidered.

Motion made and voted unanimously that Article 25 be adopted as written in the warrant. (See Article 25)

Mr. Harry Draper presented the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Moderator shall appoint a Milford Industrial Committee to represent the Town of Milford in aiding and promoting industrial development.” Motion made and voted unanimously to adopt the above resolution. The Industrial Committee, appointed by the Moderator, is

William Whipple, Chairman	Roscoe Coburn
Harland H. Holt	Donald C. Bruce
William B. Rotch	Kenneth Langdell
Owen P. Fisk	Charles Naimie
Hugo E. Trentini	Sam Villane
A. A. Murray	Stanley Hayward
Clarence E. Weymouth	David A. Hoadley
A. Wallace Wilkins	

Motion made and voted unanimously to hold the Town Meeting in the evening next year under the same conditions.

Mr. Hugo Trentini presented the following resolution:

“Whereas the voters of the Town of Milford, at its annual meeting, assembled on the 10th day of March, 1953, have voted to raise and appropriate the sums of:

For West Street Water Extension	\$ 2,000.00
For Public Works Garage	18,000.00
For Dump Truck	2,800.00
For Fire Truck	15,000.00
For Nashua Street Sewer	16,500.00
For Chestnut Street Sewer	5,000.00

\$59,300.00

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the combined costs of these projects be financed by the payment of \$29,300.00 this year and the balance of \$30,000.00 be financed by issuing of serial notes of the said Town of Milford, to be the direct obligation of said Town, and in a sum not to exceed the said \$30,000.00 to be dated on or about July 1, 1953, and to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 2½% per annum, payable semi-annually; said notes to be issued in serial form maturing each year beginning with July 1, 1954, at an amount of \$10,000.00 per year and in denominations of said amount each payable as they mature at the Souhegan National Bank in said Town of Milford, N. H.

Resolution voted to be adopted.

Polls closed at 8 p. m. State of Ballot announced at 9:35 p. m. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 p. m.

At the close of the meeting the elected Town Officers were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Moderator.

DONALD C. BRUCE,
Town Clerk.

Tax Collector

JANUARY 1, 1954

Dr.

To 1953 Property Tax Levy	\$322,410 65
To 1953 School Tax Levy	50 35
To 1953 Bank Stock Tax Levy	826 50
To 1953 Poll Tax Levy	3,704 00
To Timber Yield Tax Levy	693 97
To Added Property Tax	63 60
To Added Poll Taxes	62 00
To Interest Collected since December 1, 1953	10 84
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	\$327,821 91

Cr.

By Cash paid Town Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	\$283,838 57
Poll Taxes	3,092 00
Yield Taxes	402 06
Interest Collected	10 84
By Property Tax Abated	775 64
By Poll Taxes Abated	62 00
By Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1954	38,736 89
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954	612 00
By Yield Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954	291 91
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	\$327,821 91

Dr.

To 1953 Head Tax Levy	\$11,955 00
To added Head Taxes	185 00
To Penalties collected since December 1, 1953	24 50
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	\$12,164 50

Cr.

By Cash paid Town Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	\$9,930 00
Penalties	24 50
By Head Taxes Abated	130 00
By Head Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954	2,080 00
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	\$12,164 50

Dr.	
To 1952 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1953	\$38,432 47
To 1952 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1953	638 00
To added Poll Taxes	34 00
To Interest collected during fiscal year	1,222 13
	<hr/> \$40,326 60

Cr.	
By Cash paid Town Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	\$38,207 59
Poll Taxes	608 00
Interest collected during year	1,222 13
By Property Tax Abated	195 20
By Poll Taxes Abated	54 00
By Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1954	29 68
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954	10 00
	<hr/> \$40,326 60

Dr.	
To 1952 Head Taxes uncollected January 1, 1953	\$2,060 00
To Added Head Taxes	120 00
To Penalties collected since January 1, 1953	201 50
	<hr/> \$2,381 50

Cr.	
By Cash paid Town Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	\$2,015 00
Penalties	201 50
By Head Taxes Abated	165 00
	<hr/> \$2,381 50

Dr.	
To 1951 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 94 34
To 1951 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1953	30 00
To Interest collected since January 1, 1953	97
	<hr/> \$125 31

Cr.	
By Cash paid Town Treasurer	\$ 12 97
By Property Tax Abated	14 84
By Poll Taxes Abated	6 00
By Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1954	79 50
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954	12 00
	<hr/> \$125 31

Dr.	
To 1950 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1953	\$160 37
To 1950 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1953	82 00
To Interest collected since January 1, 1953	88
	<hr/> \$243 25

Cr.	
By Cash Paid Town Treasurer	\$ 6 88
By Poll Taxes Abated	10 00
By Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1954	160 37
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954	66 00
	<hr/> \$243 25

Dr.	
To 1949 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1953	\$146 30
To 1949 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1953	88 00
To Interest collected since January 1, 1953	85
	<hr/> \$235 15

Cr.	
By Cash Paid Town Treasurer	\$ 4 85
By Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1954	146 30
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954	84 00
	<hr/> \$235 15

Dr.	
To 1948 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1953	\$70 00

Cr.	
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954	\$70 00

Dr.	
To 1947 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1953	\$23 40
To 1947 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1953	62 00
	<hr/> \$85 40

Cr.	
By Property Tax Abated	\$23 40
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954	62 00
	<hr/> \$85 40

Dr.	
To 1946 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 41 03
To 1946 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1953	80 00
	<hr/> \$121 03

Cr.	
By Property Tax Abated	\$ 41 03
By Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1954	80 00
	\$121 03

Dr.	
To 1945 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 6 75
To 1945 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1953	196 00
	\$202 75

Cr.	
By Property Tax Abated	\$6 75
By Poll Taxes Abated	196 00
	\$202 75

Dr.	
To 1944 Property Tax uncollected January 1, 1953	\$ 45 36
To 1944 Poll Taxes uncollected January 1, 1953	168 00
	\$213 36

Cr.	
By Property Tax Abated	\$ 45 36
By Poll Taxes Abated	168 00
	\$213 36

Dr.	
To Property Tax previous to 1944 Levy uncollected January 1, 1953	\$115 00
To Poll Taxes previous to 1944 Levy uncollected January 1, 1953	600 00
	\$715 00

Cr.	
By Cash paid Town Treasurer	\$ 11 93
By Property Tax Abated	103 07
By Poll Taxes Abated	600 00
	\$715 00

Summary of Tax Sales Account as of January 1, 1954

	Dr.			
	1952	1951	1950	1949
				& Prev.
Taxes Sold to Town —				
Aug. 14, 1953	\$4410.31			

Unredeemed Taxes Jan. 1, '53	4251.66	1742.43	393.96
Interest collected after sale	11.06	39.29	240.50
Redemption costs	2.50	5.20	2.33
	<u>\$4423.87</u>	<u>\$4296.15</u>	<u>\$1985.26</u>
Cr.			
Remittances to Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 551.40	\$ 825.51	\$1786.90
Abatement during year			\$113.10
Unredeemed Taxes			
Jan. 1, '54	3872.47	3470.64	198.36
	<u>\$4423.87</u>	<u>\$4296.15</u>	<u>\$1985.26</u>

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD C. BRUCE,
Tax Collector of Milford.

Town Poor

December 31, 1953

Three cases were regularly receiving relief July 1. Since then one regular relief case has been added to the rolls. In addition: one temporary case who has reimbursed the town and three others who received temporary assistance. Five additional cases were investigated, but not accepted for legal reasons.

<i>Income</i>	
Balance of appropriation July 1, 1953	\$1618 54
Reimbursements to Town	288 47
Total available	----- \$1907 01
<i>Expenditures</i>	
Administration expenses	\$ 144 56
Relief payments	1102 00
Total expenditures	----- \$1246 56
Unexpended balance (returned to General Fund)	<u>\$ 660 45</u>

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. CAMPBELL,
Overseer of Town Poor.

State Audit

(In the fall, the State Tax Commission made an audit of Milford accounts. The detailed report is on file with the selectmen, and the Letter of Transmittal, which includes a summary of findings, is printed below, as required by state law.)

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION Concord, New Hampshire

Board of Selectmen

November 24, 1953

Milford, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Milford which was made by this Division, acting under authority of Chapter 82, Section 27, of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire, which provides in part as follows:

“Audit on Motion of Commission. The Commission may cause an audit to be made of the accounts of any city, town, school district, village district or precinct, as often as once in two years, or whenever conditions appear to it to warrant such. *****”

This audit covered the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, and the period from January 1st to October 26th, 1953. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report which is made up in three sections as follows:

Section I — Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Section II — Period January 1st to October 26th, 1953

Section III — Ten Year Statement of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes

Scope of Audit

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Municipal Court, Water Department, Public Works Department, Trustees of Trust Funds and Library.

Financial Statements

Comparative Balance Sheets — December 31, 1951 - December 31, 1952: (Exhibit A-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1951 and December 31, 1952, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the Net Debt decreased by \$32,758.43, in 1952.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit A- 2)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

<i>Decreases in Net Debt</i>	
Net Budget Surplus	\$ 8,354.99
Long Term Notes Paid	16,900.00
Appropriation for Deficit of Previous Year	7,535.72
	\$32,790.71
<i>Increase in Net Debt</i>	
Yield Taxes Abated	32.28
<i>Net Decrease</i>	\$32,758.43

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures – Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits A-3 & A-4)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$5,391.75, plus a net revenue surplus of \$2,963.24, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$8,354.99.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B. Proof of the Treasurer’s balance as of October 26, 1953, is indicated in Exhibit L.

Statement of Long Term Indebtedness: (Exhibit K)

A statement of Long Term Indebtedness as of December 31, 1952, showing annual maturities of principal and annual interest requirements, is contained in Exhibit K.

Audit Procedure

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with

the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks.

General Comments

Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes:

Table I presents a ten year statement of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes, for the years 1942 to 1952, inclusive. It is noted that the Town started the period with a Surplus of \$3,035.25 and ended with a Net Debt of \$20,647.67.

The assessed valuation of taxable property increased by nearly 1½ million dollars, or 33%, while the amount of the annual tax levy increased from \$124,000.00 to \$315,000.00, or 155%. The local tax rate increased from \$2.80 to \$5.30 per hundred, compared to an increase in the average tax rate for the State during this period of \$3.23 to \$4.52.

At the close of the fiscal year of 1942 there were uncollected and unredeemed taxes amounting to \$19,789.24, as compared to \$49,527.07 on December 31, 1952.

Current Financial Condition:

As indicated by the following statement, the current surplus (excess of total assets over current liabilities) increased from \$41,793.90 to \$57,652.33 in 1952:

	<i>Dec. 31, 1951</i>	<i>Dec. 31, 1952</i>
<i>Total Assets</i>	\$147,529.81	\$165,073.85
<i>Current Liabilities</i>	105,735.91	107,421.52
<i>Current Surplus</i>	\$ 41,793.90	\$ 57,652.33

It is noted, however, that notwithstanding the fact that the Town ended the fiscal year of 1951 with a current surplus of \$41,793.90, a deficit appropriation of \$7,535.72 was made in 1952. Inasmuch as a current deficit did not exist at the close of 1951, this appropriation should not have been made. The exclusion of the deficit appropriation of \$7,535.72 from the amount

raised by taxes in 1952, would have resulted in a reduction of the tax rate from \$5.30 to \$5.17.

Tax Accounts:

In accordance with our recommendation, the Tax Collector has adopted the use of the standard form of loose leaf columnar cash book in place of the previous practice of keeping a separate cash book for each year's tax levy. The Collector will deposit all tax funds in a special account at the bank and issue checks against this account when making remittances to the Treasurer.

It is noted that as of the date of audit there were uncollected and unredeemed taxes on the tax warrants of 1950 and prior years, as follows:

	<i>Uncollected Taxes</i>		<i>Unredeemed</i>
	<i>Property</i>	<i>Polls</i>	<i>Taxes</i>
Levy of 1950	\$160.37	\$ 76.00	\$ 694.21
Levy of 1949	146.30	84.00	15.26
Levy of 1948		70.00	63.76
Levy of 1947	23.40	62.00	76.29
Levy of 1946	41.03	80.00	5.19
Levy of 1945	6.75	196.00	5.02
Levy of 1944	45.36	168.00 (1944 & Prior)	228.44
1943 and Prior	103.07	600.00	
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Total	\$526.28	\$1,336.00	\$1,088.17

Very little activity took place in any of these accounts during the period from January 1st to October 26th, 1953, except in the case of the tax sale for the levy of 1950.

Inasmuch as the larger part of the property and poll taxes are probably uncollectible at the present time, it is recommended that the lists be carefully gone over by the Board of Selectmen and Tax Collector and abatements made in all cases except where there appears to be a definite likelihood that the tax may still be collected. It is generally considered that poll taxes more than five years old have little chance of being collected and such taxes are usually abated.

To include a substantial amount of these uncollectible taxes

as "assets" in the town balance sheet each year tends to give an inaccurate picture of the true financial condition of the Town.

The lists of unredeemed taxes should likewise be reviewed and in cases where the two year redemption period has expired the Collector should issue tax deeds to the Town. If in any case there is a specific reason why a deed cannot be given, the unredeemed tax may be abated.

Town Treasurer:

A complete breakdown of receipts should be made in the Treasurer's cash book. Taxes remitted by the Collector should be earmarked as to kind of tax (property, poll, yield or head tax) and the year of levy. Remittances from the Town Clerk should be recorded according to the source; i.e. motor vehicle permits, dog licenses, filing fees, etc.

At the close of the fiscal year all orders issued by the Selectmen should be regarded as expenditures by the Treasurer and recorded as such, even though some of the orders may not have actually been paid by the bank. By following this procedure, the actual town balance at the end of the year will be shown.

Changes in Accounting Procedure:

A conference will be held with the town officials to discuss certain proposed changes in the accounting procedure of the Board of Selectmen and Public Works Department.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the inclusion of Exhibits is optional.

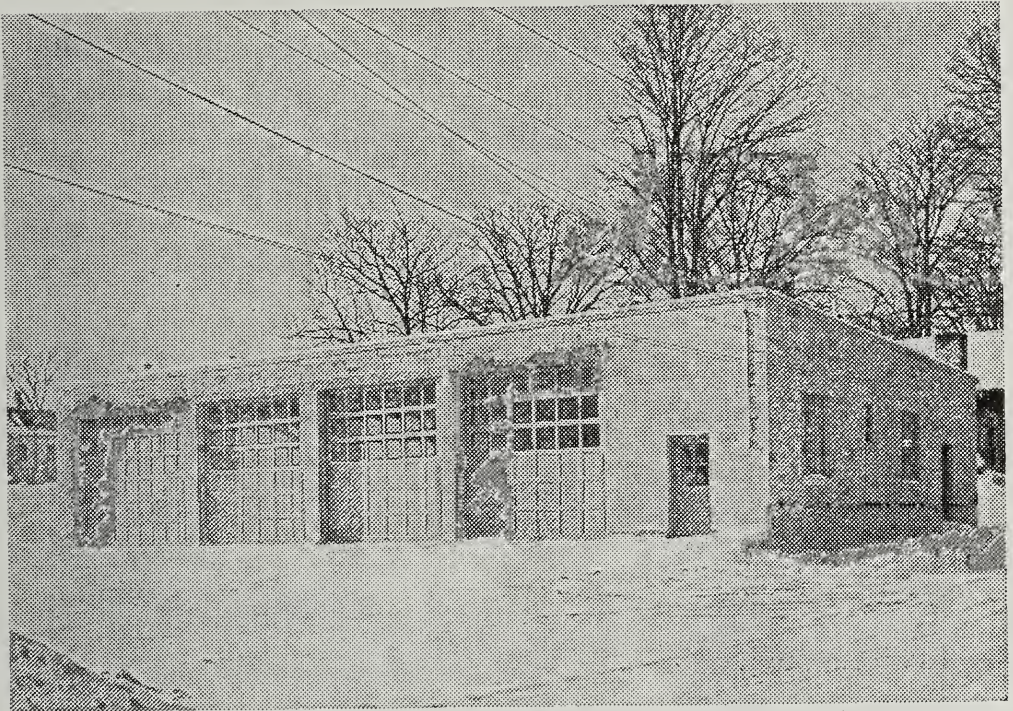
We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Milford for their assistance during the course of the audit.

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Alan R. Matthews
Auditors

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Accountant

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Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

PUBLIC WORKS



NEW TOWN GARAGE

Eighth Annual Report

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SUMMARY OF TAX RATE FOR 1952 AND 1953

	1952	1953
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Total Valuation	\$6,128,125.00	\$6,372,649.00
Veterans' Exemptions	269,858.00	289,418.00
Total Taxable Valuation	5,858,267.00	6,083,231.00
Total Appropriations	340,552.18	364,919.82
Revenue	30,064.03	42,508.58
Total Amount to be Raised —		
Property Taxes	310,488.15	322,411.24
Amount to be Raised —		
Property Taxes		
a. Town Meeting	\$173,220.51	\$161,185.11
b. School Meeting	137,267.64	161,226.13

BREAKDOWN OF TAX RATE IN DOLLARS

	1952	1953
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Amount</i>
TOWN MEETING		
County Taxes	\$ 4.36	\$ 3.15
Fire Department	1.19	1.08
Library	.97	1.00
Other	10.95	7.63
Police Department	1.66	1.51
Public Works Regular	8.55	7.26
Public Works Special	1.89	4.87
TOWN MEETING	\$29.57	\$26.50
SCHOOL MEETING	23.43	26.50
TOTAL TAX RATE PER \$1,000	53.00	\$53.00

Building Inspection

<i>Permits Issued</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Approx. Cost</i>	<i>Fee</i>
New Dwellings	14	\$68,000.00	\$50.50
Additions and Alterations to Dwellings	7	4,000.00	8.00
Garages -- Private	7	2,025.00	7.00
New Non-residential Buildings	6	33,500.00	13.50
Additions and Alterations to Non-residential Buildings	8	10,425.00	12.50
Small Buildings	3	600.00	3.00
Renewals	1	6,500.00	1.50
TOTALS 1953	46	\$125,050.00	\$ 96.00
TOTALS 1952	61	\$143,605.00	\$136.00

Cemeteries

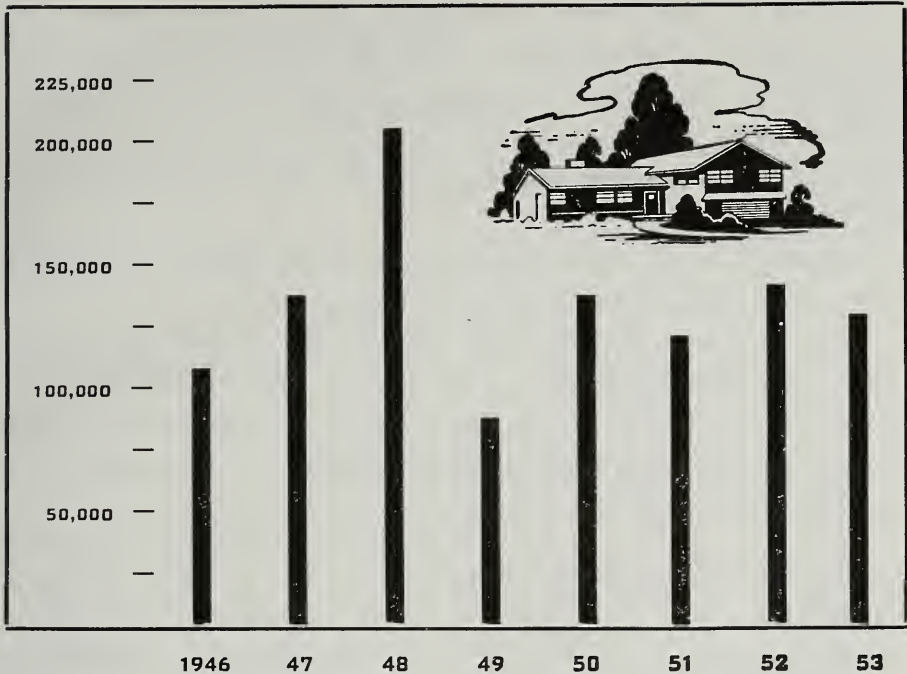
RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

A major improvement of this cemetery was carried out in the Spring. The topography of Section D which is located at the entrance to the cemetery was changed by bulldozing and many loads of mediocre loam were trucked in for the rough grading. Several new roadways were laid out and gravelled and the improved section planned to give greater utilization of space than was provided on the plan drawn in 1908. The importance of this project can be more readily understood with the realization that the original plan has not been strictly followed during the past years and corrected plans are an absolute necessity. One of the proposed programs of this office has been to draw revised plans of each individual section on a larger scale than the original plan.

Now that Section D has been rough graded, finish grading can be done as the lots are sold. A paper plan of this section has been prepared but a final plan must be drawn to conform with the actual layout of the lots.

Several lots have already been sold in this section which has been planned to include two, four and eight grave sections.

BUILDING ACTIVITY 1946-1953



The above work was done with the unanimous approval of both Cemetery Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen who rendered valuable assistance regarding the extent and nature of the bulldozing.

Further development of Riverside Cemetery can be greatly improved by changing the topography with bulldozing. To utilize the ground as it exists would not result in maximum use of the area nor would it give the pleasing effect to the eye that is so necessary to a well planned cemetery.

It should be emphasized that the above project is one of major proportions when consideration is given to the actual staking out of the lots and drawing of the final plans. This work has hardly been started and as stated in previous reports, progress is being made but much remains to be done.

The regular maintenance was carried on as usual.

OTHER CEMETERIES

(Union Street, North Yard, Elm Street and West Street)

Maintenance was the only work done in these cemeteries.

GENERAL

All of the cemeteries were given the minimum amount of maintenance in order to keep within the funds available.

Late in December permanent perpetual and annual care markers were purchased for use in all the cemeteries next year. The use of the markers will expedite the work of the cemetery employees.

Although a great deal of work has been done on the cemetery records, the work is far from complete.

It is recommended that the work on the records be continued, that serious consideration be given to the removal of curbstones in North Yard and West Street Cemeteries and that enough money be appropriated to provide sound maintenance and operation of all our cemeteries.

The financial report follows:

INCOME	1952	1953
Appropriation	\$2100 00	\$1200 00
Annual Care Lots	574 25	559 00
Opening Graves	698 65	633 50
Grading Lots	354 50	489 00
Perpetual Care Interest	1875 00	2596 20
1952 Perpetual Care Interest Deposited 1953		952 11
Other Income	368 47	415 63
From Riverside Lot Fund		1500 00
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Total Available	\$5970 87	\$8345 44
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$4870 25	\$5796 23
Other Expenses	1079 50	2640 96
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Total Expenditures	\$5949 75	\$8437 19
Unexpended Balance (returned to General Fund)	\$21 12	
Over Expended		\$91 75

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY LOT FUND

	1952	1953
Cash Balance in Cemetery Book		
No. 13048, January 1st	\$2087 53	\$2290 39
Income (Sale of lots and interest)	202 86	238 78
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Total Available	\$2290 39	\$2529 17
EXPENDITURE		1,525 00
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Cash Balance in Savings Book		
No. 13048, December 31st	\$2290 39	\$1004 17

PERPETUAL CARE

	1952	1953
Taken in and paid to Trustees of		
Trust Funds	\$2150 00	\$5350 00

Emerson Land

	1952	1953
Souhegan National Bank Savings		
Book No. 18271		
Cash Balance January 1st	\$329 70	\$314 17
Income (Interest)	2 47	4 73
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Total Available	\$332 17	\$318 90
Expenditures		
Repair and Repaint Monadnock Sign	18 00	
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Cash Balance December 31st	\$314 17	\$318 90

Equipment

It is still the feeling of your Superintendent that there is no need to purchase additional new equipment since a very satisfactory arrangement for the use of a loader has been made and

it is available to us whenever required. Such an arrangement has proven very helpful.

The immediate problem is one of replacement. A committee has been studying this situation and it is hoped that they will present a satisfactory solution.

The Ford Dump Truck was replaced with a 1953 Ford F 7 after Town Meeting. The time has come to replace both the K 8 International Dump Truck and $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton Ford F 2 Pickup Truck that is being used by the Highway Department. In replacing the $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton Ford it would be wise to consider the one ton unit with dual wheels and a small dump body. Such a vehicle would prove more versatile and render the Public Works operation much more efficient.

The erection of the new Town Garage will solve the problem of storage. Its completion will give better working and storage space and should result in improved appearance of the Town Barn area.

The efficient rendition of services required by the Public Works demands good equipment, properly maintained and stored.

Garbage

On April 3, 1953, a new agreement was made with Donald K. Holt for the collection of garbage, and to continue for a period of five (5) years at the rate of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) annually.

The financial report follows:

	1952	1953
Appropriation	\$825 00	\$1225 00
Expenditures	819 75	1115 30
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Unexpended Balance (returned to General Fund)	\$5 25	\$109 70

General

Public Works again served the Town by cooperating in activities beyond its normal scope.

An oil burning stove was installed in the Civil Defense Observation Post on King Street and the Public Works employees cooperated in the Civil Defense Program.

The parking meters were serviced and maintained.

The swimming pool and playground equipment was installed and maintained.

The program of spraying elm trees for a nominal fee was continued but due to the lack of interest will probably be discontinued next year.

Budget sheets showing the appropriations and expenditures of the Town Departments were prepared for the use of the Budget Committee.

Arrangements for the repairs to the stone bridge, damaged by the truck accident, were completed and the bridge restored to its original condition.

Plans and specifications were prepared for the new Highway Garage.

The Public Works Superintendent accompanied the Selectmen in perambulating the Milford-Hollis Town Lines.

The TD 40 tractor was sold for a reasonable price.

Satisfactory arrangements were made with A. J. McKay to have the use of the low bed trailer and to have his bulldozer available for pushing snow into the river.

Highway Maintenance

The roads and streets received routine and emergency maintenance and several culverts were repaired and replaced. After the installation of the sewer on Chestnut Street the street was completely rebuilt, involving the removal of stonewalls, brush and trees, the installation of catch basins and the addition of gravel.

Summit Street was gravelled and shaped with the grader after the addition of the water extension.

The trimming, removal and spraying of town trees was continued.

Ash collections were discontinued because of the very limited number asking for this service.

There has been an over expenditure of this appropriation due to not completing the oiling program and the continuation of highway work into the latter part of the year because of the lack of snow. Normally, the payroll met by both the oiling and snow removal appropriations would have tended to reduce the highway maintenance payroll and the over expenditure would not have resulted.

It is recommended that sufficient money be appropriated for the continuance of a sound maintenance and street rebuilding program.

The financial report follows:

INCOME	1952	1953
Appropriation	\$15,000 00	\$15,000 00
Income	4,811 73	4,060 48
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Total Available	\$19,811 73	\$19,060 48
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$11,643 56	\$11,522 07
Other Expenses	8,470 67	8,957 18
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Total Expenditures	\$20,114 23	\$20,479 25
Over Expended	\$302 50	\$1,418 77

Information Booth

The Information Booth on Union Square was again operated and maintained under the supervision of Public Works.

James Race was in charge of this booth which operated from July 1st to September 9th. 12,138 persons representing 4,442 cars from 46 States, and 111 cars with 334 people from Canada, South America, England, and Puerto Rico were served.

The State Planning and Development Commission, the Monadnock Region and several other sources provided the literature necessary to properly operate this booth.

It is recommended that the operation of this booth be continued and the necessary appropriation be made.

The financial report follows:

INCOME	1952	1953
Appropriation	\$250 00	\$300 00
Monadnock Region	50 00	
Total Available	\$300 00	\$300 00
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$200 00	\$300 00
Other Expenses	50 75	
Total Expenditures	\$250 75	\$300 00
Unexpended Balance (returned to General Fund)	\$49 25	

Oiling

Very little of this program was accomplished; postponement was due to the pressure of other work and operation with a minimum crew.

Under T R A work and with funds from this appropriation, the reconstructed portion of Federal Hill Road was oiled and honed, thus improving the surface. Armory Road and Dean Street received new surfaces in the form of road mix.

The State of New Hampshire was given \$2300 to cover the above work and upon completion of the work a balance of

\$1083.56 remains as due the Town. It is suggested that this balance be allowed to remain with the State as credit towards the Town's share of Apportionment A and B.

The failure to complete any portion of the work will necessitate a broader program next year and provisions should be made for such action.

The following roads and streets must receive at least one application of oil as a seal coat in order to complete their treatment.

1. FOSTER ROAD – The hill between Colburn Road and Federal Hill Road.

2. MADISON STREET – Pine Valley Street to Maple

3. ASH STREET – The entire length.

4. Additional roads and streets can be selected by the Board of Selectmen and the Public Works Superintendent.

Enough money should be appropriated to continue the regular program and any expansion desired to make up for the past year.

The financial report follows:

	1952	1953
APPROPRIATION	\$7000 00	\$7000 00
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$1534 04	\$ 229 44
Other Expenses	4347 29	2476 55
Total Expenditures	\$5881 33	\$2705 99
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Unexpended Balance (returned to General Fund)	\$1118 67	\$4294 01
Balance in T R A Account due to Town		1083 56

Total Unexpended Balance		\$5377 57

Sidewalks

The sidewalk construction was let out to the Ace Construction Company. This work is normally done by the Public Works employees during the latter part of the year, but in recent years the work load has not permitted completion of the scheduled work.

Existing sidewalks were patched and maintained, and several driveway ramps were improved.

The following new work was completed:

1. UNION STREET – A new sidewalk with granite curbing was installed on the east side from Lincoln Street to Willow Street.

2. ELM STREET – The sidewalk in front of the Frederic Fletcher property was surfaced and that in front of the Unitarian Church resurfaced.

3. CROSBY STREET – The sidewalk in front of the Young Property was resurfaced.

4. PROSPECT STREET – Curbing was installed along the Frank Burnham property.

5. WEBSTER STREET – At the Stoddard Property the sidewalk area was filled and loam added behind curbing that had been installed the previous year.

In addition to the above, sidewalks and curbing were installed by request from property owners who, in keeping with our policy, shared the cost on a fifty-fifty basis. These installations included:

1. HIGHLAND AVENUE at the O. W. Carleton Property.

2. COTTAGE STREET at the Harold Pratt Property.

3. ORANGE STREET at the Fitt and Pollock Properties.

It is suggested that the Union Street sidewalk be extended next year, and that the program of reconstructing and adding new sidewalks be continued each year.

The financial report follows:

	1952	1953
APPROPRIATION	\$2500 00	\$1500 00
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$682 72	\$ 35 65
Other Expenses	836 21	1432 56
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Total Expenditures	\$1518 93	\$1468 21
Unexpended Balance (returned to General Fund)	\$981 07	\$31 79

Town Road Aid

Since 1951 Town Road Aid has been sub-divided into Apportionment A for Class V Roads and Apportionment B for Class IV Roads. The Town of Milford took advantage of both of these programs as follows:

APPORTIONMENT A

The entire length of Armory Road was widened, drainage ditches provided, gravelled to a depth of 12 inches and road mixed to a width of 20 feet. This project included the removal of the Railroad Bridge abutments, with permission from the Boston & Maine Railroad, substantially widening and improving the corner. The stone from these abutments was stored at the Osgood Pond dam site with the thought in mind to improve the dam and its raceways.

The portion of Federal Hill Road that was reconstructed last year was oiled and honed to smooth the surface.

Osgood Road was widened, drained, gravelled, and road mixed from the southern end of the Armory Road to Burns Road.

Dean Street was reconstructed and surfaced with road mix.

Several projects still remain under this program. The Ponemah Hill Road was started several years ago and continuation should be considered. More work should be done south of the Burns Road on Osgood Road. Colburn Road starting at the Foster Road and proceeding toward the Brookline Road is worthy of consideration. Improvement of this road would result in a better school bus route.

In addition to the above many other locations can be named. The improvement of our Class V highways under this program should be continued.

The financial report follows:

	1952	1953
INCOME		
Appropriation (Town)	\$ 776 28	\$ 775 07
State Share	5175 18	5167 13
Paid from Oiling Appropriation		2300 00
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Total Available	\$5951 46	\$8242 20
Total Expenditures Town and State	5954 24	7158 64
Over expended and paid from		
Highway Maintenance	\$2 78	
Unexpended Balance		\$1083 56

It should be noted that the unexpended balance of \$1083.56 is held by the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire as a credit to the Town of Milford. As explained under the oiling appropriation the T R A Apportionment A Fund was increased by \$2300 from the oiling appropriation, to insure sufficient money to complete the Armory Road project.

The unexpended balance can be obtained from the State as cash income or left with them as credit to our coming Apportionment A and B Appropriations. It is suggested that it be left with the State and that only the balance needed to complete our A and B Apportionments be appropriated.

APPORTIONMENT B

The status of this fund at 1953 Town Meeting time and since the inception of this program was as follows:

State Apportioned July 1, 1951	\$4830 00	
State Apportioned July 1, 1952	4830 00	
Town Remitted August 1952		\$4830 00
Town Remitted December 1952		1382 05
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Totals	\$9660 00	\$6212 05

Since the Town matched \$6,212.05 of the State appropriated fund this made a total of \$12,424.10 available for 1952 and was expended during 1952. The remaining unmatched balance

appropriated by the State was the difference between the \$9,660.00 and \$6,212.05 or \$3,447.95. This amount could be matched by a Town Meeting Appropriation or left to revert back to the State General Fund and be lost to the Town forever.

On July 1st, 1953 the State appropriated \$4,880.00 more for the new fiscal year, making the unmatched total appropriated by the State the balance of \$3,447.95 plus the new appropriation of \$4,880.00 or \$8,327.95.

Under Article 17 of the 1953 Town Meeting it was voted that this sum be paid the State from the Parking Meter Fund.

After several consultations with the State Highway Department it was decided, by the Board of Selectmen, that this fund be used to reconstruct a portion of South Street (Route 13) within the compact area. The work to be awarded by the State with their work on Route 13 beginning at the Milford Compact and running southerly 2.1 miles to the end of the 1948 construction.

During the year the State awarded this contract to the Shields Construction Company, who started the State portion of the project and will commence the work in the compact area this Spring.

It is intended to reconstruct the bad portion of South Street which extends from the compact line about 800 feet to the vicinity of the Heelon Property and some of the 1954 B Fund will have to be used to complete the project to this point.

Since the work will not commence until Spring and quite likely not until after Town Meeting, it is suggested that consideration be given to extending this project at least to the Railroad Tracks. To accomplish this the use of the 1954 B Funds would be necessary.

Estimates received from the State Highway Department for completing this project to the tracks, a distance of about 375 feet, show that the additional cost will be approximately \$8,000, thereby completely using the 1954 "B" Fund.

Whether the South Street project is extended to the tracks or not, the matter of rebuilding Nashua Street from the Railroad Tracks to the compact line should be investigated. The recon-

struction of Nashua Street (Route 101-A) by the State of New Hampshire is under consideration and it is possible that the work will be awarded in 1954. In this case it would be good judgment to have the Town portion of 101-A done at the same time. The State Highway Department has been asked to include this section in their survey so that the approximate costs may be available at Town Meeting time.

However, the problem facing the Town is that construction is ahead of the money raising schedule. The 1954 "B" Appropriation will be necessary to complete the South Street work if it is decided to continue to the tracks.

The B Fund is arranged so that a Bond issue can be made for any project. Rather than lose the opportunity to reconstruct Nashua Street with assistance from the State it would be well to look into the workings of the Bond issue.

The status of the B Fund as of December 31, 1953 is as follows:

South Street (Compact to Heelon's) to cost		\$17,681 00
Available B Fund (Town and State)		15,981 00

To come from 1954 B Fund		\$ 1,700 00
July 1, 1954 B Money		
Town	\$4630 00	
State	4630 00	

Total Available	\$9260 00	
Less to complete South Street	1700 00	

Available for 1954	\$7560 00	

This \$7,560. can be used on South Street, or the job can be stopped at Heelon's and this \$7,560. used on Nashua Street.

It is recommended that the Town continue to take advantage of the B Fund and that they raise and appropriate the \$4,630 necessary to match State Funds for 1954.

Snow Removal

Several snow and ice storms occurred during the early part of 1953 and at 1953 Town Meeting time \$4,870.49 of this appropriation had been spent. Late in the summer, the usual supply of salt was purchased at a cost of approximately \$1900 and at the year's end this supply remained intact.

Snow removal operations continued to be conducted efficiently and as economically as possible. The Hough Payloader is still being used to load snow from the Parking Meter areas and continues to work out satisfactorily.

The completion of the new highway garage will be a major improvement for the storage of vehicles and plowing equipment, leading to better and more economical service.

It is recommended that the usual appropriation be made for snow removal.

The financial report follows:

	1952	1953
INCOME		
Appropriation	\$10,500 00	\$9000 00
Income	154 82	134 73
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Total Available	\$10,654 82	\$9134 73
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$4646 57	\$2945 36
Other Expenses	9457 82	5560 10
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Total Expenditures	\$14,104 39	\$8505 40
Over Expended	\$3449 57	
Unexpended Balance (returned to General Fund)		\$629 27

Parks and Playgrounds

Activities were confined to regular maintenance with the largest items continuing to be trimming and spraying of trees. Some loam and grass seed was added to the Oval, in an attempt to improve the lawn, but constant travel over the area made this attempt unsuccessful.

In June a permit was issued to the Beers-Barnes Circus for a one day stand at Shepard Park.

The appropriation should be sufficient to provide good maintenance and some improvements.

The financial report follows:

	1952	1953
INCOME		
Appropriation	\$1800 00	\$1500 00
Other Income		247 75
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Total Available	\$1800 00	\$1747 75
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$405 82	\$926 15
Other Expenses	937 98	590 80
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Total Expenditures	\$1343 80	\$1516 95
Unexpended Balance (returned to General Fund)	\$456 20	\$230 80

Public Works Administration

The administration of Public Works continues to operate efficiently. The office is well organized and the value of accurate and readily accessible records becomes more and more apparent. It is also noted that each year finds this office serving citizens in increasing numbers and purposes, thereby rendering a very useful and important service to the Town.

The appropriation should be sufficient to provide good administration.

The financial report follows:

	1952	1953
INCOME		
Appropriation	\$5775 00	\$6250 00
Water Department Share	5775 00	6250 00
Other Income	161 00	96 00
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Total Available	\$11,711 00	\$12,596 00

EXPENDITURES

Office Salaries	\$10,690 16	\$11,775 58
Other Expenses	987 68	712 10
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Total Expenditures	\$11,677 84	\$12,487 68
Unexpended Balance (returned to General Fund)	\$33 16	\$108 32

Sewer Correction

Correction of the sewerage system was continued. The Crosby Street drainage problem was solved and corrected with the cooperation of the Boston and Maine Railroad and James J. Howison.

A new catch basin was installed on Maple Street in the vicinity of the new garage, and six new catch basins were installed on Chestnut Street during the sewer construction and under that appropriation.

The major project was the repair to the sewer line crossing the Souhegan River in the vicinity of Nashua Street opposite Clinton Street. The piers supporting this large cast iron pipe had to be rebuilt and reinforced, the pipe raised and the man-hole repaired. This work was let out to Melio Riccitelli.

The bad drainage problem on Cottage Street in the vicinity of the Elm Street Garage still remains and should be scheduled during the coming year.

It is recommended that this appropriation be sufficient to continue this program.

The financial report follows:

	1952	1953
APPROPRIATION	\$1000 00	\$1000 00
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$ 88 55	\$ 59 95
Other Expenses	477 30	593 91
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Total Expenses	\$565 85	\$653 86
Unexpended Balance (returned to General Fund)	\$434 15	\$346 14

Sewer Maintenance

Several sewers were cleaned and stoppages in both main sewer lines and service lines were opened under emergency conditions.

A major problem occurred at the Milford Diner in the storm drain leading from Union Square to the river. A stoppage in this line caused washing away of material and damage to the foundation wall. This stoppage was eliminated, the line cleaned out, and pipe was installed along the outlet portion. The foundation wall was repaired by Elgin Burttt who was paid in equal shares by George Perry, owner of the Diner, and the Town of Milford.

This appropriation should be sufficient to provide good maintenance and to meet emergencies.

	1952	1953
APPROPRIATION	\$1000 00	\$1000 00
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$270 05	\$250 10
Other Expenses	412 15	393 02
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Total Expenditures	\$682 20	\$643 12
Unexpended Balance (returned to General Fund)	\$317 80	\$356 88

Town Hall and Other Buildings

TOWN HALL

In addition to the operation and regular maintenance of this building there were some improvements and emergency repairs.

The improvements included the following:

- a. A new ceiling and lighting fixtures were installed in the Ober Clothing Store.
- b. Slate was removed from the south portion of the Town Hall roof and replaced with heavy asphalt shingles.
- c. A few windows in the main hall were weatherstripped.
- d. Plans were obtained from the R. D. Kimball Company

for improvements to the heating system but because the bids were too high this work was not started.

Emergency repairs were made on the following:

- a. Leaky radiators.
- b. Town clock.
- c. Oil burner.
- d. Roof.

Repairs and improvements will be necessary each year. The replacement of the roof has been started and a small portion should be done each year. The correction of the heating system is very important and R. D. Kimball, Heating and Ventilating Engineers, will have to be consulted concerning the high bids received for these improvements.

The Kenmore Stamp Company continues to occupy the third floor over the Banquet Hall. In February, because of a change in plans and business conditions, they decided not to rent the Banquet Hall, so its status remains the same.

OTHER BUILDINGS

There were no major improvements and very little maintenance on the Town's other buildings. Late in the year the construction of the new Town Garage was started and at the year's end the work was completed.

The erection of this building has long been necessary and results in better storage and working conditions.

The old roller shed near the Swing Bridge is no longer needed, and being unsightly should be removed.

The present salt shed is in need of repair and can be made into a more suitable storage building. It is suggested that this building be repaired and altered to serve solely for the storage of salt.

The remaining buildings should be kept in repair and maintained as they serve a useful purpose for storage and work quarters.

Under this appropriation some assistance was given in the construction of the new garage. An under drain was placed along the west and north sides of the building and the water and sewer entrances made.

The unexpended balance remaining in this appropriation results from not having started the improvements to the Town Hall heating system.

	1952	1953
INCOME		
Appropriation	\$5950 00	\$7500 00
Income	4484 65	4684 90
	-----	-----
Total Available	\$10,434 65	\$12,184 90
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$2845 51	\$3350 99
Other Expenses	7407 34	7804 14
	-----	-----
Total Expenditures	\$10,252 85	\$11,155 13
Unexpended Balance (returned to General Fund)	\$181 80	\$1029 77

Town Dump

Some improvements and general cleaning up of the area were accomplished. The top of the dump was bulldozed, gravelled over, and nearly the entire slope that is visible from the road was covered with earth fill. Controlled dumping, accomplished through the use of snow fences, has made a better appearing dump possible. Small pines were transplanted on the side nearest the highway; some of these have survived and it appears that they will continue to thrive. Continual transplanting should take place until a sufficient number of trees have taken hold.

The Board of Selectmen issued two ordinances regarding the dump. One prohibits the dumping of garbage, the other requires that trash being hauled to the dump be covered. The enforcement of these regulations should decrease the rat population and improve the appearance of Mont Vernon Street and North River Road.

While fire bans are on we are required to keep a man on duty at the dump during the dumping hours, and at night the dump is closed.

The work done in the spring and the necessity of having a man on duty during fire bans has resulted in an over expenditure of this appropriation.

It is suggested that the policy of making improvements be continued because it seems that the appearance of this area improves as each year passes.

It is recommended that sufficient money be appropriated to carry on the maintenance of the dump with allowance for manning it during fire bans and to make whatever improvements may be desired.

The financial report follows:

	1952	1953
APPROPRIATION	\$350 00	\$500 00
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$340 58	\$ 59 45
Other Expenses	71 00	548 08
	-----	-----
Total Expenditures	\$411 58	\$607 53
Over Expended	\$61 58	\$107 53

Town Poor

This report covers the period from January 1, 1953 to July 10, 1953, at which time Robert C. Campbell was appointed as Overseer of the Poor.

During this period, four families consisting of nine individuals, and five single cases received relief. Four of these cases were supplementary grants, the remaining five became regular cases and were on the rolls July 10, 1953.

INCOME

Appropriation	\$3000 00	
Income (reimbursements)	285 00	
Total Available	-----	\$3285 00

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Expense	\$ 343 10	
Relief Payments	1323 36	
Total Expenditures	-----	\$1666 46

Balance July 10, 1953		\$1618 54
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Water Department

This department, the largest under Public Works, had an active year with regular maintenance, emergency repairs and some improvements.

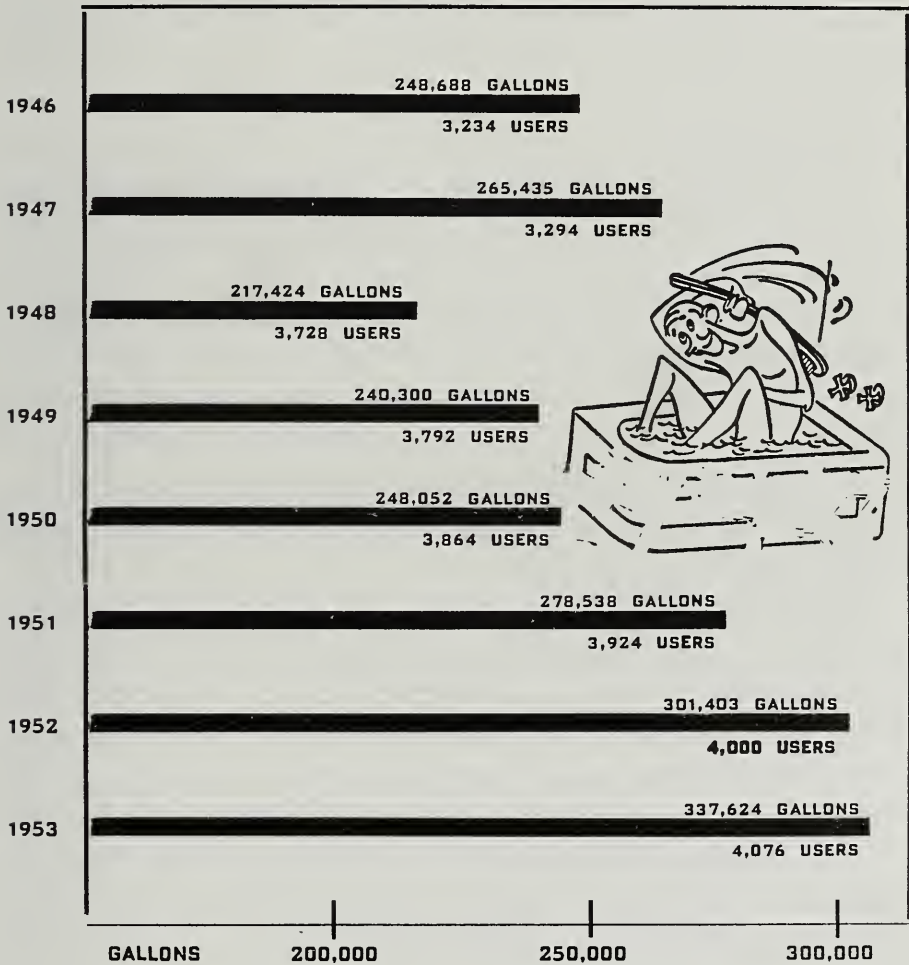
HYDRANTS

Several leaking hydrants were found and repaired during regular inspections, and one found broken was replaced.

Two, one on West Street and one on South Street, were broken by vehicles and replaced.

There were no additional hydrants installed in the system.

AVERAGE DAILY WATER USEAGE 1946—1953



EXTENSIONS

Four guaranteed water extensions serving many potential house lots were installed as follows:

1. WEST STREET — A short extension of 32 feet of six inch pipe was made to serve Robert Bellew's new house. This became part of the so called Mason Road extension.

2. WEST STREET — 575 feet of 6 inch cast iron pipe was started at Spaulding Street and was installed in a southerly direction. It serves four houses. This installation was in accord with the vote on Article 10 in the 1953 Town Meeting.

3. CHESTNUT STREET — 300 feet of six inch cast iron pipe started at Orchard Street and was installed toward Souhegan Street. One house is served.

4. SUMMIT STREET — 361 feet of 2 inch cement lined wrought iron pipe started at Ritchie's and was installed to the end of the street. One house is served.

STANDPIPES

The Mayflower Hill standpipe was emptied, checked and both exterior and interior surfaces painted. The expense of this work was borne by the operating funds.

The Prospect Hill standpipe should be drained and inspected this coming year.

SUPPLY

It seems, from all apparent indications, that the water supply is ample. Ownership of Osgood Pond has made better control of the water supply possible.

The upper well in Smith field was out of service most of the year and a major rehabilitation job had to be done. The well was inspected by the Layne Well Company of New York and it was decided that the well was beyond repair and would have to be rebuilt. The screen had several breaks in it, and was badly clogged with corrosion.

An alternative to rebuilding the well would have been to abandon it and drill a new one. This would have resulted in considerable expense for piping changes, etc.

The Layne Company offered to rebuild the well at a contract price or on a per day basis. The work was finally done on the day basis and a substantial sum was saved from the contract price.

In rebuilding the well, the old screen and casing were removed and a new screen and casing installed. The new screen consists of five feet of 18 inch Everdur Screen. The well was then gravel packed.

As a result of this work the area around the well house was filled and improved and a road developed to the well house. The well house itself was practically rebuilt because the work required the removal of the top of the old house.

Upon completion tests showed that this well produces good clear water at the rate of approximately 162 gallons per minute. Placing this well back in service will certainly augment our supply of water.

It is without question time for the people of Milford to give some thought to their Water Department. Although we are not faced with an acute problem at the moment nor in the immediate future, certainly thought and planning should be given to this problem.

The source of water and the amounts available are of vital importance. Proper storage and manipulation of these quantities is also important. The time has come to get into some concrete investigation and planning.

Briefly, your Superintendent has always been told, and it seems to be a popular idea that Milford derives its water from a system of wells, therefore being served from a ground water supply. It is the opinion of your Superintendent, from superficial examination and operation of the system, that Milford's water supply is primarily surface water, supplied from Osgood Pond and fed to our wells through very small thicknesses of dirt and gravel or actual openings. That our wells are infiltration galleries rather than wells, and that our ground water storage is directly dependent upon the control and height of the small dam in back of the pumping station. If the land above the small dam at the pumping station were owned the water

quality could be substantially improved by cleaning the brook bed and banks.

Further, it seems quite likely that the water storage could be increased by installing another dam in the vicinity of Smith's well and creating a small pond. To accomplish this, the pond area should be bulldozed and the loam stockpiled. This would tend to increase the surface and ground water storage.

It should be pointed out that your Superintendent and Water Commissioners have been working toward the above objectives without the advantage of a definite plan. Moves in this direction have included the purchase of watershed land from both Curtis and the Boston and Maine Railroad, and the purchase of Osgood Pond with its water rights.

The improvement of the supply need not be done immediately at tremendous expense but the objectives should be clear and steps toward its accomplishment should be made each year.

These suggestions are made without the advantage of a thorough investigation. It is quite likely that the Town will want to consider a study of the entire water situation with recommendations set forth as an ultimate goal. On the basis of such a report, it is possible that gradual improvements could be made thereby eliminating a sudden and expensive rehabilitation program.

Specific instances of the wells going dry during the past year, and how the problems were solved by the proper manipulation of the dam at the pumping station and Osgood Pond could be enumerated, but such explanations would be too lengthy for this report.

The continual increase in demand for water, with each successive year requiring larger volumes of water than ever pumped before, shows that the Town's water requirements are not stabilized. Consumers' requirements must be fulfilled.

This is the picture of Milford's Water Supply; what it will be in the future is definitely dependent upon consideration and action taken now.

TREATMENT

Although the Milford Water Department has a treatment plant, approximately fifty per cent of all water delivered to Consumers by-passes the slow sand filter.

Briefly, the treatment process is as follows: water is pumped from the collecting well by low lift pumps through aerators to the coke filter where it passes over the coke and enters the slow sand filters. After passing through the slow sand filters it is collected by under drains and conducted to the clear well which acts as storage for the finished water. The high lift pumps take the water from the clear well and deliver it to the mains, the surplus enters the two standpipes. On the discharge side of the pumps the water is chlorinated. It is this chlorination that renders the water safe to drink.

In order to meet the daily pumping requirements, it is necessary that water be sent directly from the coke filter to the clear well, by-passing the slow sand filters. This cuts filtration out of the process and such a condition should not be permitted to continue. However, in spite of this by-passing, the monthly sanitary analysis of the delivered water continues to be good. But it must be remembered that even though the bacteriological water tests are satisfactory, a potential health hazard can exist.

The solution to such conditions is not easily found. The answer could be the construction of additional slow sand filter beds, or conversion to either rapid sand or diatomite filtration. The condition of the raw water and the end product delivered play a very important role in the treatment required.

To reach the best answer a study should be made and the sooner investigation is started the sooner the objective will be known.

DISTRIBUTION

Although the distribution system is about sixty-three years old, there are no immediate major problems to contend with.

Each year additional mains are added to the system in the form of guaranteed extensions covered in another section of this report. We have tried to adhere to the policy of using cement

lined pipe for water mains and keeping the minimum size to six inches.

Over the years additions have been made to the original system so that there now exist many miles of mains. Eventually some of these mains may have to be cleaned to remove incrustations which tend to cut down the volume delivered by hampering the free flow of water and in some cases causing colored water. It might also be necessary to replace some of the four inch mains with larger sizes. These are thoughts that could be considered as future projects.

Each year many service lines have to be replaced. There are still many services that are worn out and consumers having service lines over twenty years old should inspect them carefully and make plans for replacement. Many of these are found by the meter reader, and it is better to make the replacement when the condition is first noted rather than to wait for the actual break. Contrary to popular belief, it has always been the policy of the Water Department to consider that all piping on private property excepting the meter to belong to the property owner. Therefore replacement of these worn pipes is the responsibility of the property owner and not the Water Department.

The biggest distribution problem is the condition of the gate valves. Some replacements and considerable maintenance has been given to these valves in the past few years but still not enough. Many are ineffective and new ones needed. Replacement and maintenance must be continued.

As a whole the distribution system is doing its job and with continued good maintenance and yearly improvements it should not require any major revamping.

RECORDS

Records necessary for the efficient operation of any Water Department consist of financial records and engineering records.

The financial records include the accounts receivable for water sold to consumers, repairs to services, and new installations plus the complete records of all purchases, with allocation to the proper part of the system. Complete records of all assets

and liabilities, income and expense must be kept in addition to the above so that the annual financial report can be prepared for the Public Utilities Commission. Keeping these records accurately is a major task and a fine job is being done with them.

The Engineering records include a recording of all work done on the system. In addition to knowing when a particular job was done they also serve their primary purpose of location. The daily work of maintenance and repairs requires a knowledge of location and in many instances reference to records.

Work done since 1946 is accurately recorded and readily available. Work prior to that date is sketchy and sometimes requires considerable research. However, the job of assimilating all of the office information has been started and eventually all available information can be at one's fingertips. The achievement of this necessitates many hours of research and consolidation, and it cannot be expected that it will be completed in the very near future.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Water Department regulations require that water bills be paid within fifteen days after billing. Although this regulation does exist, it has never been vigorously enforced, and many delinquent accounts have resulted. Both the Auditors and the Budget Committee expressed concern over this situation and suggested that the Superintendent collect these unpaid bills.

Consequently, a determined effort to collect these bills was made and your Superintendent was successful in making satisfactory arrangements with all concerned without actually cutting off their water supply. It should be noted that your Water Department does have the authority to shut off water for non-payment of bills, and that consumers believing this not to be so are definitely misinformed.

Collection of all unpaid accounts does not occur overnight and satisfactory regular payments will eventually reduce the outstanding balance.

A very effective check and follow up system has been inaugurated in the Public Works office which when carried to the

point of actually turning off water, will eventually reduce outstanding accounts to a minimum. Once this has been accomplished the program should be extended to the ultimate of posting delinquent water accounts with the delinquent tax bills. This would be in accord with New Hampshire law which makes outstanding water accounts a lien on the property.

A comparison of the 1952 and 1953 outstanding water balances shows that at the year's end receivables were reduced by about \$2500. This is a good start and a continued effort will eventually lead to the satisfaction of all concerned.

PROGRESS

Previous reports have mentioned that the pressure of current work is so great that very little time can be devoted to the development of old records. To this can be added any marked rehabilitation of the existing system or any projected plans for future work. Some work has been done along these lines, but the accomplishments are slow. However any progress made leads towards more efficient operation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:

1. That the Prospect Hill standpipe be drained and inspected.
2. That the source and quantity of the water supply be investigated and necessary improvements started.
3. That the pumping station area be fenced.
4. That the capacity of the treatment plant be investigated and action taken towards its correction.

The financial report as filed with the Public Utilities Commission follows.

**MILFORD WATER WORKS
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS**

DECEMBER 31, 1953 AND DECEMBER 31, 1952

	Dec. 31, '53	Dec. 31, '52	Increase or Decrease
Plant Assets			
Land	\$ 6,435.48	\$ 6,435.48	
Structures, Pumping Station	7,115.52	7,115.52	
Water Supply Equipment	39,289.05	39,289.05	
Pumping Station Equipment	23,326.35	18,947.60	\$4,378.75
Purification Equipment	28,046.52	28,046.52	
Distribution Mains	214,889.89	211,536.68	3,353.21
Services	5,047.57	5,047.57	
Hydrants	10,125.01	10,125.01	
Meters	19,842.27	18,731.70	1,110.57
Garage Equipment	2,394.00	2,394.00	
Other Distribution Expense	3,409.37	3,409.37	
Other Equipment	9,161.73	9,161.73	
	<hr/> \$369,082.76	<hr/> \$360,240.23	<hr/> \$8,842.53
Current and Inventory Assets			
Cash	\$ 2,293.50	\$ 1,415.12	\$ 878.38
Materials and Supplies	8,978.29	9,791.29	*813.00
Current Receivables	5,701.32	7,964.79	*2,263.47
	<hr/> \$ 16,973.11	<hr/> \$ 19,171.20	<hr/> *\$2,198.09
Miscellaneous Prepaid Accounts	3,614.28	3,507.04	107.24
Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$389,670.15	<hr/> <hr/> \$382,918.47	<hr/> <hr/> \$6,751.68
Capital Liabilities			
Municipal Investment	\$175,340.55	\$168,825.68	\$6,514.87
Current Liabilities			
Notes Payable	57,000.00	61,500.00	*4,500.00
Reserves			
Reserve for Depreciation	166,082.62	159,300.28	\$6,782.34
Profit and Loss			
Profit and Loss	*8,753.02	*6,707.49	*2,045.53
Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$389,670.15	<hr/> <hr/> \$382,918.47	<hr/> <hr/> \$6,751.68

**MILFORD WATER WORKS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953**

Income		
Commercial Sales		\$26,878.77
Hydrant Rentals		2,780.00
Merchandise Sales & Job Work	\$5,521.07	
Cost of Merchandise Sales and Job Work	5,292.81	
	-----	228.26
Total Income		----- \$29,887.03
Water Supply Expense		
Supervision	\$2,087.91	
Source of Supply – Expense	203.42	
Pumping Station – Labor	4,261.29	
Pumping Station – Supplies	275.25	
Pumping Station – Repairs to Equipment	337.44	
Purification – Wages	694.14	
Purification – Supplies	92.69	
Power – Electricity and Diesel	3,109.40	
Repairs to Water Supply Structures	876.76	
	-----	\$11,938.30
Distribution Expense		
Supervision	\$2,083.00	
Repairs to Services	1,507.14	
Repairs to Hydrants	832.97	
Repairs to Meters	562.13	
Repairs to Mains	1,894.54	
Other Distribution Expense:		
Meter Department – Wages	347.07	
Commercial Supplies and Expense:		
Meter Reading Salaries	763.63	
Other Distribution Exp. – Expense	976.22	
	-----	8,966.70
Other Expense		
Office Salaries	\$2,084.00	
Office Supplies and Expense	376.00	
Telephone	115.72	
Commissioner's Salary	250.00	
Garage and Truck Expense	328.31	
	-----	3,154.03

Interest Paid	1,091.19
Total Expenditures Before Depreciation	----- \$25,150.22
Profit Before Depreciation	----- \$4,736.81
Depreciation	----- 6,782.34
Loss After Depreciation	----- *\$2,045.53
* Decrease	

STATISTICS

Gallons of Water Pumped

	1952	1953
January	8,531,000	8,606,000
February	7,641,000	7,917,000
March	8,349,000	9,584,000
April	8,914,000	9,126,000
May	9,992,000	8,968,000
June	9,928,000	11,856,000
July	11,146,000	12,856,000
August	9,953,000	12,589,000
September	8,880,000	11,547,000
October	9,677,000	10,527,000
November	8,489,000	10,067,000
December	8,512,000	9,590,000
Totals	110,012,000	123,233,000
	1952	1953
Average Gallons Pumped Per Day	301,403	337,624
Maximum Day		
June 26th	542,000	
July 29th		624,000
Minimum Day		
September 12th	127,000	
December 20th		149,000
Consumers (Estimated)	4,000	4,076
Services December 31st	1,000	1,019
Services Repaired	18	12
Services Renewed	5	15
Hydrants December 31st	137	137
Water Main Feet Added	300	1,268

Special Activities

CHESTNUT STREET SEWER

Public Works designed and estimated the Chestnut Street and Orchard Street sewer, which was requested by petition and voted at the 1953 Town Meeting, and then made the installation.

The portion of Chestnut Street between Orchard and Souhegan Streets was undeveloped and the street had to be constructed. This was done concurrently with the sewer work, including 300 feet of water main extension, thus realizing economies in all phases of construction. Stone walls, brush and trees were removed, catch basins installed, and a substantial gravel base put in. Fortunately a low area for dumping was available on the Riccitelli land, reducing the length of haul, and in turn the expense involved.

One thousand feet of 8 inch tile pipe was installed starting at Souhegan Street, crossing Orchard Street, and ending at the residence of Preston Stewart. Two hundred sixteen feet of 8 inch tile pipe was installed on Orchard Street from Chestnut Street to the property of Ernest Ames. All sewage flows to Souhegan Street. The installation included five manholes and six catch basins.

Eventually this street can be considered for surfacing, but for the time being the ditches should be allowed to settle and consolidate. Undoubtedly some gravel will have to be added to the settled ditches in the Spring.

The development of this street has opened up several potential house lots and in conjunction with the construction two new dwelling units were constructed and more are planned. With this in mind it is well to remember that more water extensions are likely and should be made before the street is surfaced.

APPROPRIATION		\$5,000 00
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$ 675 10	
Materials, Other Expense	3394 34	
Total Expense	-----	4069 44
Unexpended Balance (returned to General Fund)		<u>\$930 56</u>

JONES BRIDGE

This appropriation was voted under Article 12 of the 1953 Town Meeting for the purpose of replacing the planks and stringers on the iron bridge known as Jones Bridge. The plan was to do one-third of the bridge each year for three years, using the salvaged planks to patch the uncompleted portion.

Early in the year it was necessary to install a few new planks under emergency conditions. This repair made the bridge passable and with pressure of other work the project was not done.

It is quite evident that two-thirds of the bridge can be replanked more economically at one time than doing a third each year. To check and replace stringers, it is quite possible that all of the planks will have to be removed in order to renew two-thirds, so that from the economic point of view, it might be better to do the entire bridge.

It is recommended that this appropriation be earmarked for the coming year and that enough money be raised to do another third or all of the bridge.

The financial report follows:

APPROPRIATION	\$1100 00
EXPENDITURES	00 00

Unexpended Balance (earmarked)	\$1100 00

NASHUA STREET SEWER

In 1948 Public Works made investigation and preliminary plans with estimated costs for several sewer extensions which are reported in the 1948 Annual Report. Included in this list is the lower Nashua Street sewer with was estimated to cost \$22,000.

The residents of this area brought in a petition for the 1953 meeting requesting construction of this sewer at an estimated cost of \$16,500.00. This figure was arrived at by the petitioners with W. C. Ferguson, Contractor of Keene, N. H., and with the Public Works Superintendent present. It had to be based on preliminary plans and surveys.

Public Works also started negotiations with the New Hampshire Water Pollution Commission and the State Board of Health to obtain the approvals necessary for constructing the Chestnut and Nashua Street sewers. At Town Meeting time it was learned, the Chestnut and Orchard Street extensions were approved by the Water Pollution Commission but that the Nashua Street sewage had to be settled before discharge into the river. As an alternative to this arrangement, the Town received the Commission's approval to connect to existing sewage which would not involve a new outfall.

With these new developments, and lacking time for a proper survey and investigation, your Superintendent stated that he thought the sewage could be discharged into the Shepard Street line by way of Olive Street, thereby entering the river at the existing outfall. The Town Meeting action was based on this opinion.

A survey proved this to be wrong, and it appeared that the project could not be completed satisfactorily to the requirements of the Water Pollution Commission. Further study showed that it was possible to run an outfall into the river from Linden Street as originally planned, and that the Shepard Street Line could be brought into this new outfall by way of Riverview Street. Public Works suggested this plan to the Water Pollution Commission which was to abandon the Shepard Street sewer from Riverview Street to the river, and discharge it into the new outfall at Linden Street. After investigation the Water Pollution Commission approved this proposed plan and Public Works prepared the final plan for construction which was approved by the State Department of Health.

During this time negotiations were being carried on with W. C. Ferguson of Keene for the installation. After preparation and approval of the final plans pipe was ordered and delivered. It appeared then that the installation would be made for the amount appropriated, but no contract had been signed with any contractor.

Late in the fall it was learned that the sewer could be installed for the amount appropriated but would not include road

repairs. This would have meant an over expenditure of two to three thousand dollars, and the Board of Selectmen decided not to over expend the appropriation.

Lacking the small amount expended for plans and the initial expenditure made for pipe, the appropriation remains intact.

The possibility of Public Works doing this job was also discussed and falls within the realm of possibility. But this is a major project and to do this the regular crew should be unhampered by other projects, and maintenance will be neglected to some extent.

APPROPRIATION	\$16,500 00	
Income (Broken Pipe)	209 20	
Total Available	-----	\$16,709 20
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$ 131 75	
Materials and Other	1,471 26	
Total Expenditures	-----	1,603 01

Unexpended Balance (earmarked)		\$15,106 19

SWING BRIDGE

The 1953 Town Meeting, under Article 11, voted to clean and paint the Swing Bridge over the Souhegan River at Maple Street. The possibility of having this work done by the bridge painting crew of the State Department of Public Works and Highways was looked into and they quoted a maximum estimate of \$1700 which was \$400 more than was appropriated.

O. Faucher, Painting Contractor of Manchester, offered to scrape and wire brush all the metal, apply one priming coat of zinc chromate and a second and third coat of aluminum paint for the appropriated sum of \$1300. The work was awarded to Mr. Faucher who completed the work during August.

APPROPRIATION	\$1300 00
EXPENDED (O. Faucher)	1300 00

Balance	0 00

WEST STREET WATER EXTENSION

This extension is a guaranteed extension requested by petition and voted under Article 10 of the 1953 Town Meeting. Four houses and several potential house lots are served by this 575 foot extension of six inch cast iron pipe which is laid in a southerly direction from Spaulding Street.

The installation was made by the Public Works and there was a small over expenditure in this appropriation.

The financial report follows:

APPROPRIATION		\$2000 00
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$ 358 76	
Materials, Other Expenses	1636 11	
Total Expenditures	-----	2014 87

Over Expended		\$14 87

TONELLA ROAD AND FARLEY STREET

This appropriation has been earmarked from year to year and finally Public Works cleared up the details necessary to hold the final hearing on Farley Street. Farley Street was officially laid out with a new street from the end of Farley Street to Nashua Street known as Wheeler Street.

A review of the vote (Article 27, 1950 Town Meeting), setting up this appropriation made it clear that the improvement was to be on the portion now known as Wheeler Street. Trees and walls were removed and gravel added, opening up potential house lots. The cost of this work was the only expenditure made from the appropriation.

Tonella Road still remains as a private way, never having been officially laid out. The 1950 Town Meeting (Article 26) voted that exception to the 40 foot ordinance be granted as necessary for Farley Street and Tonella Quarry Road. A completed plan, acceptable to all abutters, has never been presented for a hearing, so the road remains unaccepted and unimproved until officially laid out.

At the request of the Farley Street residents Public Works prepared the plans necessary for the Farley Street hearings. Although plans were started by Public Works for Tonella Road, no effects were made by residents involved, so the plan remains uncompleted.

It would seem that after all these years the unexpended balance should be permitted to go into the general fund, and if later accepted improvement can be made from Highway Maintenance or a special appropriation.

The financial report follows:

EARMARKED		\$1000 00
EXPENDITURES		
Labor	\$154 90	
Other Expenses	275 50	
Total Expenditures	-----	430 40

Unexpended Balance		\$569 60

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Comparative State of Appropriations and Expenditures of Departments under
Milford Public Works for the Year Ended December 31, 1953

Name	1953		Total Available	Expenditures	Balances	
	Appropriation	Cash Credits			Unexpended	Overdraft
Cemeteries	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 7,145.44	\$ 8,345.44	\$ 8,437.19	\$	\$ 91.75
Garbage	1,225.00		1,225.00	1,115.30	\$ 109.70	
Highway Maintenance	15,000.00	4,060.48	19,060.48	20,479.25		1,418.77
Highway Oiling	7,000.00		7,000.00	2,705.99	4,294.01	
Information Booth	300.00		300.00	300.00		
Parks and Playgrounds	1,500.00	247.75	1,747.75	1,516.95	230.80	
Public Works Administration	6,250.00	6,346.00	12,596.00	12,487.68	108.32	
Sewer Correction	1,000.00		1,000.00	653.86	346.14	
Sewer Maintenance	1,000.00		1,000.00	643.12	356.88	
Sidewalk Construction	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,468.21	31.79	
Snow Removal	9,000.00	134.73	9,134.73	8,505.46	629.27	
Sale of Tractor		550.00	550.00		550.00	
Town Buildings	7,500.00	4,684.90	12,184.90	11,155.13	1,029.77	107.53
Town Dump	500.00		500.00	607.53		
Chestnut Street Sewer	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,069.44	930.56	
Jones Bridge	1,100.00		1,100.00		1,100.00*	
Nashua Street Sewer	16,500.00	209.20	16,709.20	1,603.01	15,106.19*	
Swing Bridge	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		
West Street Water Extension	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,014.87		14.87
Tonella Road & Farley Street		1,000.00	1,000.00	430.40	569.60	
Town Road Aid - Appor. A	775.07	7,467.13	8,242.20	7,158.64	1,083.56*	
Town Road Aid - Appor. B		16,655.90	16,655.90	674.90	15,981.00*	
Totals	\$79,650.07	\$48,501.53	\$128,151.60	\$87,326.93	\$42,457.59	\$ 1,632.92
Net Unexpended Balance			\$128,151.60	40,824.67		40,824.67

*Earmarked for 1954
 Apportionment A \$ 1,083.56
 Apportionment B 15,981.00
 Nashua Street Sewer 15,106.19
 Jones Bridge 1,100.00

 \$33,270.75

Total Unexpended Balance \$40,824.67
 Earmarked for 1954 33,270.75

 Returned to General Fund \$ 7,553.92

Total Earmarked for 1954

Summary of Public Works Activities

1953

BUILDING INSPECTION: 46 building permits were issued representing an estimated cost of \$125,050.00 which is \$18,555.00 less than in 1952.

CEMETERIES: A new section was developed in Riverside Cemetery and maintenance continued in all cemeteries. Perpetual and annual care markers were purchased.

EMERSON LAND: No improvements were made.

EQUIPMENT: The Ford Dump Truck was replaced with a 1953 Ford F 7 Dump Truck.

GARBAGE: A new five year contract was made with Donald K. Holt at \$1200 per year.

GENERAL: Public Works again served the Town by cooperating in activities beyond its normal scope.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Ash Collection: This program was discontinued because of the limited number asking for this service.

Highway Maintenance: The roads and streets received routine and emergency maintenance. Chestnut Street was rebuilt and Summit Street improved. Tree work continued.

Oiling: Very little was done under this program.

Sidewalks: A new sidewalk was constructed on the east side of Union Street and short sections installed on Highland Avenue, Cottage and Orange Streets. A few existing sidewalks were repaired.

Snow Removal: Snow removal was efficient and effective.

Town Road Aid:

Apportionment A: The entire length of Armory Road and Dean Street were reconstructed and resurfaced. Some work was done on Osgood Road and the reconstructed portion of Federal Hill was sealed and honed.

Apportionment B: The money for this fund was allocated to

the reconstruction of 800 feet on South Street. The work has been awarded by the State to the Shields Construction Company.

INFORMATION BOOTH: This booth, with James Race in charge, served a grand total of 12,472 people from 46 States, Canada, South America, England and Puerto Rico.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS: This work consisted primarily of maintenance.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION: This office operates efficiently.

SEWER CORRECTION: Drainage at the upper end of Crosby Street was corrected, some new catch basins installed and the sewer line crossing the river near the old Ford garage on Nashua Street repaired.

SEWER MAINTENANCE: In addition to regular maintenance a bad situation at the Milford Diner was corrected.

TOWN DUMP: Improvements and general cleaning up of the area were continued.

TOWN HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS: A few improvements and emergency repairs were made in addition to normal maintenance.

TOWN POOR: This work was continued until July 10, 1953, at which time Robert C. Campbell was appointed Overseer of the Poor.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Several leaking and broken hydrants were replaced, main extensions were made on West, Chestnut and Summit Streets, the Mayflower Hill standpipe was painted, the well in Smith's field was rebuilt and a successful effort to collect delinquent accounts was started.

SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES

CHESTNUT STREET SEWER: This installation, along with rebuilding the street and a water extension, was completed by Public Works.

JONES BRIDGE: This project was not done.

NASHUA STREET SEWER: Public Works made the necessary survey and design and obtained acceptance of the final design from both the Water Pollution Commission and the State Department of Health. Because the appropriation did not prove large enough the installation was not made.

SWING BRIDGE: The painting of this bridge was completed.

TONELLA ROAD AND FARLEY STREET: Farley and Wheeler Streets were laid out as Town Streets and Wheeler Street constructed with gravel. Nothing was done on Tonella Road.

WEST STREET WATER EXTENSION: 575 feet of six inch cast iron pipe was installed by Public Works serving four houses and several potential house lots.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are made for your consideration:

It is recommended that:

BUILDING INSPECTION: That this be continued.

CEMETERIES: That work on the records be continued, that curbstones be removed from West and North Yard Cemeteries and that enough money be appropriated to provide sound maintenance and operation of all our Cemeteries.

EMERSON LAND: That no improvements be made.

EQUIPMENT: That the International K 8 dump truck and that the Ford $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickup truck be replaced with a one ton truck with dual wheels and a dump body.

GARBAGE: That garbage continue to be collected under contract.

GENERAL: That Public Works continue to cooperate with activities that are serving in the best interest of the Town.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Ash Collection: That this be discontinued until the demand establishes a need for it.

Highway Maintenance: That a sound maintenance program be continued.

Oiling: That this program be continued.

Sidewalks: That additional sidewalks be constructed and more rebuilt.

Snow Removal: That the present policy of snow removal be continued.

Town Road Aid:

Apportionment A: That this be continued.

Apportionment B: That this be continued.

INFORMATION BOOTH: That this booth be continued.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS: That good maintenance and some improvements be provided.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION: That this be continued as in the past.

SEWER CORRECTION: That this program be continued.

SEWER MAINTENANCE: That this program be continued.

TOWN DUMP: That sufficient money be appropriated to carry on the maintenance of the dump with allowance for manning it during the fire bans and to make whatever improvements are desired.

TOWN HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS: That some improvements and good maintenance be continued.

TOWN POOR: That this remain out of the jurisdiction of the Public Works.

WATER DEPARTMENT: That the Prospect Hill Standpipe be drained and inspected, that the source and quantity of water available be investigated and necessary improvements started, that the pumping station area be fenced, that the capacity of the treatment plant be investigated and action taken toward its correction.

Fire Truck Replacement Committee

The Fire Truck Replacement Committee does not believe it advisable to introduce a replacement program at this time for the following reasons:

1. Although the funds under such a program are earmarked for fire truck replacement they can by vote of any subsequent town meeting be directed to some other purpose.

2. Over a twenty-five year period conditions, tax rates and prices can change considerably.

3. It is felt that with the exception of the ladder truck, which is now twenty-four years old, the Fire Department is relatively well equipped.

We hereby recommend that this committee be discharged.

PAUL C. RIZZI,

ROSCOE N. COBURN,

MAURICE G. JEWETT,

LEO COMOLLI,

PAUL N. HUTCHINSON,

EDGAR A. NORWOOD,

ROBERT H. SEAVEY,

Fire Truck Replacement Committee.

Parking Meters

Debit

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 5,083 68
Receipts 1953	9,955 08

	\$15,038 76

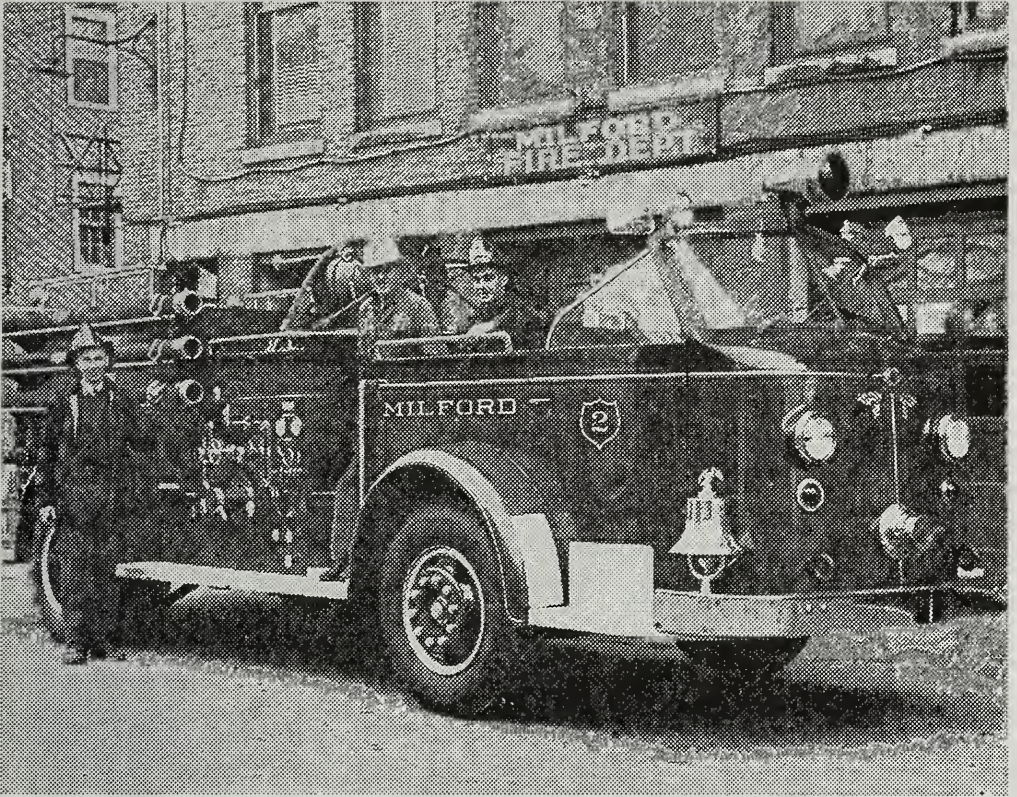
Credit

Final payment to Dual Parking Meter Co.	
for original meters	\$3090 24
Maintenance Expenses	1037 67
T.R.A. Apportionment B	8327 95

	12,455 86

	\$ 2,582 90

PROTECTION



NEW FIRE TRUCK

of Persons and Property

POLICE

. . . 1923 investigations

FIRE

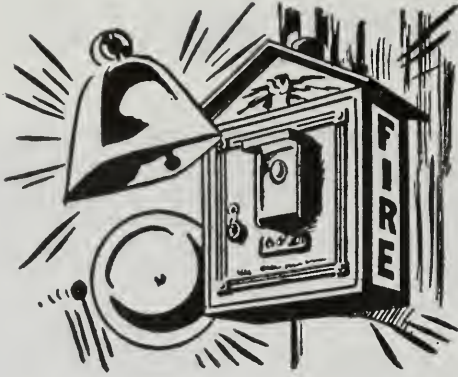
. . . 102 calls

COURT

. . . 145 cases

CIVIL DEFENSE

. . . continues preparations



Fire Department

The department answered 102 calls during 1953, of which 25 were bell alarms, 21 were brush fire calls and 56 were still alarms.

Service Record:

Grass and Brush Fires	35
Building Fires	11
Chimney Fires	9
Oil Burners	8
Dump	7
Mutual Aid Calls	7
Needless Alarms	6
Auto and Truck Fires	5
Rubbish Fires	4
Rescue and Emergency Calls	3
Smoke and Fire Investigation	2
Tar Kettles, etc	2
Gasoline Pump	1
Sawdust Pile	1
False Alarm	1

102

Fire Loss and Other Details:

No. of hours Department was in service	58.16
Fire loss (approximate)	\$16,070.00
Brush fire loss	About 7½ acres
Fire loss covered by insurance	\$11,712.50
No. of feet 2½ inch hose laid	15,250 ft.

No. of feet of ladders raised	403 ft.
No. of Company drills	33

Manual Force and Apparatus:

Engine No. 1 – 1949 American LaFrance	500 g.p.m. Pumper
Engine No. 2 – 1953 American LaFrance	500 g.p.m. Pumper
Engine No. 3 – 1940 Dodge	500 g.p.m. Pumper
Engine No. 4 – 1929 GMC American LaFrance	500 g.p.m. Pumper (Reserve)

Ladder No. 1 – 1930 GMC Providence
Combination 150 g.p.m. Pumper

This gives the department a water carrying capacity of 1400 gallons for immediate use.

Forest Fires:

We again feel fortunate in having been notified early enough to prevent serious spread of fires near our woodlands. We urge your continued cooperation by reporting suspicious smoke or fire immediately.

Hydrants:

Each year since 1949 we have made an effort to have a hydrant installed on the southwest corner of the common. It would reduce the necessity of the apparatus going the wrong way of the rotary for fires located on the south side of the square. Each year traffic increases and therefore the risk does also.

Fire Prevention:

Beside our regular mercantile schedule we assisted at inspections of rest homes and those boarding state children, conducted by the Fire Marshal's office.

We would bring to your attention the law requiring inspection and permits on all new oil burner installations.

Recommendations:

We recommend that the budget be raised by \$300 to cover increases in the costs of materials and supplies. We call to your attention that we have operated on the same budget since 1947.

If the town sees fit to incorporate radio transmission in any form we would feel most fortunate. We haven't made request because we feel that the expense would be prohibitive to any single department, but coupled with the police department it would be efficient and economical. We understand that a Civic Club committee is studying the matter.

Appreciation:

We wish to express our thanks for the splendid cooperation and interest of the department personnel who have spent many hours training and fighting fires.

We wish to thank the local and State police, Telephone and Public Service Companies, Public Works, Selectmen's office, and all who assisted through the year.

PAUL N. HUTCHINSON,
 EDGAR A. NORWOOD,
 ROBERT H. SEAVEY,
Board of Firewards.

Financial Account

Special Appropriations:

Scott Air Paks:		
Appropriation		\$1000 00
Expended		\$1000 00
New Fire Truck:		
Appropriation		\$15,000 00
Expended		\$15,000 00

Regular Appropriation:

Appropriation		\$8300 00
Income		330 51
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Total available		\$8630 51
Expended		8627 91
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Returned to General Account		\$2 60

Detail:

Steward	\$ 365 00
Operation Expense	678 84

Station Supplies	328 95
Labor at Station	169 00
Fire Prevention	216 21
Alarm System	374 50
Telephone	143 07
Payroll	4799 89
New Equipment	1524 37
Miscellaneous	28 08

	\$8627 91
Balance	2 60

	\$8630 51

FIRE TRUCK COMMITTEE

The committee met with and interviewed representatives of four standard make fire truck companies. After a great deal of comparison and discussion it was decided to purchase a truck similar to Engine No. 1, which has proved itself more than satisfactory.

We placed an order with American LaFrance Foamite Corporation of Elmira, N. Y., on April 6, 1953, for a Scout Model, 500 gallons per minute pump with a 215 h.p. motor, 500 gallon water tank, two booster reels and all other standard equipment, at a price of \$15,000.

This truck arrived on November 9 and was accepted after passing the Underwriters' tests on November 14. It was immediately placed in service. We recommend that the old truck be retained by the department and placed in reserve status, and that this committee be discharged.

PAUL N. HUTCHINSON, *Chairman*

ROBERT SEAVEY,
EDGAR A. NORWOOD,
ROSCOE N. COBURN,

RALPH S. WOODMAN,
ARTHUR L. REA,
WILLIAM G. E. MUTZ.

Civil Defense

We are all aware that there is a real job to be done in Civil Defense here in Milford. For the most part, we get excellent cooperation from all phases of our organization and from the townspeople.

On September 9 and 10, 1953, I attended part of the Civil Defense Conference held at the University of New Hampshire at Durham, where we were instructed in many phases of this work by experts in their field. Governor Gregg made it clear in his remarks that he is 100 per cent behind Civil Defense and that it is the duty of everyone to participate to the fullest extent possible.

We need volunteers for the Ground Observers Corps and I hope that more of our townspeople can find time to participate in this vital part of Civil Defense.

We will continue to keep Milford prepared as well as possible, with your continued cooperation, to play its role if and when it is needed, but Civil Defense is not just for a few — it is for all.

I wish to thank the Milford Cabinet for the editorials, news items, etc., that they have so generously printed in behalf of Civil Defense.

DAVID DEANS, Jr., *Local Civil Defense Director.*

Police Department



To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to report that we have had no fatal motor vehicle accident the past two years. Twenty-one of the accidents reported did have personal injuries.

Juvenile offenses showed a sharp increase during the past year. Juvenile delinquency is partially a police problem. Here in Milford we have received the co-operation of the Court, clergymen, school officials, parents, and newspaper, with the result that we have practically no repeaters amongst the children involved. Whatever the cause for juvenile delinquency, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Responsible action against the problem should be maintained not only by the law enforcement agencies but by every segment of our society which bears either a private or a general responsibility to the children of this complex age in which we live.

I wish to thank the teachers and members of the student traffic patrols for their cooperation, and who are doing a fine protective work at both schools.

Auxiliary Chief Angelo Bernasconi and his men have rendered valuable service on many occasions. These men have worked without financial compensation and they deserve the thanks of all of us.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the presiding Justice and Associate Justice of the Milford Municipal Court for the aid and cooperation given me this past year.

I am also grateful to the Fire Chief and members of the Department for the assistance they have given me and the Police Department.

I wish to express my gratitude also to other town officials for their help throughout the year.

I wish to mention the splendid cooperation of the State Police with this Department, and this Department is grateful for the generous assistance given by the two state officers living in Milford.

OLIVER G. WILLIAMSON, *Chief.*

AUTOMOBILE INVESTIGATIONS

Auto accidents reported and investigated	96
Allowing improper person to operate motor vehicle	1
Driving under influence	5
Driving unregistered car	7
Driving over yellow line	4
Driving after expiration of license	10
Defective equipment	1
Failing to stop at stop sign	5
Failing to keep right	3
Failing to give signal	1
Failing to stop for officer	1
Failing to report accident	1
Motor vehicle violation warnings given	145
Negligent operating	6
Rotary violation	4
Reckless operating	1
Speeding	84
Taking car without authority	1
Uninspected car	1
Warning for speeding	148

OTHER INVESTIGATIONS

Assault	2
Aid rendered	40
Articles reported lost	72
Articles returned to owner	35
Articles held for safekeeping	70
Amount of lost money returned to owners	\$264.66
Assistance rendered at fires	17
Burglary	2
Bicycles reported missing	3
Complaints received	784
Contempt action	1
Deaths investigated	2
Disorderly conduct	6
Drunk	9
Doors found unlocked	148
Delinquent dog taxes for collection	64
Dogs recovered for owners	32
Dogs killed by motor vehicles	8
Dog complaints	159
Dead cats	22
Investigations for other Departments	35
Juvenile petitions	6
Juvenile investigations	21
Juveniles questioned in connection with complaints	24
Larceny investigations	18
Lodgers	22
Lights out in business places	74
Malicious damage	3
Mental cases	2
Missing persons	8
Miles travelled	19,800
Non-support	3
Offenders held for other Departments	22
Police escort by request	175
Police detail by request	21
Road hazards reported	33
Street lights out	55
Safekeeping	31
Selling mortgaged property	1
Statutory offense	2
Suppression of disturbances	14
Sunday licenses distributed	44
Summons issued	108

Vacant house inspection	12
PARKING METERS	
Parking meters in operation	119
Meter collections made	52 times
Meter money taken to Bank	51 times
Meter forfeits	1,149
Parking meters found out of order from	
January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953	511

Municipal Court

CHARLES B. SULLIVAN, *Justice*

ARTHUR B. ROTCH, *Associate Justice*

FLORENCE M. SWEENEY, *Clerk*

Court sessions have been held Friday evenings throughout most of the year. Judge Nelson left after the first quarter of the year to become Assistant Attorney General for the State, and Judge Charles B. Sullivan was appointed to replace him.

There were 145 local cases during 1953, plus cases brought by state officers. Local cases are included in the report of the Chief of Police.

Payments to court officials and the clerk were:

George F. Nelson, $\frac{1}{4}$ year	\$150.00
Charles B. Sullivan, $\frac{3}{4}$ year	450.00
Arthur B. Rotch	130.00
Florence M. Sweeney	250.00

The clerk's financial report follows:

Receipts

Fines	\$2574 00
Civil entries and writs sold	9 50
Entry fees, Small Claims Court	64 60
Outstanding checks issued in 1952	7 92

	\$2656 02

Disbursements

State of New Hampshire:

Motor Vehicle Dept., fines	\$1407 60
Fish & Game Dept., fines	18 00
Dept. of Labor, fines	33 50

	1459 10
Kittredge & Prescott, telephone	3 85
Witness fees paid in criminal cases	6 24
Cabinet Press, printing	52 75
Postage and envelopes	17 60

N. H. Assn. Municipal Court Judges, dues	5 00	
Charles B. Sullivan, Justice, Small Claims Court	34 00	
Florence M. Sweeney, Clerk, Small Claims Court	8 50	
Paid H. E. Trentini, Treas. Town of Milford, N. H., balance for 1953	1068 98	
	-----	\$2656 02



Reports of the W. Y. Wadleigh Memorial Library

LIBRARY HOURS

Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a. m. to 12,
2 p. m. to 6 (closed Saturday afternoons in summer)
Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
evenings 7 to 8:30

LIBRARY STAFF

Miss Alice E. Ames, *Librarian*
Miss Ruth D. French, *Assistant Librarian*
Mrs. Ruth Richardson, *Second Assistant Librarian*

Librarian

“INFORMATION PLEASE” FOR BASHFUL BOOKWORMS

This report, for the year of 1953, may be somewhat of a departure from the usual pattern for reports. It is not our wish to expound upon what has been accomplished during the year, so much as to point out to the people of Milford ways in which the library and staff try to serve the community. There may be many citizens who have not received the full benefit of their tax dollars used for the support of the library. To them this report will show where they may receive a wealth of dividends in 1954 — just by paying frequent visits to their library, the Bookworm’s paradise.

On the second and fourth Thursday evenings, from 7:30 to

9:30, a Great Books Group meets at the library. These discussions on great literature are open to the citizens of Milford and surrounding towns. There are 12 persons regularly attending this group under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Gordon.

In the month of February there is an Arts and Crafts Show held in the library auditorium. These exhibits are open to anyone in Milford who does creative work in painting, sketching or pastels; crafts work in metal, wood or jewelry, and others such as photography and rugs. These exhibits are patronized by many people who appreciate the beautiful in art.

There are now three yearly projects which should be of interest to all parents. In the summer the library conducts a Reading Club to assist children in continuing their reading during those months when the school is not in session. This year it was a Magic Bus Reading Club, climaxed by a grand party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Rotch. Also in the summer a Poetry Hour is held for children in the hope that they may cherish a love for this phase of literature. In 1953 those assisting the librarian in this project were Mrs. LaVern Ells, Mrs. Walter Erikson and Capt. and Mrs. Richard Mesle.

In November each year, National Book Week is celebrated in the interest of good reading for children. Book Week is observed in Milford and in 1953 it took the form of a Carnival of Books, with the auditorium decorated to fit the occasion. Never before has the library had a more distinguished exhibit of children's literature and never before was this institution host to so many children during one week. With the cooperation of the teachers, all grades of the Elementary School visited the library, by classes, for the Carnival of Books and stories by the librarians. The teachers were so impressed with the benefits of such a visit that this may become a yearly event. This is a special opportunity for parents to learn what the library is doing for their children.

The above are special services which the library renders during the year at stated times but reference work and the circulation of books are services available to all throughout the entire year.

For those who do not fully realize the variety and scope of the subject matter to be found within the library, we wish to emphasize the fact that the shelves contain books on many subjects, to meet the needs of the people, as far as funds will allow. As far as possible this material is up to date. A 1953 edition of the World Book Encyclopedia was purchased in December. For technical books, which would be used by only a limited number of people, there is the State Library at our disposal.

The past year saw 659 new books added to the library collection (the largest number ever added in one year), 84 of which were gifts from friends of the library. This year 46 books for children came from money given by teachers, pupils and friends of the Milford schools in memory of Miss Mary E. Pettee, former teacher and school principal. By this gift of money, the library was able to purchase more books for children than would otherwise have been possible. Other gifts were received from the following:

Mrs. Winthrop Wood, Mrs. Everett Wheeler, Mrs. Roland Trombly, Mrs. Susan Badger, Mr. Cecil Stinson, Mrs. Roy Peacock, Mrs. Frank Plante, Mrs. Lucy Cushing, Mr. Lester Foster, Shelly Wyman, Mr. Sumner Emerson, Miss Susan Turner, Miss Susan Darcy, Mrs. Carroll Chase, Mrs. Harold Pratt, Mrs. Addie Kendall, Mrs. Charles Lincoln, Mr. Robert Kelly, The Milford Garden Club, Milford School Board, Woman's League, and the N. H. Heart Association.

We are deeply grateful for all expressions of interest in the library for they bring added service to the people of the town.

The library continues to supply the schools, Home for Aged and Grange with collections of books. Classes from school have received instructions in the use of the library and on Career Day a group of girls heard a talk on librarianship by the librarian.

During the winter a story hour is held for children on Saturday mornings.

I wish to express my personal appreciation to Miss Ruth French, Mrs. Ruth Richardson, Mr. Edward Mitchell and the

Library Trustees for their constant assistance and understanding during the year just ended.

It is hoped that the Bookworms of Milford will not neglect their vitamins during the year of 1954. The library will try to serve a varied diet for the most exacting and individual tastes. We also want to remind our friendly Bookworms that, "It has been said that man is judged by the company he keeps, and in nothing is this more clearly demonstrated than in the bookish companions one chooses for his constant friends." (from "My Silent Servants" by John Bangs)

Respectfully,
ALICE E. AMES, *Librarian.*

Library Resources

Bound Volumes	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Beginning of year 1953	15,585	3,272	18,857
Added by purchase	350	225	575
Added by gifts	32	52	84
	15,967	3,549	19,516
Discarded	66	123	189
Totals at end of year 1953	15,901	3,426	19,327
Total circulation of books and periodicals			31,131
Number of new borrowers			223
Number of books used by classification:			
	Adult	Juvenile	
General Works	4,251	159	
Philosophy	154	2	
Religion	199	52	
Sociology	337	425	
Philology	20	14	
Natural Science	336	396	
Useful Arts	495	389	
Fine Arts	402	96	
Fiction	12,395	5,357	
Literature	499	1,330	
Geography and Travel	834	309	
Biography	1,300	869	
History	407	104	
	21,629	9,502	

Library Treasurer

December 31, 1953

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1953		\$ 732 37
Town of Milford Appropriation		7648 53
Interest on Trust Funds		1284 27
Donation from A. L. Keyes Trust		200 00
Balance of Librarian's Petty Account		631 00
Cash received by Librarian:		
Reimbursement for books purchased for town borrowers	\$241 66	
Histories sold	36 00	
Sale of discarded books	19 55	
Rent of Library Auditorium	69 00	
Use of Library by out of town borrowers	21 50	
Use of phone	4 29	
Fines	458 62	
Mary Pettee Fund	72 56	
	-----	923 18

		\$11,419 35

Disbursements

Salary of Librarian	\$2234 97
Salary of Assistant Librarian (1st)	1874 97
Salary of Assistant Librarian (2nd)	791 94
Salary of Janitor	1854 70
Janitor's supplies	79 62
Books purchased	1515 04
Periodicals purchased	156 95
Water	25 25
Electricity	222 50
Telephone	108 08
Binding	74 99
Librarian's supplies	87 35
Repairs and replacements	22 70

Postage		3 00
Flowers		5 00
N. H. Library Association, dues		5 00
American Library Association, dues		6 00
Servicing oil heater		54 21
Milford Historical Society, proceeds from sale of Town Histories		36 00
Fuel oil		461 78
Cash paid by Librarian:		
Supplies	\$ 26 48	
Services	144 06	
Librarian's expenses to Summer Institute and Annual Meeting	41 00	
Books purchased with Pettee Fund	72 56	
Special Activities:		
Summer Reading Club	5 83	
Book Week	2 25	
Paid Treas. balance of Petty Account	631 00	
	-----	923 18
Balance on hand, December 31, 1953		876 12

		\$11,419 35

Respectfully submitted,
 BENJAMIN F. PRESCOTT, *Treasurer.*

Library Trustees

The Trustees are grateful to the Library staff for efficient and helpful service to the people of Milford.

This year the library will receive the income from a fund of \$1000 left by the late Miss Annabell C. Secombe, who served as librarian for many years. This fund was left to the town, with the stipulation that the income be used for library purposes. The significance of this trust seems to us far greater than the amount of money involved. Miss Secombe devoted her life to the library, and the fact that she left this money to it is both a tribute to her devotion and evidence of the vital role she felt the library has in the community.

William B. Rotch, chairman, represented the library at the meeting of New Hampshire Library Trustees in Concord.

We anticipate spending \$11,297.00 in 1954, but with a balance of \$876.12 on hand and certain other income from trust funds, we are asking that \$8,461.61 be appropriated in 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. ROTCH, *Chairman*
BENJAMIN F. PRESCOTT,
MISS MURIEL B. YOUNG.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Planning Board

The Planning Board met three times since its revision in November.

The first meeting of the Board was held December 2, 1953. The objectives of the new board:

1. To assist the Selectmen in long range planning.
2. To develop and suggest plans to the Selectmen.
3. To study proposed projects at the request of the Selectmen.
4. The Board shall be advisory to the Selectmen.

At this meeting a great many constructive proposals and plans were discussed involving the future of Milford. The most important discussion concerned the new highway on South Street and its lack of a sidewalk. It was recommended that the Selectmen work with the contractors and landowners to make or to plan a sidewalk up to the present swimming pool. Provisions should also be made for a bicycle path to protect riders from the open highway. A recommendation was also made that the parking area on School Street be flood-lighted for night use. The present lighting is very poor there. It was agreed that the old town sheds adjoining the parking area should be torn down to provide a larger parking area. Other recommendations made to the Selectmen in subsequent meetings were:

To make provisions for more seats at Endicott Park.

To work with the Civilian Defense Director in selecting a more appropriate location for the observation post.

To make plans to resurface Nashua Street immediately after the sewer has been laid.

To appoint a permanent traffic safety committee to study and to make recommendations to the Selectmen on traffic, parking, and pedestrian problems.

To improve drastically the facilities of the local detention rooms.

The Board has requested that the Superintendent of Public Works furnish them with maps and descriptions of all lands owned by the Town of Milford to aid in future planning.

At the beginning of the new year one member, Robert Campbell, resigned, leaving the present Board with four members: Ernest Durant, Chairman; Francis Lorden, Lawrence Billings, Joseph Silva, Secretary.

The Board wishes to say that any suggestions on town improvement presented by our citizens will be carefully considered.

The Board meets on the first Wednesday of every month in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH M. SILVA, *Secretary.*

Livermore Community Association

The Livermore Community House Association wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$200.00, the annual appropriation of the Town of Milford toward its maintenance.

On September 1, 1953 Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nystrom of Pelham, N. H., were appointed custodians of the House and we feel sure they will do everything possible to take care of the people using the house.

Once again we ask the cooperation of the townspeople, in order to maintain this beautiful old place.

MARGARET H. HOWISON,

Chairman.

Playground and Pool

Marilyn Thomas, *Director*

The pool opened June 21st and closed officially September 5th, a two week longer period than the previous summer. Regular classes began July 1 and ended September 1. Within these dates a busy program was carried out offering to the children of Milford instruction in all levels of swimming and diving, and playground activities.

The staff included one member with a senior life-saving background, one with Scout life-saving credit, one with adequate swimming ability and a great deal of experience with children, and the director with instructorship Red Cross rating along with all Red Cross Live-Saving Certificates.

Attendance this year started fair and then became higher as the month of July progressed. An average of at least 300 children was accommodated by lessons and free swims during the course of an average day in July. The weather became cool and damp in August and attendance dropped the first two weeks. The cool weather persisted in August until the last two weeks when extremely hot weather again brought a great population of Milford youngsters.

The pool was closed one day in July because of rain, and four in August. Because of low water and the threat of polio in the state, the director sought information from the State Board of Health, and the State Red Cross Swimming Staff, and closed the pool for three days as a precautionary action.

POOL REPORT

We passed 54 beginners and non-swimmers into the intermediate class during the season. Twenty-four students went from the intermediate course to the swimmers. We worked with approximately 14 advanced swimmers and divers throughout the summer. Over 90 children received some sort of diving training.

Our swimming schedule was strictly followed throughout the summer season. Early morning included the beginners fol-

lowed by the intermediates and general swim. The afternoon program included the swimmers, divers, and general swim. Extending the hours from last year, the pool was open every evening, three sessions Saturday, and two Sunday, including the daily program.

Every week the pool was completely raked and cleaned in the bathhouse and in the pool area. The public again cooperated in a fine manner to keep the area clean.

During the course of the summer, only four children got into difficulty in the water, and two adults. They were not drowning, but needed help from the staff available. Again good rules and regulations carefully followed and carried out, proved their worth in preventing any serious accidents.

We had no serious accidents on the playground area or in the pool. Cuts and bruises were the extent of injuries.

PLAYGROUND REPORT

Our playground attendance dropped this year with the increased interest in the pool. In warm weather the children prefer the pool to the playground. However, the playground was in use every day. Small children played games of low organization, older boys and girls played softball. Volleyball was very popular this year, and of course the basketball was in use constantly. Horseshoes were used almost every day and the sand boxes and swings were popular with the younger set. We had a horseshoe contest for the older group, a soap carving contest and several sand building contests for the youngsters.

There was one staff member on duty or call for the playground every day and the equipment was used and supervised according to the children's requests.

SUGGESTIONS

To make the children who visit the area happy, was the goal of the entire staff last summer. To help it be a worthwhile summer to them by utilizing the playground and pool area and making the best use of all equipment available, was our objective.

It is obvious to the staff that the influx and interest on the

part of the townspeople and children, has proven this program not only valid, but necessary. We can well be proud of our town officials and of our public works department, who help to give the program its needed assistance.

Our check system has again proven to be effective, a system of blowing the whistle every half hour and clearing the pool of all swimmers and taking a complete check of the pool.

A few pieces of equipment are needed, to supplement what we already have. We need a set of quoits, 25 feet of quarter inch rope for the rings, and two new archery targets. Seesaws would be a great added attraction to the younger set.

The Milford Red Cross has offered to refill our First Aid kit.

The staff appreciated the canopy provided for them. It was placed on top of the tower where guards must sit to watch pool activity.

A strong, urgent plea is made by the director, for next year's season. A definite check of the water should be taken each week and an accurate report given weekly to the director, both for her use and for any health precaution that should be taken. Also for the same ultimate reason, may I again stress the need and necessity of the town doctor making regular visits to the pool area.

A thanks from the staff to the public works department and the water department.

Town Garage Committee

This committee authorized by the March 1953 Town Meeting was appointed by the Moderator March 31, 1953. We have held fourteen full committee meetings with an attendance of 98.36 per cent. There have been other sub-committee meetings and many meetings between Superintendent Salvatore Grasso and the Chairman.

Our first meeting was held on April 15, 1953 for organization and general discussion. By the time our third meeting was held on May 19, 1953 we had visited Public Works garages in other towns and cities, agreed on the location of the building and decided that Superintendent Grasso should act as the architect, thereby saving several hundred dollars. It was also decided to wait until after July 1, 1953 before doing much work on the plans as both Superintendent Grasso and contractors seemed to have more available time after that date.

The fifth meeting was called on August 12, 1953 and plans with corrections as suggested at the fourth meeting were adopted. Advertisements for bids were arranged with stipulations that they would be received and opened on the evening of September 24, 1953. At this meeting we received a low bid of \$2,900.00 for heating and plumbing from the J. Casey Estate; a low bid of \$535.00 for the electrical work from Owen P. Fisk; and a low bid of \$16,785.00 for construction of the building from Elgin F. Burt. These bids totaled \$20,220.00 or \$2,220.00 more than raised by taxation for this purpose and left us with about four solutions as follows:

1. Change the plans by cutting items so far that the plans will be basically changed to enable construction within the stipulated amount.
2. Over expend the amount.
3. Not build at all.
4. Go ahead with the present plans, accepting the low bids on the building and electrical work, leave out the heating and ask for an additional amount of money at the next Town Meeting to complete the job.

On September 30, 1953 we held our tenth meeting with Moderator Rodney Woodman sitting in and discussed these above mentioned items, weighed the results of the information we had secured and came up with the following.

Unanimously voted "no" to number one as we had found out that it could not be done without impairing the building, have to be added later or be a continual added cost to operate and to maintain.

When question number two, "To over spend the amount" came up, a request to consider number four was presented to the Chairman and as there were no objections, it was considered next. This was further discussed and finally, after each member of the committee had nothing further to say, the vote was taken and it was decided six to one in the affirmative. Chairman Whipple and Superintendent Grasso were then instructed to sign the contracts and get the work started.

Between the signing of the contract and the near completion of the building there was only one general committee meeting, but Superintendent Grasso and the Chairman met for many short conferences and visits to the building operation, additional visits were made separately most every day and several times other members were there, no doubt, but they visited the construction work many times that the Chairman knew nothing about.

A different type of heating came to the attention of the committee during this period and as the building was nearing completion the twelfth meeting was called on December 23, 1953. At this meeting this type of heating was explained to us and after a thorough discussion the Chairman brought up this question: "Should we go ahead and override our appropriation and arrange to have heat installed right away, or wait until Town Meeting." During this discussion these thoughts were brought out:

1. That we should not over spend.
2. That we should wait.
3. That we have to have heat eventually so what is the difference, now or later.
4. That nearly all comments received from the townspeople was, "Why had we not arranged for heat at the same time

the contract to build was signed.”

5. That why not now bring the building to its completion and full usefulness.

At the conclusion of this discussion a motion was made and the resulting vote was five to two in favor of completion now.

When the thirteenth meeting was held on January 8, 1954 not enough bids or information were presented so that the heating problem could be completed, but the building was accepted from the Contractor excepting that the “Pruf Coat” will be put on after warm weather arrives in the spring.

As all necessary information seemed available, the fourteenth meeting was called for January 13, 1954 and the bid presented by the E. P. Hallet Co. to install a 450,000 BTU type 02-560-S45 Jackson and Church suspended unit for \$2,090.00 was accepted and ordered to be installed as soon as possible.

At the time of writing this report this unit heater had not arrived, but we fully believe it will give excellent results.

We have over spent our appropriation by about \$1,600.00. We have studied long and hard and finally arrived at our decisions because we honestly feel that we have done so for the best interest to the Town. These discussions and decisions were not hurried, but each and every one of us had the full time to consider them that we desired.

We wish to thank each and every one who has helped us. We especially thank you for the opportunity to serve our Town and do assure you that we have endeavored to give you the best building possible, not a fancy building, but a well built, substantial and honest building.

WM. A. WHIPPLE, <i>Chairman</i>	ERNEST J. DURANT,
HAROLD S. REMICK,	HAROLD D. McBRIDE,
CHARLES P. HAYWARD,	A. WALLACE WILKINS,
CLAYTON W. CHASE,	<i>Town Garage Committee.</i>

Industrial Committee

This committee was authorized by the March 1953 Town Meeting with instructions that the Moderator appoint a committee to represent the Town of Milford “in aiding and promoting Industrial Development” and was the direct result of the wishes

of the Milford Civic Club to be relieved of its endeavor along this line.

The members of this Committee are: William A. Whipple, Chairman; H. H. Holt, W. B. Rotch, O. P. Fisk, H. E. Trentini, A. A. Murray, C. E. Weymouth, A. Wallace Wilkins, Roscoe Coburn, Donald Bruce, Kenneth Langdell, Charles Naimie, Samuel Villane, Stanley Hayward and David A. Hoadley.

Beginning with the October 1953 meeting until the present date we have held five meetings with an attendance of 68 per cent.

Considerable time was spent in the early summer showing buildings and trying to arrange for a small industry to occupy one of our then available buildings. This looked very hopeful for a time, but finally came to naught.

Since the full committee has been appointed we have been approached by one party who felt that the Company he represented might want to locate here and a representative of the committee was approached by a local concern which was considering an expansion problem. All possible and due consideration was given both of these problems but due to circumstances beyond our control they did not develop further.

Regarding our present industry, we are very cognizant to the fact that we should be prepared to work with and to assist them in any way possible.

Mr. Holt, Mr. Rotch and the Chairman have met with the State Planning and Development Commission at Concord; also Mr. Trentini, Mr. Rotch, Mr. Hoadley and the Chairman attended the first meeting of a series for a Seminar for consideration of Industrial Development of New Hampshire in the Monadnock Region.

We have discussed how we may best set up a program to promote continuation and further growth of industry in Milford but as yet have not come to a direct approach. We have several ideas under study and expect to come up with a workable plan. Meanwhile, if some industry appears interested in Milford we shall work to our utmost to bring them here.

WILLIAM A. WHIPPLE, *Chairman*

For the Committee.

Dump Committee

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

To find a new location for the town dump; or make suggestions for improvement at present location; or make suggestions for other means of rubbish disposal.

SEARCH FOR LOCATION

The intention of our committee was to find a location that would not be a nuisance to any resident. Members of the committee inspected several sites. Each had some objectionable feature:

1. Fire hazard.
2. Contamination of natural water shed.
3. Inaccessible to majority of people.
4. Too much expense involved to make use of present road.
5. Residents complained before the property in question was inspected.

The committee was offered a piece of property for use as a dump. Philip Brown and Fire Chief Paul Hutchinson investigated and advised against its use because of fire hazard. A short time later a fire in that area bore out the fact as the fire department was required to haul water from a mile and a half away before the fire was brought under control.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To keep present committee active and continue search for a new location for the town dump.
2. To meet with the planning board and discuss the possibility of combining the refuse and sewage disposal should legislative action in the future require the town to discontinue its present method of sewage disposal.

The committee is anxious to find a location that will be less conspicuous and not offensive to surrounding residents.

ALBERT G. MARTIN, Jr., *Chairman*
PHILIP BROWN,
RAYMOND DYER,
DR. OSCAR BURNS,
LOUISE INFANTI.

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town on December 31, 1953

PRINCIPAL

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year
Various	Cemetery Trust Funds	Perpetual Care		\$72,427.85	\$5,350.00		\$ 687.15	\$78,465.00
1890	Milford Free Library Trusts	General Library Expense		5,770.59			54.73	5,825.32
1892	Ezra Gay Fund	General Library Expense		96.18			.94	97.12
1913	Nancy Averill Fund	General Library Expense		480.89			4.56	485.45
1913	Alice Gray Fund	General Library Expense		1,106.03			10.53	1,116.56
1913	Miranda Smith Fund	General Library Expense		528.97			4.96	533.93
1922	Esther Thompson Fund	General Library Expense						
1922	Andrew J. and Ella J. Dutton Fund	General Library Expense		144.26			1.40	145.66
1931	Josephine Dayfoot Fund	General Library Expense		2,212.05			20.98	2,233.03
1934	Hannah E. Webster Fund	General Library Expense		480.89			4.56	485.45
1945	James Day Fund	General Library Expense		5,866.76	1,000.00		55.70	5,922.46
1953	Annabell C. Secombe Fund	General Library Expense						1,000.00
1953	Charles S. Emerson Library Fund	Library Books	Common Trust		1,535.47			1,535.47
1942	Minnie C. Epps Fund	Library Books		12,335.25			117.04	12,452.29
1937	O. W. Lull Library Fund	General Library Expense		00.00				00 00
1937	Frank E. Kaley Prize Speaking Fund	High School		5,000.00			47.48	5,047.48
1938	Alice M. Wilkins Cemetery Fund	Care of Lot		2,475.46			23.52	2,498.98
1907	Dorcas & Mary Peabody Fund	Children's Room, Library		3,300.00			31.14	3,331.14
				\$112,225.18	\$7,885.47	00.00	\$1,064.69	\$121,175.34

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town (continued)

INCOME

Various	Cemetery Trust Funds	Perpetual Care	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year		Expended During Year	Balance End Year
				Per Cent	Amount		
			\$4,164.21	4.00	\$3,134.85	2,806.59	\$4,492.47
1890	Milford Free Library Trusts	General Library Expense	.26	3.58	208.49	208.75	00.00
1892	Ezra Gay Fund	General Library Expense	.01	3.57	3.47	3.48	00.00
1913	Nancy Averill Fund	General Library Expense	.02	3.57	17.34	17.36	00.00
1913	Alice Gray Fund	General Library Expense	.05	3.57	39.87	39.92	00.00
1913	Miranda Smith Fund	General Library Expense	.02	3.57	19.07	19.09	00.00
1922	Esther Thompson Fund	General Library Expense	.01	3.57	5.20	5.21	00.00
1931	Andrew J. and Ella J. Dutton Fund	General Library Expense	.10	3.57	79.75	79.85	00.00
1934	Josephine Dayfoot Fund	General Library Expense	.02	3.57	17.34	17.36	00.00
1945	Hannah E. Webster Fund	General Library Expense	.27	3.58	211.96	212.23	00.00
1953	James Day Fund	General Library Expense	00.00	3.60	35.98	35.98	00.00
1953	Annabell C. Secombe Fund	General Library Expense	00.00	3.59	55.05	55.05	00.00
	Charles S. Emerson Library Fund	Library Books					
1942	Minnie G. Epps Fund	Library Books	25.00	3.59	447.56	470.58	1.98
1937	O. W. Lull Library Fund	General Library Expense	4.78		.38	5.16	00.00
1938	Frank E. Kaley Prize Speaking Fund	High School	22.50	3.62	182.53	209.22	(4.19)
	Alice M. Wilkins Cemetery Fund	Care of Lot	109.76	3.92	98.02	4.57	203.21
1907	Dorcas & Mary Peabody Fund	Children's Room, Library	54.98	3.80	126.74	173.75	7.97
			\$4,381.99	3.87	\$4,683.60	\$4,364.15	\$4,701.44

Report of The Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Milford on December 31, 1953

No. of Shares or Other Units	HOW INVESTED DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds, etc.)	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				
		Balance Beginning Year	ADDITIONS		Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
			Purchases	Capital Gains					
	Manchester Savings Bank — Principal Account No. 202893	\$ 6,178.69			\$	6,178.69	\$163.62	\$163.62	00.00
	Manchester Savings Bank — Principal Account No. 202894	532.12			532.12		13.50	13.50	00.00
	Manchester Savings Bank — Principal Account No. 203836	193.75			193.75		2.90	2.90	00.00
	Manchester Savings Bank — Principal Account No. 203835	255.00			255.00		3.83	3.83	00.00
	Manchester Savings Bank — Common Principal Account No. 204660	00.00	\$ 7,159.56		5,651.80		00.00	00.00	00.00
	Manchester Savings Bank — Common Income Account No. 193844	4,305.61	349.10		4,654.71		165.25	165.25	00.00
	Milford, N. H., Bldg. & Loan Assoc. Boston Fund, Inc.	600.00			600.00		15.00	15.00	00.00
483	Century Shares Trust	10,424.72	1,545.60		11,970.32		398.92	398.92	00.00
701	Chemical Fund, Inc.	10,437.68	83.20		10,520.88		425.86	425.86	00.00
555	Eaton and Howard Balanced Fund	10,440.00	2,176.65		12,616.65		285.75	285.75	00.00
353	Fidelity Fund, Inc.	10,419.64	1,328.00		11,904.09	\$156.45	404.84	404.84	00.00
609	George Putnam Fund	10,400.50	1,123.36		11,523.86		524.50	524.50	00.00
585	Incorporated Investors	10,424.32	1,438.83		11,863.15		413.20	413.20	00.00
887	Massachusetts Investors Trust	10,423.20			10,423.20		372.54	372.54	00.00
560	National Investors Corporation	10,425.48	1,412.36		11,837.84		490.88	490.88	00.00
942	Nation-Wide Securities Co. Inc.	10,441.26	1,788.93		12,229.44	292.25	365.71	365.71	00.00
686		10,428.82	801.12		11,229.94		637.30	637.30	00.00
		<u>\$116,330.79</u>	<u>\$19,206.71</u>		<u>\$123,174.84</u>		<u>\$4,683.60</u>	<u>\$4,683.60</u>	<u>00.00</u>
	Principal Funds Invested	\$112,025.18			\$12,811.36				
	Income Funds Invested	4,305.61	\$448.70		\$448.70				
		<u>\$116,330.79</u>	<u>\$18,857.61</u>		<u>\$12,811.36</u>				
		<u>\$112,025.18</u>	<u>\$448.70</u>		<u>\$12,811.36</u>				
		<u>4,305.61</u>			<u>\$118,520.13</u>				
					<u>4,654.71</u>				

Trust Fund Treasurer

Debits:

January 1, 1953, Balance on Hand:

Unexpended Income		
Savings Account	\$4,305 61	
Checking Account	76 38	
	-----	\$4,381 99
Unexpended Principal		
Savings Account	\$7,159 56	
Checking Account	200 00	
	-----	7,359 56
		----- \$11,741 55
Income from Invested Funds		4,683 60
New Perpetual Care Funds		5,350 00
Annabell C. Secombe Fund		1,000 00
Charles S. Emerson Library Fund		1,535 47
Capital Gain Dividends on Investments — Cash		615 99
		<u>\$24,926 61</u>

Credits:

H. C. Bowley, Supt. of Schools,		
Kaley Prize Speaking Fund		\$ 200 00
R. C. Woodman, Flowers		77 00
S. P. Grasso, Supt. Public Works, Perpetual Care		2,596 20
B. F. Prescott, Treasurer Wadleigh Library		1,284 27
John G. Drayton, C.P.A. Audit and System		206 68
Investment of Trust Funds		11,698 05
		<u>\$16,062 20</u>

Balance on Hand:

Unexpended Income		
Savings Account	\$4,654 71	
Checking Account	46 73	
	-----	4,701 44
Unexpended Principal		
Savings Account	\$1,507 76	
Checking Account	2,655 21	
	-----	4,162 97
		<u>\$24,926 61</u>

H. E. TRENTINI, *Treasurer.*

Vital Statistics

Births 97

Marriages 60

54 Boys
43 Girls

Deaths 74

BIRTHS

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Baby's Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
Jan. 6, Nashua	Robert	Albert Powers	Claire Sullivan
Jan. 8, Nashua	Robin	Norman Jackson	Cynthia Wolffer
Jan. 9, Nashua	Timothy	Charles Ethridge, Jr.	Shirley Hall
Jan. 10, Nashua	Michael	Daniel Strickland	Mary Dodge
Jan. 19, Nashua	Linda	Charles Cassanerio	Margaret Wentworth
Jan. 23, Goffstown	Deborah	Perry Smith	Regina Hoyt
Jan. 24, Nashua	Susan	Arthur Hart	Dolores Hill
Jan. 27, Goffstown	David	Clarence Paige	Lucille Foote
Jan. 29, Nashua	Diane	Robert Bellew	Lois Schultz
Feb. 2, Nashua	Kim	John Jarest	Marilyn Dupell
Feb. 9, Manchester	Wendy	Earle Fitch	Jessie Forsyth
Feb. 9, Nashua	Joseph	John McEntee	Eileen Byrne
Feb. 11, Nashua	Ellen	Wayne Ashford	Nancy Scripture
Feb. 13, Nashua	Stephen	Philip Parker	Marjorie Hall
Feb. 15, Nashua	Michael	William Fuller	Muriel Lambert
Feb. 27, Nashua	Terry	Abbott Potter	Frances Breen
Mar. 8, Nashua	Gary	John Drew	Elsie Noyes
Mar. 10, Nashua	Susan	Harvel Winkley	Barbara Sisco
Mar. 11, Nashua	Shelley	Milton Bidwell	Nancy Cordwell
Mar. 13, Nashua	Sharon	William Brunelle	Shirley Lovell
Mar. 18, Nashua	Martin	Martin VonIderstine	Marguerite Burke
Mar. 26, Nashua	Gary	James Smith	Mary Clark
Mar. 30, Nashua	Sandra	Stanley Stimson	Dolores Hayden
Mar. 31, Nashua	Ronald	Eugene Hartson	Marion Pelchat
Apr. 3, Manchester	Leslie	Thomas Moriarty	Jane Merrow
Apr. 10, Goffstown	Ward	Roger McAllister	Addie Canney
Apr. 13, Manchester	Jeffrey	John LaTourette	Kathryn Grupe
Apr. 17, Nashua	Rhonda	Victor Fraser	Rose J. Calvetti
Apr. 22, Nashua	Virginia	George Fournier	Elizabeth Watson
Apr. 24, Nashua	Donna	Aquiline Grugnale	Jeannette Martin
May 2, Nashua	Arlene	Joseph Sullivan	Enis Bagalio
May 5, Nashua	Michael	Carl Morrill	Anna Staiti
May 12, Nashua	Cathy	Gerald Garnham	Shirley Dillon
May 13, Nashua	Stephen	Alfred Medlyn	Barbara Bragdon
May 15, Nashua	Cynthia	Donald Stimson	Jeanette Carpentiere
May 15, Milford	Michael	George Salisbury	Phyllis Abbott
May 23, Nashua	Sheila	Louis Works	Gloria Cross
May 30, Nashua	Evelyn	Walter Parker	Patricia Rumrill
May 31, Nashua	John	Richard Sullivan	Ella Trombly
June 2, Nashua	Michael	Luke Bowen, Jr.	Laura Bianchi
June 2, Nashua	Brenda	Henry Curtis	Annie Cluche
June 7, Nashua	Thomas	Kenneth Lorden	Lorraine LaMontagne
June 11, Nashua	Calvin W., Jr.	Calvin W. Locke, Sr.	Edna LaMarche
June 12, Nashua	Stanley	Philip Martus	Marlene Starkweather
June 17, Nashua	Michael	Chester Douglas	Roberta Howe
June 23, Nashua	Alfred	Alfred Morse	Florence Simpson

BIRTHS

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Baby's Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
July 5, Nashua	Gerald	Raymond Rush	Frances Ellsworth
July 10, Nashua	David	Francis Molis	Constance Randall
July 24, Nashua	Robert	Benjamin Signor, Jr.	Mary Kirby
July 24, Nashua	Pamela	Theodore Rocca	Irene Bly
July 25, Nashua	John	John Gilson	Elizabeth Dion
Aug. 10, Nashua	Joan	Kenneth Hartson	Marie Gagne
Aug. 18, Nashua	Stephen	Gerald Smith	Beverly LaFebvre
Aug. 25, Nashua	Richard	Raymond Plante	Loretta Whalen
Aug. 27, Nashua	William W., Jr.	William W. Whalen, Sr.	Joanne Gillespie
Aug. 28, Nashua	Robin	Nelson Lemner	Marie Hannon
Sept. 4, Nashua	Jeffrey	John Richardson	Catherine Cassidy
Sept. 5, Nashua	Sandra	Raymond Stanford	Rose Richards
Sept. 9, Nashua	Michael	Kenneth Miller	Carmen Letendre
Sept. 25, Nashua	Irene	Joseph Staiti	Dorothy Durand
Sept. 26, Nashua	Kristie	Robert Conrad	Agnes Rossi
Sept. 25, Lynn, Mass.	Michael	Richard Lynch	Jo-Ann Joyce
Sept. 26, Nashua	Michael	Alfred Calvetti	Amelia Weber
Sept. 28, Nashua	Robert	Richard Byrd	Cynthia Bryant
Sept. 30, Nashua	Russell	Harlon Caswell	Pauline Long
Oct. 2, Manchester	William	Ralph Stinson	Beverly Cadieux
Oct. 13, Nashua	Christopher	Richard E. Evans	Madeline Byrne
Oct. 15, Nashua	Beverly	Gordon Townsend	Mildred Dorley
Oct. 17, Nashua	Peter	Raymond Ouellette	Helen Bedell
Oct. 23, Nashua	Curtis	Alvin Benjamin	Beulah Haynes
Oct. 24, Nashua	Ellen	Norman Turcotte	Elisabeth Horne
Oct. 25, Nashua	Steven	Raymond Desmarais	Leora Haight
Oct. 26, Keene	Debra	Walter Chamberlain	Dorothy LaClair
Oct. 27, Nashua	Donna	Lionel Pelchat	Jean Dutton
Oct. 28, Nashua	Peter	John Gallagher	Doris Bartlett
Oct. 29, Nashua	Terry	George Dawson, Jr.	Theresa Tucker
Oct. 31, Nashua	Susan	Stewart Doucet	Anna VonIderstine
Nov. 4, Manchester	Andrea	David Hoadley	Mildred E. Welti
Nov. 14, Nashua	Sandra	Richard Santinelli	Hilda Rampino
Nov. 26, Nashua	Robert	William Kokko	Ruth Hardy
Nov. 27, Nashua	Rickie	Nickie Grugnale	Beverly Carr
Nov. 29, Nashua	Jeffrey	Robert Campbell	Verna Doucet
Dec. 4, Nashua	Lucille	Robert Gagnon	Jeannine Martin
Dec. 6, Nashua	Carol	Edwin Veysey	Clara Griffiths
Dec. 7, Shirley, Mass.	James	James Frost	Josetha Moritz
Dec. 8, Nashua	Debra	Edward Hardy	Ruth Dibbee
Dec. 9, Nashua	Charlene	Frederick Lorden	Celia Koivula
Dec. 14, Manchester	Steven	Alfred Blouin	Virginia Kelley
Dec. 14, Manchester	Carl Kevin	Carl K. Stimson	Laura Homoleski
Dec. 15, Nashua	Alfred	Thomas Clark	Frances Curry
Dec. 20, Nashua	Thomas	James Heald	Kathryn Howe
Dec. 20, Stoneham	Barbara	Walter Bagnell	Winifred Ingham
Dec. 24, Nashua	Thomas	Kenneth Lynch	Madeline Clarkin
Dec. 24, Nashua	Jason	Frederick Conrey	Eda Johnson
Dec. 25, Nashua	William A., Jr.	Wm. A. Blanchard, Sr.	Joan Lorette
Dec. 28, Nashua	Michael	John Cahill	Donna George
Dec. 29, Nashua	Donna	Richard Ireland	Mary Santinelli

MARRIAGES

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Name and Station of Person Officiating</i>
Jan. 2, Milford	Augustine W. Macone Gladys Downing	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
Jan. 7, Milford	Roland Delcourt Eva Hebert	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Jan. 22, Milford	Harold H. MacIntyre Grace M. Fantasia	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Feb. 14, Milford	Joseph A. Brown Leila C. Buxton	Francis Hogan Catholic Priest
Feb. 28, Milford	Ralph W. Stinson Beverly Cadieux	H. W. Holder Clergyman
Mar. 21, Milford	Walter H. Parker Patricia J. Rumrill	Kendall B. Burgess Clergyman
Mar. 27, Peterboro	Fred R. Ramsey, Jr. Harriet J. Fairchild	Algie A. Holt Justice of the Peace
Mar. 27, Portland, Me.	Francis A. Nash Angeline Powers	Louis Weiman Notary Public
Mar. 30, Milford	Augustus F. Doty Jane B. Gray	H. W. Holder Clergyman
Apr. 11, Wilton	Harold H. Richardson Rita R. Leduc	E. A. Murphy Catholic Priest
Apr. 18, Milford	Albert P. Brousseau Nancy J. Deignan	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Apr. 22, Milford	Leonard R. Curcio Marie Rose Calvetti	Thomas Savage Catholic Priest
May 2, Milford	Alan A. Dearnley Dorothy A. Gagnon	Thomas Savage Catholic Priest
May 6, Milford	David Bigelow Priscilla Aho	Charles J. Lincoln Justice of the Peace
June 6, Milford	George E. Milne Hazel C. Taylor	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
June 6, Wilton	Arnold W. Tucker Pauline Victoria Guertin	E. A. Murphy Catholic Priest
June 6, Milford	Carroll W. Hall, Jr. Cecile L. Parent	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
June 11, Milford	Alec Kennedy Laura F. DuGray	Rev. E. M. Jones Clergyman
June 13, Milford	Chester Whitten, Jr. Joan M. Anderson	Rev. E. M. Jones Clergyman
June 27, Milford	Joseph J. Richards Ruby L. Worthley	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
June 27, Milford	Alan D. Elbein Elaine J. Brooks	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
June 30, Milford	John W. Cable Irene S. Cable	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
July 5, Amherst	Richard Burgeson Laurette E. Keane	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
July 14, Milford	Francis M. Cichy Mary A. Kasheta	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
July 18, Milford	Earl R. Tucker Mildred A. Morell	Francis Hogan Catholic Priest
July 25, Milford	William Brooks Nancy Jones	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace

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<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Name and Station of Person Officiating</i>
Aug. 3, Milford	Charles G. Neely Helen A. O'Neil	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Aug. 8, Milford	Francis D. Dupell Louise A. Durant	Thomas Savage Catholic Priest
Aug. 8, Milford	Charles J. Woods, Jr. Beatrice M. Willette	Francis Hogan Catholic Priest
Aug. 15, Milford	Donald T. Malone Joan M. Gregarek	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Aug. 22, Brookline	Francis J. Maguire Gloria J. Rosi	Francis Hogan Catholic Priest
Sept. 18, Milford	Francis X. Connolly Claire A. St. Jean	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Sept. 19, Milford	Robert B. Pollock Charlotte H. McCallum	H. W. Holder Clergyman
Sept. 26, Milford	Howard B. Morse Jane Beaumont	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
Sept. 28, Milford	Richard W. Green, Jr. Anna E. Murphy	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Oct. 3, Milford	Roderick H. Martin, Jr. Lillian Lempi Koivula	Francis Hogan Catholic Priest
Oct. 3, Nashua	Kenneth E. Taylor Romona M. Bragg	John H. Bryson Catholic Priest
Oct. 5, Milford	Augustine E. Luparelli Jennie M. Acquaro	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Oct. 9, Milford	Chester M. Goguen Josephine T. Bisceglia	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Oct. 12, Milford	Harry E. Peterson Mary M. White	Charles J. Lincoln Justice of the Peace
Oct. 17, Milford	Ralph E. Decker, Jr. Dorothy M. Brisbois	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
Oct. 17, Milford	Richard A. Brown Frances V. Hayward	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
Oct. 20, Merrimack	Stanley B. Hubley Barbara J. Stone	John Wright Clergyman
Oct. 21, Milford	Charles B. Lent Joanne E. Acorn	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
Oct. 24, Wilton	Donald L. Simpson Jeanne D'Arc Belanger	Eugene A. Murphy Catholic Priest
Nov. 7, Milford	Richard E. Hutchinson Emma E. Cluche	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Nov. 7, Milford	Robert E. Courage Kathleen Ann Longueuiel	Thomas Savage Catholic Priest
Nov. 21, Nashua	George Clark Simone Lavoie	E. L. Bussiere Catholic Priest
Nov. 22, Amherst	Marshall D. Strickland Elizabeth M. Parker	Herbert E. Brockner Clergyman
Nov. 23, Milford	William D. Papetti June Ann Morin	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Nov. 27, Milford	Joseph Leo Mallett Carol Anne Grazulis	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace
Nov. 27, Milford	Kenneth L. Shaw Joyce L. Roderick	Donald C. Bruce Justice of the Peace

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<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Name and Station of Person Officiating</i>
Nov. 28, Milford	Thomas Clark	H. W. Holder
	Frances O. Goodwin	Clergyman
Dec. 4, Milford	Arthur H. Baker	Donald C. Bruce
	Bertha C. Moore	Justice of the Peace
Dec. 11, Milford	Theodore Kalin	Donald C. Bruce
	Dorothy B. McKittrick	Justice of the Peace
Dec. 12, Milford	Lawrence M. Poor	Donald C. Bruce
	Dorothy J. MacDonald	Justice of the Peace
Dec. 12, Milford	John M. Steele	Francis Hogan
	Cecilia V. McEntee	Catholic Priest
Dec. 15, Milford	Donald E. Dunklee	Rev. E. M. Jones
	June M. Gordon	Clergyman
Dec. 19, Milford	Harold R. Hodge	Donald C. Bruce
	Edith Walsh	Justice of the Peace
Dec. 30, Nashua	David A. White	Paul R. Walker
	Cassandra Graham	Clergyman

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES — 1953

Eugene Irving Adams, Jr.	Lillian Mary Jutras
Glenda Edith Aubertine	John William Lemery, Jr.
Leona M. Berwick	Roland John Madison
John Edward Burke	Leonard Dominic Mannino
Richard Alfred Calvetti	Elsie Louise Mansfield
Mary Katherine Casey	Lorraine Marchildon
David R. Clark	Jean Arleen Marshall
Louella Emelia Cluche	Arthur Joseph Martin
Edward Randall Comolli	Doris Anne McCormack
Jean Elizabeth Davis	Cecilia Veronica McEntee
Kent A. Davis	Edward John Moran
Richard Francis Doucette	Caroline Elizabeth Paige
Richard Parker Fisk	Leon Norris Pratt
Thomasine Fiora Gilmore	Janice Ida Rafter
Mary Gertrude Grasso	Aido Richelli, Jr.
Lawrence Arthur Hall, Jr.	Helen Evangeline Sandford
Dorothy Marion Hallet	Norma Maria Saraceno
Rollins Richard Hardwick	J. Donald Silva
Norraine Elizabeth Hauser	Ethel Mary Sliney
Arthur Lewis Hayward	Ronald Stevens
Dana Lee Healy	Cameron Bradewood Sweezy
James Herrick	Jeannette Marie Sylvester
Frances Howe	Elaine Marion Young
Nancy Pearl Ives	

DEATHS

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>		
		<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 8, Concord	Edwin Gilmartin	73		
Jan. 11, Nashua	Baby Strickland	9hrs.	40	mins.
Jan. 14, Nashua	Antosia Huk	69		
Jan. 16, Milford	William F. Dutton	69	1	12
Jan. 19, Nashua	Mary A. Pettee	79		
Jan. 19, Milford	Annie E. Armstrong	73	7	23
Jan. 24, Milford	Mary F. Armstrong	95	2	11
Jan. 27, Nashua	Sidney Pond	79		
Feb. 3, Nashua	Mary F. Blanchard	59		
Feb. 10, Nashua	Clair R. Long	11		
Feb. 11, Milford	Mary Alexander	85	11	25
Feb. 16, Goffstown	Daniel J. Mahoney	72		
Feb. 18, Milford	Stella Fiske	70	8	0
Feb. 23, Milford	Millie G. Trow	76	5	14
Feb. 26, Amherst	Michael Guertin	8		
Mar. 12, Milford	Mary B. Chase	75	0	14
Mar. 13, Nashua	Charles Caughey	4		
Mar. 24, Springfield, Mass.	Clara Cutts	88	8	1
Mar. 28, Goffstown	Victor Dupratt	81		
Mar. 29, Amherst	Raymond A. Steele	68		26
Apr. 9, Manchester	Arthur W. Merrill	84		
Apr. 13, Nashua	Vella Mahan	66		
May 1, Goffstown	Moses Towne	78		
May 1, Nashua	Angilina E. Jensen	43		
May 2, Goffstown	Christina Upham	82		
May 14, Milford	John Henrickson	88	3	19
May 16, Lyndeborough	Carl J. Bishop	68	9	12
May 20, Milford	Walter Peters	73	1	12
May 23, Milford	Elmer Keogh	45	5	27
June 3, Milford	Annie Crosby	87	5	28
June 6, Nashua	Marion C. Walker	89		
June 7, Nashua	Susan E. Doll	1		
July 1, Milford	Norma F. Kendall	62	7	11
July 6, Nashua	Antonio Amadio	64		
July 15, Westford, Mass.	Robert C. Nestor	46	5	17
July 30, Wilton	Clarence Roberts	68		
Aug. 2, Milford	Tillie Nalibow	66	9	17
Aug. 3, Minto, N. B.	Morrell John Batise	64	5	23
Aug. 7, Nashua	William Ottersberg	46		
Aug. 9, Nashua	Clara White	78		
Aug. 12, Nashua	John Gilson			18
Aug. 13, Nashua	Edith Bills	72		
Aug. 24, Milford	George Blood	81		
Aug. 31, Milford	Ida Reynolds	98	5	11
Sept. 7, Milford	Bradford Craig	63	7	26
Oct. 2, Nashua	Lillian Gutterson	74		
Oct. 10, Milford	Margaret Coney	56	2	5
Oct. 17, Nashua	Ambrogina Provasoli	73		
Oct. 18, Milford	Estella Bohonan	85	5	21
Oct. 18, Milford	Benjamin Jennison	84	1	27
Oct. 19, Concord	Mary MacLean	59		
Oct. 20, Nashua	Adelina Trentini	74		

DEATHS

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>		
		<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
Oct. 20, Nashua	Catherine McEntee	1		
Oct. 21, Milford	Eliza Strain	77	10	19
Oct. 23, Nashua	Della Hopkins	67		
Nov. 3, Nashua	Herbert Goodridge	57		
Nov. 17, Milford	Hermann Luther Heald	57	6	2
Nov. 18, Nashua	Gail Susan Aborn	1		
Nov. 18, Nashua	Fred N. Hutchinson	80		
Nov. 20, Milford	Elizabeth Hardy	96		24
Nov. 20, Nashua	Gertrude E. Wilson	68		
Nov. 26, Milford	Edward J. Fitzgerald	55	8	8
Nov. 28, Nashua	Annie B. Adams	71		
Nov. 28, Milford	Mabel B. Jennison	81	8	1
Dec. 5, Milford	Dennis T. Trombly	68	11	15
Dec. 9, Milford	Edith F. Parry	92	10	23
Dec. 13, Nashua	Harriet Rossiter	72		
Dec. 18, Nashua	Thomas W. Harvell	77		
Dec. 20, Concord	Allen Foster	88		
Dec. 22, Nashua	Leroy Putnam	73		
Dec. 23, Milford	Wesley J. Jillson	83	5	19
Dec. 24, Milford	William J. Bonner	74		
Dec. 29, Milford	Gustave A. Johnson	85	1	
Dec. 30, Milford	Mabel Shramm	85	7	

Brought From Away and Buried in Town

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>			<i>Cemetery</i>
		<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>	
Mar. 20, Salem, Mass.	Raymond Hill	21	4	27	Riverside
July 23, Waterbury, Conn.	Louis B. Murphy	76			Riverside
Aug. 2, Boston, Mass.	Colin Mason	3			North
Aug. 8, Boston, Mass.	Elmer E. Dunklee	91	8	5	Riverside
Aug. 27, Haverhill, Mass.	Henry H. Wildes	78	10	20	West Street
Oct. 18, Boston, Mass.	Eliza Drew	76			Riverside
Nov. 25, New York, N. Y.	Rachael Scott	80			Riverside
Nov. 26, Boston, Mass.	Alice G. Smith	57	2	14	Riverside

Town Auditors

We certify that we have examined the items, accounts, and vouchers of the following Departments for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1953, and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, they are correct: Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Public Works, Clerk of Board of Selectmen, Treasurer — Milford Free Library, Clerk of Municipal Court, Overseer of the Poor, Treasurer — Trustee of Trust Funds.

Fire insurance policies on town properties were examined and found to be in force.

Surety Bonds covering the several Town Officers were examined and found to be in force.

The securities in the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds were examined and found to be in proper order.

ROBERT C. CAMPBELL,
PAUL C. RIZZI, Auditors.

Perfect Attendance

Seven Years: Dolores Calvetti, Marcia Erikson.

Three Years: Herbert Adams, Corinne Carpentiere, Priscilla Conrey, Richard D'Amato, Harriet Hames, Carol Krush.

Two Years: Nancy Henderson, Ellen Koivula, Annie Parker, Natalie Conti, Marilyn Townsend, Glenda Pratt, Herbert Adams, Jacqueline Wheeler.

School Year 1952-53

High School: Edith Bartlett, Herbert Brockner, David Brown, Verna Burgeson, Dolores Calvetti, Mary Lou Calvetti, Priscilla Conrey, Natalie Conti, Richard D'Amato, Marcia Erikson, Victor Falcetti, Ross Gangloff, Theresa Gilmore, Charles Hayward, Ellen Koivula, Pamela Langdell, Theresa Luongo, Elsie Mansfield, Elizabeth Murray, Annie Parker, Helen Sandford, J. Donald Silva, Cynthia Smith, Rebekah Stenke, Richard Sylvester, Fred Vatcher.

Junior High: Barbara Adams, Marianne Ansaldo, Normand Belanger, Corinne Carpentiere, Robert Cassarino, Janice Erikson, Mildred Heaps, Armand Martin, Roger McAllister, William McBain, Glenda Pratt, Chester Richardson, Deanna Rocca, Richard Trudeau, Charlotte Webster.

Grade VI: Allen Crooker, Linda D'Ortona, Maxine Mitchell, Carol Putnam, Marilyn Townsend, Rebecca Wetherbee, William Richardson.

Grade V: Herbert Adams, John Hopkins, Martha Rotch, Barry Sprague, Richard Vanetti, Marilyn Vigneault.

Grade IV: Eloise Marcus, Robert McAllister, Carol Ruonala, Barbara Smith, Jacqueline Wheeler.

Grade III: Cheryl Carpentiere, Jeannette Gatto, Lloyd MacNeil, Andrea McBain, David Paro, Patricia Puckett.

Grade II: Wayne Sleeper.

Grade I: Dennis Adams, Peter Ecklund, Billie Ann Ruonala, Eric Erikson, Don MacDonald.

Milford Schools



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June 30, 1953

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SCHOOL BOARD

OWEN P FISK, <i>Chairman</i>	Term Expires 1955
DONALD K. McLEOD	Term Expires 1954
MARTHA McL. ROTCH	Term Expires 1956

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, *Superintendent of Schools*

GEORGE H. CORSON, *Principal, High School*

LEOTA R. WHITCOMB, *Principal, Elementary School*

MABEL I. CONNOLLY, *Helping Teacher*

MAURICE G. JEWETT	<i>Treasurer</i>
DAVID DEANS, Jr.	<i>Moderator</i>
A. WALLACE WILKINS	<i>Clerk</i>
OSCAR BURNS, M.D.	<i>School Physician</i>
GLORIA MAGUIRE, R.N.	<i>School Nurse</i>

SCHOOL BOARD

To Milford Voters:

Milford will spend more than \$200,000 to operate its public school system in the next year. In addition, it seems likely that the district will commit itself to spend another \$275,000 on a new building. Every indication points to school costs being higher rather than lower in the years ahead.

To say that the School Board is entirely responsible for how this vast amount of money is spent would be misleading. Obviously there is much of it over which we have little control. Some items are required by the State. The largest single expense is teachers' salaries. Fuel costs are determined more by the weather than by the School Board. However, the total is such

ENROLLMENT

IN MILFORD SCHOOLS

1946 — 1953



that Milford schools have become "big business." As your representatives in the school administration we are conscious that we have a responsibility to know how the money is spent, to insist that it be spent wisely, and to see that you get full value in return.

This responsibility is something you might well consider when electing members to the board. School Board decisions affect the lives of more than a thousand Milford boys and girls, and the expenditure of more than \$200,000 of taxpayers' money. The matter of who runs for the School Board is not a matter to pass over lightly.

The School Problem

The biggest single item of School Board activity this year has been the joint study with the School Needs Committee. Besides our own regular meeting and the Supervisory Union meetings, we have met regularly with the School Needs Committee since April. The "school problem" in Milford is a complex blend of growing enrollment and increased educational requirements. There is no easy answer. We are thoroughly in accord with the committee's recommendation that a new building is necessary.

Our immediate problem will be to find classroom space to rent next fall until the new building is ready for occupancy.

Standards of Teaching

Frequently we are asked: "How do Milford pupils compare with pupils in other parts of the country?" We can answer that question as it applies to at least one field.

This year pupils in all 12 grades took standard reading examinations known as the "California tests," which are used throughout the country. In two grades the results of Milford pupils coincided with the average for the country. In the other ten grades Milford marks were well above the average for the country. These results are reassuring, and are a tribute to the teachers who have taught and encouraged youngsters not only to read, but to read well.

Administration

Several administrative actions have been taken which we feel will make for better morale in the schools, and will result in better teaching.

The Board has adopted the standard code of personnel practices for New Hampshire schools, with revisions suggested by a committee from our own supervisory union. This code clarifies the relationships and responsibilities of the teachers and the School Board. For example, an "experienced" teacher is assured that her contract will be renewed unless she has received written notice to the contrary. Things like this give the teachers a greater sense of security.

A new salary schedule for the teachers has been approved, in recognition of the economic facts of life. The new schedule sets higher maximums, and offers teachers more incentive, both to enter teaching and to continue in the profession. For example, the maximum that may be earned by a teacher with a bachelor's degree who has taught three years is \$2900. Formerly it was \$2700. A teacher with a master's degree who has taught six years may earn up to \$3500. Formerly the ceiling was \$3200.

We approved the plan for the supervisory union to hire a "helping teacher," as a sort of assistant superintendent to work with the teachers and help them do their jobs better. We were sorry to lose the services of Miss Mabel Connolly as Elementary School principal, but glad to be able to retain her services in part in her capacity as helping teacher.

New This Year

Some of the new developments this year include accident insurance policies for school children, made available through the World Insurance Company, for \$1.25 a year.

A dual-control Driver Education car has been received, and makes possible effective instruction in automobile driving.

A consistent program of improving the school buildings is being carried out. The refinishing of the gymnasium floor last summer was particularly noteworthy.

The new woodworking shop space, made out of a section of the high school basement, has measured up to all our expectations. It has given us a valuable and necessary class area.

Conclusion

We are always glad of an opportunity to explain School Board problems and decisions to groups or to individuals, and always welcome suggestions that may be of value in giving Milford youngsters better schooling.

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN P. FISK, *Chairman*
DONALD K. McLEOD,
MRS. WILLIAM B. ROTCH.



Draper Chevrolet Provides Driver-Training Car

WARRANT

for the Annual School Meeting

*To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Milford,
qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 6th day of March 1954, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. (See Nos. 1-19, 25, 26 and 27 of Budget.)

9. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for insurance on school property. (See No. 20 of Budget.)

10. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for special repairs and alterations of school buildings and grounds, for new equipment, new construction, and furnishings and replacements. (See Nos. 22 and 23 of Budget.)

11. To see if the district will appoint the present educational survey committee as a building committee to continue their study of providing more adequate school accommodations and to authorize this building committee to select an architect, prepare preliminary plans and specifications and present a budget covering this Capital Outlay at an adjourned meeting on May 8, 1954.

12. If the preceding article is adopted, to see if the district will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,000 for the preparation of preliminary plans and specifications as outlined above.

13. To see if the district will vote to build and equip a new school building, make necessary alterations in the present high school building and provide adequate sanitary service and administration facilities and to acquire any real property that may be necessary for the proper location of such a school and take any other actions relating thereto.

14. If the preceding article is adopted, to see what sum the district will raise and appropriate for the construction, equipment and furnishings for such a school and the acquisition of any real property; and whether the district will vote to authorize the issue of serial notes or bonds upon the credit of the district for all or any portion of the sum so raised and appropriated; and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds shall be issued, including their sale, the time and place of payment of principal in accordance with the municipal bond statute, N. H. Revised Laws Chapter 72 and 55, as amended by Laws of 1953.

15. If the district has adopted the article for a new school, to see if the district will authorize the building committee to select the location of the school and to supervise the construction of said building, provided that the plans, specifications and selection of the site for the new school shall be approved by the school board acting alone as required by law and the school board be further authorized to execute any and all contracts or agreements necessary in connection with the construction of said school.

16. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for and to receive in the name of the district such advances, grants in aid or other funds for educational purposes, as may now, or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any state or private agency.

17. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to purchase the garage property adjacent to the Elementary School and authorize the school board to lease the property for a four year period at \$2,000, payable with the signing of deed and lease, and to issue five equal serial notes for a total of \$3,500 upon the credit of the district for the sum so raised and appropriated; and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes shall be issued, their sale, the time and place of payment of principal in accordance with the municipal bond statute, N. H. Revised Laws Chapter 72 and 55, as amended by Laws of 1953.

18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Milford this 13th day of February, 1954.

OWEN P. FISK,
DONALD K. McLEOD,
MARTHA M. ROTCH,
School Board.

Budget for School Year

	1953-54	1954-55
Administration:		
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00*
2. Superintendent's Salary (local share)	1,972.80	2,124.20*
3. Tax for State-wide Supervision	1,530.00	1,572.00*
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	2,296.34	2,436.00*
5. Supplies and Administrative Expense	1,537.80	1,569.24*
	\$ 7,756.94	\$ 8,121.44
Instruction:		
6. Principals' and Teachers' Salaries	117,048.50	128,900.00
7. Books and Other Instructional Aids	3,000.00	3,300.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	4,300.00	4,800.00
10. Supplies and Other Instructional Exp.	1,800.00	1,825.00
	126,148.50	138,825.00
Operation of School Plant:		
11. Salaries of Janitors	8,000.00	8,300.00
12. Fuel or Heat	4,000.00	4,000.00
13. Water, Light, Janitor Supplies	3,400.00	4,000.00
	15,400.00	16,300.00
Maintenance of School Plant:		
14. Repairs and Replacements	3,000.00	3,500.00
	3,000.00	3,500.00
Auxiliary Activities:		
15. Health Supervision	1,304.00	1,315.00
16. Transportation	7,700.00	7,700.00
17. Tuition	200.00	200.00
	9,204.00	9,215.00

Fixed Charges:				
19.	Retirement	7,342.54	7,337.96*	
20.	Insurance and Bonds and Expenses	1,212.61	3,523.50	10,861.46
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		8,555.15		10,861.46
Capital Outlay:				
22.	Additions and Improvements to Bldgs.	9,000.00	4,000.00	
23.	New Equipment (Art. X of Warrant)	3,300.00	3,100.00	7,100.00
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		12,300.00		7,100.00
Other Charges:				
25.	Principal of Debt (Art. VIII of Warrant)	6,000.00	6,000.00	
26.	Interest on Debt (Art. VIII of Warrant)	1,260.31	1,152.85	
27.	Contingency (Art. VIII of Warrant)	3,500.00	3,500.00	10,652.85
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		10,760.31		10,652.85
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	TOTAL	\$193,124.90		\$204,575.75

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT:

Balance	3,190.33		
Federal Aid	2,775.00		2,700.00
Tuition	22,450.00		24,750.00
Contingency Fund	3,500.00		3,500.00
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Assessment needed March 1953	31,915.33		30,950.00
	161,226.13		
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Total Appropriation	\$193,141.46		173,625.75
Assessment needed March 1954			<hr/>
			\$204,575.75

*Statutory Obligations

Respectfully submitted,
 OWEN P. FISK,
 DONALD K. McLEOD,
 MARTHA M. ROTCH,
 School Board of Milford.

Note: Numbers at the left agree with financial accounting forms approved by State Tax Commission. Omissions indicate that we do not use the omitted columns.
 February 3, 1954

Report of School Needs Committee

To Milford School District Voters

The Problem

Few matters are more important to a community than the education of its children. Few matters demand a greater share of a community's tax dollars. Any major attempt to solve the "school problem" should receive the utmost study; that is one point on which everyone can agree.

This committee was appointed a year ago "to investigate and report on present and future school needs." Since April we have met weekly together with the School Board, the Superintendent, and frequently with teachers, principals, and with representatives of the State Department of Education. We have attempted to determine:

1. What is this "school problem" that everyone talks about? How serious is it in Milford?

2. What is the ideal solution? What would we like to see done to give our youngsters the best possible education?

3. What is the practical solution? How near can we come to the ideal? In other words, what can Milford afford?

Here Is What We Found:

The overwhelming need in Milford is for more classroom space. The need is acute today. It will become critical next September. Even the most conservative census figures show a steadily increasing school population for at least the next ten years.

Elementary classes are overloaded, larger Home Economics quarters are needed. We need more Science rooms, more Junior High classrooms. There is need for more space for Commercial classes and for the Art program.

The other major need is for cafeteria space for the school hot lunch program.

What We Recommend:

Our principal recommendation is for a new school building to be built on the upper level of Endicott Park containing twelve

classrooms and a "utility room" which would serve as a hot lunch cafeteria and would be useful for other school functions. The new building would be used by Grades 5 through 8.

We are also recommending some remodeling in the high school building, particularly in the Home Economics department.

This three-school plan would divide the grades as follows:

1. Elementary Building: Grades 1 - 4.
2. New Building: Grades 5 - 8.
3. High School Building and Annex: Grades 9 - 12.

Experience may show that minor shifts should be made in this plan.

Some of the reasons why we reached our conclusions will be explained later in the report.

The Cost:

The cost of school buildings today, even simple ones with no "frills" is around \$20,000 per room. That is one of the hard facts of the situation. We hope the final price will be lower, but we do not feel justified in holding out much encouragement.

Cost of the new school with 12 classrooms and cafeteria space, plus some necessary remodeling of the high school, promises to total close to \$275,000.

We also must face the fact that when the new school is being used to full capacity its operating costs may run to \$42,000 or more per year. This should not all be charged to the new building, however, because much of this represents the cost of educating youngsters who will have to be taught somewhere, somehow, whether or not a new building is built.

What Happens Next:

Our specific recommendations are contained in articles in the school warrant.

The first step is to appropriate enough money to engage an architect and to appoint a building committee to prepare specific plans and cost estimates. The second step is to provide opportunity at a recessed meeting for the School District to study those specific plans, and if they are accepted, to appropriate the necessary money.

In brief, we feel it imperative that the March School Meeting decide what action it wants to take to solve the "school problem." We are convinced that something must be done. We think our recommendation offers the most practical solution. One thing we are sure of is that the situation will not just take care of itself.

Why a New School?

It is easy to tell you what we think the School District should do. It is not so easy to tell you why. Obviously, in a brief printed report, it is impossible to review all the studies of building plans, the combinations of classrooms, the detailed discussions of school needs, and the weighing of pros and cons that have occupied nearly 40 meetings since last April.

We would welcome the chance to answer your specific questions or to give you more detailed information to justify our conclusions. In the meantime, here are some of the most frequently asked questions:

Q. Is a new building the only solution?

A. Certainly not. We considered five specific plans, and numerous combinations of plans. One of these was a consolidated high school with Amherst and Mont Vernon. This looked the best from an educational point of view, but the cost was prohibitive. Some of the plans called for adding rooms to present buildings. When all plans were compared the building we are proposing had the most advantages, and when operating costs were included, it also appeared to be the most economical.

Q. Why not add on to the Elementary School?

A. That would solve the Elementary School problem, but it would do nothing to relieve the High School. When the present big elementary classes reached the high school building, extensive additions would be necessary there.

Q. Must the school be built in Endicott Park?

A. There are good reasons for building the new school there. For instance: (a) By having the buildings close together, 7th and 8th graders will be able to use the Shop and Home Economics facilities in the High School building, and can have their

physical education programs in the High School gym. (b) Other available locations are so far from the center of town that additional bus transportation would be required. (c) The park location involves a minimum of expense for landscaping and land purchase.

Q. *What about the four-room annex we built four years ago?*

A. Those four rooms have been very necessary. If they had not been built we would be asking for a 16-room school instead of a 12-room building. They are fine — but they just don't go far enough.

Q. *Are today's classes really bigger?*

A. Yes. Until just a few years ago the 12-room Elementary school took care of six grades, two rooms to a grade. Next year's second grade alone will need four rooms. This year's second grade fills three rooms, with two third grade rooms available. The high school is already crowded. Think what it will be when the present elementary classes move to the high school building.

Q. *Why not build a new high school building?*

A. We would like to, but it is too expensive. A high school needs laboratories and Shop and Home Economics rooms, for example. These are much more expensive to build and equip than the simple classrooms we have recommended.

Q. *Don't we need a larger gymnasium?*

A. Yes, we need a bigger gym but we need classroom space more. Some of the plans we considered included new gymnasiums. The costs seemed prohibitive. We believe it will be possible to enlarge the present gym. This is something the School District would do well to look into. We do not pretend that the present gym will be adequate, but we think the need is secondary to the need for classrooms.

Q. *What enrollment figures are you using?*

A. We have projected enrollments for ten years, using school census figures as the basis. In examining the table, two things should be considered: (1) We believe the table to be conserva-

tive. If the town experiences any new industrial growth these figures will be low. (2) One of the problems is that of unequal classes. There are years when the "bulge" will be in the elementary grades, other years when use of the new building will be flexible. For example, the fourth grade could be accommodated either in the Elementary building or in the new building, depending on the space situation.

Here is the way we have projected the pupil enrollment:

Year	'54	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62	'63
Elem.										
1 - 4	339	356	352	326	325	325	324	320	320	320
New Unit										
5 - 8	301	283	294	343	360	379	376	351	354	358
High School										
9 - 12	389	412	410	433	449	447	468	543	554	571
Totals	1029	1051	1056	1102	1134	1151	1168	1214	1228	1239

Conclusion:

We hope that you agree with our thinking, and that if you have doubts or further questions you will give us an opportunity to answer them.

In conclusion, we want to repeat that we find the Milford school situation such that immediate action is called for. If we delay it is the children of Milford who will suffer.

Respectfully submitted,

THE SCHOOL NEEDS COMMITTEE
 MARIÒ J. INFANTI, *Chairman*
 MALCOLM M. CARTER,
 MRS. GEORGE F. NELSON,
 HAROLD S. REMICK,
 MISS MURIEL B. YOUNG,
 HARRY K. DRAPER,
 RAYMOND POLLOCK.

MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD
 OWEN P. FISK, *Chairman*
 DONALD K. McLEOD,
 MRS. WILLIAM B. ROTCH.

February 10, 1954.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

(For Fiscal Year July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953)

TOTAL RECEIPTS,	\$177,369 91
TOTAL PAYMENTS	174,179 58
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Cash Balance June 30, 1953	\$ 3,190 33

Receipts

Federal Aid:

Smith-Hughes and George Barden	\$2,289 90	
National School Lunch	1,767 94	
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State Aid:

Equalization Fund		5,245 16
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Local Taxation:

Current Appropriation		137,267 64
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Other Sources:

Elementary School Tuitions	\$ 1,887 50	
Secondary School Tuitions	17,102 25	
Other Income	358 76	
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Total Receipts from All Sources		\$165,919 15
Cash on Hand July 1, 1952		11,450 76
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GRAND TOTAL		\$177,369 91
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Payments

(Note: Expenditures for Grades VII and VIII, housed in the High School Building, are, for the purpose of administration, considered as Elementary costs.)

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers:

Owen P. Fisk, school board	\$100 00	
Donald K. McLeod, school board	100 00	
Annie M. Deans, school board	100 00	
David Deans, Jr., moderator	5 00	
Maurice G. Jewett, treasurer	100 00	
A. Wallace Wilkins, clerk	5 00	
Robert Campbell, auditor	5 00	
Paul Rizzi, auditor	5 00	
	-----	\$ 420 00

(a) 2. Superintendent's Salary (local share):

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40	2,132 00
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3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

State Treasurer, \$2 per capita tax	1,428 00
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4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:

Mary Casey, census enumerator	\$ 50 00	
Glenda Aubertine, census enumerator	50 00	
Arthur Tostevin, truant officer	50 00	
Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40, office clerk	1,066 00	
	-----	1,216 00

5. Supplies and Expenses:

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40, office expenses	\$533 00	
Conference expenses, printing, advertising, etc.	497 20	
	-----	1,030 20

Payments

INSTRUCTION:

6. *Principals' and Teachers' Salaries:*

Emma Barnes	\$2,900 00
Pauline Brown	2,600 00
Sarah Byrne	2,600 00
Raymond Camp	3,300 00
Herbert Canfield	3,200 00
Hector Chartrain	3,100 00
Kathryn Clarkin	2,900 00
Mabel Connolly	3,600 00
Violet Consigli	238 50
George H. Corson	3,413 33
Phyllis Courage	72 00
Mary Cummings	2,254 23
Dorothy Davis	13 50
Virginia Doherty	1,380 00
Gerard Doyon	1,100 00
Pauline Fortier	85 50
Eva Gagnon	2,900 00
Katherine Gogan	2,900 00
Barbara Grund	2,500 00
Alberta Hagar	2,900 00
Dorothy Haskell	2,900 00
Eben B. Hutton	1,222 22
Sibyl Karstok	94 50
Florence Langley	3,000 00
John LaTourette	3,100 00
Richard Lynch	3,000 00
Harold McBride	3,350 00
Stewart McCormack	536 00
Mary McGettigan	2,900 00
Marjorie McKinney	2,500 00
James McManus	2,600 00
Beatrice Miller	2,900 00

Payments

Mary Nagle	3,000 00
Edith Noble	3,000 00
Doris Rebidue	2,900 00
Lester Smith	2,572 78
Fay Stinson	135 00
Hazel Tonella	3,000 00
Marilyn Thomas	2,600 00
Norman Turcotte	3,100 00
Margaret Upham	450 00
Robert Upham	3,100 00
Anne VanLunen	18 00
Isabelle Vezina	2,686 50
Elsie Wheeler	1,100 00
Leota Whitcomb	3,000 00
Marion Young	1,450 00
Muriel Young	2,900 00
	----- *107,072 06

*This amount includes deductions for:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield	\$ 1,231 20
Income Tax	13,373 80
Insurance	890 04
Retirement	6,778 32
U. S. Bonds	125 00
High \$43,916.48; Elementary \$63,155.58	

7. Books and Other Instructional Aids:

High School	\$1,871 01
Elementary	898 95
	----- 2,769 96

8. Scholars' Supplies:

(Consumed as Used)

High School	\$3,291 59
Elementary	1,899 84
	----- 5,191 43

10. Other Expenses of Instruction:

(Repair and replacements of maps, reference books, etc.)

High School	\$671 71	
Elementary	785 73	
	-----	1,457 44

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Janitors' Salaries:

Earle L. Randall, janitor, High School	\$2,700 00	
Arthur Tostevin, janitor, Elem. school	2,550 00	
John Forsyth, janitor, High School	2,400 00	
Special officers	139 58	
	-----	*7,789 58

*This amount includes deductions for:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield	\$127 20
Income Tax	489 60
Retirement	468 27

High School \$3,509.99; Elementary \$4,280.59

12. Fuel or Heat:

High School	\$1,865 09	
Elementary	1,589 50	
	-----	3,454 59

13. Water, Light, Janitor Supplies and Expenses:

(Water, lights, building and janitor supplies
which are consumed in using)

High School	\$1,919 93	
Elementary	2,082 53	
	-----	4,002 46

14. Repairs and Replacements:

(Repairs to stoker, floors, plumbing, lighting,
machines, typewriters, clocks — replacements
of windows, light bulbs, machine belts, etc.)

High School	\$2,222 24	
Elementary	903 39	
	-----	3,125 63

AUXILIARY AGENCIES AND
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision:

(a) Salaries		
Oscar Burns, M.D.	\$ 200 00	
Souhegan Nursing Association	1,046 00	
	-----	1,246 00
(b) Supplies and Expenses		41 66

16. Transportation:

Milford Taxi	\$ 7 35	
Harris Daniels	3,000 00	
Maurice Daniels	1,400 00	
Roger Eastman	540 00	
Manchester-Fitchburg Coach Lines, Inc.	1,950 00	
Souhegan National Bank	110 00	
Wilton National Bank	50 00	
	-----	7,057 35

17. Tuition:

Brookline School District (High School)	\$ 8 40	
N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare (Elem. School)	173 38	
	-----	181 78

18. Special Activities and Funds:

Ethel S. Moore, School Lunch supervisor		1,767 94
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19. Retirement:

Teachers' Retirement System	\$6,146 18	
Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40, Superintendent's Retirement	110 86	
Employees' Retirement System	380 97	
	-----	6,638 01

20. Insurance, Treasurer's Bond and Expenses:

(a) Treasurer's Bond	\$ 15 00	
(b) Insurance	1,273 22	
	-----	1,288 22

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

22. <i>Additions and Improvements to Buildings:</i>	
(Repairs and alterations of more permanent nature to increase value and efficiency of the property, such as redecorating, roof repairs)	1,936 29
23. <i>New Equipment:</i>	
Lockers	\$ 255 09
Auto testing equipment	143 35
Chairs	13 05
Radiant screens	779 07
Ditto machine	209 70
Other	2,418 46
	----- 3,818 72
24. <i>Chimney Repairs:</i>	
Wheeler Bros.	831 16
DEBT AND INTEREST:	
25. <i>Principal of Debt:</i>	
Souhegan National Bank	6,000 00
26. <i>Interest on Debt:</i>	
Souhegan National Bank	1,365 77
27. <i>Athletic Equipment:</i>	
(Uniforms, basketballs, baseballs, etc.)	523 76
28. <i>Annex:</i>	
Expenses, etc.	393 57
TOTAL PAYMENTS	----- \$174,179 58

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

DONALD K. McLEOD,
OWEN P. FISK,
MARTHA ROTCH,
School Board.

(a.) Superintendent's Salary, 1952-53

State's Share	\$2,275 00
Local Shares:	
Amherst	608 00
Brookline	214 40
Hollis	537 60
Milford	1,705 60
Mont Vernon	134 40
Total	————— \$5,475 00

School Treasurer

(For Fiscal Year July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953)

MAURICE G. JEWETT, Treasurer,

In account with the School District of Milford
Dr.

Balance as per last report	\$ 11,450 76
Board of Selectmen:	
Appropriation as of March 1952	137,267 64
From State Aid:	
Equalization Fund	5,245 16
National School Lunch	4,057 84
From Other Sources:	
Elementary School Tuitions	1,887 50
Secondary School Tuitions	17,102 25
Other Receipts	358 76
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	\$177,369 91

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Payments on Order of School Board	\$174,179 58
Cash on hand June 30, 1953	3,190 33
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	\$177,369 91

MAURICE G. JEWETT, *District Treasurer.*

Auditors' Report

(Required by the State Board of Education from
all State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the School Board and Treasurer of the school district of Milford, New Hampshire, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them correct in all respects.

ROBERT C. CAMPBELL,
PAUL C. RIZZI,

Auditors.

Abstract

RETURN OF DISTRICT REVENUE 1953

Expenditures

Current Expenditures	\$171,643 54
Capital Outlay	
Improvements to Buildings	9,000 00
New Equipment	3,400 00
Special Appropriations	
Insurance	1,212 61
Debt and Interest	7,260 31
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-----\$192,516 46

Receipts

Balance, June 30, 1953 (Est.)	\$ 2,190 33
Federal Aid (Est.)	3,600 00
Tuition (Est.)	22,000 00
Other Estimated Receipts	3,500 00
Assessment Required to Meet	
School District Appropriation	161,226 13
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-----\$192,516 46

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amount to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Milford School District March 7, 1953.

A. WALLACE WILKINS,
Clerk of the School District.

Insurance Coverage

<i>Coverage</i>	<i>Amount</i>
High School Building and Annex	\$160,000 00
High School Building and Annex Contents	10,000 00
Elementary Building	80,000 00
Elementary Building Contents	2,200 00
Laurel School Building	2,500 00
TOTAL	-----\$254,700 00

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION 1952-1953

Dr. Oscar Burns, *Examiner*

(Mrs.) Gloria Maguire, R.N., *School Nurse*

The total number of children examined 807

The following defects, treatments and corrections
were reported:

	<i>Defects</i>	<i>Pupils Receiving Treatment</i>
Defective Vision	12	9
Defective Hearing	6	4
Defective Teeth	168	58
Diseased Tonsils and Adenoids	50	20
Enlarged Glands	3	3
Cardiac Disease	8	7
Orthopedic	36	12
Defective Posture	6	2
Defective Speech	2	2
Skin Defect	8	5

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Diseases reported:

Chicken Pox	4
Measles	36
Whooping Cough	1
Mumps	14
Pediculosis	10
Scarlet Fever	9

Our Teachers

Teacher and Grade or Subject (1953-54)	Experience Here	Total Experience
Barnes, Emma B. (Mrs.) – Elem. – Special	29	35
Bullard, Margaret – Grade III	1	1
Byrne, Sarah F. – Junior High	3	3
Camp, Raymond H. – Shop	9	23
Canfield, Herbert W. – Mathematics	3	31½
Chartrain, Hector J. – English	5	6
Clarkin, Kathryn M. – Grade VI	33	35½
Corson, George H. – Principal High School	1¾	17
Ells, Elizabeth J. (Mrs.) – Grade I	1¼	3¼
Gagnon, Eva B. (Mrs.) – Grade II	3½	9½
Gagnon, Normand – History	1	
Gay, Clarence W. – Shop & Dr. Training	1	3
Gogan, Katherine M. – Grade V	23	30
Gordon, Clifton B. – Junior High	1	
Grund, Barbara E. – Music	2	2
Hagar, Alberta T. (Mrs.) – Grade IV	36	40
Haskell, Dorothy F. (Mrs.) – Grade IV	3	13
Hood, Lyle – Grade II	1	18
Langley, Florence – Home Economics	17	26
LaTourette, John M. – Guidance	5	5
Lynch, Richard J. – Physical Education	4	4
McBride, Harold D. – Shop	9	39
McGettigan, Mary C. – Grade V	24	30½
Miller, Beatrice L. – Grade II	25	27
Nagle, Mary E. – Languages	7	7
Noble, Edith – Junior High	10	17
Pickering, Louise (Mrs.) – Grade I	1	8
Rebidue, Doris M. (Mrs.) – Grade VI	5	11
Saigh, Bertha – Junior High	1	1
Smith, Lester E. – English	4	23
Stinson, Fay (Mrs.) – Grade I	1	5
Thomas, Marilyn – Physical Education	3	3
Tonella, Hazel G. (Mrs.) – Junior Business Training, Ec., Geog., Cons. Buying	11	15
Turcotte, Norman L. – Science	4	5
Wheeler, Elsie F. – Music	20	22
Whitcomb, Leota R. – Prin., Elem. School	5	7
Young, Marion (Mrs.) – Commerce	2	8
Young, Muriel B. – Grade III	34	35
Connolly, Mabel I. – Helping Teacher – Grades 1-6		

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

I herewith present my fifteenth annual report under three headings. Elsewhere statistics comprise our report.

A. INSTRUCTION

Since the last report, Miss Whitcomb, Mr. McManus and Mr. Upham of the high school staff left us for positions elsewhere and Miss McKinney, Mrs. Vezina, Miss Cummings and Mrs. Brown left the Elementary grades. They were replaced by Bertha Saigh, Clifton Gordon and Normand Gagnon, Lyle Hood, Mrs. Louise Pickering, Mrs. Fay Stinson and Margaret Bullard. In addition, Clarence Gay of New London was employed as an extra teacher for the automobile shop and Driver-Training and Mrs. Gagnon was transferred to Grade Two and Mrs. Elizabeth Ells hired as an extra teacher in Grade One, making four for some 110 pupils.

The other major change occurred almost with the opening of school while the two were yet on the high seas. Miss Connolly became the Helping Teacher for this Union and Miss Whitcomb her successor as Principal of the Elementary School.

The recent Testing Program and Workshop met with a splendid response from your teachers. I am very proud to commend them and to bespeak the results as an aid and guide to improved teaching.

B. FINANCES

Per pupil costs of last year's work are not available yet but predictions are that they will show an increase due to added expenses. Reference to last year's reports will give you an idea what this may mean.

Due to factors beyond our control, State Aid was not available for this year. The formula for computing State Aid is based upon number of pupils to support and the ability to support as evidenced by a 17 mill tax on the adjusted valuation. There was some increase in pupils but the valuation was increased so much

that the computation showed greater ability than need; hence, no aid. Although it has not been announced yet, I anticipate that Milford will be eligible for aid this coming year but the amount will be so small as to not affect the budget to any extent.

C. NEEDS

1. *Art*

We shared the services, part-time, of Gerard Doyon of Manchester for art instruction. He is no longer with us. After considerable search, Mrs. Dorothy Messenger of Manchester was installed as art instructor after the year started. Her services are now utilized in all grades in varying degrees. We need her services another half day to complete the desired program, especially since the expansion of facilities seems to be imminent.

2. *Shop*

The new woodworking shop is all, and more, that was anticipated of it. The increased area for automobile and machine and metal work is very valuable. The breakdown of costs on the shop changes are:

Labor	\$ 840.50
Materials	1,123.32
Lockers	494.45
Electrical	1,000.00
Plumbing	427.31

	\$3,885.58

Federal Aid for shop instruction is less and less a factor in our budget requirements but the principle of the shop instruction to qualify for Federal Aid is important to me. Not too long ago representatives of the various employing groups in this area met with the shop teachers, the Principal and myself to consider the shop program. The present program was the result and seemed to meet the needs of the greatest number. The principal qualification to meet Federal Aid is for 15 hours per week per class. In other words, make the time long enough to give the boy shop experience, really do more than get his hands dirty, wash up and get to the next class. Since this program was the



Boys at Work in New Woodworking Shop

result of one of the best pieces of public relations we have ever had, I plead for its continuance.

3. *Elementary Lighting*

Please note what Miss Whitcomb has to say on this topic.

4. *Fence*

We are trying to save the fence around the Elementary School. Rust has made its inroads. We have painted the fence from Union Street to the school yard with asphalt-based aluminum paint and plan to do the remainder with warmer weather.

Fencing the front of the Elementary School yard is a must with more and more pupils and the uses of the front lawn for play area needed.

5. *Redecorating*

I am very proud of this feature. The buildings are becoming more attractive every year and will continue to be more homelike as we extend our decorating plans. Once the complete renovation has been accomplished, a rotating plan will keep things freshened and modern.

6. *Gutters*

The plan of replacing gutters at the High School began in

1952-53 with the east wing, this year on the front and part of the sides of the middle section, continues next year with the west wing and the remainder of the sides in middle section and two years hence to complete the rear section and some badly needed down-tubes. I hope this will receive your approval.

7. *New Facilities*

Elementary needs for next year are two rooms, one teacher and the necessary equipment for operating; secondary needs are to expand the Home Economics facilities and another teacher.

If and when new facilities are built, I believe a saving in Janitorial Service would be possible by the use of automatic heat at both the Elementary and High School plants.

8. *Heat in Gym and Shops*

I anticipate a demand for better heating arrangements in these areas. I am sympathetic to the demand and believe plans should be set in motion to improve this difficulty.

What kind of schooling do we want for our children? Of course, I want my boy to learn the 3 R's — they are the tools for making a living for himself and his family. I want my girl to know music, art, literature as well as the 3 R's, cooking and sewing, too. I want them to learn to think and make decisions, to work and play with others, to do his share in government. These are the 3 R's plus 3 more. Altogether they are the 6 R's — Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic, Rights, Responsibilities, (Human) Relations. These make for good citizenship. That kind of schooling must have good teachers and, of course, we must pay the price.

My gratitude for a good year's work goes to the Teachers, the Board and other close associates. I appreciate the continued interest of a large body of our citizens in the work and problems of the schools.

Very respectfully,

HAROLD C. BOWLEY,
Superintendent of Schools.

Milford High School

By George H. Corson, *Principal*

During the summer months many improvements were made to the physical plant. Many rooms and stairways were painted which made the building much lighter and more pleasant for work and study. Both of the basements were painted in attractive, light, contrasting colors. The building as a whole is in good repair and will continue to be better as the improvement plan is carried out from summer to summer.

The gymnasium floor was resurfaced which added greatly to its attractiveness.

New Woodworking Shop

The addition of the excellent new woodworking shop and the replanning of the former shop area has given M. H. S. a shop set-up that is comparable to any in the state for a school of its size. The boys who follow the shop curriculum may now take one year of woodworking, two years of machine work, and one year of auto mechanics. The emphasis is being placed on machine work because we are located in an area where that type of work prevails.

With the addition of another teacher in the shop program, we were once again able to include Driver Training in our curriculum. We encountered many difficulties in obtaining a car for use in such a course. Through the interest and cooperation of Mr. Dunklee, a used car was presented to the school. With a little repairing by the auto mechanics class, this car served as our training car. Finally, on February 1, through the consideration of Mr. Draper of the Draper Chevrolet Company, we were furnished with a 1954 model Chevrolet specifically equipped for driver training purposes. This course is considered vitally important today, and we wish to express our appreciation to all those who have made it possible.

Music and Dramatics

Excellent work is being done in the music and art departments under the existing conditions. It is extremely difficult to

get satisfactory results when the pupils have to be taken out of their regularly scheduled periods for these activities. If the building program, as proposed by the committee is voted, we will be able to remedy much of this situation.

The instrumental music program is beginning to show results as we now have a band of approximately twenty-two members. Although many of these musicians are just beginners, they have improved rapidly and we should have a fine band in the near future.

The program in dramatics continues to be very popular among the students. Each year the seniors and juniors each present a major three-act production, and all other classes participate in the one-act play festival. This program gives opportunity, in some phase of dramatics, to approximately 150 to 200 pupils.

The highlight of the year in this program was the presentation of "The Robe" by Mr. Chartrain and the Class of 1954. This play was witnessed by approximately one thousand very enthusiastic spectators. Many words of congratulations and letters of commendation were received for the superb performance of the players and for the masterful job of coaching. We wish to thank every one for their support of this very important phase of our work at M. H. S.

Athletics

The athletes of our school, both boys and girls, continue to display fine spirit and sportsmanship. The records of wins and losses for our boys' teams may not be so impressive as in other years, but this does not detract from the fundamental aim and objectives which we strive for in our physical education program and in our interscholastic competition at M. H. S.

Our girls are currently enjoying a very successful basketball season for which they have worked both long and hard. They are to be congratulated for never having lost their courage.

Home Economics Needs More Room

The Home Economics room at Milford High School has for many years been inadequate to accommodate the large number

of pupils wishing to participate in this all important course. Miss Langley, the Home Economics teacher, has made great contributions under very trying conditions to the future well being and happiness of many M.H. S. girls. Again if the building program is voted, it will be possible to have adequate space and equipment to give every girl wishing it these most valuable courses.

Job Training

Our commercial program is functioning smoothly and in conjunction with cooperating businessmen in the community, we are able to give senior girls on the job training for a short while each year. Many of our commercial students are finding employment immediately after graduation.

Guidance Improves

A definite improvement in the guidance service at M. H. S. was noted this year. We now have a full-time guidance counsellor and adequate space for him to conduct his individual and group guidance and also for parent-pupil conference. Group and individual counselling for all pupils from grades 7 through 12 on matters of emotional, social, educational, and vocational nature now occur.

Improvement in the testing program was made by the administration of the California test of Mental Maturity and California Reading tests for pupils throughout the schools of Milford.

About 40 per cent of the Class of 1953 went on to post secondary education, attending universities, colleges, technical institutes, business colleges, and schools for nurse training. These pupils through their continued success in these schools, reflect the high standard of training received at M. H. S.

Those pupils who did not go on to post secondary education or enter the armed services were encouraged to take aptitude tests with the New Hampshire Employment Service and to register with this agency for free placement services.

Many local employers hired school youth through the guidance department. Many of our young people are in desperate

need of this part-time work. We heartily endorse this procedure and stand ready whenever necessary to aid employers.

Through such programs as School and College Night, Career Conferences, visits to school and college campuses, the pupils of M. H. S. had the opportunity to receive a wide range of occupational and educational information.

We of Milford High School sincerely appreciate the encouragement given to Milford youth to further their post secondary education by means of scholarships from such organizations as the V. F. W., Woman's Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, P. T. A., and the Pomona Grange.

We specifically wish to thank the D. A. R., Rotary Club, Abbott Machine, Dunklee's Garage, Draper's Garage, Fitt Jewelry, Milford Home Furnishings, I. G. A., Public Service Company of New Hampshire, White Elephant, Police Department, Public Works Department, and The Cabinet Press, for all donations, contributions, uses of equipment and property, and for the honors bestowed for the good of M. H. S. and upon its pupils, individually and collectively.

I wish to thank the citizens and merchants of Milford for their continued support of M. H. S., the teachers for their untiring efforts on behalf of the youth of the area, the pupils for their cooperation in maintaining the high standards and good name of M. H. S., the janitors, Mr. Forsyth and Mr. Randall, for keeping our house in order, the doctors and nurses for their health supervision, and Superintendent Bowley and the School Board for their guidance and efforts in maintaining an institution of learning that is offering to the youth of the area an adequate educational opportunity.

GEORGE H. CORSON,
Principal.

Milford Elementary School

By Leota R. Whitcomb, *Principal*

Milford can be proud of its Elementary School and its staff of fifteen teachers for six grades. Upon assuming the duties of principal, I found already in operation an efficiently-organized team working for the best interests of your children. New teachers had been absorbed quickly into the system under the guidance of established veterans, and work was progressing smoothly.

Few changes have been made in the policies as established by Miss Mabel I. Connolly, former principal, as it was evident that the school was functioning in top form.

Additions and Improvements

Paint has done wonders in improving the physical appearance of the school plant. Walls have been made more attractive with various tints and shades of color, and, with the exception of some basement areas, the entire building has been re-painted. The fence surrounding the school grounds also has been painted.

Two "horses" have been placed at driveway entrances, enabling the children to make use of the front lawn as a playground. This has been utilized mostly by pupils of the first two grades as they now enter the building by the main door in the morning and at noon. There is a drawback, however, to the use of this area. There is no equipment such as slides and swings on which children can play. The addition of a fence would be helpful in keeping children and their play-equipment out of the street.

A new over-head projector has been added to the audio-visual equipment. Since most of the teachers took a course in the use of auto-visual aids in 1953, this projector is a valuable addition. Through the P. T. A. and the school district the school received two complete sets of the new Brittanica Junior Encyclopedia. Children in the fourth and fifth grades are

making good use of their new reference volumes. Other additions have been made to a growing reference library.

A new Ditto machine and a new typewriter have been important additions to the school. The Ditto machine, in particular, has had considerable use. Teachers are now able to duplicate work for all pupils, and materials are shared among class groups.

In-Service Training

The teachers in Milford have continued to grow professionally through courses which are taken during the summer vacation period or during the school year when teaching is a full job in itself. They are to be commended for their desire to be better teachers through improving themselves. Below are listed courses and the teachers who took them.

Arithmetic: Mrs. Barnes, Miss Clarkin, Miss Gogan, Mrs. Haskell, Miss McGettigan, Miss Miller, Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. Stinson, Miss Young.

Other extension courses and/or summer school: Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Gagnon, Miss Hood, Miss Miller.

Report Card Study

As the result of a study in 1952-1953 of various ways of reporting pupil progress to parents, the teachers of the Milford Elementary School developed a new form of report card for grades one through six. The cards list the goals toward which teachers and pupils are working, and provide space for the teachers to comment on the pupil's achievement of these goals. Parents are also given an opportunity to comment. The cards were sent out in December for the first time. A poll of opinion seemed to indicate that parents approved of these new cards. It is expected they will be continued, but with certain revisions as suggested.

School Lunch Program

The school lunch program, capably directed by Mrs. Moore and her two assistants, has continued to serve excellently-prepared and well-balanced meals to Milford pupils.

However, the program has really out-grown itself and pre-

sents many problems. Over one hundred sixty elementary pupils are taking hot lunches. The seating capacity is actually about one hundred twelve. One hundred forty pupils have been squeezed around the fourteen tables in the basement and another twenty or more pupils of grades five and six have flowed over into the high school eating area, overcrowding them as well. It is difficult to refuse anyone hot lunches, but the facilities are over-taxed as it is. Such over-crowding is not conducive to good table-training, but at least the pupils get a good, hot meal.

The "cold lunch" pupils now have the opportunity to have milk with their lunches. Through the P. T. A., needy pupils are given milk and others may purchase it at minimum cost. While the number of pupils taking cold lunch is not extremely large, this program too presents a problem. Pupils have to eat in a classroom, which is not necessarily good for the room. In addition, if the number increases much, two classrooms may have to be utilized.

School Needs: Space

The most pressing need of the school is SPACE. At all times this year the enrollment has been over four hundred sixty pupils. A teacher cannot do justice to each individual when there are thirty-seven pupils in the room. We have five classrooms with that number, and nearly all rooms approximate it. In the first grade it is imperative that classes be not more than twenty-five. In *all* grades that is a desirable number.

If our first grade program has been successful this year, it is due immeasurably to Mrs. Barnes who has organized the program, and provided materials, assistance, and encouragement to the three first grade teachers. Working under the handicap of no room for her classes, Mrs. Barnes takes a reading group from each room throughout the day and also directs the art work in four rooms. At times these groups have worked in a small room on the second floor, in the basement, and in the hall.

In spite of the excellent work being done in the first grade, four rooms would be even better, and next year these 111 pupils should be divided into four groups. We have only three rooms.

The second grade is now in three groups. We have only two third grade rooms for them to enter. Thus it appears that two more rooms are a necessity for next year.

Other needs of the school include the improvement of lighting in the Elementary School, a new bell system, and a clock system.

The school is fortunate in having the services of Mrs. Maguire as school nurse. She has been available and willing to be of service at all times.

An art program is in effect in the school with Mrs. Messenger as the teacher. All class groups from grades four through six have classes in art once a week. Grades two and three make use of her services on an alternating week basis, two groups being taught at the same time.

Miss Wheeler continues to provide enrichment and enjoyment through a music program for all grades. Two phonographs and records were purchased this year from the music fund. Proceeds of the operetta put on last year by pupils under Miss Wheeler's direction were put into a fund to finance such purchases as the above.

Now, I wish to extend a thank-you from the entire staff and from the pupils to all our loyal supporters who have contributed much to the school through their continued assistance and encouragement: to Mr. Tostevin, to the townspeople, parents, classroom mothers, the Parent-Teacher Association, the school board, to Miss Connolly, and to Mr. Bowley.

LEOTA R. WHITCOMB,

The Helping Teacher Speaks!

The work of the "Helping Teacher" is exactly what the name implies. The basic task of such a person is to help children, and this is done mainly by helping the children's teacher. During the first three months that this position has existed the program of the Helping Teacher has evolved. It has been based upon the needs of the teachers as determined by a total of 289 classroom visits and many conferences with teachers, parents, and others concerned with the education of children. This program may be stated briefly as follows:

Scheduling, Curriculum Planning and Coordination. Beginning teachers, especially, seem to find it difficult to determine how to fit the day's program into the time allowed. There is often the problem of how much time should be given each subject or activity or for each group within the class. Help is sometimes needed in planning the curriculum and having it coordinated from grade to grade and at each grade level.

Teaching Techniques. Teachers coming back into the profession after having been out of it for several years have asked most often for help in teaching methods. Even experienced teachers are always searching for better methods and professional improvement. Those desiring it have had opportunities to observe demonstration lessons and outstanding work done by other teachers.

Testing Programs. Testing Programs are an important phase of education as an aid to understanding each child's progress, needs and abilities. Help is available to the teacher in giving, interpreting, and making use of tests.

Pupil Guidance is as necessary to the pupil in the elementary school as it is during any other stage of his educational development. His individual needs are considered and opportunities are given him to progress at his own rate through grouping within the class, and by enabling him to have socially and emotionally satisfying experiences. Whenever a pupil is found

to have some particular problem which prevents his adjustment to the school situation an attempt is made to determine the causes and eliminate the problem. To do this, it is often necessary to have conferences with the teacher, parents, school nurse, and other sources of help, and then plan a special program for this child.

Resource Person. Many teaching and professional materials have been made available, and also suggestions and arrangements made for the use of other resource persons. There have been illustrated talks to classes on various subjects coming within the social studies field and based upon travels to North Africa, Europe, Labrador, Bermuda and South America. Typical topics have been "Ancient Civilizations," "Homes in Other Lands," etc.

Public Relations. Everyone concerned with the education of children should know the aims of the school and how the school is meeting these aims. A closer relationship between the home and the school works directly to the advantage of the child.

I should like to express my appreciation to Mr. Bowley and the members of the school boards of Union No. 40 for the confidence placed in me in the assignment of this position and the freedom allowed me in the development of its program according to the needs of the teachers and children in the Union. I wish also to thank the parents, principals, and teachers throughout the Union for the splendid cooperation they have shown me. Without such cooperation the role of Helping Teacher would be impossible.

Respectfully,

MABEL I. CONNOLLY,
Helping Teacher.

Total Enrollment—883

Elementary — as of January 15, 1954

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Grade I	37						37
Grade I	37						37
Grade I	37						37
Grade II		32					32
Grade II		32					32
Grade II		22					22
Grade III			29				29
Grade III			32				32
Grade IV				34			34
Grade IV				34			34
Grade V					33		33
Grade V					32		32
Grade VI						37	37
Grade VI						37	37
Grand Total	111	86	61	68	65	74	465
Boys	64	49	34	39	27	34	247
Girls	47	37	27	29	38	40	218

Total Elementary Enrollment figures for the last
five years: 390, 398, 387, 413, 428

Junior High and High School Enrollment as of January 15, 1954

	Boys	Girls	Total
Grade 7	40	39	79
Grade 8	36	35	71
Grade 9	22	39	61
Grade 10	37	51	88
Grade 11	32	37	69
Grade 12	19	31	50
Grand Total	186	232	418

Tuition Pupils	No.
Amherst	53
Greenfield	1
Lyndeboro	3
Mont Vernon — High School 26, Elem. 10	36

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1952-53

Number of different pupils registered during year:	
Boys 436; Girls 447; Total	883
Enrollment by Grades:	
I-91; II-68; III-77; IV-71; V-79; VI-76; VII-75; VIII-52; IX-100; X-82; XI-66; XII-46	883
Number of non-resident pupils in High School	90
Number of non-resident pupils in Elementary School	9
Average membership in High School (Grades 9-12)	277.6
Per cent of attendance in High School	95.4
Average membership in Grades 1-8	549.6
Per cent of attendance in Grades 1-8	95.3
Number not absent or tardy during year	58
Number of sessions in all schools	350
Number of School Board meetings	10
Number of visits made by School Board members	6
Number of visits made by Superintendent	226
Number of visits made by citizens	391
Teaching Positions: Junior High and High – 19;	
Elementary – 16; Part-time Teachers – 3	

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1953-1954

Begin	Close
Wednesday, September 9, 1953	Friday, December 18, 1953
Monday, January 4, 1954	Friday, February 19, 1954
Monday, March 1, 1954	Friday, April 23, 1954
Monday, May 3, 1954	Approximately June 18, 1954
October 15-16 – Teachers' Convention	
November 26-27 – Thanksgiving	
May 31 – Memorial Day	

SUGGESTED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1954-55

Begin	Close
Wednesday, September 8, 1954	Friday, December 17, 1954
Monday, January 3, 1955	Friday, February 18, 1955
Monday, February 28, 1955	Friday, April 22, 1955
Monday, May 2, 1955	Approximately June 17, 1955

Holidays:

- October 14-15, Teachers' Convention
- November 25-26, Thanksgiving
- May 30, Memorial Day

SCHOOL CENSUS

Mrs. Hazel Adams, *Enumerator*

<i>Age as of Sept. 1, 1953</i>	<i>No. of Children</i>			<i>No. Attending Public Schools</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	
Under 1	74	34	34	
1	71	38	33	
2	99	54	45	
3	90	46	44	
4	82	40	42	
5	74	44	30	12
6	107	62	45	107
7	77	40	37	77
8	57	34	23	56
9	62	29	33	62
10	73	33	40	73
11	67	33	34	67
12	63	33	30	63
13	51	24	27	51
14	57	23	34	53
15	59	24	35	53
16	56	25	31	51
17	48	21	27	34
18	3	1	2	3
Total	1270	638	632	762

FINANCIAL REPORT – KALEY PRIZE CONTEST – 1952-53

Prize Speaking Contest – Grade X

Programs	\$13 00	
Judges	15 00	
Prizes	70 00	
Officer	4 00	
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Extemporaneous Contest – Grade XII

Prizes	\$56 00	
Judges	15 00	
	<hr/>	71 00

Bank Charges		1 00
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Total Amount Expended 1952-53		<hr/> \$174 00
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Balance on Hand, July 1952	\$ 5 28	
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Plus Receipts	200 00	
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\$205 28

Less Payments	174 00	
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Balance on Hand, July 1953	\$ 31 28	
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Synopsis of March, 1953, Meeting

MARCH 7, 1953

Agreeable to the foregoing Warrant the voters of the School District of Milford assembled at the Town Hall at 8 o'clock p. m. were called to order by the Moderator, David Deans, Jr.

The Moderator read the Warrant and then called upon Rev. E. M. Jones of the Baptist Church, who offered prayer.

Article 1. David Deans, Jr., was re-elected Moderator for the coming year.

Article 2. A. Wallace Wilkins was re-elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. Martha M. Rotch was elected a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Article 4. Maurice G. Jewett was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 5. On motion of Mr. Fisk it was voted that we pass this Article and consider these items in the budget under Article 8.

Article 6. Mr. Whipple, Chairman of the special High School Sprinkler Committee, read their report which is printed in the annual School Report and on motion of Joseph Silva it was voted that the report and recommendations be accepted and adopted.

Mr. Ferguson spoke briefly for the Ace Garage Committee Report, which is also printed in the annual School Report and it was voted to accept and adopt the same.

On motion of Mr. Trentini it was voted to accept and adopt the reports of the Auditors, Agents, Officers and other Committees as printed in the annual School Report.

Article 7. On motion of Mr. Fisk it was voted that the Clerk cast one ballot for the two Auditors chosen by the town to also serve as Auditors for the School District and Robert C. Campbell and Paul C. Rizzi were declared elected.

Article 8. Mr. Fisk made a motion on this article which on motion of Mr. Nelson of the Budget Committee it was voted to lay on the table until all budget items have been considered.

Article 9. On motion of Mr. Fisk it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1212.61 for insurance on school property.

Article 10. Mr. Fisk moved that the sum of \$12,400.00 be raised and appropriated for special repairs and alterations of school buildings and grounds, for new equipment, new construction, and furnishings and replacements.

Mr. Nelson as Chairman of the Budget Committee moved that the figure of \$12,400.00 in Mr. Fisk's motion be changed to \$6,400.00.

Mr. Fisk led a discussion and offered further explanation relative to plans by the School Board to remove partitions and change over part of the basement and shop at the High School to utilize some space which at present is not being used. After this explanation, Mr. Silva spoke against the passage of Mr. Nelson's amendment. The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment and it failed to pass.

Mr. Fisk's original motion, calling for \$12,400.00 was then acted upon and declared in the affirmative.

Article 11. Mr. Fisk moved that the District authorize the School Board to enter upon tuition controls with Amherst and Mont Vernon, the terms to be left to the judgment of said Board.

Mr. Ferguson moved as an amendment that the words "or any other town" be added after the word "Mont Vernon" in Mr. Fisk's motion. Mr. Ferguson's amendment was acted upon favorably and then Mr. Fisk's motion with the amendment was voted upon favorably.

Article 12. On motion of Mr. Trentini it was voted that the Moderator appoint a committee of seven citizens to act with the School Board to study the expansion of school facilities, a co-operative school district or other solutions, said committee to present to the next annual meeting its recommendations.

Article 13. This article was again taken up and on motion of Mr. Fisk it was voted that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$178,903.85 which covers items 1-19, 25, 26 and 29 in the budget, for the support of schools, for the salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income: the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Article 14. On motion of Mr. Silva it was voted that the next annual School Meeting be held on the Saturday evening next preceding Town Meeting at 8 o'clock p. m.

No further business appearing, it was voted to adjourn at about 9:20 p. m.

A. WALLACE WILKINS, Clerk.

