

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SELECTMEN

and Other Town Officers

of the Town of

LANGDON

NEW HAMPSHIRE



1951

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1951

Annual Reports

OF THE

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OTHER TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

LANGDON, N. H.

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TOWN OF LANGDON OFFICERS OF 1951-1952

TOWN CLERK Sydney H. Batchelder

SELECTMEN George A. Holmes
Arthur G. Marx
Carrol A. Robbins

TREASURER Walter H. Smith

TAX COLLECTOR Kenneth M. Merrill

ROAD AGENT Ernest F. Batchelder

*SEXTON Sumner Hurd

LIBRARY TRUSTEES Alice Porter
Marion Holmes
Harriet Whitton

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND Lydia Hatch
Henry Ormsby
Walter Bornschein

AUDITOR George L. Porter

FENCE VIEWERS Walter H. Smith
Emery Hall
Sidney Harris

SURVEYOR OF WOOD, BARK, LUMBER Sidney Harris

CONSTABLE Fred Hatch

FIRE CHIEF George L. Porter

* Appointed.

TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Langdon, in the County of Sullivan, and State of New Hampshire.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Langdon on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

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

Art. 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year to be used together with the income from interest and dividend taxes, Savings Bank tax, timber tax, reimbursement account growing wood and timber, dog licenses, interest received on taxes and motor vehicle permit fees. Town charges to include but not being limited to Town officers' salaries, Town officers' expenses, Election and Registration expenses, printing town report, expenses town hall and other town buildings, police department, bounties, vital statistics, town poor, O. A. A., taxes bought by town and interest and cash deficit.

Art. 3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of highways and bridges for summer, to be used together with the sum of \$613.40 Class V Maintenance allotment.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of highways and bridges for winter.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$327.85 and apply for Class V Highway assistance, TRA so-called, the state to furnish \$2,185.67.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to retire the note, due Jan. 4, 1953, for building the State Aid Bates bridge.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 to retire the note, due Jan. 4, 1953, for repairing the covered bridge.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the control of white pine blister rust.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Fire Protection.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 for the observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 for the Town library.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 for the privilege of the use of Alstead Public Dump by the residents of Langdon. (Inserted by request.)

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repair of the South Cemetery fence.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Non-Partisan Ballot system as defined by Chapter 34 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire as amended by Chapter 22 of the Laws of 1943 and Chapter 171 of the Laws of 1945. (Inserted by request.)

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept all Trust Funds of \$100 or more, each, received for perpetual care of cemetery lots.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Art. 18. To allow accounts.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952 Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1951	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1951	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1952
From State:			
Interest & dividends tax	\$ 900 00	\$ 995 54	\$ 900 00
Savings bank tax	60 00	63 18	60 00
Bounties		29 50	
Listing head taxes		4 00	
Reimbursement acct. ex- emption of growing wood and timber	789 87	798 87	500 00
		320 64	
Fire, school		8 04	
Class V maintenance	180 00	611 80	613 40
From Local Sources except			
Taxes:			
Dog licenses	200 00	243 79	240 00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	2 00	1 00	
Interest received on taxes and deposits and head tax penalties	100 00	114 14	150 00
Refunds		114 10	
Refund Geo. Peck acct.		20 52	
Refund Blister Rust acct.		20	
Motor vehicle permit fees	900 00	1160 35	1100 00
Delinquent taxes	3000 00	3569 90	4423 63
Tax sales redeemed	400 00	552 82	989 85
Timber yield	20 00	514 95	300 00
Amount Raised by Issue of			
Bonds or Notes:			
Anticipation notes	6500 00	5500 00	
Covered bridge notes	2000 00		
Bates bridge notes	1500 00		

From Local Taxes Other than Prop. Taxes:			
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2	360 00	338 00	340 00
Head tax		870 00	1000 00
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Total Revenues from All Sources except property taxes		\$15831 34	\$10616 88
Amt. to be raised by property taxes		\$14457 24	\$15801 07
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		\$30288 58	
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Total revenues			\$26417 95

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations Previous Year 1951	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1951	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1952
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 680 00	\$ 725 00	\$ 725 00
Town officers' expenses	150 00	201 65	300 00
Election and registration expenses	60 00	45 60	300 00
Printing town reports	240 00	210 00	275 00
Expenses town hall and other town bldgs.	100 00	90 50	500 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	10 00	5 00	25 00
Fire department	200 00	216 08	200 00
Moth extermination, blister rust	200 00	200 00	200 00
Bounties		4 75	25 00
Health:			
Vital statistics	10 00	8 50	10 00
Town dump and garbage rem.			50 00

Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance—Summer and Class V maintenance	2320 00	3083 56	3113 40
Town maintenance—Winter	1500 00	2238 49	1500 00
Storm damage Nov. 1950	1000 00		
General expenses of highway department		12 00	50 00
Town road aid	327 90	327 90	327 85
Libraries:	150 00	140 00	150 00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	500 00	45 74	500 00
Old age assistance	500 00	709 76	800 00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' associations	50 00	50 00	50 00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	100 00	214 00	400 00
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses, dog damage	100 00		
Taxes bought by town		1016 56	1400 00
Interest:			
On temporary loans	167 00	296 75	150 00
On long term notes	150 00	255 00	60 00
Outlay for New Construction and Perm. Improvements:			
Highways and Bridges:			
State aid construction—Town's share		254 38	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Anticipation notes		13500 00	
Long term notes	1500 00	3000 00	1500 00
Cash deficit of previous year			356 23
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
Head tax			1000 00
County taxes	1639 72	1639 72	1639 72
School taxes	10577 20	5617 74	10810 75
Total Expenditures		\$34108 68	\$26417 95

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Inventory

Real estate	\$277500 00
Electric lines	10100 00
Horses (29)	1900 00
Oxen (3)	500 00
Cows (380)	43260 00
Neat stock (69)	7040 00
Sheep and goats (92)	1150 00
Hogs (9)	220 00
Fowls (975)	850 00
Portable mills (1)	1000 00
Wood and lumber, not stock in trade	3650 00
Gasoline pumps (12)	450 00
Stock in trade	850 00
Machinery and mills	1240 00
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Total valuation	\$349710 00
Soldiers' exemptions	21250 00
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Valuation on which tax is computed	\$328460 00

Appropriations

Voted at Town Meeting March 1951

Town charges	\$ 1200 00
Summer highways (plus \$611.80 from state)	2500 00
Winter highways	1500 00
T. R. A.	327 90
Storm damage highways Nov. 25, 1950	1000 00
Bates bridge note	500 00
Covered bridge note	1000 00
Blister rust control	200 00
Memorial Day	50 00
Library	150 00
Fire protection	200 00
County tax	1639 72
School appropriation	11051 99
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	\$21319 61

Appropriations as Compelled by Tax Commission

Town officers' salaries	\$ 680 00
Town officers' expenses	150 00
Election and registration expenses	60 00
Printing town reports	240 00
Town hall and buildings	100 00
Police department	10 00
Fire department	200 00
Blister rust	200 00
Vital statistics	10 00
Town road aid	327 90
Summer roads	2500 00
Winter roads	1500 00
Storm damage Nov. 25, 1950	1000 00
Libraries	150 00
Old age assistance	500 00
Town poor	500 00
Memorial Day and Veterans' associations	50 00
Cemeteries	100 00
Damage and legal expenses	100 00
Interest, temporary loans, \$167; long term debt \$150	317 00
Payments on principal of debt	1500 00
	\$10194 90
Minus estimated revenues and credits	
Interest and dividend tax	\$ 995 54
Savings bank tax	60 00
Reimbursement growing wood and timber	841 51
Motor vehicle permit fees	900 00
Dog licenses	200 00
Business licenses and permits	2 00
Interest received on taxes	100 00
Class V roads	180 00
	\$ 3279 05
County tax	\$ 1639 72
School tax	\$10577 20
Tax committed to tax collector, property	\$18892 20
Poll taxes	\$ 330 00
	\$19222 20
Total	\$19222 20
Tax rate	\$5.75

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF LANGDON
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951
CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. HOLMES
 ARTHUR G. MARX
 CARROLL A. ROBBINS
 Selectmen
 WALTER H. SMITH
 Treasurer

December 31, 1951

Assets		
Cash in hands of treasurer		\$ 5484 30
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1950		776 39
Levy of 1949		205 73
Previous years		7 73
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1951		
Property \$4417.71; poll \$92; timber \$5.92	4515 63	
State head taxes—Levy of 1951	100 00	
Total assets	<u>\$11089 78</u>	
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	1567 92	
This Grand Total		<u>\$12657 70</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Owned by Town:		
Town hall grounds	\$ 25 00	
Water hole appropriation balance	84 00	
Due to State:		
State head taxes—1951		
(Uncollected \$100) (Collected—not remitted		
to State Treasurer, \$870), penalties \$1.50	970 00	
Due to School District Balance of appropriation	9577 20	
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
No. 12 Sidney D. Harris, covered bridge repair	1000 00	
No. 22 Sidney D. Harris, new bridge over		
Great Brook	500 00	
No. 23 Sidney D. Harris, new bridge over		
Great Brook	500 00	
Total Liabilities	<u>\$12657 70</u>	
Grand Total		<u>\$12657 70</u>

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property taxes, current year	\$14457 24	
Poll taxes, current year, regular @ \$2	234 00	
Yield taxes	514 95	
State head taxes @ \$5	870 00	
Total current year's taxes collected and remitted		\$16076 19
Property taxes and yield taxes, previous year		3569 90
Poll taxes, previous years, regular @ \$2		104 00
Interest received on taxes		112 64
Penalties on state head taxes		1 50
Tax sales redeemed		552 82

From State:

For Class V highway maintenance	611 80	
Interest and dividend tax	995 54	
Savings bank tax and building and loan association tax	63 18	
Reimbursement acct. exemption of growing wood and timber; 1950, \$798.87; 1951, \$320.64	1119 51	
Listing head taxes	4 00	
Fire school	8 04	
Bounties	29 50	2831 57

From Local Sources, except Taxes:

Dog licenses	243 79	
Business licenses, permits filing fees	1 00	
Geo. Peck account, refund	20 52	
Gravel, refund	114 10	
Blister rust account, refund	20	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1951 permits	1160 35	1539 96

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	5500 00	
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue \$ 5500 00

\$30288 58

Cash on hand January 1, 1951 \$ 9304 40

Grand Total \$39592 98

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	\$ 725 00	
Town officers' expenses	201 65	
Election and registration expenses	45 60	
Printing reports	210 00	
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	90 50	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department	5 00	
Fire department, including forest fires	216 08	
Moth extermination, blister rust	200 00	
Bounties	4 75	
Health:		
Vital statistics	8 50	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town road aid	327 90	
Town maintenance (Summer \$3083.56) (Winter, \$2238.49)	5322 05	
General expenses of highway dept.	12 00	
Libraries:	140 00	
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance	709 76	
Town poor	45 74	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Veterans' associations	50 00	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	214 00	
Unclassified:		
Discounts, abatements and refunds	1016 56	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$9545 09
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	296 75	
Paid on long term notes	255 00	
Total Interest Payments		551 75
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways and bridges, state aid construction	254 38	
Total Outlay Payments		254 38

Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	13500 00	
Payments on long term notes	3000 00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		16500 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to county	1639 72	
Payments to school districts (1950 tax \$4617.74) (1951 tax \$1000)	5617 74	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		7257 46
Total Payments for All Purposes		\$34108 68
Cash on hand December 31, 1951		5484 30
Grand Total		<u>\$39592 98</u>

Schedule of Town Property

Town hall, lands and buildings	\$ 4000 00
Furniture and equipment	300 00
Libraries, furniture and equipment	250 00
Fire department, equipment	950 00
Highway department, lands and buildings	500 00
Equipment	1800 00
Schools, lands and buildings	8000 00
Equipment	2000 00
Halladay land	800 00
Blake land	250 00
Total	<u>\$18850 00</u>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**Town Officers' Salaries**

Chester C. Mason, selectman	\$ 150 00
George A. Holmes, selectman	100 00
Arthur G. Harx, selectman	100 00
Sydney H. Batchelder, town clerk salary	50 00
Registration fees, etc.	125 00
Kenneth M. Merrell, tax collector	100 00
Walter H. Smith, treasurer, moderator	90 00
George L. Porter, auditor	10 00
	<u>\$ 725 00</u>

Town Officers' Expenses

Kenneth M. Merrell, tax meetings 1950-51, postage	\$ 13 15
Chester C. Mason, postage and telephone 1950	90
Sargent Bros., town clerk stationery	2 00
Tony O. Russell, reporting transfers and mortgages	8 05
Brown and Saltmarsh, tax books and supplies	18 71
Leon M. Trow, town bonds	40 50
Ida M. Horner, tax collector's association dues	3 00
Charles R. Hardy, town clerk association dues	2 00
Edson C. Eastman, mortgage record book	20 19
Sargent Bros., tax bills 1950-51	18 65
Arthur G. Marx, tax and road meetings, perambulation	18 50
Carroll Robbins, tax and road meetings, perambulation	15 00
George A. Holmes, tax and road meetings, perambulation, postage and telephone	24 25
Sydney H. Batchelder, auto guides 1951-52, etc.	16 75
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	\$ 201 65

Election and Registration

Agnes M. Bryant, supervisor 1951	\$ 6 50
The Wm. Miller Co., 150 ballots and postage	8 10
Percy M. Ball, supervisor 1950	22 00
Henry J. Ormsby, supervisor 1951	9 00
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	\$ 45 60

Printing Town Reports

Springfield Printing Corporation	\$ 210 00
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Town Hall and Other Town Buildings

George L. Porter, wood	\$ 4 00
Richard G. Campbell, janitor	10 00
Leon M. Trow, insurance	64 50
Granite State Electric Co., lights 1951	12 00
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	\$ 90 50

Police

Fred D. Hatch, constable, Hallowe'en	\$ 5 00
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Fire

George L. Porter, warden, fire school	\$ 16 08
George L. Porter, fire hose	100 00
Justin A. McCarthy Co., 2 way valves	16 84
George L. Porter, balance appro., rent fire truck	83 16
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	\$ 216 08

Moth Extermination and Blister Rust

Wm. Messack, Jr., state forester, blister rust appropriation	\$ 200 00
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Bounties

George A. Holmes, 16 hedgehogs	\$ 4 00
Carroll Robbins, 3 hedgehogs	75
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	\$ 4 75

Vital Statistics

Sydney H. Batchelder, recording vital statistics	\$ 8 50
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Libraries

Agnes M. Bryant, librarian 11 months	\$ 86 00
Library Trustees, part of appropriation	54 00
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	\$ 140 00

Old Age Assistance

State of New Hampshire (Kempton, Mr. and Mrs. Ring, LaBonta)	\$ 709 76
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Town Poor

Frank McIntosh, groceries, Lena LaBonta	\$ 25 22
Sullivan County Home, Jeannette Peck case	20 52
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	\$ 45 74

Memorial Day

H. L. Esterbrook, appropriation	\$ 50 00
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Cemeteries

Edmund J. Guinard, sexton opening grave	\$ 25 00
Sumner Hurd, sexton, opening grave, clean up work, temporary fence repair	64 00
Sumner Hurd, sexton, care, Upper 23hrs.; Lower 102 hrs. @ \$1.00	125 00
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	\$ 214 00

Taxes Bought by Town

Kenneth M. Merrell, tax collector, levy of 1950	\$1116 56
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Interest

Sidney D. Harris, interest, anticipation note	\$ 180 00
Savings Bank of Walpole, interest, anticipation note	137 00
Sidney D. Harris, interest, anticipation note No. 21	75 00
Savings Bank of Walpole, interest, anticipation note No. 19	54 75
Sidney D. Harris, interest, Bates bridge, covered bridge notes	75 00
Sidney D. Harris, interest, long term note	30 00
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	\$ 551 75

State Aid Construction

N. H. Dept. Public Works & Highways, balance Bates bridge	\$ 254 38
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**Indebtedness Payments
Temporary Loans**

Savings Bank of Walpole	\$ 7000 00
Sidney D. Harris, note	1000 00
Savings Bank of Walpole, anticipation note No. 19	3000 00
Sidney D. Harris, anticipation note No. 21	2500 00
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	\$13500 00

Bonds and Term Notes Sinking Funds

Sidney D. Harris, long term note	\$1500 00
Sidney D. Harris, Bates bridge appro., covered bridge repair	1500 00
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	\$3000 00

**Payments to Other Governmental Divisions
County Tax**

Merton J. Sargent, county tax	\$1639 72
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School District

Eva R. Smith, treasurer, balance 1950-51 appro.	\$4617 74
Eva R. Smith, treasurer, on 1951-52 appro.	1000 00
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	\$5617 74

TOWN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Winter Highway

December, 1950

E. F. Batchelder and truck, 60 hrs. @ \$3.10	\$ 186 00
Stanley Ring, 60 hrs. @ 80c	48 00
Charles Lamb, cutting trees, 4 hrs. @ 85c	3 40
Floyd Wright, 12 hrs. @ 85c	10 20
Alstead Garage, mounting plow and iron at Perkins Machine Co.	42 30
International Salt Co., 100 bags salt	97 00
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	\$ 386 90

January, 1951

E. F. Batchelder and truck, 76 hrs. @ \$3.10	\$ 235 60
Stanley Ring, 76 hrs. @ 80c	60 80
Gay's Express	1 33
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	\$ 297 73

February, 1951

E. F. Batchelder and truck, 104 hrs. @ \$3.10	\$ 322 40
Stanley Ring, 104 hrs. @ 80c	83 20
R. C. Hazelton Co.	55 80
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	\$ 461 40

March, 1951

E. F. Batchelder and truck, 57 hrs. @ \$3.10	\$ 176 70
Stanley Ring, 57 hrs. @ 80c	45 60
Roger Pelton, plowing snow	6 00
Express on nose shoe	1 11
E. F. Batchelder and truck, taking up snow fence, 14 hrs. @ \$2.00	28 00
Sumner Hurd, Sr., 25 hrs. @ \$1	25 00
Sumner Hurd, Jr., 5 hrs. @ 50c	2 50
Vernard Hurd, 5 hrs. @ 50c	2 50
Ernest Kempton, 7 hrs. @ \$1	7 00
Seth Kempton, 4 hrs. @ \$1	4 00
Town of Alstead; plowing snow	15 00
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	\$ 313 41

October, 1951

E. F. Batchelder and truck, 15 hrs. @ \$3.30	\$ 49 50
Robert Batchelder, 15 hrs. @ \$1	15 00
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	\$ 64 50

November, 1951

E. F. Batchelder and truck, setting up snow fence, 19 hrs. @ \$2	\$ 38 00
Stanley Ring, 24 hrs. @ \$1	24 00
Robert Batchelder, 45 hrs. @ \$1	45 00
Sumner Hurd, Jr., 12 hrs. @ 75c	9 00
Carroll Robbins, 15 hrs. @ \$1	15 00
Ernest Kempton, 4 hrs. @ \$1	4 00
E. F. Batchelder and truck, 16 hrs. @ \$3.30	52 80
Sumner Hurd, Sr., 17 hrs. @ \$1	17 00
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	\$ 204 80

December, 1951

E. F. Batchelder and truck, 82 hrs. @ \$3.30	\$ 270 60
Robert Batchelder, 81 hrs. @ \$1	81 00
Mark Baldwin, 6 hrs. @ \$1	6 00
E. F. Batchelder and tractor, 6 hrs. @ \$1.50	9 00
Carroll Robbins, 26 hrs. @ \$1	26 00
International Salt Co., 100 bags salt	101 15
Alstead Garage, labor on plow	16 00
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	\$ 509 75
Winter Highways, Grand Total	\$2238 49

Summer Highways**To April 20, 1951**

E. F. Batchelder and truck, 58 hrs. @ \$3.10	\$ 179 80
Stanley Ring, 38 hrs. @ 80c	30 40
George Comstock, 90 yds. gravel @ 10c	9 00
Fred Carmen, loading gravel	18 00
Town of Alstead, grader, 10 hrs. @ \$5	50 00
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	\$ 287 20

To May 7, 1951

E. F. Batchelder and truck, graveling 54 hrs. @ \$3.70	\$ 199 80
Robert Trask and truck, graveling 19½ hrs. @ \$1	78 00
Percy Muzzy and truck, graveling 50 hrs. @ \$4	200 00
Walter Davis and truck, graveling 50 hrs. @ \$4	200 00
Jesse Pickering, shovel, 50 hrs. @ \$5	250 00
Carroll Robbins, 54 hrs. @ \$1	54 00
Sumner Hurd, 21 hrs. @ \$1	21 00
Floyd Wright, 23 hrs. @ 85c	19 55
E. F. Batchelder and tractor, 48 hrs. @ \$1.50	72 00
Red Robidoux, 23 hrs. @ \$4	92 00
George Comstock, 130 yds. gravel @ 10c	13 00
Fred Carman, 900 yds. gravel @ 10c	90 00
A. R. Hodgkins, shovel, 18 hrs. @ \$8	144 00
Berger Metal Culvert Co.	112 95
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	\$1546 30

To June 30, 1951

E. F. Batchelder and truck, 131½ hrs. @ \$3.10	\$ 41 85
Gerald Mason, 4½ hrs. @ \$1	4 50
Reginald Howard, 10½ hrs. @ 90c	9 45
Town of Alstead, grader, 10½ hrs. @ \$5	52 50
Sumner Hurd, 7 hrs. @ \$1	7 00
Berger Metal Culvert Co., 24 in x 25 ft.	101 75
Fred Carman, bulldozer, 2 hrs. @ \$8.50	17 00
Alstead Garage, welding	2 00
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	\$ 236 05

To August 11, 1951

E. F. Batchelder and tractor, 49 hrs. @ \$2.50	\$ 122 50
Robert Batchelder, 49 hrs. @ \$1	49 00
George Porter, 11 hrs. @ \$1	11 00
Fred Hatch, 6 hrs. @ \$1	6 00
Harvey Bascom, Powersaw, 6 hrs. @ \$2.50	15 00
Alstead Garage, repair on scraper	8 41
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	\$ 211 91

To September 29, 1951

E. F. Batchelder and tractor, 36 hrs. @ \$2.50	\$ 90 00
Robert Batchelder, 36 hrs. @ \$1	36 00
Carroll Robbins, 16 hrs. @ \$1	16 00
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	\$ 142 00

To October 13, 1951 — Duncan Money, Graveling

E. F. Batchelder, 13 hrs. @ \$1.25	\$ 16 25
Llwyn Hodgkins, shovel, 13 hrs. @ \$8	104 00
Jim Bolles, bulldozer, 1½ hrs. @ \$8.50	12 75
Town of Walpole, truck, 13 hrs. @ \$3.90	50 70
Town of Walpole, truck, 13 hrs. @ \$3.30	42 90
Carroll Hatch, truck, 13 hrs. @ \$3.30	42 90
Town of Marlow, truck, 13 hrs. @ \$3.30	42 90
C. M. Howard, truck, 10 hrs. @ \$3.30	33 00
L. Balla, truck, 13 hrs. @ \$3.90	50 70
L. Balla, truck, 13 hrs. @ \$3.30	42 90
Robert Batchelder, truck, 13 hrs. @ \$3.30	42 90
Fred Carman, 437 yds. gravel @ 10c	43 70
Town of Alstead, grader, 12 hrs. @ \$5	60 00
E. F. Batchelder, 14 hrs. @ \$1	14 00
	\$ 599 60

To December 1, 1951

E. F. Batchelder and tractor, 13 hrs. @ \$2.50	\$ 32 50
Robert Batchelder, 13 hrs. @ \$1	13 00
Rodney Campbell, labor on bridge	5 00
Guy Bates, labor with bulldozer	10 00
	\$ 60 50
Summer Highways, Grand Total	\$3083 56

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
Fiscal Year 1951

Receipts

Cash balance from previous year	\$ 9304 40
Sidney D. Harris, borrowed money	2500 00
Savings Bank of Walpole, borrowed money	3000 00
State Treasurer of N. H.	
Reimbursement, exemption of standing timber	674 96
Reimbursement, hedgehog bounties	29 50
Reimbursement, exemption of standing timber	123 91
Reimbursement, 1/2 forest fire account	8 04
Maintenance, Class 5 highways	611 80
Interest and dividend tax	995 54
Savings bank tax	63 18
Listing head taxes	4 00
Reimbursement, exemption of standing timber	320 64
State Forestry & Recreation Dept., unexpended balance, blister rust appro. 1951	20
Arthur Gude, gravel	92 10
Town of Alstead, refund on use of shovel	22 00
G. A. Holmes, George Peck account	20 52
S. H. Batchelder, town clerk, auto permits	1160 35
S. H. Batchelder, town clerk, dog licenses	243 79
S. H. Batchelder, town clerk, filing fee	1 00
K. M. Merrell, tax collector	
Poll tax 1951	234 00
Poll taxes 1950	100 00
Poll taxes 1949	4 00
Head taxes and penalties, 1951	871 50
Redeemed tax sale 1948	47 49
Interest on above	5 47
Redeemed tax sale 1948	71 00
Interest on above	11 84
Redeemed tax sale 1949.	2 46
Interest on above	1 98
Redeemed tax sale 1949	79 74
Interest on above	1 36
Redeemed tax sale 1949	111 96
Interest on above	8 38
Personal property tax 1948	16 05
Interest on above	6 14

Interest on two 1949 poll taxes	32
Redeemed tax sale 1950	39 43
Interest on above	32
Redeemed tax sale 1950	110 74
Interest on above	7 57
Redeemed tax sale 1950	65 00
Personal property tax 1950	44 00
Interest	2 54
Redeemed tax sale 1950	25 00
Property taxes 1950	3509 85
Interest on above	59 29
Property taxes 1951	14457 24
Interest on above	7 43
Timber taxes	514 95
Total receipts	<u>\$39592 98</u>

Payments

Paid on Selectmen's orders	<u>\$34108 68</u>
Cash balance on hand at close of business December 31, 1951	\$ 5484 30

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER H. SMITH, Town Treas.

TAX REPORT
Levy 1951

Original warrant	\$19216 45
Added poll tax	2 00
Timber tax yield warrant	520 87
Interest collected	7 43
	\$19746 75

Remittances to Treasurer	
Property tax	\$14457 24
Poll taxes (116)	234 00
Timber taxes	514 95
Interest	7 43
Abatements (3 polls, \$11.50 property)	17 50
Uncollected	
Property taxes	4417 71
Poll taxes (46)	92 00
Timber tax	5 92
	\$19746 75

State Head Tax	
Original warrant (198)	\$ 990 00
Added taxes (3)	15 00
Penalties collected	1 50
	\$1006 50

Remittances to Treasurer	
Head taxes (174)	\$ 870 00
Penalties	1 50
Abatements (7)	35 00
Uncollected (20)	100 00
	\$1006 50

Report of Tax Sales
Dec. 31, 1951

	1948	1949	1950
Taxes sold to town unredeemed	\$126 22	\$399 89	\$1016 56
Interest collected after sale	17 31	11 72	7 89
	\$143 53	\$411 61	\$1024 45

Remittances to Treasurer in 1950			
Taxes and interest	\$135 80	\$194 16	\$ 248 06
Unredeemed	7 73	205 73	776 39
	\$143 53	\$411 61	\$1024 45

LONG TERM NOTES OUTSTANDING
with Maturity Dates

Covered bridge note, repair, Sidney D. Harris, No. 12, due Jan. 4, 1951	\$1000 00
Bates bridge (state aid) Sidney D. Harris, No. 22, due Jan. 4, 1953	500 00
Sidney D. Harris, No. 23, due Jan. 4, 1954	500 00

BATES BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Statement of Expenditures submitted by State, June 25, '51
Langdon S-1413 SAB-C

Payrolls, Harold H. Ward—Week ending

December 10, 1949	\$ 127 40	
December 17, 1949	1039 36	
December 24, 1949	992 95	
December 31, 1949	101 30	
January 7, 1950	84 90	
	—————	\$2345 91 \$ 2345 91

Roger Haskins—Week ending

June 24, 1950	\$ 309 20	
July 1, 1950	232 90	
July 8, 1950	30 60	
	—————	\$ 572 70 \$ 572 70

Equipment—Week ending

January 7, 1950	\$ 12 00	
June 24, 1950	120 00	
July 1, 1950	18 00	
	—————	\$ 150 00 \$ 150 00

Material

Pittsburg Testing Labora- tory (Nov. 14, 1949)	\$ 6 79
December 24, Fred Carmen, gravel	234 00
December 31, Nelson Warner Co., cement	2 20
Union Leader, display	44 10
June 24, Fred Carmen, gravel	29 60

July, Knowlton & Stone, cement	4 32		
Independent Coal Tar, Inc., 120.50	97 76		
Independent Coal Tar, Inc., 121.03	55 86		
Phoenix Bridge, steel	2114 58		
	<hr/>	\$2582 42	\$ 2589 21
Material, Highway Garage, Inc. 88.96 pipe		\$ 80 60	\$ 80 60
March 1, 1950			
	Contract	Amount	
Contract:	Price		
8.3 Unclass. Struct. Excavation	\$ 2 50	\$ 641 50	
32.1 Concrete Class A	45 00	3780 00	
32.3 Concrete Class C	37 00	9028 00	
35. Reinforcing steel	0 105	1135 37	
36.5 Structural steel (erecting)	0 025	681 13	
44. Bridge railing	2 00	223 20	
48.2 Paint waterproofing	0 50	74 50	
56.7 Straight granite curb	3 00	334 80	
	<hr/>	<hr/>	\$15899 50
Sub-Total			\$23298 67
Engineering and inspection			1660 75
Credits—James Murray, iron			26 75
			<hr/>
Total cost of project			\$23271 92
State's share 4/5	\$18617 54		
Town's share 1/5	4654 38		
Amount paid by town	4400 00		
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Amount due state from town	\$ 254 38		

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Financial Statement, Town of Langdon, 1951

Town funds expended	\$ 199 80	
State and federal funds	81 29	
Total expended		\$ 281 09
Received from town	\$ 200 00	
Expended from town funds	199 80	
Balance due town		\$ 20
Area covered 264 acres.		
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed 727.		

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK OF LANGDON

For the Year 1951

Filing fees		\$ 1 00
Automobile permits		
1950		6 41
1951		1036 76
Total		\$1043 17
Dog licenses		
1949 (6)	\$ 10 80	
1950 (22)	61 55	
1951 (75)	171 44	
Total		\$ 243 79

Respectfully,

SYDNEY H. BATCHELDER,

Town Clerk of Langdon

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

The \$200.00 appropriated by the town at the 1951 Town Meeting was spent as follows: \$100.00 on \$500.00 hose note at Savings Bank of Walpole; \$16.84 for reversible hose connections; \$83.16, balance of appropriation, for rental of jeep fire truck until after Town Meeting.

Fifteen drills were held at various houses about the town. This system is fairly good, because it familiarizes residents with the apparatus and enables those attending the drills to know where water is obtainable. The number of men attending drill is disappointingly small.

During the fall a jeep fire truck was rented from a garage firm in Andover, N. H. The proposition made by them was, that they would be glad to consider a deal on a rental basis with the rental payments applying on the purchase price of \$2350.00. This proposition is supposed to be submitted in writing by the firm to the 1952 Town Meeting.

GEORGE L. PORTER

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

The 1951 season was a quiet one because the people were careful and the year was unusually rainy. People were careful about obtaining permits, which is a great assistance in this work. Continuing care in fire prevention will help to enable the town to avoid the very costly expense of a forest fire. An ordinary fire, quickly handled, can run up a bill of a thousand dollars against the taxpayers, and a really large fire is a financial disaster.

GEORGE L. PORTER

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

This is to certify that the accounts and records of all officials of the Town of Langdon 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 the entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. All records are correct to the best of my knowledge.

GEORGE L. PORTER,
Auditor

February 4, 1952

LANGDON TOWN LIBRARY REPORT

Book circulation 1615.

Thirty-four were used for book reports by Langdon boys and girls attending grade school; 51 by Langdon boys and girls attending Vilas high school; 35 books were sent to hospitals and to homes where people were unable to come to the library.

The librarian and library trustees wish to thank the following for gifts of books and magazines: Miss Estelle Bundy, Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Mrs. Burpee Durling, Mrs. Lydia Hatch and Mrs. Nona Cook.

The bookmobile is now able to supply adult fiction and non-fiction books, which they have not been doing for three years.

All residents are cordially urged to take advantage of the privileges.

LANGDON SCHOOL DISTRICT

LANGDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICERS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL

Moderator

G. A. Holmes

Clerk

Pauline Durling

School Board

Members

Term expires

Walter H. Smith, Jr., Chairman

1952

Arthur Gude

1953

Arthur G. Marx

1954

Treasurer

Eva R. Smith

Auditor

May B. Holmes

Union Clerk

Marion C. Bradish

Superintendent of Union No. 5

John W. Day

Teachers

Mrs. Dorothy Wilson

Grades 5-8

Miss Cleo Duncan

Grades 1-4

School Nurse

Mrs. Zephyrine L. Hasham

SCHOOL WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Langdon qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 11th day of March, 1952, at 2 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 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 equalization 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.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS AND BUDGET OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LANGDON, N. H., 1952-53**

	1	2	3
Expenditures Item	Expendi- tures 1950-51	Estimated Expendi- tures 1951-52	Proposed Budget 1952-53
Administration:			
Salaries of dist. officers	\$ 150 00	\$ 135 00	\$ 135 00
Supt's salary (local share)	200 00	225 00	250 00
Tax for state wide superv.	176 00	170 00	162 00
Salary of other admin. personnel	50 00	73 75	80 00
Supplies and expenses	35 43	60 00	70 00
Instruction:			
Teachers' salaries	4139 49	4350 00	4800 00
Books & other instr. aids	78 98	150 00	160 00
Scholars' supplies	185 11	165 00	180 00
Supplies and other expenses	22 47	25 00	25 00
Operation of School Plant:			
Salaries of janitors	300 00	300 00	200 00
Fuel or heat	618 05	400 00	450 00
Water, light, sup. and exp.	82 24	100 00	100 00
Maintenance of School Plant:			
Repairs and replacements	218 76	100 00	100 00
Auxiliary Activities:			
Health supervision	151 20	160 00	175 00
Transportation	1630 00	1630 00	1900 00
Tuition, high school	2439 80	3400 00	4035 00
Tuition, elementary	1590 00	1695 00	2015 00
Fixed Charges:			
Teachers' retirement	140 99	288 00	300 00
Ins., treas. bonds and exp.	136 12	10 00	10 00
Total current expenses	\$12344 64	\$13436 75	\$15147 00
Capital Outlay:			
Additions and improvements		415 00	
New equipment		50 00	
Total capital outlay		\$ 465 00	
Total expenditures	\$12344 64	\$13901 75	\$15147 00
Balance (actual or estimate)		\$ 836 25	

Receipts	Receipts 1950-51	Estimated Receipts 1951-52	Proposed Budget 1952-53
Balance (actual or estimated)	\$ 116 93	\$ 481 65	\$ 836 25
State aid	4987 71	3539 15	3500 00
Elementary school tuition	75 00	140 00	
Other	28 91		
Total receipts other than property taxes	\$ 5208 55	\$ 4160 80	\$ 4336 25
District assessment	\$ 7617 74	\$10577 20	\$10810 75
Total appropriation	\$12826 29	\$14738 00	\$15147 00

LANGDON PUPIL ENROLLMENTS

Grades 1951-52	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	High	Totals
Langdon	5	7	5	6	5	5	7	3		43
Alstead			3	4	1	2	2		16	28
Charlestown			1					1	2	4
Walpole								1	1	2
Totals	5	7	9	10	6	7	9	5	19	77
Esti. 1952-53										
Langdon	14	5	7	5	6	5	5	7		54
Alstead	2			3	4	1	2	2	15	29
Charlestown				1					3	4
Walpole									1	1
Totals	16	5	7	9	10	6	7	9	19	88

Approximate per pupil costs:

1951-52 \$180

1952-53 \$173

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND PAYMENTS
School Year July 1, 1950, through June 30, 1951

Receipts	
Cash on hand July 1, 1950	\$ 116 93
State aid, equalization	4987 71
Local taxation	7617 74
Tuition	75 00
Miscellaneous	28 91
	\$12826 29
Payments	
Administration:	
Salaries of district officers	
Alice N. Porter, school board	\$ 50 00
Walter H. Smith, Jr., school board	30 00
Eleanor F. Spurr, school board	25 00
Eva R. Smith, treasurer	25 00
May B. Holmes, auditor	5 00
Supt's salary (local share)	200 00
Tax for state wide supervision	176 00
Salaries of other admin. personnel:	
Supervisory Union No. 5, union clerk	50 00
Alice N. Porter, census	10 00
Supplies and expenses	40 43
	\$ 611 43
Instruction:	
Teachers' salaries	
Dorothy Wilson	\$1759 20
Annie MacArthur	1529 10
Substitutes	28 00
Collector of Internal Revenue	622 80
Teachers' retirement system	125 24
Blue Cross	75 15
	\$ 4139 49
Books and other instructional aids	78 98
Scholars' supplies	185 11
Supplies and other expenses	22 47
Operation of School Plant:	
Salaries of janitors	
Harry Mazzie	\$ 30 00
N. H. Cook	270 00
	\$ 300 00

Fuel or Heat

B. W. Pease, coal	\$ 614 05	
The Green Company, wood	4 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 618 05

Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:

Granite State Electric Co.	\$ 44 31	
Mt. Kilburn Paper Co.	19 25	
Edward E. Babb Co.	8 79	
Supervisory Union No. 5	2 85	
Other expenses	7 04	
	<u> </u>	\$ 82 24

Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs and Replacements

Joseph Kmiec	\$ 35 17	
George Parsons	6 13	
Noyes and Whitehill Hardware	3 97	
Charlestown school district	4 00	
Harry Mazzie	17 00	
N. H. Cook	104 00	
Austin Fletcher	7 85	
Hamlin's IGA Store	1 25	
Marx's Hardware	33 58	
Frank W. Horton	2 14	
Rick's Electrical Shop	3 67	
	<u> </u>	\$ 218 76

Auxiliary Activities:

Health Supervision

Mrs. Z. L. Hasham	\$ 139 65	
Teachers' retirement system	9 02	
Supervisory Union No. 5	2 53	
	<u> </u>	\$ 151 20

Transportation:

Harriet Whitton	\$ 540 00	
LeRoy Clark	550 00	
Charlestown school district (Newcomb children)	540 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1630 00

Tuition, High School:

Alstead school district	\$2164 80	
Charlestown school district	150 00	
Walpole school district	125 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2439 80

Tuition, Elementary School		
Alstead school district	\$1300 00	
Charlestown school district	200 00	
Walpole school district	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1590 00
Fixed Charges:		
Retirement, district share	\$ 140 99	
Treasurer bond, E. L. Walker	5 00	
Insurance, E. L. Walker	131 12	
	<hr/>	\$ 277 11
Total payments for all purposes		<hr/>
		\$12344 64
Balance on hand June 30, 1951		481 65
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Grand total		\$12826 29

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

For Year Ending June 30, 1951

Cash on hand July 1, 1950 \$ 116 93

Receipts

Selectmen appropriation	\$ 7617 74
State Treasurer, education and equalization fund	4987 71
Moore and Co., rebate plumbing	1 64
Bernard Mathews, tuition, Betty Mathews	25 00
Ira Huntley, tuition, Marcia Huntley	50 00
Ralph E. Bass, check lost, cancelled, rewritten	3 72
Edward E. Babb, check lost, cancelled, rewritten	23 55

Total receipts

\$12826 29

Disbursements

Paid on school orders \$12344 64

Cash balance June 30, 1951

\$ 481 65

Respectfully submitted,

EVA R. SMITH, Treasurer

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In this year of world tension and strife, we can be grateful that our educational system remains strong, that our boys and girls can continue to enjoy twelve years of free public education. Probably this is so because the majority of our people recognize that education for democracy should have a high priority in our efforts to maintain our ideals of citizenship and government.

However, we are faced with acute problems in maintaining and improving our educational institutions in this time of inflation, shortages and world dissension. In New Hampshire, and particularly in our Union No. 5, most of the solutions await a major decision on financial support. We are reaching a crisis in many of our towns where the real estate tax alone cannot provide sufficient funds.

The General Court changed the formula for state support of schools during its last session. The new formula's purpose is to equalize the tax effort throughout the state. It is an improvement but some inequities remain. Chiefly, it fails to recognize the differences in transportation costs. Some districts must transport practically every pupil over back roads, at great distances. Other towns with equal or greater financial ability have their school populations centered around the school buildings and this expense is relatively small. There is certainly nothing equitable about this problem as it relates to high school pupils. In most rural areas, these pupils have to find their own means of getting to school, often at great expense to parents. In larger communities, the majority need walk only short distances. A large share of the cost of transporting school pupils is provided by some of the states. The formula provides for a better means of fund distribution as far as it goes. Yet it is only in partial effect because the General Court appropriated half enough funds to maintain it.

Unwilling to be classed as one who gives destructive criticism, I venture my recommendations. In place of our \$600,000 state support program, we should have a \$3,000,000 assistance program. Approximately \$1,000,000 of this should be used to aid needy communities in building, divided in such a way as to give some impetus to cooperative districts. A considerable portion of the amount should be earmarked to equalize transportation costs and make district transportation of high school pupils possible. The balance can be divided generously under the present equalization formula, with a portion set aside for emergency situations. The whole

program should be provided after a thorough examination of the state tax structure. Some new form of equitable tax must be devised, and the sooner the better. We have a clear choice, it seems to me, between such a program for New Hampshire or bankruptcy for our small communities. Our neighboring state of Vermont has a program of state support totaling \$2,700,000, and Maine provides over \$6,000,000. New Hampshire, with a higher per capita income than either of its neighbors, can support this healthy contribution.

If there are people who feel that educational costs are exorbitant and we are not getting our money's worth, they might consider these facts. The percentage of our national income spent on schools has decreased from approximately four per cent a few years ago to less than two per cent at present. This is far less than the proportion spent in Russia and England. Our total yearly costs in New Hampshire are about equal to the cost of two large bombers. We spend more in America for our liquor than our education. The anticipated deficit in the President's federal budget, about \$15,000,000,000 for one year, is about equal to the total cost of all new school buildings and plant modernization needed throughout United States, for greatly increased school enrollments.

(1) "Individual freedom and national strength depend upon the clear thinking of informed citizens. The part which our national school system, both public and private and from elementary grades through professional and technical schools, can play in preparing Americans to meet present and future problems is being jeopardized by inadequate financial support."

We have made a great deal of progress in school plants by completing one new school, and improving all others in the eight towns. However, only four districts now have adequate buildings, and the efforts in the other communities to provide something better are being defeated by inflation.

Charlestown has a lovely new junior-senior high school. Currently it would cost \$300,000 to build. Our indebtedness is \$195,000. Holden School has been converted to a nice elementary building that can house three hundred pupils without crowding. Automatic heat has eliminated several problems. Acworth School District has completed its work in changing the town school to a modern two-room structure, one of the best in the area. We have redecorated the interior of the Sarah Porter School in Langdon and have just added automatic oil heat. The two schools of Unity now have automatic heating, with a completely new central plant at Center School. Minor improvements have been made in Gos-

hen, Lempster, Croydon and Cornish. In Lempster and Cornish, taxpayers and interested groups are accumulating reserve funds, hoping the day for new schools will soon arrive.

The boards of each district have approved increased salaries for our teachers. I strongly recommend these increases in spite of high taxes. Generally, the level of salaries in Union 5 is below that of some surrounding unions. Teachers should have salary consideration to offset increased taxes and living costs. This coming year may see the teacher shortage reaching its peak. I hope we can find competent, energetic teachers for every school. I am indeed grateful for the loyalty and effort of our teaching staff in Union 5. I urge parents to get better acquainted with them and extend to them the respect and appreciation that is their due.

All of us who know Mrs. Hasham, our school nurse, regret deeply that she has reached retirement age and must leave the service of our boys and girls. Her kindnesses have made a place for her in the hearts of the people in Union 5.

At every district meeting, we elect a new school board member or two and charge our officers with carrying out our wishes. We hope that they can provide improvements, and often expect these to be accomplished with extremely limited funds. I want to emphasize that our school board members are striving their utmost to provide the best schools possible with the funds available. They spend long hours each month determining the best policies and guiding educational affairs according to school law in the most economical means. They are more deserving of your praise than your criticisms.

In spite of minor emergencies, increased enrollments and inflation, we probably will close the books in every district in June without deficiencies.

Our new budgets again are higher. Two major increases are in teachers' salaries and tuition costs, neither of which we can control. We have prepared honest budgets, and we shall strive to live within them. We are practicing every economy possible, consistent with good education.

I am grateful for your faith, your kindnesses, your financial support. Though the cost is high, we must continue to believe in our children and prepare them as adequately as we can for the hectic times emerging.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DAY, Superintendent of Schools

(1) Earl Bunting, Managing Director, National Association of Manufacturers.

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

There are many signs that lead us to believe that the health and development of the children has very much improved in my twenty-one years of service as your school nurse. The change for good is a credit to the parents and to the teachers of the children and we like to believe the result of the school health program.

Along with the daily routine work, there have been additional demands to meet. We work closely with other health and welfare agencies that have been of tremendous help to us. On a few occasions, we have had the assistance of physicians in our program for better health.

We have in our files a long list of corrected visions. The list of children who have had treatment and corrected hearing is not small.

Our records show that many of the pupils who pass through your schools have had complete dental care, either during the clinics at school or at the clinics held in the dentist's office. Our records show complete recovery from rheumatic fever, found at school. We also have records of children who were treated for mental illness. Some are still in institutions. Our records of tonsillectomies — a part of the national child recovery program in 1933, which has continued through the years — is long. The orthopedic list in our files is active. We are grateful to the New Hampshire Crippled and Handicapped Children Society. This service has monthly clinics open to school nurses for the treatment of needy children.

Your school nurse has attended periodic workshops for knowledge of new trends. The work is not done. There are new problems arising every day. My part in this important service has nearly ended. Thanks to all who have made it a pleasant and worthwhile career.

Respectfully submitted,

ZEPHYRINE L. HASHAM,
School Nurse

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Langdon for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched to the best of my knowledge.

MAY B. HOLMES, Auditor

July 20, 1951.

Langdon School District

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1951

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Amt. of Prin.	Rate of Interest	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
1904	Henry Prentiss	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	\$ 200	2½	\$ 4.82	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.82
1907	Mary E. Holden	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	100	2½	5.44	2.50	3.50	4.44
1908	Martha Ann Bowles	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	100	2½	2.34	2.50	3.00	1.84
1911	Elisha Garfield	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	100	2½	2.81	2.50	3.00	2.31
1915	Charles Winch	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	2.62	2.75	3.75	1.62
1916	Mary Sartwell	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	200	2½-3	1.12	5.50	6.00	.62
1916	Edmond Walker	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200	2½	10.29	5.00	7.50	7.79
1918	Leander G. Hill	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200	2½	4.41	5.00	4.41	5.00
1919	Sibel Guild	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200	2½	15.84	5.00	8.94	11.90
1919	Gilsum Walker	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200	2½	14.32	5.00	10.00	9.32
1921	Mary P. Jeffs	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200	2½	4.21	5.00	5.00	4.21
1921	Catherine B. Holmes	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	50	2½-3		1.38	1.38	
1922	Melissa Smith	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	3.41	2.75	3.00	3.16
1923	Mary E. Stanley	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	.99	2.75	3.00	.74
1923	Cram & Hutchins	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	125	2½	3.59	3.12	4.00	2.71
1923	Joseph F. Tarble	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	75	2½	3.45	1.88	2.00	3.33
1923	Ira W. Kingsbury	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	208	2½-3	4.00	5.72	5.50	4.22
1926	Henry Bates	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	50	2½-3	.10	1.38	1.48	
1927	Samuel K. Upton	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	3.10	2.75	3.00	2.85
1927	Holden-Winch	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	150	2½-3	9.83	4.13	6.00	7.96
1927	Frank A. Carpenter	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	50	2½-3		1.38	1.38	
1928	Etta V. Clark	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	1.26	2.75	2.75	1.26
1928	Roswell Huntoon	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	3.21	2.75	3.00	2.96
1929	Robert C. Huntley	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	4.05	2.75	3.50	3.30
1929	Davidson	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	100	2½	1.06	2.50	2.50	1.06
1931	Sidney Wiley	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	50	2½-3		1.38	1.38	
1936	Charles S. Edgerton	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	300	2½	25.82	7.50	7.50	25.82
1936	Frederick W. Dodge	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	100	2½	1.91	2.50	3.90	.51

1938	Marshall F. Bragg	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	100	2½	2.84	2.50	3.75	1.59
1938	Herbert A. Holmes	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	150	2½-3	1.82	4.13	3.45	2.50
1939	Sarah A. Porter	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200	2½	4.23	5.00	4.23	5.00
1939	Walker-Knight Porter	Cemetery Care	3rd War Loan Bond, Series G	200	2½	15.63	5.00	9.00	11.63
1940	Norman Adams	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	2.60	2.75	2.60	2.75
1943	Henry & Achash Royce-Smith	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	45	2½-3		1.24	1.24	
1943	George Jenna	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	50	2½-3		1.38	1.38	
1943	Samuel Slader	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	95	2½-3	2.92	2.62	2.92	2.62
1943	Orville Pierce	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	1.00	2.75	3.00	.75
1944	George & Rebecca Goodnow	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	1.74	2.75	1.74	2.75
1944	John Lamb	Cemetery Care	6th War Loan Bond	100	2½	3.80	2.50	3.80	2.50
1945	William & Mary Roberts	Cemetery Care	7th War Loan Bond	100	2½	1.29	2.50	2.50	1.29
1945	Dean Russell	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	150	2½-3	2.12	4.13	4.00	2.25
1945	Roy R. Gardner	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	3.17	2.75	3.17	2.75
1946	George W. Ramsey	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	2.61	2.75	3.60	1.76
1948	Daniel & Joseph Davis	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	200	2½-3	4.79	5.50	5.50	4.79
1950	Daniel & Agnes Bryant	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	.42	2.75	3.00	.17
1950	Alice & Nancy Kingsbury	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3		2.75	2.75	
1950	Eli L. Wilson	Cemetery Care	Savings Bank of Walpole	100	2½-3	.61	2.75	3.00	.36
				Totals	\$5848	\$185.59	\$153.62	\$180.00	\$159.21

This is to certify that I have this day examined the report of the Trustees of Trust Funds of the Town of Langdon and have found them correct and properly vouched to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE L. PORTER, Auditor

W. A. BORNSCHEIN
LYDIA B. HATCH

Trustees

Births Registered in the Town of Langdon, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1951

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	No.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 2	Vermont	Nancy Yvonne Burke	7	Thomas Joseph Burke	Evelyn Virginia Prunier
Mar. 10	Vermont	Ellen Marion Holmes	3	Royal Barnes Holmes	Marion Ida Kemp
Apr. 24	New Hampshire	Brenda Jane Robie	12	Stephen Blood Robie	Pearl Julia Aiken
May 8	Vermont	Gloria Marie Kmiec	1	Joseph Stanley Kmiec	Mildred Mary DeMond
Sept. 12	New Hampshire	Donna Marie Merrell	2	Dana McJean Merrell	Pearle Edlie Clark
Nov. 10	Vermont	Brenda Jean Campbell	8	Rodney Henry Joy Campbell	Dorothy Emma Pelton
28	Vermont	Carol Ann Sheldon	3	William Oren Sheldon	Beverly May Penno

Marriages Registered in the Town of Langdon, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1951

Date	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Age	Residence of Each
June 21	Langdon, N. H.	William Dwight Hazen Joan Mary Clark	24 21	Granby, Mass. Granby, Mass.
23	Langdon, N. H.	Carlton Gleason Cross Caroline Ann Porter	21 23	Sunapee, N. H. Langdon, N. H.
24	Alstead, N. H.	Donald Elliott Whitman Barbara Susan Kemp	23 24	Walpole, N. H. Langdon, N. H.
July 8	Alstead, N. H.	David Allen Haynes Nellie Louise Clark	23 18	Alstead, N. H. Langdon, N. H.
Aug. 11	Keene, N. H.	Joseph Julius Trybulski, Jr. Thelma Mae Lafayette	27 28	Langdon, N. H. Langdon, N. H.
Sept. 1	Walpole, N. H.	Robert Lincoln Parker, Jr. Coralie Joan Spooner	21 18	Langdon, N. H. Walpole, N. H.
Dec. 23	Middleboro, Mass.	Sydney Horace Batchelder, Jr. Janette Bradford Fickert	21 24	Langdon, N. H. Middleboro, Mass.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Langdon, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1951

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth
Feb. 5	Vermont	Nellie Eva Harris	68	Vermont
May 13	Vermont	Willard Calvin Kempton	71	Vermont
24	Vermont	Jane Frances Kimiec	3 dys	Vermont
Oct. 20	New Hampshire	Belle Stewart	81	Vermont
Nov. 14	Vermont	Imogene Emma Mason	75	Massachusetts

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SYDNEY H. BATCHELDER, Town Clerk

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