

Treasurer's Report --- Trust Funds

| Fund | Balance January 1, 1950 | Interest 1950 | Withdrawn 1950 | Balance Dec. 30, 1950 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Day Fund | \$502.37 | \$10.72 | \$ 9.00 | \$504.09 |
| Holt, Library | 500.00 | 10.69 | 10.69 | 500.00 |
| Library | 10.90 | .21 | | 11.11 |
| Bumstead, Cemetery | 2,110.11 | 45.08 | 45.08 | 2,110.11 |
| Helen E. Stacy | 105.52 | 3.19 | 3.19 | 105.52 |
| Burleigh, Holt | 202.58 | 4.29 | 4.29 | 202.58 |
| Anna S. Leonard | 101.02 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.02 |
| John R. Stoddard | 51.00 | 1.08 | 1.08 | 51.00 |
| Twitchell, Burt | 201.06 | 4.27 | 4.27 | 201.06 |
| Marcus Beebe | 152.29 | 3.23 | 3.23 | 152.29 |
| Lydia Morris | 101.02 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.02 |
| Orrin Goodwill | 202.58 | 4.29 | 4.29 | 202.58 |
| John Q. Adams | 102.04 | 2.17 | 2.17 | 102.04 |
| Thompson Chaffee | 303.13 | 6.44 | 6.44 | 303.13 |
| William Johnson | 127.98 | 2.70 | 2.70 | 127.98 |
| Calvin Stebbins | 101.02 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.02 |
| Milo Chapin | 102.04 | 2.17 | 2.17 | 102.04 |
| Elsie M. Hills | 1,018.58 | 21.63 | 21.63 | 1,018.58 |
| S. Stacy Hunt | 101.02 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.02 |
| Henry C. Dickinson | 102.04 | 2.17 | 2.17 | 102.04 |
| Jackson Dickey | 41.36 | .87 | .87 | 41.36 |
| George P. West | 101.02 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.02 |
| Holmes, Beebe | 202.58 | 4.29 | 4.29 | 202.58 |
| Flora Carlton | 102.04 | 2.17 | 2.17 | 102.04 |

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| Wm. J. Sessions | 51.00 | 1.08 | 1.08 | 51.00 |
| John Kenworthy | 201.02 | 4.27 | 4.27 | 201.02 |
| Mortimer Pease | 101.02 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.02 |
| John S. Beebe | 102.04 | 2.17 | 2.17 | 102.04 |
| Davis, Weeks, Pease | 202.58 | 4.29 | 4.29 | 202.58 |
| David Stebbins | 101.02 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.02 |
| John F. Whitaker | 101.72 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.72 |
| Orcutt | 51.66 | 1.08 | 1.08 | 51.66 |
| Beebe, Stanton | 152.29 | 3.23 | 3.23 | 152.29 |
| Charles Whitaker | 101.02 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.02 |
| Bennett, Kenworthy | 102.04 | 2.17 | 2.17 | 102.04 |
| Rose Corey | 102.04 | 2.17 | 2.17 | 102.04 |
| Joseph Stimson | 101.02 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.02 |
| N & E Langdon | 101.02 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.02 |
| Jennie Shaw | 51.00 | 1.08 | 1.08 | 51.00 |
| Davis, Pease | 101.02 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.02 |
| George Pond | 50.69 | 1.06 | 1.06 | 50.69 |
| Martha Edson | 51.15 | 1.08 | 1.08 | 51.15 |
| John Bartlett | 208.74 | 4.42 | 4.42 | 208.74 |
| Chas. I. Burleigh | 50.83 | 1.06 | 1.06 | 50.83 |
| D. L. & D. R. McCray | 153.58 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 153.58 |
| Henry M. Davis | 101.51 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.51 |
| J. L. Gottsche | 101.78 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 101.78 |
| Wm. & Fred Leach | 200.00 | 4.25 | 4.25 | 200.00 |
| Alvin Bennett | 100.00 | 2.13 | 2.13 | 100.00 |
| Charlotte & Carl Merrill | 100.00 | 2.13 | 2.13 | 100.00 |
| Medicke | 100.00 | 2.13 | 2.13 | 100.00 |
| Irving Newell | 300.00 | 6.38 | 6.38 | 300.00 |
| Lillie Bradway | 100.01 | 2.01 | 2.01 | 100.01 |
| Anton Waska | 100.00 | 2.13 | 2.13 | 100.00 |
| Marcus Chaffee | 50.00 | 1.06 | 1.06 | 50.00 |

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| Agnes Viggers | 50.00 | 1.06 | 1.06 | 50.00 |
| A. H. Newman | 100.00 | 2.13 | 2.13 | 100.00 |
| Balance December 31, 1949 | | \$10,332.10 | | |
| Interest for 1950 | | 219.58 | | |
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| | | 10,551.68 | | |
| Withdrawn 1950 | | 217.65 | | |
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| Balance December 30, 1950 | | | | \$10,334.03 |

Treasurer's Report

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|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Balance January 1, 1950 | \$50,775.02 | |
| Receipts for 1950 | 161,798.21 | 212,573.23 |
| Expenditures for 1950 | 152,037.27 | |
| Balance December 30, 1950 | 60,535.96 | |
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| | | \$212,573.23 |

TRUST FUNDS AND SECURITIES

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| 1 Series A 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Treasury Note | \$5,000.00 |
| 1 Series D 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Treasury Note | 10,000.00 |
| Post War Rehabilitation (Interest) | 870.20 |
| Federal Pay Roll Taxes withheld | \$3,124.92 |
| Hampden County Retirement deducted | 670.56 |

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books of the Town Treasurer and have found them to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE A. BAKER

Auditor

Town Clerk's Report

Dogs licensed in 1950:

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|---|----------|----------|
| 127 Male | @ \$2.00 | \$254.00 |
| 28 Female | @ 5.00 | 140.00 |
| 64 Spayed | @ 2.00 | 128.00 |
| 5 Kennel | | 90.00 |
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| 224 | | 612.00 |
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| Paid County Treasurer June 1 | | 324.20 |
| Paid County Treasurer Dec. 1 | | 243.00 |
| Clerk's fees @ .20 | | 44.80 |
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| | | \$612.00 |

Births:

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| Male | 13 |
| Female | 15 |

Deaths:

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| Male | 12 |
| Female | 5 |

Marriages: 20

Documents recorded 34

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE L. KIBBE

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

Last year I removed several large shade trees about town, among which were four huge white ash on Springfield Road near Albert LaBelle's home. Those trees had become very dangerous as large dead limbs hung over the highway and very little live wood was left.

In addition to removing these hazards I have accomplished considerable trimming of highway shade trees. The Central Mass. Electric Co. and the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co have been very cooperative with me in this work and their assistance and the assistance of the Town Highway Department have enabled me to do a lot of our tree work on our yearly appropriation. The severe wind storm of November 25th only destroyed two of our big trees, one a large elm near the fire station, the other a rock maple on the North Road. Many of the neighboring towns suffered a much greater loss.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

Tree Warden

REPORT OF DUTCH ELM COMMITTEE

In reporting my first year's work on Dutch Elm Disease I wish to explain that the University of Mass. sent out scouts to locate the Elm trees in town which had Dutch Elm Disease. When they spot a tree with signs of Dutch Elm Disease they take samples back to the University of Mass. to be tested. Then cards are mailed to me with the exact location of the diseased trees which are required to be cut and all the bark and limbs burned within thirty days.

I received cards on six trees, which were cut and burned. I also cut four other trees that were heavily infested with Elm Bark Beetle as that is the carrier of Dutch Elm Disease Fungus. I hired expert men with a chain saw to cut the trees as that is much cheaper than cutting them by hand. I also had the men pruning all dead wood from the elm trees on Wilbraham Road, East Longmeadow Road and from the Hampden Nursery as far as the Hampden Garage on Main Street.

We had the use of a town truck while working on the elms to cart the wood to be burned to the town garage. I had permission to burn one tree on the Goodwill Property near the brook.

The townspeople must realize that it is a slow job to cut out all the dead wood in the large elms and it will cost a considerable sum before all the trees in town are finished.

In the fall I sent samples from an Elm Tree off Chapin Road to the Shade Tree Laboratories at the University of Mass. Tests showed the tree had Dutch Elm Disease. There are two small Elms on the North Monson Road that I will take samples of in the near future to have tests made. If anyone thinks his Elms have Dutch Elm Disease I will be glad to take samples to be tested at the University of Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON

Moth Superintendent

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Hampden Volunteer Fire Department was called out twenty-five times during the year ending 1950. Thirteen of these calls were for brush or grass fires, one dump fire, one car fire and ten house fires. Larger front doors were installed in the Fire Station in September. These new doors gave sufficient head room to add the two top booster hose reels to the new fire truck and also should help to conserve in heating the building.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. OFFICER

Fire Chief

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Forest Warden Reports:

Six grass fires

Five brush fires

One call to the Town of Monson

Brush fire May 13, 1950 with sixteen men

Burning of Town Dump twice

Also there have been two hundred and forty open air permits issued for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER

Forest Fire Warden

BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1950 there were one hundred and sixty-seven permits granted. These were as follows:

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| New Houses | 24 |
| Camps | 1 |
| Garages | 9 |
| Additions to Houses | 7 |
| Alterations to Houses | 5 |
| Hen Houses | 1 |
| Additions to Barns | 4 |
| Alterations to Store | 1 |
| Demolish Hen House | 1 |
| Demolish Barns | 1 |
| Move Barn | 1 |
| Move Roadside Stand | 1 |
| Plumbing | 46 |
| Electrical | 65 |

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON WILLCUTT

Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board held 15 meetings and held two hearings during the year 1950.

It has considered all requests and petitions brought before it by the citizens of Hampden.

A number of persons have felt that the Planning Board should do something about establishing an industrial area in the event that an industry should choose to come to Hampden. It was thought that it might prove of some value in the face of an ever increasing tax rate. With this thought in mind, the Board has spent a great deal of time studying possible sites and in studying the regulations governing industries in towns comparable in size to Hampden in order that some sort of a protection could be afforded the neighborhood.

Since Hampden has no industrial zone at the present time and no provision for one, it will be necessary to amend the Zoning By-Laws to include a fourth or "Industrial Zone".

Therefore, on August 11, 1950 a public hearing was held at the Town House on this amendment to Section IV of the Zoning By-Laws.

At this hearing Dorval E. and Helen G. Viger offered their property for industrial use and subsequently

filed a written petition for such change. A hearing relative to this petition was held at the Town House on Sept. 15.

The Planning Board feels that the actual setting aside of an industrial area merits further careful study and comparison with other towns. There were numerous objections at these hearings and it would seem that it is extremely important to know how the majority of the voters feel about industry and to investigate further as to its effects on neighborhood and property valuation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. NORTON DAVIS, Chairman

MARION W. GERRISH, Secty.

GERALD V. WITKOP

ABRAHAM C. WILEY

WILLIAM PATULLO

**SEALER OF
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

1950

| | Tested | Sealed |
|----------------------|--------|---------|
| Scales & Balances | 11 | 11 |
| Gasoline Meters | 10 | 10 |
| Kerosene & Oil Pumps | 7 | 7 |
| Fees Collected | | \$22.25 |
| Salary & Expenses | | \$33.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. BUEREAU

Sealer

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

I have inspected the barns in which are kept the following animals: 651 head of cattle; 1 sheep; 15 horses; 41 swine.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY A. FULLER

Animal Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

1950

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|------|---|
| Hogs | 9 |
| Beef | 1 |

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. PATRIC, Jr.

Inspector of Slaughtering

1950 Report of the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture

According to Section 45, Chapter 128 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, any town may appropriate money to be expended by the Trustees for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

Agents of the Trustees have made contacts during the past year in your town either by public meetings, individual farm and home visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist citizens toward improved farm practices, better home management and work with boys and girls in 4-H club work.

The following citizens have been of real assistance in promoting such assigned projects as have been conducted during the year:—

Earle H. Harris, Lester Munsell, Mrs. Warren Dickinson, Mrs. Ben F. Libby, Mrs. E. E. Dickinson and Mrs. W. L. Kibbe.

An expense of \$60.14 was incurred by these local leaders for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various projects. Any appropria-

tion made by your town is used exclusively for reimbursing your own citizens for any necessary expenses they may incur in performing such duties as may be assigned to them.

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| 1950 Appropriation | None |
| Balance carried over from 1949 | \$97.37 |
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| Total | \$97.37 |
| Expended in 1950 | 60.14 |
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| Balance available for 1951 | 37.23 |
| Appropriation recommended for 1951 | 50.00 |

Respectfully,

Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture
L. B. BOSTON, Clerk

GYPSEY MOTH REPORT

Upon completing the Gypsy Moth work we found and destroyed about 800 clusters. The west side of the Town had the largest number of clusters. Glendale and Ames Rds were quite clear from clusters.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON,

Moth Supt.

Library Trustees' Report

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| MISS GERTRUDE M. LYONS | Term expires 1951 |
| MRS. ELEANOR McCRAY | Term expires 1952 |
| MRS. ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN | Term expires 1953 |

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| Appropriation by the Town | \$1,000.00 |
| Dog Fund from the Town | 415.86 |
| Available from the Holt Fund | 10.69 |
| | \$1,426.00 |

Expended

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|-------------|------------|
| Salaries | \$715.88 |
| Books | 476.49 |
| Magazines | 128.35 |
| Incidentals | 105.19 |
| | \$1,425.91 |

DAY FUND

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| Balance in Fund Jan. 10, 1951 | \$504.09 |
| Interest received | 10.72 |
| Withdrawal for Christian Herald | |
| Subscriptions to shut-ins Jan. 10, 1951 | 9.00 |
| Balance in Fund Jan. 10, 1951 | \$505.81 |

We recommend for the maintenance of the Library for the year 1951 an appropriation of \$1,100.00 and the Dog Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE M. LYONS, Chairman
ELEANOR B. McCRAY
ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN
Library Trustees

Librarian's Report

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| Circulation of Books and Magazines | 10,814 |
| Total Attendance | 8,127 |
| Average Daily Attendance | 54 |
| Books Bought | 338 |
| Books Donated | 202 |
| Magazines Bought | 39 |
| Magazines Donated | 164 |

Donors of Books: K. Bump, 1; J. Duffy, 1; V. Lunden, 1; P. Carver, 53; G. Lyons, 2; Mrs. H. Burnham, 27; Willard Flynn, 9; Robert Berry, 1; C. Willey, 19; W. McCurdy, 11; H. Schmuck, 25; Prof. W. V. Sessions, 3; Mrs. R. Stacy, 4; Thornton Burgess, 3; Sally Witkop, 1; W. Reardon, 1; Mrs. C. Melville, 8; William Sessions Memorial, 15.

Donors of Magazines: G. Lyons, 44; E. Breck, 9; N. Fitzgerald, 1; Mrs. A. Hayes, 7; J. Lyons, 8; B. L. Scheibler, 9; P. Sicbaldi, 30; Mrs. H. Burnham, 60; Mrs. C. Melville, 1.

Circulation was divided as follows: Magazines, 1,847; Adult fiction, 2,724; Juvenile fiction, 4,264; Adult non-fiction, 857; Juvenile non-fiction, 1,122.

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| Registered Borrowers | 442 |
| From the School | 228 |
| Others | 214 |
| Books Reviewed by the School Children | 867 |

State Reading Certificates issued: 137 small and 26 large.

Money collected for fines and paid to the Town Treasurer, \$.60.

Friends and relatives of the late William J. Sessions, who passed away in January, 1950, have given a group of books to the library in his memory. Mr. Sessions was the fourth generation member of his family to serve in the General Court, and like his three forebears was a justice of the peace, selectman, and town moderator. The memorial books were of a reference nature and included Webster's Dictionaries, encyclopedias, histories, biographies, travel books, and three volumes on antique furniture by the eminent authority, Wallace Nutting.

The young people of the former Junior Theater Guild gave a set of a table and two benches for use in the children's section of the library. These were duplicated by a set purchased from the library funds. The group also contributed a new blackboard-bulletin board new furniture in their department and the bulletin from their earnings. The children were grateful for the board filled a need of long standing to display posters, book jackets, notices, and other promotional literature. The blackboard which is on the reverse side of the bulletin board will be helpful to speakers giving chalk talks at Town House functions.

On Saturday, May 6, the staff and trustees of the library presented an adult hobby show and tea. The new furniture above described and the Sessions Memorial books were on display along with the many interesting exhibits brought in by our friends. With the cooperation of the townspeople our hobby show was a big success.

During the summer we had two important visitors. On July 14, Miss Emily Keith, Mobile Branch Librarian, of Seattle, Washington, visited us. On August 5, Miss Ruth Drews, of Heidelberg, Germany was introduced

to us by Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan. Miss Drews was here as an exchange librarian, to learn American library practice and the American way of life.

To observe Book Week in November we copied our May show and had a Juvenile hobby show. Many exhibits were brought in by the children and later voted upon by them. The three most popular won for their exhibitors a book of their own choice. A tea party was given for the children at the close of Book Week. This was made possible by donations from our friends as well as the trustees and staff.

Mrs. Nelson M. Carew has presented to the library a copy of an atlas of Hampden County published by Beers, Ellis and Soule, in 1870. This contains a map of the town of Hampden which shows the streets and the residents of each house at that time. The map is of especial value to new residents who are attempting to trace the histories of their particular homes. The book is a welcome addition to our Early Hampden Collection.

Mrs. William J. Sessions has presented to the library an early Massachusetts state flag owned by her late husband.

Thornton W. Burgess, well-known naturalist and our summer neighbor at Laughing Brook for many years has given us copies of three of the nature books which he has recently written. The library has also recently purchased a complete set of the Burgess Bed-time Series. Our former set has had such hard use we felt the need of replacing it worthwhile.

Nelson West of Springfield has sent us a Prospectus of the High School in South Wilbraham (now Hampden)

which was conducted about 100 years ago in the building now spoken of as the old Town Hall. The bulletin, which has been framed and hung in the library, shows the principal as C. E. Wood, the Association for Education members as William V. Sessions, Marcus Beebe, and Walter Hitchcock, while S. C. Spellman had charge of procuring board and room for the pupils. Mr. West, who kindly sent us the prospectus is in his nineties. As a boy he lived in the house on Wilbraham Road now owned by F. L. Sanford.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM P. BRYANS

Librarian

ARLINE HOWLETT

DORIS S. HATCH

Assistant Librarians

The Hampden School Building Committee Report

The Hampden School Building Committee submit the following report. One public hearing and fourteen committee meetings have been held since January 1, 1950.

Alderman & MacNeish, architects and engineers have submitted final plans, specifications and estimated cost of project \$150,000.00. These plans have been approved by Mr. John Marshall, Administrator of the School Building Assistance Commission and were submitted in detail at the public hearing held December 13, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL HATCH, Chairman

Report of the School Committee

ORGANIZATION

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| William Harry Burns, Chairman | 1953 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett | 1952 |
| Harold H. Jensen, Jr. | 1951 |
| Harold A. Truell, Secretary and Superintendent of Schools | |

During 1950 reimbursements on account of schools were received as follows:

From the Commonwealth:

| | | |
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| Superintendent's Salary | \$746.67 | |
| Chapter 71, Section 7A (transportation) | 10,168.79 | |
| Chapter 643 | 11,156.27 | |
| State Wards, Tuition and Transportation | 1,376.51 | |
| Vocational Education | 1,459.96 | |
| | | \$24,908.20 |

From other sources:

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| Tuition refunds, (1950) | \$134.00 | 134.40 |
| | | \$25,042.60 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1950

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| Appropriation for School Support | | \$55,431.00 |
| Expended for School Support | \$53,929.15 | |
| Less: Tuition and Other | | |
| Refunds, 1950 | 134.40 | |
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| Net Expenditures | | 53,794.75 |
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| Unexpended Balance | | \$1,636.25 |
| Expenditures | | |
| School Committee, salaries | \$120.00 | |
| School Committee, expenses | 30.00 | |
| Superintendence | 2,002.33 | |
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| Total for General Control | | \$2,152.33 |
| Supervisors' Salaries | 1,365.50 | |
| Teachers' Salaries | 15,559.50 | |
| Textbooks | 649.94 | |
| Supplies | 923.80 | |
| Janitors' Salaries | 2,612.70 | |
| Fuel | 1,940.46 | |
| Miscellaneous Operating | 903.79 | |
| Repairs | 475.66 | |
| Health | 788.14 | |
| Local Transportation | 5,941.70 | |
| Miscellaneous Auxiliary | 0.00 | |
| New Equipment | 173.31 | |
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| Total for Elementary Schools | | \$31,334.50 |
| High School Tuition | 11,580.90 | |
| High and Trade School Transportation | 6,081.65 | |

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| Trade School Tuition | 2,779.77 |
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| Total for High and Trade Schools | 20,442.32 |
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| Total Expenditures | 53,929.15 |
| Credits | 25,042.60 |
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| Net Cost of Schools to the Town from Local Taxation | \$28,886.55 |

APPROPRIATIONS NEEDED FOR 1951

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| School Committee, Salary | \$ 120.00 |
| School Committee, Expense | 75.00 |
| Superintendent's Salary | 875.00 |
| Expenses of Superintendence | 1,026.00 |
| Supervisors' Salaries | 1,403.00 |
| Teachers' Salaries | 16,310.00 |
| Textbooks | 700.00 |
| Supplies | 1,200.00 |
| Janitors' Salaries | 2,800.00 |
| Fuel | 2,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous Operating | 850.00 |
| Repairs and Replacements | 700.00 |
| Health | 915.00 |
| Transportation | 13,840.00 |
| Tuition | 19,070.00 |
| Miscellaneous Auxiliary | 125.00 |
| New Equipment | 500.00 |
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| | \$62,509.00 |

ESTIMATE OF CREDITS ON ACCOUNT OF
EDUCATION FOR 1951

It is estimated that the receipts on account of education during 1951 will be approximately as follows:

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| Superintendent's Salary | \$ | 746.67 | |
| Chapter 71, Section 7A (transportation) | | 10,000.00 | |
| Chapter 643 | | 11,156.27 | |
| State Wards, tuition and transportation | | 1,000.00 | |
| Vocational Education | | 1,369.88 | |
| | | | 24,272.82 |

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HARRY BURNS

MRS. ELIZABETH BENNETT

HAROLD H. JENSEN, JR.

Members of the School Committee

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of the Town of Hampden:

My fifth annual report as superintendent of schools in the town of Hampden is submitted herewith.

SUPERINTENDENCY UNION NO. 16

Superintendency Union No. 16 is composed of the three towns of East Longmeadow, Hampden, and Wilbraham. The duties of the union as a whole are to select the superintendent of schools and the union secretary. The supervisor of art, the supervisor of music, and the school nurse are engaged separately by the individual towns. The cost of the supervision of art and music is met by the town in proportion to the amount of time each one of the respective supervisors is able to give each town; whereas the expense of the superintendency which includes the superintendent's salary, the secretaries', salaries and the maintenance of the superintendent's office is paid by these towns as follows: East Longmeadow, 45% Wilbraham, 41%, Hampden, 14den, 14%. These percentages became effective September 1, 1950. Previous to that date the percentage that each town paid toward the support of the central office was as follows: East Longmeadow, 45%; Wilbraham, 35%; Hampden, 20% These percentages are based mainly on the number of teachers each town employs in proportion to the number of teachers employed in the

whole school union. This past September the town of Wilbraham increased its teaching staff from thirteen teachers to nineteen teachers.

These percentages will probably vary greatly in September, 1951, as it is anticipated that the new Birchland Park Junior High School in East Longmeadow will have been completed and the teaching force for the town of East Longmeadow will have been increased from eighteen teachers during the school year 1950-1951 to approximately thirty-two teachers during the school year 1951-1952.

Mrs. Emily O. Condon resigned her position as secretary to the Superintendency Union No. 16, effective April 15, 1950. Mrs. Condon served as secretary of the union for twenty-eight years. We wish to express to her in behalf of the school personnel and the citizens of the town of Hampden our sincere appreciation for the splendid work she performed during her many years of service. Miss Christine G. Clark, a graduate of Bay Path Junior College, was employed to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Condon's resignation. Miss Clark comes to us highly recommended.

CHANGES IN SCHOOL PERSONNEL

In June, 1950 Mrs. Stella C. Mondoux, teacher of Grade one, and Miss Clementine I. Bianchi, teacher of Grade two, resigned their positions. Mrs. Mondoux resigned her position to be at home with her family and Miss Bianchi accepted a position as elementary teacher in the Springfield School System. Mrs. Barbara Harrington, a graduate of Laura Barker's Teachers' Training School was employed to teach Grade one at the Hampden Consolidated School. Mrs. Harrington has had many years of teaching experience in the lower elementary grades. Mrs. Grace Parker, a graduate of Westfield State Teachers' College, was employed to

teach Grade two at the Hampden Consolidated School. Mrs. Parker has also studied at Bridgewater State Teachers' College. Mrs. Parker had been a regular substitute teacher in the Springfield School System.

Those who are now teaching in the Hampden Consolidated School are as follows: Mrs. Barbara Harrington, Grade 1; Mrs. Grace Parker, Grade 2; Mrs. Blanche I. Stanley, Grades 3-4; Mrs. Lucy B. Kerr, Grades 4-5; Miss Helen C. Flynn, Grades 6-7; Mrs. Eleanor B. McCray, Principal and teacher of Grades 7-8.

Miss Signe L. Polson resigned her position as school nurse in Superintendency Union #16, effective September 1, 1950. Miss Polson had been school nurse in the Union for thirty years. The school personnel, the citizens of the town of Hampden, and the children extend to Miss Polson their appreciation for all that she has done for the schools during her term of office. We wish her many future years of happiness. Mrs. Shirley C. Fuller, a graduate of Springfield Hospital Training School, was employed to serve as school nurse in the town of Hampden. Mrs. Fuller has had much nursing experience in various fields. She comes to us highly recommended.

PUPIL ENROLLMENT AND CLASSROOM FACILITIES

The pupil enrollment in the Hampden Consolidated School continues to increase at a gradual rate. This steady increase creates a situation such that it is necessary for each teacher to have a large number of children in a small classroom. These facilities do not permit the teacher to do the best work that she is capable of doing. The dual grades in most of these rooms is an extra burden to the teacher. These overcrowded conditions have existed for several years and it is the desire of your school committee to relieve them as soon as it is feasible.

Based on the school census taken October 1, 1950, may we present the following tables showing the anticipated school enrollment in Grades one through eight during the coming four years.

ANTICIPATED GRADE ENROLLMENT

| Grade | 1950 - 1954 | | | | | | | | Total |
|---------|-------------|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|------|-------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | |
| 1950-51 | 38 | 35 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 31 | 18 | 27 | 224 |
| 1951-52 | 30 | 38 | 35 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 31 | 18 | 227 |
| 1952-53 | 20 | 30 | 38 | 35 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 31 | 229 |
| 1953-54 | 39 | 20 | 30 | 38 | 35 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 237 |

In 1949-1950, the school enrollment was two hundred ten pupils. This means that there will be an increased enrollment of twenty-seven pupils between the school year 1949-1950 and the school year 1953-1954. One can readily see that this added number of pupils will create a housing problem in the school. The children will have better educational opportunities if the class room enrollment can be kept to a maximum of thirty pupils.

SCHOOL COSTS

The school appropriation for the calendar year 1950 was \$55,431.00. Of this amount the school committee spent \$53,794.75 leaving a balance to be returned to the town treasurer of \$1,626.25. Of this \$53,794.75 spent by the school committee for the support of the education of the children of Hampden, the town received \$25,042.60 from state reimbursements, leaving a net cost to the town of Hampden for the operation of its school during the calendar year 1950 of \$28,886.55. Comparing the net cost of education in Hampden for the calendar year 1949 with the net cost of education in 1950 one finds that the 1950 cost is \$2,208.57 less than the 1949 cost. It is estimated that the state reimbursement to the town during 1951 will be approximately \$24,272.82.

REPAIRS

There were no major repairs made in the Hampden Consolidated School during the calendar year 1949-1950. Minor repairs included placing rubber mats on the cement floors in front of two classrooms, painting in several of the rooms, repairing the boiler in the furnace room and general upkeep.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Legislation was passed by the Massachusetts General Court at its last session requiring that the school committee take over the operation of the Hot Lunch Program which up to this time could be sponsored by any reliable organization. The money now received must be turned over to the town treasurer and all bills must be approved by the school committee. It is felt that this procedure is by far the more efficient one as this project has grown to the extent that approximately \$5,000.00 is handled annually. This does not include surplus commodities which are supplied monthly by the federal government. The children receive excellent food for \$0.18 per meal. There are approximately one hundred fifty children taking advantage of this opportunity. We suggest that you visit school some noon hour and observe its functions.

We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Edward Burleigh, building custodian, for his valuable service and interest in keeping the Hampden Consolidated School in such excellent condition. Your school receives high praise from outside visitors. May we express our appreciation to Dr. Norman Yosko, school physician, Dr. Harold Fiske, school dentist, and Mrs. Shirley Fuller, school nurse, for the fine work in carrying out the Health Program.

Your school is always open for your inspection and the teachers welcome constructive suggestions at all times. The school program centers around the child as a whole. Visit your school frequently and enjoy its hospitality.

The many courtesies extended to us have been deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD A. TRUELL

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

The school nurse has assisted the school physician with the following:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Physical examinations | 224 |
| Notices sent for defective tonsils | 11 |
| Wax in ears | 5 |
| Tachycardia | 2 |
| Posture | 6 |
| Number of children whose tonsils are removed | 118 |
| Ear examinations | 226 |
| Result—one child under treatment | |
| Head inspections | 226 |
| No infested heads | |
| Weighed | 226 |
| Overweight | 6 |
| Underweight | 4 |
| Immunization for diphtheria | 11 |

One child taken to Medical Clinic in Springfield for question of kidney ailment.

Two visits
Two X-rays

A pre-school clinic report for last May is not available due to change of school nurses.

Pre-school vaccination 27

My thanks to the Lions Club and the Teachers' Club for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

SHIRLEY C. FULLER, R. N.

School Nurse

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To Mr. Harold A. Truell, Superintendent of Schools:

1. Complete physical examinations on entire student body.
2. Physical examinations on teaching, maintenance, kitchen and bus driving personnel.
3. Eleven diphtheria immunizations for ten children.
4. Inspection of kitchen and toilet facilities.
5. Sick call every Thursday morning.
6. Periodic response to emergency calls that arise in the school and playground.
7. Twenty-nine small pox vaccinations.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN YOSKO, M. D.

School Physician

DENTAL CLINIC REPORT FOR 1950

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Patients | 217 |
| Visits | 125 |
| Examinations | 217 |
| Cleanings | 110 |
| Permanent teeth filled | 215 |
| Temporary teeth filled | 198 |
| Permanent teeth extracted | 35 |
| Temporary teeth extracted | 78 |
| Amalgam fillings * | 210 |
| Cement fillings | 235 |
| Porcelain fillings | 44 |
| Operations | 1384 |
| Certificates | 42 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD I. FISKE

School Dentist

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1950-1951

First Term: Wednesday, September 6, to Friday, December 22

Second Term: Tuesday, January 2, to Wednesday, February 21

Third Term: Monday, March 5, to Friday, April 27

Fourth Term: Monday, May 7, to Friday, June 22

The schools are closed on Monday, September 18, Children's Day at Eastern States Exposition; Friday, October 20, Hampden County Teachers' Association meeting; Wednesday noon, November 22, to Friday November 24, inclusive, Thanksgiving recess; Friday, March 23, Good Friday; and on all legal holidays.

CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL CENSUS AND THEIR DISTRIBUTION

| | October 1, 1950 | | |
|-------|---|---|---|
| | 5-7 Years | 7-16 Years | Total |
| Boys | 36 | 105 | 141 |
| Girls | 29 | 106 | 135 |
| | <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> | <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> | <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> |
| Total | 65 | 211 | 276 |

Distribution:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----|-----|-----|
| In public school | 41 | 207 | 248 |
| In Trade school | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| In private school | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Not enrolled in any school | 24 | 1 | 25 |
| | 65 | 211 | 276 |
| Total on October 1, 1949 | 63 | 213 | 276 |

NUMBER OF PUPILS IN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS BY GRADES

Five-Year Period, 1945-1950

(As of October in each year)

| Year | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | Total |
|------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|------|-------|
| 1945 | 31 | 22 | 20 | 29 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 21 | 175 |
| 1946 | 26 | 30 | 21 | 18 | 30 | 20 | 17 | 16 | 178 |
| 1947 | 20 | 28 | 30 | 18 | 22 | 35 | 18 | 20 | 191 |
| 1948 | 25 | 26 | 31 | 29 | 18 | 24 | 31 | 11 | 195 |
| 1949 | 35 | 18 | 22 | 30 | 30 | 19 | 26 | 30 | 210 |
| 1950 | 38 | 35 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 31 | 18 | 27 | 224 |

NUMBER OF PUPILS IN THE SEVERAL
HIGH AND TRADE SCHOOLS

Five-Year Period, 1945-1950

(As of December in each year)

| Year | Junior High School | Classical High School | High School Com'rce | Technical High School | Trade Schools | Total |
|------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------|
| 1945 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 19 | 7 | 52 |
| 1946 | 18 | 5 | 12 | 15 | 12 | 62 |
| 1947 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 52 |
| 1948 | 13 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 15 | 60 |
| 1949 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 15 | 14 | 55 |
| 1950 | 24 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 18 | 70 |

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES - JUNE

1950

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Susan Audren | Harold Gregory |
| Jean Battige | Jacqueline LaBelle |
| Ernest Bennett | Leo LaBelle |
| Ruth Benson | Francis Meade |
| Harold Bernard | Patricia Meade |
| Robert Bouchard | Nancy Peterson |
| Shirley Bowen | Albert Reardon |
| Judith Burns | James Rogers |
| Shirley Claing | George Russell |
| Ronald Collins | Shirley Savolis |
| Gerald Davis | Bette Lou Scheibler |
| Donald Fiske | Beverly Streeter |
| Patricia Fiske | Carole A. Temple |
| Francis Foster | Martha Vester |
| Grace Frey | Patricia Willard |

SCHOOL DIRECTORY, JAN. 1, 1951

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Harold A. Truell, 2255 Allen Street, East Longmeadow

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Miss Christine Clark, Secretary, 303 Chestnut Street,
East Longmeadow

Mrs. Emily Badger, Assistant, 322 Parker Street,
East Longmeadow

TEACHERS

Mrs. Eleanor B. McCray, Principal, Hampden Grades 7-8

Miss Helen C. Flynn, Hampden Grades 6-7

Mrs. Lucy B. Kerr, Ludlow Road, Hampden Grades 4-5

Mrs. Blanche I. Stanley, 108 Belvidere Street,
Springfield Grades 3-4

Mrs. Grace Parker, Somers Road,
East Longmeadow Grades 1-2

Mrs. Barbara Harrington, 143 Maple Street
Springfield Grade 1

CUSTODIAN

W. Edward Burleigh, Hampden

SUPERVISOR OF ART

Mrs. Helen B. Tower, Allen Street, Hampden

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mrs. Liane S. Fontaine, 451 Main Street, Palmer

SUPERVISOR OF HANDWRITING

William L. Rinehart, 740 Main Street, Waltham 54

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Norman Yosko, M. D., North Main Street,
East Longmeadow

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Shirley Fuller, Scantic Road, Hampden

SCHOOL DENTIST

Dr. Harold I. Fiske, Hampden

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

W. Edward Burleigh, Hampden
Walter Lyons, Hampden

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