

Blue Cross & Blue Shield	2,181.60	
Dog Licenses	929.50	19,877.49
Refunds		
Taxes	417.06	
Motor Vehicle Excise	774.74	1,191.80
Total Agency & Refunds		21,069.29
Total Expenditures for 1958	\$438,535.73	

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNTS FOR 1958**

Account	Appropriations	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
Moderator—Salary	\$ 35.00		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00		
Moderator—Expenses	25.00		25.00		25.00	
Selectmen—Salary	700.00		700.00	700.00		
Selectmen—Expenses	650.00		650.00	550.12	99.88	
Auditor	15.00		15.00	15.00		
Accounting—Salary	750.00		750.00	750.00		
Accounting—Expenses	125.00		125.00	119.51	5.49	
Treasurer—Salary	750.00		750.00	750.00		
Treasurer—Expenses	300.00		300.00	299.13	.87	
Collector—Salary	750.00		750.00	750.00		
Collector—Expenses	550.00		550.00	549.57	.43	
Assessors—Salary	500.00		500.00	500.00		
Assessors—Expenses	1,319.00		1,319.00	1,099.05	219.95	
Assessors—Revaluation		\$ 3,396.56	3,396.56	2,937.60	458.96	
Certifying Notes & Finance		400.00	450.00	444.75	5.25	
Law & Claims	50.00		50.00	229.00	271.00	
Town Clerk—Salary	500.00		500.00	100.00		
Town Clerk—Expenses	100.00		100.00	259.25	.75	
Elections & Registrations	250.00	40.00	290.00	259.25	.75	
	850.00	75.00	925.00	912.08	12.92	30.00

Account	Appropriations	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
Town House Maintenance	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,936.74	63.26	
Old Town Hall—Maintenance	200.00		200.00	20.97	.03	179.00
Insurance	4,725.00		4,725.00	4,406.23	318.77	
Board of Appeals	100.00		100.00	38.10	61.90	
Advisory Board	150.00		150.00	120.08	29.92	
Planning Board	300.00		300.00	138.88	161.12	
Police	1,600.00	250.00	1,850.00	1,745.63	104.37	
Fire Dept. Maintenance	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,423.06	76.94	
Fire House Wiring		126.45	126.45			126.45
Fire Dept. Water Holes		675.00	675.00			675.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00		1,000.00	961.97	38.03	
Moth Eradication	400.00		400.00	399.88	.12	
Tree Warden	200.00		200.00	199.03	.97	
Planting Trees	50.00		50.00	49.90	.10	
Forest Fire Warden	50.00		50.00	50.00		
Forest Fire Fighting	500.00		500.00	423.13	76.87	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	100.00		100.00	96.53	3.47	
Building Inspectors—Sal.	300.00		300.00	300.00		
Building Inspectors—Exp.	350.00		350.00	345.00	5.00	
Health	25.00		25.00		25.00	

Account	Appropriations	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
Mosquito Control	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,184.00	.15	816.00
Dental Clinic	425.00		425.00	424.85		
Animal Inspector	60.00		60.00	60.00		
Meat Inspector	50.00		50.00	50.00		
Town Dump Maintenance	300.00	300.00	600.00	461.00	139.00	
Highways, Bridges & Railings	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,725.60	.40	274.00
Snow & Ice Removal	6,000.00		6,000.00	5,999.80	.20	
Street Lighting	1,450.00		1,450.00	1,228.08	221.92	
Town Garage Maintenance	300.00		300.00	299.83	.17	
Town Garage—Heat System	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,300.55	199.45	
Town Garage—Addition		6,000.00	6,000.00	5,987.29		12.71
Road Machinery Maintenance		4,400.00	4,400.00	4,398.67	1.33	
New Brockway Truck	5,580.00		5,580.00	5,580.00		
Chapter 81	2,700.00		2,700.00	12,949.57	.43	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	10,250.00	12,950.00	2,999.50	.50	
Chapter 90 Constr. 1957 Funds		2,000.00	3,000.00	2,999.50		
Chapter 90 Constr. 1958 Funds		12,516.82	12,516.82	12,516.17	.65	
Public Welfare District	3,500.00	10,500.00	14,000.00	12,325.53		1,674.47
Public Welfare General Relief	600.00		600.00	600.00		
Disability Assistance—Town	1,800.00	(500.00)	1,300.00	40.76		1,259.24
	2,000.00	(1,500.00)	500.00	109.53		390.47

Account	Appropriations	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
Disability Assistance—Federal		957.44	957.44			957.44
Disability Assistance—Admin.		10.23	10.23			10.23
Old Age Assistance—Town	18,000.00	4,500.00	22,500.00	22,500.00		
Old Age Assistance—Federal		13,152.35	13,152.35	12,517.56		634.79
Old Age Assistance—Admin.		216.83	216.83			216.83
Aid to Dependent Children—Town	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,611.35	88.65	
Aid to Dependent Children—Federal		5,074.35	5,074.35	2,165.45		2,908.90
Aid to Dependent Children—Admin.		25.73	25.73			25.73
Veterans Benefits	500.00		500.00	240.00		260.00
School—Committee Expenses	245.00		245.00	245.00		
School—Superintendent Salary	6,544.00		6,544.00	6,544.00		
School—Super. Expenses	700.00		700.00	700.00		
School—Teacher Salaries	79,520.00		79,520.00	79,420.58		99.42
School—Secretary Salary	3,120.00		3,120.00	3,120.00		
School—Supervisor Salaries	3,349.00		3,349.00	3,349.00		
School—Textbooks	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		
School—Supplies	2,650.00		2,650.00	2,650.00		
School—Tuition	32,821.00	(700.00)	32,121.00	32,080.77	40.23	
School—Transportation	28,508.00		28,508.41	28,451.41		56.59
School—Janitor Salaries	8,750.00		8,750.00	8,750.00		

Account	Appropriations	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
School—Fuel & Light	7,300.00	(400.00)	6,900.00	6,900.00		
School—Repair & Replacements	400.00		400.00	400.00		
School—Misc. Operating	1,368.00		1,368.00	1,368.00		
School—New Equipment	300.00		300.00	300.00		
School—Misc. Auxiliary	380.00		380.00	380.00		
School—Health	1,612.00		1,612.00	1,612.00		
School—Community Programs	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
School—Contingency Fund	2,500.00		2,500.00	3,592.72		
School—Vocational Education	450.00	1,100.00	3,600.00	283.80	7.28	
U. S. Treasury Public Law 874			450.00		166.20	
S. H. & Geo. Barden Acct.		617.54	617.54	305.68		311.86
Schools—Hot Lunch		240.00	240.00			240.00
Elementary School Bldg.		15,268.17	15,268.17	14,131.68		
School Bldg. Committee		1,324.21	1,324.21	1,324.21		1,136.49
Jr. High Remodeling Committee		122.24	122.24	121.61	.63	
Regional High School Dist.		69.94	69.94	13.09		
Library	4,705.44		4,705.44	4,705.44		
Holt Library Fund Income	1,800.00	677.50	2,477.50	2,477.50		
Town Common	100.00	62.30	62.30	45.93		
Memorial Day	250.00		250.00	250.00		16.37

Account	Appropriations	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
Recreation Field Maintenance	825.00		825.00	630.58	194.42	
Recreation Director	700.00		700.00	700.00		
Recreation Park Equipment	100.00		100.00	99.81	.19	
Town Reports	804.28		804.28	804.28		
Aid to Agriculture	150.00		150.00	150.00		
Hampton County Retirement	1,771.23		1,771.23	1,770.23	1.00	
Reserve Fund		5,000.00	5,000.00	4,040.00(1)	960.00	
Purchase Cemetery Land		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Cemeteries Maintenance	1,000.00		1,000.00	654.23	345.77	
Cemetery Funds Income		760.74	760.74			760.74
Soldiers & Sailors Graves	175.00		175.00	175.00		
School Building Loan	20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00		
Interest on School Loan	10,560.00		10,560.00	10,560.00		
Total Appropriation	\$304,891.95					
Total Other Sources		\$98,509.40				
Total Available Funds			\$403,401.35			

Account	Appropriations	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
Total Expended				\$385,836.83		
Total Closed to Surplus					\$6,557.51	
Total Carried Forward						\$11,007.01

Note 1. Item returned to Overlay Reserve

Analysis of Items Obtained From Other Sources:

Carried Forward From 1957	Reserve Fund Transfers—Certifying Notes	Total
	Town Clerk Expense	\$ 400.00
	Elections & Registrations	40.00
	Police	75.00
	Town Dump Maintenance	250.00
	Road Machinery Maintenance	300.00
	Chapter 81	400.00
	Old Age Assistance	75.00
		2,500.00
		4,040.00
		\$ 23,569.59

Account	Appropriations	Obtained From Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Expended	Closed To Surplus Revenue	Carried Forward
Article 14 of Annual Town Meeting					6,000.00	
Article 15 of Annual Town Meeting					4,000.00	
Article 8 of Annual Town Meeting					22,400.00	
Article 1 of Special Town Meeting					275.00	
Aid From Federal Government					16,547.33	
Receipts from Hot Lunch Sales					14,148.26	
Received from Dog Fund					677.50	
Interest on Trust Funds					351.72	
Article 9 of Annual Town Meeting					5,000.00	
Article 11 of Annual Town Meeting					1,500.00	
					<u>\$98,509.40</u>	
		Total Received From Other Sources:				

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1958

General Accounts	
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>
Cash	Highway Machinery Fund
Taxes - Outstanding:	Sale of Real Estate Revenue
1955 Real Estate	Agency Collections:
1956 Real Estate	Federal Withholding
1957 Real Estate	County Retirement
1958 Personal Prop.	
1958 Real Estate	
Excise - Outstanding:	Overlays:
1957 Motor Vehicle	1958 Overlay
1958 Motor Vehicle	Overlay 1957
1958 Farm Animal	1956 Overlay
	1955 Overlay
	Overlay Reserve
Tax Titles:	Revenue Reserves:
Tax Titles:	Motor Vehicle Excise
Departmental Receivables:	Farm Animal Excise
Aid to Dep. Children	Tax Title
Town House Rental	Departmental
School Bldg. Rental	Highways

Highway Revenue Receivable:	
State Share:	
Chapter 81	5,755.48
Chapter 90 Constr.	7,000.00
	<u>12,755.48</u>
County Share:	
Chapter 90 Maint.	1,000.00
Chapter 90 Constr.	7,000.00
	<u>8,000.00</u>
County Assessments - Deficits:	
County Taxes	162.50
Unexpended Transfers:	
Stabilization Fund	32.62
	<u>195.12</u>
	<u>\$154,449.42</u>

State Assessment - Credit:	
State Parks & Reservations	8.34
County Assessment - Credit:	
County Hospital	36.32
Tailings	54.09
Unexpended Appropriations:	
General Government	209.00
Protection of Property	801.45
Health	816.00
Highways	1,961.18
Charities	4,753.92
Schools & Library	1,704.72
Cemeteries	760.74
	<u>11,007.01</u>
Surplus Revenue	85,598.77
	<u>\$154,449.42</u>

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$310,000.00	Debt Accounts	Elementary School Loan	\$310,000.00
		Trust & Investment Funds		
		Assets	Liabilities	
Cash Securities & Investments:	\$16,051.99	Post War Rehabilitation Fund	688.59	
		Stabilization Fund	1,909.15	
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	8,016.14	
		Bumstead General Care Fund	2,106.68	
		Day Library Fund	531.04	
		Holt Library Fund	500.00	
		Carew Library Fund	2,300.39	
	<u>\$16,051.99</u>		<u>\$16,051.99</u>	

Respectfully Submitted:  
 ROLLYN H. HATCH, Town Bookkeeper

## Treasurer's Report

Balance January 1, 1958	\$ 89,839.37	
Receipts for 1958	445,804.03	
		\$535,643.40
Payments for 1958	438,905.89	
Balance December 31, 58	96,737.51	
		\$535,643.40
<b>Stabilization Fund:</b>		
Balance January 1, 1958	\$1,853.16	
Interest for 1958	55.99	
		\$1,909.15
<b>Post War Rehabilitation Fund:</b>		
Balance January 1, 1958	\$666.77	
Interest for 1958	21.82	
		\$688.59
Withholding Tax deducted	\$15,756.43	
Retirement Deductions	1,303.19	

GRACE L. KIBBE, Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report - - - Trust Funds

	Bal.	Int.	Withdrn.	Bal.
	1-1958	1958	1958	12-31-58
Day Fund	\$529.71	17.32	16.00	531.04
Holt Library	500.00	16.37	16.37	500.00
Carew, Library	2,227.68	72.95	00.00	2,300.39
Bumstead, Cemetery	2,106.68	68.99	68.99	2,106.68
Helen E. Stacy	150.00	4.86	4.86	150.00
Burleigh, Holt	200.00	6.50	6.50	200.00
Anna S. Leonard	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
John R. Stoddard	50.00	1.62	1.62	50.00
Twitchell, Burt	200.00	6.50	6.50	200.00
Marcus Beebe	150.00	4.86	4.86	150.00
Lydia Morris	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Orrin Goodwill	200.00	6.50	6.50	200.00
John Q. Adams	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Thompson, Chaffee	300.00	9.74	9.74	300.00
William Johnson	125.00	4.06	4.06	125.00
Calvin Stebbins	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Milo Chapin	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Elsie M. Hills	1,000.00	32.50	32.50	1,000.00
S. Stacy Hunt	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Henry Dickinson	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Jackson, Dickey	40.00	1.30	1.30	40.00
George P. West	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Holmes, Beebe	200.00	6.50	6.50	200.00
Flora Carlton	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Wm. J. Sessions	50.00	1.62	1.62	50.00
John Kenworthy	200.00	6.50	6.50	200.00
Mortimer Pease	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
John S. Beebe	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Davis, Weeks, Pease	200.00	6.50	6.50	200.00
David Stebbins	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
John F. Whitaker	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Orcut	50.00	1.62	1.62	50.00
Beebe, Stanton	150.00	4.86	4.86	150.00

Charles Whitaker	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Bennett, Kenworthy	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Rose Corey	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Joseph Stimson	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
N & E Langdon	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Jennie Shaw	50.00	1.62	1.62	50.00
Davis, Pease	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
George Pond	50.00	1.62	1.62	50.00
Martha Edson	50.00	1.62	1.62	50.00
John Bartlett	200.00	6.50	6.50	50.00
C. I. Burleigh	50.00	1.62	1.62	50.00
D. L. & D. R. McCray	150.00	4.86	4.86	150.00
Henry M. Davis	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
J. L. Gottsche	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Wm. & Fred Leach	200.00	6.50	6.50	200.00
Alvin Bennett	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Charlotte & Carl Merrill	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Medicke	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Irving Newell	300.00	9.74	9.74	300.00
Anton Woska	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Marcus Chaffee	50.00	1.62	1.62	50.00
Agnes Viggers	50.00	1.62	1.62	50.00
A. H. Newman	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Lillie Bradway	101.14	3.28	3.28	101.14
Harry Goodwill	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Gutberlet	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Byron Stebbins	200.00	6.50	6.50	100.00
Jane Stebbins	200.00	6.50	6.50	200.00
H. & J. Heredeem	100.00	6.38	6.38	100.00
William A. Pease	100.00	6.38	6.38	100.00
Homer L. Hatch	100.00	3.24	3.24	100.00
Balance January 1, 1958		\$13,379.97		
Interest for 1958		442.00		
			\$13,821.97	
Withdrawn in 1958			367.72	
Balance December 31, 1958			13,454.25	

## Report of Auditor

Board of Selectmen

Town of Hampden

Hampden, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have examined the accounts and records of the various departments of the Town of Hampden for the year ended December 31, 1958.

I did not make a detailed audit of all transactions, and the examination was, therefore, not sufficient in scope to disclose all possible errors or irregularities. However, by making substantial checks, and by use of various other auditing procedures to the extent deemed appropriate in the circumstances, I believe the general accuracy of the records has been fairly tested.

All real estate, personal property, motor vehicle excise and poll taxes committed by the assessors for collection were checked to the Tax Collector's records and to the Bookkeeper's General Ledger. Collections made on these taxes were traced from the Tax Collector's Cash Books through the Treasurer's Cash Book and to the Bookkeeper's General Ledger for the entire year.

Advices of payments by the State and other political subdivisions to the Town during the period were traced through the Treasurer's Cash Book and Bookkeeper's General Ledger. All such advices were accounted for and found to be properly entered.

All receipts and disbursements for the period September 1 through December 31 recorded in the Treas-

urer's Cash Book were checked against the original Schedules of Receipts and Treasury Warrants transmitted for payment. These amounts were also reconciled with the Bookkeeper's General and Classified Ledgers.

The appropriation accounts in the Bookkeeper's General Ledger were reviewed and compared with the Town Clerk's records of town meetings.

Transfers from the various fund accounts were compared with either authorizations of the Advisory Board or recorded votes of town meetings.

Although my examination was necessarily limited in scope, I believe the information obtained by application of the procedures outlined in this report is sufficient to establish in my mind a favorable opinion as to the general accuracy of the accounts and records of the Town for the year 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID T. WILBUR

Town Auditor

## Town Clerk's Report

Births:

20 Male

17 Female

Deaths:

10 Male

8 Female

Marriages: 25

Dogs Licensed in 1958:

194 Male	@ \$2.00	\$388.00	
41 Female	@ 5.00	205.00	
161 Spayed	@ 2.00	322.00	
4 Kennel	@ 10.00	40.00	
1 Kennel	@ 25.00	25.00	
1 Kennel	@ 50.00	50.00	\$1,030.00

Clerk's Fees 101.50

Paid County Treasurer 929.50

Documents recorded 79

GRACE L. KIBBE

## RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

1958

The Hampden Recreation Committee is pleased to report that more people enjoyed the facilities of the Recreation Field during Nineteen fifty-eight (1958) than in any previous year. The total attendance for the season during supervised hours was nine thousand six hundred and eight (9608). The highest daily attendance was three hundred sixty-five (365).

This supervised program was again under the able direction of Alvin J. McNeil, whose effective programming of the Recreation Field activities contributed greatly to our record attendance.

The following activities were offered at the field during the season:

### 1. Swimming —

This year two wings were added to the lower dam of our swimming pool making a safer, clearer diving area, and the bottom of the pool scraped. The water supply was adequate and furnished a full season's swimming, which was enjoyed by many.

Official Red Cross water safety instruction was given. A total of one hundred and ninety-three (193) individuals received Red Cross certificates of achievement. Of these, nine (9) were adults. Classes ranged from beginners to advanced swimmer, also Junior and Senior Life Saving certificates were given.

### 2. Baseball —

There was considerable interest this year in baseball, both hardball and softball. It is hoped that this in-

terest will remain high and that it will be possible to make provisions for a new softball diamond. Teams have been active for adults, both men and women, and for our young people. Particular interest was shown this year in the newly formed teams for the pre-teen and teen-age girls.

### 3. Arts & Crafts —

Many interesting hours were spent by our younger groups developing their handicraft skills. Items both useful and decorative were made of leather, plastic, yarn, and other materials.

### 4. Other Activities —

Volley ball, soccer, croquet, horseshoes, and other playground equipment were available and used.

We would like at this time to acknowledge the working help and interest shown by individuals, which is a vital part of a volunteer program of this type. Due to the fact that this Committee is dependent upon volunteer services to carry on and expand our programs and facilities, we will again be asking for the assistance of fellow townspeople in the coming season.

JASON DOUBLEDAY, Chairman

WILLIAM ALLEN

JAMES LAW

WILLIAM PLATE

GORDON WILLCUTT

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

The past year was conspicuous by its lack of severe storms and tree damage so that the small amount of \$200 appropriated for this work was ample for the few isolated cases of fallen branches and the like.

With the appropriation of \$50 for setting out trees along the highways, 14 rock maple shade trees were planted along the streets by the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

Tree Warden

## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The animal inspector wishes to report that he has inspected the barns and animals which is required by state law.

The following numbers of animals were found:

Cows	423
Horses	47
Swine	14
Goats	19
Sheep	2
Donkeys	3

Respectively submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER

Animal Inspector

## REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were a total of twenty-two fires:

- 14 grass and brush
- 2 dump
- 2 chimney
- 1 car
- 1 chicken coop
- 1 house
- 1 gas hot water heater

I would like to remind all people in the Town that to burn in the open at any time they must have a permit. This may be obtained by calling the Forest Fire Warden, JO 6-3366.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. ALLEN

Fire Chief

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

There were a total of twenty-two fires.

- 14 grass and brush
- 2 dump

There were 1431 permits issued and 2 blastings.

I would like at this time to thank the people of Hampden for cooperating with the new State ruling that there are no permits issued when the Towers are in operation from April 1 to November 1 unless the burning index is 350 or under.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. ALLEN

Forest Fire Warden

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Cemetery Commissioners wish to report the following:

Both cemeteries were mowed six times during the year. Lots with perpetual care were mowed as needed.

Sunken graves in both cemeteries were filled, limed, fertilized, and seeded.

The grading at the entrance of Prospect Hill Cemetery, which was done last fall, was limed, fertilized, and seeded this spring.

The original plot given the town for the present Prospect Hill Cemetery was roto-tilled, limed, fertilized, and seeded.

It is hoped that we will be able to continue with more roto-tilling, grading, and seeding this coming season.

Respectively submitted,

NEIL KIBBE  
HERBERT BURNHAM  
HOMER FULLER, Chairman

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

During the year 1958 I inspected and stamped 7 hogs and 1 sheep.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. PATRIC  
Inspector of Slaughtering

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

### DEVICES SEALED

	Adj.	Con.	Non Sealed	Sealed
Scales, 100 to 5,000 lbs.	1	1		2
Scales, under 100 lbs.	9	1	1	19
Avoirdupois Weights				13
Apothecary Weights				20
Metric Weights				51
Liquid meas. 1 gal. or under				4
Gasoline Meters 1" or less	1			14
Grease Meters				1
Kerosene or Grease Pumps				3
Tank Truck Meters ( <sup>o</sup> Heating Oil)				2
			Total devices sealed	129

\* Tank truck meters sealed by City of Springfield on my request.

Total fees collected—\$36.05

Eighteen sealing calls were made with the following results: 129 units sealed, 1 non-sealed and 2 condemned. Adjustments were made on 11 devices to bring them within the established specifications laid down by the Commonwealth.

Sealing fees collected were \$36.05, in accordance with provisions in Chapter 98, General Laws, Section 56. These fees have been turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Inspections were made of pre-packed merchandise such as vegetables, meats and frozen foods. All examined items in salable condition and within all established tolerances.

55 Clinical Thermometers were inspected. All bore the Massachusetts Seal and certificates with each showing compliance with State tolerances. Serial numbers were spot checked and 24 recorded on Town Records.

Respectfully submitted,

ERROL M. BEEBE

Sealer of Weights and Measures

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN PLANNING BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1958

The Planning Board has held two meetings each month during the past year to take care of its increased problems with the growth of the town.

Since submitting the annual report for the year 1957, the suggested "Industrial Zone" was written into the Zoning By-Laws by a vote of the town at the annual meeting in March and includes a tract of land with a large frontage on Mill Road. The owners of the tract so zoned are George N. Levakis and Stanley and Florence Witkop who did not object to the change from Residence "A". A letter was written to the Department Division, Massachusetts Department of Commerce, acquainting them with the fact that land is now available for industry in this town.

An enlarged and much needed map indicating the new streets and zone changes is nearing completion. For this work the Planning Board secured the services of Harold F. Helberg, one of our own townspeople, an engineer and surveyor, who is doing an excellent piece of work. It is hoped that a large map will be helpful not only to the Planning Board but to the Board of Assessors, the Board of Selectmen, the Superintendent of School's office and the like. Smaller and less expensive copies will also be made. For many years, the assessors have voiced such a need.

The Board feels that the present Business Zones are adequate for the town. As a result of the last town

meeting, the extensions of the present zone recommended in our last report were unanimously approved by the voters and the attorney-general. The Business Zone on Somers Road was extended 202 feet southerly, abutting the Gulf Oil Station.

The large lot of the Duchesnes opposite the previously business-zoned lot of Lawrence Sullivan has been zoned for business and is available. Thirty-five acres of the Edward N. Christianson Sand & Gravel Company was also zoned for business by the voters at the town meeting. This includes the land on which their office and repair garage is located.

In all the problems which have confronted this Board there is a definite awareness that our town is at the crossroads and only the most careful planning on the part of the Board can help in some small measure to combat the constantly increasing tax burden of our people, part of which is inevitable and part of which can be controlled by thought and effort.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chr.

MARION W. GERRISH, Sec.

GEORGE A. AUDREN

GARFIELD W. TRACY

WINSTON H. CHURCHILL

## 1958 Report of the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture and the Hampden County Improvement League

Town of Hampden

In accordance with General Laws of the Commonwealth—Chapter 128—The Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture are authorized to receive on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town or city or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

The Trustees are further authorized to maintain agents to conduct meetings or demonstrations, make individual farm and home visits and in all ways help to improve home and community interests wherever possible.

Their agents have made contacts during the past year in every community either by public meetings, individual visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward better business, better living and better community service and have been ably assisted by a large number of local volunteer leaders.

In Hampden the following citizens have ably assisted as voluntary leaders in promoting the programs as have been conducted during the year: Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill, Mrs. E. E. Dickinson, Mrs. Warren Dickinson, Mrs. Jason Doubleday, Mrs. Howard Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Herring, Mrs.

David W. Joyce, Mrs. Edward Larson, Mrs. William Tatullo, Mrs. Warren Reed, Mrs. Bruce W. Roman, Mrs. Walter Ross and Mrs. Robert Witkop.

An expense of \$83.52 was incurred by these leaders for travel or for the purchase of supplies necessary in carrying on the various projects.

The appropriation made by your town was used by the agents of the Trustees for only residents of your town.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1958 Appropriation	\$150.00
1957 Unexpended Balance	25.28
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Total Available for 1958	175.28
Total Expenditure in 1958	83.52
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1959 Balance Available	91.76
1959 Recommended Appropriation	75.00

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture  
By ALBERT H. FULLER, Clerk

#### GYPSY MOTH REPORT

The Gypsy Moth in Hampden is under good control. The usual search was made and very few clusters were found. The ones we did find were widely separated.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON  
Moth Superintendent

#### REPORT OF DUTCH ELM COMMITTEE

The report for the Dutch Elm Disease not only covers the removal of trees this year, but also the spraying of elms by the roadside with DDT, as the State approves, in an effort to keep as many elms as possible as long as possible.

In April samples from 12 elm trees were sent to the Mass. University Laboratory for tests. Ten of the trees were diseased and they were cut and burned.

In May samples were taken from 8 trees and the report returned that 7 were diseased. These also were destroyed as prescribed.

In May the elm trees along the highways were sprayed with DDT which the State had supplied. The spraying was repeated in June. The condition of the elms through the summer seemed improved.

In November I found 3 elm trees that showed signs of what might be Dutch Elm Disease. On 2 of these trees the report was diseased. These also were cut and burned, making a total of 20 trees removed in 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON

Moth Superintendent

## REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1958

The Hampden Free Public Library was established in 1891 under General Library Legislation of Massachusetts for the extension and encouragement of library services.

### Accomplished in 1958:

Circulation of books and magazines	13,303
Total attendance	9,815
Books bought	360
Books donated	161
Magazines subscriptions bought	43
Magazines donated	79
Registered borrowers	550
Books reviewed by the school children	1196

As compared with 627 five years ago.

### State Reading Certificates issued:

Large	22
Small	177

### Of the books purchased:

Adult	202
Juvenile	158

### Cost of books and magazines:

1958	\$1,230.47
1953	836.23

The Sessions Reference and Study Room is in daily use by the Junior High pupils.

Beginning March 1, 1958, the wages of the library

staff were raised to meet the state minimum requirements. The Board of Trustees and Librarian appreciate the loyalty and industry of the staff which includes Miss Artine Howlett and Mrs. George Fisher, Sr.

We are grateful for the books and magazines donated. A list of donors is posted on the library bulletin board.

"Friends of the Library" have volunteered to regularly carry books to shut-ins.

We celebrated National Book Week in March with the purchase and display of new books and gay posters.

We celebrated National Children's Book Week in November by engaging Mrs. Irwin Boredkin, formerly of the New York City Library, to tell stories and give book-reviews to the children of the Elementary School.

We have made many replacements of the older classics with attractive new additions.

Books were borrowed from the Lending Department, Division of Public Libraries, Department of Education, Boston, Mass., for use in Mr. Grinnell's Latin class. This service of borrowing non-fiction books is open to all borrowers.

The 1958 Christmas decorations were planned and created by the Kindergarten, Elementary, and Junior High pupils.

Appropriation by the Town	\$1,800.00
Dog Fund	677.50
Holt Fund	45.93

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\$2,523.43

### Expended:

Books and Magazines	\$1,230.47
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Supplies and Incidentals	101.70
Wages	1,191.26
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	\$2,523.43
Johanna Burleigh Holt Fund	
Amount of Bequest	\$500.00
Interest Available in 1959	16.37
Norton L. Day Fund	
Balance in Fund January 9, 1959	\$529.71
Interest received	17.33
Withdrawal for Christian Herald	
subscriptions to shut-ins	16.00
Balance January 9, 1959	\$531.04
Carew Fund	\$2,000.00
Balance January 9, 1958	2,227.44
Interest for 1958	72.95
Balance in Fund January 9, 1959	\$2,300.00

During the summer months the library proper was redecorated. Bookcases and desks were refinished.

As the populations grows, the developing schools place more and more emphasis on the specialized library as the center of the school reading program. The public library then has greater obligation to serve teachers, parents and all the adults in the community with books both for recreation and self-development. All this means that each year more and more adults become more interested in reading and turn to the public library for assistance. The public library must accept this steadily growing group of adult readers as a prime

obligation. The library can expect its adult work to grow at about the same rate as the population and so must steadily prepare for larger use.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM P. BRYANS  
Librarian  
GERTRUDE M. LYONS  
Chairman  
ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN  
ELEANOR B. McCRAY  
Library Trustees

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## CIVIL DEFENSE

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During 1958 the Civil Defense Authority on a State and National level, made a complete change in their planning. It was found that the former planning lacked the scope necessary to combat, to any degree, the terrific missile program being prepared by ourselves and others.

The town of Hampden was removed from a "Neutral" status to an "evacuation" program involving the moving of trucks and road building equipment, plus fire equipment, to the town of Monson.

Plans call for the billeting of the townspeople, wherever practical, within the town of Holland, with adequate provision to be made for their care and feeding by the local Civil Defense headquarters.

At this point, let me make it clear: none of the

above has progressed beyond the "paper" stage.

To quote the words of Albert D. O'Connor, Director of Civil Defense Mobilization for the Northeast, "it might be four weeks before the Federal Government could really . . . assist a community" in case of a thermonuclear attack. "There are no forces available to government in sufficient numbers to meet the threat of attack unless each citizen shares this responsibility jointly with his government." Your Director is in complete accord with Mr. O'Connor and earnestly requests full support from every able-bodied man and woman in our town.

On the brighter side, Hampden Civil Defense staff has cooperated fully this past year with every exercise performed in our sector.

We did our part in National Civil Defense Day, Dec. 7, and also had a fire truck, two officers and six firemen attend as part of that activity in North Wilbraham. We, your local Civil Defense staff, stand ready to do what we can to help you and your families during the coming critical year and hope for your support "man-power-wise."

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON DELISLE

Civil Defense Director

## BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1958 there were one hundred and forty-five permits granted. These were as follows:

New Houses	16
Garages	3
Barn	1
Shed	1
Alterations to house	3
Additions to houses	9
Additions to barns	2
Alteration to Church	1
Alteration to barn	1
Addition to Town Garage	1
Tear down brooder houses	3
Tear down hen houses	2
Electrical	62
Plumbing:	
New houses	15
Alterations	2
Additions	2
Replace septic tanks	4
New septic tanks	17
Inspections:	
Building	57
Electrical	110
Plumbing	140

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT

Building Commissioner

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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As the Town of Hampden grows, the work of the Police Department increases and it is felt that the townspeople should be informed of the work of this Department. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen serves as Chief of Police, and in addition to the three elected Constables, seven appointments were made this year of Special Police Officers. Three of these gave public building custodians authority to enforce laws and rules at public functions in these buildings; and four empowered citizens so appointed to patrol roads, do traffic duty, investigate accidents, and act with authority in any case involving law enforcement.

Records for 1958 show the following:

1050 hours spent patrolling our roads and streets; 296 hours spent directing traffic during Church services, at parades, and other events where police officers were necessary to insure a smooth flow of traffic.

Forty-seven notices of traffic violations were turned in to the Selectmen and sent to the Registry of Motor Vehicles for disposition.

Twelve summonses were served by our officers for police departments in other towns and cities.

Three cases of breaking and entering were investigated, and in the case of Hampden Drug Co., a bag containing some of the stolen property was found in the Scantic River by Officer Pixley and Constable Bouchard.

The Police Department handles the issuing of Licenses to Carry Firearms, and during the past year

25 such licenses were granted to local residents. One gunsmith license was granted. According to State Regulations, this procedure now involves fingerprinting of all applicants.

As a result of numerous complaints, an order was issued during the summer by the Board of Selectmen that all dogs must be restrained by their owners, with enforcement of this order carried out by the Constables and Special Police Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

Chief of Police

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

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When school opened in September our Elementary School had completed its first full year of operation. The building is in excellent condition and its facilities have been used extensively by both the school department and the public.

On October 15th the Hampden School Committee voted to accept the building from the School Building Committee as being satisfactorily completed and fully equipped.

In December the final report and request for reimbursement was filed with the School Building Assistance Commission in Boston. This completed the work of the School Building Committee:

## DESCRIPTION OF EXPENDITURES

Building	\$400,489.82
Architect	33,013.54
Equipment	28,960.11
Site Development	1,756.06
Insurance	67.50
Advertising	194.42
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	\$464,481.45

## METHOD OF FINANCING

From taxation	\$3,292.96
From available funds	91,084.42
From sale of bonds	350,000.00
From Building Comm. Funds	2,188.49
From Post War Rehab. Fund	17,915.58
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	\$464,481.45

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN LOMBARD, Chairman

RAY BEANE

DAN FLYNN

TOM DEMETRION

FRED SAMBLE

## Report of the School Committee

During the past year the School Committee has endeavored to provide for the needs of the Hampden School System with the able guidance of our Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Kenneth Johnson. Our meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend.

Early in the year members of the School Committee and the Superintendent attended a seminar at the University of Massachusetts. The purpose of the seminar was to educate School Committee members in their duties and responsibilities. Various publications are also available to Committee members to enable them to keep abreast of the problems and needs of a good educational program.

It was with regret that the School Committee accepted the resignation in September of Mr. Theodore Holmes, chairman of the School Committee. Mr. Holmes was forced to resign because of business pressure. Mr. Ray Beane, Jr. was appointed to complete his term.

### SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Members of the teaching staff participated in an in-service course last spring. Problems which were selected by the teachers were studied and evaluated. Topics included school discipline, school law, workbooks vs. supplementary books, correlation of art and social studies, school safety, audio-visual program, evaluation of teachers by the administration and a review of the Cordts system of phonetics. Teachers participating were allowed one credit toward the salary schedule requirements which state that all teachers must take two col-

lege courses of at least two credits each during a three year period in order to qualify for a fourth increment.

The Committee feels fortunate in being able to provide a well qualified teaching staff despite the current teacher shortage. Their loyalty to our school system is sincerely appreciated.

To the custodial staff for excellent care of the school buildings, the Committee expresses sincere thanks for a job well done.

Our Hot Lunch Program continues to provide excellent, balanced meals at a nominal cost, due to the cooperation and efficiency of the hot lunch manager and her assistants. There was one change in the staff this year. Mrs. Yolanda Esposito was engaged to replace Mrs. Ruth Melander Scheibler who resigned.

The expanded health program has proven most successful, because of capable and efficient efforts of our school nurse and school doctor.

The secretary to the Superintendent and School Committee is to be commended for her efficient and capable work during the past year.

#### FACILITIES

The new facilities provided in the Junior High School have proven satisfactory for the program offered. The building which has had many years of service, is in good condition. The custodial staff has tiled the lower corridor and some interior painting is planned next year as part of a continuing maintenance program.

In October the Elementary School was formally accepted from the Building Committee with a vote of thanks for a job well done. It has proven to be a functional, well planned facility providing for school activities during the day and community use at night. In

the late spring the Hampden Garden Club presented a master plan for landscaping the grounds of the Elementary School and offered to provide an initial planting of shrubs. The School Committee gratefully accepted this offer and extends thanks to the Hampden Garden Club for its commendable civic spirit.

Work has been started on the athletic fields at the Elementary School and excellent progress has been made. Funds available to the School Committee from Public Law #874 Federal Funds are being used to finance this project.

#### EVENING SCHOOL CLASSES

The physical fitness program for men and women proved very popular and many requests were received to continue the classes next year. The Committee plans to continue the program.

This fall classes started in the Practical Arts Program voted at the annual Town Meeting. Units in Clothing, Cake Decorating and Party Refreshments were offered and well accepted by the townspeople. The program will be continued next year.

#### TRANSPORTATION

A new school bus contract effective in September 1959 has been signed by the School Committee. The new contract calls for six 1959 model, fifty-nine passenger buses to provide adequate transportation over the next three years without overcrowding. Hampden buses will transport Regional High School students but the cost will be paid by the Regional Committee.

To our present contractor, the Palmer Motor Coach Company, the Committee expresses its appreciation for excellent service and cooperation.

Mr. Stuart Hill of Hampden, who was low bidder on

the new bus contract, is diligently working on plans to provide the service needed for efficient school transportation.

#### CLASSROOM NEEDS

At the present time all classrooms in both schools are being used with the exception of one room in the Elementary School which is being occupied part time by the remedial reading groups. Next September three first grades are anticipated which means all of the elementary classrooms will be occupied for a full day. With the ninth grade attending the Regional High School, two rooms will be available in the Junior High School which could be used for the sixth grade in the future. Under the present growth pattern, our present classes can accommodate new students without excessive overcrowding for an estimated three or four years. However, some serious thinking should be done about future classroom needs. If our school population continues to grow and three sections to a grade are necessary, there will be a need for more classrooms.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN LOMBARD,  
Chairman

ELEANOR MacMULLEN

ELOISE WALLACE

DONALD DICKINSON

RAY BEANE

#### ITEMIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1958

	1958 Appropriation	Expended	Unexpended Balance
<b>GENERAL CONTROL:</b>			
School Committee Expense	245.00	245.00	.00
Superintendent's Salary	6,544.00	6,544.00	.00
Expense of Superintendence	700.00	700.00	.00
Secretary's Salary	3,120.00	3,120.00	.00
<b>EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION:</b>			
Supervisors' Salaries	3,349.00	3,349.00	.00
Teachers' Salaries	79,520.00	79,420.58	99.42
Textbooks	1,200.00	1,200.00	.00
Supplies	2,650.00	2,650.00	.00
<b>EXPENSE OF OPERATION:</b>			
Janitors' Salaries	8,750.00	8,750.00	.00
Fuel/Light	7,300.00	*6,900.00	.00
Miscellaneous	1,368.00	1,368.00	.00
<b>MAINTENANCE:</b>			
Repairs and Replacements	400.00	400.00	.00
<b>AUXILIARY AGENCIES:</b>			
Health	1,612.00	1,612.00	.00
Transportation	28,508.00	28,451.41	56.59
Tuition	32,821.00	**32,080.77	40.23
Miscellaneous	380.00	380.00	.00
<b>OUTLAY:</b>			
New Equipment	300.00	300.00	.00
<b>CONTINGENCY:</b>			
	2,500.00		
*Trans. from Fuel/Light	400.00	)	
**Trans. from Tuition	700.00	)	3,592.72
			7.28
<b>COMMUNITY PROGRAM:</b>			
	1,000.00	1,000.00	.00
<b>TOTALS</b>			
	182,267	182,068.48	203.52
<b>NET EXPENDITURES AS SHOWN</b>			
		182,068.48	
<b>RETURN TO EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY</b>			
			203.52

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## Reimbursements From The Commonwealth

	1958 Actual	1959 Estimated
Superintendent's Salary	3,333.33	3,333.00
Transportation:		
Chapter 71, Sec. 7A	23,717.26	25,200.00
Vocational Ed. Chapter 74 Sec. 8A	940.00	680.00
Division of Special Education	1,721.50	
Tuition:		
Vocational Education	3,138.68	3,000.00
Division of Special Education	550.00	
Chapter 70:		22,802.00
	<u>49,923.58</u>	<u>55,015.00</u>
Estimated Cost of Education from Local Taxation	<u>132,343.42</u>	<u>126,295.00</u>
	<u>182,267.00</u>	<u>181,310.00</u>
FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT, PUBLIC LAW 874		
Balance Jan. 1, 1958	617.54	
Expended	<u>305.68</u>	
Balance Dec. 31, 1958	311.86	

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## Estimated Returns To The Town From Sources Other Than The Commonwealth

	1958	1959
Community Program	800.00	800.00
Practical Arts:		
Registration Fees	48.00	50.00
George Barden Funds	240.00	240.00
Maintenance		100.00
Shop Fees	46.10	25.00
	<u>1,134.10</u>	<u>1,215.00</u>

## Report of the Superintendent of Schools

### TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN:

I hereby submit my second annual report for the year 1958. With the completion of the Hampden Elementary School in September 1957 and the conversion of the Consolidated School into a three year Junior High School, both adequately providing the necessary class rooms so urgently needed, attention was focused on the curriculum and the educational philosophy of the Hampden School System. In the Elementary School new arithmetic and spelling texts were adopted. The selection of these textbooks was made after a careful, comprehensive study by the teachers and administration during the in-service course carried on last spring. The reading program was evaluated and changes were made to include a transition program of reading from one grade to the next grade in an effort to help pupils who were having difficulty in reading. An accelerated reading program in grades five and six has shown excellent results with some of our grade six pupils reading on an eighth grade level with speed and comprehension. Grouping by ability in arithmetic in the upper elementary grades has been introduced in an effort to make our curriculum more challenging to the pupils with ability in this subject.

Perhaps the most significant improvement in our elementary curriculum was the testing and remedial reading program developed by Mrs. Helen Enslin, principal of the Hampden Elementary School. Remedial

reading groups were organized on the basis of diagnostic reading tests which indicated the strengths and weaknesses of the pupils tested. The remedial instruction was directed toward the indicated weakness of each pupil and interest in reading developed in the area where the pupil's ability was strongest. Most important, this program also included average and better than average students whose tests indicated weaknesses which could be corrected with some specialized help.

An accelerated science program for a small group of academically talented fifth and sixth grade pupils was introduced and supervised by your Superintendent. The results were very encouraging and the enthusiasm of the pupils most gratifying.

In the Hampden Junior High School Latin and French were offered as elective subjects in grade nine. The English courses in grades eight and nine were strengthened by including classics in the program of study. With the help and cooperation of the library trustees a list of classical readings was made available to the students and new books to supplement this list were purchased. An exploratory French class was introduced last spring for eighth grade students who were interested in including a language in their ninth grade program. This class was taught by Mrs. William Olmstead and proved most valuable in screening students and preparing them for a formal introduction to French in grade nine.

The science program in grade nine was revised and a new course of study developed with the emphasis on chemistry, physics, biology and the earth sciences for those students who plan a college preparatory program of study in high school. The educational philosophy of the Hampden School Department stresses the academic program of study and a constant evaluation of the curriculum is essential if our children are to be educated to

tive in a technological society where space travel is almost certain to be a reality.

There were several changes in school personnel during the year. In the Junior High School Mr. James Brown resigned as instructor in French and English to take a position with the Springfield Public Schools. He was replaced by Mr. Irwin Reed. Mr. Edward Grinnell was added to the staff on a part time basis to teach Latin. In the Elementary School Miss Dorothy Petrie resigned as teacher in grade three to take a teaching position in the Ware Public Schools. Miss Jayne Neumann was employed to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Helen Larson and Mr. Thomas Hussey were added to the elementary staff to teach the added sections of grades four and five respectively.

Plans have been made to integrate the Regional High School program with the elementary school systems of the towns of Wilbraham and Hampden. The instrumental music programs will be combined to include grades four through twelve in each town. The vocal music program in the high school will include grades seven through twelve in both towns. Hampden now has available the services of a professional guidance director employed by the Regional School Committee. These are only a few of the many advantages which are possible with a Regional School District.

In October National Fire Prevention Week was observed in the local schools. Through the cooperation of the Hampden Fire Department, fire fighting apparatus was demonstrated in the parking lot of the Elementary School. Various pamphlets were sent home with the school children describing fire hazards and fire prevention in the home.

During National Education Week in November, both schools held an open house and more than three hundred parents and friends took advantage of this op-

portunity to visit the schools. For the first time teachers were released from their teaching duties during the afternoon so that conferences could be arranged with parents. This proved very successful and it is planned to continue this practice after each marking period.

Our school population continues to grow. The enrollment in the Hampden schools as of December 1958 is shown below:

Year	GRADES						Totals
	Elementary						
1958	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	57	45	37	48	38	38	263
	Junior High						
	7	8	9				
	36	44	33				113

With 74 students attending the Springfield Public Schools, the total school population is 450 students. In 1950 the total school population was 294 students. The following table indicates the projected enrollment of our elementary grades over the next five years based on the annual census figures as of October 1, 1958. Move-ins are not included.

Year	GRADES						Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1959	64	57	45	37	48	38	289
1960	53	64	57	45	37	48	304
1961	64	53	64	57	45	37	320
1962	67	64	53	64	57	45	350
1963	54	67	64	53	64	57	359

The above table shows an increase of at least 96 ele-

mentary pupils by 1963. Records show, however, that our first grade enrollment next year has increased substantially over the census estimate. For example, the census taken on October 1, 1957 indicated a first grade enrollment of 47 pupils in September 1958. On the opening day of school 57 first graders were enrolled or an increase of 10 pupils over the census estimate. The census indicates that 64 first graders will enter grade one in September 1959. Anticipating, from past experience, that 70 or more first graders will be enrolled, tentative plans are being made to have three sections of grade one. If the pre-school population continues to increase and three sections of grade one are necessary over a four year period, it would mean that the elementary school with twelve available classrooms could house only grades one through four possibly by 1963. Moving grade six to the Junior High School would temporarily relieve this situation in 1960. It should be understood that this situation will exist only if our pre-school population continues to increase at the present rate.

With the opening of the Regional High School in September 1959 our Junior High School will house grades seven and eight. Grades nine, ten, and eleven will attend the Regional High School and grade twelve will continue as seniors in the Springfield schools. Our anticipated Junior High and High School enrollment over the next five year period is as follows:

Year	GRADE		
	7	8	Total
1959	38	36	74
1960	48	38	86
1961	37	48	85
1962	45	37	82
1963	57	45	102

		Regional		Total
9	10	11	12	
44	33	29	S.H.S	106
36	44	33	29	142
38	36	44	33	151
48	38	36	44	166
37	48	38	36	159

In December there were forty-one students attending Technical High School, twelve at Classical High School, eight at Commerce High School and twelve at Trade High School. Fifteen students are attending private or parochial schools. In September, 1959 there will be fifteen seniors attending the Springfield High Schools to complete their secondary school education. In September 1960 all of the high school students from Hampden will be attending the Regional High School with the exception of those students who wish to attend Trade High School or private schools.

On behalf of the Hampden School Department, I wish to sincerely thank all who, with their cooperation and support, have helped to make our task easier. I would like to close this report with a quotation which appeared on the program for the graduation exercises prepared by the ninth grade graduating class of 1958. "All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth." — Aristotle

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH E. JOHNSON

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

### REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

The School Nurse has assisted the School Physician with the following:

Physical Examinations of School Personnel	33
Teachers	17
Custodians	2
School Lunch Workers	3
Bus Drivers	8
Office Staff	2
School Nurse	1
Physical Examinations of School Children	201
Defects found	10
Heart and lungs checked for competitive athletics	113
Number weighed and measured	377
Inspection of heads	377
Infested heads	0
Ears examined	325
Defects found	12
Eyes examined	264
Defects found	15
Pre-school registration was held May 14, 1958	
Number registering	45
Vaccinations	10

Two children had the benefit of three weeks' vacation at Camp Frederic Edwards.

The School Nurse has assisted the School Dentist with the examination of teeth.

Number of children examined 377  
 Notices sent 110

The kitchens and toilet facilities of the Junior High School and the Elementary School were inspected and found, in general, to be adequate and well cared for.

The School Physician has responded to school emergencies.

The School Physician feels that the physical condition of the Hampden school children remains generally good. He also reminds all parents that personal hygiene and cleanliness have a great bearing on good health. Let us not forget this, and guide our children in this respect.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN KEROACK, M.D.  
 SHIRLEY C. FULLER, R.N.

HAMPDEN SCHOOL PERSONNEL, 1958-59

Name	Grade	Date Appointed	Education, Professional Training
<b>JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL</b>			
Kenneth Johnson	Superintendent	1957	B.A., M.A., A.I.C.
Lawrence Dennis	Principal	1956	B.E., Westfield S.T.C.
Alvin McNeill	7	1957	B.S., M.S. Springfield College
Charlotte Goss	9	1951	B.S., Fitchburg S.T.C.
Irwin Reed	8	1958	B.A., Univ. of Mass.
Joan Cormack	8	1957	B.A., U. of M., M.E., Spfld. College
Howard Cutting	9	1957	B.S., Springfield College
Vivian Cotton	H.E.	1953	B.E., Westfield S.T.C.
Edward Grinnell	9	1958	B.A., Yale Univ.
<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>			
Helen Enslin	Principal	1939	Hyannis S.T.C.
Miriam Bryans	1	1952	Bridgewater S.T.C.
Eleanor Drummond	1	1953	Lowell S.T.C.
Emilie Steere	2	1951	B.S., Westfield S.T.C.
Dorrit Finn	2	1957	Posse Normal School

Jayne Neumann	3	1958	B.A., Lake Erie College
Helen Colling	3	1951	B.S., Framingham S.T.C.
Helen Dickinson	4	1957	B.S.E., North Adams S.T.C.
Helen Larson	4	1957	B.S., Boston University
Catherine Garvey	5	1954	Bridgewater S.T.C.
Thomas Hussey	5	1958	B.S.E., Westfield S.T.C.
Leona Moriarty	6	1953	B.S., Westfield S.T.C.
Virginia Midyette, Art Supervisor		1952	B.A., Smith College
Philip Eddington, Music Supervisor		1957	B.S., A.I.C.
Al Strohman, Instrumental Music		1956	
Shirley Fuller, R.N.			Nurse
Alvin Kerouck, M.D.			Physician
Harold J. Bennett, D.M.D.			Dentist
Dorothy Roy			Secretary
Clarke Warren			Head Custodian, Supervisor of Attendance
Walter Lyons			Custodian
Alma Temple			Supervisor, Hot Lunch Program
Rachel Dickinson			Asst. Supervisor, Hot Lunch Program
Yolanda Esposito			Helper, Hot Lunch Program

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM  
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Financial Statement, 1958

Planning and Construction Budget		
Receipts, Bond Issue, and Reimbursement of Planning Costs		\$2,104,306.01
Expenditures		869,708.40
Balance		<u>\$1,234,597.61</u>
Administrative Budget		
Receipts		
Carry-over, 1957	\$10,138.69	
Special Charges	2,035.44	
Appropriations	21,044.00	
Interest, Premium	19,145.23	
		<u>\$52,363.36</u>
Expenditures		23,841.15
Balance		<u>\$28,522.21</u>
Debt Service Budget		
Receipts, Construction Grant		\$67,271.91
Expenditures		40,900.00
Balance		<u>\$26,371.91</u>
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1958		\$1,289,491.73

BUDGET ESTIMATE — 1959

No.	Account	Amount	Total
1.	General Control	\$11,320.00	
2.	Expense of Instruction	106,036.00	
3.	Operation of Plant	20,848.00	
4.	Maintenance of Plant	1,100.00	
5.	Auxiliary Agencies	19,406.00	
6.	Outlay	0.00	
7.	Debt Service	170,116.00	
8.	Special Charges	10,992.00	
	Total		\$339,818.00
	* * * * *		
	Operating Budget	169,702.00	
	Less 1958 Carryover	40,000.00	
	Balance to assess towns		129,702.00
	Debt Service Budget	170,116.00	
	Less 1959 Constr. Grant	67,000.00	
	Balance to assess towns		103,116.00
COST TO HAMPDEN AND WILBRAHAM			
	Operating Budget		Debt Budget
Hampden	23.42 \$30,376.20		22.5 \$23,201.10
Wilbraham	76.58 \$99,325.80		77.5 \$79,914.90
Assessments payable in 4 equal installments not later than the first day of April, June, September and Dec.:			
	Hampden	\$13,394.32 (approx.)	
	Wilbraham	\$44,810.17 (approx.)	
	Total Assessment—Hampden	\$53,577.30	
	Wilbraham	\$179,240.70	

To the Citizens of Hampden and Wilbraham:

Your Regional District School Committee is pleased to report continued progress in the construction of the high school and the development of a sound educational program for the youth of our communities.

On December 20, 1957, the committee voted to exercise the option for the purchase of the Herman C. Heiden property. At the same meeting, the committee voted to award the contract for construction of the building to E. J. Pinney Company, low bidder. At the January 14, 1958 meeting, the committee voted to accept the most favorable bid for the sale of \$2,000,000 in bonds at the price of 100.1199 and accrued interest for 3.10 per cent bonds. In March, the committee employed Harry F. King as clerk of works for construction of the school. This appointment was made following interviews with eleven candidates.

At the March 20th organizational meeting, Mrs. Eloise Wallace replaced Mr. Theodore Holmes as Hampden's School Committee appointed member of the Regional School Committee. Mr. Holmes served on the Regional Committee while both preliminary and final plans for the school building were prepared. His wide experience and professional training were of great service to the committee. Mrs. Ethel Musselman was reappointed by the Wilbraham School Committee to serve on the Regional Committee.

The District Committee organized for the year with Mr. Marshall E. Roper, Chairman, Mrs. Grace L. Kibbe, Treasurer, and Mr. Irving H. Agard, Secretary.

At the March 29th meeting, following four months of concentrated interviews and a study of 51 candidates for the position, the committee unanimously elected Mr. Arthur W. Reynolds as Principal of the Regional High School. Mr. Reynolds came to the committee highly

recommended and possesses a splendid background of training and experience in secondary school work. He was employed August 1, 1958 to provide sufficient time to interview staff members, develop the educational program, and insure a well organized school in September, 1959. At the May meeting, the committee elected Mr. Charles B. Thompson as Guidance Director for the high school. Mr. Thompson is highly trained and experienced in this specialized work and, with Mr. Reynolds, is interviewing all pupils and developing a program designed to meet the pupils' individual requirements.

At the July meeting, following four months of careful study, the committee unanimously voted to name the new building the Minnechaug Regional High School. This name was one of 651 entries submitted by pupils from the schools of both towns. The winning name was submitted by Donn R. Bryans, Barbara G. Burger, Douglas Webb, and Judith A. Cmero of Hampden, Pamela Trombley and Jean L. Soderberg of Wilbraham. Jean L. Soderberg submitted the winning essay.

In August, through the cooperation of the Wilbraham School Committee, temporary office facilities were provided in the Stony Hill School for the high school Principal and Guidance Director. With the promotion of Miss Margaret Woods from clerk-typist in the regional committee office to Principal's Secretary, Mrs. Anna Tupper was appointed clerk-typist.

At the September meeting, the committee adopted a salary schedule designed to attract and retain well qualified, experienced teachers. This schedule has proved to be successful and has resulted in a satisfactory number of excellent candidates. After careful interviewing, eleven teaching appointments were made at the December meeting.

On October 18th, formal cornerstone exercises were

held at the Minnechaug Regional High School. Representatives of both communities were introduced. Following the reading of the winning essay, all six winners in the naming contest were presented. Mr. Arthur W. Reynolds gave the major address and explained the importance of good educational facilities for a community. An inspection of the partially completed building followed.

In November, following the resignation of Mrs. Margaret Woods Gaines, Miss Virginia White was appointed as Principal's Secretary.

Since early in September, the Financial Subcommittee and the full committee have worked continuously on the 1959 Budget Estimate. Our budget, printed at the beginning of this report, is, in the carefully considered opinion of the committee, a practical and honest estimate of the funds necessary to successfully staff, equip, and operate this new high school. Certain expenses are unavoidable in establishing any new program and the committee has planned carefully to provide instructional opportunities equal to that now offered on a tuition basis. This year, the largest single payment of principal and interest must be met while the 12th grade pupils of both communities continue on a tuition basis. Next year, the more efficient use of teaching personnel, a four year program, and a full school year of operation, will be reflected in the per pupil costs.

Throughout the spring and summer, construction of the school building has progressed at a reasonable rate. The soil conditions at the site permitted excavation without difficulty and no extra costs were required. The erecting of steel, exterior masonry work, and roofing of the structure were completed on schedule. Due to problems arising from poor weather conditions, the seeding of the athletic fields was not completed this year. The committee had hoped to establish a vigorous sod before

the school opened. Due partly to a nation wide glass strike, the building has not been permanently closed in. Temporary measures are being used to heat and protect the building so the work can continue. Both the architect and the contractor have assured the committee that the building will be completed by the date specified.

The problem presented by claims of certain rights of way across the school property is being handled by Mr. Frank Auchter, Attorney for the Regional School District.

The committee wishes to thank the citizens of the communities and the several boards and committees for their continued support and cooperation. The assistance and understanding so necessary for the completion of this building has enabled the committee to maintain the time schedule established in the original planning stages. The personal sacrifice and creative planning, the expenditure of time and effort, and the financial investment so unanimously voted, will result in a school program that will educate our youth and reflect credit upon the communities.

- MARSHALL E. ROPER, Chairman
- ERNEST W. FURNANS, Jr.
- HOWARD H. MacMULLEN
- ETHEL F. MUSSELMAN
- FRANCIS E. REESE
- ELOISE M. WALLACE
- MARGARET F. WIGGENHAUSER

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS, HAMPDEN, MASS.  
SCHOOL CALENDAR 1958-1959**

xx indicates no school

	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
SEPT.	xx	8	9	10	11	12	xx	Sept. 3—School opens (20 school days)
	xx	15	16	17	18	19	xx	
	xx	22	23	24	25	26	xx	
	xx	29	30					
OCT.	xx	6	7	8	9	10	xx	Oct. 13—Columbus Day 24—H.C. Teachers' Conv. (21 school days)
	xx	xx	14	15	16	17	xx	
	xx	20	21	22	23	xx	xx	
	xx	27	28	29	30	31		
NOV.	xx	3	4	5	6	7	xx	Nov. 11—Veterans Day 26—Schools close 12 Noon Thanksgiving Recess (17 school days)
	xx	10	xx	12	13	14	xx	
	xx	17	18	19	20	21	xx	
	xx	24	25 (26)	xx	xx	xx	xx	
DEC.	xx	1	2	3	4	5	xx	Dec. 1—Schools reopen 23—Schools close Christmas Vacation (17 school days)
	xx	8	9	10	11	12	xx	
	xx	15	16	17	18	19	xx	
	xx	22	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	
	xx	xx	xx	xx				
JAN.	xx	5	6	7	8	9	10	Jan. 5—Schools reopen (20 school days)
	xx	12	13	14	15	16	xx	
	xx	19	20	21	22	23	xx	
	xx	26	27	28	29	30	xx	
FEB.	xx	2	3	4	5	6	xx	Feb. 20—Schools close Midwinter vacation (15 school days)
	xx	9	10	11	12	13	xx	
	xx	16	17	18	19	20	xx	
	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	
MAR.	xx	2	3	4	5	6	xx	Mar. 2—Schools reopen 27—Good Friday (21 school days)
	xx	9	10	11	12	13	xx	
	xx	16	17	18	19	20	xx	
	xx	23	24	25	26	xx	xx	
	xx	30	31					
APR.	xx	6	7	8	9	10	xx	Apr. 20—Patriots Day 24—Schools Close Spring Vacation (17 school days)
	xx	13	14	15	16	17	xx	
	xx	xx	21	22	23	24	xx	
	xx	xx	xx	xx				
MAY	xx	4	5	6	7	8	xx	May 4—Schools reopen (20 school days)
	xx	11	12	13	14	15	xx	
	xx	18	19	20	21	22	xx	
	xx	25	26	27	28	29	xx	
	xx							
JUNE	xx	8	9	10	11	12	xx	June 12—Elem. school closes 17—Jr. High school closes (10 elem. school days) (13 Jr. H. sch. days)
	xx	15	16 (17)					

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