

# 1964 TOWN REPORT

**HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS**



**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OFFICERS**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF HAMPDEN**



AND OF THE  
**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1964

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS—1964

### *Moderator*

GEORGE W. INGLE

### *Clerk and Treasurer*

GRACE L. KIBBE

### *Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare*

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, Chairman, 1965

WILLIAM P. PATULLO, 1966                      JOHN M. FLYNN, 1967

*Clerk to the Selectmen*—RUTH W. WOODS

### *Assessors*

FRANK J. T. KIRK, Chairman, 1965

GEORGE AUDREN, 1966                      EDWARD H. DAYTON, 1967

*Clerk to the Assessors*—ALICE FULLER

### *School Committee*

RAY E. BEANE, JR., Chairman, 1965

JULIA WINETROUT, 1965                      ROBERT L. SULLIVAN, 1966  
JEANNETTE S. GREEN, 1966                      HILLARD H. CLARKSON, 1967

*Clerk to the School Committee*—DOROTHY ROY

### *Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee*

ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR., 1966

### *Board of Trustees of the Hampden Free Public Library*

C. KILBOURNE BUMP, Chairman, 1967

MILDRED ATTLETON, 1965                      ELSIE W. THERRIEN, 1966

### *Collector of Taxes*

DOROTHY S. FLYNN

### *Constables*

PAUL A. BOUCHARD, 1965

ARTHUR H. GERRISH, 1965                      JOHN E. PIXLEY, 1965

### *Cemetery Commissioners*

HOMER FULLER, Chairman, 1967

DANIEL ISHAM, 1965                      ERNESTINE F. JOHNSON, 1966

*Planning Board*

WILLIAM G. ERTEL, JR., Chairman, 1966  
FREDERICK MAHER, 1965  
(appointed to fill vacancy  
caused by resignation of  
John M. Flynn)

GARFIELD W. TRACY, 1967  
MARION W. GERRISH, 1968  
GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, 1969

*Clerk to the Planning Board*—JANET NEWTON

*Auditor*

LESTER PAULY

*Tree Warden*

HOMER FULLER

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS—1964**

*Town Accountant*

ROLLYN H. HATCH

*Dog Officer*

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

*Forest Fire Warden*

WILLIAM ALLEN

*Inspector of Animals*

HOMER L. FULLER

*Inspector of Slaughtering*

GEORGE A. PATRIC, deceased  
DONALD A. DICKINSON

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

ERROL M. BEEBE

*Moth Superintendent*

CHARLES H. LEMON

*Superintendent of Streets*

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

*Memorial Park Commissioners*

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chairman, 1965  
WARREN REED, 1965  
WILBUR JENKINS, 1966  
DAVID JOYCE, 1966

JAMES R. LAW, 1966  
DALTON PHILPOTT, 1967  
LEE H. TAFT, 1967

*Agent for Veterans' Benefits*

THOMAS J. FAULKNER

*Measurers of Wood, Bark and Charcoal*

HOMER L. HATCH, deceased

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

*Civil Defense Director*

HAMILTON DELISLE

*Shelter Officer*

HARRY JOHNSON

*Pound Keeper and Field Driver*

HOMER L. FULLER

*Fence Viewers*

DONALD E. DICKINSON

GEORGE PATRIC, deceased

WARREN DICKINSON

WILLIAM PATRIC

*Welfare Agent*

MARY CANTWELL

*Town Counsel*

ATTY. WILLIAM D. CANFIELD

*Dentist for Dental Clinic*

DR. DOUGLAS A. BRYANS

*Building Commissioner*

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT

*Electrical Inspector*

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

*Plumbing Inspector*

WILLIAM P. PATULLO

*Board of Appeals*

DALTON E. PHILPOTT, Chairman, 1967

RICHARD A. JALBERT, 1966

BERT NIETUPSKI, 1967

WALTER W. LUNDEN, 1967

LAWRENCE F. SULLIVAN, 1967

*Alternates*

JOHN R. OWENS, 1967

STANLEY WITKOP, JR., 1967

*Clerk to Board of Appeals—JANET NEWTON*

*Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee*

JULIA WINETROUT

*Advisory Committee*

WILLIAM T. OLMSTEAD, Chairman, 1967

DANIEL M. FLYNN, 1965

SHERWOOD CRONK, 1967

BEN F. LIBBY, 1966

ROBERT J. SICBALDI, 1967

*Clerk to Advisory Committee*—EILEEN SCHNEELOCH

*Voters Liable for Jury Duty for the Year*

Beginning August 1, 1964

STEPHEN H. BARTLETT

A. KING HARRIS

JOHN R. OWENS

EDWARD H. DAYTON

RICHARD JALBERT

WALTER A. ROSS

HAMILTON DELISLE

DAVID JOYCE

PETER A. ROY

RAYMOND DOWNEY

LOUIS LEVINE

JOHN R. SCHMUCK

HENRY DUNWOODIE

CARL F. LIBBY

RUTH W. WOODS

WILLIAM G. ERTEL, JR.

ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR.

*Board of Registrars*

GRACE L. KIBBE

FAYE FLYNN, Chairman, 1967

VIRGINIA REED, 1965

IDA LAMB, 1966

*Special Police*

PAUL A. BOUCHARD

ROBERT A. NEWTON

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

JOHN E. PIXLEY

WALTER J. LYONS

CLARKE E. WARREN, JR.

GEORGE J. KEALY

RICHARD WIENCEK

CHARLES FAIRBANKS

*School Building Committee*

RAY E. BEANE, JR., Chairman

FRANCIS T. BUCKLEY

ANDREW J. MULCAHY, JR.

LOUIS LEVINE

LOUIS SICBALDI

*Fire Chief*

R. GORDON CASEY

*Home Rule Committee*

NORMAN F. LAPINE, Chairman

STANLEY PARKER

EVERETT S. WOODS

*School Survey Committee*

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, Chairman

YORKE PHILLIPS

ELEANOR WILLIAMSON

ROBERT L. SULLIVAN

JOSEPH ZAHER

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ALTON GREGORY**

*Special Police Officer 1955-1956*

*Constable 1946-1957*

**HOMER L. HATCH**

*Assessor 1927-1948*

*Board of Appeals 1948-1952*

*Measurer of Wood, Bark and Charcoal 1950-1964*

**ELEANOR MACMULLEN**

*School Committee 1954-1960*

**GEORGE A. PATRIC**

*Inspector of Slaughtering 1950-1964*

*Fence Viewer 1946-1964*

## REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As a result of the steadily increasing population of Hampden, this office and the departments under its jurisdiction have experienced a year of consistent work load. The following is a report of our activities:

One of the big events of the year was the construction and dedication of the new firehouse on North Road. Part of the funds came from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. All went smoothly on this project from the ground breaking in May to the dedication and open house on October 24, when a large number of townspeople and invited guests came to inspect the new building, pay tribute to our excellent volunteer fire department, and enjoy their hospitality at the "open house" held that day. We are most grateful for the fine cooperation extended throughout by the representatives of the Federal Government; our architect, David Carlson; the contractor, Joseph Petronella; Fire Chief Casey; and the Town officers involved—Mrs. Grace Kibbe and Rollyn Hatch.

Permission has been granted and installation of gas mains has been made in the following streets or portions thereof by the Springfield Gas Light Co.: Somers Road, Allen Street, Wilbraham Road, Pinewood Road, Stony Hill Road, Circle View Drive, Hickory Lane, Main Street, Martin Farm Road, Mill Road, Old Coach Road, East Longmeadow Road, Allen Place, as well as in some other streets still privately controlled.

Chapter 90 Construction money was used to continue the widening and surfacing of South Monson Road, and Chapter 90 Maintenance funds were used on East Longmeadow Road and Somers Road. A grant of \$200 from the Hampden County Commissioners was used, together with local funds, to paint traffic lines on East Longmeadow and Somers Roads. Hampden's share of State distribution of bond money amounting to \$5,012 was used to straighten, widen and pave a portion of Bennett Road. Considerable blasting was necessary in some places.

As instructed by vote of the annual Town Meeting, the Selectmen have established a system whereby a fee is paid to the Town before a permit is issued for any building, plumbing, electrical or gas installation in Hampden.

Remodeling at the Town House this year consisted of work in the girls' toilet room and replacement of ceilings in two of the downstairs rooms. It is felt that the next room which should receive attention in this building is the auditorium; also the roof over the present classrooms and the steps at the rear of the building.

Following advertising and receipt of sealed bids, contracts were awarded for paving materials and installation of same, and for salt to be supplied for highway use.

After a public hearing, permission was granted to William Buereau for the storage of 17,000 gallons of petroleum products underground on Main Street. Four new street lights were installed on Carmody Road; two larger lights were installed on North Road in the vicinity of the Town House and Fire Station, and one was installed on Main Street.

Following the advice of our insurance agent, the Town buildings were insured under a new "package" policy, and a saving of \$589 was effected. Due to the efforts of this Board, Hampden's share of the Veterans District expenses was reduced from 40% in 1964 to 25% in 1965. A Special Town Meeting was held on August 10.

The following fees have been reported as received by the Town Clerk and Tax Collector during 1964 and turned over to the Town Treasurer:

Town Clerk .....	\$783.00
Tax Collector .....	784.61

Fees collected by Selectmen for liquor and other permits and licenses and turned over to the Town Treasurer totaled \$1,538.50.

The growth of our town in the past few years has brought about an increase in the amount of police protection required, and the number of cases which must be prosecuted, summonses which must be served, etc. After administering the police department as part of our duties, this Board feels that the time has now come when a full-time Chief of Police is necessary for the efficient operation of this department. Consequently, we recommend favorable action on the article in the 1965 Warrant which would create this office, together with a vehicle and necessary supplies.

Acting as the Board of Health, we regret the necessity to refuse a permit for the operation of the present pool in Hampden Memorial Park, because of its failure to meet the minimum State standards. We commend to you the article in the Warrant pertaining to the building of a swimming pool which would meet these standards.

The increased work load already mentioned makes us deeply appreciative of the excellent cooperation received from other Town officers and departments, and it is our hope that all these departments will continue to work closely together in the critical years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. MELVILLE, *Chairman*  
WILLIAM P. PATULLO  
JOHN M. FLYNN

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

The question always arises in town meeting regarding Chapter 81, Chapter 90 Construction and Chapter 90 Maintenance Roads so it would seem that the annual report might afford a good opportunity to explain them.

Chapter 81 Funds were established to assist small towns primarily on maintenance yet this fund may be used on any road. Portions of this account could be used for reconstruction if available after the maintenance program is completed. This chapter was inaugurated by the Legislature based on road mileage ratio-valuation. Only towns under \$5,000,000 valuation were eligible for Chapter 81.

However, this was based on 1945 valuations. Therefore many large towns still receive Chapter 81. Only the Legislature can change this distribution.

Hampden, in 1964, appropriated \$2,925.00 for Chapter 81, the State contributed \$10,725.00 making a total of \$13,650.00. In the spring of each year the State supervisors meet with the Selectmen and Superintendent of Streets and allot this money to each and every road for various purposes such as drainage, scraping, patching, cutting brush, resurfacing and the like. Some of Chapter 81 can be used for snow removal at the rate of \$75.00 per mile or for the purchase of sand and salt. However, if this account were spent as such, there would be much less money available for maintenance essentials and is not recommended by the State Department of Public Works.

As for Chapter 90 Construction, every city or town may have Chapter 90 Construction money if they ask for it and vote to appropriate their share. This is always distributed by the County allocating the same amount as the town or city and the State allocating the total of the appropriations of both the town and the

county. There are 351 municipalities that take advantage of Chapter 90 and they have to share in the amount which the State sets aside for Chapter 90. So often times it happens that each town is cut substantially in their requests. In 1964, the town of Hampden asked for \$5,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 for South Monson Road. However, we were cut to \$3,500, \$3,500 and \$7,000 making a total of \$14,000.

This account has to be completed by June 30th. The State Department of Public Works determines which roads are eligible for Chapter 90 Construction. Usually it is a highway leading directly from one town to another.

The town first took advantage of hard surfacing roads under this chapter in 1924 when I first worked for the town. Over the following years, we rebuilt Main Street, Wilbraham Road, Somers Road, Allen Street, Stony Hill Road, Mill Road, Glendale and North Monson Roads and the end of Chapin Road. Now we are working on South Monson Road.

Chapter 90 Maintenance is another account and is available by town, county and state each contributing one third. In 1964 we had \$7,500, split three ways. This account is used for maintenance of those roads which we rebuilt with Chapter 90 Construction money. This is usually spent on resurfacing those roads that need it. Last year we completed resurfacing East Longmeadow Road and started Somers Road at the state line and worked north as far as the Isaac Bradway Road. With this year's allotment we hope to continue the resurfacing of Somers Road.

Scantic Road is considered a Chapter 90 Road because back about 1915 to 1917 this road was graveled by a Small Town Act.

Last year an extensive drainage project was completed along North Road which required the installation of catch basins and perforated pipe. The ground and surface water from the Robert Sessions place to Main Street is carried to the Scantic River. There is a need for much more of this type of drainage on Chapin, South and North Roads which, when hardened in the 1930's, were simply gravelled a little, scraped and tarred. There was not sufficient money to install adequate drainage at this time. Every farmer along these roads was anxious to get the "black top" up to his place to get his produce to market in better condition.

The growth of the town is reflected in the new streets to maintain and does create more expense especially in snow removal and icy roads. We hope to purchase another sanding body this year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. GERRISH,  
*Superintendent of Streets*

## REPORT OF ASSESSORS

### TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF PROPERTY AND TAXES AS ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1964

	<i>Individuals</i>	<i>All Others</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Number of Persons Assessed:</b>			
On Personal Estate Only	12	18	30
On Real Estate Only	754	13	767
On Both Personal and Real Estate	119	2	121
			918
<b>Value of Assessed Personal Estate:</b>			
Stock in Trade	\$ 18,990.00		
Machinery	17,475.00		
Live Stock	30,345.00		
All Other Tangible Personal Property	366,630.00		
			\$ 433,440.00
<b>Value of Assessed Real Estate:</b>			
Land exclusive of Buildings	\$1,457,715.00		
Buildings exclusive of Land	9,024,000.00		
			\$10,481,715.00
<b>TOTAL VALUATION OF ASSESSED ESTATE</b>			<b>\$10,915,165.00</b>
<b>TAX RATE PER \$1,000</b>		<b>\$32.00</b>	

### TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND TOWN PURPOSES INCLUDING OVERLAY

On Personal Estate	\$ 13,870.08	
On Real Estate	335,414.88	
		\$349,284.96

### NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK ESTIMATED UNDER SECTION 36, CHAPTER 59

	<i>General</i>	<i>Farm Animals Assessed \$5 Excise</i>
Horses	72	—
Cows	40	169
Bulls—4; Yearling—1; Steers—52; Heifers—16	61	12
Swine	29	—
Sheep	21	5
Fowl	85	2,700
All Others: Ponies—20; Mink—1,400; Donkey—1	20	1,401

NUMBER OF ACRES OF LAND ASSESSED . . . . .	12,062 more or less
NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES ASSESSED . . . . .	852

Each building used as a dwelling counted as ONE without regard to the number of families housed.

1964 RECAPITULATION SHEET

Total appropriation to be raised by taxation . . . . .	\$473,504.00
Total appropriation voted to be taken from available funds in 1964 . . . . .	102,146.98
Total appropriation voted to be taken from available funds in 1963 after 1963 tax rate was set . . . . .	11,050.00
State Parks and Reservations . . . . .	1,263.08
State Parks and Reservations underestimated in 1963 . . . . .	116.61
State Audit of Municipal Accounts . . . . .	1,574.35
State Assessment System . . . . .	93.80
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills . . . . .	266.25
County Tax . . . . .	4,428.22
County Tax underestimated in 1963 . . . . .	93.96
County Hospital Assessment . . . . .	14.69
Overlay of current year . . . . .	11,444.99
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GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED . . . . .	\$605,996.93

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax . . . . .	\$51,188.50
Corporation Taxes . . . . .	8,399.06
Old Age Tax (Meals) . . . . .	902.99
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise . . . . .	31,312.51
Licenses . . . . .	1,510.50
Fines . . . . .	63.00
General Government . . . . .	1,454.75
Health and Sanitation . . . . .	122.05
Charities (other than Federal Grants) . . . . .	6,623.93
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants) . . . . .	8,455.97
Veterans' Services . . . . .	97.50
Schools . . . . .	20,565.14
Interest on Taxes and Assessments . . . . .	951.29
State Assistance for School Construction (Chapter 656, Acts of 1948) . . . . .	11,591.99
Farm Animal Excise . . . . .	275.81
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TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS . . . . .	\$143,514.99
Available Funds Taken by Vote:	
June 10, 1963 . . . . .	11,050.00
March 2, 1964 . . . . .	102,146.98
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TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS . . . . .	256,711.97
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY . . . . .	\$349,284.96

Total of Personal Property .....	\$ 433,440.00	
Real Estate .....	10,481,715.00	
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON PROPERTY .....		\$349,284.96
Omitted Assessment:		
Real Estate—Valued \$2,000.00 .....	\$64.00	
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED .....		\$349,348.96
Taxes Abated in 1964:		
1962 Personal Tax .....		\$224.00
1963 Personal Tax .....		67.20
1964 Personal Tax .....		49.60
1963 Real Estate Tax .....		60.48
1964 Real Estate Tax .....		566.60
Statutory Exemptions:		
1963 Real Estate .....	\$ 64.00	
1964 Real Estate .....	5,302.08	
Farm Animal Excise .....		\$286.38
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Committed in 1964		
1963 Excise .....	\$ 2,563.99	
1964 Excise .....	63,069.38	
Recommitted Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
1961 Excise .....	\$24.75	
1962 Excise .....	29.70	
Commissioner Value of Vehicles:		
1963 Commitment .....	\$ 112,635.00	
1964 Commitment .....	1,164,590.00	
Motor Vehicle Abatements:		
Commitment of 1962 .....	\$ 209.91	
Commitment of 1963 .....	2,950.37	
Commitment of 1964 .....	5,056.93	
Real Estate Abatements were granted to the following in 1964:		
Edward N. Subjek—1963 tax .....	\$ 60.48	
Dennis J. Gardner .....	.96	
Joseph F. and Lucy Piazza .....	2.88	
Lawrence R. and Gladys Bauer .....	21.76	
William H. and Frances Burns .....	1.92	
Betty Anna Johnson .....	112.96	
James Reardon .....	2.56	
Nichalos T. and Marguerite G. Thalassinios .....	32.96	
Edward M. and Nancy Salerno .....	66.56	

George W. and Helen M. Lavallee . . . . .	15.68
Balei J. and Gloria A. Fabbri . . . . .	32.64
William H. and Irene F. Graves . . . . .	27.52
Thomas Poulin . . . . .	82.88
Sidney and Allena Johnson . . . . .	3.52
Robert and Opal Sazama . . . . .	9.92
Gerald F. and Dolores Pratt . . . . .	17.12
William J. and Eleanor Donnelly . . . . .	63.36
Ralph W. Streeter . . . . .	29.76
Robert M. and Mary B. McGee . . . . .	41.64

The Town owns the following real estate:

Ames Road . . . . .	6 acres	\$ 110.00
Cross Road (Dump) . . . . .	11 acres	350.00
North Road . . . . .	¼ acres	510.00
Thresher Road (Moore Lot) . . . . .	4 acres	390.00
Wilbraham Road (Leach Lot) . . . . .	22 acres	1,430.00

The Assessors meet the second Wednesday of each month at eight o'clock in the Assessors' office. The clerk is on duty each Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. T. KIRK, *Chairman*  
EDWARD H. DAYTON  
GEORGE A. AUDREN  
*Board of Assessors*



## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

<b>1957 REAL ESTATE</b>		
Balance due January 1, 1964	\$	7.20
Transferred to Tax Title Account		7.20
<b>1958 REAL ESTATE</b>		
Balance due January 1, 1964		23.94
Transferred to Tax Title Account		23.94
<b>1959 REAL ESTATE</b>		
Balance due January 1, 1964		26.46
Transferred to Tax Title Account		26.46
<b>1960 REAL ESTATE</b>		
Balance due January 1, 1964		28.98
Transferred to Tax Title Account		28.98
<b>1961 REAL ESTATE</b>		
Balance due January 1, 1964		372.48
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	342.24	
Transferred to Tax Title Account	30.24	
	372.48	
Interest paid Treasurer		29.64
<b>1962 PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>		
Balance due January 1, 1964		256.00
Collected and paid Treasurer	32.00	
Abatements	224.00	
	256.00	
<b>1962 REAL ESTATE</b>		
Balance due January 1, 1964		2,197.54
Collected and paid Treasurer	2,111.14	
Transferred to Tax Title	33.92	
	2,145.06	
Balance due January 1, 1965		52.48
Interest paid Treasurer		139.27
<b>1963 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE</b>		
Balance due January 1, 1964		27.50
Collected and paid Treasurer		27.50

<b>1963 PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>		
Balance due January 1, 1964.		530.24
Collected and paid Treasurer	463.04	
Abatements	67.20	
	<hr/>	530.24
<b>1963 REAL ESTATE</b>		
Balance due January 1, 1964.		24,085.78
Refunds		64.00
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		24,149.78
Collected and paid Treasurer	21,157.28	
Abatements	124.48	
Transferred to Tax Title.	33.92	
	<hr/>	21,315.68
Balance due January 1, 1965.		2,834.10
Interest paid Treasurer.		477.20
<b>1962 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE</b>		
Balance due January 1, 1964.		244.30
Collected and paid Treasurer	64.09	
Abatements	180.21	
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<b>1963 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE</b>		
Balance due January 1, 1964.		18,449.71
Committed March of 1964.		2,563.99
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		21,013.70
Refunds.		948.89
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		21,962.59
Collected and paid Treasurer	18,927.62	
Abatements	2,950.37	
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Balance due January 1, 1965.		84.60
<b>1964 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE</b>		
Total Commitments		63,069.38
Refunds		1,520.10
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		64,589.48
Collected and paid Treasurer	50,479.12	
Abatements	5,056.93	
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Balance due January 1, 1965.		9,053.43
Interest paid Treasurer.		62.40