

Bring This Report to Town Meeting

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF THETFORD

VERMONT

For the Year Ending

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THE THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Anyone who has met an old friend after a long absence knows that at such moments memories are searched, the welfare of absent friends is discussed, and mutual experiences rehearsed. These are moments in which the individual becomes his own historian as he recalls the past. Once the meeting is over, however, the recollections fade until a similar meeting revives them once more.

The value of a local historical society lies in the fact that its interest in its area is persistent, and that the information it collects passes into its files as a permanent record. It is concerned, not with the life of a single individual, but with that of a whole region. In this spirit the Thetford Historical Society would like to know who lived here, where they came from, what kind of people they were, what they wore, what they ate, how they made a living, and what they thought about the issues of their day.

The history of those who lived in Thetford before us, survives in the brief entries which mark a birth and a death, and in the documents which show what happened between the beginning and the end of a life. It also survives in the churches, the houses, the covered bridges, in cellar-holes and mill sites, in the very shapes of the fields and the stone walls which bound them. These are a visible history of those who lived and worked here.

Many people worked to preserve the history of Thetford before there was a historical society. In addition to the scribes who recorded deeds, wrote the annual town reports, and recorded the discussions of church meetings, there were others who wrote of matters which were close to them. Asa Burton wrote letters to his daughter, which recorded the progress of the town during his long pastorate, from 1777 to 1836. Edward N. Heaton wrote articles for annual town reports concerning the town charter, Richard Wallace, a town hero, and other subjects. The *Vermont* magazine carried articles from time to time; and more recently Mrs. George Chase has written a chronicle of East Thetford covering the last twenty five years, and also a history of the Grange.

Most Thetford people know of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Slade. Their collection of letters, genealogical records, family photographs, and a library which contains books now difficult to obtain, form a valuable asset of the town, and one which has always been at the service of those with questions to be answered. Mrs. Slade's history of the founding of the academy, written in 1944, is now expanded to cover the school's first century, and is approaching completion.

The first steps toward the formation of a society were taken by a few interested people who lingered after a regular church service on Thetford Hill late in 1943. Organization, with thirteen members, took place in the Center school house early in 1944, when Kermit Cook was elected president. He was succeeded by Richard J. Fowle, and recently by Mrs. Slade, the present president. Our membership has ranged from fifty to seventy.

The activities of the society include an annual open meeting in the summer, which has been largely attended by both townspeople and summer visitors. This meeting is dedicated to special speakers, and the list includes Professors Dankert and Foley of Dartmouth, Paul Buck of Harvard, Louis Hunter of American University, Howard Robinson of Oberlin, Charles W. Hughes of Hunter College, and Richard J. Fowle, whose personal excursions into family history had special local interest.

Others who have spoken at regular meetings of the society are Ellen Farnsworth, Mrs. Slade, Ernest Bond, Bartlett Mayo, Earl Newton of the Vermont Historical Society, and Joseph F. Wilson of Montpelier, as well as our historical-minded neighbors, Miss Lucy King of Lyme, Mrs. Marjorie Butler of the recently formed Norwich Historical Society, and Mrs. Gertrude Wright of Hanover.

The society plans to make one major pilgrimage each summer, and these have included a day spent in Weston, attendance at the annual church service in the old meeting house at Rockingham, a visit to the Vermont Historical Society museum at Montpelier, as well as various exploratory trips in Thetford. The society was also represented at a meeting of New Hampshire Historical Societies at

Durham, N. H. in 1952, at the invitation of Philip Wilcox, a descendant of a Thetford family.

The society's collection of tools and farming implements has reached large proportions and is now housed in Miss Emma Coombs' barn. The various exhibitions from this collection have attracted much interest, and the need of a permanent museum is shown by the constant influx of objects which, in many cases, would otherwise have been destroyed or dispersed. Even so, it is certain that many items which would complete our exhibits, lie forgotten in some attic. Other types of exhibitions have been held, including one at the Post Mills fair, when documents concerning the early industries there were displayed; and at the Hill fair, exhibitions of musical instruments in 1951, and kitchen utensils in 1952. An exhibition dealing with child life in the past, including costumes, books, toys and games, has been planned for 1953.

The growing need for a fireproof building in which the more valuable possessions of the society could be kept, has long been apparent, and its realization has recently been brought closer by the availability of a site adjacent to the "Common" on the Hill, now being held for the purpose by Richard Fowle.

The Thetford Historical Society is an organization for the whole town, and it seeks town-wide support. It collects and preserves information, pictures, and documents of all kinds, as well as objects "too numerous to mention" which are suitable for the museum. It does this because it realizes that the town has much which is well worth remembering, and because we understand better what we are if we know something of what we were.

What has been done is only a prelude to what can be done, but this larger measure of usefulness can only be achieved if many of our friends join in the work of the society and help it to play its part in the life of the town.

Charles W. Hughes

GRAND LIST FOR 1952 \$8,599.68 Tax Rate \$6.50

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Charles A. Wilcox
Town Clerk	Mildred W. Cook
Assistant Town Clerk	Kenneth W. Cook
Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes	Harold E. Heaton
Ass't Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes	Elsie C. Heaton

Selectmen

Winston G. Colton	George Huggett
William Bacon	

School Directors

William E. Bond	Frank Stiles
Cornelia G. Lightner	

Auditors

Carl A. Anderson	Ruth Prevost
Kate P. Howard	

Listers

A. Maxwell Palmer	Kenneth W. Cook
J. Borden Smith	
Road Commissioner	Merton Godfrey
Overseers of Poor	Selectmen
Town Grand Juror	J. Borden Smith

Trustees of Public Funds

Pearley A. MacFarlane	G. Niles Miller
Ellsworth H. Sargent	

Constable and Collector of Taxes

William F. Fitzgerald

Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits

Gerald H. Wilson

Library Trustees

Kate P. Howard
Emma Coombs
Frank Ross
Elsie C. Heaton
Claire Fowle
Rosetta Estabrook

Cemetery Trustees

Ellsworth H. Sargent
William E. Bond
Ernest C. Bond

Budget Committee

Walter A. Malmquist
Harold E. Heaton
William E. Bond
G. Niles Miller
George Huggett
Merton Godfrey
Alice F. Fifield

Representative to Vermont Legislature

Elsie A. Cowles

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber and Weighers of Coal

Ray H. Palmer
Walter A. Malmquist
George Chase

Fence Viewers

J. Floyd Judd
William M. Bacon
Glen Aldrich

Pound Keeper

Edwin Roberts

TOWN MEETING NOTES, 1952

The following business was transacted at the annual Town Meeting which was called to order by Charles A. Wilcox, Moderator.

- Art. 1. Elected — Moderator — Charles A. Wilcox
- Art. 2. Elected — Town Clerk — Mildred W. Cook
Appointed Assistant Clerk—Kenneth W. Cook
- Art. 3. Voted 82 votes against and 44 for the sale of malt and vinous liquors. Voted 84 against and 54 for the sale of spirituous liquors.
- Art. 4. Voted to accept report of Town Officers. Poll taxes must be paid on January 1st to be eligible to vote at Town Meeting.
- Art. 5. Elected Road Commissioner — Merton Godfrey
- Art. 6. Elected—Town and School District Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes—Harold E. Heaton
Elected—Ass't Town and School District Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes—Elsie C. Heaton
Elected—Selectman for 3 years—William M. Bacon
Elected—Auditor for 3 years—Kate P. Howard
Elected—Auditor for 1 year—Ruth Prevost to fill unexpired term of Cass Lightner, resigned
Elected—Constable and Collector of Taxes—William F. Fitzgerald
Elected—Overseer of Poor — Selectmen
Elected—Town Grand Juror—J. Borden Smith
Elected—Trustees of Public Funds—Ellsworth H. Sargent for 2 year term to fill unexpired term of A. M. Palmer, resigned. G. Niles Miller for 3 years.
Elected—Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits Gerald H. Wilson
Elected—Library Trustee for 5 years — Emma Coombs
Elected—Cemetery Trustee for 3 years — E. C. Bond

State of Vermont, State aid maintenance, resurfacing	979.43
State of Vermont, State aid maintenance, retreatment	98.04
State of Vermont, refund of porcupine bounties	63.50
Transfer from Dog Acc't. to Gen. Fund	430.25
School Land rent, Dorrance Goddard	6.00
College Land rent, Burton Chabot	4.98
William Fitzgerald, col. delinquent taxes	3,133.92
William Fitzgerald, col. Int. & Warrants, delinquent taxes	104.41
William Fitzgerald, col. tax abatement	73.95
Petty cash amt.	100.00
Merton Godfrey, refund	1.00
Director of Internal Revenue	46.86
Receipts from Jan. 1, 1952 to Dec. 31, 1952	\$93,243.87

Disbursements

Selectmen's Old Orders	\$ 2,500.00
Selectmen's Current Orders	40,620.78
Selectmen's Current Orders, highway	5,743.78
Road Commissioner's Current Orders	7,769.92
Overseers' of the Poor, Current Orders	1,930.18
Cemetery Commissioner's Current Orders	437.72
Transfer to Town School Dist. bal. of 1951 taxes	9,368.49
Transfer to Town School Dist. sale of school house	500.00
Transfer to Town School Dist., land rent	10.78
Transfer to Town School Dist. current taxes	15,633.60
Porcupine bounties	40.50
Cash in bank and in transit Dec. 31, 1952	\$ 8,688.12
Thetford, Vt., Dec. 31, 1952	

H. E. HEATON,
Treasurer

**THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT**

1952 January 1	
Cash balance	\$12,818.06
State of Vermont, vocational education	965.72
Thetford Academy, bus fares	1,142.25
From Gen. Fund, bal. of 1951 tax	9,368.49
American Legion, sale of school house	500.00
Tuition from Town of Lincoln	102.50
Tuition from Mrs. Perkins	2.50
Sale of garage door	80.00
Refunds	8.00
Total Receipts from Jan. 1, 1952 to June 30, 1952	\$24,987.52
Disbursements School Directors' orders Jan. 1, 1952 to June 30, 1952	24,505.25
July 1	
Balance in account	\$ 482.27
State of Vt., vocational education	1,262.83
State of Vt., state aid for education	13,296.50
From Gen. Fund 1952 taxes	15,633.60
Bus fares from Thetford Academy	825.40
Land rents	13.17
R. H. Hatch, refund	5.92
East Thetford P. T. A.	3.30
R. H. Hatch, refund	2.70
Receipts from July 1, 1952 to Dec. 31, 1952	\$31,525.69
Disbursements School Directors' orders from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1952	19,295.47
Cash in bank	\$12,230.22
Due from Gen. Fund Bal. of '52 taxes and land rent	11,457.78
Total Available to June 30, 1953 Thetford, Vt., Dec. 31, 1952	\$23,688.00

H. E. HEATON,
Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Cemetery Trust Funds

Trust Funds to account for: December 31, 1951	
Carlton Fund (Bond) Ellis Cemetery	\$ 100.00
Guild Fund, Post Mills Cemetery	100.00
Heaton Fund, East Thetford Cemetery	100.00
Worthington Fund, Post Mills Cemetery	100.00
Rowell Fund, Evergreen Rest Cemetery	200.00
Maud Emerson Fund, East Thetford Cemetery	200.00
Chamberlain Fund, Evergreen Rest Cemetery	500.00
	\$1,300.00

Investments and Principal

Investments:	
*Town of Thetford—Note 3% —#6-1952	\$1,242.06
Bank Account—Interstate Trust Co.	176.59
	\$1,418.65

Principal:

Total Trust Funds: December 31, 1951	\$1,418.65
Income added	40.49

Total Trust Funds: December 31, 1952	\$1,459.14
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Income and Expenditures

Income:	
Interest—Thetford Note 3%	\$ 37.26
Bank Account 2%	3.23

\$ 40.49

Expenditures:

None	
Balance:	\$ 40.49

* Town cancelled old Order #593 and gave new Note #6-1952 for \$1242.06.

Town Farm Trust Fund

Principal:

Trust Funds: December 31, 1951 \$4,088.42

Investments:

*Town of Thetford—Note #5-1952 \$3,257.94
Cash—Interstate Trust Co. 830.48

\$4,088.42

Income — 1952 112.98

TOTAL TRUST FUNDS AS

ACCOUNTED FOR \$4,201.40

Income and Expenditures

Income:

Interest—Town Notes @ 3% \$ 97.74
Interstate Trust Co. 15.24

\$ 112.98

Expenditures

None

Balance: \$ 112.98

* Town cancelled old Orders #592 and #1101 and gave one new Note #5-1952 for \$3257.94.

Your Trustees of Public Funds have endeavored to bring the Cemetery Funds up to date and from all available sources we believe that the total Cemetery Trust Fund amounts to \$1300. For a number of years no disbursements have been made to the cemeteries, but it is the intention of the Trustees to disburse 3% to the various Funds in 1953.

It is the opinion of the Trustees that perhaps it would meet the original donors' wishes if the annual income from the "Town Farm Trust Fund" was given to the Thetford Free Bed Fund at the Mary Hitchcock Hospital, which we plan to do this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. NILES MILLER
PERLEY MACFARLANE
ELLSWORTH SARGENT

VERMONT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bradford, Vermont

January 26, 1953

Board of Selectmen
Town of Thetford
Att: Mr. George Huggett

Gentlemen:

Following is a report of the work accomplished and where and how your State construction and maintenance funds were spent for the year 1952.

Town Highways Fund Amt. available \$6,231.25

JOB #1 — On Airport road #1, beginning at the junction of route 113 and extending south 0.50 mile. Work consisted of applying sand seal retreatment using 1000 gals. of MC-2 Special Asphalt — 0.09 mile was also sand sealed on the N. Thetford road, using 240 gals. of MC-2 Special Asphalt.
Total cost of these two jobs was \$268.36 or \$454.85 a mile.

JOB #2 — On Tucker Hill road #29, beginning 1.25 mile from route 113A and extending south 0.50 mile. Work consisted of cutting brush and trees only — delay in getting culverts and the unavailability of road equipment prevented the completion of the job this year. Total spent was \$376.40.

JOB #3 — On Swanee Bean road #20, installing a 42" x 30' culvert at the Hazlett turn, replacing an old stone box which had caved in during the June 1st flood — approaches were also gravelled. A 48" x 22' culvert was installed on road #22, just north of Messiers Farm, replacing an old stone box and gravelled approaches which had also been damaged by the flood. Total cost was \$1544.76. Flood damage was also repaired on School House Hill, reshaping and regrading washed out road, using a total of 319 c. y. of gravel. Total cost was \$747.85.

JOB #4 — On Quinibeck road #11 — this work was done in conjunction with 1/2 Cent Gas Tax Funds — rebuilding the road from the Fairlee Town Line to the Lake Fairlee Club. \$3205.43 of Town Highways Fund was used on this job.

1/2 Cent Gas Tax Fund Amt. available \$2,580.65

Used in conjunction with Job #4 on Town Highways Fund, in reconstructing the above mentioned road. The Lake Fairlee Club to contribute \$1,000 to the job. Total amount of job was \$6,786.08.

S. A. Retreatment

4.35 miles of sand seal retreatment was done on the following roads—S.A. rd. #3, Cross Road to Lake Fairlee; S.A. rd. #2, Copper Mine rd; S.A. rd. #4, Union Village rd., 2/3 of the cost being paid by the State. Total spent was \$2,074.85 — \$1,383.23 being paid by the State; \$691.62 being paid by the Town.

S. A. Bridges Fund

In September bids were opened for the repair and rebuilding of the Union Village covered bridge. Work to be done under the supervision and specifications of the State Highway Department. The low bid was submitted by Trumbull-Nelson Co., Inc. of Hanover, N. H. for the sum of \$19,876.00. The bridge is now being repaired and the work is progressing according to schedule. The scope of the work will involve repairing and replacing members in the bottom chord, a new flood system and the jacking and straightening of the chords and the general lining up of the whole bridge.

R. H. ARNOLD,
District Engineer

ITEM NO. 1

POOR ACCOUNT

Tax Rate \$0.21	Total Tax \$1,805.93
Board	\$700.00
Groceries	403.89
Department of Social Welfare	397.12
Medical Expenses	70.55
Clothing	46.85
Barbering	16.00
Sundries	53.17
Funeral Expenses	139.00
Probate Court and Expenses	176.45
Electricity	17.52
Tramp Account	4.75
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Total Expenditure	\$ 2,025.30
	1,805.93
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Deficit	\$ 220.37

The above expense for board is for a total of four, groceries for six, Department of Social Welfare is giving aid to eighteen, as Aid to Dependent Children, the other expenses are including all receiving aid at that time.

MARY HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Hanover, New Hampshire

January 20, 1953

Mr. George Huggett, Overseer of the Poor
Office of the Selectmen
Thetford, Vermont

My dear Mr. Huggett:

During the year January 1, 1952 through December 31, 1952, the Thetford Free Bed Fund in the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, New Hampshire

rendered 36 days' service to 5 patients from the Town of Thetford, Vermont.

The portion of Free Bed Funds allotted by the Trustees to the Town of Thetford for 1952 was \$330.00.

The charges at the minimum hospital rates for services rendered to these patients during the period amounted to \$432.20. Subtracting this figure from the allotment of \$330.00, there is an overuse of \$184.70 as of December 31, 1952.

We are attaching hereto the usual summary sheet, showing the charges to this Fund.

Please accept my thanks for the fine manner in which this Fund was handled during the past year.

Yours very truly,

W. L. WILSON,

Administrator

ITEM NO. 2

WINTER ROADS

Tax Rate \$0.40	Total Tax \$3,439.87
1- 5-52 Merton Godfrey, labor	\$58.50
Gordon Fifield, labor	42.30
Arthur Bacon, labor	42.20
Bernard Godfrey, labor	12.60
Anna D. Eaton, gas	3.22
Noble-Belisle, Inc., plow parts	39.77
Casellini-Venable Corp., tractor parts	13.75
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	\$ 212.34

1-12-52	H. O. Taylor Chev. Co., parts	\$11.90	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	49.00	
	Gordon Fifield, labor	33.30	
	Arthur Bacon, labor	29.70	
	Bernard Godfrey, labor	6.30	
	Hayden Clark, labor	8.00	
			\$ 138.20
1-19-52	H. O. Taylor Chev. Co., transmission	\$90.46	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	37.50	
	Arthur Bacon, labor	35.55	
	Franklin Godfrey, labor	16.20	
	Bernard Godfrey, labor	3.60	
	Hayden Clark, labor	25.50	
	Geo. Higgins, labor	6.30	
			\$ 215.11
1-26-52	Merton Godfrey, labor	\$50.50	
	Gordon Fifield, labor	49.95	
	Arthur Bacon, labor	34.65	
	Bernard Godfrey, labor	5.85	
			\$ 140.95
2- 2-52	Merton Godfrey, labor	\$52.00	
	Gordon Fifield, labor	46.80	
	Arthur Bacon, labor	46.80	
	Eaton's Garage, repair, maintenance	18.09	
	Gulf Oil Corp.	52.57	
	Palmer's Garage, labor plowing	\$ 34.15	
	repair, maint.	340.39	
		374.54	
			\$ 590.80
2- 9-52	Gulf Oil Corp., gas	\$117.30	
	Geo. Huggett, 4-8.25/20 tires, tubes	312.08	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	63.00	
	Gordon Fifield, labor	43.90	
	Geo. Huggett, labor	13.00	
			\$ 549.28

2-16-52	Merton Godfrey, labor	\$70.50	
	Gordon Fifield, labor	59.85	
	Bernard Godfrey, labor	15.30	
	Arthur Bacon, labor	32.85	
	Geo. Higgins, labor	4.50	
			\$ 183.00
2-23-52	J. Borden Smith, gas	\$ 8.06	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	113.50	
	Bernard Godfrey, labor	36.90	
	Gordon Fifield, labor	79.65	
	Foster Palmer, labor	10.80	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	14.40	
	Geo. Huggett, labor	41.00	
			\$ 304.31
3- 1-52	Bailey Bros., 100 X-chains	\$43.30	
	Fred J. Gerhart, gas	4.48	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	46.50	
	Gordon Fifield, labor	26.55	
	Eaton's Garage, repair, maintenance	34.70	
	Palmer's Garage, plowing labor	\$122.25	
	repair, maint.	188.91	
		311.16	
			\$ 466.69
3- 8-52	H. O. Taylor Chev. Co., repair differential	\$126.05	
	Gulf Oil Corp., gas	115.00	
	Casellini-Venable Corp., parts	9.66	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	67.50	
	Gordon Fifield, labor	52.65	
	Bernard Godfrey, labor	13.95	
	Foster Palmer, labor	7.65	
			\$ 392.46
3-15-52	Merton Godfrey, labor	\$37.50	
	E. C. Bacon, gas	7.79	
			\$ 45.29

3-29-52 Noble-Belisle Mach. Co.,			
plow blades	\$51.76		
D. S. Bacon, gas	17.22		
Palmer's Garage,			
labor plowing \$	21.00		
repair, maint.	137.28		
		<u>158.28</u>	
			\$ 227.26
5- 7-52 Harold Sargent Co.,			
plowing roads	\$14.88		
Merton Godfrey,			
labor, sno-fence	17.82		
W. H. Sayre, labor sno-fence	20.50		
Dawson Benjamin,			
labor sno-fence	14.45		
Eaton's Garage,			
repair, maintenance	39.75		
		<u> </u>	
			\$ 107.40
9-20-52 International Salt Co.,			
800/100# salt	\$500.00		
Boston & Maine R. R.,			
freight salt	324.00		
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			\$ 824.00
10- 4-52 Merton Godfrey,			
labor unloading salt	\$12.65		
Roy Clark,			
labor unloading salt	11.00		
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			\$ 23.65
10-28-52 Specialty Converters Inc.,			
paper for covering sand	\$21.54		
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			\$ 21.54
11-15-52 Merton Godfrey,			
labor winter sand	\$52.33		
Geo. Higgins,			
labor winter sand	26.50		
Geo. Hodge, labor winter sand	28.03		
William Nutbrown,			
labor winter sand	7.60		

W. H. Sayre,			
labor winter sand	17.00		
W. H. Sayre, Jr.,			
labor winter sand	7.00		
Trumbull-Nelson Co., Inc.,			
trucks	87.10		
Hayden Clark, trucks sand	43.55		
Leonard Cook, loading and			
truck sand	70.00		
Treas. United States Gov't.			
324 c. y. sand	16.20		
		<u> </u>	
			\$ 355.31
11-29-52 D. S. Bacon, gas	\$ 3.57		
Palmer's Garage,			
repair, maintenance	37.06		
Merton Godfrey, labor	48.88		
Geo. Hodge, labor	32.30		
Geo. Higgins, labor	40.50		
Wm. M. Bacon, labor	7.00		
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			\$ 169.31
12- 6-52 Eaton's Garage,			
repair, maintenance	\$14.05		
Gulf Oil Corp., gas, oil	128.54		
Merton Godfrey, labor	58.65		
Geo. Higgins, labor	34.00		
		<u> </u>	
			\$ 235.24
12-13-52 Bailey Bros., X-chains,			
Hyd. jack	\$63.87		
Merton Godfrey, labor	58.08		
Geo. Hodge, labor	26.60		
Geo. Huggett, labor	15.00		
W. H. Sayre, labor	16.00		
Bernard Godfrey, labor	15.00		
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			\$ 193.55
12-27-52 Merton Godfrey, labor	\$75.33		
Bernard Godfrey, labor	16.00		
Geo. Hodge, labor	47.03		
W. H. Sayre, labor	8.00		
Geo. Huggett, recore Ford			
radiator, express	46.58		
		<u> </u>	
			\$ 192.94

12-31-52 Palmer's Garage, repair, maintenance	\$70.30	
Merton Godfrey, labor	29.90	
Geo. Hodge, labor	15.20	
Bernard Godfrey, labor	18.00	
		\$ 133.40
Total Expenditures		\$ 5,505.77

ITEM NO. 3

NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, ETC.

Tax Rate \$0.29		Total Tax \$2,493.91
6- 7-52 Merton Godfrey, labor Job #3	\$32.77	
Duane Cook, labor Job #3	26.10	
		\$ 58.87
6-14-52 Fred Gerhart, cedar posts	\$18.00	
Merton Godfrey, labor Job #3	21.58	
Geo. Huggett, labor Job #3	9.00	
		\$ 48.56
6-21-52 Merton Godfrey, labor Job #3	\$32.78	
Kenneth Robinson, labor Job #3	7.65	
Geo. Huggett, labor Job #3	29.50	
		\$ 69.93
6-28-52 Geo. Huggett, labor Job #3	\$28.00	
Kenneth Cook, labor Job #3	3.20	
Merton Godfrey, labor Job #3	8.05	
		\$ 39.25
7-12-52 Roy C. Abbott, credit Job #3	\$3,000.00	
		\$ 3,000.00

7-26-52 Blake Chevrolet Co., repair parts	\$.24	
Merton Godfrey, labor Highways	28.75	
Jerome Vaughan, labor Highways	16.00	
Treas. State of Vermont, misc. Highways	4.91	
		\$ 49.90
8-11-52 Treas. State of Vt., grader	\$213.06	
Black-Top Inc., cold patch	30.26	
Ely Store, gas	4.26	
Noble-Belisle Mach. Inc., misc. Highways	1.30	
Gulf Oil Corp., oil	9.70	
Merton Godfrey, labor Highways	74.75	
Jerome Vaughan, labor Highways	70.10	
W. H. Sayre, labor Highways	43.00	
Geo. Higgins, labor Highways	4.00	
H. W. Johnson & Sons, 107/100# Calcium Chloride	260.01	
Palmer's Garage, repair, maintenance	29.00	
		\$ 739.44
8-16-52 Roy C. Abbott, balance Job #3	\$2,362.35	
Jerome Vaughan, Job #1	\$ 9.00	
Highways	33.50	
		42.50
Merton Godfrey, labor highways	53.48	
W. H. Sayre, labor highways	31.00	
		\$2,489.33

8-23-52	Treas. State of Vt., grader	\$40.13	
	Merton Godfrey,		
	labor highways	45.95	
	Job #1	24.15	
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			70.10
	Jerome Vaughan,		
	labor Job #1	40.50	
	highways	23.90	
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			64.40
	W. H. Sayre,		
	labor Job #1	8.00	
	highways	16.50	
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			24.50
	Brian Tuttle,		
	labor Job #1	1.90	
	highways	3.80	
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			5.70
	Bernard Godfrey,		
	labor Job #1	4.50	
	highways	4.50	
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			9.00
	Clifton Fifield,		
	labor Job #1	8.55	8.55
	Harry Paige, use of		
	Chain Saw Job #1	30.00	30.00
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			\$ 252.38
8-30-52	Gulf Oil Corp., gas	\$115.00	
	E. C. Bacon, miscl. highways	16.23	
	Merton Godfrey,		
	labor Job #1	14.95	
	highways	10.35	
	brush	13.80	
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			39.10
	Jerome Vaughan,		
	labor Job #1	36.00	
	highways	9.00	
	brush	9.00	
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			54.00

	Clifton Fifield,		
	labor Job #1	34.20	
	highways	8.55	
	brush	8.55	
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			51.30
	Brian Tuttle, labor Job #1		19.00
	Harry Paige, use of saw		
	Job #1		24.00
	W. M. Bacon, labor Job #1		36.00
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			\$ 354.63
8-30-52	Harry Muzzey, labor brush	\$ 3.00	
	Thetford Lumber Co.,		
	material highways		3.36
	Merton Godfrey,		
	labor highways	20.70	
	brush	27.60	
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			48.30
	Jerome Vaughan,		
	labor highways	18.00	
	brush	24.00	
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			42.00
	Clifton Fifield,		
	labor highways	17.10	
	brush	12.35	
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			29.45
	W. H. Sayre,		
	labor highways	16.00	
	brush	8.00	
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			24.00
	Bernard Godfrey,		
	labor highways		9.00
	Brian Tuttle, labor brush		12.35
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			\$ 171.46
9-13-52	Merton Godfrey,		
	labor highways		\$59.23
	Jerome Vaughan,		
	labor highways	32.50	
	labor Job #1	17.50	
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			60.00

	Harry Paige, labor Job #1	8.00	
	Clifton Fifield, labor highways	8.55	
	Geo. Higgins, labor highways	18.00	
	Bernard Godfrey, labor highways	9.00	
			\$ 162.78
9-20-52	Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., tarring	\$199.91	
	Treas. State of Vermont, material, labor	609.03	
	Merton Godfrey, labor highways	29.33	
	W. H. Sayre, labor highways	17.50	
			\$ 855.77
10- 4-52	Gulf Oil Corp., fuel oil	\$ 98.02	
	Casellini-Venable Corp., parts	28.82	
	Hathorn's Inc., repairs	2.28	
	Noble-Belisle Mach. Inc., repairs	12.56	
	Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., tarring	1,534.27	
	The Barrett Division, tarring	21.76	
	Black-Top Inc., cold patch	72.35	
	Treas. State of Vermont, material, labor	82.10	
	Alvah Hatch, labor brush	5.00	
	Merton Godfrey, labor highways	34.50	
	W. H. Sayre, labor highways	8.00	
	Geo. Higgins, labor highways	17.00	
	Roy Clark, labor highways	21.00	
	Treas. U. S. of America, sand	8.40	
			\$ 1,946.06
10-11-52	Eaton's Garage, repairs highways	\$ 44.35	
	Palmer's Garage, repairs highways	5.60	
	Merton Godfrey, labor highways	53.05	
	W. H. Sayre, labor highways	16.00	
	Geo. Higgins, labor highways	9.50	
			\$ 128.50

10-28-52	The Barrett Division, tarring	\$179.52	
	Treas. State of Vermont, 2 c. y. stone	12.60	
	Geo. Stowell, labor brush	34.20	
	Merton Godfrey, labor highways	63.25	
	W. H. Sayre, labor highways	17.00	
	Geo. Hodge, labor highways	51.78	
	Myron Smith, labor highways	7.60	
			\$ 365.95
11- 1-52	Palmer's Garage, repairs highways	\$ 63.81	
	T. F. Collins, 5107 c. y. Job #3	510.70	
	Treas. State of Vt., grader	40.76	
	Merton Godfrey, labor highways	20.70	
	Geo. Hodge, labor highways	8.08	
	Treas. U. S. of America, sand	8.80	
			\$ 652.85
11- 8-52	Treas. State of Vt., grader	\$123.60	
	Merton Godfrey, labor highways	78.20	
	Geo. Hodge, labor highways	43.33	
	W. M. Bacon, labor highways	4.50	
	W. H. Sayre, labor highways	8.00	
	Geo. Higgins, labor highways	39.00	
			\$ 296.63
11-22-52	N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts Job #1	\$574.79	
	Fred Hayward, truck	19.75	
	Duane Avery, truck	25.13	
	Merton Godfrey, labor highways	37.95	
	W. H. Sayre, labor highways	\$32.00	
	William Nutbrown, labor highways	16.15	
	Perry Goodell, 212 c.y. gravel	21.20	
	Fred Gerhart, cedar posts	15.50	
			\$ 742.47
12-31-52	L. B. Emerson, labor on hone	\$2.00	
			\$ 2.00
			\$12,426.76

**ITEM NO. 4
ELECTRIC SERVICE**

Tax Rate \$0.06	Total Tax \$515.92
2- 2-52 Central Vermont Public Service Corp.	\$ 9.70
2- 9-52 " " " " "	38.75
3- 1-52 " " " " "	38.75
3-29-52 " " " " "	42.98
4-26-52 " " " " "	38.75
5-31-52 " " " " "	38.75
6- 7-52 " " " " "	4.00
7-11-52 " " " " "	38.75
7-26-52 " " " " "	42.75
8-30-52 " " " " "	38.75
9-20-52 " " " " "	5.35
10- 4-52 " " " " "	38.75
11- 1-52 " " " " "	38.75
11-29-52 " " " " "	6.30
12- 6-52 " " " " "	38.75
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Total Expenditure	\$459.83
Unexpended Balance	\$ 56.09

**ITEM NO. 5
BRIDGES, LUMBER, CULVERTS**

Tax Rate \$0.07	Total Tax \$601.91
1- 5-52 Community Store, turpentine	.59
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	\$.59
7-26-52 Merton Godfrey, labor, U. Village Bridge	\$ 3.45
Jerome Vaughan, labor, U. Village Bridge	12.00
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	\$ 15.45

9-20-52 Merton Godfrey, labor, Centre Bridge	\$28.75	
W. H. Sarye, labor, Centre Bridge	22.00	
Geo. Higgins, labor, Centre Bridge	18.00	
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		\$ 68.75
10- 4-52 Ronald Bacon, tending lights,, Centre Bridge	\$ 9.00	
Merton Godfrey, labor, Centre Bridge	73.60	
W. H. Sayre, labor, Centre Bridge	18.50	
Geo. Higgins, labor, Centre Bridge	25.00	
Roy Clark, labor, Centre Bridge	46.00	
Myron Smith, labor, R. Mills Bridge	5.70	
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		\$ 177.80
10-11-52 Leo A. Jenks, 1312 ft. 2" x 4" Ctr. Bridge	\$78.72	
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		\$ 78.72
10-28-52 Harry C. Pero, logs, bridge lumber	\$211.23	
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		\$ 211.23
11- 1-52 Myron Smith, timber, Centre Bridge 120.00 R. Mille Bridge 291.59	120.00 291.59	
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	\$411.59	
Alfred Smith, tending lights, kero	35.25	
Renehan-Akers, Inc., spikes, R. Mills Bridge	14.00	
Brian Tuttle, tending lights, U. Village	22.00	
Merton Godfrey, labor, Sawney Bean Culverts	39.10	
W. H. Sayre, labor, Sawney Bean Culverts	20.00	

H. F. Messier, labor, Sawney Bean Culverts	25.65	
Geo. Hodge, labor, Sawney Bean Culverts	28.03	
Robert Vaughan, 3 bags cement, Sawney Bean Culverts	4.05	
John Drudge, 1 bag cement, Sawney Bean Culverts	1.20	
		\$ 600.87
11- 8-52 Merton Godfrey, labor, R. Mills Bridge	\$40.25	
Geo. Hodge, labor, R. Mills Bridge	25.65	
W. M. Bacon, labor, R. Mills Bridge	41.45	
Myron Smith, labor, R. Mills Bridge	2.38	
Harry Paige, labor, R. Mills Bridge	8.00	
Geo. Higgins, labor, R. Mills Bridge	8.00	
		\$ 125.73
12- 6-52 Treas. Town of Lyme, Thetford's share of replanking No. Thetford Bridge	\$247.37	
		\$ 247.37
12-31-52 C. A. Colton & Sons, bridge spikes	\$19.46	
		\$ 19.46
Total Expenditures		\$1,545.97
Deficit		\$ 944.06

ITEM NO. 6
INSURANCE, TRUCK REGISTRATION

Tax Rate \$0.06	Total Tax \$515.92
3- 1-52 C. A. Wilcox, liability, fire, Ford, D-4	\$145.40
3-15-52 Motor Vehicle Dept., 3 units	60.00
C. A. Wilcox, officer bonds	55.00
	115.00
3-29-52 C. A. Wilcox, compensation	134.50
construction	65.80
	200.30
Patron & Farmers Co-op. buildings	40.60
5-31-52 C. A. Wilcox, additional, compensation	5.90
12-31-52 C. A. Wilcox, Chev. liability, fire	59.41
	566.61
Total Expenditures	\$ 566.61
Deficit	\$ 50.69

ITEM NO. 7
STATE AID PATROL, HIRED EQUIPMENT

Tax Rate \$0.05	Total Tax \$428.92
4- 5-52 Treas. State of Vt., patrol	\$546.20
	546.20
Total Expenditures	\$ 546.20
Deficit	\$ 117.28

ITEM NO. 8
TAXES, STATE AND COUNTY

Tax Rate \$0.40	Total Tax \$3,439.87
2- 2-52 Dartmouth College, lease land	\$20.00
4-26-52 E. H. Sargent, County Treasurer	170.84
H. E. Heaton, Treas. S.S. tax	23.43
10- 4-52 Treas. State of Vermont, highway tax	1,708.42
10-18-52 Treas. State of Vermont, Old Age tax	1,309.50
11- 1-52 Vt. Agricultural Service	261.78
12-31-52 William Fitzgerald, tax abatement	73.95
	\$3,567.92
Total Expenditures	\$ 128.05
Deficit	

ITEM NO. 9
PRINTING, CLERICAL, OFFICE SUPPLIES

Tax Rate \$0.07	Total Tax \$601.91
1- 5-52 Bradford Nat'l. Bank, service charge	\$ 6.40
1-26-52 H. E. Heaton, repairing adding machine	4.00
2 - 2-52 E. C. Bacon, stamped envelopes	10.66
3- 1-52 Cory-Hewitt Press Inc., town reports	288.00
3- 8-52 Wheeler-Clark, 200 dog tags	10.25
3-15-52 B. N. Sisco Admr., tax receipts, notices	2.22
E. C. Bacon, mailing town reports, supplies	8.27
Geo. Huggett, telephone calls, Dec. 51 - Mar. 52	23.95

3-29-52 Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	4.47
Hanover Press, tax collector supplies	10.35
4-26-52 E. S. Knight, post cards, stamped	10.50
6- 7-52 Office Supply Center, typewriter	95.00
E. C. Bacon, 300 envelopes	10.66
6-14-52 Green Mt. Press, tax cards	5.60
6-28-52 Cummings Printing Co., 550 tax cards	12.85
Office Supply Center, supplies	3.70
Capitol City Press, supplies	1.05
7-26-52 E. S. Knight, 500 envelopes	17.36
Bradford Nat'l. Bank, service charge	3.00
Mildred Cook, telephone, postage	7.98
8-30-52 Nat'l. Library Bindery Co., binding reports	30.00
9- 6-52 Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	8.95
9-13-52 Bradford Nat'l. Bank, printing checks	3.40
11- 8-52 Capitol City Press, supplies	2.60
11-15-52 E. C. Bacon, 100 stamped envelopes	3.64
11-29-52 H. E. Heaton, telephone, postage, supplies	6.94
12-27-52 Chelsea Job Press, election printing	47.72
Geo. Huggett, telephone Mar 52- Dec. 6, 52	62.29
12-31-52 Mildred Cook, telephone, postage, reports	31.90
	\$ 733.71
Total Expenditures	\$ 131.80
Deficit	

ITEM NO. 10

INTEREST

Tax Rate \$0.11

Total Tax \$945.86

12- 6-52	Day Trust Co., interest on loan	\$163.63	
12-27-52	Alice M. Nelson-Arthur Sloan	60.00	
	Timothy Frost, M. E. Church	99.64	
	Evergreen Rest Cemetery Assoc.	75.00	
	Post Mills Religious Society	30.00	
	Perley A. or Camilla MacFarlene	86.93	
	Trustees, Public Funds	97.74	
	Trustees, Public Funds, Cemetery funds	37.26	
	Ellen Adams or Grace Allen	31.50	
	Frank Hatch	49.26	
	Selah George or Gordon George	30.00	
	Peabody Library	43.76	
	Alice Fifield	45.00	
	Total Expenditures		\$ 849.72
	Unexpended balance		\$ 96.14

ITEM NO. 11

OFFICERS' SERVICES

Tax Rate \$0.31

Total Tax \$2,665.90

1-12-52	Katherine Howard, auditing '50-'51	\$ 25.00
	G. Cass Lightner, auditing '51 school acct.	10.00
1-19-52	L. B. Allen, M.D., tax abatement, check list	7.50
3- 8-52	William Fitzgerald, tax collector	100.00

3-15-52	C. A. Wilcox, moderator	10.00
	William Fitzgerald, constable services	15.00
3-29-52	G. Cass Lightner, auditing '51 acct.	15.00
4-26-52	William F. Putman, M.D., health officer	5.00
6-28-52	Iva Fifield, ballot clerk	5.00
7-26-52	Mildred Cook, compiling Grand List	56.35
8-11-52	J. Borden Smith, lister services	147.00
8-30-52	Kenneth W. Cook, lister services	150.00
10-11-52	H. E. Heaton, on acct. receiver taxes	209.30
	A. M. Palmer, lister services	142.06
11-22-52	Iva Fifield, ballot clerk	10.00
11-29-52	Elsie Heaton, ballot clerk	15.00
	Marion Wilson, ballot clerk	10.00
	Gladys Aldrich, ballot clerk	10.00
12- 6-52	Marion Wilson, ballot clerk	5.00
	Gladys Aldrich, ballot clerk	5.00
12-27-52	H. E. Heaton, bal. receiver taxes	334.90
	treas. services	300.00
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		634.90
	Elsie Heaton, services asst. treasurer	18.75
12-31-52	Hugh W. Hastings, legal services	2.00
	Kenneth W. Cook, tax abatement, check list	12.50
	Mildred Cook, services Town Clerk	75.00
	postage, officer services	20.00
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		95.00

W. M. Bacon, services, car as Selectmen	126.63	
Geo. Huggett, services Selectmen	150.00	
Geo. Huggett, services Overseer	100.00	
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W. G. Colton, ser- vices Selectman	150.00	
telephone exp.	14.30	
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L. B. Allen M.D. revising check list	10.00	
Total Expenditures		\$2,266.29
Unexpended balance		\$ 399.61

ITEM NO. 12

FIRES, DAMAGES

Tax Rate \$0.06		Total Tax \$515.92
4-26-52 Treas. Town of Fairlee, chimney fire Selah George	\$66.50	
Treas. Town of Lyme, Geo. Roberts chimney fire	100.50	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 167.00
Unexpended balance		\$ 348.92

ITEM NO. 13

BUILDINGS

Tax Rate \$0.07		Total Tax \$601.91
2- 9-52 R. H. Hatch, stove and pipe, town hall	\$128.99	
3-15-52 E. C. Bacon, kero. town hall	33.48	
G. H. Wilson, rewiring town hall	380.57	
6- 7-52 John L. Wilder, plastering ceiling	587.00	
misc. work	32.55	
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9-13-52 Agnes French, cleaning town hall	5.25	
Hazel Pero, cleaning town hall	5.25	
10- 4-52 A. J. Contois, painting interior town hall	405.00	
Milford Preston, care of lawn	35.00	
misc. work	21.28	
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12-31-52 G. H. Wilson, wiring on town shed	48.51	
The Village Store, kero. misc.	6.21	
Total Expenditures		\$1,689.09
Deficit		\$1,087.18

ITEM NO. 14

YOUTH RECREATION

Tax Rate \$0.01		Total Tax \$86.00
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This item was discussed at Town Meeting and later was dropped.

**ITEM NO. 15
APPROPRIATIONS**

Tax Rate \$0.02 **Total Tax \$171.99**

5-17-52 Treas. American Legion, Post #79,
Memorial Day Observance 100.00
9-20-52 Treas. Latham Memorial
Library 50.00

Total Expenditures \$ 150.00
Unexpended balance \$ 21.99

ITEM NO. 16

Tax Rate \$0.04 **Total Tax \$343.99**

See Cemetery Commissioners' Report

**ITEM NO. 17
ROAD ACCOUNT**

Tax Rate \$0.90 **Total Tax \$7,739.71**

See Road Commissioner's Report

ITEM NO. 18

EMERGENCY, NEW EQUIPMENT, CIVIL DEFENSE

Tax Rate \$0.12 **Total Tax \$1,031.96**

11-15-52 Casellini-Venable Corp.,
Ross Sno-Plow \$800.00

Total Expenditures \$ 800.00
Unexpended balance \$ 231.96

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. COLTON
GEO. HUGGETT
W. M. BACON

Selectmen

ITEM NO. 17

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Tax Rate \$0.90

Total Tax \$7,739.71

Labor:

Merton Godfrey	\$942.13
W. H. Sayre	371.50
Arthur Bacon	203.50
Duane Cook	129.15
Jerome Vaughan	125.00
Kenneth Cook, Jr.	82.03
Frank Stevens	54.00
Gordon Fifield	35.10
Geo. Huggett	148.00
Morris Pero	61.20
Wallace Pero	14.43
Kenneth Robinson	76.50
Alfred Robinson	8.10
W. M. Bacon	17.00
Franklin Godfrey	1.80
Dawson Benjamin	38.25
Geo. Higgins	8.50
Stanley Melendy	11.97

\$2,328.16

Hired Equipment:

Roy C. Abbott, shovel, trucks	\$1,032.86
Wesley Smith, shovel, trucks	464.45
Treas. State of Vermont, grader	305.06
Leonard Cook, loader	54.00
Harold Sargent Co., loader	4.00
Harry Paige, chain saw	3.00
Maurice Sumner, moving bull-dozer	37.50
Geo. Huggett, truck	279.18
Joseph Graham, truck	292.24
Roy Huse, truck	152.43
Carl Huse, truck	127.31
Roy Burrough, truck	155.78
Don Crate, truck	114.85
Willard Martin, truck	248.01
Hayden Clark, truck	180.90

Fred Hayward, truck	163.93	
Maurice Kennedy, truck	139.03	
Earl Robinson, truck	131.25	
C. Barnaby, truck	163.83	
H. Biathrow, truck	63.20	
R. LaBombard, truck	20.10	
Gile Kendall, truck	15.08	
W. L. Brooks, truck	13.40	
Leo Dorr, truck	33.50	
Don Orr, truck	29.63	
Alvah Hatch, honing roads	21.60	
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		\$4,246.12

Small Tools:

Geo. Higgins, stone hammer	\$ 3.00	
W. G. Colton, forks	5.50	
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		\$ 8.50

Miscellaneous:

Geo. Huggett, case		
oil filters, express	\$29.45	
Nichols Hardware, bolts for hone	5.37	
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		\$ 34.82

Repairs:

Eaton's Garage	\$312.84	
Palmer's Garage	73.81	
Casellini-Venable Corp.	28.62	
Bailey Bros., parts	15.31	
Noble-Belisle Mach. Co. Inc.	9.04	
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		\$ 439.62

Gas, Oil:

Gulf Oil Co.	\$125.00	
Sanborn Oil Co.	22.08	
Noble-Belisle Mach. Co. Inc., grease	26.30	
D. S. Bacon, gas	32.67	
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		\$ 206.05

Gravel, Cold-Patch:

Black-Top Inc., cold patch	\$111.85	
T. F. Collins, 3779 c. y.	377.90	
Chas. Palmer, 153 c. y.	15.30	
C. A. Wilcox, 16 c. y.	1.60	
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		\$ 506.65
Total Expenditures		\$7,769.92
Deficit		\$ 30.21

Respectfully submitted,

MERTON GODFREY,
Road Commissioner

Hours credited to equipment:

Chevrolet, 448½ hours, @ \$1.00 hr.	\$448.50	
Ford, Marmon-Herrington, 31 hours,		
@ 1.00	31.00	
Tractor, 284 hours, @ 2.50 hour	710.00	
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		\$1,189.50

The above rates are those allowed by the State less operator. Wage scale as follows:

Road Commissioner \$1.15
Laborer .85 to 1.00
Trucks .60 c. y. hour, plus .95 driver hour

HIGHWAY WORK 1952

Tax Rate	Highway Mileages
General Fund \$0.86	State Aid System 10.09 Mi.
Highway Tax 0.90	Town Highways 49.85 Mi.
<u>\$1.76</u>	

Grand List \$ 8,599.68
Total Tax \$15,135.44

ITEMS	Miles Maintained	Total Expenditures	Paid by State	Net Cost to Town
State Aid System Construction	0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

MAINTENANCE

Patrol	5.18	1,398.60	932.40	546.20
Surface Retreatment	4.88	2,074.85	1,383.23	691.62
Resurfacing		353.71	176.50	177.21
Winter Maintenance	10.09	1,053.43	502.86	550.57

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Construction	1.50	9,723.45	8,723.45	*1,000.00
Resurfacing		4,131.44	1,246.25	2,885.19
Summer Maintenance	49.85	2,642.84	0.00	2,642.84
Winter Maintenance	46.32	4,547.74	1,158.00	3,389.74

TOTALS	<u>\$ 25,926.06</u>	<u>\$ 14,122.69</u>	<u>\$ 11,883.37</u>
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* Contributed by Lake Fairlee Club on
so-called Potato Hill Road

1,000.00
\$10,883.37

EQUIPMENT EXPENSE

Repairs, equipment	\$ 1,781.60	
Tires, tubes	312.08	
Gas, oil, grease	929.03	
Insurance, registration	471.11	3,493.82
	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 14,377.19</u>

The equipment, if allowed the rates fixed by the State, would receive the following credits:

Summer Work

Chevrolet	380	hours @	\$1.00 hr.	\$ 380.00
Ford Marmon-Herrington	49½	hours @	1.00 hr.	49.50
Caterpillar tractor	198½	hours @	2.50 hr.	495.00

Winter Work

Chevrolet, plowing	234½	hours @	2.50 hr.	586.25
Chevrolet, sanding	339	hours @	1.00 hr.	339.00
Wausau, one-way plow	190½	hours @	.75 hr.	146.25
Ross, one-way plow, new '52	44	hours @	1.00 hr.	44.00
Ford, Marmon-Herrington	205½	hours @	3.35 hr.	688.43
V-Plow and wings	205½	hours @	1.60 hr.	328.80

\$3,057.23

Listed below are funds which were available and spent by the Town during 1952. Some of this money has already been paid to the Town by the State and some is in the process of making claims, etc.

TOWN HIGHWAY FUND

Total available from the State, including any balance from 1951	\$6,231.25
Total spent as per claim made by Town	6,142.80
Amount to be paid by State	\$6,142.80

STATE AID RESURFACING (gravel)

Available from State, $\frac{1}{3}$ Town, $\frac{2}{3}$ State	\$ 176.50
Total amount spent by Town, as per claim	353.71
Amount to be paid by State	\$ 176.50

$\frac{1}{2}$ CENT GAS TAX FUNDS

Available from State	\$2,580.65
Total spent as per claim made by Town	3,580.65
Amount to be paid by State	\$2,580.65

STATE AID RETREATMENT

Two-thirds cost work	
Total spent as per claim made by Town	\$2,074.85
Amount to be paid by State	\$1,383.23

SUMMARY OF ABOVE FUNDS

Item	Paid by State	By Town	Total Cost
Town Highway Funds	\$6,142.80	\$ 00.00	\$6,142.80
State Aid Resurfacing	176.50	177.21	353.71
$\frac{1}{2}$ Cent Gas Tax	2,580.65	1,000.00*	3,580.65
State Aid Retreatment	1,383.23	691.62	2,074.85
	<u>\$10,283.18</u>	<u>*\$1,868.83</u>	<u>\$12,152.01</u>

* \$1,000.00 contributed by Lake Fairlee Club on so-called Potato Hill Road.

OUTSTANDING TAXES

		Total
1938 Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	36.00	36.00
1939 Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	37.50	37.50
1940 Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	42.64	42.64
1941 Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	43.58	43.58
1942 Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	43.47	43.47
1943 Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	42.00	
Palmer, Foster	21.00	
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1944 Cadwell, Harvey	6.19	63.00
Lands, Leo	6.93	
Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	42.00	
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1945 Cadwell, Harvey	8.40	55.12
Robinson, Myron	10.50	
Robinson, Myron, & Mildred	6.30	
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1946 Cadwell, Harvey	6.38	25.20
Robinson, Myron	10.63	
Robinson, Myron & Mildred	6.38	
Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	42.50	
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1947 Cadwell, Harvey	6.83	65.89
Dunham, Franklin, Jr.	7.05	
Fowle, Helen	7.05	
Palmer, Foster	7.05	
Palmer, Hilda	7.05	
Robinson, Myron	19.57	
Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	45.50	
Southworth, Edward	4.55	
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1948 Cadwell, Harvey	7.80	104.65
Cadwell, Nellie	7.80	
Cadwell, Harvey	6.63	
Farwell, Lewis	16.72	
Ladeau, Kenneth	1.05	
Paige, Alvin	4.90	
Prescott, Austin	26.58	
Roberts, L. W. Est.	47.70	
Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	53.00	
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1949 Adams, Marie	28.25
Andrews, W. E.	42.38
Beale, Howard	8.15
Cadwell, Harvey	8.15
Cadwell, Nellie	8.15
Cadwell, Harvey & Nellie	15.54
Carson, James	118.65
Farwell, Lewis	45.20
French, Erni	81.36
Goodell, Ida	8.15
Hall, Evelyn	11.30
Luce, Arthur & Daniels, Eliz.	49.44
Ladeau, Kenneth	8.15
Paige, Harry & Helen	18.08
Pero, Elwin	24.58
Prescott, Austin	50.57
Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	56.50
Tracey, George	8.15
Paige, Alvin	22.88

616.63

1950 Property Tax

1950 Adams, Marie	28.75
Andrews, Walter	43.13
Bailey, Archie	54.63
Cadwell, Harvey & Nellie	15.81
Cook, H. G.	8.34
Farwell, Lewis	46.00
Hazen, Arthur	11.50
Judd, Floyd J.	201.25
Palmer, Harry	5.75
Pero, Elwin	23.86
Paige, Harry & Helen	31.63
Prescott, Austin	50.03
Paige, Alvin	18.98
Tracy, George	35.94

575.60

1950 Poll Tax

1950 Adams, H. H.	8.25
Bartlett, Agnes	8.25
Bailey, Warren	8.25
Bailey, Dorothy	8.25
Beede, Earl	8.25
Beede, Dorothy	8.25
Braley, Carl	8.25
Brown, Kathleen	8.25
Brown, Philip	8.25
Cadwell, Harvey	8.25
Cadwell, Nellie	8.25
Goodell, Leon	8.25
Goodell, Ida	8.25
Hastings, Renata	8.25
Judd, Floyd	8.25
Jenks, Delbert	8.25
Moody, Ora	8.25
Moody, Jeannette	8.25
Martin, Bradford	8.25
Robinson, George	8.25
Shaw, Milton	8.25
Shaw, Mary Lou	8.25
Sprague, Harry	8.25

1951 Poll Tax

1951 Adams, Harold	8.65
Bailey, Warren	8.65
Bailey, Dorothy	8.65
Berry, Harold	8.65
Cadwell, Harvey	8.65
Cadwell, Nellie	8.65
Chase, Harvey	8.65
Cummings, Florence	8.65
Downs, Marguerite	8.65
Fillian, Roger	8.65
Fillian, Barbara	8.65
Hill, Bryce	8.65
Hill, Mae	8.65
Judd, Floyd	8.65
Kelley, Parker	8.65
Martin, Mabel	8.65
Palmer, Harry	8.65

Sprague, Harry	8.65
Van Norden, Clark	8.65
Van Norden, Maude	8.65
Berry, Althea	8.65

181.65

1951 Property Tax

1951 Adams, Marie	36.90
Berry, Harold	5.23
Brooks, George	12.30
Cadwell, Harvey & Nellie	18.45
Carr, Frederick & Hendricks	61.50
Cook, Herbert	5.54
French, Erni & Agnes	6.15
Farwell, Lewis	52.28
French, Erni	66.73
Hanchett, Fred & Bernice	88.87
Hazen, Arthur	12.92
Nutbrown, Abbie	30.75
Judd, Floyd J.	5.41
Palmer, Harry	12.30
Pero, Elwin	26.75
Paige, Harry & Helen	33.83
Schilt, Joe and Jan	24.60
Smith, Corabelle	15.38
Thorburn, Edward	24.60
Tracey, George	32.29

572.78

1952 Poll Tax

Adams, Marie	9.50
Bailey, Warren	9.50
Bailey, Dorothy	9.50
Benjamin, Dawson	9.50
Cook, Herbert	9.50
Cook, Vaun	9.50
Clark, Roland	9.50
Clark, Mary	9.50
Cadwell, Harvey	9.50
Cadwell, Nellie	9.50

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Chase, Maude	9.50
Chase, Harvey E.	9.50
DeFalco, Henry	9.50
DeFalco, Betty	9.50
Goodwin, Roy	9.50
Goodwin, Agnes	9.50
Griswold, Howard	9.50
Hill, Mae	9.50
Harrington, Raymond	9.50
Harrington, Ellen	9.50
Hatfield, Bertha	9.50
Jamieson, Russell	9.50
Jamieson, Gretchen	9.50
Kelley, Parker	9.50
LaPierre, Arthur	9.50
LaPierre, Mary	9.50
McDougall, Francis	9.50
Needham, Clyde	9.50
Paige, Harry	9.50
Paige, Helen	9.50
Palmer, Harry B.	9.50
Preston, Merle	9.50
Preston, Elizabeth	9.50
Plouffe, Margaret	9.50
Palmer, Hannah	9.50
Rios, Aleja	9.50
Rios, Anselmo	9.50
Stowell, George	9.50
Stowell, June	9.50
Shaw, W. R.	9.50
Sanborn, Pearl	9.50
Van Norden, Clark	9.50
Van Norden, Maude	9.50
Williams, Laurence	9.50
Williams, Sue	9.50

427.50

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1952 Property Tax

Adams, Marie	39.00
Andrews, Earl & Alice	45.50
Andrews, W. E.	48.75
Barker, Harry Est.	37.90
Bush, John & Hazel	6.50
Cadwell, Harvey & Nellie	26.00
Carr, Frederick & Hendricks	65.00
Cook, Herbert	4.23
French, Erni & Agnes	6.50
Fairbrother, Henry	19.50
Farwell, Lewis	42.25
Goodrich, Lillian	32.50
Goodwin, Roy	11.70
Higgins, Arthur	16.25
Hazen, Arthur	12.03
Judd, John F. & B. Tilden,	162.50
Judd, Richard Guardian	
Jamieson, Russell & Gretchen	47.78
Knight, Howard & Marion	83.53
LaMountain	301.60
McConnell Est.	123.50
Manning, Alford	10.40
Nutbrown, Abbie	32.50
Palmer, Harry B.	13.00
Paige, Harry & Helen	35.75
Robinson, Alfred	83.20
Shaw, W. R.	32.50
Stowell, Geo. & June	103.60
Savery, Frank & Louise	86.13
Smith, Wesley	78.00
Thorburn, Edward	13.00
Tracy, George	34.13
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	\$1,654.73
TOTAL	<hr/>
	\$4,904.87
Dec. 31, 1952 Total Delinquent Taxes	\$4,904.87
Paid to Treasurer	3,238.34
Collected by Abatement	73.95

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Your Cemetery Commission has used \$437.72 in caring for cemeteries which includes mowing, building fence near the mines, resetting stones and general care. It also includes the purchase of a power mower which cost \$118.00 which the town now owns. We are looking forward to the time when the town will erect a suitable memorial to the first settlers who were buried in the East Thetford Cemetery, and whose stones have crumbled and gone. We want suggestions, please.

E. C. BOND

ELLSWORTH SARGENT

WILLIAM BOND

Cemetery Commission

DOG ACCOUNT 1952

To 166 males @ \$2.00	\$332.00
To 20 females @ \$6.00	120.00
To 9 dogs @ \$3.00	27.00
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By licence fees	\$ 48.75
Transfer to Treasurer	430.25
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	\$479.00

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED W. COOK,

Town Clerk

Handwritten notes:
 195
 25
 97.50
 190
 28.75
 499
 155
 239

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

To the Voters of Thetford:

Each year your School Directors and Superintendent take pleasure in reporting on the operation of your schools. For the past three years there has been a long range program concerning repairs and upkeep, in which all schools have been painted on the outside and nearly all painted in the interior. In addition other necessary repairs are attended to as fast as our budget will allow. This year a small amount has been expended on heating cable installed on water pipes which have each year given trouble because of freezing. These are in North Thetford, Stevens and Union Village. So far with one exception, and this not the cables fault, no trouble has been encountered.

The bus is still making the trip to Vershire picking up Academy Students, continues down to North Thetford on to East Thetford and back to Post Mills. On this trip it again picks up pupils of the seventh and eighth grades from these two schools, as well as Academy Students.

Last Spring all children in town in grades 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 were given hearing tests with the State Audiometer by Mrs. Marion Fitzgerald. This year we contributed to the purchase of an Audiometer for the District, as State Statute requires this testing program shall be done each year for the Grades listed above, and there is uncertainty of obtaining a testing device from the State Department.

This is the second year of the condensed tabulation report. Items of income and expenditure over the past five years are shown, as well as estimates in both for balance of this school year, and budget for the coming year.

From figures in the proposed budget, it is necessary that the same tax as last year, \$3.15 on the Grand List be levied.

The question of possible consolidation of schools was studied with the following preliminary findings and recommendations.

REPORT OF CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

At the 1952 Town Meeting, the School Directors were requested by the voters to make a survey of school consolidation, and to report at the 1953 Town Meeting. The Directors found that they had neither the time nor the resources to make a complete survey in the time allotted. Therefore they invited one person from each area or community in the town to form the nucleus of a committee to assist them in the survey. These chairmen in turn asked others to participate. The entire group was called the Citizens' Committee and Supt. of Schools Fay Whitcomb ably served as coordinator of the committee. At the suggestion of the School Directors the following topics were studied:

Topic 1. Census or School Population —

Total number of pupils in grades	186
Total pre-school	125
Total high school (Thetford Academy)	52
Grand total	363
Probable increase in number in school 5 years hence	20

In view of the above facts the committee agreed that when and if we had a consolidated school, a building which would accommodate 210 pupils should be planned for.

Gerald Wilson

Ellsworth Sargent, Chairman

Topic 2. Transportation —

The Transportation Committee was asked to investigate and report on three phases of the problem, namely

a. The number and size of buses needed to transport the students to one central school.

b. Possible bus routes and the approximate number of children to be transported.

c. Comparison of the cost of town-owned and privately-owned buses.

To get our information we made a thorough study of the school census figures for the next five years; we consulted the town road maps showing the location of families with school children; and we obtained figures on transportation costs from the towns of Fairlee, Lyme, Norwich, Bradford and Peacham, which have either complete or partial consolidation.

Regarding Item a. we concluded that two 48-passenger buses would be adequate to transport the grammar school children to a central school. The children living back in the hill areas would have to be transported in private cars to the bus line as they are at the present time being transported to the rural schools.

d. The following table compiled from the school census gives the approximate number and location of school children for the year '53-'54. A tabulation was also made for the next 5 years to make sure that there would be no sudden increase in the school age children which would make the transportation system inadequate.

I. Post Mills		51
II. Union Village	26	
Rices Mills	19	
	—	45
III. Thetford Center	20	
	—	20
IV. Stevens' District	16	
East Thetford	23	
North Thetford	27	
	—	66
Total		182

(In the above figures 8 Thetford Hill children are counted in the schools they will attend. In addition there are 12 pre-school children living on the Hill.)

The location of the school and the buses would greatly affect the routes naturally. Assuming that the school will be located either on Thetford Hill or at Thetford

Center, from the standpoint of the least mileage and therefore the least time consumed by each bus, one bus housed in North Thetford and the other at Post Mills seemed the best arrangement. The routes might be as follows:

Post Mills Bus — Carry students (51) from store at Post Mills to the central school. Continue across Thetford Hill to Union Village, Rices Mills over Tucker Hill and back to central school (45 children).

North Thetford Bus — Carry North Thetford children (27) and pick up children on Route 5 to Thetford Hill corner and up the Hill to the central school (about 40 children in all). Bus then goes down through the Stevens' District back to Route 5 at the crossroad. Picks up children along Route 5 and back up the hill to the central school.

This makes the mileage about 14 miles for each bus or a total of about 56 miles daily for both buses. The mileage of the towns studied ranged from 45 to 100 miles daily and in comparing starting times with mileage covered it would seem that neither bus would need to leave its starting point before 7:45 in the morning.

c. The comparison of town-owned and privately-owned buses was very difficult because the situation in each town differs. Three of the towns studied had buses owned either by an individual or a commercial garage. The towns had either all town-owned buses or one town-owned and one privately-owned. The cost to these towns for transportation ranged from 25c to 33c per mile. Under the present system of transporting Thetford Academy students in the town bus the expense to the town of Thetford is only the original cost of the bus, and using the yearly depreciation as the basis of expense the cost per mile is about 10c. Without this revenue and with the same situation of town-owned bus with driver serving also as janitor of the school, the cost to the town would be 25-or-26c per mile. If another bus were purchased by the town a different situation would exist as far as the driver was concerned and might make the operation of the second bus somewhat higher. The system of having one or both buses owned and operated by a commercial garage seems

to be working well in some towns, so 2 local garage owners have been approached and have agreed to study the situation and present figures for the purpose of comparison. Any figures presented will necessarily be approximations as no one can predict future cost rises accurately. No real conclusion as to the advisability of having one or both buses town-owned or privately-owned can be reached until the actual time arrives to put them into operation.

Dora Bacon
Claradella Betts
Helen Huggett
Pauline Peters, Chairman

Topic 3. Building --

This sub-committee investigated the newer type school buildings, with a view to finding out what features of these it would be well to incorporate in such a building as Thetford would need for a consolidated school. In New York state, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, as well as in Vermont, the trend seems to be a one-story school, set in ample space, so that if it were found necessary later to expand, additional rooms could be added. Schools we visited had 6 or 8 classrooms, with a multi-purpose room, which could be used for assemblies, for serving hot-lunches, or for after-school activities. There was fluorescent lighting, and windows were very large, of clear glass. In one school there was "clere-story lighting." In each class room were recessed coat racks, a bubbler fountain, and a small white sink. The class rooms for grades 1 and 2 had their own toilets for girls and boys. The floors were asphalt tile. The exteriors of the buildings were of brick facing, with cement foundations. The interior walls were of cement blocks and brick crete, tinted in pleasant pastel shades. There was a pleasant and spacious teachers' room. There was hot-water heat, in some cases adjustable in each room. The school buildings were planned to accommodate approximately 200 pupils. Classrooms were usually 32' x 24'. The approximate cost of these new school buildings was \$100,000. each.

Carl Anderson
Gertrude Clark
George Huggett
Alice Fifield, Chairman

Topic 4. Report of the sub-committee on operations giving comparative figures on actual present cost and estimates of projected new facilities to meet future needs:

a.) First we were asked to determine facts on salaries for teachers. For the past five years teachers salaries have averaged \$14,010. (*). Assuming a continued rise in demand for good teachers, raises for excellence in service and the possibility of a legislative hike in salary minimums, it seems safe in looking forward for the next five years with an average of \$17,500 yearly.

b.) Next figures were compiled on maintenance. For the past five years the town has spent an average of \$1,377.63 a year on school maintenance. This does not include insurance coverage which costs an average of \$313.48 a year, nor upkeep on furniture and equipment which has added \$119.97 to the yearly average. This total average for all three items is 1811.08 dollars.

Looking at the prospects for the next five years, it seems probable that with the exception of equipment costs this figure would remain substantially the same. Allowing for a rise in heating cost and insurance rates, a five year maintenance average of 21 to 22 hundred dollars should be adequate.

However, equipment, maintenance and proposed changes in physical plant seemed to us to come logically under the next heading in the proposed plan of study. Therefore these two paragraphs will overlap somewhat.

c.) We were next asked to look into the fuel, light, and water as to prospective needs in the ensuing five year period. While the fuel and light posed no problem if other elements remained the same the variable in every case came into the picture in the form of water.

If we were to meet state standards as well as those of human sanitary decency, the least that should be done was to have running water and flush toilets in each school. And—these facilities of such a nature that they would be modern, useful and satisfactory throughout the year.

On this hope many problems hinge — if running water is installed in the schools and sanitary toilet facili-

(*) All figures for the past five years are taken from the Town Report year ending 1951, Dec 31, pages 44-45.

ties (as we felt they certainly should be) the problem of heating the buildings during the winter months is easily seen. Therefore if heating must be looked into several of the buildings need attention. Hence what about the heating problem?

In an effort to take care of the entire problem of sanitation and heat in our school buildings we recommend that \$18,150. be spent improving them. This would give insulated ceilings, storm windows, automatic heat (lessening the janitor cost and plumber bills due to freeze ups), adequate water supply, flush toilets and sanitary facilities in each building, thus putting the present schools in good condition.

However, as the school census shows, we will have 20 more pupils in five years. For two hundred pupils (our enrollment in five years) we should have 6000 square feet of floor space. We have approximately 4900 square feet at present. So we should set aside \$25.00 a sq. ft. (the av. figure prescribed by State and National Boards for rebuilding and repairing) to build new floor area where needed. That means adding \$27,500. to our cost of adequately housing our school population. These two figures, \$18,510. and \$27,500. total \$45,650. we should spend on existing buildings in the next five years to keep our present facilities at a usable standard.

If we do this minimum work on our school system, one other highly important fact should be kept in mind. A teacher with 25 students in 8 grades must teach 48 different subjects a week, or an average of 5.4 minutes a class in a 30 hour school week. While a teacher with one class has only six subjects to teach 25 pupils and hence in a thirty hour week can devote an hour to each class instead of 5.4 minutes!!!

It therefore seems to us that a consolidated school would give us much better education for our money.

L. A. Williams
Elspeth Eaton
Anna Dodge
Maynard Ilsley
Julia Wilbur
Laurence Williams, Chairman

Topic 5. Overall Budget Coordination —

a. Cost of Bond Issue — Assuming figure to be \$100,000.

The annual cost of \$100,000. Bond Issue for present purpose may be considered not to exceed 2%, or \$2,000 a year.

b. Amortization — cost of annual principal and interest.

Should it appear advisable to amortize a \$100,000 Bond Issue in 20 years, the annual cost would be about \$6,000; part to be applied against principal and part interest.

c. How this affects present tax rate.

Assuming a Grand List of \$8,500. a special tax of 71c would be required to pay \$6,000 annually.

d. Transportation Cost and Operation Expenses, etc.

Until further facts are available it is hardly possible to give any approximate figures on these questions.

e. Liquidation of Present Assets (buildings) —

From past experiences it may be right to assume that the sum of \$10,000. could be raised from this source. In all probability a new school bus, if required, and other expenses not yet noted would use up any money available from this source. Therefore, the yearly tax would not be materially affected.

Winston Colton
George Huggett
Harold Heaton
Walter Malmquist
Niles Miller, Chairman

Because of the several findings of the various sub-committees, the Citizens' Committee recommends to the School Directors that a consolidated school should be built in the town of Thetford.

For the Committee
By Alice Fifield, Secretary

The School Directors are very appreciative of the time and effort expended and the help given by this most conscientious and interested Citizens' Committee. We hope that the information reported by this committee will give the voters of the School District a better idea of the problems involved in either consolidating our schools or in bringing our present buildings up to minimum standards of comfort and sanitation. Your directors suggest that this committee be asked to continue its studies, possibly with the assistance of additional members. Volunteers will be welcome.

Frank R. Stiles
 Cornelia G. Lightner
 William E. Bond, Chairman
 School Directors

Fay G. Whitcomb
 Superintendent

PUPIL PROGRESS — 1951-52

Grades	Total Pupils Enrolled for year	Number promoted one or more grades	Number promoted one grade on condition	Number not promoted one grade	Number transferred to other public schools
1	36	28	1	4	3
2	24	18	0	0	6
3	21	19	0	1	1
4	31	24	3	3	1
5	17	13	2	2	0
6	25	21	1	0	3
7	25	22	0	0	3
8	23	19	2	0	2
Elem. Total	202	164	9	10	19

ENROLLMENT — 1952-1953

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Post Mills 1-5	7	5	5	2	9	0	0	0	28
Post Mills 6-8	0	0	0	0	0	4	13	20	37
East Thetford	2	4	2	4	7	3	0	0	22
North Thetford	7	7	1	4	6	0	0	0	25
Thetford Center	4	6	2	4	0	3	0	0	19
Rice's Mills	1	1	3	5	7	2	1	1	21
Union Village	4	5	4	0	2	2	5	2	24
Stevens	4	5	1	2	2	0	2	0	16
Totals	29	33	18	21	33	14	21	23	192

COMPARISON OF SCHOOL EXPENSE AND INCOME — 1947 - 1954

	Spent (Estimated)				Year	New Budget				
	July 1 to		Jan. 1 to			1952-	1953-			
	1951-2	Dec. 31, '52	June 30, '53	1952-53		1953	1954			
Expenditures:	1947-8	1948-9	1949-50	1950-1						
Supt. salary & expenses	\$1,051.17	\$ 927.13	\$ 968.15	\$ 1,117.10	\$ 1,190.84	\$ 504.98	\$ 682.56	\$ 1,187.54	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
School Directors & misc.	224.43	103.52	187.75	378.56	461.61	210.81	240.00	450.81	425.00	500.00
Federal Aid-Vocation to T.A.	3,763.48	2,416.77	2,310.80	2,260.12	1,025.99	1,262.83	1,025.00	*2,287.83	*	*2,100.00
Teachers salaries	14,769.00	15,024.00	14,657.44	15,224.92	15,663.10	6,710.00	9,540.00	16,250.00	17,320.00	16,750.00
Music Classes					326.55	325.00	651.55	0.00	0.00	800.00
High School tuition & aid	6,166.81	6,791.67	7,150.00	9,120.00	9,807.97	4,333.50	6,667.00	11,000.50	11,000.00	11,500.00
Text books & supplies	745.03	697.44	501.21	933.48	1,383.30	910.43	50.00	960.43	1,000.00	1,000.00
Library-health-lunch-census	74.45	122.41	104.96	59.20	162.95	89.66	25.00	114.66	150.00	150.00
Janitors, cleaners & supplies	*2,495.86	772.72	801.10	847.75	1,652.59	723.45	1,033.00	1,756.45	1,700.00	1,800.00
Fuel & lights	586.98	667.35	827.88	854.20	1,055.22	348.64	550.00	898.64	850.00	950.00
Repair & upkeep	1,243.05	2,125.18	1,550.51	930.75	1,570.16	920.76	875.00	1,795.76	1,500.00	1,800.00
Furniture & equipment	41.02	349.10	7.27	29.65	30.00	314.46	—	314.46	300.00	300.00
Insurance	207.10	321.28	347.88	354.18	327.93	195.46	75.62	271.08	350.00	300.00
Transportation (except bus)	1,903.90	1,954.00	2,696.50	2,755.62	3,187.50	1,553.00	2,130.00	3,683.00	3,300.00	4,000.00
Bus driver, gas, repairs, etc.	294.91	2,222.61	2,724.62	2,880.71	1,607.05	730.94	1,112.00	1,842.94	1,670.00	1,850.00
Additions to building	—	—	—	—	142.11	—	—	—	—	—
New school bus-capital outlay	—	729.47	2,310.84	—	2,090.07	160.00	1,638.28	1,798.28	2,140.64	—
Debt payment & interest	2,537.51	3,056.25	5,075.00	5,072.50	990.49	—	—	—	—	—
Repaid to Selectmen's Acct.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	\$34,802.61	\$39,583.00	\$42,688.50	\$42,816.74	\$42,349.51	\$19,295.47	\$25,968.46	\$45,263.93	\$42,905.64	\$45,000.00
* Includes bus driver									*2,287.83	
										\$45,193.47

Income:

Balance on hand July 1	\$ 1,045.56	\$ 1,465.21	\$ 385.67	\$ 617.09	\$ 990.49	\$ 482.27	\$12,230.22	\$ 482.27	\$ 670.00	\$ 200.00
Town taxes	15,284.58	17,931.41	20,876.96	19,586.53	24,783.69	15,633.60	11,455.39	27,088.99	26,985.00	+27,100.00
State Aid	11,319.92	11,045.36	12,360.93	12,579.54	12,348.50	13,296.50	—	13,296.50	12,300.00	13,500.00
Federal-Aid-Vocation to T.A.	3,763.48	2,416.77	2,310.80	2,260.12	1,025.99	1,262.83	1,025.00	2,287.83	—	2,100.00
Tuition received	434.64	416.64	945.00	220.00	1,135.00	—	200.00	200.00	—	200.00
Borrowed	3,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,411.08	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bus fares & receipts	1,154.00	1,545.45	—	2,608.95	1,857.55	828.70	1,000.00	1,828.70	2,100.00	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	265.00	154.68	1,427.13	23.02	190.56	21.79	—	21.79	100.00	100.00
Sale of School Houses	—	—	—	500.00	500.00	—	300.00	300.00	500.00	—
Total Income	\$36,267.82	\$39,975.52	\$43,306.49	\$43,807.23	\$42,831.78	\$31,525.69	\$26,210.61	\$45,506.08	\$42,905.64	\$45,000.00
Total Expense	\$4,802.61	\$9,583.00	\$2,688.50	\$2,816.74	\$42,349.51	\$19,295.47	\$25,968.46	\$45,263.93	\$42,905.64	\$45,000.00
Balance on hand June 30	\$ 1,465.21	\$ * 392.52	\$ 617.99	\$ 990.49	\$ 482.27	\$12,230.22	\$ 242.15	\$ 242.15	—	—
Actual deficit on June 30	\$ 1,534.79	\$ 4,607.48	\$ 4,382.01	**\$4,420.59	\$ 482.27	—	—	—	—	—
Actual surplus on June 30	—	—	—	—	Surplus	\$ 242.15	—	—	—	—
					Surplus	\$ 242.15	—	—	—	—

* Auditors' adjustment \$6.85

** Paid from General Fund

* Federal Aid estimated same on income and expense.

† Tax Rate \$3.15

BUDGET REPORT

The Town indebtedness this year was reduced ~~\$4476.74~~ to ~~\$19,858.28~~ ~~\$2500.00~~. The total indebtedness is now ~~\$19,858.28~~ **21,830.02**.

The Highway Report shows a total net cost to the Town of \$14,377.19. The current budget provided tax money under items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 17, totaling \$15,220.22 or a surplus of \$843.03 on all highway items.

During the coming year the Town's share of the repairs to the Union Village Bridge will be 20% of the total cost, which is estimated to be approximately \$4,000. It is felt that this can be taken care of in a period of time without a special tax.

We are also glad to report that this is the first year since 1947 that no increase in the Tax Rate is recommended.

The Budget Committee accordingly recommends a Town Tax \$2.35, Highway Tax \$.90, and a School Tax of \$3.15.

Respectfully submitted,

The Budget Committee
G. Niles Miller
Walter Malmquist
Mrs. Alice Fifield
William E. Bond
Merton Godfrey
Harold E. Heaton
George Huggett

PROPOSED BUDGET — 1953

Item	1953 Estimated		1952 Estimated		1952 Grand	
	Grand List \$8,500.00	Tax Rate	Grand List \$8,500.00	Tax Rate	List \$8,599.66	Income
1. Poor Account	\$.18	\$ 1,530.00	\$.21	\$ 1,785.00	\$ 1,805.93	
2. Winter Roads	.40	3,400.00	.47	3,400.00	3,439.87	
3. New Road Construction, Resurfacing, Land Damage	.41	3,485.00	.29	2,465.00	2,493.91	
4. Electric Service	.06	510.00	.06	510.00	515.92	
5. Bridges, Lumber, Culverts	.05	425.00	.07	595.00	601.91	
6. Insurance, Truck Registration	.06	510.00	.06	510.00	515.92	
7. State Aid Patrol & Hired Machinery	.07	595.00	.05	425.00	428.92	
8. Taxes — State and County	.40	3,400.00	.40	3,400.00	3,439.87	
9. Printing, Clerical, Office Supplies	.07	595.00	.07	595.00	601.91	
10. Interest	.11	935.00	.11	935.00	945.86	
11. Officer's Services and Auditor's cost	.27	2,295.00	.31	2,635.00	2,665.90	
12. Fires	.06	510.00	.03	510.00	515.92	
13. Buildings, Janitors, Fuel	.03	255.00	.07	595.00	601.91	
14. Youth Recreation	.00	0.00	.01	85.00	86.00	
15. Appropriations	.02	170.00	.02	170.00	171.99	
16. Cemetery	.04	340.00	.04	340.00	343.99	
17. Road Account	.90	7,650.00	.90	7,650.00	7,739.69	
18. Emergency, New Equipment, and Defense	.12	1,020.00	.12	1,020.00	1,031.96	
	\$3.25	\$27,625.00	\$3.25	\$27,625.00	\$27,947.38	

**A REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF
THETFORD ACADEMY**

To the Citizens of Thetford:

Thetford Academy opened for its 134th year September 3, 1952. The enrollment was slightly larger than the previous year with 25 seniors, 36 juniors, 27 sophomores, and 43 freshmen making a total of 131 students. The following towns are represented in our enrollment: Thetford 52, Strafford 29, West Fairlee 15, Norwich 9, Lyme 8, Vershire 10, Fairlee 3, Corinth 4, Lincoln, Mass. 1. The enrollment at the present time is 121 students. Our former students are attending the following colleges: University of Vermont, Northeastern University, Oberlin College, Mount Holyoke College, Ottawa College, and Connecticut College for Women, Lyndon Teachers College, and Castleton Teachers College, and Perry Kindergarten School of Boston. Also there are students training at Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington, Vt. and the Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover, N. H.

In June Miss Elizabeth M. Branch resigned to accept a position as an English teacher in the Montpelier High School system. Miss Jean Goday was elected to take her place. Miss Goday is a graduate of Rhode Island State University and received her Master's Degree in English at Tuft's College. Mrs. Anderson is teaching Latin and English in place of Mrs. Peters who resigned. It is a pleasure to be able to announce that the Academy has secured the services of Mr. Philip Martin as an instructor in art. The Veteran-On-The-Farm Program will continue for at least another six months.

Once again I appeal to the parents of our students to aid us in keeping tardiness and absences at a minimum. Another matter which I would like to bring to the attention of the parents is the amount of studying that should be done at home. All students should do between one and two hours of home studying each day. That studying should be done without the aid of radio. No student can get all his work accomplished to any high degree with only the amount of time available during the school hours.

It is difficult to express the appreciation of the trustees, faculty and student body for the magnificent support and generosity of the individuals and organizations in our campaign of last year which successfully ended in the burning of the mortgage at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees last June. This support and loyal cooperation of the alumni, friends and organizations has made it possible to erect and equip a building with a valuation of over \$125,000 within ten years of the fateful burning of the old Academy building. This, the first phase of our building program, has been completed.

As in the past we at Thetford Academy are appreciative of your interest, your cooperation and your financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl A. Anderson, Principal

AUDITORS' REPORT

		Liabilities		
1951	1952		1951	1952
Orders	Notes			
474	474	Alice M. Nelson and Arthur Sloan	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
472	472	Alice M. Nelson and Arthur Sloan	1,000.00	1,000.00
540	3-52	William and Emma MacFarlene (P. A. Camillo)	4,000.00	2,500.00
587	4-52	Timothy Frost M. E. Church	1,344.68	1,344.68
593	6-52	Trustees, Public Funds, Cemetery Funds	1,242.06	1,242.06
608	7-52	Evergreen Rest Cemetery Association	1,000.00	1,800.00
919	8-52	Ellen Adams or Grace Allen	1,050.00	1,050.00
1418	10-52	Selah George and Gordon George	1,000.00	1,000.00
1675		Post Mills Religious Society	500.00	
1680	11-52	Peabody Library	1,458.60	1,458.60
1777		Alice Fifield	1,500.00	1,500.00
120	1-52	Post Mills Religious Society	500.00	1,000.00
1101	5-52	Trustees, Public Funds, Town Funds	1,500.00	3,257.94
1100	9-52	Frank Hatch	2,000.00	1,000.00
1669		Evergreen Rest Cemetery	800.00	
592		Trustees, Public Funds, Town Farm	1,757.94	
3-49		Timothy Frost M. E. Church	1,976.74	1,976.74
3-47		Evergreen Rest Cemetery Association	700.00	700.00
TOTAL			\$24,330.02	\$19,853.28 21,830.02
Due Town School District			9,368.49	11,457.78
TOTAL LIABILITIES			\$33,698.51	\$31,311.06 33,287.78

Assets			
Trustees, Public Funds, Notes of Town	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 3,257.94
Cash on Hand, Poor Farm Account	821.13		943.46
W. H. Higgins Farm	800.00		800.00
Outstanding Taxes	4,633.42		4,904.87
Cash on Hand, Town School District,	5,360.77		8,688.12
cash on hand	\$12,818.06	—12,230.22	
Due from Town Tax	9,368.49	—11,457.78	
		<u>22,186.55</u>	<u>23,688.00</u>
TOTAL	\$38,301.87		\$42,282.39
TOTAL ASSETS	\$38,301.87		\$42,282.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES	33,698.51		33,311.06 33,287.78
Assets over Liabilities	\$ 4,603.36		\$10,971.33 8,994.59

We hereby certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Town Officers and Trustees of Public Funds of Thetford, Vermont and found the same to be correct.

Ruth Prevost
Carl A. Anderson
Kate P. Howard

MARRIAGES — 1952

TOWN OF THETFORD

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Kenneth B. Southworth	West Fairlee, Vt.	Virginia Alice Slack	Thetford	16 January	Lyme, N. H.
Jay Wilfred Hill	Thetford	Arline Thelma Newton	Laconia, N. H.	22 March	Thetford
Edward Sayre Emerson	Thetford	Priscilla Davis	Strafford, Vt.	30 March	Thetford
Donald Allen Lands	Thetford	Virginia C. Newton	Hanover, N. H.	7 May	Norwich, Vt.
Richard E. Banker	Thetford	Priscilla Ruth Bond	Thetford	17 May	Thetford
Alvin Louis Paige	Thetford	Alice Margaret Bearor	Sharon, Vt.	3 June	Middlebury, Vt.
Richard W. Vaughan	Thetford	Elizabeth A. Thompson	Lyme, N. H.	28 June	Lyme, N. H.
Richard W. Waterman	Norwich	Julia Eola Battles	W. Fairlee, Vt.	29 June	Vershire, Vt.
William M. Sanborn	W Brooksville Me.	Carolyn May Bond	Thetford	29 June	Thetford
Charles Horace Bond	Thetford	Fay Anita Stewart	Thetford	8 July	Norwich, Vt.
Mark Robert Gregory	Newton Ct., Mass.	Edna Hill Sargent	Fairlee, Vt.	27 August	Lyme, N. H.
Herbert W. Donaldson	Milan, N. H.	Greta Olive Malmquist	Thetford	18 October	Thetford
Robert Harley Smith	Orford, N. H.	Madeline J. Demers	Thetford	22 November	Bradford, Vt.
		Marylyn A. Robinson	Thetford	3 December	Orford, N. H.

BIRTHS — 1952

TOWN OF THETFORD

Child's Name	Father	Mother	Residence	Place of Birth	Date Born
Palmer, Bruce Trescott	Carroll Bruce Palmer	Hannah Charles	Thetford	Lebanon, N. H.	16 January
Fifield, Sheila Ann	Bernard G. Fifield	Priscilla Alice Caswell	Thetford	Haverhill, N. H.	17 January
Bacon, Charles William	Warren Thomas Bacon	Lucy Davis	Thetford	Thetford, Vt.	22 January
Roberts, Joseph F.	Julius E. Roberts	Estella A. LaBelle	Thetford	Thetford, Vt.	5 February
Ladd, Susan Rae	Ralph Burns Ladd	Pauline May Blanchard	Thetford	Hanover, N. H.	20 February
Palmer, Walter G.	Gardner Ray Palmer	Zillah Connie Ward	Thetford	Haverhill, N. H.	2 April
Turner, Lois Charlotte	George Frank Turner	Charlotte Picknell	Rutland, Vt.	Thetford, Vt.	10 April
Barker, Barry Arthur	Lawrence A. Barker	Josephine Mae Brooke	Thetford	Hanover, N. H.	15 April
Cadwell, Peter L.	Louis Harvey Cadwell	Nellie D. Harlow	Thetford	Lebanon, N. H.	18 April
Barker, Sharon Lee	Kenneth F. Barker	Barbara L. Kennedy	Thetford	Haverhill, N. H.	30 April
Cook, Cathy Jean	Leonard Herbert Cook	Ruth Elsie Linton	Thetford	Hanover, N. H.	2 May
Hebb, Nicholas Stewart	Carl William Hebb	Alice D. Bartholomew	Thetford	Thetford, Vt.	26 May
Atkins, Storm Chandra	Robert Fenn Atkins	Harriett Faith Clafin	Thetford	Hanover, N. H.	19 June
Ricker, Robin Lynn	Russell James Ricker	Madeline May Clark	Thetford	Thetford, Vt.	19 June
Bacon, Theresa Mary	Arthur James Bacon	Marion Alice Slack	Thetford	Hanover, N. H.	26 July
Roberts, Leola Stella	Edwin Gilbert Roberts	Stella May Warren	Thetford	Hanover, N. H.	12 September
Roberts, Lilla Louise	Edwin Gilbert Roberts	Shirley Ann Bond	Thetford	Hanover, N. H.	12 September
MacLay, Thomas Ian II	Thomas Ian MacLay	Viola Mae Parker	Thetford	Hanover, N. H.	30 September
Clark Kathleen Lucille	Aldo Guy Clark	Fay Anita Stewart	Thetford	Vershire, Vt.	2 October
Sanborn, Jr. William M.	William M. Sanborn	Ruth Naomi Robar	Thetford	Lebanon, N. H.	4 October
Martin, Carol Ann	Clarence Walter Martin	Florence Lydia Potter	Thetford	Hanover, N. H.	6 October
Sanborn, Joel Blaine	Clifford Otis Sanborn	Helen Elsie Traynor	Thetford	Lebanon, N. H.	14 October
Ilsley, Keith Joseph	Maynard David Ilsley	Irene Maye Durkee	Thetford	Lebanon, N. H.	23 October
Smith II, Maurice H.	Maurice Harold Smith	Ethel Mae Severance	Thetford	Hanover, N. H.	25 October
Ash, Beverly Jo	Francis M. Ash	Rita Ellen Doyle	Thetford	Haverhill, N. H.	7 November
LaMountain Nancy Jane	Earl R. LaMountain	Dorothy Louise Cadwell	Thetford	Lebanon, N. H.	17 November
Pero, Rita Nellie	Morris Harlan Pero	Dorothy Louise Cadwell	Thetford	Lebanon, N. H.	19 November
Pero, Ruth Olive	Warren Harlan Pero	Violet Irene Preston	Thetford	Lebanon, N. H.	19 November
Dennett, Richard L.	Warren L. Dennett	Priscilla Alice Caswell	Thetford	Lebanon, N. H.	28 November
Fifield, Gary Bernard	Bernard G. Fifield		Thetford	Hanover, N. H.	22 December

TOWN OF THETFORD

DEATHS — 1952

Deceased	Residence	Date of Death	Place of Death	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Harold Adams	Thetford	12 January	Hanover, N. H.	61		
Sheila Ann Fifield	Thetford	18 January	Haverhill, N. H.			10½ hrs.
Harry Henry Rowell	Thetford	19 March	Lebanon, N. H.	78		
Barbara Thomson Moore	Thetford	5 April	Hanover, N. H.	74		
Delbert B. Perkins	Thetford	4 May	Thetford	73	11	0
Christine H. Vaughan	Thetford	7 June	Thetford	71	7	22
Edith Barker	Thetford	30 June	Thetford	68	2	11
Mabel E. Stevens	Thetford	31 July	Bradford, Vt.	76		
Hugo J. Raasch	Thetford	2 August	Hanover, N. H.	51		
Andrew Anderson	Thetford	29 August	Thetford	95		
George Lyman Vaughan	Thetford	2 September	Thetford	76		
Matthew W. O'Hagan	Barre, Vt.	8 September	Thetford	59	11	18
Alice Southworth	Thetford	19 September	Hanover, N. H.	81		

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED COOK,

Town Clerk

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town and Town School District of Thetford, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Thetford, Tuesday, March 3, 1953 A.D., at 10 o'clock A.M., E.S.T., to transact the following business:

Article I

To elect a Moderator.

Article II

To elect a Town Clerk.

Article III

Providing for vote upon the following question:

- a. Shall license for the sale of malt and vinious liquors be granted in this Town?
- b. Shall spiritious liquors be sold in this Town?

Article IV

To hear and act on the report of the Town Officers.

Article V

To see if the Town will authorize and empower the Selectmen to appoint a Road Commissioner, or elect same by ballot.

Article VI

To elect all other Town Officers.

Article VII

To hear and act on the report of the Budget Committee.

Article VIII

To raise taxes in accordance with Budget Report:

- a. To pay the indebtedness of the Town and Current Expenses.
- b. Highway tax.

Article IX

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to Post No. 79 for Memorial Day observances.

Article X

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the Town Library.

Article XI

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the General Fund a sum of money, not to exceed \$80.00 per student, as a scholarship for one or more Thetford students in a teacher preparation institution in the state, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4352 of the Public Laws.

Article XII

To see if the Town School District will vote to increase the rate of tuition to be paid Thetford Academy from \$200.00 to \$225.00.

Article XIII

To see if the Town School District will vote to donate a sum of money to Thetford Academy.

Article XIV

To hear the report of the School Directors and their Citizens' Committee on the question of consolidation of schools. To see if any action will be taken and if so what tax will be raised to pay for same.

Article XV

To see if the Town School District will vote to expend a sum of money for the preparation of preliminary plans and estimates for a new central school building, and to raise a tax for same.

Article XVI

To see if the Town School District will vote to accept the Budget Proposal and raise the school tax for same.

Article XVII

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

Dated at Thetford, Vermont, February 2, 1953

W. G. Colton

Geo. Huggett

W. M. Bacon

Selectmen

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