

**Bring This Report to Town Meeting**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**TOWN OFFICERS**

OF THE

**TOWN OF THETFORD**

**VERMONT**

**For the Year Ending**

**December 31, 1953**

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## TOWN MEETING NOTES — 1953

The following business was transacted at the Annual Town Meeting which was held on March 3, 1953.

- Art. 1. Elected — Moderator — Pearly A. MacFarlane.
- Art. 2. Elected — Town Clerk — Mildred W. Cook.  
Appointed — Ass't Town Clerk — Kenneth W. Cook.
- Art. 3. Voted 65 votes against and 37 votes for the sale of malt and vinous liquors. Voted 75 votes against and 27 votes for sale of spiritous liquors.
- Art. 4. Voted to accept report of Town Officers.  
Voted to give Town Farm Trust Fund to Free Bed Fund at Mary Hitchcock Mem. Hospital.
- Art. 5. Elected—Road Commissioner—Merton Godfrey.
- Art. 6. Elected—Town Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes —Harold E. Heaton  
Elected—Ass't Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes —Elsie C. Heaton  
Elected—Selectman for three years—Winston G. Colton  
Elected—Auditor—Ruth Prevost  
Elected—Constable & Collector of Taxes — William F. Fitzgerald  
Elected—Overseer of Poor—Selectmen  
Elected—Town Grand Juror—J. Borden Smith  
Elected—Trustee of Public Funds—Pearly A. MacFarlane  
Elected—Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits —Gerald H. Wilson  
Elected—Lister for three years—A. Maxwell Palmer

Elected—Library Trustee for 5 years—Kate P. Howard  
Elected—Cemetery Trustee for 3 years—E. H. Sargent  
Elected—Member Budget Committee—Walter A. Malmquist

- Art. 7 and 12. Report of Budget Committee accepted as printed. Voted Town Tax \$2.35, Highway Tax \$.90, School Tax \$3.15.
- Art. 8. Voted to increase the rate of tuition to be paid Thetford Academy from \$200.00 to \$225.00.
- Art. 9. Voted to donate \$1,000 to Thetford Academy from School District Funds.
- Art. 10 and Art. 11. After hearing report of the School Directors and their Citizens Committee on the question of school consolidation, it was voted that the School Directors be authorized to select a site for consolidated school and take option on same. Voted \$500.00 for preliminary plans and estimate for a new central school building and that money be taken from rental due from U. S. Government land.
- Art. 13. Voted \$100.00 to Thetford Post No. 79 for Memorial Day Observances.
- Art. 14. Voted \$50.00 for the Town Library.
- Art. 15. Voted to discontinue the portion of highways within the Union Village Dam Area, and instruct Selectmen to do same.
- Art. 16. Voted that the Town accept the relocated highways as built by the Government, and lay out same as part of the Town Highway System.

Art. 17. Voted that Town pay Social Security, retroactive to Nov. 1, 1951, to all town employees and Town Officials.

Art. 18. Voted to lay motion on table indefinitely of instructing Selectmen to prepare for the 1954 Town Meeting an ordinance to take Local Option on signs as per Chapter 173 Vermont Statutes, revision 1947.

Art. 19. Voted that the Town appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$80.00 per student and not to exceed three students, as a scholarship in a Teacher preparation institution in the State, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4352 of the Public Laws.

Art. 20. Mrs. Elsie Cowles, Town Representative, gave highlights of business transacted at the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED W. COOK,

Town Clerk

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

### 1953

#### January

1	Cash in bank and in transit	\$ 8,688.12
1	Social Security & Auditors Order	77.47
25	State of Vermont, S. A. Resurfacing	176.50
30	State of Vermont, Town Highways	\$3,205.43
	1/2c Gas Tax	2,580.65
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		5,786.08

#### February

2	Town of Vershire, salt	70.20
2	State of Vermont, Town Highways	2,937.37
10	Don Orr, sale of snow plow	125.00
27	State of Vermont, Bridge Union Village	4,054.70

#### March

14	George Huggett, salt	3.00
14	Town of West Fairlee, tramp acc't.	2.00
16	State of Vermont, Bridge claim	1,351.56
27	Trustees of Public Funds, Loan	12.00
27	Trustees of Public Funds, Loan	53.94
27	Trustees of Public Funds, Loan	742.06

#### April

1	Trustees of Public Funds, Loan	4.00
3	State of Vermont, Bridge claim	1,351.56
6	Mildred W. Cook, Dog licenses	454.00
10	State of Vermont, winter maintenance	1,158.00
10	State of Vermont, winter maintenance	504.50
23	Rodney Palmer, old motor	15.00
25	Federal Flood Control receipts	792.19
25	State of Vermont, Bridge claim	2,703.14

#### May

9	C. A. Wilcox, Ins. refund	9.43
23	Bradford National Bank Loan	5,000.00

#### June

11	W. G. Colton, rent of hall	10.00
11	J. Borden Smith, tarvia on driveway	7.15
11	Geo. Huggett, rent of hall	3.00

12	State of Vermont, Bridge claim	2,861.82
24	Bradford National Bank Loan	5,000.00
26	State of Vermont, porcupine bounties	8.00
30	George Huggett	5.00

**August**

11	State of Vermont, Bridge claim	2,547.65
11	State of Vermont, State Aid Construction Reg.	2,610.79
11	State of Vermont, State Aid Construction Spec.	1,808.51
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		4,419.30

**September**

15	State of Vermont 1/2c gas tax	2,176.44
29	Bradford National Bank	2,000.00

**October**

1	Army Engineers, Union Village Dam	12,000.00
3	Town of Norwich, sand and gravel	48.00
10	Thetford Ctr. P.T.A., hall rent	3.00
17	O. Eugene Adams, 1/2 fire expense	37.50
17	Emma Coombs, driveway	69.16
17	Arthur Tower, driveway	63.93
26	Current Taxes 1953	52,603.28
31	Thetford Academy, driveway	864.18
31	Mildred W. Cook, dog licenses	64.00

**November**

7	Frank Ross, gift for road	50.00
7	Chas. A. Vaughan, driveway	5.02
7	Emma Coombs, driveway	16.60
7	C. A. Wilcox, driveway	33.44

**December**

8	Town of West Fairlee, salt	206.00
23	Lyme Medical Associates, refund	21.00
23	Refund of returned checks	349.44
24	W. G. Colton, driveway	27.51
26	William Fitzgerald, col. delinquent taxes	841.12
28	Merton Godfrey, refund	10.00
28	Burton Chabot, College land rent	4.98
28	Town of Vershire, salt	47.40

31	William Fitzgerald, col. delinquent taxes	2,843.72
31	William Fitzgerald, col. Int. and Warrants	127.38
31	William Fitzgerald, col. tax abatement	198.25
31	Social Security refund	11.00

Receipts from Jan. 1, 1953 to Jan. 1, 1954 \$125,656.09

**Disbursements**

Selectmen's Old Orders	\$ 2,000.00
Selectmen's Current Orders	49,821.83
Selectmen's Current Highway Orders	25,306.60
Road Commissioner Current Orders	7,837.22
Overseer's of the Poor Current Orders	1,952.96
Cemetery Commissioner's Current Orders	206.95
Transfer to School Dist. bal. of 1952 taxes and land rent	11,457.78
Transfer to School Dist. Current taxes	17,500.00
Transfer to Social Security Administrator '51 & '52	100.90
Miscellaneous returned checks	349.44
Auditors order of Dec. 31, 1952	9.43
Porcupine bounties	8.00
Sundries	11.00
Cash in account Dec. 31, 1953	9,093.98
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	125,656.09

Thetford, Vermont, December 31, 1953

H. E. HEATON,

Treasurer

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

**1953**

**January**

1 Cash balance \$12,230.22

**February**

**Received from**

2 W. O. Johnson, land rent 2.39  
 2 R. H. Hatch, refund of gas tax 10.52  
 11 Thetford Academy, bus fares 156.50  
 11 Town of Lincoln, tuition of Carol Young 110.00  
 11 Cornelia Lightner, refund of gas tax 2.18  
 11 State of Vermont, Home Economics 486.68  
 11 State of Vermont, Vocational Agriculture 499.32

**March**

6 Thetford Academy, bus fares 165.25  
 11 Cornelia Lightner, refund of gas tax 4.30  
 11 Cornelia Lightner, refund of gas tax 1.78

**April**

10 Thetford Academy, bus fares 170.60  
 16 From Gen. Fund, 1952 taxes 2,500.00  
 17 Cornelia Lightner, refund of gas tax 3.06  
 25 Town of Lincoln, tuition Carol Young 100.00

**May**

5 Cornelia Lightner, refund of gas tax 2.08  
 5 Thetford Academy, bus fares 97.85  
 16 State of Vermont, Vocational Education 23.46  
 21 From Gen. Fund, 1952 taxes 5,000.00

**June**

13 Cornelia Lightner, bus rent 5.60  
 13 Cornelia Lightner, refund of gas tax 2.74  
 14 From Gen. Fund, 1952 taxes 2,000.00

25 Thetford Academy, bus fares 142.75  
 25 Thetford Academy, bus fares 133.75  
 26 From Gen. Fund, bal. of 1952 tax bill 1,957.78  
 30 Thetford Academy 120.00

\$25,928.81

Disbursements of School Directors Orders  
 from Jan. 1 to July 1, 1953 25,902.39

Balance in account \$ 26.42

**1953**

**July**

**Received from**

1 Balance in account \$ 26.42  
 1 Thetford Post No. 79, payment on school bldg. 53.00  
 1 Thetford Post No. 79, Interest 6.00  
 1 State of Vermont, Vocational Education 449.64  
 1 General Fund, 1953 tax bill 1,000.00

**August**

15 State of Vermont, Vocational Education 262.50  
 17 Gen. Fund, 1953 tax bill 1,000.00

**September**

11 R. H. Hatch, refund of gas tax 13.28  
 15 State of Vermont 726.08  
 15 State of Vermont 112.50  
 21 Gen. Fund, 1953 tax bill 3,000.00

**October**

5 Gen. Fund, 1953 tax bill 2,500.00  
 19 Gen. Fund, 1953 tax bill 3,000.00

**November**

2 Gen. Fund, 1953 tax bill 5,000.00  
 2 Thetford Academy, bus fares 218.65  
 19 R. H. Hatch, refund of gas tax 1.42

19	Post Mills P.T.A.	100.00
19	Gen. Fund, 1953 tax bill	2,000.00
23	Thetford Academy, bus fares	208.15
26	State of Vermont, State Aid	16,002.84

**December**

3	Rices Mills P.T.A., bus rent	7.00
3	Thetford Academy, bus fares	196.45
15	Refund from Laurence Williams	188.83
28	Thetford Academy, bus fares	107.30
28	Dorrance Goddard, land rent	6.00
31	Lawrence Williams, rebate	11.17

Receipts from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1953	\$36,197.23
Disbursements of School Directors Orders from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1953	21,954.48

Balance in account	\$14,242.75
Due from Gen. Fund bal. of 1953 tax bill	9,933.07

Total available to June 30, 1954	\$24,175.82
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Thetford, Vermont, December 31, 1953

H. E. HEATON,  
Treasurer

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS**

**Cemetery Trust Funds**

**Investment**

No. 6* Note to Town	\$1,242.06
*Note to Town	53.94
*Note to Town	4.00

Bank Acct. — Inter State Trust Co.	\$ 1,300.00
	120.14

Interest for 1953:

Bank Interest	\$ 3.44
Int. on Town Note	38.57

42.01

Balance on Hand	\$ 1,462.15
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**Expenditures**

Evergreen Rest Cemetery	\$21.00
Post Mills Cemetery Assoc.	6.00
East Thetford Cemetery	9.00
Hillside Cemetery	3.00

\$ 39.00

**Recapitulation**

Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1952	\$1,459.14
Interest — 1953	42.01

Total	\$ 1,501.15
Expenditure	39.00

Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 1,462.15
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\* Changed for Note No. 3 - 53.

**TOWN FARM TRUST FUND**

**Investment**

Note 5 *Town of Thetford	\$3,257.94	
*Town of Thetford	742.06	
Bank Acct. — Inter State Trust Co.		\$ 4,000.00
		81.40
Total		\$ 4,081.40
Interest — 1953:		
Inter State Trust Co.	\$ 9.90	
Inter State Trust Co.	114.44	
Total		\$ 124.34
Total Dec. 31, 1953		\$ 4,205.74

**Expenditure**

Hitchcock Hospital Free Bed 120.00

**Recapitulation**

Balance Dec. 31, 1952	\$4,201.40	
Interest for 1953	124.34	
Total		\$ 4,325.74
Expended — 1953		120.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1953		\$ 4,205.74

\* Changed for Note No. 2

Respectfully submitted,

PEARLY MacFARLANE  
ELLSWORTH SARGENT

**STATE OF VERMONT**

**Department of Highways**

**Bradford**

January 28, 1954

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

Gentlemen:

Listed below is a report of the expenditure of funds and the work accomplished with your state aid and town highway funds for the year 1953.

**TOWN HIGHWAY FUND** Amt. available \$9,992.71

JOB #1 - 2 — On Tucker Hill road #29 — work consisted of reshaping job done in 1951 and extending the job another 0.35 mile, widening the road, installing new culverts and putting on gravel from the Government pit. A double tack coat of tar with peastone penetration asphalt seal was put on. The average cost per mile of blacktop construction was \$18,388.83.

JOB #3 — On Messer road #22 — work consisted of putting on 964 c.y. of gravel from Collins pit an average width of 13 feet and depth of 16 inches. Total cost was \$1,146.68 or \$4,586.72 per mile.

**State Aid Construction Funds**—Amt. available \$10,882.97

On Union Village to Thetford Hill road #SA 4. Work consisted of reconstructing the road from the covered bridge north 0.7 mile, improving the alignment, grade and width of the road. New culverts were installed and gravel was put on average of 26 feet and 19 inches deep. A black top surface of tar and asphalt with peastone penetration seal was constructed an average width of 20 feet. Total cost was \$12,100.83, or \$17,286.90 per mile.

**State Aid Bridge Funds** — Amt. Available \$22,134.93

Work consisted of repairing the wooden covered bridge at Union Village. The work was done by Trumbull-Nelson Contractors of Hanover, N. H. The bottom chords were repaired, a new floor system installed, the northerly end of the bridge was raised about four feet, a new metal roof was put on and concrete seat and wings built. The final cost of the job was \$22,134.93 of which the State paid 80%.

**State Aid Retreatment** — Amount available \$1,134.24

A sand seal retreatment was applied on the Thetford Hill State Aid road #4 — a total of 0.4 mile costing \$277.91. Also 2.0 miles of sand seal was done on the Copper Mine road SA #2, costing \$856.33. Total spent for both jobs was \$1,134.24, two-thirds of which was paid by the State.

**State Aid Resurfacing** — Amount available \$264.75

Work consisted of resurfacing with gravel on the Strafford-Norwich SA road #5. Gravel was put on 16 feet wide by 4 inches deep. A total of \$330.87 was spent of which the State paid \$176.50.

R. H. ARNOLD,  
District Engineer

**VERMONT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Bradford, Vermont

January 28, 1954

Town of Thetford  
Board of Selectmen  
Attention Mr. George Huggett, Selectman

Listed below are funds which were available and spent by the town during 1953. 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 1952	\$8,225.95	
Total spent as per claim made by town	9,724.62*	
Amount to be paid by State		\$8,225.95

**State Aid Resurfacing (gravel)**

Available from State, $\frac{1}{3}$ Town, $\frac{2}{3}$ State	\$ 264.75	
Total spent as per claim made by Town	330.87	
Amount to be paid by State		\$ 176.50

**$\frac{1}{2}$  Cent Gas Tax Funds**

Available from State 1951	\$1,766.76	
Total spent as per claim made by Town	See above*	
Amount to be paid by State		\$1,498.67

**State Aid Construction Funds**

Available from State, Regular and income tax	\$3,481.05	
Special funds put in by Town	1,500.00	
State funds, matching 2 to 1	3,000.00	
$\frac{1}{2}$ cent gas tax, if used 1953	2,901.92	
Total funds available	\$10,882.97	
Total spent as per claim made by Town	12,100.83	
Amount to be paid by State		\$9,382.97

**State Aid Retreatment**

Two-thirds cost of work  
 Total spent as per claim made  
 by Town \$1,134.24  
 Amount to be paid by State \$ 756.16

**Summary of Above Funds**

Item	Paid By State	By Town	Total Cost
TOWN HIGHWAYS FUND	\$ 8,225.95*	\$ 00.00	\$ 9,724.62
STATE AID RESURFACING	\$ 176.50	\$ 154.37	\$ 330.87
½ CENT GAS TAX 1951	\$ 1,498.67*	\$ 00.00	\$
STATE AID CONSTRUCTION	\$ 9,382.97	\$2,717.86	\$12,100.83
STATE AID RETREATMENT	\$ 756.16	\$ 378.08	\$ 1,134.24
STATE AID BRIDGES	\$17,707.93	\$4,427.00	\$22,134.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,748.18</b>	<b>\$7,677.31</b>	<b>\$45,425.49</b>

\* On Town Highways

R. H. ARNOLD,  
 District Highway Engineer

**ITEM NO. 1**

**OVERSEER POOR ACCOUNT**

Tax Rate \$0.18	Total Tax \$1,567.60
Board	\$759.75
Medical Care	747.52
Department of Social Welfare	328.77
Probate Court Fees	106.10
Clothing	37.05
Groceries	36.67
Rent, tramp house, '47-'53	35.00
Fuel, supplies	21.35
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,072.21</b>
	<b>1,567.60</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 504.61</b>

The above expenses were very much the same as of last year, with the exception of medical care which increased \$673.52 within the past few months. Fortunately, this is the first occurrence for several years.

**VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE**

**Montpelier, Vermont**

This is our eighteenth annual report to the citizens of the Town of Thetford on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1953.

Old Age Assistance	\$8,143.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,584.00
Aid to the Disabled	1,138.00
Committed Children	31.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,896.98</b>

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON,  
 Commissioner

## THETFORD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FUND

"Flowers for the Living"

When friends die many people send flowers. This is a welcome expression of affection and sympathy, but an increasing number of people prefer to do something more specifically useful for the living with their memorial contributions. For such people the Thetford Memorial Hospital Fund has been created. It will be used, both principal and interest, to give to Thetford residents those necessary hospital services which otherwise would be unobtainable.

This Fund was created by the friends of the late Niles Miller whose sudden death last October robbed Thetford of one of its most useful citizens. It was the wish of Mrs. Miller, and his wish also, that friends should find a useful memorial remembrance. Although started in memory of Niles Miller, this Fund is to be a permanent memorial for all Thetford residents who die, and it is hoped that it will become an important factor in bringing happiness and relief to the Thetford living.

The people of Thetford are asked to support this Fund with contributions in memory of their families and friends. The money, to be administered by the Selectmen, will be used to supplement and be part of the now existing "Thetford Free-Bed Fund" at the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, N. H. Checks should be made payable to and Donations sent to the Town Treasurer, marked for the "Thetford Memorial Hospital Fund."

Mr. George Huggett  
Overseer of the Poor  
Thetford, Vermont  
My dear Mr. Huggett:

During the year January 1, 1953 through December 31, 1953 the Thetford Free Bed Fund in the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, New Hampshire rendered 37 days' service to 3 residents of the Town of Thetford, Vermont.

The portion of Free Bed Funds allotted by the Trustees to the Town of Thetford was \$330.00. In addition, the Town of Thetford paid \$120.00 in cash, bringing the total allotment to \$450.00. Deducted from this figure was the December 31, 1952 overuse of \$184.70, which made the net allotment \$265.30 for the year.

The charges at the minimum hospital rates for services rendered to these patients during the period amounted to \$412.50. Subtracting the allotment of \$265.30 from this figure, there is an overuse of \$147.20 as of December 31, 1953.

We are attaching hereto the usual summary, 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



4-25-53 Palmer's Garage, repairs	\$ 19.87	\$ 19.87
9-12-53 International Salt Co. 800/100# salt	\$824.00	
		\$ 824.00
9-19-53 Geo. Huggett, unloading salt	\$ 34.20	
Merton Godfrey, unloading salt	10.35	
Frank Stevens, unloading salt	9.00	
Franklin Godfrey, unloading salt	2.85	
		\$ 56.40
11-21-53 Treas. United States, winter sand	\$ 21.20	
R. C. Abbott, trucks, shovel, sand	163.05	
Watson Abbott, truck, winter sand	62.10	
Geo. Huggett, truck, winter sand	92.00	
Franklin Godfrey, labor w. sand	37.50	
Frank Stevens, labor w. sand	38.00	
		\$ 413.85
11-28-53 Specialty Converters, Inc., 6 "Tufcote"	\$123.17	
Hill-Martin Corp., postage	.57	
Gulf Oil Co., anti-freeze	5.44	
		\$ 129.18
12-5-53 H. O. Taylor Chevrolet Co., repairs	\$ 2.87	
Sanborn Oil Co., oil	28.44	
Eaton's Garage, maintenance	12.47	
Merton Godfrey, labor, sno-fence	39.00	
Franklin Godfrey, labor, sno-fence	52.50	
Geo. Huggett, labor, sno-fence	44.09	
		\$ 179.37
12-19-53 Casellini-Venable Corp., blades, shoes	\$105.52	
Merton Godfrey, labor	84.30	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	64.00	
W. H. Sayre, labor	8.00	
Geo. Huggett, labor	57.45	
Elwin Pero, labor	11.50	
C. A. Wilcox, 60 c.y. gravel	6.00	
		\$ 336.77

12-31-53 Merton Godfrey, labor	\$ 30.50	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	30.50	
		\$ 61.00
Total Expenditures		\$4,429.09

## ITEM NO. 3

## HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION, BRIDGES

1-3-53 Trumbull-Nelson Co. Inc. estimate no. 1 Union Village Bridge	\$ 2,762.50
1-10-53 Trumbull-Nelson Co. Inc. estimate no. 2 Union Village Bridge	2,762.50
1-24-53 Trumbull-Nelson Co. Inc. estimate no. 3 Union Village Bridge	1,232.84
2-21-53 Trumbull-Nelson Co. Inc. estimate no. 4 Union Village Bridge	1,689.46
2-28-53 Trumbull-Nelson Co. Inc. estimate no. 5 Union Village Bridge	1,689.46
3-7-53 Trumbull-Nelson Co. Inc. estimate no. 6 Union Village Bridge	1,689.46
4-25-53 Trumbull-Nelson Co. Inc. estimate no. 7 Union Village Bridge	3,378.92
R. C. Abbott, shovel, trucks filling approach	\$99.00
Richard LaBombard, truck filling approach	16.75
Fred Hayward, Jr., truck filling approach	19.75
Carl Moulton, truck filling approach	19.75
Merton Godfrey, labor, filling approach	8.05
Franklin Godfrey, labor filling approach	6.65

Bernard Godfrey, labor, filling approach	4.00	
Geo. Huggett, labor filling approach	4.00	
Thomas Martin, labor filling approach	3.80	
T. F. Collins, gravel, filling approach	12.60	
		<u>194.35</u>
6-27-53 Trumbull-Nelson Co. Inc. estimate no. 8 Union Village Bridge		3,184.56
10-3-53 Treas. State of Vermont, labor, material	\$ 49.60	
Treas. State of Vermont, labor, material	31.58	
Black-Top Inc., cold patch	21.70	
John Clogston, 110 c.y. gravel	7.70	
		<u>110.58</u>
10-31-53 Trumbull-Nelson Co. Inc. estimate no. 9 Union Village Bridge		3,444.00
Total Expenditures		<u>\$22,138.63</u>

**STATE AID ROAD #4**

**Union Village-Thetford Hill Job #444**

3-7-53 Merton Godfrey, labor, cutting brush	\$ 16.10	
Geo. Hodge, labor, cutting brush	13.30	
		<u>\$ 29.40</u>
5-23-53 New England Metal Culvert Co., culverts	\$371.49	
		<u>\$ 371.49</u>
7-25-53 Manning & Son, moving State bull-dozer	\$ 9.75	
		<u>\$ 9.75</u>

8-1-53 Geo. Huggett, truck	\$152.70	
Frank Stevens, labor, chain saw	66.75	
Merton Godfrey, labor	46.00	
Kenneth Cook Jr., labor	22.95	
		<u>\$ 288.40</u>
8-8-53 Treas. State of Vermont, shovel, bull-dozer	\$619.64	
Geo. Huggett, truck	169.20	
Joseph Graham, truck	68.00	
Richard LaBombard, truck	27.20	
Merton Godfrey, labor	50.60	
Kenneth Cook Jr., labor	7.65	
Frank Stevens, labor	41.00	
		<u>\$ 983.29</u>
8-15-53 Treas. State of Vermont, equipment	\$544.73	
Treas. State of Vermont, highway signs	52.08	
Geo. Huggett, truck	92.00	
Trumbull-Nelson Co. Inc., truck	30.20	
Roswell Mativia, truck	138.00	
Joseph Graham, truck	120.00	
Norman Barrett, truck	30.60	
Elmer Fay, truck	37.40	
Merton Godfrey, labor	43.13	
Frank Stevens, labor	35.00	
Nichols Hardware, supplies	12.96	
		<u>\$1,136.10</u>
8-22-53 Treas. State of Vermont, equipment	\$685.51	
Nichols Hardware, supplies	43.05	
Geo. Huggett, truck	63.10	
Roswell Mativia, truck	24.91	
Joseph Graham, truck	14.00	
Leonard Cook, truck	6.80	
Frank Stevens, truck	37.50	
Merton Godfrey, truck	23.58	
Franklin Godfrey, truck	16.63	
		<u>\$ 915.08</u>

8-29-53 Treas. State of Vermont, equipment	\$359.46	
Geo. Huggett, truck	210.80	
Frank Stevens, labor	66.50	
Merton Godfrey, labor	63.25	
Kenneth Cook Jr., labor	7.65	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	17.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 724.76
9-5-53 Treas. State of Vermont, equipment	\$680.86	
Berger Metal Culvert Co., culverts	572.16	
The Bread Basket, supplies	7.51	
East Thetford Commission Sale, cedar posts	8.50	
Geo. Huggett, truck	205.40	
Richard LaBombard, truck	30.60	
Fred Hayward Jr., truck	36.00	
Joseph Graham, truck	36.00	
Merton Godfrey, labor	58.65	
Frank Stevens, labor, chain saw	76.25	
Wm. M. Bacon, truck, labor	45.52	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	48.45	
	<hr/>	\$1,805.90
9-12-53 Trumbull-Nelson Co. Inc., back-hoe	\$ 32.52	
Treas. State of Vermont, equipment	1,187.63	
Geo. Huggett, truck	164.00	
Joseph Graham, truck	140.00	
Fred Hayward Jr., truck	136.00	
Roy Burrough, truck	57.80	
Ralph Ricker, truck	25.50	
Roswell Mativia, truck	28.80	
Merton Godfrey, labor	41.40	
Frank Stevens, labor	36.00	
Stanley Smith, labor	3.40	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	28.50	
	<hr/>	\$1,881.55
9-29-53 New England Metal Culvert Co., culverts	\$227.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 227.40

10-3-53 Treas. State of Vermont, equipment	\$358.40	
Merton Godfrey, labor	34.50	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	26.60	
Manning & Son, rent of low- boy trailer	15.00	
Nichols Hardware, supplies	4.40	
Black-Top Inc., cold patch	42.38	
	<hr/>	\$ 481.28
10-10-53 Treas. State of Vermont, equipment	\$338.96	
R. E. Doble, 2243 c.y. fill	29.43	
Mable Johnson, 198 c.y. fill	2.97	
John Clogston, 5961 c.y. gravel	417.27	
207 c.y. fill	3.11	
	<hr/>	420.38
	<hr/>	\$ 791.74
10-17-53 Merton Godfrey, labor	\$ 36.80	
Frank Stevens, labor	16.00	
Frank Godfrey, labor	30.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 83.20
10-24-53 The Village Store, supplies	\$2.00	
Treas. State of Vt., equipment	441.30	
Walter Teeter, use of chain saw	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 446.30
10-31-53 Merton Godfrey, labor	31.63	
W. H. Sayre, labor	42.50	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	26.13	
Geo. Huggett, labor	13.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 113.46
11-7-53 The Barrett Division, 6400 gal. tarring	\$1,224.32	
Merton Godfrey, labor	18.40	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	16.10	
Community Store, supplies	4.14	
	<hr/>	\$1,262.96

11-28-53 R. C. Abbott, back-hoe	\$ 84.50	
		\$ 84.50
12-19-53 Wesley Smith, Inc., drilling, blasting	475.17	
credit damage to Thetford Center bridge	312.93	
Balance	162.24	
		\$ 162.24
Total Expenditures		\$11,798.80

**UNSELECTED HIGHWAY, Job #1 & #2, Tucker Hill**

**Job #3 Messier Rd., Resurfacing Road #5, Gove Hill Dist.**

7-4-53 Merton Godfrey, labor #1	\$ 52.33	
Frank Stevens, labor #1	47.50	
Kenneth Cook Jr., labor #1	34.85	
Geo. Hodge Jr., labor #1	18.70	
Geo. Higgins, labor #1	18.00	
Howard Clark, truck #1	83.80	
		\$ 255.18
7-11-53 Treas. State of Vermont, equipment #1	\$513.09	
Howard Clark, truck #1	142.80	
Geo. Huggett, truck #1	40.70	
Merton Godfrey, labor #1	62.68	
Frank Stevens, labor #1	54.00	
Kenneth Cook Jr., labor #1	7.65	
Geo. Hodge Jr., labor #1	15.30	
		\$ 836.22
7-18-53 Treas. State of Vermont, equipment #2	\$667.57	
Howard Clark, truck #1, #2	105.99	
Geo. Huggett, " " "	158.90	
Wm. Eastman, " " "	88.00	

Fred Hayward Jr., " " "	88.00
Don Orr " " "	94.00
Leonard Cook, " " "	65.79
Ralph Ricker, " " "	30.60
Merton Godfrey, labor #1, #2	62.11
Frank Stevens, labor #1, #2	52.00

\$1,412.96

7-25-53 Treas., State of Vermont, equipment #1, #2	\$735.03
Geo. Huggett, truck #2	175.90
truck rd. #5	21.60
	197.50
Wm. Eastman, truck #2	96.00
truck rd. #5	24.00
	120.00
Fred Hayward Jr., truck #2	96.00
truck rd. #5	44.40
	140.40
Howard Clark, truck #2	130.90
truck rd. #5	20.40
	151.30
Ralph Ricker, truck #2	119.00
truck rd. #5	20.40
	139.40
Leonard Cook, truck #2	130.90
truck rd. #5	20.40
	151.30
Don Orr, truck #2	44.00
truck rd. #5	48.00
	92.00
Roy Huse, truck rd. #5	24.00
	24.00

Merton Godfrey,		
labor #2	45.43	
labor rd. #5	6.90	
	<hr/>	52.33
Frank Stevens,		
labor #2	39.00	
labor rd. #5	6.00	
	<hr/>	45.00
Geo. Hodge Jr.,		
labor #2	7.65	
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Kenneth Cook Jr.,		
labor #2	10.20	
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		\$1,866.11
8-1-53 Treas. State of Vermont,		
equipment, #2	489.57	
rd. #5	139.46	
	<hr/>	629.03
Vermont Concrete Pipe, culvert #2	22.74	
Leonard Cook, truck #2	26.01	
Howard Clark, truck #2	29.31	
Geo. Huggett, truck #2	10.20	
Merton Godfrey, labor #2	18.41	
Geo. Hodge Sr., labor #2	14.25	
Kenneth Cook Jr., labor #2	7.65	
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		\$ 757.60
8-8-53 Treas. State of Vermont,		
equipment, #1, #2	\$303.39	
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		\$ 303.39
8-15-53 New England Metal Culvert		
Co., culvert #2	\$ 22.42	
Geo. Huggett, truck #1	51.40	
Merton Godfrey, labor #1	3.45	
Frank Stevens, labor #1	7.00	
W. H. Sayre, labor #1	7.00	
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		\$ 91.27

8-22-53 Merton Godfrey, labor #1	9.78	
Frank Stevens, labor #1	8.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 18.28
9-5-53 Wm. M. Bacon, truck, labor #2	33.70	
Geo. Higgins, labor #2	11.50	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	12.40	
Sunshine Feed Store,		
barbed wire #2	49.00	
Black-Top, Inc., cold patch #1	40.13	
	<hr/>	\$ 146.73
9-12-53 Treas. State of Vermont,		
equipment, #1, #2, #3	\$540.97	
Geo. Huggett, truck #3	32.20	
Joseph Graham, truck	26.00	
Fred Hayward Jr., truck	26.00	
Roswell Mativia, truck	24.00	
Wm. Eastman, truck	26.00	
Kilburn-Thorburn, truck	17.00	
Richard LaBombard, truck	17.00	
Norman Barrett, truck	10.20	
Merton Godfrey, labor #3	11.50	
Frank Stevens, labor	9.00	
Franklin Godfrey, labor #2	5.70	
Wm. M. Bacon, truck, labor #2	15.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 761.27
9-29-53 New England Metal Culvert		
Co., culvert #2	\$ 15.50	
Joseph Graham, truck #3	120.00	
Roswell Mativia, truck	70.00	
Walter Stark, truck	152.80	
Kilburn-Thorburn, truck	68.40	
Ralph Ricker, truck	61.20	
Don Crate, truck	78.43	
Geo. Huggett, truck	27.60	
Fred Hayward Jr., truck	36.00	
Merton Godfrey, labor #3	20.70	
Frank Stevens, labor	18.00	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	17.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 685.73

10-3-53 Treas. State of Vermont, equipment, job #1, #2	\$ 22.00	
The Barrett Division, 3265 gal. tarring, #1, #2	727.77	
Merton Godfrey, labor #2	10.35	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	8.55	
W. H. Sayre, labor	8.50	
Manning & Son, moving shovel, dozer job #3	22.75	
Black-Top, Inc., cold patch, #1	11.71	
		\$ 811.63
10-10-53 The Barrett Division, 3382 gal. tarring, #1, #2	540.11	
		\$ 540.11
10-24-53 Treas. State of Vermont, 108 c.y. pea stone job #1, job #2	385.20	
		\$ 385.20
11-7-53 W. H. Sayre Jr., truck #3	\$ 9.00	
		\$ 9.00
11-21-53 Treas. United States, 3672 c.y., #1, #2, rd. #5	\$212.20	
		\$ 212.20
		\$9,092.88

**RETREATMENT Strafford Rd. #132, Job #319**

**Thetford Hill, Job #318**

9-12-53 Treas. State of Vermont, labor, equipment job #318	\$ 83.77	
labor, equipment job #319	196.47	
		\$ 280.24
10-3-53 The Barrett Division job #319	653.66	
job #318	159.70	
		\$ 813.36

10-10-53 The Barrett Division, job #318	33.44	
Treas. State of Vermont, labor, equipment #318	16.58	
		\$ 50.02
10-24-53 Treas. State of Vermont, labor, equipment #318	25.00	
		\$ 25.00
11-7-53 The Barrett Division, job #318	31.94	
		\$ 31.94
11-21-53 Treas. United States, 20 c.y. sand job #318	1.00	
124 c.y. sand job #319	6.20	
		\$ 7.20
		\$1,207.76

**TOWN HIGHWAYS**

**Summer Work, October - December**

10-3-53 Treas. State of Vt., honing	\$364.72	
Merton Godfrey, labor	19.55	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	16.15	
		\$ 400.42
10-10-53 Treas. State of Vt., honing	\$ 44.49	
John Clogston, 648 c.y. gravel	45.36	
Merton Godfrey, labor	60.95	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	41.80	
Frank Stevens, labor	18.00	
W. H. Sayre, labor	32.00	
Gulf Oil Co., gas	20.09	
Thetford Garage, welding	3.00	
Dora S. Bacon, gas	6.40	
Eaton's Garage, repairs, maintenance	115.56	
H. O. Taylor Chevrolet Co., housing, parts	97.17	
		\$ 484.82

10-17-53 Treas. State of Vt., honing	\$ 79.10	
Merton Godfrey, labor	77.63	
Frank Stevens, labor	11.50	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	37.10	
Geo. Huggett, labor	12.00	
W. H. Sayre, labor	38.50	
		\$ 255.83
10-24-53 Nichols Hardware,		
cement, supplies	\$ 4.05	
Black-Top, Inc., cold-patch	35.49	
R. C. Abbott, back-hoe	55.25	
Merton Godfrey, labor	62.68	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	34.68	
W. H. Sayre, labor	20.00	
Geo. Huggett, labor	9.50	
		\$ 221.65
10-31-53 Merton Godfrey, labor	\$ 10.30	
Casellini-Venable Corp., parts	5.76	
Palmer's Garage, repairs	27.12	
Geo. Huggett, section job tire	8.05	
		\$ 51.23
11-7-53 Gulf Oil Co., gas, oil	\$197.06	
Merton Godfrey, labor	20.70	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	17.10	
		\$ 234.86
12-19-53 Wesley Smith, Inc.,		
drilling, Mud Pond rd.	\$249.07	
		\$ 249.07
Total Expenditures		\$1,897.88

## MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY, ETC.

4-11-53 Treas. State of Vermont,		
patrol, Strafford rd.	\$492.10	
		\$ 492.10
5-9-53 Merton Godfrey, labor, brush	\$ 53.48	
W. H. Sayre, labor, brush	16.80	
Geo. Hodge, labor, brush	31.36	
Elwin Pero, labor, brush	3.80	
		\$ 105.44
9-5-53 Cardinal Chemical Co.,		
spraying brush	\$250.00	
		\$ 250.00
10-3-53 Treas. State of Vermont, labor,		
equipment drives Thetford		
Academy*	\$165.97	
		\$ 165.97
10-10-53 The Barrett Division, tar,		
Thetford Academy*	\$481.06	
The Barrett Division, tar,		
Coombs drive*	22.29	
Treas. State of Vermont, labor,		
Coombs drive*	15.00	
John Clogston, Thetford Academy,		
305 c.y. gravel*	21.35	
I. Wilson, drive		
90 c.y. gravel	6.30	
		27.65
		\$ 546.00
10-24-53 Treas. State of Vermont,		
Thetford Academy 28 c.y.		
pea stone @ \$4.15 c.y.	\$116.20	
Coombs drive, 4 c.y. pea stone*	16.60	
		\$ 132.80

11-7-53 The Barrett Division, tar drives		
C. A. Wilcox*	33.44	
R. E. Doble*	16.71	
Roy Gould*	16.72	
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	66.87	
		\$ 66.87
11-21-53 Treas. United States, 50 c.y. drives, gravel*	\$ 5.00	
		5.00
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		\$1,764.15
Accounts Receivable:		
Thetford Academy	\$116.20	
Isabella Wilson, Selectmen acc't	6.30	
Road Commissioner	96.45	
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	\$218.95	

\* Note, labor or material so marked have been paid.

#### ITEM NO. 4

#### BRIDGES, CULVERTS

<b>Tax Rate \$0.05</b>		<b>Total Tax \$435.45</b>
2-14-53 Malmquist Wood Products, sawing & delivering bridge plank	185.04	
8-22-53 Ernest Clay, trucking planks	8.75	
9-5-53 Berger Culverts, culverts	156.76	
Wm. M. Bacon, labor	1.50	
10-17-53 Merton Godfrey, labor	2.30	
Frank Stevens, labor	2.00	
Franklin Godfrey, labor	2.00	
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	6.30	
Total Expenditures		\$ 358.35

#### ITEM NO. 5

#### ELECTRIC SERVICE, INSURANCE

<b>Tax Rate \$0.12</b>		<b>Total Tax \$1,045.06</b>
1- 3-53 Central Vermont Public Service Corp.	\$ 38.75	
1-24-53 " " " " "	15.77	
2- 7-53 " " " " "	38.75	
	C. A. Wilcox, equipment, insurance	93.90
2-28-53 Central Vermont Public Service Corp.	38.75	
	Motor Vehicle Department, registration	20.00
3-21-53 C. A. Wilcox, compensation, liability	367.09	
	Motor Vehicle Department, registration	20.00
4-11-53 Patrons & Farmers Coop., Insurance, buildings	40.60	
	Central Vermont Public Service Corp.	42.75
5- 9-53 " " " " "	38.75	
6- 6-53 " " " " "	42.75	
7-11-53 " " " " "	38.75	
8- 1-53 " " " " "	42.75	
8-15-53 Lyme Medical Associates, accident	21.00	
8-29-53 Central Vermont Public Service Corp.	38.75	
10- 3-53 " " " " "	42.75	
10-31-53 " " " " "	38.75	
11-28-53 " " " " "	43.80	
12-19-53 C. A. Wilcox, insurance Chevrolet	58.32	
12-31-53 Central Vermont Public Service Corp.	38.75	
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Total Expenditures		\$1,161.48
Credit: Lyme Medical Assoc.		21.00
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		\$1,140.48

#### ITEM NO. 6

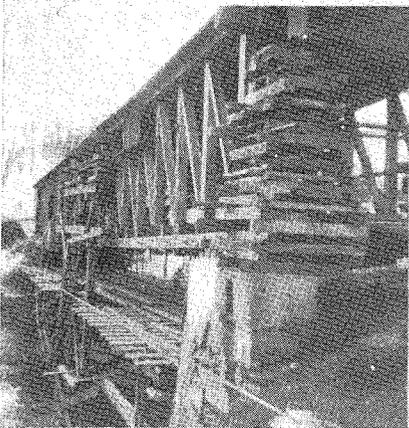
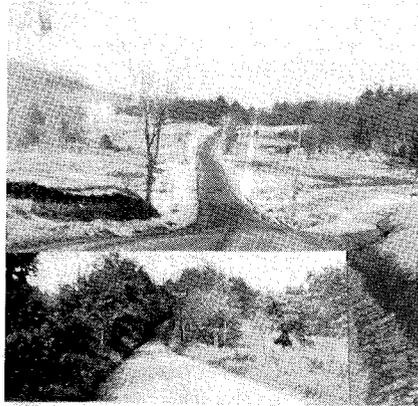
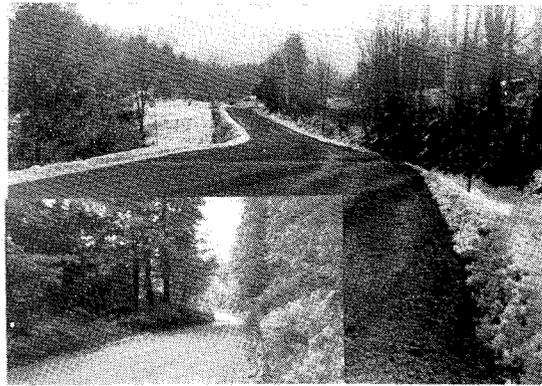
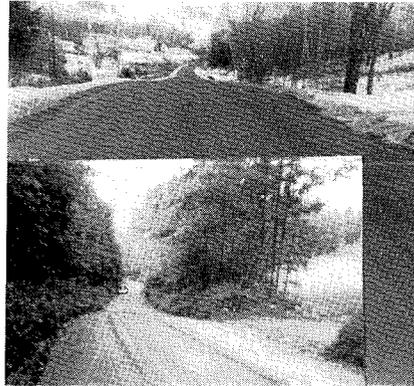
#### TAXES, STATE AND COUNTY

<b>Tax Rate \$0.40</b>		<b>Total Tax \$3,483.56</b>
1- 7-53 Dartmouth College, lease land	\$ 20.00	
5-23-53 E. H. Sargent, Treas., County Treasurer	258.11	

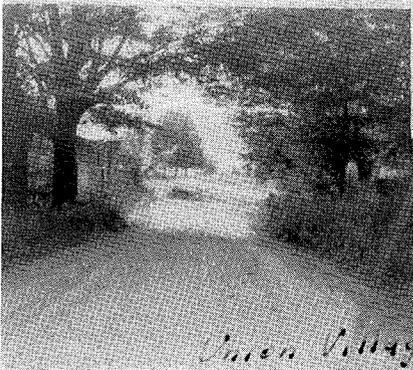
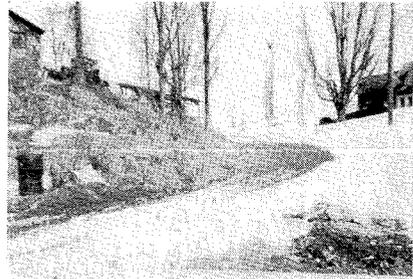
10- 3-53	Treas. State of Vermont, Highway Tax	1,720.74	
10-24-53	Treas. State of Vermont, Old Age Tax	1,352.70	
	Vermont Agricultural Extension Service	351.48	
10-31-53	Clyde M. Coffrin, Director Social Security	213.29	
12-31-53	Wm. Fitzgerald, tax abatement	198.25	
	Clyde M. Coffrin, balance Social Security	4.50	
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$4,119.07</b>

**ITEM NO. 7**  
**FIRES, DAMAGES**

<b>Tax Rate \$0.06</b>		<b>Total Tax \$522.53</b>
1-10-53	A. E. Smith, 1949 sheep damage	\$ 20.00
5- 9-53	Treas. Town of Fairlee, Shaw fire	74.00
6-27-53	Glen Aldrich-Alfred Guarino, land damage	25.00
7-11-53	A. Maxwell Palmer, lightning fire	4.65
	Frank Stevens, lightning fire	2.00
	Geo. Huggett, lightning fire	1.00
		<u>7.65</u>
8- 1-53	John Clogston, land damage	25.00
10- 3-53	Treas. Town of Fairlee, Adams fire	75.00
10-24-53	John Clogston, property damage	43.50
12-19-53	Treas. Town of Lyme, Gerace fire	74.00
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 344.15</b>



Tucker Hill road cuts  
Union Village bridge base



Union Village - Jackson Hill road

ITEM NO. 8

PRINTING, CLERICAL, OFFICE SUPPLIES

Tax Rate \$0.07

Total Tax \$609.62

1- 3-53	Bradford Nat'l Bank, service charge		\$ 6.40
1-10-53	Office Supply Center, supplies		5.61
2- 7-53	Clara G. Knight, stamped envelopes	17.72	
	Dora S. Bacon, stamped envelopes	40.44	
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			58.16
3- 7-53	Wheeler-Clark, dog tags	12.27	
	E. C. Bacon, postage, envelopes	7.36	
	Cory-Hewitt Press Inc., 700 reports	344.75	
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			364.38
3-21-53	E. C. Bacon, stamped envelopes	3.67	
	Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	3.25	
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			6.92
4-25-53	Tuttle Law Print, supplies		2.70
5-23-53	Clara G. Knight, stamped envelopes	10.50	
	Cummings Printing Co., printing	12.00	
	Office Supply Center, supplies	1.52	
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			24.02
6- 6-53	Capitol City Press, printing	42.97	
	E. C. Bacon, stamped envelopes	7.10	
	R. H. Hatch, postage reports	.75	
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			50.82
7- 4-53	Cory-Hewitt Press, Inc., printing	4.00	
	Capitol City Press, supplies	2.17	
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			6.17

7-18-53	Bradford Nat'l Bank, service charge	3.00	
	Clara G. Knight, stamped envelopes	17.22	
			<u>20.22</u>
7-25-53	Cummings Printing Co., 550 tax cards	13.30	
8- 1-53	Dora S. Bacon, postage reports	.87	
8-15-53	Mildred Cook, telephone, postage	9.30	
8-22-53	Bradford Nat'l Bank, service charge	3.40	
10- 3-53	E. C. Bacon, stamped envelopes	5.50	
10-24-53	Capitol City Press, supplies	5.25	
11-21-53	Tuttle Law Print, supplies	5.17	
11-28-53	Tuttle Law Print, supplies	2.77	
12-19-53	Mildred Cook, supplies, etc.	12.05	
	Bradford Nat'l Bank, service, etc.	9.80	
	Geo. Huggett, express	1.85	
			<u>23.70</u>
12-31-53	Office Supply Center, supplies	11.07	
	E. S. Knight, stamped envelopes	8.52	
	Geo. Huggett, telephone 12/52 - 12/53	57.22	
	W. G. Colton, telephone, expenses	25.60	
	Wm. M. Bacon, telephone, expenses	13.74	
	H. E. Heaton, telephone, postage	4.09	
			<u>120.24</u>
	Total Expenditures		<u>\$ 734.90</u>

ITEM NO. 9			
BUILDINGS			
Tax Rate \$0.03			Total Tax \$261.27
1-24-53	John L. Wilder, installing doors, miscl.		\$118.60
6- 6-53	The Village Store, kero town hall		5.04
10-17-53	Milford Preston, care of lawn, buildings		52.00
10-24-53	The Village Store, kero		1.80
11- 7-53	W. H. Sayre, sawing wood		15.00
11-21-53	Charles & Mary Banker, land for town shed		200.00
11-28-53	Treas. Thetford Ctr. Community Assoc., kitchen repairs		50.00
12- 5-53	The Village Store, kero, town hall		.80
			<u>\$ 443.24</u>

ITEM NO. 10			
OFFICERS' SERVICES			
Tax Rate \$0.27			Total Tax \$2,351.40
2-14-53	Wm. F. Fitzgerald, services		\$115.00
3- 7-53	Katherine Howard, audit school, town accts.		20.00
	Ruth Prevost, audit, school, town accts.		20.00
	Elsie Heaton, ballot clerk		5.00
	Marion Wilson, ballot clerk		5.00
	Pearly MacFarlane, moderator		10.00
			<u>60.00</u>
3-21-53	Iva Fifield, ballot clerk		5.00
7-14-53	J. Borden Smith, listers service		140.00
8-15-53	Mildred Cook, compiling Grand list, dog fees, meetings		109.25
9- 5-53	William E. Bond, listers service		142.00
10- 3-53	Kenneth W. Cook, listers service		142.00

10-24-53	H. E. Heaton, receiving taxes		295.36
12-19-53	H. E. Heaton, bal. receiving taxes		238.42
12-31-53	Mildred Cook, town clerk salary, recording	84.50	
	Geo. Huggett, chairman, selectmen	150.00	
	overseer poor	100.00	
			250.00
	W. G. Colton, selectman	150.00	
	Wm. M. Bacon, selectman	100.00	
	H. E. Heaton, treasurer	300.00	
	Elsie Heaton, Asst. Treasurer	18.75	
			903.25
	Total Expenditures		<u>\$2,150.28</u>

**ITEM NO. 11  
APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>Tax Rate \$0.02</b>		<b>Total Tax \$174.18</b>
6- 6-53	Treas. American Legion, Memorial Observance	\$100.00
8- 8-53	Treas. Latham Library	50.00
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 150.00</u>

**ITEM NO. 12  
INTEREST**

<b>Tax Rate \$0.11</b>		<b>Total Tax \$957.98</b>
10- 3-53	Alice M. Nelson-Arthur Sloan, old order #474 paid, interest	45.00
10-31-53	Bradford Natl Bank, money borrowed '53	124.10
12-31-53	Post Mills Religious Society, note #1-52	30.00

Pearly A. or Camilla MacFarlane, note #3-52	75.00
Timothy Frost Methodist Church, notes, #3-49, #4-52	99.64
Trustees Public Funds, Cemetery Funds, note #6-52 cancelled, new note #3-53	38.57
Trustees Public Funds, Town Funds, note #5-52 cancelled, new note #2-53	114.44
Evergreen Rest Cemetery, notes #3-47, #7-52	75.00
Ellen Adams or Grace Allen, note #8-52	31.50
Frank Hatch, note #9-52	20.63
Selah or Gordon George, note #10-52	30.00
Peabody Library, note #11-52	43.76
Alice Fifield, note #12-52	45.00

603.54

\$ 772.64

**Loans and payment on loans**

3-14-53	Frank Hatch, payment on Note #9-52	\$ 200.00
3-17-53	Frank Hatch, payment on Note #9-52	100.00
4- 1-53	Trustees, Public Funds, Note #5-52 new note issued #2-53	3,257.94
	Trustees, Public Funds, note #6-52 new note issued #3-53	1,300.00
5-23-53	Bradford Natl Bank, loan	5,000.00
6-24-53	Bradford Nat'l Bank, loan	5,000.00
8-10-53	Frank Hatch, payment on note #9-52	200.00
9-28-53	Bradford Nat'l Bank, loan	2,000.00
10- 3-53	Alice M. Nelson-Arthur Sloan, old order #474	2,000.00
10-31-53	Bradford Nat'l Bank, payment	12,000.00
		<u>\$19,000.00</u>
		<u>\$17,300.00</u>

**ITEM NO. 13**

**CEMETERY**

**Tax Rate \$0.04**

**Total Tax \$348.36**

See Cemetery Commissioners Report

**ITEM NO. 14**

**ROAD ACCOUNT**

**Tax Rate \$0.90**

**Total Tax \$7,838.02**

See Road Commissioner's Report

**ITEM NO. 15**

**EMERGENCY, NEW EQUIPMENT, CIVIL DEFENSE**

**Tax Rate \$0.12**

**Total Tax \$1,045.07**

No orders drawn on this item.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. HUGGETT

Wm. M. BACON

W. G. COLTON

Selectmen, Town of Thetford

**ITEM NO. 14**

**ROAD ACCOUNT**

**Tax Rate \$0.90**

**Total Tax \$7,838.02**

**Labor:**

Merton Godfrey	\$910.62
W. H. Sayre	287.50
Kenneth Cook Jr.	244.38
Geo. Higgins	186.15
Franklin Godfrey	91.63
Geo. Hodge Sr.	89.28
Frank Stevens	66.00
Geo. Hodge Jr.	58.23
Bernard Godfrey	43.80
Milford Preston	36.58
Elwin Pero	24.70
John Druge	8.00
Alfred Robinson	7.30
Harry Muzzey	1.50

**\$2,055.67**

**Hired Equipment:**

Treas. State of Vermont, grader	\$953.17
R. C. Abbott, shovel, dozer, trucks	795.27
Joseph Graham, trucks	414.07
Fred Hayward Jr., truck	223.11
Roswell Mativia, truck	205.15
Geo. Huggett, truck	193.45
Ralph Ricker, truck	122.40
Don Orr, truck	110.00
Leonard Cook, truck	83.30
Carl Moulton, truck	73.08
Wm. Eastman, truck	70.00
Royce Bond, truck	61.41
Elwin Pero, loader, truck	59.20
Elmer Fay, loader	57.80

Maurice Tucker, truck	41.48
Roy Huse, truck	40.00
Carl Huse, truck	36.00
Hayden Clark, truck	35.18
Howard Clark, truck	34.00
Ray Woodard, truck	31.60
Roy Burroughs, truck	30.60
Norman Barrett, truck	13.60
Killburn-Thorburn, truck	8.50
Richard LaBombard, truck	8.38
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	\$3,700.75

**Repairs:**

Eaton's Garage	\$251.65
Palmer's Garage	102.53
Casellini-Venable Corp.	93.01
Noble-Belisle Machinery Co., Inc.	65.80
Edward Allgeyer, tire, tube	58.81
Bailey Bros.	31.92
H. O. Taylor Chevrolet Co.	35.00
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	\$ 638.72

**Gas, Oil:**

Gulf Oil Co.	\$250.80
Sanborn Oil Co.	12.12
The Bread Basket, gas	5.74
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	268.66

**Miscellaneous:**

James O'Shea, 240/100# chloride	\$424.61
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	357.37
Black-Top, Inc., cold patch	125.18
Merrill's Store bush-snath	3.70
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	\$ 910.86

**Gravel:**

T. F. Collins, 3,708 c.y.	\$259.56
Chas. Palmer, 30 c.y.	3.00
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	262.56
Total Expenditures	<hr/>
	\$7,837.22

Respectfully submitted,

MERTON GODFREY,

Road Commissioner

**Hours credited to equipment:**

Chevrolet, 434 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$434.00
Tractor, 143½ hrs. @ \$2.50	358.75
Ford, 13 hrs. @ \$1.00	13.00
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	\$ 905.75

Due from Selectmen, cutting brush \$130.45

### OUTSTANDING TAXES

Year	Name	Tax	Year 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	42.00
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1944	Cadwell, Harvey	6.19	
	Lands, Leo	6.93	
	Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	42.00	
			55.12
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1945	Cadwell, Harvey	8.40	
	Robinson, Myron	10.50	
	Robinson, Myron & Mildred	6.30	
			25.20
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1946	Cadwell, Harvey	6.38	
	Robinson, Myron	10.63	
	Robinson, Myron & Mildred	6.38	
	Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	42.50	
			65.89
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1947	Cadwell, Harvey	6.83	
	Dunham, Franklin Jr.	7.05	
	Robinson, Myron	19.57	
	Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	45.50	
	Southworth, Edward	4.55	
			83.50
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1948	Cadwell, Harvey	6.63	
	Ladeau, Kenneth	1.05	
	Paige, Alvin	4.90	
	Roberts, L. W. Estate	47.70	
	Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	53.00	
	Prescott, Austin	26.58	
			139.86
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1949	Adams, Marie	28.25	
	Andrews, W. E.	42.38	
	Beale, Howard	8.15	
	Cadwell, Harvey	6.61	
	Cadwell, Nellie	8.15	
	Cadwell, Harvey & Nellie	15.54	
	Carson, James	118.65	
	French, Erni	81.36	
	Goodell, Ida	8.15	
	Luce, Arthur & Euz. Daniels	49.44	

Year	Name	Tax	Year Total
	Ladeau, Kenneth	8.15	
	Paige, Harry & Helen	18.08	
	Pero, Elwin	24.58	
	Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.	56.50	
	Tracey, George	8.15	
	Paige, Alvin	22.88	
	Prescott, Austin	50.57	
			555.59

### 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	43.92	
	Hazen, Arthur	11.50	
	Judd, Floyd J.	201.25	
	Palmer, Harry B.	5.75	
	Pero, Elwin	23.86	
	Paige, Harry & Helen	31.63	
	Paige, Alvin	18.98	
	Tracey, George	35.94	
	Prescott, Austin	50.03	
			573.52

### Poll Tax

1950	Bailey, Warren	8.25
	Bailey, 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

Year	Name	Tax	Year Total
	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	
		<hr/>	156.75

**Poll Tax**

1951	Bailey, Warren	8.65	
	Bailey, Dorothy	8.65	
	Berry, Harold	8.65	
	Cadwell, Harvey	8.65	
	Cadwell, Nellie	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	
	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	
		<hr/>	147.05

**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	

Year	Name	Tax	Year Total
	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	
	Thorburn, Edward	24.60	
	Tracey, George	32.29	
		<hr/>	532.80

**Poll Tax**

1952	Bailey, Warren	9.50	
	Bailey, Dorothy	9.50	
	Benjamin, Dawson	9.50	
	Cook, Herbert	9.50	
	Cook, Vaun	9.50	
	Cadwell, Harvey	9.50	
	Cadwell, Nellie	9.50	
	Chase, Maude	9.50	
	DeFalco, Henry	9.50	
	DeFalco, Betty	9.50	
	Griswold, Howard	9.50	
	Hill, Mae	9.50	
	Harrington, Raymond	9.50	
	Harrington, Ellen	9.50	
	Hatfield, Bertha	9.50	
	McDougall, Frances	9.50	
	Needham, Clyde	9.50	
	Paige, Harry	9.50	
	Paige, Helen	9.50	
	Palmer, Harry B.	9.50	
	Plouffe, Margaret	9.50	
	Palmer, Hannah	9.50	
	Shaw, W. R.	9.50	
	Van Norden, Clark	9.50	
	Van Norden, Maude	9.50	
	Williams, Laurence	9.50	
	Williams, Sue	9.50	
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Property Tax			
Year	Name	Tax	Year Total
1952	Adams, Marie	39.00	
	Andrews, W. E.	48.75	
	Barker, Harry Est.	37.90	
	Cadwell, Harvey & Nellie	26.00	
	Carr, Frederick & Hendricks	65.00	
	Cook, Herbert	4.23	
	French, Erni & Agnes	6.50	
	Farwell, Lewis	42.25	
	Goodrich, Lillian	32.50	
	Hazen, Arthur	12.03	
	Judd, John F. & Richard (B. Tilden Guard.)	162.50	
	Knight, Howard & Marion	23.58	
	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	
	Savery, Frank & Louise	86.13	
	Thorburn, Edward	13.00	
	Tracy, George	34.13	
			840.85

Poll Tax		
Year	Name	Tax
1953	Adams, Marie	9.40
	Ackerman, Leeds	9.40
	Ackerman, Marion	9.40
	Bailey, Warren	9.40
	Bailey, Dorothy	9.40
	Clark, Roland	9.40
	Clark, Mary	9.40
	Cook, Roy	9.40
	Cook, Herbert	9.40
	Cook, Vaun	9.40
	Cook, Kenneth F.	9.40
	Cook, Albert A.	9.40
	Cadwell, Harvey	9.40
	Cadwell, Nellie	9.40
	Chase, Harvey	9.40

Year	Name	Tax	Year Total
	Chase, Maude	9.40	
	Durkee, Valroy	9.40	
	Flye, James	9.40	
	Flye, Hazel	9.40	
	Fillian, Roger	9.40	
	Fillian, Barbara	9.40	
	Gulick, Donald	9.40	
	Gulick, Lorraine	9.40	
	Greenwood, Hilda	9.40	
	Goodrich, Clarence	9.40	
	Goodrich, Lillian	9.40	
	Goodrich, Ralph	9.40	
	Goodrich, Hilda	9.40	
	Higgins, George	9.40	
	Hanchett, Fred	9.40	
	Hanchett, Bernice	9.40	
	Hatfield, Leroy	9.40	
	Hatfield, Bertha	9.40	
	Higgins, Iona	9.40	
	Hazen, Arthur	9.40	
	Jenks, Albert	9.40	
	Judd, Floyd	9.40	
	Knight, Howard	9.40	
	Kelley, Parker	9.40	
	Palmer, Harry B.	9.40	
	Plouffe, Margaret	9.40	
	Paige, Harry	9.40	
	Paige, Helen	9.40	
	Pero, Alberta	9.40	
	Robinson, Rodney	9.40	
	Tracey, George	9.40	
	Tuttle, Allen	9.40	
	Tuttle, Alfreda	9.40	
	Van Norden, Clark	9.40	
	Van Norden, Maude	9.40	
	Williams, Laurence	9.40	
	Williams, Sue	9.40	
	Welsh, Coline	9.40	
	Woodsworth, Clayton	9.40	
	Woodsworth, Arlene	9.40	
	Rios, Anselmo	9.40	
	Rois, Alaja	9.40	
			535.80

Year	Name	Property Tax	Tax	Year Total
1953	Adams, Marie		38.40	
	Atkins, Robert		70.40	
	Andrews, Earl & Alice		44.80	
	Brady, John & Ethel		62.72	
	Bailey, Archie		76.80	
	Cadwell, Harvey & Nellie		19.20	
	Carr, Frederick, Hendricks, Levi		64.00	
	Cook, Kenneth F.		24.00	
	Cook, Herbert G.		6.08	
	Goodrich, Lillian J.		32.00	
	Goodrich, Clarence		6.40	
	Goodrich, George		38.40	
	Goodwin, Roy		14.08	
	Griffin, George		4.16	
	Higgins, Arthur		7.99	
	Hazen, Arthur		12.16	
	Higgins, Gilbert		16.00	
	Hall, Evelyn		24.32	
	Hodge, Geo. & Gladys		9.92	
	Judd, John J. & Richard F.	160.00		
	Judd, Floyd		31.68	
	Perron, Romeo & Lewis		6.40	
	Palmer, Harry B.		12.80	
	Paige, Harry & Helen		35.20	
	Pero, Elwin		33.28	
	Prescott, Austin		44.80	
	Plouffe, James		93.12	
	Robinson, Alfred		73.60	
	Ryder, O. A.		5.76	
	Shaw, W. R.		32.00	
	Suburban Utility Distrib. Inc.		.48	
	Thetford Lumber Co.	200.90		
	Tracy, George		33.60	
	Thorburn, Edward		6.40	
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			\$1,341.85	
1952	Total		\$4,904.87	
1953	Delinquent List		4,533.69	
	TOTAL		<hr/>	
			\$9,438.56	
1953	Collections		3,883.09	
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1954	Delinquent		\$5,555.47	
	<b>Poll &amp; Property Tax</b>			
	Total		\$5,555.47	
Dec. 31, 1953	Total Delinquent Taxes		\$5,555.47	
	Paid to Treasurer		\$4,010.47	
	Collected by Abatement		\$ 198.25	

## YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

During the year 1953 the Vermont Health Department has made available to the citizens of Thetford the part time services of a public health nurse, Miss Lois Jenkins, R.N.

The educational program which is offered by the public health nurse, with the approval of the family physician, includes assistance to expectant mothers and new mothers who are having their first babies, or who have special problems with themselves or their babies. Counseling is available, too, for parents whose older children present problems, and to adults. Assistance is also given to the schools with their health programs. Referrals to health and social agencies are made as necessary.

Miss Jenkins' activities in Thetford during 1953 have included the following:

- 17 visits to infants and preschool children
- 57 visits to schools and to school children
- 54 other visits

Assistance was given to the teachers with the vision and hearing testing of school children.

The P.T.A. of East Thetford, North Thetford, Stevens District, Thetford Center, and Post Mills arranged for and assisted with well child conferences for medical examinations and immunizations for preschool children and for those in Grades 1 and 3. 50 preschool children and 59 school children were examined by Dr. Dorothy Davies and Dr. W. F. Putnam. 44 children were vaccinated against smallpox and 56 received immunizations for diphtheria and tetanus, or diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough.

Similar conferences are being planned for other sections of the town.

During the coming year Miss Jenkins will be away on educational leave and Miss JoAnn Girard, R.N. will substitute for her. Miss Girard may be reached by mail at Bethel, or a telephone message may be left at Bethel 4-4441 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY M. ALLEN, R.N.

Public Health Nursing Supervisor

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Your Cemetery Commission has cared for the cemeteries of this town for \$206.95 of the \$300.00 allowed us by law. We have saved the balance of \$93.05 by efficient management and hard work on our part — looking forward to the day when the town will provide a suitable memorial for the early settlers of our town in the East Thetford Cemetery.

We are grateful for the increasing interest in the care of our cemeteries and hope this interest will continue to increase.

We are always glad of suggestions that may help us in our efforts to improve the cemeteries.

E. C. BOND  
E. H. SARGENT  
W. E. BOND

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### DOG ACCOUNT 1953

To 166 males @ \$2.00	\$332.00
To 29 females @ \$6.00	174.00
To 4 dogs @ \$3.00	12.00
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	\$518.00
Transfer to Treasurer	\$518.00

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED W. COOK,  
Town Clerk

## REPORT ON THE NEEDS AND CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS

On this and following pages you will find a financial and statistical summary report of the major factors pertaining to our schools, also a quick resume of board activity concerning the study of consolidation.

In accordance with the vote at the 1953 School District Meeting, discussions and studies have been continued regarding the projected consolidated school building. The Board of School Directors has searched for suitable sites, and finally asked the Trustees of Thetford Academy for an option on the five acre tract owned by the Academy opposite the American Legion Hall. The Trustees very generously voted to offer the use of this tract to the town for the purpose of a consolidated graded school, without payment.

Two of your School Directors and Supt. Whitcomb attended a meeting in Burlington, sponsored by the University of Vermont, for discussions and talks by experts on the crying need for new school buildings in Vermont, and means for meeting these needs.

Members of two firms of architects have met with this Board at different times, to discuss locations, materials for buildings, size and space requirements, probable prices and costs, and other problems involved in planning and building a new school building. The architectural firm of Hudson and Ingram were asked to submit sketches of an 8-room fireproof school building, which they did. These plans have been examined and discussed, but no further action has been taken.

Mr. Rupert J. Spencer of the State Department of Education met with your Board one evening, to discuss and explain the minimum requirements which must be met in order to secure the approval of the State, before any subsidy or contribution will be made by the State. These requirements include number and size of classrooms, multi-purpose room, toilets, heating, lighting and other facilities, area for playgrounds, etc. For example, the proffered Academy plot of five acres is inadequate by State standards. An additional two and a half acres would have to be secured to make the area acceptable to the Department.

It is believed that an eight classroom consolidated school building which would meet these rigid specifica-

tions could not be built at present day costs for less than \$150,000.00. If these State requirements are fully met, the State may be expected to contribute 25% of the cost, leaving a balance of about \$112,500.00 which the Town and School District would have to find other means of financing. If these requirements are not met, the State will not contribute at all toward the cost.

Necessary and routine repairs have been attended to during the summer and continued as school progresses. Among these have been the painting of the front entrance at East Thetford; painting window sashes and sills at Thetford Center inside, and the whole building outside; painting ceiling and side walls and varnishing window sills at Stevens District; painting of the interior hallway and refinishing of floors at Post Mills, painting of basement rooms, kitchen and hallway also at Post Mills; remodelling of cement steps and the erection of a guard rail to entrance of Union Village School; also painting inside wall to light switch height, and varnishing windows and sills at Union Village; and rewiring and relocating entrance light fixture at Rice's Mills School. Many other routine repairs too numerous to mention have been accomplished.

The school bus continues to make the round trip from Post Mills to Vershire, picking up Academy students, continues down to North Thetford, on to East Thetford and back to Post Mills. Eight seventh and eighth grade pupils from North Thetford, East Thetford and Stevens District are transported back to Post Mills, as well as the usual group from the Center.

Results of standardized tests assure us that satisfactory progress in scholastic development is being achieved by pupils, and reflects the guiding influence and personal attention given by the teachers to each child.

From figures showing expected deficit this year and in the proposed budget for next year, it will be necessary to raise a tax of \$3.55 on the Grand List.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. E. BOND, Chrm.  
CORNELIA G. LIGHTNER  
FRANK R. STILES

School Directors

FAY G. WHITCOMB

Superintendent

### PUPIL PROGRESS — 1952 - 53

Grades	Total Pupils enrolled for year	No. promoted one or more grades	No. promoted one grade on condition	No. not promoted one grade	No. transferred to other public schools	No. dropped out of school
1	32	28	0	0	4	0
2	34	31	1	0	2	0
3	21	17	1	0	3	0
4	23	21	1	0	1	0
5	32	25	2	2	3	0
6	17	15	0	0	2	0
7	22	19	0	1	1	1
8	22	17	0	0	4	1
Elem. Total	203	173	5	3	20	2

### ENROLLMENT 1953 - 1954

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Post Mills 1-5	9	5	5	5	4	0	0	0	28
Post Mills 6-8	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	15	30
East Thetford	3	2	5	3	3	6	0	0	22
North Thetford	2	5	7	0	3	5	0	0	22
Thetford Center	3	7	5	2	5	0	0	0	22
Rice's Mills	2	1	1	2	4	6	3	0	19
Union Village	0	4	6	5	0	4	2	6	27
Stevens	2	3	4	0	2	2	0	0	13
Totals	21	27	33	17	21	28	15	21	183

**COMPARISON OF SCHOOL EXPENSE AND INCOME — 1948 - 1955**

Expenditures:	1948-49		1949-50		1950-51		1951-52		Spent (Estimated)			Est. Total		Budget	
									July 1 to			Year		1953-54	
	1948-49	1949-50	1949-50	1950-51	1950-51	1951-52	1951-52	1951-52	Dec. 31, '53	Jan. 1 to June 30, '54	1953-54	1953-54	1953-54	1954-55	
Supt. salary & expenses	\$ 927.13	\$ 968.15	\$ 1,117.10	\$ 1,190.84	\$ 1,187.54	\$ 651.58	\$ 651.58	\$ 1,303.16	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,300.00		
School Directors & misc.	103.52	187.75	378.56	461.61	397.19	102.98	397.02	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Federal Aid-Vocation to T.A.	2,416.77	2,310.80	2,260.12	1,025.99	2,272.29	1,550.72	549.28	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00		
Teachers' salaries	15,024.00	14,657.44	15,224.92	15,663.10	16,410.00	6,948.00	10,402.00	17,350.00	16,750.00	16,750.00	16,750.00	18,500.00	18,500.00		
Music Classes					550.00	310.95	350.00	660.95	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00		
High School tuition & aid	6,791.67	7,150.00	9,120.00	9,807.97	11,143.67	5,557.50	8,250.00	13,807.50	11,500.00	11,500.00	11,500.00	14,500.00	14,500.00		
Text books & supplies	697.44	501.21	933.48	1,383.30	1,064.58	1,205.76	0.00	1,205.76	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		
Library-health-lunch-census	122.41	104.96	59.20	162.95	126.96	0.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	200.00	200.00		
Janitors, cleaners & supplies	772.72	801.10	847.75	1,652.59	1,688.04	935.55	1,140.00	2,075.55	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Fuel & lights	667.35	827.88	854.20	1,055.22	1,202.74	517.62	560.00	1,077.62	950.00	950.00	950.00	1,300.00	1,300.00		
Repair & upkeep	2,125.18	1,550.51	930.75	1,570.16	1,659.68	830.08	969.92	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00		
Furniture & equipment	349.10	7.27	29.65	30.00	340.36	219.88	80.12	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	500.00	500.00		
Insurance (except bus)	321.28	347.88	354.18	327.93	238.96	234.44	38.50	272.94	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00		
Transportation (except bus)	1,954.00	2,696.50	2,755.62	3,187.50	3,167.50	1,452.25	2,337.00	3,789.25	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00		
Bus driver, gas, repairs, etc.	2,222.61	2,724.62	2,880.71	1,607.05	2,288.35	913.84	1,214.00	2,127.84	1,850.00	1,850.00	1,850.00	2,200.00	2,200.00		
Additions to building	.00	.00	.00	142.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
New school bus-capital outlay	729.47	2,310.84	.00	2,090.07	1,460.00	323.33	0.00	323.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Debt payment & interest	3,056.25	5,075.00	5,072.50	.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Repaid to Selectmen's Acct.				990.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	\$39,583.00	\$42,688.50	\$42,816.74	\$42,349.51	\$45,197.86	\$21,754.48	\$27,089.42	\$48,843.90	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$51,200.00	\$51,200.00		

**Income:**

Balance on hand July 1	\$ 1,465.21	\$ *385.67	\$ 617.09	\$ 990.49	\$ 482.27	\$ 26.42	\$14,242.75	\$ 26.42	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Town taxes	17,931.41	20,876.96	19,586.53	24,783.69	27,093.77	17,500.00	9,933.07	27,433.07	27,100.00	27,100.00	*30,915.00	*30,915.00
State Aid	11,045.36	12,360.93	12,579.54	12,348.50	13,296.50	16,002.84	0.00	16,002.84	13,500.00	13,500.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Federal-Aid-Vocation to T.A.	2,416.77	2,310.80	2,260.12	1,025.99	2,272.29	1,550.72	549.28	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Tuition received	416.64	945.00	220.00	1,135.00	210.00	0.00	215.00	215.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	235.00
Borrowed	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,411.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bus fares & receipts	1,545.45	0.00	2,608.95	1,857.55	1,847.66	737.55	1,104.00	1,841.55	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	154.68	1,427.13	23.02	190.56	21.79	120.70	0.00	120.70	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Sale of School Houses	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	59.00	0.00	59.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Total Income	\$39,975.52	\$43,306.49	\$43,807.23	\$42,831.78	\$45,224.28	\$35,997.23	\$26,044.10	\$47,798.58	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$51,200.00	\$51,200.00
Total Expense	39,583.00	42,688.50	42,816.74	42,349.51	45,197.86	21,754.48	27,089.42	48,843.90				
Balance on hand June 30	\$ * 392.52	\$ 617.99	\$ 990.49	\$ 482.27	\$ 26.42	\$14,242.75						
Actual Deficit on June 30	\$ 4,607.48	\$ 4,382.01	**4,420.59					\$ 1,045.32	\$ 1,045.32			
Actual surplus on June 30				\$ 482.27				Estimated Deficit				

\* Auditors' adjustment \$6.85

\*\* Paid from General Fund

Surplus

\* Tax rate \$3.55

## BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

This Committee feels very keenly the loss of G. Niles Miller, its Chairman and moving spirit for many years. He was much interested in the financial affairs of this Town and gave freely of his time to the work of this Committee. The Selectmen designated G. Cass Lightner to fill the unexpired term.

Town debt was reduced during the past year by \$1700.00. It now stands at a total of \$20,130.02. The \$12,000.00 for highways in the Union Village dam area has been received from the Federal Government and placed in the general fund. This made it possible to pay in full the Town's share of the cost of repairing Union Village bridge, amounting to \$4,400.00, reduce the Town debt as described above, and pay off an advance against current taxes at the Bradford Bank. A payment of \$792.19 has also been received from the Federal Government, being the accumulation of several years rents for lands in the Union Village dam area.

Town expenditures during the year have been held sufficiently close to the Budget so that it is felt that Town and Highway tax rates can remain the same for another year. If any surplus remains from the moneys received from the Federal Government above referred to, it can be used for further debt reduction at the end of the year.

School District costs have so far exceeded expectations that it appears there may be a deficit by the end of the School year next June. High-school tuition rates were increased after the current budget was made up last year, and high-school attendance is larger than last year. Teachers' salaries have been increased according to new State laws. Other items of fuel, lights, janitors' pay and supplies, text books, etc. have all increased in price.

State Aid payments to the District have also been increased, but the increase does not cover all the above items of higher costs. The School Directors' report shows the need of an increase of 40c in the school tax rate for

next school year, to provide the funds necessary to operate the schools with the present facilities and staff.

The Budget Committee accordingly recommends the adoption of the Town and School District budgets as printed in this Report, and recommends the following tax rates for 1954:

Town \$2.35                      Highway \$0.90                      School \$3.55

Respectfully submitted,

The Budget Committee

HAROLD E. HEATON

GEORGE E. HUGGETT

WILLIAM E. BOND

MERTON E. GODFREY

WALTER A. MALMQUIST

MRS. RALPH FIFIELD

G. CASS LIGHTNER

PROPOSED BUDGET — 1954

Item	1954 Estimated		1953 Estimated		1953 Grand List \$8,708.91
	Tax Rate	Total Tax	Tax Rate	Total Tax	
1. Poor Account	\$ .21	\$ 1,785.00	.18	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 1,567.60
2. Winter Roads	.40	3,400.00	.40	3,400.00	3,483.56
3. Construction, State Aid Patrol, Resurfacing	.39	3,315.00	.48	4,080.00	4,180.28
4. Bridges, Culverts	.03	255.00	.05	425.00	435.45
5. Electric Service, Insurance	.12	1,020.00	.12	1,020.00	1,045.07
6. Taxes — State, County	.45	3,825.00	.40	3,400.00	3,483.56
7. Fires, Damages	.06	510.00	.06	510.00	522.53
8. Printing, Supplies	.08	680.00	.07	595.00	609.62
9. Buildings	.06	510.00	.03	255.00	261.27
10. Town Officers, Auditors	.29	2,465.00	.27	2,295.00	2,351.40
11. Appropriations	.02	170.00	.02	170.00	174.18
12. Interest	.08	680.00	.11	935.00	957.98
13. Cemetery	.90	340.00	.04	340.00	348.36
14. Road Account	.90	7,650.00	.90	7,650.00	7,838.02
15. Emergency, Equipment, Civil Defense	.12	1,020.00	.12	1,020.00	1,045.07
	\$3.25	\$27,625.00	\$3.25	\$27,625.00	\$28,303.95

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THETFORD ACADEMY

To the Citizens of Thetford:

Thetford Academy opened for its 135th year September 9, 1953. Again the enrollment was slightly larger than in the previous year with 33 Seniors, 25 Juniors, 34 Sophomores, and 50 Freshmen, making a total of 142 students. These students came from the following towns: Thetford 59, Strafford 31, West Fairlee 19, Norwich 9, Vershire 7, Lyme 8, State 2, Corinth 3, Fairlee 1, Newport Center 1, Lincoln, Mass. 1, Catham, N. J. 1. The enrollment at the present time is 136. Members of last year's class are at the University of Vermont, Lyndon Teachers College, and Northampton Commercial College.

In June Miss Jean Goday resigned and Mrs. Frank L. Barker, Jr., graduate of Mount Holyoke College, was elected to take her place. Mrs. William Peters was elected to take the place of Mrs. Anderson. Mr. Philip Martin has charge of the Art Course of 12 students. About 48 students are taking Drivers' Training Course under the capable instruction of Mr. Robert Bacon. We have been fortunate in securing the help of Mrs. Richard Burt in typewriting. Mrs. Burt is giving her time and she spends each afternoon from 1: to 3: P.M. with the exception of Monday at the Academy. Mrs. Chauncey Willey is directing girls in Interpretive Dancing. There are about 30 girls taking the course which we feel is going to be very beneficial in improving the general posture of our students.

For years Thetford Academy has needed a suitable Auditorium-Gymnasium Building. Surrounding schools are refusing to play basket-ball in our so-called gymnasium. As outlined in our pamphlet and in newspaper articles we are planning for a building suitable in size to take care of sports and physical education courses and with an audience capacity of over 500 people. There will also be a good sized stage. The lower floor will consist of dressing rooms, showers, and toilets. Also there will be two large rooms, one of which can be used for art classes, and the other room for handicraft or for other additional courses as needed.

The Trustees of Thetford hope the town and the townspeople will help financially in the erection of this building which is to be constructed for the youth of the area.

As in previous years may I express the appreciation of the trustees, faculty and students for your loyalty and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. ANDERSON,

Principal

## AUDITORS' REPORT

### Liabilities

Notes	1952	1953
1-52 Post Mills Religious Society	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
2-52 Alice M. Nelson—Arthur Sloan	2,000.00	
3-52 Pearley A. or Camilla MacFarlane	2,500.00	2,500.00
3-49 Timothy Frost M. E. Church	1,976.74	1,976.74
4-52 Timothy Frost M. E. Church	1,344.68	1,344.68
5-52 Trustees, Public Funds, town funds	3,257.94	
2-53 Trustees, Public Funds, town funds		4,000.00
6-52 Trustees, Public Funds, cemetery funds	1,242.06	
3-53 Trustees, Public Funds, cemetery funds		1,300.00
3-47 Evergreen Rest Cemetery	700.00	700.00
7-52 Evergreen Rest Cemetery	1,800.00	1,800.00
8-52 Ellen Adams or Grace Allen	1,050.00	1,050.00
9-52 Frank Hatch	1,000.00	500.00
10-52 Selah George or Gordon George	1,000.00	1,000.00
11-52 Peabody Library	1,458.60	1,458.60
12-52 Alice Fifield	1,500.00	1,500.00
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TOTAL	\$21,830.02	\$20,130.02
Due Town School District	11,457.78	9,933.07
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$33,287.80	\$30,063.09

### Assets

	1952	1953	
Trustees, Public Funds, Notes of Town	\$ 3,257.94	\$ 4,000.00	
Cash on Hand, Poor Farm account	943.46	205.74	
W. H. Higgins Farm	800.00	800.00	
Outstanding taxes	4,904.87	5,555.47	
Cash on hand, Town	8,688.12	9,093.98	
School District	1952	1953	
cash on hand	12,230.22	14,242.75	
Due from Town Tax	11,457.78	9,933.07	
	23,688.00	24,175.82	
	23,688.00	24,175.82	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$42,282.39</b>	<b>\$43,831.01</b>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>33,287.78</b>	<b>30,063.09</b>	
	<b>\$ 8,994.61</b>	<b>\$13,767.92</b>	

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

VANESSA TILDEN  
RUTH PREVOST  
CARL A. ANDERSON

### MARRIAGES — 1953

#### TOWN OF THETFORD

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Benjamin, Dawson John	Thetford	Joslyn, Shirley Helen	Orford, N. H.	21 January	Thetford
Domingo, William A.	Tampa, Fla.	Benjamin, Diana Joyce	Thetford	29 January	Thetford
Gray, Richard Kendall	Norwich, Vt.	Tuttle, Alma Lola	Thetford	14 February	Norwich, Vt.
Tower, Arthur Frederick	Thetford	Mueller, Irmgard Juliana	Montreal, Que.	14 March	Norwich, Vt.
Vaughan, George F. Jr.	Thetford	Thompson, Daisy E.	Lyme, N. H.	10 May	Lyme, N. H.
Brady, Earl William	Thetford	Clark, Barbara Alice	Thetford	24 May	Thetford
Piper, Herman Dean	Lyme, N. H.	Banker, Nancy Alice	Thetford	20 June	Thetford
Rose, Martin W.	Thetford	Thompson, Arlene D.	Lyme, N. H.	21 June	Lyme, N. H.
Townsend, Clinton Blake, Jr.	Thetford	Hanna, Louise	Birmingham, Mich.	18 July	Thetford
Whitaker, Howard Russell	Strafford	Huggett, JoAnn Joyce	Thetford	8 August	Thetford
Vaughan, Robert Clifton Jr.	Thetford	Kendall, Janet Cornelia	Strafford	11 October	Strafford
Dixson, Alan Clarence	Barre, Mass.	Clark, Marcia Ann	Ware, Mass.	24 October	Thetford
Judd, Richard Floyd	Thetford	Jamieson, Mary Ethel	Thetford	7 November	Thetford
Paige, Edwin Logan	Thetford	Erwin, Lois Marjorie	Bradford	25 November	Norwich, Vt.

## BIRTHS — 1953

### TOWN OF THETFORD

Name of Child	Father	Mother	Place of Birth	Date of Birth
Hatfield, Donald Roy	Leroy D. Hatfield	Bertha C. Sheridan	Lebanon, N. H.	28 March
Estes, Gary Lee	William O. Estes III	Waneta E. Cook	Thetford	4 April
Wiggin, Carroll Arthur Jr.	Carroll A. Wiggin, Sr.	Elizabeth K. Hosford	Haverhill, N. H.	18 April
Greenwood, Fred Alton Jr.	Fred A. Greenwood	Hilfred E. Longley	Lebanon, N. H.	3 May
Durkee, Bruce Wayne	Heman J. Durkee	Valroy D. Tuttle	Hanover, N. H.	7 May
Chase, Delores Ann	Harvey E. Chase	Norma E. Hodge	Lebanon, N. H.	10 May
Preston, Suzanne	Merle F. Preston	Elizabeth A. Woodward	Lebanon, N. H.	8 June
Higgins, Michael Walter	Gilbert H. Higgins	Geraldine J. Patnode	Haverhill, N. H.	27 June
Fowle, Rebecca	James W. Fowle	Alison Bozorth	Hanover, N. H.	16 July
Cook, Duane Stanley	Duane P. Cook	Virginia M. Stanley	Lebanon, N. H.	22 July
Clark, Brenda Lee	Roy A. Clark	Marion E. Wilbur	Lebanon, N. H.	13 August
Teeter, Catherine Louise	Walter R. Teeter	Alma A. Powers	Thetford	16 August
Banker, Blair Arthur	Richard E. Banker	Priscilla R. Bond	Lebanon, N. H.	19 September
LaMontagne, James Edward	Edward C. LaMontagne	Evelyn M. Banker	Lebanon, N. H.	10 November
Van Norden, Maudine Dawn	Clark R. Van Norden	Maude E. Sanborn	Lebanon, N. H.	15 November
Magoon, Rebecca Bess	Robert C. Magoon	Helen V. Pagac	Haverhill, N. H.	5 December
Goodrich, Sandra Jane	George L. Goodrich	Arlene R. Clark	Hanover, N. H.	8 December
Carpenter, Vivian Gail	Melvin C. Carpenter	Delillah F. Randall	Hanover, N. H.	11 December
Stanley, Stephanie Rena	Jesse M. Stanley	Gladys E. Nutbrown	Lebanon, N. H.	26 December
LaBombard, Dennis Richard	Richard E. LaBombard	Helen L. Fisk	Lebanon, N. H.	29 December

## DEATHS — 1953

### TOWN OF THETFORD

Deceased	Residence	Date of Death	Place of Death	Yrs. Mos.	Days
Smith, Dennison Brown	Thetford	3 May	Thetford	74	
Douglass, Alice May	Thetford	11 May	Brattleboro, Vt.	83	9 13
Smith, Dana Clark	Thetford	3 July	Thetford	73	
Hatch, Myra Eliza	Thetford	7 July	Thetford	75	
Banker, Shirley	Thetford	14 August	Hanover, N. H.	16	
Boutwell, Edith Arlene	Thetford	18 September	Thetford	50	
Gilchrist, Harry A.	Thetford	21 September	Hanover, N. H.	79	
Smith, Herbert	Thetford	2 October	Hanover, N. H.	82	
Luce, Arthur E.	Thetford	6 October	Thetford	67	
Miller, Gillette Niles	Thetford	15 October	Thetford	54	
Post, Jennie May	Thetford	10 November	Enfield, N. H.	95	

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED W. COOK,

Town Clerk

## AN EXPLANATION OF THETFORD'S NAME

It is natural to wonder how our town came to be called Thetford, and to assume that it stems from the old English town of the same name. However, a search by several local people has failed to unearth any evidence that our Thetford was directly named for the English borough. Several past or present neighbors, including Helen Slade, Christine Vaughan, Mabel Martin, Robert Moore and the Blanshards, have visited the English Thetford, and brought back pictures and accounts of it, but never a clue to connect it with our receiving the name by Benning Wentworth's grant in 1761. During the last ten years it has become clear that Wentworth, himself, assigned the names of prominent Englishmen, to many of the towns which he granted. It now seems highly probable that Thetford was one of these. Perhaps a short account of the English Thetford, and of the people who carried the Thetford name, will be of interest.

The people of southeastern Britain had been civilized and softened by four centuries of Roman rule, and being cut off from Rome by disorders in what are now France and Italy, were unable to withstand the Germanic tribes which invaded their country from across the North Sea in the Fifth and Sixth Centuries. The big peninsula north of the Thames was conquered and settled by the Angles, a tribe which split into a North-folk and a South-folk, and has left these names to the old counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. On the border between these counties, some 90 miles northeast of London, where the river Thet flows into the Little Ouse, was a ford across the Thet, and here grew the thriving town of Thetford.

King Uffa is said to have established the capital of his Kingdom of East Anglia at Thetford about 575 A.D., and shortly after the Norman Conquest of 1066 it was made the seat of a bishopric, soon transferred to Norwich, nine miles away. As the Little Ouse was navigable as far as Thetford, trade in fish was important, and the town has long produced iron and brick, leather, flour and beer. By the Fourteenth Century, Thetford had twenty churches, eight monasteries, and a Saturday market, although it was not incorporated as a borough until 1573, when Queen Elizabeth (who had a hunting lodge there) granted a

charter. Weathered by the changes of fourteen centuries, Thetford is today a quiet town of about 5,000 people, important chiefly to its own fertile countryside.

Among the cavaliers who fought for the royal Stuarts against Cromwell in the 1640's, was a brilliant, attractive, and unscrupulous young man named Henry Bennet (1620-1685), who followed his patrons into exile, and became a prime favorite of King Charles II soon after he was restored to the English throne in 1660. Bennet bought the fine estate of Euston Hall, only five miles from Thetford, and took one of his titles from it when he was raised in the peerage as Earl of Arlington and VISCOUNT THETFORD in 1672. Bennet was a leading statesman of his day, serving twelve years as Secretary of State, but his intrigues caught up with him, and he spent his last ten years in lesser offices. His only child, Isabella, had been married in 1672 to Henry Fitzroy, an illegitimate son of King Charles II. Charles acknowledged his son, and created him Duke of Grafton in 1675. Thus the familiar names of Grafton, Arlington, and Thetford came to be born as peerage titles in a single family.

Isabella, now the Duchess of Grafton, and one of the famous "Beauties" of Hampton Court, held also the Arlington and THETFORD titles in her own right from 1685 until she died in 1723. Her son Charles Fitzroy, already 2nd Duke of Grafton since 1690, held the titles without distinction until 1757, when they passed to his able grandson, then only twenty-two, who is of more direct concern to our Thetford.

This grandson, Augustus Henry Fitzroy, 3rd Duke of Grafton, held also the other family titles, including that of 4th VISCOUNT THETFORD, until 1811. Perhaps because his maternal grandfather, William Cosby, had been a royal governor of New York, Grafton took more interest in the American Colonies than most English aristocrats of his day. When only 21, he had served in the House of Commons, and was a Lord of the Bedchamber to the Prince of Wales, who three years later, in 1760, came to the throne as George III, of unhappy memory. Thus in 1761, when Thetford was chartered, Grafton was a rising statesman of 26, head of a great family, interested in the colonies, close to the king, and experienced in Parliament; in short, an aristocratic Whig, a courtier with personal

ability, and a promising patron for an ambitious colonial governor like Wentworth. Grafton went on to serve from 1765 in the Ministry of the Marquiss of Rockingham, (himself head of the Wentworth family in England), and succeeded Rockingham as Prime Minister, until forced out of office in 1770 after George III had become more autocratic. He returned to lesser office in Lord North's Ministry in 1771, but resigned in 1775 because he opposed North's stern and stupid policy toward the American colonies. Now, at last, our scene shifts to New England.

Benning Wentworth, Royal Governor of the Province of New Hampshire from 1741 to 1766, was a crafty and ambitious man, who wanted wealth and influence, and used his position to acquire them. He literally did a land-office business, granting 131 towns between 1760 and 1764, many of them being in territory rightfully claimed, as we now know, by New York. London then stopped his useful but illegal activities at the urging of the Governor of New York. In 1761 alone he granted 60 towns, including Thetford and most of the other valley towns in what are now Orange and Grafton counties. Governor Wentworth was eager to make these grants, because this system seemed to afford him both wealth and influence, at no cost to himself. He hoped to acquire wealth by selling at high prices the generous share reserved to himself in each town he granted. He sought to gain influence by currying the favor of prominent Englishmen, whose goodwill at the corrupt Court in London could make or break Wentworth and his many hungry relatives. One inexpensive way of flattering such men was to put their names on the map of what Wentworth considered to be his Province of New Hampshire, which was conveniently blank in its northwestern portions. For the very great, such as Prime Ministers and almost-royal dukes, both counties and towns could be named, as was eventually done for Rockingham, Grafton, and Rutland. The demand for town names was heavy, so in some cases secondary titles could be used to repeat and refresh the honor, and thus help keep Wentworth in the well-placed eye in England, as was apparently done with Arlington and THETFORD.

No trace has been found of any proprietor or early settler of our Thetford who had ties to the English town, nor of any direct contact with it by the Wentworth family. Our proprietors were chiefly Connecticut land speculators,

who did us good service by selling land to the original settlers, a majority of whom came from Hebron, Connecticut. It thus seems almost certain that Thetford's name was assigned by Wentworth himself, in an effort to secure for his own ends the interest of Augustus Henry Fitzroy, 3rd Duke of Grafton, 4th Earl of Arlington, 4th VISCOUNT THETFORD, Aristocrat, Whig, friend of George III, and rising English statesman.

Since Tom Paine, whose writing influenced Revolutionary America, was born at the English Thetford in 1737, some have wondered whether he was connected with naming our town. As he was an unknown London staymaker in 1761, and his famous pamphlet, **Common Sense**, was fifteen years in the future, he cannot have affected the choice.

We of Thetford, Vermont, can take satisfaction in sharing our town name with an ancient and honorable English borough, and in the probability that it came to us in honor of a powerful Englishman whose views, liberal for his class and day, led him to resign from the very Ministry which brought our Revolution to a head, because he believed there were two sides to the matter, and who opposed harsh measures and urged conciliation.

For the Thetford Historical Society,

RICHARD J. FOWLE

## TOWN 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 2, 1954 A. D., at 10 o'clock A. M., E. S. T., to transact the following business:

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator.
- Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk.
- Article 3. Providing for vote upon the following question:
- a. Shall license for the sale of malt and vinous liquors be granted in this Town?
  - b. Shall spiritous liquors be sold in this Town?
- Article 4. To hear and act on the report of the Town Officers.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize and empower the Selectmen to appoint a Road Commissioner, or elect same by ballot.
- Article 6. To elect all other Town Officers.
- Article 7. To hear and act on the report of the Budget Committee.
- Article 8. To raise taxes in accordance with the Budget Report:
- a. To pay the indebtedness of the Town and Current Expenses.
  - b. Highway tax.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$125.00, to Post No. 79 for Memorial Day observances.

Article 10. 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 11. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to employ a certified public accountant or public accountant to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept or reject the proposed articles of the amendment to the constitution of Vermont.

Article 13. To see if the Town School District will vote to donate a sum of money to Thetford Academy.

Article 14. To see if the Town School District will vote to accept the Budget Proposal and raise the School Tax for same.

Article 15. To see if any action will be taken toward providing a new central school building — or toward modernizing the old ones — and if so to raise a tax for same.

Article 16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Dated at Thetford, Vermont, February 2, 1954.

GEO. HUGGETT

W. M. BACON

W. G. COLTON

Selectmen

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