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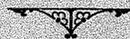
FOR THE YEAR 1954 TO THE TOWN OF

THETFORD

FOR 3RD PLACE IN CLASS VIII OF THE ANNUAL
JAMES P. TAYLOR MEMORIAL TOWN REPORT CONTEST

CARL W. BORGMANN
PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

ANDREW E. NUQUIST
DIRECTOR



Bring This Report to Town Meeting

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF THETFORD

VERMONT

For the Year Ending December 31

1954

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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 *same*
Ass't. Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes Elsie C. Heaton *same*

Selectmen

William M. Bacon *same* Winston G. Colton
George Huggett

School Directors

Cornelia G. Lightner William E. Bond
Mrs. Belts Frank R. Stiles

Auditors

Kate P. Howard *same* Ruth Prevost
Carl A. Anderson

Listers

J. Borden Smith *same* William E. Bond
Kenneth W. Cook *resigned*
Mr. Mocher

Trustees of Public Funds

Ellsworth H. Sargent *same* Pearly A. MacFarlane
Vanessa Tilden

Constable and Collector of Taxes William E. Worcester *same*
Overseer of Poor Selectmen *same*
Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits Gerald H. Wilson *same*
Road Commissioner Merton Godfrey *same*
Town Grand Juror J. Borden Smith*

Library Trustees

Elsie C. Heaton *Mrs. Lightner* Kate P. Howard
~~Frank Ross~~ *resigned Mrs. Charles Vaughan* Claire Fowle
Emma Coombs Rosetta Estabrook

Cemetery Trustees

William E. Bond *same* Ellsworth Sargent
Ernest C. Bond

Budget Committee

Alice F. Fifield *same* Harold E. Heaton
G. Cass Lightner Walter A. Malmquist
William E. Bond George Huggett
Merton Godfrey

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber and Weighers of Coal

George Chase Walter A. Malmquist
Ray H. Palmer

Fence Viewers

Glen Aldrich William M. Bacon
J. Floyd Judd
Edwin Roberts

Pound Keeper

* Resigned, replaced by Gerald H. Wilson

TOWN MEETING NOTES — 1954

The following business was transacted at the Annual Town Meeting which was held on March 2, 1954:

- Art. 1. Elected Charles A. Wilcox, Moderator.
- Art. 2. Elected Mildred W. Cook, Town Clerk.
Appointed Kenneth W. Cook, Ass't. Clerk.
- Art. 3. Voted 124 votes for and 79 against the sale of malt and vinous beverages. Voted 80 votes for and 103 votes against the sale of spirituous liquors.
- Art. 4. Voted to accept report of various town officers as printed and adopt same.
- Art. 5. Elected by ballot, Merton Godfrey, Road Commissioner.
- Art. 6. Elected:
Harold E. Heaton, Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes.
Elsie C. Heaton, Assistant Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes.
George Huggett, Selectman for three years.
Carl A. Anderson, Auditor for three years.
Kenneth W. Cook, Lister for three years.
William E. Bond, Lister for two years.
Selectmen, as Overseers of Poor
J. Borden Smith, Town Grand Juror
William E. Worcester, Constable and Tax Collector.
Vanessa Tilden, Trustee of Public Funds.

Gerald H. Wilson, Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits.

Rosetta Estabrook, Library Trustee for three Years.

Frank Stiles, School Director for three years.

Ernest C. Bond, Cemetery Trustee for three years.

- Art. 7. Voted to accept Report of Budget Committee as appeared on Pages 64-5 of Town Report and adopt same.
- Art. 8. Voted to raise taxes in accordance with Budget Report. Voted Town Tax \$2.35, Highway Tax \$.90, School Tax \$3.55, making a total tax of \$6.80.
- Art. 9. Voted \$125.00 to Thetford Post No. 79 for Memorial Day Observances.
- Art. 10. Voted 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 Sections 4352 of the Public Laws.
- Art. 11. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to employ an accountant to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town.
- Art. 12. Voted the following on the proposed Articles of Amendment of the Constitution of Vermont:
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|-----------------|---------|-------|
| First proposal | yes 175 | no 8 |
| Second proposal | yes 159 | no 10 |
| Third proposal | yes 166 | no 9 |

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The following business was transacted at a Special Town Meeting held August 26, 1954:

Art. 13. Voted \$1,000 to Thetford Academy.

Art. 14. Voted to accept Budget proposal and raise the school tax of \$3.55 for same under the same conditions.

Art. 15. The following action was taken regarding this article: "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." The following motion, made by C. W. Willey, was voted on: "I move that it be the sense of the Town Meeting that the town should build a consolidated grade school and that no further funds be expended toward the building of new one-teacher schools or the reconstruction of old ones." The result of the vote was: Yes, 55; No. 59.

Motion made by C. A. Anderson and seconded: "That the School Board be given authority to employ an architect, secure final plans, that bids be secured. Also that the School Board shall ascertain from proper legal source the cost of issuing bonds and incorporate the same in their report at a Special Town School District Meeting before next March." Motion carried.

Art. 16. Voted to take advantage of State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine Blister Rust.

Art. 17. Voted to send a letter of sympathy and appreciation to Mrs. G. Niles Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED W. COOK,

Town Clerk

Art. 1. Shall the following public improvement, viz: The acquisition of land and incidental rights at Thetford Hill by gift, purchase or otherwise, and the construction thereon and equipping of a new elementary school building of concrete block and brick construction, of approximately eight general classrooms, one multi-purpose room, auxiliary rooms and other usual school facilities, for public school purposes, at an estimated cost of \$196,000 be made?

Voted in favor of the improvement	107
Voted opposed to the improvement	237

Art. 2. Shall bonds of the Town of Thetford Town School District to the amount of \$150,000, bearing interest at not to exceed 3 per cent per annum be issued for the purpose of paying the remaining cost of said public improvements after application of state aid school construction grant under No. 256 of Acts of the General Assembly of 1953?

Voted in favor of the bond issue	105
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Voted opposed to the bond issue	225
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Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED W. COOK,

Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

1954

January

1	Cash balance	\$ 9,093.98
	Received from	
	State of Vermont	
18	State Aid, bridges	2,837.50
21	State Aid, resurfacing (gravel)	176.50
22	Retreatment, black top	570.89
22	Retreatment, black top	185.27
24	Town highways	8,225.95
24	1/2-cent gas tax	1,498.67
26	Barrett Division, refund	2.86

February

1	George Huggett, refund on anti-freeze	5.55
1	State of Vermont, S.A. regular construction	870.26
1	State of Vermont, S. A. special construction	1,191.49
1	State of Vermont, 1/2-cent gas tax	725.48

March

19	William Fitzgerald, Collector Delinquent taxes	94.74
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April

9	Mildred Cook, Town Clerk dog taxes	448.00
24	William Worcester, Collector Delinquent taxes	322.10
24	Helen Gary, Thetford Memorial Fund	5.00

May

5	J. Borden Smith, license fee	37.50
5	Frank Stiles, license fee	37.50
8	State of Vermont, State Aid Winter maintenance	504.50
8	William Worcester, Col., delin. taxes	472.44
24	Helen Gary, Thetford Memorial Fund	5.00
24	William Worcester, Col., delin. taxes	218.47
26	State of Vermont, winter maintenance town roads	1,167.50

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June

5	Thetford Center P.T.A.	3.00
5	Walter Clark	3.36
10	Bradford National Bank, borrowed money	3,000.00
18	Wing, Inc., license	37.50
18	Mildred Cook, Town Clerk, dog licenses	37.00
24	William Worcester, Col., delin. taxes	440.48

July

10	Francenia Gilchrist, culvert	35.20
10	C. A. Wilcox, insurance refund	67.53
10	Melvin West, dance hall permit	5.00
30	William Worcester, Col., delin. taxes	514.21

Aug.

14	William Worcester, Col., delin. taxes	395.42
30	Thetford Community Fair Association	3.00
30	Dartmouth Box & Lumber Co., refund	12.30
30	Isabel Wilson, refund on driveway	102.75
30	Cornelia Lightner, Memorial Hospital Fund	5.00
31	State of Vermont, forestry service	13.37

Sept.

3	William Worcester, Col., delin. taxes	703.75
10	R. H. Hatch, Memorial Hospital Fund	70.00
10	Henry Vaughan, culvert	56.50
16	State of Vermont, town highways	4,184.25
25	State of Vermont, flood control receipts	430.87
28	William Worcester, Col., delin. taxes	664.47

Oct.

18	Thetford Academy, driveway	116.20
21	William Worcester, Col., delin. taxes	504.46
26	Current taxes	56,966.51

Nov.

8	William Worcester, Col., delin. taxes	981.61
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Dec.

1	Town of West Fairee, salt	119.00
6	William Worcester, Col., delin. taxes	409.67
15	George Huggett, refund on oil	78.38
21	Mildred Cook, Town Clerk, dog licenses	22.00
31	William Worcester, Col., abatement of taxes	198.81
31	William Worcester, Col., delin. taxes	1,036.39
31	Town of Vershire	22.50
31	Clarence Coburn, refund Higgins acct.	6.28
Total Receipts Jan. 1, '54 to Jan. 1, '55		\$99,938.92

Disbursements

Selectmen's current orders	\$47,490.00	
Road Commissioner's current orders	7,640.41	
Overseer of the Poor's current orders	4,564.83	
Cemetery Commissioners' current orders	215.77	
Transfer to Town School District balance of '53 tax	9,933.07	
Transfer to Town School District current taxes	18,500.00	
Miscellaneous returned checks	213.08	
Total disbursements		\$88,557.16
Cash on hand	\$11,383.75	
Cash over	1.99	
		11,381.76
		\$99,938.92

H. E. HEATON,

Treasurer

Thetford, Vermont
December 31, 1954

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Treasurer's Report

1954

Jan.

1	Cash balance	\$14,242.75
Received from:		
25	State of Vermont, Home Economics	21.00
25	State of Vermont, Home Economics	518.00
30	R. H. Hatch, refund of gas tax	9.42
30	Town of Lincoln, tuition	132.50
30	Bus fare, from Union Village	6.80

Feb.

23	Eunice Dailey, refund of tuition	40.00
23	Thetford Academy, bus fares	174.35

March

1	St. of Vermont, agricultural education	549.60
2	Thetford Academy, bus fares	294.80
12	Town of Lincoln, tuition	112.50
31	R. H. Hatch, refund of gas tax	9.42
31	R. H. Hatch, refund of gas tax	5.22

April

12	Thetford Academy, bus fares	218.75
15	From Gen. Fund, 1953 tax bill	1,000.00
30	From Gen. Fund, 1953 tax bill	1,000.00

May

17	From Gen. Fund, 1953 tax bill	6,000.00
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June

1	From Gen. Fund, 1953 tax bill	500.00
18	From General Fund, bal. of 1953 tax bill	1,433.07
26	Thetford Academy, bus fares	277.75
26	R. H. Hatch, refund of gas tax	6.68
26	R. H. Hatch, refund of gas tax	11.90
30	Thetford Academy, bus fares	149.40

30	Thetford Ctr. & East Thetford P.T.A.	7.00
30	Selectmen's acct., '53 and '54 tuition	200.00
30	Selectmen's acct., to cover deficit	780.78
	Total receipts	<u>\$27,701.69</u>

Disbursements of School Directors' orders from Jan. 1 to July 1, 1954 \$27,701.69

July		
14	General Fund, 1954 tax bill	1,000.00

Aug.		
4	General Fund, 1954 tax bill	1,000.00
26	St. of Vermont, vocational education	940.62
26	St. of Vermont, gas stove at Union Village	26.76
30	American Leg., Post, payment on bldg.	50.00
30	American Legion Post, rent	7.50
30	W. O. Johnson, land rent	2.39

Sept.		
6	General Fund, 1954 tax bill	1,000.00
8	St. of Vermont, agricultural education	880.58
20	General Fund, 1954 tax bill	3,000.00
28	General Fund, 1954 tax bill	2,500.00

Oct.		
8	Montpelier National Bank	2,000.00
16	General Fund	5,000.00
16	Thetford Academy, bus fares	230.85

Nov.		
10	Thetford Academy, bus fares	88.65
15	General Fund, 1954 tax bill	5,000.00
18	Dorrance Goddard, land rent	6.00

Dec.		
3	St. of Vermont, Home Economics Conference travel	24.30
16	St. of Vermont, Home Economics, Emily Heath	51.00
16	Thetford Academy	28.50
16	Thetford Academy, bus fares	134.45
23	George D. Wrightson, Jr., tuition	210.00
	Total receipts, July 1 - Dec. 31, inc. Disbursements by School Directors' orders, July 1, '54 to Jan. 1, '55	<u>\$39,344.98</u> <u>24,647.74</u>
		<u>\$14,697.24</u>
	Due from Gen. Fund bal. of '54 tax bill	12,008.59
	Total available to June 30, 1955	<u>\$26,705.83</u>

H. E. HEATON

Treasurer

Thetford, Vt., Dec. 31, 1954

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Cemetery Trust Funds

Investment:		\$ 1,300.00
Note No. 3 - 53		162.15
Bank Account, Inter-State Trust Co.		
Interest for 1954:	\$39.00	
Town Note	3.40	
Bank interest	<u>42.40</u>	
Balance on hand		<u>\$ 1,504.55</u>

Expenditures

Evergreen Rest Cemetery	\$21.00	
Post Mills Cemetery Association	6.00	
East Thetford Cemetery	9.00	
Hillside Cemetery	3.00	
	<u>39.00</u>	
Balance		<u>\$ 1,465.55</u>

Recapitulation

Balance on hand December 31, 1953	\$ 1,462.15	
Interest for 1954	42.40	
	<u>\$ 1,504.55</u>	
Total Expenditures	39.00	
Balance on hand December 31, 1954		<u>\$ 1,465.55</u>

TOWN FARM TRUST FUND

Investment

Note 2 — 53, Town of Thetford	\$4,000.00	
Bank Acct., Inter-State Trust Co.	205.74	
	<u>\$4,205.74</u>	
Interest, 1954:	\$ 120.00	
Town note	3.88	
Bank interest	<u>123.88</u>	
Total December 31, 1954		<u>\$4,329.62</u>

Expenditure

*Hitchcock Hospital, Thetford Free Bed Fund		120.00
Balance		<u>\$4,209.62</u>

Recapitulation

Balance December 31, 1953	\$4,205.74	
Interest for 1954	123.88	
	<u>\$4,329.62</u>	
Total Expended for 1954		<u>120.00</u>
Balance for 1954		<u>\$4,209.62</u>
*Paid in January, 1955, for 1954		

STATE OF VERMONT
Department of Highways

Reginald H. Arnold
District Engineer

Bradford

January 12, 1955

Selectmen, Town of Thetford

Att: Mr. George Huggett

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find data sheet showing funds available and spent during 1954.

As you recall, the State Aid funds were held over for 1955 to build up funds to extend blacktop construction on State Aid road No. 4, leading from Thetford Hill to Union Village. The unexpended balances of 1954 are as follows:

½-Cent Gas Tax, including small balance from 1953	\$3,294.57
Regular	1,160.35
Total	<u>\$4,454.92</u>

Provided the funds remain the same in 1955, you will have approximately double the above amount or about \$8,500 for work in 1955.

At a meeting with the Selectmen in Bradford, January 11, 1955, the following items were discussed and tentatively planned:

State Air Retreatment Work —

SA #1 — at E. Thetford, apply blade mix of peastone 0.28 m — Total cost, \$720;
Town's share, \$240.00

SA #2 — Copper Mine Rd., apply blade mix peastone and sand, 2 miles. Total cost, \$4,200;
Town's share, \$1,400.00

The blacktop of cross road at Lake Fairlee, SA #3 and the Thetford - Union Village Rd., SA #4, appear to be in satisfactory condition and will probably go another year.

State Aid Patrol —

On the Copper Mine Rd., SA #2, 5.18 miles —
Town's share \$95 mile or 5.18 x \$95 — \$492.10.

I call your attention to the above items so that you may consider them in your budget for the coming year.

Very truly yours,

R. H. ARNOLD,

District Engineer

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VERMONT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bradford, Vermont

January 5, 1955

Town of Thetford
Board of Selectmen

Attention Mr. George Huggett
H. E. Heaton, Treas., Post Mills

Listed below are funds which were available and spent by the town during 1954. 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 '53	\$8,079.00	
Total spent as per claim made by town	8,526.39	
Amount to be paid by State		\$8,079.00

State Aid Resurfacing (gravel)

Available from State, 1/3 Town, 2/3 State	212.25	
Total spent as per claim made by Town	279.09	
Amount to be paid by State		141.50

Summary of Above Funds

Item	Paid by		Total Cost
	State	By Town	
Town Highways Fund	\$8,079.00	\$447.39	\$8,526.39
State Aid Resurfacing	141.50	137.59	279.09
Total	\$8,220.50	\$584.98	\$8,805.48

R. D. ARNOLD,
District Engineer

ITEM NO. 1

OVERSEER OF THE POOR ACCOUNT

Tax Rate \$0.21

Total Tax \$1,804.73

Board	\$1,220.97
Medical Care, hospital expense	2,087.90
Department of Social Welfare	199.29
Probate Court fees	46.40
Clothing	7.95
Groceries	922.00
Fuel, supplies, tramp account	81.20

Total Expenditures \$4,565.71

There is a decided increase in the Poor account, due to an additional increase of three as boarders, and also an unexpected increase in hospitalization, part of it being a 1954 account which is to be refunded by the State.

The contributions to the Thetford Memorial Hospital Fund at this time amount to \$75.00, and hope that more will give generously in the near future.

January 11, 1955

Mr. George Huggett
Overseer of the Poor
Thetford, Vermont

My dear Mr. Huggett:

During the year January 1, 1954, through December 31, 1954, the Thetford Free Bed Fund in the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, New Hampshire, has rendered 18 days' service to four 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. Deducted from this figure was the over-use of December 31, 1953, in the amount of \$147.20, leaving the net allotment \$182.80 for the year.

The charges at the minimum hospital rates for services rendered to these patients during the period amounted to \$266.53. Subtracting the net allotment of \$182.80 from this figure, there is an over-use of \$83.73 as of December 31, 1954.

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

Yours very truly,

W. L. WILSON,

Administrator

ITEM NO. 2

WINTER ROADS

Tax Rate \$0.40

Total Tax \$3,437.59

1954

Jan.

9	Eaton's Garage, repairs	\$	50.83
	Palmer's Garage, repairs		43.66
	H. O. Taylor Chevrolet Co., parts		24.27
	Casellini-Venable Corp., plow- shoes		19.55
	Community Store, batteries, flashlight		1.65
	Merton Godfrey, labor		105.21
	Elwin Pero, labor		49.50
	W. H. Sayre, labor		10.50
	Frank Godfrey, labor		36.50
	George Huggett, labor		18.85

\$ 360.52

23	Noble - Belisle Machinery, Inc., bolts	\$	14.90
	The Bread Basket, gas		6.76
	Merton Godfrey, labor		120.18
	Frank Godfrey, labor		64.00
	George Huggett, labor		103.00
	Bernard Godfrey, labor		16.00
	Elwin Pero, labor		37.00
	Gordon Fifield, labor		14.50

\$ 376.34

Feb.

6	Gulf Oil Corp., gas, oil, anti- freeze	\$	193.03
	Dora S. Bacon, gas, oil		7.66
	J. Borden Smith, gas		2.59
	H. O. Taylor Chevrolet Co., motor, axles		294.41

Palmer's Garage, repair on equipment	206.76
Eaton's Garage, maintenance	33.06
Bailey Bros., battery, misc.	20.27
Thetford Garage, gas	6.45
Noble - Belisle Machinery, Inc., plow parts	5.00
Merton Godfrey, labor	170.20
George Huggett, labor	135.50
Frank Stevens, labor	60.00
Elwin Pero, labor	11.00
Foster Palmer, labor	9.50
Bernard Godfrey, labor	5.00

\$1,160.43

20 Montgomery Ward & Co., 4 7:50x20 tires and tubes	\$ 289.84
Hathorn's Express, express on tires	2.80
Bunker Hill, gas	3.67
The Bread Basket, gas	5.65
Brighton Steel Co., plow blades	138.67
Merton Godfrey, labor	133.99
George Huggett, labor	113.21
W. H. Sayre, labor	31.00
W. M. Bacon, labor	3.50
Warren Bacon, labor	13.50

\$ 735.83

March

6 Palmer's Garage, plowing, repairing	\$ 145.88
Gulf Oil Corp., gas, oil	73.66
Noble - Belisle Machinery, Inc., parts	38.76
Bailey Bros., Dri-gas	9.36
Dora S. Bacon, gas	15.82
Merton Godfrey, labor	52.33
W. H. Sayre, labor	20.50
George Huggett, labor	20.00
George Higgins, labor	5.50

\$ 381.81

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13 Merton Godfrey, labor	\$ 20.13
W. H. Sayre, labor	8.00
Geo. Huggett, Labor	\$ 8.00
37.50 tire chains	23.00

31.00

\$ 59.13

Oct.

2 Boston & Maine R.R., freight on salt	\$ 324.00
International Salt Co., 800 100# salt	508.00

\$ 832.00

9 Merton Godfrey, labor, unloading salt	\$ 13.23
George Higgins, labor, unloading salt	2.50
George Hodge, labor, unloading salt	11.50

\$ 27.23

Dec.

11 Gulf Oil Corp., gas	\$ 122.50
Sanborn Oil Co., oil	69.32
Loren Bacon, wire for snow fence	11.28
W. M. Bacon, labor, snow fence	23.00
Elwin Pero, labor, snow fence	24.00
George Higgins, labor, snow fence	21.00
Noble - Belisle Machinery, Inc., parts	2.55

\$ 273.65

18 W. H. Sayre, labor, sanding	\$ 12.00
W. H. Sayre, jr., labor, sanding	8.00

\$ 20.00

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25	Willard B. Martin, shovel, on sand	\$ 30.75	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	50.60	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	11.50	
	Frank Stevens, labor	28.05	
	Harry Paige, labor	6.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 126.90
31	Palmer's Garage, repairs, maintenance	\$ 114.75	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	42.53	
	Frank Stevens, labor	27.50	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	5.00	
	Elwin Pero, labor	10.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 199.78
	Total expenditures		<hr/> <hr/> \$4,553.62

ITEM NO. 3

CONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, STATE AID
PATROL, MISCELLANEOUS

Tax Rate \$0.39 Total Tax \$3,351.64

1954			
Feb.			
20	Norman Barrett, moving safe to West Fairlee		\$ 108.10
May			
1	Treas., State of Vermont, pa- trol Rte. #132	\$ 492.10	
	Brighton Steel Co., plow bolts	51.64	
		<hr/>	\$ 543.74

June			
1	George Huggett, set 1/2-in. drive sockets	\$ 23.00	
	Erni French, moving dozer 1953	3.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 26.00
July			
10	James F. O'Shea, 240 100-lb. bags chloride	\$ 407.35	
	George Huggett, 80 6-inch posts	25.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 432.35
Aug.			
28	Arden Smith, cutting brush, Job #1	\$ 100.00	
	Berger Metal Culvert Co.	745.33	
		<hr/>	\$ 845.33
Sept.			
4	Merton Godfrey, labor, job #1, S. Bean	\$ 37.78	
	George Hodge, labor, job #1, S. Bean	26.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 64.28
25	Treas., State of Vermont, 28 c.y. sand, Tucker Hill, retreatment job #6	\$ 42.00	
	Bert Hill, brush control	337.75	
		<hr/>	\$ 379.75
Oct.			
9	Barrett Division, retreat- ment, job #6	\$ 128.80	
	Appalachian Sulfides, Inc., powder, job #1	40.73	

	Merton Godfrey, brush control		77.28	
	George Higgins, brush control		55.50	
	James Banker, brush control		7.00	
	Elwin Pero, brush control		32.50	
	George Hodge, brush control		22.95	
	Treas., State of Vermont, equipment job #6		71.80	
				\$ 436.56
16	Merton Godfrey			
	Labor, job #1	\$18.40		
	Fall work	41.98		
			60.38	
	George Huggett,			
	Labor, job #1	\$24.50		
	Fall work	23.00		
			47.50	
	George Higgins,			
	Labor, job #1	\$ 7.00		
	Fall work	20.50		
			27.50	
	W. H. Sayre,			
	Labor, fall work		7.00	
	Ray Uline,			
	Welding dozer		10.50	
				\$ 152.88
30	Wesley G. Smith, Inc., use of welder	\$ 21.00		
	Merton Godfrey, labor, job #1		59.23	
	George Huggett, labor, job #1		18.50	
	George Higgins, labor, job #1		50.00	
				\$ 148.73

	Nov.			
6	Trumbull - Nelson Co., Inc., fall work	\$	7.20	
	Black-Top, Inc., cold patch, fall work		41.28	
	Hathorn's, Inc., welding rods		4.80	
	Noble - Belisle Machinery, Inc., parts		12.49	
	Palmer's Garage, repairs		26.02	
	Hill-Martin Corp., supplies		33.33	
	Construction Equip. Co., repairs		87.50	
	Merton Godfrey,			
	Labor, job #1	\$75.09		
	Fall work	26.45		
			101.54	
	George Huggett,			
	Labor, job #1		27.50	
	George Higgins,			
	Labor job #1	\$47.50		
	Fall work	9.00		
			56.50	
	W. H. Sayre, labor, fall work		15.00	
	Cliff Towner, labor, compressor, job #1		169.50	
				582.66
20	S. I. Cochran, 180 12-ft., 6-ft. cedar posts	\$	115.00	
	Appalachian Sulfides, Inc., powder, job #1		63.68	
	Treas., State of Vermont, grader, fall work		150.46	
	Morris Pero, labor, fall work		8.00	
	Willard B. Martin, compressor, job #1		46.25	
	Cliff Towner, labor, compressor, job #1		173.25	

George Huggett, labor, job #1	8.00	
Merton Godfrey, labor, job #1	64.98	
Frank Stevens, labor, job #1	31.35	
	<hr/>	\$ 660.97

27 Geo. Huggett, anti-freeze, paint	\$ 13.76	
Merton Godfrey		
Labor, fall work	\$25.30	
Job #1	66.13	
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Willard B. Martin, equipment, job #1	525.50	
Fred Hayward, Jr., Truck, job #1	36.90	
Don Orr, truck, job #1	36.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 704.49

Dec.

11 Palmer's Garage, repairs	\$ 37.89
Casellini-Venable Corp., parts	1.03
Noble - Belisle Machinery, bits, job #1	44.75
Willard B. Martin, equipment, job #1	718.95
Morris Kennedy, truck, job #1	22.95
William Eastman, truck, job #1	50.00
Carl Huse, truck, job #1	25.00
Roy Huse, truck, job #1	25.00
George Huggett, truck, job #1	61.20
Hollis Jordan, truck, job #1	22.95
Fred Hayward, Jr., truck, job #1	104.00
Don Crate, truck, job #1	27.60
L. H. Cook, truck, job #1	57.00

Don Orr, truck, job #1	25.00
Appalachian Sulfides, Inc., powder, job #1	132.80
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18 Willard B. Martin, equipment, job #1	\$1,243.70
Town roads	829.70
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	\$2,073.40

\$1,356.12

Treas., State of Vermont, town roads	10.69
Fred Hayward, Jr., truck, job #1	\$ 296.00
Town roads	208.00
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	504.00

Don Orr, trucks, Job #1	\$ 331.80
Town roads	189.20
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	521.00

William Eastman, trucks, Job #1	\$ 328.00
Town roads	176.00
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	504.00

Harry Biathrow, trucks, Job #1	\$ 338.00
Town roads	165.20
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	503.20

Roy Huse, truck, Job #1	\$ 144.00
Town roads	46.00
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	190.00

Carl Huse, truck, Job #1	\$ 136.00
Town roads	52.00
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	188.00

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Morris Kennedy, truck, Job #1 \$ 112.00 Town roads 102.20	<u> </u> 214.20
Dwight McCullough, truck Job #1 \$ 142.60 Town roads 95.80	<u> </u> 238.40
Hollis Jordan, truck, Job #1 \$ 83.50 Town roads 78.05	<u> </u> 161.55
Warren Whitney, truck, Job #1 \$ 130.00 Town roads 104.00	<u> </u> 234.00
Geo. Huggett, truck, Job #1 \$ 142.60 Town roads 181.70	<u> </u> 324.30
L. H. Cook, truck, Job #1 \$ 124.00 Town roads 56.00	<u> </u> 180.00
Don Crate, truck, Job #1 \$ 124.20 Town roads 59.80	<u> </u> 184.00
L. Barnaby, truck, Job #1 \$ 128.00 Town roads 60.00	<u> </u> 188.00
Duane Avery, truck, Job #1 \$ 17.00 Town roads 74.80	<u> </u> 91.80

Gile Kendall, truck, Town roads	90.00
Edward Clay, gravel Job # 1 3,186 c.y. Pero Hill 946 c.y. Barker Rd. 100 c.y. Goodrich Rd. 441 c.y. W. End St. Aid 586 c.y. Thetford Hill-Un- ion Village Rd. 252 c.y. Town roads 675 c.y.	<u> </u> 6,186 c.y. 433.02
Merton Godfrey, labor, Job #1 \$ 46.15 Town roads 118.45	<u> </u> 164.60
Frank Stevens, labor, Job #1 \$ 30.05 Town roads 89.30	<u> </u> 119.35
Geo. Huggett, labor, job #1	<u> </u> 15.00
	\$ 7,142.51
25 Gile Kendall, truck Balance Job #1	\$ 10.00
Treas., State of Vt. Labor \$ 21.26 Grader town, rds. 56.37	<u> </u> 77.63
Stanley Melendy, labor Town roads	12.87
W. M. Bacon, labor, town rds.	23.00
Elwin Pero, labor, town rds.	23.00
Geo. Higgins, labor, town rds.	<u> </u> 7.50
	154.00

31	Geo. Huggett, tractor, moving dozer		
	Shovel job #1	\$45.00	
	Town roads	5.00	
			<u>50.00</u>
	W. M. Bacon, labor, job #1	5.00	
	Willard B. Martin, moving dozer		
	W. end State Aid Rd.	32.00	
			<u>\$ 87.00</u>
	Total expenditures		<u>\$13,825.47</u>

ITEM NO. 4
BRIDGES, CULVERTS

Tax Rate \$0.03 **Total Tax \$257.82**

1954
Sept.

25	Merton Godfrey, labor,		
	Crooked Bridge	\$18.40	
	Geo. Higgins, labor,		
	Crooked Bridge	15.50	
	W. M. Bacon, labor,		
	Crooked Bridge	14.50	
			<u>\$ 48.40</u>

Oct.

2	Community Store, oil,		
	Crooked Bridge	\$ 2.95	
	Merton Godfrey, labor,		
	Crooked Bridge	58.08	
	Geo. Higgins, labor,		
	Crooked Bridge	50.50	
	James Banker, labor,		
	Crooked Bridge	5.40	
	Malmquist Wood Pro-		

	ducts, material,		
	Crooked Bridge	84.43	
	Geo. Huggett, 2.		
	gallons paint,		
	Crooked Bridge	3.50	
			<u>\$ 204.86</u>
9	Dora S. Bacon,		
	100# spikes	\$11.00	
	Merton Godfrey, labor,		
	bridge	24.00	
	W. H. Sayre, labor,		
	bridge	4.00	
	Geo. Higgins, labor,		
	bridge	7.00	
	Geo. Huggett, labor,		
	bridge	4.50	
			<u>\$ 50.50</u>
Nov.			
27	Geo. Huggett, 3 gal. paint	5.25	
			<u>\$ 309.01</u>

ITEM NO. 5
ELECTRIC SERVICE, INSURANCE

Tax Rate \$0.12 **Total Tax \$1,031.28**

1954

Jan. 1 to Dec. 31	Central Ver-		
	mont Public Serv. Corp.		
	Street lights	\$479.00	
	Town Hall	29.00	
			<u>\$ 499.00</u>

Feb.

20	Patron's Co-op. Fire Insurance		
	buildings	\$ 5.50	
	C. A. Wilcox,		
	Ford liability	64.05	

ITEM NO. 7

FIRES, DAMAGES

Tax Rate \$0.06		Total Tax \$515.64
May		
1	Treas., Town of Fairlee	\$ 65.00
Dec.		
11	Treas., Town of Lyme	216.50
25	Treas., Town of Lyme	59.00
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		\$ 340.50

ITEM NO. 8

PRINTING, CLERICAL SUPPLIES

Tax Rate \$0.08		Total Tax \$687.52
1954		
Jan.		
9	Norman Barrett, moving safe	\$ 51.35
	H. E. Perkins, removing window	5.00
23	Treas., Town of Fairlee, 2 safes	200.00
	Office Supply Center, Inc., supplies	11.07
	E. C. Bacon, envelopes	4.04
March		
6	E. C. Bacon, postage, town reports	7.20
	Dora S. Bacon, postage, town reports	1.37
13	E. C. Bacon, envelopes	11.36
April		
3	Hall-McChesney, Inc., record book	69.55

	Cory-Hewitt Press, Inc., 700 town reports	390.50
	Wheeler-Clark, dog tags	12.39
May		
1	H. E. Heaton, supplies	2.74
	Clara G. Knight, envelopes, cards	37.26
June		
1	B. N. Sisco, Admr., tax collector forms	1.52
	William Worcester, supplies	22.54
26	Green Mountain Press, printing cards	16.00
	Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	58.16
	Geo. Huggett, 1 used filing cabinet	10.00
July		
10	Green Mountain Press, printing tax cards	27.00
Aug.		
28	Kenneth W. Cook, envelopes	2.96
	E. C. Bacon, envelopes	7.32
	B. N. Sisco, Admr., tax collector forms	2.60
	Geo. Huggett, telephone 2/9 - 8/9	33.08
Sept.		
4	Bradford National Bank, service charges	3.00
Oct.		
30	E. C. Bacon, envelopes	3.66
Nov.		
27	Clara G. Knight, envelopes	9.14
Dec.		
11	B. N. Sisco, Admr., tax collector forms	2.35

25	Green Mountain Press, printing service	2.00
	Chelsea Job Press, printing service	67.59
	Bradford National Bank, service charge	3.00
	H. E. Heaton, telephone, supplies	5.16
	Mildred Cook, telephone, supplies	8.42
31	Geo. Huggett, telephone, 8/9 - 12/9	21.34
	W. G. Colton, telephone, supplies	21.60
	W. M. Bacon, telephone, use of car	26.92
	H. B. Sayre, postage, town reports	1.70
	Office Supply Center, Inc., supplies	4.50

\$1,165.39

**ITEM NO. 9
BUILDINGS**

Tax Rate \$0.06

Tax Rate \$515.64

1954

Feb.

2 The Village Store, fuel, sup-
plies \$ 5.69

March

6 R. H. Hatch, heating equip-
ment 127.30

13 Everett Fifield, labor 1.00
Ronald Bacon, labor 1.00

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June

26 The Village Store, supplies,
fuel 8.49

Sept.

4 George Higgins, labor 3.50

Oct.

16 Milford Preston, care of
lawn, miscellaneous 53.50

Nov.

16 L. B. Emerson, repair of bal-
lot box 1.00

20 D. E. Southworth, rent of
tramp house 5.00

\$ 206.48

**ITEM NO. 10
TOWN OFFICERS**

Tax Rate \$0.29

Total Tax \$2,492.25

1954

March

6 C. A. Wilcox, moderator
services \$ 10.00

Elsie Heaton, ballot clerk 5.00

Marion Wilson, ballot clerk 5.00

Gladys Aldrich, ballot clerk 5.00

Lilla Willey, ballot clerk 5.00

Ruth Prevost, auditor
services 25.00

Vanessa Tilden, auditor
services 15.00

13 Gladys Aldrich, ballot clerk
'53 5.00

April

3 Mildred Cook, compiling
Grand List 51.05

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May		
1	William Fitzgerald, constable service	15.50
June		
26	J. Borden Smith, listers' service	150.00
	Mildred Cook, clerical service	53.30
Aug.		
28	William R. Bond, listers' service	151.50
	Kenneth W. Cook, listers' service	150.00
Sept.		
25	William E. Bond, quadrennial service	105.50
	Mildred Cook, clerical service	60.00
Oct.		
9	J. Borden Smith, quadrennial service	120.00
	H. E. Heaton, pay't treasurer service	207.73
Nov.		
20	William E. Worcester, constable service	17.20
	Elsie Heaton, ballot clerk	12.50
	Iva Fifield, ballot clerk	12.50
	Kenneth W. Cook	105.00
Dec.		
11	Hugh W. Hastings, legal service	92.14
	Marion Aldrich, ballot clerk	5.00
25	William E. Worcester, tax collector fees	15.82
	Marion Wilson, ballot clerk	15.00
	Elsie Heaton, asst. treasurer	18.75
	H. E. Heaton, balance treasurer, 1% receiver's fee	666.45
	L. B. Allen, M.D., officer's service	33.45
	Mildred Cook, balance town clerk fee	66.50

31	Geo. Huggett, service, selectman	\$150.00	
	overseer poor	100.00	
			250.00
	W. G. Colton, service selectman		150.00
	W. M. Bacon, service selectman		100.00
	Wilson & Keyser, legal serv.		8.00
			<u>2,702.89</u>

ITEM NO. 11

APPROPRIATIONS

Tax Rate	\$0.02	Total Tax	\$171.88
1954			
June			
1	Treas., American Legion, Post No. 79	\$125.00	
Sept.			
4	Treas., Latham Memorial Library	50.00	
		<u>175.00</u>	\$ 175.00

ITEM NO. 12

INTEREST

Tax Rate \$0.08

Total Tax \$687.52

1954

Feb.

On Loan:

6	Perley and Camilla MacFarlane, interest	\$ 8.22
	Ellen Adams or Grace Allen	3.45
	Frank Hatch	1.51
	Selah or Gordon George	4.93
	Alice Fifield	3.29
20	Evergreen Rest Cemetery on loan	5.92

Dec.

11	Bradford National Bank, interest on '54 loan	51.50
25	Post Mills Religious Society, interest	30.00
	Timothy Frost M.E. Church, interest	99.64
	Trustees, Public Funds, town funds interest	120.00
	Trustees, Public Funds, cemetery interest	39.00
	Peabody Library, interest	43.76

\$ 411.22

LOANS AND PAYMENT ON LOANS

1954

Jan.

23	Frank Hatch, payment on loan	\$ 50.00
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Feb.

6	Perley & Camilla MacFarlane, payment	2,500.00
	Ellen Adams or Grace Allen, payment	1,050.00
	Frank Hatch, payment	450.00
	Selah George or Gordon George, payment	1,000.00
	Alice Fifield, payment	1,500.00
20	Evergreen Rest Cemetery, payment	1,800.00

June

10	Bradford Nat'l Bank, loan for current expenses	\$3,000.00
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July

10	Treas., Town of Thetford School District, payment fiscal year deficit	780.78
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Dec.

11	Bradford National Bank, payment on loan	3,000.00
31	Timothy Frost M. E. Church, payment	3,321.42
	Post Mills Religious society, payment	1,000.00
	Peabody Library	1,458.60

\$3,000.00

\$17,910.80

**ITEM NO. 13
CEMETERIES**

Tax Rate \$0.04 **Total Tax \$343.76**
See Cemetery Commissioner's Report

**ITEM NO. 14
ROAD ACCOUNT**

Tax Rate \$0.90 **Total Tax \$7,734.57**
See Road Commissioner's Report

**ITEM NO. 15
EMERGENCY, EQUIPMENT, CIVIL DEFENSE**

Tax Rate \$0.12 **Total Tax \$1,031.28**

Blister Rust Control

1954
June

1	Max O. Mousley, labor	\$ 144.00
	Franklin S. Ordway, labor	88.00
	Allen A. MacLeod, labor	40.00
	Herbert E. Wheeler, labor	16.00
	Clifton R. Fisk, labor	30.00
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		\$ 318.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. BACON,
GEO. HUGGETT,
W. G. COLTON,
Selectmen
TOWN OF THETFORD

**ITEM NO. 14
ROAD ACCOUNT**

Tax Rate \$0.90 **Total Tax \$7,734.57**

Labor:

Merton Godfrey	\$1,409.41
George Huggett	704.05
W. H. Sayre	242.00
Ronald Bacon	210.60
Franklin Godfrey	174.00
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Bernard Godfrey	5.00
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\$2,855.94

Hired Equipment:

Roy Abbott, shovel, dozer, trucks	\$ 758.10
Treas., State of Vermont, grader	470.29
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Palmer's Garage	142.59
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George Huggett	9.41
Harry Pero, tire	5.00
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2,040.28

Gas, Oil:

Gulf Oil Co.	\$ 328.94
Sanborn Oil Co.	53.92
J. Borden Smith	3.51
Dora Bacon	1.60

387.97**Miscellaneous:**

James O'Shea	\$ 416.00
Blak-Top, Inc., cold patch	81.23
Berger Metal Culvert Co.	64.52
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	34.50

596.25**Gravel:**

John Stellman	\$ 119.40
Myron Robinson	90.60
Ed. Thorburn	3.70

213.70

Total expenditures	<hr/> \$7,640.41
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Respectfully submitted,

MERTON GODFREY,
Road Commissioner

Hours credited to equipment:

Chevrolet, 510 hrs. @ \$1.00	\$510.00
Tractor, 347½ hrs. @ \$2.50	978.75
Ford, 181 hrs. @ \$1.00	181.00

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**REPORT OF COOPERATIVE BLISTER RUST
CONTROL WORK
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
1954**

White Pine Blister Rust control was resumed in Thetford in 1954 through the cooperation of the Town, the Vermont Forest Service and the U. S. Forest Service. The blister rust disease is controlled by eliminating currant and gooseberry bushes within infecting range of white pine stands. This range varies from 900 feet in open lands to about 200 feet in thickly wooded areas.

Following is a summary of the 1954 work:

Total area eradicated of currants and gooseberry bushes	2,567 acres
White Pine protected	966 acres
Number wild currants and gooseberries removed	4,996
Town expense for labor	\$314.00
State and federal expense for labor	414.08

State and federal expenses for transportation, equipment and mapping are not included above.

The pine areas of Thetford were re-mapped in 1954 and the new maps show 3,004 acres of white pine in the town in need of protection from blister rust. Much of this area has been previously worked by blister rust crews but there is considerable pine reproduction and some recent plantations which have never been protected. All pine areas should be checked over at about 10 year intervals. The areas worked in 1954 had been previously covered in 1941 and 1944.

State and federal funds will again be available for blister rust control in 1955, but only in cooperation with town money. One hundred and ten Vermont towns have cooperated during the past 12 years. About one-third of the pine areas in Thetford were protected in 1954 and it is recommended that another appropriation be made by the town in 1955 so that this work may be continued.

HUNTLEY PALMER,
District Leader

January 3, 1955

TOWN OF THETFORD
DELINQUENT TAXES DECEMBER 31, 1954

1945 Property			
Cadwell, Harvey	\$	8.40	
1946 Property			
Cadwell, Harvey		6.38	
1947 Property			
Cadwell, Harvey	\$	6.83	
Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.		45.50	
			52.33
1948 Property			
Cadwell, Harvey	\$	6.63	
Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.		53.00	
			59.63
1949 Property			
Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie	\$	15.54	
Pero, Elwin		12.72	
Stowell, L. B. & E. A. Est.		56.50	
			84.76
1949 Poll			
Ladeau, Kenneth	\$	6.60	
Tracey, George		8.15	
			14.75
1950 Property			
Adams, Marie	\$	28.75	
Andrews, Walter		43.13	
Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie		15.81	
Palmer, Harry B.		.75*	
Cook, H. G.		8.34	
Pero, Elwin		23.86	
Tracey, George		35.94	
			156.58
1950 Poll			
Shaw, Milton		8.25	
1951 Property			
Adams, Marie	\$	36.90	
Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie		18.45	
Cook, H. G.		8.34*	
French, Erni and Agnes		5.47	
Hazen, Arthur		12.92	

	Palmer, Harry 8.	12.30*	
	Pero, Elwin	26.75	
	Thorburn, Edward	24.60	
	Tracey, George	32.29	
			175.22
1951 Poll			
Hill, Bryce			8.65
1953 Property			
Adams, Marie	\$	39.00	
Andrews, Walter		48.75	
Cadwell, Harvey & Nellie		26.00	
Cook, H. G.		4.23*	
French Erni and Agnes		6.50	
Goodrich, Lillian		32.50*	
Manning, Alford		10.40	
Palmer, Harry		13.00	
Shaw, W. R.		32.50	
Thorburn, Edward		13.00	
Tracey, George		34.13	
			260.01
1952 Poll			
Benjamin, Dawson	\$	9.50	
Chase, Maude		9.50	
Harrington, Ellen		3.14*	
Palmer, Hannah		9.50	
			31.64
1952 Property			
Adams, Marie	\$	38.50	
Atkins, Robert		70.40*	
Cadwell, Harvey & Nellie		19.20	
Cook, H. G.		6.08*	
Goodrich, Lillian		32.00	
Goodrich, Clarence		6.40	
Hall, Evelyn		17.14	
Perron, Romeo and Lewis		6.40	
Palmer, Harry		12.80	
Pero, Elwin		33.28	
Plouffe, James		93.12	
Ryder, C. A.		5.76	
Shaw, W. R.		32.00	
Tracey, George		33.60	
Thorburn, Edward		6.40	
			412.98

1953 Poll

Cadwell, Nellie	\$ 8.67*
Cadwell, Harvey	9.40*
Cook, Roy	9.40
Chase, Maude	9.40
Higgins, Iona	5.40
Robinson, Rodney	9.40
Tracey, George	9.40

61.07

1954 Property

Adams, Marie	\$40.80
Atkins, Robert	40.80
Brown, Charles H.	8.16*
Cadwell, Harvey	20.40
Cook, H. G.	5.78*
Dennett, Warren	24.91
Durkee, Heman and Valroy	13.60
French, Erni and Agnes	6.80
French, Erni and Agnes	60.18
Goodrich, Clarence	11.90
Goodrich, Lillian	34.00
Goodwin, Roy	15.30
Hazlett, Joseph and Isabel	145.86
Paige, Harry and Helen	43.18
Palmer, Harry B.	13.60
Palmer, Charles and Eileen	88.40*
Pero, Elwin	40.46
Perron, Romeo and Lewis	6.80
Plouffe, James	102.68
Reed, Lorraine	102.00
Robinson, Myron and Mildred	44.20
Thorburn, Edward	6.80
Tatro, Lyndon A.	34.00*
Tracey, George	35.70

946.31

1954 Poll

Cadwell, Harvey	\$ 9.80
Chase, Maude	9.80
Cadwell, Nellie	9.80
Cook, H. G.	9.80*
Cook, Vaun	9.80*
Douglas, Majel	9.80
Douglas, Charles	9.80
Durkee, Heman	9.80

Durkee, Valroy	9.80
Durkee, Leonard	9.80*
Goodwin, Agnes	9.80
Goodrich, Hilda	9.80
Higgins, Arthur G.	6.30
Nutbrown, William	9.80
Robinson, Charles	9.80*
Straw, Hazel	9.80
Straw, Walter	9.80
Welsh, Ellis	8.91

172.01

Total delinquent taxes outstanding \$2,460.42

1954 Delinquent Taxes to Collector:

Property	\$2,271.53
Poll	813.40

\$3,084.93

Total delinquent taxes, Dec. 31, 1953 \$5,555.47
Delinquent taxes for 1954 3,084.93

Total \$8,640.40
Total collections during the year 6,179.98

Delinquent taxes Jan. 1, 1955 \$2,460.42

Collection of taxes:

Real Estate	\$4,008.50
Personal Property	504.35
Poll Taxes	1,157.80
Old Age Assistance	509.69

\$6,180.34

Over-payment to treasurer .36

\$6,179.98

Collected by Abatement \$ 198.81

*-Items paid since Dec. 31, 1954

To the Tax Payers of Thetford:

During the past year, I have been told repeatedly that it was just as cheap to pay the town 6% interest as it was to borrow the money elsewhere and pay taxes on time. That is not what they taught us in District School 60 years ago.

Take the 1954 poll tax as an example: Poll tax \$6.80, Old Age assistance \$3.00, total \$9.80. If paid on time a discount of 4% of the poll tax is \$.27 or a net cost of \$9.53. If paid between June 26 and July 25th, the cost was \$9.80, plus warrant fee of \$.05, penalty of \$.79 and interest of \$.05, or a total cost of \$10.69. This amounts to \$1.16 for the use of \$9.53 for one month, or 12.17% x 12 is equivalent to an annual interest of 146%. If the tax is paid six months late, the fees remain the same as above but the interest is \$.30, making a total cost of \$1.40 or 30% per year. Who can afford to let taxes go delinquent and pay such interest rates?

When the tax rate is voted at town meeting, you know what your tax will be and have until June 25th to save up for it and save yourself plenty of cash.

The saving on property taxes is not quite so large, as there is no discount for early payment, but you can still borrow money at 6% and make a big saving by paying on time. For example: You have a \$100.00 property tax and are unable to pay it for two months. If you borrow \$100.00 at 6% for two months, the interest is \$1.00 and the total cost is \$101.00. If you let the tax go delinquent, you pay a warrant fee of \$.05, a penalty of \$8.00 and interest of \$1.00, or a total cost of \$109.05. You have paid at the rate of 54% per year.

If you let the tax go much longer, it is likely that attachment of wages or levy and sale of property will run the costs much higher and at the same time reflect on your credit standing. Delinquent taxes, writs and attachments are matters of public record.

Another fallacy is the idea that poll taxes are not due until June 25th and property taxes until October

25th. Actually, these taxes are due when the bills are presented. The above dates are the last days before penalties must be enforced.

By Vermont law, a husband living with and supporting his wife is liable for her poll tax. Both poll taxes should be paid before signing an application for driver's license for either the husband or wife, since you sign a statement under penalties of perjury that you owe no taxes except current property taxes. The tax collector is required by law to file with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by December 1 of each year a complete list of persons with delinquent poll taxes. Your tax collector has complied with this law. If any of these taxes remain unpaid on April 1, on application of the tax collector, the Motor Vehicle Department will suspend or revoke your driver's license. It is not reinstated until your taxes are paid.

Many towns have less than 2% of their taxes delinquent at the end of the fiscal year. Some are said to be as low as 1/2 of 1%. Thetford has had a disgraceful 11%. As of December 31, we have reduced this to less than 5% and more than half of the remaining delinquent accounts are now paying on a definite schedule or are being collected the expensive way — writs, suits, wages attached or sales of property.

It is time that the citizens of Thetford change their tax-paying habits, with considerable cash savings for themselves. Funds should be available for roads, schools and other public works without borrowing.

Why pay the tax collector to come to see you when you do not want to see him when he does come?

WILLIAM E. WORCESTER,

Tax Collector

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is our nineteenth annual report to the citizens of the Town of Thetford on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1954.

The total number of recipients in the state has remained stable for four years but expenditures are larger by reason of increases in payments authorized by the Legislature and increases in cost of services, including rent. Funds for the support of these programs were derived from the Federal and State Governments. The towns and cities participated financially in two of the programs as indicated below. Administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance were the lowest in the North Atlantic States and among the lowest in the nation.

Old Age Assistance	\$ 8,516.00
Aid to Dependent Children*	1,594.00
Aid to the Disabled	1,145.00
TOTAL	\$11,255.00

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON,

Commissioner

*—One-eighth paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled

DOG ACCOUNT

174 males at \$2.00	\$348.00
25 females at \$6.00	150.00
3 dogs at \$3.00	9.00
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Submitted to Treasurer	\$507.00

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED W. COOK,

Town Clerk

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Your cemetery commission has cared for the town cemeteries for \$215.77, more than \$100.00 less than was allotted to us.

By the use of a power mower, which the town now owns, we can accomplish much in a short time. We hope the Town will vote money to erect a suitable memorial to the early settlers of this town. Remember, a town is judged by its cemeteries.

E. C. BOND,

W. E. BOYD,

ELLSWORTH SARGENT,

Commissioners

**REPORT OF THE NEEDS AND CONDITION
OF THE SCHOOLS**

The following pages contain the financial and statistical summaries of the report on your schools. This part deals immediately with portions of the financial report which we feel should be of interest to you. As we all know, results of the Special School Meeting were not favorable to the proposed consolidated school. Your Directors since that time have not gone further with any plans regarding the matter. We would be delinquent in our duties if we did not, however, bring again to your attention a portion of the printed brochure. This group gave what we consider conservative estimates of the costs to be incurred over the next few years if we are to provide adequate and like facilities for all the pupils of Thetford. Specifically, this called for the spending of \$38,200.00 just to even up the quality of existing facilities. This money would be spent primarily for necessary replacement of heating systems, installation of running water and flush toilet facilities, plus suitable cellar floors and foundation walls in those schools now lacking them.

In addition, insulation to cut down the tremendous heat losses now incurred. This would include storm windows and cap jobs primarily. To accomplish this, in addition to regular school budget costs would necessarily mean expenditure of approximately \$7,500.00 each year over a five-year period. On the present Grand List, this means an additional tax of nearly \$.90.

Actual maintenance work accomplished during the summer is as follows: Painted interior and exterior of building and installed new toilet agitators at Rice's Mills. Painted interior at Union Village. Patched and repaired cement foundation, and painted toilets at the Center School. Repaired cement steps and had dead tree cut at North Thetford. Painted interior at East Thetford. At Post Mills, the floors were treated before school began and have again been treated during Christmas vacation. Paint for the toilets was purchased and this work was done by the students in the Grammar room. Other

repairs not completed to date include replacement of some of the curtains at North Thetford and Post Mills.

It can be seen from the statistics that anticipated increases are to be expected in four regular budget items. Largest of these is in High School tuition where there will be an increase of \$1,775.00. Also under Library we plan to purchase two sets of encyclopedia and dictionaries which are very badly needed. This adds \$170.00 to the budget. Also this past year, our budget was not enough to cover Superintendent salary and expense, and accounts for another \$200.00. Finally, we have an outstanding note on the new bus of \$2,000.00.

To meet the proposed budget, it will be necessary to raise a tax of approximately \$3.80 to carry on the schools this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

WM. E. BOND,
Chairman

CORNELIA G. LIGHTNER,
FRANK R. STILES,
School Directors

FAY G. WHITCOMB,
Superintendent

Income	\$	385.67	\$	617.99	\$	990.49	\$	482.27	\$	26.42	\$	14,697.24	\$	30,508.59	\$	30,915.00	\$	400.00	
Balance on hand July 1																			
Town Taxes		20,876.96		19,586.53		24,783.69		27,093.77		27,433.07		18,500.00		12,008.59		16,163.38		17,000.00	
State Aid		12,360.93		12,579.54		12,348.50		13,296.50		16,002.84		16,163.38		700.00		2,623.26		2,500.00	
Fed. Aid-Vocation to T.A.		2,310.80		2,260.12		1,025.99		2,272.29		2,639.32		1,923.26		100.00		310.00		310.00	
Tuition		945.00		220.00		1,135.00		210.00		245.00		210.00		2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	
Borrowed		5,000.00		5,411.08		.00		.00		.00		2,000.00		723.00		1,205.45		1,200.00	
Bus fares & receipts		.00		2,608.95		1,857.55		1,847.66		1,866.40		482.45		40.00		48.39		100.00	
Miscellaneous		1,427.13		23.02		190.56		21.79		403.34		8.39		57.50		57.50		50.00	
Sale of School House		.00		500.00		500.00		.00		200.00		.00		320.00		320.00		50.00	
Gen. Fund — Scholarships																		.00	
Total Income		\$43,306.49		\$43,807.23		\$42,831.78		\$45,224.28		\$48,875.39		\$39,344.98		\$28,588.83		\$53,236.57		\$51,200.00	
Total Expense		42,688.50		42,816.74		42,349.51		45,197.86		49,656.15		24,647.74		28,311.15		52,958.89			
Balance on hand June 30		\$ 617.99		\$ 990.49		\$ 482.27		\$ 26.42				\$14,697.24							
Actual Deficit on June 30		\$ 4,382.01		**4,420.59				**780.76											
Actual Surplus on June 20				\$ 482.27		\$ 26.42		\$ 277.68		\$ 277.68		\$ 277.68		\$ 277.68		\$ 277.68		\$ 277.68	
**_Paid from General Fund																			

*-Tax rate \$3.80

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

During the past year, the Town indebtedness has been further reduced, so that on January first outstanding Town notes amounted to only \$6,000 and one School District note of \$2,000. The Auditor's report shows an excess of Assets over Liabilities of about \$25,000, including both School District and Town together.

School District Assets are \$14,697 cash in bank, plus \$12,008 tax money still due from the Town treasury, a total of \$26,705 with which to carry on the schools until the end of the school year in June. Since this exceeds the \$25,000 above mentioned, it appears that the Town itself is about \$1,700 behind. However, there are repayments due from the State for monies spent by the Town last year on State Aid highway work, that will more than cover this small deficit, and provide funds for ordinary Town expenses for several months.

You are reminded that before you established a Budget program for the Town in 1947, Town and School District combined were "in the red ink" a net amount of \$13,761, and on Jan. 1, 1949, outstanding Town notes payable amounted to the large sum of \$49,653.28, and that the School District deficit for that year was estimated at \$6,003.56 besides the notes. The vastly improved condition at present is due to careful budgetary analysis, the voting of more realistic tax rates for Town and Schools, plus the careful management of available funds by your Selectmen and School Directors.

This Committee trusts that you will continue to endorse its reports and budgets, and vote the tax rates recommended, in order that indebtedness and need for all borrowing may be further reduced.

General Fund and Highway expenditures have been held down during 1954 so that no increase in the current tax rate appears necessary at the present time, except to allow a rate 10 cents higher for town roads. Reduction in interest payments as notes are paid off, plus other economies, have so far been stretched to cover higher operating costs.

School expenses, on the other hand, continue to increase, largely due to higher high school tuition and higher cost of teachers. To keep the schools going, as given in detail in the table with the School Report, requires an increased tax.

The Budget Committee recommends the adoption of Town and School budgets as printed herein, and recommends the following tax rates for 1955:
 Town \$2.25 Highway \$1.00 School \$3.80

same

same

Respectfully submitted,

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

George E. Huggett
 William E. Bond
 Merton E. Godfrey
 Harold E. Heaton
 Mrs. Ralph Fifield
 Walter A. Malmquist
 G. Cass Lightner,
 Chairman

Proposed Budget — 1955

ITEM	1955 Estimated		1954 Estimated		1954	
	Grand List	Total Tax	Grand List	Total Tax	Grand List	Total Tax
1. Poor Account	\$.22	\$ 1,870.00	\$.21	\$ 1,785.00	\$ 1,804.73	\$ 1,804.73
2. Winter Roads	.40	3,400.00	.40	3,400.00	3,437.59	3,437.59
3. Construction, State Aid Patrol, Resurfacing	.39	3,315.00	.39	3,315.00	3,351.64	3,351.64
4. Bridges, Culverts	.03	255.00	.03	255.00	257.82	257.82
5. Electric Service, Insurance	.10	850.00	.12	1,020.00	1,031.28	1,031.28
6. Taxes — State, County	.45	3,825.00	.45	3,825.00	3,867.58	3,867.58
7. Fires, Damages	.05	425.00	.06	510.00	515.64	515.64
8. Printing, Clerical Supplies	.08	680.00	.08	680.00	687.52	687.52
9. Buildings	.04	340.00	.06	510.00	687.52	687.52
10. Town Officers, Auditors	.29	2,465.00	.29	2,465.00	2,492.25	2,492.25
11. Appropriations	.02	170.00	.02	170.00	170.88	170.88
12. Interest	.04	340.00	.08	680.00	687.52	687.52
13. Cemetery	.04	340.00	.04	340.00	343.76	343.76
14. Road Account	1.00	8,500.00	.90	7,650.00	7,734.57	7,734.57
15. Emergency, Equipment, Civil Defense	.10	850.00	.12	1,020.00	1,031.28	1,031.28
	\$3.25	\$27,625.00	\$3.25	\$27,625.00	\$27,930.70	\$27,930.70

To the Citizens of Thetford :

Thetford Academy opened for the fall term of 1954 with an enrollment of 124 students. While we graduated one of the largest classes (31) last June, the freshman class this fall was the smallest in a number of years (35 students), with the resulting drop in total enrollment. There were 41 sophomores, 26 juniors and 22 seniors. About the usual number of students have dropped out during the year, but transfers from other schools have just about offset the losses.

Three members from last year's graduating class are attending the University of Vermont; one is at Lyndon Teachers' College; one is at Antioch College in Antioch, Ohio; six boys are in the United States Armed Service.

There were several changes made in the faculty before school opened this fall. Miss Agnes Shaw, who was a member of Thetford Academy's faculty for the last 20 years, resigned to take a similar position at St. Johnsbury Academy. Mrs. Emily D. Heath was secured to take her place. Mr. Kenneth Cook, after serving the Academy for five years, was elected as principal of McIndoe Falls High School. Mr. Herbert Reininger was elected to fill this position. Mrs. Frank L. Barker, Jr., resigned to be with her husband at the University of Vermont. This vacancy was filled by the election of Miss Anne Morin. Mrs. A. L. Waterman of North Thetford is teaching typewriting this year, carrying on the work started last year by Mrs. R. A. Burt. More and more interest is being shown in the several new courses which have been added. This year, a course in civics is being offered to the freshmen. This additional work makes for a heavier teaching load for all the faculty, and it is hoped that another teacher can be added next year.

It hardly seems necessary to state that for the first time in its existence of 137 years Thetford Academy has an Auditorium - Gymnasium. While this building has not as yet been officially accepted from the contractor and the architects, it has been put to use; on

January 14, 1955, the students and faculty held a special morning assembly in the auditorium, and that same evening Thetford Academy played its first game of basketball in the new gym — the opposing teams coming from Bethel High School. We hope that this is a building in which the town will take pride, and that it will be a useful addition to the entire community.

Naturally, it is my hope that the additional facilities given us by this new building will help round out our school program, not only in competitive sports, but in general physical education which is so badly needed by our students. There are rooms on the lower floor for commercial work and for art, and a larger room suitable for handcrafts; besides these rooms there are two fireproof rooms which house the Academy records and any historical material that we are able to assemble. If any readers of this report have historical material concerning Thetford Academy and care to contribute it, the Academy will be very glad to receive such a contribution.

I regret that at this time I am unable to make a financial report concerning the Auditorium - Gymnasium, but the work is not yet finished, and all bills have not been presented.

May I take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the trustees and faculty for your continued cooperation and interest, and for the many contributions which you as individuals have given to Thetford Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. ANDERSON,

Principal

AUDITORS' REPORT

Notes at 3%	Liabilities	
	1953	1954
1-52 Post Mills Religious Society	\$ 1,000.00	
3-52 Pearley A. or Camilla MacFarlane	2,500.00	
3-49 Timothy Frost M. E. Church	1,976.74	
4-52 Timothy Frost M. E. Church	1,344.68	
2-53 Trustees Public Funds, Town Funds	4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
6-52 Trustees Public Funds, Cemetery Funds	1,300.00	1,300.00
3-47 Evergreen Rest Cemetery	700.00	700.00
7-52 Evergreen Rest Cemetery	1,800.00	
8-52 Ellen Adams or Grace Allen	1,050.00	
9-52 Frank Hatch	500.00	
10-52 Selah George or Gordon Hatch	1,000.00	
11-52 Peabody Library	1,458.60	
12-52 Alice Fifield	1,500.00	
School Notes to Montpelier National Bank @ 2½%		
No. 1 Due Nov. 15, 1955		1,000.00
No. 2 Due Nov. 15, 1956		1,000.00
Total Notes	\$20,130.02	\$ 8,000.00
Due Town School District	9,933.07	12,008.59
Total Liabilities	\$30,063.09	\$20,008.59

Assets

	1953	1954
Trustees of Public Funds, Note of Town, 2/53	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Cash on hand, Inter-State Trust Co.	205.74	209.62
W. H. Higgins Farm	800.00	*500.00
Outstanding Taxes	5,555.47	2,460.42
Cash on hand	9,093.98	11,381.76

School District	1953	1954
Cash on hand	\$14,242.75	\$14,697.25
Due from Town Tax	9,933.07	12,008.59
	\$24,175.82	\$26,705.84

	24,175.82	26,705.84
Total Assets	\$43,831.01	\$45,257.64
Total Liabilities	30,063.09	20,008.59
	\$13,767.92	\$25,249.05

*-Depreciation on building

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Note of Town, June, 1952	\$ 1,300.00
Bank Account, Inter-State Trust Company	165.55
Total	\$ 1,465.55

SURETY BONDS, AMERICAN FIDELITY CO., MONTPELIER, VT.

William E. Bond	\$ 1,000.00
Cornelia G. Lightner	1,000.00
Harold E. Heaton, School Treasurer	5,000.00
Merton N. Godfrey	1,000.00
Mildred W. Cook	1,000.00
William E. Worcester	2,000.00
Harold E. Heaton, Town Treasurer	5,000.00

The Auditors recommend that the money of the Thetford Memorial Hospital Fund be kept separate from the General Fund.

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.

KATHERINE HOWARD,
RUTH PREVOST,
CARL A. ANDERSON,
Auditors

MARRIAGES — 1954

TOWN OF THETFORD

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Robinson, Norman William	Thetford	Roystan, Shirley Ruby	Newbury, Vt.	25 February	Vershire, Vt.
Frechette, Harold Jay	Hartford, Vt.	French, Beverly Agnes	Thetford	27 February	Wilder, Vt.
Cadwell, Louis Harvey, Jr.	Thetford	Hodge, Madeline Virginia	Thetford	29 March	Norwich, Vt.
Hodgdon, Darcy Gordon	Windsor, Vt.	Durkee, Helen Gertrude	Thetford	8 May	Windsor, Vt.
Bacon, Carlton George	Lyme, N. H.	Emerson, Ruth May	Thetford	31 May	Thetford
Barrett, Ruel Guy	Fairlee, Vt.	Anderson, Virginia L.	Thetford	5 September	Thetford
Seaholm, Charles H.	Thetford	Gale, Ada H.	Lebanon, N. H.	11 September	Lebanon, N. H.
Johnson, Thurman L.	Thetford	Knight, Marion C.	Thetford	25 September	Lebanon, N. H.
Durkee, Leonard Edward	Thetford	MacDonald, Bernice A.	Enfield, N. H.	2 October	Norwich, Vt.
Sawyer, Clayton Alburn	Enfield, N. H.	Robinson, Phyllis Gracie	Thetford	3 October	Thetford
Estes, Henry William	Thetford	Aldrich, Verna Lillian	Thetford	17 October	Thetford
Godfrey, Winston Allen	West Fairlee, Vt.	Moses, Mary Gertrude	Thetford	22 November	Thetford
Ginty, John Joseph, Jr.	Hanover, N. H.	Sayre, Dorothy Rosalinda	Thetford	4 December	Hanover, N. H.
Winer, James Mark	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Dye, Sondra Jane	Thetford	26 December	Thetford
Durkee, Roy Lewis	Thetford	Mace, Charlotte Eva	Hartford	26 December	Hartford, Vt.
Moses, Scott Clark, Jr.	Thetford	Downs, Marguerite E.	Hanover, N. H.	31 December	Lebanon, N. H.

BIRTHS — 1954

TOWN OF THETFORD

Name of Child	Father	Mother	Place of Birth	Date of Birth
Southworth, Roxanne	Summer Jay Southworth	Barbara Jean MacFarlane	Thetford	3 January
Tower, Peter Arthur	Arthur Frederick Tower	Irmgard Juliana Mueller	Hanover, N. H.	6 January
Baker, Jane Elizabeth	Robert Corliss Baker	Barbara Winslow Brown	Lebanon, N. H.	16 January
Donaldson, Jesse John	Herbert William Donaldson	Madeline Jessie Messier	Hanover, N. H.	20 January
Betts, Jared Hoyt	Charles William Betts	Claradella Snow	Hanover, N. H.	30 January
Roberts, Michael Gerard	Julius Elwin Roberts	Estella Amanda LaBelle	Thetford	10 February
Hodge, Lois Irene	Philip Winston Hodge	Doris Irene Dailey	Lebanon, N. H.	17 February
Bacon, James Arthur	Arthur James Bacon	Marion Alice Slack	Thetford	5 March
Vallieres, Michael Albert	Gerard Stanislaus Vallieres	Jean Nina Doe	Thetford	2 April
Piper, Michael Dean	Herman Dean Piper	Nancy Nina Doe	Lebanon, N. H.	15 April
Hatch, Richard Calvin	Richard Chauncey Hatch	Carolyn Ruth Jones	Lebanon, N. H.	4 June
Robinson, Norman Edward	Norman William Robinson	Shirley Ruby Rutledge	Haverhill, N. H.	6 June
Cadwell, Timothy Louis	Louis Harvey Cadwell, Jr.	Madeline Virginia Hodge	Lebanon, N. H.	21 June
Goodwin (Baby Girl)	Roy Hapgood Goodwin	Agnes Mary Lusco	Hanover, N. H.	10 June
Pero, Gary Dale	Elwin Merle Pero	Alberta Lorraine Preston	Lebanon, N. H.	18 July
Higgins, Kevin Keith	Gilbert Haven Higgins	Geraldine Julia Patnode	Haverhill, N. H.	23 July
Langley, Shelley Jo	Stanley William Langley	Jean Elizabeth Reid	Hanover, N. H.	25 July
Cadwell, Wendy Alice	Louis Harvey Cadwell	Nellie Dorothy Harlow	Lebanon, N. H.	26 July
Stanley, Gail Marie	Thomas Loren Stanley	Gladys Eva Lord	Lebanon, N. H.	10 August
Thresher, Richard Calvin	Richard Nelson Thresher	Elizabeth May Hanchett	Lebanon, N. H.	16 September
Vaughan, Robert Dean	Robert Clifton Vaughan	Janet Cornelia Kendall	Lebanon, N. H.	3 October
Fitzgerald, Joan Lee	William Francis Fitzgerald	Marion Charlotte Simonds	Hanover, N. H.	12 October
Hill, Janice Mae	Jay Wilfred Hill	Arline Thelma Newton	Lebanon, N. H.	10 November

DEATHS — 1954

TOWN OF THETFORD

Deceased	Residence	Date of Death	Place of Death	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	Hrs.
Smith, Arthur Elbridge	Thetford	8 January	Thetford	85			
Chase, Grace	Thetford	10 February	Hanover, N. H.	76			
Cross, Gary	Thetford	17 February	Brandon, Vt.	3	11	12	
Ash, Agnes Winona	Thetford	7 March	Thetford	76			
Clark, Etta Winham	Thetford	7 March	Lebanon, N. H.	73			
Freihofer, Clara	Thetford	7 March	Hanover, N. H.	47			
Cadwell, Lewis Manly	Thetford	19 April	Lyme, N. H.	87			
Thurber, Richard Leonard	Thetford	6 May	Waterbury, Vt.	80			
Roberts, Michael	Thetford	20 May	Hanover, N. H.	4			
Haskett, Albert	Thetford	19 June	Waterbury, Vt.	78			
Raymond, Arabella Elnora	Thetford	10 July	Brattleboro, Vt.	88			12
Goodwin, Baby Girl	Thetford	11 July	Hanover, N. H.				
Haskett, Henry C.	Thetford	11 July	Thetford	77			
Roberts, Fannie G.	Thetford	29 July	Hanover, N. H.	84			
Dodge, Alice Low	Thetford	7 September	Hanover, N. H.	93			
Ackerman, Alice	Thetford	1 November	Brattleboro, Vt.	71			
		4 December	Thetford				

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED W. COOK,

Town Clerk

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 1, 1955 A.D., at 10 o'clock A.M., E.S.T., to transact the following business:

Prayer by Rev. Dickerson

Article 1. To elect a Moderator. *same*

Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk. *same*

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?

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Before 3P.M.
83
nc
102

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. *Merton Godfrey*

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.

Taxes to be paid by Jan. 1st
Roll + Old Age

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. *same*

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation the parsonages of the Federated Church in North Thetford, the First Congregational Church in Thetford and the Timothy Frost Methodist Episcopal Church in Thetford Center for as long as the rentals from these parsonages are used for the support of the churches owning the same. *voted*

Article 11. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to erect a suitable monument in the East Thetford cemetery commemorating the early settlers. *voted out of cemetery fund*

Article 12. To see if the Town School District will vote to increase the rate of tuition to be paid Thetford Academy from \$225.00 to \$245.00. *voted*

Article 13. To see if the Town School District will vote to donate a sum of money to Thetford Academy. *\$1,000 voted*

Article 14. To see if the Town School District will vote to accept the Budget proposal and raise the tax as recommended in same.

Article 15. To see if the Town School District will vote to take any action towards providing a new central school or any other new school buildings, and, if so, to raise a special tax to cover the costs of such action.

Article 16. To see if the Town School District will vote to endorse a five-year program of rehabilitation and improvement of facilities in existing one-room school buildings, providing each with running water, toilets, adequate

*156
110 no
46 yes*

*172
77 yes
65 no
Committee*

heat and insulation, etc., at a cost estimated to total about \$38,000.00 for the five years or about \$7,500.00 each year, and to raise a special tax of 90 cents on the Grand List to pay the costs for same during the first year.

Article 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Dated at Thetford, Vermont, February 1, 1955

W. M. BACON,
W. G. COLTON,
GEORGE HUGGETT,

Selectmen
TOWN OF THETFORD

Granite Marker 5 ft. x 2 1/2 x 8" Smooth

(1763) Chamberlain child not to \$500 expised

Liquor Question

*Flood Control - mass.
Coming later - when [unclear] [unclear]*

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