

Bring This Report To Town Meeting

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF THETFORD

VERMONT

For the Year Ending December 31

1957

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GRAND LIST for 1957, \$8,856.64 TAX RATE \$8.20

TOWN OFFICERS

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

Selectmen

William M. Bacon (1955) Winston G. Colton (1956)
George H. Huggett (1957)

School Directors

Claradella S. Betts (1955) Elspeth P. Eaton (1956)
Frank R. Stiles (1957)

Auditors

Kate P. Howard (1955) Ruth Prevost (1956)
Carl A. Anderson (1957)

Listers

Edward C. LaMontagne (1956 for 2 years)
William E. Bond (1956)
Donald Doyle (1957—appointed to fullfill term of
Wm. Fitzgerald)

Trustees of Public Funds

Ellsworth H. Sargent (1955)
Pearly A. MacFarlane (1956) Vanessa Tilden (1957)
Constable and Collector of Taxes William E. Worcester
Overseer of the Poor Selectmen
Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits Gerald H. Wilson
Road Commissioner Merton Godfrey
Town Grand Juror Russell Abbott

Library Trustees

Emma E. Coombs (1957) Claire Fowle (1956)
Charlotte Vaughan (1955) Rosetta Estabrook (1954)
Kate P. Howard (1953)

Cemetery Trustees

William E. Bond (1955) Ellsworth H. Sargent (1956)
Ernest C. Bond (1957)

Budget Committee

Harold E. Heaton (Treasurer) Alice F. Fifield (1955)
Merton Godfrey (Road Commissioner)
Walter A. Malmquist (1956) Carl A. Anderson (1957)
George Huggett (Chrm. Selectmen)
Frank R. Stiles (Chrm. Schoolboard)

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, and Weighers of Coal

George Chase Ray H. Palmer
Walter A. Malmquist

Fence Viewers

Glen Aldrich William M. Bacon

Pound Keeper Edwin Roberts

Town Representative Elsie A. Cowles

Justices of the Peace

Harold E. Heaton Charles A. Wilcox
Charles W. Vaughan Walter A. Malmquist
Frederick T. Howard William E. Bond
L. B. Allen*

*Deceased

**MINUTES OF
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, TOWN OF THETFORD,
VERMONT—TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1957**

The annual Town Meeting of the Town of Thetford was held in the Thetford Academy Auditorium-Gymnasium at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 1957. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Charles A. Wilcox, who asked that the Reverend Mr. Leon Morse open the meeting with a prayer. The meeting then went into the business session.

Moderator: This meeting is called pursuant to the Town Warning, which was recorded and has been legally posted in the required number of places in town and is the same as printed in the Town Report, and unless there is an objection, we will dispense with reading of the Town Warning and assume you all have a copy. If not, there are some available at the front of the room. Come up and get it. You will notice that we have been provided with a loud speaker system both for the people up here and one down there for the audience.

- Art. 1. To elect Moderator.
Motion made and seconded that Charles A. Wilcox be re-elected as moderator for the term of one year. So voted.
- Art. 2. To elect a Town Clerk.
Motion made and seconded that Mrs. Mildred Cook be re-elected as Town Clerk for the term of one year. So voted.
- Art. 3. Providing for vote upon the following questions:
 - a. Shall license for the sale of malt and vinous liquors be granted in this town?
Yes: 117. No. 77
 - b. Shall spiritous liquors be sold in this town?
Yes: 63. No. 124

Moderator: As required by law, this article is voted upon by written ballot with the boxes open until 3:00 p.m. (**Note:** In order to locate the results of voting easily, I have entered the result of the vote at this time even though

the ballots were not counted until after three o'clock.)

Art. 4. To hear and act on the report of the town officers.

E. Sargent: I make the motion that the reports of the town officers be accepted as printed in the town report.
Motion was seconded.

Moderator: Now is the time to speak up about the Town Report if you have any questions, either praise or criticism.

E. LaMontagne: I would like to ask a question about Item 6 (page 45)—insurance on the grader amounting to \$171.78. This item was paid twice in the same year.

G. Huggett: The first payment was made March 10th of \$171.78 and then the policy expired on January 1, 1957, so it brings the other payment of \$171.03 due before that date. That covers fire, theft, liability, etc. Actually there are two policies and I can't explain too much about the reduction of 75c.

R. Burt: The Overseer of Poor account would seem to show an error in addition of the credits of \$200.

G. Huggett: This is not an error in addition but an omission. We received from the Department of Social Welfare a payment of \$200. You will find this recorded in the Town Treasurer's report under date of November 5th.

Moderator: Are there any more questions? The motion has been made and seconded that the reports of the Town Officers be adopted as printed in the Town Report. So voted.

Art. 5. To see if the town will authorize and empower the selectmen to appoint a road com-

missioner or elect same by ballot.

Motion made and seconded that Merton Godfrey be re-elected as Road Commissioner. So voted.

Motion made and seconded that the Town Clerk cast one vote to elect Merton Godfrey as Road Commissioner. So voted.

Art. 6. To elect all other town officers.
Motion made and seconded that Harold E. Heaton be re-elected as Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes for the term of one year. So voted.

Motion made and seconded that Mrs. Elsie Heaton be re-elected as Asst. Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes for the term of one year. So voted.

C. Anderson: Is it understood that with the election of Harold Heaton and Elsie Heaton as Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer, this covers the Receiver of Taxes also?

(Note: The statute was referred to and found this was not so.)

Moderator: I always understood that this was automatically so but it isn't. Mr. Anderson is right. There should be a vote.

Motion was made and seconded that Town Treasurer and Asst. Town Treasurer be empowered to receive taxes. So voted.

The election of selectman, for a term of three years, was by written ballot with the nominations being closed after the names of William Peters and George Huggett were presented.

Result of Vote: G. Huggett 62, W. Peters 54, P. Boutwell 3, R. Palmer 3. No. of votes cast: 122. Necessary to elect: 62.

Motion made and seconded that Carl Anderson be re-elected as Auditor for the term of three years. So voted.

The election of Lister for a term of three years was by written ballot with the nomination being closed after the names of William

Fitzgerald and Donald Doyle were presented.

Result of Vote: W. Fitzgerald 53, Donald Doyle 50. No. of votes cast: 103. Necessary to elect: 52.

Motion made and seconded that Mrs. Vanessa Tilden be re-elected as Trustee of Public Funds for the term of three years. So voted.

Motion made and seconded that William Worcester be re-elected as Constable and Collector of Taxes for the term of one year. So voted.

Motion made and seconded that the Town Clerk cast one ballot for William Worcester as Constable and Collector of Taxes. So voted.

The names of Charles Wilcox and William Worcester were given for the office of Overseer of the Poor. Both candidates refused the nomination. Motion made and seconded that the Selectmen serve as Overseer of the Poor as previously. So voted.

Motion made and seconded that Gerald H. Wilson be re-elected as Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for the term of one year. So voted.

Motion made and seconded that Russell Abbott be elected as Town Grand Juror for the term of one year. So voted.

Motion was made and seconded that Emma Coombs be re-elected as Library Trustee for the term of five years. So voted.

Motion made and seconded that Ernest C. Bond be re-elected as Cemetery Trustee for the term of three years. So voted.

Motion made and seconded that Carl Anderson be elected as a member of the Budget Committee to replace G. Cass Lightner for the term of three years. So voted.

Art. 7. To hear and act on the report of the Budget Committee and raise taxes:

- a. To pay the indebtedness of the town and current expenses;
- b. Highway tax.

W. Malmquist: I am not the chairman of the Budget committee, and in the emergency caused by the death of G. Cass Lightner, I believe the chairman of Selectmen has acted as such. However, the Budget committee would like to offer the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Budget committee express its deep regret in the death of G. Cass Lightner, former chairman, and its appreciation of his valuable and faithful work on the committee.

I would like to turn any questions of the Budget and the budget items over to the chairman of selectmen who is a much better source than I.

P. MacFarlane: I make the motion that the Town Tax of \$2.50 and the Highway tax of 80c be adopted. Motion seconded. So voted.

The moderator at this point declared a recess until one o'clock when the Town School District Meeting will convene. The other Articles on the Town Warning pertaining to Town business were passed over until the adjournment of the School District Meeting.

LUNCH

The moderator called the annual meeting of the Town School District to order at one o'clock and asked the Health Officer, Dr. William F. Putnam, to speak first.

Art. 4. To hear and act on the report of the School Board.

Dr. Putnam: There is a State law in Vermont requiring that the health officer of the town conduct an inspection during February and report to the town meeting. One of the questions asked me is: Why don't you condemn some or all of the Thetford schools. I don't think there is any serious doubt but that legal pro-

cedures could be taken which would force the School Board to some expensive improvements in the schools. I have not taken any step in that direction. I just don't think that is a good way to do business. Furthermore, I have been aware all this time that there have been questions raised about the health of the children, in the schools, that the School Board has been aware of the difficulty and has been taking steps as best they could to correct them. Furthermore, and the most important reason of all is it would be so expensive, almost prohibitively expensive, to get the seven schools into shape in town to have them meet even the minimum requirements that it seems completely unreasonable to take steps to have them do this, considering the fact it seemed to me self-evident the time is coming within the next few years when all the schools will have to be scrapped. So that is the reason why we have somewhat disgraceful conditions in the schools and "I have done nothing about it." I have submitted a detailed report to the School Board and Selectmen and they would be glad to show it to you. I'm not going into detail here. I will just say briefly that none of the schools is satisfactory. There are Post Mills, North Thetford, Stevens District, which are all pretty good, and there are at least East Thetford, Union Village and Thetford Center which are pretty bad, and that leaves Rices Mills somewhere in between. One thing that is bad in all schools without exception is that handwashing facilities are limited or absent. Toilets fall in the category from poor to fair—none are really good. Other facilities vary from poor to fair. Perhaps the exception is Post Mills school where the food preparation and storage is adequate. One thing I discovered for the first time is that the only firefighting equipment which seems to be available is a carbon tetrachloride extinguisher. This is extremely dangerous way to fight fires in buildings containing people.

G. Stowell: Why have the schools been allowed to get in this condition?

Dr. Putnam: I tried to answer that question. I felt that it was too expensive for the town to correct these conditions in the existing schools. In long term planning, it seems to me that the only solution is a new plant. This is a controversial question and I am treading on toes, but I did not feel that it was appropriate to force the town to fix up these old buildings. The rest is up to the School Board and up to the town.

C. Willey: What is the hazard of carbon tetrachloride extinguisher?

Dr. Putnam: There have been many deaths and many cases of serious illnesses resulting from the poisonous gas given off when the extinguisher is used in a closed place. This was not known when the carbon tetrachloride extinguishers were first installed. It was not generally recognized, but in recent years it has been clear that this is not the type of extinguisher to be used under these conditions. Carbon tetrachloride extinguishers are excellent for fires in the open but not in buildings where there are people.

A. LaPierre: Did I understand Dr. Putnam to say the health officer hadn't visited these buildings previously?

Dr. Putnam: I have inspected the schools from time to time but I never conducted such a thorough inspection as required by law as this year. I never made such a comprehensive report.

A. LaPierre: Would these schools have been run down so much if they had been inspected more thoroughly before?

G. Huggett: I think the condition of our schools has existed for many years and I think we all know the existing conditions of the schools, and I don't think this report is anything but what we knew about several years ago.

A. LaPierre: Why hasn't something been done about it?
Dr. Putnam: I tried explaining that a few minutes ago. Someone asked whether I had considered testing the water. I not only have consid-

ered it but have done it, but the reports are not back yet, but it is perfectly obvious in one or two instances that the water is unfit for drinking. It is carried in pails and is dangerous. It is contaminated for drinking water.

P. MacFarlane: Why is it that you have held out so long when you knew these reasons to exist? Why didn't you approach the School Board?

Dr. Putnam: I have called the attention of the School Board and tax payers to this situation in the past and in the second place, I felt that the School Board was making an effort to correct the situation and I thought it was better not to bring too much pressure to bear.

P. MacFarlane: Do you think we can get by with the present facilities, as individual schools, if repairs are done to plumbing, heating etc.?

Moderator: If these schools are brought up to standard in this regard, will they pass the Board of Education inspection?

Dr. Putnam: I am not sure what the implications are, but assuming we corrected all the facilities that have to do with health, which is very expensive, you would still have to deal with several questions that I have nothing to do with such as educational facilities. But I think I can't really answer Mr. MacFarlane's question without taking all the aspects of the school problems into consideration and not just the health problems. The physical facilities could be repaired to meet the health standards but the expense would be prohibitive, but it could be done.

Moderator: This discussion should properly come under Articles 14 and 15.

P. MacFarlane: I move that the report of the School

Board as printed in the Town Report be accepted. Motion seconded. So voted.

Art. 6. To elect a School Director.
The election of a School Director, for a term of three years, was by written ballot with the nominations being closed after the names of Delbert Mack and Frank Stiles were presented.
Result of Vote: Frank Stiles 121, Delbert Mack 42, Wm. Bond 1. No. of votes cast: 164. Necessary to elect: 83.

Art. 17. To see if the Town School District will vote to accept the Budget proposal and raise the tax as recommended in same.

Malmquist: In view of Dr. Putnam's report I would like to hear from the School Board. (After a brief discussion Mr. Malmquist decided this could properly be taken up under Article 14.)

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote 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 cost of such action.

Art. 15. To see if the Town School District will vote to endorse a 5-year program of rehabilitation and improvement of facilities in existing one-room school buildings and, or, additions, to present buildings, providing each with running water, toilets, adequate heat and insulation, etc.
(NOTE: Since much of the discussion on these two Articles was interchangeable, I have entered them both here.)

F. Stiles: We all remember last year and it is practically the same this year. We had figures for a new school and repairs to the old ones. As far as we know those figures have not changed too much. Nothing has been done on them since and that is the only figure we

have to go by for the present. It is up to the voters what they wish us to do.

P. MacFarlane: Under Article 14, I would like instructions on what Central school means—does that mean consolidated school?

Moderator: It states a New Central school building or other new school.

Motion was made and seconded that we pass over Article 14, and take up Article 15. So voted.

Moderator: Does the School Board wish to say anything on this subject?

F. Stiles: We can only say the same thing as last year. It is up to the voters. Any larger repairs will have to be paid for by a tax to be raised. If they wish any larger repairs than in the report, a tax will have to be raised to make them. The present tax takes care of just minor repairs.

G. Stowell: How much money would have to be raised?

F. Stiles: Last year the figure was \$30,000.

G. Stowell: Could that be spread over five years?

F. Stiles: Yes, if \$30,000 would cover it now.

G. Stowell: If we made it \$40,000, would that do it?

F. Stiles: Everyone has his own opinion, but I would doubt it.

A. LaPierre: Why don't we get our roads fixed before our school? What good is a new school on Thetford Hill or Thetford Center if the roads aren't good enough to get the school bus there?

At this point, the motion was made and seconded that Article 15 be passed over. So voted.

Dr. Putnam: I just now went out and received a telephone report on the water samples. Here they are:

Post Mills—No evidence of intestinal bacteria contamination.

Rices Mills—Contaminated by intestinal bacteria. Unfit for drinking.

Union Village—Contaminated by intestinal bacteria. Unfit for drinking.

East Thetford—Contaminated by intestinal bacteria. Unfit for drinking.

North Thetford—Contaminated by intestinal bacteria. Unfit for drinking.

Stevens District—Contaminated by intestinal bacteria. Unfit for drinking.

I hereby forbid the use of any of these sources of drinking water to be used and the

School Board are instructed to see that these sources are not used until they pass the State inspection.

Motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 14. So voted.

(NOTE: Many people left at this time and the noise and confusion were very distracting. Much of the meeting was lost at this point.)

Art. 16. To see if the Town School District will vote to allow the directors to set up a Special Sinking Fund for replacement of the town owned bus.

F. Stiles: This Article is explained on page 72. We would like to put away \$1000 a year for three years instead of \$3000 in one year.

C. Palmer: How much tax would be necessary to raise this \$1000? This Sinking Fund?

F. Stiles: About 11c per year in the School tax. Motion made and seconded to pass this Article. So voted.

Art. 18: To see if the Town School District will vote to increase the rate of tuition to be paid Thet-

ford Academy from \$265.00 to \$285.00.
No discussion. So voted.

Art. 19: To see if the Town School District will vote to donate a sum of money to Thetford Academy.
Motion made and seconded that the sum of \$1000 be donated to Thetford Academy. So voted.

Art. 20: To see if the Town School District will vote a sum of money, not to exceed \$80 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.
No discussion. So voted.

Art. 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

E. Cowles: I just want to say that a bill was passed in the House and has been passed by the Senate Committee on Education and undoubtedly will be passed by the Senate that the tuition in our high schools be raised to \$325. I just want to tell you that so you will understand that your Academy is not charging the highest tuition and that they may charge more if necessary, but not to exceed the cost per pupil for the year. I believe the cost per pupil at Thetford Academy is \$375.

Moderator: If there is no more business to be taken up before this meeting, the motion may properly be made to adjourn.
Motion made and seconded that the meeting of the Town School District be adjourned. So voted.
The moderator then called the Town Meeting to order and took up Article 8.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote approval of the expenditure of the Gas Tax funds for the construction, on either the State Aid or Town

Highway system, as determined by the selectmen.

G. Huggett: As I said last year, that is a matter of policy—that the Town authorize the selectmen to use the Gas Tax fund for construction for any of the State Aid or the town highway system. The fact is in order to draw this fund back from the State you must give us your consent to how you want the money spent. Last year you voted consent that the selectmen spend the Gas Tax fund as they see fit. We hope it will be done this year.
Motion made and seconded that the Article be passed. So voted.

Art. 9: To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$125.00, to American Legion Post No. 79 for Memorial Day observances.
No discussion. So voted.

Art. 10: To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$50.00, for the Town Library.
No discussion. So voted.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to continue the program on the Pine Blister Rust Control.
No discussion. So voted.

Art. 12. To see if the town will authorize the auditors of the town to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the auditor of accounts to conduct an audit of the accounts of the town, as provided for in Section 3603 and Sections 3604-3608, inclusive, V.S. Rev. 1947.

W. Worcester: About two years ago the town had the books audited at an expense of about \$300.00. The entire discrepancy found amounted to about \$2.48. I think it is foolish waste of our money with the present com-

petent auditors to employ an accountant.
Motion made and seconded that this Article
not be passed. So voted.

Art. 13. To see what action the town will vote in discussing and planning the commemoration of the Town of Thetford Bi-Centennial Anniversary.

R. Fowle: (NOTE: Mr. Fowle spoke on the importance of this observance and will give me a resume of his remarks at a later date. I will send them to the Town Clerk at that time.)
Motion made and seconded that a committee of seven, with Mr. Fowle as chairman, be appointed by him in conjunction with the selectmen to work on this project. The committee to be comprised of members from the seven communities of the town. So voted.

Art. 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.
Ellsworth Sargent brought up the subject of the poor condition of the road and cemetery at Rices Mills and asked that steps be taken to improve same. It was decided that the selectmen should meet with the cemetery commissioners about this project.
E. Crowley made the motion that the town hold a Special school meeting and not tie the School Board's hands.
G. Huggett made an amendment to this motion that we have several informal meetings and find out what the people want and then find out what we can do about it.

E. Crowley: I agree.

P. MacFarlane: Everything has been voted down. What good will meetings do? The School Board can go ahead and fix these buildings and we can't say one word.

Moderator: Shall we have some informal meetings to

get the sentiment of the town? The motion before us is whether or not we shall have a Special school meeting.
The motion was not passed.

Motion made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Burt,

Recorder

TO WHO IT MAY CONCERN:

Since I am not a court reporter, it is impossible for me to render a verbatim report of the town meeting proceedings. However, I have done my best to record the discussions accurately and hope this transcript meets with the approval of the voters.

Mary E. Burt

The Selectmen have reviewed the minutes of the meeting and have omitted much of the conversation that made up the greater part of the Town Meeting. For anyone interested in the details, the minutes are recorded at the Town Clerk's office.

The Selectmen

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT—1957

Receipts

1957

January

1	Cash balance	\$ 6,465.07
7	State of Vermont, highway retreatment	1,510.75
7	State of Vermont, resurfacing	141.39
16	Wm. E. Worcester, refund cost of writ	1.00
18	State of Vermont, extra maintenance	328.63
25	State of Vermont, town highways, \$125.00 per mile	4,914.61
25	State of Vermont, State Aid one-half gas tax	2,266.89

February

8	Town of West Fairlee, salt	140.40
21	U. S. Army Engineers, salt	48.00
27	State of Vermont, non settled poor per- sons	2,415.63

March

15	Noble Belisle Machinery, Inc., refund	120.77
30	Evergreen Rest Cemetery Assoc. refund	21.00

April

23	State of Vermont, winter maintenance highways	1,719.50
24	Dillion Insurance Agency, refund	171.03
24	C. A. Wilcox, insurance refund	4.23

May

1	S. A. Wing, beverage license	37.50
1	J. B. Smith, beverage license	37.50
4	State of Vermont, State of Connecticut, 1956 tax loss, flood control	925.02
14	Chauncey D. Willey, hire of machinery	24.00
14	Edward H. Peet, insurance refund	2.70
14	Jack Kenney, hire of grader	14.00
22	Bradford National Bank, loan	2,000.00

June

10	Carl Hebb, refund of brush fire costs	47.52
17	Robert Ordway, refund on George Rob- erts acct.	46.00
18	Camp Hanover, salt	57.30

August

1	Quincy Wright, machinery hire	32.38
6	Wesley Porter, beverage license	37.50
12	Ruben Dschalaljan, beverage license	37.50
23	Rent of Town Hall	5.25
23	C. E. Brown, dance hall permit	5.00
30	State of Vermont, forest service, Thetford Hill forest	15.68

September

10	State of Vermont, State of Massachusetts, 1956 tax loss, flood control	1,156.28
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October

24	State of Vermont, 75% land lease, receipts Union Village Dam	189.00
25	Current taxes received	69,749.12
25	Old Age Assistance tax received	2,300.00

November

7	Town School District, loan	15,000.00
20	Joseph Joiner, machinery hire	15.00
20	Harlan Manchester, culvert	28.50
25	Colton Farm, 2 cu. yd. sand	5.50
27	State of Vermont, State Aid, highways	4,159.09

December

2	Mildred Cook, town clerk, dog licenses	485.00
4	George Huggett, use of machinery and labor	84.95
4	George Huggett, culvert	43.05
4	Herbert Reininger, hire of machinery and labor	22.00
12	State of Vermont, highway resurfacing	141.50
13	R. B. Eaton, hire of machinery	17.88
13	Thetford Town School District, cedar posts	15.40
14	Town of Vershire, salt	77.40
19	State of Vermont, special highway con- struction	234.05
31	State of Vermont, town highways, \$150 per mile	10,855.92
31	State of Vermont, State Aid and town highways	4,557.75
31	Town of West Fairlee, salt	25.80
31	Gen. Fund to Road Com. acct., tax loss, flood control	237.76

31	Vt. Mutual Fire Insurance Co., grader damage	43.11
31	Wm. E. Worcester, collector, delinquent taxes	3,432.69
31	Wm. E. Worcester, interest and warrant fees	74.00
	Total receipts	<u>\$136,544.50</u>

Disbursements

Selectmen's current orders	\$46,313.29
Selectmen's current highway orders	22,610.66
Road Commissioner's current orders	7,209.54
Overseers of Poor, current orders	5,574.69
Cemetery commissioner's current orders	92.91
Transfer to School District current taxes	43,397.53
	<u>\$125,198.62</u>
Cash to balance	11,345.88
	<u>\$136,544.50</u>

H. E. Heaton, Treasurer

Thetford, Vt.
December 31, 1957

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

1957

January		
1	Cash balance	\$36,699.07
31	Correction of error in check	2.03
February		
4	Thetford Academy, bus fares	131.55
20	George D. Wrightson, tuition	150.00
March		
13	Thetford Academy, bus fares	112.00
13	State of Vermont, vocational education	360.00
13	State of Vermont, vocational education	637.55
April		
15	Thetford Academy, bus fares	121.85
15	R. H. Hatch, gas refund	28.29
May		
15	Thetford Academy, bus fares	166.15
17	George D. Wrightson, tuition	150.00
June		
18	Thetford Academy, bus fares	124.45
18	American Legion, payment on note	50.00
18	American Legion, int. on note.	3.00
July		
3	Town of West Fairlee, bus hire	5.00
August		
2	Thetford Academy, bus fares	147.15
2	Bollo Dimick, T.A.	33.00
14	State of Vermont, vocational education agriculture	670.56
14	State of Vermont, vocational education, home economics	240.00
October		
7	Mrs. I. Herzenberg, land rent	2.39
12	State of Vermont, vocational education	526.62
12	State of Vermont, vocational education	228.00

12	Thetford Academy, bus fares	202.45
23	Thetford Academy, bus fares, Vershire	10.40
25	General fund, current taxes	43,397.53

November		
12	Thetford Academy, bus fares	224.55

December		
2	State of Vermont, State Aid for education	20,995.95
12	Thetford Academy, bus fares	196.10
12	State of Vermont, vocational education	53.72
31	State of Vermont, Community fund, Rice's Mills, P.T.A.	37.50
31	General fund, School District apportionment of 1956	
	Flood control, tax loss	1,188.78
	Refund of overpayment	1.00

Total receipts	\$106,896.64
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Disbursements		
School Director's orders from January 1 to December 31, 1957	62,141.44	

Cash in bank	\$44,755.20
Selectmen's note	29,755.20
	15,000.00

Cash in account	\$44,755.20
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Harold E. Heaton, Treasurer

Thetford, Vt.

December 31, 1957

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TOWN FARM TRUST FUND

Cemetery Trust Fund, Dec. 3, 1957	
Received Town Treasurer, check	\$1,335.75
Pay note No. 3 and interest	

Disbursements	
220 Shares Puritan Fund, Inc.	1,300.20
Hillside Cemetery, Inc.	2.74
Post Mills Cemetery, Inc.	5.47
East Thetford Cemetery	8.20
Evergreen Rest Cemetery, Inc.	19.14

\$1,335.75

Investments	
220 Shares Puritan Fund, Inc.	\$1,300.20
Town Farm Trust Fund:	
Dec. 3 received Town Treasurer's check	\$4,105.00
Paying Note No. 2 and interest	

Disbursement	
December 15—677 shares Puritan Fund, Inc.	4,001.07
Dec. 31—M. H. Memorial Hospital	103.93

\$4,105.00

December 31, 1957 Investments:	
677 Shares Puritan Fund, Inc.	4,001.07
Inter-State Trust Co. savings acct. No. 14769	224.65

\$4,225.72

Ellsworth Sargent,
Vanessa Tilden,
Pearly A. MacFarlane,
Trustees.

ITEM NO. 1
OVERSEER OF THE POOR ACCOUNT

Tax rate, \$0.40	Total tax, \$3,542.66
Board	\$ 1,546.00
Medical care	62.38
Hospital services, 1956 and 1957	5,544.75
Department of Social Welfare	216.31
	\$ 7,369.44
 Credits:	
State of Vermont, non-settled persons	\$ 2,415.63
Adjusting hospital services bill	731.23
Theford Free Bed Fund, 1957	563.52
Theford Free Bed Fund, 1958	500.00
Refund, Robert Ordway	46.00
	\$ 4,256.38
Net cost to Town	\$3,113.06

The expenses outlined above are similar to those of 1956, board being much less, less home medical service, a much larger expense from the Department of Social Welfare, which will become even greater next year, and hospital services are the result of an unpaid balance of \$2,857.57 as of December 31, 1956, plus the expenses for the current year. Much credit should be given to the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital for their generous allowance in settlement with the Town.

ITEM NO. 2
SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT
Winter Roads

Tax rate, \$0.45	Total tax, \$3,985.49
January	
19 Hathorn's, Inc., material for snow plow	\$ 35.60
Gulf Oil Corp., gas	97.25
International Salt Co., 40 tons salt	872.00
Merton Godfrey, labor	52.33
Elwin Pero, labor	45.50

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	Geo. Huggett, labor \$27.50	
	Telephone charges \$11.33	38.83
		\$1,141.51
26	Eaton's Garage, gas	21.78
	J. Borden Smith, gas	3.31
	Merton Godfrey, labor, 2 weeks	113.43
	Elwin Pero, labor, 2 weeks	75.50
	Geo. Huggett, labor	23.00
		237.02
 February		
2	D. S. Bacon, gas	16.36
	Palmer's Garage, repairs, maintenance	88.39
	Bailey Brothers, parts, material	55.57
	Merton Godfrey, labor	36.23
	Elwin Pero, labor	31.50
		228.05
9	The Burch Corp., repairs sander	15.99
	Gulf Oil Corp., gas	172.33
	Hathorn's, Inc., material	3.60
	Merton Godfrey, labor	27.60
	Elwin Pero, labor	24.00
		243.52
16	The Village Store, supplies	1.30
	The Burch Corp., wheels, hubs, sander	37.55
	Merton Godfrey, labor	56.35
	Elwin Pero, labor	49.00
		144.20
23	Merton Godfrey, labor	9.78
	Elwin Pero, labor	4.50
	Franklin Godfrey, labor	4.00
		18.28

March

2	Bailey Brothers, parts maintenance	58.73
	Palmer's Garage, repairs, maintenance	83.03
	Elwin Pero, labor	4.00
	Geo. Hodge, labor	4.00
	Geo. Huggett, labor	3.00
	Franklin Godfrey, labor	3.00
		155.76

27

9	Gulf Oil Corp., gas	53.20	
	Hathorn's, Inc., material	11.18	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	29.90	
	Elwin Pero, labor	19.00	
	Geo. Hodge, labor	7.00	
		<u>120.28</u>	
16	Merton Godfrey, labor	22.43	
	Elwin Pero, labor	17.00	
		<u>39.43</u>	
30	D. S. Bacon, gas	14.01	14.01
April			
20	Geo. Huggett, truck Dec.-		
	April \$227.50	243.50	
	Labor 16.00		
	Merton Godfrey, labor sno-fence	18.40	
	Geo. Hodge, labor, sno-fence	16.00	
	Geo. Higgins, labor sno-fence	7.00	
		<u>284.90</u>	
May			
11	Kibby Equipment Co., use of loader	95.50	95.50
October			
12	Maurice Sumner, truck, winter sand	32.50	
	Geo. Huggett, trucks, winter sand	75.95	
	Edw. LaMontagne, truck, winter sand	27.50	
	Wm. Bond, truck, winter sand	23.93	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	20.70	
	Morris Pero, labor	18.00	
	Franklin Godfrey, labor	9.35	
	Geo. Huggett	5.50	
		<u>213.43</u>	
November			
2	International Salt Co., 40 tons salt	900.00	
	Bailey Bros., X-chains, anti-freeze, supplies, etc.	63.04	
	Gateway Motors, pull hooks	10.97	
	Palmer's Garage, repairs, maintenance	25.67	

	Merton Godfrey, unloading salt	16.68	
	Morris Pero, unloading salt	14.50	
		<u>31.18</u>	1,030.86
30	Kibby Equipment Co., seals loader	7.50	
	Merton Godfrey, labor sno-fence	41.40	
	Morris Pero, labor sno-fence	36.00	
	W. H. Sayre, labor sno-fence	12.50	
		<u>97.40</u>	
December			
7	Palmer's Garage, repairs, maintenance	103.49	
	Gulf Oil Corp., gas, fuel	70.96	
	Mingolla Machinery Co., windshield for grader	24.37	
	Hathorn's, Inc., paint, Ford	11.12	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	51.75	
	Morris Pero, labor	45.00	
		<u>306.69</u>	
14	Merton Godfrey, labor	48.30	
	Morris Pero, labor	39.00	
	Geo. Huggett, truck \$51.53; labor \$21.45	72.98	
		<u>160.28</u>	
28	Merton Godfrey, labor 2 weeks	101.21	
	Morris Pero, labor 2 weeks	83.00	
	Geo. Huggett, labor 2 weeks	64.25	
	Elwin Pero, labor	2.00	
	Gateway Motors, wheel alignment Ford	10.56	
	Kibby Equipment Co., grease	9.31	
	Treasurer U.S.A., 366 c.y. sand	36.60	
		<u>306.93</u>	
31	Bailey Bros., parts, supplies	108.76	
	Palmer's Garage, repairs, sander, plow	100.77	
	Eaton's Garage, wrecker service	8.70	
		<u>218.23</u>	
	Total expenditures		<u>\$5,056.28</u>
Credits:			
	State of Vermont, winter maintenance town roads	\$1,215.00	
	State of Vermont, winter maintenance State Aid roads	504.50	

Credits:

Leased land, Dartmouth College	\$ 20.00	
Land, rent, Union Village Dam Area	189.00	
Old Age Tax, collected 505 polls	2,525.00	
Flood tax loss, school, highway	1,426.54	
Chas. and Kathryn Flemming	164.00	
American Legion, Post No. 79	8.20	
Francella Gilchrist	1.51	
William E. Worcester, tax collector, taxes abated \$26.40, interest \$68.70, warrant fees \$4.80		99.90
	<u>\$4,434.15</u>	
Less credits, net cost to Town		\$2,822.96
Unexpended balance, Item No. 4		11.16

ITEM NO. 5**Town Officers, Legal Fees**

Tax rate, \$0.29	Total tax, \$2,568.43
March	
3 Katherine Howard, auditing service	\$ 15.00
Ruth Prevost, auditing Grand List, annual audit	40.00
	<u>\$ 55.00</u>
April	
20 Elsie E. Heaton, ballot clerk	5.00
Marion Wilson, ballot clerk	5.00
Gladys Aldrich, ballot clerk	5.00
Iva Fifield, ballot clerk	5.00
	<u>20.00</u>
May	
11 Hugh W. Hastings, legal service	4.25
Edw. LaMontagne, listers service	175.00
Donald Doyle, listers service	180.00
Wm. E. Bond, listers service	181.50
	<u>540.75</u>

June

8 Mildred W. Cook, recording fees	62.25	
	<u>62.25</u>	

August

17 Treas. State of Vermont, audit- ing service, March, 1955	257.83	
	<u>257.83</u>	

September

7 Mildred W. Cook, compiling Grand List, recording fees	71.00	
	<u>71.00</u>	

October

12 H. E. Heaton, treas., credit re- ceiving taxes	248.05	
	<u>248.05</u>	

December

15 Hugh W. Hastings, legal service	2.00	
H. E. Heaton, treas., balance receiver of taxes	474.50	
	<u>476.50</u>	

December

28 Mildred W. Cook, salary, re- cording	91.35	
H. E. Heaton, treasurer, salary	300.00	
Elsie E. Heaton, assistant treas.	18.75	
Wm. M. Bacon, selectman service	100.00	
W. G. Colton, selectman service	150.00	
Geo. Huggett, chairman, Selectmen \$150.00, Overseer Poor \$100.00	250.00	
	<u>910.10</u>	

Total expenditures

\$2,641.48

Deficit, Item No. 5

73.05

ITEM NO. 6

Electric Service, Insurance, Fires

Tax rate, \$0.17 **Total tax, \$1,505.62**

Electric service, street lights, Town Hall	\$ 492.15
Registration, insurance on equipment, buildings, Town Officers' Bonds	710.38

Fires:

Forest or brush fires (1)	39.56
Grass fires (2)	98.50
Chimney fires (1)	35.00
Homes (1)	143.50
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	316.56

Total expenditures \$1,519.09

Credits:

Dillon Insurance Agency	\$ 171.03
C. A. Wilcox, refund	4.23
Farmer's Cooperative	2.70
Carl Hebb, refund forest fire	47.52
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	225.48

Less credits; net cost to Town \$ 1,293.61
 Unexpended balance Item No. 6 212.01

ITEM NO. 7

Printing, Clerical Supplies

Tax rate, \$0.10 **Total tax, \$885.66**

February

2 J. Borden Smith, 1,000 stamped envelopes	\$ 37.60
E. C. Bacon, 1,000 stamped envelopes	37.60
Dora S. Bacon, 1,000 stamped envelopes	37.60
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	\$ 112.80

February

9 The Alden Press, printing J. Borden Smith, stamped envelopes	7.00
Chelsea Job Press, printing	22.50
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	48.10

March

16 Wheeler-Clark Co., dog tags	12.85
Cory-Hewitt Press, 700 town reports	490.00
Hazel Sayre, postage '55, '56	3.61
E. C. Bacon, postage, envelopes	9.56
The Alden Press, painting and printing	10.50
Mary E. Burt, stenographic services	15.00
J. Borden Smith, stamped envelopes	18.60
Dora S. Bacon, postage	1.50
Office Supply Center, repairs	36.70
College Supplies, Inc., supplies	7.31
Wm. E. Worcester, meetings	7.41
Nichols Hardware, supplies	3.67
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	616.71

April

20 Green Mountain Press, printing	1.50
Tuttle Law Print, supplies	3.60
Geo. Huggett, telephone charges 12/7-4/7	24.88
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	29.98

June

8 Bradford National Bank, printing	3.00
J. Borden Smith, tax cards	11.00
Office Supply Center, supplies	3.74
Mildred W. Cook, supplies	1.85
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	19.59

July

20	J. Borden Smith, stamped envelopes	20.02	
	Green Mountain Press, printing	12.85	
	Bradford National Bank, printing checks	3.00	
		<hr/>	35.87

August

17	The Alden Press, signs, paper, printing	50.32	
	Mildred W. Cook, supplies	2.20	
		<hr/>	52.52

November

2	Bradford National Bank, service charge	3.00	
	Geo. Huggett, telephone charges 4/7-10/7	25.14	
	Tuttle Stationery, supplies	1.48	
		<hr/>	29.62

December

28	Mildred W. Cook, supplies, telephone	7.85	
	Wm. M. Bacon, telephone, car mileage	19.30	
	W. G. Colton, telephone, car mileage	12.50	
	Geo. Huggett, telephone charges 10/7-12/7	18.70	
	Bradford National Bank, service charge	3.00	
		<hr/>	61.35

Total expenditures	\$1,006.54
Deficit, Item No. 7	120.88

ITEM NO. 8

Buildings, Forest, Department of Sanitation

Tax rate, \$0.19

Total tax, \$1,682.76

June

1	The Village Store, kero	\$ 2.81	
	Max O. Mousley, Pine Blister Control	107.60	
	Emily Heath, material booth curtains	7.67	
		<hr/>	118.08

29	Violet and DeWitt Southworth, land for dump	100.00	
	Geo. Huggett, labor dozing dump	38.00	
		<hr/>	138.00

November

2	West Fairlee Volunteer Fire Dept., rubbish fire	26.00	
	Milford Preston, care of buildings	54.35	
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December

14	DeWitt Southworth, care of Town Dump	88.00	
		<hr/>	88.00

Total expenditures	424.43
Unexpended balance	1,258.33

ITEM NO. 9

Interest

Tax rate, \$0.04

Total tax, \$354.27

February

23	Bradford National Bank, interest 60 days	\$ 63.50	
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September

28 Franklin County Trust Co., interest on grader	110.68	
		110.68

November

16 Trustees, Public Funds, Town Farm Fund interest on note No. 2—1953	\$ 100.05	
		\$ 100.05
Bradford National Bank, in- terest on note No. 1—'57	30.00	
		30.00
Trustees, Public Fund, Ceme- tery Fund interest on note No. 3—1953	35.75	
		35.75
Total expenditures	\$	339.98

Credit:

Refund, Evergreen Rest Cemetery	21.00	
Less credit, net cost to town	\$	318.98
Unexpended balance, Item No. 9		35.29

ITEM NO. 10

Appropriations

Tax rate, \$0.02 **Total tax, \$177.13**

May

11 Treas. American Legion Post No. 79, Memorial Day Ob- servance	\$ 125.00	
		\$ 125.00
Total expenditures	\$	125.00
Unexpended balance		52.00

ITEM NO. 11

Emergency, Civil Defense

Tax rate, \$0.08 **Total tax, \$708.53**

No order drawn on this item.
Unexpended balance \$ 708.53

not used

ITEM NO. 12

Equipment Replacement

Tax rate, \$0.30 **Total tax, \$2,610.00**

May

11 Kibby Equipment Co., purchase
back-hoe \$ 1,879.50

November

2 Madden Ford Sales, Ford
dump truck 3,250.00

December

28 Franklin County Trust Co.,
payment on grader 1,265.00

6,394.50

	Purchased	Cost	Rate of Life	Depr. 1957	
Caterpillar grader	Nov. '55	\$12,650.00	10 Yrs.	\$1,265.00	12 Mo.
Ford dump truck	Nov. '57	3,250.00	5 Yrs.	108.34	2 Mo.
Ford back-hoe, used	Apr. '57	1,879.50	3 Yrs.	469.89	9 Mo.

Annual depreciation on replaced equipment \$2,541.50

ITEM NO. 13

Cemetery Account

Tax rate, \$0.04 **Total tax, \$354.27**
See Commissioner's report.

ITEM NO. 14

Highway Account

Tax rate, \$0.80 **Total tax, \$7,085.31**

See Road Commissioner's report.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. M. Bacon

W. G. Colton

Geo. Huggett, Chairman

Selectmen, Town of Thetford

VERMONT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bradford, Vermont

January 2, 1958

Town of Thetford, Board of Selectmen
Attention Mr. Geo. Huggett, selectman; H. E. Heaton,
treasurer.

Listed below are funds which were available and spent by the town during 1957. 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 1956	\$12,271.76	
Total spent as per claim made by town	10,855.92	
Amount to be paid by State		\$10,855.92

State Aid Resurfacing (gravel)

Available from State $\frac{1}{3}$, town $\frac{2}{3}$.		
State	\$ 212.25	
Total spent as per claim made by town	213.20	
Amount to be paid by State		\$ 141.50

Special Maintenance

Available from State $\frac{2}{3}$, Town $\frac{1}{3}$	\$ 900.00	
Total spent as per claim made by town	351.07	
Amount to be paid by State		\$ 234.05

State Aid Construction Funds

Available from State, regular	\$ 3,430.60	
Town Highway Funds	1,200.00	
Total funds available	\$ 4,630.60	
Total spent as per claim made by Town	4,557.75	
Amount to be paid by State		\$ 4,557.75

State Aid Retreatment

Two-thirds cost of work		
Total spent as per claim made by Town	\$ 6,238.64	
Amount to be paid by State		\$ 4,159.09

SUMMARY OF ABOVE FUNDS

Item	Paid by State	By Town	Total Cost
Town Hih'ways F'nd	\$10,855.92	\$ 0.00	\$10,855.92
State Aid Resurf'cing	141.50	71.70	213.20
Special Maintenance	234.05	117.02	351.07
State Aid Construct'n	4,557.75	0.00	4,557.75
State Aid Retreatm't	4,159.09	2,079.55	6,238.64
State Aid Bridges			

Total	\$19,948.31	\$2,268.27	\$22,216.58
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R. H. Arnold,

District Engineer

Road Commissioner's Report

Labor:

Merton Godfrey	\$ 1,124.32
Geo. Hodge	676.50
Morris Pero	542.50
W. H. Sayre	292.00
Geo. Huggett	290.50
Elwin Pero	87.50
Geo. Higgins	67.00
Franklin Godfrey	21.25

Total	\$ 3,101.57
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Repairs:	
Bailey Bros.	\$ 23.69
Eaton's Garage	97.16
Pippin Const. Equip. Co.	31.36
Palmer's Garage	247.38
Casellini-Venable Corp.	66.77
Miller Auto Co.	4.65
Hathorn's, Inc.	34.42
Kibbey Equip. Co.	20.27
Total	\$ 525.70

Gas, Oil and Fuel:	
Gulf Oil Corp.	\$ 252.82
Kibbey Equip. Co.	35.99
Sanborn Oil Co.	40.38
Noble-Belisle	45.00
Palmer's Garage	6.72
Total	\$ 380.91

Hired Equipment:	
Geo. Huggett's truck	\$ 532.66
Maurice Sumner, truck and shovel	495.64
Wm. Bond, truck	121.71
Roy Abbott, truck	80.00
Ed. LaMontagne, truck	73.00
Maurice Tucker, truck	22.50
Delbert Bradbury, truck	95.00
Wm. Peck, truck	67.50
Wm. Spencer, truck	33.00
W. H. Sayre, Jr., moving dozer	8.00
Merton Godfrey, chainsaw	10.50
Leonard Cook, loader	50.00
Total	\$ 1,589.51

Miscellaneous:	
Blacktop, Inc., cold patch	\$ 290.61
New England Metal Culvert Co., culverts	456.29
James O'Shea, 230/100 chloride	438.79
Nichol's Hardware, small tools	4.89
Wayne Feed & Supply Co., small tools	4.45
Noble-Belisle	13.24

Brighton Steel Co., grader blades	148.50
Interstate Equip. Co., grader blades	91.99
Appalachian Sulphide Co. Inc., powder and caps	11.00
Total	\$ 1,459.76

Gravel:	
Ed. Clay, gravel	\$ 68.32
Caledonia Sand & Gravel Co.	20.00
Total	\$ 88.32
Total	\$ 7,145.77

Hours Credited to Equipment

Tractor, 115 hours at \$2.50	\$ 287.50
Grader, 620 hours at \$3.50	2,170.00
Loader, 156 hours at \$4.00	624.00
Chevrolet, 175 hours at \$1.80	227.50
Total	\$3,309.00

Respectfully submitted,
Merton Godfrey,
Road Commissioner.

DELINQUENT TAXES

Due the Town of Thetford, December 31, 1957

1950	Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie property	\$ 12.37
1951	Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie, property	18.45
1952	Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie, property	26.00
1953	Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie, property	19.20
1954	Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie, property	20.40
1955	Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie, property	21.15
	Cadwell, Nellie, poll	10.05
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		31.20
1956	Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie, property	24.45
	Cadwell, Harvey, poll	13.15
	Cadwell, Nellie, poll	13.15
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		50.75
1957	Banker, Ralph and Agnes, property	24.60
	*Bonnett, Robert and Joyce, property	75.85
	*Brady, John and Ethel's est., property	71.75
	Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie, property	24.60
	Crowley, Edwin and Anna, property	34.50
	Dennett, Warren and Violet, property	73.80
	Durkee, Heman and Valroy, property	26.65
	*Hatch, Frank and June, property	84.05

Hazen, Arthur, property	20.50	
Hill, Jay and Arlene, property	61.50	
*Palmer, Carroll property	49.20	
Palmer, Charles and Ailene, property	106.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 653.60
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		\$ 831.97
Delinquent taxes December 31, 1956		\$1,301.05
1957 taxes to collector:		
Poll	594.00	
Property	2,396.01	
	<hr/>	\$2,990.01
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		\$4,291.06
Paid to treasurer	\$3,432.69	
Collected by abatement	26.40	
	<hr/>	\$3,459.09
Delinquent taxes Dec. 31, 1957		\$ 831.97
Interest collected and paid treasurer, \$68.70.		
William E. Worcester,		
Tax Collector		
*Items paid since December 31, 1957		

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is the 22nd annual report which I have made to the citizens of Thetford regarding State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1957. The support and cooperation of town officers and people generally over this long period is gratefully acknowledged. We have some measure of responsibility for 12,000 individuals and annually spend about six million dollars.

The total number of recipients in all four programs has not changed substantially for several years. Due to the extension of Social Security, the number receiving Old Age Assistance has declined but those receiving Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled have increased. Supplementation of inadequate amounts of Social Security benefits is an increasing role of Public Assistance. Towns and cities participate financially in two of the programs as indicated below. Administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance have always been among the lowest in the nation. In one state the recipient receives less than 82 cents out of the assistance dollar. In Vermont the recipient received 96 cents.

Old Age Assistance	\$ 9,783.00
Aid to Dependent Children*	1,848.00
Total	\$11,631.00

W. Arthur Simpson,
Commissioner

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

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT

Thetford, like all towns, develops community health problems. A public health team from your Vermont Department of Health including a bacteriologist, chemist, dentist, engineer, health educator, public health nurse, nutritionist, physician, psychologist, sanitarian, social worker and statistician is available to aid your health officer, local doctors and other local citizens with such problems.

This report summarizes many services offered by the health team through use of state tax dollars, and indicates those services rendered to Thetford last year to promote health in the community.

HEALTH SERVICES WHERE YOU LIVE AND WORK: A healthy environment for your town results when water and sewage systems, factories, schools and other public buildings, and food and lodging establishments are properly constructed and operated.

Food and lodging places inspections-consultations	52
Industrial sites; inspections-consultations	0
Water, sewage, public buildings; inspections-consultations	18
Water samples; laboratory-analyses	62
Food and dairy products; laboratory-analyses	0

HEALTH SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS: The public health nurse is a member of the Health Department team often seen in your town. She assists in organizing local health efforts. During the year she has, with assistance from people in your community, served at well-child and school conferences, X-ray clinics and immunization clinics and with visits to homes, doctors and agencies to promote and protect the health of children and adults.

Well-child Conferences; persons served	15
School Conferences; persons served	15
Chest X-rays, persons served	14
Nurse visits (to home, physician, school) 85 visits on behalf of 65 persons.	

Immunizations:	
Polio*: Persons injected at childrens' clinics	255
Persons injected at adult clinics and doctors' offices	58
Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus: Persons immunized	21

The public health nurse welcomes the opportunity to serve you, and can be reached by mail addressed to the Vermont Department of Health, Division of Public Health Nursing, Bethel, Vermont.

Health Services available and rendered to individual residents of Thetford through personnel operating from the state office were:
For health promotion:

Nutrition consultations	0
Chest X-rays in industry	0
Immunizing agents were made available.	
For diagnostic aid:	
Laboratory analyses on blood specimens	45
Laboratory analyses on other specimens	7
Pediatric consultation, persons served	0
Pediatric hospital diagnosis, persons served	0
For diagnosis and treatment:	
Crippled Children's Clinics; persons served	3
Guidance Clinics; persons served	2
Hospitalization Financial Assistance; persons served	0
Tumor Clinics; persons served	0

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES: Citizens of your town may call upon the public health team for advice on methods for gaining health improvement, such as:

Town visits on dental health problems	0
Health information services and visits on health improvement projects	0
Hospital and nursing home inspections and consultations	2

Dietetic and nutrition services to groups 0

*Number of persons served since beginning of program.

Respectfully submitted,
William F. Putnam, M.D.
Health Officer of Thetford
Robert B. Aiken, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner of Health

The local health officer has dealt with and given advice on various health problems as they have arisen, including making inspections of schools and dump sites.

Records have been made and reports submitted to the State Department of Health of contagious diseases occurring within the town. Children with a question of contagious disease have been seen; permission has been given for the end of quarantine of those who have had contagious diseases.

DOG ACCOUNT

To: Harold E. Heaton, Treasurer

Dog Account:

122 Males and Spayed Females at \$2.00	\$244.00
25 Females at \$6.00	150.00
1 Kennel License	30.00
13 Males at \$3.00	39.00
4 Spayed Females at \$3.00	12.00
1 Female at \$9.00	9.00
1 Spayed Female at one-half price (after Oct. 1)	1.00
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	\$485.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred W. Cook,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

Your Cemetery Commission has cared for seven cemeteries under its jurisdiction for \$92.91. This does not include the \$90.00 paid out for a new mower which will come in next year's report.

E. C. Bond

E. H. Sargent

W. E. Bond

Commissioners

REPORT OF THE

NEEDS AND CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS

On this and the following pages you will find a summary of maintenance of the various buildings, statistical and financial reports and a recommended tax for the ensuing school year based on these statistics.

Routine repairs at North Thetford include painting of window sash, casings, and the toilet areas. Repair of the front steps, teeters; installation of a post, backboard and hoop for basketball practice. Minor repairs to windows as replacing broken panes.

At East Thetford the kitchen and toilet areas were painted. Floor leading to boys' toilet leveled. Placed new strips around loose windows as well as replacing sash cords and minor glass repairs. Repaired and painted teeter; cleaned up grounds and removed rubbish. New fence posts were set for erection of new woven wire fence this Spring.

Stevens school had kitchen and toilets painted, toilet seats varnished and teeters repaired and painted. Repaired cellar window, placed strips around loose windows, and fixed curtain and sash cords. Chimney, smoke pipe and stove cleaned. Coat rack refastened.

Union Village—Painted classroom walls and ceiling. Replaced several broken windows. Toilets which had previously been in basement were replaced and installed on classroom level. Smoke pipe and chimney cleaned, and considerable rubbish removed.

Rice's Mills—Built concrete steps so they are less dangerous and not so high between steps. Kitchen washed and painted along with window sash and casings. New strips over wallboard seams were put on and then classroom walls and ceiling painted.

Toilet seats and dip tubes painted and new agitators installed. Two electrical outlets added in kitchen area. Stove pipe cleaned and painted, and a new thimble where pipe enters chimney was added.

Center School—Cleaned and painted toilet rooms,

and seats, as well as floor. Replaced parts of toilets. Scraped both chemical tanks and treated with two coats of tar. An additional brace placed on chimney. Walls in entryway cleaned around the heat vents. A coal bin was built in the cellar.

Post Mills—The hall entrance was painted. Two new clothes rods installed. Floor mopped and waxed downstairs. Mopped and refinished with gym-finish upstairs. Replaced toilet seats. All windows washed, chimneys and stove pipe cleaned and replaced where necessary. Bulletin boards painted in downstairs room.

School Bus—During the summer repairs were made on the Bus and with the installation of a new motor appears to be in tip-top condition. Four new tires have been purchased and put on during the Fall.

In explanation of our expenditures, close attention to figures of the last three columns at the right side of the page give a pretty clear picture. Comparison of the total year expenses as against monies budgeted clearly show where we have had increased costs or if we were able to save on anticipated expense. As you can see we anticipate having again a surplus this June 30. More sizeable than last year it is reflected through a saving of \$610.00 in teachers' salaries; nearly \$100.00 in music, approximately \$4,000.00 in tuition, and to a considerable degree by an increase of approximately \$3,500.00 in State Aid. These columns also show a few instances where our budget estimate was exceeded. Most noticeable is the Bus driver, gas and oil; and transportation. These together total nearly \$1,250.00. This also is offset as we have now received \$1,188.78 Flood Tax which did not appear in our budget figure estimates for income. This year we do show a figure which will reflect on the tax rate and amount to be raised for school purposes. This has been the bright side of our report. Now for some evidence regarding the budget as proposed for next year. First, tuition is being increased by \$45.00 per pupil for next year. On the basis of this year's total attending which is 65 we are budgeting for 64 next year. This because 15 seniors are due to graduate from the Academy and only 14 from our present eighth grade. Teachers who remain with us another

year will by law in many cases receive increments of \$300.00. Others not as much, depending on certification and experience. Also, it is hoped that we might find a qualified person certified for music and teaching half-time; \$1,700.00 has been set up for this in the event we are successful in finding such a person available. In addition there may be some increase in transportation. This has not been determined nor budgeted for at present, as we usually wait until our census is taken before making school assignments by grades or by pupils.

From the figures shown it can be seen that budget is increased in total over last year by \$5,835.00. But as explained before additional State Aid to assist in paying teachers, the flood tax monies and the balance we anticipate will reduce the amount necessary to be raised by taxes.

We have not shown the same balance on December 31 as will be found in Treasurer's Report since we have made no mention of the \$15,000.00 loan to Selectmen secured by note.

We therefore strongly recommend a tax of \$4.65 based on last year's Grand List for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank R. Stiles,

Claradella Betts,

Elsbeth Eaton,

School Directors

Fay G. Whitcomb,

Superintendent

The board would like to thank the Citizen Committee for their work done this year.

The Citizen Committee was organized at the request of the School Board, to help study and find a solution to the school problems.

This committee consisted of three members, from each school district and divided themselves into three committees; 1. One school plan, 2. Two schools, 3. Present school repairs. This third committee inspected our schools and also asked the State Health Officer and Fire Warden to do so. They then met with the School Directors to discuss recommended improvements.

All recommendations, such as fire extinguishers, checking thermo wires, ventilated collars, steps, stove and furnace repairs, were attended to. The second exits have not as yet been done.

Sanitary conditions remain about the same, except for Union Village where two new toilet rooms were installed. Water test were repeated and all school water tested pure except Stevens. Three of our schools still have no water in the building.

We sincerely hope the Citizen's Committee will continue to operate and assist the directors until adequate school facilities are obtained.

Signed:

Frank R. Stiles

Claradella Betts

Elsbeth F. Eaton

School Directors

PUPIL PROGRESS — 1957-1958

Grades	Total Pupils Enrolled For Year	No. Promoted One or More Grades	No. Promoted One Grade on Condition	Number not Promoted A Grade	Number Transferred To Other Schools
1	27	22	0	2	3
2	38	30	1	1	6
3	27	23	0	1	3
4	24	18	2	1	3
5	34	28	2	1	3
6	31	28	0	1	2
7	21	13	1	3	4
8	22	21	0	0	1
Elem. total	224	183	6	10	25

ENROLLMENT—1957-1958

Schools:	Grades								Tot.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Post Mills 1-3	8	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	26
Post Mills 4-6	0	0	0	8	6	8	0	0	22
Post Mills 7-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	11	27
East Thetford	7	3	7	3	0	0	0	0	20
North Thetford	0	0	0	0	0	13	8	0	21
Rice's Mills	1	3	4	0	6	0	8	2	24
Thetford Ctr.	4	3	6	3	8	0	0	0	24
Stevens	0	1	2	5	0	3	3	0	14
Union Village	4	5	3	3	0	2	0	0	17
Elem. total	24	24	31	22	20	26	35	13	195
High School	Grades								Total
At Academy									
1956-1957									67
1957-1958									64
St. Johnsbury Trade									
1957-1958									1

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

In examining the accounts and budget of the Town, Highway, and School departments, we find the reports printed in your Town Report this year to be clearly stated, and with very little conflict with an orderly budget of Town expenditures.

For the year 1958 the following tax rates are recommended as detailed in the Town, Highway, and School budget contained in your Town Report which total as follows:

Town tax	\$2.55
Highway tax	0.80
School tax	4.65

It has been found highly desirable, and valuable, in preserving a better record of Town Meeting proceedings to have, as we have for the past three years, a recording stenographer. We would recommend that this practice be continued, and would further recommend, for your consideration and vote, that a copy of the minutes of all legal actions and proceedings of this Town Meeting be sent to all families of, or legal voters of the Town within thirty days from Town Meeting.

We would also recommend in this report that the Thetford Hospital Memorial Fund of \$115.00, originating in memory of Niles Miller, be deposited in a Saving Bank as a Trust Fund, and the interest made available annually to the Selectmen, to be administered as a Fund for Hospital care. To this \$115.00, we recommend that you add \$224.65 accumulated as interest from the Town Farm Trust Fund account, thereby, making a total of \$339.65 in trust, to produce interest for use in providing hospital care.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. Huggett,
Frank R. Stiles,
Merton E. Godfrey,
Harold E. Heaton,
Mrs. Ralph Fifield,
Walter A. Malmquist,
Carl A. Anderson,

Budget Committee

The Town wishes to express its thanks and appreciation for the Resuscitator that was given to the Town by the Welfare Club that was established at the Vermont Copper Co., which later became Appalachian Sulphides, Inc., of Strafford.

Enclosure of

This is a generous gift to the Town, and one that should be accepted with great responsibility, both on the part of those for whom it is intended and to those that are responsible for its use and care.

It is the thought of the Selectmen that it should be located to serve all at its best advantage. This equipment is to be used only in an emergency, and should be considered as such.

We feel that each Village should delegate as many as possible that would be interested in learning the proper function of this equipment, and become thoroughly familiar to its uses in its operation and application.

At the present time it is intended to be located at Thetford Academy and to be available at all times for emergency use.

The Selectmen

PROPOSED BUDGET — 1958

1957 Grand List \$8,856.64, estimated Grand List 1958, \$8,850.00

	Tax Rate '57	Income	Spent	T'x R'te '58	Anticipated Income
1. Poor Account	.40	\$ 3,542.66	\$ 3,113.06	\$.40	\$ 3,540.00
2. Winter roads	.45	3,985.49	3,002.07	.45	3,982.50
3. Construction, bridges	.10	885.66	3,377.82	.35	3,097.50
4. Taxes — State, County	.32	2,834.12	2,822.96	.32	2,832.00
5. Town Officers	.29	2,568.43	2,641.48	.30	2,655.00
6. Electricity, fires, insurance	.17	1,505.62	1,283.61	.18	1,593.00
7. Printing, supplies	.10	885.66	1,006.54	.15	1,327.50
8. Buildings, forest, sanitation	.19	1,682.76	424.43	.05	442.50
9. Interest	.04	354.27	339.98	.02	177.00
10. Appropriations	.02	177.13	125.00	.03	265.50
11. Emergency, civil defense	.08	708.53	—	.08	708.00
12. Cemetery account	.04	354.27	90.00	.04	354.00
13. Equipment replacement	.30	2,656.99	6,394.50	.18	1,593.00
14. Highway account	.80	7,085.31	7,209.54	.80	7,080.00
	\$ 3.30	\$29,226.90	\$31,83 99	\$ 3.35	\$29,647.50

COMPARISON OF SCHOOL EXPENSES AND INCOME 1952-1959

	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	Spent July 31, 57	Estimated Jan 1 to June 30, '58	Estimated Year Total 1957-1958	Budget 1957-1958	Budget 1958-1959
Expenditures										
Supt. salary & expenses	\$ 1,187.54	\$ 1,303.16	\$ 1,467.23	\$ 1,756.14	\$ 1,722.20	\$ 846.00	\$ 883.55	\$ 1,729.55	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,800.00
School Directors & Misc. (inc. S. S.)	397.19	310.03	412.54	461.83	593.92	204.17	275.00	479.17	400.00	500.00
Fed. Aid-Voc. to T.A.	2,272.29	2,639.32	4,137.96	3,471.82	2,458.65	1,718.90	1,300.00	3,018.90	3,000.00	3,000.00
Teachers salaries	16,410.00	17,582.00	17,666.00	22,600.74	22,326.25	9,960.00	14,830.00	24,790.00	25,400.00	29,335.00
Music Classes	550.00	650.00	843.05	707.50	803.00	284.30	420.00	704.30	850.00	1,700.00
High School Tuition & Aid	1,064.58	1,357.81	1,421.86	1,451.19	1,255.01	7,268.12	12,536.24	19,804.36	23,800.00	21,800.00
Text Books & Supplies	126.96	33.66	74.57	108.27	212.82	1,595.96	105.00	1,700.96	1,700.00	1,900.00
Library-health-lunch-census	340.36	232.40	49.23	616.08	2,422.18	989.54	110.00	201.81	200.00	150.00
Janitors, cleaners & supplies	1,202.74	1,325.76	2,080.85	2,879.84	1,582.86	541.76	750.00	2,369.54	2,500.00	3,000.00
Fuel & Lights	1,659.68	1,251.52	1,497.14	1,587.58	2,665.24	1,149.92	1,950.00	3,099.92	3,000.00	3,000.00
Repair & Upkeep	340.36	232.40	49.23	616.08	23.86	217.77	282.00	499.77	500.00	1,000.00
Furniture & Equipment	238.96	303.36	424.82	249.28	313.20	249.83	390.00	639.83	250.00	600.00
Insurance	3,167.50	3,501.00	2,726.50	2,279.74	3,627.09	1,730.29	2,224.00	3,954.29	3,400.00	3,800.00
Transportation (except bus)	2,288.35	2,376.57	1,511.78	2,091.05	2,156.75	1,373.91	1,420.00	2,793.91	2,100.00	2,100.00
Bus driver, gas, rep., etc.	1,460.00	323.33	3,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,188.78	0.00	1,000.00
New sch. bus, cap. outlay	0.00	0.00	31.25	1,025.00	0.00					
Dept. payment & interest	0.00	0.00	166.90	178.35	0.00					
Plans, Consolidated School	0.00	0.00								
	\$45,197.86	\$49,656.15	\$52,845.74	\$62,019.50	\$62,019.81	\$28,222.28	\$40,044.57	\$68,266.85	\$70,150.00	\$75,985.00

Balance on hand July 1	\$	482.27	\$	26.42	\$	0.00	\$	731.85	\$	0.00	\$	4,817.78	\$	44,755.20	\$	4,817.78	\$	3,900.00	\$	7,320.00
Income																				
Town Taxes		27,093.77		27,433.07		30,516.98		33,192.18		44,245.38		43,397.53		0.00		43,397.53		43,840.00		40,730.00
State Aid		13,296.50		16,002.84		16,163.38		16,964.78		17,905.87		20,935.95		0.00		20,995.95		17,500.00		21,625.00
Ed. Aid-Voc. to T.A.		2,272.29		2,639.32		2,817.96		3,447.82		2,458.65		1,718.90		1,300.00		3,018.90		2,600.00		3,000.00
Contributions		210.00		245.00		310.00		310.00		475.00		0.00		310.00		310.00		310.00		310.00
Borrowed or Gen. Fund		0.00		0.00		2,000.00		*4,500.00		1,024.70		0.00		1,000.00		1,818.65		1,900.00		1,900.00
Transfer		1,847.66		1,866.40		1,261.05		1,605.65		1,582.60		818.65		39.89		39.89		50.00		50.00
Bus Fares and Receipts		21.79		403.34		103.96		179.52		112.27		0.00		0.00		0.00		50.00		50.00
Miscellaneous		21.79		403.34		103.96		1,605.65		54.50		0.00		0.00		0.00		50.00		50.00
Balance of School House		0.00		59.00		84.26		56.00		0.00		1,188.78		0.00		1,188.78		0.00		1,000.00
Total Income		\$45,224.28		\$48,875.39		\$53,577.59		\$60,987.80		\$62,019.81		\$72,977.48		\$47,365.20		\$75,587.48		\$70,150.00		\$75,985.00
Total Expense		45,197.86		49,656.15		52,845.74		62,019.50		5,839.16***		\$44,755.20		\$ 7,320.63		\$7,320.63		\$ 7,320.63		\$7,320.63
Bal. on hand Dec. 31, '57	\$	26.42	\$	780.76	\$	731.85	\$	1,081.70	\$	4,817.78	\$	7,320.63								
Bal. on hand June 30	\$	26.42	\$	780.76	\$	731.85	\$	1,081.70	\$	4,817.78	\$	7,320.63								
Actual Deficit on June 30																				

Actual surplus on June 30 \$ 26.42
 General Fund Transfer
 **Tax rate \$4.90
 ***\$1,021.38 difference actually paid this school year on '55-'56 bills.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THETFORD ACADEMY

To the Citizens of Thetford:

On September 4, with no change in the faculty from the previous year, Thetford Academy welcomed a Freshman Class of 45 students. Several students from the other classes did not return, but two former students returned as Seniors, three new students enrolled in the Junior Class and one new member was added to the Sophomore Class. Thus, at the beginning of the school year there was a total enrollment of 146, divided into classes as follows: Seniors, 28; Juniors, 30; Sophomores, 43, and Freshmen, 45.

It may be of interest to note that of last year's class, seven of the boys have joined one or another of the several branches of the United States Armed Forces; three girls are at various hospitals taking the Nurses' Training course; two girls are at a Commercial College; two boys are at the Randolph Agricultural and Technical School; and two girls and one boy are attending the University of Vermont, Swarthmore College and Syracuse University, respectively. Each year 30%—sometimes more, seldom fewer—of our students seek education beyond the twelfth year of school. This is a slightly higher average than prevails throughout the state.

This fall 385,642 seniors from all over the country, including both private and public high schools, took the Scholarship Qualifying Test. Eleven of our seniors participated in this test, and I am pleased to report nine of these students ranked at or above the average percentile for all students taking the examination.

During the fall letters were sent to all parents of our students asking for closer co-operation with the school in the amount of home studying that is being done. In the majority of cases the response was very gratifying. However, with the increase of tuition to \$325 — an increase made necessary by increasing costs — we should

have a 100% response by parents and students. Only in this way can they receive a fair return on their investment.

In September the Stanford Achievement Tests were given to our Freshman Class. We hope that the towns of Thetford, West Fairlee, and Vershire will give these tests to their eighth grade pupils in the future so that we may have them as a guide to help our Freshmen in the selection of their courses. For some years we have been receiving the reports of these tests from Lyme and Strafford, and they have proved very helpful in orienting the pupils from those towns.

There is one matter regarding the policy of the Academy which I should like to explain to you all. I had assumed that it is common knowledge but, through conversation with a number of people, I discovered that this is not the case. On our programs at graduation appears the heading: "Candidates for Graduation," followed by a list of the members of the Senior Class. A regulation diploma is given to each member of the class who has earned 16 credits, of which 4 must be in English—a required course in each of the four years—and 1 must be in American History. Those members of the class who have not earned 16 credits in the manner indicated receive a certificate of attendance. There is no difference in the outside appearance of the diplomas and certificates.

As in the past, may I express the appreciation of the trustees and faculty for your loyalty and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl A. Anderson

Principal

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Liabilities

Notes	1956	1957
2— 53 Trustees Public Funds Town Funds	\$ 4,000.00	_____
6 52 Trustees Public Funds Cemetery Funds	1,300.00	_____
3 10—Franklin County Savings Bank & Trust Co.	8,855.00	7,590.00
4—456 Bradford National Bank Selectmen Note to Thetford School Board	12,700.00	15,000.00
	<u>\$26,855.00</u>	<u>\$22,590.00</u>

Assets

	1956	1957
Trustees of Public Funds Note of Town 2/53	\$4,000.00	_____
Cash on Hand, Public Funds, Inter-State Trust Co.	219.55	_____
Outstanding Taxes	1,301.05	831.97
Cash on Hand, Town	6,465.07	11,345.88
Cash on hand, School District	36,699.07	29,755.20
Selectmen's Note		15,000.00
Assets	<u>\$48,684.74</u>	<u>\$56,933.05</u>
Liabilities	<u>26,855.00</u>	<u>22,590.00</u>
	<u>\$21,829.74</u>	<u>\$34,343.05</u>

OTHER MONETARY ASSETS OF THE TOWN

Cemetery Trust Funds	\$1,300.20
220 Shares Puritan Funds	
Trustees of Public Funds	4,001.07
677 Shares Puritan Funds	
Inter-State Trust Co.	224.65
Thetford Town Forest	500.00

The officers of the Town are properly bonded as required by law.

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

TOWN WARNING

The legal voters of the Town and Town School District of Thetford, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Thetford Academy Auditorium-Gymnasium in said Town of Thetford, Tuesday, March 4, 1958 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
 - 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 and raise taxes:
 - a. To pay indebtedness of the Town and Current Expenses. \$2,55
 - b. Highway tax. 80
- Article 8. To see if the Town, acting under the provisions of No. 219 of the Acts of 1957, will vote to abolish the Quadrennial Appraisal of real estate which will otherwise be required to be made beginning June 1 this year. Value 357
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to purchase and have installed in the Thetford Academy Gymnasium a loud speaker system, agreeable with the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Trustees of Thetford Academy.

voted

voted

noted
Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$125.00, to American Legion Post No. 79 for Memorial Day observance.

noted
Article 11. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$50.00, for the Town Library.

noted
Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to continue the program on the Pine Blister Rust Control.

Passed over
Article 13. To see if the Town will authorize the auditors of the Town to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the Auditor of Accounts to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town, as provided in Section 3603, 3604-3608, inclusive, V.S. Rev. 1947.

Article 14. To see if the Town School District will vote to accept the School Report and raise the tax as recommended. *7465 noted*

noted
Article 15. To see if the Town School District will vote to increase the rate of tuition to be paid Thetford Academy from \$285 to \$325.

noted
Article 16. To see if the Town School District will vote to donate a sum of money to Thetford Academy.

noted
Article 17. To see if the Town School District will vote 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, subjected to recommendation by the School Directors and Principal.

noted
Article 18. To see if the Town School District will

allow the Directors to set up a specific sum of money, \$1,000.00 annually for the Sinking Fund.

Article 19. To see if the Town School District will vote to elect two additional Directors to establish a five-member School Board. *passed over*

Article 20. To see if the Town School District will vote to hold its annual School meeting during the last week in June. *passed over*

Article 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Dated at Thetford, Vermont, February 3, 1958.

Wm. M. Bacon,

W. G. Colton,

Geo. Huggett,

Selectmen, Town of Thetford

*Total 130
Bond 29
School 31
Rate 71*

MARRIAGES — 1957

TOWN OF THETFORD

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date	Place
McKinnon, Bruce	Denton	Shovan, Lauretta	Lebanon, N. H.	18 May	Norwich, Vt.
Abbott, Russell K.	Thetford	Tyler, Dorothy F.	Thetford	16 June	Thetford
Goodrich, Lewis George	Thetford	Gardner, Edna Pearl	Norwich, Vt.	23 June	Norwich, Vt.
Kelley, Paul Leonard	Thetford	Brown, Mary Lou	Stratford, Vt.	30 June	Stratford, Vt.
Nelson, Buckley Duane	W. Fairlee, Vt.	Tatro, Linda Beth	Thetford	3 July	Thetford
Brown, Gordon M.	Hartford, Vt.	Teeter, Janet Claire	Thetford	9 August	Thetford
Beede, Earl J., Jr.	Thetford	Blandin, Patricia Ellen	Thetford	1 September	Norwich, Vt.
Durkee, William Ralph	Thetford	Teeter, Jacqueline Ruth	Hartford	7 September	Norwich, Vt.
Fifield, Gordon Clark	Thetford	Pero, Hazel Ida	Thetford	5 October	Norwich, Vt.
Blair, Willard Norman	Hartford, Conn.	French, Beulah Clarissa	Thetford	26 October	Norwich, Vt.

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BIRTHS — 1957

Name of Child	Father of Child	Mother of Child	Place of Birth	Date of Birth
Schultz Laurie Ann	Joseph Donald Schultz	Hope Mina Freeman	Hanover, N. H.	20 January
Thurston, Tony Roy	Elwood Eugene Thurston	Gloria Ann Goodrich	Lebanon, N. H.	25 January
Comstock, Regina Ann	Kenneth Arthur Comstock	Barbara Ann Roberts	Hanover, N. H.	9 February
Magoon, Samuel Ivah	Richard James Magoon	Dorothy Alice Rogers	Hanover, N. H.	31 March
Chambers, Bernard Eugene	Bernard Eugene Cham- bers	Victoria Agnes Couter- marsh	Hanover, N. H.	1 May
Pero, Ray Morris	Morris Harlan Pero	Dorothy Louise Cadwell	Lebanon, N. H.	3 May
Cadwell, Floyd James	Louis Harvey Cadwell, Jr.	Madeline Virginia Hodge	Lebanon, N. H.	21 May
Palmer, James Alexander	James Alexander Palmer	Dora May Greene	Hanover, N. H.	7 June
Goodrich, Cindy Lou	Clarence Edw. Goodrich	Lillian Josephine Harris	Hanover, N. H.	24 June
Roberts, Susie Jean	Edwin Gilbert Roberts	Stella May Warren	Hanover, N. H.	28 June
Olsen, Peter Alan	Edward Thomas Olsen	Elizabeth Davis	Lebanon, N. H.	31 July
Cesari, Andrea	Gene Silverio Cesari	Judith Alexandra Schultz	Hanover, N. H.	1 August
Godfrey, Bonnie Lee	Winston Allen Godfrey	Mary Gertrude Moses	Hanover, N. H.	24 August
Griffin, Jr., George Frank	George Frank Griffin	Valdiah Jane Nolan	Lebanon, N. H.	27 August
Goodrich, Caroline Eliza-	Theo. Goodrich	Roberta Caroline Perkins	Hanover, N. H.	31 August
Judd, Rose-Mary	Robert Hiram Judd	Mary Veda Preston	Hanover, N. H.	13 September
Godfrey, Wayne Harland	Franklin George Godfrey	Margaret Helen Leonard	Lebanon, N. H.	14 September
Cummings, Kevin Lee	Laurance Bernard Cum- mings.	Rose Katherine Robinson	Lebanon, N. H.	18 September
Clay, Diane Edna	Ernest Eugene Clay	Josephine Edith Godfrey	Lebanon, N. H.	4 October
Robinson, Caryl Lorraine	Charles Merrill Robinson	Kathleen Bernice Rut- ledge	Haverhill, N. H.	8 October
Paarbrother, Delmore	Lawrence Ward Fair- brother	Marilyn Juanita Straw	Lebanon, N. H.	16 October
Goodrich, Gary Wendell	Lewis George Goodrich	Edna Pearl Gardner	Hanover, N. H.	3 November
Vance, Linda Jane	Charles Edward Vance	Mildred Bessie Stanton	Hanover, N. H.	11 November
Blandin, Rhonda Lea	Woodrow Wilson Blandin	Vera Mildred Smith	Lebanon, N. H.	18 November
Estes, Peter Scott	Henry Willis Estes	Verna Lillian Aldrich	Hanover, N. H.	12 December

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Name of Deceased	Date of Death
LaBelle, Ella Mary	8 January
Allen, Leon Bernard	19 March
Cummings, Harland Herbert	9 May
Tilton, Francis M.	11 May
Lord, Fred I.	18 June
Farnsworth, Ellen	22 June
Roberts, George J.	24 June
Eager, George Nathaniel	5 August
George, Selah Austin	10 August
Brady, Ethel May	25 August
Hall, William G.	27 August
Latham, Allen	3 September
Jewell, Rosa Wilder	3 September
Wright, Gordon D.	4 September
Cartee, Philip Henry	15 September
Emerson, George Leonard	15 September
Donaldson, Heribert	6 November
Mann, Harry Leon	9 November
Skinner, Florence	2 December
West, Lewis B.	7 December
Hodge, Doris Irene	17 December
Corlis, Nellie E.	27 December
Noyes, Ethel	31 December

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Place of Death	Years
Thetford	73
Thetford	82
Peterborough, N. H.	79
Clearwater, Fla.	69
Hanover, N. H.	78
Bradford, Vt.	95
Randolph, Vt.	67
Thetford	85
Thetford	91
Thetford	64
Hanover, N. H.	73
Norwich Town, Conn.	88
Woodstock, Vt.	89
Buckingham, Fla.	66
Thetford	83
Thetford	31
Thetford	40
Thetford	76
Salem, Mass.	70
Waterbury, Vt.	73
Claremont, N. H.	25
Hanover, N. H.	87
Hanover, N. H.	81