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**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**Town Officers**

OF THE

**TOWN OF THETFORD**

**VERMONT**

Chartered August 12, 1761

**For The Year Ending December 31**

**1960**

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## REPORT OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

This committee was selected, and an appropriation of \$700 made, "to encourage, assist or sponsor fitting local events, exhibits and publications; also to cooperate officially with the authorized representatives of other Towns chartered in 1761, to assure an orderly scheduling of events, to plan and help publicize area observances, and to secure cooperation from both States".

The out-of-Town parts of our responsibility are being fully discharged, with good cooperation of towns up and down both sides of the river, and especially from our colleagues in Lyme with which so much of our history is intertwined. The Middle Grants Bicentennial, covering the area from Fairlee to Windsor and from Lyme to Plainfield, is a going concern, with scheduling, publications, insignia, exhibits, publicity, and State cooperation all assured. It may be quiet now in Thetford, but it will not be a dull summer in our stretch of the valley.

Since Thetford and Strafford are twin towns, both chartered to proprietors from Hebron, Connecticut on August 12, 1761, we will schedule our chief events from Tuesday August 8th through Sunday August 13th, but try to avoid direct conflicts between the two towns. The Thetford Hill Fair on August 8 will have an exhibit and theme related to the Town's anniversary. The civic celebration, with parade, supper, and perhaps fireworks would be held at the Center on Saturday. We hope the Churches in Thetford will hold one or more services of remembrance, perhaps combining in a non-denominational early type of service in the 1787 Meetinghouse.

Under the auspices of the Thetford Historical Society, Charles Latham has been preparing a Century Map, showing who lived where in Thetford recently, and also 100 years ago. This should be available before our anniversary.

The Thetford Academy Founders' Day theme this year was the bicentennial, and the alumni events later on may stress the occasion.

Organizations and individuals in all parts of town are urged to plan events of their own, or to combine in putting on joint efforts in recognition of this major Thet-

ford milestone. Please discuss your plans with the Town committee as early as possible, since we may be able to help coordinate dates and plans and avoid waste effort.

The cover of this Annual Report, representing Thetford voters gathering at the Meetinghouse to consider admission of Vermont as the fourteenth of the United States, is the work of Philip L. Martin, and his present to the Town for its 200th birthday.

The Middle Grants Area Exhibit, to be held from May to September at Wilder Dam Visitors' House through the courtesy of the New England Power Company, will include Thetford material. We need 15 to 20 selected 35mm color transparencies of Thetford scenes or landmarks as part of the rotating exhibit there.

We particularly urge all schools, teachers, and pupils to use material related to the history of Thetford, and of the entire "Middle Grants" area which it so greatly resembles, in their work during 1961. The woods are full of stone walls built by early settlers as they cleared and tilled their fields. Some of the roads they used have been discontinued, while several of our main roads are relatively recent. The brook beds are still flanked by the abutments and sluices of early dams, marking the sites of the many mills operated when practically everything used in Town had to be produced here. The old cemeteries, some maintained and a few neglected, tell much of the hard struggles of the early years.

Students looking for other topics related to Thetford's early history should find much to interest them in the lives and concerns of citizens active here before 1800, of whom an unusually various dozen might include: Jedediah Buckingham, Augustus Burgoyne, Asa Burton, John Chamberlin, Ebenezer Green, William Heaton, Joseph Hosford, Beriah Loomis, Ezdad Post, Israel Smith, Clement Sumner, Richard Wallace.

Both students and old-timers might find fun in looking over lists of names, items, processes, and trades which were of great importance in Thetford's youth, and trying to picture the society and economy of those days. As a starter, here are a few, representing many early concerns:

Hampshire Grants, County of Gloucester, New Connecticut; Governor's Lot, Minister's Right; Glebe, School

Land, College Land, Mill Right, Turnpike (and shunpike); Cooper, Cordwainer, Mason, Miller, Millwright, Sawyer, Smith, Wheelwright (try extending this list); Broad Arrow, Pot-ash, Pearl-ash, Girdling, Leaching; Cradling, Threshing, Winnowing, Grist; Shearing, Carding, Spinning, Weaving, Fulling; Retting, Braking, Scutching, Linsey-Woolsey; Broad-Axe, Saw-Pit, Trunnel, Shake, Raising-Bee, Warming; Bear, Beaver, Moose, Panther, Salmon, Wolf.

Part of our bicentennial program is the publication in this annual report of references to the principal sources of Thetford history. By making this material easier to find, we hope many will sample it and find it interesting, because recognition of our roots is the main purpose of such an anniversary.

#### THETFORD BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Robert L. Bacon

Mildred W. Cook

Richard J. Fowle

#### TOWN REPORT HISTORY

This Annual Report, the 85th printed for the Town or School District, completes the sixth volume of the sets which have been collected and bound as proposed in 1951. Full sets are at UVM's Wilbur Library in Burlington, the State Library in Montpelier, and Baker Library in Hanover. Bound sets in Thetford include two held by the Town, and one each by the Thetford Historical Society, Mrs. Slade, and R. J. Fowle. Latham Library at the Hill has the last four volumes. Two more sets are nearly complete, for which Kenneth Cook especially needs copies of the 1912 report of the School Directors. This is a pamphlet of only ten pages, usually covered with a dark gray cloth-patterned paper, which doesn't look like a Town Report. No more early reports should be destroyed — loose copies are being collected in the Town Vault. Some fairly recent years are already scarce, including 1928, 1935, 1945, and 1956.

To make books of roughly equal size, and end up with one new volume for each decade, the sets in Thetford are bound as follows:

Volume Number	No. of Reports	Years Covered	Report Years From	Ending Through
I	22	1878-1900	2-15-79	2-15-00
II	17	1900-1915	2-15-01	1-21-15
III	15	1915-1930	1-31-16	2- 1-30
IV	10	1930-1940	2- 1-31	2- 1-40
V	11	1940-1950	2- 1-41	12-31-50
VI	10	1951-1960	12-31-51	12-31-60

In addition to their full coverage of the public business of the Town and School District(s) over the last 83 years, these reports contain many references and short articles bearing on our earlier history. In this 200th year since Thetford was chartered, students needing material for papers, organizations planning some special bicentennial observance, and others interested in our origins may welcome a partial list of such items:

Vol & Year	Page	Title or Subject
I - 1879	2	Building a Covered Bridge
I - 1891	19	Tenants of School & College Land
I - 1892	19	U.S. Deposit Money or Surplus Fund
III - 1918	41	Text of Charter, Aug. 12, 1761
III - 1919	33	Items on Early Thetford History
III - 1920	49	Life of Richard Wallace
V - 2/41	3	Thetford of the Grants
V - 1942	4	A Glimpse of Academy History
V - 1944	3	Lease Lands
V - 1945	3	Some Mill Sites in Thetford
V - 1946	3	The Proprietors of Thetford
V - 1947	4	The Old Meetinghouse
VI - 1953	74	An Explanation of Thetford's Name
VI - 1956	1	Early Settlement of Thetford
VI - 1958	3	Thetford's 200th Birthday
VI - 1960	7	Material for a Thetford History

Richard J. Fowle  
Kenneth W. Cook

## MATERIAL FOR A THETFORD HISTORY

Thetford does not yet have a Town History. Reverend and Mrs. William Slade collected most of the available material, including much that would have been lost without their effort and skill, but they hesitated to write until they knew even more, and lacked time and strength to tackle the full subject after they knew enough. It is Mrs. Slade's wish that their collections be preserved intact in town for the use of our unknown future historian. When the right time comes, the Town may wish to help to assure the proper completion of this valuable project. Our story is not unique among our sister towns, but we are lucky to have such rich material, and may be able to help illustrate key phases in the development of America all the better because we have not become a great city, nor accepted every new notion at first sight, and thus lost sight of our roots.

In addition to the personal ambitions, desires, wishes, and follies common to all mankind, a majority of our early settlers worked for clear land titles, a controlling say in managing their local public affairs, freedom of worship, better-than-average public education, improved transportation, and freedom from cash taxes to be paid out of town. We seem to have lost out on the taxes, and to have some doubts about elementary education, but it speaks well for the foundations they laid that we still enjoy the rest of the list, usually to a degree beyond their fondest hopes. Although we may seek to preserve and extend them, we did not earn these advantages for ourselves. It thus seems right that in each generation we should look back and see what freedoms we enjoy, how we came to enjoy them, and who established them for us to preserve and pass on.

As a colonial town which actively supported the American Revolution, Thetford shares the responsibility to "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity". Since after nearly two centuries, principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution of the United States are not yet fully secure, we all still have work to do, and may do it better if we understand our past. A good town history would help us to do this. No town history worth publishing can be writ-

ten without a broad and deep understanding of the compelling attitudes and ideas of each generation, outside the town as well as within it, plus a detailed knowledge of local events, institutions, and people.

This knowledge and understanding Mr. and Mrs. Slade achieved, and it must be many years before anyone else can be qualified to take up where they left off. As part of our bicentennial observance, the Town is therefore given in this Annual Report references to the chief public and printed sources of Thetford history. These may serve as a ready reference to interested citizens, help students with school projects on our history, and stand as a sort of progress report to our successors.

The basic public sources are the Proprietors' Records, land records, and vital records held by the Town Clerk. Among printed items dealing wholly with Thetford people or affairs, four are most useful:

EATON, John (Ed.), THETFORD ACADEMY, 75th ANNIVERSARY & REUNION; 208 pp., ports, Concord, N. H., Republican Press Association, 1895

LANGDON, William C., THE PAGEANT OF THETFORD (Book of Words); 64 pp., White River Jct., Vermonter Press, 1911

SLADE, William & Mary B., THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, THETFORD, VERMONT; 28 pp, illus., Thetford, p.p., 1937

SLADE, Mary B., THETFORD ACADEMY'S FIRST CENTURY, 1819-1919; 206 pp., illus. & ports., Thetford Academy Historical Committee, 1956

There are of course thousands of references to Thetford people and events scattered through a wide range of books, magazines and newspapers. These are most frequent in three periodicals treating chiefly Vermont matters, of which long runs are held by or available to the Thetford Historical Society. These are VERMONT HISTORY and its predecessors (the proceedings and quarterly of the Vermont Historical Society), THE VER-

MONTER, and more recently, VERMONT LIFE.

Five other sources, two covering Orange County and

the other three State-wide, should be listed because of their precise or extensive Thetford material:

ATLAS OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, VERMONT; 90 pp., New York, F. W. Beers & Co., 1877 (Thetford maps at pp. 79-85)

CHILD, Hamilton, GAZETTEER OF ORANGE COUNTY, VERMONT; 792 pp., Syracuse, N. Y., Syracuse Journal Co., 1888 (Thetford, by Isaac Hosford, I: 418-452 & II:118-133)

HEMENWAY, Abby Maria, THE VERMONT HISTORICAL GAZETTEER; 5 Vols., p.p., 1867-1891 (Thetford: Vol. II, 1090-1104, printed at Burlington in 1871)

Heads of Families, FIRST CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1790, The State of VERMONT; 95 pp., map & index, Washington, 1907 (Thetford on p. 34)

Heads of Families, SECOND CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1800, The State of VERMONT; 233 pp., map & index, Montpelier, Vermont Historical Society, 1938 (Thetford at pp. 94-95)

The best printed source for events of the last 83 years is a complete file of the Annual Reports printed by the Town. Elsewhere in this report, entitled "Town Report History" is a selective list of past articles bearing on our earlier history.

FOR THE THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Richard J. Fowle

**GRAND LIST****\$9,626.58****Moderator****Town Clerk****Assistant Town Clerk****Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes****Assistant Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes**  
**Selectmen**William M. Bacon (1958) Winston G. Colton (1959)  
George Huggett (1960)**School Directors**Claradella S. Betts (1958) Frank R. Stiles (1960)  
Charles A. Wilcox (1960 for 2 yrs.)**Auditors**Kate Howard (1958) Carl A. Anderson (1960)  
Quentin Malmquist (1960 for 2 yrs. to complete term of  
kuth Prevost)**Listers**Edward C. LaMontagne (1958) William E. Bond (1958)  
Roy B. Gould (1960)**Trustees of Public Funds**Ellsworth H. Sargent (1958)  
Pearly A. MacFarlane (1959)  
Vanessa A. Tilden (1960)**Constable and Collector of Taxes** William E. Worcester**Deputy Tax Collector (Appointed)** Ruthe Russ**Overseer of the Poor (Appointed)** Carl Hebb**Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits** Gerald H. Wilson**Road Commissioner** Merton Godfrey**Town Grand Juror** A. Lee Cowles**TAX RATE****\$9.95**

Charles A. Wilcox

Mildred W. Cook

Kenneth W. Cook

Harold E. Heaton

Elsie C. Heaton

**Selectmen****School Directors**Claradella S. Betts (1958) Frank R. Stiles (1960)  
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Claire Fowle (1956)

Emma E. Coombs (1957)

Kate P. Howard (1958)

Rosetta Estabrook (1959)

Charlotte Vaughan (1960)

**Cemetery Trustees**Wilbur MacAllister (1959 to fill out unexpired term of  
Charles Fowle elected 1958) Edward Clay (1960)

Ernest C. Bond (1960—Lifetime Honorary Member)

Ellsworth H. Sargent (1959)

**Budget Committee**

Alice F. Fifield (1958) Walter A. Malmquist (1959)

Carl A. Anderson (1960)

Harold E. Heaton, Treasurer

Merton Godfrey, Road Commissioner

George H. Huggett, Selectman

Frank R. Stiles, Chrm. School Board

**APPOINTED OFFICERS****Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, Weighers of Coal**

Gerald Wilson

Ray H. Palmer

Walter A. Malmquist

**Fence Viewers**

William M. Bacon

Glen Aidrich

**Pound Keeper**

Daniel Roberts

**Town Representative**

Elsie A. Cowles

**Justices of the Peace**

Harold E. Heaton

Charles W. Vaughan

Bernard A. Tilden

William E. Bond

Charles A. Wilcox

Frederick P. Howard

Walter A. Malmquist

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,  
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT  
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1960**

The annual Town Meeting of the Town of Thetford was held at the Thetford Academy Auditorium at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 1, 1960. The meeting was called to order by Charles A. Wilcox, Moderator, who asked Rev. Tyler to open the meeting with a prayer.

- Article 1. Charles A. Wilcox was re-elected Moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2. Mildred Cook was re-elected Town Clerk for a term of one year. Kenneth W. Cook was appointed Assistant Town Clerk.
- Article 3. Shall license for the sale of malt and vinous liquors be granted in this town? Result of balloting: Yes—97; No—42.  
Shall spiritous liquors be sold in this town? Result of balloting: Yes—52; No—84.
- Article 4. To hear and act on the report of the Town Officers. It was voted to take up each report individually.  
Treasurer's report accepted.  
Town Farm Trust Fund accepted.  
Cemetery Trust Fund accepted.  
Balance Sheet—General Fund accepted.  
Statement of Revenues and Appropriations accepted.  
Selectmen's Account accepted.  
Budget Committee accepted.  
Proposed Budget accepted.  
Tax Collector report accepted.  
Dog Account accepted.  
Cemetery Commissioners report accepted.  
Auditors' report accepted.

- Article 5. It was voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Merton God-

frey as Road Commissioner for the term of one year.

- Article 6. Harold E. Heaton elected Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes for a term of one year.  
Elsie C. Heaton elected Ass't Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes for a term of one year.  
George H. Huggett elected Selectman for a term of three years.  
Carl Anderson elected Auditor for a term of three years.  
Quentin Malmquist elected Auditor for a term of two years to fill out unexpired term of Ruth Prevost.  
Roy Gould elected lister for a term of three years.  
Vanessa Tilden elected Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three years.  
William E. Worcester elected Constable and Collector of Taxes for a term of one year. It was voted that the Town Clerk send a letter of thanks to Mr. Worcester for the excellent job he has done for the town.  
Gerald Wilson elected Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for a term of one year.  
A. Lee Cowles elected Town Grand Juror for a term of one year.  
Charlotte Vaughan elected for a term of five years as Library Trustee.  
E. C. Bond elected lifetime Honorary Member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees.  
Edward Clay elected Cemetery Trustee for a term of three years.  
Carl A. Anderson elected Member of Budget Committee for a term of three years.

- Article 7. Following taxes voted:  
a) Town Tax — \$2.55  
b) Highway Tax — \$.00 to be payable on or before the 25th of October with interest at one half of one percent thereafter on delinquent taxes.

- Article 8. Voted that the Town authorize the Select-

men to employ a bookkeeping clerk for the Town Officers and the Budget Committee.

Article 9. Mr. Huggett moved that \$100.00 for the Bicentennial Committee, to provide for worthy observance of the two-hundredth anniversary of Thetford's chartering, be taken out of the last year's surplus. Motion was so voted.

Article 10. \$125.00 voted for Memorial Day observance by American Legion Post No. 79.

Article 11. \$50.00 voted for Town Library.

Article 16. Voted to pass over article 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 Sections 3603 and Sections 3604-3608 inclusive in the State Law, Revision of 1947.

### SCHOOL MEETING

The Moderator called the annual meeting of the Town School District to order at one o'clock.

At this point a question was raised about \$3,000.00 for Thetford Academy in the Current Budget on page 39. It was explained that this represented \$1,000.00 voted as a gift and \$2,000.00 which came in the form of State Aid Money to the Town for high school education. It was also asked if the \$1,000.00 was planned for in the budget. Mr. Wilcox answered that it was budgeted for if the town so voted.

It was also noted that Mrs. Eaton was instrumental in having the 7th and 8th grades instructed at the Academy and that thanks be expressed to her for accomplishing this.

The question was raised as to why the School Board would exceed its budget by \$10,000.00 as stated in the Town Report on page 32, and this was answered by the School Board explaining that the budget would be exceeded by that amount because of tuition but would be \$8,200.00 less for teachers' salaries.

Article 4. School Report accepted. After lengthy discussion a proposed amendment to strike \$2,000.00 out of the school budget for repairs was voted down.

Article 6. Charles Wilcox elected School Director to fill out unexpired term of two years of Mrs. Russell Eaton.  
Frank R. Stiles re-elected School Director for a term of three years.

Article 12. Voted 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 of Vermont, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4352 of the Public Laws, subject to recommendation by the School Directors and the Principal.

Article 13. School Report accepted and tax of \$6.60 voted, payable at same time and under same conditions as the Town and Highway Tax.

Article 14. Voted that the Town invest \$1,000.00 in Thetford Academy.

Article 15. Voted to increase the tuition at Thetford Academy to \$375.00.

At this time there was a discussion concerning the pros and cons of holding the Annual School Meeting in June. Result of ballot:

40 — No

33 — Yes

School Meeting adjourned at 2:38 P.M. and the Town Meeting was re-convened.

Mrs. Cowles discussed the work of the Legislature, which had re-convened in January.

On motion by Mr. Harold Heaton it was voted that the Selectmen see that each individual taxpayer be mailed a town report.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred W. Cook

Town Clerk

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1960 \$7,567.57

### Receipts:

Harvey Otterman	\$ 95.60
State of Vermont—	
Flood Control Conn. 1959	987.45
U. S. Army Engineers — Salt	54.00
Town of Vershire — Salt	171.20
Town School District	13,000.00
Beverage Licenses	112.50
State of Vermont —	
Winter Maintenance	2,224.00
Lochearn Camp — Culvert	40.32
C. W. Gray — Calcium	8.80
Refund for Fire — B. & M. R.R.	305.75
State of Vermont —	
Flood Control Mass.	1,234.32
State of Vermont —	
Flood Control Vermont	246.86
State of Vermont —	
Surface Treatment	3,759.50
State of Vermont—Poor Account	584.34
State of Vermont —	
Rental Flood Control	164.56
State of Vermont—State Aid	70.50
Miscellaneous Outdated checks	452.30
Refund Poor Account	50.00
Mildred W. Cook—Dog Licenses	500.00
Miscellaneous Income	.92
State of Vermont —	
Flood Control Conn. 1960	1,129.32
Taxes, Interest and Warrant Fees	95,723.93
	120,916.17

Disbursements

\$128,483.74  
128,078.46

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1960

\$405.28

## THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

### TREASURER'S REPORT

1960

Jan. 1, Cash Balance	\$48,716.38
State of Vt. Vocational Education	2,829.07
Thetford Academy Bus fares	1,400.80
State of Vt. National Defense Act	204.17
State of Vt. Reimbursement for Science	5,095.62
General Fund, Flood control tax loss & rentals	1,619.41
George D. Wrightson tuition	230.00
From General Fund 1960 tax bill	63,535.43
Thetford Academy Scholarships	716.81
State of Vt. aid for education	22,411.51
Selectmen's loan	3,000.00
Rent of Rices' Mills school house	50.00
Taylor Palmer Insurance refund	34.63
C. A. Wilcox Insurance refund	37.35
J. L. Hammett Co. refund	28.20
Barbara Kinsey refund	1.90
Receipts	\$149,911.28
Disbursements	103,561.32
	\$46,349.96
Cash in Account	
Thetford, Vt.	
Dec. 31, 1960	

H. E. Heaton,

Treasurer

**TRUST FUNDS**  
**TOWN FARM TRUST FUND**

January 1, 1960

Puritan Fund, 677 shares, Cost	\$4,001.07
Income, in bank	810.06

July 1 with approval of Selectmen this income was invested in more shares on a re-investment plan whereby all dividends, and capital gains are at once invested in additional shares.

At any time when this income is needed for care of the poor, it may be had by the sale of shares, any or all in excess of \$4000.

Jan. 1, 1961 829.61 shares  
Quoted Oct. 25 at \$7.72

**CEMETERY TRUST FUND**

Jan. 1, 1960 Puritan Fund 220 shares	\$1,300.20
Income	83.32
Distribution: Hillside	\$ 6.41
Post Mills	12.82
East Thetford	19.23
Evergreen Rest	44.86
	83.32
	\$1,300.20

Respectively submitted,

E. H. Sargent

Vannessa Tilden

Perley McFarlane

Trustees of Public Funds

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**  
**BALANCE SHEET — GENERAL FUND**

DECEMBER 31, 1960

**Assets**

**Current Assets**

Cash	\$ 405.28
Delinquent taxes receivable	2,832.38
Accounts receivable	457.30

Total Assets	\$3,694.96
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**Liabilities and Surplus**

**Current Liabilities**

Accrued taxes payable:

Federal withholding	\$151.86
State withholding	30.05
Social security	295.42

\$477.33

Due Thetford School District	7,000.00
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Total current liabilities	\$7,477.33
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**Surplus**

Balance	\$10,995.90
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Less excess

disbursements/receipts	(14,778.27)
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Total deficit	(3,782.37)
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Total liabilities and surplus	\$3,694.96
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The above does not include the notes on the Grader held by the Franklin County Bank.

**TOWN OF THETFORD**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS**  
**JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1960**

Revenues	Estimate 1960	Actual	Unrealized Excess
Taxes		\$ 92,855.44	
Poor account		634.34	
Winter roads		2,224.00	
Construction		3,759.50	
Taxes — Old age assistance		2,435.00	
Interest and warrant fees		38.81	
Dog licenses		500.00	
Beverage licenses		112.50	
Sale of supplies, services and materials		274.32	
Flood control		3,762.51	
Miscellaneous:			
Reimbursement from fires	\$401.35		
State aid	70.50		
Old outstanding checks	452.30		
Other	.92	925.07	
		<u>\$107,521.49</u>	

Appropriations	Estimate 1960	Actual	Unrealized Excess
Poor account	\$ 4,180.00	\$ 4,861.92	\$(681.92)
Winter roads	3,325.00	4,950.26	(1,625.26)
Construction, retreatment, bridges	1,425.00	18,746.52	(17,321.52)
Highway account	7,600.00	7,835.24	(235.24)
Equipment payment	1,425.00	1,423.14	1.86
Taxes — State and County	3,040.00	3,104.74	(64.74)
Old age assistance tax	2,191.50	2,191.50	—
Town officers	3,230.00	3,454.82	(224.82)
Electricity, fires, insurance	2,090.00	2,968.50	(878.50)
Printing, supplies, telephone, etc.	1,140.00	1,212.76	(72.76)
Building, sanitation, forests	475.00	408.13	66.87
Interest	285.00	43.75	241.25
Tax appropriations	380.00	875.00	(495.00)
Emergency	95.00	95.00	—
Cemetery	190.00	128.84	61.16
Contingency	1,140.00	1,129.13	10.87
Repairs and maintenance	1,805.00	3,061.93	(1,256.93)
Town School District taxes	62,700.00	63,535.43	(835.43)
Town School District Flood control	1,518.21	2,368.15	(849.94)
	<u>\$98,234.71</u>	<u>\$122,299.76</u>	<u>\$(24,065.05)</u>

EXCESS DISBURSEMENTS/RECEIPTS      \$(14,778.27)

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**  
**APPROPRIATION SCHEDULES**

**Poor Account — Schedule 1**

	Estimate 1960	Actual	Unrealized Excess
Board		\$2,436.22	
Clothing and incidentals		77.39	
Hospitals, medical care, attorneys		1,556.41	
Department of Social Welfare		791.90	
	<u>\$4,180.00</u>	<u>\$4,861.92</u>	<u>\$(681.92)</u>

**Winter Roads — Schedule 2**

Gas and oil	\$417.25		
Labor	2,169.74		
Materials and supplies	95.60		
Machine rentals	603.67		
Salt	1,664.00		
	<u>\$3,325.00</u>	<u>\$4,950.26</u>	<u>\$(1,625.26)</u>

**Construction, Retreatment, Bridges — Schedule 3**

Gas and oil	\$157.70		
Labor	3,330.23		
Materials and supplies	7,083.22		
Machine rentals	8,175.37		
	<u>\$1,425.00</u>	<u>\$18,746.52</u>	<u>\$(17,321.52)</u>

**Highway Account — Schedule 4**

Gas and oil	\$804.24		
Labor	3,853.56		
Materials and supplies	1,823.76		
Machine rentals	706.18		
Patrol	647.50		
	<u>\$7,600.00</u>	<u>\$7,835.24</u>	<u>\$(235.24)</u>

**Taxes — State and County — Schedule 5**

Social security	\$367.76		
Treasurer, Orange County	479.65		
State of Vermont —			
Highway assessment	1,918.58		
Vermont Agricultural Service	338.75		
	<u>\$3,040.00</u>	<u>\$3,104.74</u>	<u>\$(64.74)</u>

**Town Officers — Schedule 6**

Auditors	\$35.00		
Listers	921.80		
Medical Examiner	28.00		
Town Clerk	286.55		
Treasurer	1,221.72		
Assistant Treasurer	18.75		
Selectmen	350.00		
Overseer of Poor	358.50		
Distributor government commodities	37.50		
Ballot clerks, board of civil authority, etc.	197.00		
	<u>\$3,230.00</u>	<u>\$3,454.82</u>	<u>\$(224.82)</u>

**Electricity, Fires, Insurance — Schedule 7**

Electricity	\$504.95		
Fires	1,703.90		
Insurance	759.65		
	<u>\$2,090.00</u>	<u>\$2,968.50</u>	<u>\$(878.50)</u>

**Printing, Supplies, Telephone — Schedule 8**

Postage, telephone, mileage	\$507.48		
Printing and supplies	696.28		
Bank service charges	9.00		
	<u>\$1,140.00</u>	<u>\$1,212.76</u>	<u>\$(72.76)</u>

**Buildings, Sanitation, Forests — Schedule 9**

Painting town hall roof	\$50.00		
Town share — care of dump	275.63		
Indian fire pumps	82.50		
	<u>\$475.00</u>	<u>\$408.13</u>	<u>\$66.87</u>

**Tax Appropriations — Schedule 10**

Memorial Day	\$125.00		
Latham Library	50.00		
Bicentennial	700.00		
	<u>\$380.00</u>	<u>\$875.00</u>	<u>\$(495.00)</u>

**Contingency — Schedule 11**

Town Farm trust fund	\$60.93		
Revision of check list	24.00		
Clerk — Town officers	1,000.00		
Poll tax refunds	29.10		
Legal services	4.00		
Medical Examiner	11.10		
	<u>\$1,140.00</u>	<u>\$1,129.13</u>	<u>\$10.87</u>

**Repairs and Maintenance — Schedule 12**

Ford truck	\$701.60		
F-600 truck	544.67		
Grader	993.36		
Backhoe	450.73		
Tractor and other	371.57		
	<u>\$1,805.00</u>	<u>\$3,061.93</u>	<u>\$(1,256.93)</u>

**VERMONT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**Bradford, Vermont**

December 29, 1960

Town of Thetford

Board of Selectmen

Att: George Huggett, Chairman

H. E. Heaton, Treas.

Listed below are funds which were available and spent by the town during 1960. The Town Highway Fund has not yet been paid as it is in the hands of the Selectmen to be signed.

FUND	Amount Available	Amount Spent	Balance
<b>Town Highway Fund</b>			
Balance, Gas Tax	\$ 929.52	\$	\$
1959, balance, THF	17,849.18		
1960 funds	14,676.51		
	<u>\$33,455.21</u>	\$13,000.87	\$20,454.34
<b>State Aid Construction</b>			
Balance, 1959	3,960.22		
1960 funds	3,430.60		
	<u>7,390.82</u>	0.00	7,390.82
<b>State Aid Resurfacing</b>			
$\frac{2}{3}$ State	70.50		
$\frac{1}{3}$ Town	35.25		
	<u>105.75</u>	254.06	0.00
<b>State Aid Retreatment</b>			
$\frac{2}{3}$ State	3,759.50		
$\frac{1}{3}$ Town	1,879.76		
	<u>5,639.26</u>	5,639.26	0.00

**SUMMARY OF ABOVE FUNDS**

	Paid by State	By Town	Total
Town Highway Fund	\$13,000.87	\$ 0.00	\$13,000.87
State Aid Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Aid Resurfacing	70.50	183.56	254.06
State Aid Retreatment	3,759.50	1,879.76	5,639.26
	<u>\$16,830.87</u>	<u>\$2,063.32</u>	<u>\$18,894.19</u>

R. H. Arnold,

District Engineer

## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

A volunteer fire department has been organized by several of the townspeople here.

Five meetings have been held to date and officers have been elected. They are: president, Carlton Gray; vice president, Rodney Palmer; secretary, Herbert Reininger; treasurer, Royce Bond and purchasing agent, George Phelps. Also, chief, Rodney Palmer; first assistant, George Phelps; second assistant, Lawrence Bond; third assistant, Harold Slack and fourth assistant, Ralph Sawyer.

Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month in the Town Hall and all interested people are invited to attend.

Officers report that to date, one 500 gallon tank truck is in the process of being renovated and equipped with a pump and 105 feet of 1¼ inch hose. Five Indian pumps for fighting brush fires have also been obtained.

A second fire truck with a Midship pump and a 375 gallon tank is being considered for purchase along with 1300 feet of 2½ inch hose. All this equipment must pass their required tests and be approved by the proper authorities before final purchase. Officers state that many man hours are necessary to put these trucks into shape for firefighting and that volunteers are needed.

When the equipment is ready for operation; which it is hoped will be in the near future, it will be temporarily housed in Palmer's Garage in Thetford Center.

Department officers ask townspeople not to call the department for aid until a public notice of active operation is published and posted.

To date this group has been supported solely by voluntary membership fees of \$10.00 and money raising projects, such as a turkey raffle and a pre-Christmas auction. It is desirable that the membership will continue to grow both physically and financially, that those who cannot devote time will be at least able to contribute monetarily.

Because more equipment must be purchased to meet the Underwriters specifications and to obtain a permanent

fire house, it is hoped that the town will be able to donate a sum of money for the growth and perpetuation of this important civic organization.

## MARY HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Hanover, New Hampshire

February 1, 1961.

Mr. Carl Hebb

Overseer of Welfare

Thetford, Vermont

Dear Mr. Hebb:

During the year January 1, 1960 through December 31, 1960, the Thetford Free Bed Fund in the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, New Hampshire has rendered 69 days' service to 11 residents of the Town of Thetford, Vermont.

The portion of the hospital's income from Free Bed Funds amounted to \$1,300.00 for the year 1960. In addition, an unused balance of \$95.98 was brought forward from December 31, 1959 bringing the net allotment to \$1,395.98 for the year.

The charges at the minimum hospital rates for service rendered to these patients during the period amounted to \$1,346.23, which left an unused balance of \$49.75 at the end of 1960.

A summary of accounts as charged to the Fund is enclosed.

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

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Wilson

Administrator

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEER

### FOR 1960

The tax raised for the overseer's account in 1960 was \$4180. Total amount spent was \$4861.92. The town was reimbursed by the state and other sources to the extent of \$634.34 which means that we have a deficit figure of \$47.57.

A new and effective operation handled by the overseer this year has been the distribution of surplus commodities. These consist of food which has been acquired by the government through price support programs and is now being stored at tremendous expense to the tax payer. By timely purchase of this produce the markets are strengthened and food which otherwise might not be eaten is used to improve the diet and health of needy persons. Included in the commodity list are white flour, whole wheat flour, corn meal, dried milk, dried eggs, lard, rice, and sometimes beans, butter and cheese.

Thetford has benefited by this program by having received and distributed approximately 10,500 pounds of commodities in 1960. The cost of this operation consisted of a very small handling charge, freight from Montpelier to Thetford, and local distribution costs. The people entitled to this food are those receiving aid from the town, those on public assistance from the state, and those with limited incomes.

The new administration has already ordered an increase in the allotment and intends to include a larger variety of foods. We can look forward to even greater benefits from this program in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl W. Hebb, Overseer

## REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

In submitting a budget for the coming year for your consideration you will see in the report of revenues, appropriations and explanatory schedules that there are excesses in spending over the amounts appropriated by the tax rates. We would therefore have you note that the books are balanced December 31, 1960 which means that State Aid Credits have not been entered on that date but will appear in the Auditors' Report.

Since an adequate surplus exists at this time, we recommend the same budget as last year and that a Town Tax be raised at the rate of \$2.55 and a Highway Tax at the rate of \$.80.

The School Board has submitted two reports for consideration by the Budget Committee; the first one dealing with school requirements in the present buildings requires a School Tax be raised at the rate of \$7.06 and is so recommended by the Budget Committee if no change is made in the present facilities.

The second report deals with the cost of schools if the town votes favorably on articles in the warning to provide new school plant facilities.

The Budget Committee voted in favor of a motion to recommend a consolidated building as outlined in the report with accompanying plans and specifications, and if so voted by the town, we recommend that an additional school tax be raised at the rate of \$.63 to make a total School Tax of \$7.69.

**PROPOSED BUDGET — 1961**

Estimated Grand List 9600

Tax Rate 335

	1960 Gross Spent	1961 Estimated Exp.	Rate
Poor Account	\$ 4,861.92	\$ 4,224.00	.44
Winter Roads	4,950.26	3,360.00	.35
Construction, etc.	18,746.52	1,440.00	.15
Equipment payment	1,423.14	1,440.00	.15
Taxes—State & County	3,104.74	3,072.00	.32
Old Age Assistance tax	2,191.50		
Town Officers	3,454.82	3,264.00	.34
Electricity, Fires, Ins.	2,968.50	2,112.00	.22
Printing, Supplies, Tel.	1,212.76	1,152.00	.12
Buildings, San., Forests	408.13	480.00	.05
Interest	43.75	288.00	.03
Tax Appropriations	875.00	384.00	.04
Emergency		96.00	.01
Cemetery	128.84	192.00	.02
Contingency	1,129.13	1,152.00	.12
Repairs & Maintenance	3,061.93	1,824.00	.19
	<u>48,560.94</u>	<u>\$24,480.00</u>	2.55
Highway	7,835.24	7,680.00	.80
	<u>\$56,396.18</u>	<u>\$32,160.00</u>	

Of the gross \$56,396.18 spent, \$23,451.17 should be deducted as returned revenue from state and other sources leaving \$32,945.01 as the net spent. The total raised by taxes was \$32,249.00. The "proposed budget" was overdrawn by \$696.00. Auditors' note.

**REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR**

**JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 10, 1960**

Delinquent taxes Dec. 31, 1959	\$ 530.48
1960 taxes paid to collector:	
Poll and Old age	\$956.80
Less corrections made by Bd. Civil Authority	74.75
	<u>882.05</u>
Property taxes	5,476.62
	<u>\$6,889.15</u>
Collected and paid to treasurer	3,816.58
	<u>\$3,072.57</u>
Delinquent taxes due Dec. 10, 1960	\$3,072.57
Interest collected	\$28.63

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Worcester,

Tax Collector

**REPORT OF DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR**

Delinquent taxes due Dec. 10, 1960	\$3,072.57
Amt. Collected and Paid to Treasurer	240.19

Delinquent taxes due Dec. 31, 1960	\$2,832.38
Interest collected	\$5.23

Names of delinquent taxpayers and amount due from each follows:

1952 Harvey & Nellie Cadwell	\$ 26.00
1953 Harvey & Nellie Cadwell	19.20
1954 Harvey & Nellie Cadwell	20.40
1955 Harvey & Nellie Cadwell	21.15
1956 Harvey & Nellie Cadwell	24.45
1957 Harvey & Nellie Cadwell	24.60
1960 Appalachian Sulphides	298.50
1960 Roland & Mary Clark (balance)*	55.40
1960 Edwin & Anna Crowley	185.57
1960 Warren Dennett	52.24

1960 Arthur Hazen	10.45
1960 Gilbert Higgins	27.86
1960 Manson & Lillian Hoyt	87.06
1960 Malmquist Wood Products*	863.61
1960 Arvin Manning*	3.48
1960 Edward Olsen	219.40
1960 Robert & Dorothy Overton*	208.95
1960 Charles & Eileen Palmer*	
(billed to Arvin Manning)	141.29
1960 Edwin Roberts est. & Alice Roberts est.*	236.81
1960 Edwin Roberts est. & Stella Roberts (balance)*	45.27
1960 John Simonds est. & M. Fitzgerald (billed to Malmquist)*	69.65
1960 George Stowell, Barbara Brooks et al*	31.34
1960 George & June Stowell*	128.36
1960 L. B. Stowell (billed to George Stowell)*	31.34

Total delinquent taxes December 31, 1960 \$2,832.38  
Names marked \* have been paid since December 31, 1960  
The above are all property taxes. No poll taxes are outstanding.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthe R. Russ

Dep. Tax Collector

**DOG ACCOUNT — 1960**

To: Harold E. Heaton, Treasurer	
1 Kennel License	\$ 30.00
1 male at \$1.00	1.00
2 females at \$9.00	18.00
5 males at \$3.00	15.00
27 females at \$6.00	162.00
137 males at \$2.00	274.00
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	\$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred W. Cook,

Town Clerk

**WILLIAM F. PUTNAM, M. D.**

**Lyme, New Hampshire**

December 12, 1960

Mrs. Charles Cook

Town Clerk

Thetford, Vermont

Dear Mrs. Cook:

You have received a report from Dr. Aiken, Commissioner of Health of the State of Vermont, which it is suggested should be included in the Town Report. I think either this report or at least excerpts from it should be published in the Town Report, as suggested, and in addition I will be glad to have a paragraph to the following included, or added at the end of Dr. Aiken's report:

"Your local health officer serves as a link with the State Department of Health and is available for consultation in any matters concerning public health. His duties include reporting contagious disease, and you are reminded that all such cases, known or suspected, are required to be reported to the health officer; inspection of the schools, dumps, water supplies and other facilities concerned with public health, when such inspections are needed, will be carried out. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your health officer when such situations arise."

Thank you,

William F. Putnam, M. D.

Health Officer, Thetford

VERMONT STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT, 1960

The health of the town of Thetford is the concern of its citizens, its doctors, health officer, selectmen and the State Department of Health.

Through its various programs the State Department of Health staff works with and for local people on community health, operating on both local and state levels. This is a report of some of the State Health Department services and programs your town used last year.\*

With the aim of keeping children well and helping handicapped children, well-child and school conferences were attended by 35 children. Nutrition and dietary consultations numbered 0. At the request of attending doctors 0 children received pediatric consultation, 0 received hospital diagnosis, 2 with orthopedic, cardiac, plastic or neurological conditions received services or appliances through clinics for handicapped children and 1 was given financial aid toward hospitalization costs. Mental retardation clinic services were extended to 0 children.

In the effort to control communicable disease 20 persons received chest X-rays; 29 children received immunizations, including boosters, against diphtheria, whooping cough and/or tetanus. Polio immunizations, including boosters, were given 52 children and adults in clinics and conferences. The State Laboratory performed tests on 57 water samples, 0 food and dairy products, 36 blood specimens and 14 other specimens. Vaccines, antitoxins and biologicals were distributed for protection against communicable diseases.

There were 57 sanitary inspections or consultations made at the town's food and lodging places and 19 concerning water supply, sewage disposal, public buildings and other problems, to protect health through improved town sanitation. Services to maintain and improve adult health in industry included 0 chest X-rays and inspections and consultations at plants. In connection with the state licensing program and the Hill-Burton federal aid pro-

gram for hospital and medical facility construction there were 2 inspections-consultations, to hospitals, nursing homes and homes for the aged.

Mental health services, through guidance clinics, educational meetings or consultations, were received by 0 persons and groups. Individual interviews with the psychiatrist, psychologist or psychiatric social worker were given 0. Under the community mental health program to develop local projects for prevention, treatment or education in mental health, financial assistance and staff consultations are available.

To promote better dental health 1 consultation and services were provided groups or individuals on town or school dental health problems.

In cancer work 0 received diagnosis and treatment at tumor clinics or were financially helped with hospitalization costs.

All programs in the department offer educational services. Pamphlets, films, a news release and information service and speakers are available. A health educator is available to help town groups study their health problems and plan educational programs.

The Public Health nurse served at well-child and school conferences, X-ray and immunization clinics, assisted by local people. She visited homes, doctors, and agencies, making 126 visits on behalf of 68 persons and community health activities. Her service is an essential element in the department's program for health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis, treatment and education.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Aiken, M.D., M.P.H.

Commissioner of Health

\*To show the amount of services and have this available by the time your town report is prepared we have tabulated most of our services in the 12 month period ending September 30, although some are in the fiscal year ending June 30th.

## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is the twenty-fifth annual report which has been made to the citizens of Thetford regarding State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1960. The support and cooperation of town officers and people generally over this period is gratefully acknowledged.

Old Age Assistance	\$12,951.00
Aid to Dependent Children*	2,260.00
Aid to the Disabled	1,910.00
Committed Children*	1,100.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,221.01</b>

John J. Wackerman

Commissioner

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

### REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Town of Thetford has ten cemeteries, two small burial lots, and the Heaton Tomb at East Thetford. Four of these cemeteries are incorporated; of these, three, the ones at Post Mills, Thetford Center, and North Thetford, have sufficient income to provide adequate care, and are a credit to the town. Hillside Cemetery, near Union Village, is incorporated, has been enlarged and well-fenced by the Association, but needs aid from the town for mowing. The one at East Thetford, the oldest one in town where, in 1956, a granite marker dedicated to the memory of the early settlers was set by the town, needs a small drainage job done at the N. W. corner. The small Stevens Cemetery in the S. E. corner of town is in need of fencing. The Richard Wallace Cemetery at Thetford Center is in passable condition.

At Rice's Mills there is an interesting old cemetery

## THETFORD TOWN LIBRARY

inaccessible except by crossing private property. The town, three years ago, voted favorably on a motion to have the road leading to this cemetery repaired; when this has been done, a better fence and gate will be next in order.

At Copperas Hill a new fence has been erected along the highway, and there has been considerable smoothing and grubbing out of rocks to permit the use of the power mower. Last on the list is the one at Sawnee Bean, on the Messier Farm; this one is in need of fencing. Of the two small burial lots, one is on the farm of Merton Godfrey; the other is on the property of Mrs. Helen Sleeper. It appears that lots in these cemeteries have always in the past been free; their sale — except in cases of inability to pay — would provide some help toward the care or needed improvements of these cemeteries.

Care for the past year has cost \$112.94. The 2% made available by the recommendation of the Budget Committee — amounting to \$190 — is no more than adequate if/and when/ help can be found to do the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilbur McAllister

E. H. Sargent

Edwin Clay

Cemetery Commissioners

January 1, 1961

During the year 1960, the Trustees and Staff of the Thetford Town Library have made an energetic effort to give greater service to the Town. The Library is open on two days a week: Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 and Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 5.

A number of supplementary reading books in science and social studies have been ordered for Junior High School students; reference help on special projects has been given. Children's books have been taken to the Stevens District School and to the Thetford Center School. Total circulation for the last 8 months of 1960 was 1403 books: 713 adult and 690 juvenile.

## REPORT OF THE NEEDS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOOL

Again we are pleased to make this annual report, As begun last year, we show the enrollment statistics and the usual comparison over a five year period. Continuing we show as clearly as possible the current budget, actual expense and estimated expense for current school year in two columns each covering six months. A fourth column gives an anticipated total expense for current year and items can be easily compared to budget figures. The last column shows our proposed budget for the 1961-1962 school year. A financial statement at the end gives a close estimate of how we shall stand this June 30th.

Again routine repairs have been accomplished as the needs arise. Primarily these are only on absolutely necessary needs, such as windows, heating systems, etc. The major expense has been as reported necessary last year — replacement of obsolete chemical toilets at Thetford Center. Here we have installed flush toilets. The necessary water supply was obtained by agreement with Mr. Palmer to connect on his source. It has meant that plastic pipe was laid to connect with pipe from source to school. A larger pump was purchased. Estimated cost for the installation has been exceeded, but the advantage of having running water and sanitary toilet facilities we feel justify this. All schools were cleaned in preparation for opening sessions. Floors at Post Mills were again treated with Gym Finish. Inside of classrooms were painted at North Thetford and at Center School.

We have continued our policy of shifting pupils to various schools to make fewer grades per teacher but more pupils per grade. We are quite certain that over the years this will mean a better education for all.

Again we were fortunate in that all but one teacher returned and a qualified replacement was hired. We shall be faced with a difficult task for the coming year to find replacements for three teachers. These teachers must retire because they will have acquired enough credits to qualify for new requirements set up at least four years ago, but which will become effective July 1st this year. It becomes increasingly more difficult to find teachers for

rural schools in spite of attempts by towns to have fewer grades per school. This of course is reflected in our budget for next year since we expect that higher salaries will be necessary to insure our getting qualified teachers to fill the three vacancies.

Our pupil population remains fairly constant over the years with expected fluctuations in number per grade. We were not too far off our mark in expecting 40 Junior High and 70 Senior High pupils for this year. Our figures will show that we have 43 and 72 pupils respectively enrolled. This again will reflect in a slight overage in budget figured. We still have five pupils attending Valley School and expect at least as many for next year.

Considering the total expense figures for the period July 1 through December 31, 1960: These show \$6,254.19 paid out to Thetford Academy but this is offset by the same amounts shown in receipts. They also show \$7,000.00 loan to Selectmen. True operating costs for this period are reduced then to \$37,689.53. In like manner from projected expenses to June 30, 1961, the \$2,000.00 listed for Federal and State Aid to Academy would be offset by income received so would reduce to net operation of \$54,787.14. Total known and anticipated expenses would be \$92,476.67. From budget figures as set up for this year of \$95,022.00 which included \$3,000.00 Federal and State Aid to Academy, we would be very close to actual budget (\$450.00 over in round figures).

From our proposed budget in 1961-1962 school year, the last column, possible costs prompt us to budget \$4,500.00 additional for teachers. Reason was explained earlier in this report. Junior and Senior High Tuitions have been increased nearly \$2,000.00. This explanation is that though tuition will remain at \$375.00 per pupil, we have 16 seniors graduating from High School with 25 entering Junior High — an enrollment increase of 9 pupils. However, this year we have received Scholarships from Thetford Academy of \$50.00 per Junior High pupil. Next year we very probably will receive only one half this Scholarship aid. This cut in Aid will take the place of an increase in tuition. Other smaller increases

are reflected in Special Education, Janitors & Cleaners, as well as Transportation (other than bus) and Social Security. You will see from budget figures that \$1,000.00 has been cut from Repair and Maintenance and \$750.00 from Furniture and Equipment. This will leave only enough to do the very minimum repairs next year. In spite of these cuts, the budget for next year increases by more than \$4,000.00. A small part of this will be made up through a two percent increase in State Aid. The balance will again have to be raised by taxes. Considering the balance expected this June 30th of approximately \$1,000.00 and foreseeable income of \$30,310.00 or a total of \$31,310.00, it appears that \$67,960.00 will be necessary from tax. To raise this amount a tax of \$7.06 is imperative. We recommend that this be the figure voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Stiles,

Claradella Betts,

Charles A. Wilcox,

School Directors.

Fay G. Whitcomb,

Superintendent.

## CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

The voters of Thetford are to have another opportunity for deciding whether or not they would like a new consolidated school at the coming March meeting. Ballots are being prepared on which your choice will be marked yes or no on questions of building a school and for a bond issue. I trust you will all consider carefully the following information which is relevant to the above question.

First the costs of operating our schools increase every year, in spite of the fact very little is spent on existing facilities. Our present school houses are, with possibly one exception, inadequately heated or lighted. These conditions warrant drastic overhaul. In the past several years various appraisals of efforts which would be necessary to put the present facilities in tip-top condition have been enumerated. Costs have been prohibitive, and in most cases the buildings would still be old and outmoded. We think it a necessity to have a new car, a washing machine and dryer or a T.V. set, yet if these are luxuries which we feel we must have, how much more is it necessary that we provide for our children the very best we can afford. After all, what more important assets do we, as parents, possess than enjoying good health and our children?

Secondly the figures projected on an adjacent page show where we have made budget changes if a new school were to be built. Factors here affected are Teachers. One less would be needed so a saving of \$4,000.00 would be realized. Janitor costs would remain at \$3,000.00 and would be combined with driving one bus. Fuel is arbitrarily set at \$1,500.00 and could well be less. Insurance coverage on the new building including bus would be no more than the \$1,800.00 budgeted. The last item of change is in transportation where \$1,000.00 has been added to cover any possible changes it might be necessary to make. This budget would total as shown \$93,667.00. Taking into consideration as with regular budget, monies we anticipate through State Aid and sources other than taxes of \$31,174.00 this leaves a balance of \$62,493.00 to be raised from taxes and amounts to \$6.50 for a rate.

Coupled with this, the necessary payment of bonds and interest would total as follows at the rate of 4%. Here again we are taking the highest figure, for it is well within reason to expect bonds might be sold at a rate of 3½ - 3¾%. A bond issue of \$123,000.00 spread over 20 years amounts to yearly bond retirement of \$6,150.00. Add to this the interest figured at 4% will amount to \$4,920.00 the first year. \$11,070.00 then would have to be paid on the present Grand List. This would require a tax rate of \$1.15. For both operation of school and bond retirement the total rate would be \$7.65. This is only \$.59 more than the rate asked for on regular budget for the next school year. In my considered judgment a long hard look at the comparative costs would sway my vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Fay G. Whitcomb,

Superintendent

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1961-1962**

**CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL**

**PERIOD JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 1962**

**GENERAL CONTROL**

**Supervision:**

Supt. Salary and Travel	\$ 1,400.00
Supt. Office Expense	300.00

**Board of Education:**

Salary	225.00
Clerk	200.00
Expenses	90.00
Treasurer	25.00

**Instructional Expenses:**

Teachers	25,500.00
High School Tuition & Aid	44,125.00
Text Books	500.00
Instructional Supplies	1,100.00
Library and Reference	125.00
Special Education	1,300.00

**Operation of School Plant:**

Janitors' Service (Still combined with bus driver)	3,000.00
Janitor Supplies	300.00
Fuel	1,500.00
Lights, Power, Water	500.00

**Maintenance of School Plant:**

Repairs	0.00
Furniture & Equipment — Can vary, Science, maps, etc., Cleaning equipment	

**Fixed Charges:**

Insurance	1,800.00
Bank	12.00
Social Security	200.00

**Auxiliary Costs:**

Health and Medical	35.00
Transportation	7,400.00
Truant and Census	30.00
Sinking Fund	1,000.00
Federal & Vocational Aid—Thetford Academy	3,000.00

**TOTAL**

**\$93,667.00**

Monies anticipated in Regular Budget Income 31,174.00

Necessary to raise by Tax \$62,493.00  
 \$ 6,150.00 Bond Payment  
 4,920.00 Maximum Interest 1st year

\$11,070.00 Would be covered by a tax of \$1.15  
 Basic 6.50

Total Tax \$7.65\*

\* This would be only \$.59 more than Tax projected previously.

**PUPIL PROGRESS — 1959-1960**

Grades	Total Pupils For Year	# Pro. 1 or More Grades	No. Pro. on Condition	No. Not Pro. a Grade	# Transf. to Other Schools
1	28	22	3	0	3
2	27	26	0	0	1
3	23	19	1	0	3
4	24	20	2	0	2
5	27	24	0	2	1
6	27	20	4	1	2
Totals	156	131	10	3	12

**ENROLLMENT — 1960-1961**

Schools	Grades								Tot.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Post Mills, 1-3	10	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	22
Post Mills, 4-5	0	0	0	4	18	0	0	0	22
Post Mills, 6	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	25
No. Thetford, 1-3	5	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	23
Thetford Ctr., 1-4	4	3	5	4	0	0	0	0	16
Stevens, 3-5	0	0	4	9	3	0	0	0	16
Union Vill., 1-4	2	9	4	3	0	0	0	0	18
Elem. Totals	21	28	27	20	21	25	0	0	142
<b>Jr. High and High School</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Totl.</b>
At Academy									
1959-1960			17	21	26	12	16	14	106
1960-1961			24	19	27	17	12	16	115
Lyndon Institute			0	0	0	0	1	0	1
1960-1961 Totals			24	19	27	17	13	16	116

**TOWN OF THETFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Estimated balance and income for July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962

Anticipated balance June 30, 1961	\$ 864.82
Estimated State Aid	22,860.00
Estimated Federal Voc. Aid to T. A.	3,000.00
Estimated Bus Fares	1,500.00
Estimated Flood Tax	1,400.00
Leased Land	50.00
Scholarship — Junior High	1,500.00

\$31,174.82

Tax Money

\$67,960.00

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS**

Balance on Hand — July 1, 1960	\$ 2,250.98
Income — July 1 - December 31, 1960	
Taxes	\$63,535.43
State Aid	22,411.51
Bus Fares	429.15
NDEA — Thetford Academy	5,095.62
Home Economics & Agriculture	1,158.57
Refunds and Misc.	78.20
Scholarship — Jr. High	716.81
Flood Tax	1,619.41
	\$95,044.70

Total Available — December 31, 1960 \$97,295.68

Less Directors' Orders Drawn — July 1 - December 31, 1960 \$50,943.72

Balance on Hand January 1, 1961 \$46,351.96

Anticipated Income — Jan. 1 - June 30, 1961	
Scholarship Aid	\$ 1,400.00
Home Economics and Agriculture	2,000.00
Bus Fares	900.00
Selectmen's Note	7,000.00
	\$11,300.00

Total Available — June 30, 1961 \$57,651.96

Less Directors' Orders Anticipated — Jan. 1 - June 30, 1961 \$56,787.14

Balance Anticipated — July 1, 1961 \$ 864.82

**COMPARISON OF SCHOOL EXPENSES AND INCOME — 1955-1960**

EXPENDITURES	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
Supt. Salary & Expense	\$ 1,756.14	\$ 1,722.20	\$ 1,735.00	\$ 1,805.94	\$ 1,416.16
School Directors & Misc. (incl. SS)	461.83	593.02	566.24	611.46	1,015.50
Fed. Aid—Vocational Thet. Acad.	3,471.82	2,458.65	3,617.18	2,933.71	2,439.53
Teachers' Salaries	22,600.74	22,326.25	24,781.50	27,660.00	22,521.83
Music Classes	707.50	803.00	647.57	750.00	750.00
High School Tuition & Aid	17,088.99	18,832.68	19,578.12	19,442.78	35,799.60
Text Books and Supplies	1,451.19	1,255.01	1,636.44	1,867.41	1,523.64
Library, Health, Lunch, Census	108.27	212.82	110.76	258.04	142.27
Janitor, Cleaners, Supplies	2,879.84	2,422.18	2,525.54	2,924.84	2,533.40
Fuel and Lights	1,587.58	1,582.36	1,313.88	1,558.20	1,403.04
Repairs and Upkeep	2,466.10	2,665.24	1,950.81	2,264.08	1,654.61
Furniture and Equipment	616.08	23.86	346.94	1,906.35	0.00
Insurance	249.28	313.20	913.96	526.30	689.80
Transportation (except Bus)	3,279.74	3,627.09	3,067.87	5,694.50	6,036.00
Busdriver, gas, oil, repairs	2,091.05	2,156.75	4,069.07	2,527.09	2,236.04
New Bus — Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,659.45
Debt Payment and Interest	1,025.00	1,025.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plans — Consolidated School	178.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sinking Fund	0.00	0.00	1,188.78	1,000.00	1,000.00
Special Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.10
<b>Balance on Hand July 1st</b>	<b>62,019.50</b>	<b>\$62,019.81</b>	<b>\$68,039.66</b>	<b>\$73,790.70</b>	<b>\$86,048.97</b>
	<b>731.85</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,817.78</b>	<b>6,451.17</b>	<b>2,250.98</b>

**INCOME**

Town Taxes	33,192.18	44,245.38	43,404.70	44,482.17	51,322.02
State Aid	16,964.78	17,905.87	20,995.95	21,524.68	21,687.35
Fed. Aid.—Vocational Thet. Acad	3,447.82	2,458.65	3,617.18	2,933.71	2,235.36
Tuitions	310.00	475.00	310.00	512.50	480.00
Borrowed or Gen. Fund Transfer	4,500.00	1,024.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bus Fares & Receipts	1,605.65	1,582.60	1,663.10	1,975.40	1,435.80
Miscellaneous	179.52	112.27	44.89	78.82	394.05
Sale of School House	56.00	54.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flood Tax	0.00	0.00	1,188.78	671.86	2,032.12
Sinking Fund (Bus)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,262.08

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 60,987.80</b>	<b>\$67,858.97</b>	<b>\$76,042.38</b>	<b>\$72,239.14</b>	<b>\$81,848.78</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>62,019.50</b>	<b>62,019.81</b>	<b>68,039.66</b>	<b>73,790.70</b>	<b>86,048.97</b>

Balance June 30th	\$ 1,031.70*	\$ 5,839.16*	\$8,002.72	\$6,451.17	\$2,250.98
DEFICIT June 30th					

\* \$1,021.38 Difference actually paid in School Year 1956-57 for previous year.

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES AND PROPOSED BUDGET

### GENERAL CONTROL:

#### SUPERVISION:

	Current Budget July 1, '60- June 30, '61	Actual Expense July 1, '60- Dec. 31, '60	Estimated Expense Jan. 1, '61- June 30, '61	Total Spent & Estimated July 1, '60- June 30, '61	Proposed Budget July 1, '61- June 30, '62
Supt. Salary and Travel	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 671.58	\$ 671.58	\$ 1,343.16	\$ 1,400.00
Supt. Office expense	300.00	146.00	146.00	292.00	300.00

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Salary	225.00	47.33	175.00	222.33	225.00
Clerk	200.00	100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00
Expenses	90.00	60.50	30.00	90.50	90.00
Treasurer	25.00	14.96	10.04	25.00	25.00

#### INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENSES:

Teachers	26,500.00	10,370.63	15,862.52	26,233.15	29,500.00
High School Tuition & Aid	42,250.00	15,498.75	27,750.00	43,248.75	44,125.00
Text Books	500.00	356.59	100.00	456.59	500.00
Instructional Supplies	1,100.00	1,041.86	70.00	1,111.86	1,100.00
Library and Reference	125.00	107.18	0.00	107.18	125.00
Special Education	1,200.00	1,268.25	0.00	1,268.25	1,300.00

#### OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

Janitors' Service	2,700.00	1,700.06	1,662.00	3,362.06	3,000.00
Janitors' Supplies	300.00	288.96	12.00	300.96	300.00
Fuel	850.00	627.06	537.00	1,164.06	1,000.00
Lights and Water	400.00	236.00	164.00	400.00	400.00

#### MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

Repairs	3,000.00	1,629.40	500.00	2,129.40	2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	250.00

#### FIXED CHARGES:

Insurance	750.00	123.83	625.00	748.83	750.00
Bank	12.00	0.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Social Security	130.00	95.55	100.00	195.55	200.00

#### AUXILIARY COSTS:

Health and Medical	35.00	0.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Transportation other than Bus	5,700.00	2,352.50	3,800.00	6,332.50	6,400.00
Transportation — Bus	2,200.00	745.04	1,125.00	1,870.04	2,000.00
Truant and Census	30.00	27.50	0.00	27.50	30.00
Sinking Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Federal and State Aid —					
Thetford Academy	3,000.00	6,254.19	2,000.00	8,254.19	3,000.00
Selectmen's Note	0.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00

#### TOTALS

\$ 95,022.00    \$50,943.72    \$56,787.14    \$107,730.86    \$99,267.00

**REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL  
OF THETFORD ACADEMY**

To the Citizens of Thetford:

As usual, Thetford Academy opened for the fall term on the Wednesday after Labor Day, — September 7, 1960. This marked the beginning of the 142nd year in the life of the school. There were two changes in the faculty. Mr. Arthur Boynton replaced Mr. Edward Mitchell as teacher of English and French. Mr. Boynton holds both B.A. and M.A. degrees and has had 9 years of teaching experience. Mrs. Lilla Willey, who holds a B.A. degree from Adelphi College in New York, replaced Mrs. Ludwig as teacher of typing. Professor Elliott Grant of Lyme, N. H., again this year is teaching an advanced course in French. Also, Dr. William F. Putnam is teaching a group of seven students in beginning Greek.

At the opening of school there was an enrollment of 212 students, divided as follows: Junior High, 7th Grade: 24; 8th Grade: 18; Senior High, Freshmen: 51; Sophomores: 54; Juniors: 28; Seniors: 37. Since September there have been 14 dropouts in the Senior High, and 6 new students have registered. In the Junior High there been no dropouts from Grade 8 and 2 new students have been added. In Grade 7 there was one dropout and 2 new students. Our enrollment at the present time from Grade 7 through Grade 12 is 207 students.

The addition of the Daniels Agriculture-Science Building has greatly increased our facilities for teaching the sciences and agriculture, and has also given us more classroom space for other subjects.

With regard to the 7th and 8th grades, you will be interested to know that not only are they receiving instruction in homemaking and agriculture, music and physical education, but also this year both grades are being taught a course in art. We have also selected a few 8th graders to enter our regular Freshman algebra class and our French I class. All these students are making good use of this opportunity, indicating that this new program can be carried on successfully with selected students in the future. All available resources of the Academy are

open to the students of the 7th and 8th Grades. Under Mr. Doyle's guidance they use the science laboratory equipment, and Mrs. Scruggs has taught them to use the reference material in the Academy library.

Over the years that I have been principal of Thetford Academy, I have refrained from making any remarks about our educational system in Thetford. However, I cannot help making a few comments at this time. The very greatest asset the town has is its children. These boys and girls are the future citizens of the town. Should we not give them the best education possible? Can the best possible education be secured in our small scattered school houses? Or could this "best possible education" be better secured in a central school where all types of facilities, all reference materials, etc., would be available to all students at any moment of the day? Will our small scattered school houses be successful in attracting the best in teaching as compared with a central school? We, in our private lives, do not hesitate to improve our houses or our barns for greater convenience or for greater profit in our business. And yet as citizens over the last few years, we have refused to improve conditions for that greatest asset of this town, our boys and girls. I hope that the day is not far distant when we shall awaken to the needs and accept our responsibility.

In completing my last report to the citizens of Thetford, may I thank everyone of you for the support I have had ever since September 1925. I believe that I can safely say that the town of Thetford needs Thetford Academy, and I know that Thetford Academy needs the loyal support of all of you to help carry on a forward looking program in the years that lie ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl A. Anderson

**AUDITORS' REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>1960</b>
7-10 Franklin County Bank	\$ 6,325.00	\$ 5,060.00
Selectmen's Note to School Board		7,000.00
Accrued taxes Fed. State Soc. Sec.	235.45	477.33
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Total Liabilities	\$ 6,560.45	\$12,537.33
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 7,567.57	\$ 405.28
Outstanding Taxes	530.48	2,832.38
Accounts Receivable	188.47	457.30
*Account Receivable		13,000.87
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Assets over Liabilities	\$ 8,286.52	\$16,696.23
	\$ 1,726.07	\$ 4,158.90

\* This account receivable was paid by the State Highway

Department in January, 1961.

**SCHOOL ACCOUNT**

	<b>Assets</b>
Cash on Hand	\$46,349.96
Selectmen's note to School Board	7,000.00
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Total Assets	\$53,349.96

**OTHER MONETARY ASSETS OF THE TOWN**

**TOWN FARM TRUST FUND**

Jan. 1, 1961	
829.61 shares of Puritan Fund	\$4,811.13

**CEMETERY TRUST FUND**

Jan. 1, 1960	
220 shares Puritan Fund	\$1,300.20
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 books and accounts of the town officers and trustees of public funds of Thetford, Vermont and found the same to be correct.

Katherine Howard

Quentin Malmquist

Carl A. Anderson

## BIRTHS REPORTED TO THE TOWN OF THETFORD — 1960

Name of Child	Father of Child	Mother of Child	Place of Birth	Date of Birth
Evans, Karen Elizabeth	Robert H. Evans	Patricia June Tullar	Lebanon, N. H.	December 3, 1959
Clark, Wayne Roy	Roy A. Clark	Marion Elizabeth Wilbur	Lebanon, N. H.	January 11
Estes, Cathy Lynn	Henry W. Estes	Verna Lillian Aldrich	Hanover, N. H.	February 10
Vaughan, Karen Sue	Robert C. Vaughan, Jr.	Janet Cordelia Kendall	Lebanon, N. H.	February 21
Dennett, Nancy Grace	Warren L. Dennett	Violet Irene Kennett	Lebanon, N. H.	March 13
Thurston, Lorry Dee	Elwood E. Thurston	Gloria Ann Goodrich	Lebanon, N. H.	April 8
Durkee, Ralph Allen	Heman J. Durkee	Valroy Dona Tuttle	Lebanon, N. H.	April 20
Palmer, Bonnie Mildred	Arthur F. Palmer	Gloria Lincoln Avery	Randolph, Vermont	May 18
Lutton, Carolyn Adelaide	Arthur T. Lutton, Sr.	Elizabeth Wheeler Towne	Lebanon, N. H.	July 27
Blanchard, Deborah Irene	Charles A. Blanchard	Barbara Irene Drew	Hanover, N. H.	July 30
Fitzgerald, Jay Douglas	John David Fitzgerald	Phyllis Anne Tilden	Lebanon, N. H.	September 8
Thresher, Faith Ellen	Richard N. Thresher	Elizabeth May Hanchett	Lebanon, N. H.	September 19
Betts, Marion Martha	Charles W. Betts	Claradella Snow	Hanover, N. H.	September 27
Richer, Kelly Lea	Russell J. Ricker	Madeline May Clark	Lebanon, N. H.	October 19
Hall, Frederick Harold	William T. Hall, Sr.	Gloria Louise Peterson	Lebanon, N. H.	November 18

## DEATHS REPORTED TO THE TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT — 1960

Name of Deceased	Date of Death	Place of Death	Age
Russ, Hattie Brown	January 10	Newport, Vermont	77
Young, Joseph William	January 21	Woodsville, New Hampshire	76
Hodge, William Edward	February 15	Dorchester, New Hampshire	54
Ingham, Carrie	February 29	Waterbury, Vermont	87
Judd, Mary Alice Porter	March 10	Randolph, Vermont	76
Magoon, George	March 26	Randolph, Vermont	67
Worcester, Eleanor B.	April 10	Norwich, Vermont	91
Colton, Chauncey A.	April 24	Hanover, New Hampshire	56
Bacon, William Maston	May 8	Thetford, Vermont	78
Sargent, Ida B.	May 13	Waterbury, Vermont	85
Robinson, Leland	May 17	Thetford, Vermont	61
Stickney, Helen D.	May 17	Hanover, New Hampshire	57
Preston, Bertha J.	May 24	Hanover, New Hampshire	51
Johnson, Ellena Barrett	May 26	West Fairlee, Vermont	93
Messier, O'Honory Francis	July 8	Thetford, Vermont	73
Estabrook, Fidelia	July 8	Enfield, New Hampshire	89
Fowle, Hubert W.	August 21	Waterbury, Vermont	72
Gilman, Mahala C.	August 27	Norwich, Vermont	92
DeBaun, Roger W.	September 6	Hanover, New Hampshire	74
Stillman, Gracie	September 8	Thetford, Vermont	79
Wiggins, Charles	September 8	West Fairlee, Vermont	82
Coombs, William	October 4	Thetford, Vermont	63
Doyle, James	October 15	Strafford, Vermont	75
Mack, Pearl I.	October 16	Hanover, New Hampshire	39
Smith, Lennie Maxwell	October 23	Burlington, Vermont	80
Andrews, Walter Everett	October 28	Thetford, Vermont	67
Loehn, Richard Franz	November 8	Thetford, Vermont	79

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred W. Cook,  
Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REPORTED TO THE TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT — 1960

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date	Place
Thurston, Roger Elwood	Thetford, Vt.	Judd, Jean Marion	Thetford, Vt.	March 19	Norwich, Vt.
Benway, Gerald Jack	Websterville, Vt.	Gray, Joyce Eleanor	Thetford, Vt.	April 24	Thetford
Cook, Chester Lyman	Norwich, Vt.	Fatro, Camilla Aletha	Thetford, Vt.	June 18	Thetford
Dye, Paul A., Jr.	Thetford, Vt.	McDonald, Martha Elizabeth	Charlotte, Vt.	June 25	Shelburne, Vt.
Stewart, Donald Lincaln, Jr.	Thetford, Vt.	Robinson, Nina Caroline	Thetford, Vt.	June 26	Thetford
Doyle, Wayne Morris	Guilford, Conn.	Godfrey, Helen Louise	Thetford, Vt.	August 6	Thetford
Mandaville, Jon Elliott	Thetford, Vt.	Haskins, Janet Louise	Greenfield, Mass.	August 6	Greenfield, Mass.
Strout, Francis Gerald	Lyme, N. H.	Roberts, Dorothy Alice	Thetford, Vt.	August 27	Thetford
Porter, George Robert	Norwich, Vt.	Kelley, Carolyn Vera	Barnet, Vt.	September 10	Thetford
Tilden, Benjamin Keene	Thetford, Vt.	Knights, Nancy Jean	Barnet, Vt.	October 8	Barnet, Vt.
Preston, Dennis Donavan	Strafford, Vt.	Hoyl, Barbara Mary	Thetford, Vt.	October 22	Thetford
Tilden, Karl Clinton	Thetford, Vt.	Clark, Janet Belle	Lyme, N. H.	December 31	Thetford

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, March 7, 1961 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:
- Shall the Town of Thetford build a six room consolidated school with multipurpose room on Thetford Hill?
  - Shall the Town of Thetford be bonded for \$123,000 to pay for the above school?
- Article 4. Providing for vote upon the following:
- Shall license for the sale of malt and vinous liquors be granted in this town?
  - Shall spiritous liquors be sold in this town?
- Article 5. To hear and act on the report of the Town Officers.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize and empower the selectmen to appoint a Road Commissioner or elect same by ballot, and elect all other Town Officers.
- Article 7. To hear and act on the report of the Budget Committee and raise taxes:
- To pay indebtedness of the Town and Current Expenses.
  - Highway tax.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to employ a bookkeeping clerk for the Town Officers and the Budget Committee.

- Article 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 observance.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$100.00, for the Town Library.
- Article 11. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$100.00, for Thetford Volunteer Fire Department.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will relocate the Town sheds at a suitable site outside the village of Thetford Center.
- Article 13. To see whether an option for the purchase of the property now occupied by the Town sheds should be granted to the Community Assn. of Thetford Center.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to approve construction of a suitable Town garage, and site for same, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- Article 15. To see if the Town School District will vote a sum of money not 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 provision of Section 4352 of the Public Laws, subjected to recommendation by the School Directors and Principal.
- Article 16. To see if the Town School District will vote to accept the School Report and raise tax as recommended.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to donate a sum of money to Thetford Academy.

Article 18. To see if the Town will authorize the school directors to sell the Rice's Mills School and apply the sum of money to the school account? To see if the Town will Authorize the School Directors to sell the East Thetford School and apply the money to the school accounts?

Article 19. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Dated at Thetford, Vermont, February 1, 1961

Geo. Huggett

W. G. Colton

Selectmen, Town of Thetford



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