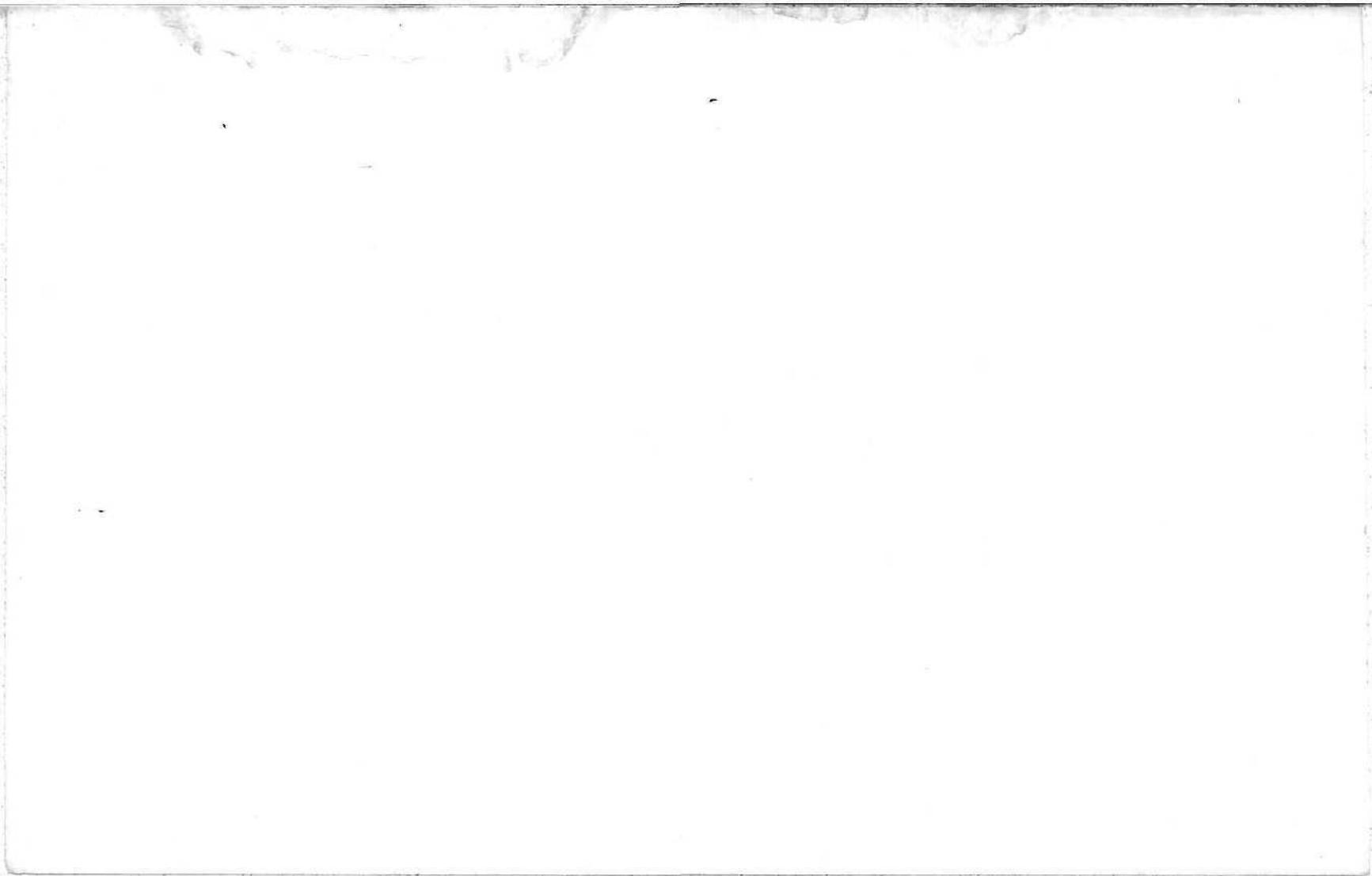


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**FOR THE
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TOWN OF UPTON

Incorporated, June 14, 1735

Population, 1955 State Census, 2,921

Land—13,853.3 acres; water—104.7 acres

21.81 Square Miles

Pratt Hill—595 ft. above sea level

1956

U. S. SENATORS

John F. Kennedy of Boston

Leverett Saltonstall of Newton

CONGRESSMAN, Third District

Philip J. Philbin of Clinton

COUNCILLOR, Seventh District

George A. Wells of Worcester

SENATOR, Fourth Worcester District

Joseph F. Gibney of Webster

REPRESENTATIVES, Ninth Worcester District

John F. X. Davoren of Milford

William P. DiVitto of Milford

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Joseph A. Aspero of Worcester, Chairman

Edward P. Bird of Fitchburg

Francis E. Cassidy of Webster

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

A. Andre Gelinas of Fitchburg

SHERIFF OF WORCESTER COUNTY

William A. Bennett of Worcester

COUNTY TREASURER

Alexander G. Lajoie of Worcester

CLERK OF COURTS, WORCESTER COUNTY

James J. Joyce of Worcester

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

F. Joseph Donohue of Worcester

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Robert R. Gallagher of Worcester

COUNTY DOG OFFICER

Michael G. Sposato of Worcester

OFFICERS FOR 1955

MODERATOR

Halbert K. Struthers

TOWN CLERK

George G. Newton term expires 1956

SELECTMEN

Malcolm C. Temple, Chairman	term expires 1956
George N. Blakeslee	term expires 1957
Mrs. Gladys G. Crockett	term expires 1958

TOWN TREASURER

Leo F. Murphy

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

and

TOWN COLLECTOR

Clement J. Lambert

ASSESSORS OF TAXES

Norman E. Walker, Chairman	term expires 1958
Donald L. Varney, Clerk	term expires 1957
Walter J. Kirby	term expires 1956

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

George J. Victor, Chairman	term expires 1956
Charles F. Caton, Clerk	term expires 1957
LeRoy G. Newton	term expires 1958

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Donald G. Johnson, Chairman	term expires 1956
Mrs. Elsie J. Craib, Clerk	term expires 1957
Richard D. Stockwell	term expires 1958

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

(Term expires Jan. 1, 1956)
Harvey L. Martindale

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Edward J. Gurry, Chairman	term expires 1958
Donald R. Keniston, Clerk	term expires 1957
Raymond K. Smith, Treasurer	term expires 1956

CONSTABLES

Daniel H. Bates	Arthur J. Leclaire	Alfred H. Nichols
Alvin P. Nichols		Edward L. Orff

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Jennie H. Capen	term expires 1956
George H. Donham	term expires 1956
Mrs. Helene D. Robinson	term expires 1956
Chester W. Walker, Chairman	term expires 1957
Miss Helen A. Fay, Treasurer	term expires 1957
Roy R. Johnson	term expires 1957
James F. Gorman	term expires 1958
Mrs. Alice M. Hall, Clerk	term expires 1958
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Wood	term expires 1958

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Henry J. Poirier

TREE WARDEN

Ronald L. Bradford

SEWER-WATER COMMISSIONERS

Edward L. Orff, Chairman	term expires 1956
Thomas L. Francis	term expires 1958
Walter E. Hopkins, Jr., Clerk	term expires 1957

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Arthur K. McCarty, Chairman	term expires 1957
Francis E. Aldrich, Clerk	term expires 1956
Joseph F. Kearnan	term expires 1958

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Arthur M. Bartlett, Chairman	term expires 1956
Walter K. Kirby	term expires 1958
Forrest P. Salisbury, Clerk	term expires 1957
Douglas J. Gilchrist	term expires 1960

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN IN 1955

TOWN COUNSEL

Gordon A. Shaw (resigned)
J. Laurence Doyle

CHIEF OF POLICE

Daniel H. Bates

Daniel H. Bates	Alfred H. Aldrich	Alfred H. Nichols
Forrest E. Noe	Alvin P. Nichols	Edward L. Orff
Arthur J. Leclaire	Arthur F. Bartlett	Henry J. Poirier
Malcolm C. Temple	Ralph Smith	Joseph P. Bibeau
Edward C. Rock	Eugene A. Clossen	Chester L. Cooper
Arthur P. Henault (deceased)		

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Wilfred N. Bedard, School Buildings;
George W. Burnham, Grange Hall Bldg.;
William A. Bellofatto, Lake Maspenock area;
Ormand A. Bates, Town Hall Bldg.;
Fred Shackleton, Kiwanis Beach;
Napoleon Cote, Town Dump;
Paul F. Ruhan of Milford, Primrose Motel;
Richard B. Bailey, Ernest W. Hoar and Ernest J. Henchey,
Milford Street, traffic duty;
Earl C. Spear of Hopedale (deceased),
Grafton & Upton R. R. property.

LOCKUP KEEPER and CUSTODIAN OF TOWN HALL

Robert E. Blackburn (resigned)
Ormand A. Bates

FENCE VIEWERS

George O. Taft D. Daniel Fay Charles R. Stuart

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Mrs. Eva L. Evans George N. O. Poirier Henry J. Poirier
Mrs. Shirley A. McKellar

DOG OFFICER

Arthur J. Leclaire

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Arthur F. Bartlett

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Frederick W. Fiske Joseph A. Carroll

MEASURERS OF LUMBER

Frederick W. Fiske David H. Dow

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

John W. Drapeau

CUSTODIAN OF VETERANS' GRAVES

Charles E. Aldrich

MILK INSPECTOR

Edward L. Orff

BUILDING INSPECTOR

George N. O. Poirier

WIRING INSPECTOR

Samuel F. Mitchell

BOARD OF HEALTH

Malcolm C. Temple, Chairman Mrs. Gladys G. Crockett

George N. Blakeslee

Agent to issue burial permits: George G. Newton

SUPERINTENDENT TO SUPPRESS GYPSY MOTH

(Subject to approval of State Forester)

Ronald L. Bradford

FOREST WARDEN

(Subject to approval of State Forester)

Walter J. Stank

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

(Subject to approval of Director of Live Stock Control)

Arthur W. Morrison

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Arthur W. Morrison

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Edwin W. Sadler (D), Chairman	term expires 1957
Mrs. Alice G. Cooley (D)	term expires 1956
Donald A. Wellman (R)	term expires 1958
George G. Newton (R) ex-officio, Clerk	term expires 1956

FIRE ENGINEERS

George N. O. Poirier, Chief

Thomas L. Francis, Deputy Chief

William A. Prentiss, Deputy Chief and Clerk

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

George E. Grebenstein

CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL

Charles R. Stuart	Edward Kuczinski	Henry J. Poirier
Edward L. Prentiss	Dr. Bernard F. McKernan	

FINANCE COMMITTEE

George E. Nydam, (resigned)	term expires 1956
Leo L. Page, (to fill vacancy)	term expires 1956
Windsor B. Brooks	term expires 1956
Arah K. Libbey, Clerk	term expires 1956
Arthur M. Bartlett, (resigned as chairman) ..	term expires 1957
Eugene I. Whiting, Chairman	term expires 1957
Samuel W. Bailey	term expires 1957
Howard F. Heald	term expires 1958
Clarence P. Voss	term expires 1958
James J. Gallagher	term expires 1958

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 1955

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the town of Upton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Monday, the Twenty-first day of February, 1955, punctually, at Eight o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear a report of the Committee that was authorized by the voters, March 7, 1953, to investigate matters pertaining to a Regional School, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 2. Shall the Town accept the provisions of sections 16 to 16 I, inclusive, of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a Regional School District, together with the Towns of Bellingham and Mendon, and the construction, maintenance and operation of a Regional School by said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen?

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting:—At each of the Post-offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with you doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this Eighth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

GLADYS G. CROCKETT
DANIEL H. BATES
MALCOLM C. TEMPLE
Selectmen of Upton

Upton, Massachusetts
February 9, 1955

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall, Monday, the Twenty-first day of February, 1955, for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of the within Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town House at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

DANIEL H. BATES

Constable of Upton

PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

February 21, 1955

Regional School District

The meeting was called to order at 8.20 P.M. by Moderator Halbert K. Struthers after upwards of 400 voters had been seated on the main floor and in the balcony. It was the largest attended special town meeting in Upton in years.

Ernest J. Henchey (R) and Eugene J. Bissonnette (D) checked the names of voters as they entered the hall.

Following the reading of the Warrant by Moderator Struthers, Donald B. Johnson, a member of the special committee authorized by the town in 1953 to investigate the advisability of joining a Regional School District, made a report for the committee. (Other committee members representing Upton are Mrs. Ruth L. Nichols, R.N., school nurse, and Laurence H. Atwood.) The report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

The report: "At the annual town meeting March 7, 1953 it was voted to have the moderator choose three persons to investigate regional schools as set up under Chapter 71 of the General Laws, sections 14 to 16-I. The moderator chose Mrs. Ruth Nichols, Laurence Atwood and Donald Johnson.

"This regional school law was set up to take care of communities which are too small to pay for adequate school facilities in their own towns.

"The law has two effects. It broadens the tax base to two or more communities so the burden on the individual taxpayers is lessened. It also provides for the most efficient school by bringing together enough pupils to keep classes at the optimum size for effective teaching.

"It was interesting in this regard to discover that it cost the town of Upton \$214.49 per high school pupil in 1945, the last year the town operated a high school. This was in a period when the average salary was \$1100, and before the post-war inflation more than doubled school costs.

"We found out from the School Building Assistance Commission in Boston that they would not justify or recommend the construction and operation of a high school with fewer than 600 pupils, whether by the individual town or by a region.

"According to Simeon J. Domas, specialist in school district organization, a population tax base of approximately eight thousand persons is necessary to bring construction costs down to a reasonable figure and to insure the sale of bonds by a bonding house.

"The committee was first in contact with Hopkinton, which had also appointed a duly-authorized committee and was in a legal position to talk about regional schools with Upton. Hopkinton, however, voted to build their own high school at a cost of \$1,380,000. This is to be a 600-pupil school, and was deemed a borderline case by the state. Of this sum the state agreed to pay 50 per cent of the cost. The impact of this school on the Hopkinton tax rate the first year is set by the state at \$14.50 per thousand.

"At the town meeting in Mendon last year, a regional school committee was authorized. Of all the towns that adjoin Upton, this was the only one besides Hopkinton that had taken this step. Our committee thereupon entered into talks with Mendon. In the meanwhile Bellingham, which adjoins Mendon, had been in contact with state officials and had also formed a committee. They were interested in Mendon, and Upton was interested in Mendon. Thus it was that the three committees set down together with Mr. Domas of the School Building Assistance Commission and formed what we tentatively called the Nipmuc Regional District

School Planning Board. The date was Sept. 20, 1954, and this planning board held eleven meetings, working out an agreement they hoped would be satisfactory to the voters of the three towns.

"The state by a consideration of the needs of the district established a figure of approximately \$1,913,456 as construction

and equipment cost. Of this the Commonwealth agreed to pay 65 per cent or \$1,178,450. This amount would be a direct grant and would never have to be appropriated by the three towns. In addition, the Commonwealth agreed to pay all planning costs of the building, estimated at \$100,456. Also, under a new act, there is an annual reimbursement of an additional fifteen per cent which is only for towns in a regional school district, of the aid which is already granted under the General Laws. The Commonwealth also will pay all regional transportation charges of the district for pupils who live more than one and one-half miles from the school.

"Of the region's share of the cost, which is \$634,550 plus interest at two and one-quarter per cent for 20 years or \$428,-521.30, Upton would be asked to pay 32 per cent during the first 10 years, which is slightly less than the percentage of Upton pupils who would attend the school. This would have an impact of \$6.03 on the Upton tax rate the first year, and would decrease each succeeding year. Because of the possibility that one town might grow at a faster rate than another it was decided to reopen the question of capital costs after 10 years and reapportion the costs on the basis of the average per-pupil ratio during that 10-year period.

"The committee feels certain that Upton pupils can be accommodated in Northbridge for as long a period as they have room in their school system. Estimates as to how long that could be, can only be conjecture. Grafton High School, opened in 1950, was crowded before a guaranteed five-year period was up. Northbridge has offered to guarantee to take our pupils for a five-year period at a charge of \$200 in Junior High and \$230 in Senior High.

"In this connection it might be well to point out that both Northbridge Junior High and Grafton Junior High have afforded bargain rates for tuition. In Northbridge, it was \$117 per pupil in 1947 and \$180 per pupil in 1954. In Grafton it was \$130 per pupil in 1947 and \$208 in 1954, reflecting a steady increase.

"The Upton committee was not chosen to sell the voters anything. They feel that the regional school is the only long-term solution to our school problem."

On motion of Selectman Malcolm C. Temple, seconded by Forrest P. Salisbury, it was voted to accept the report and open it for discussion.

Selectman Temple asked for information from the committee to which Mr. Johnson responded. Mr. Temple then spoke in

opposition to the proposed agreement established a Regional School District with the towns of Bellingham and Mendon. His objection to the agreement was mostly from a business view; not educational. He termed the agreement as submitted was "dictatorial" in his opinion.

Robert E. Maynard advocated deferring action on joining a regional school district at this time until further study could be made of such an important question and involving a large sum of money. He suggested that an Upton-Mendon agreement might be more equitable because of the current growth of the population in Bellingham. He added that Northbridge school officials have conservatively said that Upton pupils could be cared for in their school system for at least five years. Also, that some arrangement might be made at a future time with Grafton where he understood school housing was to be reopened.

Other voters speaking included Harrison E. Bates, Edward L. Prentise and Mrs. Elsie J. Craib, a member of the School Committee.

After Moderator Struthers inquired if there was any other voter who desired to be heard with no reply, Forrest P. Salisbury moved that voting take place under Article 2. Motion seconded. Voted, there being no dissenting voice.

Edward L. Prentiss (R), Edward J. Furphy (D), Mrs. Helen I. Donham (R) and Mrs. Rita C. Cutler (D), named checkers of voting list and as tellers, took oath to perform their duties. Police Chief-Selectman Daniel H. Bates was in charge of the ballot box. Officer Alfred J. Leclaire was on duty. Voting booths had been set up and a special ballot printed.

Kenneth L. Wood motioned a rising vote of thanks to the local special committee that had made a study pertaining to establishing a regional school district. Seconded. Voted.

Voting started at 9:15 P.M. At 10 P.M. Town Clerk George G. Newton motioned that balloting cease at 10:10 P.M. Motion seconded. Voted. There was no ballot cast during the last minutes that ballot box was open.

At close of voting, ballots were counted. Result on the following question directed by state law:

"Establishment of a Regional School District, together with the Towns of Bellingham and Mendon, and the construction, maintenance and operation of a Regional School by said district

in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen?"

Yes — 82

No — 295

Voted announced by the Town Clerk. Ballots sealed and placed in vault.

At 10.30 P.M. motion to dissolve the Warrant was made by Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy, seconded, and voted.

(Note: Special Town Meetings took place the same night at Bellingham and Mendon on like question, printed ballot.)

Bellingham: Yes 204 No 448

Mendon: Yes 250 No 50

Attest:

GEORGE G. NEWTON

Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

MARCH 7, 1955

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Monday, the Seventh day of March, punctually, at Seven (7) o'clock A.M. to cast their votes for the following Town officers:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers as follows: Moderator, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Road Commissioner, Tree Warden and five Constables, all for one year; one Assessor of Taxes, one member of the Board of Public Welfare, one member of the School Committee, one Cemetery Commissioner, one member of the Water and Sewer Commission, one Park Commissioner and three Trustees of the Public Library, all for three years; three Selectmen, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years; one member of the Housing Authority for five years; one Assessor of Taxes for one year to fill a vacancy; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for two years to fill a vacancy; one member of the Water and Sewer Commission for two years to fill a vacancy, and a Trustee of the Public Library for two years to fill a vacancy.

QUESTION

To Ascertain The Will Of The Voters Of The Town Of Upton With Reference To The Question Of Demolishing The Building Known As The "Grand Army Hall."

"Shall the building known as the Grand Army Hall in the Town of Upton be demolished?"

The polls shall close at Eight (8) o'clock P.M. on day of said meeting.

All of the above to be voted for upon one ballot.

The remaining articles contained in the Warrent will be acted upon at an adjourned meeting of the voters in Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, March 12, 1955 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Article 2. To hear the reports of all town officers, and do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 3. To hear reports of any committees appointed by the Town, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended; Moderator, Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Collector of Taxes, Assessors of Taxes, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Cemetery Commissioners, Constables, Trustees of Public Library, Park Commissioners, Tree Warden, Road Commissioner, Water and Sewer Commissioners, and Town Accountant, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses of Town Departments for the ensuing year, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) to be used by the Upton District Nursing Association for pre-natal, post-natal and pre-school nursing services, crippled children and well-child clinic services, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 4, General Laws.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-five Hundred Dollars (\$4500.00) to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway work, and that, in addition, the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500.00) in anticipation of reimbursement from the State as its share of the cost of the work.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway work on Pleasant Street, and that in addition the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) in anticipation of reimbursements from the State or County, or both, as their share of the cost of the work.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Maintenance Highway work, and that, in addition, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) in anticipation of reimbursements from the State or County, or both, as their share of the cost of the work.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) for construction of new Fire Alarm System, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) to continue improvements of so-called Reservoir Street Extension, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of so-called Reservoir Street Extension to "Dr. Crockett Road" in memory of the late Dr. Earl G. Crockett, as petitioned for by William A. Bellofatto and others, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty-four Dollars (\$54.00) for installation of three electric street lights on Maple Avenue between the Grafton & Upton Railroad Co. grade crossing and Maplewood Cemetery, the said money to be taken from the Street Lights Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint one of its members as Supervisor of Lakeview Cemetery and other town cemeteries, and to establish the rate of pay for such appointee to be taken from the Cemetery Account, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 4A, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Park Commissioners to employ one of its members and to establish the rate of pay for such appointee to be taken from the Parks and Playgrounds Account, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 4A, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Twelve Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$12.80) from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account for Highway Department use, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to renovate the Knowlton School Building in accordance with State requirements, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) for installation of an electric street light for the parking area opposite the main entrance to Memorial School Building, the said money to be taken from the Street Lights Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the proceeds of the 1954 Dog Tax Refund, the sum of Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$711.30) received from the County, to the School Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to secure plans, specifications and estimates for a modern acoustic insulated ceiling, revision of the lighting system, and re-decorating all areas of the main hall, Town Hall Building, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Fifty-nine Cents (\$618.59), in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 22, General Laws for Pension Fund, Expense Fund, and Military Services Fund of the Worcester County Retirement System, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$885.00) for oiling Fiske Avenue, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for oiling Church Street between High and School Streets, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$1,608.00) for oiling Christian Hill Road, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for a new guard rail on Church Street, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) as a Highway Fund, General, to be used for highway purposes, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars (\$258.00) for oiling of Warren Road, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to name the Square formed by the intersection of School and Church Streets as "Joseph P. Benoit Square" in memory of Joseph P. Benoit, who died in Korea in December 1950 while serving in the armed forces of the United States, as petitioned for by more than ten registered voters, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Dollars (\$90.00) for the erection of a suitable marker in memory of Joseph P. Benoit at the intersection of School and Church Streets, as petitioned for by more than ten registered voters, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend its By-Laws by adding a new section thereto to read: "A new road taking shall be not less than forty feet in width, and the roadway itself shall be not less than twenty feet in width with a one-foot depth of good gravel," said section to be known as Section 8 of Chapter 7 of said By-Laws, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) to install one electric street light on pole 23, located on Warren Street, as petitioned for by Joanne H. McClure and others, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balances of the School Milk Program Account, Two Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$2.88) and School Sale of Ice Cream Account, Four Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$439.15) to the School Cafeteria Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following balances to the Excess and Deficiency Account: New Town Ambulance, One Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$141.00); Sewer

and Water Equipment Account, Forty-two Cents (\$0.42), and Fire Station Construction Account, One Dollar (\$1.00), or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the Premiums on Water Loans totaling Two Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$242.50) to Notes and Interest Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Excess and Deficiency Account, a sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), said money to be used by the Board of Assessors of Taxes in establishing the 1955 Tax Rate, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrent, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting:—At each of the Post-offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this Twenty-second day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

GLADYS G. CROCKETT

DANIEL H. BATES

MALCOLM C. TEMPLE

Selectmen of Upton

February 23, 1955

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall on Monday, the Seventh day of March, for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies in each of the Post Offices and on the Town House at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

DANIEL H. BATES

Constable of the Town of Upton

Attest:

GEORGE G. NEWTON

Town Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 7, 1955

Pursuant to the Warrant, Moderator Halbert K. Struthers called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock A.M.

After reading the call of the meeting and Article 1 for choosing of all necessary officers, Selectman Daniel H. Bates moved that reading of the remainder of the articles be waived at this time as they were to be acted upon at the adjourned town meeting, March 12, 1955 at 2 P.M. Motion was seconded and voted. Moderator Struthers then continued to read the remainder of the Warrant and Constable's return.

Moderator Struthers invited any voter to inspect the ballot box. The box's indicator was set at 0000. The open ballot box was inspected by several voters in the hall before the reading of Warrant. Selectman-Police Chief Daniel H. Bates was on duty at the ballot box at opening of the polls, being relieved at 8 A.M. by Officer Edward J. Morrison. Officer Alfred H. Aldrich served at the ballot box later in the day.

A sealed box purporting to contain 1850 ballots was turned over by the Town Clerk to Moderator Struthers, who delivered the box to Raymond F. Lyford (R) and Mrs. Rita C. Cutler (D), ballot clerks. At the check-out table at the ballot box were Mrs. Adelaide E. Bartlett (R) and William H. Noe Jr. (D). The checkers were sworn to perform their duty before the polls opened.

Mrs. Ruth M. Fiske was the first voter to cast a ballot. Arthur M. Bartlett was second voter.

Indicator on ballot box read at hourly intervals as follows: 8 A.M., 49 ballots cast; 9 A.M., 77; 10 A.M., 113; 11 A.M., 169; 12 noon, 224; 1 P.M. 258; 2 P.M., 321; 3 P.M., 385; 4 P.M., 461; 5 P.M., 654; 6 P.M. 824; 7 P.M., 1050, and 8 P.M., 1175. There were 1175 ballots cast and counted. The voting lists were checked and number voting counted. They corresponded. Total, 594 men and 581 women, total 1175. Approximately 76 percent of Upton's total registered voters cast their ballot at this election.

First removal of ballots was at 4:10 P.M. when 450 ballots were counted and placed in envelopes in presence of election officials. At 5:02 P.M., 200 more ballots were removed. After the polls

were closed by the Moderator at 8 P.M., 525 more ballots were removed, making a total of 1175 ballots.

Tellers reporting at 4 P.M. to canvass the vote were: Mrs. Helen I. Donham (R), Mrs. Elizabeth Victor (D), Mrs. Claire B. Praskiewicz (D), Ernest J. Henchey (R), James C. Kelly Jr. (D), Mrs. Norma L. Taft (R), Mrs. Joanne H. McClure (D) and Mrs. Ruth A. Sweet (R).

Tellers reporting at 6 P.M. were: Mrs. Ada W. White (R), Mrs. Yvonne M. Bissonette (D), Mrs. Shirley E. Kirby (D), Mrs. Muriel J. Mitchell (R), LeRoy W. Prentiss (R), Eugene Bissonnette (D), Mrs. Helen Handfield (D) and Samuel B. Young (R).

Edward F. Furphy (D) and Edward L. Prentiss (R) reported at 6 P.M. to tabulate the vote and assist at ballot clerks' tables.

The Town Clerk administered the oath to above election officials before they assumed their duties.

Used and unused ballots, including one spoiled ballot in a separate envelope, were sealed and deposited in containers, sealed and placed in town vault.

Public declaration of the voting was read by Town Clerk at 12:20 A.M. (March 8, 1955).

For MODERATOR, (for one year)

	Vote for one
Halbert K. Struthers, Candidate for Re-election, Main Street	960
James F. Gorman	1
Gladys Crockett	1
Blanks	213
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	1175

For TREASURER, (for one year)

	Vote for one
Leo F. Murphy, Candidate for Re-election, Piccadilly St.	1020
Forrest Salisbury	1
Gladys Crockett	1
Blanks	153
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	1175

For SELECTMAN, (for three years)

Vote for one

Gladys G. Crockett, Candidate for Re-election Main Street	598
Ernest B. Porter, School Street	531
William B. Walker	1
Blanks	45
	1175

For SELECTMAN, (for two years)

	Vote for one
George N. Blakeslee, Main Street	414
Victor R. Mainville, Plain Street	250
Rene E. Page, Depot Street	275
Henry B. Smith, Farm Street	125
Blanks	111
	1175

For SELECTMAN, (for one year)

	Vote for one
Malcolm C. Temple, Candidate for Re-Election, East Street	617
Raymond E. Griffin, West Main Street	170
George E. Nydam, Glen Avenue	231
Millard M. Taft, Warren Street	82
Blanks	75
	1175

For ASSESSOR OF TAXES, (for three years)

	Vote for one
Norman E. Walker, Candidate for Re-election, Brooks St.	925
Gladys Crockett	1
Blanks	249
	1175

For ASSESSOR OF TAXES, (for one year, to fill vacancy)

	Vote for One
Walter J. Kirby, Warren Road	947
Daniel H. Fay	1
Gladys G. Crockett	1
Blanks	226
	1175

For BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARES, (for three years)

	Vote for One
LeRoy G. Newton, Main Street	920

Blanks	255
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	1175

For BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, (for two years, to fill vacancy)	Vote for One
Charles F. Caton, Candidate for Re-election	904
Charles A. Barton	1
Blanks	270
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	1175

For SCHOOL COMMITTEE, (for three years)	Vote for One
George R. Gorman, Pleasant Street	400
Richard D. Stockwell, Mendon Street	691
Ada White	1
Blanks	83
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	1175

For COLLECTOR OF TAXES, (for one year)	Vote for One
Clement J. Lambert, Candidate for Re-election, Farm St.	1,000
Lloyd E. Willard	1
Blanks	174
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	1175

For CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, (for three years)	Vote for One
Edward J. Gurry, Candidate for Re-election, Grove St.	948
David A. Colcord	1
Blanks	226
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For SEWER AND WATER COMMISSIONER, (for three years)	Vote for One
Thomas L. Francis, Candidate for Re-election, Main St.	870
Blanks	305
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	1175

For SEWER AND WATER COMMISSIONER, (for two years, to fill vacancy)	Vote for One
Walter E. Hopkins, Jr., Warren Street	878

Blanks	297
	1175

For CONSTABLES, (for one year)

	Vote for	Five
Daniel H. Bates, Candidate for Re-election, Main St.	852	
Alfred H. Nichols, Candidate for Re-election, No. Main St.	788	
Alvin P. Nichols, Candidate for Re-election, Main St.	778	
Raymond A. Benoit, Nelson Street	384	
Joseph P. Bibeau, Depot Street	410	
Arthur J. Leclaire, River Street	539	
Edward L. Orff, Main Street	582	
Edward C. St. Andre, Main Street	300	
Arthur L. Black	1	
Gladys Crockett	1	
Blanks	1240	
	5875	

For TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,

(for three years)	Vote for	Three
James F. Gorman, Candidate for Re-election, Main St.	915	
Alice M. Hall, Candidate for Re-election, Main Street	867	
Elizabeth H. Wood, Candidate for Re-election, Main St.	870	
Charles E. Aldrich	1	
Blanks	872	
	3525	

For TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,

(for two years, to fill vacancy)	Vote for	One
Roy R. Johnson, Christian Hill Road	873	
Blanks	302	
	1175	

For ROAD COMMISSIONER, (for one year)

	Vote for	One
Henry J. Poirier, Candidate for Re-election, Pleasant St.	865	
Joseph Jacques	266	
Henry Wood	1	
Blanks	43	
	1175	

For TREE WARDEN, (for one year)

Vote for One

Ronald L. Bradford, Candidate for Re-election, No. Main St.	931
Blanks	244
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For PARK COMMISSIONER, (for three years)

	Vote for One
Joseph F. Kearnan, Pleasant Street	915
Robert Blackburn	1
Blanks	259
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	1175

For UPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY, (for five years)

	Vote for One
Douglas J. Gilchrist, Candidate for Re-election, Milford St.	889
Blanks	286
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	1175

QUESTION

To Ascertain The Will Of The Voters Of The Town Of Upton
With Reference To The Question Of Demolishing The Building
Known As The "Grand Army Hall."

"Shall the building known as the Grand Army Hall in the
town of Upton be demolished?"

Yes	707
No	279
Blanks	189
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	1175

Attest:

GEORGE G. NEWTON
Town Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF
ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING

March 12, 1955

Moderator Halbert K. Struthers called the meeting to order,

more than a quorum (20 voters) being present. He requested all non-voters to move from the main hall to the balcony.

Moderator Struthers announced that he would not entertain a motion to "pass over" any article until the said article had been completely read. Also, that motions pertaining to appropriations and other matters when requested by the moderator be submitted in writing.

1954 Town Report

Article 2. Voted: on motion of Selectman Gladys G. Crockett, seconded, to accept the town report as printed, subject to typographical corrections.

Daniel H. Bates moved to amend the original motion, "subject to typographical corrections," which was accepted by Mrs. Crockett.

Reports of Committees G.A.R. Building

Article 3. Voted: To accept the resignation of Walter H. Allen as a member of the special Grand Army Hall Committee. The resignation was read by Selectman Gladys G. Crockett.

Mr. Allen's resignation under date of March 12, 1955 stated: "Resignation from G.A.R. Hall Investigating Committee.

"Having fulfilled the task assigned me and accepting the decision of the voters as final and conclusive I hereby tender my resignation from this Committee. I regret the decision was contrary to my desires, but living in a democracy, we must accept the majority rule. Let us close ranks now and unite our forces in the battle for clean, honorable service for our Town and Nation."

Voted: To accept a written report of Henry C. Walker, chairman of the special Grand Army Hall Committee, made under date of March 11, 1955: "To the Voters: As succeeding Chairman of the G.A.R. Hall Committee, I submit the following report:

"The three citizen members of the Committee, Mr. Joseph Carroll, Mr. Walter Allen and myself, have all submitted letters to the Selectmen, prior to the election of March 7, 1955. At that time I said, and I assume the other two members said what they had to say, and the Selectmen had done what they deemed best in petitioning for a question on the ballot. I do not agree with the manner in which the vote was handled, and feel strongly that the matter was taken from the hands of the Committee. However, regardless of the manner of getting the vote before the people, it is quite evident that the people have spoken. The will of the

people is the backbone of democracy, and whether or not there are or might be certain legal irregularities in getting the question to a vote, appears to me to be quite immaterial. The fact remains the people have voted! I respect that decision, although my feeling in the matter is quite opposite. The legal definition of 'demolition' is: 'To destroy the structural character of, as a building, or a wall.' (Corpus Juris, Vol. 18, page 484)

"Time alone can tell whether this is the vote which is best for the town. I do not know. I only know that the demolition of an old landmark is like the passing of an old friend. We usually miss him! But if he's old and badly beaten, and nobody cares whether he has a much needed operation and some care, perhaps he's better off. So it may be with the G.A.R. Hall. Edwin Markham expresses it in his lines on Lincoln, when he says:

"And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down
As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
And leaves a lonesome place against the sky."

Voted: on motion of Selectman Gladys G. Crockett, seconded, that the special Grand Army Hall Committee members be given a vote of thanks for their time and service.

Building and Zoning Committee

Voted: on motion of Daniel H. Bates, seconded, to accept a report of special committee to investigate Building and Zoning laws for the town of Upton after a report was read by Robert B. Paine, committee chairman, and further discussed by Robert E. Maynard, committee secretary.

The report includes a recommendation that the Board of Selectmen include in the warrant of the first special town meeting in

1955 an article to provide for the acceptance by the Town of Chapter 41, Section 81A of the Massachusetts General Laws, to permit the establishment of a Planning Board. The said article to be so worded that if Chapter 41, Section 81A is accepted by the Town, provision for the election of a five-member Planning Board will be made in the ballot for the 1956 Town Election.

Included in the Committee's report is the following: "If the Town finds, as suggested herein, that it will benefit from the services of a Planning Board, it is to be hoped that the selection of the five members will be made with consideration to their ability to look ahead with true interest in the Town's welfare and

from different points of view as for instance: Residential, Real Estate, Farming, Manufacturing and Business. A Planning Board must be capable of dealing with long range statistical information in such a manner as to interest it to best advantage for the Town's welfare and growth. It must be conversant with current economic conditions and quick to bring to the attention of the townpeople the necessity for any changes in policy. It is, in fact, the forecaster of the Town's economic possibilities or the eyes and ears that warn us well in advance of approaching pitfalls."

Another section sets forth "Building and Zoning Laws are practical and desirable for Upton. If properly administered, they afford the assurance that homemakers, farmers, builders and business people alike need when the value and future of property is being considered.

"The next step to be taken in drafting Zoning Laws is, as previously indicated, to secure the advice of as many townspeople as possible to help to arrive at the final form. Proper zoning cannot be achieved by your Committee or Planning Board alone. Zoning affects all of us and must be the results of the best thoughts and efforts of all of us. Your Committee plans to start by soliciting the assistance and advice of representative Town organizations and respectfully requests, via the medium of this report, invitations from any organization who would like to have a zoning discussion in their forthcoming agendas.

"After representative organizations and as many townspeople as possible, at meetings which be advertised in advance, have had an opportunity to discuss, and contribute their ideas to, the present rough draft of Zoning Bylaws, the Final Draft incorporating the best efforts of all of us will be submitted to the Town for acceptance at a Town meeting to be called especially for this purpose.

"Following the completion of Zoning Regulations, there is the matter of minimum building laws if the full intent of the wording of the 1950 Town Warrant is to be carried out. The State has provided a minimum building code. A copy is in the hands of your Committee to be reviewed for its application to the Town of Upton. It is believed that this code will be sufficient for our requirements, but this also is a broad subject of interest to all of us and will be handled in a separate report.

"Building and Zoning regulations will require for their proper administration, the appointment of a Board of Appeals."

(The entire Committee's report is on file at the Town Clerk's office. Personnel of the Committee: Robert B. Paine, chairman;

Robert E. Maynard, secretary; Gordon E. Benson, George N. O. Poirier and Jonas E. Carter.

Salaries and Expenses

Article 4. Voted: to adopt the following schedule of salaries, compensations and expenses for certain town officials and town department employees:

Town Officers	Salaries	Expenses
Selectmen		
Chairman	\$200.00	
Member	175.00	
Member	175.00	
Clerk	175.00	\$ 725.00
Town Treasurer	\$ 850.00	\$ 150.00
Tax Collector	\$1,100.00	\$ 500.00
Cemetery Commission		
Chairman	\$30.00	
Member	30.00	
Clerk	30.00	90.00
Town Clerk	\$ 450.00	\$ 300.00
Assessors		
Member	\$350.00	
Member	350.00	
Member	350.00	\$1,050.00
Welfare Board		\$ 950.00
Member	\$ 100.00	
Member	100.00	
Member	100.00	
		\$ 300.00
School Committee		
Chairman	\$40.00	
Member	40.00	
Clerk	65.00	\$ 145.00
Auditor and Town Accountant	\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00
Director, Veterans' Services	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
Town Counsel	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Finance Committee, Clerk	\$ 60.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$ 80.00	\$ 10.00

Registrars of Voters

Member	\$35.00
Member	\$35.00
Member	\$35.00
Clerk	\$50.00
	\$ 155.00
	\$ 300.00

Elections and Town Meetings	\$ 300.00
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Bonding Town Officers	\$ 343.00
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Inspector, Slaughtering and Animal Inspection	\$ 100.00
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Housing Authority	\$ 25.00
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Wiring Inspector	\$ 50.00
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Moderator	\$ 50.00
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Tree Warden

Truck hire	\$1.85 per hr.
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Labor	\$1.25 per hr.
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(From Warden's Department appropriation)

Water Commissioners

Member	\$ 75.00
Member	75.00
Clerk	100.00
	\$ 250.00
	\$ 100.00

Water Superintendent	\$ 500.00
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Insector of Oil Burners	\$ 50.00
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(Salary to be taken from Fire Dept. Budget)

Road Commissioner	\$2.00 per hour including transportation
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On motion of Selectman Malcolm C. Temple, expenses of Registrars of Voters was increased from \$225.00, recommended by Finance Committee, to \$300.00 to meet the cost of taking the State Census along with local Street Listing of persons 20 years of age and over.

On motion of Town Clerk George G. Newton, expense of "Elections and Town Meetings" increased from \$250.00 recommended by the Finance Committee to \$300.00.

During discussion of article, it was established in "Tree Warden Account," truck hire, \$1.85 per hour and labor, \$1.25 per hour be paid from appropriations under his supervision.

General Appropriations

Article 5. Moderator Struthers stated that if there was no

objection that each item of the Finance Committee's report under this article would be considered separately. That if a voter wished to be heard on an appropriation, the voter should say "Pass." After the list had been completed, the "Pass" items would then be considered. No objection was voiced.

"Passed"—Chapter 81, Chapter 90 Maintenance, Chapter 90 Construction, (Pleasant St.), Reservoir St. Extension, (now Crockett Road), Police, Schools, Town Officers and Expenses, Notes and Interest, Reserve Fund, Elm Beetle and Trees, (Temporarily deferred for action are designated **.)

DEPARTMENTS	APPROPRIATIONS
Ambulance Maintenance	\$ 350.00
Board of Health	
General	200.00
Care of Patients	200.00
Town Dump	300.00
Cemeteries	
General	\$3900.00
Oiling and Grading	300.00
Machinery Expense	225.00 4,425.00
County Hospital Assessments	2,895.62
Fire Dept.	
General	\$3700.00
200 ft. of hose	300.00
Nozzle and two gates	150.00 4,150.00
Forest Fire	700.00
Gypsy Moth Suppression	600.00
**(a) Highways	
Chapter 81 (Article 8)	
Chapter 90 Maintenance (Article 10)	
Chapter 90 Construction (Article 9)	
Bridges	600.00
Sidewalks	500.00
Signs	10.00
Snow Removal	6000.00
**(b) Reservoir Street Extension (Article 12)	
Insurance	2000.00
Library (Carpenter Fund \$30.00)	1200.00
Memorial Day	400.00

**(c) Notes and Interest		\$34,000.00
Breakdown	Notes	Interest
School	\$ 9000.00	\$2,266.25
Water Loan No. 1	10,000.00	6,500.00
Water Loan No. 2	2,000.00	540.00
Fire Station	3,000.00	472.50
Old Age Assistance (Town)		25,000.00
Public Welfare Adm., Social Worker and Clerk		2,500.00
Parks—Athletic Field		300.00
**(d) Police Dept.		3,000.00
Public Welfare, General		2,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children (Town)		5,300.00
Disability Assistance		4,200.00
Printing		1,800.00
**(e) Schools, including Industrial Schools		118,950.40
Street Lights		5,451.00
Town Halls and Expenses		3,197.00
**(f) Town Officers and Expenses		10,058.00
Tree Warden		350.00
Veterans' Services		2,000.00
**(g) Reserve Fund		2,500.00
**(h) Elm Beetle and Trees		1,000.00
Vacation Fund		350.00
Civil Defense		
Damage to Persons and Property		10.00
Hydrant Rental		2,550.00
Water and Sewer Dept		
Maintenance		\$3,100.00
Clerk and Clerical Supplies		325.00 3,425.00

(a) Highways—Voted to consider Chapter 81 appropriation under Article 8; Chapter 90 Maintenance under Article 10; Chapter 90 Construction on Pleasant Street under Article 9, and (b) Reservoir Street Extension, (subsequently voted to be named "Crockett Road"), under Article 12.

(c) Notes and Interest—Action deferred until after Article 35 was acted upon. It was then voted to raise and appropriate \$34,000.00 for Notes and Interest on motion of Town Accountant Harvey L. Martindale.

(d) Donald A. Wellman moved that \$2700.00 be appropriated to Police Account. Harold S. Hopkins, chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that \$3000.00 was recommended.

Police Chief Daniel H. Bates stated that \$2700.00 was not sufficient to take care of police work in Upton as it should be done and moved to amend the motion of \$2700.000 appropriation to read \$4200.00 which was seconded.

Lengthy discussion followed during which Chief Bates explained that with the \$4200.00 appropriation there could be a full-time police officer and a part-time officer. He pointed out how a full-time police officer could receive \$65.00 a week if he also had the position of custodian of Town Hall Building which is appointive by the Selectmen.

Among voters speaking were Kenneth W. Wood, who seconded Mr. Bates' motion; Selectman Gladys G. Crockett, Robert E. Maynard, Harold S. Hopkins, Selectman Malcolm C. Temple, Miss Margery P. Brewster, Richard D. Stockwell, Donald L. Varney and Gordon E. Benson.

A standing vote on Mr. Bates' amendment of \$4200.00 appropriation for Police Account was lost on a standing vote: Yes—64, No—74, being so declared by Moderator Struthers. Constables Alfred H. Nichols and Alvin P. Nichols made the count at the request of the Moderator.

Raymond K. Smith then moved to amend Mr. Wellman's motion of \$2700.00 to read to appropriate \$3000.00, as recommended by the Finance Committee. It was so voted.

After Town Accountant Harvey L. Martindale asked what pay was to be recorded for the police chief, Gordon E. Benson moved that the salary be established at \$50.00 a month, said money to be taken from the Police Department appropriation and it was so voted.

(e) Schools—Voted: on motion of Donald B. Johnson, chairman of the School Committee, to raise and appropriate \$118,950.40 after Article 20 was acted upon. Mr. Johnson moved to "pass over" the item when "Schools, including Industrial" was originally read, until Article 20 had been considered by the voters.

(f) Town Officers and Expenses—On motion of Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy the appropriation for "Town Officers and Expenses" was increased from \$9,933.00 to \$10,058 because of establishing increases of \$75.00 for "Registrars of Voters-Expenses," and \$50.00, "Elections and Town Meetings."

(g) Reserve Fund—Voted: on motion of Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy that \$2500.00 for Reserve Fund Account be taken

from the Overlay Surplus Fund. (This sum not to be raised by taxation.)

(h) Elm Beetle and Trees—Voted: on motion of Harold S. Hopkins to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for care of elm trees and suppressing the elm bettle. Tree Warden Ronald L. Bradford previously stated that at least 30 condemned elm trees were due to be cut down. The Finance Committee's original recommendation for the work was \$500.00.

Voted: on motion of Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy after the final item in Article 3 had been acted upon (following action on Article 35), that all appropriations of the various town departments and accounts set forth in the article be raised by taxation unless otherwise stated. (One such item—Reserve Fund, \$2500.00, from Overlay Surplus Fund.)

District Nursing Association

Article 6. Voted: on motion of Forrest P. Salisbury, seconded, that the Town of Upton raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) to be used by the Upton District Nursing Association for pre-natal, post-natal and pre-school nursing services, crippled children and well-child clinic services.

Authorization To Borrow Money

Article 7. Voted: on motion of Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy, duly seconded, that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. Unanimous vote declared by Moderator Struthers.

Highways—Chapter 81

Article 8. Voted: on motion of Road Commissioner Henry J. Poirier, duly seconded, to "raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-five Hundred Dollars (\$4500.00) to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Work, and that in addition, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500.00) in anticipation of reimbursement from the State as its share of the cost of the work.

Pleasant Street

Article 9. Voted: Harold S. Hopkins, chairman of the

Finance Committee, moved the following amendment to original motion of Road Commissioner Henry J. Poirier, "that the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Pleasant Street, and that in addition, the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6000.00) to meet the State and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury. Seconded. Standing vote:

Yes—100, No—4.

Original motion made by Road Commissioner Henry J. Poirier, which was seconded, was to "raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Work on Pleasant Street, and that, in addition, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) in anticipation of reimbursement from the State or County, or both, as their share of the cost of the work."

Highways—Chapter 90 Maintenance

Article 10. Voted: Road Commissioner Henry J. Poirier moved the following amendment to the original motion, "that we raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Maintenance Highway Work, and that, in addition, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) in anticipation of reimbursements from the State or County, or both, as their share of the cost of the work."

Original motion of Harold S. Hopkins, chairman of the Finance Committee, was "that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that in addition, the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Road Commissioner Poirier explained before the vote was taken that owing to much frost the past winter, the sum of \$2000.00 by the town was much needed.

Fire Alarm System

Article 11. Voted: on motion of Fire Chief George N. O. Poirier that the Town "raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) to purchase and construct a Fire Alarm System and install a so-called Red Network of telephones. The above construction, purchases and details of said systems to be left in the hands of the Fire Engineers."

There was no dissenting voice to the motion, Moderator Struthers declared.

Fire Chief Poirier explained that with the inauguration of the dial telephone system scheduled May 19 at 7 A.M. in Upton, it would necessitate another arrangement for sounding of an alarm for a fire as the local telephone exchange office would be closed.

He stated the proposed alarm system would have seven telephones, according to present plans—four in residences and three in business places—from which an alarm for fire can be sounded. Also that it is planned to install two fire alarm boxes—one each at Central Square, Upton Center section, and Post Office Square, West Upton section, he explained.

Continuing Chief Poirier said that it is planned to move the fire alarm siren from atop Grand Army Hall Building to near Memorial School Building. He also stated that officials of Kartiganer Hat Corporation had given permission to have the factory whistle sounded for a fire.

Chief Poirier named the streets over which the proposed special fire alarm system's wires would be strung.

After the vote was announced by the Moderator, a motion was made to adjourn until next Monday, March 14, 1955 at 8 P.M. which was so voted.

Attest:

GEORGE G. NEWTON
Town Clerk

**PROCEEDINGS OF SECOND ADJOURNED
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

March 14, 1955

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Halbert K. Struthers with more than a quorum (20 voters) in the hall.

Reservoir Street

Article 12. Voted: on motion of Road Commissioner Henry J. Poirier, seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) to continue improvement of so-called Reservoir Street Extension.

Naming "Crockett Road"

Article 13. Voted: on motion of William A. Bellofatto, seconded, that the Town change the name of so-called "Reservoir Street Extension" to "Crockett Road" in memory of the late Dr. Earl G. Crockett.

(Dr. Crockett, dentist) served several terms as a Selectman of Upton and as a Representative of the Ninth Worcester District. He was active in having the road laid out which subsequently was accepted by the town as a public way.)

Maple Avenue Street Lights

Article 14. Voted: Selectman Gladys C. Crockett moved that the Town appropriate the sum of Fifty-four Dollars (\$54.00) for installation of three electric street lights on Maple Avenue between the Grafton & Upton Railroad Co. grade crossing and Maplewood Cemetery, the said money to be taken from the Street Lights Account. Motion seconded.

Article 15. Voted: to pass over.

Passed Over

Article 16. Voted: to pass over.

Machinery Fund To Machinery Account

Passed Over

Article 17. Voted: on motion of Road Commissioner Henry J. Poirier, seconded, that the Town transfer the sum of Twelve

Article 18. Voted: on motion of Selectmen Makomkin C. Knowton School of Temple, duly seconded, that the Moderator appointed a Committee of four to work in construction with the School and have them approved, and report back to the Selectmen. set plans for Knowton School and have them approved, and set back to the Selectmen. set plans for Highway Department use. the Machinery Account for Highway Cents (\$12.80) from the Machinery Fund to I. Bennett, Arthur M. Bartlett, Arthur F. Watson and Harold S. Hopkins. Electric Light at Memorial School. Article 19. Voted: on motion of Selectmen Gladys C. Crockett, seconded, to pass over. Article 20. Voted: on motion of Donald B. Johnson, chairman of the School Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars and Fifty Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$711.30) received from the County to the School Account, be moved to the School Account. Article 21. Voted: on motion of Selectmen Makomkin C. Proposed Improvements For Town Hall Buildings. Article 22. Voted: that the Moderator appointed a Committee a motion of Selectmen Makomkin C. Three to secure plans, specifications and estimates for a new acoustic insulation of the basement hall in the Town Hall Building and report at the first special town meeting.

Moderator Struthers named the following Committee: Malcolm C. Temple, William A. Bellofatto and Robert E. Maynard.

County Retirement Commitment Article 22. Voted: on motion of Selectman Gladys G. Crockett, seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Fifty-nine Cents (\$618.59) in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 22, General Laws, for Pension Fund, Expense Fund and Military Services Fund of the Worcester County Retirement System.

Oiling Fiske Avenue

Article 23. Voted: on motion of Harold S. Hopkins, seconded, to appropriate Eight Hundred Eighty-five Dollars from available unappropriated funds in the town treasury for oiling Fiske Avenue.

Oiling Church Street

Article 24. Voted: on motion of Road Commissioner Henry J. Poirier, amended by Selectman Malcolm C. Temple, seconded, to appropriate One Thousand Six Hundred Eight Dollars (\$885.00) from available unappropriated funds in the town treasury for oiling of Church Street between High and School Streets.

Oiling Christian Hill Road

Article 25. Voted: on motion of Road Commissioner Henry J. Poirier, amended by Selectman Malcolm C. Temple, seconded, to appropriate One Thousand Six Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$1,608.00) from available unappropriated funds in the town treasury for oiling of Christian Hill Road.

Joseph A. Carroll, Fire Chief George N. O. Poirier and Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy spoke in favor of the motion. The appropriation was not recommended by the Finance Committee. Donald A. Wellman requested voters to support the Finance Committee.

Church St. Guard Rail

Article 26. Voted: on motion of Road Commissioner Henry J. Poirier, amended by Selectman Malcolm C. Temple, seconded, to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) from available unappropriated funds in the town treasury for a new guard rail on Church Street.

Highway Fund, General

Article 27. Voted: on motion of Road Commissioner Henry J. Poirier, amended by Selectman Malcolm C. Temple, seconded, to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from available unappropriated funds in the town treasury as a "Highway Fund, General," to be used for highway purposes not otherwise provided. Appropriation was not recommended by the Finance Committee.

Oiling Warren Road

Article 28. Voted: on motion of Road Commissioner Henry J. Poirier, amended by Selectman Malcolm C. Temple, seconded, to appropriate Two Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars (\$258.00) from available unappropriated funds in the town treasury for oiling of Warren Road, or general maintenance in case the new layout is not accepted.

Naming Square in Memory of *Joseph P. Benoit*

Article 29. Voted: on motion of Donald R. Keniston, that the Town authorize the Selectmen to name the Square formed by the intersection of School and Church Streets, as "*Joseph P. Benoit Square*" in memory of Joseph P. Benoit, who died in Korea in December 1950 while serving in the armed forces of the United States.

Memorial Marker for *Joseph P. Benoit*

Article 30. Voted: on motion of Donald R. Keniston that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Dollars (\$90.00) for the erection of a suitable marker in memory of Joseph P. Benoit at the intersection of School and Church Streets.

New Road Taking Requirements

Article 31. Voted: on motion of Selectman Malcolm C. Temple, duly seconded, to amend Chapter 7 of the By-Laws by adding Section 8 to read as follows: "A new road taking shall not be less than Forty (40) Feet in width and the roadway itself be not less than Twenty (20) feet in width, with at least one (1) foot depth of good gravel on the surface."

Motion to pass over the article was declared lost on a voice vote.

Warren Street Light

Article 32. Voted: on motion of Selectman Gladys G.

Crockett, seconded, to appropriate the sum of Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) to install one electric street light on pole 23, located on Warren Street, as petitioned for by Joanne H. McClure and others, said money to be paid from the Street Light Account.

Transfer to School Cafeteria Account

Article 33. Voted: on motion of Town Accountant Harvey L. Martindale, duly seconded, that the sum of Two Dollars and Eighty-eight Cents (\$2.88) in the School Milk Program and Four Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$439.15) in the School Sale of Ice Cream Account be transferred to the School Cafeteria Account.

Transfer of Monies To Excess and Deficiency Account

Article 34. Voted: on motion of Town Accountant Harvey L. Martindale, duly seconded, to transfer balances of new Town Ambulance Account, One Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$141.00); Sewer and Water Equipment Account, Forty-two Cents (\$0.42), and Fire Station Construction Account, One (1) Dollar, totaling One Hundred Forty-two Dollars and Forty-two Cents (\$142.42), to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Transfer to Notes and Interest Account

Article 35. Voted: on motion of Town Accountant Harvey L. Martindale, duly seconded, that the sum of Two Hundred Forty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$242.50) be transferred from the Loans Account to Notes and Interest Account.

Following this action, Mr. Martindale moved and it was so voted to return to *Article 3* to take up the account of "Notes And Interest" which had been "passed" when originally called.

Mr. Martindale then moved that the sum of \$34,000 be raised and appropriated. Voted.

Raise by Taxation

Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy moved that all monies appropriated during Saturday's first adjourned annual town meeting and tonight's second adjourned annual town meeting, unless otherwise provided in the motion, be raised by taxation. Seconded. Voted.

Use of Available Funds in Establishing 1955 Tax Rate

Article 36. Voted: on motion of Selectman Gladys G. Crockett, duly seconded, that the Town vote to appropriate from

the Excess and Deficiency Account, a sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), said money to be used by the Board of Assessors in establishing the 1955 Tax Rate.

Motion to dissolve the Warrant, seconded, and voted.

Attest:

GEORGE G. NEWTON
Town Clerk

AUGUST 8, 1955

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Monday, the Eighth day of August, 1955, punctually, at Eight (8) o'clock P.M. at act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the reports of Town Officers and Committees, and do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will establish a Planning Board under G.L. (ter. ed.), Chapter 41, Section 81A; to see if the Town will fix the number of members thereof, and to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as a Planning Board under said section until the next annual town meeting, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will appropriate from available funds in the Town Treasury the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the Town Counsel Expense Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to sell any obsolete materials, apparatus and equipment owned by the Town and presently controlled by the Water Commissioners, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will appropriate from available funds in the Town Treasury a sum of money for the settle-

ment of land damages resulting from the taking, laying out and relocating of Warren Road, and to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act in relation thereto, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will accept the lay-out, relocation or alteration of Warren Road made by the Selectmen, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) for the laying of water mains of not less than six (6) inches in diameter in Warren Road, said money to be raised by borrowing the same; and to see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to G.L. (ter. ed), Chapter 44, Section 8, Clause 5, to borrow the said sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) for the purpose and to issue and sell serial, coupon bonds or notes of the Town, each issue of said bonds or notes to bear such date, such rate of interest, to mature at such time, not to exceed fifteen (15) years from the date of the first issue, and to be in such form and to be sold in such manner as shall be determined by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) for the laying of water mains of not less than six (6) inches in diameter in Brooks Street, Farm Street, Piccadilly Street, Lower Hartford Avenue, and Maple Avenue, said sum to be raised by borrowing the same; and to see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to G.L. (ter. ed), Chapter 44, Section 8, Clause 5, to borrow the said sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) for the purpose and to issue and sell serial, coupon bonds or notes of the Town, each issue of said bonds or notes to bear such date, such rate of interest, to mature at such time, not to exceed fifteen (15) years from the date of the first issue, and to be in such form and to be sold in such manner as shall be determined by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting:—At each of the Post-offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this Twenty-ninth day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

MALCOLM C. TEMPLE
GEORGE N. BLAKESLEE

Selectmen of Upton

A true copy. Attest:

DANIEL H. BATES

Constable of Upton

Upton, Mass., July 30, 1955

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble in their Town Hall, on Monday, the Eighth Day of August, 1955, for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant in each of the Post-offices and on the Town House at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

DANIEL H. BATES

Constable of Upton

PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

AUGUST 8, 1955

Moderator Halbert K. Struthers called the meeting to order at the designated hour with more than a quorum (20 voters) present. During the early part of the meeting more voters arrived at the hall until the total was estimated at nearly 100.

Mr. Struthers directed that all persons who were not registered voters retire from the main floor to the balcony.

On motion of Chairman of Selectmen Malcolm C. Temple, duly seconded, unanimous permission was granted to Town Counsel J. Laurence Doyle to remain seated on the main floor and speak when requested.

Mr. Struthers also said he would not accept any motion to "pass over" any article until it had been read.

TOWN HALL

Article 1. Voted: on motion of Daniel H. Bates, duly sec-

onded, to accept a report of progress made by a special appointed committee concerning a proposed acoustic ceiling and other improvements in the main hall, Town House Building.

The report was read by Malcolm C. Temple, Chairman of Selectmen, who is a member of the committee. The committee was authorized at the annual March town meeting.

ESTABLISH PLANNING BOARD

Article 2. Voted: on motion of Robert E. Maynard, duly seconded, that the Town establish a Planning Board under G.L. (ter. ed.), Chapter 41, Section 81A, said Board to consist of five members to be elected at the next annual town meeting, one to serve for a term of five years, one to serve for a term of four years, one to serve for a term of three years, one to serve for a term of two years, and one to serve for a term of one year, and at the expiration of each member's term his successor shall be elected for a term of five years; further, that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to act as a Planning Board under said section until next annual meeting.

Before action was taken on the article, Town Counsel J. J. Laurence Doyle read an extract of the General Laws pertaining to a "Planning Board" after a request was made by Daniel H. Bates for more information as to Chapter 41, Section 81A.

APPROPRIATION FOR TOWN COUNSEL EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Article 3. Voted: on motion of Chairman of Selectmen Malcolm C. Temple, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate from available funds in the Town Treasury, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the Town Counsel Expense Account. Unanimous vote declared by Moderator.

AUTHORIZATION TO SELL

Article 4. Voted: on motion of Chairman Edward L. Orff of the Water Commission, duly seconded, that the Water Commissioners be authorized to sell any obsolete materials, apparatus and equipment owned by the Town and presently controlled by the Water Commissioners.

PASS OVER LAND DAMAGE APPROPRIATION

Article 5. Voted: on motion of Chairman of Selectman Malcolm C. Temple, seconded, to pass over. The article called for an appropriation for settlement of any land damage claim for land taking, laying out and re-locating of Warren Road.

REJECT A NEW LAYOUT OF WARREN ROAD

Article 6. Rejected. Voters on a voice vote rejected motion of Selectman George N. Blakeslee for the Town to accept a proposed layout, relocation and alteration of Warren Road as agreed

upon by the Selectmen. A lengthy discussion preceded the taking of the vote.

WARREN ROAD WATER MAIN

Article 7. Voted: on motion of Water Commissioner Walter E. Hopkins, Jr., duly seconded, that the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) for the laying of water mains of not less than six (6) inches in diameter in Warren Road, said sum to be raised by borrowing the same; and that the Town authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to G.L. (ter. ed.), Chapter 44, Section 8, Clause 5 to borrow the said sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) for the purpose and to issue and sell serial, coupon bonds or notes of the Town, each issue of said bonds or notes to bear such rate of interest to mature at such time, not to exceed fifteen (15) years from the date of the first issue, and to be in such form and to be sold in such manner as shall be determined by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen.

Moderator Struthers declared the vote as unanimous. There was no dissenting voice.

When the article first came before the voters earlier in the meeting, it was "passed over." (This motion was taken after voters had rejected Article 6.)

After Article 8 had been acted upon, Assessor Donald L. Varney moved that Article 7 be reconsidered, which was duly seconded and so voted. This action came about 30 minutes after the article had been "passed over."

The motion of Water Commissioner Hopkins followed, which was voted as above recorded.

WATER MAINS ON BROOKS, FARM, PICCADILLY STS., MAPLE AND LOWER HARTFORD AVENUES

Article 8. Voted: on motion of Chairman of Water Commissioners Edward L. Orff, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) for the laying of water mains of not less than six (6) inches in diameter in Brooks Street, Farm Street, Piccadilly Street, Lower Hartford Avenue and Maple Avenue, said sum to be raised by borrowing the same; and that the Town authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to G.L. (ter. ed.), Chapter 44, Section 8, Clause 5, to borrow the said sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) for the purpose and to issue and sell serial, coupon bonds or notes of the Town, each issue of said bonds or notes to bear such date, such rate of interest, to mature at such time, not to exceed fifteen (15) years from the date of the first issue, and to be in such form and to be in such manners as shall be determined by the Treasurer

with the approval of the Selectmen. Moderator Struthers declared the vote unanimous. There was no dissenting voice.

Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy moved that the Warrant be dissolved and the meeting adjourned. Motion seconded. Voted at 9:55 P.M.

Attest:

GEORGE E. NEWTON

Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

DECEMBER 22, 1955

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Thursday, the Twenty-second day of December (1955), punctually at Eight (8) o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer Two Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$216.14) from the Gypsy Moth Suppression Appropriation Account to the Elm Beetle Suppression Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from the Bridges Account to Schools, General, Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the town treasury the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$850.00) to the Schools, General, Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) from the Warren Road Construction Account to the Farm Street, Brooks Street, Piccadilly Street, Lower Hartford Avenue and Maple Avenue Water Con-

Struction Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase the dam site, flowage rights and title in the former so-called Jourdan Pond area and expend the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) available funds of the Ella Whitney Risteen Trust, Beautification Clause (13-D), for the purpose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase the dam site, flowage rights and title in the former so-called Box Mill Pond area and to expend the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) from available funds of the Ella Whitney Risteen Trust, Beautification Clause (13-D), for the purpose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to remodel, reconstruct and make extraordinary repairs to the Town Hall Building and to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) therefor; said sum of money to be financed as follows: by the appropriation of the sum of Four Thousand Dollars from the William Knowlton Trust Fund, by the appropriation of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) from unappropriated available funds in the town treasury, and by borrowing of the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) repayable in equal annual installments over a period of not more than two years, or take any action in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting:—At each of the Post-offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meetings aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this Fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

MALCOLM C. TEMPLE
GEORGE N. BLAKESLEE
GLADYS G. CROCKETT

Selectmen of Upton

Attest:

DANIEL H. BATES

Constable of Upton

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the

inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall on December 22, 1955 for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the said Warrant in each of the Post-offices and on the Town House at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

DANIEL H. BATES
Constable of Town of Upton

PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

DECEMBER 22, 1955

After calling the meeting to order, Moderator Halbert K. Struthers directed any non-voter seated on the main floor of the hall to go to the balcony. There were approximately 40 voters present when the Moderator read the Warrant.

ELM BEETLE SUPPRESSION

Article 1. Voted. on motion of Norman E. Walker, duly seconded, that the sum of Two Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$216.14) be transferred from the Gypsy Moth Suppression appropriation to the Elm Beetle Suppression appropriation account. Unanimous.

SCHOOLS

Article 2. Voted: on motion of Chairman of Selectmen Malcolm C. Temple, duly seconded, to transfer Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from the Bridges Account to Schools, General Account, Unanimous.

SCHOOLS

Article 3. Voted: on motion of Selectman George N. Blakeslee, duly seconded, to appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the town treasury the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$850.00) to the Schools, General Account. Unanimous.

WATER SYSTEM

Article 4. Voted: on motion of Edward L. Orff, chairman of Water-Sewer Commission, duly seconded, to transfer the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) from the Warren Road Water Construction Account to the Farm, Brooks, Piccadilly Streets, Lower Hartford Avenue and Maple Avenue Water Construction Account.

JOURDAN'S POND AREA

Article 5. Voted: on motion of Selectman Mrs. Gladys G. Crockett, duly seconded, to authorize the Selectmen to purchase the dam site, flowage rights and title in the former Jourdan's Pond area and expend the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00)

from available funds of the Ella Whitney Risteen Trust, Beautification clause, for the purpose. Standing vote: Yes—38; No—5. Moderator Struthers appointed Ormand A. Bates and Edward C. Rock, police officers, to make the count.

Before the vote was taken, there was a discussion. The speakers included Mrs. Crockett, Selectman Malcolm C. Temple, Donald A. Wellman, Leo J. Lamanuzzi, Norman E. Walker, Donald L. Varney and George W. Grebenstein, latter owner of flowage rights.

BOX MILL POND AREA

Article 6. Voted: on motion of Selectman Mrs. Gladys G. Crockett, duly seconded, to authorize the Selectmen to purchase the dam site, flowage right and title in the former Box Mill Pond area and to expend the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) from available funds of the Ella Whitney Risteen Trust, Beautification clause, for the purpose. Standing vote: Yes—38; No—2. Moderator Struthers appointed Arthur M. Bartlett and Eugene Whiting, members of the Finance Committee, to make the count.

Before the vote was taken there was a discussion on the motion, the speakers included Norman E. Walker, Mrs. Crockett, Eugene Whiting, Fire Chief George N. O. Poirier and Edward L. Prentiss.

REMODELING TOWN HALL

Article 7. Voted: on motion of Chairman Malcolm C. Temple, duly seconded, "to authorize the Selectmen to remodel, reconstruct and make extraordinary repairs to the Town Hall building and to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) therefor: said sum to be financed as follows: by the appropriation of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) from the William Knowlton Trust Fund, by the appropriation of the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) from available funds in the town treasury, and by borrowing of the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00), repayable in equal annual installments over a period of not more than two years and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue and sell serial, coupon bonds or notes of the town, each issue of said bonds or notes to bear such date, such rate of interest and to mature at such time, not exceeding two years from the date thereof, and to be in such form and to be sold in such manner as shall be determined by the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen." Standing vote: Yes—38; No—0.

Count made by Ormand A. Bates and Edward C. Rock, appointed police officers, at request of Moderator Halbert K. Struthers.

Before the vote was taken, there was a discussion on the motion, the speakers including Mr. Temple, Eugene Whiting, chairman of the Finance Committee who said the committee approved the proposed plan to remodel by an unanimous vote; Donald L. Varney, Leo J. Lamanuzzi and Donald A. Wellman.

Voted: on motion of Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy that the meeting be adjourned and the Warrant dissolved. It was 9:30 P.M.

Attest:

GEORGE G. NEWTON

Town Clerk

1955 JURY LIST

Prepared by the Selectmen under the provisions of Chapter 234, General Laws, and amendments.

JURORS DRAWN IN 1955

Name	Street	Occupation
Arnold, Rhoda C.	Westboro	At home
Bailey, Samuel W.	Main	Retired
Benoit, Raymond A.	Nelson	Hatter
Blackburn, Grace	Main	Trimmer
Blodgett, Charlotte H.	Mechanic	Bookkeeper
Boyer, Rene R.	Maple Ave.	Finisher
Bruso, Eli J.	South	Machine hand
Damon, Harry J.	Warren Rd.	Machinist
Ethier, Edgar H.	Church	Poultryman
Grehenstein, Ethel A.	West Main	Housewife
Gorman, George R.	Pleasant	Rigger
Handfield, Leo J.	Glen Ave.	Machinist
Inman, Irene F.	Main	Housewife
Kerr, Leon N. T.	Brooks	Rigger
Kirby, Shirley E.	Warren Rd.	Clerk
Lawrence, Harold S.	Glen Ave.	Maintenance
Lyford, Lylia H.	Main	Housewife
McKenna, Lloyd A.	Main	Assembler
McClure, Robert B.	Warren	Accountant
Murphy, Leo F.	Piccadilly	Retired
Olson, Carl H.	Main	Truck driver
Paulson, Carl E.	Ridge Rd.	Glass worker
Rawson, Margaret I.	Maple Ave.	Housewife
Rock, M. Alice	Main	Housewife
Salisbury, Forrest P.	Williams	Painter
Smith, Harold L.	Pleasant	Truck driver
Steele, Sophie B.	South	Housewife
Summers, Barbara A.	Grove	Student
Sweet, Ruth A.	Main	Housewife
Tornwall, Emma B.	Old Grafton Rd.	Housewife
Woodward, Bertha G.	Main	Housewife
Woodward, William R.	Main	Clerk
Florence I. Bibeau	Civil	Drawn, Feb. 8, 1955
Russell W. Wood	Civil	Drawn, May 3, 1955
Leon N. T. Kerr	Civil	Drawn, Sept. 3, 1955
Harold L. Smith	Civil	Drawn, Nov. 1, 1955
Mrs. Shirley E. Kirby	Criminal	Drawn, Dec. 13, 1955

LICENSES ISSUED THROUGH OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

DOG LICENSES

A total of 407 Dog Licenses (highest in town's history) were issued during 1955—237 Males, 60 Females, 104 Spayed Females and 6 Transfers. In addition, Three \$10 Kennel Licenses (four dogs or less) were issued. Paid to Town Treasurer, \$931.20.

FISH AND GAME LICENSES

A total of 390 Licenses were issued during 1955—151 Fishing, 65 Hunting, 67 Sporting, 29 Minor's Fishing, 39 Woman's Fishing, 1 Non-Resident Minor Fishing (year), 2 Non-Resident Fishing (year), 1 Non-Resident 3-day Fishing, 1 Alien Fishing, 3 Duplicate, 31 Sporting and Trapping (free—70 yrs. of age or over). Paid to Division of Fisheries & Games, \$1,118.50.

TOWN LICENSES (Granted by Selectmen)

Two Common Victualer-To sell All-Alcoholic Beverages (to be drunk on premises); 1 Club-All-Alcoholic Beverages (to be drunk on premises); 2 Retail Package Goods Store—All-Alcoholic Beverages (not to be drunk on premises); 6 Common Victualer (to sell food); 4 Automatic Amusement Device; 5 Juke License; 1 Innholder; 2 Second-class Motor Vehicle; 3 Three Motor Vehicle Junk Licenses; 9 Certificate of Registration to sell gasoline; 8 Sunday Licenses (to sell ice cream, tonic, etc.); 4 Second-hand articles and junk, \$40. Paid to Town Treasurer, \$2,192.50.

VITAL STATISTICS

— 1954 —

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Parents' Names
DECEMBER		
11	Robert Edward McKinstry	Allan W. and Gladys McKinstry

— 1955 —

JANUARY		
6	Virginia Louise Mazza	Cosmo and Barbara L. Mazza
8	Judy Diane Gregson	Albert T. and Norma R. Gregson
13	Pamela Jean Farrar	Kenneth R. and Glenna B. Farrar
19	James Andrews Bowman	George W. and Anne I. Bowman
30	Everett Joseph LeClaire, Jr.	Everett J. and Estelle M. LeClaire
31	Cynthia Lesley Hixon	Roland E. and Nancy F. Hixon
FEBRUARY		
10	Roger Ernest Weinert	Harold F. and Bettie L. Weinert
14	Elaine Mary Burke	Russell W. and Barbara E. Burke
14	Catherine Benoit	E. Leo and Queena Benoit
19	Henry J. Poirier III	Henry J. and Nina G. Poirier, Jr.
22	Kathleen Marie Gallagher	James J. and Madeline M. Gallagher
25	William Wallace Thomas	Lewis J. and Bertha M. Thomas
MARCH		
5	Nancy Carlyle Lewis	Roy C. and Mildred J. Lewis
7	Christy Boyden Bacon	Hugh C. and Laleah B. Bacon
15	Jacqueline Theresa Messier	Robert J. and Martha W. Messier
24	David Gabriel Paulson	Carl E. and Mary J. Paulson
30	Gail Diane Morrill	Robert L. and Amy B. Morrill
APRIL		
6	Margaret Mary Mainville	Robert R. and Theresa M. Mainville
15	William Theodore Demers, Jr.	William T. and Mary L. Demers
20	Gary Frank Fowler	Frank and Evelyn F. Fowler
MAY		
5	Steven Mark LeClair	Armand J. and Frances M. LeClair
8	Sharon Louise Page	George H. and Ida-Marie Page
10	Carol Elizabeth Flynn	Joseph P. and Blanche E. Flynn
17	David Joseph Lapierre	Francis J. and Helen A. Lapierre
28	Diann Louise Gilbert	Daniel W. and R. Louise Gilbert
JUNE		
13	Deborah Ann Marques	Daniel and Barbara L. Marques
19	Robert Reginald Fales	Reginald F. and Jean G. Fales
24	Deborah Jean Sanderson	Robert K. and Mary J. Sanderson

JULY

6 Robert Thomas Carter, Jr.
 9 Bonnie Jean Knaack
 12 Bernard Frederick Sadler
 25 Nancy Jane Weed (twin)
 25 Judith Mae Weed (twin)
 27 Douglas Kenneth Usher

Robert T. and Patricia A. Carter
 Robin K. and Barbara A. Knaack
 Frederick A. and Florence V. Sadler
 Gilbert G. and Marjorie B. Weed
 Gilbert G. and Marjorie B. Weed
 Kenneth E. and Carolyn W. Usher

AUGUST

2 Sharon Elise Jacobson
 5 Joseph Lindhurst Bradford
 10 Robin DeMarco
 13 Raymond Francis Paille
 14 Kenneth J. Laucis
 16 Alfred J. Marshall, Jr.
 21 Robert Leslie McCully
 24 Stillborn
 29 Janice Walker Mitchell
 31 James Edward Donovan

John R. and Mildred L. Jacobson
 Ronald L. and Grace M. Bradford
 Louis J. and Barbara W. DeMarco
 Francis R. and Mildred T. Paille
 Vitie A. and Irene M. Laucis
 Alfred J. and Marion E. Marshall
 Robert G. and Priscilla W. McCully
 LaVerne F. and Muriel W. Mitchell
 William C. and Mary T. Donovan

SEPTEMBER

4 John Andrew Fitch
 5 David Stuart Piper
 7 Elizabeth Jane Lara
 8 Bernard James Bishop
 8 Edward Joseph Dufresne
 11 John Edward Deiana
 19 Donna May Bates
 27 Beverly Ann Aldrich
 28 Meredith Johanna Nava
 29 Peter James Hart
 29 Milton John Atchue

John J. and Ellen J. Fitch
 Samuel W. and Carolyn M. Piper, Jr.
 Andrew C. and Constance F. Lara
 George W. and Dorothy R. Bishop
 Henry E. and Eileen M. Dufresne
 Burton E. and Joanne O. Deiana
 Daniel F. and Dorothy V. Bates
 Francis E. and Olive M. Aldrich
 Joseph A. and Grace C. Nava
 Ronald J. and Clara B. Hart
 Milton A. and Alice B. Atchue

OCTOBER

4 Paul Edward King
 12 Claudette Jean Brochu
 13 Kenneth Alan Smith
 14 Denise Huguette Jacques (twin)
 14 Louise Yvonne Jacques (twin)
 15 Davis John Coward
 25 Stephen Phillip Erickson
 26 Donald George Taft
 29 Kerry Michael Moore

Edward D. and Rose M. King
 Adrien J. and Angeline F. Brochu
 Robert W. and Norma T. Smith
 Joseph J. R. and Marie-Rose T. Jacques
 Joseph J. R. and Marie-Rose T. Jacques
 Robert E. and Jacqueline G. Coward
 Earl A. and Dorothy L. Erickson
 Ernest R. and Norma L. Taft
 George and Virginia Moore

NOVEMBER

9 James Scot Sadler
 9 Mark Peter Gelinas
 26 Darryl Robert Heselton

James W. and Hazel I. Sadler
 Clayton N. and Gloria R. Gelinas
 Verne and Elizabeth J. Heselton

DECEMBER

6 Nancy Anne McCrea
 9 Kevin Joseph Bates
 9 Kathy Louise Beder
 16 Thad James Wheeler
 21 Stillborn

Joseph F. and Arlene B. McCrea
 Ormand H. and Agnes J. Bates
 John and Edith M. Beder
 James R. and Helen L. Wheeler

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN UPTON IN 1955

Date	Name, Age, Residence	By Whom and Where Married
MARCH		
11	Samuel W. Piper, Jr., 20, Hopedale Carolyn R. Messenger, 19, Upton	Rev. James R. Arthur Milford
12	Elliot C. Nichols, 25, Upton Carolyn Clark, 21, Westboro	Rev. Walter D. Kring Upton
19	Joe Drew, 19, Manchaug Dorothy L. Rivers, 19, Upton	Rev. Norman J. Raison Upton
APRIL		
16	Edward M. Sambor, 22, Millville Shirley M. Couture, 19, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannen Upton
16	Roger G. Berthelette, 22, Upton Claire M. Ferrelli, 21, Milford	Rev. Louis Fontana Milford
MAY		
8	Donald E. Craig, 23, Whitinsville Nancy Akerson, 23, Upton	Rev. Frederick C. Wilson Upton
JUNE		
4	Arthur N. Moulton, 24, Hopkinton Wilda L. Heavner, 20, Upton	Rev. Roy C. Lewis Upton
18	Arthur J. Southland, 22, Upton Shirley M. Marshall, 18, Upton	Rev. Norman L. Wray Grafton
JULY		
2	Lawrence W. Griffin, 30, Upton Virginia M. Bonin, 29, Hopedale	Rev. Arthur A. Faron Hopedale
15	Kenneth S. Messenger, 23, Upton Barbara E. Piper, 19, Hopedale	Rev. E. Joseph Evans Milford
23	Thomas N. O'Rourke, 43, Hasbrouck Heights, N. J. Dulces M. (Trott) Longton, 42, Upton	Thomas H. Hawes, J. of P. Dartmouth
30	Robert A. Page, 22, Upton Nancy A. Varney, 18, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
AUGUST		
28	Dennis A. Anderson, 18, Grafton Gloria M. Mazza, 38, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton

SEPTEMBER

9	Joseph P. Kurek, 34, Northbridge Ann Mae Peterson, 36, Upton	Russell T. Ober, J. of P. Worcester
11	Robert K. Wood, 21, Upton Patricia J. Mis, 22, Grafton	Rev. John A. Finn Grafton
17	Frederick J. Arthur, 30, Walpole Marie C. (Saves) Hammond, 30, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
24	Eugene W. Kempiske, Jr., 25, Worcester Jane R. Cormier, 24, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
24	Robert E. McClure, 27, Upton Jean A. Cormier, 24, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton

OCTOBER

8	Walter S. Burnham, 23, Upton Dorothy J. Cournoyer, 23, Worcester	Rev. Edward J. Cormier Worcester
8	Richard W. Jacques, 19, Uxbridge Nancy L. Negus, 19, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
29	Harry D. Coburn, 30, Waltham Corrine L. Hallberg, 19, Upton	Rev. Stephen W. Turrell Upton
19	Marshall W. Atchue, 27, Grafton Marilyn J. Mainville, 22, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton

NOVEMBER

25	Arthur H. Bryant, 47, Pittsfield Louise G. Swanson, 32, Upton	Rev. Charles C. Austin Keene, N. H.
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DECEMBER

3	John J. Canty, 29, New York, N. Y. Jean F. Clapp, 26, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
22	Richard L. Person, 21, Upton Annette L. Temple, 19, Wellesley	Rev. Irving A. Temple Wellesley

DEATHS RECORDED IN UPTON IN 1955

Date of Death	Name	Place of Burial	Age	
		Y	M	D

JANUARY

13	Margaret McPartlin	Framingham	78	—	—
13	Maude L. Putnam	Millbury	83	2	13
17	Minnie L. Lowe	Worcester	79	3	18

FEBRUARY

1	Annie W. Watts	Peabody	89	5	4
17	Frank B. Banister	Lakeview	84	4	—
27	Norma D. Longton	Maplewood	18	2	23

MARCH

12	Katarzyna Pykosz	Blackstone	82	3	17
18	Rosalie Hunt	Lakeview	78	11	3
31	John Erickson	Stafford Springs, Ct.	64	1	18

APRIL

18	Mary Poirier	Lakeview	81	10	29
25	Addie St. Andre	E. Douglas	73	11	29
28	Alfred Peters	Milford	18	7	—

MAY

11	Otis H. Davis	Worcester	91	11	18
20	John Dwyer	Lakeview	92	9	21
26	Arthur P. Henault	Lakeview	56	6	8
26	Reginald F. Fales	Lakeview	21	11	22

JUNE

2	Amy G. Eldridge	Northboro	87	11	17
12	Clara T. Varney	Lakeview	87	7	27
15	Ernest J. Leland	Lakeview	84	11	17
18	Aaron Scott	No. Hadley	88	5	25

JULY

5	Eunice M. Allen	Shrewsbury	70	6	18
6	Erwin W. Hutchins	Ashland, N. H.	77	4	14

AUGUST

10	Augusta Brownwalder	Shrewsbury	93	2	10
24	Stillborn	Lakeview	—	—	—

SEPTEMBER

2	Ella W. Tetlow	Maplewood	52	8	13
8	Frederick E. Burnham	Slatersville, R. I.	82	10	12
5	Henry E. Earl, Jr.	Maplewood	31	1	12
16	Gertrude W. Barton	Lakeview	93	5	19
21	Caroline T. Scott	No. Hadley	87	5	6
21	Arthur S. Dalbec	Worcester	67	—	23

OCTOBER

15	William J. Francis	Lakeview	74	8	21
23	William H. Baker	Lakeview	78	6	6
28	Alice M. Varney	Maplewood	74	—	5
30	Margaret W. Foster	Stratford, Ct.	50	5	19

NOVEMBER

14	Sarah F. Sadler	Lakeview	86	9	13
15	William J. Baker	Lakeview	79	9	26
13	Francis A. Ward	Milford	75	5	28
19	Fred E. Williams	Lakeview	80	—	1
21	Alexander Nelson	Lakeview	76	7	21

DECEMBER

12	Amedee Carrier	Northbridge	73	—	—
21	Stillborn				

PERSONS BROUGHT TO UPTON FOR BURIAL IN 1955

LAKEVIEW CEMETERY

Date of Death	Name	Place of Death	Age	
		Y	M	D

JANUARY

19	Juliet A. Pigeon	Northboro	72	1	3
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APRIL

6	Charles E. Pierce	Biddeford, Me.	88	2	27
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MAY

13	Abbie L. Kenney	Uxbridge	80	9	20
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JULY

4	Ida M. Burdick	Worcester	64	1	3
8	Herbert Burhoe	Boston	75	—	—
25	Johanna M. Cullinan	Milford	89	5	9

NOVEMBER

18	Flora E. Eames	Cambridge	102	6	24
24	Ellen M. McCraith	Rockport	88	5	10

DECEMBER

13	George E. Ruggles	Princeton	89	5	18
15	Addie M. Boyd	Tampa, Fla.	86	—	—

MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY

MARCH

29	Eben Mick	Boston	63	5	16
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JULY

17	June Blau	Coral Gables, Fla.	28	—	—
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OCTOBER

4	Aurilla Supple	Boston	58	—	—
28	Claire M. Perkins	Melrose	81	8	6

DECEMBER

13	George R. Allen	Grafton	74	6	21
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ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1955

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Upton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Herewith we submit a recapitulation of the figures used in fixing the Tax Rate for the year 1955:

Total Appropriations	\$262,784.99
From Available Funds	8,374.05
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1952 Overlay	292.91

Hurricane Appropriation

10,478.59

STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

State Parks and Reservations	\$390.00
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	529.97
Mosquito Control	333.28
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\$1,253.25

COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

County Tax	\$4,659.00
Tuberculosis Hospital	4,843.85
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Overlay of Current Year	9,502.85

6,933.44

Gross Amount to be Raised

\$299,620.08

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax	\$22,924.69
Corporation Tax	8,508.09
Reimbursement on acc't of publicly owned land	1,192.78
Old Age Tax (Meals) Chap. 64B, \$10	1,425.06
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	14,240.39
Licenses	2,201.34
Fines	121.00
General Government	95.00
Protection of Persons and Property	50.00
Health and Sanitation	357.95
Charities	4,139.55
Old Age Assistance	23,523.32
Veterans' Services	1,602.27
Schools	11,094.21
Public Service Enterprises (Water)	10,585.00
Cemeteries	1,166.00
Interest: Taxes and Assessments	814.00
State Assistance for School Constr'ction Chap. 645	5,585.00
Hurricane Reimbursement	9,430.73

Total Estimated Receipts

\$119,057.21

Total of Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	143,118.52
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	156,501.56
Number of Polls at \$2.00 each — 894	
Poll Tax	1,788.00
Personal Property Tax	13,311.59
Real Estate Tax	141,401.97
 Total Amount of 1955 Taxes on Polls and Property as committed to Collector	\$156,501.56
Total Valuation:	
Personal Property	\$295,813.00
Real Estate	3,142,266.00
 Total	\$3,438,079.00
Tax Rate — \$45.00	

Approved by Commissioner, May 27, 1955
Tax Rate Fixed on May 27, 1955

NORMAN WALKER, *Chairman*
DONALD VARNEY
WALTER KIRBY

Board of Assessors

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$700.00
Unexpended Balance	41.07
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	\$658.93

EXPENDITURES

30 Forest Fires	326.00
Scholl's Garage, gas, oil, tire labor and supplies	146.41
Farrar Company, labor and supplies	30.54
Charles H. Clougherty Co., supplies	94.98
L. W. Prentiss & Son, supplies	18.60
Walter Stank, issuing fire permits and posting notices	25.00
Walter Stank, trip to Worcester, fires	14.05
Harold Francis, investigating fire	1.10
Bobetts Service Shop, supplies	1.25
Daniel Fay, inspection stickers	1.00
 Total	\$658.93

Number of Fire Calls

30

Town Dump Fires	2
Number of Incinerator Fires	9
Number of Permits Issued	936
Burning Without a Permit	1
Aided Other Towns	2

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER STANK,

Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year ending December 31, 1955.

No. of Milk cows and heifers 2 years of over	146
No. of heifers 1 year to 2 years	143
No. of Bulls	2
No. of Steers	5
No. of Horses	29
No. of Goats	1
No. of Sheep	219
No. of Swine	40
Places where kept.	

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. MORRISON

Inspector of Animals

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the Board of Selectmen and to the Voter of Upton.

We wish to thank the people, who have helped keep the cemeteries, a credit to the town.

As of May 30, 1956, up to four grave lots will be \$25.00. \$5.00 for each grave over four and \$75.00 for perpetual care. Annual care will be \$1.50 per year.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND INCOME

<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Interest -</i>
Supt. of Labor, Edwin Sadler	\$1,381.93	\$229.75
Helpers' Labor		
Edward Gurry	1,095.15	17.60
Perley Martindale	1,008.25	
W. G. Fiske	5.03	5.38
Edward Fisher	3.75	
Scholl's Garage	87.34	8.50
Upton Fuel & Construction Co.	96.50	117.00
Walter Stank	147.40	
Woodies Greenhouse	6.00	
Aldrich Lawn Mower Service	17.08	
Charlescraft Press	16.30	
W. Upton P. O.	17.93	
Fay's Garage	1.00	
Mary Smith	10.00	
Fowler Pattern		
Shop	5.00	
Henry Wood		23.75
Raymond Smith		2.28
 Totals	 \$3,898.66	 404.26
Balance	1.34	486.54
 <i>Other Expenses</i>	 \$3,900.00	 \$890.80
	<i>Oiling & Grading</i>	<i>Machinery Fund</i>
Supt. of Labor, Edwin Sadler	\$93.13	
Edward Gurry	85.40	
Perley Martindale	85.40	
Upton Fuel & Construction Co.	35.00	
Scholl's Garage		\$24.60
Aldrich Lawn Mower Service		200.40
 Balance	 298.93	 225.00
	1.07	
 Total	 300.00	 225.00
 <i>Receipts</i>		
Annual Care		\$257.00
Burials		891.00
Rental of greens & lowering device		8.00
Perpetual Care:		
Josie Kelley	\$50.00	
Martha Jencks	50.00	
Carolyn M. Salisbury	50.00	
William J. Baker	50.00	
Arthur F. Hall	100.00	
Samuel Ruggles	50.00	
		350.00
		\$1,506.00

EDWARD J. GURRY

DONALD R. KENISTON

RAYMOND K. SMITH

REPORT OF MODERATOR

During the year 1955, either at the annual or special town meetings, the voters decided against entering into an agreement for a regional high school with Bellingham, Upton and Mendon.

Votes were for the demolition of Grand Army Hall, for the purchasing of the dams, water and flowage rights of what were formerly called Jourdon and Box Mill Ponds.

To remodel the Upton Town Hall.

I take this opportunity to thank the voters and officials of Upton for their courtesy to me during my terms as Moderator.

HALBERT K. STRUTHERS,
Moderator

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

1953 REAL ESTATE

Outstanding January 1, 1955		\$646.85
Paid Treasurer	\$484.21	
Tax Titles	162.64	
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Interest Paid Treasurer		646.85
Fees Paid Treasurer	19.28	
		4.25

1954 PERSONAL

Outstanding January 1, 1955		1,195.95
Paid Treasurer	1,124.55	
Abated	71.40	
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Interest Paid Treasurer		1,195.95
Fees Paid Treasurer	18.37	
		7.70

1954 EXCISE

Outstanding January 1, 1955	6,637.69	
Committed to Collect January 6, 1955	411.71	
Committed to Collect January 21, 1955	100.27	
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Paid Treasurer	6,634.16	
Abated	515.51	
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Fees paid Treasurer		7,149.67
		104.85

1954 REAL ESTATE

Outstanding January 1, 1955	19,327.16
Paid Treasurer	
Tax Titles	379.68
Abated	102.48
Outstanding December 31, 1955	135.77
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Interest Paid Treasurer	19,327.16
Fees Paid Treasurer	454.31
	25.80

1955 POLLS

Committed March 28, 1955	\$1,788.00
Paid Treasurer	1,392.00
Abated	396.00
Fees Paid Treasurer	45.05

1955 EXCISE

Committed February 17, 1955	926.05
Committed March 3, 1955	1,971.19
Committed April 5, 1955	1,110.19
Committed April 7, 1955	1,374.01
Committed May 23, 1955	3,650.72
Committed May 31, 1955	5,560.67
Committed June 22, 1955	1,707.35
Committed August 23, 1955	2,309.01
Committed September 12, 1955	506.63
Committed October 14, 1955	1,472.52
Committed November 17, 1955	1,843.88
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Paid Treasurer	19,893.00
Abated	979.87
Outstanding December 31, 1955	1,559.35
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Fees Paid Treasurer	22,432.22
	37.00

1955 PERSONAL

Committed June 16, 1955	13,311.59
Paid Treasurer	12,448.72
Abated	45.00
Outstanding December 31, 1955	817.87
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	13,311.59

1955 REAL ESTATE

Committed June 15, 1955	141,401.97
Committed December 22, 1955	149.40
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Paid Treasurer	118,494.62
Tax Titles	351.45
Abated	7,200.95
Outstanding December 31, 1955	15,504.35
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Interest Paid Treasurer	\$141,551.37
	4.34

CLEMENT J. LAMBERT

Collector of Taxes

Annual Report of Town Collector

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Committed by Warrant to Collect		\$1,552.00
Rental of Interment Device	\$8.00	
Paid Treasurer	<u>8.00</u>	\$8.00
Funerals	891.00	
Paid Treasurer	<u>891.00</u>	891.00
Perpetual care	350.00	
Paid Treasurer	<u>350.00</u>	350.00
Annual care of lots	303.00	
Paid Treasurer	<u>257.00</u>	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	<u>46.00</u>	303.00
		1,552.00

WATER DEPARTMENT

Committed December 31, 1954	5,574.75	
Outstanding January 1, 1955	2,038.34	
Committed July 1, 1955	8,814.97	
Committed August 16, 1955	<u>150.00</u>	
		16,578.06
Paid Treasurer	15,445.71	
Abated	444.29	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	<u>688.06</u>	
		16,578.06

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Committed December 31, 1954	1,196.25	
Outstanding January 1, 1955	745.00	
Committed July 1, 1955	1,158.75	
		3,100.00
Paid Treasurer	2,843.75	
Abated	41.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	<u>215.00</u>	
		3,100.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Committed to Collect (Ambulance Rental)	140.00	
Committed to Collect (Sale of Junk)	<u>4.00</u>	
		144.00
Paid Treasurer	59.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	<u>85.00</u>	
		144.00

(Money Received by Town Collector, Credited to Respective Department
and Deposited With Town Treasurer) (Not Committed)

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Old Age Assistance		
Reimbursed by Town of Hadley, Mass.		\$28.96
Reimbursed by Town of Northbridge, Mass.		145.10
Reimbursed by Town of Milford, Mass.		11.11
Reimbursed by Town of Westboro, Mass.		6.00
Federal Grant (OAA)		2,256.73
Recoveries from Old Age Assistance Property Liens		6,028.77

General Relief

Reimbursed by City of Lowell, Mass.	124.84
Reimbursed by Town of Milford, Mass.	8.80

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rental of Town Ambulance	15.00
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WATER DEPARTMENT

Curb Cock, Service Charge	50.00
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CLEMENT J. LAMBERT
Town Collector

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation for 1955	\$3,000.00
Appropriation Expended	2,999.38
Unexpended .....	.62
Recapitulation of Expenditures	
Cruiser Mileage, 4,584 miles at .07	\$320.88
Labor and Police Duty including cruising	2,370.64
Police Telephone Service	136.27
Bills contracted in interest of Police Dept.	171.59
	\$2,999.38

Summary of Year's Activities

Automobile Accidents Investigated	24
Fatal	2
Property Damage	23
Personal Injuries	10
Aid to distressed persons	7
Bicycles Registered	37
Breaking and Entering Investigated	3
Larceny Cases Investigated	5
Consultations — Various Cases	40
Complaints Investigated	133
Commitments to State Hospital	2
Commitments to House of Correction	2
Doors found unlocked	15
Traffic Duty	1,149 Hours
Investigations of Accidental Death Cases	2
Messages Delivered	11
Disturbances Quelled	13
Court Cases	
Speeding	13
Stop Sign Violations	20

Drunkenness	4
Operating so as to endanger	1
Failure to keep to the right	6
Driving under the influence of liquor	2
Failing to follow direction signals	2
No Sticker	1
Towing unregistered car	1
Attaching Plates assigned to another car	1
Juvenile Cases	2
	Total 51
Convictions	49
Not Guilty	2
	Total 51
Total Amount of Fines Assessed	\$265.00

BILLS PAID IN 1955 BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

January

Alfred H. Aldrich—Commitment to House of Correction	\$ 9.23
Alice Martindale—Assistance to Chief Bates	5.00

February

Daniel H. Bates—Postage Stamps99
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March

Police and Sheriff's Association—Dues	4.00
Walter Costell—1955 Laws	5.00
Mass. Police Association—Membership	5.00

April

Charlescraft Press—Envelopes	5.20
Fred Wood Pharmacy—Batteries	1.88
Daniel H. Bates—Postage Stamps .....	.99

May

Chester Inman—Accident Pictures	10.00
N. E. Assoc. of Chief of Police Dues	5.00
H. S. Horne, Boston, Mass. Supplies	9.57
Daniel H. Bates—Express Charges Bicycle Plates	1.80
State Prison Charlestown, Bicycle Plates	6.00
Standard Railroad Flare Corp.—Flares	12.13
Dept. of Public Safety—Gun Permit Books	1.50
Charlescraft Press—Police Pads	16.40

June

Daniel H. Bates—Postage Stamps	1.96
Arthur J. LeClaire—Board & Disposal of dogs	10.00

July	
Daniel H. Bates—Postage Stamps .....	.27 .
August	
W. S. Darby and Co., Chicago, Illinois—Supplies	17.16
September	
Alfred H. Aldrich—Commitment to House of Correction	13.23
October	
H. S. Horne & Co., Boston, Mass.—Supplies	14.28
December	
Fred W. Wood Pharmacy—Sounding Curfew	15.00
Total	\$171.59

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL H. BATES

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

To the Board of Selectmen:

In 1955 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency designated four areas and twenty two sectors throughout the state. The zone designations are made up of Evacuation Areas, Neutral Areas, and Reception Areas.

The Town of Upton is located in Area 3, Section 3B, in a Reception Area, with our Sector Headquarters at the Milford High School. The *Sector Director* is *Theodore Appt* and the telephone number is *Milford 851*. When a *State of Emergency* is declared in the future all our requests for outside aid and assistance are to be transmitted through Sector 3B Headquarters. *This is very important.*

The Regional Headquarters of Area 3 is being set up at the Lyman School for Boys in Westboro, under Harold F. Rossi, Area 3 CD Director. The move is part of a general plan to get the regional headquarters away from target areas in case of enemy attack. State Headquarters will be in Framingham.

Since the Town of Upton is situated so close to the Worcester Critical Target Area, and our usual communication facilities

would be interrupted, if an attack were made, a *Gonset* Communicator will be placed in our Civil Defense Control Cented located in the Town Hall. It will provide the communications link between Upton and the Sector Headquarters in Milford, and will operate on 53.50 frequency. This is in accord with the State Communication Plan. *It could be our only link to the outside world during a disaster.* The cost to Upton is \$179.50 since an application for matching funds has been filed with our check to the Commonwealth.

On Friday, Aug. 19, after heavy rains for several days many bridges and culverts throughout Upton were washed away. Your Selectmen Chairman Malcolm C. Temple and George N. Blakeslee and Road Commissioner Henry J. Poirier took over in the field along with the Police and Fire Departments. Selectman Gladys G. Crockett and I assisted at Town Hall Headquarters from 2 P.M. until midnight. I was relieved by Edward Prentiss at midnight until 3 A.M.

From my observation I think the Town Officials did a grand job under the circumstances, which were strenuous to say the least, and *since our Civil Defense and Town Organizations are tied in so closely* I believe that I would be negligent in my duties if I didn't recommend the installation of a *Two Way Radio Communication System* for *Fire, Police, Highway and Sewer and Water Departments* because (1) *At this time matching funds are available which means one half usual cost price*; (2) *dollars will be saved daily by the town in internal communications*; (3) *it will increase each departments efficiency, and save them many miles throughout an emergency*; (4) *the Departments will be available to each other at any moment*. *Your protection and mine depends entirely upon a few key individuals who labor many hours for a small compensation in our village, and I believe that this equipment will assist them more than any other one thing*. *Radio Equipment is now available through CD at this time through matching funds*, and our town is growing.

Meetings. There have been many CD meetings which I have attended. Henry J. Poirier, William Woodward and I attended the Jan. 22nd meeting at the Little Theatre, Worcester, where the heads of all State CD Departments spoke of their programs in detail. Radio Communication meetings have been held at Milford, both Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Shaughnessy and I were in attendance.

C. D. Literature. On Jan. 25 I requested of Mr. Harold Rossi, Area 3 Director that all Upton CD Service Heads be put on their mailing list for CD news material.

Warden Service. Mr. Rudolph J. Scholl has been appointed Chief Warden for Upton.

Expenditures, 1955	\$179.50
Balance on hand	\$ 6.02

The First Aid Class of American Red Cross concluded a ten (10) weeks course on May 18. The following persons received certificates:

Mrs. June L. Brown	Mrs. Theodore J. Nelson
Mrs. Jonas E. Carter	Mrs. Forrest E. Noe
Mrs. Ann Deering	Mrs. Leo L. Page
Mrs. Army F. Estes	Mrs. Eleanor M. Pierce
Mrs. Donald B. Johnson	Mrs. Eunice M. Porter
Mrs. Blanche D. Kearnan	Mrs. Hazel I. Sadler
Mrs. Frances H. Libbey	Mrs. Francis Sneeden
Mrs. Robert E. Maynard	Mr. Ralph M. Estes
Mrs. Priscilla W. McCully	Mr. Austin Moran
Mrs. Bradford N. Mettey	Mr. Rudolph J. Scholl
	Miss Marilyn L. Lyon

The Defense Council consists of Charles R. Stuart, Edward Prentiss, Dr. Bernard F. McKernan, Henry J. Poirier, and Edward J. Kuczinski.

The following *C. D. Services* are headed by these individuals:

Rescue, Transportation and Evacuation	Henry J. Poirier
Communications	Gerald Shaughnessy
Medical and Health	Dr. Bernard F. McKernan
Police	Daniel F. Bates, Chief
Fire	George N. O. Poirier, Chief
Civilian War Aid Director	Clement J. Lambert
Chief Warden	Rudolph J. Scholl
Registration and Inquiry	Edward J. Furphy

(Memorial School Bldg.)

Feeding and Clothing	Edward J. Kuczinski
Housing	William R. Woodward
Financial Assistance	Clement J. Lambert

The *Blood Donation Center* for Upton is located at the Memorial School Building under Dr. Bernard F. McKernan's supervision.

Re. 1. *Protection Against Fallout Radiation*
and 2. *Shelter From Radioactive Fallout*,

In closing I have an important word for each and every head of a family, and it is that they acquaint themselves with protective planning measures against the effects of radiation from fallout of nuclear weapons. If interested, just request the same by sending me a post card.

Again I want to think the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk, the Road Commissioner, the Chief of the Police and the

Fire Department, the Sewer and Water Department, the School Committee, the American Red Cross, the Defense Council, the Upton Woman's Club, the Chairmen of each C. D. Service and personnel and others for the cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. GREBENSTEIN,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSION

Appropriation	300.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	11.17
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	\$311.17

EXPENSES

W. G. Fiske, lumber	37.27
MacBen	15.95
John Brusso	49.50
Carl Paulson	6.60
Harry Christy, Jr.	2.20
Thomas Flaherty	23.10
William Flaherty	17.60
James C. Usher	56.00
Woodies Greenhouse	46.70
Russell Hallburg	9.63
Arthur Bartlett	14.30
Edward Rock	15.00
Angelo's Paint & Variety	5.75
Ralph's Tydol Station77
John Macker, Jr.,	10.80
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	\$311.17

FRANCIS E. ALDRICH, *Clerk*

JOSEPH F. KEARNAN

ARTHUR K. McCARTY

Park Commissioners

**REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE REPORT

Town Appropriation	\$25,000.00
Federal Grant carried forward from 1954	9,400.90
Federal Grants received during 1955	26,828.11
 Total Available	 \$61,229.01
Expended	61,055.00
Balance	174.01
Less Fedefarl Grant carried forward to 1956	174.01
Unexpended Balance Remaining	
 Cases Aided in this Report	 79
Amounts Due Town of Upton — OAA	
City of Worcester	\$60.88
Town of Hadley	158.91
Town of Holliston	16.29
Town of Southbridge	54.11
Town of Westboro	6.00
Total Amount Due	296.19

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1955

Town Appropriation	\$5,300.00
Federal Grant carried forward from 1954	294.88
Federal Grants received during 1955	3,968.76
Total Available	\$9,563.64
 Expended	 \$8,738.70
Balance	824.94
Less Federal Grant carried forward to 1956	824.94
Unexpended Balance Remaining	
 Cases Aided in this Report	 9
Persons Aided in this Report	24

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1955

Town Appropriation	\$4,200.00
Federal Grant carried forward from 1954	642.37
Federal Grants received during 1955	3,226.05
Total Available	\$8,068.42
Expended	7,607.77
Balance	460.65
Less Federal Grant carried forward to 1956	460.65
Unexpended Balance Remaining	
 Cases Aided in this Report	 10

GENERAL RELIEF REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1955

Town Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Transfer from Finance Committee	785.42
Total Available	\$2,785.42
Expended	2,785.42
Expended for:	
Cash Aid	764.20
Food	568.96
Fuel	110.50
Clothing	25.36
Medical	303.15
City of Worcester	963.25
Town of Franklin	50.00
Total	\$2,785.42
Reimbursed for aid rendered	1,199.47
Cases Aided in this Report	10
Persons Aided in this Report	30
Amount Due Town of Upton — GR	
City of Worcester	117.03

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
ADMINISTRATION REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1955

Town Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Federal Grant OAA carried forward from 1954 ..	322.28
Federal Grant OAA received during 1955	1,717.46
Federal Grant ADC carried forward from 1954 ..	283.20
Federal Grant ADC received during 1955	437.02
Federal Grant DA carried forward from 1954 ..	94.10
Federal Grant DA received during 1955	246.94
Total Available	\$5,601.00
Expended	4,999.85
Balance	601.15
Less Federal Grant OAA carried forward to 1956	409.86
Less Federal Grant ADC carried forward to 1956	25.22
Less Federal Grant DA carried forward to 1956	166.07
Unexpended Balance Remaining	601.15
Expended for:	
Salaries	4,170.00
Travel	206.64
Postage	112.35
Office Supplies	59.03
Telephone	180.73
Equipment	265.00
Miscellaneous	6.10
Total	4,999.85

LEROY G. NEWTON

GEORGE J. VICTOR

CHARLES F. CATON

Board of Public Welfare

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

For the year ending December 31, 1955

We held our first meeting Tuesday, March 8, 1955 and elected Mr. Edward Orff, Chairman, and Walter E. Hopkins, Clerk, for the coming year. We also appointed Mr. Henry Poirier, Supt. and Mrs. Ashley Perkins, clerk and bookkeeper.

We are at the end of another year, and the Water Commissioners wish to thank all those concerned in bearing with us.

We have completed our well field, adding 12 more wells, making a total of 24 wells that should give us ample water supply now and for a long time to come.

We finally got our new pumps installed and the stand pipe filled with a capacity of 500,000 gallons and a pressure of 130 pounds.

Each new pump is capable of delivering a minimum of 275 gallons per minute. One pump is so designed as to be able to run from an auxiliary motor at a future date.

The reason for the delay in getting the pumps, was a ten-week strike at the Fairbanks Morse Plant, which we had no control over. New meters have been installed where old and obsolete meters existed, and almost all meters that read cubic feet have been changed to gallons. It has involved a lot of work for the Commissioners and the Superintendent to find water mains so that we could service the hat factory without disrupting water service to the town. By doing this we discontinued what was once the main feed line in back of the hat factory. In front of the factory we cut the feed line leading into the factory and installed a valve which will safeguard the factory.

There still remains a lot to be done in West Upton. For instance, Depot Street is serviced from Maple Ave. across the land owned by Mr. Henry Poirier, with a three-inch iron pipe which we know is in very bad condition, and the upper end of Depot Street is serviced by a two-inch galvanized pipe installed by the late Mr. Charles Fitts. In the not too distant future this will have to be replaced. We also want to report that all the hydrants have been newly painted this year.

New Construction

Farm Street has been serviced with a new six-inch transite pipe and two new hydrants, Lower Hartford Avenue serviced with 1½-inch cement-lined pipe with all new services connected, Warren Road serviced with a new six-inch transite pipe with all services connected and one new hydrant, Brook Street serviced with an eight-inch transite pipe and one new hydrant, Piccadilly

Street serviced with a six-inch pipe, services not all connected due to weather conditions, and Maple Avenue serviced with an eight-inch transite pipe and one hydrant, not completed due to cold weather.

The Insurance and Fire Underwriters Association of Boston have been notified and will make tests on the town's water system when the weather permits. All streets under new construction have water turned on for fire protection except Maple Avenue.

The number of hydrants, water customers and sewer customers are as follows:

Hydrants	55
Sewer customers	70, equals 141 units
Water customers	282, equals 404 units
Number of meters in use	244

Water Receipts:

Outstanding, January 1, 1955	\$2,038.34
Water service for 1955	14,539.72
Hydrant Rental	2,550.00
George Poirier, curb service	50.00
 Total	 \$19,178.60
Water abated in 1955	444.29
Outstanding, December 31, 1955	688.06
 1,132.35	
 Total Water Receipts for 1955	 \$18,045.71

Sewer Receipts:

Outstanding, January 1, 1955	\$745.00
Sewer service for 1955	2,355.00
 Total	 \$3,100.00
Sewer abated in 1955	41.25
Outstanding, December 31, 1955	215.00
 256.25	
 Total Sewer Receipts for 1955	 \$2,843.75

Total Water and Sewer Receipts for year ending December 31, 1955	\$20,889.46
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OPERATING COST OF 1955 WATER AND
SEWER DEPARTMENT

Maintenance, Water and Sewer	\$3,107.39
Expense Account	97.00
Clerk and Clerical Account	324.91
Salary of Superintendent	500.00
Salaries of Water Commissioners	250.00
Principal and Interest on Water Loans	19,040.00
 Total	 \$23,299.30

OUTSTANDING LOANS OF WATER DEPT., 1955

Large Loan	\$120,000.00
Water Mains Loan	92,000.00
Water Repairs Loan	24,000.00
Water Mains Extension Loan	25,000.00
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	\$261,000.00

Interest paid in 1955:

Interest on Large Loan	\$4,200.00
Interest on Water Mains Loan	2,300.00
Interest on Water Repair Loan	540.00
Water Mains Extension Loan	none
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Total	\$7,040.00

Principal paid in 1955:

Large Loan	\$5,000.00
Water Mains Loan	5,000.00
Water Repairs Loan	2,000.00
Water Mains Extension Loan	none
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Total	\$12,000.00

Outstanding Loans on December 31, 1955:

Large Loan	\$115,000.00
Water Mains Loan	87,000.00
Water Repairs Loan	22,000.00
Water Mains Extension Loan	25,000.00
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Total	\$249,000.00

Water and Sewer Maintenance Account	\$3,100.00
Worcester County Electric Co., current for pumps	\$1,259.07
Upton Fuel & Construction Co., water and sewer repairs, services installed	499.89
R. H. White Construction Co., water and sewer repairs	195.24
Worcester Chemical Distributors Corp., chlorine	46.61
W. G. Fiske Lumber Co., locks and smoke pipe	6.58
Central Supply Co., meter spaces	21.20
Charles L. Lynch, Inc., new meters	208.48
New England Meter Repair Co., repair of meters	213.80
Edward A. Page, painting hydrants	81.00
Howard Shears, labor	3.00
Town of Northbridge, real estate tax	14.00
Badger Meter Mfg. Co., new meters	248.00
Scholl's Garage, oil and cloths	3.15
William R. Rhodes Auto Service, motor oil	2.00
Paul McDonnell, labor at pump house	11.25
Walter Stank, labor at pump house	15.62
Robert Prentiss, labor at pump house	18.12
Farrar Company, hose couplings	3.75
Ralph's Service Station, gas and oil for pumps	19.57
Page's Friendly Service, gas	1.50
Walter E. Hopkins & Son, copper tubing	6.20
J. Laurence Doyle, legal fee	100.00
Lloyd E. Crosby, labor taking down poles and wire at pump house	24.75

Edward Rock, mowing field at pumping station	8.00
Henry J. Poirier, testing mains and tanks	48.00
Whitin Machine Works, motor	25.00
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	\$3,083.78
Unexpended Balance	\$16.22
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Clerk and Clerical Account	\$325.00
Elinor Perkins, clerical work	256.25
Joseph Gorman, stamped envelopes	27.86
Charlescraft Press, supplies	35.50
Walter E. Hopkins, notebook	5.30
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Total	\$324.91
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Balance	\$0.09
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Water Commissioners Expense Account	\$100.00
Walter Hopkins, contacting various towns about water systems, and testing system and new tank	54.50
Thomas Francis, testing system and new tank	42.50
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Total	\$97.00
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Balance	\$3.00
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Water Department Loan Account (Balance—1955)	\$26,792.75
Gordon A. Shaw, legal fees (1954)	231.30
George G. Newton, advertising	75.34
R. E. Chapman Co., drilling new wells	9,834.16
Andrew S. Nelson, lettering tank	20.00
Delwyn K. Barnes, engineering fees	900.00
Milford Daily News, advertising	29.25
Upton Fuel & Construction Co., postage .....	.24
R. H. White Construction Co., tank foundations	803.00
J. Laurence Doyle, legal fees (1955)	100.00
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Total	\$11,993.29
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Balance	\$14,799.46
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1955-1956 Loan, Water Main Repairs and Extension	\$22,000.00
Charles L. Lynch, Inc., copper tubing and curb boxes	358.80
H. R. Prescott and Son, Inc., CI fittings	213.83
Upton Fuel & Construction Co., unloading pipe	36.25
Eddy Valve Company, hydrants and valves	1,198.92
Johns-Manville, pipe	5,592.25
Eureka Cement Lined Pipe Co., curb cocks and corp. cocks	338.80
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Total	\$7,738.85
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Balance	\$14,261.15
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1955-1956 Loan, Warren Road	\$3,000.00

Charles L. Lynch, Inc., copper tubing and boxes	\$63.60
H. R. Prescott and Son, Inc., CI fittings	31.70
Eddy Valve Company, hydrants and valves	197.00
Johns-Manville, pipe	725.00
Eureka Cement Lined Pipe Co., curb cocks and corp. cocks	20.16
 Total	 \$1,037.46
 Balance	 \$1,962.54

Respectfully submitted

EDWARD L. ORFF, *Chairman*
THOMAS L. FRANCIS
WALTER E. HOPKINS, *Clerk*

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

A polio Salk Vaccine inoculation was carried out by the Board of Health administered in the local schools by Dr. Bernard S. McKernan and Mrs. Ruth Nichols R.N., the school doctor and the school nurse.

Number of children inoculated 112

A TB. patch test was also carried out by the Board, administered by the school physician and school nurse. The TB. test is sponsored by the Southern Worcester County Health Association.

Several private wells, including the one at the Memorial School, were examined by the State Department of Public Health, due to flood conditions.

Contagious diseases reported in 1955:

Chicken pox	5
Hepatitis	1
Mumps	1
Measles	81
Rubella	1
Polio	16
Total	106

Four dog bites were reported.

Permits were granted:

Edward St. Andre and Edward Harvey garbage	2.00
Arthur Jarret	1.00
Beatrice Wood, Kindergarten	1.00
Vera Thomas, Day nursery	2.00
Mildred Wright, Day nursery	1.00
Vera Thomas, Boarding home	2.00
Total	9.00

GLADYS G. CROCKETT,
Clerk

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Appropriation	\$2000.00
Transfer Reserve Fund	652.97
Total	\$2652.97
Veterans' Benefits Expenses (General)	
Sundry Persons, Cash	\$1551.00
The Memorial Hospital, Worcester, Mass.	315.00
F. W. Wood Pharmacy, West Upton, Mass.	262.20
Milford Hospital, Milford, Mass.	225.00
L. W. Prentiss & Sons	69.69
Claflin Hill Home, Milford, Mass.	54.00
Westboro Medical Group, Westboro, Mass.	44.00
Clover Farms Super Market, Whitinsville, Mass.	30.00
West Upton Super Market	25.00
Upton Fuel & Construction Co., Inc.	23.13
Joseph F. Sargeant, Milford, Mass.	20.00
Kinder Shoe, Inc., Milford, Mass.	10.95
Chick's Variety Store	10.00
Morin Brothers, Linwood, Mass.	8.00
Harry B. Goodspeed M.D., Worcester, Mass.	5.00
Total	\$2652.97
Estimated State Reimbursement	\$1553.70

DEPARTMENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$75.00
Operating Expenses:	
George P. Kennedy, Mileage out of town trips, 86 miles at \$.07 per mile	\$6.02
Telephone Calls	3.50
John W. Drapeau, Mileage out of town trips, 196 miles at \$.07 per mile	13.72
Telephone Calls	4.75
200 \$.03 Stamps	6.00
Southern Worcester County	
Veterans Agents Assoc.	5.00
Charlescraft Press, Milford, Mass.	15.50
Rita Drapeau, Clerk	20.00
Total	74.49
Unexpended Balance	51

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DRAPEAU,
Director of Veterans' Services

DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The following weighing and measuring devices were inspected
and sealed in 1955.

25 Scales
 26 Weights
 10 Capacity Measures
 23 Gasoline Pumps
 10 Grease Measuring Devices
 1 Kerosene Pump
 1 Yard Stick
 1 Wire Cloth Measuring Device

Devices Condemned—none.

The total amount collected for sealing fees and turned over to the Towns Treasurer \$58.95

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR F. BARTLETT,
Sealer

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

Appropriation	\$350.00
Ronald Bradford, Services	\$45.00
Harry Damon, Services	28.13
Donald Keniston, Services	20.00
Robert Stuart, Services	21.88
Edward St. Andre, Services	5.63
Harvey Boulay, Services	5.63
Karl Rooney, Services	4.00
Price & Fletcher, Sky-worker Hire	174.00
Harry Damon, Saw Hire	32.00
Edward St. Andre, Truck Hire	8.33
Scholl's Garage, Pick-up Hire	4.00
W. G. Fiske Lumber Co., Supplies .....	.90
Total	\$349.50
Balance	\$.50

Respectfully submitted

RONALD L. BRADFORD
Tree Warden

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

CHAPTER 761—DUTCH ELM SANITATION

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Transfer from Chapter 660	216.14
	1,216.14

Ronald Bradford, Services	\$240.62
Harry Damon, Services	101.25
Donald Keniston, Services	90.00
Robert Stuart, Services	71.25
Edward St. Andre, Services	75.00
Harvey Boulay, Services	39.38
Theron Pope, Jr., Services	40.00
Karl Rooney, Services	40.00
John Bowen, Services	18.75
George Fisher, Services	2.50
Harry Damon, Saw Hire	144.00
Price & Fletcher, Sky Worker Hire	126.00
Edward St. Andre, Truck Hire	112.86
Upton Fuel & Construction Co., Inc., Loader Hire	41.00
Jacques Construction Co., Truck Hire	24.00
Donald Keniston, Pick-up Hire	8.00
William Walker, Filing Saws	3.50
Scholl's Garage, Pick-up Hire	3.00
W. G. Fiske Lumber Co., Supplies	35.03
Total	\$1,216.14

CHAPTER 660—INSECT PEST CONTROL

Appropriation	\$600.00
Transfer to Chapter 761	216.14
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	383.86
Ronald Bradford, Services	\$105.00
Robert Stuart, Services	29.75
Wilfred Cote, Services	23.75
Theron Pope, Jr., Services	23.75
Harry Damon, Services	20.00
Donald Keniston, Services	20.00
W. F. Wilson, Stoneham, Mass., 1 barrel DDT	72.50
Clement Jacobson, Truck Hire	48.00
Schools Garage, Pick-up Hire and Gasoline	10.54
Ronald Bradford, Supplies	4.30
Total	\$357.59
Balance	\$26.27

Respectfully submitted,
RONALD L. BRADFORD,

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Appropriation	\$4,150.00
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Expenditures:	
Scholl's Garage	175.79
Page's Station	27.01
Gamewell Company	30.78
Worcester County Elec.	218.53

L. W. Prentiss Son	32.91
Bob Aldrich	12.20
Thomas Flaherty	5.00
Upton Fuel Const. Co.	392.43
A. E. Thompson, Inc.	43.30
New England Tel. and Tel. Co.	271.53
Walter Stank	270.00
Orrin Francis	1.00
Robert Prentiss	1.00
Farrar Company	38.75
W. G. Fiske Co.	9.14
Charles Southland	3.25
Clam Shop	9.50
Edward Page	42.50
Middlesex Wiping Cloth Co.	12.00
Seavers Express	1.50
Charles Clougherty Co.	542.99
Arrow Electric Co.	26.64
Salaries, Firemen	1,585.00
Ann Ward	10.00
Lloyd Crosby	11.25
Charlescraft Press	9.85
Nydams Gas	13.00
L. R. Thompson	156.40
Linders, Inc.	12.50
Thomas Francis	50.00
Fays Garage	4.00
Edward Rock	5.00
Samuel Mitchell	18.00
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	\$4,042.75
Balance	<hr/> \$107.25
23 Gas Permits Issued	
52 Oil Permits Issued	
Alarms—12	
Still Alarms—9	

AMBULANCE REPORT—1955

Appropriation	\$350.00
Transferred	251.59
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Expenditures:	
Scholl's Garage	109.03
Page's Station	61.20
Leo Page	4.50
Rudolph Scholl's	56.13
Orrin Francis	33.75
Robert Prentiss	11.00

Harold Francis	33.00
Edward Rock	11.00
Robert McClure	10.00
George Bishop	3.00
Paul McDonnell	48.25
George Poirier	2.50
Walter Stank	101.75
Ernest Porter	11.75
Charlescraft Press	13.80
Sherman's Laundry	16.70
Donald Wellman	9.00
Nelson Mosso	3.75
Edward Henderson	1.25
J. F. Sargent	12.00
Alfred Aldrich	35.88
F. W. Wood Pharmacy	7.35
Thomas Francis	2.50
Sam Aldrich	2.50
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Total	\$601.59
73 Trips Made	

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM—1955

Appropriation	\$4,000.00
Transferred	164.55
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Expenditures:	
Worcester County Electric Co.	100.54
Milford Daily News	22.50
Geo. T. Blake Co.	60.34
Samuel Mitchell	813.30
Geo. Whan Co.	1,013.96
Joseph Hickey	191.25
Thomas Francis	18.00
John Edwards	49.50
Audrey Allen	191.25
Michell Delmoniso	42.75
Lloyd Crosby	335.29
Upton Fuel Const. Co.	37.50
Gamewell Company	1,227.14
W. G. Fiske Co.	12.89
Ruhan Sign Co.	10.00
New England Tel. and Tel. Co.	38.34
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Total	\$4,164.55

GEORGE N. O. POIRIER,
 WILLIAM A. PRENTISS,
 THOMAS L. FRANCIS
Fire Engineers

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Chapter 81 monies took care of maintenance work this year, including graveling, drainage, patching, brush cutting, and surface treatments.

On Hopkinton, Mendon, and Westboro Streets, surface treatment was done and guard rail posts painted, from Chapter 90 Maintenance funds.

Chapter 90 Construction on Pleasant St. has been completed other than fine grading and seeding.

All streets suffered damage, some more severe than others, from the Flood of August 19-20. With the aid of the Flood Relief Agencies, temporary repairs have been made.

At the present time the Dept. of Public Works is drawing plans and specifications for the repairing and construction of the bridges damaged during the flood. For this reason, the amount of \$500.00 from the Bridge Account, was returned to the treasury. We will, however, need an appropriation for repairing and maintenance of other bridges.

The amount of \$6,000.00 was sufficient for Snow Removal in 1955.

\$500.00 partially completed the sidewalk on Pleasant St. Recommend Pleasant St. be finished in 1956; also repair present sidewalk on Maple Ave., now that the new water main is laid.

Fiske Ave. and Church St. were oiled as planned; Christian Hill was held over due to the flood; repairs to Warren Rd. were held over waiting installation of the water main.

Highway General Fund provided monies to remove ledges on Mechanic, Prospect and East Streets, eliminating dangerous hazards. Safety signs were purchased from this account, as the Sign Account was insufficient. More signs are needed.

Guard rail on Church St. has been installed.

Crockett Rd. was graveled, widened, and ledges removed.

At this time, I wish to thank all the Town Departments, the Department of Public Works, and the townspeople, for the cooperation, in any way, during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. POIRIER

Road Commissioner

CHAPTER 81

Appropriation	\$21,000.00
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Labor

Henry J. Poirier	\$1,627.23
Ephraim Boss	1,077.51
Edward Fisher	936.27
Goff Heavner	1,029.39
Charles Sanderson, Jr.	760.01
Thomas Flaherty	44.38
Joseph Shaida	77.50
Richard Hilliard	20.00
Romauldo Severi	13.95
Charles Summers	10.00
Walter Stank	35.00
George Clements	160.63
Louis Marin	30.00
Shirley McKellar, clerk	145.00
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	\$5,966.87

Machinery Hire

Upton Fuel & Const. Co., Inc.	
trucks, grader, bulldozer	6,727.50
James E. Paige, tractor mower	384.00
Edward C. Rock, tractor mower	54.00
Town of Southborough, roller	51.00
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	7,216.50

Material

Upton Fuel & Const. Co., Inc.,	
sand, gravel, fill, cement	4,033.09
American Oil Products Co.	172.49
W. G. Fiske Lumber Co.	104.71
Leonard Jacques, bolts	6.16
Roland Temple, dynamite, caps	111.65
Rosenfeld Washed Sand & Stone Co.	759.62
C. C. Lowell's, metallic tape	10.90
Cahill's, office supplies	2.94
Corbett Concrete Co.	18.06
Trimount Bituminous Products Co.	1,190.30
Independent Coal Tar Co.	235.18
New England Metal Culvert Co.	578.91
Mystic Bituminous Products Co.	435.57
Smith Highway Equipment Co.,	
cones, flags	12.60

Henry J. Poirier, rent	144.00	
		<u>\$7,816.18</u>
Total		\$20,999.55
Balance .....	.45

CHAPTER 90 — CONSTRUCTION

1954 Balance	\$7,050.51
Appropriation	8,000.00
	<u>\$15,050.51</u>

Labor

Henry J. Poirier	\$748.55
Ephraim Boss	469.38
Edward Fisher	428.13
Goff Heavner	425.63
Charles Sanderson, Jr.	428.77
Joseph Shaida	81.25
Richard Hilliard	26.25
Alcide Bouthiette	44.00
Romauldo Severi	41.85
Charles Summers	30.00
Harold Francis	2.50
Walter Stank	2.50
Alfred Nichols	8.75
Carmino Mango	8.75
Louis Marin	35.00
Shirley McKellar, clerk	60.00
	<u>\$2,841.31</u>

Machinery Hire

Upton Fuel & Const. Co., Inc., trucks, grader, bulldozer	3,840.40
Town of Northbridge, roller	128.00
Bayer-Mingolla Constr. Co., roller	90.00
Henley-Lundgren Co., roller	35.00
Town of Douglas, roller	120.00
	<u>\$4,213.40</u>

Material

Upton Fuel & Constr. Co., Inc., sand, gravel, fill, cement	3,505.83
Camosse Bros., cinder blocks	242.30
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	495.82
W. G. Fiske Lumber Co.	6.25
Roland Temple, dynamite, caps	125.51
Independent Coal Tar Co.	1,131.83

Worcester Foundry Co., grates, frames, manhole cover	265.81
H. E. Fletcher, curb inlets	154.80
Mystic Bituminous Products Co., Inc.	373.20
Henley-Lundgren Co., concrete berms	891.00
American Oil Products Co.	204.55
	7,396.90
Total	\$14,451.61
Balance	598.90

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$6,000.00
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Labor

Henry J. Poirier	\$334.00
Ephraim Boss	212.50
Edward Fisher	142.50
Goff Heavner	180.00
Charles Sanderson, Jr.	172.50
Joseph Shaida	30.00
Butler Smith	30.00
Carmino Mango	136.25
Alcide Bouthiette	58.00
Louis Marin	10.00
Shirley McKellar, clerk	60.00
	7,365.75

Machinery Hire

Upton Fuel & Constr. Co., Inc., trucks	1,319.25
Rosenfeld Washed Sand & Stone Co., roller	84.00
	1,403.25

Material

American Oil Products Co.	507.49
Franklin Paint Co.	21.60
Independent Coal Tar Co.	881.99
Upton Fuel & Constr. Co. Inc., gravel, sand, fill	308.00
State Prison Colony Industries, guard rail posts	220.00
	1,939.08
Total	\$4,708.08
Balance	\$1,291.92

BRIDGE ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$600.00
<i>Labor</i>		
Upton Fuel & Constr. Co. Inc.	....	\$31.88
<i>Machinery Hire</i>		
Upton Fuel & Constr. Co. Inc.	....	56.25
<i>Material</i>		
W. G. Fiske Lumber Co.	....	11.00
Total	....	99.13
Transferred to treasury	....	500.00
Balance	....	.87

CHURCH ST.

Appropriation		\$750.00
<i>Material</i>		
Independent Coal Tar Co.	....	\$582.72
Trimount Bituminous Products Co.	....	12.22
Total	....	594.94
Balance	....	155.06

CHRISTIAN HILL RD.

Appropriation		\$1,608.00
Balance	....	1,608.00

CROCKETT RD.

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
<i>Labor</i>		
Henry J. Poirier	....	\$60.00
Ephraim Boss	....	26.25
Edward Fisher	....	33.75
Goff Heavner	....	11.25
Charles Sanderson, Jr.	....	21.25
Joseph Shaida	....	11.25
Shirley McKellar, clerk	....	5.00
		168.75
<i>Machinery Hire</i>		
Upton Fuel & Constr. Co. Inc., trucks, grader, compressor	....	566.50
		566.50

Material

Upton Fuel & Constr. Co. Inc.,	
Gravel	763.50
	763.50
Total	\$1,498.75
Balance	1.25

FISKE AVE.

Appropriation	\$885.00
<i>Material</i>	
Independent Coal Tar Co.	\$584.06
Trimount Bituminous Product Co.	300.94
	885.00
Total	
Balance	None

GUARD RAIL — CHURCH ST.

Appropriation	\$250.00
<i>Labor</i>	
Laurence H. Atwood	\$38.00
Upton Fuel & Constr. Co. Inc.	19.50
	57.50
<i>Machinery Hire</i>	
Upton Fuel & Constr. Co. Inc.	22.50
	22.50
<i>Material</i>	
Upton Fuel & Constr. Co. Inc.,	
cement, gravel, sand, fill	\$38.38
W. G. Fiske Lumber Co.	63.07
	101.45
Total	
Balance	181.45
	68.55

HIGHWAY VACATION

Appropriation	\$350.00
Ephraim Boss	\$100.00
Edward Fisher	100.00
Goff Heavner	100.00
	300.00
Total	
Balance	50.00

HIGHWAY GENERAL

Appropriation	\$500.00
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Labor

Henry J. Poirier	\$40.00
Ephraim Boss	10.00
Edward Fisher	12.50
Goff Heavner	25.00
Charles Sanderson, Jr.	15.00
Roland Temple	62.50
Shirley McKellar, clerk	10.00

	\$175.00

Machinery Hire

Upton Fuel & Constr. Co. Inc.	
bulldozer, compressor, trucks	-----
	180.75

Material

Files Equip. Co., signs	\$28.25
Herman's, boots	34.00
Roland Temple, dynamite, caps	38.88
Mass. Correction Institution, signs	41.20

Total	\$142.33
Balance	498.08
	1.92

MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Transferred from 1954 Earnings	\$12.80
Balance Jan. 1, 1955	1.02
Balance	13.82

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$500.00
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Labor

Daniel Giordano	-----
	174.25

Machinery Hire

Rosenfeld Washed Sand & Stone Co.,	
roller	91.00
Upton Fuel & Constr. Co. Inc.	113.38

	\$204.38

Materials

American Oil Products Co.	39.89
B. & M. Asphalt Corp.	77.00
Upton Fuel & Constr. Co. Inc.	2.25

Total Balance	\$119.14 497.77 2.23

SIGN ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$10.00
City Truck Co., Inc., freight charges	1.85
Upton Fuel & Constr. Co. Inc., labor	4.50

Total Balance	6.35 3.65

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$6,000.00
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LABOR

Henry J. Poirier	\$319.45
Ephraim Boss	158.75
Edward Fisher	240.01
Goff Heavner	160.00
Charles Sanderson, Jr.	103.75
Thomas Flaherty	10.00

	991.96

MACHINERY HIRE

Upton Fuel & Constr. Co., Inc., trucks, plows, sanders	2,561.88
Town Line Dairy, plows	10.00
Brooks Farm Dairy, plows	36.00
Malcolm Temple, plows	14.00

	2,621.88

MATERIAL

Upton Fuel & Constr. Co., Inc., sand, salt	2,368.75
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Geo. F. Blake, ties for snow fence ..	17.08
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	2,385.83
Total	\$5,999.67
Balance33

WARREN ROAD

Appropriation	\$258.00
Balance	258.00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. POIRIER,
Road Commissioner

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen met and organized on the afternoon of March 12, 1955. Malcolm C. Temple was elected chairman. Town Clerk, George G. Newton was reelected Clerk of the Board. Daniel H. Bates was reappointed Chief of Police.

The Board limited the Police Department to fifteen regular men, and eliminated all political aspects from the appointments by asking the Chief of Police to name his men. The Board then made the appointments that he requested. The appointments to fill vacancies were all made unrequested in the belief that these people could and would make a substantial contribution to the efficiency of Town Government.

This being the first year that the Board had been elected for a longer term than one year, it gave us an opportunity to look toward the future with the knowledge that the Board would have some influence in the development of plans that might not be completed all in one year.

Starting in 1956 a member will be elected for three years, thus influencing the thinking and the planning of the Board for that period of time. This should have a sound economic advantage to the Town.

From March to August the business was mostly routine. This business was largely governed by the action of the voters in the town meeting, your vote being a mandate to all town officers.

The dangerous condition that existed in Pratt Pond Dam was corrected just previous to the August flood. It proved its value during the days of August 19 and 20. This was paid for by the Ella Whitney Risteen Trust Fund. Thus the generosity of those who lived in the past paid dividends to the present and to the future; and you may well thank your benefactors.

The flood of August 19 and 20 brought a great deal of extra work for all town officers. The damage to roads, bridges and other town property was tremendous. The Board of Selectmen had to assume a large part of the responsibility and work of rehabilitation. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to every other town officer for his cooperation during this period, as well as for the entire year.

The Chairman of the Board was elected as Liaison Officer to represent the Town in arranging a program of assistance from State and Federal agencies. This has required many hours of work and much travel. The results have been very gratifying and of great benefit to the town.

The final accounting has not been made, but we can say that up to this time the flood has not cost the Town anything. To date, we have received allotments in excess of \$40,000. Four bridges will be reconstructed and two more repaired by the State at no expense to the Town. This means that we will have permanent structures that will require little or no repairs in the future.

Culverts that were washed out were rebuilt to a greater capacity and a permanent improvement. The culvert under Central Square will be rebuilt in the spring by the State to remove the trouble that caused the washout there.

By your vote at the December town meeting, you have authorized major repairs and improvement on the Town Hall. These will be carried out as soon as arrangements can be made, and will have lasting benefits. Here again our benefactors of the past are giving to you lasting benefits that should be a memorial to their love of the community expressed in permanent and material results.

In conclusion, we thank you for your patience and understanding. Our decisions have been made without fear or favor for the greatest good to the greatest number, in the light of such facts and information as we had in our possession.

The year of 1955 brought its share of joy as well as sorrow; its records show both successes as well as failures. "The year is closed, the record made. The last deed done, the last word said. Now with purpose full and clear, we turn to meet another year."

Respectfully submitted,
 MALCOLM C. TEMPLE
 GEORGE N. BLAKESLEE

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1955, Balance from 1954	\$ 92,166.51
1955 Receipts	482,257.76
	\$574,424.07
Total paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$476,690.13
Balance, January 1, 1956	\$ 97,733.94

Respectfully submitted
 LEO F. MURPHY
Treasurer

TOWN TREASURER'S STATEMENT

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, \$11.40 known as the Knowlton School Fund with the Town Treasurer as Trustee, to be used by the School Committee to defray extraordinary expenses at the Knowlton School Building.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) known as the Ella (Whitney) Ristein Fund in trust with the Town Treasurer and School Committee as Trustees, the income to be divided between the two pupils in our High School who make the most progress during each year. \$32.21 Interest was received this year. \$50.00 was used this year.

There is deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) known as the Dr. Carpenter Library Fund, the income of which is to be used for the Public Library. \$30.00 Interest was received this year.

Charlotte A. Batchelor and George W. Knowlton established a Trust Deed at the Worcester County Trust Co., with the bank as Trustee, the income to be paid to the Town of Upton for use of Knowlton School. \$140.60 was received this year.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) known as the Charlotte A. Batchelor Library Fund in trust with the Town Treasurer as Trustee, the income to be used for the Public Library. \$150.00 was received this year.

There is deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) known as the Charlotte A. Batchelor School Fund in trust with the Town Treasurer as Trustee, the income to be used for the Public Schools. \$150.00 was received this year.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, a War Bonus Surplus Fund to be used as a nucleus of a Fund for a Public Library Building as voted by the Town, February 7, 1925. \$199.15 Interest was received, and the amount of this fund on January 1, 1956 was \$4,061.23

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank of Milford, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) known as the George W. Knowlton Fund. The Income is subject to withdrawal by the Town Treasurer on order from the Board of Selectmen, to be used to help the town people who are in distress. \$153.24 Interest was received and the balance on January 1, 1956 was \$5,105.06. \$175.00 was used this year.

The Industrial Accident Insurance Fund established in 1937 is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank. \$61.94 Interest was received and the balance on January 1, 1956 was \$2,088.41. Pay-

ment from this Fund is to be made in accordance with rules to be established by the Board of Selectmen. \$23.00 was used this year.

WAR BONDS

1 Series G Bond	\$5,000.00
Purchased in 1944	Matures 1956
1 Series G Bond	\$5,000.00
Purchased in 1945	Matures 1957
Income received	\$250.00
Interest received	\$38.77

The income from these bonds is deposited in the Savings Dept. of the Home National Bank of Milford, Mass. for a Post War Rehabilitation Fund. Balance on January 1, 1956 was \$2,947.47.

There is deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings, two thousand dollars (2,000.00) known as the George H. Schultz Library Book Fund, in trust with the Town Treasurer and Library Trustees as Trustees, the income only to be used to purchase books. \$60.00 Interest was received this year.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, \$31.13 known as the Nellie Bagley Lakeview Cemetery Fund, with the Town Treasurer and Cemetery Commissioners as Trustees. All of this Fund is available for use by the Cemetery Dept. for improvements at Lakeview Cemetery. None was used this year.

The Shade Tree and Cemetery Fund is deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings. Receipts from Perpetual Care Bequests are deposited each year, and the Interest received is used by the Cemetery Dept. to care for lots covered by Perpetual Care.

1955 Deposits were \$350.00. Interest received was \$665.05. Balance on January 1, 1956 was \$22,735.00.

WILLIAM KNOWLTON TRUST FUND

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$2,101.22
Income received	2,981.92
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Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$5,083.14
	639.65
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Balance, January 1, 1956, Milford	
National Bank Checking Account	\$4,443.49
Principal deposited in Milford Savings Bank	\$802.95
Stock Dividends received:	
Chase Manhattan Bank	25 shares
Chemical Corn Exchange Bank	11 shares

ELLA W. RISTEEN TRUST FUND

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$9,902.90
Income received	3,698.39
Interest	156.01
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	\$13,757.30

Payments:

Clause 13-B	\$1,410.00
Clause 13-C	462.98
Clause 13-D	408.22
Milford National Bank,	
Safe Deposit Box Rental	22.00
Milford Savings Bank Deposit	9.90
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	\$2,313.10

Balance on Deposit, January 1, 1956	
Home National Bank	\$11,444.20

Clause 13-B	\$6,351.63
Clause 13-C	1,645.60
Clause 13-D	3,446.97
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\$11,444.20	
Principal on Deposit, Milford Savings Bank	\$86.64
Stock Dividends received:	
Chemical Corn Exchange Bank	8 shares plus \$9.90 cash
Sears Roebuck Company	240 shares

STATEMENT OF TOWN INSURANCE

The Town Property is insured as follows:

Town Hall Building	\$50,000.00
Contents	3,000.00
Knowlton School Building	20,000.00
Contents	1,000.00
George S. Ball School Building	20,000.00
Contents	2,000.00
Weights & Measures Standards	1,500.00

Cemetery Building and Contents	1,900.00
Grandstand	400.00
Road Machinery	2,000.00
Library Books, etc.	3,000.00
Boilers in Halls and Schools	5,000.00
Memorial School Building	17,000.00
Contents	6,000.00

Tax Title Deeds in possession of the Town Treasurer of property taken for taxes, \$1,837.56.

Respectfully submitted,
 LEO F. MURPHY,
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the report of the Finance Committee for the year 1955.

Number of meetings	17
Number of transfers made	20
Registrar of Voters—Expenses (2)	\$20.74
Memorial Day	14.40
Printing (2)	152.53
Fire Alarm System	164.55
Town Ambulance (2)	251.59
Parks	11.17
Veterans Service (4)	652.97
Selectmen's Expense	21.69
Town Accountant	58.95
Town Hall (2)	70.84
Town Treasurer	42.83
Public Welfare—General Relief	785.42
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Reserve Fund	\$2,247.68
Total Amount of Transfers	\$2,500.00
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Balance	\$252.32

Respectively submitted,
 ARAH K. LIBBEY,
Clerk

UPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORT

REPORT FOR 1955

During the Summer of 1955 I received three invitations from the State Chairman to assist at the meetings at Boston. I have asked the State Chairman if it would be all right to disband as we have not needed any houses in this Town under this Act.

The Chairman wants us to keep the Authority alive for the future.

We have not turned in any expenses as there were only stamps and two telephone calls to Boston.

Respectfully,

ARTHUR M. BARTLETT, *Chairman*

REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

Store License	11	@ 50 cents	\$5.50
Vehicle License	5	@ 50 cents	2.50
Pasteurization License	2	@ \$10.00	20.00
Dealer in Oleomargarine	6	@ 50 cents	3.00

EDWARD ORFF

Milk Inspector

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

December 31, 1955

To the Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report commencing with my appointment in April of this year.

Several matters pending at the inception of my duties, by agreement between the respective counsels and the Board of Selectmen, have been left in the hands of the previous Town Counsel, Attorney Gordon A. Shaw.

During the year, I have rendered opinions, attended meetings of the Town and of the several departments, held conferences with the heads of the several departments, State officers and third persons including engineers, contractors and persons

alleging to hold grievances against the Town. In the discharge of the numerous matters referred to me, I have drafted and attended to the execution of such formal documents as the circumstances required including: contracts, deeds of redemption, releases, order of street layout, notices, invitation for bids and bid specifications.

There has been commenced and is still pending in the Superior Court the petition of Fred Fiske et alii vs. Town of Upton for assessment of damages resulting from the re-location of Pleasant Street.

I wish to express my grateful appreciation to all Town officers for their assistance and co-operation and to them and to the citizens for their many courtesies extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,
 J. LAURENCE DOYLE
 Town Counsel

REPORT OF STATE AUDIT

To the Board of Selectmen
 Mr. Malcolm C. Temple, Chairman
 Upton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Upton for the fiscal year 1954, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,
 HERMAN B. DINE
Director of Accounts

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Mr. Herman B. Dine
 Director of Accounts
 Department of Corporations and Taxation
 State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit

of the books and accounts of the town of Upton for the fiscal year 1954, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and reconciled with the books and reports in the town accountant's office and with the records of the town treasurer.

An analysis was made of the town accountant's ledger, the receipts being checked with the treasurer's books and the payments being compared with the warrants authorizing them and with the treasurer's records of payments. The appropriation accounts were checked with the town clerk's records of town meeting proceedings, and the recorded transfers from the reserve fund were verified by comparison with the records of the finance committee.

The necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1954.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and checked with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the treasury, while the payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds. The cash book additions were verified, and the cash balance on February 16, 1955 was verified by examination of a savings bank book and by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements received from the banks in which town funds are deposited.

The payroll deductions from employees' salaries for Federal taxes and for the county retirement system were examined and checked. The amounts withheld were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the payments to the Federal depository and the county treasurer were checked with the vouchers on file.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The outstanding coupons on February 16, 1955 were listed and reconciled with the balance in the bond and coupon account as shown by a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the treasurer and trustees were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals verified.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked in detail, the amounts added to the tax title account being checked with the collector's and the accountant's books.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked in detail. The taxes and excise outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and compared with the assessors' warrants issued for their collection. The cash book additions were proved and the reported payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts. The abatements, as recorded, were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

The records of departmental and water accounts receivable were examined and checked in detail. The commitments were verified, the reported payments to the treasurer were checked with the treasurer's cash book, the abatements were compared with the records of the departments authorized to grant them, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

Verification of the outstanding tax, excise, departmental, and water accounts was obtained by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it would appear that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The assessors' computation of the tax rate for the year 1954 was examined and checked. The records of abatements granted by the board of assessors were checked with the books of the collector and the accountant, while the warrants to the collector were listed and compared with the detailed commitments.

The financial accounts of the town clerk pertaining to dog and sporting licenses issued were examined, the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game being checked with the receipts on file and the payments to the town treasurer being compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts.

The appropriations as voted by the town meetings were listed from the records of the town clerk and compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors.

The surety bonds of the various town officials required to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of receipts of the board of selectmen, the sealer of weights and measures, and the milk inspector, as well as of the police, health, public welfare, veterans' services, school, library,

and cemetery departments, were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer being verified.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's, collector's, and town clerk's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, departmental, and water accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation received from all town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,
Assistant Director of Accounts

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SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes

Current Year

Poll	\$ 1,392 00
Personal	12,487 42
Real Estate	118,494 62
Previous Years	
Personal	1,124 55
Real Estate	19,193 54
	152,692 13

Tax Title Redemptions	824 37
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From State—Corporation, Etc.	11,104 15
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Licenses and Permits

Liquor Licenses	2,000 00
Pool and Bowling Licenses	60 00
Milk	28 50
Second Class Auto & Junk	40 00
All Other Licenses	134 50
Oil and Gas Storage Permits	27 00
	2,290 00

Fines and Forfeits

Court Fines	38 00
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Grants and Gifts

Grants from Federal Government	
For Old Age Assistance	28,545 57

For Aid to Dependent Children	4,405 78
For Disability Assistance	3,472 99
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Grants from State	
Schools—Chapter 70	27,831 52
High School Tuition &	
Transportation	13,769 99
Union Superintendent	972 01
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Highways	42,573 52
Chapter 81	11,008 80
Inspector of Animals	50 00
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TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	257,005 31
COMMERCIAL REVENUE—DEPARTMENTAL	
Grants and Gifts	
From County—Dog Licenses	711 30
Privileges	
Motor Vehicle Excise	26,526 17
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	27,237 47
Treasurer	
Withheld Taxes on Income	13,228 27
County Retirement Deductions	981 47
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	14,209 74
Town Hall Rent	90 00
Protection of Persons & Property	
Fire Department	
Sale of June	4 00
Ambulance Use	70 00
Damage to Ambulance	150 00
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	224 00
Inspection	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	120 05
Services of Dog Officer	2 00
Health and Sanitation	54 29
Highway Department	
For Expenses	
Joint Maintenance County	1,499 51
Joint Maintenance State	1,499 51
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	2,999 02
For Outlays	
Joint Construction State	4,000 00
Joint Construction County	2,000 00
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	6,000 00

Welfare Department		
Recoveries—Old Age		
Property Liens	6,028	77
Temporary Aid—Reimbursements		
From Cities and Towns	163	62
Aid to Dependent Children—		
Reimbursements		
From State	3,723	20
Old Age Assistance—Reimbursements		
From State	23,060	71
From Cities and Towns	298	96
	33,275	26
Veterans Benefits		
Reimbursement from State	799	84
Cafeteria		16,369 00
School Department		
Telephone	8	34
Library		
Fines, Forfeits and Sales	15	61
Unclassified		1 00
Welfare Department		
Disability Assistance		
From State	2,495	02
Other Reimbursements		
From the Federal Government		
Flood Relief	12,000	00
From the State		
Hurricane Carol	1,829	72
Elementary School		
Construction	5,585	83
Land Damage	75	00
Paraplegic Veterans	405	45
Youth Service Board	189	04
	20,085	04
Total Commercial Revenue—Departmental		96,748 21
COMMERCIAL REVENUE		
Public Service Enterprises		
Water Department		
Service Connections	150	00
Metered Water	15,345	71
Sewer Assessments	2,843	75
Total Commercial Revenue		
Public Service Enterprises		18,339 46

Commercial Revenue—Cemetery	
Care of Lots and Graves	257 00
Perpetual Care Deposits	350 00
Burials	899 00
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Total Commercial Revenue—Cemetery	1,506 00
Commercial Revenue—Interest	
General	
Interest on Deposits	28 61
Interest on Tax Titles Redeemed	79 57
Water Liens	4 05
Interest and Fees on Taxes	720 95
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	833 18
On Trust and Investment Funds	
Charity Funds Risteen	1,410 00
Industrial Accident	23 00
On School Funds	678 58
On Library Funds	315 00
On Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	665 05
On Investment Funds	
Post War Rehabilitation	250 00
Risteen	408 22
William Knowlton	639 65
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	4,389 50
Total Commercial Revenue—Interest	5,222 68
Municipal Indebtedness	
Anticipation of Revenue	30,000 00
Highway Department	
Chaptetr \$1	10,104 00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	4,000 00
Chapter 90 Construction	6,000 00
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	20,104 00
Water Department	
Repairs and Extensions	22,000 00
Warren Road	3,000 00
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Total Municipal Indebtedness	25,000 00
	75,104 00
Agency	
Tailing Account	78 32
Dog Licenses for County	924 60
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Total Agency	1,002 92

Refunds

Highway Department	10 50
Water Department	23 61
Flood Work	57 60

Total Refunds

91 71

Total Receipts 1955

482,257 76

DISBURSEMENTS — 1955

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legislative

Moderator Salary	50 00
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Selectmen's Department Salaries

Chairman Salary	200 00
Member Salary	175 00
Member Salary	175 00
Clerk Salary	175 00

725 00

Expenses

Dues	31 00
Printing, Stationary & Postage	23 55
Banquets, Meetings, Etc.	28 00
All Other Expense	139 14

Accountants Salary

600 00

Accountant's Expense

Purchase of Adding Machine	59 00
All Other Expense	49 95

108 95

Treasury Department Salary

850 00

Expense

Printing, Stationary & Postage	126 48
Dues	2 00
All Other	64 35

192 83

Collector's Department Salary

1,100 00

Expense

Printing Stationery & Postage	304 71
Dues	2 00
Clerical Assistance	118 75
All Other	70 96

496 42

Assessors Department Salaries	1,050 00
Three Assessors, 350 00 each	
Expense	
Dues	9 00
New Equipment	181 65
Printing, Stationery & Postage	197 32
Carfare, Auto Hire, Etc.	77 00
Clerical Assistance	203 75
All Other	33 06
	701 78
Finance Committee Clerk	
Salary and Expense	60 00
Law Department Salary	50 00
Expenses	300 00
Town Clerk	
Salary	450 00
Expenses	
Recording Fees	137 00
Printing, Stationery & Postage	33 01
Dues and All Other Expense	48 95
	218 96
Elections and Registration Department	
Salary 3 Members, 35 00	105 00
Salary Clerk	50 00
	155 00
Registrars of Voter Expense	
Census Workers Wages	294 96
Clerical Assistance	20 00
All Other	5 78
	320 74
Elections & Town Meetings Expense	
Election Workers Wages	256 25
Election Workers Meals	27 06
	11 25
	294 56
Bonding Town Officers	343 00
Town Hall Expenses	
Janitor Salary	960 00
Telephone	163 28
Fuel	1,439 16
Light	190 11

Janitor's Supplies	5 97
Repairs	347 88
Water	24 00
All Other	137 44
	3,267 84

Special Account Town Hall Repairs

Misc. Expense	5 67
Total General Government	11 562 44

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department

Salaries and Wages	2,341 02
Cruiser Mileage	372 95
Telephone	122 46
Dues	9 00
Printing	35 06
All Other	118 89
	2,999 38

Fire Department

Salaries	1,585 00
Issuing Fire Permits—Gas & Oil	50 00
General Expense	86 03
Janitor for Fire Station	264 00
Printing	9 85
Investigating Fire	3 00
Apparatus—Repairs	160 02
Gasoline	138 00
Supplies for Apparatus	50 96
Heat	548 83
Electricity	218 53
Building Repairs	55 06
Misc. Building Supplies	13 00
Telephone	217 53
All Other Expense	139 51
	3,600 22

Fire Department

New Hose	297 00
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Fire Department

Gates and Valves	145 53
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Fire Department

Construction of "Red Network" Alarm	
Materials and Labor	3,779 63
Special Wiring	335 29
Electricity	11 29

Telephone Company	38 34	
	<u> </u>	4,164 55
Forest Fire Department		
Wages	331 15	
Maintenance of Equipment	228 45	
Issuing Permits	25 00	
Gasoline	24 68	
All Other Expense	31 05	
Food	18 60	
	<u> </u>	658 03
Sealer of Weights and Measures		
Salary	80 00	
Wiring Inspector		50 00
Tree Warden		
Labor	126 27	
Truck Hire	4 00	
Equipment Hire	206 00	
All Other Expense	13 23	
	<u> </u>	349 50
Dutch Elm Disease		
Equipment Hire	349 93	
Labor	718 78	
Truck Hire	147 43	
	<u> </u>	1,216 14
Gypsy Moth Suppression		
Labor	222 25	
Equipment Hire	5 54	
Insecticide	72 50	
All Other Expense	57 30	
	<u> </u>	357 59
Total Protection of Persons and Property		13,918 84
<i>Health Department</i>		
Board of Health Department		
Salary Clerk	50 00	
Salary Milk Inspector	50 00	
Licenses and Forms	12 58	
Medical Attendance and Medicine	24 79	
All Other	33 28	
Dog Burial	2 00	
	<u> </u>	172 65
Care of Patients		000 00
Care of Town Dump		300 00

District Nursing Association	1,000 00
Animal Inspector Salary	100 00
Ambulance Expense	
Maint. & Repairs	36 80
Drivers and Assistants	393 51
Printing—Driver's Forms	13 80
Gasoline	133 43
Laundry	16 70
Supplies	7 35
	601 59
Total Health Department	2,174 24

Highway Department

Highway Vacations	300 00
Highway General	
Wages	112 50
Materials & Equipment Hire	323 33
All Other Expense	62 25
	498 08
Bridges	
Materials	42 88
Equipment	56 25
	99 13
Sidewalks—Maintenance	
Trucks	174 25
Materials	210 14
All Other	113 38
	497 77
Snow Removal	
Labor	991 96
Materials	2,384 33
Equipment Hire	2,623 38
	5,999 67

Chapter 81	
Labor	6,919 97
Material	6,608 48
Equipment Hire	7,177 98
Storage for Town Equip.	144 00
Forms and Postage	2 94
All Other Expense	146 18
	20,999 55
Street Lights	5,436 25
Guard Rail on Church Street	181 45
Crockett Road	1,498 75

Special Bounds to County of Worcester	10 50
Signs	6 35
Chapter 90 Construction	
Labor	3,369 81
Material	7,331 97
Equipment Hire	3,670 53
All Other	79 30
	14,451 61
Chapter 90 Maintenance	
Labor	1,365 75
Material	2,071 08
Equipment Hire	1,271 25
	4,708 08
Church Street—Oiling	594 94
Fiske Avenue—Oiling	885 00
Total Highway Department	56,167 13

Charities

Salaries—Welfare Board	300 00
General Administration—Town	
Salaries	2,085 00
Printing, Stationery & Postage	135 89
Telephone & All Other	279 11
	2,500 00
General Relief	
Groceries & Provisions	575 91
Coal, Gas & Wood	110 50
Board & Care	963 25
Medicine & Medical Care	303 15
Cash Grants to Individuals	814 20
All Other	18 41
	2,785 42
Aid to Dependent Children	
Cash Grants, Etc.	5,300 00
Disability Assistance	
Cash Grants, Etc.	4,200 00
Old Age Assistance	25,000 00
Old Age Assistance	
Transfer to Town of Tyringham	16 20

Federal Grants

Old Age Assistance—Aid	36,055 00	
Old Age Assist.—Admin.	1,629 88	<hr/>
		37,684 88
Aid to Dependent Children—Aid	3,438 70	
Aid to Dep. Child.—Admin.	695 00	<hr/>
		4,133 70
Disability Assistance—Aid	3,407 77	
Dis. Assist.—Admin.	174 97	<hr/>
		3,582 74
Total Welfare Department		85,502 94

Veterans Services

Salary—Veterans Agent	100 00
Office Expense, Travel, Etc.	74 49
Benefits	
Ordinary Allowances	1,739 69
Fuel	31 13
Medical	871 20
Clothing	10 95
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Total Veterans Services	2,652 97
	2,827 46

School Department

Clerk of Committee	65 00
Chairman	40 00
Member	40 00
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	145 00

Salaries and Wages

Superintendent	1,733 28
Clerk to Superintendent	917 08
Teachers—Elementary	50,219 60
Principal—Elementary	1,333 44
Janitors	3,582 84
Nurse	595 84
Cafeteria Manager	1,800 00
Writing Supervisor	500 00
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	60,682 08

General Expenses

Express and Trucking	60 95
Printing, Stationery & Postage	80 75
Telephone	309 17
All Other, Miscellaneous	321 34
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	772 21

Travel Expense of Superintendent	213 28
Textbooks, Supplies, Etc.	
Film Service	173 84
Text and Reference Books	1,080 31
All other supplies	2,210 03
	3,464 18
Tuition	
High School and Elementary	27,273 10
Elementary Milford	461 33
Vocational	2,924 60
	30,659 03
Transportation	
High School	6,990 48
Elementary	8,787 42
Vocational	615 17
Special Class—Grafton	420 00
	16,813 07
Maintenance and Repairs of Buildings	
Electricity	1,032 90
Heat	2,298 88
Repairs	3,603 52
Janitor Supplies	817 86
All Other	296 72
Gas	127 83
	8,177 71
Capital Outlay	268 35
Health Supplies and Expenses	111 79
Total School Department	121,306 70
<i>School Cafeteria</i>	
Wages	3,261 80
Supplies	53 09
Express and Trucking	35 05
Food	10,892 35
Miscellaneous	109 46
New Equipment Purchased	1,534 81
Total Cafeteria	15,886 56
<i>Library</i>	
Salary Librarian	550 00
Salary Assistants	186 70
	736 70

Books and Periodicals

Books	440 70
Periodicals	103 65
Story Hour	14 00
	558 35
Book Bindings	28 75
Miscellaneous	25 95
Total Library	1,349 75

*Water Department***Salaries Commissioners**

Chairman	75 00
Member	75 00
Clerk	100 00
	250 00
Expenses Commissioners	97 00
Salary Superintendent	500 00
Hydrant Rental	2,550 00

General Maintenance & Clerk

Printing, Stationery & Postage	68 93
Electricity	1,259 07
Maint Expense	648 17
Labor	52 99
Meters, Fittings & Supplies	521 39
Equipment Hire	625 50
Clerical Services	256 25
	3,432 30
Water System 1954 Loan	11,893 29
Warren Road 1955 Loan	1,037 46
Water Mains Repairs & Extension 1955 Loan	7,838 85
Total Water Department	27,598 90

Cemetery Department

Commissioners Salaries	90 00
Grading & Repairs to Graves	160 93
Machinery Purchases & Repairs	200 40
General Labor	4,054 29

Envelopes & Printing	45	23
All Other Miscellaneous	40	56
Gas, Oil & Repairs	85	34
Equipment Hire	240	10
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	4,465	52
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	4,916	85

Recreation and Unclassified

Parks Department

Wages	93	50
Equipment Purchased	15	95
Miscellaneous Expense	38	04
Plants and Shrubs	46	70
Care—Common	66	80
Care—Athletic Field	50	18

Unclassified

Memorial Day	414	30
Joseph P. Benoit Square	32	65
Civil Defense	179	50
Insurance	1,579	74
County Retirement Deductions ..	981	47
Withheld Tax Deductions	13,228	27
Printing	1,952	53
County Hospital Assessments	2,895	62
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Parks & Reservations	343	06
Auditing Municipal Accounts ..	529	97
Gypsy & Brown Tail Moth Con- trol	295	13
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	22,432	24
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	22,743	41

Interest and Maturing Debt

Interest

School Loans, 120,000	3,727	50
School Loans, 50,000	638	75
Water Loans	4,670	00
Fire Station Loan	742	50
Other Expense	222	77
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	10,001	52

Maturing Debt

School Loans	14,000	00
Fire Station Loan	3,000	00
Water Loan	7,000	00

Anticipation of Revenue Loan	30,000 00
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Total Interest and Maturing Debt	64,001 52

Agency, Trust and Investment

County Tax	5,216 29
County Retirement Fund	618 59
Dog Licenses for County	924 60
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Knowlton School Fund	55 00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	350 00
William Knowlton Fund	639 65
Risteen Fund	
Welfare	1,410 00
Schools	462 98
Beautification	408 22
Library Schultz Fund	122 30
Industrial Accident Fund	23 00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	250 00
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	3,721 15

Total Agency Trust and Investment	10,480 63
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Refunds

Taxes	73 37
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	663 14
Total Refunds	736 51

Other Expenditures

Flood of August 19, 1955 General (Note)	33,016 25
Flood of August 19, 1955 Special Culvert Contract	2,500 00
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(Note) of this amount the Federal Government reimbursed the Town in 1955 for \$12,000.00 and in 1956 for 5,222.86	
Expected reimbursement from the state for this account in 1956 15,793.39	
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Total	33,016.25
Of the Special Culvert Contract the State will reimburse the Town for the entire amount expended upon	

completion of the contract.
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES 35,516 25
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1955 476,690 13

RECAPITULATION OF CASH FOR YEAR OF 1955

Balance January 1, 1955	\$92,166 31
Receipts 1955	482,257 76
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	574,424 07
Disbursed in 1955	476,690 13
Balance December 31, 1955	97,733 94

TOWN OF UPTON
BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1954

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets	Liabilities and Reserves
Cash:	
General, \$92,166.31	Overpayments—to be Refunded:
Surplus War Bonus and Real Estate Fund, 3,942.08	Poll Taxes—1954, \$2.00
	Taxi Badge Deposits, 17.50
	Contribution—Purchase of Inhalator, .. 6.50
	Memorial Fund of Upton, 216.28
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1953:	Trust Fund Income:
Real Estate, \$646.95	Library Funds, \$69.54
Levy of 1954:	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds, 225.75
Personal Property, 1,195.95	
Real Estate, 19,110.86	295.29
	Premium on Loans:
	Water Loan 1953, 242.50
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:	Federal Grants:
Levy of 1953, \$.03	Disability Assistance:
Levy of 1954, 6,611.47	Administration, \$94.10
	Assistance, 642.37
	Aid to Dependent Children:
	Administration, 283.20
	Aid, 294.88
	Old Age Assistance:
	Administration, 322.38
	Assistance, 9,400.90
	11,037.83

Former Collector's Discrepancy Account,		315.22	Revolving Funds:			
Tax Titles,	\$1,882.27		School Lunch,	\$843.46		
Tax Possessions,	581.89		School Athletics,	162.29		
		2,464.16	Appropriation Balances:			
			Revenue:			
Departmental:			General:			
Sewer Rentals,	\$745.00		Fire Station Conductor Pipe, ...	\$46.96		
Aid to Dependant Children,	562.48		New Ambulance,	141.00		
Old Age Assistance,	166.17		Chapter 90 Construction,	7,050.51		
Veterans' Services,	387.21		Machinery Maintenance,	1.02		
Cemetery,	106.00		Civil Defense,	185.52		
		1,966.86	Water:			
			Equipment, .....	.42		
Water Rates,		2,038.34				7,425.43
Aid to Highways:			Non-Revenue:			
State:			Fire Station Construction,	\$1.00		
Chapter 81,	\$4,612.80		Water Construction,	26,792.75		
Chapter 90 Maintenance,	1,500.00					26,793.75
Chapter 90 Construction,	3,000.00		Overestimates 1954:			
County:			State:			
Chapter 90 Maintenance,	1,500.00		Parks and Reservations			
Chapter 90 Construction,	1,500.00		Assessment,	\$1.74		
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:		12,112.80	County:			
Overlay Deficit:			Tax,	157.14		
Levy of 1952,			Hospital Assessment,	528.38		
						687.26
			Surplus War Bonus and			
			Real Estate Fund,			3,942.08
			Cemetery Sales of Lots Fund,			830.00
			Highway Machinery Fund,			12.80
		292.91	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,			19,712.01

Overdrawn Appropriations:

Highways — Chapter 81,	\$4,611.97
Hurricane Emergency,	10,478.59

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1953,	\$646.95
Levy of 1954,	3,726.19

4,373.14

15,090.56	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
\$157,954.50	Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise,	\$6,611.50
—————	Tax Title and Tax Possession,	2,464.16
—————	Departmental,	1,966.86
—————	Water,	2,038.34
—————	Aid to Highways,	12,112.80

25,193.66

Reserve for Cash Discrepancy,	315.22
Surplus Revenue,	55,845.50

\$157,954.50

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	Inside Debt Limit:	
Inside Debt Limit:	Fire Station Loan,	\$21,000.00
General,	Elementary School Loan,	38,000.00
General,		\$59,000.00
General,	Outside Debt Limit:	
General,	Elementary School Loan,	\$96,000.00
Public Service Enterprise,	Water Loans,	236,000.00
		332,000.00
		<u>\$391,000.00</u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:	In Custody of Town Treasurer:
Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Town Treasurer, ...	George W. Knowlton Charity Fund, \$5,126.82
In Custody of Trustees, 	Knowlton School Fund, 11.06
	Charlotte A. Batchelor School Fund, 5,000.00
	Ella Whitney Risteen School Fund, 1,090.68
	Charlotte A. Batchelor Library Fund, 5,000.00

Dr. Carpenter Library Fund,	1,000.00
George H. Schultz Library Fund, ...	2,000.00
Nellie Bagley Lakeview Cemetery Improvement Fund,	30.23
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	22,385.00
Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund,	2,049.47
William Knowlton Fund:	
Principal,	75,000.00
Income,	2,101.22
Ella Whitney Risteen Fund:	
Principal,	84,040.24
Income:	
Public Welfare,	6,440.20
School,	871.00
Town Improvements,	2,591.70
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	12,658.70
	\$227,396.32

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In Custody of Trustees:

C. A. Batchelor and G. W. Knowlton School Fund:	
Principal,	\$8,422.01
Income,	63.80
	8,485.81
	\$235,822.13

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TOWN OF UPTON

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1955

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

General	97,733	94
Surplus War Bonus and Real Estate Fund	4,061	23
	101,795	17

Accounts Receivable

Taxes	
Levy of 1955:	
Personal Property	779	17
Real Estate	15,522	36
	16,301 53
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	
Levy of 1955	1,590 62

Former Collector's Discrepancy Account	315 22
Tax Titles	1,979	67
Tax Possessions	581	89
	2,561	56

Departmental

Ambulance	85.00
Temporary Aid	396	99
Sewer Rentals	315	00
Aid to Dependent Children	833	60
Old Age Assistance	304 12
Veteran's Services	1,141 07
Cemetery	152 00
	3,227 78

Water Rates	3,206 06
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Aid to Highways State

Chapter 81	10,104 00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000 00
Chapter 90 Construction	4,000 00
County	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000	00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,000	00
	20,104	00

Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts

Overlay Deficit 1955	713	16
County Tax 1955	557	29
Flood of August 19, 1955	23,458	65
	24,729	10
Total	173,830	04

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Overpayments—to be refunded	
Real Estate Tax 1954	27 61
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1954	31 36
	58 97
Taxi Badge Deposits	17 50
Contribution—Purchase of Inhalator	6 50
Memorial Fund of Upton	216 28
Trust Fund Income	
School Funds	85 60
Library Funds	7 24
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	486 54
	579 38
Federal Grants	
Disability Assistance	
Administration	166 07
Assistance	460 65
Aid to Dependent Children	
Administration	25 22
Assistance	824 94
Old Age Assistance	
Administration	409 96
Assistance	174 01
	2,060 85
Revolving Funds	
School Lunch	1,325 90
School Athletics	162 29
	1,488 19
Appropriation Balances	
Town Hall Repair	1,994 33
Fire Station Conductor Pipe	46 96
Highway Department	
Chapter 90 Construction	598 90
Chapter 81	1,291 92
Oiling Church Street	155 06
Oiling Christian Hill Road	1,608 00
Warren Road	258 00
Guard Rail for Church Street	68 55
Machinery Maintenance	13 82
J. P. Benoit Memorial Square	57 35
Civilian Defense	6 02
Water Department	
Warren Road	1,262 54
Construction Loan of 1954	14,899 46
Repairs and Extensions Loan	14,861 15
	37,122 06
Overestimates 1955	
Parks and Reservations Assessment	46 94
County Hospital Assessment	1,948 23
Mosquito Control Assessment	38 15
	2,033 32
Surplus War Bonus and Real Estate Fund	4,061 23
Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund	830 00
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus	21,279 70

Overlays Reserved for Abatements		
Levy of 1953		135 77
Revenue Reserved Until Collected		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Revenue	2,217 26	
Tax Title and Tax Possession Revenue	2,561 56	
Departmental	3,225 74	
Water	3,206 26	
Aid to Highways	20,104 00	
		31,314 82
Old Age Assistance Recoveries		6,028 77
Tailing Account		78 32
Reserve for Cash Discrepancy		315 22
Surplus Revenue		66,204 16
		\$173,830 04

TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt		
Inside Debt Limit		
General		53,000 00
Outside Debt Limit		
General	90,000 00	
Enterprise—Water	249,000 00	
		339,000 00
		\$392,000 00
Inside Debt Limit		
Fire Station Loan	18,000 00	
Elementary School Loan	35,000 00	
		53,000 00
Outside Debt Limit		
Elementary School Loan	90,000 00	
Water Loans	249,000 00	
		339,000 00
		\$392,000 00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds		
Cash and Securities		
In Custody of Town Treasurer		231,819 29
In Custody of Trustees		8,422 01
		240,241 30
In Custody of Town Treasurer:		
William Knowlton Fund		
Principal	75,000 00	
Income	4,443 49	
		79,443 49
George W. Knowlton Charity Fund		5,105 06
Knowlton School Fund		11 40
Charlotte Batchelor School Fund		5,000 00

Ella W. Risteen School Fund	1,072 89
Charlotte Batchelor Library Fund	5,000 00
Dr. Carpenter Library Fund	1,000 00
George Schulz Library Fund	2,000 00
Nellie Bagley Lakeview Cemetery Fund	31 13
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	22,735 00
Workmen's Compensation Fund	2,088 41
Ella Whitney Risteen Fund	
Principal	84,040 24
Income	
Welfare	6,271 03
School	1,648 85
Beautification	3,424 32
	95,384 44
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	12,947 47
In Custody of Trustees:	
C. A. Batchelor and G. W. Knowlton School Fund	8,422 01

	\$240,241 30

HARVEY L. MARTINDALE
Town Accountant

TOWN LIBRARY

TREASURER'S REPORT

Resources

Town appropriation and	
Carpenter Fund	\$1,200.00
Charlotte A. Batchelor Fund	150.00

	\$1,350.00

Expenditures

Hazel L. Forsberg, Librarian	\$550.00
Eleanor Merrill, Assistant	176.20
Adele Fields	10.50
Story Hours	14.00
Books	434.70
Magazines and Periodicals	109.65
Binding books	28.75
Library supplies	25.95

	1,349.75
Unexpended balance	\$.25

SCHULTZ FUND

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$69.54
Income, 1955	60.00
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Expended for Books	\$129.54
	122.30
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Unexpended balance, December 31, 1955	\$7.24

Respectfully submitted,
 HELEN A. FAY,
Treasurer Library Trustees

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Upton Library:

The librarian respectfully submits her annual report with library statistics, list of periodicals, and the catalog of new books.

Books have been added to the Dr. Carpenter Alcove as required and purchased from the George H. Schultz Fund.

Gifts of magazines and books have been received from Mrs. Alice Hall, Mrs. Edith Hill, Mrs. Amy Estes, Mrs. Eleanor Merrill, Mr. Chester Walker, Mr. David Colcord, Kiwanis Club and the Woman's Club.

A check from the Kiwanis Club for \$50 was spent on a series of winter Story Hours, which were held from January 1 to May 1. A large poster was bought for display in the library room and a 2-year subscription to Ideals magazine. This magazine has been enjoyed by both children and adults. Last summer expenses were paid, for the children of the Reading Club to visit three museums. This gift has been greatly appreciated.

In July and August, our regular summer Story Hour was held for the younger children and a Reading Club for the older group. Twelve children received State Honor Certificates for reading twenty books, five of which were non-fiction. Eight children received Certificates for reading five books.

The topic for the Reading Club was Indian life. At the close of the summer the children were taken to Harvard, Massachusetts, where they visited Fruitlands, one time home of the Alcotts; the Indian Museum, and the Shaker Museum. Mrs. Charles Caton and Mrs. Robert Maynard generously assisted with the

transportation.

Mr. Harold Lawrence also gave a talk on Indians to the Reading Group at the home of the librarian. He was dressed in full Indian regalia and showed them many interesting crafts.

A party was held at the library for the Story Hour children. Margaret MacGregor and Harriet Caton presented a Puppet Show.

For Book Week, posters were exhibited at the schools and library with the slogan, "Let's Read." Book marks were distributed. There was a large display of new books. The librarian gave book reviews for each grade in the schools.

In December a Christmas Story Hour was held. Mrs. Eleanor Merrill baked gingerbread men and Christmas cookies for each child.

During the year Mrs. Helen Bentley has sent many lovely bouquets to the library.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Eleanor Merrill who so ably assists me during the fall and winter months.

I wish to thank the Trustees for their generous support and co-operation in every project, especially in increasing the purchase of children's and young people's books.

We are loaning fifty books for a period of three months to the new Memorial School Library.

In closing I would like to say that the work with the children has made a steady increase in the circulation of children's books. In 1950 the circulation was 3,007 as compared to 6,080 in 1955.

Respectfully submitted,
HAZEL L. FORSBERG,
Librarian

LIBRARY STATISTICS

	1954	1955
Days library open	103	102
Circulation:		
Volumes of fiction	3,475	3,102
Volumes of non-fiction	2,229	2,132
Children's Books	5,325	6,080
Periodicals	2,975	2,863
Total Circulation	14,004	14,177
Volumes added during 1955:		
By gift		40

By purchase	240	
		280
Fines collected on overdue books	\$15.61	
Amount paid to Town Treasurer		\$15.61

LIBRARY HOURS

Wednesdays and Saturday 3 to 6 and 7 to 9 P.M.

PERIODICALS RECEIVED REGULARLY

(*—indicates a gift)

American Girl	Parents' Magazine
American Magazine	Popular Mechanics
Antiques	Popular Science
Atlantic Monthly	Readers Digest
Better Homes and Gardens	Saturday Evening Post
*Book of the Month Club	Saturday Review of Literature
News	School Arts
Boy's Life	Seventeen
*Destiny	*Specialty Salesman
Good Housekeeping	*Steelways
Harper's Magazine	Story Parade
Holiday	Time
Home Craftsman	Travel
*Ideals	Wilson Library Bulletin
Jack and Jill	*Worcester Art Museum
*Kiwanis' Magazine	Bulletin
Ladies' Home Journal	*Worcester County Farmer
Life	*Yankee
National Geographic	
*Our Dumb Animals	

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR
1955

(*—indicates a gift)

CLASSIFIED BOOKS
SCIENCE AND ART

Barnett, Lincoln	World we live in
Botkin, B. B.	Mississippi River folklore
Carson, Rachel	Edge of the sea
Cobb, Hubbard	Home owners complete guide to remodeling
Evans, D. G.	Astronomy
*Fanning, L. M.	Foreign oil and the free world
Funk, C. E.	Heavens to Betsey!

Galbraith, J. K.	Great crash
Henderson, Dorothy	I live and move
Kieran, John	Introduction to nature
Koller, Larry	Complete book of guns
Krick, & Fleming	Sun, Sea and Sky
Lippman, Walter	Public philosophy
Partridge, Bellamy	Ainsley case
Pearl, R. M.	How to know the minerals and rocks
Sterling, Dorothy	Trees and their story
Taber, Gladys	Stillmeadow daybook

LITERATURE

Adams, S. H.	Grandfather stories
Bishop, Elizabeth	Poems
Chapman, John	Best plays of 1951-1952
Chase, M. E.	White gate
Coffin, R. T.	Selected poems
Crowell, G. N.	Journey into dawn
Fadiman, Clifton	Party of one
Kronenberger, Louis	Best plays of 1952-1953
Lindbergh, Ann	Gift from the sea
Rich, L. D.	Innocense under the elms
Saturday Evening Post Stories	

TRAVEL

Berton, L. B.	I married the Klondike
Dodge, David	Time out for Turkey
Editors of Look	Look at the U. S. A.
Gunther, John	Inside Africa
Moody, Ralph	Little Britches
Moody, Ralph	Man of the family
Reben, Martha	Way of the wilderness

HISTORY

Beals, Carleton	Our Yankee Heritage
Corbett, Scott	Cape Cod's way
Ritchie, Jean	Singing family of the Cumber- lands
Vanderbilt, Jr.	Living past of America

BIOGRAPHY

*Aldrich, Richard S.	Gertrude Lawrence as Mrs. Aldrich
Baker, Rachel	Angel of mercy
Barrymore, Ethel	Memories
Benchley, Nathaniel	Robert Benchley
Keller, Helen	Teacher
Lake, Stuart N.	Wyatt Earp
Maxwell, Elsa	R. S. V. P.

*Robbins, Jhan & June	Eight weeks to live
Rogers, Dale Evans	My spiritual diary
*Rosenbloom, Morris	Peace through strength
Smith, Merriman	Meet Mr. Eisenhower
Weeks, Edward	Open heart
Weiner, Ed	Let's go to press

REFERENCE

Lincoln Library 1955

FICTION

Arthur, Burt	Nevada
Arthur, Burt	Thunder valley
Austin, Brett	Coyotes of willow brook
Austin, Brett	Lobo valley
Austin, Brett	Wind river song
Ballinger, B. S.	Tooth and nail
Bowman, Jeanne	Lakeville lady
Boyle, Kay	Seagull on the step
Brace, G. W.	Bell's landing
Bragg, W. F.	Ghost mountain clubs
Bragg, W. F.	Texas fever
Bush, Christopher	Case of the corner cottage
Cadell, Elizabeth	Lark shall sing
Christie, Agatha	Funerals are fatal
Coates, R. M.	Farther shore
Cody, Al	Thundering hills
Collins, Norman	Bat that flits
Colt, Clem	Smoke talk
Costain, T. B.	Tontine
Cowen, W. J.	Fifth miracle
Dane, Clemence	Flower girls
Daninos, Pierre	Notebook of Major Thompson
Davies, Robertson	Leaven of malice
De la Roche, Mazo	Variable winds at Jalna
Dolph, Jack	Dead angel
Eyre, K. W.	Lute and the glove
Fair, Elizabeth	View of the sea
Falstein, Louis	Face of a hero
Field, Peter	Guns in the saddle
Field, Peter	Riders of the outlaw trail
Finletter, Gretchen	Dinner party
Finney, G. E.	Plums hang high
Floren, Lee	Guns of Wyoming
Ford, Leslie	Murder is the pay off
Fox, J. M.	Bright serpent
Franken, Rose	Intimate story

Geer, Andrew	Reckless
Gipson, Fred	Recollection creek
Golding, William	Lord of the flies
Hamilton, Wade	Longhorn brand
Hamilton, Wade	Muddy wheels
Hamilton, Wade	Sagebrush
Hardin, Peter	Hidden grave
Hawley, Cameron	Cash McCall
Haycox, Ernest	Pioneer loves
Holmes, L. R.	Apache desert
Hopson, William	High saddle
Hutchinson, R. C.	Stepmother
Hyman, Mac	No time for sergeants
Kantor, MacKinlay	Andersonville
Kelliher, Dan	Range reckoning
Lockridge, F. & R.	Dead as a dinosaur
Lofts, Norah	Winter harvest
Lorac, E. C. R.	Speak justly of the dead
Marbut, Ann	Bill of particulars
Marquand, J. P.	Sincerely, Willis Wayde
Mercer, Charles	There comes a time
Miller, H. T.	April to remember
Miller, H. T.	Her Christmas at the Hermitage
Monsarrat, Nicholas	Castle Garac
Newman, Daisy	Autumn's brightness
Norton, Mary	Borrowers afield
O'Connor, Richard	Guns of Chickamauga
Patton, F. G.	Piece of luck
Pelkie, J. W.	Colt law
Queen, Ellery	Calendar of crime
Queen, Ellery	King is dead
Rogers, Dale E.	Angel unaware
Rohde, W. L.	Prairie marshall
Ruark, Robert	Something of value
Savage, Les Jr.	Land of the lawless
Seeley, Mabel	Listening house
Shute, Nevil	Breaking wave
Slaughter, F. G.	Healer
Smith, Shelley	Cellar at No. 5
Smith, E. W.	One-eyed poacher and the Maine woods
Stanley, Chuck	Apache thunder
Starr, Clay	Vigilante law
Stong, Phil	Blizzard
Stout, Rex	Full house
Symons, Julian	Narrowing circle
Taylor, Rosemary	Ghost town bonanza
Thirkell, Angela	Enter Sir Robert
Thomas, Lee	Broken creek

Thompson, Kate	Great house
Todd, Lucas	Showdown creek
Trimble, Louis	Gaptown law
Tuttle, W. C.	Mission river justice
Walker, Mildred	Curlews cry
Ward, Brad	Six gun heritage
Warren, R. P.	Band of angels
Waugh, Evelyn	Officers and gentlemen
West, Tom	Gunsmoke gold
White, N. G.	Thorn tree
Wilson, Dave	Puma pistoleers
Wilson, Sandy	This is Sylvia
Wilson, Sloan	Man in the grey flannel suit

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Adelson, Leone	All ready for winter
Adshead, G. L.	Brownies—It's Christmas
Anderson, E. T.	Saddlebag summer
Archibald, Joe	Fullback fury
*Averill, Esther	King Phillip, Indian chief
Bannon, Laura	Little sister doll
Baldridge, D. A.	Operation knapsacks
*Barnum, J. H.	Little old truck
*Barnum, J. H.	New fire engine
Batchellor, J. F.	Tim and the purple whistle
*Beatty, H. B.	Saint Francis and the wolf
*Beim, Jerrold	Eric on the desert
*Beim, L. & J.	Little igloo
Benson, Sally	Junior Miss
Bentel, P. B.	I'll know my love
Berman, R. A.	When you were a little baby
*Beskow, Elsa	Pelle's new suit
*Bishop, C. H.	Five Chinese brothers
*Bleeker, S.	Seminole Indians
Brady, R. G.	Jane Cameron, School Mar'm
Brewster, Benjamin	Real circus
Broadbent, Adah	Teen-age glamour
Brooks, W. R.	Freddy and the baseball team
Brown, Slater	Spaceward bound
*Burgess, Thornton	Big book of Nature studies
Call, Hughie	Rising arrow
Carlson, E. E.	Long way around
Cavanah, Frances	Our country's story
Cavanna, Betty	Passport to romance
Cavanna, Betty	Spring comes riding
Coatsworth, Elizabeth	Old Whirlwind
Collier, Edmund	Buffalo Bill
Corbin, William	Golden mare
Craig, M. M.	Marsha

Curtis, A. T. Little maid of Massachusetts Colony

Deming, Dorothy Curious calamity in Ward 8

Dick, T. L. Thornado Jones on Sentinel Mt.

*Dickinson, Alice First book of prehistoric animals

Dobbs, Rose Grimms fairy tales

DuJardin, Rosamond Showboat summer

*Duvoisin, Roger donkey-donkey

Eberlin, G. M. When Jesus was a little boy

Emery, Anne Hickory hill

Emery, Anne Going steady

Emery, Anne Senior year

*Epstein, S. B. First book of electricity

Farley, Walter Island stallion races

*Farnsworth, F. J. Winged moccasins

*Felson, H. G. Boy who discovered the earth

Flack, Marjorie Restless robin

Foster, Joanna Pete's puddle

Freeman, Don Mop top

Friermood, E. H. Candle in the sun

Geir, F. H. Illustrated games and rhythms for children

Goudey, A. E. Here comes the elephants

Golden book Three Billy Goats Gruff

Hader, B & E Wish on the moon

Harrison, C. B. Tomorrow for Patricia

Hawthorne, Dorothy Wish for Lutie

Hays, W. P. Pilgrim Thanksgiving

Heinlein, R. A. Rolling stones

Hill, Margaret Hostess in the sky

Howard, Elizabeth Star to follow

Hunt, Marigold Hester and the gnomes

Hunt, W. B. Indian crafts and lore

*Huntington, Harriet Let's go to the brook

*Hylander, C. J. Out of doors in autumn

Kay, Helen Snow birthday

Kohler, Julilly Friend to all

Lewiton, Mina Penny's acres

Lloyd, M. E. Jesus the children's friend

Longstreth, T. M. Hideout

MacGregor, Ellen Theodore Turtle

Mariana Miss Flora McFlimsey's birthday

Marsh, E. L. Trillium hill

Mason, M. E. Miss Posy Longlegs

McIlvaine, J. & S. Front page for Jennifer

*McClung, R. M. Stripe

Meadowcraft, E. & L. Davy Crockett

Milhous, Katharine	With bells on
Miller, Mark	Fight for your life
Monsarrat, Nicholas	Boys book of the sea
Moore, C. C.	Night before Christmas
Morgan, A. P.	Boys book of science and construction
Munn, Ian	Johnny and the birds
Nielsen, Jean	Green eyes
*Olcott, F. J.	Good stories for great holidays
Oursler, Fulton	Child's life of Jesus
Palazzo, Tony	Noah's ark
Park, Dorothea	Pets are fun
Peare, C. O.	Albert Einstein
Peare, C. O.	Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
*Perkins, L. F.	Swiss twins
Petersham, M & M	Circus baby
Poole, Lynn	Diving for science
Prout, V. J.	Race for land
Rawlings, M. K.	Secret river
Rey, H. A.	Anybody at home
Richter, Conrad	Light in the forest
*Ripper, C. L.	Bats
Sahgal, Nayantara	Prison and chocolate cake
*Schneider, H & N	How bib is big
*Selsam, Millicent	Play with leaves and flowers
Steiner, Charlotte	Patsey's pet
Sterling, Dorothy	Brownie Scout mystery
*Stoddard, Edward	First book of television
*Tatham, Julie	Cherry Ames, rest home nurse
*Tor, Regina	Getting to know Germany
*Tudor, Tasha	A is for Anna Belle
Tudor, Tasha	County
Tresselt, Alvin	I saw the sea come in
Tunis, J. R.	Rookie of the year
Ullman, J. P.	Banner in the sky
*U. N. Dept of Public Information	Garden we planted
Van Riper, J. J.	Babe Ruth
Verrall, C. S.	Champion of the court
Walden, A. E.	Three loves has Sandy
Wirth, M. A.	Ghost gables
*Wyler, Rose	First book of science
Yates, Elizabeth	Hue and cry
*Yates, Elizabeth	Rainbow round the world
*Younge, C. M.	Little Duke
*Zim, H. S.	Dinosaurs
*Zim, H. S.	Owls

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF UPTON

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1955

ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Donald B. Johnson, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Mrs. Elsie J. Craib, Sec'y	" " 1957
Richard D. Stockwell	" " 1958

SUPERINTENDENT

Harry Y. Hilyard

Residence	Office
Grafton VErnon 9-3135	Grafton VErnon 9-4527

CLERK

Mrs. Margaret Andrews

Residence	Office
Grafton VErnon 9-2630	Grafton VErnon 9-4527

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Bernard F. McKernan, M.D.
Upton—LAkeside 9-2648

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Ruth L. Nichols, R.N.
Upton—LAkeside 9-3433

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Wilfred Bedard
Upton—LAkeside 9-6238

WORKING CERTIFICATES

Working certificates may be obtained from Mrs. Elsie J. Craib, or at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Grafton Town Hall. Office hours are from 8 A.M. to 12:00 M, and from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

FACULTY RESIGNATIONS

Jane F. O'Hara
Doreen A. Waters
Andrew H. Koskinas

Helene Manning
Eileen Lucier
Eileen Clark

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Gladys Holmes
Rita Reynolds
Sandra Vecchione

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1955-1956

Fall term, sixteen weeks:

Term begins Wednesday, September 7
Term ends Thursday, December 22

Winter term, seven weeks:

Term begins Tuesday, January 3
Term ends Friday, February 17

Spring term, seven weeks:

Term begins Monday, February 27
Term ends Friday, April 13

Summer term, nine weeks:

Term begins Monday, April 23
Term ends Friday, June 22

Fall term, sixteen weeks:

Term begins Wednesday, September 5
Term ends Friday, December 21

HOLIDAYS

March 30—Good Friday; May 30—Memorial Day; October 12—Columbus Day; November 4—Teachers' Convention; November 11—Armistice Day; November 21, at noon for remainder of week—Thanksgiving recess.

NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

The fire alarm will be sounded at 6:45 A.M. in each section of Town, and announcements will be made over Radio Station WTAG.

AGE OF ADMISSION

To be admitted to Grade one, a child must be five years old before January 1st preceding the opening of school in September. No child will be admitted to Grade one for the first time after October 15th.

REGISTRATION

UPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 1, 1955

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Upton Memorial	31	40	27	66	51	49	264
George S. Ball	30	24	29	—	—	—	83
	61	64	56	66	51	49	347
School	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Grafton High	—	—	—	—	25	23	48
Northbridge	51	48	34	36	—	1	170
Northbridge	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vocational (6)	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Household Arts (9)	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Grand Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	580

REPORT OF SCHOOL CENSUS

October 1, 1955

	Age	5-7	7-16	Total
Boys		52	302	354
Girls		48	330	378
		100	632	732

TEACHERS IN SERVICE DECEMBER 1955

<i>School</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Graduate of</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Date Appointed</i>
MEMORIAL:	Edward J. Furphy, Prin.	Holy Cross College Worcester Teachers College	A.B., B.S.E., M.Ed.	Sept., 1949
	Helen I. Donham (Mrs.)	Framingham Teachers College		Sept., 1953
	Irene C. Williams (Mrs.)	Framingham Teachers College		Sept., 1943
	Jean P. Andersen	Framingham Teachers College	B.S.E.	Sept., 1954
	Irene Hudson (Mrs.)	Hyannis Normal		Sept., 1954
	Doris L. Loukes (Mrs.)	Johnson Normal		Sept., 1951
	Pearl E. Kimball (Mrs.)	Gorham State Teachers College		Sept., 1954
	Rita Reynolds (Mrs.)	Worcester Teachers College	B.S.	Sept., 1955
	Sandra Vecchione	Worcester Teachers College	B.S.	Sept., 1955
GEO. S. BALL:	Mary E. Greany (Mrs.)	Worcester Teachers College		Sept., 1947
	Gladys Holmes (Mrs.)	Framingham Teachers College		Sept., 1955
	Teresa J. Trask (Mrs.)	Framingham Teachers College		Sept., 1948
MUSIC SUPERVISOR:	*Arlyne M. Marcy	New England Conservatory of Music		Sept., 1938
ART SUPERVISOR:	*Marjorie K. Weed (Mrs.)	Cleveland Institute of Art		Sept., 1953
HANDWRITING SUP.:	W. L. Rinehart			
JANITORS:	Wilfred N. Bedard			Sept., 1953
	*Stephen Logee			Sept., 1952
*Part Time				

FINANCIAL REPORT OF
UPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
January 1, 1956

INCOME

Appropriation (Including Dog Tax)	\$119,661.70
Charlotte Batchelor Fund	150.00
Knowlton-Batchelor Fund	55.00
Transfer—Dec. 22, 1955	1,350.00
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	\$121,216.70
Expenses	<hr/>
	\$121,216.70
State Reimbursement on Account of Schools:	
General School Fund	\$27,831.52
Superintendent's Salary	972.01
School Transportation	12,170.61
Vocational Tuition and Transportation	917.98
State Wards	681.40
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	\$42,573.52
Net Cost to Town from Local Taxation	<hr/>
	\$78,643.18

EXPENDITURES

Teachers:	
Jean P. Andersen	\$2,850.00
Mary Brown	30.00
Loretta Byrne	380.00
Eileen Clark	2,300.00
Helen Donham	3,000.00
Edna Furphy	23.23
Edward Furphy	3,918.60
Katherine Goldthwaite	100.00
Mary Greany	3,533.28
Gladys Holmes	933.44
Irene Hudson	3,400.00
Pearl E. Kimball	3,000.00
Andrew Koskinas	2,200.00
Doris Loukes	3,533.28
Eileen Lucier	2,200.00
Helene Manning	2,066.56
Arlyne Marcy	620.00
Francis McQueen	120.00
Lucy Nichols	80.00

Jane O'Hara	1,881.67
Marilyn Prentiss	10.00
Rita Reynolds	1,183.44
Florence Rose	60.00
Edith Shaughnessy	40.00
Teresa Trask	3,533.28
Sandra Vecchoine	933.44
Marjorie Weed	594.64
Doreen Waters	2,323.52
Irene Williams	3,700.00
Joanna Workman	2,850.00
W. L. Rinehart	500.00
Worcester Youth Guidance Center	200.00
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	\$52,098.38
Supervision:	
Harry Y. Hilyard, salary	1,733.28
Harry Y. Hilyard, travel	213.28
Margaret Andrews, salary	695.00
Audrey Alsop, salary	222.08
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	\$2,863.64
Janitors:	
Wilfred Bedard	2,800.00
Charles Aldrich	22.50
Joseph Felix	20.00
Bruce Hilyard	35.00
Stephan Logee	915.00
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	\$3,792.50
Health:	
Ruth L. Nichols, R.N.	650.00
Cafeteria Manager:	
Alice Walker	1,800.00
Fuel:	
Laurie Thompson	1,648.75
Upton Fuel & Construction Co.	650.13
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	\$2,298.88
Transportation:	
Wilfred Bedard	4.00
Carlstrom Bus Lines	634.40
Daniel Fay	3,236.28
Frank Guerin	12.00
Melvin Hentz	20.00
Walter Hopkins	68.20
Ralph Parker	8.00

George Poirier	8,105.24
Mrs. Marie Robertson	7.97
Laurie Thompson	4,429.98
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	\$16,526.07

Repairs and Maintenance:

Aldrich Lawn Mower Service	32.40
Carl Anderson	1.00
Laurence H. Atwood	205.75
Bailey Film Service	52.32
Beaulieu & Munroe	81.35
Wilfred Bedard	5.85
W. G. Fiske Lumber Co.	185.41
Ed. Harvey & Co.	62.25
Jewel Electric Co.	118.45
Carmino Mango	36.75
No. Grafton Paint & Hardware	1.00
Palley Office Supply	33.00
Robert B. Paine	81.18
Edward A. Page	1,276.24
Vincent Powers	1,285.98
Seavers Express	1.25
M. Stienerts & Sons	12.00
Suburban Cleaners	21.60
Laurie Thompson	175.13
Town Line Dairy Farm	2.00
Upton Fuel & Construction Co.	104.35
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	\$3,775.26

Books and Supplies:

American Book Co.	82.01
Angelo Paint & Variety	11.46
Arlo Publishing Co.	40.60
Baily Film Service	4.50
Beckley - Cardy	157.74
Carle A. Bryant	10.44
Bureau of Publications	1.18
J. E. Davidson	40.50
Doubleday & Co., Inc.	92.50
Film Strip of the Month	30.00
Ginn & Co.	11.69
J. L. Hammett Co.	1,221.57
C. S. Hammond Co.	44.59
Harper Bros.	4.25
D. C. Heath Co.	13.62
Houghton-Mifflin	62.86
Informative Classroom Pictures	3.31
H. T. Janes & Sons	19.40

Jewel Electric Co.	170.25
Loren Murchison & Co.	4.63
Lyons & Carnahan	71.33
MacBen Sporting Goods Co.	131.13
MacMillan Co.	4.29
Martin & Murray Co., Inc.	40.70
Mainco Trading Co.	374.90
Master Products Co.	7.65
Milton Bradley Co.	198.06
National Forum Inc.	114.20
National Ticket Co.	3.89
News Map of the Week, Inc.	16.50
F. A. Owen Publishing Co.	4.51
P. L. Rider	49.50
Row, Peterson & Co.	31.08
Rubinstien Electrical Supply Co.	1.00
Charles Scribners Son	36.12
Silver Burdett	70.35
Scott Foresman	344.54
Smith Products Inc.	16.65
Merle A. Sturtevant	10.70
Visual Curriculum Center, Inc.	90.27
Fred A. Wood Pharmacy	7.13
World Book Co.	50.97
Year, Inc.	20.25
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	\$3,722.82

Fixtures and Capital Outlay:

Aldrich Lawn Mower Service	87.75
Milton Bradley	75.70
Geo. A. Flagg Co., Inc.	73.00
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	\$236.45

Miscellaneous:

Acme Chemical	44.00
Boston Janitors Supply	129.50
Brulin & Co.	120.50
W. G. Fiske Lumber Co.	27.10
Fuller Brush Co.	3.60
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	105.80
Jewel Electric Co.	111.46
New England Tel. & Tel.	309.17
Perkins & Butler Co.	79.90
Solux Chemical	85.79
Richo Products Inc.	21.20
M. D. Stetson Co.	54.61
Stone & Forsyth Co.	55.50
Upton Water Dept.	24.00
Worc. County Electric Co.	1,032.90

Worcester Gas Light Co.	127.83
Worcester Paper & Supply Co.	22.90
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	\$2,355.76

General Miscellaneous:

Wilfred Bedard	25.00
The College Bindery	6.50
Edward F. X. Jalbert, Postmaster	38.70
Johnson Office Supply	8.66
Mass. Assoc. of School Committees	20.00
Mr. Edward Off	10.00
Spencer Printing Co.	15.45
U. S. Post Office, W.Upton	3.60
Uxbridge Printing Co.	23.00
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	\$150.91

Tuition:

Bay State Society for Crippled &	
Handicapped	5.00
Town of Framingham	50.40
Town of Grafton	11,802.56
Town of Milford	620.33
Town of Northbridge	17,282.64
City of Worcester	1,185.10
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	\$30,946.03
Total Expenditures	\$121,216.70

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Town of Upton School Committee
Upton, Massachusetts

Mrs. Elsie Craib and Gentlemen:

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools for the calendar year 1955 is hereby submitted for your consideration. It is the third such report in the series which has been my responsibility to prepare.

The Superintendent of Schools, in a previous report, emphasized that whatever direction education in Upton takes will be influenced by two factors—the needs of the children and the public desire for education. We need to safeguard and crystallize gains already made.

The School Committee and the citizens of Upton are to be commended in their efforts to provide a modern elementary school plant. The Superintendent of Schools recommends that a continued survey be made in relation to the desirability of participating in a regional school plan with the town of Mendon in order to provide as adequately for pupils grades seven through twelve as we are now providing for pupils one through six. The first phase of this report will deal with the attention that has been directed toward the instruction and program of study in the elementary schools.

The improvement of teaching takes place to the degree that it is a co-operative undertaking of those concerned with education. This is a basic principle involved in the supervision and administration of elementary education in Upton. Many problems are involved—some extend over a period of years, others are completed in a shorter time. Some concern only a few, others involve many. *Education is definitely improved* when it is seen as a *related and continuous process* guided by *worthy objectives*. Some of the outstanding work we have accomplished will be described, as well as many of the activities that are emphasized in our program.

The organization of our work around larger programs where pupils use reading as an aid in carrying on research not only makes reading a purposeful activity, but provides vivid concepts that add meaning to reading. This type of procedure, where pupils participate in *research*, provides not only opportunities for the development of good habits, but also attitudes that make the school a vital part of the lives of the children. Those who visited the splendid exhibition of minerals, a project carried on by the youngsters of the fifth grade in the Memorial School, will bear testimony to the above principle.

The teaching of reading is very fundamental, since so much of the pupil's success in school depends upon the ability to read. Thus, reading continues to be one of our greatest concerns throughout the grades. Every one of our teachers is striving to provide an adequate reading program with carefully planned guidance for our pupils at all grade levels. There is a wide range of reading ability and achievement in all grades. For example, in grade five there are some pupils who can read as well as high school students and others who can read only at the third grade level. Definite steps are being taken to improve the reading ability of those pupils who are not up to standard. We have been teaching reading in small groups at most levels. Work is provided for each group on the level of the child's ability and comprehension of reading is checked with teacher-made material, supplementary texts, and reading checks that are found in books. The application of these methods in the teaching of reading has been of great help. Much yet remains to be done to bring the average grade equivalent in reading to exceed the norm for the grade in the elementary schools of Upton. A remedial reading program for those who need it most could be justified. The raising of the entrance age for first grade pupils will tend to reduce to a minimum the number of children in the first and second grades who are too immature to begin formal reading. The program of reading readiness in the first grade increases in importance as the child moves up the educational ladder. The community should move away from the concept that grade one is a nursery school. Our reading program must stress comprehension and interpretation of facts, vocabulary development, speed, organization, and oral reading to improve speech. The practice of buying supplementary books is proving to be a sound one in the schools of the Union and understandably tends to keep informational sources more up to date. Children gain poise by reading widely on each new level of achievement. The best teaching carried on in the Upton schools is in the classrooms of those teachers who guide pupils to do their own thinking, planning, organizing, and evaluating.

The Superintendent of Schools is anxious to improve the library facilities in the schools here at Upton.

The subject of arithmetic is vital in the life situations of children. In this area we stress thoroughness and accuracy of performance by the pupils. They also learn that verifications of answers are important. Teachers in our schools strive to make arithmetic understandable to children.

In the area of English, the effort is made to improve the children's ability to express themselves adequately and correctly, to use good beginning and ending sentences, good sequences of sentences and habits of speaking, to choose interesting details and to create greater vividness through choice of words and the development of wider fields of interest. We are striving to make the for-

mal period and class drill much less in evidence and to make the child's interest and activities the basis of expression. Much effort is being made to improve the quality of written work by concentrating on capitalization, punctuation, and sentence structure. Regardless of their abilities or skills, the children need a thorough study of English from the point of view of writing and reading throughout their entire educational experience.

The problem of writing legibly is an ever present one in every school system. The handwriting under the Rinehart System, we believe, has improved in quality by the definite lessons in written work which the children have in each grade. Many of the difficulties that are to be found are due to lack of co-ordination.

In spelling, our aim is to enable the child to spell correctly all the words he uses in writing. The study of spelling has value to the child just to the extent he uses it in doing the writing involved in carrying on his every day affairs of life.

Our Geography has been a growing realization of man's need of clothing and shelter, and of the industries by which they are exchanged. The physiographical features, such as mountains, plains, hills, deserts, rivers, lakes, and oceans have been included in the study. A knowledge of the world made up of countries and peoples differing in many ways, and of present conditions and happenings, against a background of post-war conditions and events has been gained. We are developing a spirit of inquiry toward existing geographic conditions. Simple dramatization and visual aids of life in distant communities have made these life conditions vivid to the child as few other devices could do.

The Superintendent of Schools believes strongly in the correlation of geograph with art and history, but does not embrace the so-called fusion of these two great social areas in the school program. Geography is a very vital subject to us. It has taken on a new meaning. Aviation and modern transportation have entirely changed our whole geographical conception of time, space and distance. The location and importance of world resources are now more significant than ever.

The study of History throughout the grades has a variety of great appeal with its oral and written stories. In this area, the Superintendent encourages teachers to embrace the unit plan or some modification of it because it makes possible a wider, more inclusive program, and gives latitude in selection and emphasis. In the primary grades, the children have been taught family relationships and civic contacts—father, mother, teacher, fireman, policeman, etc.—and in the stories of how they are fed, clothed and sheltered have learned something of the complex processes of modern life.

In the intermediate grades, wherever local contacts permit, children have been made vitally aware of their own town. In-

cluded in our study of History at this level have been discussions and projects related to the first civilized people, the Greeks and Romans, the work of the Middle Ages, and the early American nation.

We have made great strides in the field of Art. The aim in all creative work is child development. Both the ideals which the children seek to express and the skill with which they express them develop continually. Our recent art exhibition in both schools testifies to this worthy objective. Emphasis is laid on Art as the great integrating factor in the school program and contributes much to the understanding at all grade levels. Children learn that crayons or paints give better results when used in a certain way, that some color combinations are more pleasing than others, and that a certain placement of objects gives a feeling of perspective. The teacher's success in stimulating creative work will be demonstrated by the joy and enthusiasm of her pupils and by their initiative and spontaneity. The Art program has become an opportunity to make use of information gained in social studies, reading, and science periods.

In our elementary grades, the children are provided with experiences which give them a chance to express themselves joyously and whole-heartedly in musical forms. They have opportunities to listen to beautiful music and to enjoy music appreciation. Some mastery of science of music is included in our program. Children listen to many harmonies of lovely songs.

Play-ground activities contribute much to the development of good sportsmanship and fellowship and tend to make responsible leaders as well as followers.

The development of visual aids has done much to facilitate the observational type of learning. There are many such aids. Among those that are in widest use in Upton are the sound motion picture, strip film, slides, ordinary pictures, and museum materials. Equipment for showing sound motion pictures and strip films is available to the schools for classroom and auditorium use. Film is furnished to the school whenever it is desirable for instructional purposes. Visual aids are especially becoming one of the leading tools in the modern educational program.

Our Parent-Teachers Organization has become an instrument of immeasurable good, not only in developing a more friendly spirit between parents and the school, but in interpreting the school program to our community. Parents and teachers must work together in the educational process and have a mutual understanding of the problems and inspirations.

All of us are engaged in studying the child himself in order that we may provide more intelligently for him. We are concerned more and more with how the child learns and with methods of

guiding his learning. We believe that the child must have skill in reading and in interpreting the printed page. He must be able to figure accurately. He must be able to co-operate intelligently in group undertakings and share ideas and materials. If he is a leader we must help him to develop the qualities of leadership which will make him a desirable leader in a democratic society. Some characteristics of democratic leadership are sincerity, loyalty, tolerance of the points of view of other members of the group, and a will to work. As our elementary schools make progress in providing for skills in reading, writing, arithmetic, and in co-operation, in sharing and in taking responsibilities, and as it becomes rich in opportunities to use their skills, it progresses in the direction of realizing the needs of children and helping them to help themselves in meeting their needs.

SECOND PHASE

Several phases of school administration need to be brought into focus. First, the problem of securing and retaining qualified teachers. Secondly, the lack of available school buildings to provide suitable rooms and facilities to meet the demands of an adequate secondary school program. Thirdly, the efficient administration of the funds appropriated for the support of school in the face of a sharp acceleration in the number of pupils to be educated and the spiraling inflationary trend resulting in increased costs. Fourth, the cross pressures and dilemmas resulting on the one hand from community demands for more services and a better educational program and, on the other, from the pressures of those who would curtail and cut costs at the expense of the present generation of children to be educated.

The decision of the citizens of Upton not to participate in the Nipmuc Regional School made it imperative for the School Committee to send the seventh and eighth grades to Northbridge—thus making more classroom space available for the ever growing elementary school population. The Committee gave much study and consideration to the rehabilitation of the Knowlton School to meet this problem, but the capital outlay necessary to condition the school to meet minimum state safety and educational standards, plus the cost of operation and maintenance and the resulting inadequate program which such facilities would provide made the plan not educationally or financially feasible.

The following table will indicate to the citizens the progressive per pupil costs in the schools of Upton as contrasted with those communities comparable to Upton.

The work of the special departments has been most commendable. I refer you to their respective reports—cafeteria supervisor, handwriting supervisor, art and music supervisors, and public school health.

In closing, let me express my thanks to the School Com-

mittee, school personnel, and the citizens of Upton as well as the Parent Teachers' Association and allied groups who have so generously supported the administration of the Upton schools during the past year.

UPTON
CLASS OF 1955
GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Sue Baker	Alice Knowlton
Meredith Barton	Robert Leland
Gene Berube	Jeanne Mainville
Bruce Brokaw	Robert Orff
John Bruso	Marilyn Page
Winfred Burnham	Joan Page
Harry Christie	Paul Randall
Kenneth Fowler	Sally Potter
Maureen Gorman	Elizabeth Shaughnessy
Nancy Hopkins	Robert Sweet
Doris Hutchins	Nancy Varney
Suzanne Vogeley	

Per Pupil Costs—School Year 1954-55

	Valuation per pupil in net average membership	From local taxation per \$1,000 valuation	Rate of total tax per \$1,000 valuation	From local taxation per pupil in net average membership	From State Reimbursement per pupil in net average membership	From all sources per pupil in average membership	From all sources per pupil in net average membership
Upton	6,159	21.20	42.00	130.57	57.55	235.18	189.60
Towns under 5,000 pop. with no high school	8,285	19.99		165.66	66.20	283.56	235.00
State	11,696	18.03		211.50	35.43	251.84	252.44

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Respectfully Submitted,
HARRY Y. HILYARD
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

Mr. Harry Y. Hilyard
Superintendent of Schools
Upton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hilyard:

The problem and the goal in the art classes in Upton is to make children aware of the world around them, its wonders and beauties. It is not our policy to make artists of these children in the strict sense of painters and sculptures. That is unlikely. The talented few will find their way. We are concerned with the masses. We want to summon the special quality of our children and keep it unspoiled. Sometimes it is necessary to impart our own lessons to keep them from plunging into senseless activity that will only end in frustration and stifle their creative impulse.

By allowing the children to work with as much as possible and by working with the teachers and other subjects, we hope to bring the world around us a little closer.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE K. WEED
Art Supervisor.

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Mr. Harry Y. Hilyard
Superintendent of Schools
Upton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hilyard:

In planning and carrying out the music program in the Upton schools, we have tried to give our children a true enjoyment and sincere appreciation of good music enhanced by an adequate knowledge of reading it and understanding its fundamentals.

The vocal program starts in the first two grades with the teaching of rote songs stressing good tone, proper posture for singing and accurate rhythm. Particular attention is given to children who have difficulty in carrying a tune. Special devices are employed in the form of vocal games to gradually hold these "non-singers" to hear and sing melodies. Right in these lower grades, a small and casual introduction to the rudiments of music is begun.

In the third and fourth grades, rote singing is continued, combined with actual reading of songs from our music books. In the fifth grade, two-part singing and in the sixth grade, two and three part music are emphasized.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the superintendent, Mr. Hilyard, and to the School Committee for their help and guidance in the progress of my work. My sincerest thanks also to the teachers for their wonderful cooperation without which nothing could be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

ARLYNE M. MARCY
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE HANDWRITING SUPERVISOR

Mr. Harry Y. Hilyard
Superintendent of Schools
Upton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hilyard:

I am pleased to submit the following report on the operation of the handwriting program in the Upton schools for the school year of 1954-1955.

In the initial handwriting tests administered to your pupils in September 1954, 26% received a grade of "A" (Excellent); 26% received a grade of "B" (Good); and 48% were scored less than "B." In the tests administered in June 1955, 90.5% of your pupils received a grade of "A"; 9% received a grade of "B"; and .5% scored less than "B." Handwriting certificates were awarded to 83% of your eighth grade pupils who qualified.

During the school year, we graded approximately 3,800 formal and 11,500 informal handwriting samples for your pupils. A formal test was administered at four teaching-week intervals and a report was furnished each teacher giving a careful diagnosis of the handwriting of each pupil in the room.

We furnished the following instructional materials; teachers' outlines, pupil folder outlines, room motivation certificates, handedness tests, individual handwriting certificates, term envelopes, seals, etc.

My supervisors join me in expressing our appreciation for the splendid co-operation we have received at all times. We are pleased with the results obtained in your schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. RINEHART
Handwriting Supervisor

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Harry Y. Hilyard
Superintendent of Schools
Upton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hilyard:

I hereby submit the annual report of the School Health Program.

The physical examinations have been completed by Dr. McKernan. Routine health work is carried on throughout the year. Home visits are made to determine the reasons for long or frequent absences. The Massachusetts Vision Test and the Audiometer Hearing Test have been given.

January to May, daily communication was made with Grafton High School and Northbridge Jr. High School to check absentees. Home visits were made and, when necessary, cases were referred to the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

In January, the Worcester County Health Association sponsored the Patch Test Clinic for all pupils in both schools. It was also given to our pupils attending Grafton High School. Pupils with positive reactions were given a chest x-ray. All were reported negative to active disease.

In June, the Massachusetts Department of Health, through the Upton Board of Health sponsored the Polio Vaccine Clinic in grades one and two. One hundred and twelve children were given their first Poliomyelitis Vaccine Injection by Dr. McKernan assisted by Mrs. Natalie Fiske, R.N. and your School Nurse. Two pupils in our schools were stricken with Poliomyelitis. I am happy to report they are both improving and hope to be back to school soon.

I wish to thank everyone for their co-operation with the School Health Program.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH L. NICHOLS, R.N.

REPORT OF THE CAFETERIA MANAGER

January 1, 1955—December 31, 1955

Mr. Harry Y. Hilyard
Superintendent of Schools
Upton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hilvard:

I hereby submit my annual report as cafeteria manager.

From January to December 1955, the Upton Memorial School Cafeteria served an average of 240 meals per day or a total of 41,687 meals. By judicious use of surplus commodities from the U. S. Department of Agriculture and with the aid of partial reimbursement for each Type A lunch sold to a child, we found it possible to reduce the price of meals to \$1.00 per week, thus making the School Lunch Program available to more children. The Special School Milk Program enabled us to sell milk to children for .02 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint, and at this rate we sold 15,254 bottles in addition to the milk served with each meal.

Receipts:

Balance Jan. 1	\$401.43
Sales	11,315.81
U. S. D. A.	5,053.19
Transfer from Ice Cream Fund	442.03
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	\$17,212.46

Expenditures:

Food and Milk	\$10,849.23
Payrolls	3,369.50
Equipment and Repairs	1,667.83
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	\$15,886.56

Balance, January 1, 1956

\$1,325.90

The largest expenditure for equipment was the purchase of a dishwashing machine which has proved a tremendous saving in time and labor since it was installed in September.

We wish to thank the Upton King's Daughters for their donation of \$10.00 which provided lunches for children who were temporarily unable to pay, and the Upton Woman's Club for a towel rack and dish towels which we use constantly.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE WALKER,
Manager

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