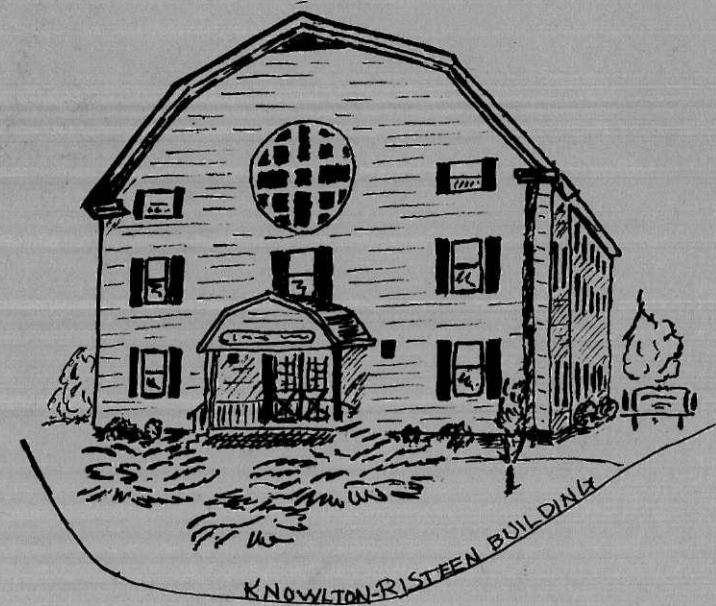


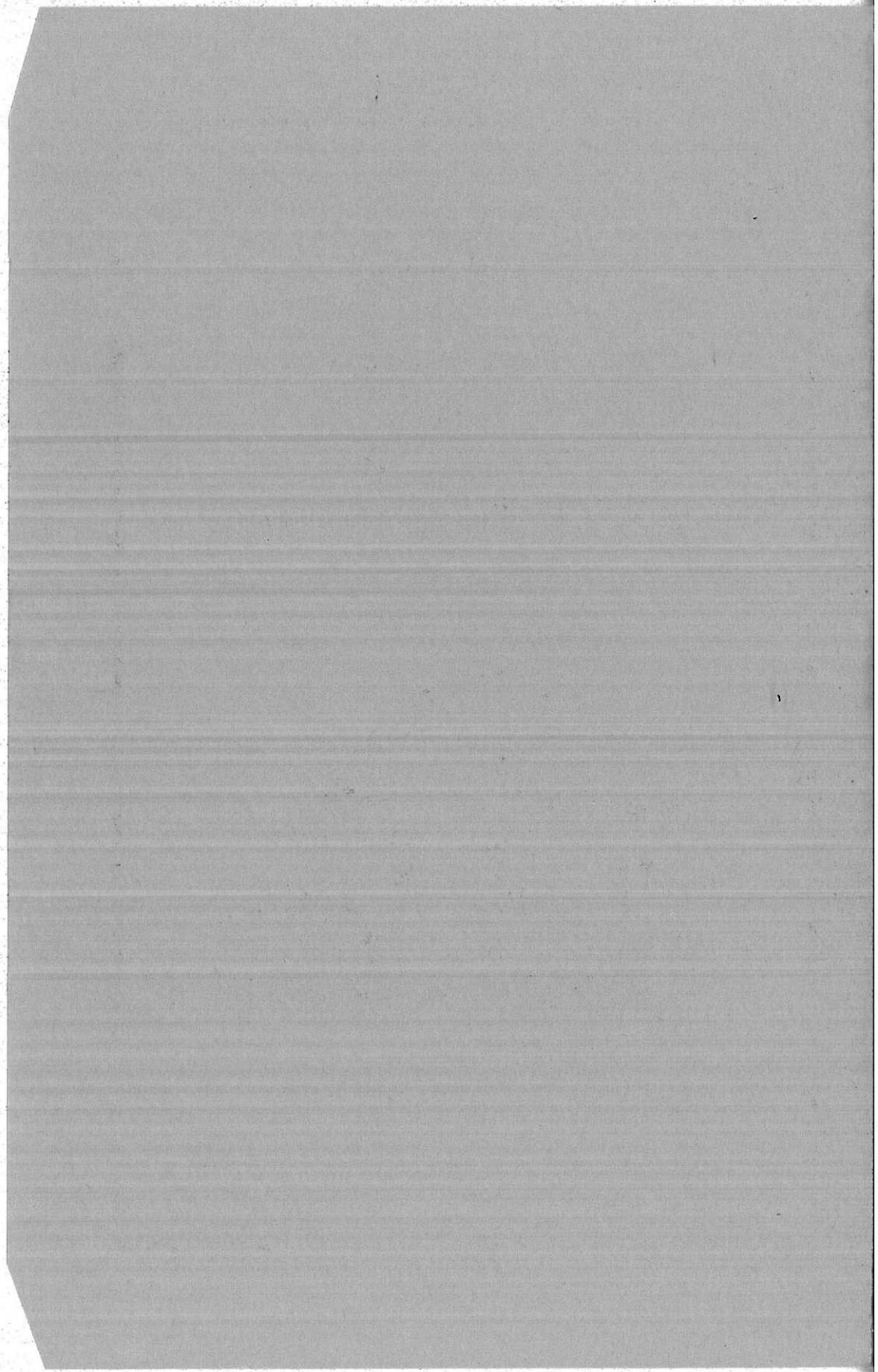


Annual Report
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Town Officers
of the
TOWN OF UPTON

For the Year Ending December 31, 1977



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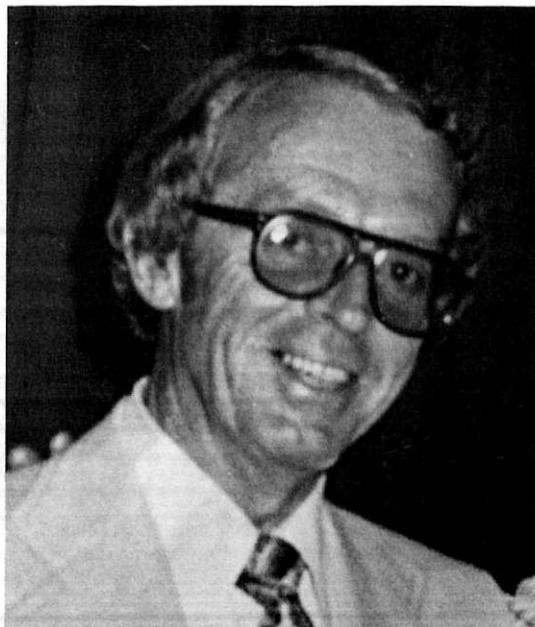


FOR THE
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Medway, Ma.

Dedicated
to
James J. Gallagher



**In Gratitude of 22 Years
of Public Service**

*Board of Selectmen 1965-1977
Served as Chairman 5 Years*

*Finance Committee Member 1955-1965
Assistant Clerk 1956
Clerk 1957 and 1958
Chairman 1959 and 1962*

Police Department 1965-1977

Dump Site Committee 1971-1977

Sponsored Renovation of former United Methodist Church property into Library and Municipal Offices known as Knowlton-Risteen Building.

Was Recipient of Annual Good Citizens Award from George L. Wood Post VFW in June, 1977.

In Memoriam

GLADYS G. CROCKETT



Died March 9, 1977

Board of Selectmen June 20, 1950 to March 2, 1964

Served as Chairman 1953-1954

Board of Health 1952-1959

Served as Clerk 1952 and 1958

Served as Chairman 1953 and 1954

Representative, Ninth Worcester District 1953-1954

In Memoriam



GEORGE N. BLAKESLEE
Died July 28, 1977

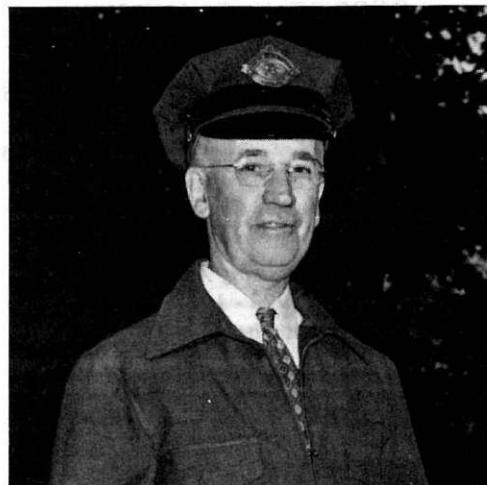
Selectman 1955-57 Chairman 1956
Board of Health 1955-57 Chairman & Clerk
1956
Zoning Board of Appeals 1959-1961
Served as Clerk 1959
Served as Chairman 1961
Upton Housing Authority
1973 - 1977
Served as Chairman 1977

EDWARD J. GURRY
Died February 5, 1977

Cemetery Commission 25 Years
1941-1947 1952-1970
Served as Chairman 23 Years
Fire Engineer - 1928



In Memoriam



JOHN MORONEY

Died September 13, 1977

*Served as Member of
First Finance Committee*

1928 - 1932

FRED SHACKLETON
Died December 22, 1977

*Special Police Officer
1956-1957 Kiwanis Beach
Police Officer 1958-1977*



TOWN OF UPTON

Incorporated June 14, 1735

1975 — State Census	3,777
1971 — State Census	3,557
1970 — Federal Census	3,484
1965 — State Census	3,502
1960 — Federal Census	3,127
1955 — State Census	2,921
1950 — Federal Census	2,656

“DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS”

1735 – Approximately 50 families

1790	833	1860	1,986
1800	854	1870	1,989
1810	995	1880	2,023
1820	1,088	1890	1,878
1830	1,167	1900	1,937
1835	1,410	1930	2,026
1840	1,658	1940	2,249
1850	2,018		

Town Comprises 21.81 Square Miles

Land - 13,853.3 acres

Water – 104.7 acres

Town Highways - 61.51 miles

Pratt Hill - 595 ft. above means sea level

Town Hall – approximately 301 ft. above means sea level

To make the township of Upton, named for a village in Worcestershire, England, lands belonging to the Towns of Mendon, Uxbridge, Sutton and Hopkinton were set off by the General Court. First town meeting in the John Sadler house, Mendon Street, August 8, 1735.

U.S. SENATORS

Edward W. Brooke of Newton
Edward M. Kennedy of Boston

CONGRESSMAN, THIRD DISTRICT

Joseph D. Early of Worcester

COUNCILLOR, SEVENTH DISTRICT

Leo J. Turo of Worcester

**STATE SENATOR, FIRST WORCESTER
AND MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**

Daniel J. Foley of Worcester

**REPRESENTATIVE, TENTH
WORCESTER DISTRICT**

Louis P. Bertonazzi of Milford

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Paul X. Tivnan of Paxton
Lillian M. Kelley of Worcester
Leonard P. Flynn of Shrewsbury

SHERIFF OR WORCESTER COUNTY

Francis J. Diegnan of Worcester

COUNTY TREASURER

Edward Patrick Bird of Westminster

CLERKS OF COURTS, WORCESTER COUNTY

Philip J. Philbin of Clinton

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

William J. McManus of Worcester

REGISTER OF DEEDS, WORCESTER COUNTY

Anthony V. Vigliotti of Worcester

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

John Conte

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1977

MODERATOR		
George W. Burnham		term expires 1978
TOWN CLERK		
Martha R. Williams		term expires 1980
SELECTMEN		
James R. Bates, Chairman		term expires 1978
Aldo B. Consigli, Jr.		term expires 1979
John Robertson, Jr.		term expires 1980
COLLECTOR-TREASURER		
Ashley M. Perkins		term expires 1979
ASSESSOR OF TAXES		
William S. Evans		term expires 1978
Samuel Nahra, Jr.		term expires 1979
Carl W. Porter		term expires 1980
MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE		
Charles H. Ferris, Jr., Chairman		term expires 1978
William C. Young, Treasurer		term expires 1979
Cynthia R. Seitz		term expires 1980
CEMETERY COMMISSION		
Raymond K. Smith, Chairman		term expires 1980
William H. Sadler, Clerk		term expires 1978
William R. Ethier		term expires 1979
CONSTABLES (terms expire 1980)		
David I. Aldrich	Samuel E. Aldrich	Alfred H. Nichols
Rodney B. Marchand		Stewart A. Whitney
ROAD COMMISSIONER		
Henry J. Poirier		term expires 1978
TREE WARDEN		
Donald R. Keniston		term expires 1978
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Mrs. Barbara E. Burke, Chairman		term expires 1978
Stanton T. Baker		term expires 1978
Mrs. Carolyn F. Blomquist		term expires 1978

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY CONT'D.

Karl H. Rooney	term expires 1979
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Wood	term expires 1979
Mrs. Margaret M. Stanton	term expires 1979
Sidney Beard, Jr.	term expires 1980
Mrs. Janet Caton	term expires 1980
Howard A. Waterhouse	term expires 1980

SEWER-WATER COMMISSION

Samuel E. Aldrich, Chairman	term expires 1980
Daniel J. Fitzpatrick, Clerk	term expires 1978
Royce E. Beatty	term expires 1979

PLANNING BOARD

Norman G. Hill, Chairman	term expires 1979
Harold W. Burnett, Clerk	term expires 1980
James F. Martin	term expires 1978
Lester P. Shea	term expires 1981
Edward M. Wadsworth	term expires 1982

BOARD OF HEALTH

Mrs. Esther K. Bird, Chairman	term expires 1979
Roger L. Clark	term expires 1978
Mrs. Jean A. Fowler	term expires 1980

PARK COMMISSION

Clifton C. Teachout, Jr., Chairman	term expires 1978
Thomas S. Kozel	term expires 1979
Steven M. Deuitch	term expires 1980

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE TO BLACKSTONE VALLEY
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Edward S. Henderson	term expires 1980
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UPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

George N. Blakeslee, Chairman (Deceased)	term expires 1978
Olof Olson, to fill vacancy	term expires 1978
Kenneth W. Wood	term expires 1978
Norman E. Walker	term expires 1981
Vivian V. Mainini	term expires 1980

Mrs. Eleanor R. Broderick (Appointed by the Dept. of Community Affairs)	term expires 1981
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APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Charles H. Ferris, term expires 1979

CLERK OF SELECTMEN

Mrs. Joan Varney

TOWN COUNSEL

Attorney Lawrence H. Norris

DELEGATE TO CENTRAL MASS. REGIONAL PLANNING COMM.

Norman G. Hill

CHIEF OF POLICE

Rodney B. Marchand, term expires 1980

POLICE SERGEANT

Samuel E. Aldrich

PATROLMEN

Stewart A. Whitney

Thomas B. Stockwell

Donald C. Cosgro

POLICE OFFICERS

David I. Aldrich
 James C. Mazza
 Robert B. Paine, Jr.
 James R. Bates
 Fred M. Hebb
 Thomas J. Pellerin
 Robert T. Coffin
 Thomas S. Kozel
 JoAnne M. Kinney

Joseph W. Collopy
 Aldo B. Consigli, Jr.
 William A. Cilley
 James C. Crosby
 Alfred M. Nichols
 Mary A. E. Aldrich
 Edward L. Gorman
 Alvin P. Nichols
 Robert E. Martinsen
 John Robertson, Jr.

Wilfred E. Hare
 Richard D. Stockwell
 Edward C. Rock
 Henry J. Poirier
 George N.O. Poirier
 Fred Shackleton
 Donald R. Keniston
 Raymond E. Wheeler
 Ralph E. Chambers

SPECIAL

Lawrence P. Hannon, State Forest; Ashley M. Perkins, Memorial School; Rose Marie Horton, Memorial School; Stanley Praskiewicz, Knowlton-Risteen Building; Donald Kerr, North Pond; Herbert J. Molway, North Pond; Clifton C. Teachout, Sr., Coach Road Apartments; Aldo B. Consigli, Sr., VFW Grounds, Vernon Taylor, VFW Grounds; Clifton C. Teachout, Jr., Parks Dept.; David F. Francis, Parks Dept.

AUXILIARY

Lt. Wilfred E. Fowler, James T. Burke, Edwin V. Hatstat, George A. Moir, Ernest J. Pellerin, Robert A. Lambert, Allan K. Moir, James W. Jacobson, Robert H. Rees, Robert W. Pavia.

DOG OFFICER

Raymond F. Fitzpatrick

CUSTODIAN OF KNOWLTON RISTEEN BUILDING

Stanley C. Praskiewicz

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

George N. O. Poirier
Mrs. Dorothy Inman

Henry J. Poirier
Mrs. Jane Richard

Henry J. Poirier, Jr.
Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols

DIRECTOR OF WIRING

John Beder

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS OF WIRING

Donald C. Cosgro

Donald R. Lariviere

GAS INSPECTORS

Walter Hopkins

W. Bruce Brokaw

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK**MEASURER OF LUMBER**

Robert A. Page

Frederick W. Fiske

Thomas Fitzpatrick

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Patrick H. Roche

OIL BURNER INSPECTOR

Robert J. Prentiss

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICE

Samuel Nahra, Jr.

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' GRAVES

Raymond K. Smith

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Nancy A. LeBrun	term expires 1978
Ernest B. Porter	term expires 1978
Richard E. Bacon	term expires 1978
Ida M. Porter	term expires 1979
Ernest W. Ramsey	term expires 1979
Helen M. Fitzpatrick	term expires 1979
Robert J. Hernandez, Jr.	term expires 1980
Beatrice E. Nahra	term expires 1980
Wayne F. Moore	term expires 1980

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Sheila J. Porter, Chairman	term expires 1978
Francis L. Walleston	term expires 1978
Wallace Davis	term expires 1978
Jane E. Norris	term expires 1979
Donald W. Nelson	term expires 1979
Richard Desjardins	term expires 1980
Rufin VanBossuyt	term expires 1980

FIRE ENGINEERS

Robert J. Prentiss, Chief	Henry J. Poirier, Jr.	Michael J. Bradford
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

George P. Kennedy (R), Chairman	term expires 1979
Patricia A. O'Sullivan (D)	term expires 1978
Eleanor R. Broderick (D)	term expires 1980
Martha R. Williams (R), ex-officio, Clerk	term expires 1980

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

S. Otis Inman	term expires 1978
Barbara E. Burke	term expires 1978
Marjorie D. Taft	term expires 1979
Chester W. Walker	term expires 1979
Karl H. Rooney	term expires 1980

ZONING APPEAL BOARD

John F. LeBrun, Chairman	term expires 1979
Leo J. Lamanuzzi, Jr.	term expires 1978
David G. Clark	term expires 1980

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, ZONING APPEAL BOARD

Aloysius J. Fitzpatrick	term expires 1979
Dennis C. Nattinville	term expires 1978

SUPERINTENDENT OF PEST CONTROL

Donald R. Keniston	term expires 1980
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FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Walter J. Stank

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

George W. Grebenstein

CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL

Edward L. Prentiss	Edward Kuczinski
Bernard F. McKernan, M.D.	Henry J. Poirier

TOWN COMMUNICATION OFFICER

Thomas J. Pellerin

COUNCIL FOR THE AGING

Mrs. Mabel L. Wright	Mrs. Betsy D. Johnson
Mrs. Dorothy Olson	Mrs. Lucille Mettey
Mrs. Gail Heald	

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

A. Malcolm Mager	term expires 1982
Richard D. Stockwell	term expires 1981
Thomas S. Kozel	term expires 1980
Jonas E. Carter	term expires 1979
Stanley M. Craib	term expires 1980

STREET LIGHT STUDY COMMITTEE

Thomas S. Kozel	William C. Young
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PERSONNEL BOARD

John F. Langley	term expires 1980
James H. Hill	term expires 1979
Stedman T. Briggs, Jr.	term expires 1978
Richard E. Bacon, Wayne F. Moore, appointed from the Finance Committee	

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

(Terms expire April 1, 1978)

BOARD CLERK

Mrs. Celeste Gilchrist, Office Manager

HEALTH BOARD NURSE, SUPERVISOR

Mrs. Joan Waterhouse, R.N.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Walter A. Hopkins

ASSISTANT PLUMBING INSPECTOR

W. Bruce Brokaw

AGENT

George J. Carey

HEALTH BOARD PHYSICIAN

Bernard F. McKernan, M.D.

BURIAL AGENT

Mrs. Martha R. Williams

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS/MILK INSPECTOR

James W. Jacobson

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Royce E. Beatty

term expires 1980

Olaf Olson

term expires 1979

Jonas E. Carter

term expires 1980 20

Edward S. Henderson, Jr.

term expires 1980

APPOINTED BY SEWER/WATER COMMISSION

SUPERINTENDENT, WATER DEPARTMENT

Henry J. Poirier

SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

Leo L. Morin

SECRETARY, CLERK

Mrs. Elizabeth Kiritsy

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**March 21, 1977****Worcester, ss.**

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

Greetings:

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 March, 1977, punctually, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. for the following purposes:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of twenty two thousand, two hundred eighty nine dollars (\$22,289.00), from the Public Works Employment Act of July 22, 1976 Anti Recession Act Title II, Common Law 94-369, for parks and cemetery development projects, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve a sum of money, to be transferred from available funds in the Treasury, to the Street Lighting Account for the installation of three (3) 100 watt mercury vapor fixtures on Fiske Mill Road, Pole numbers 11, 13 and 15, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of thirteen hundred six dollars and fifty cents (\$1,306.50) from the State Aid to Libraries to the Town Library Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of available funds in the Treasury to the Town Clerk's Expense Account for the purchase of a paper shredder, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury a sum of money to the Town Insurance Account, or take any other action relative 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 meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

JAMES J. GALLAGHER
JAMES R. BATES
ALDO B. CONSIGLI, JR.
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy, Attest: Rodney B. Marchand, Constable of Upton

Upton, Massachusetts, March 7, 1977

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 twenty-first day of March, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the said warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town Hall at least fourteen days before the meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND
Constable of Upton

PRECEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 21, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Town Clerk Martha Williams. A quorum present, the call and constable's return was read by the Town Clerk. A motion was made, seconded and voted to elect Jonas E. Carter as temporary moderator. Mr. Carter was sworn in by the Town Clerk before assuming his duties.

Mrs. Nancy E. Kennedy (R) and Mrs. Rita C. Cutler (D) checked 60 voters into the hall during the meeting.

ARTICLE 1. Voted: Unanimously that the Town accept the sum of \$22,289.00 from the Public Works Employment Act of July 22, 1976 Anti Recession Act Title II, Common Law 94-369, for Parks and Cemetery Development Projects. \$12,289.00 to be used for Parks and \$10,000.00 for Cemetery projects.

ARTICLE 2. Motioned that the Town approve the transfer of \$165.00 from available funds in the Treasury to the Street Lighting Account for the installation of three 100 watt Mercury Vapor fixtures on Fiske Mill Road. A standing count was taken. There were 10 voting in favor and 24 opposed. The motion was lost.

ARTICLE 3. Voted: Unanimously that the Town transfer the sum of \$1,306.50 from the State Aid to Libraries to the Town Library account.

ARTICLE 4. Motion that the Town transfer the sum of \$100.00 from available funds in the Treasury to the Town Clerk's expense account for the purchase of a paper shredder. Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. Motioned that the Town transfer from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Town Insurance Account. Moderator declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the warrant be dissolved and that the meeting adjourn. So voted. This meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:

(Mrs.) MARTHA R. WILLIAMS
Town Clerk of Upton

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**April 19, 1977****Worcester, ss.**

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

Greetings:

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 Tuesday the nineteenth day of April, punctually at 7:30 o'clock p.m. for the following purposes:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sums of \$10,000.00 from the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School account and \$1,500.00 from the Veterans' Benefits Account to the Town Revaluation Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote: (a) to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Francis M. Clark, for one dollar or for such other consideration as they shall determine, a certain parcel of land located off Warren Street, Upton, consisting of approximately 34,041 sq. ft., shown as "Parcel A" on a plan of land dated February 10, 1977 by Thomas Liston Associates, Inc. C.E., a copy of which plan may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk; (b) to accept, or to authorize the Selectmen to accept, for one dollar or for such other consideration as said Selectmen shall determine, a conveyance from Francis M. Clark of a certain parcel of land located off Warren Street, Upton, consisting of approximately 47,126 sq. ft., shown as "Parcel B" on said plan of land referred to in part (a) of this article, which said plan may be inspected as aforesaid; or (c) to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$4,000.00, or any other sum, for purchase for the Parks Department of a riding tractor mower and necessary accessories, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to change the name from the Upton Parks Department to the Upton Parks and Recreation Department.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept Walker Drive, or any portion thereof, together with the acquisition of any land or interests thereon as may be necessary or incidental to the said acceptance, including the taking or acceptance of easements for drainage purposes as shown on below-mentioned plan, said road and easements being constructed by the developer in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the subdivision of land in Upton, Massachusetts.

and as laid out on a plan entitled "Plan of a subdivision in the Town of Upton, Massachusetts to be known as 'Upton Industrial Park' property of Ewing Construction Co., Inc.", dated May 13, 1975, recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 418, Plan 80, and approved by the Upton Planning Board on August 13, 1975, a copy of said plan being available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,266.00 from the Weed Control Account to the Conservation Commission Fund, or take any other action relative 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 meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this twenty-first day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

JAMES J. GALLAGHER
JAMES R. BATES
ALDO B. CONSIGLI, JR.
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy. Attest: Rodney B. Marchand, 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 Tuesday, the nineteenth day of April, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the said Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town Hall at least fourteen days before the meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND,
Constable of Upton

PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 19, 1977

The opening of the meeting was recessed for ten minutes while Selectmen and Town Moderator conferred. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Moderator George W. Burnham. A quorum present, the call and constable's return was read by the Moderator who then announced that Attorney Richard Seder and James Fox, of the Worcester Telegram/Gazette were non-voters seated on the main floor.

Checking voters at the main door were Nancy E. Kennedy (R) and Rita C. Cutler (D). During the meeting 70 voters were checked on the voting list.

ARTICLE 1. Moderator declared the motion carried to transfer the sums of \$10,000.00 from the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School Account and \$1,500.00 from the Veterans' Benefits Account to the Town Re-valuation Account.

ARTICLE 2. Voted: That the town authorize the Selectmen to convey to Francis M. Clark, for one dollar, or for such other consideration as they shall determine, a certain parcel of land located off Warren Street, Upton, consisting of approximately 34,041 sq. ft., shown as "Parcel A" on a plan of land dated February 10, 1977, by Thomas Liston Associates, Inc. C.E., and to authorize the Selectmen to accept, for one dollar or for such other consideration as said Selectmen shall determine, a conveyance from Francis M. Clark of a certain parcel of land located off Warren Street, Upton, consisting of approximately 47,126 sq. ft., shown as "Parcel B" on said plan of land referred to in part (a) of this article.

ARTICLE 3. Moderator declared this motion lost.

ARTICLE 4. Voted: Unanimously that the Town change the name of the Upton Parks Department to the Upton Parks and Recreation Department.

ARTICLE 5. Voted: Unanimously that the Town accept Walker Drive, together with the acquisition of any land or interests thereon as may be necessary or incidental to the said acceptance, including the taking or acceptance of easements for drainage purposes as shown on below mentioned plan, said road and easements being constructed by the developer in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the subdivision of land in the Town of Upton, Massachusetts, and as laid out on a plan entitled "Plan of a Subdivision in the Town of Upton, Massachusetts, to be known as 'Upton Industrial Park' property of Ewing Construction, Inc.", dated May 13, 1975, recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 418, Plan 80, and approved by the Upton Planning Board on August 13, 1975.

ARTICLE 6. Voted: Unanimously that the Town transfer the sum of \$1,266.00 from the Weed Control Account to the Conservation Commission Fund.

Selectman Gallagher motioned for a reconsideration of Article 3 and requested a standing vote. Motion received support and a standing vote was taken on the question of reconsideration. There were 16 in favor and 3 opposed. It was then moved and seconded to appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$14,000.00 for purchase for the Parks and Recreation Department of a riding tractor mower and necessary accessories. There were 30 in favor and 20 opposed. Moderator declared motion carried.

Attest:

(Mrs.) MARTHA R. WILLIAMS
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 2, 1977

Worcester, ss.

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

Greetings:

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 second day of May, punctually at 7:00 o'clock a.m. for the following purposes.

ARTICLE 1. To choose necessary officers for the ensuing year. All to be voted for upon one ballot. The polls will be closed at 8:00 p.m. on the day of said meeting. The remaining articles in the warrant will be acted on at an adjourned meeting in Town Hall, Saturday, May 7, 1977, punctually at 2:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 2. To hear reports of all Town Officers and Appointed Committees, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will fix the salaries and compensation of all officers of the Town as provided by Section 108, General Laws as amended, and raise and appropriate such sums as may be necessary to defray expenses on Town Departments for the ensuing year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of revenue for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$6,471.34, or any other sum, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 22, General Laws, for pension fund, expense fund, Military Service Fund, and Workmen's Compensation Fund of Worcester County Retirement System, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town Treasury the sum of \$300 received from the sale of lots and graves in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 114, Section 15, to be used for cemetery oiling and grading, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the Conservation Fund set up under Article 24 of the 1966 Annual Town Meeting, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, to be added to the account for the Town's 250th Anniversary Celebration, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$9,300.00, or any other sum, to be used in conjunction with and in addition to any funds allotted by the Commonwealth and/or county for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of town roads, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury, a sum of money equal to that provided under Chapter 497, Acts of 1971, by a formula as required by Chapter 497, Acts of 1971, (Gas Tax Distribution for Constructing, Maintaining, and Policing Town Ways) and as amended by Chapter 492, Acts of 1974, for the General Highways Expense Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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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-first day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

JAMES J. GALLAGHER
JAMES R. BATES
ALDO B. CONSIGLI, JR.
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy. Attest: Rodney B. Marchand, Constable of Upton

Upton, Mass. April 4, 1977

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 second day of May, 1977, for the election of certain officials as stated in Article 1 of the said Warrant, and for the Adjourned Meeting on the seventh day of May, 1977, to act upon the remaining articles in said Warrant, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town Hall at least fourteen days before the meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND
Constable of Upton

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

May 2, 1977

The meeting was called to order by the reading of the Warrant by Clerk Margaret Rodwill. Warden Robert K. Sweet declared the polls officially open at 7:00 a.m. A box containing 2,100 ballots was turned over to the Warden by Town Clerk Martha R. Williams.

On duty at the check-in table were Mrs. Rita C. Cutler (D) and Chester W. Walker (R), and at the check-out table Mrs. Claire B. Praskiewicz (D) and Mrs. Nancy Kennedy (R). Deputy Warden George W. Grebenstein (R) was on duty at the ballot box. The first male voter was William C. Young and the first female voter was Martha R. Williams. A total of 1,328 ballots were cast.

Tellers reporting at 8:00 were: Ethel Dias, Theresa Y. Martin, Rita Gorman, Joan Varney, Margaret Libbey, Judith Dowd, Dorothy Winchell, Marsha Lambert, Joanne McClure, all Democrats, and Muriel Mitchell, Elizabeth Kiritsy, Richard Randell, Alveretta Hebert, Nina Poirier, Jane E. Norris, Helena Baer, Helen Nelson, Dorothy Francis, all Republicans. Results of the vote were announced by the Town Clerk at 1:00 a.m. on May 3, 1977. Tabulating the vote were William C. Young (R) and Edward Furphy (D).

	Vote for not more than ONE
MODERATOR (for one year)	
George W. Burnham, Candidate for re-election, 84 Mendon St.	1,059
BLANKS	269
TOWN CLERK (for three years)	
Martha R. Williams, Candidate for re-election, 37 Hartford Ave.	1,102
Wayne E. Elwin, 18 Grove Street	175
BLANKS	51
SELECTMEN (for three years)	
Esther K. Bird, 91 Grove Street	269
Beatrice E. Nahra, 18 Picadilly Street	324
John Robertson, Jr., 59 Mechanic Street	717
BLANKS	18
ASSESSOR OF TAXES (for three years)	
Carl W. Porter, Candidate for re-election, 32 Plain Street	1,074
BLANKS	254
MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE (for three years)	
Cynthia R. Seitz, Candidate for re-election, 21 Old Grafton Rd.	1,000
BLANKS	328

	Vote for not more than ONE
SEWER-WATER COMMISSION (for three years)	
Samuel E. Aldrich, Candidate for re-election, 4 Hopkinton Street	1,000
BLANKS	328
BOARD OF HEALTH (for three years)	
Jean A. Fowler, 19 Grove Street	858
BLANKS	470
PARK COMMISSIONER (for three years)	
Maurice L. Chenevert, 47 Grove Street	415
Steven M. Deuitch, 148 South Street	461
Herbert B. Leland, Jr., 99A Main Street	295
BLANKS	157
ROAD COMMISSIONER (for one year)	
Henry J. Poirier, Candidate for re-election, 32 Main Street	1,061
BLANKS	267
TREE WARDEN (for one year)	
Donald R. Keniston, Candidate for re-election, 51 Main Street	1,135
BLANKS	193
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (for three years)	
Raymond K. Smith, Candidate for re-election, 30 Fiske Avenue	1,088
BLANKS	240
LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE TO BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL (for three years)	
Edward S. Henderson, Sr., Candidate for re-election, 126 High Street	1,022
BLANKS	306
PLANNING BOARD (for five years)	
Edward M. Wadsworth, Candidate for re-election, 158 West River St.	1,016
BLANKS	312
PLANNING BOARD (for three years)	
Harold W. Burnett, 109 Glen Avenue	586
George A. Klink, 53 Warren Street	497
BLANKS	245
PLANNING BOARD (for one year)	
James F. Martin, 21 South Street	888
BLANKS	440

Vote for not
more than ONE

UPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY (for three years)

Vivian V. Mainini, 128 Main Street
BLANKS

941
387

Vote for not
more than THREE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY (for three years)

Sidney Beard, Jr., Candidate for re-election, 64 Elm Street
Janet Caton, 47 Plain Street
Howard A. Waterhouse, 10 Fiske Avenue
BLANKS

806
749
718
1,711

Vote for not
more than ONE

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY (for one year)

Carolyn F. Blomquist, 10 Christian Hill Road
BLANKS

937
391

Vote for not
more than FIVE

CONSTABLE (for three years)

David I. Aldrich, Candidate for re-election, 31 Pleasant Street
Samuel E. Aldrich, Candidate for re-election, 4 Hopkinton Street
Rodney B. Marchand, Candidate for re-election, 2 Bouthiette Lane
Alfred H. Nichols, Candidate for re-election, 22 Pleasant Street
Arthur L. Aldrich, 2 James Road
Thomas B. Stockwell, 149 Mendon Street
Steward A. Whitney, 7 Picadilly Street
BLANKS

924
881
930
834
421
663
750
1,237

After the results of the vote were announced, the used and unused ballots
were placed in separate containers, sealed and deposited in the town vault.

Attest:

MARTHA R. WILLIAMS
Town Clerk of Upton

PROCEEDINGS OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 7, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Moderator George W. Burnham with more than a quorum present. Moderator announced the only non-voter seated on the main floor was Dr. Charles Hand, Superintendent of Schools.

The call to the meeting and constable's return was read by the Moderator. Checking voters into the hall at the main door was Nancy E. Kennedy (R) and Rita Cutler (D). During the meeting there were 138 voters checked into the hall.

Notice was given of many printing errors in the Finance Committee Report and the correct information was given.

A motion was made by Selectman James Bates that the Dump Site Committee be dissolved. The motion was seconded, and the vote unanimous. **

ARTICLE 2. Voted: Unanimously that the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the 1976 Town Report be accepted as corrected; and the report of the Finance Committee be acted upon item by item under the various articles in the warrant.

** A motion was made by Selectman James Bates to dissolve the Fire Station Addition Committee was seconded and voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 3. Moderator Burnham stated that he would read the Finance Committee's recommendations for proposed salaries and/or compensation of certain Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977. Any voter desiring to be heard on an item may request "hold" and it would be considered after the complete list was read. There was no objection to this procedure voiced.

Voted: Unanimously that the Town fix the salaries and compensation of all officers of the Town as provided by Section 108, General Laws as amended; and raise and appropriate such sums as may be necessary to defray expenses of town departments for the ensuing year. It was further voted that the Town raise and appropriate all monies for items as recommended which have not been requested "Hold" and that all monies set in this article are for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978.

Moderator:	Salary	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Selectmen:	Salaries	1,500.00	
	Clerk	1,060.00	
	Expenses	700.00	3,260.00
Capital Budget Committee:			
	Expenses	100.00	100.00

Building Inspector:	Salary	\$ 850.00	\$
	Expenses	400.00	1,250.00
Conservation Commission:			
	Clerical	100.00	
	Expenses	400.00	500.00
Finance Committee:	Clerk's Salary	200.00	
	Expenses	200.00	400.00
Industrial Development Commission	Expenses	100.00	100.00
Personnel Board	Expenses	300.00	300.00
Registrar of Voters:	Salaries	390.00	
	Expenses	1,400.00	1,790.00
Primary, Elections, and Town Meetings	Expenses	700.00	700.00
Town Counsel:	Retainer	50.00	
	Expenses	3,000.00	3,050.00
Zoning Appeal Board	Expenses	500.00	500.00
Bonding of Town Officers		850.00	850.00
Town Hall/Office Building:			
	Salaries-Town Hall	10.00	
	Office Building	1,440.00	
	Expenses	20,000.00	21,450.00
Communications Officer:			
	Salary	150.00	
	Expenses	2,100.00	2,250.00
Assessors:	Salaries	3,498.00	
	Clerk	2,385.00	
	Expenses	3,000.00	8,883.00
Treasurer-Collector:	Salary	6,600.00	
	Clerk's Salary	2,000.00	
	Expenses	3,800.00	
	Out-of-State Travel	200.00	12,600.00
Town Clerk:	Salary	6,360.00	
	Expenses	1,060.00	
	Out-of-State Travel	250.00	7,670.00
Planning Board:	Expenses	2,500.00	
	Mass. Regional Planning	500.00	3,000.00
Growth Policy Committee:			
	Expenses	100.00	100.00

Police Department:	Salaries-Chief	\$14,700.00
	Sergeant	11,725.00
	Patrolman	10,200.00
	Patrolman	10,000.00
	Patrolman	9,800.00
	Part Time Labor	27,416.00
	Expenses:	
	Cruiser Maintenance	2,350.00
	Cruiser Gas	6,350.00
	Out-of-State Travel	150.00
	Clothing Allowance	2,200.00
	Clothing Allowance-Aux.	500.00
	Police Training	250.00
	General Expenses	3,000.00
	Extraordinary Expenses	300.00
	Travel Acct. In State	60.00
		\$99,001.00
Fire Department:	Salaries-Chief	750.00
	Engineers	600.00
	Captain	225.00
	Lieutenant	225.00
	Firemen	4,600.00
	Oil Inspector	125.00
	EMT Compensation	6,000.00
	Extra Labor	1,400.00
	Fire Alarm Maintenance	1,500.00
	New Hose	10.00
	Expenses	7,400.00
	Building Maintenance	400.00
	Ambulance Service	3,500.00
	Out-of-State Travel	200.00
	Extraordinary Expenses	1,500.00
		28,435.00
Forest Fire Department:		
	Expenses	2,500.00
	New Hose	500.00
		3,000.00
Gas Inspector Salary		200.00
Wire Inspector Salary		200.00
Tree Warden:	Salary	3.45/hr.
	Dutch Elm & Pest Control	2,600.00
	Expenses	4,125.00
		6,725.00
Dispatching Service:	Salaries, Full Time Dispatcher	9,030.00
	Full Time Dispatcher	6,240.00
	Part Time Dispatchers	12,400.00
	Clothing Allowance	200.00
		27,870.00

Board of Health:	Salaries	\$ 750.00	
	Clerk	551.00	
	Agent	1,000.00	
	Animal Inspector	185.00	
	Burial Agent	50.00	
	Milk Inspector	50.00	
	Plumbing Inspector	1,400.00	
	Food Inspections	1,500.00	
	Board Expenses	1,550.00	
	Care of Patients	10.00	
	Demolition of Buildings	10.00	\$7,056.00
Town Dump:	Rental	800.00	
	Custodian Salary	10.00	810.00
Nursing Service:	Supervision	1,260.00	
	Nurses' Salaries	11,034.00	
	Clerk's Salaries	4,129.00	
	Expenses	8,900.00	25,323.00
Dog Officer:	Salary	400.00	
	Expenses	1,300.00	
	Kennel Rental	1,200.00	2,900.00
Mental Health Services:			
	Valley Adult Counseling	1,215.00	
	Youth Guidance Center	1,652.00	2,867.00
Highways:	Commissioner's Salary	12,300.00	
	Expenses	30,000.00	
	Salary	15,600.00	
	Snow Removal	45,000.00	102,900.00
Veterans' Services:	Officer's Salary	1,380.00	
	Expenses	1,000.00	2,380.00
Water/Sewer Commission:			
	Salaries	1,010.00	
	Clerk	900.00	
	Superintendent	2,120.00	
	Treatment Plant Oper. #1	11,140.00	
	Treatment Plant Oper. #2	8,800.00	
	Commission Expenses	500.00	
	Water Maintenance	14,000.00	
	Treatment Plant Maint.	20,000.00	
	Treatment Plant Expense	500.00	58,970.00
Mendon-Upton Regional School:			
	Operating Expense	932,560.00	
	Capital Assessment	10,904.00	
	—Dog Tax Credit	488.00	
	—School Trust Fund	400.00	942,576.00

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School:			
	Operating Expenses	\$45,911.00	
	Capital Assessment	6,028.00	\$51,939.00
Library:			
	Salaries	12,230.00	
	Expenses	2,576.00	14,806.00
Parks Department:			
	Parks and Athletic Fields	3,000.00	
	Summer Recreation	2,200.00	
	Summer Youth Programs	1,800.00	
	Beach Programs	4,065.00	
	Building Maintenance	3,000.00	
	Labor	8,014.00	22,079.00
Unclassified:			
	Civil Defense	400.00	
	Council for the Aged	2,000.00	
	Damage to Persons and Property	10.00	
	Historical Commission	500.00	
	Housing Authority	10.00	
	Hydrant Rental	100.00	
	Maintenance of Town Lawns	800.00	
	Memorial Day	600.00	
	Printing	4,000.00	8,420.00
Maturing Debt:			
	Water Loan No. 2	4,000.00	
	Sewerage Treatment Plant	25,000.00	
	Water Loan 1974	35,000.00	<u>64,000.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET			\$1,546,560.00

ARTICLE 4. Voted: Unanimously that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 5. Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account the sum of \$6,471.34 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 22, General Laws, for Pension Fund, Expense Fund, Military Service Fund, and Workmen's Compensation Fund of Worcester County Retirement System.

ARTICLE 6. Voted: Unanimously that the Town transfer from the Town Treasury the sum of \$300.00 from the Sale of Lots Account in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 114, Section 15, to the Cemetery Oiling and Grading Account.

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ARTICLE 18. Voted: Unanimously to pass-over this article.

ARTICLE 19. Voted: Unanimously to pass-over this article.

ARTICLE 20. Voted: Unanimously to pass-over this article.

ARTICLE 21. Voted: Unanimously to pass-over this article.

ARTICLE 22. Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing Account, the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Finance Committee Reserve Account, said amount to be expended in accordance with Chapter 59, Section 25 of the General Laws.

Motion by Town Accountant Charles Ferris that all monies appropriated during this meeting be raised by taxation unless otherwise provided in the motion was seconded and voted favorably.

It was voted unanimously to dissolve this warrant and to adjourn this meeting. This meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Attest:

(Mrs.) MARTHA R. WILLIAMS
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**August 29, 1977****Worcester, ss.**

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

Greetings:

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-ninth day of August, punctually, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. for the following purposes:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$16,816.00 from the Public Works Employment Act of July 22, 1976 Anti-Recession Act, Title II, Common Law 94-369, to be expended as follows:

- A. \$6,000.00, or any other sum, for continued clearing and expansion of cemetery and maintenance and renovation work of old graves;
- B. \$5,000.00, or any other sum, for survey of solid waste to be conducted by a professional engineering firm;
- C. \$5,000.00, or any other sum, to be used by the Historical Commission for the repair and upgrading of the Town Vault to meet state requirements and restoration of old town documents, binding of books, etc.;
- D. \$816.00, or any other sum, to be used for extraordinary cleaning of the Town Hall Building and Knowlton-Risteen Memorial Building; or, to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will approve and/or give permission to the Board of Assessors, with approval from the Board of Selectmen, to apply a sum of money from the 1976-1977 certified free cash to the 1977-1978 tax rate, or, to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Planning Board's selection of the name "Oak Street" for the present South Street relocation, or, to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept a 1971 International Van Truck as a gift from the Upton Fire Company to be used as a Fire Department rescue vehicle, said vehicle to revert to the Upton Fire Company when in

the opinion of the Selectmen and the Board of Fire Engineers it is termed obsolete, or, to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept Hickory Lane, or any portion thereof, together with the acquisition of any land or interests thereon as may be necessary or incidental to the said acceptance, including the taking or acceptance of easements for drainage purposes as shown on below-mentioned plan, said road and easements being constructed by the developer in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the subdivision of land in Upton, Massachusetts, and as laid out on a plan entitled "Plan of Subdivision in the Town of Upton, Massachusetts to be known as 'Lord Jeffrey Estates' property of Howard A. and Laura B. Cederlund" subdivided for Keryl Realty Trust, North Vine Street, Milford, Massachusetts, Scale 1"-60', June 18, 1974, survey by Blackstone Valley Survey and Engineering, Inc., 302 Upton Road, Grafton, Massachusetts, recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 409, Plan 14, and approved by the Upton Planning Board on January 23, 1975, a copy of said plan being available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, or, to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into such agreement or agreements with the Town of Westboro or with such other municipalities as they may deem reasonable or necessary for mutual ambulance back-up service as provided for in Regulation 4.13 and other regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health under G.L. Chapter 111C, Section 1-13; to ratify any contract or agreement that may have been entered into by the Selectmen in the premises; or, to take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, fourteen 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 twelfth day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

JAMES R. BATES
ALDO B. CONSIGLI, JR.
JOHN ROBERTSON, JR.

Selectmen of Upton

A true copy. Attest: Rodney B. Marchand, Constable of Upton

Upton, Massachusetts, August 15, 1977

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 twenty-ninth day of August, 1977, for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town Hall fourteen days at least before meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND,
Constable of Upton

PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
August 29, 1977

Moderator George W. Burnham called a ten minute recess of the opening of this meeting. A quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the Moderator who read the call and constable's return. Non voters seated on the main floor were James Fox of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette and Karen Kang of the South Middlesex News.

Checkers at the main door were Nancy E. Kennedy (R) and Rita C. Cutler (D). During the meeting 64 voters were checked on the voting list.

ARTICLE 1. Voted: Unanimously that the Town accept the sum of \$16,816.00 from the Public Works Employment Act of July 22, 1976, Anti-Recession Act, Title II, Common Law 94-369, to be expended as follows:

- A. \$6,000.00, for continued clearing and expansion of cemetery and maintenance and renovation work of old graves;
- B. \$5,000.00 for survey of solid waste to be conducted by a professional engineering firm;
- C. \$5,000.00 to be used by the Historical Commission for the repair and upgrading of the Town Vault to meet state requirements and restorations of old town documents, binding of books, etc.;
- D. \$816.00 to be used for extraordinary cleaning of the Town Hall Building and Knowlton-Risteen Memorial Building.

ARTICLE 2. Motion by Selectman Bates that the Town vote to approve and/or give permission to the Board of Assessors, with approval from the Board of Selectmen to apply \$52,000.00 from the 1976/1977 certified free cash to the 1977/1978 tax rate. Motion seconded by William Young. Finance Committee stated that they did not recommend this article. Voted to table action on Article 2 until completion of action on Article 6.

ARTICLE 3. Voted: Unanimously that the Town approve the Planning Board's selection of the name "Oak Drive" for the present South Street relocation.

ARTICLE 4. Voted: Unanimously that the Town accept a 1971 International van truck as a gift from the Upton Fire Company to be used as a Fire Department Rescue Vehicle, said vehicle to revert to the Upton Fire Company when in the opinion of the Selectmen and the Board of Fire Engineers it is termed obsolete.

ARTICLE 5. Motion by Thomas Barnicle that the Town accept Hickory Lane, or any portion thereof, together with the acquisition of any land or interests thereon as may be necessary or incidental to the said acceptance, including the taking or acceptance of easements for drainage purposes as shown on below-mentioned plan, said road and easements being constructed by the developer in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the subdivision of land in Upton, Massachusetts, and as laid out on a plan entitled "Plan of Subdivision in the Town of Upton, Massachusetts to be known as 'Lord Jeffrey Estates' property of Howard A. and Laura B. Cederlund" subdivided for Keryl Realty Trust, North Vine Street, Milford, Massachusetts, scale 1"=60', June 18, 1974, survey by Blackstone Valley Survey and Engineering, Inc., 302 Upton Road, Grafton, Massachusetts, recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 409, Plan 14, and approved by the Upton Planning Board on January 23, 1975, a copy of said plan being available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk. Motion seconded by Henry Poirier. Finance Committee reported as recommending acceptance. Motion by George Klink to remove the words "or any portion thereof" was seconded by Selectman Robertson and voted favorably. Planning Board reported not recommending that the Town accept this road as everything has not been completed to the satisfaction of the Planning Board. Lester Shea of the Planning Board stated that he watched construction of the road and that everything seems to be fine in his opinion. Road Commissioner Poirier reported that there are a few things to be completed but he felt the town should accept the road at this time. A standing vote was taken. There were fourteen voting to accept the road and twenty-eight opposed. Moderator declared the motion lost.

ARTICLE 6. Voted: Unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into such agreement or agreements with the Town of Westboro or with such other municipalities as they may deem reasonable or necessary for mutual ambulance back-up service as provided for in Regulation 4.13 and other regula-

tions promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health under G.L. c111c, ss. 1-13; to ratify the agreement that was entered into for Mutual Aid by the Selectmen and with the Selectmen of the Town of Westboro.

ARTICLE 2. Recalled. Previous motion by Selectman Bates was placed before the meeting, seconded by Selectman Robertson. Finance Committee again reports not recommending. Motion by William Young to table this motion until an adjourned session of this meeting was seconded by Samuel Nahra, Jr. An amendment to the motion was presented by Nahra that this matter be tabled until September 7 at 7:30 p.m. Amendment carried. It was voted to adjourn this meeting until September 7 at 7:30 p.m. This session recessed at 8:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1977

Moderator George W. Burnham called a ten minute recess in order to have a quorum present. James Fox of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette and Karen Kang of the South Middlesex News were granted permission by the Moderator to sit on the main floor.

A quorum present, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator Burnham at 7:30 p.m. Article 2 was read by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. Voted: That the Town approve and/or give permission to the Board of Assessors, with approval from the Board of Selectmen to apply \$70,000.00 from the 1976/1977 Certified Free Cash to the 1977/1978 tax rate.

During this session there were 49 voters checked on the voting list by Nancy E. Kennedy (R) and Rita C. Cutler (D).

It was moved, seconded and voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

(Mrs.) MARTHA R. WILLIAMS
Town Clerk of Upton

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded in 1977

Date of Birth	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
3	Elizabeth Ann Hill	James H. and Eleanor A. Hill
14	Jessica Ann Marquis	David P. and Jo-Ann O. Marquis
14	Jamie Anne Stoddard	Charles E. and Linda S. Stoddard
27	Gerald Denis Gentilotti, Jr.	Gerald D. and Diane M. Gentilotti
FEBRUARY		
8	Jose Luis Carneiro	Jose L. and Antoinette M. Carneiro
10	Albert Alan Bigelow	Alan A. and Winona R. Bigelow
25	Jessica Leigh Rees	Robert H. and Susan E. Rees
27	Allison Elizabeth Langley	John F. and Linda C. Langley
MARCH		
8	Erica Lee Auty	William A. and Susan M. Auty
20	Vincent Anthony Grudinsky	Vincent A. and Deborah A. Grudinsky
APRIL		
1	Danielle Lynn Bedard	Leo F. and Linda F. Bedard
3	Barbara Elizabeth Burke	James T. and Carol L. Burke
9	Julie Elizabeth McMaster	Timothy J. and Kathleen M. McMaster
MAY		
1	Adam Robert Consigli	Aldo B. and Elizabeth G. Consigli
7	Allison Page Breau	Francis J. and Gail W. Breau
15	Eric Joffre Lavallee	Joffre P. and Judith A. Lavallee
21	Jason Edward McGarry	Stephen A. and Nancy J. McGarry
28	Cathleen Lynne Cosgro	Donald C. and Diane S. Cosgro
JUNE		
29	Jason Augustus Jenkins	Gregory J. and Barbara E. Jenkins
JULY		
1	Patricia Anne Henderson	Edward S. and Marguerite M. Henderson
11	Nicole Lee Lapierre	Richard A. and Hope A. Lapierre
20	Rory Travers Arnold	George D. and Judith L. Arnold
21	Andrew John Usher	Paul F. and Kathleen F. Usher
30	Erik Daunheimer	James R. and Nancy A. Daunheimer

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
AUGUST		
5	Sara Jane Kelly	Richard B. and Kathleen M. Kelly
10	Daniel John Taylor	Robert C. and Sharon E. Taylor
13	Melissa Ellen Ansell	Martin F. and Nancy J. Ansell
13	Matthew Alden Ansell	Martin F. and Nancy J. Ansell
16	Brendan Todd Fitzpatrick	Paul M. and Judith L. Fitzpatrick
29	Jessica Marie Teixeira	Manuel A. and Susan M. Teixeira
SEPTEMBER		
21	Laura Michelle Anderson	George M. and Antoinette L. Anderson
23	Robert Richard Randall	Richard N. and Bernice M. Randall
26	Scott Hans VanRaalten	Frederik H. and Annelies A. VanRaalten
27	Hillarie Ann Stevens	William D. and Janice E. Stevens
27	Daniel Lewis Paige, Jr.	Daniel L. and Linda J. Paige
29	Tricia Jean Berberian	Theodore and Deborah J. Berberian
OCTOBER		
3	Jennifer Rose Aia	Alfred J. and Joan M. Aia
4	Jessica Catherine Poirier	Henry J. and Nancy C. Poirier
24	Bryan Daniel Hill	Norman G. and Cynthia S. Hill
31	Nason Allen Hutchinson	Donald A. and Pamela L. Hutchinson
NOVEMBER		
8	Jeremy Christopher Lee	Walter J. and Karen S. Lee
10	Brandy Lynn St. Pierre	Normand A. and Donna L. St.Pierre
23	Monique Christianne Baker	Ronald B. and Uldarica C. Baker
28	Reid Gilman Burrell	Richard G. and Joan E. Burrell
DECEMBER		
8	James Roland Matthews	Daniel P. and Robin L. Matthews
19	Christopher Jon Gooch	Robert T. and Sandra J. Gooch
20	Wendy Marie Rogers	Thomas A. and Margaret R. Rogers
25	Stephanie Lee Butler	Richard K. and Catherine A. Butler

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN UPTON IN 1977

Date	Name, Age, Residence	By Whom and Where Married
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JANUARY

1	James Robert Earl, 24, Upton Linda Louise Cervassi, 22, Upton	John J. McKenna, Priest Upton, Mass.
2	Ronald Paul Wilcock, 24, Upton Doreen Marie Smith, 20, Upton	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.
9	Henry Michael Salmon, 32, Upton Barbara Ann Fay, 23, Upton	Clyde S. Wolf, Minister Upton, Mass.
9	Paul Joseph McCall, 28, Upton Lucille Madeline Dufresne, 20, Upton	John J. McKenna, Priest Upton, Mass.
16	Richard Thomas Andrews, 26, Upton Nadine Jayne Bernard, 18, Upton	Jane D. Pignataro, Justice of the Peace Worcester, Mass.
20	Norman J. Edmunds, 28, Hopkinton, Mass. Ann M. Magrini, 23, Hopkinton, Mass.	Robert A. Jackman, Minister Upton, Mass.
23	Philip Raymond Brown, 28, Upton Rosanna Yvette Bergeron Young, 29, Upton	Robert A. Jackman, Minister Upton, Mass.

FEBRUARY

18	Brian Bryson, 19, Tewksbury, Mass. Ann Marie McMaster, 20, Upton	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.
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APRIL

14	Charles Arthur Peto, 23, Upton Sharon Elizabeth Tracy, 25, Upton	Elmer H. Brown, Minister Framingham, Mass.
14	Norman Sumner Wood, Jr., 33, Upton Linda Adele Satkauskas, 30 Upton	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.
23	Richard Alan Lapierre, 18, Upton Hope Ann Bouthiette, 18, Upton	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.

MAY

7	Robert George Ebbeling, 22, Uxbridge, Mass. Frances Veronica Wadsworth, 22, Upton	Theodore Templin, Minister Northbridge, Mass.
14	Wayne Robson Phipps, 26, Upton Loretta Lee Mellen, 19, Mendon, Mass.	Robert A. Jackman, Minister Upton, Mass.
20	David Joseph Lapan, 23, Upton Dawn Cheryl Larson, 22, Mendon, Mass.	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.
28	Russell Hope Harris, II, 27, Rochester, N.Y. Deborah Elliott Johnson, 27, Upton	Hvezdon Kafka, Clergyman Grafton, Mass.
29	Roland Gerald Benoit, 52, Upton Pearl Loraine Benoit, 52, Upton	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.

JUNE

7	Dennis James Warren, 22, Upton Sharon Lee Colburn, 17, Medway, Mass.	Francis D. Donovan, Justice of the Peace Medway, Mass.
11	Miguel Rafael Martinez-Heath, 22, Madison, Wis. Debbi Sue Carter, 24, Upton	Robert A. Jackman, Minister Upton, Mass.
12	John Ward McKernan, 26, Upton Maryann Teresa Ferreri, 26, Natick, Mass.	John L. Malkowski, Priest Brighton, Mass.
18	Joseph William Shadwell, Jr., 29, Upton Mary Ann Baker, 25, Uxbridge, Mass.	Thomas Mahoney, Priest Uxbridge, Mass.

Date	Name, Age, Residence	By Whom and Where Married
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JUNE Cont'd.

19	Robert James Bailey, Jr., 29, Upton Gretchen Peterson Erickson, 30, Upton	Robert A. Jackman, Minister Upton, Mass.
25	Bobby Dean Swart, 41, Hudson Nancy Louise Wright Swart, 37, Upton	Bydus Francis Kaiser, Clergyman Westborough, Mass.
26	David Alden Guild, 26, Northborough, Mass. Terese Marie Ragaini, 21, Upton	Charles J. Ring, Priest Milford, Mass.

JULY

1	James William Jacobson, Jr., 16, Upton Katherine Landi, 15, Upton	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.
6	Peter Charles Allen, 21, Mundelein, Ill. Josephine Jessica Butler, 22, Mundelein, Ill.	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.
9	Maurice Nicholas Aoude, 33, Framingham, Ma. Mary Anne Seaman, 23, Upton	Paul W. Moses, Priest Worcester, Mass.
23	John Richard Bertorelli, 28, Milford, Mass. Catherine Theresa Wadsworth, 27, Upton	Richard Ritacco, Priest Upton, Mass.
23	Bruce Hill Warren, 26, Northborough, Mass. Barbara Denise George Nelson, 26, Upton	Peter J. Scagnelli, Priest Sudbury, Mass.
23	James Stewart Chase, 26, Upton Elizabeth Ann Sullivan, 23, Marlboro, Mass.	Francis X. Meehan, Priest Sudbury, Mass.
24	Randy Russell Spindel, 22, Upton Patricia Ruth Tracey, 21, Upton	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.
29	Frank John Lancisi, Jr., 42, Upton Judith Lillian Israelson, 36, Westboro, Mass.	Jane D. Pignataro, Justice of the Peace Worcester, Mass.
30	Earnest Kuykendall, 51, Holliston, Mass. Virginia T. Thompson Foulke, 59, New Jersey	Charles A. Gaines, Clergyman Upton, Mass.
30	Kevin Michael O'Connor, 26, Boston, Mass. Brenda Jean Rivard, 24, Upton	John J. McKenna, Priest Upton, Mass.

AUGUST

5	Jeffrey Jacobs Beane, 34, Upton Diane Lynn Kropp Lard, 36, Shrewsbury, Ma	Thomas F. Donahue, Justice of the Peace Worcester, Mass.
5	Peter Paul Colucci, 43, Upton Barbara E. Chilton Paradise, 27, Auburn, Ma	Jane D. Pignataro, Justice of the Peace Worcester, Mass.
6	Dennis Bruce Page, 28, Uxbridge, Mass. Janet Renée Hoberg, 21, Upton	Robert A. Jackman, Minister Upton, Mass.
13	Douglas Earl Coburn, 20, Mendon, Mass. Maureen Frances Paille, 19, Upton	John J. McKenna, Priest Upton, Mass.
13	Daniel George O'Brien, 22, Westborough, Ma Cathy Ann Friend, 19, Upton	Richard Ritacco, Priest Upton, Mass.
20	Thomas Francis Cady, Jr., 25, Upton Deborah Ellen Peterson, 21, Upton	Michael J. Sheridan, Priest Westborough, Mass.
20	Arthur Francis Croteau, Jr., 25, Worcester Maureen Ann Grenier, 25, Upton	John J. McKenna, Priest Upton, Mass.
28	Thomas Edward Bradley, 24, Upton Linda Marie Parker, 20, Uxbridge, Mass.	Kurt B. Rohn, Minister Uxbridge, Mass.

Date	Name, Age, Residence	By Whom and Where Married
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SEPTEMBER

2	Richard Carl Jackman, 20, Upton Katherine Louise Chapman, 18, Hopkinton, Mass.	Harry Eugene Goll, Clergyman Southborough, Mass.
3	Malcolm J. Whitham, 22, Upton Laureen Anne Sambuchi, 20, Ashland, Mass.	George W. Gibson, Justice of the Peace Sudbury, Mass.
4	Charles Silverman, 27, New York, N.Y. Meridith Johnson, 24, Upton	Howard A. Waterhouse, Clergyman Upton, Mass.
7	Allan Kenneth Moir, 23, Upton Donna Lee Carpenter, 22, Worcester, Mass.	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.
9	Stephen Phillip Erickson, 21, Upton Valerie Ann Jacobson, 17, Upton	Robert A. Jackman, Minister Upton, Mass.
10	Richard Davis Dixon, Jr., 25, Upton Jean Ann Corbett, 18, Upton	Arthur E. Collins, Justice of the Peace Sharon, Mass.
10	Walter Gerald Lapan, Jr., 18, Upton Susan Theresa Duquette, 19, Northbridge, Mass.	Daniel M. Driscoll, Priest Northbridge, Mass.
16	Albert Franklin Smith, 28, Upton Janet Alice Dyffryn, 20, Upton	Ruth E. Davis, Justice of the Peace Uxbridge, Mass.
17	Paul Michael Comolli, 24, Mendon, Mass. Janice Walker Mitchell, 22, Upton	Stanley W. Possell, Minister Worcester, Mass.
17	Brian Gerard Cronin, 28, Upton Joan Adams, 23, Hopedale, Mass.	Charles L. Wilson, Minister Hopedale, Mass.
24	Daniel Joseph Sullivan, 20, Hopkinton, Mass. Wendy Hope Ramsey, 20, Upton	Joseph P. LaRaia, Priest Hopkinton, Mass.

OCTOBER

1	Raymond Eugene Fantini, 26, Bellingham, Mass Beverly Ann Aldrich, 21, Bellingham, Mass	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.
14	James Richard Slane, 27, Verona, Missouri Linda Ellen Warren, 28, Upton	Frank Mitchell, Clergyman Natick, Mass.
15	Ronald McNelly, 21, Douglas, Mass. Nancy Anne Wilcock, 23, Upton	Richard A. Germaine, Minister Sudbury, Mass.
16	Vernon Maurice Chapman, 48, Milford, Mass. Marion Louise Bowen Fiske, 52, Milford, Mass	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.
22	Tracy Palmer, 28, Upton Debra Ann Doyle, 20, Upton	Gordon C. Merten, Minister Milford, Mass.
29	Ernest Barritt Porter, Jr., 30, Upton Kathleen Ann Chapin Kennon, 26, Upton	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.
29	Kevin Leigh Gaddie, 22, Upton Claire Anne Bianchi, 22, Milford, Mass.	Roy E. Nelson, Jr., Clergyman Sudbury, Mass.

NOVEMBER

4	Kenneth Eugene Picard, 21, Upton Sandra Marie Courtney, 21, Mendon, Mass.	Lionel R. Trudeau, Justice of the Peace Bellingham, Mass.
13	Mark Richard Morton, 17, Mendon, Mass. Kerry Anne Jacobson, 15, Upton	Helen A. Gibson, Justice of the Peace Mendon, Mass.
19	Edmond Laurie Thompson, 25, Upton Nancy A. C. Testa, 24, Milford, Mass.	Leo T. Riley, C.S.S. Priest Milford, Mass.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name, Age, Residence</u>	<u>By Whom and Where Married</u>
DECEMBER		
10	Richard Albert LeBlanc, 25, Upton Debora Ann Humes, 18, Upton	Ruth E. Davis, Justice of the Peace Northbridge, Mass.
10	Donald Roland Grenier, 24, Uxbridge, Mass. Deborah Ann Marques, 22, Upton	John J. McKenna, Priest Upton, Mass.
10	Ronald Joseph Benoit, 24, Woonsocket, R.I. Monique Constance Bibeault, 20, Woon., R.I.	John J. McKenna, Priest Upton, Mass.
17	Robert Herbert Thistle, 48, Sherborn, Mass. Maureen Evelyn Flynn, Killmer, 26, Upton	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Upton, Mass.

DEATHS RECORDED IN UPTON IN 1977

Date of Death	Name	Place of Burial	Age		
			Y	M	D
JANUARY					
12	Rebecca A. Smith MacGregor	Hopedale, Mass.	100	6	2
17	George Ellsworth Sears	Hopkinton, Mass.	87	0	23
22	John LaRose	Lakeview	47	9	1
27	Burnette Hope Bishop	Medway, Mass.	75	6	12
FEBRUARY					
5	Edward J. Gurry	Lakeview	90	11	17
MARCH					
9	Gladys G. Crockett	Milford, Mass.	81	3	8
15	Charles E. Noe	Lakeview	71	6	3
APRIL					
10	Arnold Burns	Worcester, Mass.	75	11	12
16	Mary L. Gorman Carroll	Lakeview	94	7	23
19	Dorothy Gilbert Rivers	Lakeview	66	7	17
23	Hazel M. Houghton Wellman	Lakeview	83	5	10
MAY					
2	Gertrude M. Young Humes	Lakeview	79	11	15
4	Theo Holmes	Woonsocket, R.I.	84	8	23
21	Leroy Ross	Lakeview	79	9	28
JUNE					
26	Donald W. Pirie	Lakeview	65	5	3
JULY					
5	Odilon Breton	Lakeview	69	8	4
7	Fred Howard Sears	Milford, Mass.	81	7	20
11	Frank Zimmel	Worcester, Mass.	83	10	9
16	Harold Edward Santaw	Worcester, Mass.	56	2	7
20	Julia M. Adamonis Meleshko	Lakeview	67	1	17
20	Charles E. Wright	Lakeview	67	1	17
28	George N. Blakeslee	Maplewood	63	4	17
29	Thomas F. Mullen	Maplewood	80	6	28
30	Clifton H. Davidson	Lakeview	83	5	22
AUGUST					
2	William H. Peters	Lakeview	70	5	29
13	David Stefans	Lakeview	16	2	0
20	Eben Leavitt	Maplewood	88	5	4
21	Francis C. Smith	Maplewood	53	1	24
23	Ernest I. Bentley	Lakeview	87	7	7
31	Alex DiGiannantonio	Milford, Mass.	82	7	30
SEPTEMBER					
6	Adrien J. Brochu	Lakeview	51	9	19
13	John Moroney	Lakeview	90	9	14
OCTOBER					
7	James Spence	Northbridge, Mass.	93	4	6
10	Daisy M. French	Hopedale, Mass.	72	4	4

Date of Death	Name	Place of Burial	Age
			Y M D
NOVEMBER			
10	Ethel Hopkins	Lakeview	76 2 14
23	Roger Partridge	Lakeview	36 6 6
28	Arthur Ward	New Bedford, Mass.	88
DECEMBER			
2	Lillian C. Morrison Barber	Lakeview	66 1 /
10	Mary Bradeen	Arlington, Mass.	77
22	Fred Shackleton	Lakeview	56 7 21
26	Theresa B. Helberg	Lakeview	98 11 18
MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY BURIALS 1977			
JANUARY			
4	Louise L. Helgesen		62 10 13
APRIL			
11	Goff Heavner		85
22	Richard Albin Barnes		70
23	Chester Benoit		51 10 25
MAY			
27	Henry Verne Peloquin		59 4 17
JUNE			
24	Howard F. Donald		70 1 27
JULY			
30	George N. Blakeslee		63 4 17
AUGUST			
1	Thomas F. Mollen		80 6 28
23	Eben Leavitt		88 5 4
SEPTEMBER			
1	Lillian (Lance) Donald		93 2 11
2	Philip Dearth		58 2 0
NOVEMBER			
12	John Fitzgerald, Sr.		63

ELIZABETH H. WOOD
Clerk

BURIALS AT LAKEVIEW CEMETERY, 1977

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
		Y M D
JANUARY		
22	John F. LaRose	47 9 1
FEBRUARY		
5	Edward Gurry	90 11 17
MARCH		
15	Charles Noe	71 6 3
APRIL		
16	Mary L. Carroll	94 7 23
19	Dorothy Rivers	66 7 17
23	Hazel Wellman	83 5 10
MAY		
2	Gertrude M. Young Humes	79 11 15
21	Leroy Ross	79 9 28
JUNE		
26	Donald Pirie	65 4 3
JULY		
5	Odilon Breton	69 8 4
20	Julia Meleshko	67 1 17
30	Clifton Davidson	83 5 22
AUGUST		
2	William H. Peters	70 5 29
6	Sarah Stern Kent	64 1 20
13	David Stefans	16 0 15
23	Ernest I. Bentley	87 7 7
SEPTEMBER		
6	Adrien Brouchu	52 9 19
13	John L. Moroney	90 9 14
NOVEMBER		
10	Ethel Hopkins	76 2 14
23	Roger Partridge	36 6 6
DECEMBER		
2	Lillian Barber	66 1 7
2	Rudolph Gadoury	89 1 1
22	Fred Shackleton	56 7 21
26	Theresia B. Helberg	98 11 18

**PERSONS BROUGHT TO UPTON
FOR BURIAL IN 1977**

Date of Death	Name	Place of Death	AGE
			Y M D
JANUARY			
4	Ernest Inman	Brockton	63
MARCH			
5	Alfred M. Marshall	Westboro	88 5 10
5	James Bradley Prescott	St. Augustine, Fla.	
7	George V. DesBarres	Camden, New Jersey	77
13	Theresa Burke	Northbridge	76 10 17
MAY			
30	Harold Wilbur Goodridge	Townshend, Vt.	84
31	Catherine Castiglioni	Providence, R.I.	83
JULY			
10	Flossie A. Aldrich	Mendon	85 8 9
20	Charles E. Wright	Westboro	67 1 17
SEPTEMBER			
5	John J. Costello	Westboro	75 8 26
24	Margery P. Brewster	Framingham	79 7 10
OCTOBER			
30	Hilma C. Sether	Freeport, N.Y.	91
DECEMBER			
15	Christina Pirie White	Mendon	73 8 19
16	Dana Weatherburn	Milford	24 10 28
20	Gertrude I. Fiske	Springfield	77

LICENSES ISSUED BY THE TOWN CLERK**DOGS**

During 1977 a total of 628 dogs were licensed through the Town Clerk's office, an increase over the past years. There are still many dogs in the town that remained unlicensed. All dog owners were notified by mail if their dogs had not been licensed before July.

Issued: 343 Males; 53 Female; and 232 Spayed Females. Kennel licenses issued: 5 - \$10.00; 5 - \$25.00 and 1 - \$50.00

Turned over to Town Treasurer — \$2,044.35

FISH AND GAME

During 1977 the Town Clerk issued 399 Fish and Game licenses, plus 32 Waterfowl Stamps and 11 Archery Stamps. Issued: 167 Resident Citizen Fishing; 61 Resident Citizen Hunting; 107 Resident Citizen Sporting; 12 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing; 2 Resident Alien Fishing; 1 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing; 4 Non-Resident Citizen/Alien 7-Day Fishing; 12 Duplicates; 29 Resident Citizen Sporting Over 70 (Free); 4 Resident Citizen Fishing, Paraplegic, Blind, Mentally Retarded (Free).

Paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts — \$3,480.75

PERMITS, BOOKLETS, ETC.

During 1977 the following were sold through the Town Clerk's Office: Raffle/Bazaar Permits - 6; Assessor's Valuation Books - 21; Town Maps - 24; Subdivision Control Bylaw - 2; Street Lists - 39; Zoning Bylaw - 16; Zoning Maps - 2; Gas Permits - 5.

Turned over to the Town Treasurer — \$200.75

The Town Clerk's office is open in the Town Hall Building Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Town Clerk's Office Phone — 529-3565.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA R. WILLIAMS
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

During 1977 the Registrars of Voters held six special registration sessions.

The total number of voters eligible to vote at the Annual Town Election, May 2 was 549 D; 504 R; and 1123 I = 2,176

On December 30 Upton had 2,195 registered voters.

The registrars are called upon many times during the year to certify nomination papers and initiative petitions.

Members of the Board of Registrars are George P. Kennedy (R), Chairman, Mrs. Eleanor R. Broderick (D), Mrs. Patricia A. O'Sullivan (D) and Mrs. Martha R. Williams, ex-officio clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA R. WILLIAMS, Clerk
Registrars of Voters

JURY LIST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>
Donald S. Apple	31 Warren St.	Lineman
Barbara B. Baker	22 Mechanic St.	Jewelry Craftsman
Walter Baxter	21 Main St.	Press Operator
Donald J. Beaudoin	10 Maple Ave.	Wheel Striper
Dennis Cabral	24 River St.	Mgr. Meat Dist. Center
Janet Caton	47 Plain St.	Retired, Chief Admin. Clerk
Harry A. Damon	19 Warren Rd.	Machinist & Asst. Foreman
Gertrude R. Dean	46 Elm St.	Housewife, Stitcher
Donald C. Flanders	7 Maple Ave.	Sub Assembler
Dorothy R. Germain	39 W. Main St.	Housewife
Linwood W. Hall	11 Fiske Avenue	Licensed Practical Nurse
Lawrence P. Hannon	205 Westboro Rd.	State Forester
Edwin V. Hatstat	39 Brooks St.	Spray Operator
Fernanda H. Haven	23 Pleasant St.	Housewife
Howard F. Hill	18 Pleasant St.	Machinist
Gail A. Heald	119 Warren St.	Domestic Engineer
Robert J. Hernandez	22 Cider Mill Lane	Manager Computer Op.
William G. Joyner	36 Walnut St.	Operations Director
George A. Klink	53 Warren St.	Highway Dept. Employee
Leonard F. Laflamme	24 Fiske Ave.	Bank Manager
Leo J. Laranuzzi Jr.	4 Cross St.	Engineering Ass't.
Dennis Nattinville	6 Williams St.	Toll Testman
Robert A. Nason	2 River St.	Systems Planner
Brewster L. Newton, Jr.	63 Warren St.	Mechanical Designer
George E. Nydam	8 Glen Ave.	Retired
Donald V. Person	68 Pearl St.	Leadman Hydraulic Mech.
Theron L. Pope, Jr.	27 River Rd.	Press Operator
Ernest B. Porter, Sr.	71 School St.	Stockman
William E. Quirk, Jr.	37 Walnut St.	Audit Manager
William H. Sadler	42 Williams St.	Inspector, Grinding Wheels
Raymond K. Smith	30 Fiske Ave.	Custodian
William D. Stevens	67 Fiske Mill Rd.	Sales Staff Super.
Richard D. Stockwell	149 Mendon St.	Manager, Safety-Health Control
Robert M. Stuart	23 Taft St.	Liquid Chromatography Dispatcher
Chestine H. Tinker	11 Piccadilly St.	Unemployed, Service Rep.
Charles J. Vaccaro	46 Williams St.	Produce Manager
William C. Young	18 North Street	Electrical Engineer

REPORT OF THE UPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1977 started off on a grim note! With the drastic cutbacks in state aid and reimbursements, the Town was faced with the possibility of a \$15-plus tax increase. It was only because of all town departments pulling together and the proper use of Federal Revenue Sharing monies and Free Cash that the Town ended up in August with only a \$4.00 increase. A remarkable accomplishment in itself!

1975 and 1976 were years during which a great deal of time was spent in acquiring Federal grants. In 1977, many weeks and months were spent in finishing one project and starting two more. The Town's recreation project at Kiwanis Beach was finished in July and all the facilities will be operational in the spring of 1978. The Water System Expansion and Improvement Project started in the spring of 1977 and will continue until its completion in the spring of 1978. Because of the outstanding job the Water-Sewer Commissioners and the Project Co-ordinator did in overseeing the work on the project, we had \$144,000.00 in underrun money by August, 1977. The Board of Selectmen and the Water-Sewer Commissioners moved swiftly in an attempt to retain these monies for the purpose of installing water mains on four additional streets. With the help of Congressman Early's office in Washington, we were able to accomplish this. Our massive Sewer Extentions Project contracts were advertised for bidding in November of 1977. Contracts were awarded in December, 1977, and will be signed in early 1978 so that work can commence in the spring of 1978.

The Police and Fire Departments continued to be updated in 1977, both in equipment and expanded services. The firemen and full-time police-men attended and completed a first-responder course held at the Fire Station. We were able to place a full-time man at the fire station, as a fireman trainee, through the help of the CETA program. In January, 1977, the town received its new \$65,000.00 one thousand gallon-a-minute Continental fire engine and this was put into service in February, 1977. In June, the Town accepted, as a gift, a new rescue truck from and made possible by the men of the Upton Fire Company. The contract was awarded in July, 1977, for the Town's new modular ambulance, which was delivered and put into service in the fall. Many thanks go out to the three members of the Ambulance Fund Committee for their work throughout the years.

The Police Department has been able to continue with adequate police protection by patrolling the town with the new police cruiser and safety patrol car which the town received through the efforts of our Representative, Louis Bertonazzi. Both the police and fire departments joined with surrounding communities in mutual aid contracts this year. These mutual aid agreements will be beneficial in any emergency situation.

The town benefitted greatly this year from the use and application of anti-recessionary funds. The Board of Selectmen is pleased with the improvements made by the use of these monies. The following is a list of these improvements and uses:

1. completion of the recreation facilities at Kiwanis Beach;
2. clearing of land for expansion at Lakeview Cemetery;
3. renovation of the vault in the Town Clerk's office;
4. restoration of town reports, documents, and books;
5. contracting of a professional engineering firm to study the town's solid waste disposal;
6. fire and heat detecting systems for the Town Hall and Knowlton-Risteen Building;
7. cleaning and minor repairs to the Library quarters at the Knowlton-Risteen Building;
8. funding to the Council for the Aging for the establishment of a drop-in center and increased activities available for the elderly.

Because of the many improvements and renovations made in the Town Hall over the past four years, concluding with the refinishing of the main hall's floor in April, it was felt that rules and regulations should be established for the use of the building. These rules and regulations were adopted by the Board of Selectmen and put into effect in September, 1977.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was the news that Milhaus Trust of Upton was finally going to begin renovation of the former Kartiganer Hat Factory into a 78-unit housing complex for the elderly. This elderly-oriented project comes after four long, hard years of meetings, discussions, and negotiations by the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town Counsel with the owners of Milhaus. Demolition of some of the wooden buildings began in December of 1977 and will continue through 1978. Hopefully, work will be completed and the complex ready for occupancy by the end of 1978.

One of the most important but difficult and expensive projects the Town will have to undertake in the near future is a solid waste disposal. Extensive research has been completed by a professional engineering firm contracted by the Board of Health. That firm's report and recommendations have been submitted for review to the Board of Health, Board of Selectmen and the special Solid Waste Disposal Committee, set up last year. It is expected that a proposal will be brought forth to the townspeople sometime in late 1978.

In 1976, the Board of Selectmen changed its meeting schedule from every other week to weekly meetings because of the increased workload. Although we have continued weekly meeting this year, our workload is such that these meetings still do not give us adequate time to handle the work-

load. We have held many additional meetings on other nights of the week or on Saturday mornings to get the job done. It was mentioned in last year's report that in the near future we would have to look towards acquiring a full-time administrator. The Board would like to reiterate that statement again this year and mention that we will most likely move towards that goal in fiscal 1979-1980.

The Selectmen would like to thank the various town departments, boards, and committees, and the townspeople for their continued support and confidence; for without this, it would be most difficult for us to serve you. Also, we would especially like to thank our clerk, Mrs. Joan E. Varney, who continues to do an excellent job for us.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. BATES, *Chairman*
ALDO B. CONSIGLI, JR.
JOHN ROBERTSON, JR.

MODERATORS REPORT 1977

During 1977 I presided at the Adjourned annual town meeting and all special meetings with the exception of the meeting held on March 21, at which time I was on vacation in Florida.

I have reappointed Royce Beatty to another four year term on the Capital Budget Committee.

I would suggest that because of the increase in the number of registered voters and the limited seating capacity of the Town Hall, that the Selectmen plan to hold the Annual Adjourned Town Meeting at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School on Pleasant Street.

I attended the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Moderators Association held in Sturbridge on November 4, 1977.

At this time I would again like to thank the voters for attending the regular and special town meeting. It is through the interest of the voters, especially at the special meetings that Town Government is able to operate in an efficient manner.

GEORGE W. BURNHAM
Moderator

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT 1977

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the townspeople and other town departments for their cooperation during the past year. On February 13, 1978, our fifth full-time officer will be attending the twelve-week training program held at the Worcester Police Training Academy. During the past year, the Department attended the CPR and First Responder courses held by the Upton Fire Department.

The Town has also benefited in receiving the highway safety car from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau program. The Town's dispatching service is now being conducted from the police station and a private home. I ask for your support in any program that would have the dispatching done from the police station only, thus keeping the station open.

Respectfully yours,

RODNEY B. MARCHAND

VIOLATIONS – MOTOR VEHICLES

Property Damage Accidents	85
Hit & Run Accidents	3
Personal Injury Accidents	42
Fatal Accidents	1
Total Accidents	127
Total Injuries	69

CITATIONS ISSUED

Warnings	182
Complaints	203
Arrests	30
Total Citations	415

OTHER

Licenses Suspended by Registry of Motor Vehicles	13
Equipment Tags	32
Parking Tags	137
Automobiles Towed Obstructing Public Way	6
Stolen Automobiles	9
Stolen Automobiles Recovered Burned	13
Total Stolen Automobiles Recovered	24
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol	22
Hospital Trips	7
Oxygen Administered	6
Assist Sick Persons	1
Assist Distressed Persons	8
Assist Ambulance	43
Assist Fire Department	13
Assist Other Police Departments	29
Car Fires Other Than Above	4
Runaways	3
Messages Delivered	11
Summons Delivered	169
Prowler Calls	2
Vandalism	82
Bicycles Stolen	17
Bicycles Recovered	9
Domestic Calls	30
Assault & Battery	8
Larceny	43
Breaking & Entering	60
Attempted Breaking & Entering	8
Robbery	2
All Other Arrests	45

Dogs Hit	37
Transfers	21
Windows Found Open	5
Doors Found Open	14
Assist Disabled Motor Vehicles	63
Warrants Posted	12
Reports to Insurance Companies	63
Firearms Identification Cards and Permits Issued	86
Licenses to Dealers	2
Protective Custody Detentions	18
Value Loss of Property Stolen	\$36,021.00
Value of Property Recovered	\$ 6,286.00
General Services Performed	6,230
General Complaints Other Than Above	1,600
Total Radio and Telephone Dispatches	16,556

ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1977

The Board of Fire Engineers hereby submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1977.

Alarm Responses are as follows; totalling 316.

Ambulance Calls	174
Building Fires	9
Automobile Fires	14
Chimney Fires	10
Appliance Fires	2
Forest and Brush	47
Assistance Calls	36
Investigations	18
False Alarms	4
Mutual Aid Calls	2

Permits issued total 114 as follows:

Blasting	30
Oil Burner	39
Home Fire Alarm	39
Model Rocket	2
Storage of Thinner	1
Underground Oil Tanks	3

The following is a list of equipment and apparatus belonging to the Fire Department.

- Engine #1 - 1976 Continental 1000 GPM pumper in good condition.
- Engine #2 - 1964 Farrar 750 GPM pumper in good condition.
- Engine #3 - 1968 Farrar 500 GPM pumper in good condition.
- Engine #4 - 1953 GMC Army truck in poor condition.
- Engine #5 - 1952 Oren 750 GPM pumper in fair condition.
- Rescue #1 - 1974 International Van in good condition.
- Ambulance - 1977 Chevrolet modular type in good condition.

EQUIPMENT

- 5400 Feet of 2½" Hose
- 2500 Feet of 1½" Hose
- 2 Portable electric generators
- 2 Portable Fire Pumps
- 7 Mobile 2-way Radios
- 1 Base Station for radios
- 9 Scott Air Pac units
- 5 Street Fire Alarm Boxes
- 10 Master Fire Alarm Boxes
- Approximate 6 miles of Fire Alarm wire
- 30 Home Alerting Units

During 1977 the following events took place.

1. A new 1000 GPM pumper was delivered to our department.
2. Ten new E.M.T.'S were added to our staff.
3. We became one of the first 30 ambulance services to be licensed by the State of Massachusetts.
4. A rebuilt rescue van was donated by the members of the Fire Department and put into service.
5. Mutual-Aid Ambulance Agreements were signed with Northbridge and Westboro.
6. Fire Prevention programs were held at both schools.
7. A new modular type ambulance was delivered and put into service.

We wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and the townspeople for their cooperation and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT PRENTISS, Chief
HENRY POIRIER, JR., Deputy
MICHAEL BRADFORD, Deputy
Board of Fire Engineers

FOREST FIRE REPORT 1977

Camp Fires	5
Careless Smokers.....	6
Children Playing with Matches.	4
Burning without a Permit	2
South St. Dump	3
State Forest Fires.....	9
Permit Fires	6
Investigation	6
Incendiary	19
Town Dump	2
Grass & Brush.....	13
Number of Permits issued	426
Aided Other Towns	2

75 Forest Fire Calls

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER STANK
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health has met regularly on Thursday evenings.

A reorganizational meeting was held after town election: Roger L. Clark, Chairman, Jean Fowler (1977 election), Secretary, Esther K. Bird, Board Member. In September Roger Clark resigned as Chairman and Esther K. Bird was appointed.

Appointments were made:

Board of Health Physician.....	Bernard McKernan, M.D.
Nursing Supervisor &	
Town Nurse	Joan Waterhouse, B.S., R.N., P.H.N.
Clerk	Celeste Gilchrist
Animal & Milk Inspector	James Jacobson
Burial Agent.....	Martha Williams
Plumbing Inspectors.....	Walter A. Hopkins & W. Bruce Brokaw
Board of Health Agent	George Carey, Hopkinton
Food Inspector	Robert Rimbach

The Board of Health meets with the Professional Advisory Board quarterly. The Board appointed the following, and the Professional Advisory Board organized accordingly:

Ernest Porter, Chairman	
Elizabeth Consigli, Secretary	
Dr. Lee Bird	

Kenneth Young	
Dr. Harmon Smith	
Katherine Rondeau	

Permits and licenses issued from the Board of Health office are as follows:

Food Handlers	26
Plumbing	90
Septic System	41
Rubbish or Offal	6
Installers	21

The Board of Health requested \$5,000.00 of anti-recessionary funds for a Refuse Disposal Survey for the Town of Upton. The article was approved at a special town meeting and the bid was awarded to the Engineering Firm of Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. of Boston.

In September the Board of Health accepted the resignation of Roger Clark as Chairman. Esther K. Bird was appointed Chairman.

The members attend the Central Massachusetts Associated Boards of Health's constructive meetings.

A two-day seminar on Title V sponsored by DEQE at Boxford was attended by Esther K. Bird and a seminar on Article II sponsored by the Dept. of Public Health was attended by Jean Fowler and Esther K. Bird. These meetings and seminars are very beneficial due to the extensive state codes.

The Board of Health has endorsed two additional clinics: one for diabetic screening and a glaucoma clinic, open to the general public.

The Board thanks the Town Boards and Committees for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER K. BIRD, Chairman
ROGER L. CLARK
JEAN FOWLER

**REPORT OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE**

Nursing Visits	1762
Physical Therapy Visits	283
Home Health Aide Service	
Visits	372
Hours	993
 Nursing Service Accounts:	
Total Expenses	\$27,930.76
 Total Receipts	<u>18,779.52</u>
 Net Cost to Town:	\$ 9,151.24

It is with pleasure that I submit my second annual report as Supervisor of Nursing Services and Board of Health Nurse.

In addition to the Nursing Visits for disease control and health promotion, much time was spent in coordination and supervision of the new Home Health Aide Program. This was a year of growth with an increase in the number of patient visits as well as an added service.

We held monthly blood pressure clinics which were attended by 50-60 people. A Flu Shot Clinic served 250 in November. A Diabetic Screening Program was held at the Town Hall throughout the hours of voting in May. 126 attended. A Glaucoma Screening Program was held on a Sunday afternoon and the 50 people who came received this important service. I worked with the nurses at the Memorial School and the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School in setting up and carrying out Measles Immunization Clinics.

Many people have helped to make this a well used service and I thank them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN WATERHOUSE, R.N.

REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

The license fees for milk and cream store licenses were collected for 1977-78 at a fee of \$2.00 each.

<u>Milk and Cream Licenses</u>	<u>Total Fees Collected</u>
12	\$24.00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. JACOBSON, SR.
Milk Inspector

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Total number of dogs restrained because of dog bites was a total of 17 for the year 1977.

Animal Inspection for the following animals and conditions under which they are kept for the year 1977.

Number Dairy Herds:

Cows age two and over	32
Heifers one to two	7
Calves under one year	8
Bulls	1
Steers	0

Beef Herds:

Cows age two and over.....	18
Heifers one to two	12
Calves under one year	22
Bulls	2
Steers	3
Goats	14
Sheep	27
Swine	61
Horses	48
Ponies	29
Donkeys	1
Mules	1

All animals appear to be free from any contagious diseases.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. JACOBSON, JR.
Animal Inspector

1977 REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals of the Town of Upton had two variance hearings during 1977, both of which were granted.

The Board of Appeals is very pleased to notify the Town that "The Hat Shop" now owned by Millhaus Trust of Upton, is in the process of becoming an apartment house for the elderly, to satisfy the needs for the large elderly population in the community. The Board wishes to thank all the citizens of the Town of Upton who assisted the Board of Appeals in the final outcome of this particular project.

JOHN F. LE BRUN, Chairman
DAVID G. CLARK, Vice Chairman
LEO J. LAMANUZZI, JR., Member

REPORT OF UPTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Honorable Board of Selectmen
Upton, Massachusetts 01568

Gentlemen:

We submit herewith a recapitulation of the figures used in fixing the tax rate for the year Fiscal 1978.

Gross Amount to be Raised	\$1,977,376.09
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	857,376.09
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	1,120,000.00

Real Property Valuations	\$16,287,800.00
Personal Property Valuations	1,212,200.00
Total Property Valuations	\$17,500,000.00

Tax Rate \$64.00

Real Property Tax	\$ 1,042,419.20
Personal Property Tax	77,580.80
Total Taxes Levied on Property	\$ 1,120,000.00

SAMUEL NAHRA
CARL W. PORTER
Board of Assessors

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
EXPENSES 1977 - 1978

EXPENSES

Appropriated	\$3,000.00
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EXPENDED

Assessors Expense	\$2,212.21
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ASSESSORS SALARY

Appropriated	\$3,498.00
Expended	\$ 583.00

CLERKS SALARY

Appropriated	\$2,385.00
Expended	\$1,188.00

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

New Homes.....	31
Mobile Homes	2
Alterations to Homes	18
Industrial Building	1
Periodic Inspections	7
Zoning Violations	10
Total Number of Permits Recorded.....	60

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK ROCHE
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

During 1977, your Upton Civil Defense organization, as usual, was in the Monthly Races Drill Tests on the first Monday night of each month at 7:30 P.M. with the Sector 3 B Communications Center. Your Civil Defense Director and Gerald Shaughnessy have been on hand at the Upton Civil Defense Headquarters in the Town Hall.

There also have been Checkerboard (warning) tests monthly, and the police department has also recorded the time and date received from the State Police via radio or County Fire net, or via Hopedale. The time that the person responsible for activating the outdoor warning is notified should be close to the time of receipt of the Checkerboard. We then mail a reply card to the Office of Emergency Preparedness, 400 Worcester Road, Framingham, Mass.

Upton Fallout Shelter is located in the basement of the Memorial School.

Our Sector 3 B Director is Frank Belitsky, and he makes contact with us quite often. He is located at Westboro Headquarters, Telephone 1-366-5321.

During 1977, we made many trips to the Myles Standish Warehouse in Taunton and have purchased some nice equipment at low cost. At the present time it has slowed down.

The Police Department, Auxiliary Police, Fire and Highway Departments have been very cooperative. My thanks are also extended to the Upton Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Finance Committee and others for their cooperation.

The Area 3 Civil Defense Headquarters is located in Westboro, and Harold F. Rossi is the area 3 Director. Telephone 1-366-5321. His area 3 Secretary is Mrs. Paula Thomas. I have enjoyed working with Harold Rossi for over 22 years.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. GREBENSTEIN
Upton Civil Defense Director
Telephone: 529-6561

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 1977, the Commission regretfully accepted the resignation of Melvin Shahan, treasurer of the Commission for several years. The Commission wishes to express its appreciation to Mel for his years of service to the town.

Wallace Davis III was named to the Commission during 1977, to fill a vacancy and Francis Walleston assumed the position of Treasurer.

Four Wetlands Protection Act hearings were held during 1977, with one remaining open awaiting further information. Many on site inspections were conducted to determine applicability of this law. In order to increase awareness of the Wetlands Protection Act, a letter was drawn up by the Commission to be distributed with building permits. It is our hope that this letter will help to prevent violations of this Act, through education of prospective home builders.

Problems arising from leakage of the dam at North Pond, owned by North American Rockwell are well on the way to be solved, following an onsite inspection of the area by members of this Commission, the Milford Conservation Commission, Army Corps of Engineers, North American Rockwell, and the D. E. Q. E. (Division of Waterways). The co-operation of all these agencies is greatly appreciated by the Commission.

Thanks to the help of the Board of Selectmen, a potential hazard is receiving attention from the building inspector. Perimeter drains commonly used to lower the water table have been allowed to remain uncovered for up to a year. Now, the drains must be piped and backfilled, or securely fenced to prevent accidents. Co-operation of builders in this matter is strongly urged.

There were no applicants for this years campership to the Conservation Camp in Spencer. We hope next season will provide more interest.

\$2,200 was appropriated at the annual town meeting for weed control at Pratt, Wildwood, Mill, and Taft Ponds. The Commission is pleased with the results of this control, done by Aquatic Control Technology, of Wayland.

The Commission appreciates the co-operation it has received from other town boards during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
SHEILA PORTER, Chairman
FRANCIS WALLESTON, Treasurer
BETTE NORRIS
RUFIN VAN BOSSUYT
RICHARD DESJARDINS
DONALD NELSON
WALLACE DAVIS III

ANNUAL REPORT OF UPTON COUNCIL ON AGING

The year 1977 marked a change in emphasis for senior adult programs. Monthly entertainment trips started in March with a trip to the Flower Show and ended with a Christmas party at the Yankee Dummer in Auburn. Medical trips were continued for those who needed them. A new program of monthly shopping trips to malls were inaugurated. A newsletter was published twice but due to lack of funds was discontinued. We intend to publish bi-monthly in 1978.

New **Green Thumb** employment program was introduced that employed four citizens over 60. This is an on-going program for rural areas that could enlist more citizens in 1978.

A "Friendly Visitor" program was started in November through this Green Thumb program. It is hoped this program will enable Upton to become more aware of needs and problems of the Upton elderly.

We want to continue these programs, re-vitalize discontinued programs and add new programs with a new drop-in center run by a CETA employed coordinator.

BETSY D. JOHNSON, Chairman
GAIL HEALD
LUCILLE E. METTEY
DOROTHY OLSON
MABEL WRIGHT

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

During the year 1977 a total of 167 dogs were picked up. Of these 51 were sold, 78 were returned to their owners and 38 were humanely destroyed. A marked increase in licensed dogs helped to facilitate identification and return of dogs to their rightful owners. We hope this will continue to improve during the coming year.

In conjunction with the Hopkinton Humane Society we successfully sponsored five spaying and neutering clinics. Over 100 local dogs and cats were operated upon. Unfortunately too many dogs and cats were picked up dead on Upton roads.

Numerous complaints of barking and destructive dogs were also attended to by me. We hope to improve the awareness of the community in regard to responsible ownership of pets and interest in their humane treatment.

Respectfully submitted,
RAY FITZPATRICK

REPORT OF GAS INSPECTORS

Year End Report 1977:

There were a total of Seventeen Gas Permits Issued by Walter A. Hopkins and Bruce Brokaw for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1977. Total of \$45.00 was collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

**WALTER A. HOPKINS
BRUCE BROKAW**
Gas Inspectors

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

ROAD COMMISSIONER SALARY

Balance	\$ 5,928.00
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SALARY ACCOUNT

Balance	8,498.74
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GENERAL

Balance	19,061.79
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SNOW REMOVAL

Balance	33,442.55
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CHAPTER 497

Balance	22,742.95
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CHURCH STREET DRAIN

Balance	225.78
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CHAPTER 497

Balance	52.05
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CHAPTER 765

Balance	7,180.51
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CHAPTER 765

Balance	17,345.00
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CIDER MILL LANE

Balance	2,254.00
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CHAPTER 90

Balance	\$22,000.00
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CHAPTER 90

Balance	7,343.15
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CHAPTER 90

Balance	9,334.03
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May I extend my sincere thanks to all the Town Departments, the Department of Public Works, and the Townspeople for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. POIRIER

Road Commissioner

ANNUAL REPORT OF UPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen
Upton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The thirteenth annual report of the Upton Historical Commission:

The joint project of the Commission - Society, a storage and work room on the third floor of the Knowlton-Risteen building for old costumes and Knowlton hats, has been completed. We are continuing on the State program of recording Historical buildings, sites and houses and have submitted some subjects to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The monument for the G. A. R. Hall site has been set and dedicated.

Because my time and effort were committed elsewhere, the office of Vice Chairman was created and capably filled by Mr. Otis Inman. Jointly with the Town Clerk and the Historical Society, the majority of the contents of the vault in the Town Clerk's office has been catalogued and organized. A program for Preservation of Vital Records, mandated by the Massachusetts Secretary of State, has been initiated and will be financed with Anti-Recessionary funds. Some of these records are the original books started in 1735. Many requests for genealogical information, mostly from out of state, have been answered through combined efforts of the Town Clerk, Historical Society and the Commission. Partial restoration of the Town Pound on Elm Street, has been done for the Commission by Stephen Teachout.

We are grateful to the donors of our constantly growing list, the following for 1977:

Beatrice Cote	Stanley Praskiewicz
Otis Inman	Ada White
Mr. & Mrs. Elston Cooper	Anthony J. Grillo (Thomas Quinn)
Mrs. Charles Barton	Alice Kreisle
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Spencer	Beatrice Goodnow
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Beard	Chester Walker
Mrs. George Harback	Barbara Burke
Mattie Bates	Ernest Bentley
Mary Carroll	Irene Inman
Mrs. Edward Tobey	W. Thornton Cowing
Richard Bouthiette	Mrs. Edward Kuczinski
Kenneth Wood	Marjorie Taft
George Newton	Carol Blomquist
Mrs. David Colcord	Esther Stuart
Mrs. Vivian Mainini	Harold Smith
Fred Harrigan III	Stanton Baker
James Aldrich	Mendon Historical Society
Mrs. Nancy Beatty	George Blackburn
Mrs. George Sears	Fred Harrigan
Adelaide Bartlett	Margaret Crosby
Richard Stockwell for Windsor Brooks	A Friend
Laurie Thompson, Jr.	Nancy Kennedy
Gordon Hopper	Sarah Alexander
Rubelle Keniston	Elizabeth Stickney
Ann Gorman	Philip Carboneau
Alfred Prescott	Doris Rooney
Martha Williams (Town Clerk)	Clara Hart
Donald Wellman	Dorothy Balch
Mrs. David Jacobs	Jack Craib
Henry Walker	Gloria Shea
Christine Salisbury	Phyllis Pirie

Respectfully submitted,

KARL ROONEY, Chairman
 S. OTIS INMAN, Vice Chairman
 BARBARA BURKE, Clerk
 MARJORIE TAFT
 CHESTER W. WALKER

Upton Historical Commission

ANNUAL REPORT OF UPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

We were all saddened by the death of our Chairman, Mr. George M. Blakeslee on July 28th of this year.

I was honored by being named the new Chairman of the board. We were also honored by having two new members appointed to our board to fill vacancies; Mrs. Eleanor R. Broderick and Mr. Olaf Olson. The year of 1977 was a very productive year for our complex. We have had the outside trim on all our buildings painted and are now in the process of having one apartment redecorated each month. I can report that our board has made all repairs that were decided to be necessary, and will continue to do so. The attendance at our monthly meetings has been nearly 100% and I feel honored and very happy to be the chairman.

Sincerely,

KENNETH W. WOOD, Chairman
 NORMAN E. WALKER
 VIVIAN V. MAININI
 ELEANOR R. BRODERICK
 OLAF OLSON

REPORT OF THE LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT AND PEST CONTROL

Dutch Elm and Insect Pest Control

Chapter 657

During the year 1977, thirty-three (33) elm trees infected with the Dutch Elm Disease were removed. Tree samples were taken by the Local Superintendent and condemned at the Shade Tree Laboratories at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts. The diseased wood was burnt at a site near the town dump on Maple Avenue. The large butts were burnt at the South Upton Pit on land donated to the department by Henry J. Poirier.

Poison Ivy was sprayed on Elm Street, Taft Street, Mendon Street, at Lake Wildwood, and at all the local schoolyards.

The Fall Web Worm was present in Upton again this year. Caterpillar infested branches were cut off, also, in some cases, small cherry trees were cut down. These branches and trees were burnt at a site near the Upton Landfill Dump on Maple Avenue.

I wish to thank public officials, state and district supervisors, town officials, and townspeople for their help and cooperation in 1977.

*Respectfully submitted, DONALD R. KENISTON,
 Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control*

REPORT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Industrial Development Commission held 12 meetings over the past year. With Stanley Craib as chairman, and Thomas Kozel as clerk, other members are Jonas E. Carter, Richard Stockwell, and A. Malcolm Mager.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the lower Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY M. CRAIB, Chairman
JONAS E. CARTER
RICHARD D. STOCKWELL
A. MALCOLM MAGER
THOMAS S. KOZEL

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR 1977

The following is the report of the Library Trustees for 1977.

A check for \$6,194.45 was received from the estate of the late John A. Dearth and deposited in the Lora Davee Dearth Library Account. The principal of the account now totals \$7,694.45 and the interest from the account as well as the interest from the other library Trust Funds is used to help defray the increased costs in the library budget. Having fulfilled the requirements of the State Board of Library Commissioners, we received a grant of \$1,306.50, which was also applied to the budget.

Once again the Trustees were pleased to cooperate with Scoutmaster Richard G. Smith and Committee Chairman Walter Williams of Boy Scout Troop 132, in the scout advancement program. This year as an eagle scout project, twenty young people under the direction of Scout Gerald Kiritsy conducted a house to house survey to inform the residents of the programs and services offered by the library. The survey also requested opinions from the townspeople to help plan additional programs to meet the needs of the community. The suggestions were supportive and encouraging and were directly responsible for extending the amount of library hours from twenty-eight to forty-two per week. In the first four months following the increase, sixty new patrons were registered. In the near future it is hoped many of the new programs will commence through the assistance of volunteers from the community under the name of "Library Friends".

In May, Mrs. Ruth Crooker retired as a Library Trustee after nearly forty years of service to the Town. Mrs. Crooker's flair for writing has left our community an accurate history of the library through the minutes of the trustees' meetings. She has also set an example of dedication, devotion and service to Upton which all elected officials should try to emulate.

The Library Concert programs were continued and attendance has increased with each program. We hope a way will be found to finance the continuation of these musical offerings. The Trustees believe any program offered by the library should be available to everyone and not limited to those who can afford to pay admission. For this reason a fee is not charged. Although free will donations have been received, they do not begin to cover the expense of the performers, the donation towards the hall and other incidental expenses. We are hopeful that through the efforts of the Library Friends a means will be found to raise the necessary funds.

Through the Federal Green Thumb Inc. program we have an additional library aide to work in the John B. Fay Resource Room. This has allowed more continued access to the microfilms, documents and other materials which deal with genealogy and town history.

We are thankful for the imaginative displays created by Mrs. Elizabeth Beard each month, and for the many citizens of the town who have offered their collections, artwork, and momentos to be displayed.

We are proud of our staff, Mrs. Amelia Akerson, Librarian, Mrs. Mary E. Ferris, Library Assistant, Mrs. Katherine Coluci, Library Aide, and Miss Theresa Poirier, High School Aide, for making the library a center of learning, recreation and service.

We appreciate the encouragement, support, interest and generosity we have received from the townspeople and wish to thank the Selectmen for their continued assistance and confidence they have given to our Board.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA E. BURKE, Chairman
KARL ROONEY, Vice-Chairman
STANTON BAKER, Secretary
SIDNEY BEARD, Treasurer
ELIZABETH WOOD
MARGARET STANTON
JANET CATON
CAROLYN BLOMQUIST
HOWARD WATERHOUSE

Board of Library Trustees

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For the Year 1977

Cash on hand, January 1, 1977	\$ 8,415.14
Appropriation Town of Upton	14,806.00
Appropriation State	<u>1,306.50</u>
Total	\$24,527.64
Expenditures:	
Salaries	\$ 9,680.97
Expense (Books)	<u>6,605.59</u>
Total	<u>\$16,286.56</u>
On Hand January 1, 1978	\$ 8,241.08

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY BEARD, JR.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Upton Town Library:

The Librarian herewith respectfully submits her annual report.

As required, the Dr. Carpenter collection has had books added.

A reading program for the young people was held during the summer with the awarding of a book to each participant.

For Children's Book Week, the children made original book marks.

Films provided to the library from the Regional System Film Library are shown Saturday morning to our young patrons.

The townspeople have found the availability of a copying machine at the library a great advantage.

Loans of books from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System Bookmobile greatly augment our book collection. Children's games and puzzles, framed art prints, talking books and records are also on loan from the Regional System. Specific requests for print and non-print material are received by weekly by the Van delivery.

Our display case and bulletin board are changed monthly by Mrs. Elizabeth Beard with materials on loan from students and the townspeople. Mrs. Beard's original and creative themes were American stencils, graphic arts, printing materials, pressed flowers, home economic handwork, buttons, beginning photography, North American Indian authentic artifacts, Russian memorabilia, shells and shell jewelry, crafts from Switzerland, early American kitchen ware, miniature stoves, old children's books and Christmas books.

Your Librarian attended the ALA mid winter meeting in January held in Washington D.C.

In May I attended the MLA Conference in Chicopee.

Your Chairman Mrs. Barbara Burke and Librarian attended the NELA meeting in Chicopee.

Your Librarian has participated in meetings of the Crac Board, GWPLA, Crab's, Children's Service Group and AV workshops held at neighboring libraries.

Gifts of records, books and periodicals have been gratefully received from the Upton Conservation Committee, Mrs. Helene Robinson, Mrs. Barbara Burke, Mrs. Gladys MacGregor, Library of Congress, Steven Teachout, Mrs. Joy Hernandez, Mrs. Lorilee Morin, Mrs. Mary Barnicle, Mrs. Constance King, Upton Women's Club, Henry Walker, Mrs. Charlene Gadde, Evangelistic Association, Mrs. Burton Newton, Mrs. Donna Smith, Mrs. Karen Boucher, Mrs. Robert Carnegie, Rev. Howard Waterhouse, Congressman Joseph Early, Mrs. Helen Borek, Mrs. Ida Babbitt, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, Mrs. Ann Guterman, First Church of Christ Scientist, Robert Balch, Amelia Akerson, and anonymous.

Your Librarian wishes to thank all the organizations and individuals for their gifts to the library, the townspeople for their sustained patronage, Mrs. Janet Caton, Mrs. Mary Ferris, Miss Kathleen Varney, and Miss Theresa Poirier for their kind assistance, Mrs. Elizabeth Beard for her artistic contributions, and the Trustees for their generous support.

Respectfully submitted,

AMELIA AKERSON,
Librarian

LIBRARY STATISTICS 1977

Days Library open 248

Circulation:	Adult	Juvenile
Generalities	83	157
Philosophy	202	15
Religion	143	40
Social Sciences	672	599
Language	24	1
Pure Science	540	487
Technology	1209	373
The Arts	1028	410
Literature	340	236
History	425	196
Geog., Travel	319	167
Biography	830	163
Fiction	8619	6839
Maps	1	
Periodicals	3168	610
Pamphlets	9	4
Patterns	215	
Clippings	4	
Projector	3	
Films	215	
Cassettes	5	11
Recordings	386	364
Total Circulation	18,440	10,672
Collected fines on overdue material		\$ 37.28
Copying machine copies		203.80
Amount turned in to Town		241.08

Added during 1977

Volumes by purchase	524
Volumes by gift	244
Records by gift	6

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday and Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday closed	
Thursday and Friday	2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Library Telephone 529-6272

Title of books added to the library as gifts

Fiction:

Ambler, E.	The light of day
Brand, M.	Frontier feud
Brown, Jr.	The outfit
Burdick, E.	Nina's book
Christie, A.	Murder at the vicarage
Christie, A.	Hallowe'en party
Clavell, J.	Tai-pan
Culp, J.	Timothy Baines; a novel
Creasey, J.	Let's Kill Uncle Lionel
Drury, A.	Thorne of Saturn
DuMaurier, D.	Don't look now
Ellis, M.	The wild runners
Fowles, J.	Daniel Martin
Freeling, N.	King of the rainy country
Freeling, N.	The lovely ladies
Fremlin, C.	Prisoner's base
Gann, E.	The antagonists
Gould, L.	Such good friends
Graham, J.	Envolement of Arnold Wechsler
Gray, F.	Lovers and tyrants
Grierson, E.	A crime of one's own
Heyer, G.	Charity girl
Holden, A.	The witness
Household, G.	Dooms caravan
Keith, C.	Rich uncle
Lathan, E.	Ashes to ashes
Lington, E.	Practice to deceive
Lipsky, E.	Mal practice
Lockridge, R.	Something up a sleeve
Loomis, S.	Fatal friendship
MacLean, A.	Caravan to Viccares
Marsh, N.	Tied up in tinsel
Maugham, R.	The link
Merliss, R.	Consider the seasons
Myrer, A.	Once an eagle
Robertson, D.	A flag full of stars
Safire, W.	Full disclosure, a novel
Simenon, G.	Miagret and the black sheep
Warren, R.	A place to come to
Watson, C.	Kissing coverts
Wells, H.	Thirty strange stories

Non-Fiction:

Aldrich, R.
 American Tech. Soc.
 Ames, B.
 Atkins, R.
 Baer, J.
 Better Homes
 Books in print 1975
 Borland, H.
 Borland, H.
 Bragdon, H.
 Buchwald, A.
 Coatsworth, E.
 Comstock, J.
 Cultural Institutions in Massachusetts
 Cummings, J.
 Davis, A.
 Eareckson, J.
 Eckert, A.
 Eddy, M.
 Encyclopedia Britannica (1952)
 Encyclopedia of Associations
 Fuller, H.
 Gardening for food and fun
 Gibbons, E.
 Goldmann, N.
 Hatch, A.
 Hodgson, G.
 Hoover, H.
 Jaworski, L.
 Krutch, Jr.
 Kubler, R.
 Lewis, D.
 Loomis, S.
 Monroe, R.
 Moody, R.
 Moore, R.
 Morris, D.
 O'Neill, N.
 Percy, C.
 Ricky, C.
 Rogers, E.
 Sayre, E.
 Shannon, W.
 Singer, C.
 Smith, P.

Gertrude Lawrence as Mrs. A.
 Automobile engineering
 What shall we name the baby?
 Dr. Atkins diet revolution
 The second wife
 Treasury of Christmas ideas

 Book of days
 A place to begin
 History of a free people
 Have I ever lied to you?
 Personal geography
 How to know the butterflies

 Why they call him the buffalo doctor
 Let's eat well
 Joni
 Wild season
 Science and health

 The plant world

 Stalking the healthful herbs
 Autobiography of Nahum Goldmann
 The Lodges of Massachusetts
 America in our times
 The years of the forest
 The right and the power
 The gardener's world
 Death the final stage of growth
 Prisoners of honor: the Dreyfus affair
 The fatal friendship
 Journeys out of the body
 Life after life
 The French connection
 Intimate behaviour
 Open marriage
 Growing old in the country of the young
 The Brownings
 Physics for the inquiring mind
 A Christmas book
 They could not trust the king
 A history of technology
 Design and construction of stables

Sourdough Jack's cookery

Subject guide to books in print 1975

Teasdale, S.	Those who love
Tucker, T.	Bermuda today and yesterday
20th century bookkeeping and accounting	
Walker, B.	The new immorality
Wenker, M.	Art of serving food attractively
Weyer, E.	Strangest creatures on earth
White, J.	American vignettes
Worst, E.	Foot-power loom weaving
Wilson, E.	A window on Russia

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks and Recreation Commission hereby submit their report for 1977-1978. Improvements are continuing at the Parks and Recreation' two major facilities, Howard Leland Field and The Pratt Pond Area. This work is under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation maintenance man, David Francis. Dave has had as many as 5 C.E.T.A. workers at a given time to help with these areas, plus the maintaining of the town's lawns.

The Commission reports that the Summer Recreation Director Edward Furphy and his staff have concluded another successful program of activities for the youngsters. Also the Swim Instruction Program directed by Karen Lee and her staff, and the Life Guards under the direction of Peter Morganelli have completed another successful season.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON C. TEACHOUT, JR.,
Chairman
THOMAS KOZEL
STEVEN DEUTCH

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During the year 1977 we have seen a steady increase in lot approvals and building permit applications. We have witnessed the completion of the Lord Jeffrey Estates housing subdivision, recommended that the town accept Hickory Lane as a town road and also recommended that the town accept the old South St. extension as Oak Drive.

The Planning Board met 23 times in 1977. A large portion of our time was devoted to the rewriting of our by-laws and the redrawing of our zoning map, both in accordance with new state requirements. Our zoning map has been completed and we hope to have finished our by-laws for the 1978 annual town meeting.

1977 was a year of controlled, moderate growth in accordance with the zoning plans of our board. Hopefully with the strengthening of our zoning by-laws, we will be able to continue to prepare for the successful development of Upton.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN G. HILL, Chairman
HAROLD BURNETT, Clerk
JAMES MARTIN
LESTER P. SHEA
EDWARD M. WADSWORTH

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

On May 9 and 10, 1977, Upton was hit hard by a wet snow, causing more damage to the town roadside trees than I have ever seen in my thirty years working for the Upton Tree Department. This storm was also costly in that some limbs that were broken off or bent over stayed up in the trees. These limbs were extremely dangerous, and had to be removed by bucket tree trucks. I would like to thank all the crews that worked all night and part of the day to keep the roads open and remove hangers that were dangerous to the public way. A special thank you to the highway, police, and fire departments.

In 1977, 124 trees were taken down. Forty-eight (48) trees were removed as a result of the May snowstorm. Fifty-eight (58) were dead or diseased, eighteen (18) were dangerous to the public way. The tree department had thirty-two (32) emergency calls during the past year.

Thirty-two (32) shade trees were planted along the town's roadsides during 1977. The tree department assisted in the planting of a tree donated by the Upton Women's Club, and another tree donated by Mrs. Charles Stuart in memory of her late husband, former Upton Selectman Charles R. Stuart, was planted on the Upton Common.

With the increased cutting of many trees for use as home heating fuel, the landowner should plan a Tree Replacement Program in the near future.

I wish to thank Deputy Tree Warden, Leo Morin, public officials, townspeople, and the Massachusetts Electric Company for their assistance during 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD R. KENISTON,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Appropriations	\$15,000.00
Sundries, Aid allocated to persons	5,943.38
Estimated State Reimbursements of 1977	2,971.69
Net Cost for Sundries	2,971.69
Unexpended Appropriations	9,056.62

ADMINISTRATIVE COST

Salary of Agent	\$ 1,380.00
Expenses, Appropriation	1,000.00
Expenses, Expended	332.45
Unexpended appropriation	667.55

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL NAHRA, JR., Director
Veterans' Services
Town of Upton

WATER-SEWER COMMISSION

The past year saw the completion of about 90% of the water system expansion program with the addition of about 120 new services, and the erection of the new 1,000,000 gallon water storage facility which will give the town much greater water distribution and fire protection.

We expect construction work on the sewer project to begin during March, 1978. Because of the size of this project, it is estimated that this work will require about 20 months to complete. However, we do hope to have the new interceptor line and some street sewers finished during the calendar year.

DANIEL J. FITZPATRICK, *Chairman*
ROYCE E. BEATTY
SAMUEL E. ALDRICH
WATER-SEWER COMMISSIONERS

TOWN OF UPTON
BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1977

ASSETS

Cash:		
General	\$158,800.31	
Invested	<u>150,000.00</u>	
		\$308,800.31
Accounts Receivable:		
Real Estate 1963/1969	1,045.80	
Real Estate 1970	428.40	
Real Estate 1971	748.16	
Personal Property 1971	40.60	
Real Estate 1972	37.80	
Personal Property 1972	254.88	
Real Estate 1973/74	4,281.72	
Personal Property 1973/74	137.99	
Real Estate 1975	13,324.75	
Personal Property 1975	128.52	
Real Estate 1975	22,438.33	
Personal Property 1976	315.68	
Real Estate 1977	57,919.01	
Personal Property 1977	<u>1,453.80</u>	
		102,555.44
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1975	200.00	
Levy of 1977	<u>331.33</u>	
		531.33
Tax Title and Possessions:		
Tax Possessions	8,862.29	
Tax Title	<u>9,699.04</u>	
		18,561.33
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1972	4,717.15	
Levy of 1973/74	5,217.12	
Levy of 1975	1,516.37	
Levy of 1976	13,721.96	
Levy of 1977	<u>37,927.84</u>	
		63,100.44
Water:		
Water Rates	8,688.48	
Water Service	585.00	
Water Betterment	603.92	
Water Liens 1970	39.55	
Water Liens 1975	1,533.92	
Water Liens 1977	<u>1,415.00</u>	
		12,865.87

Sewer:		
Sewer Rentals	\$ 1,945.06	
Sewer Liens 1970	10.50	
Sewer Liens 1975	536.81	
Sewer Liens 1977	<u>87.94</u>	
		\$ 2,580.31
Departmental:		
Cemetery, Annual Care	271.00	
Ambulance	<u>520.00</u>	
		791.00
Aid to Highway:		
State	22,000.00	
County	<u>11,000.00</u>	
		33,000.00
Stabilization Fund		48,754.18
Revolving Account:		
Employee Blue Cross		705.73
Unprovided for or Overdrawn:		
Central Mass. Mosquito Control	4,361.91	
Worcester County Retirement	6,742.85	
Overlay 1972	16.20	
Overlay 1975	272.20	
Overlay 1977	10,388.50	
Highway, Snow Removal	<u>7,914.06</u>	
		29,695.72
Loans Authorized (Sewer)		2,048,000.00
Deferred Revenue (1978)		1,546,560.00
Net Funded and Fixed Debt:		
Inside Limit	100,000.00	
Outside Limit	<u>211,000.00</u>	
		<u>311,000.00</u>
		<u>\$4,527,501.66</u>

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Agency:

Dog Licenses for County	\$ 181.50
Sale of Dogs	30.00
Excess Sale of Land, Low Value	<u>11,629.24</u>
	\$ 11,840.74

Tailings:

Reserve-Unclaimed Checks	739.58
Tax Collector Overage	<u>205.55</u>
	945.13

Trust Funds, Interest Income:

Schools:

Batchelor-Knowlton	954.03
C. A. Batchelor	650.37

Library:

C. A. Batchelor	489.28
Schultz Fund	850.18
Carpenter Fund	293.38
Memorial Fund of Upton	216.28
Cemetery Perpetual Care	<u>3,641.31</u>

7,094.83

Revolving Fund:

Town Employees, Outside Work	733.75
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Miscellaneous:

Cemetery, Sale of Lots	1,690.00
Dog Licenses from County	1,440.73
Reserve Fund, Overlay Surplus	<u>10,548.51</u>

13,679.24

Over Appropriated-Reserve:

State Recreation Areas	609.31
Air Pollution	11.91
County Tax	561.72
Special Education	<u>1,218.00</u>

2,400.94

Overlay, Reserve for Abatements:

Levy of 1970	163.13
Levy of 1971	788.76
Levy of 1973/74	4,419.71
Levy of 1976	<u>9,970.76</u>

15,342.36

Excess & Deficiency:

Surplus Revenue	208,730.65
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Revenue:

Departmental	\$ 791.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	63,100.44
Farm Animal Excise	531.33
Tax Title-Tax Possession	18,561.33
Water	12,865.87
Sewer	2,580.31
Highway	<u>33,000.00</u>

\$131,430.28

Appropriation Balances:

(All items voted at Annual Town Meeting on May 7, 1977 for
 1978 Budget from Available Funds and Stabilization Fund
 are posted and included herewith)

Tax Title Foreclosure	273.12
Town Revaluation	31,510.00
Tree Warden Radio	700.00
New Ambulance	8,500.00
Valley Adult Counseling	303.75
Town Dump Maintenance	26,200.00
Weed Control	2,200.00
Highway, 90 Construction	16,599.34
Highway, #497	38,182.63
Highway Construction & Improvement	21,709.29
Highway, Church Street Drain	2,000.00
Highway, Cider Mill Lane	3,724.00
Highway, Street Lights	165.00
Highway, Crockett Road Maintenance	4,000.00
Veterans Benefits	15,000.00
Library Expense	1,306.50
Library Donations	179.71
Water Mains Extension	19,273.44
Cemetery Committee Salaries	275.00
Cemetery General Maintenance	8,725.00
Cemetery Wall	384.60
Cemetery Oiling & Grading	1,201.00
Civil Defense	577.89
Conservation Fund	3,753.47
Insurance	22,000.00
Upton 250th Anniversary	<u>1,000.00</u>

229,743.74

Loans Authorized (Unissued) Sewer

2,048,000.00

Budget Accounts Accrued (1978)

1,546,560.00

Serial Loans:

Sewer	100,000.00
Water	<u>211,000.00</u>

311,000.00

\$4,527,501.66

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING**JUNE 30, 1977**(Includes appropriations of Town Meeting May 7, 1977 for Fiscal 1978
of funds received or to be received.)

Federal Revenue Sharing:	
Appropriation Control	\$ 91,981.77
Library Septic System	\$ 625.50
Water Dept. Maintenance	2,902.01
Town Sewer Extension	6,902.92
Tax Title Foreclosure	7,300.00
Highway, Street Lights	17,000.00
Interest	30,780.00
Worcester County Retirement	6,471.34
Paint & Repair Water Tank	15,000.00
Finance Committee Reserve Account	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$ 91,981.77
Cash on Hand, Revenue Sharing	\$ 62,427.26
Special Cash P.L. 92-512	\$ 62,427.26

FEDERAL ANTI-RECESSION

Cash on Hand	\$ 17,566.98
Recreational Development "Pending Appropriation"	750.98
	<u>16,816.00</u>
	\$ 17,566.98

**TRUSTS AND INVESTMENTS
CASH AND SECURITIES**

Trusts and Investments, Cash & Securities:	\$ 533,239.54
C.A. Batchelor-G.W. Knowlton Fund	\$ 8,438.14
Ella Whitney Risteen Fund	84,123.34
George W. Schultz Library Fund	2,000.00
Dr. Carpenter Library Fund	1,000.00
C. A. Batchelor Library Fund	5,000.00
C. A. Batchelor School Fund	5,000.00
William Knowlton Fund	75,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	
Worcester County Inst-Saving	22,735.00

Trusts and Investments,
Cash & Securities Cont'd.:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	
Milford Federal Savings/Loan	\$ 38,111.00
Workmans Compensation Ins. Fund	5,121.44
Stabilization Fund	161,811.21
Eliza C. Keith Library Fund	1,548.59
Lora Dearth Memorial Fund (Library)	8,271.34
Gary Bates Scholarship Fund	2,438.74
Upton 250th Anniversary Fund	4,729.65
Knowlton School Fund	28.58
Ella Whitney Risteen-Welfare	32,970.62
Ella Whitney Risteen-School	33,340.20
Ella Whitney Risteen-Beautification	10,199.92
Ella Whitney Risteen Scholarship Fund	929.33
William Knowlton Fund	11,367.65
George W. Knowlton Charity Fund	10,638.23
Batchelor-Knowlton Fund	<u>8,436.56</u>
	\$533,239.54

CASH RECEIPTS (July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977)

(Town)

Invested Cash		\$350,000.00
Real Estate:		
Levy of 1973/4	\$ 1,463.24	
Levy of 1975	4,413.96	
Levy of 1976	35,117.07	
Levy of 1977	<u>825,347.97</u>	
		866,342.24
Personal Property:		
Levy of 1976	266.71	
Levy of 1977	<u>82,500.90</u>	
		82,727.61
Tax Title in Eskrow		18,496.39
Motor Vehicle Excise		130,460.24
Water	33,468.32	
Sewer	<u>3,348.63</u>	
		36,816.95
Tax Title		17,491.53
Cemetery:		
Annual Care-Burials	2,003.00	
Perpetual Care	2,510.00	
Sale of Lots	570.00	
Interest on PPCare Funds	<u>1,214.58</u>	
		6,297.58

Ambulance	\$ 145.00
Trusts:	
C. A. Batchelor, School	\$ 267.12
C. A. Batchelor, Library	334.95
Schultz Library	115.78
Carpenter Library	53.46
Risteen Welfare	786.00
Risteen Schools	2,018.59
Risteen Beautification	1,465.61
E. N. Risteen Scholarship	250.00
Gary Bates Scholarship	300.00
William Knowlton Fund	<u>9,533.81</u>
	15,125.32
Revolving:	
Federal W/H Taxes	26,860.94
Mass. W/H Taxes	10,333.69
County Retirement W/H	7,187.02
Blue Cross-Blue Shield W/H	3,752.56
Town Employees, Outside Work	<u>1,911.67</u>
	50,045.85
Dogs:	
Licenses for County	2,047.70
Sale of Dogs	<u>129.00</u>
	2,176.70
Loans, Anticipation of Reimb.	
	100,000.00
Stabilization Fund	
	20,000.00
Town Accounts (Void Checks, Etc.):	
Finance Committee Expense	34.60
Sewer Plant Maint.	70.00
Sewer Plant Expense	10.00
Highway, General	<u>13.50</u>
	128.10
Departmental:	
Selectmen	5,867.60
Health Department	14,841.30
Wiring Inspector	448.00
Conservation Comm.	125.00
Library Fines & Copies	293.12
Town Clerk	274.00
Cemetery Deeds	21.00
Police Department	553.50
Building Permits	1,345.00
Gas Inspector	45.00
Assessor Valuation Books	<u>6.00</u>
	23,819.52

Miscellaneous:

Tax Title Costs	\$ 1,354.14
Rental, Town Property	2,310.00
Return of Fines	2,272.32
Betterment Liens	4.00
Town Bids	5.00
Insurance Claim	25.00
Vandalism	36.00
Sale of Fire Truck	300.00
Sale of Town Property	12,000.00
Refund, Xmas Tree Lights	<u>125.00</u>
	\$ 18,431.46

Interest:

Invested Cash	4,023.65
Delinquent Taxes	2,536.17
Eskrow Tax Title	7,331.12
Fees-Delinquent Taxes	<u>230.00</u>
	14,121.04

(State)

Veterans Benefits	7,468.86
Libraries	1,306.50
Highway, 90 Constr.	11,000.00
Highway, Gen'l Exp. C-T	941.50
School, Chapter 70	327,952.20
Highway, 497	31,719.57
Highway, 825	35,573.58
Highway, D.P.W.	43,472.77
Highway, Mass. Transit	556.79
Local Taxation, Budgetry	2,999.30
City & Town Land	18,841.14
National Resources	1,495.00
Lottery	16,577.67
Beano	<u>14,112.02</u>
	514,016.90

(County)

Highway, 90 Constr.	5,500.00
Dog Licenses	<u>1,339.34</u>
	6,839.34

(Other Towns)

Mendon,	
Nipmuc Snow Removal	600.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **\$2,274,081.80**

Expended 1976-77

Moderator Salary	\$ 50.00
Selectmen Salaries	1,400.00
Selectmen Clerk Salary	1,000.00
Selectmen Expense:	
Printing & Postage	107.71
Meetings & Travel	85.60
Supplies	97.43
Other Expenses	398.75
Accountant Salary	3,000.00
Accountant Expense:	
Clerical	510.00
Equipment & Supplies	386.50
Phone, Postage, Other	603.50
Treasurer-Collector Salary	6,300.00
Treasurer-Collector Clerk	2,000.00
Treasurer-Collector Expense:	
Supplies	793.28
Printing & Postage	1,300.62
Telephone	244.01
Travel & Meetings	652.68
Out-of-State Travel	200.00
Other Expense	659.41
Tax Title Foreclosure	5,798.50
Assessors Salaries	3,300.00
Assessors Clerk Salary	2,250.00
Assessors Expense:	
Printing & Postage	225.20
Supplies & Equipment	1,073.70
Travel & Meetings	466.00
Abstracts	476.48
Photo Copies	159.50
Other Expenses	519.19
Assessor Valuation Book	500.00
Capital Budget Committee Expense	70.00
Building Inspector Salary	800.00
Building Inspector Expense	357.00
Conservation Comm. Clerical	42.00
Conservation Comm. Expense	214.65
Finance Committee Clerk	200.00
Finance Committee Expense	147.60
Personnel Board Expense	239.47
Zoning Board of Appeals Expense	437.25
Bonding Town Officers	737.00
Town Counsel Retainer	50.00
Town Counsel Expense	3,185.00

Planning Board Expense	\$ 85.34
Mass. Regional Planning	448.24
Growth Policy Committee	39.43
Town Clerk Salary	6,000.00
Town Clerk Expense:	
Filing Certificates	131.00
Printing & Postage	125.59
Meetings & Travel	341.46
Supplies	159.05
Other Expense	38.00
Out-of-State Travel	250.00
Registrar of Voters Salary	390.00
Registrar of Voters Expense:	
Forms & Supplies	678.03
Street Listing	620.10
Printing & Postage	49.01
Elections & Town Meetings	1,486.82
Town Hall Custodian	1,443.98
Office Building Custodian	1,200.00
Town Hall & Office Bldg Exp.:	
Fuel	7,065.88
Electric	3,261.80
Gas	176.41
Water	45.00
Telephone	851.58
Supplies	2,082.84
Repairs	709.60
Rubbish Removal	366.00
Other Expense	218.85
Equipment	1,133.95
Town Hall Renovations	10,944.24
Communication Officer Salary	150.00
Communication Expense:	
Telephone	796.58
Repairs	670.49
Other Expense	419.35
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 83,416.65
Police Chief Salary	14,637.17
Police Sgt. Salary	11,216.35
Police Officer Salary	9,757.78
Police Officer Salary	8,738.02
Police Officer Salary	8,263.58
Police Part Time Labor	22,445.44
Police Genl. Expense:	
Supplies	897.94
Equipment & Repairs	379.09

Police Genl. Expense Cont'd.:

Telephone	\$ 1,645.31
Other Expense	153.00
Dispatcher Salary	8,434.38
Part Time Dispatchers Salary	15,364.37
Cruiser #1 Expense	5,599.95
Cruiser #2 Expense	1,500.00
Jeep Expense	500.00
Out-of-State Travel	58.00
Police Clothing Allowance	2,083.06
Dispatcher Clothing Allowance	364.00
Auxiliary Police Clothing	278.95
Police Training	200.00
New Police Cruiser (1977)	4,999.08

TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

\$117,515.47

Fire Dept. Salaries 5,891.68

E.M.T. Compensation 4,500.00

Fire Dept. Extra Labor 1,572.83

Fire Dept. Expense:

Janitor	176.00
Repairs/Equipment, Vehicles	1,472.94
Gas & Oil, Vehicles	226.07
Fuel	1,583.21
Water	15.00
Gas	470.43
Electric	846.10
Telephone	430.78
Equipment-Personnel	325.95
Supplies-Station	585.92
Other Expense	567.86
Repairs - Station	291.52

Fire Station Building Maint. 1,900.00

Fire Alarm Maintenance:

Repairs	134.03
Electric	20.41
Telephone	621.76
Labor	396.05
Other Expense	320.20

Fire Dept. New Hose 1,200.00

Forest Fire Expense:

Labor	1,989.25
Supplies	116.71
Equipment & Repairs	214.30
Gas & Oil	35.20
Permits	25.00
Other Expense	29.24
Forest Fire New Hose	515.00
Fire Station Addition	312.00

Gas Inspector Salary	\$ 200.00
Wiring Inspector Salary	300.00
New Fire Truck	35,007.30
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 62,292.74

Tree Warden:	
Labor	1,709.00
Truck Hire	539.00
Equipment	2,736.00
Supplies	129.95
Other Expense	486.00
Dutch Elm & Pest Control:	
Labor	817.50
Truck Hire	303.00
Equipment	1,094.00
Supplies	177.31
Other Expense	8.10
TOTAL TREE DEPARTMENT	\$ 7,999.86

Ambulance Maintenance:	
Labor	2,361.60
Gas & Oil	139.75
Repairs & Equipment	264.29
Laundry	82.00
Supplies	840.11
Other Expense	260.40
TOTAL AMBULANCE MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,948.15

Board of Health Clerk Salary	200.00
Board of Health Expense:	
Supplies	525.90
Travel & Meetings	284.80
Permits	5.60
Clinics	30.00
Telephone	271.51
Postage	62.00
Other Expenses	344.10
Nurses Salaries	8,375.26
Nursing Service Clerk	3,432.00
Nursing Supervisors Salary	1,200.00
Nursing Service Expense:	
Part Time Labor	1,932.00
Supplies	2,425.41
Postage	192.00
Telephone	453.63
Travel	27.90
Meetings	66.50
Other Expense	749.83
Car Maintenance	1,039.00

Board of Health Salaries	\$ 700.00
Board of Health Agent	46.00
Animal Inspector	175.00
Burial Inspector	50.00
Milk Inspector	50.00
Plumbing Inspectors	1,364.00
Food Inspectors	1,150.00
Valley Adult Counseling	911.25
Youth Guidance Center	1,652.00
Town Dump Rental	400.00
Town Dump Maintenance	24,599.50
Dog Officer Salary	300.00
Dog Officer Expense	1,104.00
Dog Officer, Extra Expense	400.00
Board of Health Automobile	4,000.00
Weed Control	634.00
TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$ 59,153.19
Highway Commissioner Salary	11,600.00
General Highway:	
Labor	5,092.71
Equipment	14,458.50
Materials	8,862.06
Highway Vacation Account	693.20
Highway Snow Removal:	
Labor	3,418.68
Equipment	33,398.14
Materials	16,097.24
Highway, Street Lights	13,699.10
Chapter 765	
Labor	1,351.64
Equipment	1,816.75
Materials	41,092.96
Chapter 497	
Labor	2,141.10
Equipment	11,356.75
Materials	20,673.51
Cider Mill Lane	276.00
School Street Sidewalk	2,397.22
Chapter 1140	
Labor	1,355.95
Equipment	3,779.66
Materials	19,397.13
Warren Street Drain	525.34
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	\$213,483.64

Veteran Officer Salary	\$ 1,300.00
Veteran Officer Expense	1,000.00
Veterans Benefits:	
Ordinary	7,889.66
Medical	849.89
TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES	\$ 11,039.55
 Mendon-Upton Regional School	843,743.24
Blk. Valley Reg. Voc. School	35,258.58
 TOTAL SCHOOLS	\$ 879,001.82
 Librarian Salary	6,733.32
Assistants Wages	2,833.46
Library Expense:	
Books	3,608.36
Periodicals	86.40
Supplies	1,902.19
Telephone	198.51
Other Expense	653.97
Library Shelving	525.29
Extraordinary Expense	347.00
 TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ 16,888.50
 Parks & Athletic Fields	4,824.80
Summer Recreation	2,000.00
Summer Youth Program	1,767.11
Beach Programs	3,700.00
Labor-Town Bldg/Grounds	6,525.00
Recreation/Equipment	1,968.05
 TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 20,784.96
 Water-Sewer Comm. Salaries	1,950.00
Water-Sewer Comm. Clerk	1,010.00
Water-Sewer Comm. Expense	90.81
Water Supt. Salary	1,000.00
Water Dept. Maintenance:	
Labor	642.00
Equipment	66.75
Supplies	209.25
Telephone	378.68
Electric	6,943.07
Fuel	619.83
Repairs	872.25
Meter Readers	437.50
Meter Readers	316.00
Other Expense	1,400.64
Postage	213.00

Water Mains Extension	\$ 5,857.00
Hydrant Rental	6,600.00
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	\$ 28,606.78
Sewer Plant Operator	10,479.65
Sewer Plant Maintenance:	
Miscellaneous	2,890.80
Telephone	477.58
Electric	5,051.95
Gas	1,772.51
Supplies	1,936.22
Equipment	827.75
Repairs	1,214.85
Labor	4,175.50
Sewer Plant Expense:	
Supplies	75.31
Truck Expense	100.73
Pest Control	77.00
Other	332.22
TOTAL SEWER DEPARTMENT	\$ 29,412.07
Cemetery Comm. Salaries	275.00
Cemetery General Expense:	
Labor	6,147.88
Equipment	1,114.27
Supplies	310.74
Repairs	112.00
Other	101.48
Cemetery Machinery	349.24
Cemetery Wall	4,615.40
Cemetery Interest:	
Labor	778.40
Equipment	90.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	2,510.00
TOTAL CEMETERY EXPENSE	\$ 16,404.41
Civil Defense	276.00
Conservation Fund	402.00
Council for Aged	2,000.00
Historical Commission	252.24
Insurance	19,135.11
Maintenance Town Lawns	726.16
Memorial Day	600.00
Printing	4,061.80
Upton 250th Anniversary	1,000.00
Town Employees, Off Duty Work	1,913.17
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 30,366.48

Maturing Debt:

Antic-Revenue Loan	\$100,000.00
Sewer	25,000.00
Water	44,000.00

Interest:

Antic-Revenue	852.50
Sewer	5,798.69
Water	13,160.00

TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	\$188,811.19
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Agency & Trust:

County Tax	62,782.28
Sale of Dogs	99.00
Dog Licenses	1,998.50
Worc. County Retirement Sys.	13,485.70
Risteen Fund, Welfare	786.00
Risteen Fund, School	1,519.22
Risteen Fund, Beautification	1,465.61
Risteen Scholarship Fund	250.00
Gary Bates Scholarship	300.00
William Knowlton Fund	9,533.82
Risteen Library Fund	527.57
C. A. Batchelor Library Fund	431.55
Real Estate Interest	3.20
Real Estate Refunds	1,132.43
Personal Property Refunds	27.00
Motor Vehicle Refunds	2,301.65
Invested Cash	300,000.00
State Recreation Areas	10,876.84
Auditing Municipal Accounts	15,157.77
Air Pollution	214.60
Motor Vehicle Excise Billing	536.10
Mosquito Control	9,330.91
Federal Withheld Tax	26,860.94
Mass. Withheld Tax	10,333.69
County Retirement Withheld	7,187.02
Blue Cross Withheld	4,445.68

TOTAL AGENCY AND TRUST	\$481,587.08
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TOTAL EXPENDED:	\$2,250,712.54
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TREASURER'S REPORT**From July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977**

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, a balance of \$28.58 known as the Knowlton School Fund, with the Town Treasurer as Trustee, to be used by the School Committee to defray extraordinary expenses as the Knowlton School. \$1.35 interest was received.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) known as the Ella (Whitney) Risteen Fund, in Trust with the Town Treasurer and School Committee as Trustees. The income is to be divided between two pupils in our High School who make the most progress during the year. Interest of \$66.79 was received and 250.00 was expended.

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 is to be used for the Public Library. \$53.46 interest was received.

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 is to be used for the Public Library. Interest of \$267.96 was received.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, 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 Selectmen and is to be used to help Townspeople who are in distress. Interest of \$506.59 was received and nothing was expended. The balance of the account on June 30, 1977 was \$10,638.23.

The Industrial Accident Fund, established in 1937, is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank. Interest of \$243.90 was received and the balance as of June 30, 1977 was \$5,121.44. Payments from this fund are to be made in accordance with rules established by the Board of Selectmen. Nothing was expended.

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 is to be used for the Public Schools. Interest of \$267.12 was received.

There is deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) known as the George H. Schultz Library Fund, in Trust with the Town Treasurer and Library Trustees as Trustees. The income from this fund is to be used only for the purchase of books. Interest of \$115.78 was received.

There is deposited in the Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) known as the Eliza C. Keith Library Trust Fund, the income to be used for the general purposes of the Upton Public Library. \$103.73 interest was received and the balance of the account on June 30, 1977 was \$1,548.59.

There is deposited in the Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association, \$18,496.39 known as the Escrow Tax Title Account. \$1,515.21 interest was received and the balance of the account on June 30, 1977 was \$25,827.51. This account was closed out and deposited in the General Cash Account.

STABILIZATION FUND

Milford Federal Savings Bank:	
Balance, June 30, 1976	\$122,160.79
Interest	<u>8,053.96</u>
Balance, June 30, 1977	130,214.75
Blackstone Valley National Bank:	
Balance, June 30, 1976	50,162.37
Interest	<u>1,434.09</u>
Expended	<u>51,596.46</u>
Balance, June 30, 1977	\$ 31,596.46
Total balance of Stabilization Fund as of June 30, 1977	\$161,811.21

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

There is deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings, \$22,735.00. Interest received was \$1,112.96.

There is deposited in the Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association, \$35,601.00. 1977 deposit was \$2,510.00 and interest received was \$1,759.16. Receipts are deposited each year and the interest is used by the Cemetery Dept. to care for lots covered by perpetual care.

CHARLOTTE A. BATCHELOR AND GEORGE W. KNOWLTON TRUST FUND INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance, June 30, 1976	\$ 7,672.25
Income	542.90
Interest	<u>221.41</u>
	\$ 8,436.56

There is deposited in the Blackstone Valley National Bank, \$7,694.45 known as the Lora Davce Dearth Memorial Fund, in Trust with the Town Treasurer and to be administered by the Board of Library Trustees. \$267.65 interest was received. \$6,194.45 was received from the Estate of John A. Dearth and deposited in this account. June 30, 1977 balance was \$8,271.34.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank an account known as the Gary Bates Scholarship Fund to be administered by the Board of Selectmen and four registered voters to be awarded to a deserving student of Upton who will be furthering their education. \$142.06 interest was received and \$300.00 was expended. The balance of the account on June 30, 1977 was \$2,438.74.

There is deposited in Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association, Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) known as the Town of Upton 250th Anniversary Celebration Account. \$1,000.00 was deposited. Interest of \$2.35 was received. Interest reported last year was incorrect, due to bank error. June 30, 1977 balance was \$4,729.65.

**WILLIAM KNOWLTON
TRUST FUND INCOME ACCOUNT**

Balance, June 30, 1976	\$ 14,555.92
Income	<u>6,345.54</u>
	20,901.46
Transferred on Selectmen's Warrants	<u>9,533.81</u>
Balance, June 30, 1977	\$ 11,367.65
Principal on deposit in Milford Savings Bank	802.95

ELLA WHITNEY RISTEEN FUND INCOME

Balance, June 30, 1976	\$ 67,777.95
Income	8,759.66
Interest	<u>4,275.83</u>
	\$ 80,813.44

Milford Federal Savings Bank:	
Balance, June 30, 1976	\$ 43,426.38
Interest	<u>3,549.77</u>
Balance, June 30, 1977	\$ 46,976.15

Payments:	
Safety Deposit Box Rental	\$ 32.50
Clause B	786.00
Clause C	2,018.59
Clause D	<u>1,465.61</u>
	4,302.70
Balance, June 30, 1977	\$ 76,510.74

Principal on deposit in Milford Savings Bank:	\$ 1,079.55
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Home National Bank of Milford, Savings Dept.:	
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Clause B	\$32,970.62
Clause C	33,340.20
Clause D	<u>10,199.92</u>

	\$ 76,510.74
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TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

Balance, June 30, 1976	\$ 135,433.05
Receipts	<u>2,274,081.80</u>
	2,409,514.85
Disbursements	<u>2,250,712.54</u>
	158,802.31
Invested Cash	<u>150,000.00</u>
Cash Balance, June 30, 1977	308,802.31

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Balance, June 30, 1976	35,666.89
Deposits	<u>71,501.76</u>
	107,168.65
Disbursements	<u>44,741.39</u>
Balance, June 30, 1977	62,427.26

COMMUNITY RECREATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Balance, June 30, 1976	53,240.38
Deposits	<u>132,578.41</u>
	185,818.79
Disbursements	<u>185,701.31</u>
Balance, June 30, 1977	117.48

ANTIRECESSION FISCAL ASSISTANCE

United States Treasury deposits	39,105.00
W/H Tax deposits	<u>62.28</u>
	39,167.28
Disbursements	<u>21,600.30</u>
Balance, June 30, 1977	17,566.98

SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

Borrowing (Notes)	\$ 52,000.00
W/H Tax deposits	23.94
Interest	<u>35.39</u>
	52,059.33
Disbursements	<u>51,036.72</u>
Balance, June 30, 1977	1,022.61

WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS, FEDERAL GRANT

United States Treasury	113,469.10
Disbursements	<u>113,469.10</u>

Respectfully submitted,

ASHLEY M. PERKINS
Town Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL
REGIONAL DISTRICT**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1976 to JUNE 30, 1977

**DIRECTORY OF THE
BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

School Committee

L. Wayne Gilley, Chairman	Douglas
Edward B. Postma, Vice-Chairman	Northbridge
Richard B. Boucher	Bellingham
Matthew C. Krajewski	Blackstone
Roland C. Hallen	Grafton
Roger V. Burns	Hopedale
J. Gerard Sweeney	Mendon
Anthony F. Rando	Milford
Leodore J. Tebo, Jr.	Millbury
Roger N. Garceau	Millville
Kelton D. Johnson	Sutton
Edward S. Henderson	Upton
Herman Buma	Uxbridge
Arthur C. Young, Secretary-Treasurer	Hopedale
Kevin R. Sherin, Legal Counsel	Uxbridge

Superintendent-Director

Paul J. Sullivan Office	Telephone 529-7771 Pleasant Street Upton
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Regular school committee meetings are held at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The following were elected to serve on the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee at their respective annual town meetings:

L. Wayne Gilley, Douglas	3 years
J. Gerard Sweeney, Mendon	3 years
Edward S. Henderson, Upton	3 years
Herman Buma, Uxbridge	3 years
Richard B. Boucher, Bellingham	1 year (to fill unexpired term of Arthur C. Allard who resigned)

On April 14, 1977, the Regional School Committee members met and selected their officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected:

L. Wayne Gilley, Chairman
Edward B. Postma, Vice-Chairman
Arthur C. Young, Secretary-Treasurer
Kevin R. Sherin, Legal Counsel

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Lawrence Gamelin, Whitinsville
 Allan Klatsky, Worcester
 William Butler, Mendon

Automotive Technology

Lowell D. Anderson, Millbury
 James McPhail, Jr., Milford
 Allan V. Rawson, West Upton

Drafting

Herman Haagama, Whitinsville
 Roy Gaddas, Whitinsville
 Frank Yacino, East Douglas

Electronics

David Ellison, Grafton
 David Blondin, East Douglas
 Ernest Davidson, Milford

Machine Shop

Arthur M. Blanchard, Grafton
 Norman E. Walker, Upton
 George L. Harlow, Hopedale
 Steven Trottier, Milford

Mill and House Carpentry

Peter T. Koopman, Whitinsville
 George W. Guertin, Linwood
 William Dion, Linwood

Plant Maintenance

John Britt, Uxbridge
 Daniel Marques, Upton

Auto Body

Bernard Chase, Jr., Wilkinsonville
 Charles Blanchette, Millbury
 Harold Ballard, Millbury

Culinary Arts

Alice Walker, Upton
 James Berrini, Milford
 Henry Salmon, Northbridge

Electrical

Charles E. Clarke, Uxbridge
 Benjamin Colonero, Sr., East Douglas

Graphic Arts

Biago Tomaso, Milford
 John F. Gallagher, Worcester
 Lester Taft, Uxbridge
 John Giedrys, Millbury

Metal Fabrication

James A. Hersom, South Grafton
 John M. Herbat, East Douglas
 Ernest O. Carpenter, Mendon
 Norman Fagnant, Mendon

Painting and Decorating

Arthur Black, Upton
 Rene E. Page, Uxbridge
 Richard Mansfield, Worcester

Plumbing

Walter Hopkins, Upton
 John Lannon, North Grafton
 J. Fred Power, Milford

DAY PROGRAM

A. September 1976

1. Enrollment

In September we started our eleventh year of operation with 144 seniors, 188 juniors, 220 sophomores and 197 freshmen for a total of 749 pupils. The number of students from each of the towns was as follows: 82 from Bellingham, 35 from Blackstone, 30 from Douglas, 88 from Grafton, 32

from Hopedale, 25 from Mendon, 85 from Milford, 108 from Millbury, 16 from Millville, 96 from Northbridge, 44 from Sutton, 38 from Upton, and 70 from Uxbridge.

2. Exploratory Program

This year, based upon the experience of the previous years, we again decided to have all Freshmen spend the entire first semester in their assigned department, with the understanding that all students who were not sure that they were in the right department would be given the opportunity to explore other departments of their choice during the second semester. Less than 10% of the Freshmen asked to go into the exploratory program, which clearly indicates that the vast majority of them were satisfied with their original choice.

3. Cafeteria

Our cafeteria staff continued to do an outstanding job for the students of our school. Once again our cafeteria was rated in the top ten in Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services. The most meaningful rating is the extent of pupil participation. Our students participated to the extent of 140%, while the average participation throughout the state was 66%. To paraphrase an old saying — “the proof of the rating is in the eating.”

4. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Awards

For the ninth successive year, Blackstone Valley Tech has finished first in the entire United States in awards won by its students in the annual Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation contest.

Competing with hundreds of high schools throughout the country, eleven Valley Tech students won a total of \$2,200 in prize money for themselves and the school.

The Lincoln Electric Company created the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation in 1936 to encourage interest and study in arc welding. The Foundation sponsors the Arc Welding Awards annually for full-time high school, technical or vocational school students in the United States 19 years old or younger. This award program offers an opportunity to compete for the best written reports describing arc welded school shop projects. The entry must not be more than 25 pages in length and should contain detailed descriptions of the operations, all necessary calculations, photographs, sketches and drawings.

Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Winners and Awards

Name	Town	Award	Student	School
			Cash Award	Cash Award
Gilbert P. Powell, Jr.	Mendon	First Grand National	\$500.00	\$250.00
Wayne J. Landry) Millbury	Second Grand		
Wayne R. VanderBrug	Whitinsville	National	\$400.00	\$200.00
David J. Lefrancois	Uxbridge	Third Grand National	\$300.00	\$150.00
Steven W. Gauvin	S. Grafton	First Regional Award	\$200.00	
Scott D. Lorion) Millbury	(Agricultural Category)		
Michael L. Marcoux	Bellingham	Second Regional Award	\$150.00	
Scott Oliver) Uxbridge	(Home & Recreational Category)		
Brian Gniadek	Uxbridge	Sixth Regional Award	\$ 25.00	
Michael Anderson	Manchaug	Sixth Regional Award	\$ 25.00	
Marc Audet) Whitinsville			

5. Cooperative Training Program for Seniors

The Cooperative Training Program is for seniors who have been certified by their instructors as being qualified to perform the work of their specialty in a highly satisfactory manner. This program involved on-the-job training during the time that the student would ordinarily be in his school shop.

A student works in industry under close supervision for three weeks and then returns to school for three weeks. When the student returns to school, a second student goes to work for the same employer doing the same type of work. These two students work as a team so that the employer always has one skilled student working for him throughout the senior year.

Cooperative students must be paid wages during the work-weeks at the cooperating establishment reasonably comparable to those paid to other persons doing similar work in the same company. While the students work the same hours and under the same conditions as other employees, they are legally considered as members of our student body rather than employees in the usual sense of the word.

During the school year 1976-77, 79 seniors participated in the Cooperative Program.

We feel that this program is very successful because it gives seniors an opportunity to get on-the-job training while they are still in school and at the same time it provides an employer an opportunity to have the services of a young man who has both skill and technical knowledge. The majority of the seniors became full-time employees of the cooperating companies upon graduation.

6. Three Seasons Dining Room

The Culinary Arts department continued to provide excellent service to the residents of the Blackstone Valley with its dining room facilities. The restaurant is open every school day from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and delicious meals are prepared and served by the students in the Culinary Arts department at very reasonable prices. All Councils on Aging in the Blackstone Valley have been invited to take advantage of this fine dining room. We are gratified that so many residents of the area have become regular customers as this allows us to provide a very realistic program at a very modest cost to the taxpayers.

EVENING SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Adult Preparatory Courses

The first session of the 1976-1977 Evening Adult Program started October 4, 1976. The following courses were offered: Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technology, Mill and House Carpentry, Electrical, Electronics, Machine Shop, Metal Fabrication, Plant Maintenance, Machine Drafting, Architectural Drafting, Blueprint Reading, Graphic Arts (Printing), Plumbing, Industrial Sheet Metal, Culinary Arts, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, and Painting and Decorating. 530 adults were enrolled in the first session.

The second session of the Evening Adult Program started January 3, 1977. The same courses as above were offered and 476 adults were enrolled.

OPTIONAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

As the result of close cooperation between the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School and the Blackstone Valley Collaborative, a special vocational program was implemented to meet the needs of students of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District who were unable to be enrolled in our regular day program due to the lack of space.

Six vocational programs were offered and started in September 1976. Approximately 78 students enrolled. The students received their academic instruction in their local high school and received their vocational education from 3:00 to 5:30 P.M. every day at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School.

A federal grant of \$82,410.00 was received to implement the program. It is understood that the program, if successful, will be supported by local funds in the future. Plans have been made to increase the enrollment up to 108 students by adding three new training programs in September 1977.

PUPIL SELECTION FOR THE FALL OF 1977

During the months of January and February all the schools in the member towns were visited by the Director of Guidance in order to give information to both boys and girls in the eighth and ninth grades about programs that are offered at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School.

At a later date, applicants from the various towns were brought to the school so that they could visit each of the departments and actually see the programs in operation. During the day they were given a series of aptitude tests involving verbal reasoning, numerical ability, mechanical reasoning, abstract reasoning and spatial relations. The scores on the above tests and the information sheet provided by the sending school were evaluated in order to produce a profile of each applicant's characteristics. Each applicant's profile was recorded in a compilation sheet which served to identify the most qualified students in each town, to give them their program preference, to distribute the programs as equally as possible among the member towns, and to select each applicant for the program in which he/she appeared to have the best chance of success.

This year, 563 boys and girls applied for admission to Valley Tech, but due to lack of space we were only able to enroll 226. It was most unfortunate that almost 337 boys and girls were not enrolled but there is little we can do about it until additional facilities are made available.

EIGHTH GRADUATION

The eighth graduation of the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School was held on Sunday, June 5, 1977. 140 seniors received both high school diplomas and vocational certificates from the chairman of our school committee, L. Wayne Gilley.

In spite of the fact that this area had a high unemployment rate, we were successful in finding jobs for our graduates. Approximately five percent of our graduates joined the Armed Services and eleven percent planned to continue their education at institutions of higher learning. Some of the institutions graduates plan to attend are: University of Massachusetts, Johnson & Wales, Dean College, Northeastern University, Bridgewater State College, Kearney State College, and Worcester Industrial Technical Institute.

PERSONNEL RETIREMENTS

At the conclusion of the school year, Paul J. Sullivan, Superintendent-Director, and Alice Walker, Cafeteria Manager, announced their retirement to become effective January 1, 1978 and October 1, 1977 respectively.

Mr. Sullivan has served as Superintendent-Director of the Vocational Regional School District since 1964. Mrs. Walker has been Cafeteria Manager since the school opened in 1966.

Both will be missed for their outstanding work and the many contributions they have made during their years of services to the hundreds of students who benefitted from their professionalism and dedication.

All who know and worked with Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Walker wish them well in their years of retirement. Their efforts will be remembered always.

CONCLUSION

The Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School has just concluded its eleventh year of successful operation. We continue to offer many different services to the member towns as well as to the citizens of our region. In addition we have provided direct educational services for the following:

1. 749 freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior students in the day program.
2. 530 men and women in the first session of the Evening Adult Trade Program.
3. 476 men and women in the second session of the Evening Adult Trade Program.
4. 78 boys and girls in the Optional Vocational Education Program.

In addition, plans have been made to enroll 57 boys and girls in a Satellite Program which will be funded by a Federal Grant. This program is scheduled to begin in February 1978 and will be conducted at four sites within the Vocational Regional School District. Training will be given in the following areas: Nurses' Aide, Machine Operator, and Food Services (Cafeteria workers).

Thus we have offered a large number of people the opportunity to further their education and to increase their vocational skills. We have used our school to maximum advantage by conducting vocational programs from 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. five days per week.

At the close of the 1976-1977 fiscal year we feel that the past year was one of satisfactory achievement and one in which we continued to maintain the fine standards set in previous years.

We would like to close our 1976-1977 report by expressing sincere gratitude for the loyalty and cooperation of the students, staff, and the School Committee, who have made the success of the past year possible.

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Summary of Appropriations, Expenditures and Revenue
For the Year Ended June 30, 1977**

	Appropriated	Expended	Balance
Administration-School Committee	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 10,133.45	\$(533.45)
Administration-Supt's Office	43,300.00	42,741.73	558.27
Director's Office	97,900.00	96,873.63	1,026.37
Teaching	1,028,250.00	988,188.57	40,061.43
Textbooks	10,000.00	5,224.27	4,775.73
Library Services	17,100.00	12,475.48	4,624.52
Audio-Visual Program	3,100.00	3,468.88	(368.88)
Guidance Services	52,350.00	62,567.72	(10,217.72)
Health Services	13,800.00	12,628.99	1,171.01
Pupil Transportation	153,700.00	137,597.63	16,102.37
Food Service	10,600.00	9,165.54	1,434.46
Athletic Program	23,600.00	22,761.82	838.18
Other Student Body Activities	3,750.00	3,910.34	(160.34)
Custodial Services	54,200.00	49,055.95	5,144.05
Heating Building	36,400.00	33,640.35	2,759.65
Utility Services	48,600.00	46,895.92	1,704.08
Maintenance of Plant	11,500.00	13,340.18	(1,840.18)
Insurance Program	43,050.00	55,342.28	(12,292.28)
Debt Service-Current Loans	1,000.00	—	1,000.00
Civic Activities	200.00	136.66	63.34
Equipment Acquisition	31,000.00	1,137.07	29,862.93
 Total Operating	 1,693,000.00	 1,607,286.46	 85,713.54
 Debt Service Retirement			
Bond Principal	235,000.00	235,000.00	—
Bond Interest	<u>115,362.50</u>	<u>115,362.50</u>	<u>—</u>
 Total Debt Service & Retirement	 <u>350,362.50</u>	 <u>350,362.50</u>	 <u>—</u>
 Total Expenditures	 <u>\$2,043,362.50</u>	 <u>\$1,957,648.96</u>	 <u>\$85,713.54</u>

Summary of Revenue

Interest	\$41,905.37
Productivity	12,585.74
Miscellaneous	7,968.78
	<u>\$62,459.89</u>

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Balance Sheet, June 30, 1977

Assets

Cash in Banks	\$ 235,083.48
Certificates of Deposit	<u>400,000.00</u>
	<u><u>\$ 635,083.48</u></u>

Liabilities

Employees' Payroll Deductions	\$ 5,512.78
Encumbrances Payable	74,558.05
Revolving Funds	17,975.39
Federal Programs	41,070.28
Appropriated Balance: Non-Revenue	31,374.03
Reserve for Replacement of Equipment and Major Repairs	300,000.00
Excess and Deficiency Account	<u>164,592.95</u>
	<u><u>\$ 635,083.48</u></u>

Debt Accounts

Assets	Liabilities
Fixed Debt: General: <u><u>\$2,290,000.00</u></u>	Serial Loans: School Construction <u><u>\$2,290,000.00</u></u>

Analysis of Excess and Deficiency Account

Balance: June 30, 1976		\$ 591,529.29
Add: Revenue	\$ 62,459.89	
Excess of Appropriations over Expenditures	85,713.54	
State Reimbursements	<u>986,127.53</u>	<u>1,134,300.96</u>
		1,725,830.25
Less: Chapter 436 Funds Applied to Reduce Towns' Assessment	228,874.80	
Estimated Receipts	782,362.50	
Transferred to Reduce Operating Budget	250,000.00	
Reserve for Replacement of Equipment & Major Repairs	<u>300,000.00</u>	<u>1,561,237.30</u>
Balance: June 30, 1977		<u><u>\$ 164,592.95</u></u>

On July 1, 1977, \$100,000.00 was transferred from E&D Account to reduce operating budget for the year ended June 30, 1978, leaving a balance of \$64,592.95 in the E&D Account.

ANNUAL REPORT
 of the
**MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL
 SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

Year ending December 31, 1977

ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Charles H. Ferris, Jr., Chairman	Term expires 1978
Mr. Roger Lizotte, Vice Chairman	Term expires 1978
Mr. William C. Young, Treasurer	Term expires 1979
Mrs. Cynthia R. Seitz, Secretary	Term expires 1980
Dr. Salvatore Compagnone	Term expires 1979
Dr. Thomas P. DePalo	Term expires 1980

SUPERINTENDENT
 Dr. Charles R. Hand

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
Mrs. Edith M. Lebel, Secretary
Mrs. Pauline M. Johnson, Financial Secretary
Mrs. Rose Marie Horton, Financial Clerk

NIPMUC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Anthony H. Gulla, Jr., Principal
Allan J. Byrne, Jr., Assistant Principal

MEMORIAL and GEORGE S. BALL SCHOOLS
Edward M. Soter, Principal

HENRY P. CLOUGH SCHOOL
William Milligan, Principal

HEALTH SERVICE

Christian W. Aussenheimer, M.D.	Mrs. Joyce Hoberg, R.N.
Bernard F. McKernan, M.D.	Mrs. Elvira Townsend, R.N.
Felix Perriello, M.D.	

SCHOOL DIRECTORY – 1977

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

NIPMUC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Anthony H. Gulla, Jr., Principal Telephone: 473-0994
Allan J. Byrne, Jr., Assistant Principal Telephone: 473-0995

MEMORIAL and GEORGE S. BALL SCHOOLS

HENRY P. CLOUGH SCHOOL

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

Stephen Gressak - Counselor 473-0994
Gordon C. Merten, Counselor 473-0994
Mrs. Deborah Hebert, Elementary Counselor 529-6931
Mrs. Vicki VanderSluis, *Secretary*

Mrs. Priscilla Arbuckle (speech)
 Peter Baszner (resource)
 Richard Callery (tutor)
 Mrs. Sandra Lajoie (learning disabilities)
 Mrs. Carla Normandin (tutor)
 Mrs. Ruth O'Grady (aide)
 Miss Diane Rae (tutor)
 Mrs. Barbara Rappaport (resource)
 Mrs. Sandra Ray (resource)
 John Riordan (learning disabilities)
 Mrs. Joan Vigeant (learning disabilities)

FACULTY - NIPMUC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Deborah Abbruzzese	Business Education
Mr. Jeffrey M. Allard	Biology
Mr. Richard A. Auger	Music Coordinator
Mr. Bradley J. Austin	Social Studies
Mr. Peter E. Baszner	Resource
Mr. Stephen J. Bodnar	Science - Department Head
Mrs. Elsie V. Burrill	Home Economics
Mrs. Deborah-Lee Cianfarani	Business Education
Mr. William A. Cilley	Physics
Mr. Michael J. Clements	English
Miss Catherine Cournoyer	Art
Mr. Arthur R. Courtman	Social Studies
Mrs. Anne K. Davenport	Home Economics - Department Head
Miss Lucille Gilbert	Business Education - Department Head
Mr. John N. Grady	English
Mr. James H. Grant	Social Studies
Mrs. Geraldine A. Hankin	Business Education
Miss Lisa Hayward	Art/Mechanical Drawing
Miss Dorothy H. Hentz	English
Mr. William J. Keough	Industrial Arts - Metals
Mr. John J. LaVoie	Industrial Arts - Metals
Miss Stephanie J. Linek	Foreign Languages
Mrs. Eileen F. Lucier	English - Department Head
Mr. Michael R. Makynen	Mathematics - Department Head
Mr. Charles A. Medine	Industrial Arts - Drafting
Mrs. Martha S. Miles	Mathematics
Mr. Bruce F. Moran	Mathematics
Mrs. Debra A. Murphy	Foreign Languages
Mr. Harold V. Murphy	Mathematics/Science
Mrs. Arlene M. Murray	Foreign Languages - Department Head
Mrs. Carla E. Normandin	Tutor
Mr. Carl M. Olson, III	Social Studies - Department Head
Mr. Dennis B. Page	Physical Education
Mr. Wayne R. Phipps	English
Ms. Patricia M. Powel	Science
Miss Pamela Prentiss	Physical Education
Mr. John J. Riordan	Learning Disabilities - Tutor
Mr. Richard E. Robinson	Industrial Arts - Department Head
Mrs. Grenith M. Rose	Social Studies
Mrs. Beverly Sarro	Mathematics
Mrs. Felice L. Shechtman	Career Education Coordinator
Mr. Robert W. Smith, Jr.	Social Studies
Mrs. Virginia R. Starkis	English
Mrs. Barbara Toland	Music/Choral

Miss Karen G. Tycks	Art Teacher - aide
Miss Jean Warden	Physical Education
Mrs. Marjorie K. Weed	Art Coordinator
Mrs. Linda S. Wilde	English
Mrs. Gloria Hogarth	Library (aide)
Mrs. Ruth Voss	Librarian

FACULTY RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Deborah Abbruzzese
 Mr. William J. Keough
 Mrs. Debra A. Murphy
 Miss Pamela Prentiss

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS:

Mrs. Deborah-Lee Cianfarani
 Mr. John J. LaVoie

FACULTY - GEORGE S. BALL SCHOOL

Mrs. Joan Burrell (maternity leave of absence)	
	Kindergarten
Mrs. Nancy Pepin	Kindergarten
Mrs. Hazel Sadler	Kindergarten (aide)
Mrs. Ruth Wagner (perm. sub for Mrs. Burrell)	Kindergarten

FACULTY - MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Mrs. Anne Guterman	Grade I
Mrs. Meredith Rice	Grade I
Mrs. Barbara Baggesen	Grade I
Miss Carol Wright	Grade II
Miss Elaine Porter	Grade II
Mrs. Madeline Gallagher	Grade II
Mrs. Kathryn Craib	Grade III
Mrs. Joanna Workman	Grade III
Miss Alma Rousseau	Grade III
Mrs. Thyra Eastman	Grade IV
Mrs. Mary Kottis	Grade IV
Mrs. Joyce Moquin	Grade IV
Mrs. Dorothy Carter	Grade V
Mr. Robert Nigro	Grade V
Mrs. Constance Knauber	Grade VI
Mrs. Evelyn Carrello	Grade VI
Mr. Richard Grady	Grade VI
Mrs. Elaine Ford	Grade VII
Mrs. Barbara McIntyre	Grade VII
Mr. Paul Waaramaa	Grade VII

Mrs. Barbara Burke — Librarian

FACULTY — HENRY P. CLOUGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Cynthia Donatelli	Kindergarten
Mrs. Dorothy Hackenson	Kindergarten
Mrs. Diane Evans	Grade I
Mrs. Paula Piggott	Grade I
Mrs. Ruth Burrill	Grade II
Mrs. Naomi Howarth	Grade II
Mrs. Agnes Whipple	Grade II
Mrs. Martha Grady (maternity leave of absence)	Grade III
Miss Anita Espanet	Grade III
Mrs. Mary Hulbert	Grade III
Mrs. Paula Pearlman (perm. sub for Mrs. Grady)	Grade III
Mrs. Harriett Fougere	Grade IV
Miss Alyce Youngson	Grade IV
Mrs. Cynthia Robertson	Grade V
Mr. Daniel Malloy	Grade V
Mr. Edward Furphy	Grade VI
Mr. William McCabe	Grade VI
Miss Beverly Keeler	Grade VII
Mrs. Lorna Rhodes	Grade VII

Mrs. Barbara Burke — Librarian

TITLE I TUTORS (1977-1978 school year)

Miss Karen Lemoine
 Miss Debra Nahra
 Miss Janet Porter

CUSTODIANS

NIPMUC

Balch, Robert P.
 Coburn, Donald
 Farr, Ned
 Niro, Enrico, Head Custodian
 Robinson, William
 Yones, Alec
 Yones, Ellen

MEMORIAL

Aldrich, David
 Leland, George
 Perkins, Ashley, Head Custodian
 Roche, William (part time/retired)
HENRY P. CLOUGH
 Hazard, William, Head Custodian
 Reed, Joseph

CAFETERIA STAFF

Mrs. Myrtle Garrett, Manager — Henry P. Clough

Mrs. Gail Hixon, Manager — Memorial

Mrs. Muriel Mitchell, Manager — Nipmuc

Mrs. Joan Baker

Mrs. Dorothy Good

Mrs. Frances Bouchard

Mrs. Emily Goodnow

Mrs. Frances Brown

Mrs. Arline LeClaire

Mrs. Betty Frost

Mrs. Shirley Southland

Mrs. Theresa Genoa

Mrs. Ann M. Trotta

MONITORS

Mrs. Nancy Jacques

Mrs. Joan Marchand

SCHOOL CALENDAR**1977 - 1978****Fall Term, Fourteen Weeks:**

Term begins, Wednesday, September 7, 1977
Term ends, Friday, December 23, 1977

Winter Term, Seven Weeks:

Term begins, Tuesday, January 3, 1978
Term ends, Friday, February 17, 1978

Spring Term, Seven Weeks:

Term begins, Monday, February 27, 1978
Term ends, Friday, April 14, 1978

Summer Term, Nine Weeks:

Term begins, Monday, April 24, 1978
Term ends, Friday, June 23, 1978

Holidays:

Columbus Day	October 10, 1977
Veteran's Day	November 11, 1977
Thanksgiving	November 24-25, 1977
Christmas -	December 23, 1977 to
New Years	January 3, 1978
Martin Luther King Day	January 16, 1978
Good Friday	March 24, 1978
Memorial Day	May 29, 1978

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Distribution of school attending children, residents of the Town of Mendon and the Town of Upton as of October 1, 1977 taken from school registers. The annual census will be taken during the month of January, 1978, according to State Law.

	MENDON			UPTON		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Kindergarten	21	21	42	31	38	69
Grade I	37	14	51	31	29	60
Grade II	29	26	55	32	42	74
Grade III	29	42	71	36	27	63
Grade IV	20	24	44	29	43	72
Grade V	31	18	49	28	27	55
Grade VI	19	28	47	32	35	67
Grade VII	22	32	54	42	32	74
			413			534

Nipmuc Regional High School

Grade VIII	25	28	53	34	40	74
Grade IX	17	36	53	32	33	65
Grade X	28	19	47	31	32	63
Grade XI	15	29	44	17	38	55
Grade XII	19	24	43	21	29	50
			240			307

	Mendon	Upton	
Total number in public schools	653	841	1,494
Total tuition-in students			6
Total number in Vocational Schools	28	41	69

REPORT OF THE MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Mendon and Upton:

The beginning of the new year, 1977, found the committee in the midst of budget preparations in which we pledged to catch up on much needed repairs and maintenance of the school buildings. All other budget items were kept to a minimum and some accounts eliminated in order to provide the necessary funds. During the summer months roofing repairs were made on the gymnasium and auditorium at Nipmuc and painting and other work was accomplished at Clough and Memorial Schools. Also the fire alarm systems in all of the schools were brought up to present state standards which involved, in some cases, replacing the existing equipment.

In February the Adult Education Program was begun with Mr. Gordon Merten, a counselor at Nipmuc, as the Director. More than a hundred people participated in the program which included a wide variety of course offerings. Due to its obvious success the program was again offered in the fall and will be continued in 1978 with additional course offerings at the request of the participants.

In the spring, new bus routes, with a new system of bus stops, and revised specifications for transportation service for the district were adopted by the school committee and sent out for bid. New five-year transportation contracts were awarded to Big W Transportation of Ashland, P & T Bus Company and Thompson Bus Company of Upton.

School Committee policy was another topic of discussion throughout the spring. Changes were made in field trip and student activity trip policies, and a new procedure for teacher evaluation was adopted.

After nine years of dedicated service to the people of Mendon and Upton, Mrs. Nancy Bradley did not seek re-election to the school committee. We miss the value of her experience, but we wish her well in her new career. Dr. Thomas DePalo was elected by the Mendon voters to replace Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Cynthia Seitz was re-elected in Upton.

The new school year began in September with the inclusion of a new concept in Career Education for Nipmuc students. Mr. Edward Prentiss of Upton, recently retired President of Milford Federal Savings Bank of Milford, has been volunteering his time and expertise to help Nipmuc students understand the world of work. Through his efforts, and those of Career Education Coordinator Felice Shechtman, our students have enjoyed special Career Day Programs in Business and Science where many guest speakers from local businesses and various fields of work have come to Nipmuc to share their knowledge and tell the students "how it really is." We are very pleased that so many people have

been willing and able to give of their time so that our students may benefit from their experiences. To all of them, and especially to Mr. Prentiss, thank you.

We are also thankful to the many parents who support our schools through their involvement in the Memorial School Mothers Club, the Friends of Clough, Band Boosters, Warriors Club and in many other ways. Our children are enjoying many fine experiences because of them.

Our teachers continue to do a good job of educating our children in spite of some severe shortcomings in our facilities. We have not given up on new facilities however; the accreditation of Nipmuc by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges has been extended through 1978 due to our continued efforts to improve our school facilities.

The Committee learned in the Spring that a second group of projects would be funded through the Federally sponsored Public Works Act and our previous application for a new high school was resubmitted. When our project was not selected for funding, the Committee decided to research other possibilities for meeting space needs.

The architectural firm of Korslund, LeNormand & Quann, Inc. was hired in November to draw up plans for a middle school (grades 5-8) addition to Nipmuc, along with necessary modifications in the existing building in order to meet state requirements for funding. We hope to complete the necessary preliminary work and present a proposal to the towns in the Spring of 1978.

The year ended, as it began, with the Committee in the midst of budget preparation. Following a review of our budgeting procedures during the summer, we began a new process of budget preparation in September. With the cooperation of our professional staff and the continued good efforts and cooperation of the Finance Committee of Mendon and Upton, we have prepared our budget with fewer "headaches" than in past years and have made it (we hope) more understandable for all of us and for the people of Mendon and Upton.

Finally, we want to thank our superintendent, Dr. Charles Hand, for his continued guidance and leadership in keeping the Committee well informed about local and state activities, and in handling the day-to-day operation of our schools.

CHARLES H. FERRIS, JR., Chairman
ROGER LIZOTTE, Vice Chairman
CYNTHIA R. SEITZ, Secretary
WILLIAM C. YOUNG, Treasurer
SALVATORE COMPAGNONE, M.D.
THOMAS P. DePALO, M.D.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Mendon-Upton Regional School District Committee and the Citizens of Mendon and Upton:

I submit herewith my sixth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

In as much as the reports of the school committee and administrators adequately cover the activities of the local system, I will confine my remarks to educational activities at the state level.

The Governor, the Legislature and the Massachusetts Department of Education are giving high priority to the promotion of school finance reform. A perennial uncertainty with the preparation of a budget is the state reimbursement to towns in the form of Chapter 70, 71 and Chapter 492. The Chapter 492 funds are additional funds given to regional school districts. A state-wide meeting of regional school superintendents held in Mendon last spring discussed the partial funding of Chapter 492. As a result of their lobbying and with the assistance of others we were able to obtain full funding for Chapter 492 for 1977. The regional school superintendents are continuing their efforts for 1978. A meeting with the State Board of Education will be held on March 28, 1978 to discuss the problem of full funding for Chapter 492. The Governor has promised to include an additional \$200 million dollars for education in his new budget. The final details have not yet been announced.

The State Department of Education is discussing high school graduation requirements. Some of the issues are:

- 1.) Should students be required to take and to pass competency tests in order to graduate from high school?
- 2.) Who should be establishing competency standards?
For example: State only, local districts only...
State develops a set of standards which are available to local districts who do not want to establish their own standards.
- 3.) Will the setting of competencies on the state level lead to a state-wide curriculum?
- 4.) Would the introduction of a competency based approach on the state level lead to an improvement of the educational process?
- 5.) Who should develop and administer competency standards testing?
(Local option v.s. state requirements)

6.) Would the implementation of a competency based approach lead to significant increases in the costs of educating children?

Some members of the professional staff of the regional school district are attending state meetings and discussing the issues involved in competency standards.

The State School Building Assistance Act was recently voted by the Legislature. Our district is eligible for a high reimbursement for building projects because we are a K to 12 region. Under the new regulations, the Board publishes quarterly a list of applications received in their order of priority. The priorities are as follows:

Priority one -	Projects to replace or renovate unsound and unsafe buildings
Priority two -	Projects to prevent or eliminate overcrowding
Priority three -	Projects to prevent loss of accreditation
Priority four -	Projects to replace or add to obsolete buildings

The physical education statute now mandates physical education on a daily basis. We have not been able to comply with that requirement. The State Board is considering revising the regulation to require a minimum of 60 hours of physical education a year for each student. Such a change would make it easier for us to comply. In any event, new physical education personnel may be required.

In conclusion, I wish to express my deep appreciation to the school committee members, the professional and non-professional personnel of the district, and the Citizens of both Communities for their cooperation and support in our mutual goal of educating the youth of our district.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. HAND
Superintendent of Schools

NIPMUC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

This past school year has been one of maintaining all the good things that have transpired in the past, improving on those programs that have recently been implemented, and revising and refining the instructional program so that it may better meet the needs of every child.

The administration and staff of Nipmuc Regional High School continues to strive to produce the best possible program within the present limited facilities. Unfortunately, however, I must repeat what I have stated in the past: Our high school enrollment has reached the point at which more space is needed to offer and maintain a curriculum that will meet the needs and abilities of our students.

Shortly before October 1, 1977, a special progress report was filed to specify those actions taken by the town in order to solve the space problem. On November 25, 1977, Nipmuc Regional High School received notice that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges had voted to grant us continued membership and accreditation for one year, through 1978.

The Commission stated, "The extension of accreditation for one year brings the school to the point of the routine Five-Year Progress Report within the decennial cycle. The Commission requests that information be provided in terms of what alternatives the school committee might seek that would at the same time resolve space problems and be acceptable to the voters of the district. The continued accreditation for Nipmuc Regional High School will be considered upon review of the Five-Year Progress Report."

Maintenance needs are an ever-nagging problem. Always present is concern regarding the underground steam pipes. A major building repair completed this past summer was the re-roofing of the auditorium and gymnasium; and, in addition, a one hundred foot section of the roof edging is resurfaced annually.

The individual educational services are contained in the following departmental reports:

ART DEPARTMENT

Design in all dimensions was the main objective in art classes this year. Paint, clay, fibers, metal, and mixed media were used to create designs both large and small.

The eighth grade was divided into six groups to make a more feasible program.

In June the annual art exhibit, held in the gymnasium, was well attended by students.

Photography

The photography course provided students with an outlet for their creative eyes and technical abilities. Students were successful in taking pictures, developing film, making prints, and displaying their work. The Upton Town Library sponsored an exhibit of student work in June.

Drama

The drama class presented *Brother Goose* in the spring. In the fall, students saw a production by the Pocket Mime Theater Company and attempted some basic mime techniques in class. Three one-act plays were in rehearsal for January.

BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Business Education Department for 1976-1977 began with three members—Mrs. Geraldine Hankin, Mrs. Deborah Abbruzzese, and Miss Lucille Gilbert, chairman. In January of 1977 it was necessary for Mrs. Abbruzzese to resign her position. She was replaced by Miss Deborah-Lee Dupointe, an honor graduate from Bryant College.

The curriculum did not change from the basic courses which have been taught during previous years. Due to the limited space at Nipmuc Regional High School, it was impossible to introduce additional courses to the program. Business practices followed in offices today were incorporated into the present programs. A field trip to the District Court in Framingham was taken by Mrs. Hankin and the senior business law class. Students in the advanced typing class worked on medical, legal, and statistical projects in order to explore the requirements and opportunities in these areas. Many projects for the school and local community were completed by the senior office practice students.

Many of the senior business students continued their education after high school. Those who did not go on to college were able to find employment in the local area.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Cognizant of the popular assertion that elective programs have weakened the development of students' verbal skills and have consequently lowered S.A.T. scores, the English Department has safeguarded its academic program by (1) making a full elective program available only to seniors, (2) stipulating that the freshman, sophomore, and junior elective be taken *in addition to* the regular English course, and (3) providing skill units for students enrolled in the less traditional courses.

Thus, students at Nipmuc must take three years of a grammar/composition/vocabulary/literature program before they may elect a mini-course program. Those students who choose a single, available College English Review Course (at either freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior levels) are selecting a difficult, *double*

English program (ten periods a week). Further, parents concerned with the "Back to Basics" movement should be aware that the Basic English and Business English electives provide intensified instruction in traditional communication skills and that other electives, such as Bible Literature and Mass Media, include basic skills units in addition to the textbook readings and exercises.

Two new aspects of the eighth grade English program have provided for an increased emphasis on mastering basic skills for those students who need this work. The *Reading Skills Workbook* used in selected literature classes focuses on reading and studying skills. The *Troubleshooters* workbooks recently incorporated into the grammar classes reinforce basic skill areas at an individual rate. Again this year students participated in the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest by writing research papers.

Recognizing the need of competency in written expression, the English Department is strengthening its sequential composition program at all levels.

AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

The Audio-Visual Department has attempted to make better use of the videotape system as an aid to teachers and subject-matter specialists. Individualized instruction in the use of audio-visual equipment is being provided on a one-to-one basis for those teachers who request it. Further, audio-visual equipment is available to departments on a more equal basis (and, consequently, the equipment is more efficiently used) as a result of improved scheduling of equipment.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

During the academic year 1976-1977, the Foreign Language Department allowed students to put on an international buffet comprised of French, Spanish, and Latin foods.

The Foreign Language Club sold donuts as a means of raising scholarship money for a deserving senior who planned to enter the field of foreign languages. Members of the Foreign Language Club enjoyed a bus trip to Boston and delighted in the exquisite French and Spanish cuisine.

In February, a group of students and members of the community travelled to Europe. Visiting Madrid, Spain and Paris, France, they were able to study the culture, taste the cuisine, tour many historical sites, and practice the art of speaking a foreign language.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

The Home Economics Department expanded its program for interested students to include the integration of the FHA/HERO program as a part of the curriculum. Through the program the students learned to apply their skills to projects within the school by sponsoring programs for students; supporting other school organizations; serving meals to the faculty, the school committee, and the FHA/HERO Advisory Board; and within the community by working in the local kindergartens.

Because we were a part of a funded program, we were able to group our students with those of other schools in our vicinity and attend regional and state meetings of the organization. Laurie Kingdon, a freshman, was chosen State Historian and, with others from Massachusetts, represented our state at the national convention in Seattle, Washington, and at the American Home Economics Convention in Boston.

The program has been continued to a limited extent, without the aid of funding, for the school year 1977-1978. We have registered 45 students in the national organization and have the goals of school and community service as well as attendance at state and national meetings for which to work.

We continue to examine our program offerings and work toward providing those students who choose courses in home economics with personal skills for, self-satisfaction, awareness of their responsibilities in their local communities, and exploration of the possibilities of productive and satisfying futures in home economics-related occupations.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

The Industrial Arts programs are continuing to enable students to experience a variety of opportunities in woodworking, metalworking, and mechanical drawing.

New processes being introduced are construction of fine furniture, heat treating, and personal home design.

The metals area, now in full operation, is offering expanded programs in welding, machining, foundry, and sheet metals.

LIBRARY

The school library provides a resource center for the students at Nipmuc—a center which makes available books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, filmstrips, and slides. Selected materials to support the curriculum and student and teacher interests, are kept up to date as much as possible.

Under the guidance of a teacher and the librarian, classes and smaller

groups use the library for research on certain assignments. This year four carrels have been installed and supplied with machines, thus affording opportunity for individualized study and other assignments using audio-visual materials.

Federal funds this year are being used for enrichment materials, individual study programs, and science research materials.

The library staff continues to strive to provide the opportunity for students and teachers to pursue their individual interests and pleasure.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

During the past year, there were no major changes made in courses offered by the Mathematics Department, but several courses were somewhat modified. The eighth grade algebra course has been changed from an individualized format to a more traditional structure. A program of math lab experiments has been added to the geometry course. This program stresses research, the use of calculators, and inductive reasoning. In trigonometry, students are using a series of booklets, written by Mr. Bruce Moran, concerning the complex number system. Mr. Moran has also written a module on the metric system. During the year, department members took courses in philosophy of education, abstract algebra, computer programming, and methods of research.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Nipmuc Regional High School Music Department has continued its program of study to suit best the needs of the potential, interested, and serious music students. Both course offerings and student interest have grown considerably. In addition, a thirty percent increase in the size of music groups is anticipated for the 1978-1979 school year.

A changing attitude towards music accounts for the growth of student interest. Although very few students will make music a career, the majority of students are taking their music more seriously. For the most part, students are eager to learn. There is an awareness of good quality music, sound projection, scale patterns, and rhythmic devices. Daily half-hour practice sessions are becoming more common. Their performance at the "Night at the Pops," "Music on the Menu," and the past "Winter Concert" have made students proud of themselves and of their music. A family music night? Did you say "Music on the Menu?" One of our most successful and remembered events of the year, thanks to all the wonderful parents who took the time to show they cared. Without parental support, there can never be good music.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Athletic Department at Nipmuc offers a wide variety of programs to male and female athletes on the varsity, junior varsity, and junior high levels. Again this year, a high percentage of the student body participated in some form

of athletic endeavor during the school year, and we were quite competitive within the Dual-Valley Conference and on an independent level (in track and field).

Special thanks and grateful appreciation must also be extended to the many community members (and members of the coaching staff) who supported the Warriors' Club in its various activities to promote Nipmuc athletics. In addition to fostering a renewal of school spirit, this parental involvement has provided the district with valuable athletic equipment and has sponsored the annual athletic awards banquet.

As teams and as individuals, Nipmuc athletes attained a variety of honors, including the Conference basketball scoring champion, four state qualifiers in track and field, many representatives on all-league and all-central Massachusetts teams, and yet another state qualifying cross-country team. In addition, Nipmuc was represented this year in interscholastic swimming competition, as a young Nipmuc woman qualified for (and placed high in) the state meet. Stressing good sportsmanship and healthy competition, Nipmuc athletes represented the school district quite capably during the past school year.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The physical education program at Nipmuc is continuing to expand within the facility available. New activities have been added, such as weightlifting, racquetball, and co-ed recreational units in field hockey, basketball, football, and gymnastics. Also within the realm of the physical education program, basketball is offered to girls and boys at the elementary level.

In conjunction with the school nurse, the Physical Education Department is administering postural screening for early diagnosis of curvature of the spine for grades 6-8. The importance of personal hygiene and of healthful attitudes is constantly stressed at all levels of instruction.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The eighth grade science program continues to be based upon the Intermediate Science Curriculum Study (ISCS). In essence, the ISCS approach consists of first introducing the student to important investigative procedures and then allowing him to engage in relatively free inquiry. The ISCS position is that the student best gains a real understanding of science by facing reasonably significant questions and working out ways to attack them.

That interest in high school science continues to grow is shown by increased enrollment, which has necessitated additional classes. The program continues to meet individual student's needs. The addition of new equipment has increased the effectiveness and scope of the program. Also, efficient and effective use has been made of existing school and community resources. With our updated curriculum, we look forward to success in our program.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Once again the Social Studies Department has blended a combination of elective and required courses in an attempt to provide the students at Nipmuc with an excellent program. The two-year United States history program has again enabled us to use the multi-text approach in the hope of meeting the ability-levels of all our students. With the introduction of the Bowmar History Program in grades 10 and 11, our teachers will now be able to reach the students with special needs. The program utilizes both listening and reading skills to help reinforce the teacher's classroom instruction. As much individualized work as possible takes place in our classrooms. Again this year, we extend our thanks to people in the two communities who have given of their time in adding to the classroom presentations.

For their assistance and cooperation during the past year, I wish to express sincere thanks to the members of the school committee, to Superintendent of Schools Charles Hand, to all staff members, and to all other persons and organizations that have in any way contributed to the programs and to the operation of Nipmuc Regional High School.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY H. GULLA, JR.
Principal

NIPMUC

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



*Seventeenth Annual
Commencement Exercises*

1977

WILHO FRIGARD GYMNASIUM

Thursday, June 2, 1977

7:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Paul Adams
 David S. Allaire
 Joseph P. Amato
 David M. Baldiga
 Susan C. Barnes
 Deborah L. Beltramini
 Donna M. Blair
 Steven D. Choiniere

Valencia L. Cousineau
 Christine M. E. Dodd
 Michelle C. Drew
 Stacy Hayward
 Cheryl A. Hebb
 Debbie A. Leclaire
 Susan M. Manstream
 Clifford E. McLaughlin

Kelly F. McWey
 Lenore Minardi
 Robert F. Pezzella
 Linda S. M. Poirier
 Suzanne E. K. Saucier
 Kathleen A. Varney
 Beverly J. Wallace
 Jeffrey A. Williams

GRADUATING CLASS

*Paul Adams
 *David S. Allaire
 Carlene Allard
 *Joseph Perry Amato
 John Carl Baker
 *David Michael Baldiga
 *Susan Carol Barnes
 *Deborah Louise Beltramini
 Linda Lea Benoit
 Michael B. Benoit
 Alaina E. Bigelow
 Dorothea Bison
 *Donna Marilyn Blair
 Mark D. Boudreau
 Lauren E. Brown
 Joseph C. Bushnell
 Allan J. Byrne, Jr.
 *Steven D. Choiniere
 Thomas E. Coles
 Linda J. Cousineau
 *Valencia Laurette Cousineau
 Sally L. Davenport
 Deborah Ann Deiana
 Timothy Bruce Deutch
 *Christine Mary Elizabeth Dodd
 Lisa Alice Drake
 *Michelle C. Drew
 Robert F. Earl, Jr.
 Robert J. Flynn
 Bonnie Jean French
 John Frost
 Stephen S. Gardner
 *Cindy L. Gaskell
 *Sally Jane Gaskill

Victoria Helen Germagian
 Alfred Eugene Gibson
 *Kindra R. Guerra
 Maurice M. Hall, III
 Michael J. Hall
 *Donald M. Halsing
 Lloyd Lawrence Hamm, Jr.
 *Stacy Hayward
 Dianne M. Hazard
 *Cheryl Ann Hebb
 Tara Sue Hensel
 Lorna B. Johnson
 *Mark Edward Johnson
 Jeffrey Paul Laliberte
 Michael Joseph Lanagan
 Steven Paul Lapan
 Clifford V. Lapierre
 Richard A. Lapierre
 Kenneth L. Latimore, Jr.
 *Debbie A. Leclaire
 Russell Leighton
 Robert M. Lord
 Shane D. Ludden
 Lisa T. MacNaughton
 Peter Richard Mahler
 *Susan M. Manstream
 *David L. Martin
 Cindy Lee Mason
 David Thayer Clifton
 Wendy L. McCollom
 Cheryl A. McFetridge
 *Clifford Edward McLaughlin
 *Hope M. McTurk
 *Kelly F. McWey

Charles C. Miller
 *Lenore Minardi
 David James Minehan
 Patricia Morey
 Jacqueline G. Moriarty
 Francis M. Moroney
 James David Murphy
 *Kimberly Sue Newton
 *Darlene Marie Noel
 *John Petracca
 *Robert F. Pezzella
 *Linda Sue Mary Poirier
 Teresa A. Putney
 Philip A. Ramsey
 Paul A. Randor
 Dale P. Sanborn
 *Suzanne Elizabeth Kathryn Sat
 Michael Joseph Seitz
 Amy Beth Davidson Southland
 Mary Colleen Summers
 Susan Mary Tetreault
 Bart C. Usher
 Brett Usher
 Julie Ann Valdivia
 *Kathleen A. Varney
 *Richard Voorhees
 *Edward Daniel Walker
 *Beverly J. Wallace
 Carrie Jean Watt
 Penelope Helen Wheeler
 *Laurie Dee Whitman
 *Heidi B. Whitney
 Janet L. Whitney
 *Jeffrey A. Williams

* Academic Honor Achievement B Average or Better for 4 Years

P R O G R A M

*PROCESSIONAL High School Band

*INVOCATION Rev. Howard A. Waterhouse
Grafton-Upton Unitarian Universalist Society's

*NATIONAL ANTHEM All Present

ADDRESS OF WELCOME Robert Pezzella

ESSAY:
"Like the Stars in the Sky Our
Destiny Spreads Across the Heavens." David Baldiga

SELECTION:
"Variations" (George Frock) Deborah Beltramini
Penelope Wheeler

ESSAY:
Genesis Suzanne Saucier

SELECTION:
"Devonshire Overture" (James D. Ployhar) High School Band

ESSAY:
Farewell Address Cheryl Hebb

ESSAY:
Reflections on a Lifetime Susan Barnes

PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT Donald Halsing

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS Anthony H. Gulla, Jr.
Principal

REMARKS Charles R. Hand, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS Charles H. Ferris, Jr.
Chairman, School Committee

*BENEDICTION Rev. Robert G. Beard
First Baptist Church of Mendon

*RECESSIONAL High School Band

Director of Band Richard Auger
Marshal Marie Nardi
Junior Class President

*Audience Standing

CLASS OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Robert Pezzella
<i>Vice-President</i>	Donald Halsing
<i>Secretary</i>	Victoria Germagian
<i>Treasurer</i>	Valencia Cousineau

CLASS ADVISOR

Michael Clements

CLASS MOTTO

*"Like the stars in the sky our destiny
spreads across the heavens."*

CLASS COLORS

Rainbow

CLASS FLOWER

Rose

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Charles H. Ferris, Jr., *Chairman*Roger E. Lizotte, *Vice Chairman*

Salvatore Compagnone, M.D.

Mrs. James B. Seitz

Thomas P. DePalo, M.D.

William C. Young

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Charles R. Hand, Ed. D.

SCHOOL FACULTY

Anthony H. Gulla, Jr. <i>Principal</i>	Eileen Lucier
Allan J. Byrne, <i>Assistant Principal</i>	Michael Makynen
Jeffrey Allard	Charles Medine
Richard Auger	Gordon Merten
Bradley Austin	Martha Miles
Peter Baszner	Bruce Moran
Stephen Bodnar	Debra Murphy
Elsie Burrill	Harold Murphy
William Cilley	Arlene Murray
Michael Clements	Carla Normandin
Arthur Courtman	Carl Olson, III
Cathy Cournoyer	Dennis Page
Anne Davenport	Wayne Phipps
Deborah-Lee Dupointe	Patricia Powel
Beverly Ferrucci	Pamela Prentiss
Lucille Gilbert	John Riordan
John Grady	Richard Robinson
James Grant	Grenith Rose
Maryellen Gray	Felice Shechtman
Stephen Gressak	Robert Smith
Geraldine Hankin	Virginia Starkis
Lisa Hayward	Barbara Toland
Dorothy Hentz	Ruth Voss
Joyce Hoberg	Marjorie Weed
John LaVoie	Linda Wilde
Stephanie Linek	

NEWSPAPER RELEASE FOR PUBLICATION ON FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1977

NIPMUC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**CLASS OF 1977****June 2, 1977**

Eighty-four awards totaling \$23,800.00 were announced at Graduation

Exercise at Nipmuc Regional High School. Principal Anthony H. Gulla, Jr. presented the awards.

The Good Citizenship Certificate for excellence of character given by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Winner: Robert Pezzella

The American Legion School Award given by the Roger L. Wood Post for the student who best exemplifies the qualities of honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service.

Winner: David Baldiga

The Ella Whitney Ristein Awards of \$25.00 each to the girl and boy who have made the greatest progress in terms of total growth and development of the students during the high school course.

Winners: Kimberly Newton
Richard Lapierre

Two \$100.00 scholarships awarded by the Home and Community Service Committee of the Upton Grange to the Upton girl and boy judged to be most deserving.

Winners: Cheryl Hebb
Michael Seitz

One \$200.00 award given by the Mendon-Upton Band Boosters to a student furthering his or her education in the music field.

Winner: Deborah Beltramini

Two \$100.00 scholarships awarded by the George L. Wood Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Upton.

Winners: Debbie Leclaire
Joseph Amato

One \$100.00 Art Scholarship given by the Artists' Guild of Milford.

Winner: Tara Hensel

Three \$100.00 scholarships given by the Upton Bloomer Girls.

Winners: Suzanne Saucier
Kenneth Latimore
Kelly McWey

One \$150.00 scholarship known as the Waldo B. Graton Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Upton Kiwanis Club.

Winner: Michael Seitz

One \$100.00 scholarship known as the George A. Gardner Memorial Scholarship given by Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Gardner to a Mendon boy or girl planning to major in Political Science.

Winner: David Allaire

One \$200.00 scholarship known as the Gary Bates Memorial Scholarship given from the proceeds of funds raised by the youth of Upton as a memorial scholarship to be awarded annually to a graduating student from Upton to defray the cost of further education. Selection by the Bates Scholarship Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Winner: Lloyd Hamm

"Ella Risteen Scholarship, Clause B" administered by the Selectmen of Upton and approved by the March 1973 Town Meeting, a sum, not exceeding \$500.00, to be awarded annually to Upton students graduating from a private or public high school and planning to further their education:

Winners: \$100.00 Alaina Bigelow
\$100.00 Christine Dodd
\$100.00 Cheryl Hebb
\$100.00 Suzanne Saucier
\$100.00 Kelly McWey

Two \$100.00 Savings Bonds given by the Mendon Police Association to that girl or boy who display good School Fellowship.

Winners: Debbie Leclaire
James Murphy

One \$450.00 scholarship given by the Milford Rotary Club to the student having achieved the highest score on a combination of four year high school grades in the college curriculum and the College Board Examination.

Winner: Susan Manstream

Two \$50.00 scholarships known as the St. Michael's Catholic Women's Club Scholarships to members of St. Michael's Parish.

Winners: Valancia Cousineau
David Allaire

One \$100.00 scholarship known as the Harold F. Lowell Memorial Scholarship given to a Mendon girl or boy further his or her education.

Winner: David Allaire

One \$50.00 award given by the Drama Club of Nipmuc Regional High School.

Winner: Susan Barnes

Two \$50.00 awards given by the Nipmuc Warriors Club to a girl or boy in the athletic program.

Winners: Kathleen Varney
Kenneth Latimore

CUMPIN, the student publication of Nipmuc Regional High School, awards its first scholarship, a \$50.00 award to that senior who has made the most significant contribution to the newsmagazine.

Winner: Beverly Wallace

Two \$150.00 scholarships given by the Foreign Language Club, a student organization at the high school.

Winners: Debbie Leclaire
Paul Adams

Two \$50.00 awards given by Lowell's Dairy.

Winners: Stacy Hayward
Alfred Gibson

Two \$100.00 Good Fellowship Awards given by the Mendon Firefighters to a Mendon girl or boy furthering their education.

Winners: Valencia Cousineau
Paul Adams

Two \$200.00 scholarships given by the Upton Women's Club to a Mendon and Upton student furthering his or her education.

Winners: Christine Dodd
Robert Pezzella

One \$1,000.00 scholarship award known as the George R. Whitten, Sr. Annual Scholarship given by George R. Whitten, Jr. to a Mendon resident furthering his education at other than a four year college.

Winner: Kindra Guerra

The Mendon-Upton Regional Teachers' Association awards eighteen scholarships totaling \$2,400.00 to the following students in the amounts designated:

Winners: \$ 75.00 Kimberly Newton
\$ 75.00 Michael Seitz
\$100.00 Joseph Amato
\$100.00 Valencia Cousineau
\$100.00 Timothy Deutch
\$100.00 Michelle Drew
\$100.00 Alfred Gibson
\$100.00 Cheryl Hebb
\$100.00 Kenneth Latimore
\$100.00 Debbie Leclaire
\$100.00 Susan Manstream
\$100.00 Kathleen Varney
\$150.00 Susan Barnes
\$150.00 Kelly McWey
\$150.00 Robert Pezzella
\$200.00 Christine Dodd

One \$100.00 award known as the Janet O. Stockwell Memorial Scholarship given by the Mendon-Upton Teachers' Association to a student furthering his or her education in the medical field.

Winner: Allen Byrne

One \$500.00 scholarship known as the Henry P. Clough Scholarship given by the Mendon-Upton Regional Teachers' Association. Selection is based on scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Winner: Beverly Wallace

One \$500.00 scholarship known as the Wilho Frigard Memorial Scholarship to be given each year from a fund created by his friends and colleagues.

Winner: Suzanne Saucier

Scholarships and financial aid packages have been awarded by other community groups and colleges in the designated amounts:

Holy Angels Parish, Upton

\$100.00	Christine Dodd
100.00	Linda Poirier
100.00	Suzanne Saucier
100.00	Mary Summers
100.00	Kathleen Varney

Iandoli's Market

\$150.00	Suzanne Saucier
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The Western Diocese of the Episcopal Church – Bement Education Grant	\$300.00
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The Western Diocese Girls Friendly Society	\$200.00
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The Milford Trinity Episcopal Church Girls Friendly Society - an amount to be determined	
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Victoria Germagian

The following financial aid grants are renewable each year:

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	\$1,850.00	Paul Adams
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	\$4,200.00	Joseph Amato
Springfield College	\$1,000.00	Allan J. Byrne

Financial aid grants renewable each year cont'd.

Russell Sage College \$3,100.00	Valencia Cousineau
Anne Maria College \$1,600.00	Lloyd Hamm
Assumption College \$1,800.00	Susan Manstream
St. Francis College \$1,200.00	Michael Seitz
New England Conservatory a grant to	Deborah Beltramini
Basic Education Opportunity grant to	Alaina Bigelow

David Baldiga has received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy.

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PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

The Department of Pupil Personnel Services continues to work towards its major goal of providing programs or services designed to help each child get the most out of his school program.

At all levels, Guidance, Career Education, Special Needs, and Health staff have put much effort into improving and expanding their services.

Guidance and Career Education, under the direction of Steve Gressak, Gordon Merten, and Felice Shechtman sponsored the second Nipmuc Regional Career Fair in June. There were one hundred participants from various local companies representing careers in all trade and professional areas.

The Career Education Program, along with its "Scoop" work-study, expanded to include shadowing - student can observe a person presently working in specific career of interest; volunteering - a student can do volunteer work for school credit; and the 8th-grade career awareness - features speakers at school with research assignments.

We have been most pleased this year to have Edward Prentiss, a retired bank president from Upton, volunteering his time and expertise to the Guidance-Career Education Program. Mr. Prentiss has worked with Mrs. Shechtman to institute a monthly Career Day involving a day of speakers relating a featured school subject to the World of Work. The business and science departments have had excellent programs. Industrial arts, home economics, and social studies departments have programs planned.

Special Needs staff at Nipmuc, Peter Baszner, Carla Normandin, John Riordan, are continuing to address the various issues of assisting the special need adolescent. Secondary level programming is a real challenge, as the curriculum is much more departmentalized. A student can be involved in from five to seven different subject areas. It is more difficult to coordinate and implement an educational plan when there are so many subjects and anywhere from five to ten professional staff members involved with one student.

At the elementary level, Deborah Hebert, Guidance Counselor, has developed an exciting 7th-grade career exploration and awareness program. Funded by a Title IV grant for guidance and library materials, the program aims to expose students to work values, giving them a background from which they can make their choices.

Special Needs elementary staff, Richard Callery, Barbara Rappaport, Joan Vigeant in Upton; Sandra Lajoie, Diane Rac, and Sandra Ray in Mendon; with

Priscilla Arbuckle, Speech Therapist in all schools, are working diligently to provide for the needs of students referred through Chapter 766.

The K-12 special needs programming and services will undergo an intense evaluation this coming spring. The process called Program Audit is conducted by the State Department of Education. The process will help us to identify our strengths and weaknesses.

Space problems at Memorial, Clough, and Nipmuc still necessitate students being programmed in out-of-district placements. Most of these students are in classes sponsored by the Blackstone Valley Special Needs Collaborative; however, we have five students in private day schools.

The Title I project has been expanded to include grades 1-7 rather than just 4-7. Janet Porter is the new supervisor tutor, replacing Linda McDonnell who resigned. Karen Lemoine and Debra Nahra are the two other tutors. The program is designed to help students reading below grade level and not eligible for Chapter 766 services.

The health services department, with Joyce Hoberg, R.N. and Vera Townsend, R.N., provides excellent nursing coverage to the school district.

We are pleased that the Friends of Clough and the Mothers Club of Upton are continuing to provide postage for our strep-throat culture program. Culture kits are provided free of charge by the American Heart Association, and the laboratory work is provided without charge by the Worcester Streptococcus Laboratory.

A postural screening pilot program for scoliosis was conducted at Nipmuc and Clough School for grades 6, 7, and 8 by Mrs. Hoberg, R.N., Dennis Page and Jean Warden, Physical Education Instructors at Nipmuc. We plan to conduct the program again this spring and to expand it to include the Memorial School students.

The State Department of Public Health has revived its dental program. We now have a dental screening being done in grades K-7. A dental care education program is being conducted in grades K, 1, and 3. The State-provided dental hygienist coordinates the program with our school nurses.

We have also cooperated this year with the State-run lead poisoning clinics. Kindergarten children were screened in both Mendon and Upton. Unchecked high lead levels in children can lead to severe health problems, including possible retardation.

Space and staff continue to be the two areas of greatest need for the pupil Personnel Services Department. Special needs programming for small groups and

individuals is costly. We are scratching the surface - we have many children who need to receive special help every day, not every other day.

We are all working together to provide the most economical means of meeting our educational needs.

Respectfully submitted,

MARYELLEN L. GRAY
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The adoption of the Open Court Correlated Language Arts Program has been completed. Presently grades 1 - 6 utilize this comprehensive program. Because of the complexity of the program, a grade was added one year at a time. Next year a modified version of the program will be incorporated into the 7th grade language arts course of study, particularly the writing or composition skills which have been very successful.

We can say with very good assurance that our students are receiving one of the best language arts program in existence. The students are exposed daily to the skills of reading through an intensive phonetic approach, self correction, correlated language arts, daily writing practice, grammar and the finest literature.

After completing a successful year in the Pilot Program of the Open Court Mathematics Program in grade 1 it was decided to continue the project in grade 2. Our approach has been to adopt grade by grade so that a better analysis can be made of the program. Grade 1 and 2 teachers have reported that the program is comprehensive and calls upon the students to use common sense and ordinary powers of reason. There is a great deal of skill practice drills with a variety of ways to learn the arithmetic processes.

Our language arts and mathematics programs through the Open Court system offers our students in the elementary grades a firm foundation in the basic skills along with an effective support system in the special areas. However, as the student moves up the educational ladder needs become more complex and varied.

Upper grade students need more than reading, writing and arithmetic. Our students in grades 5 - 8 for the most part receive a strict academic diet. This is good in the academic sense, but not complete if we are concerned about the total development of the child. These students need to have good physical educational programs, exploratory vocational experiences, adequate facilities to move about in, science exploratory areas, stage area to carry on school activities, career education experiences and other experiences which relate significantly to the complex development of the child at this age. Presently the district is exploring ways to achieve these very minimal projects for our children.

We are particularly pleased with our library program. The room used for the library is attractively arranged and is conducive to good learning experiences. Mrs. Barbara Burke, School Librarian, spends a great deal of time coordinating library books and materials with our regular school programs. She receives assistance from capable community volunteers who make our library program better. To all the volunteers we appreciate and thank you for a job well done.

Our Art and Music Departments provide a variety of experiences for our students. Concerts by the glee club and bands are programmed twice a year for the public at an always capacity audience. Also the bands participate in several marching events. During the course of the year the bands and glee club perform for our students. Art, in many instances is coordinated with the regular school programs, particularly in the social studies area, and also with seasonal celebrations. Art displays are evidenced on the school hallway bulletin boards and are attractively arranged.

During the summer, a few maintenance projects were completed. We are attempting to establish priorities and a reasonable maintenance project to keep our buildings in good shape. This past summer the following projects were completed:

Memorial School	– Replaced lights in cafeteria, masonry work on building, classrooms painted, replaced boiler room, cafeteria kitchen and supply room doors. Also replaced several door frames.
Ball School	– Replaced front, side and boiler room doors.

Our Senior citizens have lunch with us on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs. Gail Hixon, Cafeteria Manager and Mrs. Betsy Johnson from the Council on Aged, coordinate the program. If we had the facilities we would like to increase the number of days for them.

The Upton Mother's Club has been very active this year providing excellent programs and services to the school. Since its inception last year, the club has

given the school shrubs for the front lawn, painted the cafeteria, a high jump mat, painted Charlie Brown murals on the cafeteria walls, supplied drapes for a classroom, and educational materials for the teachers. We appreciate the club's effort and cooperation to make our school better. We sincerely thank you all.

We also thank the Upton Bloomer Girls with the assistance of the Mother's Club for the excellent bus safety program they sponsored for our kindergarten children. We are always concerned for the safety of the children and we welcome these kinds of programs. The children did learn a great deal on that day.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the faculty, superintendent, school committee and townspeople for their cooperation and assistance received throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD M. SOTER
Principal

MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONSOLIDATED CAFETERIA
FINANCIAL REPORT

The following represents the combined financial report of the Mendon, Upton, and Nipmuc Regional High School cafeteria for the year 1977.

Cash Balance January 1, 1977	(\$8,807.09)
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RECEIPTS:

Cafeteria Sales	64,725.64
U.S.D.A. Claim Checks	49,294.90
Other Receipts	629.87
Appropriation	6,190.54

DISBURSEMENTS:

Food and Milk	\$68,892.97
Labor	50,771.93
Other Expenses	6,485.14
 Cash Balance December 31, 1977	 <hr style="width:20%; margin-left:0; border:0; border-top:1px solid black;"/> <hr style="width:20%; margin-left:0; border:0; border-top:1px solid black;"/>

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	\$112,033.86
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*U.S.D.A. Claim Checks Outstanding	\$ 15,584.32
Inventory	7,678.12

MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FINANCIAL REPORT June 30, 1977

	<u>Budget 7/76-6/77</u> <u>Original Alloc</u>	<u>Transferred Allocations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
ADMINISTRATION	66,304.00	65,337.70	55,559.93	9,777.77
INSTRUCTION	1,355,558.00	1,331,561.73	1,327,548.44	4,013.29
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	212,658.00	223,065.04	221,888.31	1,176.73
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	220,750.00	229,172.25	229,172.25	0
FIXED CHARGES	151,260.00	145,614.30	144,294.40	1,319.90
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	30,955.00	30,955.00	22,747.72	8,207.28
BI-LINGUAL PROGRAM		4,552.00	4,535.93	16.07
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	219,865.00	227,091.98	227,091.98	0
OCCUPATIONAL DAY PROGRAM	20,800.00	20,800.00	16,764.59	4,035.41
OCCUPATIONAL EVENING PROGRAM	800.00	800.00	271.50	528.50
	2,278,950.00	2,278,950.00	2,249,875.05	29,074.95

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MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

June 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977

Cash Balance July 1, 1976 \$196,779.06

RECEIPTS:

Town Assessments:

Upton	843,743.24
Mendon	700,334.85
State Reimbursements	700,690.61
E.S.E.A. TITLE I	34,595.00
E.S.E.A. TITLE II	1,253.78
E.S.E.A. TITLE IVB	2,989.69
Interest	26,280.85
Tuition	475.00
Rent	2,071.94
Insurance Dividend	87.00
Insurance Recovery	548.31
Net Increase in Special Funds	303.65
Net Increase in Athletic Fund	7.35
Blackstone-Valley Special Needs Collab.	109,787.12
Payroll Deductions & Insurance Payments	456,264.87
Miscellaneous	114.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Operation Expense	\$2,249,875.05
Debt Service:	
Principal	50,000.00
Interest	6,375.00
Blackstone-Valley Spec. Needs Collab.	97,544.37
Surplus Revenue	6,137.70
E.S.E.A. TITLE I	33,327.95
E.S.E.A. TITLE II	1,319.17
E.S.E.A. TITLE IVB	709.62
Federal Projects	6.06
N.D.E.A. TITLE III Funds	1,591.50
Insurance Recovery	180.00

DISBURSEMENTS Cont'd.

Net Decrease in School Lunch Program	\$ 10,067.22
Payroll Deductions & Insurance Payments	456,166.63
 Cash Balance July 1, 1977	 <u>163,026.05</u>
	\$3,076,326.32

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1977

ASSETS:

Milford Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.	98,779.33
Home National Bank of Milford	61,102.06
Milford Savings Bank	<u>3,144.66</u>
	\$ 163,026.05

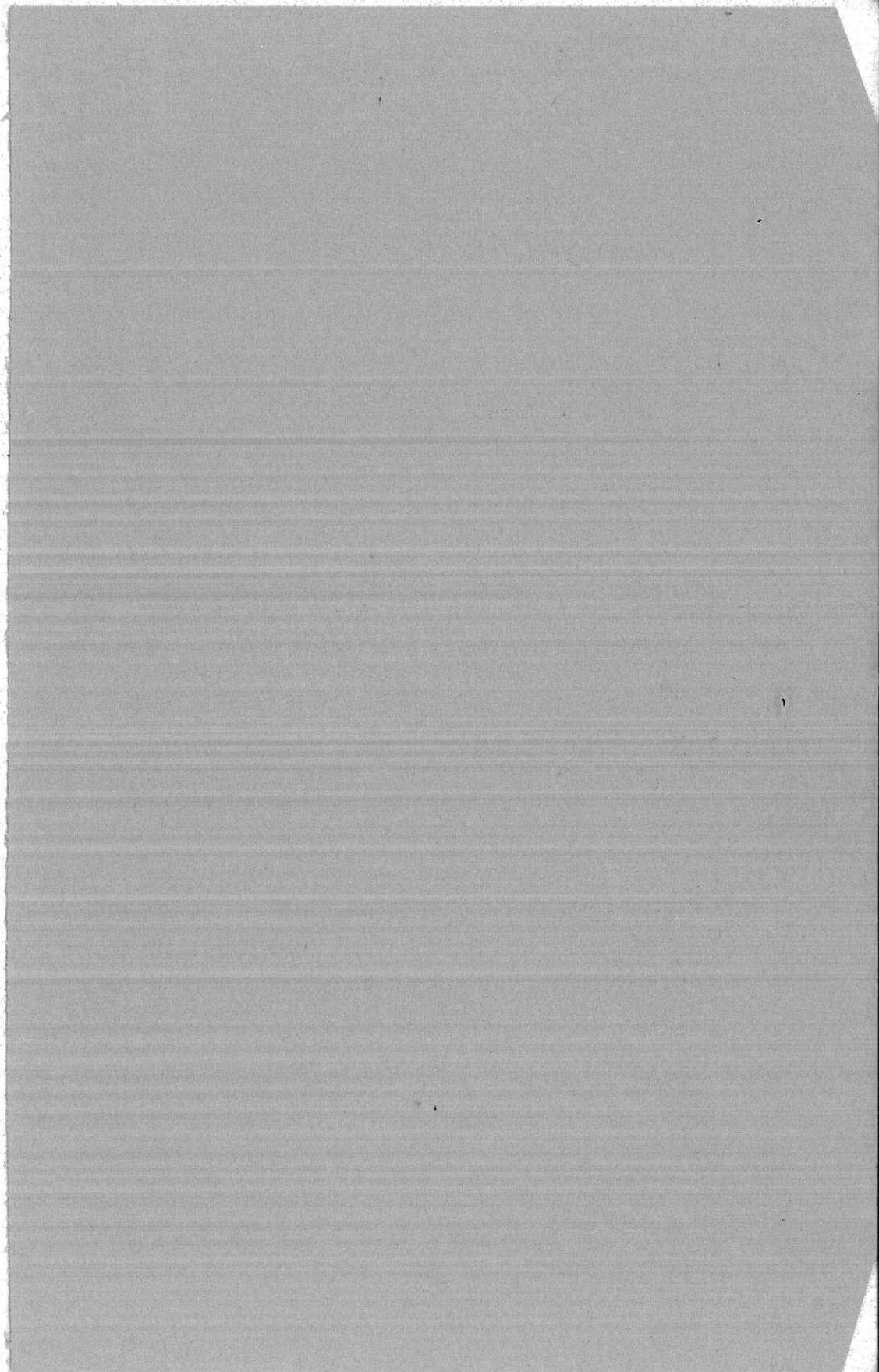
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:

E.S.E.A. TITLE I	\$ 1,267.05
E.S.E.A. TITLE II	60.87
E.S.E.A. TITLE IVB	2,280.07
School Lunch Program	(9,715.38)*
Athletic Fund	10.14
Lavatory Dispensers	37.15
Insurance Recovery	824.78
Blackstone-Valley Spec. Needs Collab.	16,492.56
Encumbered Payroll Deductions	1,059.84
Surplus Revenue	<u>150,708.97</u>
	\$ 163,026.05

*U.S.D.A. Claims for May and June not received

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TOWN DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY:

Police 529-3411
Fire 529-3311
Ambulance 529-3311

Selectmen (Meet. every Tuesday evening)	529-6901
Selectmen's Clerk	529-3915
Town Clerk (Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 7 to 9 p.m.)	529-3565
Assessors (Meet every Tuesday evening)	529-6901
Assessor's Clerk	529-3760
Building Inspector	529-3572
Civil Defense	529-6561
Collector/Treasurer (Tues. & Thurs. 6 to 8 p.m.)	529-3737
Council for Aging - Drop in Center	529-6210
Dog Officer	529-3095
Fire Department Business	529-3421
Health Board	529-3110
Housing Authority	529-3293
Library	529-6272
Nursing Service	529-3110
Parks and Recreation	529-3232
Plumbing Inspector	529-6296
Police Department Business	529-3200
Road Commissioner	529-7761
Sewer Treatment Plant	529-3993
Superintendent of Schools	529-7729
Veterans' Agent	529-3865
Water Department	529-7761
Water Department Emergencies	529-6216
Wiring Inspector	529-3383