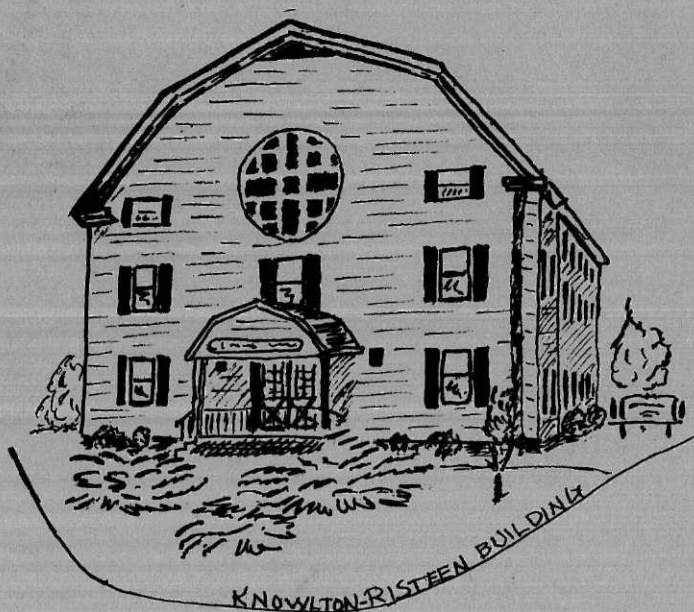
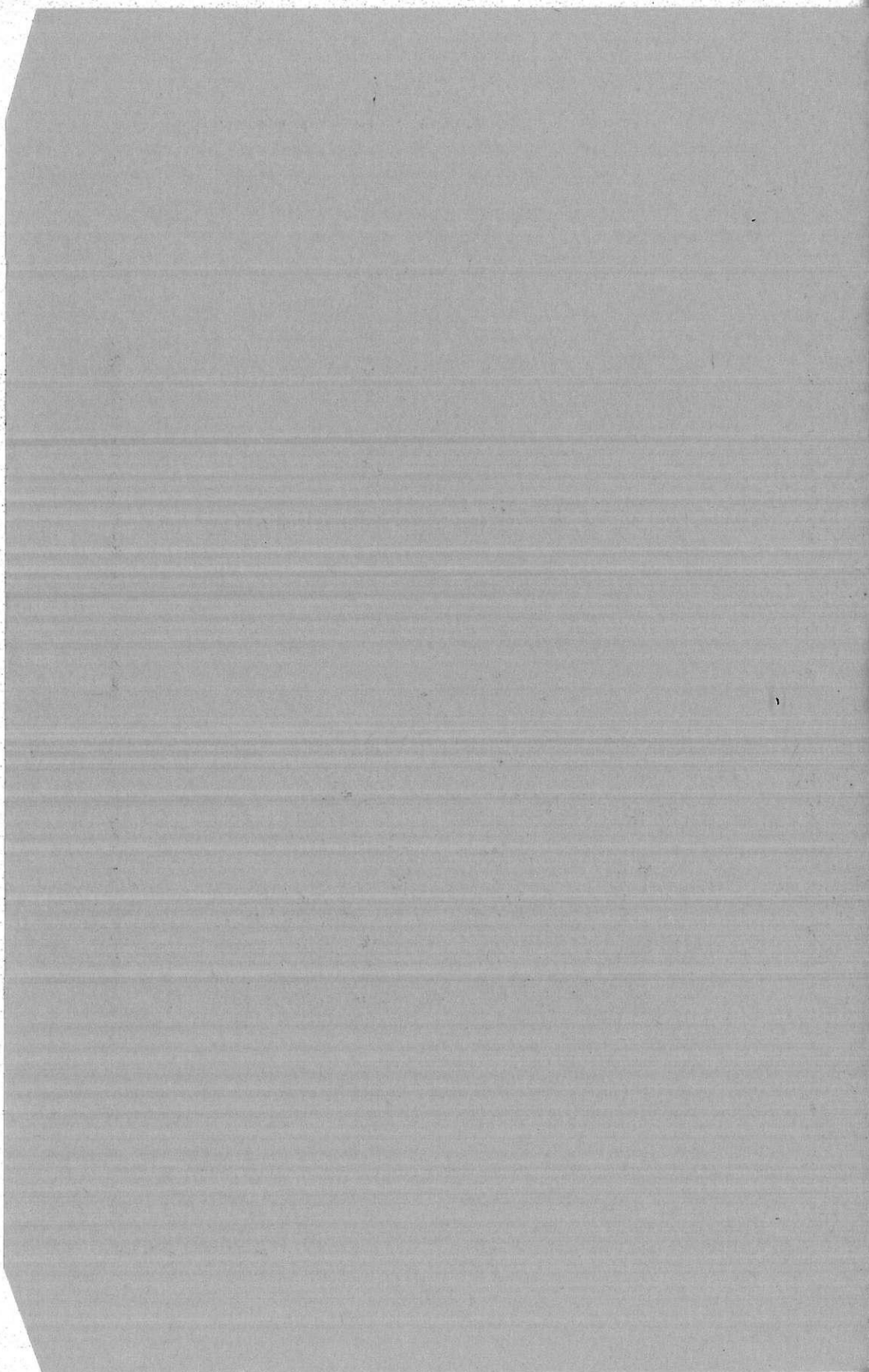




**Annual Report
of the
Town Officers
of the
TOWN OF UPTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 1977**





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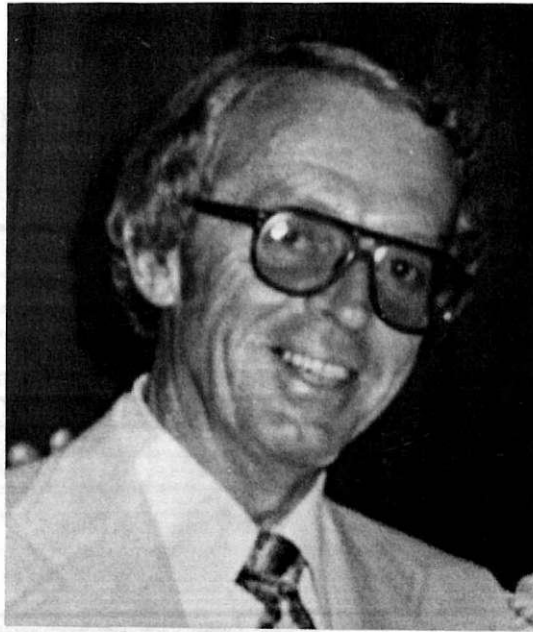
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JAMES WHITE
AND
JOHN W. WHITE



IN
THE

OF

**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

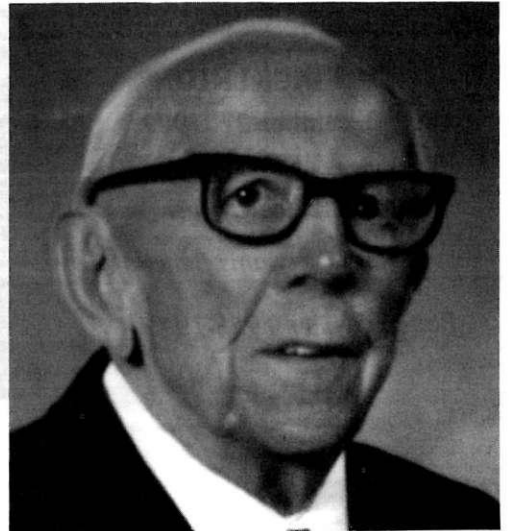
Died February 5, 1977

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 OF 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. Deutch | term expires 1980 |

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE TO BLACKSTONE VALLEY
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Edward S. Henderson | term expires 1980 |
|---------------------|-------------------|

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 |

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 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|

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 |
|--------------------|-------------------|

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 |
|-----------------|------------------|

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

Olaf Olson

Jonas E. Carter

Edward S. Henderson, Jr.

term expires 1980 ⁸¹

term expires 1979

term expires 1980 ²⁸

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

PRECEDINGS 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.

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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 |
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| 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. Deutch, 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.

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 | 200.00 |
| Wire Inspector Salary | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 | 64,000.00 |
| 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.

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ARTICLE 16. Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account, the sum of \$15,000.00 for the repairing and painting of the existing water standpipe on Pratt Hill.

ARTICLE 17. Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$8,500.00 for the purchase of a 1977 Class 1, State approved ambulance, purchase to be made with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, by the Board of Fire Engineers, Fire Department Captain and Fire Department Lieutenant, monies appropriated to be used in conjunction with monies from the Upton Ambulance Fund.

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 |

| Date of Birth | Name | Parents |
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| 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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name, Age, Residence</u> | <u>By Whom and Where Married</u> |
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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. |
| 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 Meilen, 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. Maikowski, 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.

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| 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

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| 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 Scaman, 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

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| 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 Coluci, 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 Renee 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****SEPTEMBER**

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| 2 | Richard Carl Jackman, 20, Upton Katherine Louise Chapman, 18, Hopkinton, Ma | 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, Ma | 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

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| 1 | Raymond Eugene Fantini, 26, Bellingham, Ma 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 Gadde, 22, Upton Claire Anne Bianchi, 22, Milford, Mass. | Roy E. Nelson, Jr., Clergyman Sudbury, Mass. |

NOVEMBER

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| 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. |

| Date | Name, Age, Residence | By Whom and Where Married |
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| 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 | | |
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| | | | 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 | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----|----|----|
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| 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 | 10 | 18 |
| 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

| Date of Death | Name | Age | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----|----|----|
| | | 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. Lamanuzzi 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 Extensions 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 policemen 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 |
| Summonses 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 |

SAMUAL NAHRA
CARL W. PORTER
Board of Assessors

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
EXPENSES 1977 - 1978

EXPENSES

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| Appropriated | \$3,000.00 |
|--------------|------------|

EXPENDED

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Assessors Expense | \$2,212.21 |
|-------------------|------------|

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

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| Balance | | 8,498.74 |
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GENERAL

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| Balance | | 19,061.79 |
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SNOW REMOVAL

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| Balance | | 33,442.55 |
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CHAPTER 497

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| Balance | | 22,742.95 |
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CHURCH STREET DRAIN

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| Balance | | 225.78 |
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CHAPTER 497

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| Balance | | 52.05 |
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CHAPTER 765

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| Balance | | 7,180.51 |
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CHAPTER 765

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| Balance | | 17,345.00 |
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CIDER MILL LANE

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| Balance | | 2,254.00 |
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| | CHAPTER 90 | |
| Balance | | \$22,000.00 |
| | CHAPTER 90 | |
| Balance | | 7,343.15 |
| | CHAPTER 90 | |
| Balance | | 9,334.03 |

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
 Otis Inman
 Mr. & Mrs. Elston Cooper
 Mrs. Charles Barton
 Mr. & Mrs. Howard Spencer
 Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Beard
 Mrs. George Harback
 Mattie Bates
 Mary Carroll
 Mrs. Edward Tobey
 Richard Bouthiette
 Kenneth Wood
 George Newton
 Mrs. David Colcord
 Mrs. Vivian Mainini
 Fred Harrigan III
 James Aldrich
 Mrs. Nancy Beatty
 Mrs. George Sears
 Adelaide Bartlett
 Richard Stockwell for Windsor Brooks
 Laurie Thompson, Jr.
 Gordon Hopper
 Rubelle Keniston
 Ann Gorman
 Alfred Prescott
 Martha Williams (Town Clerk)
 Donald Wellman
 Mrs. David Jacobs
 Henry Walker
 Christine Salisbury

Stanley Praskiewicz
 Ada White
 Anthony J. Grillo (Thomas Quinn)
 Alice Kreisle
 Beatrice Goodnow
 Chester Walker
 Barbara Burke
 Ernest Bentley
 Irene Inman
 W. Thornton Cowing
 Mrs. Edward Kuczinski
 Marjorie Taft
 Carol Blomquist
 Esther Stuart
 Harold Smith
 Stanton Baker
 Mendon Historical Society
 George Blackburn
 Fred Harrigan
 Margaret Crosby
 A Friend
 Nancy Kennedy
 Sarah Alexander
 Elizabeth Stickney
 Philip Carbonneau
 Doris Rooney
 Clara Hart
 Dorothy Balch
 Jack Craib
 Gloria Shea
 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 mementoes 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

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| 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 Gutterman, 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:

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| 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:

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|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 |
| Linnington, 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 covents |
| Wells, H. | Thirty strange stories |

Non-Fiction:

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| Aldrich, R. | Gertrude Lawrence as Mrs. A. |
| American Tech. Soc. | Automobile engineering |
| Ames, B. | What shall we name the baby? |
| Atkins, R. | Dr. Atkins diet revolution |
| Baer, J. | The second wife |
| Better Homes | Treasury of Christmas ideas |
| Books in print 1975 | |
| Borland, H. | Book of days |
| Borland, H. | A place to begin |
| Bragdon, H. | History of a free people |
| Buchwald, A. | Have I ever lied to you? |
| Coatsworth, E. | Personal geography |
| Cornstock, J. | How to know the butterflies |
| Cultural Institutions in Massachusetts | |
| Cummings, J. | Why they call him the buffalo doctor |
| Davis, A. | Let's eat well |
| Eareckson, J. | Joni |
| Eckert, A. | Wild season |
| Eddy, M. | Science and health |
| Encyclopedia Britannica (1952) | |
| Encyclopedia of Associations | |
| Fuller, H. | The plant world |
| Gardening for food and fun | |
| Gibbons, E. | Stalking the healthful herbs |
| Goldmann, N. | Autobiography of Nahum Goldmann |
| Hatch, A. | The Lodges of Massachusetts |
| Hodgson, G. | America in our times |
| Hoover, H. | The years of the forest |
| Jaworski, L. | The right and the power |
| Krutch, Jr. | The gardener's world |
| Kubler, R. | Death the final stage of growth |
| Lewis, D. | Prisoners of honor: the Dreyfus affair |
| Loomis, S. | The fatal friendship |
| Monroe, R. | Journeys out of the body |
| Moody, R. | Life after life |
| Moore, R. | The French connection |
| Morris, D. | Intimate behaviour |
| O'Neill, N. | Open marriage |
| Percy, C. | Growing old in the country of the young |
| Ricky, C. | The Brownings |
| Rogers, E. | Physics for the inquiring mind |
| Sayre, E. | A Christmas book |
| Shannon, W. | They could not trust the king |
| Singer, C. | A history of technology |
| Smith, P. | 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 Commissioners 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

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| 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

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| 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> |

311,000.00**\$4,527,501.66**

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

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

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 | 750.98 | |
| "Pending Appropriation" | <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 |

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 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:

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| Invested Cash | 4,023.65 |
| Delinquent Taxes | 2,536.17 |
| Eskrow Tax Title | 7,331.12 |
| Fees-Delinquent Taxes | <u>230.60</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)

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Highway, 90 Constr. | 5,500.00 |
| Dog Licenses | <u>1,339.34</u> |

6,839.34

(Other Towns)

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|---------------------|---------------|
| Mendon, | |
| Nipmuc Snow Removal | <u>600.00</u> |

TOTAL RECEIPTS:\$2,274,081.80

Expended 1976-77

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|----------------------------------|----------|
| 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 |

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 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

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|------------------------|-----------|
| 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 |

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 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

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|------------------------------|----------|
| 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 |

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Gas Inspector Salary | \$ 200.00 |
| Wiring Inspector Salary | 300.00 |
| New Fire Truck | 35,007.30 |

TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT**\$ 62,292.74**

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|---------------------|----------|
| Tree Warden: | |
| Labor | 1,709.00 |
| Truck Hire | 539.00 |
| Equipment | 2,736.00 |
| Supplies | 129.95 |
| Other Expense | 486.00 |

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 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**

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| 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 |

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| 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

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 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

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| 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**

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|-----------------------|----------|
| 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**

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|-------------------------|----------|
| 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 |

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Water Mains Extension | \$ 5,857.00 |
| Hydrant Rental | 6,600.00 |

TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT

\$ 28,606.78

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| 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

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|---------------------------|----------|
| 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

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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****TOTAL EXPENDED:****\$2,250,712.54**

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> |
| | 51,596.46 |
| Expended | <u>20,000.00</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 Dacey 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> | |
| | | <u>4,302.70</u> |
| Balance, June 30, 1977 | | \$ 76,510.74 |

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|---|------------------|
| Principal on deposit in Milford Savings Bank: | \$ 1,079.55 |
| Home National Bank of Milford, Savings Dept.: | |
| Clause B | \$32,970.62 |
| Clause C | 33,340.20 |
| Clause D | <u>10,199.92</u> |
| | \$ 76,510.74 |

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 | Telephone 529-7771 |
| Office | Pleasant Street |
| | Upton |

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 Cash Award | School 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 | <u>1,693,000.00</u> | <u>1,607,286.46</u> | <u>85,713.54</u> |
| Debt Service Retirement | | | |
| Bond Principal | 235,000.00 | 235,000.00 | — |
| Bond Interest | 115,362.50 | 115,362.50 | — |
| 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 | 400,000.00 |
| | <u>\$ 635,083.48</u> |

Liabilities

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|--|----------------------|
| 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 | 164,592.95 |
| | <u>\$ 635,083.48</u> |

Debt Accounts

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

Analysis of Excess and Deficiency Account

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|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| 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>\$ 164,592.95</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

Dr. Charles R. Hand Telephone: 529-7729
 Office: Knowlton-Risteen Memorial Building – Upton
Secretary: Mrs. Edith M. Lebel
Financial Secretary: Mrs. Pauline M. Johnson
Financial Clerk: Mrs. Rose Marie Horton

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

Edward M. Soter, Principal Telephone: 529-6931(Memorial)
 Telephone: 529-7711(G.S. Ball)
 Mrs. Doris Nelson, *Secretary*

HENRY P. CLOUGH SCHOOL

William Milligan, Principal Telephone: 473-1768
 Mrs. Lois Taylor, *Secretary*

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

Mrs. Maryellen Gray, Director Telephone: 529-7711
 Mrs. Dorothy Comolli, *Secretary*

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
 Miss Jean Warden
 Mrs. Marjorie K. Weed
 Mrs. Linda S. Wilde
 Mrs. Gloria Hogarth
 Mrs. Ruth Voss

Art Teacher - aide
 Physical Education
 Art Coordinator
 English
 Library (aide)
 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 Gutterman | Grade I |
| Mrs. Mercedith 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 Carbrello | 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 Hulburt | 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

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|------------|----|----|-----|----|----|-----|
| 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 Educa-
tion are giving high priority to the promotion of school finance reform. A peren-
nial 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 in-
clude 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:

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| 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

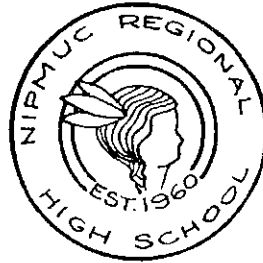
Once again the Social Studies Department has blended a combination of elective and required courses in an attempt to provide the students at Nipmuc with an excellent program. The two-year United States history program has again enabled us to use the multi-text approach in the hope of meeting the ability-levels 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. Leclair
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. Leclair
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. McPetridge
*Clifford Edward McLaughlin
*Hope M. McTurk
*Kelly F. McWey

Charles G. 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

PROGRAM

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| * PROCESSIONAL | High School Band |
| * INVOCATION | Rev. Howard A. Waterhouse <i>Grafton-Upton Unitarian Universalist Societies</i> |
| * 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. <i>Principal</i> |
| REMARKS | Charles R. Hand, Ed. D. <i>Superintendent of Schools</i> |
| PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS | Charles H. Ferris, Jr. <i>Chairman, School Committee</i> |
| * BENEDICTION | Rev. Robert G. Beard <i>First Baptist Church of Mendon</i> |
| * RECESSIONAL | High School Band |
| Director of Band | Richard Auger |
| Marshal | Marie Nardi Junior Class President |
| * Audience Standing | |

CLASS OFFICERS

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <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

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| Charles H. Ferris, Jr., <i>Chairman</i> | |
| Roger E. Lizotte, <i>Vice Chairman</i> | |
| 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

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| 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 Risteen 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 Lapiere

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 Leclair
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 Leclair
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 Leclair
\$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

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

Iandoli's Market

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| \$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 Victoria Germagian | |
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The following financial aid grants are renewable each year:

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| 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.

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| 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.

ANNUAL REPORT — 1977

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:

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| 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)

RECEIPTS:

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

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| Food and Milk | \$68,892.97 |
| Labor | 50,771.93 |
| Other Expenses | 6,485.14 |

Cash Balance December 31, 1977 (14,116.18)*

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| \$112,033.86 | \$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 Original Alloc</u> | <u>Transferred Allocations</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
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| 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 |
| | <u>2,278,950.00</u> | <u>2,278,950.00</u> | <u>2,249,875.05</u> | <u>29,074.95</u> |

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 | \$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 |

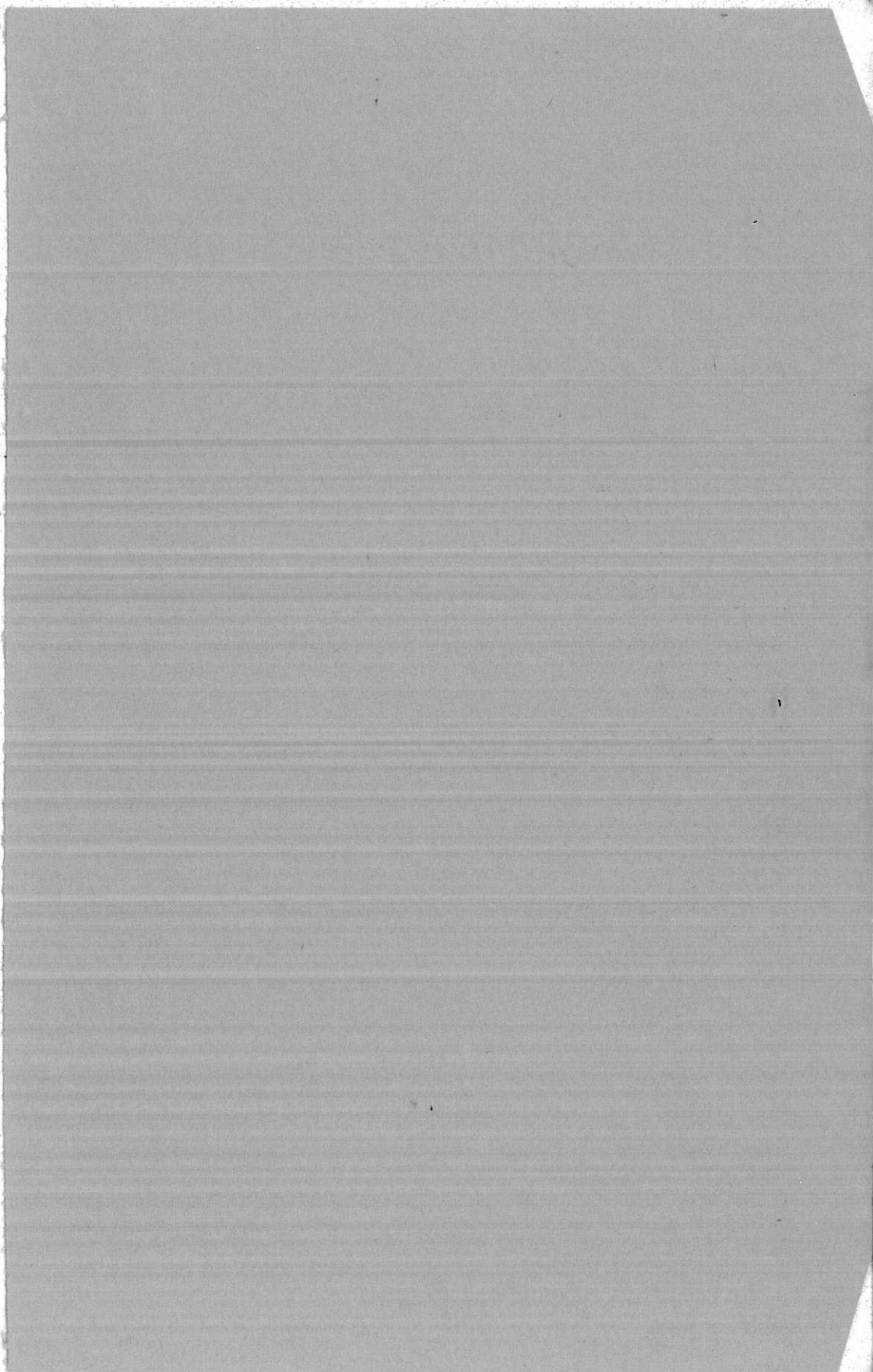
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 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

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| 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 |