



*ANNUAL* *REPORT*  
OF THE TOWN OF  
**HINSDALE**  
MASSACHUSETTS



*For the Year Ending*  
**DECEMBER 31, 1955**

ANNUAL REPORTS  
*of the*  
Officers, Committees and  
Public Library  
*of the*  
TOWN OF HINSDALE  
MASSACHUSETTS



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*Cover—Hinsdale Public Library—Built in 1867, Photo By Paul A. Meyers*

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

## Selectmen

STANLEY F. GALOK	Term expires 1955
PAUL A. MEYERS, Secretary	Term expires 1956
THERON B. MARSHALL, Chairman	Term expires 1957

## Town Clerk

ISABELLE F. BUTLER	Term expires 1955
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## Tax Collector

ALFRED G. KIRCHNER	Term expires 1957
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## Treasurer

ELAINE R. BLAKE	Term expires 1957
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## Assessors

WILLYS M. BELLINGER, Chairman	Term expires 1955
WILLIAM C. SIMPSON, Secretary	*Term expires 1956
RALPH B. MARSHALL	Term expires 1957

## School Committee

HARRY E. FRESHLER	Term expires 1955
JOHN R. NAUGHTON	Term expires 1956
JOHN W. MCGILL	Term expires 1957

## Auditor

ALLYN W. SMITH	Term expires 1955
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Board of Health  
(Selectmen)

## Tree Warden

RICHARD GREB	Term expires 1955
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## Board of Registrars

ISABELLE F. BUTLER	HARRY DRESSER
CARL R. MOSEGARD	JOHN W. MCGILL

Superintendent of Schools  
EARL C. SUITORSuperintendent of Roads  
PATRICK J. BUTLER

\*Resigned Oct. 1, 1955

Forest Warden and Fire Chief  
ALLYN W. SMITH

Chief of Police  
THERON B. MARSHALL

Constables

FRANK E. BAUMANN	Term expires 1955
THOMAS LeVARDI	Term expires 1955
HAROLD LEE	Term expires 1955
GARRETT F. COLLINS	Term expires 1955

Cattle and Milk Inspector  
and Inspector of Slaughtering  
EDWIN DROSEHN

Sealer of Weights and Measures  
PAUL A. MEYERS

Wiring Inspector  
ALLYN W. SMITH

Cemetery Committee

HOLLAND GEER	Term expires 1955
HARRY DRESSER	Term expires 1956
WILLIAM E. MORGAN	Term expires 1957
CARL R. MOSEGARD	Term expires 1958
T. AUGUSTUS FRISSELL	Term expires 1959
STANLEY H. RICE	Term expires 1960
EDWARD W. LYMAN	Term expires 1961

Library Committee

DOROTHY M. LYMAN	Term expires 1955
EARL C. SUITOR	Term expires 1956
HELEN GALOK	Term expires 1957

Fence Viewer and Field Driver  
EDWIN DROSEHN

Measurer of Wood and Bark  
T. AUGUSTUS FRISSELL

Surveyor of Lumber  
SUMNER GEER

Board of Finance

ALLYN W. SMITH	Term expires 1955
GARRETT F. COLLINS	Term expires 1955
HARRY E. FRESHLER	Term expires 1955
JOSEPH BLAKE	Term expires 1956
ROY C. BARNES, Jr.	Term expires 1956
FRANK E. BAUMANN	Term expires 1956
DONALD F. BLAKE	Term expires 1957
CLIFFORD FRALEY	Term expires 1957
WILLIAM E. MORGAN, Chairman	Term expires 1957

Custodian of the War Memorial  
MARION L. RANSFORD

Moth Superintendent  
ALLYN W. SMITH

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Art. 1—To choose a Moderator to preside at the meeting.
- Art. 2—To choose and elect by Official Ballot the following officers:  
One Selectman for three years  
Town Clerk for one year  
Assessor for one year  
Assessor for three years  
Member of School Committee for three years  
Auditor for one year  
Tree Warden for one year  
Three members of Finance Board for three years  
Four Constables for one year  
and to appoint a committee of three to bring in a list of all minor Town Officers.
- Art. 3—To act upon the reports of the Selectmen, the School Committee, and other elected or appointed officers of the Town.
- Art. 4—To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen.
- Art. 5—To see if the Town will vote to give the Tax Collector the same powers Town Treasurers have by law when appointed Collector of Taxes.
- Art. 6—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue or reimbursement of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.
- Art. 7—To see if the Town will vote to constitute the Board of Selectmen the Board of Public Welfare for the year 1957 and to authorize an annual salary of \$50 for each member for attendance at meetings and \$50 additional for the District Representative for attendance at District meetings.
- Art. 8—To see if the Town will vote to have the cash in the Treasury transferred to help defray the expenses of the ensuing year.

- Art. 9—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Overlay Reserve surplus fund the sum of \$1,500.00 for a Reserve Fund.
- Art. 10—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400.00; this sum and the amount of Dog Tax money refunded by the County to be given to the Hinsdale Free Public Library.
- Art. 11—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for road work on the Sky View Grove development at Ashmere Lake.
- Art. 12—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for work on the Plunkett Reservoir Road.
- Art. 13—To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,000.00 from the Road Machinery Fund for Road Machinery Maintenance.
- Art. 14—To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,100.00 from the Road Machinery Fund to retire the final note of the Highway Equipment loan.
- Art. 15—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to trade in the 1953 GMC truck for a new one, using from the Road Machinery Fund whatever additional amount may be necessary, but not exceeding \$2,000.00.
- Art. 16—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$800.00 for the construction of a small building on the Kittredge School property for storage of outdoor equipment.
- Art. 17—To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$275.00 from the Road Machinery Fund to purchase a sand spreader.
- Art. 18—To see if the Town will vote to establish the salary of the Town Clerk at \$500.00 per year.

Art. 19—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the following purposes:

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1. Schools	\$88,160.00
2. School Lunch Program	1,850.00
3. Old Age Assistance	30,000.00
4. Aid to Dependent Children	3,000.00
5. Disability Assistance	1,500.00
6. General Assistance	5,000.00
7. Veterans' Aid	1,000.00
8. Welfare Administration	1,750.00
9. Highways, Chapter 81 Maintenance	2,775.00
10. Chapter 90 Construction Old Dalton Rd.	1,500.00
11. Chapter 90 Construction, New Windsor Rd.	1,500.00
12. Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
13. Snow Roads	10,000.00
14. Purchase of Snow Fence	300.00
15. Bridges	800.00
16. Town Officers' Salaries	6,410.00
17. Election Officers	200.00
18. Board of Registrars	300.00
19. Police	300.00
20. Fire Department	2,500.00
21. Forest Fires	150.00
22. Tree Warden	500.00
23. Gypsy Moth Control	400.00
24. Dutch Elm Disease Control	210.00
25. Street Lighting	3,300.00
26. Cemetery	400.00
27. Public Dump	200.00
28. Town Use of Water	75.00
29. Town Hall Maintenance	400.00
30. Heating Fire Station and Garage	650.00
31. Tax Collector's Expense	225.00
32. Tax Titles	300.00
33. Assessors' Expenses	200.00
34. Printing	650.00
35. Miscellaneous	500.00
36. Surety Bonds of Treasurer, Tax Collector and Clerk	300.00
37. Berkshire Co. Retirement System Assessment	292.25
38. Workmen's Compensation Insurance	1,250.00
39. Fire Insurance Premiums	650.00
40. Recreation	300.00
41. Baseball Field	75.00
42. Memorial Day Observance	100.00
43. Notes	28,000.00
44. Interest	1,650.00
45. Civil Defense	300.00

- Art. 20—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to arrange for installation of two street lights on Route 8.
- Art. 21—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for expenses of the Board of Health.
- Art. 22—To see if the Town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a "regional school district planning committee," to consist of three members, including one member of the school committee, to be appointed by the moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 41 of General Laws, as amended; and that there be appropriated for the use of said committee the sum of \$100.00.
- Art. 23—To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed by-law for zoning in the Town of Hinsdale, as published in the Berkshire Eagle Jan. 20, 1956, in accordance with Chap. 40A of the General Laws, or take any action thereto.
- Art. 24—To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed Building Ordinance for regulating the erection, alteration, and repair of buildings in the Town of Hinsdale, as published in the Berkshire Eagle Jan. 20, 1956 in accordance with Chap. 143 of the General Laws, or take any action thereto.
- Art. 25—To do and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

## PROPOSED LIST OF JURORS

To be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting to be held on  
February 13, 1956

Bellinger, Willys M.	Gas Dealer
Carmel, Louis J.	GE
Dehey, Thomas	Postmaster
Fraley, Clifford	GE
Galok, Stanley F.	A. H. Rice & Co.
Geer, Holland	Collector
Jenks, Herman	Farmer
LeBeau, Sterling	GE
Levernoch, Howard	Gasoline Dealer
Lyman, Edward W.	Dalton-Hinsdale Bus Line
Marshall, Theron B.	N. E. Tel. & Tel.
Mongue, Augustus	Farmer
Olds, Howard E.	GE
Phillips, Cedric	Plumber
Prew, Robert	Pittsfield Grain Co.
Rice, Stanley H.	Barber
Scott, Ernest	Truck Driver
Smith, Allyn W.	GE
Wallin, Carl A., Sr.	Dalton-Hinsdale Bus Line
Wechter, Joseph A.	Underwood Typewriter

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

In presenting the 1955 Annual Report of the Town of Hinsdale, we extend to you our appreciation for another year of support and understanding. It has been, and will continue to be our aim to administer our share of the local government with first thought to the best interest of the whole town. You can help to do this by continuing your support of the elected officers. They are your representatives and they are anxious to make this the kind of town you want. Suggestions are always welcome. Speak well of your Town, and help to keep it a place which we can all be proud to call home.

THERON B. MARSHALL, *Chairman*

PAUL A. MEYERS, *Secretary*

STANLEY F. GALOK

*Board of Selectmen.*

## ADDITION TO SCHOOL

Appropriation	1953	\$185,000.00	
Appropriation	1954	22,000.00	
			\$207,000.00
Expended	1953	\$ 3,062.50	
Expended	1954	147,685.99	
			\$150,748.49
Brought forward January 1, 1955			\$ 56,251.51
Transferred from Reserve Fund December 31, 1955			300.00
Appropriation Feb. 14, 1955 for Shower Rms.		\$10,000.00	
Raised by:			
Stabilization Fund		\$2,000.00	
From available funds		3,000.00	
By borrowing		5,000.00	
			\$10,000.00
Total			\$ 66,551.51
Paid to:			
George E. Emerson, contractor		\$59,025.19	
Bradley & Gass, architect			
(and successor Prentice Bradley)		1,657.80	
J. L. Hammett Co., 2 teachers' desks, chairs		160.00	
Mainco Trading Co., 500 chairs		2,025.00	
School Crafters, 12 tables		510.00	
School Crafters, sec. desk, chair		171.55	
Berkshire Evg. Eagle, advt.		28.90	
Stevens, Inc., ven. blinds, draperies		299.84	
Stevens, Inc., Supt. desk, chairs		254.00	
England Bros., stage curtain		525.00	
Total Expense			\$64,657.28
Balance carried forward to 1956			\$1,894.23
Received from insurance company for fire damage			\$125.00
Paid to George E. Emerson, repair fire damage			\$125.00

**SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**

Appropriation		\$1,725.00
Paid to:		
Clara Garneau	\$188.20	
Harriet Fraley	832.00	
Margaret Smith	593.40	
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Total Expense		\$1,613.60

**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

Appropriation	\$25,000.00	
Refunds from cancelled checks	109.15	
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Total		\$25,109.15
Expenditures from Appropriation		23,028.75
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Balance to be returned to Town General Funds		\$2,080.40
Federal Grant balance 1/1/55	\$ 8,974.58	
Federal Grants received	16,703.50	
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Total		\$25,678.08
Expenditures from Federal Grant		23,865.09
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Balance Federal Grant 1/1/56		\$ 1,812.99
Recovery on lien		
Awaiting Federal State apportionment		\$ 3,524.00
Received from other towns		753.68
Received from Commonwealth		20,693.35
Net Cost to Town (Expenditures less receipts and refunds)		9,496.99

**AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

Appropriation		\$4,000.00
Expenditures from appropriation		3,531.35
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Balance to be returned to Town General Funds		468.65
Federal Grant balance 1/1/55	\$5,490.40	
Federal Grants received	3,626.26	
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Total		\$9,116.66
Expenditures from Federal Grant		3,901.43
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Balance 1/1/56		\$5,215.23
Received from Commonwealth		3,160.06
Net cost to town (Expenditures less receipts)		646.46

**DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Expenditure from Appropriation		3,000.00
Federal Grant balance 1/1/55	\$3,545.49	
Federal Grants received	1,822.05	
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Total		\$5,367.54
Expenditure from Federal Grant		1,410.40
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Balance 1/1/56		\$3,957.14
Lien apportionment:		
Federal		\$ 108.57
State		358.87
Local		155.81
Received from Commonwealth		904.89
Net Cost to Town (Expenditure less receipts and refunds)		1,060.21

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

Appropriations	\$5,000.00	
Special Appropriation	2,500.00	
Refunds	105.15	
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Total		\$7,605.15
Expenditures		7,599.86
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Balance to be returned to General Funds		\$5.29
Received from other towns		\$1,818.27
Received from State for Unsettled Cases		98.00
Received from State for Temporary Aid and Transportation		307.28

**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION**

Balance 1/1/55	\$209.38	
Received from Federal Grant	73.70	
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		\$283.08
Legal fees for property appraisals		50.00
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Balance 1/1/56		\$233.08

**AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION**

Balance 1/1/55	\$22.74	
Received from Federal Grants	11.80	
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Balance 1/1/56		\$34.54

**DISABILITY ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION**

Balance 1/1/55	\$21.15	
Received from Federal Grants	4.80	
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Balance 1/1/56		\$25.95

**VETERANS' AID**

Appropriation	\$700.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund December 7	200.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund December 31	20.45	
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Total		\$920.45
Paid to Recipients		\$920.45

**WELFARE ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation	\$1,750.00
Paid to Treas. Eastern Berkshire Welfare District	\$1,750.00

**CHAPTER 81 MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 2,775.00	
State	10,175.00	
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Total		\$12,950.00

**Labor:**

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	897 hr.	\$1,300.65
John Wagner	897 hr.	1,209.60
Daniel O'Brien	863 hr.	1,166.40
William Eberhard	783 hr.	1,057.05
Frank Page	430 hr.	581.85
Anthony Cormier	14 hr.	16.10
Merton Hathaway	624 hr.	717.60
David Butler	24 hr.	32.40
Kenneth Steele	11 hr.	12.65
Ira Markham	12 hr.	21.00
Peter Tefts	8 hr.	16.00
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Total Labor	\$6,131.30
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## Equipment:

Patrick J. Butler	897 hr. truck	\$ 418.50
Town of Hinsdale	390 hr., truck	780.00
Town of Hinsdale	373 hr., tractor	1,305.50
Arthur Moon	73 hr., truck	310.00
Anthony Cormier	54 hr., truck	229.50
William Steele	29 hr., truck	123.25
Joseph Cormier	31 hr., truck	108.50
Conrad Arndt	25 hr., power shovel	139.00
Nelson Samuels	8 hr., spreader	8.00
Rolland Const. Co.	19 hr., power shovel	163.80
R. H. Sears	15 hr., power broom	90.00
Ira Markham	21 hr., truck	89.25
Ira Markham	12 hr., hone	9.60
D. M. Estes	22 hr., spreader	22.00
Town of Middlefield	8 hr., grader	44.00
Donald Alderman	46 hr., mowing	161.00

Total Equipment		\$4,031.90
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## Material:

Lane Const. Co.	88 tons Steamix	\$ 550.78
Berk. Mill Supply	7 tons Cal. Chlor.	189.00
Berk. Mill Supply	freight charge	42.28
Mrs. Thos. McDermott	110 yd. gravel	16.50
Leona Fassell	476 yd. gravel	47.60
Wm. E. Morgan	320 yd. gravel	64.00
Frissell's Market	2 forks	7.18
Frissell's Market	6 brooms	19.50
Frissell's Market	6 shovels	19.68
Berk. Gravel Co.	302 tons stone, sand	476.89
John's Bldg. Supply	60 conc. blocks	12.00
A. Leo Nash	4 culverts	128.54
Amer. Tar & Asph. Co.	4357 gal. tar	784.26
Koppers Co.	2472 gal. tar	413.47

Total Material		\$2,771.68
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Total Expense		\$12,934.88
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**CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION  
OLD DALTON ROAD**

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
County	1,500.00
State	3,000.00

Total		\$6,000.00
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## Labor:

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	250 hr.	\$ 362.50
John Wagner	136 hr.	183.60
Daniel O'Brien	224 hr.	302.40
William Eberhard	212 hr.	286.20
Merton Hathaway	246 hr.	282.90
Ira Markham	8 hr.	14.00
Total		<hr/> \$1,431.60

## Equipment:

Patrick J. Butler	258 hr., truck	\$ 129.00
Town of Hinsdale	172 hr., truck	344.00
Town of Hinsdale	129 hr., tractor	451.00
Arthur Moon	160 hr., truck	68.00
Anthony Cormier	108 hr., truck	459.00
William Steele	13 hr., truck	55.25
Joseph Cormier	16 hr., truck	56.00
Roy C. Whitaker	110 hr., bulldozer	880.00
Roy C. Whitaker	8 hr., shovel	56.00
Ira Markham	8 hr., truck	34.00
Ira Markham	8 hr., hone	6.40
D. M. Estes	8 hr., spreader	8.00
Total Equipment		<hr/> \$2,547.15

## Material:

Berk. Sand & Gravel	80 tons gravel	\$ 148.00
New Eng. Metal Culv. Co.	4 culv., 1 arch	735.01
John's Bldg. Supply Co.	blocks, cement	44.50
A. Leo Nash	boiler shell	307.65
Edward Guyer	2460 yd. gravel	369.00
A. Leo Nash	grating and culv.	224.38
Carmel Bros.	25 gal. kerosene	5.00
L. P. Adams	cement, mortar mix	52.89
Lane Const. Co.	9 tons Steamix	57.50
Mrs. Thos. McDermott	317 yd. gravel	47.55
Total Material		<hr/> \$1,991.48

Total Expense

\$5,970.23

## CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION

## NEW WINDSOR ROAD

Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
County	1,500.00	
State	3,000.00	
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Total		\$6,000.00

## Labor:

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	243 hr.	\$ 352.35
John Wagner	245 hr.	330.75
Daniel O'Brien	233 hr.	314.55
William Eberhard	148 hr.	200.20
Merton Hathaway	225 hr.	259.33
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Total Labor		\$1,457.18

## Equipment:

Patrick J. Butler	235 hr., truck	\$ 117.50
Town of Hinsdale	192 hr., truck	384.00
Town of Hinsdale	128 hr., tractor	448.00
Arthur Moon	66 hr., truck	280.50
Anthony Cormier	118 hr., truck	501.50
William Steele	66 hr., truck	280.50
Joseph Cormier	66 hr., truck	231.00
Beacco & Sons	48 hr., shovel	384.00
Roy Whitaker	112 hr., bulldozer	896.00
Roy Whitaker	8 hr., truck	44.00
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Total Equipment		\$3,567.00

## Material:

New Eng. Metal Culv. Co.	1 culvert	\$117.31
William E. Morgan	2932 yd. gravel	586.40
A. Leo Nash	3 culverts	172.09
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Total Material		\$875.80

Total Expense	\$5,899.00
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## CHAPTER 90 SPECIAL—PERU ROAD

Brought Forward from 1954		\$4,282.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund December 31		1.00	
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Total			\$4,283.00
Labor:			
Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	200 hr.	\$ 290.00	
John Wagner	206 hr.	278.10	
Daniel O'Brien	190 hr.	256.50	
Frank Page	172 hr.	232.20	
William Eberhard	174 hr.	234.90	
Merton Hathaway	72 hr.	82.80	
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Total Labor		\$1,374.50	
Equipment:			
Patrick J. Butler	200 hr., truck	\$ 100.00	
Town of Hinsdale	105 hr., truck	210.00	
Town of Hinsdale	70 hr., tractor	245.00	
Arthur Moon	16 hr., truck	68.00	
Joseph Cormier	29 hr., truck	101.50	
Anthony Cormier	32 hr., truck	136.00	
William Steele	28 hr., truck	119.00	
Rolland Const. Co.	18 hr., shovel	154.80	
Town of Worthington	6 hr., grader	42.00	
D. M. Estes	12 hr., spreader	12.00	
Roy Whitaker	16 hr., bulldozer	128.00	
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Total Equipment		\$1,316.30	
Material:			
W. E. Morgan	610 yd. gravel	\$ 122.00	
Koppers Co.	2611 gal. tar	460.58	
Amer. Tar & Asph. Co.	1052 gal. tar	189.36	
Frissell's Market	paint, grass seed	28.94	
Berkshire Gravel Co.	74 tons stone	136.35	
State Prison Colony	80 concrete posts	328.00	
Lane Const. Co.	34.7 tons Steamix	217.35	
General Sand & Stone	59 tons gravel	109.62	
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Total Material		\$1,592.20	
Total Expense			\$4,283.00

## CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$1,000.00	
County		1,000.00	
State		1,000.00	
Total			\$3,000.00
Labor:			
Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	40 hr.	\$ 58.00	
John Wagner	40 hr.	54.00	
Daniel O'Brien	40 hr.	54.00	
William Eberhard	40 hr.	54.00	
Merton Hathaway	40 hr.	46.00	
Ira Markham	8 hr.	14.00	
Total Labor		\$280.00	
Equipment:			
Patrick J. Butler	40 hr., truck	\$ 20.00	
Town of Hinsdale	40 hr., truck	80.00	
Town of Hinsdale	16 hr., tractor	56.00	
Arthur Moon	24 hr., truck	102.00	
Anthony Cormier	24 hr., truck	24.00	
William Steele	8 hr., truck	34.00	
Joseph Cormier	8 hr., truck	28.00	
D. M. Estes	8 hr., spreader	8.00	
Ira Markham	8 hr., trk. and hone	40.40	
Total Equipment		\$470.40	
Material:			
American Tar Co.	3120 gal. tar	\$ 561.60	
Berk. Gravel Co.	312 tons stone	558.33	
Koppers Co.	6275 gal. tar	1,129.67	
Total Material		\$2,249.60	
Total Expense			\$3,000.00

**ASHMERE LAKE ROAD**

Appropriation		\$300.00
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**Labor:**

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	8 hr.	\$11.60
John Wagner	8 hr.	10.80
Daniel O'Brien	8 hr.	10.80
William Eberhard	8 hr.	10.80
Merton Hathaway	16 hr.	18.40

Total Labor		<u>\$62.40</u>
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**Equipment:**

Patrick J. Butler	8 hr., truck	\$ 4.00
Town of Hinsdale	8 hr., truck	16.00
Town of Hinsdale	8 hr., tractor	28.00
Anthony Cormier	8 hr., truck	34.00
Arthur Moon	8 hr., truck	34.00
William Steele	8 hr., truck	34.00
Joseph Cormier	8 hr., truck	28.00

Total Equipment		<u>\$178.00</u>
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Total Expense		\$240.40
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**PLUNKETT RESERVOIR ROAD**

Appropriation		300.00
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**Labor:**

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	16 hr.	\$23.20
John Wagner	20 hr.	27.00
Daniel O'Brien	20 hr.	27.00
William Eberhard	20 hr.	27.00
Frank Page	4 hr.	5.40
Merton Hathaway	16 hr.	18.40

Total Labor		<u>\$128.00</u>
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## Equipment:

Patrick J. Butler	16 hr., truck	\$ 8.00	
Town of Hinsdale	18 hr., truck	36.00	
Town of Hinsdale	20 hr., tractor	70.00	
Anthony Cormier	8 hr., truck	34.00	
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Total Equipment		\$148.00	

## Material:

Mrs. Thos. McDermott	160 yd., gravel	\$24.00	
Total Expense			\$300.00

**PURCHASE OF SNOW FENCE**

Appropriation	\$280.00
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## Paid to:

Eastern Equip. Sales Co.	2000 ft. fence	\$280.00
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**BRIDGES**

Appropriation	\$800.00
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## Labor:

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	4 hr.	\$ 5.80	
John Wagner	4 hr.	5.40	
Daniel O'Brien	4 hr.	5.40	
William Eberhard	4 hr.	5.40	
Merton Hathaway	4 hr.	4.60	
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Total Labor		\$26.60	

## Equipment:

Patrick J. Butler	4 hr., truck	\$ 2.00	
Town of Hinsdale	68 hr., truck	136.00	
Town of Hinsdale	16 hr., tractor	56.00	
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Total Equipment		\$194.00	

Total Expense	\$220.60
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**FLOOD DAMAGE**

State Grant \$775.20

**Labor:**

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	80 hr.	\$116.00
John Wagner	80 hr.	108.00
Daniel O'Brien	72 hr.	97.20
William Eberhard	16 hr.	21.60
Merton Hathaway	80 hr.	92.00

Total Labor		<u>\$434.80</u>
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**Equipment:**

Patrick J. Butler,	80 hr., truck	\$ 40.00
Conrad Arndt	8 hr., shovel	56.00
Arthur Moon	8 hr., truck	34.00
Anthony Cormier	8 hr., truck	34.00
Joseph Cormier	8 hr., truck	28.00
William Steele	8 hr., truck	34.00

Total Equipment		<u>\$226.00</u>
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**Material:**

W. E. Morgan	572 yd. gravel	\$114.40
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Total Expense		<u>\$775.20</u>
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**ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
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Special meeting August 26	1,000.00
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Transferred from Reserve Fund December 31	.21
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Total	<u>\$3,000.21</u>
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**Paid to:**

Levernoch Bros.	gas and oil	\$1,132.03
Miner's Garage	serv., pts, welding	186.80
Carmel Bros.	serv., pts.	98.91
Donald Vreeland	welding	75.50
Southgate Motors	truck rep. and pts.	130.35
Berkshire Align. Corp.	align truck	29.38
Detroit Supply Co.	parts	9.73

Arthur Diot	rep. radiator	\$ 3.50	
Harvey's Glass Shop	window	8.40	
Auto Service Co.	points	.96	
Hinsdale Garage	insp., parts	3.15	
Pittsfield Retread	tire rep.	11.90	
Snyder's Express	5 tires, 3 tubes	327.57	
Eastern Equipt. Sales	scr. blades, chains	107.86	
Graves Equipt. Co.	rep. Payl'dr. clutch	95.11	
Graves Equipt. Co.	realign bks., rep. wheel	101.77	
	cutting edges	68.29	
Columbian Steel Co.	6 grader blades	212.54	
Columbian Steel Co.	6 plow blades	208.70	
Carr Hardware Co.	misc. hardware	15.04	
Frissell's Market	hardware	55.43	
Wahconah Welding	sharpening picks	7.25	
Dalton-Hinsdale Bus Co.	labor on Payl'dr.	1.50	
Pierce Machine Shop	brackets	3.65	
Stevenson & Co.	liability ins.	101.89	
Total Expense			\$3,030.21

#### SNOW ROADS

Appropriation	\$10,000.00	
Special Meeting April 22	2,500.00	
Total		\$12,500.00

#### Labor:

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	697 hr.	\$1,012.10	
Daniel O'Brien	805 hr.	1,086.08	
John Wagner	809 hr.	1,092.83	
William Eberhard	790 hr.	1,065.16	
Frank Page	570 hr.	794.58	
Anthony Cormier	56 hr.	64.40	
Merton Hathaway	111 hr.	127.65	
Archie Eastland	4 hr.	4.60	
John O'Brien	7 hr.	8.05	
Eugene Barber	9 hr.	10.35	
Total Labor		\$5,265.80	

**Equipment:**

Patrick J. Butler	645 hr., truck	\$ 322.50
Town of Hinsdale	607 hr., truck	1,214.00
Town of Hinsdale	300 hr., tractor	1,050.00
Arthur Moon	107 hr., truck	585.25
Anthony Cormier	9 hr., truck	38.25
Joseph Cormier	27 hr., truck	94.50
Conrad Arndt	28 hr., tractor	193.50
William Steele	38 hr., truck	161.50
Herman Jenks	8 hr., tractor	28.00
Harry Freshler	13 hr., plow	71.50
Town of Washington	plowing Blotz Rd.	70.00
Mass. Dept. Pub. Wks.	plowing Maple St.	363.93
Harold Miner	3 hr., plow	16.50
James Fox	7 hr., plow	38.50

Total Equipment		<u>\$4,247.93</u>
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**Material:**

Pittsfield Grain Co.	60 tons salt	\$1,368.00
L. P. Adams	6.2 tons salt	152.27
Berkshire Gravel Co.	1044 tons sand	1,044.85
General Sand & Stone Co.	256 tons sand	256.00
Carr Hardware Co.	wire and supplies	74.93
Lane Const. Co.	2.1 tons cold mix	13.13

Total Material		<u>\$2,909.18</u>
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Total Expense		<u>\$12,422.91</u>
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**TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Appropriation	\$6,060.00	
Appropriation for Veterans' Agt.	100.00	
Total		<u>\$6,160.00</u>

**Selectmen**

Theron B. Marshall, Chairman	\$ 400.00
Paul A. Meyers, Secretary	800.00
Stanley F. Galok	300.00

**Board of Welfare**

Theron B. Marshall, Chairman	50.00
Paul A. Meyers, Rep. to Welf. Dist.	100.00
Stanley F. Galok	50.00

Veterans' Agent, Stanley F. Galok	\$ 100.00
School Committee	
John Naughton	100.00
John McGill	100.00
Harry Freshler	100.00
Tax Collector, Alfred G. Kirehner	1,300.00
Treasurer, Elaine R. Blake	1,000.00
Town Clerk, Isabelle F. Butler	250.00
Fire Chief, Allyn W. Smith	250.00
1st Asst. Chief, James Fox	75.00
2nd Asst. Chief, Thomas Fox	50.00
Assessors	
Willys Bellinger, Chairman	300.00
Ralph Marshall	300.00
William C. Simpson, Secretary	200.00
Auditor, Allyn W. Smith	10.00
Moderator, J. Edward Pelkey	25.00
Insp. of Cattle and Slaughtering,	
Edwin Drosehn	100.00
Inspector of Wiring, Allyn W. Smith	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Meas., Paul A. Meyers	50.00
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Total Expense	\$6,060.00

#### ELECTION OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$75.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund August 17	35.00
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Total	\$110.00

#### Paid to:

Elizabeth Blake, ballot clerk	\$20.50
Margaret Dunnigan, ballot clerk	20.50
Robert O'Brien, counter	11.50
Harry Dresser, counter	9.50
Mary Baumann, counter	9.00
Ida Marshall, counter	9.50
Roy C. Barnes, Jr., counter	2.00
Frank Baumann, constable	13.00
Harold Lee, constable	6.00
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Total Expense	\$101.50
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**BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Appropriation	\$200.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund December 31	11.95	
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Total		\$211.95
Paid to:		
Harry Dresser, census and regis.	\$112.95	
John McGill, registrar	10.00	
Carl Mosegard, registrar	14.00	
Isabelle F. Butler, clerk regis.	75.00	
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Total Expense		\$211.95

**POLICE**

Appropriation		\$200.00
Paid to:		
Thomas LeVardi, constable	\$10.75	
Frank Beaumann, constable	4.00	
Garrett Collins, constable	19.00	
Harold Lee, constable and dog officer	25.00	
Theron B. Marshall, Ch. of Pol., Expen.	12.50	
Stanley Galok, special duty	4.00	
Ralph Marshall, special duty	18.50	
Moon's Sporting Gds., gun and cartgs.	64.80	
J. T. Owens, caps, badges	35.80	
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Total Expense		\$194.35

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Special Meeting, August 26	600.00	
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Total		\$2,600.00
Paid to:		
Western Mass. Elec. Co., lights	\$157.68	
Western Mass. Elec. Co., siren	30.00	
New England Tel. & Tel.	215.22	
William Litchfield, hood on siren	10.80	
Carmel Bros., parts and service	40.88	
Jack Mulcare, parts	65.91	
Harry M. Grant, accident insurance	91.50	
Walter A. Marcil, Jr., hose and equipment	719.10	

Anthony's Electric Service, repair siren	\$ 10.64
Pittsfield Radio Co., batteries	25.92
James Fox, parts	4.00
Smith Auto Electric, repairs	1.54
E. H. Pierce Co., liability insurance	221.50
Clifford Fraley, wash brush	2.98
Miller Welding, welding manifold	14.50
Detroit Supply Co., chains, oil filters, parts	194.33
Frissell's Market, hardware	24.77
Pittsfield Supply Co., hose	8.05
L. P. Adams, building material	20.59
Jack Fletcher, clamps	2.65
Fire Exting. Serv. Co., recharge	2.75
Levernoch Bros., gas	49.00
A. G. Kirchner, poll tax (27)	54.00
Brookshire Ford Co., engine block	585.91
Brookshire Ford Co., fuel lines	2.60
Messenger's Garage, repairs	23.84
Allyn Smith, supplies	2.78
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Total Expense	\$2,583.44

**FOREST FIRES**

Appropriation	\$150.00
Paid to:	
Carmel Bros., parts and service	\$10.70
Allyn W. Smith, pump equipt.	20.00
Walter Vincent, labor	12.00
Frissell's Market, flash. and batt.	3.65
Walter A. Marcil, Jr., 6 raincoats	81.00
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	22.15
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Total Expense	\$149.50

**CIVIL DEFENSE**

Balance from 1954	\$ 421.08
Appropriation	1,000.00
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Total	\$1,421.08
Paid to:	
Pittsfield-Dalton Home Supp., lumber	20.16
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Balance carried forward to 1956	\$1,400.92

## TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$500.00
Labor		
Richard Greb, Supt.	\$118.25	
Fred Gardeiff	69.75	
Pat Briggs	9.00	
John O'Brien	7.00	
M. R. Carroll	7.50	
Beauford Greb	11.50	
Edward Forgey	46.25	
Ralph Briggs	34.00	
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Total Labor	\$303.25	
Equipment		
Richard Greb, truck, car, pr. saw	\$146.00	
Harry Freshler, winch	5.00	
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Total Equipment	\$151.00	
Material		
Richard Greb, misc. supp.	\$ 1.78	
John S. Glennon, tools	6.05	
Carr Hardware, brushes	9.41	
John McGill, rope	26.88	
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Total Material	\$ 44.12	
Total Expense		\$498.37

## GYPSY MOTH CONTROL

Appropriation		\$400.00
Labor:		
Allyn W. Smith, Supt.	\$160.00	
Clifford Fraley	152.00	
Thomas LeVardi	10.00	
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Total Labor	\$322.00	
Equipment:		
Allyn W. Smith, car	\$55.50	
Clifford Fraley, car	20.00	
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Total Equipment	\$75.50	

**Material:**

Clifford Fraley, supplies	\$1.20
Frissell's Market, sprayer	.45

Total Material	\$1.65
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Total Expense	\$399.15
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**DUTCH ELM DISEASE**

Appropriation	\$210.00
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**Labor:**

Allyn W. Smith, Supt.	\$57.00
Clifford Fraley	15.00

Total Labor	\$72.00
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**Equipment:**

Allyn W. Smith, car	\$20.00
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Total Equipment	\$20.00
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Total Expense	\$92.00
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**STREET LIGHTING**

Appropriation	\$3,200.00
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**Paid to:**

Western Mass. Elec. Co., for Street Lights	\$2,976.43
Western Mass. Elec. Co., for Traffic Light	41.45

Total Expense	\$3,017.88
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**CEMETERY**

Appropriation	\$400.00
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**Paid to:**

William E. Morgan, labor and supplies	\$ 48.00
Charles Jenks, labor	110.40
Warren Culver, labor and supplies	124.65
Robert Meyers, labor	21.40
David Patterson, labor	17.00
William E. Morgan, truck	21.50
Studley Press, printing	15.00
Frissell's Market, tools	6.50

Total Expense	\$364.45
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**PUBLIC DUMP**

Appropriation	\$200.00
Paid to Roy C. Whitaker, bulldozing	\$94.00

**TOWN USE OF WATER**

Appropriation	\$62.50
Paid to Collector, Hinsdale Fire District	\$62.50

**LIBRARY**

Appropriation	\$300.00
Dog Tax Refund	369.81
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Total	\$669.81
Paid to Treasurer, Hinsdale Library	\$669.81

**TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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## Paid to:

Ralph Marshall, janitor	\$ 96.50
Louis R. Gale, cleaning	8.00
Robert Meyers, janitor and mowing,	17.25
Donald Meyers, mowing, and piling wood	10.90
Gerald Meyers, mowing	5.75
Thomas LeVardi, mowing	29.90
Thomas LeVardi, Jr., raking	15.30
Armacost's, mowing, repair mower	8.00
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	128.80
Western Mass. Electric Co.	19.50
William Zeitler, oil burner and repairs	102.75
John McGill, oil	78.34
John McGill, rake	1.10
Balmer & Beaulieu Associates, typewriter cover	1.35
Frissell's Market, bulbs, glass, etc.	18.83
A. J. Garneau, office partition	109.08
William Litchfield, repair lock	3.50
Thomas Dehey, box rent	.90
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Total Expense \$655.75

**HEATING TOWN BUILDING**

Appropriation	\$550.00	
Special Meeting, August 26	100.00	
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Total		\$650.00
Paid to Brown Oil Co.		\$650.00

**REPAIRS TO SAND SHED**

Balance from 1954		\$96.46
No expenditure in 1955, Balance carried forward		\$96.46

**REPAIRS TO FIRE STATION ROOF**

Appropriation		\$150.00
No expenditure in 1955, Balance carried forward		\$150.00

**TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES**

Appropriation	\$215.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund, December 31	182.51	
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Total		\$397.51

**Paid to:**

E. H. Pierce, Deputy Collector's Bond	\$ 5.00	
Thomas Dehey, postage, envelopes	103.28	
Barre Gazette, printed forms, rubber stamp	48.08	
Alice Anthony, notary fees	8.25	
Isabelle F. Butler, notary fees	8.50	
Hobbs & Warren, printed forms	36.45	
Berkshire Evening Eagle, advertising	5.95	
Alfred G. Kirchner, expenses	182.00	
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Total Expense		\$397.51

**TAX TITLES**

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund, August 17	70.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund, December 31	179.38	
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Total		\$549.38

## Paid to:

Harold F. Goggins, recording deeds	\$ 14.00
Berkshire Co. Registry of Deeds	83.50
Alfred G. Kirchner, (92) tax titles	345.00
Alfred G. Kirchner, reimb. for pmt. Dep. Coll. fees	16.00
Alfred G. Kirchner, reimb. for pmt. Registry fees	24.75
Elaine R. Blake, reclaimed deed fees	16.00
Berkshire Evening Eagle, advertising	36.13
Isabelle F. Butler, notary fees	6.00

## Total Expense

\$549.38

## ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$200.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund, December 31	5.43

## Total

\$205.43

## Paid to:

Harold F. Goggins, photostats	\$ 57.20
Assoc. of Massachusetts Assessors, dues	9.00
Hobbs & Warren, printed forms	27.28
Mrs. Victor Dam, clerk	105.00
Carmel Bros., gas and oil	4.95
Hinsdale Garage, gas	2.00

## Total Expense

\$205.43

## PRINTING

Appropriation	\$600.00
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## Paid to:

Eagle Printing & Binding Co., reports	\$408.90
Eagle Printing & Binding Co., cuts	65.00
Eagle Printing & Binding Co., warrants	23.75
Studley Press, ballots	48.00

## Total Expense

\$545.65

## MISCELLANEOUS

Appropriation	\$500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	250.00

## Total

\$750.00

## Paid to:

Frederick B. Smith, withholding forms	\$ 34.20
Berkshire Trust Co., checkbooks and box	21.68
Mass. Selectmen's Assoc., dues	15.00
Mass. Assoc. Collectors and Treasurers, dues	4.00
Mass. Town Clerks' Assoc., dues	7.50
Berk. Co. Selectmen's Assoc., dues and fee for mtg.	14.00
Thos. Dehey, box rent, postage, envel.	86.42
E. P. Gowdy, stationery, supplies	4.70
New England Tel. & Tel.	3.75
Louis R. Gale, delivering town reports	25.00
Harry Dresser, state census	229.50
W. H. Shandoff, stationery, supplies	2.35
House of Flowers, flowers	9.00
Alfred G. Kirchner, repair fire station door	31.90
William Litchfield, repair cannon	13.59
John O. Forward, auto damages	32.00
Edwin Drosehn, fence viewer expenses	21.00
J. F. Kahl, engraving cane	2.70
Eastern Equip. Sales Co., bal. for snow fence	10.00
Mass. Director of Accounts, registering notes	10.00
Todd Co., checkwriter repairs	34.65
Elaine Blake, postage	1.16
Isabelle F. Butler, vital statistics	66.00
Isabelle F. Butler, postage and phone	5.72
Albert D. Reinhardt, Zoning Comm. expenses	17.12
Theron B. Marshall, expen. to Lenox Meeting	2.00
Hinsdale Pharmacy, cards	1.25
Clair Bradley, labor on Christmas display	10.00
Hobbs & Warren, record forms	5.14
Robert O'Brien, election officer's balance	6.00
Mary Baumann, election officer's balance	6.00
Harry Dresser, election officer's balance	3.00
Ida Marshall, election officer's balance	3.00
Roy C. Barnes, Jr., election officer's balance	3.00
Elizabeth Blake, election officer's balance	3.00
Margaret Dunnigan, election officer's balance	3.00

Total Expense

\$748.33

## SURETY BONDS

## Appropriation

\$300.00

## Paid to:

Bardwell Co., Treasurer's bond	\$ 87.50
Stevenson & Co., Clerk's bond	7.50
Colt Insurance Agency, Tax Coll. bond	180.75

Total Expense

\$275.75

## NOTES

Appropriation		\$29,000.00
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## Paid to:

Second Bank-State St. Trust Co., 1954 Sch. Loan,		
1st pmt.	\$26,000.00	
Second Bank-State St. Trust Co., 1938 Sch. Loan	1,000.00	
Agricultural Nat. Bank, Machinery Loan	1,100.00	
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Total Expense		\$28,100.00
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## INTEREST

Appropriation		\$2,550.00
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## Paid to:

Second Bank-State St. Trust Co., Int. on 1954 loan	\$1,625.00	
Second Bank-State St. Trust Co., Int. on 1938 loan	50.00	
Agricultural Nat. Bank, Int. on Mach. loan	110.00	
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Total Expense		\$1,785.00
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## RESERVE FUND

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve Surplus		\$1,500.00
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## Transferred to:

Veteran's Aid	\$200.45	
Chapter 90 Const.—Peru Rd.	1.00	
Election Officers	35.00	
Board of Registrars	11.95	
Tax Collectors' Expenses	182.51	
Tax Titles	249.38	
Assessors' Expenses	5.43	
School Building Addition	300.00	
Miscellaneous	250.00	
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Total Transfers		\$1,235.72
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## ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1955		\$9,039.75
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Transferred for Machinery Note	\$1,100.00	
Transferred for Road Mach. Maint.	3,000.00	
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Total Transfers		4,100.00
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1955 Truck earnings from Town Accts.	\$3,192.00	
1955 Tractor earnings from Town Accts.	3,696.00	
Rec'd from other towns and Fire Dist.	493.50	
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Total Earnings		\$7,381.50
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Balance January 1, 1956		\$12,321.25
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# APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, EXPENDITURES, AND BALANCES

ACCOUNT	Appropriation	Balance	Receipts	Addit.	Transfers		Available	Expended	Unexpended	Carried
		Jan. 1. 1955	& Refunds	Appropriations	From	To			Balance	
									Dec. 31, 1955	Forward
										To 1956
Schools	\$82,519.00						\$82,519.00	\$82,461.41	\$ 57.59	
School Lunch Program	1,725.00						1,725.00	1,613.60	111.40	
Cafeteria		\$135.11	\$4,253.60				4,388.71	4,842.58	453.87a	\$-453.87
Addition To School	10,000.00b	56,251.51			\$300.00		66,551.51	64,657.28	1,894.23	1,894.23
Old Age Assistance	25,000.00	8,974.58	16,812.65				50,787.23	46,893.84	3,893.39	1,812.99
Aid to Dependent Children	4,000.00	5,490.40	3,626.26				13,116.66	7,432.78	5,683.88	5,215.23
Disability Assistance	3,000.00	3,545.49	1,822.05				8,367.54	4,410.40	3,957.14	3,957.14
General Assistance	5,000.00		105.15	\$2,500.00			7,605.15	7,599.86	5.29	
OAA Administration		209.38	73.70				283.08	50.00	233.08	233.08
ADC Administration		22.74	11.80				34.54	none	34.54	34.54
DA Administration		21.15	4.80				25.95	none	25.95	25.95
Welfare Administration	1,750.00						1,750.00	1,750.00		
Veterans' Aid	700.00				200.45		900.45	900.45		
Chapter 81 Maintenance	2,775.00		10,175.00				12,950.00	12,934.88	15.12	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00		2,000.00				3,000.00	3,000.00		
Chap. 90 Construction										
Old Dalton Road	1,500.00		4,500.00				6,000.00	5,970.23	29.77	
New Windsor Road	1,500.00		4,500.00				6,000.00	5,899.98	100.02	
Peru Road Special		4,282.00			1.00		4,283.00	4,283.00		
Ashmere Lake Road	300.00						300.00	240.40	59.60	
Plunkett Reservoir Road	300.00						300.00	300.00		
Snow Roads	10,000.00			2,500.00			12,500.00	12,422.91	77.09	
Flood Damage			775.20				775.20	775.20		
Bridges	800.00						800.00	220.60	579.40	
Purchase of Snow Fence	280.00						280.00	280.00		
Road Machinery Maint.	2,000.00			1,000.00			3,000.21	3,000.21		
Town Officers' Salaries	6,060.00				100.00		6,160.00	6,060.00	100.00	
Election Officers	75.00				35.00		110.00	101.50	8.50	
Board of Registrars	200.00				11.95		211.95	211.95		
Police	200.00						200.00	194.35	5.65	
Fire Department	2,000.00			600.00			2,600.00	2,583.44	16.56	
Forest Fires	150.00						150.00	149.50	.50	
Civil Defense	1,000.00	421.08					1,421.08	20.16	1,400.92	1,400.92

Tree Warden	500.00			500.00	498.37	1.63		
Gypsy Moth Control	400.00			400.00	399.15	.85		
Dutch Elm Disease Control	210.00			210.00	92.00	118.00		
Veterans' Agent	100.00		\$100.00c					
Street Lighting	3,200.00			3,200.00	3,017.88	182.12		
Cemetery	400.00			400.00	364.45	35.55		
Public Dump	200.00			200.00	94.00	106.00		
Town Use of Water	62.50			62.50	62.50			
Library	300.00	369.81		669.81	669.81			
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000.00			1,000.00	655.75	344.25		
Heating Town Building	550.00		100.00	650.00	650.00			
Repairs to Sand Shed		96.46		96.46	none	96.46	96.46	
Repairs to Fire Station Roof	150.00			150.00	none	150.00	150.00	
Tax Collector's Expenses	215.00			182.51	497.51	497.51		
Tax Title Account	300.00			249.38	549.38	549.38		
Assessors' Expenses	200.00			5.43	205.43	205.43		
Printing	600.00				600.00	545.65	54.35	
Miscellaneous	500.00			250.00	750.00	748.33	1.67	
Surety Bonds	300.00				300.00	275.75	24.25	
Berk. County Retire. System	413.22	151.70			564.92	564.92		
Withholding Tax					6,098.14			
Life Insurance Account		57.78		57.78	57.78			
Tax Refunds					869.21			
Workmen's Compensation	1,000.00	223.17		1,223.17	1,223.17			
Insurance Premiums	250.00	536.97		786.97	736.97	51.22		
Annual Settlement					1,851.45			
County Tax					4,626.45			
Dog Tax					465.40			
Recreation	300.00			300.00	184.33	115.67		
Baseball Field	75.00			75.00	4.90	70.10		
Memorial Day	100.00			100.00	99.15	.85		
Notes	29,000.00			29,000.00	28,100.00	900.00		
Interest	2,550.00			2,550.00	1,785.00	765.00		
Reserve Fund	1,500.00		1,235.72			264.28		
Highway Equip. Earnings		9,039.75	7,381.50		16,421.25	4,100.00	12,321.25	12,321.25

Note a: Offset by receipts not recorded until after Dec. 31.

Note b: For construction of shower rooms.

Note c: To Town Officers' Salaries.

### GYPSY MOTH CONTROL

During the past year there were 2,484 egg clusters either painted or sprayed. The gypsy moth spread was somewhat greater this year than last year.

This town should enter into a spraying program to have the whole town sprayed by airplane as soon as possible.

ALLYN W. SMITH,  
*Moth Superintendent.*

### DUTCH ELM DISEASE

There were 10 specimens sent to Mass. State College and the report back shows that 8 trees should be taken down. Two of these trees will be taken care of by the State. One is on town property and 5 are on private land.

ALLYN W. SMITH,  
*Moth Superintendent.*

### REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

During the year ending 1955 the Fire Department answered fourteen calls as follows:

(5) house fires (1) chimney fire (2) dump fires (3) grass fires (1) barn fire (1) false alarm, and (1) call to Peru.

Because of the number of deaths from oil fires throughout the country this past year, I am reminding the people in town again about the State Law which requires that all burners be cleaned, repaired, and installed by a competent licensed repairman.

We would like to thank the residents of Hinsdale for the cooperation given the Fire Department in its many undertakings this past year.

I would like to remind residents that fire permits are needed for any outdoor fires.

Since this time last year we have had the new red base network installed in the homes of the Fire Chief and the (2) Asst. Fire Chiefs, as well as at Harry Dame's store.

This has worked quite well, except we would like to ask the residents to be more careful in dialing numbers, not to get the Fire Numbers mixed up with any other numbers.

The radio bought by Civil Defense has been installed and should be a big help to both the Civil Defense and the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLYN W. SMITH,  
*Chief, Fire Department.*

## AMBULANCE SERVICE

In 1955, sixty-one ambulance calls were received and answered. Seventeen of these calls were received July 4th at Wahconah Park during the Pittsfield Fire Department Muster.

The other forty-four calls came from Hinsdale, Becket, Windsor, Washington, Peru, Middlefield and Dalton.

Of these calls, all but four of the patients were transported to the various Pittsfield hospitals. The other patients were taken to Edgecombe Nursing Home in Lenox, New Boston Convalescent and Nursing Home and two were taken to the Mapleview Nursing Home in Washington.

The ambulance traveled 1,252 miles in 1955 and twenty-two donations were received.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD J. FRALEY

## REPORT OF THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

To the Selectmen of Hinsdale:

Following is an account of the work accomplished during 1955:

### Chapter 81

All dirt roads were scraped.

Roads gravelled were:

Creamery Road	2500 ft.
Fassell Road	2000 ft.
Pittsfield Road	1000 ft.
Smith Road	500 ft.
Michael's Road	500 ft.
Robinson Road	500 ft.

Roads resurfaced with oil and grits:

Plunkett Reservoir Road	2000 ft.
Goodrich Street	Entire length
Holmes Road	Entire length
Taylor Street	Entire length
New Windsor Road	2400 ft.
Frank Schnopp Road	2000 ft.

Brush was cut along 2½ miles of roadside.

**Chapter 90 Maintenance**

Treated with Asphalt were:

Robinson Road	4800 ft.
Pittsfield Road	3000 ft.

**Chapter 90 Construction**

New Construction:

Old Dalton Road	1500 ft.
New Windsor Road	1700 ft.

Surfaced and sealed:

Old Dalton Road	2400 ft.
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**Chapter 90 Special**

Peru Road—Route 143—work was completed.

**Ashmere Camp Road**

390 yards of gravel

**Plunkett Reservoir Camp Road**

300 yards of gravel

**Bridges** are in good shape

**Snow Roads:**

Snow fence has been erected and roads are kept plowed and sanded.

Sand barrels have been placed at many locations. These are kept filled for public use.

Thanking the Board of Selectmen and my fellow workers for their close co-operation, I remain,

Respectfully,

PATRICK BUTLER,  
*Superintendent of Roads.*

**1955 EXCISE TAX****DR.**

Assessors' Warrants	\$9,425.52	
Interest Collected	12.92	
Demand	.35	
Overpayment to Treasurer	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,448.79

**CR.**

Paid to Treasurer	\$8,094.27	
Abatements	294.01	
Uncollected Excise Tax Jan. 1, 1956	\$1,060.51	
	<hr/>	\$9,448.79

**1954 REAL ESTATE****DR.**

Uncollected Real Estate Jan. 1, 1955	\$24,457.26	
Interest Collected	287.50	
	<hr/>	\$24,744.76

**CR.**

Paid to Treasurer	\$13,694.51	
Tax Titles	831.97	
Uncollected Real Estate Jan. 1, 1956	\$10,218.28	
	<hr/>	\$24,744.76

**1954 PERSONAL TAX****DR.**

Uncollected Personal Tax Jan. 1, 1955	\$2,112.48	
Interest Collected	16.96	
	<hr/>	\$2,129.44

**CR.**

Paid to Treasurer	\$676.11	
Abatements	45.90	
Uncollected Personal Tax Jan. 1, 1956	1,407.43	
	<hr/>	\$2,129.44

**1954 POLL TAX****DR.**

Uncollected Poll Tax Jan. 1, 1955	\$42.00	
Interest Collected	.51	
	<hr/>	\$42.51

**CR.**

Paid to Treasurer	\$28.51	
Abatements	14.00	
	<hr/>	\$42.51

**1954 EXCISE TAX****DR.**

Uncollected Excise Jan. 1, 1955	\$1,868.80	
Assessors' Warrants	1,040.15	
Interest Collected	37.21	
	<hr/>	\$2,946.16

**CR.**

Paid to Treasurer	\$2,674.19	
Abatements	235.55	
Uncollected Excise Jan. 1, 1956	36.42	
	<hr/>	\$2,946.16

**1953 REAL ESTATE****DR.**

Uncollected Real Estate Jan. 1, 1955	\$7,809.01	
Interest Collected	354.23	
	<hr/>	\$8,163.24

**CR.**

Paid to Treasurer	\$6,400.47	
Abatements	770.04	
Tax Titles	844.59	
Uncollected Real Estate Jan. 1, 1956	148.14	
	<hr/>	\$8,163.24

**1953 PERSONAL TAX****DR.**

Uncollected Personal Tax Jan. 1, 1955	\$1,090.77	
Interest collected	43.04	
	<hr/>	\$1,133.81

**CR.**

Paid to Treasurer	\$793.68	
Abatements	248.35	
Uncollected Personal Tax Jan. 1, 1956	91.78	
	<hr/>	\$1,133.81

**1953 EXCISE TAX****DR.**

Uncollected Excise Tax Jan. 1, 1955	\$335.86	
Interest Collected	6.35	
	<hr/>	\$342.21

**CR.**

Paid to Treasurer	\$217.61	
Abatements	120.40	
Uncollected Excise Tax Jan. 1, 1956	4.20	
	<hr/>	\$342.21

**1952 REAL ESTATE****DR.**

Tax Title Redemption	\$66.12	
Interest Collected	4.76	
	<hr/>	\$70.88

**CR.**

Paid to Treasurer		\$70.88
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**1952 PERSONAL TAX****DR.**

Uncollected Personal Tax Jan. 1, 1955	\$71.25	
Interest Collected	3.18	
	<hr/>	\$74.43

**CR.**

Paid to Treasurer		\$74.43
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**1951 PERSONAL TAX****DR.**

Uncollected Personal Tax Jan. 1, 1955	\$95.60	
Interest Collected	7.65	
	<hr/>	\$103.25

**CR.**

Paid to Treasurer		\$103.25
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**REFUNDS****1955 Excise**

May 10	Eugene Osborne, Jr.	\$ 35.58	
	Garrett Collins	6.00	
June 20	Claire Bradley	8.67	
July 5	Willard Hopkins	17.79	
	Richard Galeucia	5.34	
Aug. 16	Charles Winchell	35.80	
Aug. 27	Joseph Herzog	5.34	
	Samuel Parker	6.01	
Sept. 24	Edna Chilson	6.00	
	Emily Pierce	14.68	
	Robert Cornwell	8.01	
	Edward Wood	6.01	
	Richard Arndt	17.79	
	Jeanne Carmel	20.01	
	Rosemary Dill	6.00	
Dec. 31	James R. Bauman	17.35	
	Dorothy Cullett	4.00	
	William Litchfield	5.34	
	Conrad Arndt	4.00	
	Bertha Champlin	21.35	
		<hr/>	\$251.07

1955 Real Estate			
Oct. 8	George Butler	\$116.00	
Oct. 15	Robert O'Brien	116.00	
Oct. 29	Olivia Landry	116.00	
Dec. 31	Edward Guyer	11.60	
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			\$359.60
1955 Personal Tax			
Dec. 31	Donald Demarest	\$5.80	
	Mary Harrington	2.90	
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			\$8.70
1954 Excise			
Feb. 4	Nelson Galeucia	\$2.59	
	Milton Butterfield	3.19	
	Harry Warden	5.78	
Feb. 19	Donald Alderman	3.19	
	John Anthony	12.96	
	William Collins	9.08	
	Edmund Neissel	19.88	
	Paul Meyers	4.32	
May 10	Pittsfield Grain Co.	1.51	
	Bertha Champlin	7.78	
	Charles Jakybic	10.37	
	Franklin Watkins	9.72	
	Norman Smith	5.19	
	Joseph Blake	3.46	
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			\$99.02
1954 Real Estate			
Feb. 4	Roy Barnes, Sr.	\$ 6.48	
Feb. 26	Bertilli Givovanna	21.66	
	Celeste Guistina	44.46	
	Charles House	46.74	
	William Coyne	26.79	
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			\$146.13
1953 Refunds			
Feb. 26	Charles House	\$46.74	
	William Coyne	26.79	
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			\$73.53

Respectfully submitted,  
**ALFRED G. KIRCHNER,**  
*Tax Collector.*

I have examined this account and find it correct.

**ALLYN W. SMITH,**  
*Auditor.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## VITAL STATISTICS

## Births—1955

Jan.	8	Judith Elaine Jenks
	22	Christine Ann Eberhard
	24	Jeffrey Michael Musgrove
Feb.	8	Blair Nelson
	10	Bruce Francis Page
	14	Paula May Vanderbeek
	28	Arthur Leslie Johnson, Jr.
March	2	Richard Sheridan Landry
	17	John Francis Lennon, Jr.
	23	Joan Patricia Munch
April	1	Eugene Herbert Edgerly
	8	Kevin Richard Cornwell
	12	Karen Ann Galeucia
	20	Melinda Jill Vranas
	23	Jeffrey Robert Fox
	29	Michael Anthony Rodgers
	29	Michele Annette Rodgers
May	21	Jonathan Charles Boraski
	23	Stephen Hall Rice
June	1	Edward James Carmel
	8	Michele Ellen Prew
	17	Stanley Chester Wrzesinski, Jr.
	23	Kathleen Ann Galeucia
	29	Steven Allen Taylor
August	24	Baby Johnson
	27	James Edward Basiliere
	28	Robert John Thomas
	31	Brian Scott Wood
Sept.	21	Thomas James Pelkey
	27	Terry Alan Bishop
Oct.	6	Bruce Douglas Peeples
	18	Paulina Emma Ulmer
	26	Ronald Ralph Radwich
Nov.	9	Leonard Alan Powell
	22	Kathleen Ann McGill
	24	Mary Patricia Dam
	26	Mary Elizabeth Einstein
Dec.	1	Cheryl Ann Wheeler
	11	Nora Theresa Gale
	24	Christine Ellen Ciskowski

## Marriages—1955

May	14	Peter Francis Menard Susan Jane Callahan George Frederick Tower Bertha Eunice Wescott	Hinsdale Pittsfield Pittsfield Hinsdale
June	4	John A. DeAngelus Betty Lou Litchfield	Dalton Hinsdale
June	5	Edward J. Mottor Marlene M. Menton	Hinsdale Lee
	18	Mark W. Izard Margery E. Lyman	New York City Hinsdale
	25	David Ralph Levernoch Della Anne Cooper	Hinsdale Becket
	30	LeRoy H. Jones Doris R. Dewey	Hinsdale Hinsdale
July	16	Carlton E. Verge Nina M. Prouty William I. Stewart, Jr. Evelyn I. Carroll	Wilbraham Hinsdale Pittsfield Hinsdale
August	6	Francis T. Mathews Joan L. Bellinger	Hinsdale Hinsdale
	20	David C. Clark Elizabeth V. Bishop Loren Joseph Malone Veronica Marie Harrington	Northampton Hinsdale Hinsdale Dorchester
	27	Charles Joseph Bennett Caroline Jean Drosehn	Pittsfield Hinsdale
Sept.	3	Edward P. Richards S. Christine Waldheim	Dalton Hinsdale
	10	Donald A. Lennon Norma J. Barnaby	Hinsdale Pittsfield
	17	Dale Eldon Hume Ruth Ann Snyder	Dalton Hinsdale
	25	Harry E. Freshler, Jr. Martha A. Shock	Hinsdale Worthington
Oct.	8	Elmer C. Williams, Jr. Helene D. Cripps	Hinsdale Hinsdale
Nov.	12	Harold B. Lofton Barbara A. Quail	West Monroe, La. Hinsdale
	26	James M. Dowling Marthann O'Connell	Hinsdale Dalton
	27	Ralph Francis Denley Barbara Lucille White	Dalton Hinsdale
Dec.	31	Joseph J. Monteleone, Jr. Jo Anne S. Goddard	Pittsfield Hinsdale

## Deaths—1955

			Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan.	17	William C. Creamer	91		
Jan.	31	Amelia Michaels Fassell	56		
March	4	Julia Mosegaard Dame	50		
June	27	Ann Newton	80		
July	12	Clara Belle Howard Garneau	65		
	27	Veleria Kaliszewska Stachelek	70	6	12
Aug.	2	Steven Joseph Zalenski	65	7	7
	24	Baby Johnson	0	0	0
Oct.	4	Thelbert R. Harrington	72		
Nov.	2	Clarence Coombs	80		
		Births			40
		Marriages			22
		Deaths			10

# LISCENSES ISSUED BY SELECTMEN AND MILK INSPECTOR

1955

Jan.	1	Harry and Julia Dame	Package Store	\$150.00
		Louis Costi	All Alcoholic Beverages	275.00
		Mrs. Annie R. Naughton	Package Store	150.00
		Hinsdale Home Club, Inc.	1 wk. All Alcoholic Beverages	5.00
	8	Hinsdale Home Club, Inc.	(weekly extension) All Alcoholic Beverages	5.00
	15	Hinsdale Home Club, Inc.	(weekly extension) All Alcoholic Beverages	5.00
		Hinsdale Home Club, Inc.	Weekday Amusement	2.00
		Louis Costi	Weekday Amusement	2.00
	22	Hinsdale Home Club, Inc.	(weekly extension) All Alcoholic Beverages	5.00
	29	Hinsdale Home Club, Inc.	(weekly extension) All Alcoholic Beverages	5.00
Feb.	4	Hinsdale Home Club, Inc.	(weekly extension) All Alcoholic Beverages	5.00
	12	Hinsdale Home Club, Inc.	(weekly extension) All Alcoholic Beverages	5.00
	19	Hinsdale Home Club, Inc.	Balance yearly, All Alcoholic Beverages	240.00
April	23	Mr. and Mrs. J. Basiliere	All Alcoholic Beverages	275.00
May	2	Brown Oil Co.	Selling Gasoline	2.00
	15	Mr. and Mrs. A. Basiliere	Selling Light Lunches	2.00
			Selling on Sunday	2.00
	28	Mrs. Harold Champlin	Gasoline Pump	2.00
		Carmel Bros.	Selling Gasoline	2.00
		Charles DeAngelus	One day picnic (Sunday)	2.00
	31	Harry E. Freshler	Selling Gasoline	2.00
June			Selling New and Used Cars	2.00
			Hackney	2.00
	1	Daisy and Anita Satrape	Selling Refreshments	2.00
			Selling on Sunday	2.00
	2	Edward Martin	Selling Light Lunches	2.00
	3	Garceau Bros.	Buying and Selling Junk	2.00
	24	Harold Miner	Selling New and Used Cars	2.00
July			Selling Gasoline	2.00
	2	Ronald Wheeler	Pony Rides	2.00
	6	Vernon E. Prouty	Buying and selling Used Cars and Junk	2.00
	18	Rowland Armacost	Selling Gasoline	2.00

**Milk Licenses**

April	28	Pittsfield Milk Exchange	Selling Milk	.50
May	2	Hinsdale Pharmacy	Selling Milk	.50
	3	Mrs. A. Naughton	Selling Milk	.50
		Frissell's Market	Selling Oleomargarine	.50
			Selling Milk	.50
			Selling Oleomargarine	.50
	15	Mrs. Florence Galliher	Selling Milk	.50
			Selling Oleomargarine	.50
June	1	Daisy and Anita Satrape	Selling Milk	.50
	2	Edward Martin	Selling Milk	.50
	21	Arthur Sykes	Selling Milk	.50
July	1	Mrs. Eunice Plant	Selling Milk	.50
	20	Sunnyside Dairy	Selling Milk	.50
	26	Fairdale Farms	Selling Milk	.50

**Camp Licenses**

June	7	Camp Taconic	.50
	16	Camp Ashmere, Inc.	.50
July	2	Camp Wyoma	.50
	18	Camp Fernwood	.50
		Camp Lenore	.50
		Camp Romaca	.50
Paid Town Treasurer			\$1,175.00

**Division of Fisheries and Game**

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	114
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	99
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	106
Resident Citizens' Minor Fishing Licenses	32
Resident Citizens' Female Fishing Licenses	57
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	4
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses	15
Non-Resident Minor Fishing Licenses	3
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	7
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	4
Duplicate Licenses	10
Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses (free—over 70)	11
Resident Citizens' Old Age Assistance and to the blind Licenses (free)	1
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$1,506.00

**Dog Licenses**

Male	136
Female	15
Spayed Female	50
Kennel	5
Military	1
Paid Town Treasurer	\$455.80

Respectfully submitted,

ISABELLE F. BUTLER

*Town Clerk.*

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

## Recapitulation Sheet

Town Appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$196,019.72	
Appropriations voted from available funds	12,272.01	
State Parks and Reservations	234.00	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,142.22	
Berkshire County Project—Mosquito Control	538.82	
County Tax	4,448.00	
Overlay for current year	6,642.82	
Under estimates of previous years	255.03	
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Total to be raised		\$221,637.62

## Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	\$15,870.26	
Corporation Taxes	3,726.90	
Reimbursement on publicly owned land	25.93	
Old Age Tax, Meals	946.42	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	5,000.00	
Licenses	1,000.00	
Fines	25.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	25.00	
Charities	3,500.00	
Old Age Assistance	16,000.00	
Schools	13,500.00	
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	450.00	
State Assistance for School Construction	21,076.50	
Town of Dalton (in lieu of taxes)	800.00	
City of Pittsfield (in lieu of taxes)	700.00	
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$82,646.01	
Overestimates	1.04	
Amounts voted from available funds:		
November 5, 1954	\$1,765.23	
February 4, 1955	8,869.81	
April 22, 1955	1,636.97	
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Total Available Funds	\$12,273.05	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		\$94,919.06
Amount to be raised by taxation:		
Polls	\$ 898.00	
Personal Property	17,012.56	
Real Estate	108,808.00	
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Total Taxes levied on Polls and Property		\$126,718.56

**Table of Aggregates of Poll, Property, and Taxes  
Assessed January 1, 1955**

<b>Number of Persons Assessed</b>	
Personal Estate Only	23
Real Estate	756
Both Personal and Real Estate	183
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<b>Total Number of Persons Assessed</b>	962
 Number of Polls Assessed	 449
 <b>Value of Assessed Personal Estate</b>	
Stock in Trade	\$14,250.00
Machinery	14,155.00
Live Stock	19,995.00
All Other Tangible Property	244,920.00
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<b>Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate</b>	\$293,320.00
 <b>Value of Assessed Real Estate</b>	
Land, exclusive of Buildings	\$ 580,925.00
Buildings, exclusive of Land	1,295,075.00
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<b>Total Value of Assessed Real Estate</b>	\$1,876,000.00
 <b>Total Valuation of Assessed Estate</b>	 \$2,169,320.00
 <b>Taxes for State, County, and City or Town Purposes, Including Overlay</b>	
On Personal Estate	\$17,012.56
On Real Estate	108,808.00
On Polls	898.00
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<b>Total Taxes Assessed</b>	\$126,718.56

**Number of Live Stock Assessed**

Horses	20
Neat Cattle	122
Bulls, etc.	6
Yearlings	15
Heifers	26
Mink	40
Fowl	1277
Goats	31
Number of Acres	10,381
Number of Dwelling Houses	340

Respectfully submitted,

WILLYS BELLINGER  
RALPH B. MARSHALL  
WILLIAM E. SIMPSON

*Board of Assessors.*

**REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

This is to certify that I have performed the duties of the Sealer of Weights and Measures as required by law for the year 1955.

PAUL A. MEYERS,

*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

# **TREASURER'S REPORT** **Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash**

Elaine R. Blake—Treasurer

Balance January 1, 1955

\$122,234.49

## **Receipts for 1955**

### **Taxes:**

1951 Personal	\$ 95.60
1952 Real Estate	66.12
Personal	71.25
1953 Real Estate	6,046.24
Personal	750.64
1954 Real Estate	13,407.01
Personal	659.15
Poll	23.00
1955 Real Estate	83,341.22
Personal	15,076.72
Poll	676.00

### **Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise**

1953	211.26
1954	2,636.97
1955	8,081.00

### **Interest on Taxes**

811.63

### **Costs on Taxes**

4.20

### **Accounts Receivable:**

Old Age Assistance	20,693.35
Aid Dependent Children	3,160.06
Disability Assistance	904.89
School Cafeteria	4,253.60
Federal Taxes Withheld	6,919.98
County Ret. Deductions	250.84
Road Machinery Earnings	7,381.50
Insurance Deductions	93.24

### **U. S. Grants:**

Old Age Assistance	16,703.50
Aid Dependent Children	3,626.26
Disability Assistance	1,713.48
Old Age Assistance—Administration	73.70
Aid Dependent Children—Administration	11.80
Disability Assistance—Administration	4.80

Commonwealth of Mass.	
Veterans' Services	380.02
Old Age Meals' Tax	1,009.49
Income Tax	1,965.79
School Aid	13,700.00
Corp. Tax Business	3,277.84
Livestock Disease Control	25.00
Loss of Taxes	26.69
Tuition	738.65
Education—Transportation	8,329.15
School Superintendent	1,478.04
Temp. Aid and Transportation	307.28
Support of Sick Poor	98.00
County of Berkshire—Dog Refund	\$ 369.81
Town of Peru—School Tuition	1,260.00
Town Licenses	1,175.00
Dog Licenses	455.80
Sealer of Weights and Measures	34.85
Use of Town Hall	25.00
Outdoor Advertising	30.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	25.00
District Court—Defendants	40.00
Post War Rehab. Fund Income	87.50
Proceeds of Shower Notes	5,000.00
Proceeds from Cashing Bonds	18,547.00
Refunds:	
Ins. Policy—T. A. Frissell	200.15
Ins. Policy—Traders and Mechanics	336.82
General Relief	1,923.42
Old Age Assistance	109.15
Old Age Assistance—Other Towns	753.68
Old Age Recovery	3,524.00
Highways:	
State	26,175.00
County	4,000.00
Tax Title Redemptions:	
Taxes, interest and costs	509.57
Insurance Payment—(School Fire)	125.00
Reimbursement for School Addition	21,076.50
Vocational Education	1,652.27
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	\$316,525.48
	\$438,759.97

## Payments for 1955

Warrants	\$335,418.92	
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Balance, Berkshire Trust Co.	\$99,290.53	
Balance on hand	4,050.52	
	-----	103,341.05
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		\$438,759.97

## BERKSHIRE TRUST COMPANY, PITTSFIELD

Bal. 12/31/55 per statement		\$122,486.25
Bal. 12/31/55 per checkbook	\$99,290.53	
Outstanding checks 12/31/55	23,195.72	
		\$122,486.25

Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE R. BLAKE,  
*Treasurer.*

I have examined this account and find it correct.

ALLYN W. SMITH,  
*Auditor.*

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

AND

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE TOWN OF

## HINSDALE

MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1955

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE****For the Year Ending December 31, 1955****School Committee****JOHN R. NAUGHTON, Chairman****HARRY E. FRESHLER****JOHN W. MCGILL****Superintendent****EARL C. SUITOR****FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1955**

Appropriation	\$82,519.00
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**EXPENDITURES****General Control:**

Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	\$3,111.79	
Clerk	1,175.00	
School Committee	49.77	
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Total Expenses of General Control		\$4,336.56

**Expenses of Instruction:**

Teachers' Salaries	\$31,339.61	
Textbooks	567.25	
Supplies	1,360.20	
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Total Expenses of Instruction		\$33,267.06

**Expenses of Operation:**

Janitor	\$3,765.42	
Fuel	3,318.76	
Lights, Power and Telephone	1,091.49	
Supplies	579.34	
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Total Expenses of Operation		\$8,755.01

Repairs	\$387.41
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**Auxiliary Agencies:**

Health	\$ 751.73
Library	196.18
Transportation	10,821.80
Elementary Tuition	381.84
High School Tuition	21,021.83

Total Expenses of Auxiliary Agencies	<hr/>	\$33,163.38
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New Equipment	\$1,240.03
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All Others	1,291.96
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Total Expenditures for 1955	<hr/>	\$82,461.41
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Unexpended Balance		\$57.59
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**NET COST TO TOWN OF HINSDALE****For the Support of Schools—1955**

Expenditures		\$82,461.41
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**Receipts:**

Reimbursement from the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts:

Chapter 70 as amended—School Aid	\$13,627.88
All School Transportation	8,329.15
Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	1,478.04
State Ward Tuition and Transportation	738.68
Vocational School Tuition and Transportation	1,652.27
Tuition from Town of Peru	1,186.00

Total Receipts	<hr/>	\$27,012.02
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Net Cost to the Town of Hinsdale for the support of Schools for 1955	<hr/>	\$55,449.39
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**BUDGET—1956**

Teachers' Salaries	\$35,200.00
Textbooks	500.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Janitor	4,000.00
Fuel	3,300.00
Lights, etc.	1,100.00

Repairs	\$ 500.00	
Library	100.00	
Health	750.00	
Transportation	11,000.00	
Tuition—Elementary	250.00	
Tuition—High School	24,100.00	
Operating Expenses	500.00	
School Committee	30.00	
Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	3,400.00	
New Equipment	500.00	
Clerk	1,430.00	
All Others	500.00	
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Total Budget		\$88,160.00

### ESTIMATED NET COST FOR 1956

Budget		\$88,160.00
Estimated Receipts:		
Chapter 70 as amended—School Aid	\$15,512.88	
All School Transportation	9,000.00	
Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	1,478.04	
Vocational Tuition and Transportation	700.00	
State Ward Tuition and Transportation	1,600.00	
Town of Peru Tuition	1,160.00	
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Total Estimated Receipts		\$29,450.92
Estimated net cost for Town of Hinsdale for the support of Schools for 1956		\$58,709.08

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. NAUGHTON, *Chairman*  
HARRY E. FRESHLER  
JOHN W. MCGILL  
EARL C. SUITOR, *Superintendent*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Hinsdale:

Herewith is submitted my eleventh annual report as Superintendent of your school.

The addition to the Kittredge School is substantially completed and in use. Since my last report the shower rooms have been added and the complete facilities have been advantageously used by the school and other town organizations. As the reporter said last spring, "When the building isn't in use, that will be news." There is justified pride and satisfaction for everyone who aided in this project and this includes all the taxpayers who have tangible evidence of their financial support.

When the Veterans of Foreign Wars disbanded, they gave their flags and the money in their treasury to the school for a scoreboard. This was a very worthy gesture and a proud manner of bowing out. The local Mr. and Mrs. Club gave \$100—part of which has been used for a screen in the auditorium. The Parent-Teachers' Association gave a table and chair set for the kitchen and also draperies and chair cover for the teachers' room. A representative school group, called the School Improvement Committee held an Easter Monday Ball and the proceeds will be used for the installation of the scoreboard. The Firemen shared the proceeds of a Minstrel Show with the school. The Masons, the newly organized Lions Club, the Parent-Teachers' Association, the Grange, the Pilgrim Fellowship group, the Churches, the young men of the town, and the Girl Scouts have all made good use of these new facilities. There have been dances, games, installations, shows, Christmas and Halloween parties, and meetings of all kinds held at the school with much use and no abuse.

Recently, the Selectmen and the Assessors have set up quarters in the basement of the school. The new building is paying dividends in community use, not to mention the primary function of the school.

The additional classrooms have aided greatly in reducing the size of most of the grades. The Cafeteria is used nearly to capacity. The gymnasium has had many school users—basketball, physical education classes, music classes, and dramatics.

In short, I believe the town has made a good investment in this building and is receiving many dividends.

### Finances:

We have been able to obtain with available funds this year, a number of valuable things in new equipment and outlay. A motorized valve has been installed which will control the heat in the old part of the building. Ninety lockers have been purchased and will be installed later. A fence has been erected on the south side of the grounds from these funds. The teachers' room has been improved, mats for the gymnasium, goal-hi for the playground, footballs, fire extinguisher,

file cabinet, portable chalkboard, ladder, lawn mower, auto-harp, coat rails and hooks, a sander, piano tuning, mowing the playground, are some of the things that make up the budget items "new equipment" and "all others".

The budget for 1956 is up \$5,641.00. \$4,650.00 of this is in teachers' salaries. It includes the salary of the tenth teacher for a full year compared to four-tenths of a year in last year's budget; also, the regular increments in the salary schedule due Jan. 1st and a plan to have the increments effective in September with the new school year from then on. These factors with a few adjustments in the schedule, account for this part of the increase. \$600 is allowed in the budget for a helping janitor which is a new item. We estimated fairly close on the fuel item but expect to need \$300 over last year's budget. A few items have been lowered slightly as these called for slightly less. A few, also, have been slightly raised.

We have a good school and a fine community building. These cost money but are a good investment.

#### Personnel:

##### Staff of Kittredge School

Miss Flora Amede, <i>Principal</i>	Grade 8
Mr. Paul D. Caron	Grade 7
Mrs. Marguerite Curtin	Grade 6
Mrs. Mary McDonnell	Grade 5
Mrs. Angeline Cannon	Grade 4
Miss Agnes Naughton	Grade 3
Mrs. Violet Mieg	Grade 3 and 4
Mrs. Anna Kirchner	Grade 2
Mrs. Frances Prew	Grade 1 and 2
Mrs. Mabel Leemhuis	Grade 1
Mr. John Roberts	Music
Mrs. Margaret Donnelly	Writing
Mrs. Arthur Phinney	Nature
Dr. Russell Christopher	School Doctor
Mrs. Iris Morgan	School Nurse
Mrs. Josephine G. Collins	Clerk
Mr. Frank Baumann	Janitor

#### Conclusion:

In conclusion I should like to thank the teachers, the School Committee, and the parents for their excellent cooperation, without which we could not have achieved the goals so far reached and with which we can continue forward.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL C. SUTOR,  
*Superintendent of Schools.*

**Enrollment—October 1, 1955**

Kittredge School	
Grade 1	40
Grade 2	38
Grade 3	45
Grade 4	38
Grade 5	30
Grade 6	20
Grade 7	38 (including 3 from Peru)
Grade 8	33 (including 4 from Peru)
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Kittredge School Total	282
Dalton Elementary School	2
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Total Elementary School	284
 South Junior High School	 14
Pittsfield High School	19
Dalton High School	31
St. Joseph's High School	7
Vocational High School	8
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Total High School	79
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Total Enrollment	363

**Kittredge School—Class of 1955**

Robert Arthur Barnes	Robert Bennett Meyers
William George Borkowski	Nelson Albert Oakes
Laura Cripps	Nancy King O'Donnell
Patricia Ann Cullett	Wesley Ernest Olds
Betty Lou Daniels	David Martin Patterson
Rufus Wellington Dewkette	James Henry Poulton
Sheridan Anne Droshen	Nettie Jane Prew
John Wesley Fisk	Jeannette Rita Prouty
Peter Alden Frissell	Marcia Mary Quail
Mary Dorothy Frusciente	Joan Marie Scott
Sandra Ann Galok	Rae Ann Estella Thomas
Beauford William Greb	Merlynn Ruth Vreeland
Roger Lewis Irish	Carol Jean Wallin
Lorena Rose LeVardi	John Frederick White
Marilyn Louise Litchfield	Donald Charles Yakey
James Alden McAvoy	

**South Junior High School**

Rita Bean  
 Caroline J. Drosehn  
 Catherine Fitch  
 Diana P. Forward  
 Allen Freshler

Judith Hinckley  
 Thomas McCasland  
 Beverly Poulton  
 Margaret Prew  
 Irving Radwisch

Peter White

**Pittsfield High School**

Cherlyon Bourdo  
 Patrick Cooke  
 Judith Eldridge  
 Stanley Prew

Jo Ann Perry  
 Robert Pierce  
 Barbara Reynolds  
 Judith Rice

**Dalton High School**

Paul Cullett

Robert Sutor

**School Calendar 1955-1956**

		<i>Days</i>
September	School begins September 7	18
October	No school Oct. 12, 28	19
November	No school Nov. 11, 24, 25	19
December	No school Dec. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30	12
January	No school January 2	21
February	No school Feb. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	16
March	No school March 30	21
April	No school April 16, 17, 18, 19, 20	16
May	No school May 30	22
June	Last school day—June 8	6
Total days		170

financially interested. Every decision of the Board of Appeals shall be in writing and shall require the assent of at least four (4) members. Any applicant for a permit, whose application has been refused by the Inspector of Buildings, or any person dissatisfied with the decision of the Inspector of Buildings on any matter left by this Ordinance to his approval or discretion, may appeal therefrom to the Board of Appeals within ten days from the date of said refusal or decision. If the refusal or decision of the Inspector of Buildings is affirmed the ruling shall be final. If the action of the Inspector of Buildings is modified or annulled, the Inspector of Buildings shall issue a permit or decision in accordance with the decision of the Board of Appeals.

#### Article VIII. Variances

**Sec. 1.** Upon petition filed by any person the Board of Appeals may, by majority decision, suspend or vary the application of provisions of this Ordinance in specific cases which appear to them not to have been contemplated by the Ordinance or in cases where manifest injustice is done, provided the decision shall not conflict with the spirit or intent of the Ordinance.

The decision shall specify the variations allowed and the reason therefor.

The Board of Appeals shall grant a hearing on every application for variance or suspension of which all persons interested shall have notice.

#### Article IX. Fees for Permits

**Sec. 1.** For each building permit issued by the Inspector of Buildings, for the erection or alterations of buildings or other structures, there shall be paid to the Town a fee according to the following schedule:

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|---|--------|
| 1. For dwelling houses of six (6) rooms or less   | \$5.00 |
| 2. For dwelling houses of more than six (6) rooms | \$8.00 |
| 3. Alterations to any building                    | \$2.00 |
| 4. Private garage or similar building type        | \$2.00 |

#### Article X. Penalties

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding (\$25.00).

#### ZONING-PLANNING COMMITTEE

ALBERT D. REINHARDT, *Chairman*

HERBERT W. PREW

LOUIS J. CARMEL

GEORGE BUTLER

**Sec. 5. Sills, Girders, and Joists:** All house sills shall be of sound lumber of dimensions not less than 4" x 6", Joists 2" x 6" up to (9) foot span; then 2" x 8" or more as required by the span or material of equal strength. Joists in spans of (12) feet or more shall be cross bridged on the center of the span with not less than 1" x 2" stock. Spacing of joists shall not exceed 16" on centers and joists shall be doubled at all partitions and around all openings. Girders shall not be less than 4" x 8" and larger as required by the span and grade of lumber.

**Sec. 6. Uprights:** Exterior walls and bearing partitions shall be of lumber of dimensions at least 2" x 4" spaced not more than 16" on centers. Corners of exterior walls must be braced at least once in each direction. Double uprights at all house windows, door or other openings, or use stock of equal dimension.

Suitable fire stops must be provided where necessary, subject to approval of Building Inspector.

**Sec. 7. Rafters:** Wood rafters shall be 2" x 4" up to 6 foot horizontal span, 2" x 6" up to 14 foot horizontal span, and 2" x 8" up to 20 foot horizontal span, and all spacing shall not be over 20" on centers.

**Sec. 8. Boarding:** All boarding shall be sound and shall be nailed at least twice at each bearing for widths under 8" and three times for widths 8" or over. Occupied areas of dwellings shall be double floored.

**Sec. 9. Framing:** Every frame building shall have its several structural members framed and braced in a manner satisfactory to the Inspector of Buildings.

#### **Article VI. Inspector of Buildings**

**Sec. 1.** The Board of Selectmen shall annually appoint an Inspector of Buildings subsequent to the Annual Town Meeting, to hold office for the term of one (1) year, or until his successor is appointed. His fee shall be fixed by the Board of Selectmen, and no other fees shall be allowed or paid to him. He shall have no pecuniary interest direct or indirect in the making of plans or specifications or in supplying materials or labor for any buildings in this town other than his own.

**Sec. 2.** He shall be under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen and shall be subject to such rules and regulations as they may prescribe for the proper conduct of his office and shall submit an annual report in January of each year, of the work of his office for publication in the Town Report.

**Sec. 3.** The Inspector of Buildings shall make an inspection of all building operations within the town and he may, for this purpose, enter upon the premises where such operations are carried on, at all reasonable times. He shall report to the Board of Selectmen any and all violations of this ordinance or conditions of any permit issued.

#### **Article VII. Board of Appeals**

**Sec. 1.** A Board of Appeals shall be established consisting of five (5) citizens of the town to be appointed by the Selectmen for terms not to exceed three (3) years. No member of the Board of Appeals shall act in any matter in which he is

2. The Board of Appeals shall hear and decide requests for special permits as provided in sections of this By-Law.

3. The Board of Appeals shall hear and decide requests for variance from the terms of this By-Law where literal enforcement would involve substantial hardship because of conditions unique to the building or land in question.

6-3 **Validity:** The invalidity of any section or provision of this By-Law shall not invalidate any other section or provision hereof.

### PROPOSED BUILDING ORDINANCE

An ordinance regulating the Erection, Alteration and Repair of Buildings and Inspection of same in the Town of Hinsdale, Massachusetts.

#### Article 1. General Provisions

**Sec. 1.** Except as hereinafter provided, no buildings shall be erected, altered or repaired except in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance, excepting buildings with a floor area of not more than 64 square feet and average height of 7 feet.

**Sec. 2.** No Public Buildings shall be erected, altered or repaired except in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 143 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

#### Article II. Exemptions

**Sec. 1. (a)** Farm Buildings

(b) Buildings owned or occupied by the United States or The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

#### Article III. Repairs

**Sec. 1.** All ordinary repairs may be made, provided such repairs do not tend to weaken the structure.

#### Article IV. Permits

**Sec. 1.** No person or corporation shall construct, alter or substantially repair any building or structure without first having obtained a permit for the same, nor shall they erect or alter any external wall without first obtaining a permit for the same.

#### Article V. General Requirements

**Sec. 1. Masonry Walls:** All masonry walls shall be inspected by the Inspector of Buildings before any back filling is done.

**Sec. 2. Chimneys:** Chimneys shall be of brick or other incombustible material and shall not be hung from the walls or supported on wooden structures, and must be lined with vitreous flue lining. No smoke pipe, so-called shall protrude thru external wall, window or roof. All chimneys must be topped at least (3) feet above the highest point of contact with roof.

**Sec. 3. Foundations:** All buildings hereafter erected within thirty (30) feet of the exterior lines of any Public Way shall be set on solid foundations and not upon piers.

**Sec. 4. Outside Finish:** All dwellings shall be finished completely on the outside with clapboards, shingles or other approved siding within one year after building is erected.

## SECTION V

## 5-1 Area, Height, Yard, Floor Area Regulations

A dwelling hereafter erected in any district shall be located on a lot not having less than the minimum requirements set forth in the table below:—

DISTRICTS	1		2			Maximum Ht. of Bldg.	Floor area
	Minimum Lot Dimensions		Minimum Yard Dimensions				
	Area in	Width	Front	Rear	Side		
	Sq. ft.	in ft.	in ft.	in ft.	in ft.		
Residence A	10,000	75	30	12	15	2 ½	600
Residence B	22,000	100	30	12	15	2 ½	600
Business	10,000	75	30	12	15	2 ½	600
Agricultural and Recreational	22,000	100	30	12	15	2 ½	600

## 5-2 Residence Districts

No accessory building in a Residence District shall be located in any front yard, nor located in any rear yard nearer to the side lot line than ten (10) feet, nor nearer to the rear lot line than five (5) feet.

Side yards in any district shall be clear from the front to rear of buildings.

1. A lot or parcel of land having an area or a frontage of lesser amounts than required by the foregoing paragraphs may be considered as coming within the area and frontage requirements of this section, provided such lot or parcel of land was shown on a plan, or described in a deed duly recorded or registered at the time of the adoption of this by-law, and did not at the time of such adoption adjoin other land of the same owner available for use in connection with such lot or parcel.

2. Where buildings or other structures exist at the time of the adoption of this By-Law with less than the minimum Front Yard requirements, the Board of Appeals may make exceptions to this section upon appeal or written request.

## SECTION VI

## Administration

6-1 **Enforcement:** This By-Law shall be enforced by the Board of Selectmen.

6-2 **Board of Appeals:** There shall be a Board of Appeals of five (5) members and two (2) associate members as provided in Chapter 40A of the General Laws, which shall act on all matters within its jurisdiction under this By-Law in the manner prescribed in said chapter and as indicated below. The members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years. Said Board shall have all the powers and duties of Board of Appeals under Chapter 40A of the General Laws as amended, and in addition, all the powers and duties herein prescribed.

1. Any person aggrieved by the refusal of the Board of Selectmen (or Building Inspector) to issue a permit under the provision of this By-Law may appeal in writing to the Board of Appeals. In any case no such appeal shall be heard by said Board unless, within twenty (20) days after the refusal of a permit or the issuance of the order or decision, a notice of said appeal is fixed with the Town Clerk.

**4-3 Business Districts**

- a. Permitted Uses:
  - 1. Any use permitted in Residence Districts.
  - 2. Retail or Wholesale business, service, or public utility not involving manufacturing on the premises, except of products the major portion of which are sold on the premises by the producer to the consumer.
  - 3. Theatre, Club, or other place of amusement or assembly.
- b. Uses Permitted on Appeal:
  - 1. Any other business use not heretofore defined, not detrimental to the health, welfare, safety, of the town or substantially detrimental or offensive to adjacent districts; or destructive of property values.
  - 2. Removal of gravel, loam, or sod.
- c. Prohibited:
  - 1. Junk yards.
- d. Accessory Use:
  - 1. Any accessory use permitted in Residence Districts.

**4-4 Agricultural and Recreational Districts**

- a. Permitted Uses:
  - 1. Any use permitted in a Residence District.
  - 2. Farms of all kinds, not including piggeries.
  - 3. Portable wood-working mills.
  - 4. Display and sale of natural products raised in the town.
  - 5. Single family cottages.
  - 6. Winter Sports area.
- b. Uses Permitted on Appeal:
  - 1. Public Boat House for rental of boats and canoes.
  - 2. Public Bath House.
  - 3. Commercial recreational uses of buildings, structures, and land.
  - 4. Fur Farms.
- c. Prohibited:
  - 1. Piggeries.
- d. Accessory Use:
  - 1. Uses customarily incident to any permitted use of buildings, structures, or land.

the regulations for the District in which it is located, except as hereinafter provided.

#### **4-1 Residence A District**

a. Permitted Uses:

1. Single Family Dwellings
2. Churches and other places of worship.
3. Libraries and Public Schools.
4. Membership Clubs not conducted for profit.
5. Renting of rooms and furnishing of meals in a dwelling occupied as a private residence.
6. Office of Dentist or Physician or for other professional use when situated in the same dwelling used by the person as own private residence.

b. Uses permitted on appeal:

7. Trailer Courts
8. Keeping of any kind of poultry other than hens, or more than specified number of hens permitted in accessory use.
9. Removal of gravel, loam, or sod.

c. Accessory Use:

1. Structures and uses (including a private garage for not more than two (2) cars, customarily incidental to and on the same lot for permitted use.
2. Customary home occupations provided such occupations are conducted by person resident in the same building.
3. The taking of lodgers and tourists.
4. Keeping of hens, not in excess of twelve (12).
5. Use of premises or building thereon in connection with his trade by a resident carpenter, electrician, plumber, painter or other artisan, provided that no manufacturing or business requiring substantially continuous employment be carried on therein.

#### **4-2 Residence B Districts**

a. Permitted Uses:

1. Two family dwellings
2. Apartment houses, containing no more than four (4) apartments.
3. Any other use permitted in Residence A.

b. Uses Permitted on Appeal:

1. Trailer Courts
2. Keeping of any kind of poultry other than hens or more than the specified number of hens permitted in Accessory Use.
3. One cow.
4. Removal of gravel, loam, or sod.

c. Accessory Use:

1. Any accessory use permitted in Residence A Districts.

**3-2 Location of Districts:**—The boundaries of each of these districts are established as shown, defined and bounded on a map as filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Hinsdale, Massachusetts, entitled "Town of Hinsdale, Massachusetts, Zoning By-Laws Map." This map dated December 15, 1955 and all explanatory matter thereon are made a part of this By-Law.

**3-3 Description of District Boundaries**

**a. Residence A Districts**

Creamery Road	Buttermilk Road
Old Windsor Road to Stone House Road.	
Maple Street, from Taylor Street east to Old Windsor Road (both sides)	
Plunkett Street	Bingham Street
Jordan Street	Taylor Street
From Plunkett Street to Maple Street on Route 8 (East side)	
From Intersection of Route 8 and Route 143 to Old Windsor Road.	
From Intersection of Main and Route 8 to intersection of Maple and Route 8 (East side)	
Commonwealth Avenue	
Curtis Street to town line.	
Church Street	Goodrich Street
Longview Avenue southerly to top of hill for a distance of approximately 2300 feet.	

**b. Residence B Districts**

Intersection of Route 8 and Maple Street to Home Club (both east and west).

Intersection of Plunkett Street, Route 8, and Main Street (north to Dalton Town line, east and west sides) including Holmes Road.

Circular Avenue	Bridge Street
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Old Dalton Road from Route 8 easterly to Maple Street on Route 143.

**c. Business Districts**

From River Bridge on Main Street to River Bridge on Maple Street.

From Intersection of Main Street and Route 8 to intersection of Route 8 and Maple Street on west side of highway.

From Hinsdale Home Club Property to junction of Middlefield Road and Route 8.

**d. Agricultural and Recreational Districts**

Agricultural and Recreational Districts include all areas of the Town not otherwise restricted.

**SECTION IV.**

**Uses:**—No structure or land shall hereafter be used or occupied and no structure shall hereafter be erected, maintained or altered unless in conformity with

**PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW**  
**FOR THE**  
**TOWN OF HINSDALE, MASSACHUSETTS**

**SECTION I.**

**Purpose:**—The purposes of this By-Law are to promote the health, safety and general welfare of all the inhabitants of the Town of Hinsdale, to conserve and protect the value of property and the beauty of the Town; to reduce the hazard of fire by regulating the use of the land and the use of the buildings and other structures in pursuance of authority granted by Chapter 40A General Laws of Massachusetts and all amendments thereto.

**SECTION II.**

**Non-Conforming Uses:**—The lawful use of any structure or land existing at the time of the enactment or subsequent amendment of this By-Law may be continued, although such structure or use does not conform with the provisions of the By-Law. Any building, part of a building or land which at the time of the adoption of this By-Law, is being put to a non-conforming use, may be continued in that use provided such use has not been abandoned or discontinued for a period of one year.

a. **Alteration:** A non-conforming use may not be altered or reconstructed if the cost of such alterations exceed (50%) of the assessed valuation of the structure at the time of the change.

b. **Extension:** No increase in the extent of the non-conforming use of a structure or lot may be made.

c. **Restoration:** No structure damaged by fire or other causes to the extent of more than (75%) of its assessed valuation shall be repaired or rebuilt except in conformity with the By-Law.

d. **Changes:** Once changed to a conforming use, no structure or land shall be permitted to revert to a non-conforming use.

**SECTION III.**

**Establishment of Districts:**—For the purpose of this By-Law the Town of Hinsdale is hereby divided into (4) Districts as follows:—

- 3-1 a. Residence A. Districts  
b. Residence B. Districts  
c. Business Districts  
d. Agricultural and Recreational Districts.

## PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAWS AND BUILDING ORDINANCE

At the 1955 Annual Town Meeting, it was voted to establish a special committee to study zoning the Town of Hinsdale, and to bring their recommendations to the 1956 Annual Meeting. The Selectmen appointed Mr. Albert D. Reinhardt as Chairman, and Herbert W. Prew, Louis Carmel, and George Butler as members. This committee has proposed that zoning be established and has prepared a by-law to define the conditions and boundaries under which such a system would operate.

In conjunction with the zoning by-law, there has also been drawn up a building ordinance pertaining to the erection, alteration, and repair of buildings. On the following pages are printed the proposed by-law and ordinance as submitted to the Selectmen by the Zoning-Planning Committee. Action on these proposals will be considered under Articles 23 and 24 in the Annual Meeting on February 13, 1956.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Earl C. Suitor  
 Superintendent of Schools  
 Hinsdale, Mass.

Dear Mr. Suitor:

I submit the following health report for Kittredge School, from Sept. 7, 1955 to Jan. 13, 1956.

The Massachusetts Vision Tests were done in October and November.

280 Tests

32 Failures

16 Under physician's care

Heights and weights have been taken and recorded.

On November 30, December 9 and 12 the 7th and 8th grades had the physical examinations done by Dr. Russell Christopher. Both grades had foot examinations as a precautionary measure before using the showers in the physical education program.

Defects found:

8 Dental cases

2 Ear cases

2 Flat feet

1 Athletes foot

On December 16 and 18 pupils of the 4th grade were examined by the Doctor.

Defects found:

8 Dental cases

3 Ear cases

1 Enlarged tonsils

Dr. Christopher has seen all pupils referred to him by the teachers.

There has been no contagious diseases reported this term.

The hearing test will be done in April when the audiometer loaned by the Massachusetts Health Department is available.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the teachers, parents and children for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

IRIS J. MORGAN