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For the year Ending December 31, 1958



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MASSACHUSETTS



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Center Spread—Fire Department

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Selectmen

ERNEST J. FITZROY	Term expires 1958
PAUL A. MEYERS, Secretary	Term expires 1959
THERON B. MARSHALL, Chairman	Term expires 1960

Town Clerk

ISABELLE F. BUTLER	Term expires 1958
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Tax Collector

ALFRED G. KIRCHNER	Term expires 1960
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Treasurer

ELAINE R. BLAKE	Term expires 1960
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Assessors

GARRETT F. COLLINS, Secretary	Term expires 1958
WILLYS M. BELLINGER, Chairman	Term expires 1959
RALPH B. MARSHALL	Term expires 1960

School Committee

HARRY E. FRESHLER	Term expires 1958
JOHN R. NAUGHTON	Term expires 1959
CARL R. MOSEGARD	Term expires 1960

Representatives to Central Berkshire Regional School Committee

JOHN R. NAUGHTON	Term expires 1958
MRS. CARL A. PIERCE	Term expires 1958

Board of Finance

GARRETT F. COLLINS	Term expires 1958
THOMAS F. FOX	Term expires 1958
ROWLAND B. ARMACOST	Term expires 1958
JOSEPH BLAKE	Term expires 1959
ROY C. BARNES, JR., Secretary	Term expires 1959
FRANK E. BAUMANN	Term expires 1959
KENNETH KIRCHNER	Term expires 1960
FREDERICK POMEROY	Term expires 1960
WILLIAM E. MORGAN, Chairman	Term expires 1960

Moderator

J. EDWARD PELKEY

Auditor

ALLYN W. SMITH	Term expires 1958
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Board of Health
(Selectmen)

Tree Warden

RICHARD GREB

Term expires 1958

Board of Registrars

ISABELLE F. BUTLER
CARL R. MOSEGARDHARRY DRESSER
DONALD F. BLAKE

Superintendent of Schools

EARL C. SUITOR

Superintendent of Roads

PATRICK J. BUTLER

Forest Warden and Fire Chief

ALLYN W. SMITH

First Asst. Fire Chief

THOMAS FOX

Second Asst. Fire Chief

WILLIAM ROBINS

Chief of Police

THERON B. MARSHALL

Deputy Chief of Police

GARRETT F. COLLINS

Constables

FRANK E. BAUMANN
RALPH B. MARSHALL
GARRETT F. COLLINS
JAMES DOWLING

Term expires 1958

Term expires 1958

Term expires 1958

Term expires 1958

Special Policemen

HAROLD LEE
CHARLES R. GALEERNEST J. FITZROY
ALLYN W. SMITH

Veterans' Agent

EDWARD WOOD

Cattle and Milk Inspector
and Inspector of Slaughtering

EDWIN DROSEHN

Sealer of Weights and Measures

PAUL A. MEYERS

Wiring Inspector

WILLIAM ROBINS

Cemetery Committee

CARL R. MOSEGARD	Term expires 1958
T. AUGUSTUS FRISSELL	Term expires 1959
STANLEY H. RICE	Term expires 1960
EDWARD W. LYMAN	Term expires 1961
HOLLAND GEER	Term expires 1962
HARRY DRESSER	Term expires 1963
WILLIAM E. MORGAN	Term expires 1964

Library Committee

DOROTHY M. LYMAN	Term expires 1958
EARL C. SUITOR	Term expires 1959
RICHARD WEIRUM	Term expires 1960

Fence Viewer and Field Driver

EDWIN DROSEHN

Measurer of Wood and Bark

T. AUGUSTUS FRISSELL

Surveyor of Lumber

SUMNER GEER

Custodian of the War Memorial

MARION L. RANSFORD

Moth Superintendent

ALLYN W. SMITH

Development and Industrial Commission

ISODORE F. GOODMAN (1958)	ALLYN W. SMITH (1961)
PAUL A. MEYERS (1959)	GARRETT F. COLLINS (1962)
JOHN WARREN (1960)	

"When a man's knowledge is not in order, the more of it he has the greater will be his confusion."—Spencer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Annual Town Meeting, Monday, February 9, 1959

- 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 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
Member Central Berkshire Regional School Committee for one year
and 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, 1959 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 1960 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 \$200.00 for work on the Plunkett Reservoir Road.
- Art. 13—To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,500.00 from the Road Machinery Fund for Road Machinery Maintenance.
- Art. 14—To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of Town Officers in accordance with Section 108, Chap. 41 of the General Laws, as follows:
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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Selectmen—Chairman | \$400.00 |
| Secretary | 800.00 |
| Member | 300.00 |
| Assessors—Each Member | 300.00 |
| School Committee—Each Member | 100.00 |
| Tax Collector | 1,300.00 |
| Treasurer | 1,000.00 |
| Town Clerk | 500.00 |
| Veterans' Agent | 250.00 |
| Fire Chief | 300.00 |
| 1st Assistant Fire Chief | 125.00 |
| 2nd Assistant Fire Chief | 100.00 |
| Auditor | 10.00 |
| Moderator | 25.00 |
| Inspector of Cattle and Slaughtering | 100.00 |
| Inspector of Wiring | 50.00 |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures | 50.00 |
- Art. 15—To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Welfare Administration account a total of \$91.10 as follows:
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|---------------------------------|
| \$72.10 from OAA Administration |
| 9.50 from ADC Administration |
| 9.50 from DA Administration |
- Art. 16—To see if the Town will vote to approve consolidation of funds for Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance, and General Assistance into a single welfare account, to be apportioned according to the needs of the various categories.

Art. 17—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		\$112,337.42
2. School Lunch Program		1,850.00
3. Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	(Est.) \$27,000.00	\$43,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	(Est.) 4,000.00	
Disability Assistance	(Est.) 5,000.00	
General Assistance	(Est.) 7,000.00	
4. Veterans' Aid		3,000.00
5. Welfare Administration		2,150.00
6. Board of Health		100.00
7. Snow Roads		12,000.00
8. Purchase of Snow Fence		300.00
9. Bridges		400.00
10. Town Officers' Salaries		6,710.00
11. Election Officers		150.00
12. Board of Registrars		150.00
13. Police		500.00
14. Fire Department		2,500.00
15. Forest Fires		150.00
16. Tree Warden		600.00
17. Insect Control		100.00
18. Dutch Elm Disease Control		598.25
19. Street Lighting		3,700.00
20. Cemetery		500.00
21. Public Dump		200.00
22. Town Use of Water		324.00
23. Town Hall Maintenance		500.00
24. Heating Fire Station and Garage		700.00
25. Tax Collector's Expense		225.00
26. Assessors' Expense		300.00
27. Printing		700.00
28. Miscellaneous		600.00
29. Surety Bonds of Treasurer, Tax Collector and Clerk		350.00
30. Berkshire Co. Retirement System Assessment		325.49
31. Workmen's Compensation Insurance		1,200.00
32. Fire Insurance Premiums		685.00
33. Recreation		1,000.00
34. Baseball Field		75.00
35. Memorial Day Observance		40.00
36. Notes		27,000.00
37. Interest		365.00

- Art. 18—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available surplus funds in the treasury, \$3,750.00 for capital costs of the Central Berkshire Regional School District.
- Art. 19—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available surplus funds in the treasury \$1,066.65 for operating expenses of the Central Berkshire Regional School District.
- Art. 20—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00, and transfer \$700.00 from Surplus Revenue in the treasury, for Tax Titles.
- Art. 21—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, \$12,250.00 for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.
- Art. 22—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, \$10,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Plunkett Lake Rd. and Pittsfield Road Project, or take any action relative thereto.
- Art. 23—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, \$4,500.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.
- Art. 24—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 to purchase a fireproof storage file for the Town Clerk's records.
- Art. 25—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 and transfer \$580.00 from free cash in the treasury, for Civil Defense.
- Art. 26—To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$14,500.00 from available funds in the treasury to the stabilization fund.
- Art. 27—To do and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has reviewed all articles in the warrant and herein submits its report and recommendations.

The total budget for 1959 as recommended, amounts to \$258,526.81, this is about 4% higher than last year. Even though the use of some surplus money is recommended, it is estimated that there will be some upward reflection in the tax rate. The major increases are in the School and Highway budget. Although we have two items for the Regional School Program this year they will not reflect in the tax rate, if the recommendations are followed. The Committee has recommended that the money necessary for Hinsdale's share in the Regional School Program, be taken from surplus money this year only, this is based on the fact that we are this year paying the last installment on the Kittredge School building and at the same time starting the payments on the Regional Program.

The Committee has recommended that this year we combine the Charity accounts into one figure for appropriating purposes, with a breakdown being included. The reason behind this recommendation is to allow the Welfare Dept. to transfer the money into each account as is necessary during the year. By doing this we eliminate Special Town meetings for this purpose, which have been the practice in the past.

The Committee recommends the purchase of a Fire Proof file cabinet for the use of the Town Clerk.

An estimated tax rate of \$68 is included elsewhere in this report and is based on the recommended figures, with estimated other obligations, receipts and reimbursements. Please keep in mind that the included rate is estimated and that the Assessors will set the actual rate after the appropriations are voted.

Respectfully submitted,

GARRETT F. COLLINS
THOMAS F. FOX
ROWLAND B. ARMACOST
JOSEPH BLAKE
ROY C. BARNES, JR.
FRANK E. BAUMANN
WILLIAM E. MORGAN
FREDERICK POMEROY
KENNETH KIRCHNER

BUDGET FOR YEAR 1959

Account Item	Approp. 1958	Amt. Spent 1958	1959
			Recommended by Finance Committee
1. Schools	\$103,978.33	\$103,978.33	\$112,337.42
2. School Lunch Program	1,850.00	1,855.00	1,850.00
3. Regional School	100.00	1,136.24	1,066.65
4. Old Age Assistance	30,000.00	30,142.40	27,000.00
5. Aid to Dependent Children	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
6. Disability Assistance	4,000.00	8,000.00	5,000.00
7. Veterans' Aid	2,500.00	3,034.60	3,000.00
8. General Assistance	5,000.00	9,365.76	7,000.00
9. Welfare Administration	2,100.00	2,128.19	2,150.00
10. Board of Health	250.00	—	100.00
11. Snow Roads	12,000.00	18,402.52	12,000.00
12. Purchase Snow Fence	300.00	300.00	300.00
13. Bridges	400.00	548.86	400.00
14. Town Officers' Salaries	6,560.00	6,560.00	6,710.00
15. Election Officers'	250.00	281.76	150.00
16. Board of Registrars	250.00	241.50	150.00
17. Police	500.00	500.00	500.00
18. Fire Department	2,500.00	2,162.07	2,500.00
19. Forest Fires	150.00	150.00	150.00
20. Tree Warden	600.00	599.00	600.00
21. Insect Control	200.00	113.00	100.00
22. Dutch Elm Disease	498.25	480.52	598.25
23. Street Lighting	3,800.00	3,632.62	3,700.00
24. Cemetery	500.00	583.39	500.00
25. Public Dump	200.00	200.00	200.00
26. Town Use of Water	324.00	324.00	324.00
27. Town Hall Maintenance	500.00	499.99	500.00
28. Heat Fire Station and Garage	600.00	600.00	700.00
29. Tax Collector's Expense	225.00	224.34	225.00
30. Tax Titles	300.00	73.00	100.00
31. Assessor's Expenses	300.00	267.53	300.00
32. Printing	650.00	650.75	700.00
33. Miscellaneous	600.00	572.46	600.00
34. Surety Bonds of:			
Treas., Tax Coll., Town Clerk	325.00	318.25	350.00
35. Berkshire Co. Retirement			
System Assessment	301.55	301.55	325.49
36. Workmen's Comp. Insurance	1,100.00	991.76	1,200.00
37. Fire Insurance Premium	825.00	817.51	685.00
38. Recreation	1,000.00	871.99	1,000.00

39. Baseball Field	\$ 75.00	\$ —	\$ 75.00
40. Memorial Day Observance	40.00	24.00	40.00
41. Notes	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00
42. Interest	735.00	710.00	365.00
43. Road Machinery, Maint.	2,500.00	2,604.40	2,500.00
44. Reserve Fund	1,500.00	1,200.00	1,500.00
45. Library	400.00	400.00	400.00
46. Skyview Grove Dev.	200.00	200.00	200.00
47. Plunkett Reservoir Rd.	200.00	200.00	200.00
48. Chapter 81 Maintenance	2,625.00	2,625.00	2,625.00
49. Chapter 90 Construction	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,500.00
50. Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
51. Civil Defense	150.00	519.61	500.00
52. Stabilization Fund	13,500.00	13,500.00	14,500.00
53. Town Clerk File Cabinet			300.00
54. Regional School Building			3,750.00

CLASSIFICATION
and
BREAKDOWN OF BUDGET

Item No.	Expended 1957	Expended 1958		Recommended 1959
			General Government	
			2.58% of total	
1.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	Selectmen	\$1,500.00
2.	1,000.00	1,000.00	Treasurer	1,000.00
3.	900.00	900.00	Assessors	900.00
4.	1,300.00	1,300.00	Tax Collector	1,300.00
5.	480.30	499.99	Town Hall	500.00
6.	86.45	281.76	Election Officers	150.00
7.	172.00	241.50	Board of Registrars	150.00
8.	500.00	500.00	Town Clerk	500.00
9.	25.00	25.00	Moderator	25.00
10.	10.00	10.00	Auditor	10.00
11.	324.49	267.53	Assessors' Expense	300.00
12.	206.87	224.34	Tax Collector's Expense	225.00
13.	64.10	73.00	Tax Titles	100.00
Total				\$6,660.00

Charities

17.57% of total

14.	30,000.00	30,142.40	Old Age Assistance	27,000.00
15.	3,000.00	4,000.00	Aid to Dependent Children	4,000.00
16.	3,500.00	8,000.00	Disability Assistance	5,000.00
17.	7,969.85	9,365.76	General Assistance	7,000.00
18.	2,130.55	2,128.19	Welfare Administration	2,150.00
19.	200.00	200.00	Board of Welfare Salary	200.00

Total				45,350.00
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Veterans' Benefits

1.26% of total

20.	\$1,970.26	\$3,034.60	Veterans' Aid	\$3,000.00
21.	100.00	250.00	Veterans' Agent, Admin.	250.00

Total				\$3,250.00
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Schools

44.77% of total

22.	\$94,217.00	\$103,978.33	Operation of Schools	\$112,337.42
23.	1,831.00	1,855.00	Lunch Program	1,850.00
24.	6.00	136.24	Regional School operation	1,066.65
25.	300.00	300.00	School Committee Salary	300.00

Total				\$115,554.07
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Protection of Persons and Property

3.74% of total

26.	\$ 352.07	500.00	Police Department	500.00
27.	2,524.13	2,162.07	Fire Department	2,500.00
28.	375.00	375.00	Fire Dept. Salaries	525.00
29.	117.26	150.00	Forest Fires	150.00
30.	50.00	50.00	Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00
31.	50.00	50.00	Wire Inspector	50.00
32.	180.42	519.61	Civil Defense	500.00
33.	495.00	480.52	Dutch Elm	598.25
34.	196.50	113.00	Insect Control	100.00
35.	3,534.41	3,632.62	Street Lights	3,700.00
36.	921.20	200.00	Public Dump	200.00
37.	490.99	—	Board of Health	100.00
38.	509.75	599.00	Tree Warden	600.00
39.	100.00	100.00	Inspector of Cattle and Slaughtering	100.00

Total				\$9,673.25
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Highways

8.60% of total

40.	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 2,625.00	Chapter 81 Maintenance	\$ 2,625.00
41.	1,000.00	1,000.00	Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,500.00
42.	3,000.00	3,000.00	Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00
43.	299.90	200.00	Ashmere Lake Road (Skyview)	200.00
44.	300.00	200.00	Plunkett Lake Road (Camp Rd.)	200.00
45.	300.00	300.00	Snow Fence	300.00
46.	385.33	548.86	Bridges	400.00
47.	2,853.36	2,604.40	Road Machinery Maintenance	2,500.00
48.	11,272.57	18,320.32	Snow Roads	12,000.00

Total

\$22,225.00

Parks and Recreation

.58% of total

49.	965.10	871.99	Recreation	1,000.00
50.	74.00	—	Baseball Field	75.00
51.	31.25	24.00	Memorial Day	40.00
52.	400.00	400.00	Library	400.00

Total

\$1,515.00

Unclassified

1.66% of total

53.	\$324.00	\$ 324.00	Water	\$ 324.00
54.	448.38	600.00	Heating Town Gar. and Fire Station	700.00
55.	577.00	650.75	Printing	700.00
56.	620.56	572.46	Miscellaneous	600.00
57.	653.80	1,200.00	Reserve Fund	1,500.00
58.	414.47	583.39	Cemetery	500.00

Total

\$4,324.00

Insurance and Bonds

.98% of total

59.	\$315.75	\$318.25	Bonds (Tax Coll., Treas. Clerk.)	350.00
60.	313.00	301.55	Berk. County Retirement System	325.49
61.	871.72	991.76	Workingman's Compensation	200.00
62.	738.73	817.51	Insurance (on buildings, etc.)	685.00

Total

\$2,560.49

Notes and Interest

10.50% of total

63.	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	School Building (26,000.00)	\$26,000.00
	1,000.00	1,000.00	School Shower rm. (1,000.00)	1,000.00
64.	1,055.00	710.00	Interest on notes	365.00

Total

\$27,365.00

			Special Articles	
			7.18% of total	
65.			File Cabinet for Town Clerk (Fire Proof)	\$ 300.00
66.			Regional School Building	3,750.00
67.	\$ 6,000.00	\$13,500.00	Stabilization Fund	14,500.00
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	Total			\$18,550.00
			Special Town Meeting 12-8-58	
			.58% of total	
68.			Snow Roads	\$1,500.00
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	Total			\$1,500.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

Classification	1959 Recommendation	% of total*
General Government	\$ 6,660.00	2.58
Charities	45,350.00	17.57
Veterans' Benefits	3,250.00	1.26
Schools	115,554.07	44.77
Protection of Persons and Property	9,673.25	3.74
Highways	22,225.00	8.60
Parks and Recreation	1,515.00	.58
Unclassified	4,324.00	1.66
Insurance and Bonds	2,560.49	.98
Notes and Interest	27,365.00	10.50
Special Articles	18,550.00	7.18
Special Town Meeting 12-8-58	1,500.00	.58
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Total Budget Recommendations:		\$258,526.81
Estimated State charges, County taxes, Mosquito Control, Overlay, State Parks and Reservations, Underestimates of previous year, etc.		15,000.00
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Grand Total Recommendations and Estimates		\$273,526.81
Estimated Receipts	\$124,540.15	
Poll Tax	888.00	
	<hr/>	\$125,420.15
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Estimated Balance to be raised by levy on local real estate and tangible personal property		\$148,098.66
Estimated tax rate based upon above recommenda- tions and estimates using 1958 town valuation for Personal Estate and Real Estate.		\$68.00 per thousand

*Percentages are in budget terms not in terms
of expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,
The Finance Committee.

PROPOSED LIST OF JURORS

To be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting, February 9, 1959

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Address</i>
Stanley F. Galok	machinist	Jordan Ave.	A. H. Rice Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Herman Jenks	farmer	Barrett Road	Self	
Sterling LeBeau	designer	Longview Ave.	General Electric Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Mrs. Emily R. Pierce	housewife	Taylor St.		
Allyn W. Smith	dispatcher	Maple St.	General Electric Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Joseph A. Wechter	typewriter repairman	Church St.	Underwood Typewriter Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Mrs. Olive Galeucia	housewife	Michaels Road		
Mrs. Marjorie Waldheim	stenographer	Goodrich St.	General Electric Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Harry Freshler	garage owner	Lower Main St.	Self	
Merritt Browneli	retired	Taylor St.		
Ralph Marshall	planner	Longview Ave.	New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Paul A. Meyers	service engineer	Maple St.	General Electric Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Russell Warner	methods technician	River Road	General Electric Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Carlton M. Peeples	service engineer	Maple Street	General Electric Co.	Pittsfield, Mass.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Hinsdale:

The Board of Selectmen presents to the citizens of Hinsdale this report for 1958 with sincere wishes for continued good fortune and happiness to those who have fared well, and hope of better times for those upon whom Dame Fortune has yet to smile. That each of us is in some measure master of his own fate is true to the degree that we participate in community administrative and other affairs.

No tradition or practice should be sacred to the extent that progressive changes are discouraged. Every individual with an idea for the improvement of some particular condition in the neighborhood, or of some function of the town government is encouraged to come forward and present his suggestions. Where action is feasible, it is our aim and intent to do everything possible for the good of the whole town.

There is no better way to acquaint one's self with the problems, needs, and workings of local affairs than to serve on a board or committee or in some elected or appointed office. Every citizen is urged to participate in any way that he can. Instead of "Why don't they . . .," let's say "Why don't WE . . .," and make Hinsdale a leader among Western Massachusetts communities.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL A. MEYERS
THERON B. MARSHALL
ERNEST J. FITZROY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT**TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Appropriation		\$6,560.00
Selectmen:		
Theron B. Marshall, Chairman	\$ 400.00	
Paul A. Meyers, Secretary	800.00	
Ernest Fitzroy	300.00	
Board of Welfare:		
Theron B. Marshall	50.00	
Paul A. Meyers, Rep. to EBWD	100.00	
Ernest J. Fitzroy	50.00	
Assessors:		
Willys Bellinger, Chairman	300.00	
Garrett F. Collins, Secretary	300.00	
Ralph B. Marshall	300.00	
School Committee:		
John R. Naughton, Chairman	100.00	
Harry Freshler	100.00	
Carl R. Mosegard	100.00	
Tax Collector, Alfred G. Kirchner	1,300.00	
Treasurer, Elaine R. Blake	1,000.00	
Town Clerk, Isabelle F. Butler	500.00	
Veterans' Agent, Edward Wood	250.00	
Fire Chief, Allyn W. Smith	250.00	
First Asst. Fire Chief, Thomas Fox	75.00	
Second Asst. Fire Chief, William Robins	50.00	
Auditor, Allyn W. Smith	10.00	
Moderator, J. Edward Pelkey	25.00	
Inspector of Cattle and Slaughtering,		
Edward Drosehn	100.00	
Inspector of Wiring, William Robins	50.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Paul A. Meyers	50.00	
Total Salaries Paid		\$6,560.00

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$500.00
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Paid to:

New England Tel. & Tel., OLympia 5-2245	\$143.70
Western Mass. Electric Co.	9.99
William H. Haskins, repairs	45.00
Frissell's Market, paint	45.59
Home Art Roofing Co., repairs	30.00
Corner Hardware, paint, putty, glass	18.32
Joe's Lawnmower Service, repairs	10.00
Don Vreeland, repairs	3.50
Gerald Meyers, raking, mowing	51.93
Thomas Porter, raking, mowing	44.50
Bruce Marshall, labor	3.40
Robert Meyers, labor	9.77
Giant Mfg. Co., settees	25.06
Beauford Greb, mowing	4.50
Carmel Bros., gasoline	4.98
Jack & Harry, lawnmower	49.75

Total Expenditure	\$499.99
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ELECTION OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$250.00
Reserve Fund, 12-31	31.76

Total	\$281.76
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Paid to:

Robert O'Brien, counter	\$17.44
Harry Dresser, counter	38.94
Mary Baumann, counter	17.44
Ida Marshall, counter	17.44
Daniel Galeucia, counter	5.00
Mrs. Victor Dam, counter	21.50
Mrs. Frederick Pomeroy, counter	21.50
Mrs. Daniel Galeucia, counter	16.50
Margaret Dunnigan, ballot clerk	44.00
Ann Dowling, ballot clerk	44.00
Frank Baumann, warden	12.00
James Dowling, warden	7.50
Harold Lee, warden	13.50
Garrett Collins, warden	5.00

Total Expenditure	\$281.76
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BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Appropriation		\$250.00
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Paid to:

Harry Dresser	\$121.25
Donald Blake	26.25
Isabelle F. Butler, clerk	75.00
Carl R. Mosegard	19.00

Total Expenditure		\$241.50
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ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$300.00
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Paid to:

Thomas Dehey, box rent	\$10.75
Harold F. Goggins, photostats	30.40
Mass. Assoc. of Assessors, dues	9.00
Stoneham Independent, tax cards	1.00
W. H. Shandoff, supplies	5.78
Hobbs & Warren, forms	20.70
Garrett F. Collins, expen., car	25.60
Mrs. Victor Dam, clerk	165.00
Underwood Corp., bal. for typewriter	15.00
Joseph Wechter, typewriter repairs	2.15

Total Expenditure		\$279.88
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TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$225.00
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Paid to:

E. H. Pierce & Co., dep. coll. bond	\$ 5.00
Hobbs & Warren, forms	44.76
Thomas Dehey, stamped envel.	107.20
Barre Gazette, bill forms	40.77
Berk. Eagle, printing chgs.	26.61

Total Expenditures		\$224.34
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TAX TITLES

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Paid to:		
Harold F. Goggins, regis. deed	\$ 3.00	
Isabelle F. Butler, notary fees	1.50	
Alfred G. Kirchner, fees, postage	68.50	
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Total Expenditure		\$73.00

CHARITIES

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$30,000.00	
Cancelled check	82.30	
Refunds	60.00	
Balance Federal Grant account 1/1/58	2,938.01	
Federal Grants received in 1958	20,083.74	
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Total		\$53,164.05
Expenditures from Town Account for O.A.A.	\$25,142.30	
Expenditures from Federal Grant Account for O.A.A.	21,382.16	
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Total Expenditures for O.A.A.		\$46,524.46
Transferred to GR Account from O.A.A. Account	4,000.00	
Transferred to DA Account from O.A.A. Account	1,000.00	
Balance Federal Grant carried forward 1/1/59	1,639.59	
Lien recoveries awaiting Federal and State distribution	2,583.54	
Received from other towns	821.39	
Received as local share on lien recoveries	171.39	
Received from Commonwealth	14,794.21	
Net Cost to town	11,646.51	

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$4,000.00	
Support contributed through Probate Court	980.00	
Balance Federal Grant account 1/1/58	1,632.99	
Federal Grants received in 1958	4,546.50	
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Total		\$11,159.49

Expenditures from Town Account	\$4,480.00	
Expenditures from Federal Grant account	5,231.58	
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Total Expenditures		\$9,711.58
Transferred to GR Account from A.D.C. Account		500.00
Balance Federal Grant carried forward 1/1/59		947.91
Received from Commonwealth		1,146.81
Net Cost to Town		4,018.27

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$4,000.00	
Transferred from O.A.A. appropriation 12/8/58	1,000.00	
Balance Federal Grant account 1/1/58	685.20	
Federal Grant received in 1958	2,747.85	
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Total		\$8,433.05
Expenditures from Town Account	\$5,000.00	
Expenditures from Federal Grant Account	3,030.98	
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Total Expenditures		\$8,030.98
Balance Federal Grant carried forward 1/1/59		402.07
Received from Commonwealth		2,531.14
Received from Commonwealth, on administration		4.75
Net Cost to Town		\$2,751.99

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$5,000.00	
Cancelled checks	88.40	
Support contributed through Probate Court	75.00	
Transferred from A.D.C. appropriation 9/2/58	500.00	
Transferred from O.A.A. appropriation 9/2/58	4,000.00	
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Total		\$9,663.40
Expenditures		9,373.76
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Balance returned to General Funds		\$ 289.64
Received from other Towns		3,389.35
Recovery		500.00
Rec'd. from Comm. for Temp. Aid and Transportation		1,195.28

WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$2,100.00	
Trans. from O.A.A., A.D.C., D.A. Admin. Accts.	28.19	
Total		\$2,128.19
Paid to Eastern Berkshire Welfare District		\$2,128.19

O.A.A., A.D.C., AND D.A. ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

Balance carried forward from 1957	O.A.A.	\$18.69	
	A.D.C.	1.30	
	D.A.	8.20	
Total			\$28.19
Transferred to Welfare Administration			\$28.19
Reimbursements received	O.A.A.	\$72.10	
	A.D.C.	9.50	
	D.A.	9.50	
Balance carried forward to 1959			\$91.10

VETERANS' BENEFITS

VETERANS' AID

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	534.60	
Total		\$3,034.60
Expenditures		\$3,034.60

SCHOOLS

OPERATION OF SCHOOLS

Appropriation	\$103,978.33	
Federal Aid, (P.L. No. 874), utilized for		
Instructional Purposes	1,597.93	
	\$105,576.26	
Transferred to Regional School Account	1,048.74	
Total Available		\$104,527.52
School Committee Warrants		\$104,527.03

FEDERAL AID ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1958	\$ 509.25*	
Received in 1958	2,130.26	
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Total		\$2,639.51
Utilized for Instructional Purposes		1,597.93
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Balance carried forward to 1959		\$1,041.58
*Balance of funds actually received in 1957. Total of \$551.67 shown in 1957 Annual Report included \$42.42 withheld by Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare pending federal audit.		

CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL

Transferred from School Account	\$1,048.74
Paid to Treas., Central Berkshire Regional School District	\$1,048.74

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Appropriation	\$1,850.00	
Reserve Fund	5.00	
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Total		\$1,855.00
Paid to:		
Harriet Fraley	\$980.00	
Margaret Smith	850.00	
Kathryn Swail	25.00	
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Total		\$1,855.00

CAFETERIA

Balance forward from 1957	\$ 413.87	
Reimbursements received	2,247.85	
Cash, from children's lunches and milk	3,763.01	
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Total		\$6,424.73

Paid to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$ 22.80
Clement's Dairy	2,299.74
England Bros.	17.86
Greylock Express	33.17
John Sexton & Co.	647.30
Berkshire Frosted Foods	125.20
Naughton's Market	2,279.40
Cascade Paper Co.	263.43
A. J. Nichols & Sons	10.74
C. T. Brigham Co.	66.55
R. E. Allen	150.00
Anthony's Electric Service	15.00
T. King Haswell, Jr.	16.90

Total Expenditures	\$5,948.09
Balance forward to 1959	\$476.64

REGIONAL SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Balance, January 1, 1958	\$94.00
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Paid to:

Eagle Printing & Binding Co., brochures	\$30.00
Mrs. Emily Pierce, expenses	5.75
John R. Naughton, expenses	5.75
Rowland Armacost, expenses	5.75
Earl C. Suitor, expenses	12.75
Studley Press, ballots	27.50

Total Expenditures	\$87.50
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Definitions:

Tact—Getting your point across without stabbing someone with it.

Modern Home—One that gives you half the room for twice the money.

Conscience—The still, small voice that tells you what other people should do.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE

Appropriation	\$500.00
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Paid to:

Garrett F. Collins, Constable	\$ 98.00
James Dowling, Constable	42.50
Frank Baumann, Constable	19.00
Ralph B. Marshall, Constable	139.50
Charles Gale, Special Officer	51.00
Harold Lee, Special Officer	18.67
Allyn W. Smith, Special Officer	4.50
Theron B. Marshall, Chief, expen.	26.00
J. T. Owens, badges, uniforms	80.33
Pittsfield Sporting Goods, cartgs., whistle	5.50
Town of Hinsdale, pistol permits	5.00
Mass. Comm'r. Public Safety, books	10.00

Total Expenditure	\$500.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
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Paid to:

New England Tel. & Tel. Co	\$483.17
Western Mass. Elec. Co.	149.89
Harry M. Grant, acc. insur.	91.50
Allyn W. Smith, burn ointment, assoc. dues	10.58
Del Padre Supply Co., batteries	71.44
Pittsfield Auto Supp., lamps	1.90
Smith Auto Electric, pulley	10.50
Detroit Supply Co., parts	31.20
Anthony's Electric Service, rep. siren	11.00
Ken's Auto Upholstery, tarpaulin	65.00
Corner Hardware, paint, hdwre, sander	154.35
Daniel Post, radio service	107.08
Roy Barnes, Jr., mittens	7.00
Hinsdale Garage, parts, svc.	93.65
Mass. Fire Equipt. Co., tanks	114.00
L. P. Adams	1.80
Shell Oil Co., gas	9.14

Alfred G. Kirchner, poll tax (24)	\$ 48.00
Fire Exting. Serv. Co., recharge	10.00
Jack Mulcare, belt	4.23
Carmel Bros., svc., gas, parts., tires	223.11
Walter A. Marcil, Jr., wrench, hose	203.35
William Robins, boxes by voc. schl.	5.40
E. H. Pierce, ins. prem.	312.28
Frissell's Market, hardware	18.47
Berk. Fire Prot. Co., lights, hose	242.90
Farrar Co., valve parts	9.65
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Total Expenditure	\$2,490.59

FOREST FIRES

Appropriation \$150.00

Paid to:

Walter A. Marcil, Jr., hose	\$127.65
Allyn W. Smith, expen.	19.10
Carmel Bros., gas	2.00
Berkshire Rototiller, pump parts	1.25
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Total Expenditure	\$150.00

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation \$1,102.78

Paid to:

Walter A. Marcil, Jr., wrench holder	\$ 80.95
Hinsdale Garage, painting, parts, svc., storage for	
Mack truck	266.95
Comm. of Mass., Dept. of Educ., transp. cost of	
Mack truck	100.00
Detroit Supply Co., chains	43.23
Clair Bradley, lettering	5.00
Royal Plating & Polishing, plating siren	20.00
Star Store, light, switch	3.48
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Total Expenditure	\$519.61

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Appropriation	\$498.25
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Paid to:

Allyn Smith, Supt.	\$201.00
Allyn Smith, car	40.00
C. Fraley, labor	84.00
C. Fraley, car	12.00
Frederick Pomeroy, labor	42.00
Frederick Pomeroy, car	9.00
Victor Dam, labor	35.00
Jos. Cormier, hauling	51.00
Carmel Bros., kerosene	4.27
Corner Hdw., shears	2.25

Total	\$480.52
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GYPSY MOTH CONTROL

Appropriation	\$200.00
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Paid to:

Allyn Smith, Supt.	\$119.00
Allyn Smith, car	32.00

Total	\$151.00
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STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation	\$3,800.00
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Paid to:

WME Co., for traffic sig.	\$ 133.11
WME Co., for str. lights	3,499.51

Total	\$3,632.62
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PUBLIC DUMP

Appropriation \$200.00

Labor:

Patrick Butler, Supt.	\$14.00
John Wagner, labor	12.00
Ambrose Butler	12.00
Paul Vachula	12.00

Total Labor	\$50.00
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Equipment:

Patrick Butler, truck	\$ 2.00
Town of Hinsdale, truck	50.00
Town of Hinsdale, tractor	98.00

Total Equipment	\$150.00
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Total Expenditure	\$200.00
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation \$250.00

No expenditure from this account in 1958

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation \$600.00

Labor:

Richard Greb, Sr., Supt.	\$114.75
Richard Greb, Jr., labor	20.25
Beauford Greb	81.75
James Martin	5.00
Charles Rippen, climber	155.00
Ralph Briggs, labor	17.50

Total Labor	\$394.25
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Equipment:

Richard Greb, Sr., truck and saw	\$177.75
Archie D. Caesar, saw	14.00
Harry Freshler, winch	13.00

Total Equipment	\$204.75
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Total Expenditure	\$599.00
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HIGHWAYS

CHAPTER 81 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$2,625.00	
State	9,625.00	
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Total		\$12,250.00

Labor:

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	\$1,727.25	
John Wagner	1,471.50	
Ambrose Butler	1,342.50	
Joseph Fassell	1,429.50	
Paul Vachula	1,218.00	
Ted Persip	7.50	
Paul Granger	15.75	
Francis Mathews	5.75	
Ronald Eastland	57.50	
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Total Labor		\$7,275.25

Equipment:

Patrick J. Butler, truck	\$ 486.50	
William C. Steele, truck	21.25	
Arthur Moon, truck and spreader	71.25	
Ira Markham, truck and hone	38.75	
Roy Whitaker, bulldozer	125.00	
Town of Hinsdale, truck	664.00	
Town of Hinsdale, tractor	1,193.50	
Town of Hinsdale, rake	17.00	
Cummington Garage, broom	87.50	
Town of Dalton, spreader	6.25	
D. M. Estes, spreader	6.25	
Herman Jenks, mower	14.00	
Donald Alderman, mowing	189.00	
Joseph Cormier, truck	34.00	
Joseph Fassell, power saw	4.00	
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Total Equipment		\$2,958.25

Material:

Lane Construction Co., mix	\$363.85
Corner Hardware, brooms, handles	20.64
A. Leo Nash, pipe	11.00
Berkshire Gravel Co., gravel	33.80
Rolland Construction Co., gravel	273.75
Wirthmore Stores, cal. chloride	269.43
General Sand & Stone, peastone	428.83
William E. Morgan, gravel	45.60
Leona Fassell, gravel	20.00
Koppers Co., MC-3	546.52
L. P. Adams, cement	3.04

Total Material	\$2,016.46
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Total Expenditure	\$12,249.96
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CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

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

Total	\$3,000.00
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Labor:

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	\$57.75
John Wagner	37.50
Ambrose Butler	97.50
Joseph Fassell	37.50
Paul Granger	43.75
Francis Mathews	28.75

Total Labor	\$302.75
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Equipment:

Patrick J. Butler, truck	\$ 12.50
Arthur Moon, truck	114.75
Ira Markham, truck and hone	155.00
D. M. Estes, spreader	31.25
Town of Dalton, spreader	30.00
Town of Hinsdale, truck	123.77
Town of Hinsdale, tractor	70.00
Joseph Cormier, truck	42.50

Total Equipment	\$579.77
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Material:

American Tar & Asphalt, MC-3	\$1,035.18	
General Sand & Stone, peastone	460.54	
Koppers Co., MC-3	621.76	
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Total Material	\$2,117.48	
Total Expenditure		\$3,000.00

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Chapter 718 Grant	1,500.00	
County	3,000.00	
State	6,000.00	
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Total		\$12,000.00

Labor:

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	\$661.50	
John Wagner	561.00	
Ambrose Butler	561.00	
Joseph Fassell	561.00	
Paul Vachula	561.00	
Peter Tefts	16.00	
William Avery	18.00	
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Total Labor		\$2,939.50

Equipment:

Patrick J. Butler, truck	\$ 189.00	
Arthur Moon, truck	459.00	
Joseph Cormier, truck	480.25	
William C. Steele, truck	348.50	
Roy Whitaker, bulldozer	1,728.00	
Conrad Arndt, shovel	915.00	
Ralph Cormier, truck	480.25	
David Musante, truck	323.00	
Harry Freshler, truck	357.00	
Town of Middlefield, grader	40.00	
Town of Hinsdale, truck	375.93	
Town of Hinsdale, tractor	511.00	
D. M. Estes, spreader	11.25	
Town of Dalton, spreader	10.00	
Joseph Fassell, power saw	10.00	
Dodge Construction Co., blasting	602.60	
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Total Equipment		\$6,840.78

Material:

New England Metal Culvert Co.	\$538.41
William E. Morgan, gravel	800.00
L. P. Adams, blocks, cement	95.12
General Sand & Stone, stone	80.75
American Tar & Asphalt,	705.44

Total Material \$2,219.72

Total Expenditure \$12,000.00

ASHMERE LAKE ROAD

Appropriation \$200.00

Labor:

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	\$14.00
John Wagner	12.00
Ambrose Butler	24.00
Paul Vachula	24.00
Joseph Fassell	12.00

Total Labor \$86.00

Equipment:

Patrick J. Butler, truck	\$ 4.00
Town of Hinsdale, truck	24.00
Town of Hinsdale, tractor	30.00
Town of Hinsdale, rake	2.00

Total Equipment \$60.00

Material:

Rolland Construction Co., gravel	\$54.00
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Total Material \$54.00

Total Equipment \$200.00

PLUNKETT LAKE ROAD

Appropriation \$200.00

Labor:

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	\$14.00
Ambrose Butler	24.00
Paul Vachula	24.00

Total Labor \$62.00

Equipment:

Patrick J. Butler, truck	\$ 4.00	
Town of Hinsdale, truck	32.00	
Town of Hinsdale, tractor	21.00	
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Total Equipment		\$57.00

Material:

William E. Morgan, gravel	\$30.00	
Rolland Construction Co., gravel	51.00	
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Total Material		\$81.00

Total Expenditure		\$200.00
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ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Reserve Fund	254.73	
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Total		\$2,754.73

Paid to:

Massachusetts DPW, grader	\$ 5.00	
Miner's Garage, welding, parts, service	322.25	
Corner Hardware, tools, hardware	45.83	
Carmel Bros., parts, service	67.06	
Graves Equipment Co., tractor parts, service	109.59	
Levernoch Bros., gas	1,099.06	
Triad Welding Service, welding	99.90	
Hinsdale Garage, inspection	.50	
Frissell's Market, hardware	53.42	
Donald Vreeland, welding	62.50	
Southgate Motors, truck service, parts	159.50	
Dalton-Hinsdale Bus, tube	5.00	
Stapleton, Inc., spring repairs	16.10	
Petrometal Industries, flashers	45.50	
Ludlow Rubber Co., tires	312.44	
Eastern Equipment Sales, tractor parts	145.80	
B. & P. Transportation Co., cartage	2.40	
Stevenson & Co., insurance and registration	190.88	
Roy Whitaker, welding	12.00	
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Total Expenditure		\$2,754.73

BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$400.00	
Reserve Fund	148.86	
Total		\$548.86
Labor:		
Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	\$36.75	
John Wagner	33.00	
Joseph Fassell	33.00	
Ambrose Butler	21.00	
Paul Vachula	18.00	
Total Labor		\$141.75
Equipment:		
Patrick J. Butler, truck	\$10.50	
Town of Hinsdale, truck	10.00	
Total Equipment		\$20.50
Material:		
Kelly Lumber Co., plank	\$198.00	
Carl H. Sternagle, plank	181.71	
Frissell's Market, spikes	6.90	
Total Material		\$386.61
Total Expenditure		\$548.86

SNOW ROADS

Appropriation	\$12,000.00	
Special town meeting 6-30-58	5,000.00	
Special town meeting 12-8-58	1,500.00	
Total		\$18,500.00

Labor:

Patrick J. Butler, Supt.	\$1,909.25	
John Wagner	1,672.50	
Daniel O'Brien	1,116.00	
Joseph Fassell	1,325.50	
Joseph Chilson	177.10	
Paul Vachula	469.50	
Frank Hoxie	6.90	
Ambrose Butler	481.50	
Total Labor		\$7,156.25

Equipment:

Patrick J. Butler, truck	\$ 539.00	
Joseph Cormier, plowing	1,034.00	
Arthur Moon, plowing	1,397.00	
Harry Freshler, plowing	866.00	
Harold Miner, plowing	819.50	
Herman Jenks, plowing	478.50	
Charles DeAngelus, plowing	302.50	
William Steele, plowing	200.75	
Roy Whitaker, plowing	1,735.50	
David Musante, plowing	32.00	
Hutchinson Sand & Gravel, bulldozer	320.13	
James Quirico, bulldozer	1,914.00	
Town of Washington, plowing	143.75	
Comm. of Massachusetts, plowing	266.69	
James Fox, plowing	38.50	
Town of Peru, plowing	33.00	
Town of Hinsdale, truck	64.00	
Town of Hinsdale, tractor	28.00	
Total Equipment		\$10,212.82

Material:

General Sand & Stone, sand	\$ 82.20	
Rolland Construction Co., sand	262.35	
Wirthmore Stores, salt	665.20	
Corner Hardware, wire, hardware	23.70	
Total Equipment		\$1,033.45

Total Expenditure	\$18,402.52
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SNOW FENCE

Appropriation	\$300.00
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Paid to:

Eastern Equipment Sales Co., 1300 ft.	\$300.00
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PARKS AND RECREATION

RECREATION

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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Paid to:

Pittsfield Supply Co., keys	\$.70
Ralph B. Marshall, constable	7.25
Ernest J. Fitzroy, labor, expenses	34.50
Francis Matthews, labor	30.00
David O'Leary, labor	30.00
Louis Carmel, labor	10.00
James Dowling, labor	8.00
Frederick Pomeroy, labor	3.00
Robert Fraley, labor	3.00
Beauford Greb, lifeguard	200.00
Harold Lee, special officer	15.00
Comet Jewelers, basketball trophies	27.00
Besse-Clark, basketball supplies	4.00
Hinsdale Pharmacy, first aid kits	7.02
Pittsfield Sporting Goods, scorebks, whistle, equip.	129.90
Carmel Bros., gas, truck	6.75
Charles Fassell, plowing baseball field	3.00
Eastern States Farmers' Exch., seed	3.00
Carr Hardware, wire screen	4.64
L. P. Adams, lime	7.50
E. H. Pierce & Co., insurance	110.00
Corner Hardware, hardware, supplies	47.50
Herman Iskin Co., suits	28.31
Donald Vreeland, ladder for float	10.00
Hinsdale Garage, moving float	10.00
American Red Cross, swimming instr.	8.00
Frissell's Market, toys, candy	32.90
Franklin Fassell, loam	10.00
Movie Mart, film	5.00
New Eng. Tel. & Tel., telephone	14.50

Total Expenditure

 \$871.99

BASEBALL FIELD

Appropriation	\$75.00
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No expenditures from this account in 1958

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Appropriation	\$40.00
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Paid to:

Hinsdale Pharmacy, 8 doz. flags	\$24.00
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LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$400.00
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Dog Tax refund from County	419.22
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Total	\$819.22
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Paid to Hinsdale Library Association	\$819.22
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UNCLASSIFIED**TOWN USE OF WATER**

Appropriation	\$324.00
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Paid to Hinsdale Fire District	\$324.00
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HEATING FIRE STATION

Appropriation	\$600.00
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Paid to Levernoch Bros., fuel oil	\$600.00
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PRINTING

Appropriation	\$650.00
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Reserve Fund	.75
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Total	\$650.75
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Paid to:

Eagle Printing & Binding Co., town reports	\$585.75
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Eagle Printing & Binding Co., warrants	23.75
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Studley Press, ballots	65.00
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Total	\$650.75
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MISCELLANEOUS

Appropriation		\$600.00
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Paid to:

Isabelle F. Butler, envelopes	\$108.67	
Thomas Dehey, postage, envel., box rent	120.79	
Mass. Selectmen's Assoc., dues	15.00	
Mass. Treas. & Coll. Assoc., dues	4.00	
Mass. Town Clerks' Assoc., dues	7.50	
Mass. Veterans' Agents Assoc., dues	10.00	
Assoc. of Town Finance Comm., dues	10.00	
Berk. Co. Selectmen's Assoc., dues	6.00	
Berkshire Trust Co., check bks., box rent	29.16	
Margaret Prew, typing	4.00	
Berkshire Eagle, advts.	59.99	
Paul A. Meyers, papers	.72	
Ernest J. Fitzroy, del. town reports	25.00	
D. W. Colton, drawing map	5.00	
Hill and Percy, map prints	4.15	
Hinsdale Country Club, lunch for election officers	7.55	
Edwin C. Drosehn, cattle insp. expenses	56.00	
Eagle Printing & Binding, letterheads	10.75	
W. H. Shandoff, stationery	22.28	
Greenwood Co., stationery	10.96	
Theron B. Marshall, flowers for tub	5.00	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	18.31	
Clair Bradley, signs	5.00	
Edward Wood, Veterans' Agent expenses	3.00	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel., telephone	15.90	
Western Mass. Elec. Co., Town Hall	7.73	
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Total Expenditure		\$572.46

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Reserve Fund	100.00	
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Total		\$600.00

Labor:

William Morgan, Supt.	\$149.00
Joseph Blotz	7.50
Louie Blotz	7.50
Ernest Fitzroy	51.25
David O'Leary	21.25
Francis Matthews	21.25
Joseph Cormier	10.00
William Drosehn	28.00
Roger Irish	21.68
Donald Meyers	24.23
Thomas Smith	24.23

Total Labor	<hr/>	\$365.89
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Equipment:

William Morgan, tractor and truck	\$149.00
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Total Equipment	<hr/>	\$149.00
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Material:

William Morgan, supplies	\$ 7.00
Frissell's Market, seed, rakes	16.00
Franklin Fassell, topsoil	10.00
Joseph Cormier, topsoil	36.00

Total Material	<hr/>	\$69.00
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Total Expenditure		\$583.89
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RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
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Transferred to:

School Lunch Program	\$ 5.00
Veterans' Aid	534.50
Road Machinery Maintenance	254.73
Bridges	148.86
Election Officers	31.76
Cemetery Maintenance	100.00
Printing	.75

Total Transferred	<hr/>	\$1,075.70
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UNAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS

Treasurer of Berkshire County:

Dog taxes collected	\$ 501.75
County Tax	6,173.61

Tax Refunds:

1957 Excise	\$211.58
1957 Real Estate	250.00
1958 Excise	45.94
1958 Real Estate	956.56

 \$1,464.08

 Withholding tax, payroll Deductions
 Cafeteria Supplies and Equipment

 \$9,123.40
 \$5,948.09

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1958

\$12,256.51

Earnings in 1958:

Truck	\$1,343.70
Tractor	1,951.50
Rake	19.00

 Total Earnings

\$3,314.20

Total

 \$15,570.71

 Transferred to Road Machinery Maintenance
 Transferred for purchase of loader

 \$2,500.00
 5,643.00

 Total Expenditure

\$8,143.00

Balance carried forward to 1959

 \$7,427.71

INSURANCE AND BONDS**SURETY BONDS**

Appropriation		\$325.00
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Paid to:

Stevenson & Co., Town Clerk's Bond	\$ 7.50
Colt Insurance Agency, Collector's Bond	209.25
Bardwell, Inc., Treasurer's Bond	101.50

Total Expenditure		\$318.25
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BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Appropriation	\$301.55
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Deductions from payrolls	176.77
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Total	\$478.32
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Paid to Treasurer of Berkshire County	\$478.32
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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation	\$1,100.00
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Paid to:

Stevenson & Co., advance premium for 1958	\$899.05
Stevenson & Co., balance premium for 1957	92.71

Total Expenditure	\$991.76
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FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Appropriation	\$825.00
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Paid to:

Bardwell & Co., 4th inst. blanket coverage	\$ 97.30
E. H. Pierce & Co., 4th inst. blanket coverage	275.65
Stevenson & Co., 4th inst. blanket coverage	310.16
Stevenson & Co., 3-yr. School boiler policy	134.40

Total Expenditure	\$817.51
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NOTES AND INTEREST

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Appropriation	\$27,000.00
Paid to:	
Second Bank—State St. Trust (Boston)	
4th payment on 1954 School Loan	\$26,000.00
Berkshire Trust Co.	
3rd payment on 1955 Shower Room Loan	1,000.00
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Total	\$27,000.00

INTEREST	
Appropriation	\$710.00
Paid to:	
Second Bank—State St. Trust (Boston)	
Interest on 1954 School Loan (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %)	\$650.00
Berkshire Trust Co.	
Interest on 1955 Shower Room Loan (2%)	60.00
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Total	\$710.00

SPECIAL ARTICLES

LOADER	
Appropriation from Machine Earnings Fund	\$6,000.00
Model HFC Hough Payloader	\$8,643.73
Credit for Mod. HF Payloader trade-in	3,000.73
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Net Payment to Graves Equipment Co.	\$5,643.00

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT	
Appropriation (Trans. from "Sale of Lots" Fund, 1958)	\$200.00
No expenditure from this account in 1958	
Balance carried forward to 1959	\$200.00

WAR MEMORIAL REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$200.00
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Paid to:

Donald Patterson, labor	\$39.00
John Goddard, labor, material	31.00
Conrad Arndt, removing and replacing cannon	10.00
Donald Vreeland, welding, rebuilding cannon	120.00

Total Expenditure	\$200.00
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FIRE STATION ROOF REPAIRS

Balance forward from 1957	\$150.00
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Paid to:

Home Art Roofing Co., patching roof	20.00
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Balance carried forward to 1959	\$130.00
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REPAIRS TO SAND SHED

Balance forward from 1957	\$96.46
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No expenditure from this account in 1958	
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Balance carried forward to 1959	\$96.46
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STABILIZATION FUND

Appropriation	\$13,500.00
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Deposited in Pittsfield Cooperative Bank savings account	\$13,500.00
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ASSESSORS' TYPEWRITER

Appropriation	\$200.00
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Paid to Underwood Typewriter Corp.	\$200.00
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"Three things are good in little measure and evil in large: yeast, salt, and hesitation."—Talmud.

REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This committee has been in contact with the Berkshire Industrial Development Commission through monthly reports and other data compiled and distributed by that organization. Since July 1958, they have furnished summaries of various studies made to determine the suitability of various locations in this area for different types of industrial development.

After studying these reports and other available information, as for example, the National Industrial Zoning Committee's "Principles of Industrial Zoning," it seems more and more apparent that there is little likelihood that our efforts to attract industry will meet with any degree of success until some form of zoning has first been achieved. Stated simply, industrial planning means "zoning."

To quote Mr. Philip C. Ahern, executive director of the BCIDC; "While the acceptance or rejection of both planning and zoning are strictly matters of local determination, it is a fact that relocating industries regard the existence of planning and zoning in a community as an indication of a town's favorable attitude toward industrial development."

During the past year, two possible industries were considered and contacted by our chairman. One required clean air and pure water for the manufacture of perfume and toilet articles. Hinsdale of course, is amply supplied with both, but without the protection which could be afforded by zoning, no assurance could be given that these advantages would not be nullified by the encroachment of some other contaminating enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

ISODORE GOODMAN, *Chairman*
JOHN WARREN, *Secretary*
PAUL A. MEYERS
GARRETT COLLINS
ALLYN W. SMITH

GYPSY MOTH CONTROL

During the past year there were 1142 egg clusters either sprayed or painted.

ALLYN W. SMITH,
Moth Superintendent.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

With the cooperation of the State and local help (8) elms were taken down and burned. Samples of other elms were sent to Mass. State University and the reports have been received showing that there are still a number of elms that have to be taken down and burned.

ALLYN W. SMITH,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Recreation Activities were divided into seven groups, Swimming, Baseball, Softball, Football, Basketball, Halloween and Christmas Parties.

A large turnout was recorded for all classes at Plunkett Lake, taught by the American Red Cross instructor. During weekday afternoons for ten weeks our lifeguard, Beauford Greb, did a very capable job.

Midget League baseball had a successful year with a six-team league operating with Hinsdale and Dalton as sponsors. Hinsdale Recreation team was handled by Archie Eastland and Donald Blake. Donald Cornwell was coach of the Hinsdale Merchants.

The Hinsdale Lions' Club sponsored a high school age boys' baseball team with Walter Vincent in charge. There was no girls' softball team due to lack of interest.

Pee Wee Football was organized for the first time in Hinsdale. Having a very successful season, they ended up the season in a tie with Dalton Yellow team for first place. Much time was put in by Charles DeAngelus, Fran Mathews, David O'Leary and Jim Galeucia.

Basketball in the Kittredge School Gym again is in high gear. High school boys' and girls' teams, town teams and semi-pro teams give Hinsdale residents plenty of basketball. We wish to thank the following for many hours spent in the gym. Jerry Vranas, Nick Vranas, Barbara Litchfield, James Dowling, Donald Murray, Fran Mathews and Jack Bellinger.

The Hinsdale Lions Club sponsored their annual tournament again with very much success. Hinsdale, Dalton, Becket, Worthington, Cheshire, Windsor and Lanesborough all had teams playing.

The Recreation Committee also sponsored Halloween and Christmas parties for the town children.

The Committee would like to thank all those who helped with Recreation for the children of our town.

ERNEST FITZROY, *Chairman*
 LOUIS CARMEL
 CLIFFORD FRALEY
 CHARLES DeANGELUS
 MRS. HARRIET FRALEY
 MRS. JEAN WALLIN, JR.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During the year of 1958 the Fire Department answered (18) calls as follows: (3) calls to Peru, (2) calls to Washington, (1) call to Windsor. These calls were answered under the Mutual with other Towns. (2) house fires, (2) grass fires, (2) barn fires, (1) forest fire, (1) rubbish fire in a back yard, (1) false alarm, (1) call to wash gasoline from the road at a car accident, (1) dump fire, (1) car fire.

The cooperation of the residents in fire prevention is being shown to a greater degree every year. The Department is very appreciative of this and feels that we have been very fortunate in being able to keep fires at a minimum due to this fact and to the observation of fire rules and regulations.

The men of the Department feel that the acquisition of the Mack fire truck which was obtained through Civil Defense at a very nominal cost is an asset to the Town and to our fire fighting equipment.

ALLYN W. SMITH,
Chief, Fire Department.

AMBULANCE REPORT FOR 1958

In the year 1958 forty-five (45) calls were received and responded to. These calls were received from the following towns, Becket, Dalton, Peru, Washington, Windsor, and Hinsdale.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ROBINS,
Captain of Ambulance.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS

To the Selectmen of Hinsdale:

Following is a brief account of the work accomplished during the year 1958:

Chapter 81

All dirt roads were scraped

Roads gravelled were:

Creamery	½ mile
Bullard's Cr.	2000 ft.
Fassell	1000 ft.
Smith	900 ft.
Adams	500 ft.
N. Windsor	800 ft.

Roads resurfaced with oil and grits:

Robinson
Dalton
Bridge St.
Bingham

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Roads treated with asphalt and grits:

Middlefield	2400 ft.
Peru	3000 ft.
Pittsfield	4800 ft.

Chapter 90 Construction

Robinson Rd.	2800 ft.
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Ashmere Camp Road

Scraped and gravelled

Plunkett Camp Road

Scraped and gravelled

Bridges

Replanked
Geer Bridge

Patched

Main St.
Railroad St.

Town Dump was taken care of.

Hinsdale Fire Department

The Hinsdale Fire Department originated 30 years ago in 1928 when a group of citizens set out to form an organization and obtain equipment for fighting fires in the town. The charter members of the group were:

William E. Morgan, Sr., *Chief*
Harry Parker, *First Asst. Chief*
William E. Collins, *Second Asst. Chief*
Milton Bayette, *Treasurer*
E. P. Thomas, *Secretary*

William Haven
John McGill
Carl A. Wallin, Sr.
Arthur McCasland
James O'Leary
Earl Steele
Harry Freshler
William Steele
Charles Kirchner
Ralph Bellinger, Jr.

Sam Utley
Michael Sullivan
Carl Mosegard
T. A. Frissell, Jr.
Cedric Phillips
Harry Hickingbotham
Daniel Hilton
Samuel Parker
Dr. A. L. Boudreau

Since that time the membership has been limited to about 25 regular firemen with a roster of reserves that presently totals 15. When a vacancy occurs on the list of "regulars," appointment of a new man from the reserves is made on the basis of experience, interest, and familiarity with the operations and equipment of the department. In order to train new members, and to keep experienced firemen up-to-date, schools of instruction are frequently held with classes conducted by guest city or state fire officials.

The principal piece of major equipment consists of a Ford pumper, purchased in 1948, with a 500 gallon-per-minute pump and a 600 gallon storage tank for immediate use on small fires or in locations where hydrants, storage ponds, or streams are not quickly accessible.

The newest piece of rolling stock is a Mack fire truck, obtained from government surplus through Civil Defense. This also has a rotary pump of 500 gpm capacity, a 150 gallon storage tank, hose, ladders and various other pieces of equipment.

Another useful mobile unit is the Dodge $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton pickup truck, equipped especially for fighting forest and grass fires. This was purchased by the Volunteer Firemen's Association and made available to the town for fire department use.



HINSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

First Row:

W. Borkowski, D. O'Leary, J. Lott, F. Pomeroy, J. Fox, R. Galliher, N. Musgrove, Chief A. Smith, J. Wechter, First Asst. Chief T. Fox, V. Dam, Second Asst. Chief W. Robins, R. Marshall, J. Warren, J. Fletcher, R. Barnes, Jr.

On Truck Running Board:

W. Vincent, E. Richards, J. Drury, C. Fraley.



Back Row on Truck:

F. Gage, R. Galeucia, P. Collins, S. Galok, N. Galeucia, C. Wheeler, H. Lee, E. Lyman, P. Smith, J. Chilson.

Mascots:

Peggy Pomeroy, L. and Carol Bellinger, R.

Missing when Picture was taken:

S. Rice, D. Murray, R. Greb, Jr., E. Ellsworth, R. Costi, B. Cornwell.

Located in the fire station on Maple Street is a base radio station which can maintain 2-way contact with mobile and portable units on the fire trucks and the chief's car anywhere in town. This equipment is tuned to the same frequency as that of Dalton, Pittsfield, and other surrounding localities so that help can be quickly summoned if necessary, or in the event of an extreme emergency a network of communications set up for maximum utilization of all fire equipment.

One of the most noteworthy accomplishments in recent years is the establishment of the ambulance service. With funds raised entirely apart from town appropriations the Firemen's Association purchased a used 1941 Cadillac ambulance in 1954. After three years of constant service, this was replaced with the 1948 model now in use.

Fees and donations are put into the Ambulance Fund for operating expenses, maintenance, and replacement of equipment. Drivers and attendants donate their services.

A portable gasoline engine-driven pump, two resuscitator units, smoke masks, and an aluminum boat and motor round out the list of equipment kept in readiness for almost any type of emergency.

A master map of the town is now being made. It will show the location of all available sources of water in relation to houses and other buildings. With this information, when a fire occurs, firemen will know where hose can be laid and where the "shuttle system" of using storage tanks on the fire engines must be used; and thus they will be prepared to go into action with the least possible delay.

Chief Allyn W. Smith is a native of Hinsdale, and was first appointed to this office in 1950. He is constantly on the alert to keep his department at the peak of efficiency and preparedness. That he has been successful in this with the help of Assistant Chiefs Thomas Fox and William Robins—and built a group that excels in appearance as well—is attested by the list of awards won by the local men at various Firemen's Musters held in Pittsfield and other western Massachusetts towns.

He has also received personal recognition for his efforts in helping to organize the Hilltop Mutual Aid Association, and the Berkshire County Fire Chiefs and Mutual Aid Association. He has been named Chief of the latter, which, when it swings into full operation will provide 24-hour radio contact between all the radio-equipped fire companies in Western Mass. and also with the state Forest Fire Service.

With its constant development and the acquiring of additional equipment, the Hinsdale Fire Department is fast outgrowing the quarters on Maple Street which it shares with the highway department. The day may come when, like our neighbor towns of Becket and Dalton, we will find it necessary to provide a Fire Station of ample capacity to house a truly worthwhile and indispensable organization.

PAUL A. MEYERS

Snow Roads

Snow fence has been erected
Roads are kept plowed and sanded
Sand barrels for emergency use, are kept filled

Thanking the Board of Selectmen and the men who work with me, for their close cooperation, I hereby submit my 1958 report.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK BUTLER,
Superintendent of Roads.

Budget: A system of reminding yourself that you can't afford the kind of living you've grown accustomed to.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

LIBRARY DAYS	101
Adult fiction	5,625
Juvenile fiction	5,193
History	133
Biographies	95
Useful Arts and Sciences	176
Magazines	108
Miscellaneous	788
Total books distributed	12,118

Books purchased:

Non-fiction	21
Juvenile fiction	65
Adult fiction	117
Total books purchased	203

Please put in the warrant a request for \$400.00 for operating expenses for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY M. LYMAN,
Librarian.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 1, 1957 to December 1, 1958

Receipts

1957		
Dec.	1 Balance on hand in Bank	\$176.27
1958		
Jan.	21 Town of Hinsdale, Dog Tax.	419.22
Aug.	29 Town of Hinsdale, Appropriation	400.00
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		\$995.49

Disbursements

Paid:

Librarian, Dorothy Lyman, 12 months	\$435.00
Janitor, Oscar Sprague, 12 months	96.00
Electricity, Western Mass. Electric Co.	44.63
Fuel, Wood and Kindlings, Walter Fassell	100.00
Care of Lawn and Walks, Peter Frissell	47.30
William Rudin	3.45

Repairs and Maintenance:

Building and table, Alfred Kirchner	19.00
New Book Case, Robert Meyers	11.20
Heating System, Cedric Phillips	20.00
Electric Fixture, Edward Bellinger	3.75
Cleaning Interior, Janewell Turner	4.00
Fertilizer, bulbs, etc.	11.22
Post Office Box Rent, Thomas Dehey	5.40
Snyder's Express, lime	5.00
Bank Service Charge, Agricultural National Bank	5.61

 \$811.56

Balance on Hand in Bank

183.93

 \$995.49

Respectfully submitted,

T. AUGUSTUS FRISSELL,
Treasurer.

I have examined this account and find it correct.

ALLYN W. SMITH,
Auditor.

Leisure: The time you spend on jobs you don't get paid for.

REPORT OF THE WAR MEMORIAL REPAIR COMMITTEE

We, the committee appointed to look after the repairs of the War Memorial, have completed the work.

The following has been done:

New concrete top on base

Plaques reset and caulked

Cannon stock covered with steel plate

All woodwork repaired or replaced with steel

The carriage painted.

This should last for years. Through the civic-minded cooperation of those who did the work, the cost of the repairs was kept within the amount allotted at the last town meeting.

HAROLD HUNT, *Chairman*
MARION L. RANSFORD
ERNEST J. FITZROY

The Warren Air Force Base for intercontinental ballistic missiles is named for Sen. Francis E. Warren, born in Hinsdale June 20, 1844, awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for service in the Civil War. He was elected to the United States Senate by the state of Wyoming, and was the last Union soldier to serve in Congress at the time of his death in 1929.

From Welfare Department Correspondence: (Not Hinsdale, of course)

"Please send me my wife's form to fill out."

"I am glad to say that my husband, who was reported missing, is now dead."

"Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband has made application for a wife and baby."

"I can't get my pay. I got six children. Can you tell me why this is?"

"In answer to your letter, I have given birth to a boy weighing 10 pounds. I hope this is satisfactory."

REPORT OF EASTERN BERKSHIRE WELFARE DISTRICT

Agent's report to the Board of Public Welfare:

Welfare costs in the Town of Hinsdale have increased slightly over the past year. While the cost of Old Age Assistance was approximately \$5,000 lower, and less was spent in the category of Disability Assistance; the other two categories of assistance—General Relief and Aid for Dependent Children—showed increases. These two last mentioned types of aid are the most difficult to estimate due to fluctuation of cases and number of persons being aided. The over-all increase in total cost was approximately \$700.

The slight increase in total costs may be best appreciated if we consider the changes which have taken place during this past year.

1. The increase in costs for hospitalization.
2. The increase in allowance for winter fuel which became effective in the fall of 1957, and which affected all budgets for a full year in 1958.
3. The increase in children's exemptions which lowered the amount of contributions received toward the support of parents being aided.

On January 1, 1958 a total of 65 cases were being aided. Ten of these cases over the past year were receiving nursing home care which resulted in high costs for both care and medical needs. At present the number of persons receiving nursing home care is reduced to six. Statistical reports show 65 active cases on 1/1/58—22 cases were closed and 18 cases opened during the year—showing a case load of 61 at the close of 1958. This shows a decrease of 4 but actually 158 persons were serviced during the year for periods ranging from 1 month to 12.

The Social Security Amendments of 1958 have made important changes on the public assistance programs which will give general benefit increases effective January 1959 and will be received in February. This will give beneficiaries of assistance increased resources which in turn will reduce the amount of assistance payments.

These increased resources will be offset by higher rates which have been certified by the Director of Hospital Costs and Finances for both hospitalization and nursing home care.

A change in the Federal Reimbursement formulas has given slight increases in reimbursements for Old Age Assistance; Aid For Dependent Children and Disability Assistance. This increase will affect local costs for public assistance. Federal Grant balances in Old Age Assistance, Aid For Dependent Children and Disability Assistance will be carried over to 1959. However, these balances are lower than the balances on hand January 1, 1958.

I wish to express my appreciation to Paul Meyers of the Judicial Committee who is also a member of the Board of Selectmen for his cooperation during the past year in matters which pertain to Public Welfare. The excellent cooperation of the other members of the Board of Selectmen as well as other town officials continues to aid in the work of administration.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE H. EAMES,

Agent.

EASTERN BERKSHIRE WELFARE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—1958

	District	Hinsdale	Becket	Peru	Washington
On Hand 1/1/58	\$1,821.34	\$1,021.40	\$ 579.93	\$ 69.65	\$ 150.36
Reimbursement	8,778.29	4,588.45	2,774.97	746.58	668.29
Paid in by Towns	4,008.56	2,128.19	1,212.00	332.27	336.00
Total	\$14,608.19	\$7,738.04	\$4,566.90	\$1,148.60	\$1,154.65
Warrants	\$13,063.00	\$6,838.80	\$4,107.11	\$1,109.22	\$1,007.87
Balance	1,545.19	899.24	459.79	39.38	146.78
Net Op. Expense 1958	4,284.71	2,250.35	1,332.14	362.64	339.58
Percent of Case Load:					
1/1/58 to 6/30/58		52.9	30.3	8.4	8.4
7/1/58 to 12/31/58		51.7	32.8	8.6	6.9
1/1/59 to 6/30/59		52.1	29.9	8.6	9.4

BUDGET FOR 1959

Salaries	\$10,795.00
Agent's Travel Expense	500.00
Rent and Maintenance	625.00
Postage	300.00
Telephone	250.00
Electricity	75.00
Retirement Fund	665.92
Bond for Treasurer	15.00
Heat	400.00
Office Supplies	175.00
Office Equipment	200.00
Repair of Office Equipment	70.00
Insurance	
Miscellaneous	79.08
	\$14,150.00

ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1959

State	\$4,000.00
Federal	4,305.00
Balance in 1959 Account	1,545.00
Total	\$9,850.00
Net Cost to Towns	4,300.00
	(Bal. from '58
Proportion per Town: (Appro.)	Admin. Reimb.)
Hinsdale \$2,240.30	(\$2,149.20 plus \$ 91.10)
Becket 1,285.70	(1,198.39 plus 87.31)
Peru 369.80	(363.21 plus 6.59)
Washington 404.20	(371.69 plus 32.51)
	\$4,300.00 (\$4,082.49 \$217.51)

Case Load

	OAA	ADC	DA	GR	Total	Percent
Hinsdale	41	6	7	7	61	52.1
Becket	26	4	2	3	35	29.9
Peru	9		1		10	8.6
Washington	6	5			11	9.4
	82	15	10	10	117	100.0

Eastern Berkshire Welfare District Judiciary Committee

WILLIAM FRISBIE, *Chairman*—Becket
PAUL A. MEYERS, *Secretary* —Hinsdale
FRANK DIGWEED —Peru
HARRY C. SHAW —Washington

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT — SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

	<i>Warrants or balance due 1-1-58</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Title Payments or audit</i>	<i>Collected and paid to Treasurer</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Tax Titles</i>	<i>Balance due 1-1-59</i>
1958 Real Estate	\$128,508.01	\$18.54		\$99,051.82	\$2,661.95	\$2,754.84	\$24,057.94
1958 Personal Property	18,319.62	.10		16,763.70	95.70		1,460.32
1958 Excise	10,958.41	3.41		6,371.94	264.06		4,325.82
1958 Poll	888.00	.32		716.32	152.00		20.00
1958 Farm Excise	132.71			101.11			31.60
1957 Real Estate	\$26,840.11	\$482.90	\$164.92	\$19,814.40	\$368.90	\$148.90	\$7,155.73
1957 Personal Property	1,544.88	27.28		1,010.55	124.00		437.61
1957 Excise	5,431.35	36.96		4,741.63	397.73		328.95
1957 Poll	30.00	.40		16.40	14.00		none
1956 Real Estate	\$6,531.45	\$353.82	\$360.05	\$7,096.47		\$148.90	none
1956 Personal Property	782.40	43.95		740.85	\$ 13.50		72.00
1956 Excise	484.56	14.05		256.16	242.45		none
1955 Excise	\$42.25	\$10.30		\$52.55			none

REFUNDS

1957 Excise

Jan.	18	William Tracy	\$ 6.43	
		Carl Wallin, Sr.	3.10	
		Carl Wallin, Sr.	11.42	
		Barbara Hart	3.81	
		Helene Williams	21.41	
			8.56	
Feb.	15	Arthur K. Moon	3.57	
		Mabel Steele	6.57	
Mar.	1	Dorothy Fassell	6.57	
		Dorothy Fassell	5.00	
		James Pochinchuk	17.03	
Mar.	19	Shirley Mosegard	7.61	
April	1	Eugene Brunet	4.76	
		Alexander Ethier	11.42	
		Charles Winchell	3.81	
April	26	Mary K. Fassell	.95	
May	17	Patrick Cooke	3.52	
July	22	Francis Mathews	12.37	
Sept.	2	John Anthony		
			<hr/>	\$137.91

1958 Excise

Nov.	10	Harry Schnopp	\$ 5.27	
			3.01	
Nov.	22	Harry Schnopp	8.03	
		Daniel Carroll	4.02	
		Eugene Ostaski	5.02	
Dec.	31	Evelyn Fletcher	1.51	
		Eugene Brunet	17.07	
		Joseph Blake	2.01	
		Robert Costi		
			<hr/>	\$45.94

1957 Real Estate

Jan.	18	Edith Butler	\$124.00	
June	9	George Simon	(interest 2.00) 124.00	
Sept.	6	Celeste Guistina	24.18	
Dec.	12	Stephen Johnson, Heirs	6.82	
			<hr/>	\$279.00
Interest				\$2.00

1958 Real Estate

Oct. 30	Oliva Landry	\$132.00	
Nov. 10	William Stucklen	132.00	
	John Warren	132.00	
	Edith Butler	132.00	
Nov. 22	Michael Sullivan	264.00	
	Michael Sullivan	95.04	
	Michael Sullivan	24.42	
	William Stucklen	20.46	
	Marcella Carmel	10.56	
Dec. 12	Stephen Johnson, Heirs	7.26	
		<hr/>	\$949.74

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED G. KIRCHNER,
Tax Collector.

I have examined this account and find it correct.

ALLYN W. SMITH,
Auditor.

Incurable diseases are only those which doctors have not yet learned to cure.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

Jan.	22	Debora Jean Galeucia
Feb.	12	Peggy Jean Musgrove
		Guy Ronald Lewis
	19	June Marie Saul
	24	Jeffrey Robert Wood
	28	David Eric Mosegard
Mar.	4	Andrew Emerson Boraski
	5	Dorise Virgilio
	13	Rebecca Irene Litchfield
	16	Susan Elizabeth Hume
	25	Suzanne Eileen Phelps
	29	Debra Ann Hoyt
April	9	Robert Elliot Fuller
	22	— Buchholz
	26	James Ralph Sanderson
May	1	Mary Beth Galok
	29	Dana Anthony Olds
June	2	Dorothy Ellen Barnes
	16	Thomas Cormier
July	4	Judith Lynn Fassell
	5	Susanne Marie Galeucia
	12	David Channing Clark, Jr.
	14	Kevin Michael Dowling
	16	Cynthia Louise Carr
	20	Robert Edward Denley
	21	Merwin Glendon Tirrell
Aug.	18	Donald Edward Freshler
Sept.	5	Sandra Lynn Wheeler
	7	Richard Arthur DeGiorgis
	12	Michael Edward LaDouceur
		Michele Ann LaDouceur
	13	Wendy Leigh Christopher
	19	Robert Joseph Boyd
	22	Baby Girl Brooks
	29	Donald James Oakes
Oct.	14	Douglas Arthur Young
	24	Sheila Marlene Mathews
	25	Thomas Kevin Scieurba
Nov.	11	Robert Michael Roraback
	17	— Lennon
	30	Michael Richard Greb
Dec.	10	Glenn Harvey Stucklen
	12	Colleen Marie Doyle

Marriages

Jan.	4	Ralph Elliot Pratt	Hinsdale
		Nancy A. Whitehouse	Hinsdale
May	10	Robert A. Roraback, Jr.	Windsor
		Rosemary Doris Bean	Hinsdale
June	21	Eugene Charles Reese	Hinsdale
		Lenora Jean Trufant	Hinsdale
		Richard W. Lehtinen	Pittsfield
		Judith A. Rice	Hinsdale
	28	Joseph A. Frusciente, Jr.	Hinsdale
		Marilyn F. Frangiapane	Pittsfield
July	12	William James Gargan	Becket
		Rita Pauline Bean	Hinsdale
	26	George Gilbert Shepard	Hinsdale
		Jeanette Alice Pelkey	Hinsdale
Sept.	1	Walter Richard Gehring	Lenox
		Anne Louise Patterson	Hinsdale
	6	Paul Flint Sanford	Hinsdale
		Charlotte Ann Avery	Peru
Nov.	14	David Louis Freshler	Hinsdale
		Nancy A. Lillpopp	Dalton
	21	Nelson Dorman Pelkey, Jr.	Hinsdale
		Laura Zella Cripps	Hinsdale
	29	Allen Henry Arndt	Hinsdale
		Shirley Mary Menard	Pittsfield
	29	Peter Robert Barsez	Pittsfield
		Joyce Louise Bradley	Hinsdale
		Steven Victor Vachula	Northampton
		Eleanor Ann Waskiewicz	North Hatfield

Deaths

			<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan.	7	Carrie M. Buchanan	95	1	0
	11	Harry D. Warden	59	7	24
	24	Albert Denison Reinhardt	65	9	18
Feb.	2	Ruby Gunn Jenks	65	9	17
Mar.	4	Mary Caroline Jackson	92	1	15
	11	Nettie G. Prentice Prew	73		
	12	David Eric Mosegard			12
April	15	Frederick William Finkle	68		
	22	Baby Buchholz	0	0	0
May	9	Mary Ryan	79		
	14	Laura B. Bruhn Britton	74	10	20
	28	Anthony Cormier	61	8	28
	31	Jess (Snyder) Blake	40	9	27

Deaths

June	13	Robert John Cowper	95		
July	8	Ada Sherman Mason	84	3	23
Sept.	9	Elizabeth S. Ross	57	2	20
	11	Martha C. Esbig Belcher	60	1	27
Oct.	7	Grace Rowe Nolan	82		
	19	David B. Musante	42	7	1
	23	John H. Buchholz	80	7	
Nov.	17	Baby Lennon	0	0	0
Dec.	3	Joseph Repeski	75	11	2
		Births		43	
		Marriages		14	
		Deaths		22	

LICENSES ISSUED BY SELECTMEN AND MILK INSPECTOR

Jan.	1	Hinsdale Home Club, Inc., Charles DeAngelus, Mgr., All Alcoholic Beverages	\$275.00
		Madeline and Alfred Basiliere, All Alcoholic Beverages	275.00
		Louis Costi, All Alcoholic Beverages	275.00
		Harry J. Dame and Mildred H. Murray, Package Store	150.00
		Mrs. Annie R. Naughton, Package Store	150.00
	1	Louis Costi, Weekday Amusement	2.00
	11	Helen G. Brooks, Weekday Amusement	2.00
Feb.	24	Hinsdale Home Club, Inc., Charles DeAngelus, Mgr., Weekday Amusement	2.00
April	21	Holland Geer, Buying and Selling Used Cars and Parts	2.00
May	1	Rowland B. Armacost, Selling Gasoline	2.00
	2	Alton J. Nichols, Selling on Sunday	2.00
		Carmel Bros. (Norman and Earl), Selling Gasoline	2.00
	15	Harold Felix, Selling Refreshments	2.00
		Selling on Sunday	2.00
		Weekday Amusement	2.00
	21	Helen G. Brooks, Selling Light Lunches	2.00
		Selling on Sunday	2.00
	22	George Simon, Common Victualler	2.00
		All Alcoholic Beverages	150.00
		Weekday Amusement	2.00
	23	Harold Champlin, Gasoline Pump	2.00
	28	Alfred and Madeline Basiliere, Common Victualler	2.00
June	12	Harry E. Freshler, Selling Gasoline	2.00
		Selling New and Used Cars	2.00
		Hackney	2.00

	19	Louis Costi, Common Victualler	\$2.00
		Mrs. Francis T. Mathews, Selling Refreshments	2.00
		Selling On Sundays	2.00
	20	Camp Wyoma, Selling Beer, one day only	3.00
	21	Garceau Bros. (Moe and Peter) ,Buying and Selling Junk	2.00
	23	Brown Oil Co. (Francis B. Schnopp,) Selling Gasoline	2.00
July	2	William Litchfield, License to perform guns with services	3.00
	4	Archie Standish, Boat Rides on Ashmere Lake	2.00
	16	Harold Miner, Selling Gasoline	2.00
		Selling New and Used Cars	2.00
	23	Warren Galeucia, Junking Cars	2.00
Sept.	26	Carl A. Wallin, Sr., Selling Gasoline	2.00

Milk Licenses

April	28	Pittsfield Milk Exchange, Selling Milk	\$.50
May	1	Naughton's Market, Selling Milk	.50
		Selling Oleomargarine	.50
		Hinsdale Pharmacy, Selling Milk	.50
		Frissell's Market, Inc., Selling Milk	.50
		Selling Oleomargarine	.50
		Helen's Lunch and Variety, Selling Milk	.50
	15	Harold Felix, Selling Milk	.50
	29	Clement's Dairy, Selling Milk	.50
June	12	Fairdale Farms, Selling Milk	.50
		Mrs. Francis Mathews, Selling Milk	.50
	30	Mrs. Eunice Plant, Selling Milk	.50
July	17	Mrs. Elizabeth Gale, Selling Milk	.50
	29	Berkshire Farms Dairy, Inc., Selling Milk	.50

Camp Licenses

June	7	Camp Taconic, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kinoy	\$.50
	20	Camp Wyoma, Stigmatine Fathers, Fr. Linse	.50
July	17	Camp Ashmere, Inc., Mrs. Doris Benedetti, Sec.	.50
Aug.	4	Camp Romaca, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hirsch, Directors	.50
		Camp Lenore, Milton Schulman, Martin Zamore, Zulie Lerner	.50
	8	Camp Fernwood, Mrs. Caroline Sheehy and Mrs. Grace Scanlan, Directors	.50

Paid Town Treasurer	\$1,351.00
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Division of Fisheries and Game

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	182
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	138
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	147
Resident Citizen Minors' Fishing Licenses	41
Resident Citizen Women's Fishing Licenses	63
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	2
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-day Fishing Licenses	13
Non-Resident Minors' Fishing Licenses	1
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	7
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	2
Non-Resident Citizens' Duplicate Licenses	14
Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses (free over 70)	16
 Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	 \$2,068.00

Dog Licenses

Male	139
Female	22
Spayed Female	51
Kennel	7
Paid Town Treasurer	\$501.75

Respectfully submitted,

ISABELLE F. BUTLER,
Town Clerk.

"As we must account for every idle word, so we must for every idle silence."
—Franklin.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Elaine R. Blake—Treasurer

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

Balance January 1, 1958

\$103,548.89

Receipts for 1958

Taxes:

1956 Real Estate	\$ 6,742.65
Personal	696.90
1957 Real Estate	19,331.50
Personal	883.27
Poll	16.00
1958 Real Estate	99,324.01
Personal	16,472.87
Poll	716.20

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise

1955	42.25
1956	242.11
1957	4,704.69
1958	6,368.53

Farm Excise 1958	101.11
Tax Titles	774.96
Loss of Taxes	30.12

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Income Tax	7,026.38
School Aid	13,049.00
Retarded Children	211.00
Corporation Tax Business	4,804.84
Com'r. Veterans' Services	577.94
Old Age Meal Tax	1,576.63
Temporary Aid and Transportation	1,195.28
School Construction Reimbursement	21,410.46
Tuition	574.71
Transportation	8,841.43
Vocational Education	1,394.88
School Superintendent	1,542.41
Forest Fire Reimbursement	100.00
Livestock Disease Control	25.00

Police	\$.75	
Old Age Assistance	19,181.59	
Aid Dependent Children	2,941.86	
Disability Assistance	3,040.09	
U. S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	19,521.81	
Aid Dependent Children	4,556.00	
Disability Assistance	2,757.35	
Highways:		
County	3,000.00	
State	16,325.00	
Bond Issue	1,500.00	
County Retirement Deductions	273.53	
Federal Withholding Deductions	9,845.40	
School Lunch Receipts	6,010.86	
Town of Peru—Tuition	1,361.28	
Town Licenses	1,351.00	
Dog Licenses	501.75	
Sale of Firetruck Tires	75.00	
County of Berkshire Dog Refund	419.22	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	27.80	
Pistol permits	28.00	
Road Machinery Earnings	3,314.20	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	50.00	
Special School Aid Public Law No. 874	2,130.26	
Refunds:		
Overpayments	46.34	
Welfare Department	6,731.19	
Old Age Recovery	2,583.54	
Veterans' Recovery	101.79	
		\$327,544.55
		<u>\$431,093.44</u>
Payments for 1957		
Warrants	\$330,846.63	
		<u>\$334,218.78</u>
Balance December 31, 1958		100,246.81
		<u>\$431,093.44</u>

Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE R. BLAKE,
Town 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, 1958

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**For the Year Ending December 31, 1958**

School Committee
JOHN R. NAUGHTON, Chairman
HARRY E. FRESHLER
CARL R. MOSEGARD

Superintendent
EARL C. SUITOR

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1958

Appropriation	\$103,978.33
Transferred to Regional School Budget	—1,048.74
	—————
Public Law No. 874 for Instructional Purposes	+1,597.93
	—————
Total	\$104,527.52

EXPENDITURES

General Control:	
Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	\$3,771.13
Secretary	1,690.00
School Committee	64.22
	—————
Total Expenses of General Control	\$5,525.35
Expenses of Instruction:	
Teachers' Salaries	\$42,396.32
Textbooks	681.39
Supplies	1,458.86
	—————
Total Expenses of Instruction	\$44,536.57
Expenses of Operation:	
Janitors	\$4,585.56
Fuel	2,732.08
Lights, Power and Telephone	1,251.42
Supplies	557.33
	—————
Total Expenses of Operation	\$9,126.39

Repairs		\$1,226.71
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Auxiliary Agencies:

Health	\$ 1,117.94
Library	397.23
Transportation	13,351.23
High School Tuition	28,200.82

Total Expenses of Auxiliary Agencies	<u> </u>	\$43,067.22
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New Equipment:

Screen	\$ 39.95
Auditorium Shades	545.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	20.00

Total Expenses for New Equipment	<u> </u>	\$604.95
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All Others:

Parking Lights	\$175.00
Planks for bench	6.82
Legal advertisement	2.45
Door Mats	176.24
Warrant Books	31.00
Constable	15.00
Diplomas	33.33

Total Expenses for All Others	<u> </u>	\$439.84
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Total Expenditures for 1958	<u> </u>	\$104,527.03
Unexpended Balance in Appropriation		.49

From the back of a clergyman's calling card: "What on earth are you doing, for Heaven's sake?"

NET COST TO TOWN OF HINSDALE
For Support of Schools for Year 1958

Expenditures:	\$104,527.03
Regional School Budget	1,048.74
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Total	\$105,575.77

Receipts:

Reimbursements due from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Chapter 70—School Aid	\$17,397.88
All School Transportation	8,841.43
Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	1,542.41
State Ward Tuition and Transportation	574.71
Tuition and Transportation Vocational School	1,491.12
Chapter 71—School Psychologist	211.00
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Total Reimbursement from State	\$30,058.55
Tuition from Town of Peru	1,353.21
Public Law No. 874	1,597.93
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Total Receipts	\$33,009.69
Net Cost to the Town of Hinsdale for the support of Schools for the year ending 1958 (including regional costs)	\$72,566.08

	Public Law No. 874	
Balance from 1957	\$ 509.25	
Receipts from 1958	2,130.26	
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Expenditures 1958		\$2,639.51
		1,597.93
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Balance		\$1,041.58

BUDGET—1959

Teachers' Salaries	\$44,750.00
Textbooks	550.00
Supplies	1,400.00
Janitors	4,650.00
Fuel	3,000.00
Lights, etc.	1,400.00
Repairs	500.00
Library	100.00
Health	1,450.00
Transportation	15,000.00
Tuition—High School	33,184.00
Operating Expenses	600.00
School Committee	75.00
Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	3,900.00
New Equipment	500.00
Secretary	1,820.00
All Others	500.00
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Total Budget	\$113,379.00
Public Law No. 874 Balance	1,041.58
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	\$112,337.42

ESTIMATED NET COST FOR 1959

(Regional costs not included)

Estimated Receipts:

Chapter 71	\$ 211.00
Chapter 70 as amended, State Aid	16,162.88
All School Transportation	12,121.00
Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	1,542.41
Vocational Tuition and Transportation	2,083.42
State Ward Tuition and Transportation	574.71
Town of Peru—Tuition	1,417.00
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Total Receipts	\$34,112.42

Estimated Net Cost to the Town of Hinsdale for the support of Schools for 1959	\$78,225.00
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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. NAUGHTON, *Chairman*
HARRY E. FRESHLER
CARL R. MOSEGARD
EARL C. SUITOR, *Superintendent*

Enrollment—October 1, 1958

Kittredge School: Grade 1	26
Grade 2	27
Grade 3	32
Grade 4	37
Grade 5	39
Grade 6	38
Grade 7	38 (including 6 from Peru)
Grade 8	31 (including 1 from Peru)
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Kittredge School Total	268
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Private School	4
South Junior High	4
Pittsfield High	19
St. Joseph's High	10
Dalton High	44
Pittsfield Vocational	7
Stockbridge Vocational	1
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Total	89

Total Enrollment	357
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Kittredge School—Class of 1958

Carole Bellinger
 Sharon Borkowski
 Karen Cullett
 Barbara Demary
 Donna Frissell
 Marcia Galok
 Elaine Hamling
 Nancy Litchfield
 Patricia Litchfield
 Sandra Meyers

Norma Moon
 Caroline Oakes
 Susan Pelkey
 Florence Shuttleworth
 Judith Vincent
 Joseph Bishop
 Louis Oakes
 Robert Reese
 Bradford Torrey
 Michael DeAngelus

Harold Daniels

South Junior High School

Francis De Mar
 Bruce Drosehn
 Dorothy Drosehn
 John Forward
 Carol Cokey
 Bernard L'Hote
 William Litchfield
 Patricia Porter
 Robert Prew
 William Robins
 Howard Rogers
 Dana Vrooman
 Linda White

Dalton High School

Joyce Bradley
 Joy Corey
 Roger Gagnon
 Thomas LeVardi
 Marjorie Schnopp
 Alfred Viner
 Jane Wechter

Pittsfield High School

Rita Bean
 Diana Forward
 Allen Freshler
 Katherine Fitch
 Thomas McCasland
 Margaret Prew

St. Joseph's High School

Mary Ann Cooke

Vocational—Pittsfield

Clayton Fancher
 Dennis Guyer

Vocational—Stockbridge

William Goddard

School Calendar—1958-1959

		<i>Days</i>
September	School begins September 3	20
October	No school October 13, Columbus Day	
	No school October 31, Teachers' Convention	21
November	No school November 11, Veterans' Day	
	No school November 27-28, Thanksgiving Day	17
December	No school December 22-31, Christmas Holiday	15
January	No school January 1-2, New Year's	20
February	No school February 23-27, Vacation	15
March	No school March 27, Good Friday	21
April	No school April 20-24, Vacation	17
May		21
June	School closes for summer June 12	10
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School Entrance Age:

Pupils must be six years of age as of September 1. One week grace period will be allowed.

Working Certificates:

Any employment, either part time or full time, of minors 14 to 16 years of age, requires authorization by permit.

An educational certificate is required in connection with either the full time or part time employment of minors between 16 and 18 years of age in a factory, workshop, manufacturing, mechanical, or mercantile establishment, barber shop, or in construction or repair of buildings, a bootblack stand or establishment, or by an express or transportation company. There are some prohibited employments for minors under 18.

These permits and certificates may be obtained at the School Office.

No School:

"No school" will be announced over Station WBRK from 7 A. M. to 7:30 A. M.

The siren will blow five times at 7:30 A. M.

From the Report of the School Committee, Town of Hinsdale, April 1865:

"The amount raised and appropriated for the support of schools, with other information, will be seen by referring to the annexed table. Under existing circumstances, choice must be made between shorter terms and larger appropriations.

We recommend raising the sum of \$1200 for the ensuing year."

"To avoid false impressions, to eliminate radical error, to arouse slumbering genius, to excite the imagination and fire the ambition, to unfold and develop the highest powers of mind and heart, and to superadd the crowning excellence of unstudied dignity and grace—this is the broad field of the teacher's vast, difficult and responsible task, to fulfil which requires the blending of the most rare endowments—generous culture, freedom from passion and mental bias, patience, persistence, firmness, gentleness, love of truth and of the teachers' profession. In view of these facts, it may not be irrelevant to suggest the inquiry whether the patrons of our schools are uniformly as helpful of and lenient towards members of this profession as their mutual interest would seem to demand.

"There is imperative need that a new school house be erected in the vicinity of the Middle and Lower Valley Mills, with or without a division of the district, unless one shall be built upon an eligible site in the upper part of the village, on a place commensurate with the wants of the district. Though not legally compelled to support a High School, the town ought carefully to consider its expediency."

The "annexed table" indicates that teachers salaries ran from \$22 to \$32 (total for three months!) during the summer session, and increased to as much as \$37 for a similar period in the winter. Presumably the added chores of stoking the pot-bellied wood burner, and helping the students with leggings and mufflers justified the increase. Certainly, the teachers then, Mr. Barker, Mr. Deming, and the Misses Livermore, Pulsifer, and Bottum, as the teachers of today, were not overpaid for their vast, difficult, and responsible task of arousing slumbering genius and superadding the crowning excellence of unstudied dignity and grace of the pupils.

P.A.M.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Committee and Citizens of the Town of Hinsdale:

Herewith is submitted my fourteenth report as Superintendent of your school.

The Kittredge School continues to progress and with the aid of some fine substitute teachers has weathered the personal misfortunes of several of the staff. Miss Amede, the principal, has been ill and is now on leave of absence. Mrs. Leemhuis, the first grade teacher, suffered a broken arm and Mrs. McDonnell, our fifth grade teacher was injured when her home was destroyed by an explosion and fire. Mrs. McDonnell is now in the hospital. Mr. Baumann, our custodian, was injured while driving the school bus. Of course, this is exceptional and we are now hoping for the rapid and complete recovery of all.

As sets of new textbooks are required they are supplied. This year primary reading books, fourth grade arithmetic and history texts, as well as eighth grade history books were purchased. Dalton, Windsor and Hinsdale are now using the same history text. Music books for classes and band, dictionaries and books to complete sets in reading, arithmetic, science and spelling have been added as needed. A set of Childcraft books, a set of Britannica Junior and a number of library books have been purchased. A multiple set of maps, a globe, film strips for science and news have also been supplied. Instructional supplies are tools with which a better job of instruction can be done.

Draperies for the auditorium windows have been hung and this room may now be sufficiently darkened for projection purposes.

The primary lunchroom has been painted, and now has a new acoustical ceiling and a tile floor. This is now an attractive room and compares favorably with the lunchroom used by the rest of the school.

Outside lights have been added to more adequately light the parking area.

Other painting and minor repairs have been done so that our building is in good condition.

In the financial report, mention of Public Law No. 874 refers to the money received from the Federal Government based on the number of pupils whose parent or parents work in Federal buildings such as Missiles and Ordnance plants of the General Electric Co. The sum of \$1,048.74 was transferred from the school appropriation for the Regional budget. The 1957 balance of Public Law No. 874 money plus a sum a little less than that transferred for the region was used for school purposes as planned. The balance of Public Law No. 874 money for 1958 is to be subtracted from the 1959 school budget leaving the sum of \$112,338.00 to be appropriated. This amount is an increase of \$8,360 over the 1958 appropriation. You will note that over \$4,000 of this increase is for high school tuition. The rate times the number of pupils gives this budget item.

Tuition Rates

	1958	1959
Pittsfield High School	\$359.00	\$479.00
Pittsfield Junior High School	312.00	429.00
Dalton High School	390.00	420.00
Pittsfield Vocational	300.00	300.00
Stockbridge Vocational	320.00	320.00

Transportation is up about \$2,000. The additional Dalton noon trips as well as new contract rates account for this increase. The daily rate times the number of days gives this budget item.

Teachers' salaries are up another \$2,000. An increase of \$100 in January and amounts for annual increments account for this sum. Our salary schedule is a modest one—\$4,000 to \$5,000 with no teacher at either the minimum or maximum rate.

Everyone must realize that the public use of the school building adds considerably to the school budget. This use is desirable and is a public expense carried by the school department.

In conclusion, I should like to express my thanks to the teachers, supervisors, janitors, bus drivers, lunch workers and volunteers who have contributed to the welfare of the Hinsdale pupils. I should like to again commend the school committee for their continuing thoughtful efforts in policy making, always motivated by the best interest of all of the pupils and the Town of Hinsdale. Continuing co-operation of the home and the school is essential for the well being of the children.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL C. SUITOR,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

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

Dear Mr. Suitor:

The following is a brief progress report of the instrumental activity at Kittredge School. Late in the school year of 1957-58 a rental plan for instruments was introduced with several children participating. In addition, a few students had privately owned instruments. This group became the present band. Again this year, the rental plan was available and a good group has begun class lessons. As this group becomes more proficient, they will be absorbed in the band. While progress has been good in many instances, parental insistence on a daily practice schedule by all would make for more improvement.

The P.T.A. has been solidly behind the youngsters as the lovely uniforms for which they were responsible will attest. The Citizens' group too has donated a sum of money for the band.

Although the addition of the above program has taken time from the classroom music periods, the teachers have responded famously.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank them publicly for their helpful co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ROBERTS,
Music Supervisor.

SCHOOL HEALTH REPORT

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

Dear Mr. Suitor:

We herewith submit the annual health report of Kittredge school for the year 1958.

Vision tests were given to all pupils in January. The failures were noted and parents notified where necessary.

Measles was prevalent during the year and all known cases reported to the State Health Department.

All students were weighed and measured with the results recorded.

Classroom inspections of the skin, hair and ears have been done frequently.

Teacher-nurse conferences have been continued.

Physical examinations of grades 1, 4, 7 and 8 were done in November and December. Also included are all students, though not in grades scheduled for examinations, but who participate in sports activities of the school program. Students referred by the teacher or nurse are also seen by the doctor at this time or when necessary.

The health of the students, in general, is satisfactory. The major defect noted during the examination is the lack of dental care.

Three Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus (D.P.T. antigen) clinics were held in April and May for the pre-school and school children. The therapeutic doses administered at the clinic totaled 388.

During the Diabetic Detection Week which was observed November 16-22 there were 95 specimens tested for sugar at the school and 50 specimens tested at the doctor's office. Three specimens were found positive and required further follow up.

In-service classes sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health which are in the spring and fall in Pittsfield were attended.

The Public Health Department is studying the advisability of the 4th booster dose of the Salk polio vaccine. A spring clinic for this purpose is under consideration, depending on the results of the study.

We thank you and the School Union members for our part ownership of the new audiometer which is very necessary in our hearing tests.

In conclusion, we thank the teachers, parents and pupils for their cooperation and also the nurses and mothers who assisted us in our clinics.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL L. CHRISTOPHER, M.D.
IRIS J. MORGAN, R.N.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ORGANIZATION

Becket
Paul Marsh

Hinsdale
John Naughton, *Vice Chairman*
Mrs. Emily R. Pierce

Dalton
Henry L. Adams
Albert H. Childs
Frederick G. Crane, Jr., *Chairman*
Mrs. Franklin J. Quinn

Windsor
Mrs. Mary L. Hitchcock

Thomas H. White, Dalton, *Superintendent and Secretary of the Committee*
Earl C. Suitor, Hinsdale, *Associate Superintendent*
Gordon H. Fitzpatrick, Becket, *Associate Superintendent*
Ralph R. Johnson, Dalton, *Treasurer of the Committee*

Meetings are held each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. in Dalton High School.

The office of the Central Berkshire Regional District School Committee is located in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Dalton High School, Dalton, Massachusetts.

Telephone: Dalton 320

The Central Berkshire Regional School District became a political entity on January 30, 1958 when the townspeople of Becket, Hinsdale and Windsor ratified the terms of the Regional Agreement with the voting as follows:

Becket	136- 2
Hinsdale	155-29
Windsor	60- 2

Prior to this, on January 10, the voters of Dalton had approved the formation of the Region, 724-304.

The Regional Agreement was the result of the deliberation of a Regional School Planning Committee which was formed on May 1, 1957 by the three representatives of each of the four towns.

Under the terms of the Agreement, an interim committee was established until appointed and elected members shall be qualified at the annual town elections of 1959.

Herein is a brief resume of the activities of this committee. In addition to the forty-one regular meetings of this group, its members have spent countless hours meeting in sub-committees studying all of the facets of the problem of a swelling secondary school population. All the meetings have been characterized by a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation.

Personnel

At its first meeting, the committee selected Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr. as its Chairman, and in subsequent meetings elected Mr. John Naughton, Vice Chairman, Mr. Ralph R. Johnson, Treasurer, and Mr. Thomas H. White, Secretary and Superintendent, Mr. Donald J. Brennan, Counsel, Mr. Gordon H. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Earl C. Suitor, Associate Superintendents.

Site

Under the terms of the Agreement, the site for the proposed high school shall be located within the Town of Dalton. A sub-committee listed nine possible locations, from which the committee selected six locations for further study. Mr. Frank Harvey, Civil Engineer, was retained to draw up engineering studies of each of the six sites. On the basis of these engineering surveys, the committee selected the Walter Scace property on Old Windsor Road and took an option to purchase these thirty-seven acres. On December 17, 1958, the committee voted to exercise this option and to acquire the Walter Scace property for the sum of \$40,000 less the \$500 paid for the option. Crane and Company has offered to give the Regional District eight acres of land lying between the Scace property and the Housatonic River. The total acreage, forty-five acres, should be ample for any future development.

Architects

One of the first steps taken by the committee was the selection of an architect to plan the building and advise in the selection of a site. From a long list of applicants, six firms were selected for interviews and further consideration. Because of the importance of this selection, the committee devoted one evening's meeting to each of the six final firms, and members of the committee inspected at least two schools recently designed by each of these firms. The schools visited were:

- Athol, Mass. Regional High School
- Longmeadow, Mass. High School
- West Springfield, Mass. High School
- Mount Everett Regional High School, Sheffield, Mass.
- Ichabod Crane High School, Valatie, New York
- Ockawamick Central School, Philmont, New York
- Rutland, Vermont Junior-Senior High School
- Montpelier, Vermont High School
- Hunt Junior High School, Burlington, Vermont
- Hamilton, New York Elementary School
- Essex Junction, Vermont High School
- South Elementary School, Agawam, Mass.
- Burr Elementary School, Westport, Conn.
- Amherst, Mass. Regional High School
- King Philip Regional High School, Wrentham, Mass.
- Duggan Junior High School, Springfield, Mass.
- Wachusett Regional High School, Holden, Mass.
- East Hartford, Conn. High School

On May 28, 1958 the committee appointed Freeman, French, Freeman and Prentice Bradley, Associate Architects, to develop the plans for the high school. Since that time, at least one representative of this firm has attended each of the committee's meetings.

Curricula

The sub-committee developing the curricula has spent many hours studying, discussing and listening in consultation with teachers, school administrators and supervisors, commercial and industrial representatives.

The proposed curriculum represents a notable expansion and enrichment of the present program in Dalton High School. Due to the increasing competition for college admission, and the added demands for scientific, commercial and technical training, as indicated in the Conant Report, it has become imperative that a modern school recognize the need for this expansion and enrichment.

The Liberal Arts and Scientific courses will challenge the best efforts of our most gifted children and provide a broader preparation for college and technical school. In addition to the present day courses, this honors program will offer additional foreign languages and advanced science and mathematics courses.

The Academic program will provide training in English, Social Studies, Mathematics and Science that will meet the requirements for college admission. The advanced courses will be available to all students who can meet the ability and interest requirements. The commercial department is organized to train for secretarial, typing and bookkeeping positions, with provisions for teaching modern up-to-date business procedures. The technical course is a new program which will provide training for capable boys who are not preparing for college and who may be interested in advanced craftsmanship and foreman training courses, such as G. E. apprenticeship course. The program will include four years of Math, English, Social Studies and three years of Science, all on the college preparatory level. In place of the foreign language requirements of the academic course, four years of shop experiences and mechanical drawing are required. Such a course is designed to enlist the best efforts of the technically-minded student.

A somewhat similar Home Economics course for girls is planned for those who may profit from these activities and who may, with guidance, adjust their courses to qualify for college entrance. The comprehensive course is designed to provide the best in citizenship training and to develop manual abilities for those boys and girls who do not plan to take further formal schooling.

General requirements in all courses include four years of English, four years of Social Studies, four years of Physical Education, one year of Driver Training, two years of Math and two years of Science.

With the strong Guidance program planned, all students will be guided into the selection of subjects best suited to their individual needs, interests and abilities.

The programs are merely broad outlines to act as guides with sufficient flexibilities to allow for choices of subjects from more than one program.

Finances

On February 26, 1958, the committee voted to issue notes to the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of acquiring land and constructing and equipping a school building. This money was borrowed late in September from the Pittsfield National Bank at 1.5% interest, the note to mature September 24, 1959. This money was used to purchase an option on the Scace property and to pay for the Engineering and Architectural services up through the preliminary planning stage.

By mid-fall of this past year, plans had developed to the point where the architects could make a fair estimate of the total cost of the project. This estimate was given at \$2,251,350. With an estimated state grant of \$101,350 expected to be received for planning purposes, the committee on November 19, 1958 voted to incur a debt of \$2,150,000 and in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, so notified the member towns. On December 8, each of the towns voted on this issue with the following results:

Town	Favorable	Unfavorable
Becket	81	6
Dalton	846	819
Hinsdale	121	32
Windsor	52	4

Late in December, all the state agencies concerned had formally approved the project, and the way is now clear for the actual construction of the building. In anticipation of the sale of the bonds later in 1959, the committee has voted to borrow \$80,000 from the Pittsfield National Bank at 1.8% interest for one year. The proceeds of this loan will be used to exercise the option and purchase the Scace farm and to prepare final plans for submission to prospective bidders.

Realizing the deep interest of the people of the four towns and ever mindful of the increasing demands placed upon the local taxpayer, the committee pledges itself to build and equip the most practical and economical building that experience and training can produce. The plans will be continuously examined with the purpose of producing the best housing for the proposed curriculum at the lowest possible cost. The committee takes this opportunity to thank the residents of the Region for their votes of confidence.

THE CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1958

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Exhibit 1

Assets

Cash in Bank	\$ 1,820.27
Loans Authorized (for construction of four-year senior high school)	2,150,000.00
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	25,000.00
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	\$2,176,820.27

Liabilities

Employees' Payroll Deductions:

Federal Taxes	\$350.00	
Retirement	150.02	
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Appropriation Balances:

Planning Costs (Exhibit 2)	84.00
Operating Costs (Exhibit 3)	1,236.25
Loans Authorized and Unissued	2,150,000.00
Loan Payable, State House Note No. 1, Due Sept. 24, 1959	25,000.00
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	\$2,176,820.27

Statement of Planning Costs
Year ending December 31, 1958

Exhibit 2

	<i>Appropriated</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Unexpended</i>
Architects' Fees	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	
Engineering Fees and Borings	400.00	212.00	\$188.00
Topographical Surveys	1,000.00	1,127.00	(127.00)
Option on Site	500.00	500.00	
Photos for Selected Sites	200.00	200.00	
Interest on one-year note	375.00	375.00	
Miscellaneous	25.00		
State Certification Fee for note		2.00	23.00
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Totals	\$25,000.00		
Planning Costs Disbursements (to Exhibit 4)		\$24,916.00	
Balance, December 31, 1958 (to Exhibit 1)			\$ 84.00

Statement of Operating Costs
Year ending December 31, 1958

Exhibit 3

	<i>Appropriated</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Unexpended</i>
General Control			
Office Expenses			
Printing Brochures	\$550.00	\$565.50	(\$ 15.50)
Distribution	50.00	86.00	(36.00)
Books and Supplies	100.00	62.96	37.04
Dues	50.00		50.00
Postage	100.00	38.39	61.61
Telephone	100.00	81.54	18.46
Bond	125.00	25.94	99.06
Counsel	500.00		500.00
Salaries			
Superintendents	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Treasurer	500.00	500.00	
Clerk	350.00	135.75	214.25
Travel Expense			
Superintendents	350.00	300.87	49.13
Treasurer	100.00	47.70	52.30
Committee	700.00	503.85	196.15
Instruction			
Operation			
Maintenance			
Auxiliary Agencies			
Outlay			
Insurance	25.00	15.25	9.75
Miscellaneous			
Totals	\$6,600.00		
Operating Costs Disbursements (to Exhibit 4)		\$5,363.75	
Balance, December 31, 1958 (to Exhibit 1)			\$1,236.25

Apportionment to Member Towns (Section IV-E of Agreement)

Based on Enrollment in Grades 9-12, October 1, 1957

<i>Town</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Assessment</i>
Dalton	318	70.20	\$4,633.20
Hinsdale	72	15.89	1,048.74
Becket	41	9.05	597.30
Windsor	22	4.86	320.76
Totals	453	100.00%	\$6,600.00

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Year ending December 31, 1958

Exhibit 4

Receipts

Town Revenue Assessments

Dalton	\$4,633.20	
Hinsdale	1,048.74	
Becket	597.30	
Windsor	320.76	
	<hr/>	\$6,600.00

Loan from Pittsfield National Bank
State House Note No. 1

25,000.00

Total Receipts

\$31,600.00

Disbursements

Planning Costs (Exhibit 2)	\$24,916.00
Operating Costs (Exhibit 3)	5,363.75
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Total Disbursements

30,279.75

\$1,320.25

Federal Taxes and Retirement Withheld
Payable in January 1959

500.02

Cash in Bank, December 31, 1958
(to Balance Sheet, Exhibit 1)

\$1,820.27

Final Budget
January 1, 1959—December 31, 1959

Capital Costs

One-Year Loan—Due September 24, 1959	\$25,000.00
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Operating Expenses

100 General Control		\$6,350.00	\$6,500.00
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110 Office Expense

111 Books and Supplies	\$ 400.00	
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112 Dues	50.00	
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113 Postage	100.00	
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114 Telephone	100.00	
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115 Bond	500.00	
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120 Counsel	500.00	
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130 Salaries

131 Superintendents	3,000.00	
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132 Treasurer	750.00	
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133 Clerk	350.00	
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140 Travel within and outside State

141 Superintendents	300.00	
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142 Treasurer	100.00	
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143 Committee	200.00	
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200 Instruction

300 Operation

400 Maintenance

500 Auxiliary Agencies

600 Outlay	100.00
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700 Insurance	50.00
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800 Debt Service

Apportionment to Towns

Capital Costs—(Section IV, D of Regional Agreement)

Dalton	75%	\$18,750.00
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Hinsdale	15%	3,750.00
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Becket	6%	1,500.00
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Windsor	4%	1,000.00
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Operating Costs—(Enrollment, Grades 9-12, October 1, 1958)

Dalton	309 pupils	67.62%	\$4,395.30
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Hinsdale	75 pupils	16.41%	1,066.65
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Becket	49 pupils	10.72%	696.80
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Windsor	24 pupils	5.25%	341.25
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Recapitulation Sheet

Total Appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$229,298.63	
Total Appropriations voted from available funds	56,615.50	
State Parks and Reservations	656.03	
State Examination of Retirement System	541.21	
County Tax	6,098.56	
Underestimates of previous years	545.61	
Total to be raised		\$300,081.59

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	\$18,453.76	
Corporation Taxes	3,576.90	
Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land	30.12	
Old Age Tax, Meals	1,205.37	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	8,475.00	
Licenses	1,200.00	
Fines	100.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	25.00	
Charities (other than federal grants)	6,500.00	
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants)	20,000.00	
Veterans' Service	700.00	
School (Funds from Income Tax not to be included)	14,000.00	
Interest: On Taxes and Assessments	700.00	
State Assistance for School Construction	21,000.00	
Farm Animal Excise	100.00	
City of Pittsfield in lieu of Taxes	900.00	
Town of Dalton, in lieu of Taxes	1,000.00	
Total Estimated Receipts	\$97,966.15	
Amounts voted to be taken from available funds:		
June 27, 1957	\$ 1,500.00	
September 27, 1957	700.00	
February 10, 1958	47,966.76	
May 16, 1958	6,448.74	
Total Available Funds	\$56,615.50	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		\$154,581.65
Amount to be raised by taxation:		
Polls	\$ 888.00	
Personal Property	18,319.62	
Real Estate	126,292.32	
Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property		\$145,499.94

**Table of Aggregates of Polls, Property, and Taxes
as Assessed January 1, 1958**

Number of Persons Assessed:

Personal Estate Only	15
On Real Estate Only	689
On Both Personal and Real Estate	154

Total Number of Persons Assessed	858
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Number of Polls Assessed	444
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Value of Assessed Personal Estate

Stock in Trade	\$ 12,960.00	
Machinery	10,970.00	
Live Stock	5,185.00	
All other tangible personal property	248,455.00	
Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate		\$277,570.00

Value of Assessed Real Estate

Land exclusive of Buildings	\$ 571,840.00	
Buildings exclusive of Land	1,341,680.00	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		\$1,913,520.00
Total Valuation of Assessed Estate		\$2,194,115.00

**Taxes for State, County, and City or
Town Purposes, Including Overlay**

On Personal Estate	\$ 18,319.62	
On Real Estate	126,292.32	
On Polls	888.00	
Total Taxes Assessed		\$145,499.94

Number of Live Stock Estimated under Section 36 Chapter 59

Horses	12
Cows	12
Bulls	1
Steers	7
Heifers	6
Swine	40
Fowl	922
Mink	100
Goats	19

Number of Acres of Land Assessed	13,650
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	352
Tax Rate per Thousand	\$66.00

Number of Animals under Farm Excise Tax Chapter 59, Section 8A

Horses	6
Cows	117
Bulls	5
Hens	830
Yearling	16
Beef Cattle	23
Ducks	3
Donkey	1

Respectfully submitted,

GARRETT F. COLLINS
WILLYS M. BELLINGER
RALPH B. MARSHALL
Board of Assessors.

The trouble with giving money for Christmas is that you can't charge it.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

As required by law, I have inspected and tested devices used for weighing and measuring goods for sale. Seals were affixed to all that were found acceptable according to the rules and regulations of the Division of Standards, and fees collected from the owners were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

PAUL A. MEYERS,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF CATTLE & SLAUGHTERING

I have inspected and found:

156 Heifer cows 2 yrs. or older
27 heifers 1 to 2 yrs.
31 calves under 1 yr.
9 bulls
4 steers
12 horses
44 goats
2 sheep

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN C. DROSEHN,
Inspector of Cattle and Slaughtering.

"The best reason for holding your chin up when in trouble is that it keeps your mouth closed."

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

During 1958 the following work was done:

- 16 dead or dangerous trees taken down
- 1 windblown tree cut up and removed on Maple St.
- 2 windblown trees cut up and removed on Fassell Road
- 24 trees trimmed on Maple St. east of traffic signal
- 2 trees trimmed at corner Church St. and Longview Ave.
- 1 stump removed at Post Office
- 2 dangerous elm trees topped

Removal of the following trees in 1959 is recommended:

- 20 Dutch Elm Diseased trees on town property
- 2 dead maples
- 1 dangerous half-dead elm at lower end of Holmes Road.

RICHARD GREB,
Tree Warden.

"Nowadays, to say that something is impossible always puts you on the losing side."—Dr. Werner von Braun.

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

November 26, 1958

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Theron B. Marshall, Chairman
Hinsdale, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hinsdale for the period from November 7, 1956 to August 4, 1958, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Director of Accounts.

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

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hinsdale for the period from November 7, 1956, the date of the previous examination, to August 4, 1958, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the expenditures were compared with the selectmen's warrants and with the classified record of payments. The cash book additions were verified, and the cash balance on August 4, 1958 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by actual count of the cash on hand.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined and checked in detail. The individual deductions were listed and proved, the payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances in the general treasury on August 4, 1958 were proved.

The tax title records were examined and checked with the books of the tax collector and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds. The amounts received on account of redemptions were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the tax titles on hand were listed and proved.

It is again recommended that the treasurer take prompt action in instituting foreclosure proceedings on all tax titles held over two years, as required by the provisions of Section 50, Chapter 60, General Laws.

The savings bank books, representing the investments of the investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer, were examined and listed, the income being verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The outstanding accounts at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists of town and district taxes, motor vehicle and trailer excise, and farm animal excise, were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants issued for their collection. The collections as recorded were checked in detail, the payments to the town and district treasurers were checked with the treasurers' books, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were verified, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash on hand August 4, 1958 was proved by actual count.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and district, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the records of licenses issued. The payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand August 4, 1958 was proved by actual count.

The appropriations, as voted, were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings, and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computations of the 1957 and 1958 tax rates.

The recorded receipts of the selectmen and the sealer of weights and measures, and of the police, welfare, school, veterans' services, and cemetery departments, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked with the treasurer's cash receipts.

The surety bonds on file for the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on August 4, 1958.

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

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

TOWN OF HINSDALE
Balance Sheet—August 4, 1958
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$54,506.56	State and County Assessments 1958:	
Accounts Receivable:		State Recreation Area	\$ 656.03
Taxes:		County Mosquito Control	541.21
Levy of 1953:		County Tax	6,098.56
Real Estate	744.66		<u>7,295.80</u>
Levy of 1954:		Payroll Deductions:	
Real Estate	744.66	Federal Taxes	\$2,556.15
Levy of 1955:		County Retirement System	21.93
Real Estate	5.22		<u>2,578.08</u>
Levy of 1956:		Dog Licenses—Due County	205.25
Personal Property	\$ 299.60	Tailings	77.25
Real Estate	4,278.66	Stabilization Fund	13,500.00
	<u>4,578.26</u>	Old Age Assistance Recoveries	2,583.54
Levy of 1957:		Federal Grants:	
Poll	\$ 4.00	Disability Assistance:	
Personal Property	995.10	Administration	\$ 9.50
Real Estate	13,256.68	Assistance	361.80
	<u>14,255.78</u>	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Levy of 1958:		Administration	9.50
Poll	\$ 152.00	Aid	1,211.14
Personal Property	17,103.57	Old Age Assistance:	
Real Estate	119,611.04	Administration	72.10
	<u>136,866.61</u>	Assistance	2,920.40
		Schools:	
		Public Law 874	509.25
			<u>5,093.69</u>

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:			School Lunch Program	394.13
Levy of 1956	\$287.71		Appropriation Balances	99,520.59
Levy of 1957	709.15		Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	457.41
Levy of 1958	903.54		Road Machinery Fund	5,268.17
		1,900.40	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	13,852.83
Farm Animal Excise:			Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1957	\$ 15.25		Levy of 1953	\$ 744.66
Levy of 1958	126.92		Levy of 1954	744.66
		142.17	Levy of 1955	5.22
Tax Titles		14,331.45	Levy of 1957	2,457.15
Departmental:			Levy of 1958	6,194.05
General Relief	\$3,131.62			10,145.74
Old Age Assistance	261.29		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Veterans' Services	20.90		Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
		3,413.81	Excise	\$ 1,900.40
Aid to Highways:			Farm Animal Excise	142.17
State	\$16,625.00		Tax Title	14,331.45
County	4,000.00		Departmental	3,413.81
		20,625.00	Aid to Highways	20,625.00
Estimated Receipts—to be Collected	\$26,747.26			40,412.83
		\$278,861.84	Surplus Revenue	77,476.53
				\$278,861.84

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Outside Debt Limit:	
Outside Debt Limit	\$29,000.00	School Building Addition Loans	\$29,000.00

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Investment Funds:		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	\$ 2,500.37
Cash and Securities	\$22,131.28	Stabilization Fund*	19,630.91
			\$22,131.28
	\$22,131.28		

*Includes \$13,500.00 Cash in General Treasury.