

	Appropriations	Reserve Fund	Dec. 31, '47 Balances	Available 1949	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Additions to Funds
Bennett Road	200.00		28.64		228.64		
South Road	600.00		147.68	224.60	523.08		
Mountain Road	200.00				197.49	2.51	
Ludlow Road	500.00	.11			500.11		
Welfare	2,500.00				2,489.06	10.94	
Old Age Assist.	7,000.00	420.00			8,920.00		E.&D. 1,500.00
Aid to Dep. Child.	500.00				166.80	333.20	
Soldiers Relief	1,000.00	185.00	10.00		1,349.86	.14	E.&D. 155.00
Schools	45,742.50		954.50		45,666.74	75.76	
School Repairs			954.50			954.50	
Library	750.00				1,207.16	40.10	497.26
Town Dump			278.36	161.38	116.98		
Memorial Day	150.00				114.60	35.40	
Aid to Agric.	75.00				75.00		
Hampden Co. Bd. of Retirement Art. 32	271.30				271.30		
Insurance	1,000.00				948.02	76.21	Ref. 24.23
Planning Board	50.00				22.74	27.26	
Town Common	50.00				50.00		
Town Reports	341.25				341.25		
Soldiers & Sailors Graves	75.00	45.00			120.00		
Street Lights			187.50	187.50			
Clean Out Water Holes			200.57	80.47	120.10		

	Appropriations	Reserve Fund	Dec. 31, '47 Balances	Available 1949	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Additions to Funds
Honor Roll			35.00	35.00			
Recreational Field	500.00				378.40	121.60	
Survey Pease Park			50.00	50.00			
Cemetery Trust Funds			101.36	111.88	169.00		179.52
Cemetery	300.00	18.05			318.05		
Reserve	1,000.00					12.29	987.71†
To Balance Reserve	36.90						36.90*
	<u>\$87,634.76</u>	<u>\$987.71</u>	<u>\$2,075.47</u>	<u>\$6,456.05</u>	<u>\$101,367.38</u>	<u>\$2,753.05</u>	<u>\$20,903.25</u>
			Payments to other sources		12,461.17		
† Transferred to Accounts					<u>\$113,828.55</u>		
* Transferred							

Treasurer's Report

Balance January 1, 1948	\$ 44,608.95	
Receipts for 1948	117,147.19	
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		\$161,756.14
Expenditures for 1948	\$113,828.55	
Balance December 31, 1948	47,927.59	
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		\$161,756.14

Trust Funds and Securities

1 Series B 1949 11/8 % Certificate	\$ 5,000.00	
2 Series E 1949 11/8 % Certificates	10,000.00	
Post War Rehabilitation fund, Interest	454.62	
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		\$15,454.62
Federal Payroll Taxes Withheld	\$2,675.63	

Hampden County, Board of Retirement deducted for 1948 was \$564.12, this has greatly increased the clerical work of the treasurer.

Treasurer's Report --- Trust Funds

Fund	Balance January 1, 1948	Interest 1948	Withdrawn 1948	Balance December 31, 1948
Day Fund	\$501.64	\$10.07	\$10.00	\$501.71
Holt Library	500.00	10.05	10.05	500.00
Bumstead Cemetery	2,110.11	42.41	42.41	2,110.11
Library Fund	10.50	.20		10.70
Helen E. Stacy	150.52	3.00	3.00	150.52
Burleigh, Holt	202.58	4.04	4.04	202.58
Anna S. Leonard	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
John R. Stodard	51.00	1.02	1.02	51.00
Twitchell, Burt	201.06	4.02	4.02	201.06
Marcus Beebe	152.29	3.04	3.04	152.29
Lydia Morris	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Orrin Goodwill	202.58	4.04	4.04	202.58
John Q. Adams	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Thompson Chaffee	303.13	6.06	6.06	303.13
William Johnson	127.98	2.54	2.54	127.98
Calvin Stebbins	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Milo Chapin	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Elsie M. Hills	1,018.58	20.36	20.36	1,018.58
S. Stacy Hunt	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Henry C. Dickinson	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Jackson Dickey	41.36	.82	.82	41.36
George West	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Holmes, Beebe	202.58	4.04	4.04	202.58
Flora Carlton	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Wm. J. Sissions	51.00	1.02	1.02	51.00

John Kenworthy	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Mortimer Pease	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
John S. Beebe	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Davis, Weeks, Pease	202.58	4.04	4.04	202.58
David Stebbins	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
J. F. Whitaker	101.72	2.02	2.02	101.72
Orcutt	51.66	1.02	1.02	51.66
Beebe, Stanton	152.29	3.04	3.04	152.29
Charles Whitaker	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Bennett, Kenworthy	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Rose Corey	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Joseph Stimson	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
N. & E. Langdon	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Jennie Shaw	51.00	1.02	1.02	51.00
Davis, Pease	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
George Pond	50.69	1.00	1.00	50.69
Martha Edson	51.15	1.02	1.02	51.15
John Bartlett	208.74	4.16	4.16	208.74
Charles I. Burleigh	50.83	1.00	1.00	50.83
D. L. & D. R. McCray	153.58	3.06	3.06	153.58
Henry M. Davis	101.51	2.02	2.02	101.51
J. L. Gottsche	101.78	2.02	2.02	101.78
W. & Fred Leach	200.00	4.00	4.00	200.00
Alvin W. Bennett	100.00	2.00	2.00	100.00
Charlotte & Carl Merrill	100.00	2.00	2.00	100.00
Medicke	100.00	2.00	2.00	100.00
Irving Newell	300.00	6.00	6.00	300.00
Lillie Bradway	100.01	1.50	1.50	100.01
Anton Waska	100.00	1.67	1.67	100.00
Bal. Jan. 1, 1948		\$9,930.97		
Anton Waska		100.00		
Interest for 1948		199.84		
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		\$10,230.81		
Interest withdrawn in 1948		199.57		
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Balance December 31, 1948			\$	10,031.24

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Jan. 18, 1949

The Books of the Treasurer and Bookkeeper have been examined and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are correct.

WELLS E. CARVER

Town Auditor

Town Clerk's Report

Dogs Licensed in 1948:

117	Male	@ \$2.00	\$234.00
37	Female	@ 5.00	185.00
62	Spayed	@ 2.00	124.00
1	Kennel		50.00
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			\$593.00

Paid County Treasurer June 1	\$264.60
Paid County Treas. December 1	285.00
Clerk's Fees @ 20¢ each	43.40
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	\$593.00

Births:

Girls	7
Boys	8

Deaths:

Female	7
Male	6

Marriages: 17

Documents recorded 39

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

During 1948, this department removed and destroyed 8 elm trees that were condemned by the Federal Government because of Dutch Elm disease. So far, Hampden has been very fortunate, as many towns have lost a far greater number of beautiful shade trees. The spraying of 230 elm trees along our main roads in July with D.D.T. was very effective in controlling the spread of this disease, and also the elm beetle damage. I recommend that the spraying program be continued in 1949.

There was not as much tree damage as in some previous years, due to the absence of severe storms. However, a large amount of trimming has been carried on. Some more rock maples were set out last Spring for roadside shade, and citizens requesting these trees in particular places for shade along the streets should notify me before the Spring planting begins.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

Tree Warden

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The fire department was called out for three grass fires, two brush fires and one call to the town dump for the year ending 1948.

This is the smallest number of fires we have had for some years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people of the town for their cooperation in preventing fires.

I will again recommend that closed incinerators be used for burning of rubbish.

Also there were two hundred and fifty-six open air permits issued for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD R. GUNTHER

Forest Fire Warden

HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Fire Department was called out to only four house fires, three grass fires, and two brush fires for the year ending 1948.

The excellent cooperation of the townspeople in calling the Fire Department at once, instead of trying to put out their fires themselves, has helped a great deal. Also I believe the people in the town have become aware of the handicap that the Fire Department is working under; mainly, lack of water.

At present we carry approximately 300 gallons of water. Upon arrival of our new truck this will increase our water carrying capacity to approximately 700 gallons. This should give us a chance to control most fires, if called in time, until the larger 2½ inch hose can be laid to an adequate water supply, if available.

The forty members of the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department are doing a remarkable job in answering alarms, practice and maintaining equipment, regardless of damage to clothing or personal injury.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge all landowners who have any brooks, ponds, etc. on their property to build or make a suitable water hole or reservoir so that in case of a fire the Department has an adequate source of supply.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. OFFICER

Fire Chief

BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1948 there were one hundred and seventy-five permits granted. These were as follows:

New Houses	22
Summer Camp	1
Garages	15
Additions	15
Alterations	13
Hen Houses	3
Storage	2
Silo	1
Brooder House	1
Plumbing Permits	31
Electrical Permits	71

Respectfully submitted,

IRWIN H. GIFFORD

Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board held ten regular meetings, two special meetings and two joint meetings with the Selectmen, the Board of Appeals and the Building Commissioner during the year 1948.

A final plan of the Edward N. Christianson real estate development, drawn up by Merrill and Sears, Civil Engineers, on February 24, 1948, was filed with the Board. This development includes 24 building lots on either side of a road to be known as "Meadowbrook Lane". Mr. Christianson has already opened up the road.

There has been an increase in building this year over 1947. The Building Commissioner issued 22 permits for new houses in 1948 as compared with nine in 1947. Of this number, 21 were for permanent homes and one for a summer cottage. Two summer homes have been converted into permanent homes. In 1948, permits were issued for 15 garages as compared with 4 in 1947. To be sure, many of these homes and garages will not be completed until 1949 because, in some instances, the prospective home owners plan to do the construction themselves as far as possible. The average estimated cost of these homes is about \$6,000.

The Board has made every effort this year to study the needs of the town with the desire of fostering a normal, healthy growth and yet, at the same time, of preserving the characteristics of an attractive rural community.

Respectfully submitted,

E. NORTON DAVIS, Chairman

MARION W. GERRISH,

Secretary

ALAN R. PHILLIPS

C. KILBOURNE BUMP

GERALD V. WITKOP

HAMPDEN MEMORIAL PARK

The Recreation Committee are pleased to report progress in the Hampden Memorial Park.

The paddle pond which was a project that John B. Isham was determined would be completed enough for the children to enjoy. The young folks found this a haven and it was a much enjoyed play ground last summer. This fall sand has been put around the pool and several trees have been planted for shade.

Many hindrances were encountered for the completion of the baseball diamond. Dry season prevented the planting of grass seed and other interferences delayed the finishing of the baseball diamond. If the unforeseen doesn't happen it will be ready when the season opens.

The committee has given many hours of service, working on money making projects and time given to the development of the park.

Our motto is "Go forward not backward"—our sincere hope is to have the full support of each one in the community.

JOHN B. ISHAM

Chairman

HAMPDEN MEMORIAL PARK
REPORT OF THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

January 12, 1947—to December 31, 1948

Donations Received	\$3,428.40
Money raised by projects	1,271.79
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Total receipts	\$4,700.19

EXPENDITURES

January 18, 1947 to December 31, 1948	4,609.99
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December 31, 1948 Cash on hand	\$ 90.20

CHARLES R. MELVILLE
Treasurer

**SEALER OF
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

- 1 Platform Scale over 5,000 Lbs. Sealed.
- 1 Platform Scale Under 5,000 Lbs. Sealed
- 1 Counter Scale, Sealed
- 3 Beam Scales, Sealed
- 3 Spring Balance Scales, Sealed
- 5 Computing Scales, Sealed
- 4 Oil Measuring Pumps, Sealed
- 1 Kerosene Pump, Sealed
- 10 Gasoline Meters, Sealed
- 2 Grease Pumps, Sealed

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. BUEREAU
Sealer

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

During the year I have inspected the barns in which were kept 619 head of cattle, 6 sheep, 40 swine, 12 goats and 33 horses.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY A. FULLER

Animal Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

During the year 1948, I have inspected 41 pigs and 5 beef.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. THRESHER

Inspector of Slaughtering

1948 REPORT of the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture

The Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture consists of a board of nine unpaid members appointed by the County Commissioners. These trustees are employed by law to maintain one or more Agents or instructors in Agriculture, Home-making and Country life, who shall meet the residents of the County individually and in groups for the purpose of teaching and demonstrating better practice in Agriculture and Home-making, the benefits to be derived from cooperative efforts, better methods of marketing farm products, and the organization of communities to build up country life. The statutes further allow the Trustees to receive on behalf of the County money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government.....or by the General Court for any County.....and may enter into any agreements.....relative to Extension Work with adults and with boys and girls in Agriculture, Home-making and Country Life. (G. L. Ch. 128)

In accordance with the above, the Hampden County Trustees during the past year maintained Agents who have been of service to all residents of the County. These Agents have conducted meetings and demonstrations and made individual farm and home visits in connection with many phases of Agricultural and Home-making practices in all cities, towns, and communities in Hampden County. Some of these practices included Better Farm Man-

agement, Better livestock, Insects & Disease Control, Marketing, Soil Testing, Nutrition, Home Management, Farm & Home Accounts, Clothing, Slip Covers & Re-upholstering, Canning, Gardening, Crafts, and Community Organization with Farmers, Homemakers, and Boys and Girls both rural and urban. Their counsel and assistance has been available to all citizens of the County without charge.

Our agents have made contacts in every city, town, and community in Hampden County during the past year in one or more projects and have been ably assisted by local committees or individual voluntary leaders as the occasion required. In Hampden the following citizens have been of great assistance as voluntary leaders in such projects as were conducted during the year:

Robert Dickinson, Earle Harris, Mrs. Fred Samble, Edward Harris, Miss Jean Libby, Roger Harris, National Pressure Cooker Co., Edward Larson, Mrs. Ben F. Libby, Mrs. E. E. Dickinson, Mrs. Carl H. Hatch, Mrs. Warren Dickinson, Mrs. Claude Goodwill, Mrs. Harold Jones and Mrs. Edward Finn.

Some of the above leaders incurred the following expenses, either for travel or for the purchase of material needed to carry on the various projects under their direction: \$64.23.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1948 Appropriation	\$ 75.00
Balance carried over from 1947	34.59
Total	<hr/> \$109.59

Expended in 1948	\$ 64.23
Balance available for 1949	\$ 45.36
Appropriation recommended for 1949	\$75.00

NOTE: Any appropriation made to the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture by the town is deposited with the County Treasurer and held to the credit of the Town for reimbursing local town leaders for their necessary expenses in conducting such work as may be assigned to them.

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture
L. B. BOSTON, Clerk

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

Hampden, Mass.
Jan. 10, 1948

In our search for Gypsy Moth egg clusters, we found and destroyed approximately 1200 clusters.

The section between Ames and Glendale Road, which had been the worst infected part of the town, has improved very much.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES LEMON
Moth Supt.

Library Trustees' Report

MRS. ELEANOR McCRAY	Term expires 1949
MRS. ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN	Term expires 1950
MISS GERTRUDE M. LYONS	Term expires 1951

Appropriation by the Town	\$750.00
Dog Fund from the Town	469.53
Fourth of July	13.69
Fines	3.99
Available from the Holt Fund	10.05
	\$1,247.26

Expended	
Salaries	\$606.77
Books	343.80
Magazines	114.55
Incidentals	142.04
	\$1,207.16

DAY FUND

Balance in Fund Jan. 12, 1949	\$511.78
Withdrawal for Christian Herald	
Subscriptions to shut-ins Jan. 12, 1949	9.00
Balance in Fund Jan. 12, 1949	\$502.78

We recommend for the maintenance of the Library for the coming year an appropriation of \$800.00 and the Dog Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE M. LYONS, Chairman
ELEANOR B. McCRAY
ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN
Library Trustees

Librarian's Report

Circulation of Books	10,082
Total Attendance	7,419
Average Daily Attendance	51
Books Bought	166
Books Donated	241
Magazines Bought	39
Magazines Donated	243

Donors of books: General Electric Co., 1; Gertrude Lyons, 15; Janet Baldger, 1; Sue Gallagher, 2; Molly Jones, 1; Lora Willey, 2; Mrs. Albert Reardon, Jr., 26; Catholic Women's Club, 1; Lion's Club, 40; Sara Connors, 22; Reginald Temple, 28; Prof. W. V. Sessions, 22; Evelyn Goodwill, 2; Mrs. Homer Hatch, 19; Mrs. K. Bump, 132; Richard Howlett, 1; Carol Temple, 3; Louis Morin, 22; Mrs. J. Morgan, 1.

Donors of magazines: James Lyons, 10; Judy Finn, 1; Gertrude Lyons, 10; B. Wakefield, 1; Mrs. A. Hayes, 1; Mr. Ingle, 152; Althea Woods, 57; Miss Austin, 1; Norris Fitzgerald, 9; Mrs. J. Morgan, 1.

Circulation of books was divided as follows: Magazines, 1698; Adult fiction, 2619; Juvenile fiction, 4121; Adult non-fiction, 568; Juvenile non-fiction, 1076.

Registered Borrowers	364
From the School	200
Others	164
Books Reviewed by the School Children	520

State Reading Certificates issued: 88 small and 18 large.

Money collected for the loss or damage to books and paid to the Town Treasurer, \$3.20.

We feel that 1948 was a very successful year in the Library.

We are very proud of our new interior. The ceiling and walls were newly painted for us during the summer vacation. We are constantly being complimented, by visitors and new residents, on our fine library.

Our exhibition of old pictures of Hampden during Book Week was met with great enthusiasm. We are very grateful to everyone who loaned pictures and helped to make our Book Week Tea a huge success. We were very fortunate to have on display a fine painting of our village, by the noted Carl Wuermer, owned by Mr. Harry Stoddard, a former resident, who brought it from Worcester for the occasion. Mr. Thornton Burgess loaned us pictures and the galley of a new book in its early stages, which was most interesting.

The school children observed Book Week with the adults this year and were pleased to have the opportunity to see Hampden as it was in the past.

During the Christmas holidays we had a fine response to our request for old and unusual Christmas cards.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM P. BRYANS, Librarian
ARLINE HOWLETT
DORIS S. HATCH
Assistant Librarians

Report of the School Committee

ORGANIZATION

William Harry Burns, Chairman	1950
Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett	1949
Harold H. Jensen, Jr.	1951
Harold A. Truell, Secretary and Superintendent of Schools	

During 1948 reimbursements on account of schools were received as follows:

From the Commonwealth:

General School Fund, Part II	\$ 2,750.90
General School Fund, Part I	2,234.75
Superintendent's Salary (1947)	386.67
(1948)	386.66
Chapter 71, Sec. 7A	5,777.05
High School Tuition	6,170.62
Vocational Education	1,737.39
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	\$ 19,444.04

From other sources:

Tuition refund	\$ 18.48
Miscellaneous credits	4.20
Tuition, non-resident	40.00
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	\$ 62.68
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	\$ 19,506.72

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1948

Appropriation for School Support	\$ 45,742.50
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Expenditures

School Committee	\$ 120.00
Superintendent's Salary	1,059.99
Expenses of Superintendence	778.70

Total for General Control	\$ 1,958.69
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Supervisors' Salaries	\$ 1,255.00
Teachers' Salaries	14,322.25
Textbooks	321.51
Supplies	1,009.87
Janitor	2,195.00
Fuel	2,068.72
Miscellaneous Operating	717.41
Repairs	2,192.63
Health	658.58
Local Transportation	3,778.00
Miscellaneous Auxiliary	28.34
New Equipment	300.75

Total for Elementary Schools	\$ 28,848.06
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High School Tuition	\$ 8,291.26
High and Trade School	
Transportation	3,875.55
Trade School Tuition	2,693.18

Total for High and Trade Schools	\$ 14,859.99
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Total Expenditures	\$ 45,666.74
Reimbursements	19,444.04

Net Cost of Schools to the Town	\$ 26,222.70
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APPROPRIATIONS NEEDED FOR 1949

The school committee recommends a budget for 1949 as follows:

School Committee	\$ 120.00
School Committee Expense	50.00
Superintendent's Salary	1,080.00
Expenses of Superintendence	885.00
Supervisors' Salaries	1,283.00
Teachers' Salaries	17,770.00
Textbooks	500.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Janitor	2,385.00
Fuel	1,900.00
Miscellaneous Operating	825.00
Repairs and Replacements	1,200.00
Health	825.00
Transportation	8,932.00
Tuition	14,378.00
Miscellaneous Auxiliary	50.00
New Equipment	750.00
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	\$ 53,933.00

ESTIMATE OF CREDITS ON ACCOUNT OF EDUCATION FOR 1949

It is estimated that the receipts on account of education during 1949 will be approximately as follows:

Chapter 643	\$ 16,930.00
Superintendent's Salary	386.67

Vocational Education	2,149.71	
State Wards, tuition and transportation	800.00	
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		\$ 20,266.38

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HARRY BURNS

MRS. ELIZABETH BENNETT

HAROLD H. JENSEN, Jr.

Members of the School Committee

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of the Town of Hampden:

My third annual report as superintendent of schools in the town of Hampden is submitted herewith.

SUPERINTENDENCY UNION No. 16

Superintendency Union No. 16 is composed of three towns, East Longmeadow, Wilbraham, and Hampden. The duties of the union as a whole are to select the superintendent of schools and the union secretary. The supervisor of art, the supervisor of music, and the school nurse are engaged separately by the individual towns. The cost of supervision in art, music, and health is met by the towns in proportion to the amount of time each one of the respective supervisors is able to give to each town; whereas expense of the superintendency, which includes the superintendent's salary, the secretary's salary, and the maintenance of the superintendent's office, is paid by these towns as follows: East Longmeadow, 45%; Wilbraham, 35%; Hampden, 20%.

CHANGE IN SCHOOL PERSONNEL

During the school year 1947-1948 Mrs. Lucy S. Jeffrey resigned her position as teacher of grade 3 at the Hampden Consolidated School to accept a position as teacher in one of the Longmeadow schools. Mrs. Violet Lunden was employed as a substitute teacher to fill this

vacancy for the remainder of the school year. The only change in the teaching corps for the school year 1948-1949 is the employment of Mrs. Esther L. Johnson as a permanent teacher to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Jeffrey. Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of Westfield Normal School and comes to us with more than ten years of successful teaching experience. Mrs. Liane S. Fontaine, graduate of Bridgewater Normal School, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Witzel. At the time of Mrs. Fontaine's appointment she was teaching Grade 5 at the North Wilbraham school and comes to us highly recommended in the field of music.

Those who are now teaching at the Hampden Consolidated School are as follows: Mrs. Hazel G. Nicholson, grade 1; Mrs. Grace I. Rodin, grade 2; Mrs. Esther L. Johnson, grades 3-4; Mrs. Lucy B. Kerr, grades 4-5; Miss Helen C. Flynn, grades 6-7; Mrs. Eleanor B. McCray, principal and teacher of grades 7-8.

TEACHER-PARENT INSTITUTE

A Teacher-Parent Institute, the first of its kind in the State of Massachusetts, was held in the Pleasant View School Auditorium, East Longmeadow, on Friday, October 8, 1948. It was sponsored by Massachusetts School Union No. 16. The object of the Institute was to promote closer relationship between the parents and the schools and that was the general theme considered that day. Parents, as well as teachers, were invited to attend.

Mrs. Albert L. Lyons, Jr., President of the Pleasant View School Parent-Teacher Association, was chairman of the morning session. The co-chairmen were Mrs. Paul Johnson, a teacher at the Pleasant View School, and Mrs. Harold Smith, a teacher at the Center School of East

Longmeadow. The invocation was given by Reverend Arthur Sanders of Hampden Federated Church and greetings were extended by Mrs. Fannie Wheeler, President of the Wilhameadow Teachers Club, which comprises the teaching staffs of Wilbraham, Hampden and East Longmeadow schools, Miss Gertrude Holland, Principal of the Pleasant View School; and Mr. Harold A. Truell, Superintendent of Union No. 16.

The combined glee clubs of the three towns, under the direction of Mrs. Louis Fontaine, Supervisor of Music, presented a musical program which was enthusiastically received by the audience. Miss Bettina Van Camp, outstanding reading consultant for the primary grades, spoke on "The Importance of Reading in a Modern School Program." Professor Merrill addressed the group taking as his topic "Social Studies in the Elementary Schools." Merritt Wright, President of the Center School Parent-Teacher Association, then introduced Mrs. William Blair, President of the Massachusetts State Parent-Teacher Association, who explained "The Aims and Objectives of Parent-Teacher Associations."

The afternoon session included five forums. Mrs. Arthur Clever was Chairman of Section One. Miss Van Camp spoke again at this time on "Reading Techniques." Professor Timothy F. Clifford, Head of Music Department, Westfield State Teachers College, discussed "The Importance of Music in the Elementary School." Chairman of this section was Mrs. Louis Fontaine. Mrs. Edwin Castaldini was Chairman of Section Three at which Mrs. William Blair spoke on "Founding of Parent-Teacher Organizations." Mrs. James Logan was Chairman of Section Four whose topic "Social Studies in the Elementary Schools" was discussed by Professor J. Vey Merrill and John A. Julin, Instructor at the Training School, Westfield State Teachers College. Dr. Theresa Lammers,

Head of Science Department, Westfield State Teachers College, was the speaker of Section Five with Mrs. John Johnson acting as Chairman. Dr. Lammers took as her topic "Science in the Elementary Schools."

The Institute was well attended by both teachers and parents not only from Union No. 16 but from surrounding towns.

HANDWRITING

Since September, 1938 the Hampden school has been using the Rinehart system of writing. The teachers give instruction to the children during the month and then a Rinehart supervisor visits each grade checking the accomplishment in that grade for the preceding month. During the school year 1947-1948 a study of handwriting was made by a committee composed of teachers serving in the Hampden, East Longmeadow, and Wilbraham union. The result of this study showed that manuscript writing was better than cursive writing for the children in grades 1 and 2. It was evident that manuscript writing is an aid to the children who are learning to read. Therefore in the fall of 1948 manuscript writing was introduced into grade 1. This will be carried over into grade 2 this coming year. The study further showed that it was more or less natural for a child to change from manuscript writing to cursive writing about the middle of the second grade.

INCREASED ENROLMENT AND NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS

The present enrolment in the Hampden Consolidated School is such that it has become necessary for us to once again combine grades three and four. During the school year 1947-1948 there was introduced into the school system a program such that it was possible to

have grade 1, grade 2, and grade 3 separate and apart from any other grade. Previous to this time the combinations were as follows: grades 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, and 7-8. In the new program used during the school year 1947-1948 the grade arrangement was as follows: grade 1, 2, 3, 4-5, 6-7, and 7-8. It has become necessary for us again this year to combine grade 3 with grade 4 so that our present grade arrangement is grade 1, 2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, and 7-8. As several of the rooms are over crowded at this time without doubt it will be necessary for further combinations to take place in grades 1 and 2 during the coming school year 1949-1950.

It is exceedingly difficult for anyone to show that combination grades are better than single grades. For the best results it is essential that the children who attend the first three grades receive an excellent foundation in reading. The program established during the school year 1947-48 gave this opportunity to those children attending these grades. Since that time, due to the increase in enrolment, you will note from the above that it is impossible to continue this procedure.

ANTICIPATED GRADE ENROLMENT

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
1949-1950	29	24	26	29	31	18	27	30	214
1950-1951	25	29	25	26	29	31	18	27	210

ANTICIPATED CLASSROOM ENROLMENT

Room	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	Total
1949-1950	29	25	43	43	37	37	214
1950-1951	25	29	40	40	38	38	210

From the above you will note that the present fifth grade has a membership of only 18 pupils. As these smaller classes graduate from the school there has been

a tendency of late years for the incoming classes to be much larger. It further shows that some of the classrooms will have an enrolment during the coming school year of 40 pupils. Having this number of pupils under crowded conditions does not permit the teacher to give her best to her pupils nor does it permit the child to accomplish as much as would be possible under normal conditions. Realizing this we feel that the citizens of the town of Hampden should know the present and future school needs in order that its children may continue to receive the high type of education which will be comparable to that offered in other communities.

PER PUPIL COST 1946-1947 (SCHOOL YEAR)

	Pupil not transported	Pupil transported	Average Cost (Per pupil)
Elementary 1-8	\$103.84	\$134.13	\$121.70
Grade 9		266.02*	266.02
Grades 10-12		301.02*	301.02

*Tuition in Springfield during the school year 1946-1947 was \$200. per pupil for those attending grade 9 and \$235. per pupil for those attending grades 10-12. Beginning February 1949 tuition in Springfield will be \$220. per pupil for those attending grade 9 and \$256. per pupil for those attending grades 10-12. It will also be noted that it cost \$66.02 per pupil for high school transportation to Springfield.

NEW SALARY SCHEDULE

The following salary schedule was adopted by the school committee by unanimous vote effective January 1, 1948.

Step	Less than four years training	Bachelor's Degree or its Equivalent	Master's Degree	Periods
1	1,800	2,200	2,400	
2	1,900	2,300	2,500	C

3	2,000	2,400	2,600	
4	2,100	2,500	2,700	
5	2,200	2,600	2,800	B
6	2,300	2,700	2,900	
7	2,400	2,800	3,000	
8	2,500	2,900	3,100	A
9	2,600	3,000	3,200	

a. During each period, C. B. A. two courses of two credits each must be taken to qualify for the next group of step-rate increases.

b. Eight semester hours during any calendar year may be applied to the requirements of Section A.

c. Above courses are subject to the approval of the principal in consultation with the teacher.

d. When employing a teacher with experience, credit may be given as follows: \$100 for the first year, \$100 for the second year, and \$50 for each additional year up to eight years of experience.

e. Principals to receive \$50 extra per year per room.

REPAIRS

The major repairs made at the Hampden Consolidated School during the year consisted of the waterproofing of the exterior of the rear basement wall which forms a portion of the classroom housing grades 3-4, refinishing several of the classrooms and lower corridor, the repairing of the tile walls in both boys and girls rest-rooms along with the painting of the same, and the building of a macadam road around the school.

STATE AID

Near the end of the last session of the General Court a bill was passed granting more state aid to schools to permit equalization of educational opportunity in

public schools of the Commonwealth and the equalization of the burden of the cost of schools to the respective towns. This bill, Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1948, supersedes most of the bills providing financial aid for public schools previous to December 13, 1948. This new bill becomes effective January 1, 1949. At the present time we are unable to give any authentic information as to how this will affect the present state aid to the town of Hampden which now totals approximately \$20,000 annually.

TRANSPORTATION

We wish to bring to the attention of the citizens of Hampden the fact that the cost of transportation of its children is continually increasing. This increase has been gradual during the past few years until now it has become one of the major items in the regular budget.

We wish to take this opportunity to express to Mr. W. Edward Burleigh, building custodian, our appreciation for the fine work which he is doing in the school. We wish to thank Miss Signe Polson, Dr. Norman Yosko, and Dr. Harold Fiske for the fine work which they are doing in the school in relation to our present health program.

The teachers are giving their best for your children. The schools are yours. This means that with the cooperation of the parents and teachers much can be accomplished. May we suggest that you visit your schools, offer suggestions to your teachers, feel free to comment constructively on procedures, and not hesitate to give words of encouragement. Your teachers, as well as your superintendent of schools, stand ready to do whatever they can for you and your children. Your interest and help which have been characteristic throughout the past year have been of great value.

For the cooperation and help given us by the members of the Hampden School Committee, members of the faculty, parents, pupils and interested citizens we are duly grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD A. TRUELL

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To Mr. Harold A. Truell, Superintendent of Schools:

The school nurse has assisted the school doctor with vaccinations, immunization, and physical examinations.

It is very gratifying to have such good cooperation by the parents in getting corrections made.

The nurse has examined the eyes of the pupils, using the Massachusetts Vision testing material.

Testing of the ears is greatly facilitated by the purchase of a Maico ear testing machine by the school committees of the union.

The value of the school lunches is definitely evidenced by the gains in weight of the pupils.

The nurse has assisted the school dentist with examinations.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNE L. POLSON, R. N.

School Nurse

DENTAL CLINIC REPORT 1948

Patients	194
Visits	100
Examinations	194
Cleanings	87
Per. teeth filled	171
Temp. teeth filled	165
Per. teeth extracted	22
Temp. teeth extracted	44
Amalgam fillings	264
Cement fillings	283
Porcelain fillings	48
Abscessed teeth	62
Operations	1,146
Certificates	37
Teeth treated	6

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD I. FISKE, Dr.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1948-1949

First Term: Wednesday, September 8, to Wednesday, December 22

Second Term: Monday, January 3, to Friday, February 25

Third Term: Monday, March 7, to Friday, April 29

Fourth Term: Monday, May 9, to Friday, June 24

The schools are closed on Friday, October 8, Teacher-Parent Institute; Friday, October 22, annual meeting of the Hampden County Teachers' Association; Wednesday noon, November 24, to Friday, November 26, inclusive, Thanksgiving recess; Friday, April 15, Good Friday; and on all legal holidays.

TABLES OF STATISTICS

CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL CENSUS AND THEIR DISTRIBUTION

October 1, 1948

	5-7 years	7-16 years	Total
Boys	24	105	129
Girls	25	97	122
Total	49	202	251
Distribution:			
In public school	30	189	219
In Trade school	0	5	5
In private school	0	4	4
Not enrolled in any school	19	4	23
	49	202	251
Total on October 1, 1947	39	210	249

NUMBER OF PUPILS IN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS BY GRADES

Five-Year Period, 1943-1948

(As of October in each year)

Year	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
1943	25	35	19	26	20	28	16	17	186
1944	24	22	30	17	20	22	25	10	170
1945	31	22	20	29	18	17	17	21	175
1946	26	30	21	18	30	20	17	16	178
1947	20	28	30	18	22	35	18	20	191
1948	25	26	31	29	18	24	31	11	195

NUMBER OF PUPILS IN THE SEVERAL
HIGH AND TRADE SCHOOLS

Five-Year Period, 1943-1948

(As of December in each year)

Year	Junior High School	Classical High School	High School Com'rce	Technical High School	Trade Schools	Total
1943	18	5	6	17	5	51
1944	11	7	10	24	10	62
1945	10	8	8	19	7	52
1946	18	5	12	15	12	62
1947	10	7	10	10	15	52
1948	13	9	10	13	15	60

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES - JUNE

1948

Shirley Mae Aubrey	Donald Lewis Gregory
Edward Richard Barry	Marjorie Rose Gregory
Barbara Ann Battige	Molly Ann Jones
Douglas Adams Bryans	Ella Corinne Kibbe
James William Burns	Adele Minnie King
Nancy Marie Connors	Rosemarie LaBelle
Theresa Yvette Cote	Joan Virginia Sloat
Robert Norman Fisher	Betty Louise Thresher
Robert Daniel Fiske	Barbara Luise Vester
Raymond Holden Furrows	

High School Honor Graduate

Edward Burleigh Breck, Technical High School

SCHOOL DIRECTORY, JAN. 1, 1949

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Harold A. Truell, 52 Allen Street, East Longmeadow

SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY

Mrs. Emily Condon, 161 Sumner Avenue, Springfield

TEACHERS

Mrs. Eleanor B. McCray, Principal, Hampden Grades 7-8

Helen C. Flynn, Hampden Grades 6-7

Mrs. Lucy B. Kerr, Ludlow Road, Hampden

P. O. East Longmeadow Grades 4-5

Mrs. Esther L. Johnson, 8 Randall Place, Spfld. Grade 3

Mrs. Grace I. Rodin, 121 Blaine Street, Spfld. Grade 2

Mrs. Hazel G. Nicholson, 69 Beverly Hills,

West Springfield Grade 1

JANITOR

W. Edward Burleigh, Hampden

SUPERVISOR OF ART

Mrs. Helen B. Tower, Allen Street, Hampden

(P. O. East Longmeadow)

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mrs. Liane S. Fontaine, 451 Main Street, Palmer

SUPERVISOR OF HANDWRITING

William L. Rinehart, 740 Main Street, Waltham 54

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Norman Yosko, M.D., East Longmeadow

SCHOOL NURSE

Signe L. Polson, 36 Summit Street, Springfield

SCHOOL DENTIST

Dr. Harold I. Fiske, Hampden

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

W. Edward Burleigh, Hampden

Walter Lyons, Hampden

STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT

April 16, 1948

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Carl P. Larson, Chairman

Hampden, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hampden for the period from September 8, 1946 to February 17, 1948, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG

FXL:MMH

Director of Accounts

Mr. Francis X. Lang

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hampden for the period from September 8, 1946, the date of the previous examination, to February 17, 1948, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as entered on the records of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the treasury. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants, the cash book was footed, and the cash balance on February 17, 1948 was proved by actual count of cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The tax title record in the custody of the treasurer was examined and checked with the deeds and accounts of the collector and the bookkeeper.

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

It was noted that the total amounts transferred from the reserve fund to various appropriations in 1946 and 1947 exceeded the amounts appropriated by the town for a reserve fund in each of these years. Attention in this connection is called to Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, which prohibits the incurrence of liabilities in excess of appropriations voted by the town.

The records of payroll deductions on account of federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined and checked. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue and to the Hampden County Retirement System were verified, and the accounts credited to the town employees were listed and proved with the town bookkeeper's ledger accounts.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent lists of taxes were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants committing them for collection. The collections as recorded were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the recorded abatements were checked to the records of the assessors, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the bookkeeper's ledger.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to all persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The aggregate amounts of personal property and real estate taxes of 1947 outstanding on February 17, 1948 were given to the assessors for purposes of recommitment to the new tax collector.

The surety bonds of the town officers required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued, the payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand on February 17, 1948 was proved by actual count.

The books and accounts of the town bookkeeper were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the treasurer's record of receipts, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants and with the treasurer's books.

The appropriations as listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings were checked with the ledger appropriation accounts, the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the authorizations of the finance committee, and all other ledger accounts were checked with information in the departments in which the transactions originated. The ledger was analyzed,

a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on February 17, 1948.

The recorded receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were checked with the record of work done, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on February 17, 1948 was proved by actual count.

The records of the dental clinic were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of licenses and permits granted by the selectmen were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of the cemetery commissioners were examined. The recorded receipts from sales of lots were checked with the record of lots sold and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of charges of the public welfare department, including the bureau of old age assistance, were examined. The charges were listed, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the bookkeeper's ledger.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust 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,

HERMAN B. DINE

HBD:MMH

Assistant Director of Accounts

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IT ISN'T YOUR TOWN—IT'S YOU

If you want to live in the kind of a town
Like the kind of a town you like
You shouldn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind
For there's nothing that's really new
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town
It isn't your town—it's YOU.

Real towns are not made by men afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead.
When everyone works and nobody shirks,
You can raise a town from the dead;
And if while you make your personal stake
Your neighbor can make one too,
Your town will be what you want to see,
It isn't your town—it's YOU.

Author unknown