

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

This department in conjunction with the Highway Department has had a normal year of activity. With the absence of violent storms, tree damage has been slight.

However, numerous dangerous trees have had to be removed because of their age.

Twenty locally grown rock maples have been dug up and transplanted along our highways for shade trees. Although a record drought occurred last summer, most all of these trees have survived.

Again I stress the desire for an appropriation large enough to purchase a power saw. With the cost of labor today, \$200 for the tree warden department for the year does not allow for very extensive work and \$50 a year for digging up and transplanting trees is not adequate.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN K. HARRIS

Tree Warden

REPORT OF DUTCH ELM COMMITTEE

I sent samples from nine Elm trees which were diseased early in the year. These trees were cut and burned in February, 1953. In March samples were taken and sent to the University of Massachusetts. Six were diseased, so they were cut and burned in April.

In June three more trees were found diseased and were destroyed.

In September I scouted the Town and took samples from seven trees which the University of Massachusetts found to be diseased. All have been cut, making a total of 25 trees removed.

We received \$800 from the County in January. \$600 was appropriated by the Town, and as there was not enough money to complete cutting and burning, the County again came to our aid with \$300.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON

Moth Superintendent

BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1953 there were one hundred and ninety-three permits granted. These were as follows:

New Houses	40
Garages	6
Additions to houses	10
Alterations to houses	4
Poultry houses	1
Tool sheds	1
Telephone Business Office	1
Addition to Business Garage	1
Alterations to store	1
Additions to garages	2
Additions to barn	1
Alter hen house	1
Demolish poultry houses	5
Demolish barns	3
Demolish ice houses	1
Plumbing	46
Electrical	69

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON WILLCUTT

Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board held ten regular meetings, one special meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Appeals and two hearings during the past year.

The major accomplishment for the year is the acquisition of a much needed master plan indicating the various roads, houses, public buildings and business structures. The map measures 8 feet by 8 feet and is mounted on two pieces of ply wood hinged to fold for more convenient handling. Actually an aerial photograph was used to make the map since a map drawn to scale would have cost several hundred dollars.

Approval has been given for the further expansion of two existing real estate sub-divisions and a hearing on a third development.

The board adopted the Sub-Division Control Laws on Feb. 2, 1953 and notified the proper authorities as specified by state regulation.

The board is now working to assemble the various amendments in order that they may be printed under one cover during the year 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. WALLACE, Chairman

MARION W. GERRISH, Secty.

WILLIAM PATULLO

ABRAHAM C. WILEY

DORVAL E. VIGER

Hampden Planning Board

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

	Adj.	Con.	Sealed
Scales over 10,000 lbs.	1		1
Scales 100 to 5,000 lbs.			1
Scales under 100 lbs.	5		9
Avoirdupois weights			5
Gasoline Meters	*7	1	11
Fees collected		\$22.00	

The public might be interested to know that the 7 gasoline meters adjusted were delivering in excess of the indicated amount and in no case deficient.

The condition of the weighing and measuring devices in the Town were found in good condition and reflect the conscientious efforts of my predecessor in office.

Respectfully submitted,

ERROL M. BEEBE

Sealer

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

I have inspected the barns in which are kept the following animals:

617 head of cattle
20 horses
18 goats
32 swine
1 donkey

It has been necessary for me to quarantine one dog and to inspect cattle brought in from out of state.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY A. FULLER

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

I inspected during 1953:

2 beef and 21 hogs.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. PATRIC

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Forest Warden reports:

347 open air fire permits issued for the year 1953.
28 brush and grass fires.

So far as is known, this is a record number of such fires in any one year. Better than 75% of these fires were caused by carelessness; such as fires being started in incinerators and left unattended.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. ALLEN

Forest Fire Warden

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

The work of searching for Gypsy Moth Clusters has been completed. There was very light infestation, except on Ames Road. Between five and six hundred clusters were found and destroyed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON

Moth Superintendent

1953 Report of the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture

Town of Hampden

The Trustees are grateful for the support given their agents during the year by the following local citizens who have, without pay, assisted in carrying out various projects in farm practices, home management and work with boys and girls in 4-H club work:

Mrs. E. E. Dickinson, Mrs. Warren Dickinson, Mrs. Norris Fitzgerald, Mrs. Richard Fuller, Mrs. Marcus Gottsche, Town of Hampden, Earle Harris, Nancy Harris, Mrs. Carl Libby and Mrs. Donald E. Wilcox.

Any appropriation made by the town to the Trustees is held by the County Treasurer and used exclusively for reimbursing any local resident of the town for necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of the law under which the Trustees are appointed. The above local voluntary leaders expended during the year for either travel, meals or demonstration supplies the sum of.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1953 Appropriation	\$75.00
1952 Unexpended Balance	17.53
Total Available for 1953	92.53
Total Expenditure in 1953	63.61
1954 Balance Available	28.92
1954 Recommended Appropriation	75.00

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture

By ALBERT H. FULLER, Clerk

12/8/53

Library Trustees' Report

MISS GERTRUDE M. LYONS	Term expires 1954
MRS. ELEANOR B. McCRAY	Term expires 1955
MRS. ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN	Term expires 1956

Appropriation by the Town	\$1,350.00	
Dog Fund from the Town	481.94	
Available from Holt Fund	13.85	\$1,845.79

Expended		
Wages	831.00	
Books	640.04	
Magazines	147.58	
Incidentals	227.17	\$1,845.79

MORTON L. DAY FUND

Balance in Fund Jan. 5, 1954	\$508.46
Interest received	14.06
Withdrawal for Christian Herald	

Subscriptions to shut-ins Jan. 5, 1954	10.50
Balance in Fund Jan. 5, 1954	512.02

Respectfully submitted,

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

Library Trustees

Librarian's Report

Circulation of Books and Magazines	11,491
Total Attendance	8,593
Books Bought	251
Books Donated	405
Magazines Bought	41
Magazines Donated	145

Donors of Books: In memory of Mrs. Grace (Pease) Carew, 5; In memory of Charles S. Ballard, 2; F. D. Chaffee, 124; R. & E. Woods, 9; H. Burnham, 6; C. K. Bump, 1; L. Peterson, 2; E. Bliss Parks, 21; Mrs. Duffy, 1; F. Kirk, 191; C. Woods, 10; Mrs. E. Samble, 1; B. Fowler, 6; M. Fuller, 1; J. Buereau, 9; E. Peterson, 3; Prof. W. V. Sessions, 18; Mrs. J. Morgan, 1; F. Toulson, 1; Mrs. A. Hayes, 1.

Donors of Magazines: H. L. Foster, 118; G. Lyons, 41; J. Lyons, 6; Al. Woods, 42; F. Garfield, 14; E. Breck, 3; L. Koncitik, 7; M. Helberg, 1; Mrs. Morgan, 9; L. O. Howlett, 3; F. Letellier, 1.

Circulation was divided as follows: Magazines, 2539; Adult fiction, 2,460; Juvenile fiction, 4,269; Adult non-fiction, 967; Juvenile non-fiction, 1,253.

Registered Borrowers	436
From the school	252
Others	184
Books Reviewed by the School Children	943

State Reading Certificates issued:

Small	97
Large	30

Money collected for fines and paid to the Town Treasurer, \$2.20.

The most important news in connection with the library during 1953 was the announcement that we would receive \$2,000 under the will of Mrs. Grace (Pease) Carew, widow of Nelson M. Carew. This is the largest gift ever made to the library with the exception of the amount left in memory of Maria L. Stanton, with which the bookcases and furniture were purchased when the building was erected.

Mrs. Carew was always vitally interested in the library, a member of the trustees, and chairman for several years. She and Miss Elizabeth Sessions, donor of the Town House, travelled many miles when the new building was being planned, looking at new libraries in other towns in order that the best features of each might be incorporated here.

We have received during the year the most valuable additions to our Historical Hampden Collection of perhaps any in our history.

Mrs. Mina (Sessions) Gibson, daughter of the late William J. Sessions of Main Street has sent us old pictures of the town and other documents which have been in her family for many generations. Probably the most historical item is a very old picture showing the exact spot on the ancestral Sessions Farm (now Downs Farm) on Wilbraham Road where Lieut. Merrick's son was fatally bitten by a snake in 1761. A famous elegy was written about this incident, which has been sung

for generations. Many who have heard Burl Ives sing the ballad on the radio have not been aware that the incident occurred in Hampden.

Also in the Sessions Collection is an account written by Mrs. Gibson's grandfather, State Senator William R. Sessions, of Wilbraham Road, of his experiences in the Civil War, his capture by the Rebels, and his hardships in infamous Libby Prison.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Frances Garfield we have received books and pictures belonging to Mrs. Grace Carew. They include such well-known collector's items as Copeland's History of Hampden County, Green's History of Springfield, and Stebbin's History of Wilbraham. By a strange coincidence, Rev. Rufus P. Stebbins, D. D., author of the latter volume, and great-grandson of Stephen Stebbins, Hampden's first settler, was born on the farm on Somers Road afterward belonging to the Pease Family and still owned by Mrs. Carew at her death.

Several of the pictures in Mrs. Carew's collection were of various classes in Hampden schools, of which she was the teacher, one of which goes back more than 60 years.

Rev. Charles B. Bliss of Warren has sent us a number of the glass negatives of pictures which he took while pastor of the Congregational Church from 1903 to 1913. They are of especial interest since several of the buildings in the center have since been destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Norris Fitzgerald has given us a large picture of the mill which used to stand near where Buereau's Garage is now located. We have had some pictures of

the ruins of the mill, but this is the first we have received showing it while it was in operation.

During the year we purchased a new steel cabinet, with lock, to house our historical documents.

The librarians attended the spring meeting of the Western Massachusetts Library Club at Berkshire Inn, Great Barrington, and the fall meeting of the organization at Smith College, Northampton.

We have recently purchased for reference purposes a new Hampden town directory just published by H. A. Manning Company of Springfield.

Book Week was fittingly observed. The children of the school made drawings of their favorite characters in books, which were judged and the winner for each grade was given a prize of a book by the library.

Our room was very beautifully decorated for the Christmas Season by Mrs. Robert K. Mueller of Chapin Road. The main feature was a permanent Christmas creche, with illuminated manger, given in memory of Mrs. Mary (Brennan) Lyons, widow of the late Edward P. Lyons, by her friends.

We have received a book of fiction from Mrs. Charles B. Proctor, Sr., of Federal St., Springfield, of which she is the author. Mrs. Proctor is a lineal descendant of Jabez Hendrick who settled in the year 1749 on the farm off Glendale Road where William J. Sessions lived many years later, and which is now owned by Thomas P. Cooney.

For the benefit of new residents we wish to advise that we regularly subscribe to about 40 magazines, which makes it possible for persons of all ages and interests to find profitable reading at our library.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM P. BRYANS

Librarian

ARLINE M. HOWLETT

DORRIT H. FINN

Assistant Librarians

Report of Hampden School Building Committee For 1953

(discharged at Special Town Meeting, October 28, 1953)

As authorized by votes on Articles 1 and 23 of the Town Meeting of March 2, 1953, this Committee procured a plot plan of the North Road site (Sessions-Jones-Brack tracts) for school purposes. This site had been recommended by the previous School Expansion Committee because of the long-term economies inherent in its central location and proximity to the present school. In addition, this site rated "excellent" according to the School Building Assistance Commission's method of grading.

On June 11, 1953 the plot plan was given to the Board of Selectmen to use in taking this land by Eminent Domain proceedings. After meeting with the School Building Committee on October 1, 1953 the Selectmen started these proceedings, but were requested to desist when the Committee found that Article 25 of the March 2, 1953 meeting did not provide a sound legal basis.

To provide the proper legal basis for taking this land, Article 13 was inserted in the warrant for the Special Town Meeting of October 28, 1953. The defeat of the motion for this article, and the acceptance of a new Committee under the subsequent Article 14, discharged this Committee.

In carrying out its assignment, this Committee incurred the following expenses:

Clerk, Postage	\$99.00
Stationery	51.08
Title Search	200.00
Legal Advice	300.00
Land Survey	155.00
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Total	\$805.18

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. INGLE, Secretary

H. LAURENCE FOSTER, Chairman

DANIEL M. FLYNN

HOWARD E. GREENWELL

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WALTER RUTHERFORD

Report of the School Committee

The year 1953 has been one of much activity for the Committee. Regular meetings were held semi-monthly and, in addition, a number of special meetings as demands required.

Although a great deal of hard work has been done by the Committee, it feels well repaid by the results. Several "firsts" have been recorded during the year 1952.

UNION #15

In accordance with the vote of their annual town meeting, East Longmeadow withdrew from the Union (#15). As provided in the law, this became effective July 1, 1953. This resulted in Hampden being the only member left in Union #15 which, at one time, included the towns of East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Wilbraham, Ludlow and Hampden. The Union was formed in 1893. Our associations with the towns of East Longmeadow and Wilbraham have continued to be pleasant right up to the dissolution of Union #15. It was not without regret that the last meeting of Union #15 was held. We are happy that these pleasant relations have continued over the years and it may be helpful in forming a Regional High School District with these towns as discussed hereinafter.

SUPERINTENDENT

As a direct result of the withdrawal of East Longmeadow, the Dept. of Education ruled that Union #15

ceased to exist and Hampden must employ its own Superintendent of Schools. Fortunately, the Acts of 1952 made provision for a town such as Hampden to employ a Superintendent of Schools and be reimbursed 2/3 of the salary up to \$5000.

After considering many candidates for the position of Superintendent of Schools, and holding interviews with seven of them, the Committee unanimously elected Mr. Sergius J. Bernard, Principal of Schools at Hillsboro, New Hampshire, as Superintendent. Although the Committee had some misgivings as to whether a system the size of Hampden could keep a full-time superintendent busy, they proved groundless as we have learned that Mr. Bernard has found many problems both great and small that have kept him well occupied.

The service of a full-time superintendent has already shown a great deal of benefit to the school system and this will, without doubt, show to a greater degree in each succeeding year.

POLICY

The committee has continued its policy of all meetings being open to the public. It is with a feeling of amazement that we review the past year and find that only *two* citizens of Hampden (other than members of the staff) took advantage of this opportunity. It seems hard to believe that more citizens of the town do not have interests in Schools or suggestions that they would want to make known to the Committee directly.

Expanding this same policy of public information, we have compiled a printed list of School Committee aims and policies which is available at the office of the Superintendent. Many of these policies have been in effect for several years but were not written down so

as to be readily referred to. The benefits of written policies are well known—basically they establish in advance rules that apply to *all* and thus dispel any feeling one might have that a ruling or decision was made in a discriminating manner to fit an individual case.

During the past two years the Committee has felt that it would be advantageous to Hampden if we could send our Junior High School pupils to the Forest Park Junior High School. Springfield was unable to accommodate us at Forest Park Junior High School during the school year 1952-53. We are pleased to report that Mr. Bernard has been informed by Dr. Sanders, Superintendent of the Springfield Schools, that Hampden pupils may attend Forest Park Junior High School, beginning in September, 1954.

PERSONNEL

For the second consecutive time in several years, Hampden lost no teachers through transfer to another system even though the rates in surrounding towns were somewhat higher.

Mrs. Lucy Kerr retired from the system after many years of conscientious service. During her years in the Hampden schools she worked hard to give to her students the necessary guidance. The Committee, in behalf of the citizens of Hampden, wish Mrs. Kerr many years of happiness.

Mrs. Violet Lunden resigned during the summer to move to Chicago where her husband has accepted a position. We thank Mrs. Lunden for her excellent work while a teacher in our schools and wish her well in her new location.

Our principal, Mrs. Eleanor McCray, applied for a one year leave-of-absence for reasons of health. After careful consideration by the Committee, Mrs. McCray's request was granted. We trust she will be able to return to her duties in September with the best of health.

At her request, Mrs. Charlotte Goss, who had done excellent work in the first grade, was given the fifth grade.

On recommendations of the Superintendent, three new teachers were elected by the Committee to fill the vacancies.

Mrs. Eleanor Drummond was elected to teach the first grade and Mrs. Lena Moriarty to the sixth grade. Mrs. Vivian Cotton was elected to take Mrs. McCray's place as eighth grade teacher and Miss Helen Flynn was made Acting Principal.

The school staff has done excellent work during the year and the Committee wishes to express its appreciation, particularly, for the efficiency and harmony that has existed this year.

Early in 1953, Mr. Wilfred Gerard was elected as custodian. Mr. Gerard did a great deal of maintenance work during the summer vacations and his work is much appreciated by all who have seen the results.

REPAIRS

Many needed repairs were made inside the building during the year in addition to those made by the selectmen to the auditorium and exterior of the building.

NEW EQUIPMENT

New desks were purchased to eliminate the last of the old desks in the third grade room. This leaves only one more room (fourth grade) to be equipped which we expect to do this year.

Playground equipment has been purchased and built during the year. This was badly needed.

In addition to miscellaneous items for the school and equipment for the Superintendent's office, a new record player was purchased for use in the school.

From Hot Lunch funds the Committee purchased a 20 cubic ft. refrigerator and a 16 cubic ft. freezer for use in the Hot Lunch Program. This equipment will be of great help to the manager, Mrs. Alma Temple, in storing government-furnished surplus commodities, which can be had for a cost of only one-half cents per pound. This results in substantial savings.

REGIONAL PLANS

The School Committees and Building Committees of Hampden, East Longmeadow and Wilbraham met with Mr. Marshall, of the School Building Assistance Commission, in East Longmeadow on July 14, 1953.

All three towns expressed interest in the possibilities of a Regional 3-year Senior High School to serve the three towns.

It is becoming evident that Springfield high schools will possibly have to refuse tuition pupils within a few years. Technical High School is already at near capacity. The tuition rates have also risen to the point where substantial savings in costs could be expected under a regional program. The regional formula shares a large

part of the capital outlay for plant, pays all regional transportation costs and increases the State Aid now received by 15% to any town which participates in a regional program.

SCHOOL PLANT

Our school plant now consists of eight classrooms—four of these rooms are in the semi-basement. Although these rooms provide first-class accommodations, they do not fully comply with the state requirements. This means that their use is permitted only on a temporary basis. Any new school plans would have to preclude the use of these rooms in order to obtain State Aid and approval of plans. This means that new classroom plans must provide for the elimination of the four existing basement rooms.

A study of the existing enrollment figures will show that we have already reached the critical point in several of our classrooms. Further growth is expected each year. Obviously, with further increase of enrollment in these over-crowded grades, they will have to be divided. Division demands more classrooms which are not now available. The Committee is left with three possible alternatives:—

1. Double sessions
2. Sending at least the seventh and eighth grades to out-of-town schools
3. Expansion of our own facilities

The first two alternatives are within the direct control of the Committee but are extremely undesirable. Alternate #1 would not only lower our standard and place our children at great disadvantage, but would result in our transportation problem being completely out of line.

It would at least triple the cost of transportation. No. 2 would also place a great strain on the children, would be more expensive due to the tuition rates in outside towns, and it might be impossible to find any town that could take tuition pupils in the seventh and eighth grades due to overcrowding of their own. No. 3—expansion of our plant—seems to offer the only reasonable solution to our problem and this action can only be taken with the consent of the voters of Hampden. The responsibilities are theirs.

This Committee can only recommend the steps it feels must be taken and state the needs as it sees them. They are:

1. The immediate acquisition of a satisfactory site large enough for immediate needs and future expansion.
2. The erection of a new school building with a minimum of nine classrooms and necessary auxiliary rooms and possibilities for expansion to at least 16 classrooms.
3. A new building should include facilities for ninth grade which would take care of our Junior High School problem. Any regional high school would most likely be a 3-year High, inasmuch as East Longmeadow and Wilbraham already have junior high schools.

RECOGNITION:

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Superintendent, Principal, Teachers, Art and Music Supervisors, School Doctor, Dentist, Nurse, Hot Lunch Workers and Custodian for the excellent service they have given the school system.

TRANSPORTATION

The bus schedules have concerned the Committee for the past few years, one of the greatest problems being the fact that many of the elementary children had to wait one-half to three-quarters of an hour after school closed for their busses to return from Springfield with the high school pupils. Mr. Bernard suggested a schedule which was adopted by the Committee and eliminates any waiting by the elementary pupils.

The School Committee recognizes the school bus problem and is alert to this situation.

In September of 1954 the Committee plans to add another bus to serve the Stony Hill Road area and also to allow a division of the load on a couple of routes where the busses are now becoming overcrowded.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL M. FLYNN, Chairman

HARRY R. PROSL

LESTER F. PAULY

ITEMIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1953

Account	Appropriation	Transfers	Total Funds Available	Expended	Returned to Excess and Deficiency
General Control:					
School Committee, Salaries	\$ 120.00		\$120.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
School Committee, Expenses	225.00	\$ 50.00	275.00	232.12	42.88
Superintendent's Salary	1,750.00	380.00†			
Expense of Superintendence	1,648.00	1,250.00	3,380.00	3,374.94	5.06
			1,648.00	1,366.59	281.41
Expenses of Instruction:					
Supervisors' Salaries	1,692.00		1,692.00	1,501.00	191.00
Teachers' Salaries	25,055.00		25,055.00	23,884.55	1,170.45
Textbooks	900.00		900.00	885.53	14.47
Supplies	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,286.03	13.97
Expenses of Operation:					
Janitors' Salaries	3,060.00	175.00	3,235.00	3,156.30	78.70
Fuel and Light	2,400.00		2,400.00	1,804.83	595.17
Miscellaneous	850.00		850.00	552.76	297.24
Maintenance:					
Repairs and Replacements	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,588.27	11.73
Auxiliary Agencies:					
Health	1,060.00			910.49	149.51
Transportation	14,260.00	225.00*	14,035.00	12,786.25	1,248.75
Tuition	32,154.00	1,250.00*	30,904.00	28,907.47	1,996.53

Account	Appropriation	Transfers	Total Funds Available	Expended	Returned to Excess and Deficiency
Miscellaneous	125.00		125.00	91.61	33.39
Outlay:					
New Equipment	1,000.00	385.00†	1,385.00	1,294.89	90.11
	<u>\$89,199.00</u>	<u>\$765.00</u>	<u>\$89,964.00</u>	<u>\$83,683.63</u>	<u>\$6,280.37</u>

Credit

* Items were transfers within the Budget, as approved at the Special Town Meeting October 28, 1953.

† From Reserve

69915

**CREDITS AND NET COST OF SCHOOLS
TO TOWN FOR 1953**

Net Expenditures as above \$83,683.63

Credits

From the Commonwealth:

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 915.27
Chapter 71, Section 7A (transportation)	10,276.45
Chapter 643	13,945.34
State Wards, Tuition and (Transportation, 1953)*	*
Vocational Education	3,194.04
From other sources:	
Tuition Refund	12.82

Total	28,343.92
Amount paid from local taxation for schools	\$55,339.71

* Reimbursement has not been received
as of December 31, 1953.

1953 SCHOOL BUDGET

GENERAL CONTROL:

School Committee Salaries	\$0.00
School Committee Expense	475.00
Superintendent's Salary	5,480.00
Expense of Superintendence	1,350.00

EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION:

Supervisors' Salaries	1,655.00
Teachers' Salaries	26,260.00
Textbooks	800.00
Supplies	1,300.00

EXPENSE OF OPERATION:

Janitors' Salaries	3,350.00
Fuel and Light	2,200.00
Miscellaneous	950.00

MAINTENANCE:

Repairs & Replacements	1,200.00
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AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Health	1,560.00
Transportation	13,825.00
Tuition	33,225.10
Miscellaneous	125.00

OUTLAY:

New Equipment	800.00
Contingency Fund	3,700.00

		\$98,255.10
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**ESTIMATED CREDITS FROM THE
COMMONWEALTH:**

Superintendent's Salary	3,333.33
Chapter 71 Sec. 7A (Transportation)	11,900.00
State Ward's Tuition & Transportation	475.00
Chapter 643	14,962.81
Vocational Education	2,875.30

		\$33,546.44
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ESTIMATED COST OF EDUCATION FROM TOWN TAXES	\$64,708.66
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**COMPARISON OF THE SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS OF 1952, 1953
AND THE ESTIMATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR 1954**

	1952	1953	Proposed Budget 1954
Funds available for the support of education	\$80,850.00	\$89,964.00	\$98,255.10
Funds expended	75,408.00	83,683.63	
Funds returned to Excess and Deficiency	5,442.00	6,280.37	
CREDITS:			Estimated
From the Commonwealth:			
Superintendent's Salary	410.15	915.27	3,333.33
Chapter 71, Section 7A (Transportation)			
Chapter 643	\$10,897.06	10,276.45	11,900.00
State Wards' Tuition and Transportation—1951	14,312.81	13,945.34	14,962.81
State Wards' Tuition and Transportation—1952	1,233.84		475.00
Vocational Education	656.13		
From other sources:	1,170.93	3,194.04	2,875.30
Tuition Refund	34.90	12.82	
TOTAL CREDITS	28,715.82	28,343.92	33,546.44
Funds raised by local taxation	52,134.18	61,620.08	64,708.66
Net cost of education to town	46,692.18	55,339.71	