

Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Wages	400.00	
Town Equipment	151.10	
Material	7,248.77	
		7,799.87
Chapter 90 Construction		
Wages	2,515.50	
Town Equipment	1,099.40	
Hired Equipment	1,878.50	
Material	2,590.29	
		8,083.69
Total Highways		\$ 55,975.37
CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS		
Public Welfare District		\$ 800.00
Welfare—General Relief		2,072.93
Disability Assistance		
Town Appropriation		949.55
Old Age Assistance		
Town Appropriation	5,996.69	
Federal Grant	6,260.72	
		12,257.41
Medical Aid for Aged		
Town Appropriation	7,514.37	
Federal Grant	3,110.10	
		10,624.47
Aid to Dependent Children		
Town Appropriation	5,998.10	
Federal Grant	5,519.90	
		11,518.00
Veterans' Service Center		1,421.00
Veterans' Benefits		734.17
Total Charities and Veterans' Benefits		\$ 40,377.53
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY		
Administration		
Wages	\$ 11,796.40	
Other	1,193.47	
		\$ 12,989.87
Instruction		
Wages	137,919.00	
Other	7,445.07	
		145,364.07
Other School Services		
Wages	3,718.27	
Other	16,323.78	
		20,042.05

Operation and Maintenance of Plant		
Wages	11,668.44	
Other	11,998.64	
	<hr/>	23,667.08
Community Services		
Wages	831.15	
Other	400.50	
	<hr/>	1,231.65
Acquisition of Fixed Assets		499.23
Programs with Other Districts and Private Schools		
Tuition		7,429.28
School Building Committee		
Out of Pocket Expense		32.40
Preliminary Drawings		6,000.00
School Addition		161,054.16
Hot Lunch Program		
Wages	7,123.39	
Food and Supplies	15,184.83	
	<hr/>	22,308.22
Regional High School District		110,419.84
Library		
Wages	2,365.00	
Books and Periodicals	2,095.97	
Furniture	366.00	
Miscellaneous	391.06	
	<hr/>	5,218.03
Total Schools and Library		<hr/> \$516,255.88
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED		
Memorial Day		
Wreaths	\$ 135.00	
Flags, Flowers and Supplies	67.94	
	<hr/>	\$ 202.94
Recreation Field Maintenance		
Electricity	167.72	
Hired Equipment	20.00	
Material and Supplies	439.60	
	<hr/>	627.32
Recreation Director Salary		1,462.00
Recreation Field Equipment		99.50
State Parks and Reservations		1,159.07
Printing Town Reports		939.92
Insurance		5,825.48

Aid to Agriculture	25.00
County Retirement System	2,241.57
Total Recreation and Unclassified	\$ 12,582.80
CEMETERIES	
Cemetery Maintenance	
Wages	\$ 325.50
Material	40.26
Maps	225.00
Total Cemeteries	\$ 590.76
INTEREST AND DEBT	
Debt	
School Building Loan	\$ 20,000.00
Anticipation of Reimbursement	21,425.00
	\$ 41,425.00
Interest	
School Building Loan	6,720.00
Anticipation of Reimbursement	823.94
	7,543.94
Total Interest and Debt	\$ 48,968.94
AGENCY, TRUST FUNDS AND REFUNDS	
Agency	
Federal Withholding Taxes	\$ 24,338.97
State Withholding Taxes	3,309.47
County Retirement Contributions	1,602.45
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	3,012.25
Dog Licenses	1,014.00
County Tax Assessment	4,527.36
	\$ 37,804.50
Trust Funds	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	3,350.00
Town Common Care	1,000.00
Stabilization Fund	20,000.00
	24,350.00
Refunds	
Taxes and Interest	934.46
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,514.79
	3,449.25
Total Agency, Trust Funds and Refunds	\$ 65,603.75
Total Expenditures for 1964	\$824,776.28

Respectfully submitted,

ROLLYN H. HATCH,
Town Accountant

REPORT OF TREASURER

Balance, January 1, 1964	\$ 152,558.72	
Receipts	859,936.72	
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	1,012,495.44	
Payments	825,895.05	
Balance, December 31, 1964		\$186,600.39
Stabilization Fund:		
Balance, January 1, 1964	\$ 81,031.23	
Interest—1964	2,156.06	
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	83,187.29	
Article 10 Withdrawn	75,000.00	
		8,187.29
Article 13		20,000.00
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Balance, December 31, 1964		28,187.29
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund:		
Balance, January 1, 1964	831.05	
Interest	33.56	
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Balance, December 31, 1964		\$ 864.61
Federal Taxes Withheld		\$ 24,615.35
Massachusetts Taxes Withheld		2,942.84
Retirement Deductions		1,654.48
Blue Cross Deductions		3,012.25
Permits Issued:		
93 Building		
142 Electric		
89 Plumbing		
117 Gas		
68 Septic Tank		
Value		\$ 4,538.50

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE L. KIBBE,
Treasurer

TRUST FUNDS

	<i>Balance</i> <i>1/1/64</i>	<i>Interest</i> <i>1964</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i> <i>1964</i>	<i>Balance</i> <i>12/31/64</i>
Day Fund.	\$ 545.13	\$22.02		\$ 567.15
Holt, Library	520.85	21.02	\$21.02	520.85
Carew, Library	2,776.63	112.16		2,888.79
Bumstead, Cemetery	2,106.68	85.08	85.08	2,106.68
Helen E. Stacy	150.00	6.00	6.00	150.00
Burleigh, Holt	300.00	12.00	12.00	300.00
Anna S. Leonard	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
John R. Stoddard	50.00	2.00	2.00	50.00
Twitchell, Burt	200.00	8.00	8.00	200.00
Marcus Beebe	150.00	6.00	6.00	150.00
Lydia Morris	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Orrin Goodwill	200.00	8.00	8.00	200.00
John Q. Adams	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Thompson, Chaffee	300.00	12.00	12.00	300.00
William Johnson	125.00	5.00	5.00	125.00
Calvin Stebbins	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Milo Chapin	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Elsie M. Hills	1,000.00	40.00	40.00	1,000.00
S. Stacy Hunt	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Henry Dickinson	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Jackson, Dickey	40.00	1.60	1.60	40.00
George P. West	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Holmes, Beebe	200.00	8.00	8.00	200.00
Flora Carlton	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Wm. J. Sessions	50.00	2.00	2.00	50.00
John Kenworthy	200.00	8.00	8.00	200.00
Mortimer Pease	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
John S. Beebe	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Davis, Weeks, Pease	200.00	8.00	8.00	200.00
David Stebbins	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
John F. Whitaker	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Orcut	50.00	2.00	2.00	50.00
Charles Whitaker	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Beebe, Stanton	150.00	6.00	6.00	150.00
Bennett, Kenworthy	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Rose Cory	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Joseph Stimson	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
N. and E. Langdon	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Jennie Shaw	50.00	2.00	2.00	50.00
Davis, Pease	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
George Pond	50.00	2.00	2.00	50.00
Martha Edson	50.00	2.00	2.00	50.00
John Bartlett	200.00	8.00	8.00	200.00
C. I. Burleigh	150.00	6.00	6.00	150.00
D. L. and D. R. McCray	150.00	6.00	6.00	150.00
Henry M. Davis	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
J. L. Gottsche	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Wm. and Fred Leach	200.00	8.00	8.00	200.00
Alvin Bennett	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Charlotte and Carl Merrill	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00

	<i>Balance 1/1/64</i>	<i>Interest 1964</i>	<i>Withdrawn 1964</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/64</i>
Medicke	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Irving Newell	300.00	12.00	12.00	300.00
Marcus Chaffee	50.00	2.00	2.00	50.00
Agnes Viggers	50.00	2.00	2.00	50.00
A. H. Newman	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Lilla Bradway	101.14	4.04	4.04	101.14
Harry Goodwill	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Gutberlet	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Byron Stebbins	200.00	8.00	8.00	200.00
Jane Stebbins	200.00	8.00	8.00	200.00
H. and J. Heredeen	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
William Pease	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Homer L. Hatch	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
George H. Sheldon	300.00	12.00	12.00	300.00
Edward M. Grinnell	100.00	4.00	4.00	100.00
Roy N. Emerson, Jr.	200.00	8.00	8.00	200.00
E. N. Davis	200.00	7.33	7.33	200.00
A. O. Thresher	2,600.00	97.50	97.50	2,600.00
Wesley J. Officer	150.00	2.25	2.25	150.00
Horace O. Davis	100.00	.75	.75	100.00
Anton Woska	200.00	4.83	4.83	200.00
Neil S. Kibbe	200.00	1.50	1.50	200.00
Thresher, Town Common	1,000.00	33.75	33.75	1,000.00
Balance, January 1, 1964		\$14,965.43		
A. O. Thresher		2,600.00		
Wesley J. Officer		150.00		
Horace O. Davis		100.00		
Anton Woska		100.00		
Neil S. Kibbe		200.00		
Town Common (Thresher)		1,000.00		
				\$19,115.43
Interest, 1964				736.83
				\$19,852.26
Interest Withdrawn 1964				602.65
Balance, December 31, 1964				\$19,249.61

GRACE L. KIBBE,
Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Dogs Licensed in 1964:

205 Male	@ \$2.00	\$ 410.00
53 Female	@ 5.00	265.00
188 Spayed	@ 2.00	376.00
1 Kennel		50.00
1 Kennel		25.00

\$1,126.00

Clerk's Fees 112.00

Paid to County Treasurer \$1,014.00

Marriages 15

Births:

Male 24

Female 25

Deaths:

Male 17

Female 23

Documents Recorded 107

Clerk's Fees Paid to the Town:

645 Fish and Game Licenses \$ 151.40

448 Dog Licenses 112.00

107 Documents Recorded 364.00

13 Marriages 26.00

Certified Copies 41.00

Trade Name in Business 2.00

Births (to November 13) 58.00

Deaths 40.00

Marriages Recorded 15.00

\$ 809.90

GRACE L. KIBBE,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF HAMPDEN MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSIONER

The past season despite the very dry weather, we were able to maintain the water level of the pool with just the water from the deep well pump. There were 171 who passed the various swimming classes from tadpole to senior life saving.

The Friday evening program put on by our director and RAH were enjoyed by many children and parents.

This year a new outfield fence for the baseball field was purchased with the financial help of RAH. We constructed a new concrete diving platform to replace the old wooden one. The pavilion was wired to provide better facilities for the evening activities.

The RAH baseball program was very successful. The teams showed considerable improvement.

We have been notified by the Board of Health that the pool does not meet the State regulations for swimming pools. "A permit must be issued by the local Board of Health in order for the pool to be used. Since these minimum standards are not being met at the present time, this required permit cannot be issued." We therefore are inserting an article in the Town warrant to appropriate money for the construction of the required swimming facilities. We are also proposing a hard surface multi-purpose play area which would be used for tennis, handball, basketball, skating, hockey, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON J. E. WILLCUTT, *Chairman*
WILLIE JENKINS
DAVID W. JOYCE
JAMES R. LAW
DALTON E. PHILPOTT
WARREN A. REED
LEE H. TAFT

CIVIL DEFENSE

The Hampden Civil Defense Agency has been functioning throughout the past year as directed from a state-level.

Various meetings were attended by staff members during the year in the several phases of Civil Defense work.

Polio Vaccine programs were assisted by your Civil Defense Agency locally as well as throughout the Sector.

Over \$1,000 worth of radiological instruments were allocated to Hampden for use of our Radiological team. The Federal Government, at no cost to the town, supplied these items. These instruments have been placed in four locations about the town and in the event fall-out readings are necessary, a trained staff is on a stand-by basis.

The Fire Department has also been supplied with adequate dosimeters and charging units for use at fires or accidents where there is a possibility of a radioactive exposure.

This agency is available around the clock to help or advise on any phase of Civil Defense—Phone: 6-8595.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON DE LISLE,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our Special Officers and Constables have been active throughout the year on their assigned duties, with the following hours and mileage reported:

Patrolling and traffic duty	1,139 hours
Investigations of complaints and accidents	320 "
Church duty, duty at dances, suppers and other public functions	484 "
Recreation Field duty	288 "
Complaints concerning dogs	101 "
Mileage	9,925 miles

A comparison with the report for 1963 will show a considerable increase in all of the above duties. Because of this increased work load and the growing need to have a police officer on duty or available at all times, it is recommended that the article in the Warrant for the 1965 Town Meeting concerning a full-time police department be given favorable consideration.

The following have been processed through this office in 1964:

29 traffic violations were referred to District Court in Springfield with recommended action. This resulted in summonses being served in several cases, which involved the appearance of the Chief of Police or one of the officers at the time of hearing.

8 defective equipment notices were issued.

13 accidents involving persons and property were investigated.

23 Licenses to Carry Firearms were issued or renewed; and two Licenses to Sell Firearms were issued.

Our police officers served a total of 54 summonses on local residents who were cited for violation of motor vehicle laws in other communities.

Cooperation with the State Police and the police departments of neighboring towns has been extended by our officers on many occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. MELVILLE,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The animal inspector wishes to report that he has inspected the barns and animals which is required by State law. The following number of animals were found:

Dairy Cows	224
Beef Cattle	101
Horses	92
Swine	8
Goats	None
Sheep	30

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Hampden Volunteer Fire Department has just completed its busiest year on record. The total number of calls answered was 67, an increase of 31 over last year. Following is a breakdown of all calls:

Grass and Brush	40
House	9
Dump	7
Forest	4
Resuscitator	4
Automobiles	2
Mutual Aid	1

The biggest single cause of grass and brush fires is the so-called incinerator, which usually amounts to a barrel with no cover. It should be called to the attention of all that it is the owner's responsibility to have a wire mesh cover for such a barrel; otherwise these fires are classed as open air fires for which a permit should be obtained. There are on record in this State cases where very serious fires have been started from these barrels and where the owner was held responsible for the damage that resulted.

The total estimated loss of property by fire in Hampden for 1964 was \$635.00, one of the lowest in many years. Many of these fires could have been much more serious had the persons concerned waited too long to call the Department. I urge all residents to be extremely conscious of fire at all times and if the need arises, call us immediately.

This year saw the completion of our new Fire Station on North Road and sincere thanks are due the Selectmen—Mr. Melville, Mr. Patullo and Mr. Flynn; the secretary to the Selectmen, Mrs. Everett Woods; the contractor, Mr. Petronella; and the architect, Mr. David Carlson. Cooperation on this project between all concerned left nothing to be desired. Speaking for all 40 members of the Fire Department, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of town for their backing of this much needed new Fire Station. We have some Dedication Books left from the Open House Ceremonies which may be obtained from any member. Included is a very descriptive account of some of the larger fires in past years. We are indebted to Carl C. Howlett for this writing which took many hours of preparation. Again, many thanks, Carl.

In the past year members of the Department made a house to house sale of fire extinguishers and the response was terrific. We have to date sold 250 extinguishers and orders are still coming in. If you wish an extinguisher, please contact any member of the Department for information.

At the Town Meeting in March all voters will be asked to decide on the purchase of a new modern fire truck to bring our equipment up to date. The last truck purchased was in 1948 when the population was 1,200. The other truck we use at present was purchased in 1937 (28 years ago). This truck is well beyond the recommended 20-year life span of a first line fire truck. The population today is approaching 3,000, $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the number of people here in 1948 and we are answering over three times as many calls as in 1948. For these and other reasons that will be listed, we are asking your attendance at Town Meeting to hear and decide on this important article.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON CASEY,
Fire Chief

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

DEVICES SEALED

	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Condemned</i>	<i>Non-sealed</i>	<i>Sealed</i>
Scales 100 to 5,000 lbs.	2			4
Scales under 100 lbs.	6	1	2	11
Avoirdupois weights				9
Apothecary weights				21
Metric weights				44
Liquid Measures, 1 gal. or less				2
Gasoline Meters, 1 in. or less	2		1	13
Grease Meters				1
Kerosene or Grease Pumps			1	4
Tank Truck Meters (for heating oils)				(4*)
	10	1	5	109

* Tank truck meters sealed by Springfield Weights and Measures Dept.

For the purpose of testing and sealing, 16 calls were made and the following results were obtained: 109 units sealed, 10 adjusted, 5 non-sealed and 1 condemned. Where necessary, minor adjustments were made on 10 devices, to bring them within the scope of State specifications and tolerances. \$32.10 sealing fees were collected in compliance with Section 56, Chapter 98 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth and were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Reweighings were made on 219 items of prepacked merchandise. 165 packages were found to contain exact weight as stated on the wrapper, 43 items were found to be overweight and 11 under. All of the above items were found to be in salable condition, as the errors were insignificant. The following items were inspected—butter and margarine, fresh and smoked meats, cheese, fruits, vegetables and bread.

31 clinical or fever thermometers were inspected and all were found to comply with the regulations governing this product by State Law. All bore the serial number, manufacturer's name and a certificate of accuracy and were inscribed with the Massachusetts seal. These inspections were in compliance with Section 13, Chapter 98 of the General Laws. All serial numbers were recorded on the Town records.

Contained in the report of this department for the year 1961, the matter of "Deceptive Containers" was brought out. The National Bureau of Standards was at that time attempting to get Federal legislation to correct the abuse of merchandise being sold in larger containers than necessary, thereby creating the illusion of more product in the package than it actually contained. These producers were within the law inasmuch as the proper contents were in the package as stated on the outside. One large milling company, however, has recently reduced the sizes of their containers to a size nearer the proper dimensions of its contents. This is a step in the proper direction and may start a trend to eliminate this abuse which has existed since the beginning of merchandise prepackaging.

Respectfully submitted,

ERROL M. BEEBE,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

The great increase in building in Hampden this year has necessitated the following investigations and approvals by this Board in the interests of community health and welfare:

110 plot plans showing location of well, septic tank and leach field on individual lots. All wells approved have been inspected by the Plumbing Inspector.

Requirements for septic tanks and leach field for the garden apartments on Main Street were laid out by the Chairman and approved by the State Board of Health.

Correction of discharge of waste into the Scantic River was made by three citizens at our request, and action is pending on a fourth case.

Complaints of nuisances were investigated and corrections were ordered made in two cases.

Percolation test results from engineers were submitted by developers for lots on Brookside Drive, Mountainview Drive, Oak Knoll Drive, Walnut Road, Old Coach Road, Echo Hill, and the garden apartments on Main Street.

Layouts of sub-divisions were certified to the Planning Board for Echo Valley, Potash Hill Lane, Riverview Park Estates, Fernwood Drive, Oak Knoll Drive.

The town dump has been closed twice for extermination purposes and the debris has been pushed back many times during the year. The cooperation of the citizens in the use of this dump is solicited, due to the increased number of families using this dump.

With the cooperation of the School Department and the School Nurse, two polio immunization clinics were held this past year.

The Town of Hampden has received notices of 5 premature babies born to Hampden residents in 1964 and hospital bills have been paid on one of these. Part of this expense will be reimbursed by the State.

Six cases of dog bites were reported this year, and the following number of contagious diseases:

German Measles	194
Scarlet Fever	5
Mumps	19

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. PATULLO, *Chairman*
CHARLES R. MELVILLE
JOHN M. FLYNN

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Three men, from Northern Tree Expert Co., were hired to trim roadside trees for two days.

It was necessary to cut down four roadside trees. These trees were situated on Somers Road (1), Wilbraham Road (1), and Stafford Road (2).

In the spring ten Rock Maples were set out as part of the regular tree planting program.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. FULLER,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board this year has completed a very busy program.

Beginning with a special Town Meeting on the controversial Ski area which was defeated. A Business Zone on Allen Street was passed.

We held 16 hearings and returned \$320.00 to the Town.

Subdivisions approved this year included: David P. Munsell, E. Christianson, John Baldwin, Edward Subjek and Kay-Vee Homes. Permits were granted for 107 new homes this year which is an all time high for Hampden.

The Board instituted initial survey and meetings directed toward the possibility of starting a Master Plan for the Town. Two educational meetings were held.

A new map of Hampden will be ready by Town Meeting.

As directed by the last Town Meeting the By-Laws governing Trailers has been prepared.

A report on the activities of the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission will be published in this Town report.

The Planning Board clerk has been ill for some time and has tendered her resignation. We are happy to include the services of: Mrs. P. Roy, Mrs. E. Woods, Mrs. C. Paulk, Mrs. M. Warman, and Mrs. R. Short as clerk, pro-tem for this busy year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ERTEL, *Chairman*
GARFIELD TRACY
MARION W. GERRISH
GORDON J. WILLCUTT
FREDERICK MAHER

TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL WORK

Primary emphasis in all agricultural projects during the past year has been the improvement in the management capabilities of interested farmers in the Hampden County area. Agents in Hampden County assisted farmers through meetings, circular letters and individual farm visits throughout the year.

Requests for specific information available from agents at all times.

4-H CLUB WORK

During the year there were 25 boys and girls enrolled in the various projects offered. 6 local leaders assisted the county agents and state specialists in conducting the projects. The leaders incurred expenses totalling \$6.30.

The appropriation made by your town was used by the agents of the Trustees for only residents of Hampden.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1964 Appropriation	\$ 25.00
1963 Unexpended Balance	141.78
Total Available for 1964	166.78
Total Expenditure in 1964	6.30
Total Available for 1965	160.48
Recommended Appropriation for 1965	Nil.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE
ALBERT H. FULLER, *Clerk*

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Hampden Free Public Library has completed a successful year substantially supported by the services of the Western Massachusetts Regional Bookmobile. We have borrowed 1,780 books through this service.

Mrs. Charles Therrien and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson represented the local Library by attending the "Children's Book Selection," work shops held at the Forbes Library in Amherst in January and February.

The National Library Week with "Reading is the Key" as its motto was observed through the week beginning April 12, 1964. The Citizens Committee in charge of a tea held on April 18 was headed by Mrs. Gordon Casey and Mrs. Walter Johnson who were supported by Mrs. Edward Luff, Mrs. Hilliard Clarkson, Mrs. James E. Ingraham and Mrs. William Foster. The focal point of the week was the Art Exhibition by Mrs. A. Warren Scheller of Cranford, New Jersey, grand-daughter of Mrs. Leroy O. Howlett. There were 60 adults in attendance.

Hampden placed first in the County reading program with 56 readers enrolled in the "Good Books Make Good Friends" project sponsored by the Home Department of the Hampden County Improvement League. Blue ribbons were presented to the readers at the Library for the 1963-64 season.

The theme for our Summer Reading Program was, "Be a Cowboy and Ride the Salt Grass Reading Trail." Over forty children signed for the program. Certificates were awarded at an assembly in the Elementary School.

A party was held at the Library in September for those who completed the trail by reading 15 books. Mrs. Miriam Bryans entertained the group with reviews of appropriate juvenile books. Refreshments and gift bags were supplied by friends of the Library.

Mrs. Miriam Bryans completed the fourth three week summer sessions in Public Library Techniques at the University of New Hampshire in July. She received a certificate at the graduation exercises held at the Pauls Art Building on the campus.

During Children's Book Week in November, an unusually large number of children's books were displayed. At this time we tried to increase our number of books to meet the demand of the increased enrollment in the schools.

Over 200 children and their parents visited Santa Claus on December 18. Following his visit to the Library, Santa went to the Mary Lyon Nursing Home and visited each patient leaving a remembrance from the Library.

Coffee was served to the parents on December 18th while the children talked to Santa. The Hampden Garden Club supplied cookies and had previously decorated the Library for the Holiday season.

Miss Arline Howlett and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson attended the fall meeting of the Western Massachusetts Library Club held in the East Longmeadow Library.

STATISTICS

I. GENERAL SERVICE—1964:

Circulation of books and magazines	22,404
Books purchased (Adult 302—Juvenile 341)	643
Periodical subscriptions purchased	51
Registered borrowers	960
Magazines and books donated	458
Total attendance	16,447
Interloan books borrowed	31
Bookmobile	1,780

II. SPECIAL SERVICES

The Library aids the local schools throughout the year. Special services are also rendered to the Community Kindergarten, the various hospital patients and shut-ins.

There were 982 books reviewed by the school children with 191 large and small reading certificates earned.

III. FINANCES:

Receipts:

Appropriation by the Town including State Aid	\$4,555.00
Dog Tax Refund	739.57
Holt Fund Interest	20.20
Total	\$5,314.77

Expenditures:

Books and Magazines	\$2,075.92
Wages	2,387.00
Supplies and Incidentals	758.11
Total	\$5,221.03

TRUST FUNDS

Johanna Burleigh Holt Fund	\$ 520.85
Interest Available in 1965	21.02
Mortan L. Day Fund	567.15
Interest Available in 1965	22.02
Withdrawal for Christian Herald subscriptions to shut-ins	18.00
Grace M. (Pease) Carew Fund	112.16
Interest	2,888.79
Balance	

The Library Trustees and their staff are grateful to the numerous group and individuals that have helped us through the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM P. BRYANS, *Librarian*
 C. KILBOURNE BUMP, *Chairman*
 ELSIE W. THERRIEN
 MILDRED C. ATTLETON
Trustees

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

GENERAL RELIEF

Appropriation	\$4,000.00
Refund	2.46
	<u>\$4,002.46</u>

	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Total Cases Aided	8	23	\$2,075.39
Hampden Settled-Aided			
Other Cities and Towns	3	8	260.50
Town Cases Aided	5	15	1,814.89

EXPENDITURES

Cash	\$1,195.55
Provisions	389.25
Fuel and Light	162.40
Medical	31.50
Miscellaneous	36.19
Paid Other Cities and Towns	260.50
	<u>\$2,075.39</u>
Unexpended Balance, December 31, 1964	\$1,927.07
Accounts due from State for General Relief	\$ 360.30
Accounts paid by State for General Relief	-216.26
	<u>\$ 144.04</u>

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Cases Active January 1, 1964	0
Cases Added During 1964	1
Cases Closed During 1964	0
Cases Active December 31, 1964	1
Town Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Expenditures	949.55
	<u>\$ 550.45</u>
Unexpended Balance December 31, 1964	\$ 550.45

FEDERAL GRANT

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 957.44
Received from Federal Government	325.50
	<u>\$1,282.94</u>
Expenditures	None
Balance December 31, 1964	\$1,282.94
Cash Received from State to (Estimated Receipts)	\$ 229.21