

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

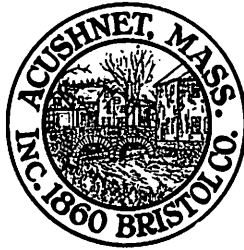
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# **TOWN OF ACUSHNET**



# **1953**

**Town Records and Reports**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OFFICERS**  
**OF**  
**ACUSHNET**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**



**FOR THE**  
**Year Ending December 31st**  
**1953**

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**MELVER PRESS, ACUSHNET, MASS.**

**1954**

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Acushnet:*

We submit, herewith, our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1953. The Board has met each week on Monday evening to consider the matters of business and to take up the work of the Public Welfare.

### **Organization**

Frank Warsoski was named Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Public Welfare.

### **Water Department**

Water mains were laid along Main Street to a point just North of Perry Hill Road. No further water mains can be extended on Main Street unless a Pressure Tank or Storage Tank be installed.

Water mains were laid along Middle Road approximately nine-tenths of a mile.

Water mains were laid along Randall Street to a point just North of Lussier Street, then from Randall Street along Lague Street, from Lague along Cox Street back to Nyes Lane.

The Board of Selectmen hope to have a program for further extension of water mains in the near future.

### **Accomplishments**

The various streets were surfaced with asphalt: Mattapoisett Road, Porter, Pleasant, Orchard, Rock Meadow Lane, Harbeck, Blain, Allen and Rogerson Avenue.

The Board hopes to surface several more streets in 1954.

In conclusion we wish to thank the heads of the Town

Departments for the cooperation received throughout the year and to the citizens of the Town for their loyal support and interest.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK WARSOSKI, Chairman

HENRY L. GUILBEAULT

USTUS ARBOGAST

*Board of Selectmen*

## TOWN OFFICERS—1953-1954

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### TOWN CLERK, TREASURER-COLLECTOR

Allan L. Rawcliffe	Term Expires 1954
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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND PUBLIC WELFARE

Ustus Arbogast	Term Expires 1954
Frank Warsoski	Term Expires 1955
Henry L. Guilbeault	Term Expires 1956

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Louis Gaudette	Term Expires 1954
William Fawcett	Term Expires 1955
Edward Dessert	Term Expires 1956

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Harold Bates	Term Expires 1954
Gerard Charest	Term Expires 1955
William Fawcett, Jr.	Term Expires 1956

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Sylvano Frates	Term Expires 1954
Clement St. Amand	Term Expires 1955
Louise F. Taber	Term Expires 1956

### COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

Eugene Mendonsa	Term Expires 1954
Donald P. Lowe	Term Expires 1955
Ovila Boule	Term Expires 1956

### TRUSTEES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Frances E. Gifford	Term Expires 1954
Walter Craven	Term Expires 1955
Georgette A. Owen	Term Expires 1956

**CEMETERY BOARD**

Robert E. Parker	Term Expires 1954
James M. Tripp	Term Expires 1955
Arthur L. Tripp	Term Expires 1956

**TREE WARDEN**

Antonio Boisclair	Term Expires 1954
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**MODERATOR**

Antonio Pepin	Term Expires 1954
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**PARK COMMISSIONERS**

Thomas Dickinson	Term Expires 1954
Arthur J. Saucier	Term Expires 1955
Ernest D. Boisvert	Term Expires 1956

## ANNUAL ELECTION—MARCH 2, 1953

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Voters per Annual Register February 10, 1953:

Precinct I		
Men	437	
Women	425	
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Precinct II		
Men	551	
Women	541	
	<hr/>	1092
Precinct III		
Men	167	
Women	166	
	<hr/>	333
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Total		2287

### VOTES CAST

Precinct I	679
Precinct II	811
Precinct III	240
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Total	1730

### SELECTMAN, MEMBER OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE Three Years

	Precinct			
	I	II	III	Total
Valmore H. Gonneville	164	217	76	457
Henry L. Guilbeault	288	299	50	637
Clement St. Amand, Jr.	222	287	114	623
Blanks	5	8	.....	13
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Total	679	811	240	1730

**ASSESSOR**  
**Three Years**

Edward Dessert	221	226	57	504
Lucien P. Poyant	84	194	91	369
Arthur J. Saucier	187	191	36	414
Rudolph Henry Urbanek	174	186	50	410
Blanks	13	14	6	33
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Total	679	811	240	1730

**ASSESSOR**  
**Two Years to Fill Vacancy**

William Fawcett	510	625	213	1348
Edward Dessert	.....	1	.....	1
Blanks	169	185	27	381
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Total	679	811	240	1730

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**Three Years**

William Fawcett, Jr.	519	625	206	1350
Leo T. Jackson	1	.....	.....	1
Blanks	159	186	34	379
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Total	679	811	240	1730

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Three Years**

Louise F. Taber	522	629	210	1361
Blanks	157	182	30	369
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Total	679	811	240	1730

**COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS**  
**Three Years**

Ovila Boule	515	600	184	1299
Blanks	164	211	56	431
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Total	679	811	240	1730



**TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY****Three Years**

Georgette A. Owen	518	602	184	1304
Blanks	161	209	56	426
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Total	679	811	240	1730

**MEMBER OF CEMETERY BOARD****Three Years**

Arthur L. Tripp	521	599	202	1322
Blanks	158	212	38	408
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Total	679	811	240	1730

**TREE WARDEN****One Year**

Antonio Boisclair	516	603	189	1308
Frank Warsoski	.....	.....	1	1
Blanks	163	208	50	421
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Total	679	811	240	1730

**MODERATOR****One Year**

Antonio Pepin	513	583	182	1278
Blanks	166	228	58	452
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Total	679	811	240	1730

**PARK COMMISSIONER****Three Years**

Ernest D. Boisvert	510	596	180	1286
Blanks	169	215	60	444
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Total	679	811	240	1730

## OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Edward C. Allaire	Term Expires 1956
Ralph W. Hunt	Term Expires 1956
Manuel Resendes	Term Expires 1956
Arthur F. Howard, Jr.	Term Expires 1954
Dosithe Guillotte	Term Expires 1954
Amedee Pineau	Term Expires 1954
Arthur Bergeron	Term Expires 1955
Sydney H. Burrell	Term Expires 1955
Frank Crandon	Term Expires 1955

### POLICE CHIEF AND CONSTABLE

James E. Hyde

### DOG OFFICER

James E. Hyde

### SERGEANT

Charles M. Gibbs

### POLICE OFFICERS

Joseph Almeida	Earle F. Parker
Roland Bourgeois	Omer Pineau
Sylvano Frates	Oliver Santos
Joseph Lapierre	Arthur Saucier
Roland Lecuyer	Harold Wood
Stefan S. Orłowski	

### POLICE OFFICERS—RESERVES

Harold E. Bamber, Jr.	Elijah Robinson
Harold Bates	Ovila Boule
Armel J. Boisclair	Perley L. Chandler
George J. Messier	Gerard Charest
John Cunha	Edward Douglas

Dolor R. Halle	Harry Hopwood
Donald Hinckley	Jesse T. Oliveira
Maurice L. Langevin	Amedee Pineau
George Lecuyer	Joseph F. Resendes
Edward P. Lyons	James St. Don
Matthew Niziolek	Joaquim Santos
Paul Gonneville	William Smith
Oscar H. Forand	Joseph Toussaint
Rudolphe Gaudette	Joseph Vargas
Harrison D. Smith	William C. Westgate, Jr.
Frederick P. Morton	Millard Spooner

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Frank F. Resendes, Jr.

**CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Conrad H. Gauthier

**FOREST WARDEN**

Conrad H. Gauthier

**INSPECTOR OF GARAGES**

Conrad H. Gauthier

**BURIAL AGENT**

Conrad H. Gauthier

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Napoleon G. Poisson	Term Expires 1953
Arthur G. LeBlanc	Term Expires 1954
Theophile Cote, Jr.	Term Expires 1955

**CLERK, BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND PUBLIC WELFARE**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Mary Viera

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

Valerie Bourque

**INSPECTOR OF WIRES**

Richard H. Barry

**MEMBERS OF TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE**

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Henry O. Saucier

**INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM**

Henry O. Saucier

**SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS AND MOTHS**

Bento Mello

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Otis J. Tripp

**PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

Horace R. Coupe

John F. Hatch, Jr.

Arthur L. Gaudreau

Samuel F. Stowell, Jr.

**ELECTION OFFICERS**

**Precinct I**

Henry O. Saucier

Warden

Antoine Rudler

Deputy Warden

Sarah Hyde

Clerk

Annie Doucette

Ballot Clerk

Doris Chandler

Inspector

Blanche Meunier

Inspector

Jacques Pepin

Inspector

**Precinct II**

Nellie Smith

Warden

Marion Burt

Deputy Warden

Cecilia Lapalme

Inspector

Louise Norton

Inspector

Joseph Almeida

Inspector

Jacqueline B. Allain

Inspector

William J. Boucher

Clerk

**Precinct III**

Joseph E. Vargas

Warden

Maria Amelia Leconte

Inspector

Lillian Furtado

Inspector

Martha B. Perkins

Inspector

Abby B. Ellis

Inspector

Emily Dunbar

Clerk

## JURY LIST

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The following is a list of jurors submitted by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 234 of the General Laws:

Gerard W. Belanger, 54 Main Street	Foreman
Abel E. Plaud, 235 Main Street	Linotypist
Emil Gentilhomme, 28 South Main Street	Weaver
Eugene F. Tetreault, 27 Rock Street	Mill Worker
Arthur J. Provost, 204 South Main Street	Loomfixer
Albert T. Dansereau, 32 Slocum Street	Smashpiecer
Raymond Lapalme, 6 Grant Street	Construction Worker
George Doucette, 100 Main Street	Carpenter
Bernard Gaudette, 107 South Main Street	Caterer
Francisco Souza, 203 South Main Street	Musician
William E. Mainville, 112 John Street	Foreman
Nellie Smith, 265 Hamlin Street	Housewife
Louise Norton, 46 Middle Road	Housewife
Armand Cournoyer, 199 South Main Street	Scheduler
Jcseph E. M. Boisclair, 40 Prouteau Street	Laundryman
Louis Gaudette, 107 South Main Street	Caterer
William C. Arnold, 656 Main Street	Retired
Albert Bergeron, 191 South Main Street	Manager
Edwin E. Brackett, 107 Main Street	Gas Sta. Attendant
Mario Cardoza, 73 Pembroke Avenue	Salesman
Frank Gulate, 161 Lawson Avenue	Maintenance Man
Wilfred LaFleur, 40 Allen Street	Truck Driver
Elijah Robinson, 3 Noyer Street	Photographer
Ronald Waddington, 97 James Street	Loomfixer
Harry Crossley, 117 James Street	Decorator
Joaquim L. Coelho, 35 Coulombe Street	Musician
Clement St. Amand, Jr., 52 Garfield Street	Farmer
Aurele Boissoneau, 189 South Main Street	Garage Owner
Horace Gates Booker, 561 Main Street	Retired
William Bourgeois, 34 Slocum Street	Retired

Charles K. Beals, 99 South Main Street	Superintendent
Arsene Cusson, 60 Main Street	Fireman
Walter Craven, 15 Nye Avenue	Third Hand
George Lecuyer, 71 South Main Street	Farmer
Arthur G. LeBlanc, 56 South Main Street	Salesman
Arthur Lambert, 32 Slocum Street	Retired
Thomas Norwood, 46 Wing Road	Mill Worker
Napoleon G. Poisson, 15 St. Lawrence Street	Brewery Worker
John Pimental, 48 Jean Street	Produce Man
James Lawson, 63 Cushman	Labcrer
Charles M. Gibbs, 36 Jean Street	Receiver
Vilmer Adrien Guillette, 16 Grant street	Bartender
Joaquim Santos, 36 LeBoeuf Street	Sodaman
Joseph Francis, 38 LeBoeuf Street	Mill Worker
Donald E. Hinckley, 77 Slocum Street	Rubber Tester
Joseph Dabrowski, 98 Main Street	Manager

## PUBLIC WELFARE

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To the Citizens of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its report of expenditures during the year ending December 31, 1953.

Annual Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Expenditures:		
Cash to Recipient	\$170.00	
Medicine and Medical Attendance	24.25	
Hospitalization	156.00	
Paid to Other Cities and Towns for Acushnet Cases	278.40	
	<hr/>	628.65
Unexpended Balance		2,371.35
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		\$3,000.00

Only one Acushnet settled case was aided through general relief during the year.

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Annual Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Transferred from E. and D.		3,000.00
U. S. Grants: Aid to Dependent Children		5,882.17
U. S. Grants: Aid to Dependent Children Adm.		1,556.86
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		\$12,439.03
Expenditures:		
Cash Grants	\$8,699.55	
Administration	581.88	
Supplies, Postage and Telephone	140.95	
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Unexpended Balance, Town Appropriation		102.93
Unexpended Balance, U. S. Grants		2,046.12

Unexpended Balance, U. S. Grants Adm.	867.60
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	\$12,439.03

There were a total of 8 cases aided through Aid to Dependent Children during the year.

#### DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Annual Appropriation	\$3,000.00
Transferred from E. and D.	6,000.00
U. S. Grants: Disability Assistance	6,979.42
U. S. Grants: Disability Assistance Adm.	529.77
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	\$16,509.19

#### Expenditures:

Cash Grants	\$8,499.00	
Administration	621.40	
	<hr/>	\$9,120.40
Unexpended Balance, Town Appropriation		3,452.07
Unexpended Balance, U. S. Grants		3,703.17
Unexpended Balance, U. S. Grants Adm.		233.55
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		\$16,509.19

There were 16 cases aided through Disability Assistance during the year.

FRANK WARSOSKI  
HENRY L. GUILBEAULT  
USTUS ARBOGAST

Board of Public Welfare



## CLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS

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### General Government

Moderator	\$ 20.00	
Town Reports and Warrants	709.36	
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Selectmen:		
Salaries: Board of Selectmen and Public Welfare	\$1,900.00	
Clerk, Selectmen and Public Welfare	427.36	
Printing, Postage and Travel Expenses	66.50	
Office Supplies and Equipment	96.84	
Telephone	57.13	
Association Dues	31.00	
Advertising	58.62	
Legal Fees	283.55	
	<hr/>	\$2,921.00
Town Accountant:		
Salary	\$ 943.78	
Printing	20.77	
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Elections and Registrations:		
Election Officers	\$ 299.20	
Registrars	483.50	
Equipment, Supplies, Postage	211.98	
Clerical	27.60	
Rental of Election Headquarters	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,037.28
Treasurer and Collector:		
Salary	\$4,160.00	
Clerk	2,402.40	

Printing, Postage, Forms	687.84	
Association Dues	4.00	
Equipment, Supplies, Legal Fees	344.53	
Telephone	162.65	
Insurance, Sealer of Weights and Measures	12.15	
Safety Deposit Box	7.50	
Burglary Insurance	28.25	
Recording Tax Title Takings and Redemptions	125.80	
Surety Bonds	151.20	
	<hr/>	\$8,086.32
Town Clerk:		
Salary	\$ 113.00	
Equipment, Printing, Advertising	436.10	
Recording Fees	60.00	
Fees for Recording Vital Statistics	351.50	
Association Dues	7.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 938.10
Assessors:		
Salaries	\$1,600.00	
Clerk	2,133.33	
Equipment, Postage, Printing	56.66	
Association Dues	9.00	
Telephone	141.00	
Recording Conveyances of Land and Probate Records	104.12	
	<hr/>	\$4,044.11
Assessors' Plotting Purposes		\$ 500.00
Town Hall:		
Janitor	\$ 598.90	
Fuel	1,314.66	
Lights and Water	372.11	
Repairs	744.37	
Election Tables	93.94	
Janitor's Supplies	6.37	
	<hr/>	\$3,130.35

## Police Department:

Chief's Salary	\$2,946.08	
Officers	1,495.80	
Gasoline and Ambulance Repairs	62.23	
Telephone	227.67	
Office Supplies	9.62	
Association Dues	3.00	
Laundry	5.20	
	<hr/>	\$4,749.60

## Police Cruiser Car:

Cruiser Car	\$1,890.00	
Equipment and Repairs	1,359.19	
Gasoline	151.44	
Advertising, Record Cards	12.09	
First Aid Supplies	11.76	
	<hr/>	\$3,424.48

## Fire Department:

Chief's Salary	\$2,938.00	
Firemen	1,213.00	
Station and Office Expenses	73.69	
Telephone	214.15	
Insurance	118.75	
Siren	24.00	
Equipment	217.03	
Gasoline and Repairs	358.08	
Association Dues	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,161.70

## Civil Defense:

Equipment	\$ 593.57	
Clerical	72.00	
Printing	8.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 674.47

## Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Sealer's Salary	\$ 214.90	
Equipment	10.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 225.00

**Building Department:**

Inspector's Salary	\$ 449.50	
Printing	61.16	
	<hr/>	\$ 510.66

**Wire Department:**

Inspector's Salary	\$ 450.00	
Printing	30.70	
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**Dutch Elm Disease:**

Cutting Trees		\$ 450.00
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**Long Plain Cemetery:**

Care of Lots		\$ 285.50
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**Nurse:**

Salary		\$2,234.00
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**Board of Health:**

Salaries	\$ 225.00	
Office Supplies, Advertising	31.67	
Telephone	84.86	
Board and Treatment	112.00	
Home Visits and Placarding	60.00	
Transportation	33.60	
Pre-Mature Births	274.50	
Medical Supplies	2.14	
Physician's Salary	600.00	
Garbage Collection	600.00	
Meat Inspection Fees	205.25	
Burial of Animals	19.50	
Dental Clinic	604.58	
Dairy and Store Licenses	34.88	
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**Sewer Pumping Charges:**

Paid to City of New Bedford		\$ 150.00
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Animal Inspector's Salary		\$ 113.00
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**Dog Fund:**

Board and Disposal of Dogs	\$ 143.50	
Advertising	10.92	
Dog Officer	3.00	
Postage, Cards	7.00	
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**Highway Department:**

Superintendent	\$2,259.81	
Labor	16,085.31	
Road Oil, Tar Mix, Gravel, Sand	4,050.61	
Hire of Equipment	1,641.19	
Equipment and Tools	1,553.53	
Gasoline, Oil, Truck Repairs and Registration of Trucks	1,616.46	
Catch Basin Blocks, Curb Forms, Lumber, Paint	793.30	
Medical	34.00	
Time Books	5.70	
Damage Claims	20.00	
Freight	4.01	
Lights	7.33	
	<hr/>	\$28,071.25

**Street Lights**

\$2,591.45

**Street Layouts:**

Hayes Street	\$ 100.00	
Cushman Street	100.00	
Porter Street	100.00	
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**Collection of Rubbish:**

Superintendent	\$ 572.00	
Labor	4,231.48	
Hire of Equipment	324.00	
Gasoline	140.44	
Cedar Posts, Wire, Hinges	67.27	
Advertising	16.38	
	<hr/>	\$5,351.57

## Rogerson Avenue:

Superintendent	\$ 220.00	
Labor	893.09	
Road Oil	389.98	
Hire of Equipment	935.43	
Surveyor	61.50	
	<hr/>	\$2,500.00

## Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Superintendent	\$ 336.19	
Labor	2,380.72	
Road Oil, Pipe, Bands, Gravel	1,277.08	
Hire of Equipment	322.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,315.99

## Purchase of Land:

Extension of Cox Street	\$ 150.00
Repairs to Slocum Street Bridge Railing	\$ 925.00

## Public Welfare:

Cash to Recipients	\$ 170.00	
Medicine and Medical Attendance	180.25	
Paid to Other Cities and Towns	278.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 628.65

## Aid to Dependent Children:

Cash Grants	\$8,699.55	
Administration	722.83	
	<hr/>	\$9,422.38

## Bureau of Old Age Assistance:

Cash Grants	\$72,259.85	
Paid to Other Cities and Towns	1,971.16	
Administration	3,155.55	
	<hr/>	\$77,386.56

## Disability Assistance:

Cash Grants	\$8,499.00	
Administration	621.40	
	<hr/>	\$9,120.40

## Veteran's Benefits:

Cash Grants	\$2,966.50
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Hospital and Medicine	1,179.01	
Burials	150.00	
Fuel	51.00	
Eye Glasses	19.50	
	<hr/>	\$4,366.01

## Schools:

Superintendent	\$5,582.20	
Truant Officer and Police Services	106.25	
Office Supplies and Equipment	298.71	
Telephones	490.62	
Travel Expenses	81.20	
Dues, Advertising, First Aid		
Supplies	24.41	
Teacher's Salaries	63,045.67	
Text Books and School Supplies	3,929.17	
Tuition	27,776.83	
Transportation	16,390.60	
Janitor's Salaries	11,957.66	
Fuel, Light, Water	3,479.32	
Repairs and Contract Work	6,421.92	
Janitor and Building Supplies	631.03	
Furniture and Furnishings	518.38	
School Committee Membership		
Dues	20.00	
Graduation Expenses	31.36	
Athletic Supplies	44.30	
Vision Test Equipment	106.75	
	<hr/>	\$140,936.38

## Survey of Public School System:

Envelopes, Cards, Printing	\$ 286.20
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## Library:

Librarian	\$ 666.96
Assistants	247.44
Janitress	293.80
Books and Periodicals	270.92
Supplies and Advertising	23.90

Petty Cash	5.00	
Fuel, Lights, Water	396.45	
Repairs	110.72	
Care of Grounds	356.00	
Janitress' Supplies	17.18	
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Parks:		
Labor and Material	\$ 966.13	
Water	39.00	
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Miscellaneous:		
Insurance on Public Buildings		\$ 1,081.66
Bristol County Dog Licenses		1,166.80
Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital		5,057.89
Pension Fund		2,847.49
Federal Tax Deductions		16,981.71
Teacher's Retirement Deductions		3,481.74
Bristol County Retirement Deductions		4,081.98
Memorial Purposes		119.75
Christmas Decorations		298.05
Mosquito Control		50.00
Blue Cross and Blue Shield Deductions		744.75
Post War Rehabilitation Fund:		
Interest on War Bonds		1,375.00
Water Department:		
Labor	\$5,718.20	
Material and Supplies	3,644.43	
Notes and Interest	7,035.00	
Water Paid to City of New Bedford	6,557.40	
Clerk	260.00	
Printing and Postage	18.90	
Freight	14.90	
Gasoline, Kerosene	70.02	
Equipment and Repairs	384.66	
	<hr/>	\$23,703.51



## Water Main Extensions:

Contract Work	\$57,077.32	
Engineering Services	6,023.87	
	<hr/>	\$63,101.19

## Trust Funds:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$ 287.25	
Cemetery Beautification and Extra Care Fund	40.50	
Russell Public School Fund	112.28	
Russell Memorial Library Maintenance Fund	29.36	
	<hr/>	\$ 469.39

## Agency Accounts:

State Parks and Reservations	\$ 563.64
County Tax	9,713.37
State Audit	72.31
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds (for Care of Lots)	701.37
Cemetery Additional Fund (Sale of Lots)	35.00
Sylvia P. Manter Fund	27,000.00

## Refunds:

Taxes, 1953	\$ 88.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1952	163.65	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1953	672.78	
Poll Taxes, 1953	2.00	
Sewer Pumping Charge	3.00	
Recording Fee	3.25	
Land Sold	55.00	
Water Rates and Services	29.97	
Old Age Assistance Recovery	55.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,072.65

Total Disbursements for 1953	\$497,357.17
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### Trust Fund Accounts

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:		
In Custody of Town Treasurer		\$88,682.94
Russell Fund for Care of Town Hall		
and Library	\$ 3,332.94	
Russell Public School Fund	7,147.81	
R. N. Swift Board of Health Fund	6,193.93	
Russell Protestant Poor Fund	12,555.61	
Henry H. Rogers Gift Fund	901.90	
Allen & Rhoda R. Russell Library		
Fund	7,962.92	
Russell Memorial Library Maintenance		
Fund	8,009.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	10,628.33	
Cemetery Additional Fund	1,090.17	
Cemetery Special Care Fund	392.54	
Acushnet Cemetery Corporation Fund	684.83	
Cemetery Beautification and Extra		
Care Fund	2,422.96	
Sylvia P. Manter Fund for Public		
Schools	27,360.00	
	<hr/>	\$88,682.94

## REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

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There were 115 cases which received Old Age Assistance during the year. Of this amount 68 cases were Acushnet settled, 28 cases had settlements in other Cities and Towns, and 19 cases were State settled.

Annual Appropriation	\$25,000.00
Transferred from E. and D.	20,000.00
U. S. Grants: Old Age Assistance	38,308.36
U. S. Grants: Old Age Assistance Adm.	2,518.48

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\$85,826.84

### Expenditures:

Cash Grants	\$72,259.85
Paid to Other Cities and Towns	1,971.16
Administration	2,936.22
Equipment, Office Supplies, Legal Fees and Telephone	219.33
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$77,386.56
Unexpended Balance, U. S. Grants	7,974.77
Unexpended Balance, U. S. Grants Adm.	465.51
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$85,826.84

FRANK WARSOSKI  
HENRY L. GUILBEAULT  
USTUS ARBOGAST

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

## ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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### Receipts

#### Taxes

Current Year:		
Real Estate	\$122,620.96	
Personal	23,369.50	
Polls	2,500.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	22,925.35	
Previous Years:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	4,419.99	
	<hr/>	\$175,835.80

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Income Tax	\$10,688.85	
School Aid, Chapter 70 G. L.	35,351.46	
Corporation Tax, Business	18,331.89	
Old Age Meal Tax	1,579.64	
School Transportation	6,039.10	
Veteran's Services	2,004.33	
Reporting Congenital Deformities	2.00	
Vocational Education	4,808.54	
Hawkers' and Peddlers' Lic.	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$78,815.81

#### County of Bristol:

Chapter 90 Maintenance	\$1,499.58	
Dog Licenses	1,179.40	
Dog Claims	97.50	
Dog Fund	686.04	
	<hr/>	\$3,462.52

Sale of Tax Title Possessions	130.00
Tax Title Redemptions	571.18
Sale of Land Deeded to Town	235.00
Water Rates and Charges	20,918.12
Miscellaneous Water Rates and Charges	43.64

## Cities and Towns:

Old Age Assistance	3,106.53	
Public Welfare	862.86	
	<hr/>	\$84,285.18
May T. A. Manter Trust Fund		27,000.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund		1,375.00
Federal Tax Deductions		16,834.97
Teacher's Retirement Fund		3,628.48
Bristol County Retirement Fund		4,081.98
Blue Cross and Blue Shield Deductions		744.75
Long Plain Cemetery		207.50
Interest on Treasurer's Cash		1,436.44
Refund of Veteran's Benefits		80.00
Old Age Assistance Recoveries		1,486.65
Advertising Application for License		2.93
Advertising Hearing Notice		3.70
Sale of Dogs		15.00
Refund of Payment, Police Department		1.20

## Trust Funds:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,029.12	
Russell Public School Fund	112.28	
Cemetery Additional Fund	35.00	
Allen and Rhoda R. Russell		
Library Fund	29.36	
	<hr/>	1,205.76

Total Receipts for 1953	<hr/>	\$482,638.21
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**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1953**

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Disbursements</i>
\$189,241.33	Balance January 1, 1953	
65,851.93	January	\$24,959.97
11,347.92	February	30,464.96
11,370.37	March	35,718.33
36,071.62	April	26,178.38
39,891.21	May	34,524.62
87,238.08	June	64,674.28
49,072.95	July	37,572.85
25,378.57	August	31,229.62
41,701.87	September	31,604.78
70,302.81	October	75,937.86
24,142.29	November	61,493.20
20,268.59	December	42,995.32
	Balance December 31, 1953	174,522.37
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\$671,879.54		\$671,879.54
Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash:		
Balance per Merchants National Bank		
(Checking Account)		\$ 59,969.66
Cash:		
On Hand		3,464.60
Safe Deposit National Bank Time Account		56,721.51
New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank		7,500.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings		7,500.00
Fairhaven Institution for Savings		7,500.00
United States Treasury Bills		49,826.50
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		\$192,482.27
Outstanding Checks		17,959.90
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		\$174,522.37
Cash Book Balance December 31, 1953		\$174,522.37

## TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS

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### Tax Titles 1953

Transferred from levy of 1953	\$ 258.06	
Taking—levy of 1953	833.58	
Interest, Charges, Fees and Costs	97.14	
	<hr/>	\$1,188.78
Redeemed	9.46	
Sold—Low Value Sale	3.52	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953	1,175.80	
	<hr/>	\$1,188.78

### Tax Titles 1952

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953		\$ 496.51
Redeemed	\$ 204.31	
Sold—Low Value Sale	3.52	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953	288.68	
	<hr/>	\$ 496.51

### Tax Titles 1951

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953		\$ 294.51
Redeemed	\$ 173.92	
Sold—Low Value Sale	3.52	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953	117.07	
	<hr/>	\$ 294.51

### Tax Titles 1950

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953		\$ 172.93
Redeemed	\$ 164.20	
Sold—Low Value Sale	8.73	
	<hr/>	\$ 172.93

# TOWN OF ACUSHNET—BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
Cash	\$174,522.37	Unclaimed Checks	\$ 97.31
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1953	2,121.58	Overlay Reserve	32,158.10
Tax Titles:		Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	2,121.58
Levy of 1951	117.07	Tax Title Revenue	1,581.55
Levy of 1952	288.68	Tax Title Receipts Reserved	4.19
Levy of 1953	1,175.80	Tax Title Possessions Revenue	7,568.68
Tax Title Possessions	7,568.68	Sale of Foreclosed Property Fund	2,517.42
Accounts Receivable:		Departmental Revenue	1,106.27
Old Age Assistance	131.58	Water Revenue	416.52
Highway Department	39.85	Water Surplus	12,832.87
Aid to Dependent Children	934.84	Surplus War Bonds	1,528.91
Water Rates and Services	416.52	Agency Acct.: State & County Taxes	1,154.60
Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital	147.25	Bristol County Dog Licenses	12.60
Appropriation Voted from Post War		Excess and Deficiency	98,100.72
Fund—Highway Garage	4,000.00	Clerk, Board of Public Welfare	933.28
State and County: Aid to Highways	2,877.32	Civil Defense	301.59
Appropriation Voted from Post War		Reserve for Appropriation from Post	
Fund—Water Main Extensions	10,000.00	War Fund	4,000.00
		State and County: Aid to Highways	
		Revenue	2,877.32
		Homestead Avenue Layout	100.00
		Ward Street Layout	100.00



		Belanger Street Layout	100.00
		Alter Grade, Part of Meadow Lane	100.00
		New York Avenue Layout	50.00
		Morningside Avenue Layout	100.00
		Hospital & Medical Bills (Highway Dept.)	587.55
		U.S. Grants: Disability Assistance	3,703.17
		U.S. Grants: Disability Assistance Adm.	233.55
		U.S. Grants: Aid to Dependent Children	2,046.12
		U.S. Grants: Aid to Dep. Children Adm.	867.60
		U.S. Grants: Old Age Assistance	7,974.77
		U.S. Grants: Old Age Assistance Adm.	465.51
		Survey of Public School System	1,700.95
		Res. for Approp. from Post War Fund	10,000.00
		Water Main Extensions	6,898.81
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	\$204,341.54		\$204,341.54
		<b>Debt Accounts</b>	
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$46,000.00	Water Loan of 1952	\$46,000.00
		<b>Investment Accounts</b>	
Cash & Securities: War Bonds			
In Custody of Treasurer	\$76,660.10	Post War Rehabilitation Fund	\$76,660.10

MARY VIERA,  
Town Accountant.

## APPROPRIATIONS OF 1953

	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Expended</i>
General Government:				
Moderator	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Town Clerk	113.00		113.00	113.00
Treasurer and Collector	4,160.00		4,160.00	4,160.00
Clerk, Treasurer and Collector	2,402.40		2,402.40	2,402.40
Selectmen and Public Welfare	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,900.00
Clerk, Selectmen and Public Welfare	1,632.42		1,632.42	427.36
Town Accountant	943.78		943.78	943.78
Assessors	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,600.00
Clerk, Assessors	2,175.61		2,175.61	2,133.33
Departmental Expenses:				
Selectmen and Town Accountant	1,850.00		1,850.00	1,637.97
Treasurer and Collector	1,523.92		1,523.92	1,523.92
Assessors	540.00		540.00	310.78
Sectional Plotting	500.00		500.00	500.00
Town Clerk	814.50	\$ 60.00	874.50	855.10
Registrars of Voters	800.00		800.00	723.08
Town Hall	2,500.00	634.50	3,134.50	3,130.35
Police Department	4,500.00	250.00	4,750.00	4,749.60
Police Cruiser Car	.....	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,424.48
Fire Department	5,165.50		5,165.50	5,161.70
Civil Defense	400.00	576.06	976.06	674.47
Sealer of Weights and Measures	225.00		225.00	225.00
Moth Suppression	750.00		750.00	none

	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Expended</i>
Dutch Elm Disease	800.00		800.00	450.00
Building Department	500.00	10.66	510.66	510.66
Wire Department	500.00		500.00	480.70
Long Plain Cemetery	250.00	75.00	325.00	285.50
Health and Sanitation:				
Board of Health Salaries	225.00		225.00	225.00
Board of Health	3,200.00		3,200.00	2,662.98
Bristol County Tuberculosis Hosp.	5,162.21		5,162.21	5,057.89
Inspector of Animals	113.00		113.00	113.00
Sewer Pumping Charger	150.00		150.00	150.00
Nurse	2,234.00		2,234.00	2,234.00
Dog Fund	150.00	97.50	247.50	164.42
Highway Department	17,000.00	13,000.00	30,000.00	28,071.25
Grading and Surfacing Rogerson Avenue .....		2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Street Lights	2,600.00		2,600.00	2,591.45
Chapter 90 Maintenance .....		4,500.00	4,500.00	4,315.99
Collection of Rubbish	5,200.00	160.00	5,360.00	5,351.57
Layout of Streets	850.00		850.00	300.00
Hospital and Medical Bills	587.55		587.55	none
Purchase of 2 Lots, Cox Street	150.00		150.00	150.00
Christmas Decorations	300.00		300.00	298.05
Public Welfare	3,000.00		3,000.00	628.65
Disability Assistance	3,000.00	6,000.00	9,000.00	5,547.93
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	4,897.07
Bureau Old Age Assistance	25,000.00	20,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	3,500.00	866.01	4,366.01	4,366.01

Schools and Library:				
Schools	130,000.00		130,000.00	129,517.16
Vocational High School	11,000.00	1,000.00	12,000.00	11,419.22
Library	1,713.96	Dog Fund 686.04	2,400.00	2,388.37
Recreation and Unclassified:				
Parks	1,000.00	5.13	1,005.13	1,005.13
Memorial Purposes	150.00		150.00	119.75
Insurance on Public Buildings	1,081.66		1,081.66	1,081.66
Mesquito Control	50.00		50.00	50.00
Water Department	.....	Water Surp. 15,525.42		
	.....	Water Rev. 15,000.00	30,525.42	23,703.51
Reserve Fund	.....	Over. Res. 8,000.00	8,000.00	2,061.30

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**January 1—December 31, 1953**

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**REAL ESTATE 1953**

Committed	\$126,161.86	
Refunded	88.00	
	<hr/>	\$126,249.86
Collected	\$122,620.96	
Abated	2,537.26	
Added to Tax Titles	258.06	
Taking	833.58	
	<hr/>	\$126,249.86

**PERSONAL PROPERTY 1953**

Committed		\$23,376.54
Collected	\$23,369.50	
Abated	7.04	
	<hr/>	\$23,376.54

**POLLS 1953**

Committed	\$3,022.00	
Refunded	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,024.00
Collected	\$2,500.00	
Abated	524.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,024.00

**MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 1953**

Committed	\$25,327.69	
Refunded	672.78	
	<hr/>	\$26,000.47
Collected	\$22,925.30	
Abated	953.59	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953	2,121.58	
	<hr/>	\$26,000.47

**MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 1952**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	\$3,333.93	
Committed in 1953	1,678.05	
Refunded	163.65	
Abatement Rescinded	21.71	
	<hr/>	\$5,197.34
Collected	\$4,419.99	
Abated	777.35	
	<hr/>	\$5,197.34

**WATER CHARGES**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 112.91	
Committed	21,266.85	
Refunded	29.97	
	<hr/>	\$21,409.73
Collected	\$20,918.12	
Abated	75.09	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953	416.52	
	<hr/>	\$21,409.73

**EXPENDITURES**  
**TREASURER-COLLECTOR, 1953**

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Appropriated		\$3,926.32
Expended:		
Clerical Salaries	\$2,402.40	
Telephone and Tolls	162.65	
Association Dues	4.00	
Postage	375.96	
Surety Bonds	335.20	
Tax Bills, etc.	196.00	
Stationery and Supplies	100.35	
Equipment and Repairs	62.38	
Binding	72.00	
Insurance on Standards	12.15	
Insurance, Safe and Burglary	28.25	
Storage Vault	7.50	
Registry Recordings	13.75	
Low Value	11.25	
Delinquent Taxes	100.80	
Miscellaneous	41.68	
	<hr/>	\$3,926.32
Treasurer-Collector's Salary:		
Appropriated		\$4,160.00
Expended		\$4,160.00

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,

*Treasurer-Collector*

**EXPENDITURES**  
**TOWN CLERK, 1953**

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Appropriated	\$ 814.50	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	60.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 874.50
Expended:		
Association Dues	\$ 5.00	
Congenital Deformities	1.50	
Printing	78.20	
Vital Statistics	350.00	
Binding	24.00	
Stationery and Supplies	176.15	
Postage	76.00	
Miscellaneous	144.25	
Unexpended Balance	19.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 874.50

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,

*Town Clerk*



## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet:

Dear Sir:

The following is a report of the Building Inspector's Department for the year ending December 31, 1953:

<i>Type of Building</i>	<i>Number</i>
New Homes	33
Private Garages	13
Commercial Garages	1
Repairs and Alterations	22
Hen Houses	7
Sheds	16
Green Houses	1
Luncheonettes	1
Hospital	1
Demolishing	9
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Total Permits	104

Total Estimated Cost as Shown on Applications      \$467,340.75

VALERI BOURQUE,

*Building Inspector*

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**Births, Marriages, and Deaths—1953**

**VITAL STATISTICS**

**Births**

Total Number		652
In Acushnet	591	
In Other Municipalities	61	
	<hr/>	652
Resident	114	
Non-Resident	538	
	<hr/>	652
Male	307	
Female	345	
	<hr/>	652
Affidavits and Corrections		24
Delayed Certificate of Birth		2
Marriage Intentions		64

**Marriages**

Total Number		65
In Acushnet	30	
In Other Municipalities	35	
	<hr/>	65

**Deaths**

Total Number		101
In Acushnet	78	
In Other Municipalities	23	
	<hr/>	101
Resident	48	
Non-Resident	53	
	<hr/>	101
Male	47	
Female	54	
	<hr/>	101

The Town Clerk will furnish blanks for the returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered officers applying therefor.

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### **Dog Licenses**

Total Number		510
Male	355	
Female	49	
Spayed Female	93	
Kennel (\$10.00)	9	
Kennel (\$25.00)	2	
Transfers	1	
Service Men Free License	1	
	<hr/>	510

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,

*Town Clerk*

## RESIDENT BIRTHS—1953

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
Jan. 2	Donna Lee Parker	Walter A. and Irene Pearl Otocki
10	Armand Raymond Monteiro	Herman and Lorraine B. Dean
20	James Arthur Laycock	James A. and Olive May Shorrock
26	Francis Raymond Kuthan	Raymond F. and Gertrude M. S. Moraux
Feb. 1	Raymond Joseph Spirlet	Norman A. and Florence J. Turcotte
7	Susan Joyce Handy	William H. and Barbara E. Tripp
10	Pamela Renee Laprade	Hector J. and Jeannette Girard
13	Michele M. Paquet	Aime C. and Yvette M. J. Coderre
14	Elaine Forand	Louis P. and Delia Souza
16	James Walter White	James R. and Catherine D. Nerbonne
17	Carol Ann Curran	Francis L. and Rose L. Bettencourt
23	Colleen Norma Gendron	Paul H. and Jeannette M. Harpin
25	Susan Rose Magnant	Armand N. and Lillian C. Pineau
25	Dennis Joseph Moreau	Roland and Jeanne Rita Belliveau
27	Richard Prachniak	Raymond F. and Albertina Silva
Mar. 5	David Michael Dupre	Marcel E. and Hazel Carvalho
7	Shirley Diane Renauld	Albert P. and Shirley Mae Bousquet
9	Kathy Ruth Hemmann	George R. and Ruth Lillian Carter
9	Mark Robert Murphy	Robert M. and Juliette L. Gagnon
10	Sharon Smola	Mitchell J. and Pauline Rezendes

11 Raymond Anthony Broadhurst  
 11 Helen Ruth Sylvia  
 14 Helen Diane Otocky  
 17 Vivian Guillette  
 19 Gregory George Amaral  
 21 Janine Pearl Samson  
 24 Steven Alves  
 27 Kathleen L'Heureux  
 28 Mark Joseph Rogers  
 31 Louis Abel Plaud  
 Apr. 4 Gwenn Bertha Hicks  
 4 Patty Ann Parker  
 5 Joseph George Blais  
 6 Peter Marcel Belanger  
 6 Patricia Dorothy Fagan  
 8 Kathleen Ann Ferreira  
 15 Geraldine Lynn Gomes  
 22 Linda Rose Boissoneau  
 26 Candace Allain  
 27 Rita Marie Bonville  
 27 Rebecca Miriam Fleisch  
 27 William Henry Fleisch

Raymond and Virginia T. Pires  
 John and Alice D. Karajohn  
 Henry J. and Georgette C. Spirlet  
 Albert A. and Vivian P. Raphael  
 George and Jeanne E. Alie  
 Joseph Antonio L. and June Rose White  
 Manuel and Hilda Mello  
 Albert and Corrine Gladys Gendron  
 Joseph and Kazmira Markowska  
 Camille C. and Laurette F. Levasseur  
 James Wm. and Marie R. Thomas  
 Earl F. and Aili Lahti  
 Arthur L. and Annette B. Forand  
 Gerard W. and Alice C. Walega  
 James and Cecile M. Montminy  
 Thomas and Yvette M. Tanguay  
 Alfred R. and Mildred Watkins  
 Aurele C. and Antoinette C. Desrochers  
 H. Maurice and Madeline Hotte  
 Eugene O. and Clara M. Beaulieu  
 Hyman and Edythe L. Broida  
 Hyman and Edythe L. Broida

28 Debra Jean Oliveira  
 May 5 Diane Mello  
 11 Dennis Fernandez  
 11 Paul Leo Hamel  
 21 Sharon Vancour  
 30 Mark Anthony Collins  
 June 3 Richard John Audette  
 5 Michael Barclay Szwaja  
 7 Gail Patricia Hubert  
 12 Cheryl Ann Rutkowski  
 16 Melanie Ann Gagnon  
 22 John Lenord Reed  
 24 Wayne Bruce Gifford  
 26 Christine Heather Bonville  
 27 Barbara Ann Archer  
 28 Richard Deschamps  
 28 Madelaine Lorraine Metivier  
 29 Lucille Eveline Bouchard  
 July 6 Patricia Ann Souza  
 10 Elise Yvonne Fortin  
 10 Maryette Marujo Guerra  
 13 David Morris Duff

Angelo and Vivian P. Giguere  
 Arnaldo and Lauretta Lainey  
 Frank and Catherine T. Francis  
 Rudolph A. and Dorice F. Fournier  
 Richard W. and Carolyn Roy  
 Robert F. and Eileen P. Hughes  
 Arthur Bradford and Beatrice St. Onge  
 Paul and Christine A. Curry  
 Albert P. and Helen L. Chace  
 Charles J. and Alice Lipinski  
 Robert E. and Irene Mary Pinto  
 John L. and Norma G. Viera  
 Lester H. and Barbara A. Akin  
 Wilfred R. and Heather T. Butts  
 James C. and Edna C. Burman  
 Richard N. and Florence Thibault  
 Alfred E. and Lorraine M. Renauld  
 Eugene W. and Irene R. Cote  
 Anibal and Celestina Pacheco  
 Albert L. and Yvette J. O'Bomsawin  
 Ramiro P. R. and Matilde V. Marujo  
 Joseph E. and Flora A. Boyer

17 Allen Grandville Davis  
 17 Russell David McKay  
 27 Paul Ernest Sorelle  
 27 Michael Dennis Stamo  
 Aug. 4 Pamela Joan Donna Auffrey  
 5 Elizabeth Ann Camacho  
 6 Dennis Paul Green  
 6 Susan Lee Lefevre  
 6 Bruce Douglas Turgeon  
 10 Debra Ann White  
 15 John Francis Gajewski  
 16 Simone Marie Croteau  
 16 Mary Isabela Ferreira  
 25 Louise Frances Golas  
 25 Robert Alfred Joseph Guenette  
 27 Deborah Heidi Fortier  
 Sept. 3 Bonnie Ann Lawson  
 14 Norma Eileen Collet  
 18 Brenda Joyce Aspden  
 21 Yvette Marie Deschamps  
 23 Michael William Hinckley  
 23 Patrick Harvey Reynolds

Allen G. and Elizabeth A. Hopwood  
 Louis W. and Susan E. Collins  
 Donald and Florence Dupont  
 Arthur C. and Lillian F. Martin  
 Albert J. and Jennie L. Pietrzykowska  
 Manuel G. and Louise R. Vieira  
 Donald R. and Marjorie V. Gauthier  
 Jerome A. and Joan V. Oliver  
 Roland M. and Yvette D. Trahan  
 David R. and June B. Dawson  
 Frank S. and Nellie Anna Kut  
 Normand P. and Pauline Y. Gaudette  
 Frank and Mary D. Flor  
 Stanley and Lucille C. Gauttier  
 Jean L. W. and Helen C. Belliveau  
 Armand V., Jr., and Myrl Crawford  
 James C. and Mary P. I. Provencher  
 George N. and Eileen L. Janson  
 Melvin E. and Clarice M. Shorrock  
 Roger O. and Marie J. Y. Bertrand  
 Lester G. and Margaret Reynolds  
 Edward and Theresa R. Harvey

24 Michael Rene Phaneuf  
 25 Anne Marie O'Toole  
 27 Debra Therese Breault  
 27 Albert Joseph Saucier  
 28 Paul Roland Hebert  
 Oct. 10 Alan Ernest Dunham  
 24 Mary Christine Mendonsa  
 27 Rene Arthur Messier  
 29 Betty Jayne Andrews  
 Nov. 19 Lucy Borges  
 21 Debra Leite  
 23 Emile John Bourbeau  
 23 Carlene Idella Weedall  
 24 Stephen Raymond Roy  
 29 Steven Albert Rogers  
 Dec. 7 Jane Anne Martin  
 10 Cathy Bernadette Briggs  
 11 Joyce Linda Hopwood  
 21 David Lee Sherman  
 22 Henry Cardoza Avila  
 31 David Cox  
 31 Cynthia Lynne Swift

Rene W. and Irene B. G. Picard  
 John J. and Claire Marie Reiss  
 Alfred L. and Rita T. Breault  
 Normand P. and Alice I. St. Onge  
 Ovila H. and Yvette A. Fortin  
 Alan I. and Joyce E. Gilman  
 Eugene S. and Mary Gonsalves  
 George J. and Claire A. Durocher  
 John and Marlene F. Warwick  
 Manuel C. and Leonor deJ. daEncarnacao  
 Ernest and Eleanor Keenan  
 Emile J. and Aldea A. Pelletier  
 Carlton W. and Marion L. Gauthier  
 Norman J. A. and Madeline M. Braley  
 Albert and Mary Boyle  
 Louis O. and Adrienne B. Marie Pepin  
 Benjamin T. and Bernadette M. Benoit  
 Edmund E. and Beatrice F. Lowe  
 Allen and Marie Rose Levesque  
 Henry C. and Mary Avila  
 Stanley and Cecelia Ann Raffa  
 Edmund R. and Gladys M. Burgess



## MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR 1953

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
Jan. 5	Paul Alfred Martel Frances Maxine Wallace	Apr. 11	George Henry Rayno, Jr. Claire Marie Henrietta Bouchard
Jan. 10	Manuel Lima Rose Bento Mello	Apr. 18	Joseph McHugh Cayton Muriel Blanche Janson
Jan. 17	James Robert Costello Winona Apsey Taber	Apr. 18	Francis Leonard Gauthier Stefania Szwaja
Jan. 31	John Fernandes Joan Denise Gobeil	Apr. 20	Joseph Sears Marks Maria Lourdes Felix
Feb. 7	Robert Allen Hammond Pauline Leontine Mach	Apr. 20	David Trindade Jacqueline Eugenie Poyant
Feb. 14	Alexander Joseph Montminy Marie Ernestine Levasseur	Apr. 25	Robert Howland Daffinee Vivian Leontien Morris
Mar. 14	Robert J. Walker Mildred H. Vander	May 2	Manuel Cabral, Jr. Mary Irene Alice St. Pierre
Mar. 28	John E. Crowley Barbara Ann Avery	May 2	Joe Edward Cummings, Jr. Irene Berry
Apr. 8	Frank Langham Mary Loretta Dauplaise (Perry)	May 9	Ernest Medeiros Baptiste Diane Charlotte Dessert
Apr. 11	Allen Parker Shirley J. Corey	May 9	Dennis Cabral Evelyn Stanislawna Anton

May 16 Alfred Cioper  
           Balbina Mary Mikolajczyk  
 May 16 Arthur Paul Lamarre  
           Muriel Juliette Marie Fortin  
 May 23 David A. Lawrence  
           Adrienne Patricia Ann Hotte  
 May 23 Ernest Poirier  
           Mary Corriea DeMello  
 May 30 Carl Fontes  
           Pauline Yvette Laflamme  
 May 30 Russell George Tripp  
           Dorothy Idabelle Breault  
 June 6 Roland Raymond Lamarre  
           Marion Helen Crapo  
 June 6 Alexandre "S" Paulino  
           Dorothea Nathalie Haskins  
 June 27 Norman Cunha Telles  
           Eilene Gloria Resendes  
 July 2 Donald Cordell Bell  
           Elsie Cordelia Moore  
 July 4 Raymond Joseph Pepin  
           Dorothy Arlyne Maymon

July 4 Eugene Joseph Soja  
           Alice Cambra  
 Aug. 1 Joseph Ernest Raymond Desrosiers  
           Doris May Albertini  
 Aug. 1 Roger David Joseph Sansoucy  
           Mary Louise Pepin  
 Aug. 6 Arthur Anthony Belli  
           Irene Couto  
 Aug. 8 Paul Gauthier  
           Anna Spriet (Coderre)  
 Aug. 8 Normand Eugene Tetreault  
           Cecile G. Vanasse  
 Aug. 12 George Pimental  
           Marie Yvette Gonneville  
 Aug. 22 Gordon Russell Boardman  
           Rose Marie Kenyon  
 Aug. 22 Rolland Richard  
           Alberta Eileen Deroches  
 Aug. 29 Frank Bigos  
           Beatrice Silveira  
 Aug. 29 Richard Curtis Donaghy  
           Marjorie Joyce Colson

Aug. 29 David Felix Martel  
           Mary Constance Nardoza  
 Sept. 7 Russell Soule Lawton  
           Hazel Marie Frates  
 Sept. 7 Armand Joseph Martin  
           Jean Diane Alexander  
 Sept. 12 Albert Stanley Glowacki  
           Maureen McCarthy  
 Sept. 12 Stanislaw Sobolewski  
           Dorothy Claire Marshall  
 Sept. 26 Robert Myron Pacheco  
           Marilyn Rae Cunningham  
 Oct. 3 Stanley Earl Decker  
           Ruth Elizabeth Redden  
 Oct. 10 William Joseph Cotter  
           Helen Louise Entwistle  
 Oct. 12 Henry Despres (Jr.)  
           Elizabeth Jane Warr  
 Oct. 12 Joseph Napoleon Richards  
           Ruth Arlene Mello  
 Oct. 12 Donald Marcel Joseph Roy  
           Lorraine Mello

Oct. 24 Armand Cabral  
           Shirley Ann Rothwell  
 Oct. 24 Theodore Mach, Jr.  
           Lola Gomes Semiao  
 Oct. 30 Georges Roger Joseph Dubois  
           Therese Marie Lucienne Hubert  
 Nov. 11 Vernon Gail Bigler  
           Clemence Lorraine St. Amand  
 Nov. 14 George Frederick Liarikos, Jr.  
           Joan Maureen Saunders  
 Nov. 20 David Costa Barboza  
           Donna Marilyn Daggett  
 Nov. 26 Manuel Freitas Correia  
           Olivia Rebello  
 Nov. 28 David Sousa  
           Rita Therese Riding  
 Dec. 5 Felix Gaucher, Jr.  
           Sylvia Ann Frost  
 Dec. 26 Raymond Cusson  
           Patricia Cuttle  
 Dec. 26 Alfred Fagundes, Jr.  
           Mary Louise Anthony

# RESIDENT DEATHS—1953

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 4	Ernest F. Brisson	46	10	16
Jan. 6	Apolonia Mosakowski (Przymierski)	68	—	—
Jan. 10	Hannah Wilkinson (Broomhead)	84	3	14
Jan. 18	Mary A. Stenson (Mullaney)	89	—	—
Jan. 19	Stanley Jezior	57	—	—
Jan. 22	Edson Perry	67	4	15
Feb. 5	Joseph Bernardo	66	1	4
Feb. 6	William H. Haskins	81	4	27
Feb. 7	Mary A. Vieira (Aranjo)	46	3	19
Feb. 19	Mary T. Thomas (Teves)	66	11	4
Mar. 17	Vivian Guillette	—	—	1
Mar. 29	Caroline Elizabeth Parker (Wing)	92	1	3
Mar. 30	Michael Dziura	56	—	—
Apr. 14	August Bourque	45	11	8
Apr. 21	Frank Vieira	79	—	—
May 2	Mary Ozga (Hulbruner)	63	—	—
May 17	Juliette M. C. Coelho (St. Amand)	41	4	—
May 23	Robert Robinson	82	8	24
June 4	Mary Resendes (Ferreira)	76	—	—
June 10	Victoria LePage (Deschesnes)	62	1	5

June 25	Mary Amarin (Couto)	66	—	—	55
June 25	Cora E. Taber (Schultz)	65	10	—	
June 28	Roger Gautreau	17	3	25	
July 7	Marie Louise Beaulieu (LaRose)	70	1	16	
July 10	Ethel Davenport (Fawcett)	40	3	9	
July 16	Lester James Abram	40	8	7	
Aug. 14	Mary Ellen Sears (Varley)	89	9	28	
Aug. 18	Margaret Alice Mailhot (Crombleholm)	61	11	13	
Aug. 24	Mary Rose Leite (Pacheco)	67	—	—	
Sept. 5	George D. Oman	57	9	25	
Oct. 3	Joseph Almeida	72	—	—	
Oct. 12	Edward W. Collins	83	2	11	
Oct. 16	Anna Urban (Michaliszyn)	71	—	—	
Oct. 19	Josephine Tetreault (Duval)	84	9	21	
Oct. 29	John Urban	62	—	—	
Oct. 30	Mary Christine Mendonsa	—	—	7	
Nov. 6	William Alfred Haslam	19	11	23	
Nov. 9	Joseph D. Champegny	84	4	2	
Nov. 13	Sarah Ellen Hammett (Hammond)	83	6	8	
Nov. 27	Alexander Montminy	64	—	—	
Dec. 10	Viva Sewall (Easton)	90	6	7	
Dec. 20	Paul Leo Hamel	—	7	—	
Dec. 24	Albano de Souza	65	—	—	

## TRUST FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	Balance		Dividends		Balance	
	Principal	Jan. 1, 1953	Deposits	Withdrawn	Dec. 31, 1953	
Long Plain Cemetery Addition	\$1,100.00	\$1,028.02	\$ 62.15	.....	\$1,090.17	
Long Plain Cemetery Permanent Care	347.00	382.44	10.10	.....	392.54	
Henry H. Rogers School Fund	2,500.00	878.70	23.20	.....	901.90	
Philip H. Omev—Ruhamah H. Cottle	2,000.00	2,400.59	62.87	\$ 40.50	2,422.96	
Allen & Rhoda R. Russell						
Free Public Library	7,591.60	7,787.33	204.95	29.36	7,962.92	
Russell Memorial Library Maintenance	7,447.22	7,802.84	206.16	.....	8,009.00	
Russell Protestant Poor Fund	9,912.00	12,232.42	323.19	.....	12,555.61	
Russell Public School	7,067.30	7,073.22	186.87	112.28	7,147.81	
Russell Town Hall	3,000.00	3,247.15	85.79	.....	3,332.94	
Russell Acushnet Cemetery Corp.	579.80	637.21	17.62	.....	684.83	
Sylvia P. Manter Public Schools Fund	27,000.00		360.00	.....	27,360.00	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	65,000.00	74,758.28	1,901.82	.....	76,660.10	

# CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	Principal	Balance Jan. 1, 1953	Dividends Deposits	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1953
Allen and White	\$ 200.00	\$ 204.45	\$ 5.40	\$ 4.50	\$ 205.35
Ashley, William A. and Edw. R.	150.00	150.65	3.97	3.00	151.62
Blackmer, Herbert A.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Braley, Isaac V.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Braley, Thomas E.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Bumpus, Nathan	100.00	103.55	2.69	2.00	104.24
Burt, Earle C. and Marion E.	100.00	101.22	2.66	2.50	101.38
Burt, Joseph W.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Cathell, James	100.00	149.25	3.94	6.00	147.19
Chadwick, Francis	75.00	75.27	1.99	1.50	75.76
Chase, Earle D.	100.00	100.07	2.64	2.00	100.71
Cory, Samuel, Jr.	100.00	142.57	3.76	.....	146.33
Cottle, Ruhamah H.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Davis, Mary S.	200.00	370.71	9.79	7.00	373.50
Davis, Richard	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Davis, Walter A.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Dunbar-Crompton Lot No. 52	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Ellis, Capt. Ebenezer	75.00	75.27	1.99	1.50	75.76
Fowler, John B.	200.00	353.16	9.32	7.00	355.48
Geggatt, John	100.00	111.05	2.93	.....	113.98
Hall-Fuller Lot No. 7	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Hamlin, James B.	200.00	463.61	12.24	.....	475.85

# CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—Continued

NAME OF FUND	Principal	Balance Jan. 1, 1953	Dividends Deposits	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1953
Hammett, Capt. John M.	75.00	75.27	1.99	1.50	75.76
Hammett, Alice	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Harding, G. Lot No. 33	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00
Haswell, Stephen S.	100.00	100.62	2.64	2.50	100.76
Hickey, Elizabeth Ann	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Jackson, Henry A.	200.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00
Jenkins, William E.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Keene, Hervey B.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Leonard, Eben F.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Leonard, Ebenezer	50.00	50.18	1.32	1.00	50.50
Mason, Reuben	200.00	203.12	5.44	4.00	207.56
Mendall, Ellis	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Merrick, Charles	100.00	100.00	2.64	.....	102.64
Morse, Albert S., Jr.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Morse, Alfred	100.00	100.33	2.64	2.25	100.72
Morse, Edward	200.00	203.37	5.44	3.50	208.31
Morse, Edward C.	23.75	23.88	.62	.50	24.00
Morse, George P.	75.00	75.27	1.99	1.50	75.76
Nye, Sally	100.00	154.59	4.08	.....	158.67
Omey, Joseph C.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Omey, Philip H.	150.00	150.62	3.97	2.50	152.09
Omey, William and Albert	100.00	109.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Parker, George J.	100.00	169.85	4.46	.....	174.31



# CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—Continued

NAME OF FUND	Principal	Balance Jan. 1, 1953	Dividends Deposits	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1953
Parker, Jonathan and Lucy	100.00	132.00	3.48	6.00	129.48
Peirce, Samuel	150.00	287.63	7.59	7.00	288.22
Perry, Charles J.	100.00	105.95	2.78	4.50	104.23
Perry, H. and G. Barton	50.00	50.18	1.32	1.00	50.50
Perry, John S.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Perry, Mary H.	600.00	307.44	309.49	4.00	612.93
Phipps, Henry G.	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Pierce, Samuel B.	150.00	154.29	4.08	4.50	153.87
Pratt, Sylvester	75.00	75.27	1.99	1.50	75.76
Reynolds, Luther	50.00	50.18	1.32	1.00	50.50
Reynolds, Luther and Job Haskins	100.00	115.11	3.04	.....	118.15
Robinson, Benjamin	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Robinson, Thomas J.	50.00	50.18	1.32	1.00	50.50
St. Don, Joseph J., Lot No. 56	100.00	100.38	2.64	.....	103.02
St. Don, Napoleon et ux Lot No. 57	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00
Sears, William	100.00	.....	1.80	.....	101.80
Sherman, Clara L.	25.00	25.09	.65	.50	25.24
Sherman, James B.	100.00	100.00	2.64	2.00	100.64
Soule, Herbert L.	100.00	101.42	2.66	3.00	101.08
Sylvia, Antone D.	50.00	50.18	1.32	1.00	50.50
Taber, Elizabeth	205.09	267.56	7.05	.....	274.61
Taber, Jabez	200.00	201.85	5.32	4.00	203.17

# CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—Continued

NAME OF FUND	Principal	Balance Jan. 1, 1953	Dividends Deposits	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1953
Taber, Joseph	100.00	220.15	5.80	6.00	219.95
Taber, Mason	75.00	75.44	1.99	1.50	75.93
Taber, May L.	75.00	75.27	1.99	1.50	75.76
Taber, Pardon	75.00	102.89	2.71	.....	105.60
Taber, Samuel	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Taber, William	100.00	129.21	3.40	7.00	125.61
Taber, William D.	50.00	87.28	2.30	.....	89.58
Thompson, Helen	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
Wellington, Fred E.	85.00	86.16	2.28	1.50	86.94
White, Benjamin (E. side)	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
White, Benjamin (W. side)	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56
White, William	200.00	201.07	5.30	4.50	201.87
Wood, Mary S.	150.00	178.44	4.66	3.00	180.10
Wright, Susan Ann	100.00	100.42	2.64	2.50	100.56

# **SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT—December 31, 1953**

	Date of Loan	Notes Outstanding	Amount of Each Note	Rate of Interest	Loan Matures	Total Outstanding
Water Loan 1952	Dec. 1, 1952	46	\$1,000.00	1.9%	1967	\$46,000.00

## **FIXED DEBT AND INTEREST**

Water Loan 1952  
Interest

\$4,000.00  
874.00

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\$4,874.00

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ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,  
*Treasurer*

**EXPENDITURES**  
**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, 1953**

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Appropriated		\$ 800.00
Expended:		
Registrars and Assistants	\$ 459.50	
Clerical	51.60	
Printing	49.50	
Postage	34.60	
Stationery and Supplies	109.60	
Miscellaneous	18.28	
Unexpended Balance	76.92	
	<hr/>	\$ 800.00

NAPOLEON G. POISSON  
ARTHUR G. LeBLANC  
THEOPHILE COTE

*Board of Registrars*

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town Hall, Acushnet, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report of the Police Department for the year of 1953.

### 1.—Crimes Against the Person

Assault	2
Attempted Assault	0
Rape	1
Attempted Rape	1

### 2.—Crimes Against Property

Delinquency	2
Driving a Motor Vehicle to Endanger Life	3
Driving a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated	3
Drunkenness	31
Lewd Cohabitation	0
Lewdness	1
Motor Vehicle Laws Violation	128

### 3.—Crimes Against Public Order

Breaking and Entering, Larceny	3
Larceny and Attempt	1

### 4.—Arrests Made in Town by State Police

Accessory After the Fact (B & E & L)	1
Accessory After the Fact (Larceny Over \$100)	1
Conspiracy (Gaming)	3
Setting Up and Promoting Lottery	3
Allowing Premises to Be Used for Gaming	1
Gaming on Lord's Day	18
Being Present at Gaming	26

Insane Person	1
Maintaining Gaming Nuisance	1
Statutory Rape	1

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT

Total Motor Vehicle Accidents Investigated	47
Those Resulting in Personal Injuries	18
Those Resulting in Property Damage Only	29
Cars Stopped for Minor Violations	81
Driving Licenses Suspended	10
Driving Licenses Suspended by Other Departments	29
Wires Reported Down	4
Pistol Permits Issued	22
Motor Vehicles Transferred	999
Street Lights Reported Out	7
Persons Reported Missing	6
Missing Persons Returned	6
Ambulance Service Rendered	81
Witnesses Summoned	12
Stray Dogs Picked Up and Confined	8
Cars Reported Stolen	66
Miscellaneous Complaints	412
Bicycles Reported Stolen	7
Bicycles Reported Stolen (Recovered)	5
Permits to Buy Firearms	2
Hit Run Accidents Reported	8
Stolen Cars Recovered	10
Summons Served	34
Boats Reported Stolen	3
Boats Reported Stolen (Recovered)	3
Dog Bites Reported	17
Dogs Killed by Automobiles	26
Permits to Move Buildings Issued	15
Bicycles Registered	222
Prisoner Brought Back From Out of Town	1
Deserters From the Service	5
Confined to Taunton State Hospital	2

Called to Night Clubs	7
Money Reimbursed Town From Fines	\$803.90

**MONEY SPENT ON NEW CRUISER**

1953 Ford Six Cylinder Car	\$1,890.00
Two-Way Radio Installed	1,161.62
Siren with Flashing Light	92.80
Have Car Lettered	22.85
Seat Covers	30.00
Melver Press, Printing	6.40
Advertise Bids in Paper	4.44
Sponge	1.00
Light Battery	.90
Fire Extinguisher	6.00
Winterize and Check Car	15.00
Calendar Pad	1.25
Oil Filter	2.50
Charge Battery	1.00
Repair Flat Tire	.75
One Set of Skid Chains	11.75
First Aid Kit with Refill and Flash Light	11.76
One Set of Red Flares	8.97
Inst. New Heater Switch, Check Plugs, Timing, etc.	9.80
445.1 Gallons Gas	103.99
28 Quarts of Oil	11.20
Grease	3.50

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 \$3,424.48

Unexpended Balance	75.52
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Total	\$3,500.00
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**DEPARTMENT EXPENSE**

Chief's Wages	\$2,938.00
Officers Wages	1,511.77
Telephone	231.07
Association Dues	3.00
Ambulance Maintenance	53.14

Miscellaneous	12.62
Unexpended Balance	.40
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Total Expenditures	\$4,750.00
Appropriation	\$4,500.00
Transfer From Reserve Fund	250.00
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Total	\$4,750.00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. HYDE,

*Chief of Police*



## FIRE DEPARTMENT YEARLY REPORT FOR 1953

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The Fire Department distributed in different sections of the town several types of fire extinguishers for public use in case of emergency. Therefore anyone having a fire and in need of an extinguisher should call at nearest location.

Fred Ashley, 1443 Main Street	2 Extinguishers
Jethro Ashley, 808 Main Street	2 Extinguishers
Oscar H. Forand, 840 Main Street	2 Extinguishers
Everett Booker, 561 Main Street	2 Extinguishers
Herman Morse, 114 Mendall Road	2 Extinguishers
Clifford Tripp, Perry Hill Road	2 Extinguishers
Andre R. Halle, Peckham Road	1 Extinguisher
Dolor Halle, Peckham Road	1 Extinguisher
Ustus Arbogast, 912 Middle Road	1 Extinguisher

**In case of Fire DIAL 2-7456**

**or Police Department 2-4405**

The Fire Department responded to 88 fires during the year and the Department consists of 35 regular volunteer Firemen.

### EXPENDITURES

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$ 214.15
New Bedford Gas Co.	24.00
Arguin Press	22.00
Farrar Co.	50.85
Baylies, Inc.	56.63
Pepin Bros. (gas, oil, parts and battery)	209.88
Parting Ways Service Station (gas, oil and parts)	102.26
Eddie's Market	28.29
Taber's Garage	3.00
Bergeron Insurance Inc.	118.75

DaHill Co.	12.20
Bob's Auto Body	15.00
Johnson's Inc.	9.95
Roy Paper Co.	3.40
Joseph E. Toussaint	2.50
Shuster Co.	7.05
Beckman Co. C. E.	18.03
Fire Engineering	6.00
Bailey (Ass'n Dues)	5.00
Motor Sales	16.39
New Bedford Lumber Co.	6.89
Henry and Stanley Gas Station	6.20
Charles H. Clougherty	55.50
Bourroussa's Hardware	2.75
Conrad H. Gauttier (P. O. Stamps)	14.00
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Total	\$1,010.70

#### MONTHLY PAYROLLS

January	\$ 58.00	
February	120.00	
March	128.00	
April	66.00	
May	46.00	
June	508.50	
July	42.00	
August	63.00	
September	40.50	
October	53.00	
November	39.50	
December	48.50	
Total	<hr/>	\$1,213.00
Expenditures		1,010.70
Chief's Salary		2,938.00
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Total Expenditures		\$5,161.70

Appropriation	5,165.50
Unexpended Balance	<hr/> \$ 3.80

Respectfully yours as submitted,

CONRAD H. GAUTTIER,

*Fire Chief, A.F.D.*

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

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Dec. 31, 1953

Board of Selectmen,  
Acushnet, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report:

From April 15, 1953 to December 31, 1953 I made one-hundred ninety-four (194) inspections as follows:

Oil Burners	27
Services	
New	19
Changed	40
Temporary	18
Rough Wiring	26
Finished Wiring	14
Miscellaneous	50
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Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. BARRY,

*Inspector of Wires*

## REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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To the Board of Selectmen:

Devices sealed:

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	1
Scales 100 to 5,000 lbs.	2
Scales less than 100 lbs.	33
Adjusted	2
Avoirdupois	15
Apothecary	1
Liquid Measures under 1 Gal.	26
Liquid Measures over 1 Gal.	3
Condemned	1
Gasoline meters	17
Kerosene, Oil and Grease	8
Adjusted	2
Yardsticks	1

Trial measurement and weighing of commodities packaged for sale:

	<i>Tested</i>	<i>Correct</i>	<i>Over</i>	<i>Under</i>
Bread	26	22	4	0
Butter	54	54	0	0
Dry commodities and				
Canned Goods	942	931	10	1
Flour	23	14	9	0

HENRY O. SAUCIER,  
*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

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To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet:

During the year 1953 I visited 66 barns and inspected 1158 cows, 83 sheep, 5 goats, 5 horses and 395 pigs.

I quarantined 2 dogs but found no symptoms of rabies during the quarantine period.

Respectfully submitted,

OTIS J. TRIPP,

*Inspector of Animals*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year 1953:

Immediately following the election the newly elected member, Louise F. Taber was sworn into office by the Town Clerk.

At the first regular meeting the Board organized as follows:

Chairman—Clement St. Amand, Jr.

Secretary—Mrs. Louise F. Taber

Agent and Inspector of Licenses—Sylvano Frates

Allen E. Weeks was appointed Inspector of Slaughtering which appointment was duly confirmed by the State Department.

We have been most fortunate in only having one patient at the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital for a part of the year. However we had one premature birth which required assistance that cost the Board of Health \$274.50. We had two cases of paralytic poliomyelitis reported and no cases of diphtheria.

The garbage collection has been performed in a satisfactory manner and the usual number of complaints were received.

Through the cooperation of the District Nurse, Miss Katherine Hartley, R.N., the dental clinic was carried on throughout the school year for the most needy children. A total of \$757.00 was charged for this work and \$152.42 was credited as part payment by the children, thereby the net cost to the Board of Health was \$604.58. The yearly totals are as follows: 172 Fillings; 70 Treatments; 48 Extractions; 50 Prophylaxis; 9 X-rays and 59 Examinations. Total of 408 for the year 1953.

Thanking everyone for their cooperation during the year, we present the following statistical report:

Chicken Pox	2
Dog Bite	2
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	2
Scarlet Fever	2
German Measles	52
Premature Births	8

The following licenses were issued:

Store License—Milk and Cream	18
Vehicle License—Milk and Cream	19
Pasteurization Licenses	3
Trailer Camp License	1
Oleomargarine	12

Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT ST. AMAND, JR.  
SYLVANO FRATES  
LOUISE F. TABER

*Board of Health*



# REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN For the Year 1953

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Number of Bound Volumes	8,748
Added in 1953	184
Purchased	119
Donated	65

## CIRCULATION

### *From Main Library*

Fiction	6,144
Non-Fiction	2,372
Periodicals	1,735

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Total	10,251
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Juveniles circulated	4,649
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### *From Long Plain Branch*

Books	900
Magazines	440

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Total for Long Plain	1340
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Total Circulation for Town	11,591
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## REGISTRATION FOR 1953

Total	700
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Increase of Adult Borrowers	55
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Increase of Juvenile Borrowers	63
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Total	118
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Several fine new Reference Books have been added to our collection, also many useful non-fiction books. We are grateful to all who have donated and loaned books or magazines.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA L. WHITE,  
*Librarian*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1953

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Population of the Town, January 1, 1953	4,618
Number of Polls	1,511
Number of Persons assessed on real estate only	1,478
Number of persons assessed on personal estate only	23
Number of persons assessed on both personal and real estate	161
Value of assessed stock in trade	\$14,125.00
Value of assessed machinery	411,240.00
Value of assessed livestock	88,260.00
Value of all other assessed tangible Personal Property	17,660.00
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Value of assessed Personal Estate	\$531,285.00
Value of land exclusive of buildings	\$693,735.00
Value of buildings exclusive of land	2,173,265.00
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Value of assessed Real Estate	\$2,867,000.00
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Total valuation of assessed Estate	\$3,398,285.00
Tax on Polls	\$3,022.00
Tax on Personal Estate	23,376.54
Tax on Real Estate	126,148.00
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Taxes levied on Polls and Property	\$152,546.54
Tax rate per \$1,000.00	\$44.00
Number of horses assessed	14
Number of cows assessed	837
Number of neat cattle assessed	168
Number of swine assessed	130
Number of sheep assessed	12
Number of fowl assessed	17,506
Number of all other livestock assessed	8

Number of dwelling-houses assessed	1,186
Number of acres of land assessed	10,313

### Recapitulation Sheet of 1953

#### Appropriations from Available Funds

1952 and 1953	\$114,558.95	
Appropriations 1952 and 1953	255,679.19	
State Assessments:		
State Parks and Reservations	370,335.03	
State Parks and Reservations (1952 Underestimate)	42.03	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	72.31	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts (1952 Underestimate)	33.88	
County Assessment:		
County Tax	11,050.19	
Tuberculosis Hospital	4,910.64	
Tuberculosis Hospital (1952 Underestimate)	251.57	
Overlay of Current Year	8,192.02	
Total		\$395,175.20

### Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	\$43,190.31
Corporation Taxes	18,601.89
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	10,000.00
Licenses	7,126.00
Health and Sanitation	337.30
Charities	4,122.82
Old Age Tax (Meals)	1,429.66
Old Age Assistance	20,174.59
Veterans' Benefits	1,075.79
Schools	6,290.73
Public Service Enterprises	15,055.65

Cemeteries	40.90	
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$127,445.64	
County Tax (1952 Overestimate)	\$1,059.67	
Total Available Funds	114,558.95	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$243,064.26	
Total amount to be raised by taxation on Polls and Property		\$152,546.54
Number of Polls, 1,511 @ \$2.00	\$3,022.00	
Total Valuation:		
Personal Property	\$531,285.00	
Real Estate	2,867,000.00	
Real Estate Tax	\$126,148.00	
Personal Property Tax	23,376.54	
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		\$152,546.54

**List of Taxes Committed to Collector  
for the Year 1953**

Personal Property Tax	\$23,376.54	
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Total Personal Property Tax		\$23,376.54
Real Estate Taxes	\$126,148.00	
Subsequent Assessments	13.86	
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Total Real Estate Taxes		\$126,161.86
Poll Taxes		3,022.00
Excise Tax for the year 1953 (1926) Motor Vehicles	25,327.69	
Excise Tax for the year 1952 Committed in 1953	1,678.05	
Total Commitments to Collector for the year 1953		\$179,566.14

WILLIAM FAWCETT  
LOUIS GAUDETTE  
EDWARD DESSERT

**Report of An Audit**  
**of**  
**The Accounts of**  
**THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET**

**FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 19, 1951 TO**  
**DECEMBER 31, 1952**

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**Made in Accordance with the Provisions of**  
**Chapter 44, General Laws**

# TOWN OF ACUSHNET

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1952

### General Accounts

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities and Reserves</i>	
Cash,	\$189,241.33	Reserve for Unpaid Warrant,	\$1,189.74
Accounts Receivable:		Excess—Sale of Lands of Low Value,	4.19
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Tailings—Unclaimed Checks,	97.31
Levy of 1952,	3,333.93	Old Age Assistance Recovery,	191.05
Tax Titles and Possessions:		Federal Grants:	
Tax Titles,	\$ 963.95	Disability Assistance:	
Tax Possessions,	7,698.68	Administration,	\$ 207.86
	8,662.63	Assistance,	1,774.73
Departmental:		Aid to Dependent Children:	
Highway,	39.85	Administration,	878.95
General Relief,	862.86	Aid,	1,089.88
Disability Assistance,	171.92	Old Age Assistance:	
Aid to Dependent Children,	1,505.13	Administration,	370.17
Old Age Assistance,	180.38	Assistance,	3,664.56
Veterans' Services,	270.15		7,986.15
	3,030.29	Appropriation Balances:	
Water Rates and Charges,	112.91	Revenue:	
Aid to Highways:		General:	
County	1,499.58	Civilian Defense,	\$576.06
*Loan Issued—Water Mains, In Process		Street Layouts,	600.00

of Negotiation,	50,000.00	Survey of School System,	1,987.15	
Appropriation Voted From Post-War		Water Mains,	70,000.00	
Rehabilitation Fund:				73,163.21
Water Mains,	10,000.00	Reserve for Appropriation From Post-War		
Revenue 1953:		Rehabilitation Fund,		10,000.00
Appropriations to be Provided For:		Overestimate 1952:		
Voted at August 16, 1952		County, Tax,		1,059.67
Town Meeting,	400.00	Sale of Real Estate Fund,		2,517.42
Underestimates 1952 Assessments:		Surplus War Bonus Fund,		1,528.91
State Audit of Municipal		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		29,102.72
Accounts,	36.88	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
State Parks and Reservations,	42.03	Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
County Hospital,	251.57	Excise,	3,333.93	
		Tax Title and Possession,	8,662.63	
	330.48	Departmental,	3,030.29	
		Water,	112.91	
		Aid to Highway,	1,499.58	
				16,639.34
		Surplus Revenue:		
		General,	107,606.02	
		Water,	15,525.42	
				123,131.44
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				\$266,611.15
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	\$266,611.15			

\*Cash received January 3, 1953.

### Debt Accounts

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	\$52,000.00	Water Loans,	\$52,000.00
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### Trust and Investment Accounts

#### Trust and Investment Funds:

##### Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town Treasurer,	\$128,013.67
In Custody of Board of Health,	6,193.93

#### In Custody of Town Treasurer,

Russell Protestant Poor Fund,	\$12,232.42
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School Funds,	
Russell Public School,	7,073.22
H. H. Rogers Gift,	878.70

#### Library Funds:

Allen and Rhoda Russell,	7,787.33
Russell Memorial Library Maintenance,	7,802.84

Russell Fund—Care of Town Hall and Library,	3,247.15
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#### Cemetery Funds:

Perpetual Care,	9,755.47
Beautification and Extra Care,	2,400.59

Special Care,	382.44
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Russell Fund—Care and Improvement of Acushnet Cemetery,	667.21
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Sale of Lots and Graves—Long Plain Cemetery,	1,028.02
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	Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	74,758.28	
			\$128,013.67
	R. N. Swift Board of Health Fund,		6,193.93
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\$134,207.60			

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

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To the Officers and Townspeople of Acushnet:

It is time again for us, the Trustees of Russell Memorial Library, to report to the taxpayers.

The major happenings of 1953 were the replacement of the old wooden flagpole and the renovating of the lawn. Two projects needing immediate attention.

The new flagpole is metal and we hope will last for many years. Several factors contributed to its end—age, lashing of windstorms, and last but not least, the abuse given it by the children.

We, the Trustees of Russell Memorial Library, must appeal to you, parents and taxpayers, for help. In the past, your Librarian, Miss Emma L. White, and the Trustees have tried to keep the children from using the Library grounds and building as a playground throughout the year. However, we must admit failure, and must ask your co-operation. Pride in the Town buildings is good, but pride alone cannot keep buildings and grounds in good condition. We cannot build up lawns, paint buildings, erect new flagpoles, and expect them to remain in excellent condition if they are subjected to abuse. We know the parents cannot know the damage caused by the children—that is why it keeps on year after year. For this reason, we take this opportunity to advise you, and if you have children, will you please help us eliminate needless expense?

A wonderful new five-volume dictionary was purchased to replace the torn and worn-out volume in use for many years. This new dictionary will be valuable to students of all grades

in research.

Again we urge everyone to make more liberal use of the facilities available in our Town Library,

Library hours:

Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and  
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER CRAVEN  
FRANCES GIFFORD  
GEORGETTE A. OWEN

*Trustees of Russell  
Memorial Library*

## **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND NURSE**

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Acushnet, Massachusetts

January 20, 1954

To the Members of the School Committee, the Superintendent, Teachers, and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

At the end of the fiscal year of 1953, the School Physician and Nurse submit their annual report.

In contemplation and review of our work in the past year and that of the previous few years, we find that there has been much improvement in physical health and well-being of the children examined. The average child at a certain age today seems to be in much better condition than the average child of that same age 5 or 6 years ago. We believe that this is largely due to an improvement in the economic conditions under which the children are raised, but it is very satisfying to observe the improvement in general health.

The Dental Clinic conducted by the School Nurse and Dr. Paul Kuechler has been functioning well and we now find the childrens' teeth today to be in much better condition than we found several years ago. This clinic has been well worth while.

At the Baby Clinic for pre-school children, held in the Library on the first Wednesday of each month, we examined or treated 224 children. Forty-three children were vaccinated against Small-pox, and 51 children were immunized against Pertussis, Diphtheria, and Tetanus.

The State Vision Test was given to 270 children, of whom 26 failed. Eighteen of these failures have been corrected.

The State Pure Tone Audiometer Test for Hearing was given to 404 children in the schools. Seventeen of these failed, and of the 17, 8 have been corrected.

Physical examinations were given to 229 school children, 47 of whom were accompanied by their parents. Six children underwent complete physicals by their family physician. Of the 229 children examined, there were listed the following abnormalities:

Postural defects	33
Teeth defects	61
Ear conditions	5
Eye conditions	2
Abnormal Tonsils	67
Nasal Defects	3
Heart Conditions	7
Feet and Spine Conditions	1

Thus, in brief outline, we show the results of a year of pleasant and satisfying work. We appreciate most heartily the complete co-operation of the Parents, the School Committee, and the Superintendent, and Teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. JEFFREY  
KATHERINE HARTLEY

## NURSE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953

### CASE TOTALS

Full Paying Cases	114 for	377 Visits
Part Paying Cases	89 for	389 Visits
Part Paying Maternity	26 for	68 Visits
J. H. Insurance	21 for	86 Visits
J. H. Maternity	8 for	24 Visits
School	666 for	679 Visits
Board of Health	50 for	51 Visits
Welfare, O.A.A., ADC.	106 for	218 Visits
Crippled Children	1 for	2 Visits
Free Cases	32 for	67 Visits
Free Maternity	11 for	28 Visits
Cancer	5 for	9 Visits
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	1129 for	1998 Visits

### QUARTERLY TOTALS

First Quarter	556 Visits
Second Quarter	569 Visits
Third Quarter	279 Visits
Fourth Quarter	594 Visits

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1998 Visits

A total of 224 children attended the Well Baby Clinic during 1953. This clinic was held on the first Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and August.

A total of 43 children were vaccinated at these clinics, and 51 children were immunized.

Pure Tone audiometer examinations were given to 404 children in schools with 17 failures and 8 corrections.

Massachusetts State Vision examinations were given to 270 children with 26 failures and 18 corrections.

**DENTAL CLINIC REPORT FOR 1953**

28 clinics held in 1953, Friday mornings, ten to twelve A.M.

172 Fillings  
70 Treatments  
48 Extractions  
50 Prophylaxis  
9 X-Rays  
59 Examinations

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408

Total Charges, \$757.; Total Credits, \$152.42; Balance, \$604.58.

Respectfully submitted,

**KATHERINE HARTLEY, R.N.,**  
*District Nurse*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1953

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### Directory

<i>School Board Membership</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Gerard Charest, Chairman	1955
William Fawcett, Jr.	1956
Harold Bates	1954

#### *Superintendent of Schools*

Albert F. Ford      Executive Secretary of the School Board

#### *Personnel*

Dr. William A. Jeffrey	School Physician
Katherine Hartley, R.N.	School Nurse
James Hyde	Attendance Officer
Matthew Niziolek, Custodian	Parting Ways School
Joseph F. Resendes, Custodian	Marie S. Howard School
Omer Pineau, Custodian	Mason W. Burt School
Arthur Forand, Custodian	Long Plain School
(Retired June 30, 1953)	
Oscar Forand, Custodian	Long Plain School
(Elected July 1, 1953)	

#### *Teaching Staff*

Mrs. Mabel A. Phillips, Prin., Grade 8	Parting Ways School
Mrs. Isabelle G. Braley, Grade 7	Parting Ways School
Mrs. Eleanor F. Eastham, Grade 6	Parting Ways School
Mrs. Anna M. Gacek, Grade 5	Parting Ways School
Miss Muriel Barnes, Grade 4	Parting Ways School
Miss Isabelle Kosztyla, Grade 3	Parting Ways School
Miss Stacia Skoczolek, Grade 2	Parting Ways School
Mrs. Frances E. Gifford, Grade 1	Parting Ways School
Daniel F. Flanagan, Prin., Grades 7,8	Marie S. Howard School
Mrs. Elva S. Gurney, Grades 5,6	Marie S. Howard School
Mrs. Stasia C. Polar, Grades 3,4	Marie S. Howard School



Mrs. Bertha S. Slater, Grades 1,2	Marie S. Howard School
Miss Ruth Taber, Prin., Grades 3,4	Long Plain School
Mrs. Matilda Bertrand, Grades 1,2	Long Plain School
Mrs. Sophronia A. Howard, Grades 5,6	Long Plain School
Mrs. Yvonne J. Parker, Grades 7,8	Long Plain School
Miss Alma Schumann, Prin., Grades 3,4	Mason W. Burt School
Mrs. Mildred F. Meade, Grades 1,2	Mason W. Burt School
Mrs. Ruth B. Jackson, Grades 5,6	Mason W. Burt School
Miss Jacqueline Costa, Remedial Reading	All Schools

# *AGE AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION, OCTOBER 1, 1953*

Grade	AGE												Totals
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
I	23	36	2										61
II		37	39	8	2	1							87
III			16	31	8	4	3						62
IV				18	42	10	4		1				75
V					11	38	10	8	3				70
VI					4	15	18	15	3	2	2		59
VII							12	27	6	7	3		55
VIII								6	20	9	2	1	38
Totals	23	73	57	57	67	68	47	56	33	18	7	1	507

Numbers to left of heavy lines—pupils under age

Numbers between heavy lines—pupils normal age

Numbers to right of heavy lines—pupils over age

Total enrolled	507	Percent enrolled	100%
Pupils under age	142	Percent under age	28%
Pupils normal age	319	Percent normal age	63%
Pupils over age	46	Percent over age	9%

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR 1953**

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To the Townspeople of Acushnet:

The annual report submitted herewith is the twenty-second in a consecutive series released by the writer.

There were twenty-six meetings of the School Board during the year. On March 2, 1953 the School Board reorganized designating Gerard Charest as Chairman of the Board.

During the month of March the staff of the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission released a comprehensive survey of school building needs. The local survey committee had this report printed and distributed to all voters in the town. Interest in new school construction has increased considerably.

The last of four classrooms in the Long Plain Schcol was renovated for occupancy of pupils attending grades seven and eight. Total enrollment in this schcol exceeds ninety pupils for the first time in twenty years.

It is a source of satisfaction that greater numbers of students are continuing their education in secondary schools. More young people are currently enrolled in the first year of the several out of town high schools than at any time in the history of education locally.

A remarkable example of civic pride was evidenced in the bequest to the town for educational purposes of an amount exceeding \$27,000 in the will of May T. A. Manter, formerly of Long Plain. Interest derived from this legacy must be used for the support of public education. It is with a feeling of humility that the wholesome and altruistic spirit of the Manter

family is recognized.

Many repairs were completed in all schools during the year. Oil burning equipment was installed in the Marie S. Howard School. New floors were provided in two classrooms in this school. Major changes were made in the plumbing. New gutters were applied to the Mason W. Burt School. An insulated boiler jacket was provided in the Parting Ways School. Many chalk boards were treated with green paint. Several storm windows were provided. Floor cleaning equipment was purchased.

Massachusetts Vision Testing Equipment was purchased for the use of the school nurse. Possession of this very desirable unit will preclude necessity of borrowing from nearby towns.

Arthur Forand, janitor of the Long Plain School, retired on June 30, 1953. Mr. Forand rendered excellent service as a school custodian. Oscar H. Forand was elected to this position on July 1, 1953.

A new school bus was provided on a three years' contract basis by Norman G. Pepin. Four school busses are now in operation serving the good interests of elementary and high school pupils. Two busses operate over fixed routes providing transportation to public and private schools within the town. One bus transports students to and from the New Bedford High School and the Vocational High School. Another bus travels between this area and the Bristol County Agricultural School. Three of these school busses are owned by Everett Booker.

Your attention is drawn to the following financial statement:

At the annual town meeting in March, 1953, \$130,000 was appropriated for schools and \$11,000 for Vocational education. \$1,000 was transferred from available funds in the treasury for Vocational School purposes on September 30, 1953.

	1953 Costs	1954 Estimate
<b>GENERAL CONTROL</b>		
Superintendent of Schools	\$5,582.20	\$5,782.20
Attendance Officer Fees	100.00	125.00
Office Expense	612.67	700.00
School Committee	20.00	20.00
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>		
Teachers' Salaries	63,045.67	69,500.00
Books	2,084.19	2,000.00
Supplies	2,338.49	2,000.00
<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE</b>		
Janitors' Salaries	11,957.66	11,958.00
Fuel	2,887.01	3,200.00
Maintenance	1,165.21	1,100.00
Repairs	6,903.09	8,500.00
<b>AUXILIARY AGENCIES</b>		
Transportation	11,674.40	12,900.00
Tuition	21,080.96	22,900.00
Sundries	65.61	65.00
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	\$129,517.16	\$140,750.00
Year end balance	482.84	
State Aid, Chapter 643	35,351.46	
Transportation Aid, Chapter 754	6,003.10	
State Wards, Chapter 76	540.63	
Non-resident tuition	122.80	
Total reimbursements	42,017.99	
Net cost to taxpayers	87,499.17	

Economic conditions, adjustments in salaries, professional personnel and larger enrollments contribute to increases in the 1954 school budget. A new heating system is planned at the

Long Plain School. Link fence will be erected on the Marie S. Howard School playground. Provisions are made for plumbing repairs in the Parting Ways School.

#### VOCATIONAL BUDGET

	1953	1954
	Costs	Estimate
Tuition	\$8,682.72	\$10,800.00
Transportation	2,736.50	3,200.00
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	\$11,419.22	\$14,000.00
Year end balance	580.78	
State Aid Tuition	3,443.27	
State Aid Transportation	1,365.27	
Total State Aid	4,808.54	
Net cost to taxpayers	6,610.68	

Estimates for tuition and transportation in 1954 are higher due to increase in enrollments in both the day and evening classes at the New Bedford Vocational High School.

All members of the teaching staff and the school janitors are carrying their respective responsibilities in a dignified and productive manner. Each employee pursues his daily tasks with singular purpose and inspires confidence among his associates.

The efforts of the School Committee membership in support of solid school administration are recognized. Any public endeavor seeking to serve the good interests of children should have the unqualified cooperation of all thinking people.

Very respectfully yours,

ALBERT F. FORD,  
*Superintendent of Schools*

Acushnet, Massachusetts

January 18, 1954

We have this day voted to accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools as the report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held in the Town Hall on alternate Monday evenings at 7:00 o'clock.

GERARD CHAREST, Chairman  
WILLIAM FAWCETT, JR.  
HAROLD BATES

*Members of the Acushnet  
School Committee*

# WARRANT

## For the Annual Town Meeting

### Monday, March 1, 1954

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Acushnet:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet, who are qualified to vote in Elections in Town affairs, to meet at the several designated Polling Places in their respective precincts, in said Acushnet, to wit:

**Precinct 1—Polling Place**  
FIRE STATION

**Precinct 2—Polling Place**  
TOWN HALL

**Precinct 3—Polling Place**  
LONG PLAIN METHODIST CHURCH

On Monday, the first (1) next A.D., 1954, it being the first Monday in March, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon then and there to bring their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers and questions to wit:

Town Clerk, Treasurer-Collector of Taxes for three years.

One Selectman and member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years.

One Assessor for three years.



One Tree Warden for one year.  
 One Member of School Committee for three years.  
 One Member of the Board of Health for three years.  
 One Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years.  
 One Trustee of Free Public Library for three years.  
 One Member of the Cemetery Board for three years.  
 One Moderator for one year.  
 One Park Commissioner for three years.

All the above mentioned Town officers are to be voted for on one ballot.

For this purpose the polls will be opened at each and all said precincts at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and will close at 8 o'clock in the evening at each and all the several precincts.

You are hereby further required and directed to notify and warn said inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet aforesaid who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs therein to assemble subsequently and meet in Town Meeting at the Town Hall in said Acushnet, the sixth (6) day of March next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following subjects and business, viz:

Article 1—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper maintenance of the Department of Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector. Treasurer and Collector's Salary \$4,160.00. Departmental expenses for Treasurer and Collector \$4,934.24. Town Clerk's Salary \$113.00. Departmental expenses Town Clerk \$923.50.

Article 2—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper maintenance of the Department of Assessors, and for Sectional Plotting purposes. Salary Chairman of Board of Assessors \$600.00. Other 2 members \$500.00 each. Departmental expenses \$3,220.61.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE WARRANT OF 1954**

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Article 1—Recommend \$4,160.00 for Treasurer and Collector's Salary, \$4,934.24 for departmental expenses of Treasurer and Collector, \$113.00 for Town Clerk's Salary, and \$923.50 for departmental expenses of Town Clerk. ✓

Article 2—Recommend \$600.00 for Chairman of Board of Assessors' Salary, \$500.00 each for 2 other members of the Board of Assessors, and \$3,220.61 for departmental expenses of the Board of Assessors. ✓

Article 3—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper maintenance of the Department of Selectmen and Town Accountant, and Department of the Registrars of Voters. Salary Chairman of Board of Selectmen \$700.00. Other 2 members \$400.00 each. Departmental expenses for Selectmen, Town Accountant and Registrars of Voters \$5,471.20. ✓

Article 4—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Board of Health. Salaries Chairman \$75.00. Clerk \$100.00. Other Member \$50.00. Departmental expenses for Board of Health \$3,400.00. ✓

Article 5—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for employment of District or other nurse. \$2,234.00. ✓

Article 6—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a moderator \$20.00 and Inspector of Animals \$115.00. ✓

Article 7—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Town Hall and Offices. ✓

Article 8—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Police Department. ✓

Article 9—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Fire Department. ✓

**Finance Committee Recommendations—Continued**

Article 3—Recommend \$700.00 for Chairman of Board of Selectmen's Salary, \$400.00 each for 2 other members of the Board of Selectmen, and \$5,471.20 for departmental expenses of the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant and Registrars of Voters.

Article 4—Recommend \$75.00 for Chairman of Board of Health, \$100.00 for Clerk, \$50.00 for other member, and \$3,400.00 for departmental expenses of the Board of Health.

Article 5—Recommend \$2,234.00.

Article 6—Recommend \$20.00 for Moderator, and \$115.00 for Inspector of Animals.

Article 7—Recommend \$3,100.00.

Article 8—Recommend \$5,500.00.

Article 9—Recommend \$5,803.00.

Article 10—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Department of Sealer of Weights and Measures. ✓

Article 11—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Sewer Pumping Charges. ✓

Article 12—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for highways, bridges, sidewalks, removal of snow, sanding, drains, weekly collection of rubbish, equipment and materials. ✓

Article 13—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto. ✓

Article 14—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of maintaining during the ensuing year, the Mosquito Control Works, as estimated and certified to by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112, Acts of 1931. ✓

Article 15—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Street Lights. ✓

Article 16—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Suppression of Moths, and Dutch Elm Disease. ✓

Article 17—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Veteran's Benefits, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Laws. ✓

**Finance Committee Recommendations—Continued**

Article 10—Recommend \$225.00.

Article 11—Recommend \$150.00.

Article 12—Recommend to raise and appropriate \$17,000.00, and transfer \$18,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 13—Recommend \$4,500.00 to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 14—Recommend \$50.00.

Article 15—Recommend \$3,400.00.

Article 16—Recommend \$1,547.00 for Suppression of Moths, and \$750.24 for Dutch Elm Disease. *Transfer from Ex. D. Acct*

Article 17—Recommend \$3,500.00.

Article 18—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for any and all expenditures in administering and granting of Public Welfare and General Relief. Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare \$200.00. Other 2 Members \$100.00 each. ✓

Article 19—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for any and all expenditures in the administering and granting of Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance and Disability Assistance. ✓

Article 20—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Schools. ✓

Article 21—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Vocational High School. ✓

Article 22—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Free Public Libraries, and also transfer the Bristol County Dog Fund to the Library Account. ✓

Article 23—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Park Purposes. ✓

Article 24—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Purposes. ✓

Article 25—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or Transfer from the Overlay Reserve Account, a sum of money for the Reserve Fund. ✓

Article 26—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Insurance on all Public Buildings and Equipment owned by the Town. ✓

**Finance Committee Recommendations—Continued**

Article 18—Recommend \$200.00 for Chairman of Board of Public Welfare, \$100.00 each for other 2 members, and \$2,600.00 for expenditures in administering and granting of Public Welfare and General Relief.

Article 19—Recommend to raise and appropriate \$17,000.00, and to transfer from the E. & D. account \$20,000 for Old Age Assistance. Transfer from the E. & D. Account \$6,000.00 for Aid to Dependent Children, and to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for Disability Assistance.

Article 20—Recommend \$140,750.00.

Article 21—Recommend \$14,000.00.

Article 22—Recommend \$1,800.00, and transfer \$752.39 Dog Fund.

Article 23—Recommend to transfer \$2,650 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 24—Recommend \$150.00.

Article 25—Recommend to transfer \$8,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account.

Article 26—Recommend \$1,081.66.



Article 27—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper maintenance of the Department of Building Inspector, and Department of Inspector of Wires. ✓

Article 28—To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 17, of the General Laws. ✓

Article 29—To see if the Town will vote to take care of its proportional part of the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital Maintenance and Care, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Town's proportional part of maintenance and care of said hospital. ✓ *Added*

Article 30—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of Tax Title real estate purchased or taken in the name of the Town on which the rights of redemption have been foreclosed as provided under the provisions of Chapter 60, General Laws, and amendments thereto, or having been deeded to the Town, or take any action relative thereto. ✓

Article 31—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Long Plain Cemetery. ✓

Article 32—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account, the sum of \$4,131.15, necessary to be paid by said Town for the Pension Fund, the Special Fund for the fiscal year of 1954, as provided for in Section 22 (7) (c) (ii) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, (Ter. Ed.) as amended. ✓

**Finance Committee Recommendations—Continued**

Article 27—Recommend \$500.00 Department of Building Inspector, and \$500.00 for Department of Inspector of Wires,

Article 28—

Article 29—Recommend \$4,388.52.

Article 30—

Article 31—Recommend \$300.00.

Article 32—Recommend \$4,131.45.

Article 33—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Dog Fund. ✓

Article 34—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civil Defense Purposes. ✓

Article 35—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available water surplus a sum of \$12,783.67, and to appropriate a sum of \$17,500.00, from the Water Revenue of 1954, for the maintenance and operation of the Water Department, including Water Debt and interest. ✓

Article 36—To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,500.00 from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund for the construction of a Garage for the Highway Department. *Tabled*

Article 37—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Christmas decorating of the Town Hall. ✓

Article 38—To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a new Fire Apparatus for the Fire Department. *\$13500 2 PCs*

Article 39—To see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets as laid out by the Board of Selectmen: Porter Street, ~~New York Avenue~~, Morningside Avenue, Homestead Avenue, Ward Street, Harbeck Street. ✓

Article 40—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the erection of a Memorial in the form of a Monument in honor of the Acushnet Dead of World War II and of the Korean conflict, on which memorial is to be inscribed the names of those who have made the supreme sacrifice. Sponsored by the Veteran organizations of Acushnet, namely Post No. 265 American Legion, Tuttle Post No. 7239 V.F.W. and Auxiliaries.

*Refer to Selectmen to  
appoint a Committee*

**Finance Committee Recommendations—Continued**

Article 33—Recommend \$150.00.

Article 34—Recommend \$300.00.

Article 35—

Article 36—Recommend to transfer \$1,500.00 from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund.

Article 37—Recommend \$200.00.

Article 38—Recommend to transfer \$15,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 39—

Article 40—

Article 41—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the erection and establishment of a proper memorial square at the corner of Alden Road and Bernard Street, Acushnet, Massachusetts, in memory and in honor of an Acushnet native Ernesto Frias-Frutes. This square to be on town property and a proper sign post erected and stone marker will constitute this area. *Tabled*

Article 42—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for an engineer's survey of sewerage needs of the town as requested by the Mass. Dept. of Public Health; or take any action in relation thereto. *\$100.00*

*For Expenses for Ch. of Bd of Health Ch. Ass.  
Chair of Board of Health*  
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof (7) days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by the Board of Selectmen.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty-Sixth day of January, A.D. 1954.

FRANK WARSOSKI  
HENRY L. GUILBEAULT  
USTUS ARBOGAST

*Selectmen of Acushnet*

A True Copy Attest:

*Constable of Acushnet.*

February,

1954.

**Finance Committee Recommendations—Continued**

Article 41—

Article 42—

SYDNEY H. BURRELL, *Chairman*  
FRANK CRANDON  
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MANUEL RESENDES  
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*Finance Committee*

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