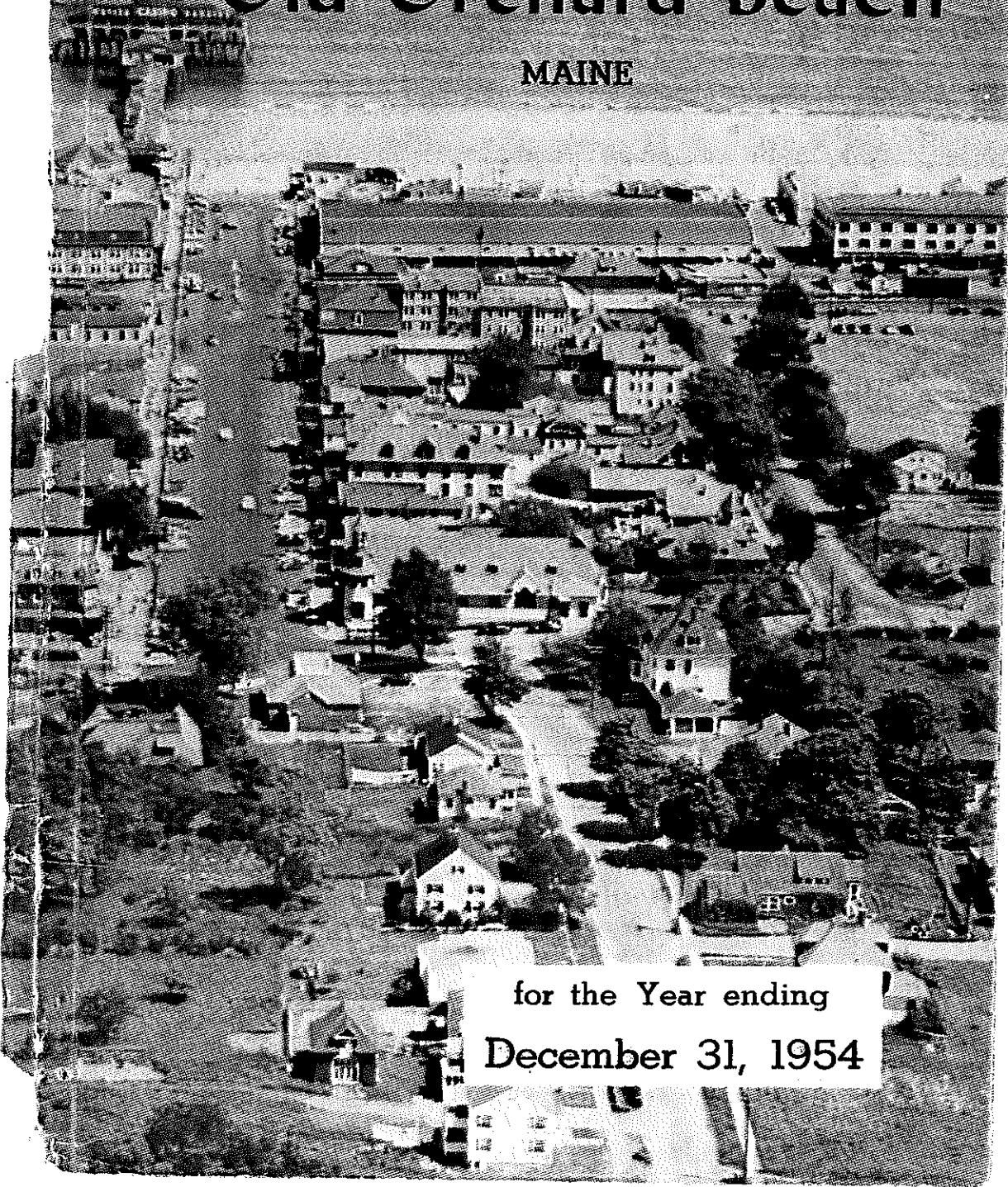


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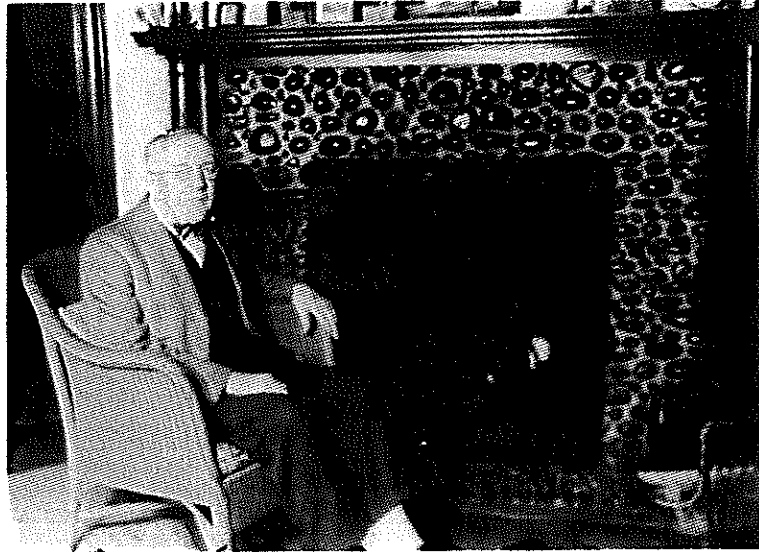
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DEDICATED TO FRED I. LUCE  
IN RECOGNITION OF  
HIS SIXTY-THREE YEARS IN  
PUBLIC OFFICE



*Photo by Wight Studio*



OLD ORCHARD BEACH AND OCEAN STEEL PIER, THE FINEST IN THE WORLD.

63 Years Ago

## TOWN OFFICERS

### Selectmen and Assessors

Winford E. Farr

Fred I. Luce	Edwin H. Smith
Lorimer N. Lombard	Thure H. Anderson
Town Manager	Norris W. Stilphen
Town Clerk	Fred I. Luce
Deputy Town Clerk	E. Emerson Cummings
Police Chief	Leo Farrington
Fire Chief	Theodore H. Mingo
Health Officer	George Farmer
Health Nurse	Jean Fitanides

### School Committee

John Trull

Margaret Morton	Benjamin Downs
Superintendent	Cecil J. Cutts

### Budget Committee

Winifred Benway	Alphonse Monier
Edward Bragg	Percy Rich
Omer Cyr	Henry Rudy
Harry J. Dowd, Jr.	Herbert Sears
Harriet Fogg	Edward Smith
Lewis Fowler	Gordon Smith
Adelbert Jakeman	Howard Slaney
George LeBeau	Edward Brickley
Stephen Leonard	Guy Thomas
Mary Manduca	Robert York
David K. Marshall	Priscilla Skillings
Franklin Milliken	Charles Stone
Ruth Neal	Wesley Mewer
Charles Huot	Richard Doe

Edith Gallant

## REPORT OF THE MANAGER

This seventy-second Town Report is, as you have seen, dedicated to Fred I. Luce in honor of his 63 years in public office. As we honor Mr. Luce it is a good time to look at the old pictures in this report and see what the Town was like in years past, look at it today, and then ask what it will be like in the years to come. You, the citizens of Old Orchard Beach, will determine by the articles you write and pass in the Annual Town Meetings what your Town will become. As the remainder of the country rushes ahead on the economic boom of today there is danger we will be left behind. The town is in a sense at the crossroads. Will it progress and become a more prosperous and finer community, or will it stand still and become nostalgic about the great days that have gone.

At this moment Old Orchard Beach is on the move. Two fine banks have been added to our community in the recent past, a fine modern library is being constructed in our beautiful Memorial Park, and your Town Hall has become a thing of beauty instead of an eyesore. A fine, safe, access highway is being constructed from Route 1 to the Scarborough-Old Orchard Beach line in Pine Point. Plans are complete and construction scheduled for a new highway from Route 1 down Saco Avenue to the top of Old Orchard Street. Thus in the near future our community will have two of the finest access roads in the State. To meet Federal lighting standards on Saco Avenue it will be necessary to install new, more powerful lights. This will create a brilliantly lighted entrance to the Town to draw the tourist to our fine motels, cabins and hotels. Large motels are springing up throughout the town to increase the valuation and spread the tax load. The move is on toward greater things for our community. To have it continue and gain strength depends upon you the citizens of Old Orchard Beach.

As you read through this report you will find a word of

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explanation with each account. Those which are unsigned are actually a part of this manager's report to you the people. This breakdown has been made to allow you to have the financial statements of each account before you as the manager makes his report. This year the report has been printed in two sections. Section A, this section, is for the citizen who wishes a report which can be read and not waded through. All unnecessary detail has been omitted to make for greater readability and reduced cost. Section B, the extra section, is printed by mimeograph process and has all the detail that anyone would want with item by item breakdown of expenditures. By this split printing \$400.00 has been saved on the cost of printing the report.

It has indeed been a pleasure to work with and for the people of Old Orchard Beach these past six months. The report of your town is a fine one this year with a sizeable unexpended balance at year's end. This fine showing is due to the active interest of your Budget Committee, the dedication to good government and energies of your Selectmen, and the planning and wise allotment schedule established by your former manager, Mr. John True. I wish to thank all members of the department of the town for their devotion to duty and efforts to see the job well done, the Selectmen for their faith, advice, and encouragement, and the townspeople for their helpful criticism.

Norris W. Stilphen  
Town Manager

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A detailed breakdown of each account will be found in Section "B" of the Town Report.

**APPROPRIATIONS  
EXPENDITURES**

**CONTINGENT ACCOUNT**

Appropriation	\$9,193.75
Receipts	2,989.56
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Expenditures	\$13,010.55
Overdraft	\$827.24

The contingent account provides funds to carry on those governmental activities which are the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen specifically. It also provides a small amount which can be used at the discretion of the Board to care for those unanticipated expenses which cannot be budgeted for.

This account shows an overdraft due primarily to the extra audit which was necessary this year when the new manager was hired.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation	\$21,500.00
Receipts	1,839.14
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Expenditures	\$21,998.82
Unexpended	\$1,340.32

The Fire Department provides protection for the Town against fire by active fighting of fires and by inspection to uncover fire hazards in the town. Resuscitation equipment and service is also given for those rendered unconscious by drowning, smoke inhalation or electrical shock.

The unexpended balance is due to the very light year in



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number and size of fires. This was due partly to the wet weather and partly to the fire prevention efforts of the department.

### REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

<i>Type of Fire</i>	<i>Number</i>
House fires	19
Mattress fires	1
Woods fires	6
Automobile fires	3
Grass fires	12
False Alarms	4
Chimney fires	5
Trash Barrel fires	3
Dump fires	3
Oil Burner fires	20
Resuscitator Calls	3
Out of Town	2
Other Calls	8
Total	<hr/> 89

### CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Receipts	16.00	
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Expenditures		\$974.17
Unexpended	\$41.83	

This past year there were fewer meetings and test alerts held for our local Civil Defense organization. There were two reasons in particular for this. First, a new State Director was appointed and because of this it was generally felt that a more complete and definite program would be forthcoming. In as much as the average Civil Defense worker becomes discouraged with a lot of revisions and changes in the method of operating, the Director assumed a 'wait

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and see' attitude. Taking this position has been justified in that today we do have a much better program with which to work. Secondly, as from the start of the CD program only more so, the workers in Civil Defense are handicapped in trying to carry out their duties by the lack of interest on the part of their fellow citizens. I trust that as times goes on the townspeople will realize that this program has been put into operation for their welfare and safety and will prove of great service to them in the event of any actual emergency. I trust too that they will see fit to come forward and volunteer their assistance and cooperation in carrying this program out.

Since the appointment of the new State Director there has been great strides made in perfecting the CD organization, both on the State and County level. It will be incumbent on our community to be in keeping with this advanced progress. This will necessarily mean much more activity on all local phases with regular meetings of all the units. All the Deputies and Unit Chairmen will be responsible for carrying out this policy along with the Director.

In regard to our equipment, it is still intact and ready for immediate use. This year we have purchased two new major pieces. Our experience with Hurricane Edna last fall and the many requests for assistance with flooded basements, a Lausen water pump together with the necessary hose was purchased. This pump is now available to any citizen at a small rental fee for pump and an operator. Also, a Motorola radio transmitter and receiver was purchased for the Civil Defense headquarters. This radio operates on the same frequency as the present fire and police radios. This piece of equipment will be of great assistance to the headquarters staff in contacting units operating in various parts of the community during a test or actual alert.

In closing I wish to say that I feel very confident of our local organization. I feel that they have reached a degree of efficiency that can more than equal that of the average community. For this achievement full credit must be given

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to the people that have worked hard and remained faithful to the cause of Civil Defense and Public Safety. My many thanks to them for their splendid spirit of cooperation.

I want to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Managers for the fine support you have given me as the Director. I have greatly appreciated your willingness to assist me at all times.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. Dayton Benway  
Community Director for  
Civil Defense & Public Safety

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$28,475.00	
Receipts	1,594.22	
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Expenditures		\$29,594.08
Unexpended	\$475.14	

The Police Department unexpended balance would have been larger by \$1,276.78 had not this amount been taken from parking fines to pay off the remainder due on the parking meters. It was necessary to use this money as the receipts from the meters were too small to pay the amount due.

The Police Department of Old Orchard Beach is faced with a difficult problem due to the great increase in business in the summer and the obtaining of trained men to work for the summer season. This is being met with a training program for the regular men and as many of the summer personnel as are available to attend the training sessions.

During the year police activity resulted in the following arrests and action as indicated. Total number arrested 158.

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Safekeeping	42
Lodgers	28
Intoxication	11
Drunken Driving	13
Speeding	8
Driving without license	7
Passing Stop Sign	6
Non-Support	5
Assault and Battery	4
Reckless Driving	3
Hotel Damage Refusal	3
Passing on Curve	2
Assault	2
Indecent Exposure	2
Breaking and Entering	2
Passing Stopped School Bus	2
Selling car without permission	1
Willfully killing a dog	1
Larceny of car	1
Panhandling	1
Employing Minors	1
Manslaughter	2
Carrying concealed weapon	1
Revelling	1
Failure to give right of way	1
Refusing to take down sign	1
Sunday sale of intoxicant	1
Taking car without permission	1
Driving unregistered car	1
Driving car without sticker	1
Idle and Disorderly Person	1
Passing a red light	1
Arrested for other towns	1
Total arrested	158

The Police Car made 1,132 calls for various reasons.  
Two trips were made to Alfred, Maine.

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Nineteen trips were made to hospitals.  
One trip was made to South Portland, Maine.  
One trip was made to the State Mental Hospital in Augusta.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leo Farrington, Chief

### TRAFFIC

Meter Income	\$6,807.99	
Expenditures		\$6,807.99

All income from parking meters was, as voted in the Annual Town Meeting of 1954, used to pay the final installment on the parking meters. The Town no longer owes any money on these meters and the income from them can be used to finance essential services of the Town. Since income from the parking meters was not sufficient to pay the amount due and the cost of maintaining them this year the police department surplus of parking meter fines was used to supplement this money. It was fortunate indeed for the Town that good financial administration in the Police Department kept the costs down and made this possible.

### LIFE GUARDS

Appropriation	\$6,000.00	
Receipts	4.10	
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Expenditures		\$5,963.90
Unexpended	\$40.20	

The lifeguards patrol the beach to rescue swimmers in difficulty and to see that none of the bathers engage in games dangerous to others. During the past season not a single drowning occurred nor was anyone seriously in-

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jured on the beach. Red Cross lifeguard instruction was given during the summer and all guards qualified for their "Life Guard" certification. In the coming year one or two new boats should be purchased to replace worn out boats, and a change should be made to assure more adequate supervision of life guard activities.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The Public Works Department consists of the following governmental activities:

Drains and Sewers	Special Sewers
Dump	Sidewalks
Cleaning Streets	Special Sidewalks
Highways and Bridges	State Aid Roads
Road Surfacing	Special Streets
Snow Removal	Town Team
New Equipment	Temple Avenue Culvert

To carry out these activities the town appropriated \$110,387.00 for the year 1954. Following this report you will find the breakdown for each department and a short comment on the activities of each.

During the year the question has sometimes been asked as to whether it pays the town to own its own equipment. Would it not be better to rent trucks, bull dozer, grader, loader and other equipment than tie up money in them. Present below is a breakdown of what one piece of equipment has done in the past year.

The Hough Loader is a front shovel used to load materials into trucks. This loader cost the Town approximately \$9,800.00 some two years ago and was purchased new. 21,294 yards of sand and gravel were loaded for repair and building of streets and for cover material for the dump. Had the town hired this loading done at present rates it would have cost \$7,452.90. In addition to this over 100 cords of

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pulpwood were loaded, and 500 yards of seaweed were removed from the beach, finally this same loader is used to clear the churches, businesses, and Old Orchard Streets of snow after the storm, and, with the addition of a plow, plows the streets during the snow storms. For rental of this machine to the State while it was working on State Aid Construction the State paid the town \$1,222.00.

Other equipment rented to the State and amounts earned are as follows:

Bull dozer	\$ 454.50	Dodge Truck (47)	\$352.12
Grader	1,011.00	Chevy Truck (51)	472.50
Ford Truck (53)	713.24	Dodge Truck (50)	541.80
Chevy Truck (54)	405.90	Ford Truck (47)	401.70

This means that the equipment owned by the town earned for the town \$5,574.76 while working on State Aid Roads. Naturally all work such as surfacing highways, where 53,000 gallons of asphalt was laid, and covering the dump was done by this same equipment. There is no question but what great amounts of money are saved by the town by use of its own equipment, and perhaps just as important, when an emergency occurs that equipment is on the spot available and not working on a construction job miles away.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herman C. Merrill  
Foreman

### NEW EQUIPMENT

Appropriation	\$2,300.00	
Receipts	295.00	
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Expenditures		\$2,667.00
Overdraft	\$295.00	

This account was established to purchase a new police car and a new stake body truck for the highway depart-

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ment. Both these vehicles were purchased with the police car costing more than was anticipated and thus creating the overdraft.

### OPERATION PULPWOOD

Receipts	\$4,887.01	
Expenditures		\$2,433.04
Profit	\$2,453.97	

This account results from the salvaging of hurricane washed pulpwood from the beach. The Public Works Department equipment and men harvested from the beach and loaded into freight cars almost 500 cords of pulp. From their efforts the town has realized the above profit after all expenses involved in the operation were paid. This may be a form of Socialism when the government engages in business, however it was felt by the Town Officers that all the citizens of the town should benefit from this windfall gain rather than just those with trucks. The beach would have had to be cleaned anyway, and by doing it in this manner the job was done and a profit made to help reduce the tax rate in the coming year.

### DUMP

Appropriation	\$9,450.00	
Receipts	67.27	
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Expenditures		\$8,104.13
Unexpended	\$1,413.14	

This account cares for the compacting and covering of the waste hauled to the dump. The unexpended balance is due in part to the policy of using fill materials from town acquired land rather than purchase it. In the coming year expense should be reduced even further because all fill materials will be obtained from town owned property. At present all waste is being used to extend the Milliken Street Municipal parking lot. By developing this lot with sani-





Baggage Smashers at the Station.



OX CART LOAD OF BATHERS ON THE BEACH June 26, All Cures Day when the surf has mystical curative powers.



Mr. Bull, an early benefactor of the Town who developed and maintained Fern Park.

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tary fill the cost is reduced and much needed additional parking will be available in the coming summer.

### SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$10,000.00	
Receipts (State)	1,093.50	
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Expenditures		\$9,776.06
Unexpended	\$1,317.44	

This account cares for the removal of snow, salting, and sanding of the highways and sidewalks of the town. Certain State Aid highways are also plowed for the State for which the town is reimbursed. During the past winter there was not a great deal of snow, however it was necessary to sand and salt frequently to keep the highways safe and passable. This type of treatment is often more expensive than plowing after a moderate snow fall. During the year a seldom used grader plow was adapted for use on one of the trucks to enable the Public Works Department to give better service than in the past. At present the town has a Walter Sno-Fiter truck, the grader, a blade plow on the loader, two trucks with blade plows and a truck with a Vee plow for clearing highways. A Case tractor is equipped with a Vee plow for plowing sidewalks.

### ROAD SURFACING

Appropriation	\$13,000.00	
Receipts	6.75	
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Expenditures		\$12,696.34
Unexpended	\$310.41	

This appropriation is used to resurface the highways of the Town, and to provide money and materials to patch the highways throughout the year.

Approximately one half of the streets of the Town were

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resurfaced last year with asphalt. In addition several streets and Ross Road were surfaced with asphalt for the first time. It is hoped that in the coming year increased use can be made of crushed rock cover for the surfacing. This armor coat wears better, is more skid resistant, looks better, and in the long run is cheaper than covering the asphalt with sand. Approximately one thousand feet of West Grand Avenue was armor coated last fall to renew the wearing surface.

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$15,000.00
Receipts	22,781.28
Expenditures	\$37,136.07
Unexpended	\$645.21

This appropriation is used to perform general maintenance on the roads and bridges of the Town. It also pays much of the overhead of the Public Works Department.

The reason why receipts are so large is that a number of special resolves, making State funds available, were used this summer just before they were to be taken away from the Town. Secondly the funds received from the Federal Government for disaster relief went into this account to pay for debris removal and highway repairs. Finally the Public Works Department constructed a drive for the school department as a contract job with the payment showing in the receipts. This is not a normal situation, and receipts will not be one tenth as large in the coming year.

### CLEANING STREETS AND BEACH

Appropriation	\$9,300.00
Receipts	1,349.91
Expenditures	\$10,649.91

This account has no balance or overdraft.

The cleaning of streets and beach were in the past year

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conducted with hand labor entirely. This is a costly, completely inadequate method, and it is hoped that in the coming year mechanized equipment will be approved by the Town. By the use of machines the beach and streets of the town can be cleaned more often, more thoroughly, and all streets of the community can be cleaned not just East and West Grand Avenues, Old Orchard Street, Saco Avenue, Union Avenue and Washington Street. With a Beach cleaner the entire beach can be cleaned daily, if necessary, with but three men and their equipment.

### SPECIAL SEWERS

Appropriation	\$8,300.00	
Receipts	230.92	
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Expenditures		\$4,135.38
Unexpended	\$4,395.54	

This account is made up of those new sewers approved for construction or reconstruction throughout the town.

During the year sewers were built on Colby Avenue, Pine Avenue and Atlantic Avenue. The unexpended balance is due to the Colby Avenue sewer being repaired at a much lower cost than anticipated, and to the Atlantic Avenue sewer being in the process of construction at year end. The cost of completing the Atlantic Avenue sewer will be removed by the auditors from the final unexpended balance for their statement.

### SEWERS AND DRAINS

Appropriation	\$7,500.00	
Receipts	659.74	
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Expenditures		\$8,079.48
Overdraft	\$80.26	

This account cares for the maintenance of the sewers and

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storm drains of the Town. During the past year a major sewer break was experienced on the Brown Street sewer which proved costly to repair due to high sewage flows and ground water infiltration. Inspection of the sewers of the town revealed that many of the main lines were one half to three quarters full of sediments and were able to carry much less sewage than flowed during heavy rains. The bucket sewer cleaner machines were hired from the Town of Sanford and a number of lines cleaned out. This is costly, when machines are hired, therefore it is recommended that a set of machines be purchased by the Town so that all lines can be thoroughly cleaned. Once this is done the present system should be well able to carry present flows, and costly reconstruction of our main lines can be delayed for a few years at least. By delaying major construction it might be possible to use State or Federal funds for part of the cost.

### SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$22,500.00	
Expenditures		\$22,576.35
Overdraft	\$76.35	

This account cares for the removal of rubbish and garbage from both the residences and businesses of the Town.

The system of removal used in the past year has been to have all rubbish removed by the Public Works Department using a Gar Wood Compactor body and a stake body truck. The garbage has been removed by Mr. Francis Townsend, a private contractor, at a cost of \$80.00 per week. Mr. Townsend provides his own truck, but the town hires a helper for him at a cost of \$40.00 per week. This system is costly in the extreme and in addition causes great difficulty in the summer due to visitors, being unused to the system, who wrap their garbage in paper or mix cans and paper with it. When this occurs the garbage removal contractor will not take the garbage forcing the

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people to call the Town Office for its removal by a specially dispatched truck from the Public Works Department. The contract with Mr. Townsend expires on June 26, 1955 and it is recommended that it not be renewed. If the Town should go to a combined pickup of garbage and rubbish it would require the purchase of another compactor type body at a cost of \$3,500.00. A truck chassis presently owned by the town can be adapted at little cost to carry this body. Such a move would save the Town considerable money, and it is anticipated that the cost of the additional equipment could very nearly be saved the first year. In the winter one truck could handle all the pickup without addition of any more personnel than we now use.

### SIDEWALKS

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$1,359.12
Unexpended	\$640.88	

This account cares for the repair of existing sidewalks by covering with hot-top mix or by replacement of raised or broken sections with cement. The unexpended amount in this account is not due to all bad sections of sidewalks having been repaired, rather it is due to the fact that the Public Works Department was engaged in debris clearance from the hurricanes when weather and other conditions were right for sidewalk repairs.

### SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$2,324.82
Overdraft	\$324.82	

This account paid for the installation of the sprinkler system in the Town Garage buildings. The overdraft is due to the fact that the wiring of the alarm system to the

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Fire Station was not calculated in with the contract for the installation of the piping.

Savings realized on reduced insurance rates will pay for this installation in a very few years.

**SIDEWALKS SPECIAL**

Appropriation	\$5,909.00	
Expenditures		\$2,592.04
Unexpended	\$3,316.96	

This account was voted to construct new sidewalks on town streets as set up in the warrant of the Town Meeting. All sidewalks scheduled were constructed with the exception of the one on Ocean Avenue. This walk was held up due to the fact that if it was constructed on the street line it would cause great hardship on the abutting property owners. The Selectmen decided to present the matter to the next Town Meeting to decide where the street line should be established.

**STREETS SPECIAL**

Appropriation	\$1,750.00	
Expenditures		\$1,501.48
Unexpended	\$248.52	

This account graded and graveled new streets voted by the town.

**STATE AID ROADS**

Appropriation	\$3,178.00	
Balance carried forward	1,713.81	
Receipts	2,977.82	
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Expenditures		\$6,369.94
Forward To 1955	\$1,500.00	

This account constructs State Aid designated roads with the State matching the amount appropriated by the Town.

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**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriation	\$13,850.00	
Receipts	120.00	
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Expenditures		\$12,618.43
Unexpended	\$1,351.57	

The street lights of the town are paid for from this account. The unexpended balance is the result of the street lights being out during the period after the hurricane. In the coming year the Town will be faced with the problem of the type of lights they wish to install on Saco Avenue after it is reconstructed. New lights of higher intensity will have to be installed to meet the requirements of Federal standards as Federal funds will be used in construction of the road.

**TOWN TEAM**

Appropriation	\$4,000.00	
Receipts	142.29	
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Expenditures		\$4,154.73
Unexpended	\$12.44	

The Town Team is maintained from this account. This team is used to clear the beach and collect rubbish. New horses were purchased this past year to replace those which died of old age. A new floor was installed in the Stable to hold the weight of the new horses who were much heavier than the old team. New harnesses and stable blankets have been purchased making our team the best dressed in these parts.

**TEMPLE AVENUE CULVERT**

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Expenditures		\$436.66
Unexpended	\$63.34	

This was simply a specially appropriated culvert replacement.



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**TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT**

Received from the State of Maine	\$1,369.30
Expenditures	\$1,369.30

This account is the so-called "Mud Money" provided by the State for the improvement of town ways in the rural area of the town. Last year this money was spent in improving approximately 7/10ths of a mile of the Ross Road.

**TEMPLE AVENUE (Special)**

Appropriation	\$375.00
Expenditures	\$375.00

This appropriation was made to maintain Temple Avenue and the the Ocean Park Beach in a clean and tidy condition. The funds were turned over to the Ocean Park Association which hired the work done. If the Town should purchase the requested equipment for cleaning streets this can be cared for by the Public Works Department and no appropriation will be needed.

**MILLIKEN'S MILLS BRIDGE**

Balance forward from previous year	\$6,035.34
Expenditures	\$5,220.18
Transferred to	
Contingent Account	\$815.16

This long standing account was owed to the State and was finally paid this summer. The difference between the amount brought forward and the amount paid is due to the State withholding money earned by the Town for plowing streets in the winter for the State.

**HYDRANTS**

Appropriation	\$9,500.00
Expenditures	\$9,173.13
Unexpended	\$326.87

The unexpended balance in this account is due to the appropriation being made to cover the additional hydrants on Milliken Street and on Smithwheel road. These hydrants

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were not installed until the latter part of the year and consequently were not an expense to the town for much of the year.

### MOSQUITO AND MOTH CONTROL

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Receipts	100.00	
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Expenditures		\$1,500.00
Unexpended	\$600.00	

This account paid for the contracting of four sprays with a private sprayer during the summer. The unexpended balance is due to the hurricane which came just as the contractor was scheduled to start his final spray. After the hurricane his crews were so busy clearing away fallen trees that he never came back to give the town the final spray. It is recommended that this operation be handled by the town in the coming year to save money and assure a more complete spraying of the town.

### COMFORT STATION

Receipts	\$3,845.68	
Expenditures		\$4,570.98
Overdraft	\$724.27	

This overdraft is due to several factors such as high expenses at the start of the season, improper activities by one of the attendants, and the large number of rainy days. It is felt that in the coming year this operation can be made to pay its own way.

### PENALTY SIGNS

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Expenditures		\$221.30
Unexpended	\$78.70	

These signs were purchased to help prevent the throwing of waste on the beach. It is very difficult to evaluate the

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effectiveness of these signs, however in the future it is planned to use more positive methods to accomplish the same end. This would include additional waste containers on the beach as well as more alert lifeguard patrol to discourage the leaving of trash by picnickers and bathers.

### INTEREST

Appropriation		\$5,000.00
Receipts		4,244.29
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Expenditures		\$6,316.91
Unexpended	\$2,927.38	

This account is set up to care for the interest payments on the Town Debt. The receipts are those monies received from delinquent tax payers and from those paying up expired liens. The large balance is due to the concerted effort to clear up old expired liens which were held by the town and which as a result of the attempt were paid off along with interest that had accrued over the years.

### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation		\$2,084.00
Receipts		453.81
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Expenditures		\$2,537.81

This account pays for the workmens compensation insurance carried by the Town.

### BUILDING PERMITS

Receipts		\$106.00
Expenditures		\$30.00
Unexpended	\$76.00	

This account should normally have no unexpended balance, however due to there being no building inspector designated, to whom the fees would go, the manager served in this capacity for a time. Presently Mr. Steven Leonard

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is the Building Inspector. In order for the inspector to make his inspections without financial loss the building inspection and permit fee should be increased.

### STATE POOR

Receipts	\$2,940.27	
Expenditures		\$2,940.27

This is a rotating account where income normally matches expenses exactly.

### POOR, OTHER TOWNS

Receipts	5,715.79	
Expenditures		\$5,715.79

This is a rotating account where income normally matches expenses exactly.

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Expenditures		\$938.70
Unexpended	\$61.30	

This account provides funds to match State and Federal funds to pay Aid to Dependent Children of families in financial distress. The balance is due to fewer families receiving this aid than was anticipated.

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$10,000.00	
Receipts	814.42	
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Expenditures		\$9,814.60
Unexpended	\$999.82	

The Town Poor account cares for those who are without assets and income and are in need. This balance remaining in the poor account is the result of making careful inquiries into the financial status of every applicant for aid. It is not

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the intent of the overseer of the poor to withhold aid from anyone who is truly in need and is qualified to receive it. However it is very important to help only those who are really destitute, because these funds are limited and were they used up unwisely those entirely dependent on the Town for food and shelter would suffer severely. There is also the obligation to the tax payers to keep the welfare burden as low as possible. Due to a worsening of the local economic situation it is felt that the coming year will see a greater load on the poor department.

### TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$11,700.00	
Expenditures		\$11,443.41
Unexpended	\$256.59	

The operation of the Town Office and payment of the administrative personnel is charged to this account. The unexpended balance is due to the change of managers with the new manager starting at a lower salary than the previous manager. One of the office staff also left and a replacement was hired at less than the salary of the previous lady.

### TOWN HALL

Appropriation	\$5,150.00	
Receipts	596.62	
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Expenditures		\$5,549.93
Unexpended	\$196.69	

The heat, light, janitorial service and repair of the Town Halls is charged to this account. Higher receipts than anticipated and efficient operation of the furnace account for the unexpended balance.

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**TOWN HALL REPAIRS**

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Expenditures		\$715.42
Unexpended	\$2,284.58	

The painting and general repair of the Town Hall is to come from this appropriation. Since the painting and repairs were not completed by the end of the year payment has not been made for all work done. This account will be carried over into the coming year by the auditors to care for bills which will be submitted at that time.

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

Appropriation	\$4,500.00	
Receipts	502.07	
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Expenditures		\$5,034.73
Overdraft	\$32.46	

**REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

To the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the Town of Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

The 24th Annual Report is hereby submitted:

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING VISITS**

Non-communicable	82	Tuberculosis	41
Acute Communicable	30	Crippled Children	6
Pre-natal and Maternity	16	Adult Health Supervision	9
New-Born Infants	26	Pre-school	49

Field Nursing Visits made during the year 1954 to the above families—Total 1,567.

Visits to individual families where bedside nursing care was given, and Public Health teaching to one or more members of the family—Total 259

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Office Visits: Total 79

These were classified as follows—

Non-communicable	31	Tuberculosis	17
Acute Communicable	4	Crippled Children	1
Pre-natal & Maternity	8	Adult Health Supervision	8
New Born Infants	15	Pre-school	10

98 Families were seen during the Pre-school Round-up in March and April 1954.

The State Mobile Chest X-ray Clinic was in the area in March and September. Thirty-three persons were X-rayed through this Public Health Service for the year. The Tuberculin Patch Test was given to twenty-two people.

Immunization Clinic was held monthly throughout the year with the exception of the summer months. It was omitted then upon the advice of the Clinic physician Dr. Mazzacane.

Number of inoculations for Whooping-cough, Diphtheria, and Tetanus—112. Vaccinations—39.

There is a need in this community for a Child Health and Guidance Clinic where needy children may be examined by a physician—through their pre-school years. We are hopeful of accomplishing this during the year 1955.

The Nursing Committee has approved and is sponsoring a shop where useful articles may be sold at a nominal fee—or exchanged. It is hoped and felt that this will also be of benefit to the community.

In 1953 the services of one full-time nurse plus one part-time nurse were provided.

This year the services of one full-time nurse—supplemented by the services of another nurse when required were provided.

The co-operation and help of our new Town Manager, Mr. Norris Stilphen—Public Health Officer, Mr. Farmer—

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School Nurse, Mrs. Agnes Murphy—and Physicians with whom we work, has been very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Jean Fitanides, R.N.  
Mrs. Diana Bird, R.N.

### IMMUNIZATION

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Expenditures		\$121.50
Unexpended	\$178.50	

This account was set up to provide immunizations in conjunction with the work of the Public Health Nurse. In the coming year this account will be a part of the Public Health appropriation and contemplates the additional service of a Well Baby Clinic in conjunction with immunization service.

### FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS REPORT

Under the provisions of Public Law 875 of the 81st Congress, Federal Disaster Relief Funds were made available to the town to help repair the damage caused by the visit of hurricanes Carol and Edna. The following project applications were submitted with the indicated results.

	Approved	75% Paid
Project #1		
Road Repairs due to Washouts		
State	\$1,126.05	\$1,126.05
Federal	\$ 468.18	\$ 351.14
Project #2		
Stump Removal and Sidewalk Repairs		
Federal	\$4,500.00	\$3,375.00
Project #3		
Sanitary and Storm Sewer Repairs		
Federal		



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Project #4

Protective Work and Debris Clearance

Federal \$7,972.00      \$5,979.00

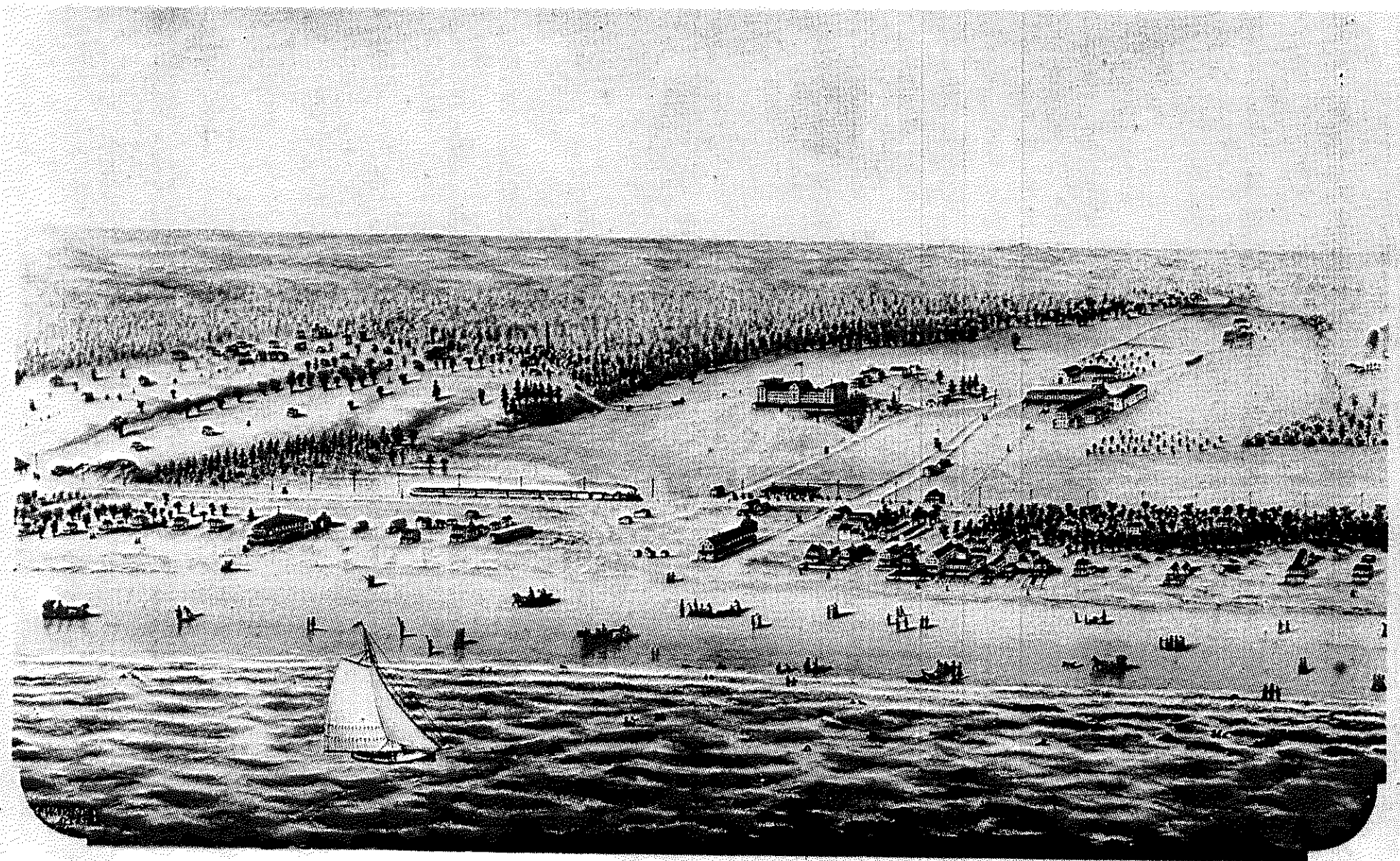
Totals                      \$14,066.23      \$10,831.19

In the above breakdown it will be noted that the State has paid the full amount approved. Under the established policy the 25% remaining in the Federal approved projects will be forwarded after the detailed vouchers of expenditures have been submitted.

Sanitary and Storm Sewer Repairs project #3 was disapproved on the first submission due to the fact that a true emergency did not exist in the minds of the investigating engineer. This project has been resubmitted with a letter explaining the seasonal nature of the community and resultant sewage flows as well as the soil conditions of the area. It is felt that consideration of these factors will lead to an approval of the requested funds.

We of Old Orchard Beach are fortunate indeed to receive this Federal Assistance for hurricane damage. The amount approved is in excess of two mills on the tax rate, and had the money not been made available from the Federal Government it would have been necessary to add it to the rate in the coming year.

By prompt application for funds these projects were approved, and money received before the year end. Old Orchard Beach was one of the first communities to have their projects approved by the State and Federal Government. The 48 forms per application proved troublesome to many communities and some of our neighbors were referred to Old Orchard Beach for help in filling their applications out correctly.



Old Orchard Beach at about 1877.

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### HEALTH OFFICER

During the past year the Health Officer has traveled 1,252 miles in his personal car. Complaints numbering 204 were received and all investigated to determine corrective action required. Sickness in the town which involved action by the Health Officer is listed as follows:

Measles	97 cases
Mumps	37 cases
Whooping cough	4 cases
German Measles	1 case
Infectious Monattuciosis	1 case
Infectious Hepatitis	1 case
Scarletina	1 case

Respectfully submitted,  
George Farmer,  
Health Officer

### FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Treasurer's Report

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Receipts	792.09	
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Expenditures		\$2,592.42
Unexpended	\$199.67	
Building fund stated as of December 31, 1954		
In the York National Bank	\$1,106.57	
Saco and Biddeford Savings Inst.	996.46	
Maine Savings Bank	896.93	
Town of Old Orchard Beach, Note	2,500.00	
U. S. Treasury Bond	2,000.00	
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Total	\$7,499.96	

Respectfully submitted,  
Genevieve D. Webb,  
Treasurer of Board  
of Trustees

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### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Number of books added by purchase—300

Number of books added by gift—42

#### Circulation:

Fiction	6,492
Non-fiction	1,177
Juvenile books	3,830
Magazines	2,292

Total circulation 13,797

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura H. Washburn,  
Librarian

### ADVERTISING

Appropriation	\$6,465.00
Expenditures	\$6,125.64
Unexpended	\$339.36

This account paid for the operation of the information booth in the station, the purchase of 5,000 bumper signs advertising Old Orchard Beach, the maintenance and operation costs of the electric signs at the end of Ocean Park Road and Cascade Road, the publication of the Town Brochure, the preparation of lists of inquiries, the engaging of an advertising agency to run newspaper ads, and the placing of booths in various sports shows. This appropriation is limited by the Statutes of Maine to one mill of the tax rate.

### REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

As publicity director for the town of Old Orchard Beach for the 1954 season, marking the third successive year that I have been entrusted with this responsible position, it is a pleasure and also my duty to report to the residents of the town of Old Orchard Beach on the personal services I

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have rendered, and the activities of the Old Orchard Beach Information Bureau for the 1954 year.

It will be noticed in examining the annual town report that under my supervision for the third successive year there is no overdraft in this department and the 1954 year was completed with a cash balance of \$339.36. This is one of the few departments of the town that has kept within its appropriation. This accomplishment is due to the fine cooperation received from Town Manager Norris Stilphen, a majority of the board of selectmen, and former town manager, John True, a certain group of local business and hotelmen, together with intimate friends affiliated with newspapers and various periodicals and advertising agencies in this country and Canada, generously supplying much free publicity for Old Orchard Beach.

The larger part of the \$6,465 appropriation voted at the annual March town meeting upon recommendation of the Budget committee was spent as usual largely for newspaper advertising totaling \$3,055.58. Other large expenditures made from the same fund included, brochures and accommodation listings available for tourists, \$800; automobile bumper signs, \$500; maintenance of electric operated road signs and needed repairs, \$180; telephone rental service for information bureau, \$84; payroll, director's salary, \$40 weekly, 12-week, 54-hour period, \$480; assistant to director, \$30 weekly for a near similar 50-hour work week, \$359.69; postage and parcel post, \$100.

A program suggested by the Frost Advertising Agency, Boston, through its representative, James Cruickshank, was unanimously approved and used during the past summer season.

The cooperation promised at the time by the Chamber of Commerce group that they would sponsor promotion programs if all money possible was used by the selectmen for newspaper and program advertising failed to material-

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ize. Certain promotion events which some selectmen and the publicity manager had in mind to benefit the smaller business men of the community through a certain amount being reserved for such a purpose had to be abandoned through lack of available funds.

The publicity director and town officials have been criticized unjustly in recent months by different local individuals and business groups for their inability to attract more people to the town during the 1954 season and through their yearly receipts dropping far below par during the past summer. This group has not taken into consideration that the town officers have no control of weather conditions which during the height of the vacation season, were so unsuitable that many of the regular colony of summer vacationists cancelled their visits to the beach.

It is time that local business men, hotel, motel, camp and rooming house operators realize through past experiences that something besides the ocean and bathing beach is needed to supply the modern wants of so many vacationists. If the town is to prosper as a vacation center the type of recreational facilities demanded by the younger generation and forms of entertainment expected by older groups, must be supplied.

Perhaps only a few residents of the town fully realize the strong, increasing competition faced by Old Orchard Beach from Maine, New Hampshire and Cape Cod sections of Massachusetts in their bids for new tourist business. Large sums of money, double and in some cases more than triple, like at Hampton Beach, subscribed by a united group including the town, chamber of commerce and non-trade organization members are being used to lure more of our Canadian trade to their shores through recreational programs, which our town has failed to sponsor in the past, and through expensive radio, newspaper and TV advertising programs.

Many of the larger amusement concerns and their Con-

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cessionaires make heavy annual expenditures for publicity of their own personal operations rather than showing any desire to become affiliated in any cooperative effort used in behalf of all business men and the resort business in general. That far better results with this same huge amount of money could be derived through a united effort to promote the entire resort rather than some particular unit, is my personal opinion.

High prices asked by operators of some housing accommodations, and by cottage owners have also prompted many motorists to seek accommodations on the outskirts of the town. The same reason for owners of some eating places complaining of loss of business during the season can be attributed also to the fact that many persons find more satisfactory and more appealing restaurants and food at much lower prices at Scarborough, Saco, Biddeford and Portland, to judge from the complaints registered by visitors.

Failure to provide a free, easy to reach, free municipal parking lot within the business street, in a more desirable location than the Milliken street parking lot, then assessing a motorist a parking fee and rigid fines for first time violators have promoted many to leave town never to return again, according to their threats.

Failure to provide persons with the type of accommodations desired and promised them and misrepresentation of many places by their owners as to the nearness of the beach, has caused the information bureau to receive many personal and written complaints from persons so deceived.

Failure to establish a centrally located headquarters or to provide a Better Business Bureau by the Old Orchard Beach Chamber of Commerce where complaints should have been registered with officials of that trade bureau has resulted in the information bureau personnel being called upon on many occasions during the past three years to try and adjust the complaints. It should be realized that a single

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dissatisfied tourist can cause many thousands of dollars loss of business.

The Old Orchard Beach Information Bureau director has been advised that complaints of the above-mentioned type should be turned over to them, especially in cases where any individual business man or trade organization distributes literature making misrepresentations about recreational facilities that do not exist and merchandise offered for sale, so they may be further investigated and if found true exposed, to protect the public before any great amount of tourist business is lost.

In my best judgment Old Orchard Beach has reached the crossroads. Unless tourists receive more value for each dollar they spend here; unless some hotel, camp and business men provide more sanitary and better equipped places for the rentals asked; unless town officials take over the parkway at the foot of Old Orchard Beach as a site where band concerts, drills, free acts and similar programs can be presented for the entertainment of out of town visitors, the town will continue to become known in travel circles as another Coney Island.

I am reliably informed that within the near future, for the third successive year, the personnel of the Old Orchard Beach Information Bureau, the town selectmen and town manager of the town will be honored again with an award of merit.

This citation is awarded for outstanding services contributed by the information bureau to vacationists and tourists during their planned vacations, from money expended from the publicity fund.

The 1954 records of the Official Information bureau show that through advertising programs used, a total of 1,428 letters were received from persons displaying interest in obtaining information about available accommodations for visits and vacations in Old Orchard Beach. This list included letters from various states in the country, different



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parts of Canada, India, Brazil, Argentina, Panama Canal zone, France, England and Ireland, each promptly answered with an enclosed brochure and housing accommodation listing. All names and addresses of these communications were made available to all hotel, motel, cabin and rooming house operators through near daily mimeograph letters distributed from the bureau's headquarters.

Other names appearing on the same listings were those received from Chamber of Commerce officials after their membership had first been serviced with the names received through their own personally conducted newspaper advertising program, in many instances a close duplication of the ads sponsored by the bureau.

The daily traffic reports of the Information Bureau show that during the 1954 season, the director and his assistant handled 17,871 different types of inquiries and calls made and received to obtain information for visitors at the railroad station headquarters. This work by only two salaried employees was in addition to the mimeograph letters published of prospective guests for the benefit of town residents in a position to supply the desired accommodations and keeping daily logs of services rendered.

The same records show that telephone calls received and answered totaled 1,770. Some of these communications by phone came from New York, Montreal, Quebec City, Toronto, Philadelphia and one from Los Angeles, Calif. A total of 3,682 pieces of literature was distributed in advertising local housing accommodations and recreational facilities and in supplying road maps, bumper signs and information desired about other Maine and New Hampshire vacation resorts as requested by different callers at the bureau. Miscellaneous matters handled throughout the summer were listed at 3,347. There were 713 inquiries for tourist camps and homes, 692 persons were interested in hotel accommodations, while 351 personal inquiries were made concerning available housekeeping cottages. The

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majority of the latter calls were referred to local real estate agents.

The 1954 Season traffic record was the heaviest tabulated since such type of service for visitors in Old Orchard Beach become available through town funds.

The publicity director feels greatly indebted to the Maine Publicity Bureau and Maine Development Commission officials for the numerous courtesies, personal services, advertising supplies and road maps supplied the bureau and for the large amount of publicity given the world's finest beach in advertising programs sponsored by each organization.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Biddeford Journal, the Guy Gannett Publishing Company, Portland, the New England, New York newspapers and magazines and radio stations WIDE, Biddeford, WGAN, WCSH and WPOR, Portland and other radio and television stations for numerous courtesies extended me without any expense to the town.

My sincere appreciation to my secretaries, Miss Reinette Fortier and Mrs. Lorraine Dowd, Town Manager Norris Stilphen, the board of selectmen, officials and members of the police and fire departments and to Mrs. Lublinsky for the many hours of services supplied at the bureau headquarters without pay and to all other persons who in any way assisted me in making my past year's administration so successful.

In behalf of the town officials and myself, a heartfelt vote of thanks to Stelios Theodoros, Scarborough, for free use of the space used again as the 1954 Official Information Bureau headquarters.

Respectfully yours,  
Samuel Lublinsky

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DAILY TRAFFIC RECORD

Old Orchard Beach Official Information Bureau  
1954 Season Report

	June	July	August	September	
Personal	126	1764	1416	164	3470
Telephone	67	944	675	84	1770
Routes	72	669	715	56	1512
Hotels	52	458	164	18	692
Sporting Camps		0	1		1
Tourist Camps and Homes	51	471	184	7	713
Trailer Camps		15	5	1	21
Farm Board		0			0
Public Camp Sites	1	32	20	1	54
Housekeeping Cottages	19	235	97		351
Real Estate		3	6		9
Local Tours	43	758	689	55	1545
State and National Parks	1	15			16
Golf	3	54	33	2	92
Horseback Riding		20	9		29
Bicycle Trips	1	8	10		19
Hiking or Mountain Climbing					0
Fresh Water Fishing	4	27	35		66
Salt Water Fishing	18	297	111	7	433
Hunting		4			4
Literature	134	1851	1540	157	3682
Boys' and Girls' Camps		1			1
Winter Sports					
Miscellaneous	132	1682	1363	170	3347
Golf Driving Ranges	3	5	5		13

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Help Wanted	10	10	20
Employment			
Furnished	8	8	16
Baby Sitting			
Employment		4	2
			6

**MEMORIAL PARK**

**Financial Statement**

**December 31, 1954**

RECEIPTS:

Veteran's Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Note (June)	4,000.00
Veteran's Fund	200.00
Town O. O. Beach (C. Barron)	851.40
Exchange (Canadian Money)	1.21
Note (September)	2,000.00
Parking Receipts	9,761.18
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	\$18,813.79

EXPENDITURES:

Park Improvement:

Salaries	\$ 372.22
Materials & Supplies	6,183.94
First St. Construction	2,464.70
C. Barron (Town O. O. Beach)	851.40
Equipment	54.37
Note (York National Bank)	4,000.00
Interest (York National Bank)	120.00
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	\$14,046.63

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Parking Lot:		
Salaries	\$ 3,141.28	
Material & Supplies	1,080.14	
Equipment	483.02	
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		\$ 4,704.44
Bank Balance	\$ 62.72	
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		\$18,813.79

Respectfully submitted,  
H. Dayton Benway  
Park Commissioner

### COMMUNITY BENEFACTORS

During the past year the town has viewed with gratification the construction of a fine library building on the grounds of the newly established Memorial Park. While this building has not been occupied as yet it promises to be one of the outstanding contributions to community life. The young will study within its walls to prepare themselves for the future, the adults will find many hours of enjoyment and education in the books it holds, and the old will find a return to youth in summer sun of the outdoor patio as they sit and read. The people of Old Orchard Beach are indeed grateful to the late Frank H. Libby for this fine memorial library.

The ladies of the Women's Civic Group have by their continued efforts made Old Orchard Beach a better place in which to live. Because of their interest and activity the Town Hall has been painted and is well on its way to becoming a very attractive building. Realizing the need for proper landscaping to set off the structure the ladies have obtained the services of a craftsman and, at their own expense, have planted suitable, attractive shrubs. This is indeed a fine expression of civic interest which will benefit the entire community for many years to come.

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In the past year the town experienced the finest Memorial Day Services held in this community for many years. Held in the new Memorial Park they were an inspiration to the town. Veterans and religious groups working together accomplished a wonderful thing. Mr. Dayton Benway by his unselfish contribution of time and effort brought plans to fruition. Perhaps the greatest thing to come from this united effort is the realization of the wonderful accomplishments that can come when all members of a community work together with interest of the community in their hearts.

Due to the generosity of Mr. Harry B. Center of Biddeford, Central Park Playground was created. Mr. Center sold the land to the town and then returned the purchase price for the improvement of the playground. With these funds a fine chain link fence was erected to set the playground off from abutting property and to prevent playing youngsters from running into the path of traffic. Here is a fine contribution to the town and its children to make Old Orchard Beach a truly better place in which to live.

### ASSESSORS' REPORT

Value Of Real Estate	
Resident	\$3,294,125.00
Non-Resident	2,512,700.00
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Total	\$5,806,825.00
Value of Personal Estates	
Resident	\$ 168,000.00
Non-Resident	343,375.00
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Total	511,375.00
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Grand Total	\$6,318,200.00

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Total of Assessments	\$433,288.60
Less 1217 Polls @ \$3.00	3,651.00
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Amount to be raised by Property Tax	\$ 429,637.60
Tax Rate of .068 x \$6,318,200.00 equals	\$ 429,637.60

### ABATEMENTS

1954

Arthur & Olive Goggin	\$ 18.90
Grace D. Milliken	211.05
Herbert Tarr	18.90
Gerard LaCroix	34.65
William Dowling	23.63
William & Adah Gunter	78.75
Percy L. Hicks	9.45
Ida Spector	4.73
Don Michaud	9.08
Forrest Randall	61.45
Barbara Stroumbas	80.34
Rufus Perkins	68.15
American Christian Mission	130.70
Fred Ordway	53.55
James Scott	10.00
Edward P. & Helen Johnson	213.35
Howard & Minnie Leggett	39.10
Charles F. Davis	5.10
Adelard & Adele Duquette	30.60
Viola Fitanides	23.80
Gulf Oil Corp.	15.30
Grace D. Milliken	227.80
Hortense C. Hayes	15.30
Emma Woodhouse	6.80
Donald M. & Gertrude Campbell	49.30
John W. Duffy	171.70
Hyman Boxstein	10.20
Russell H. & Louise Hamor	61.20
Frances Googins	1.70

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Joseph Mullen	95.50
F. A. Milliken & Cora M. Jones	18.70
Helen B. Bowen	8.50
Sylvia Soule	17.00
Annie Ditmer	23.80
Benjamin Selfridge	68.00
Francis Eunson	61.20
Henry T. Wells	5.10
Ray Forgraves	3.40
Gladys Goodwin	3.40
Omer & Albertine Bill	3.40
Harold & Alice Woodman	37.03
Harold & Alice Woodman	40.80
Leo Paul & Lucille DesRoberts	5.10
Lucien E. & Priscilla Huot	20.40
Hercule Lemay	48.45
Alfred Letarte	105.00
Sarah Roix	151.43
Frank Grover	55.40
Forrest R. Randall	82.20
Edith Blades	3.60
Harold Bickford	13.60
Edward P. Johnson	3.00
James Neal	3.00
Ivan Aranovitch	3.00
Urbain Goulet	3.00
Hercule LeMay	3.00
James S. Davis	3.00
Joseph LaCroix	3.00
Jerome LePelletier	3.00
Albert Drouin	3.00
Desire Bergeron	3.00
Norman Murphy	3.00
William Meilke	3.00
Rev. Armand Landry	3.00
Joseph Bouffard	3.00



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Robert W. Gagnon	3.00
Charles Fortier	3.00
Frank E. Love	3.00
Frederic Davis	3.00
Clarence G. Gould	3.00
Robert Edward Wormwood	3.00
Vance Nichols	3.00
Eugene Waters	3.00
Arthur Laplante	3.00
Forrest F. Rodgers	3.00
George Nutial	3.00
Albert Pare	3.00
Leslie Williams	3.00
Norman Anderson	3.00
Herbert Bean	3.00
Edward McMullen	3.00
William Soule	3.00
Rev. Robert White	3.00
Frank Matthews	3.00
Richard Sweet	3.00
William Ellingwood	3.00
John O'Neil	3.00
Arthur LaBranch	3.00
Leonard Surran	3.00
George Wilson	3.00
James F. White	3.00
John Castagan	3.00
Robert Pillsbury	3.00
James Beach	3.00
Walter Beaulieu	3.00
Galen Hyberts	3.00
John Lee	3.00
Ferdinand Corbeil	3.00

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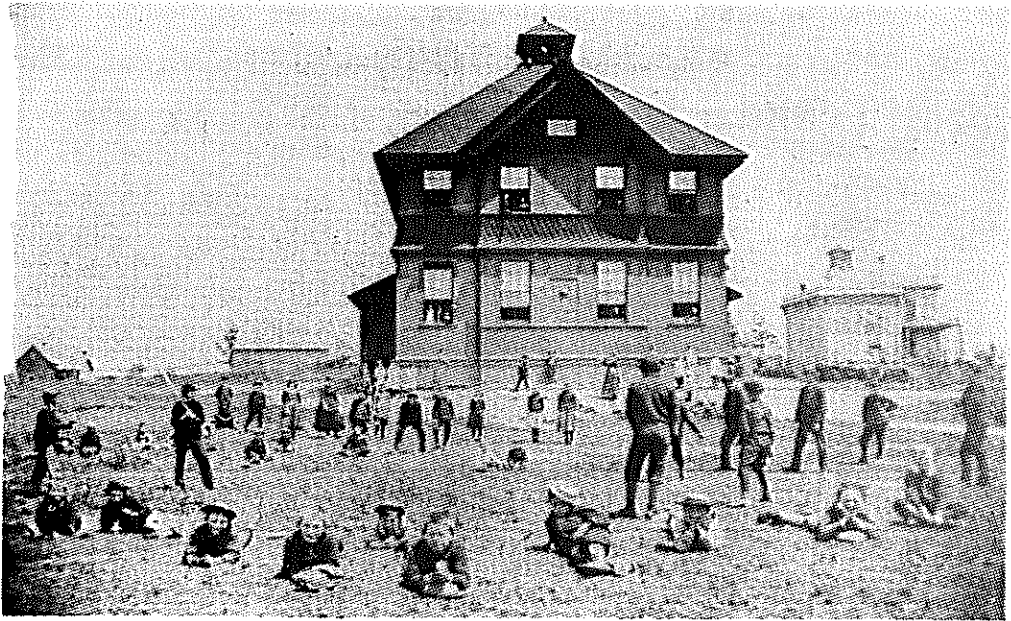
**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Commitment		
Property tax	\$429,637.60	
Poll tax	3,651.00	
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		\$433,288.60
Supplemental tax	818.20	
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Total		\$434,106.80
Cash to Treasurer	\$365,111.40	
Abatements	2,696.62	
Delinquent taxes	66,298.78	
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		\$434,106.80

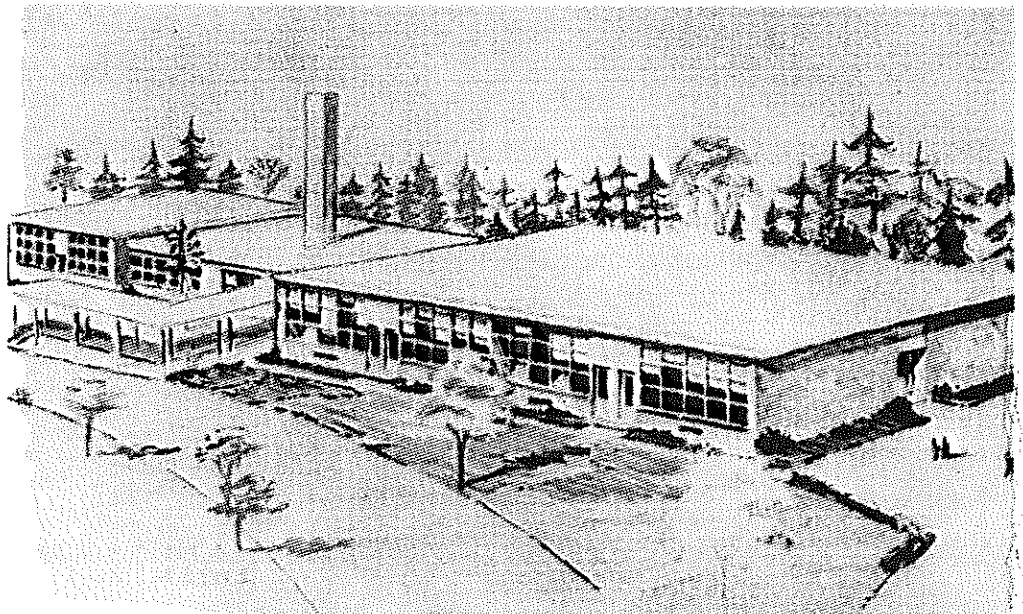
The above stated record of collections calculates out to only 84% of the taxes committed being collected. This is not a figure that the Town can be proud of.

A study of the tax records reveals that a number of large property owners have failed to pay their taxes when due for a number of years. To be sure these tax delinquents pay 6% interest on the amount owed the town and are thus penalized for their lack of promptness, however it does create a tight cash position at the year end. In view of these facts it would appear that more stringent collection practices are necessary as provided under the Statutes of Maine. This is not a pleasant prospect for any tax collector, whose activities have been unpopular since the days of the Romans, however the welfare of the town is involved so they will be carried out without hesitation. Again I would like to state that it is not the small property owners who are the major offenders, but the wealthy property owners who are well able to pay their just taxation to provide those governmental services voted by the Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norris W. Stilphen  
Tax Collector



An early school scene at Old Orchard Elementary school.



New School.

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**UNCOLLECTED RESIDENT TAXES**

Aranovitch, Harry & Jennie	\$ 54.40
Atwater, David H. & Eva V.	71.40
Audie, Joseph S. & Jeanne Y.	13.60
Aungst, Spencer W. & Helen	34.00
Augnst, Spencer W.	20.40
Ayer, Vernard C. & Lois G.	90.10
Barrett, Archie	16.60
*Beaumont, Lester W.	134.30
Beaumont, Lester W.	506.60
*Bellerose, Leopold J.	69.70
Bellevue, Catherine	25.50
Bellevue, Catherine	154.70
Benoit, Paul	112.20
Benoit, Paul	22.10
Benoit, Paul	105.40
Benoit, Paul	10.20
Benoit, Paul	8.50
Benoit, Paul	35.70
Benoit, Paul	144.50
Benoit, Paul	306.00
Benoit, Robert	141.10
*Bernier, Francis & Patricia	50.90
Bernier, Francis & Patricia	10.20
Berrigan, Ed. W.	78.20
Billings, Elliott	161.50
Binnette, Romeo	96.20
Bird, Diana	112.20
Bird, Diana	15.30
*Bishop, George & Helen	146.20
Blanchard, Wm. & Catherine	25.00
*Blaney, Thomas L. & Rhea	99.10
*Bliss, Richard	119.00
Blow, Oren E., Jr.	52.70
Blow, Oren E., Sr.	13.60

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Blow, Richard R. & Irene E.	30.60
Boisjoly, Arthur	56.10
Boisvert, Raymond H. & Florence	108.80
Bolduc, Armand	107.10
*Bolduc, Henry J. & Yvonne P.	55.40
Bolduc, Zoel	34.00
*Broder, Effie M.	294.10
*Broder, Effie M.	222.70
*Broder, Effie M.	20.40
Brooks, John H.	78.20
Brown, Wallace	5.00
Button, Pandora	18.70
Cantara, Raymond	205.70
Chandler, Doric P. & Annabelle C.	8.50
Chandler, Doric P. & Annabelle C.	59.50
Chandler, Doric P. & Annabelle C.	306.00
Chappell, Irving & Priscilla	188.70
Chrissovergis, Basil	78.20
Clark, Anna V.	8.50
Clark, Anna V.	277.10
Clark, F. J. & Marg. Y.	76.50
Clark, John H.	98.60
Clothier, Luther & Virginia	166.60
*Cooper, Kenneth H. & Irene	39.10
Crosby, Harold E.	57.80
Crowley, Esther	158.10
Cushing, Baxter C. & Leona	108.80
Dansereau, Augustus Estate	32.30
Davis, Howard A. & Louise	147.60
Davis, Muriel	102.00
Davis, Muriel	32.30
Davis, Muriel	44.20
Day, Roland	1.70
Day, Roland	29.40
Degrace, Susan M.	30.80

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Degrasse, Daniel & Ethel	159.80
Desjardins, Alphonse & Lydia	20.00
Desjardins, Leon T. & Carmen	83.30
Dietzel, John L. & Margaret E.	124.10
Dion, Ernest A.	66.30
Dion, Ernest A. & Simmone	76.50
Dixon, Edwin	37.40
Doe, Richard M.	86.70
Doe, Paul E. & Dorothy B.	9.10
Dow, Leadrue	23.50
Downey, James & Thomas Rahaley	37.40
Downs, Raymond	62.90
Dubowick, Chester & Margaret	59.50
Duffus, James & Louise	86.70
Dufresne, Joseph J. & Jeannette R.	146.20
Dupuis, Thomas & Laurette	52.00
Durfee, Joseph & Anita J.	53.70
Egan, Bernadette	229.50
Easterbrook, Harris & Donna M.	21.40
Findley, H. Scott	76.50
Fitzgibbon, James & Rita J.	98.60
Ford, Nathan	13.70
*Fortier, Armand J. & Yvonne M.	129.20
Foster, Mrs. H. B.	44.20
Fournier, Lucien E. & Ruth G.	146.20
Gagne, Thomas & Olga	129.20
Galey, Ida	119.00
Gallant, Ernest J. & Edith	12.40
Gamache, Leo J. & Edith	18.25
Garland, Florence E.	156.40
*Gilbert, Godfrey J.	98.60
Girard, Joseph A. & Gloria C.	124.10
Gonneville, Edith M.	142.80
Googins, Nellie M.	58.00
*Graham, John H. heirs	40.80

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*Guay, Gerard R. & Doris I.	100.00
Goodkowsky, Rebecca	314.20
Haines, Emma D. & Drusilla	156.40
Hall, Louise	348.50
Hamilton, A. G.	40.80
Hanson, Albert E. & Cora	41.60
Hazelton, Thomas R.	44.20
*Hefferman, John E. & Adrienne	37.70
Hill, Linwood & Mary M.	93.50
*Hilton, Malcolm C. & Ella M.	35.70
*Hodge, Russell P. & Gloria	11.90
*Hodge, Russell P. & Gloria	31.80
*Huff, Pearl	79.90
Huntress, Carl R. & Mildred	53.70
Ingalls, Donald S. & Colleen	61.20
Jameson, Edith	44.20
Jameson, Edith	78.20
Jarry, Ulysses J.	117.30
Kallenback, Leonard	113.90
Keene, Bert F. & Juliette	121.70
Kenney, Edward V.	108.80
Kennett, Hazel F.	42.50
Knight, Frederick	501.50
Knight, Frederick	328.10
LaCasse, Felix	23.80
LaCasse, Felix	1.70
LaCasse, Felix	10.20
LaCasse, Felix	125.80
LaCroix, Gerard R. & Stella	24.30
Lamb, Bertha	8.50
Lambert, Mrs. Clifford	78.20
LaPoint, John	33.60
*Lariviere, George R.	83.30
Larochelle, Elise	438.60
Larochelle, Elise	20.40

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Lavigne, Robert E. & Norma L.	146.20
Leavitt, Helen P.	142.80
LeHoullier, Albert	86.20
Lemay, James M.	64.60
Lemire, Elisse E. & Catherine	246.50
Lemire, Emile & Gladys	56.10
LePage, Raymond R.	239.70
Letendre, Ernest	73.10
Lewis, Avilda S.	68.00
Lombard, Lorimer	74.80
MacDonald, Clyde W.	22.10
Macomber, Chas. S.	17.00
Marcotte, Raymond & Jennie	54.40
Marcotte, Raymond & Jennie	77.50
Marcotte, Raymond & Jennie	6.80
Marshall, Mary Ellen	52.70
Marshall, Norris, Jr.	42.80
*Menard, Marie & Maurice	35.70
Metayer, Edw. & Diana	144.50
*Mewer, Wesley M. & Mary O.	377.40
Mewer, Wesley M. & Mary O.	1.70
Michaud, Don	171.70
Michaud, Rose Ann	78.20
Miles, Stanley N.	85.00
Miller, Maurice I.	1,929.50
Miller, Maurice I.	649.40
Monier, Evelyn Y.	606.90
Mooers, Chas. D., Jr. & Lucille	6.80
Mooers, Chas. D., Sr.	47.00
Morrison, George L., Eunice & Veronica	402.90
Morrison, George L., Eunice & Veronica	73.10
Morse, Ina B.	41.60
*Morse, Robert H.	91.80
Moulen, Alice R.	132.60
Murphy, Ernest	13.60



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McCallum, David	224.40
McCallum, David	11.90
McCartney, Vernard W.	76.50
McGowan, Lamont & Agnes	600.10
McKenna, Ella G.	81.60
O'Connor, Vincent	156.40
Ouellette, Wm. W. & Hazel	130.90
Parent, Alfred J. & Ida E.	71.40
Parish, I. Fisher heirs	382.50
*Park, Constance	127.50
*Park, Bertha	243.10
Paul, Peter F.	141.10
Pelletier, Gerard R.	33.30
*Pendleton, Charles	81.60
Petit, Leo Paul	163.20
Petit, John W. & Annie	217.60
Pettingale, Wallace & Geneva	110.50
Pettingale, Wallace & Geneva	79.90
Pettingill, Wendall P.	30.60
Phillips, Hugh & Mae	62.90
Phillips, Hugh & Mae	95.20
Plourde, Alfred	124.10
Podas, George	44.20
Potvin, Paul E.	98.60
Presby, Harold	168.30
Prue, Henry E.	15.30
Pruneau, Roland O. & Blanche E.	136.00
Provencal, Cora Ellen	73.10
Ramsey, Arthur	136.00
Randall, Virginia M.	73.10
Reed, John H.	52.00
*Regan, Elizabeth A.	217.60
Rich, Percy	105.40
Rich, Percy	61.32
Rich, Percy	11.90

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Rich, Percy	168.30
Richardson, Arthur	161.50
Rounds, Paul C. & Fernande L.	50.00
Roy, Joseph A.	27.30
Russell, Gerard	36.00
Samson, Albert	37.20
Saucier, Joseph & Bertha	66.30
Schmit, Eugene J. & Pauline M.	101.30
Skidds, James A.	88.40
Smart, Arthur L. & Elizabeth	107.10
Snow, Clarence & Lillian	49.80
Snyder, Lena	127.50
Sperduto, Margaret	139.40
Sterling, Donald	23.80
Stoneman, Emily	112.60
Stroumbas, Barbara	260.10
Stroumbas, Barbara	504.90
Stroumbas, Barbara	212.50
Stroumbas, Barbara	10.20
Stroumbas, Barbara	125.80
Sullivan, John J. & Mary	10.20
Surrin, Florence C. & Leonard	134.50
Tarbox, Gladys	243.10
Tenney, Lois	25.50
Tenney, Lois	39.10
Townsend, Francis J.	215.90
*Townsend, Martha	59.50
*Treanor, David & Mary A.	192.25
Tracy, Charles R.	20.00
Tremblay, Norman W. & Germaine F.	27.50
Tucker, Frances E.	113.90
Violette, Aime E.	151.30
Waterhouse, Cathleen	144.50
Whitehall Inc.	2,490.50

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Winslow, Annie	91.60
*Wood, William S.	81.60
*Zafiroopoulos, Stefanos	58.70

**UNCOLLECTED NON-RESIDENT TAXES**

Abbott, Maurice E.	\$ 1.70
Adams, Bette L.	3.40
*Albert, Levi & Evelyn	52.70
*Albrecht, George T.	6.80
Allen, Mabel N.	178.50
Andrews, Hazel	30.60
Baer, Kenneth	34.00
*Baggs, Robert E. & Shirley	76.50
*Baker, Ernest T.	1.70
Ballou, Thomas	11.90
Barnes, Lila C.	57.80
Barnes, James	132.60
Bean, Evelyn	64.60
Berman, Mark	275.40
*Bissell, Emma A. & Edna M. Bligh	45.90
Boothby, Mrs. Cornelius	1.70
Boothby, Ralph E. & Laura A.	61.20
*Bornstein, Elliott	96.90
Boucher, Mary Louise	30.60
*Bousquet, Rita & Jean	127.50
Brickates, Richard E.	8.50
Browder, Helen A.	62.90
Brown, Russell A.	6.80
Brunswick Hotel Co., Inc.	212.50
Brunswick Hotel Co., Inc.	2,765.90
Brunswick Hotel Co., Inc.	23.80
Bryant, Mrs. Lelilyn	8.50
Burpee, H. A.	52.70
Campbell, Mary P.	1.70
Carter, Gerald L. & Thelma	8.50

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Carver, Florence	571.20
Carver, Florence	195.50
Caulfield, Margaret	253.30
Caulfield, M. V.	209.10
Chamberlain, Eva	6.80
Chamberlain, Letha	59.50
Chandler, Rose S.	20.40
Childs, Etta T.	37.40
*Clark, Harold A.	17.00
Coffin, Sylvester S. & Mary S.	42.50
*Colburn, Mae W. & Dorothy C. Alasantro	8.50
Collette, Edgar & Gertrude	212.50
Cookson, Paul E.	115.60
Cosmischer, Charles & John Vamvokides	71.40
Cowan, Ethel G.	5.10
Crowley, Lillian	32.30
Curtis, Alvin W.	45.90
Curtis, Alvin W. & Alva P.	40.80
Cutrules, James	1,142.40
Daniels, Frederick H. & Frances M.	113.90
Davis, Lula	8.50
Day, William E. & Mary	30.60
Dearborn, Bertha	6.80
DeGrys, Viola	34.10
Donahue, Mary L. & Edw.	95.20
*Dubins, Sylvia	49.30
Duhamel, Josephine	217.60
Davis Cabins, Inc.	1,683.00
Davis Cabins, Inc.	261.80
Dumont, Yvonne	193.80
*Elliott, Alice E.	64.60
Falledtoft, J. A. & Doris	17.00
Fedder, Irving	90.10
Fenton, Daniel	15.30
Fenton, Daniel	3.40

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Fenton, Daniel	37.40
Fenton, Daniel	8.50
Fenton, Daniel & Florence	331.50
Flagg, Theodore & Hazel E.	79.90
Foster, Eric B.	27.20
Gagnon, Marion C.	27.20
Garnette, Bessie	39.10
Giroux, Aime & Louise Letendre	27.20
Glazier, Joseph	1.70
Gobiel, Gerard E. & Lauria	13.60
Good, Charles	8.50
Good, Earl J.	44.20
Googins, Lillian	23.80
Grandy, Raymond L.	107.10
Gregorakos, Catherine	153.00
Gross, Webster H.	124.10
Hanlon, John E.	57.80
Hansen, Merle C. & Sarah E.	6.80
Harmon, Geo. H. heirs	18.70
Harris, Abbie M. & Ella M.	191.10
*Hartman, William A. & Marjorie G.	64.60
*Hatch, Charles & Dorothy	115.60
Hawkes, Mary E.	21.40
Hayes, James A.	47.60
*Hebert, Winnie	8.50
Hills, Mary	1.70
*Histen, William J. & Lucina	51.00
Hobbs, Kenneth & Mildred	49.80
Hyde, Clara B. heirs	6.80
*Inkpen, Edgar M. & Josephine	52.70
Jackson, Wallace R. & Helen J.	56.10
Jacobson, Christiana	5.10
Jameson, Edith E. & Elsie Butler	39.10
Johnson, Ralph & Bella	90.10
Johnson, R. E.	6.80

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Kilton, Ivory O.	28.90
Klimoff, Richard & Helen	115.60
Knight, Carrie L. heirs	1.70
Kostick, Julius M. & Margaret M.	300.90
Kostick, Julius	965.50
Kostick, Julius	25.50
Kostick, Julius M. & Margaret M.	119.00
Kostioh, Joyce Irene	64.60
Labbe, Josephine & Rene	110.50
LaCasse, Leo	15.30
LaCasse, Leo B. & Lovie	105.40
LaCasse, Leo	207.40
LaCourse, Lucien J. & Jeannette M.	39.10
Larkin, Edward T. & Evelyn C.	42.50
Leavitt, Leon	10.20
Locke, Lillian M. & Theresa Frieberger	40.80
Longtin, Joseph & Exella	183.60
Lord, Lucille	5.10
Lord, George F.	28.90
*MacDonald, Ralph & Sally	40.80
Magrath, Chas, heirs	3.40
Martin, Jackson & Ina	37.40
*Martin, Edmond J.	22.10
Matthews, John M. & Katie P.	15.30
Merrill, Fred C. heirs	1.70
Michaud, Putnam & Nicoleau	73.10
Miller, Maurice	353.60
Morrill, Lewis W.	1.70
Mrouka, Matthew heirs	559.30
Mile Track Assn.	287.30
McCann, Carl F.	61.20
McGowen, George E.	5.10
*McGettrick, Harold E.	42.50
McQueston, Louise & James	236.30
New England School of Theology	5.10

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Nichols, William	3.40
Normandie Hotel Inc.	1,241.00
O'Sullivan, William	171.70
Osher, Leah	52.70
O'Brien, Frances	176.80
Pelletier, Arsene & Ruth	40.80
Perreault, Emery & Laurette	166.20
Poulin, Ferdinand & Marie R.	42.90
Prescott, Thomas W. & Ruby E.	10.20
Raymond, Frank R. & Ruth B.	42.50
Reeves, Charles M.	321.30
Reeves, Charles M.	124.10
Reeves, Charles M.	1,706.80
Reeves, Charles M.	333.20
Reeves, Minnie	496.40
Reeves, Minnie	1,082.90
*Renaud, Elodie	30.80
Rich, Warren & Ernest	10.20
Richardson, Wm. G. & Mabel	8.50
Roberge, Albert & Amanda	44.20
Roberts, Jos. H. Estate	188.70
Robinson, Hugh & Arlene A.	35.70
Robinson, Phyllis M.	11.90
Robinson, Phyllis M.	13.60
Roy, Lydia	6.80
*Roy, Philip	7.00
Rumery, Delia E.	158.10
Rumery, Delia E.	98.60
Sanborn, Harold W.	54.40
Saunders, Ernest W.	10.20
Seabreeze Cabins Inc.	2,091.00
Seabreeze Cabins Inc.	20.40
Seavey, Florence P.	1.70
Simard, Conrad	122.70
Smith, Fanny L. heirs	623.90

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Snow, Melvin & Warren Christensen	3.40
Stanley, Thomas et al	10.20
Steeves, Dorothy L.	16.70
Stevens, Wm. N.	11.90
*Strong, Ruth A.	73.10
Sullivan, James L.	74.80
Tarr, Herbert L.	112.20
Tarr, Herbert L.	345.10
Therrien, Henry G.	8.50
Throumolous, Mourka	362.10
Thurston, Alice	5.10
Twomey, Richard P.	68.00
Vadnois, Felix L.	6.80
Verrier, Robert A. & Thomas Mourkas	51.00
Victor, Peter	13.60
Victor, Peter	10.20
Vlahakos, George & Catherine J.	151.30
Wells, Edwin A.	100.30
Wheeler, Hazel M.	18.70
Whitten, Ernest H.	307.70
Woods, Gladys L.	122.40
*Woodworth, Philip H. & Mildred B.	127.50
Worth, Ruth	6.80
Worthy, Elmer W. & Lillian	10.20
Wright, Stanley H.	78.20
Wyman, Chas. H.	1.70
*Young, William G. & Elcye R.	69.70
Zbyszko, Stanley	472.60

**UNCOLLECTED PERSONAL TAXES**

Bass & Ramsey	\$ 102.00
Bass, Vincent	204.00
Beaumont, Lester	13.60
Bellevue, Max	13.60
Brickates, Richard E.	34.00



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*Browder, Effie	102.00
Dameshek, Lillian	136.00
Dameshek, Lillian	6.80
Dameshek, A.	136.00
DePalmo, Santolm	136.00
Doe, Richard	34.00
Dowaliby, Jack	47.60
Dowling, William	102.00
Fedder, Irving	102.00
Forman, Allen	272.00
Forgraves, Raymond	3.40
Gardner, Mildred	13.60
Glazier, Joseph	102.00
Ingargiola, Sal	74.80
Ingargiola, Sal	74.80
Jordan, Chester	68.00
Juliette's Beauty Salon	34.00
Kay's Linen Shop & Jewel Box	340.00
Larochelle, Jeanne	122.40
LePelletier, Alexander Estate	102.00
Litcovitch, Al	102.00
McKenney, Harold	54.40
Normand, Theresa	34.00
Potvin, Raymond	102.00
Silverman, Julie	34.00
Shouras, Alviathes	204.00
Stroumbas, Barbara	20.40
Stroumbas, Barbara	74.80
Sudenfield, Jack	102.00
Sudenfield, Jack	40.80
Sudenfield, Anna	68.00
Throumoulous, Louis	102.00
Throumoulous, Plato M.	102.00

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Troukalis, George	136.00
Vorias, George	27.20
Woolf, Bernard	170.00
Woolf, Samuel	136.00

### UNCOLLECTED POLL TAXES

Abbott, Charles M.	Carney, Vincent P.
Ackerman, George	Caron, Larry
Ackerman, Wesley	Chabot, Antonio
*Albert, Levi J.	Chamberlain, Theodore
Allaire, Edgar	Chase, Isaac
Allen, J. A.	Chase, Ralph
Amsden, Vincent	Clark, Edward W.
Audie, Normand	Clark, George
Banks, Harry	Cleary, Patrick
Bellevue, Robert	Clyatt, Leroy
Bellevue, Robert	Cole, Guy
Berthiaume, Adelard	Cookson, Paul
*Bishop, George	Coreau, Thomas
Blanchard, William	Cressey, James
Blow, Oren E., Jr.	Critchley, Normand
Blow, Richard R.	Daigle, Roland
*Blow, Robert E.	Dalzell, Wesley
Blunt, Joseph	Digny, Edward
Boisjoly, Arthur	Dillihunt, Charles
Boston, Byron	Dixon, Edwin
Bourassa, Robert	Dowd, Richard
Boissoneault, Joseph	Dow, Leadrue
Briclotte, Wilfred	Downs, William, Jr.
Bridges, John	Dube, Peter
Britton, Norvale	Dudevoir, Roy
Brown, Wallace	Dumais, George
Bunker, Carl	Dumont, Reynald
Cantara, Raymond	Dockham, Charles
Carmen, Paul	Eagan, John

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Easterbrook, Harris	*Lapoint, Fred
Edwards, Robert	Larochelle, Henry
Emery, Frank	Larochelle, Wilfred
Findley, H. Scott	LaValley, Homer
Findley, Robert	Lawrence, William
Fish, Albert	LeBrecque, Raymond
Fitanides, Peter	LeHoullier, Albert
Fenderson, Sumner	LeBreton, Donald
*Ferron, Arthur	Lemay, James M.
Forman, Julian	Lemire, Emile
Forrest, Edward	Lovely, Francis G.
Gagne, Thomas	Maguire, Dennis
Gaumont, Alfred	Marshall, Harry
Giammarino, John	Marshall, Norris
*Girard, Leo	Marshall, Richard
Gonneville, Oscar	Martin, Michael
Goodiell, Wesley	Martin, Norman A.
Green, Charles	McKee, Arthur
Hayes, Walter	McKee, Robert
Henderson, Robert	*Meagher, Patrick D.
Hennessy, John	*Menard, Maurice
Herson, Charles	*Mokarzel, George
Hewett, Hartley	Morin, Arnold H.
*Hogan, Charles	Morse, Charles
*Hoyt, Lewis	*O'Meara, Thomas
Hunter, Edward	Pavlikowski, William
Izatt, James	Payeur, More
Johnson, Robert	Pelletier, Gerard R.
*Kasalavage, Anthony	Perreault, Phillip
Keef, Clinton	Pettingale, Wallace
Keough, Frederick	Potvin, Arthur
Klemes, Rodhope	Presby, Austin
Labbe, Rene L.	Presby, Edmund
Lambie, Kenneth G.	Presby, Joseph
Lapoint, Arthur	Prue, Henry E.
	Pruneau, Roland O.

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Rallis, Paul	Sullivan, James
Raye, Clifford	Sweeney, John J.
Racine, Joseph	Taft, Philip
*Reed, John H.	Tarpy, John
Regan, Mathew	*Tartre, Robert
Remillard, Laurent	Taylor, John E.
Reny, Harold	Townsend, Harry
Richardson, Arthur	Trafton, Charles E.
Roy, Philip	Tracy, Charles R.
Ruffman, Charles	*Treanor, David
Sawyer, Winchester	Turner, Aaron
Schmit, Eugene	Vamakides, John
Simpson, George H.	*Vance, Perley
Sloan, Robert	Vance, Reginald
Snow, Kenneth	Vance, William
Snowden, Harold	Vaughn, Averill
Staples, George	Vorias, Louis
Sterling, Donald	Vorias, James
Sterling, Peter J.	Williamson, George
Stevens, Ralph	Woodman, Ralph
*St. Peter, Arthur J.	Yalouris, Matheos

### REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

#### VITAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

##### DEATHS

Whitcomb, Irving Peter, Old Orchard Beach, January 4, 1954, Age 2 years, Asphyxiation.

Whitcomb, Allan Norman, Old Orchard Beach, January 4, 1954, Age 4 years, Asphyxiation.

Whitcomb, Howard Paul, Old Orchard Beach, January 4, 1954, Age 5 years, Asphyxiation.

Whitcomb, Dinah L., Old Orchard Beach, January 4, 1954, Age 7 years, Asphyxiation.

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Whitcomb, John Robert, Old Orchard Beach, January 4, 1954, Age 9 years, Asphyxiation.

Kyrcon, Thom., Old Orchard Beach, October 20, 1953, Age 85 years, Cancer of lungs.

Engelvich, John, Saco, Maine, January 13, 1954, Age 73 years, Coronary occlusion, Arteriosclerosis.

Crowley, John Patrick, Portland, Maine, January 19, 1954, Age 51 years, Cancer Urinary Bladder, Bilateral Pulmonary Metastosis.

Morse, Frank W., Old Orchard Beach, February 12, 1954, Age 75 years, Cerebral Thrombosis, Cerebral Arteriosclerosis.

Cummings, Stanley F., Scarborough, Maine, January 9, 1954, Age 38 years, Compound fracture of Skull.

Parsons, Albertie, Biddeford, Maine, January 11, 1954, Age 89 years, Senility and Arteriosclerosis.

Petit, John W., Biddeford, Maine, January 28, 1954, Age 54 years, Acute coronary occlusion, Arteriosclerotic heart disease.

Graham, Louise, Old Orchard Beach, February 16, 1954, Age 84 years, Chronic Nephritis.

Meikle, Thomas M., Old Orchard Beach, March 12, 1954, Age 77 years, Coronary Occlusion.

McKenna, Charles Aloysius, Old Orchard Beach, March 9, 1954, Age 70 years, Carcinomatosis.

Partridge, Mary Jellerson, Old Orchard Beach, March 14, 1954, Age 70 years, Acute Myocarelitis.

Boisvert, Henry, Old Orchard Beach, March 17, 1954, Age 72 years, Acute Coronary Thrombosis.

Tibbetts, Lucy A., Old Orchard Beach, March 20, 1954, Age 82 years, Chronic Nephritis.

Carr, Nettie Emma, Old Orchard Beach, Maine, March 30, 1954, Age 86 years, Myocardial Insufficiency.

Mooers, Doris E., Saco, Maine, April 7, 1954, Age 55 years, Cardiac Decompensation, Acute Cardiac Dilitation.

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Hamor, Genie Louise, Biddeford, Maine, March 7, 1954, Age 1 day, Prematurity, Multiple Congenital Deformities.

Desrochers, Raymond A., Biddeford, Maine, March 13, 1954, Age 5 years, Heart failure, Septic sore throat.

Lawrence, Emily Jane, Old Orchard Beach, April 15, 1954, Age 72 years, Acute Coronary Thrombosis.

Early, Mary Addley, Old Orchard Beach, April 26, 1954, Age 88 years, Pneumonia.

Lapierre, Ulysses L., Old Orchard Beach, May 7, 1954, Age 52 years, Asphyxiation.

Anlicker, Walter J., Old Orchard Beach, May 10, 1954, Age 71 years, Thrombosary tepenic prepura.

Edwards, Clarence E., Ocean Park, Maine, May 13, 1954, Age 83 years, Arteriosclerosis.

Bordus, Minnie, Old Orchard Beach, May 30, 1954, Age 71 years, Coronary Thrombosis.

Gastino, Barney, Old Orchard Beach, May 31, 1954, Age 67 years, Coronary Occlusion.

LaBlanche, Arthur L., Biddeford, Maine, May 22, 1954, Age 64 years, Chronic Myocarditis.

Mullen, James Joseph, Biddeford, Maine, May 31, 1954, Age 64 years, Uremia Hypertension, General Arteriosclerosis.

Duffy, Howard A., Portland, Maine, May 11, 1954, Age 54 years, Hemorrhage for acute Gastritis also Portal Cirrhosis.

VanDusen, Adra B., Old Orchard Beach, June 18, 1954, Age 92 years, Arteriosclerosis.

Gee, Thelma Ann, Old Orchard Beach, June 20, 1954, Age 23 years, Shock, Fractured Skull, Multiple Abrasions.

Bicknell, Carrie Eva, Saco, Maine, June 21, 1954, Age 87 years, Myocarditis Hypertension.

Roby, Mabel E., Biddeford, Maine, May 31, 1954, Age 58 years, Cancer of Liver.

Gailey, Anne Horton, Ocean Park, Maine, July 3, 1954, Age 71 years, Coronary Occlusion.

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Crossett, Florence Edna, Old Orchard Beach, July 4, 1954, Age 56 years, Coronary Thrombosis.

Getchell, Annie M., Old Orchard Beach, July 12, 1954, Age 74 years, Cerebral Hemorrhage.

Weisberg, Rachael, Old Orchard Beach, July 14, 1954, Age 77 years, Coronary Thrombosis.

Dunn, William, Biddeford, Maine, June 7, 1954, Age 85 years, Coronary Occlusion.

LePelletier, Alexander L., Biddeford, Maine, June 17, 1954, Age 76 years, Coronary Occlusion.

Love, Francis E., Biddeford, Maine, June 26, 1954, Age 60 years, Pulmonary Embolism.

Goldberg, Isaac, Old Orchard Beach, July 20, 1954, Age 71 years, Coronary Thrombosis.

Pratt, John, Old Orchard Beach, August 4, 1954, Age 64 years, Coronary Occlusion.

Gagnon, Susan Elaine, Old Orchard Beach, August 5, 1954, Age 6 years, Fractured Skull, Pelvis and left leg.

Egan, Joseph Henry, Old Orchard Beach, August 10, 1954, Age 52 years, Coronary Occlusion.

Lebovitz, Julius, Old Orchard Beach, August 14, 1954, Age 66 years, Coronary Occlusion.

Middleton, William V., Biddeford, Maine, July 13, 1954, Age 92 years, Carcinoma of Prostate.

Coolen, Karen, Old Orchard Beach, August 20, 1954, Age 9 months 1 day, Bronchial Pneumonia.

Wilson, George S., Ocean Park, Maine, August 21, 1954, Age 84 years, Cerebral Thrombosis.

Pendleton, Mario James, Old Orchard Beach, August 21, 1954, Age 8 days, Encephalitis.

Lamirande, Frederick I., Old Orchard Beach, August 22, 1954, Age 49 years, Asphyxiation Suicide.

Breingan, Hugh F., Saco, Maine, August 15, 1954, Age 84 years, Cardiac Decompensation.

Tucker, Catherine Elizabeth, Old Orchard Beach, September 2, 1954, Age 1 month, Broncho Pneumonia.



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Moulton, John T., Old Orchard Beach, September 3, 1954, Age 97 years, Massage Bowel Hemorrhage.

Harding, Roscoe Albra, Portland, Maine, August 1, 1954, Age 28 years, Accident.

Jones, Ralph Pearl, Exeter, N. H., September 3, 1954, Age 85 years, Cerebral Thrombosis.

Owen, Marie Elizabeth, Biddeford, Maine, August 15, 1954, Age 79 years, Pulmonary Embolism.

Garland, Claude F., Old Orchard Beach, October 12, 1954, Age 76 years, Hypostatic Pneumonia.

Stirling, Frances, Portland, Maine, September 2, 1954, Age 52 years, Cancer of Cervix Uteri.

Wight, Lena I., Portland, Maine, September 8, 1954, Age 74 years, Post Traumatic Shock, Accidental fall.

Hall, George, Old Orchard Beach, October 24, 1954, Age 78 years, Pneumonia Terminal 24 hrs., Hypertensive heart disease.

Gendron, Charles Ovila, Jr., Old Orchard Beach, October 20, 1954, Age 67 years, Arteriosclerotic Heart.

Moore, George Elmer, Old Orchard Beach, November 2, 1954, Age 84 years, Arteriosclerotic Heart.

Davis, Lucy Maria, Old Orchard Beach, November 6, 1954, Age 82 years, Pulmonary Embolism.

Laird, Margaret, Saco, Maine, November 11, 1954, Age 57 years, Hypostatic Pneumonia, Cerebral Embolism.

Emmons, Wilbur Fiske, Old Orchard Beach, November 10, 1954, Age 80 years, Coronary Occlusion.

Boulanger, Alice, Old Orchard Beach, November 15, 1954, Age 65 years, Coronary Occlusion.

Alkazin, Nazira, Portland, Maine, October 1, 1954, Age 73 years, Arteriosclerotic Heart.

Severance, Warren L., Saco, Maine, October 25, 1954, Age 85 years, Cardiac Decomposition.

Huard, Lionel J., Old Orchard Beach, November 22, 1954, Age 53 years, Coronary Occlusion.

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Fortin, Landry E., Biddeford, Maine, October 7, 1954,  
Age 67 years, Coronary Occlusion.

Holley, William, Augusta, Maine, November 20, 1954,  
Age 71 years, Arteriosclerosis Heart Disease.

Wilson, John Walter, Togus, Maine, October 29, 1954,  
Age 30 years, Hodgkins Sarcoma.

Lowe, Mariette, Old Orchard Beach, December 6, 1954,  
Age 91 years, Coronary Thrombosis.

Beaulieu, Joseph, Old Orchard Beach, December 12,  
1954, Age 67 years, Acute Congestive Heart Failure.

Martin, George E., Old Orchard Beach, December 5,  
1954, Age 71 years, Coronary Occlusion.

D'Augustine, Angelina, Old Orchard Beach, December  
18, 1954, Age 80 years, Coronary Occlusion.

Ellms, Louis, New Market, N. H., December 9, 1954,  
Age 93 years, Cerebro Vascular Thrombosis.

Gifun, Celia Maude, Biddeford, Maine, December 16,  
1954, Age 56 years, Carcinoma Urinary Bladder, Uremia,  
Anuria.

Mills, Everard H., Biddeford, Maine, December 17, 1954,  
Age 84 years, Uremia. Chronic Glomerulonephritis.

Ricker, Harry, Biddeford, Maine, December 28, 1954,  
Age 64 years, Myeloma Generalized Metastasis.

Number of Births—122.

Number of Marriages—77.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. Emerson Cummings  
Deputy Town Clerk

### **REPORT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMM.**

This first annual report of the Civil Service Commission to the Citizens of Old Orchard Beach will summarize the method of establishing the commission, its progress during the calendar year 1954, and add some comment upon the operation of your fire department.

THE COMMISSION. The Ninety-sixth Legislature of

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the State of Maine in 1953, enacted a law to provide for a Civil Service Commission for the Town of Old Orchard Beach which could become effective only after a favorable vote of acceptance by a majority of the legal voters casting ballots at an annual or special municipal election. The acceptance received a favorable vote at the annual town meeting on March 1, 1954; 1038, Yes, to 229, No. Commission members were elected at the special election held June 7, 1954. In the following six months the commission has investigated its responsibilities and prepared a tentative draft of the rules thought suitable to guide the operations of the commission within the limits fixed by the Legislative Act and fitted to the requirements of the fire department in this Town.

The Act adopted by the Town directs the Commission to "supervise and control appointment and promotion, lay-off, reinstatement, suspension and removal of the members of the fire department." Thus our attention to personnel matters is clearly limited to the fire department.

We offer our sincere thanks for the complete cooperation we have received from the Selectmen, Town Manager, members of the fire department, and a number of other persons.

During the year 1955 the commission will complete its rules of operation and make them available to firemen and townspeople. Measures in process will fill vacancies among the call firemen caused by resignation and change of residence to another town, and the selection of two lieutenants by the Chief from call men who qualify in competitive examinations.

**THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.** In the year 1954, our Town was favored with a phenomenally small number of calls for fire apparatus. Fire Chief Theodore H. Mingo says the past year has been the most inactive of any in his memory. The records show the fire department was called 89 times during the calendar year, but only 28 of these were under con-

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ditions requiring the use of the fire alarm whistle; the remaining 61 calls being handled by the full-time firemen without assistance from the call men. The record for 1953 shows 143 calls for the department, and 146 in 1952.

It is well known throughout this town that our fire department is well run, and we are glad to confirm the good order and condition of the department. We found that this Town has provided for five full-time firemen and a group of 30 call firemen. The full-time men — Chief, Assistant Chief, and three others—are responsible for the care of all the Town's fire apparatus and are the first to respond to any alarm. The equipment they keep constantly ready for immediate use represents over \$125,000 replacement value. These men, also, are expected to take charge at all fires; to operate expertly the pumpers, resuscitators, and all other apparatus; and to remain within instant call any moment for 48 consecutive hours, Sundays and holidays included. After each 48 hour period on duty, they then have 24 hours off duty. During off duty days, however, full-time firemen are expected to respond to all fire alarms unless they are out of town. The average work week for full time firemen amounts to 112 hours, and they are now paid \$52.50 a week.

At the request of the Chief, the Commission held October 15, 1954, a competitive examination among the full-time firemen for the position of Captain. Two men qualified in this examination and the Chief selected William Murphy for the position. There is no provision, at present, for an increase of pay for a Captain—or for the two Lieutenants expected to qualify in 1955—and an increase will be authorized only by action at a town meeting.

The Old Orchard Beach fire department operates as a call department. The full-time force takes the apparatus to all fires and, often unassisted, controls the emergency; but if more men are needed they come from the roster of thirty call firemen. Call men were paid \$100 annually until about 1951, when the rate of pay was fixed on the basis of

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the time between the sounding of an alarm and the following "All Out" signal. Later radio equipment was added to three fire trucks and the fire station. Radio equipment often permits to Chief to send full-time firemen to answer a call, and wait for their radio report from the spot before bringing the call men by use of the fire whistle. In a normal year such wise and creditable use of modernized equipment results in saving \$500 to \$1500, by avoiding the needless calling of extra men.

Your Commission cannot avoid hearing the complaints of inadequate earnings made by full-time and call firemen, and it feels it is responsible for the presentation of the facts to the townspeople. Your Commission, however, cannot overlook Section 14 of the Civil Service Act which says, "The compensation of the men of the fire department shall be fixed by the voters."

Because of the circumstances just described, your Commission recommends the voters give careful attention to the wage and salary situation so that an adequate and competent fire department may be preserved. We believe the voters in town meeting will act reasonably so that firemen and fire department officers may receive a wage properly recognizing their duties and experience in the protection of property and lives in moments of emergency.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. A. Milliken, Chairman  
A. Angelosante, Clerk  
F. A. Tice

### **REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Old Orchard Beach:

The annual report of the Public Schools of Old Orchard Beach for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954, reviews briefly the national educational scene, progress at

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the local level, and concludes by summarizing teacher, pupil, and finance statistics.

### THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SCENE

#### **Enrollments Increase**

##### **At all School Levels**

According to the National Education Association, more than 21 per cent of our total population is enrolled in the public and private educational institutions in this country. Enrollments from kindergarten through college—both public and private—are estimated to be 35,651,000. This represents an increase over last year of 1,647,000 pupils. About 85 per cent of this increase is found at the elementary school level.

#### **Teacher Supply-Demand**

##### **Out of Balance**

The total number of new teachers needed for next fall, for both elementary and secondary, has been estimated at 137,000. The current supply available as graduates of our universities and colleges is in the vicinity of 55,000. This will mean the continuation of more untrained teachers for some time to come.

#### **Money For Schools**

##### **Continues to Rise**

In spite of state legislative activity nationwide, financial difficulties are more acute. The 1954 cost of public elementary, secondary, and higher education will exceed \$10 billion.

Total school taxes for public elementary and secondary schools have more than doubled in the past eight years. The 1946 tax figure was 3,059,844,000. This has risen steadily in the intervening period to a 1954 estimate of 7,783,216,000.

More than 95 per cent of the money thus collected comes from state and local tax sources. Thirty-seven per cent of the school revenue will be raised by the 48 state govern-

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ments ranging from 4 percent in New Hampshire to 83 percent in Delaware. More than half the total public school revenue comes from local and county sources.

### **Federal Legislation Affecting Education**

Public Laws 815 and 874 providing federal assistance for operation, maintenance and building in war and defense impacted areas has been extended for three more years.

Bills were introduced in the 83rd Congress to assist states in school construction but they made little progress and died from lack of support.

A White House Conference has been called for 1955 following individual state conferences on educational needs. It is possible that some favorable federal legislation may develop from these conferences although a hands off policy on educational aid from the federal level is clearly the interest of the party in power.

### **The Supreme Court Decision On Segregation**

History was made on May 17 when Chief Justice Warren handed down the unanimous opinion of the Supreme Court on compulsory segregation of the races in the public schools. Decrees to implement the decision are expected this year.

The forward step of integration is under way despite opposition of many southern states.

## NEW BUILDING PROJECT SUCCESSFUL

### **Eight Classrooms By Fall Of 1955**

The rather stormy career of school building planning groups cleared to a large extent following the authorization at the annual town meeting in March of a \$160,000 bond issue for a new school building.

The Board of Selectmen appointed the following on March 31 to serve as a School Building Committee: Har-

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riet Fogg, Lewis Fowler, Dorothy Garland, Howard Slaney, David Marshall, Mary Manduca, Gordon Smith, Franklin Milliken, Henry Rudy, Edward Bragg, Gladys Goodwin, Herbert Sears, Wyman Tucker, Adelbert Jakeman, Thomas Cockerille, Winifred Benway and the Superintending School Committee.

Henry Rudy and Howard Slaney were elected co-chairmen of this large committee.

Following town article directives in meetings throughout the summer, bid proposals were opened on September 1 on three types of an eight-room school building. No bids of the six contractors were acceptable as all were over the amount of money available. Certain specifications were reduced and bids from the three lowest bidders were requested for September 7.

Once again all bids were rejected on September 7 and the town meeting scheduled for that date was postponed after a full explanation by Mr. Rudy. The architect was instructed to re-draw plans and set up specifications for a building that could be built within the money allocated.

Following a nine weeks period for the above work to be done, the following bids were received on November 15: Leonard, \$148,924.10; Merrill, \$142,226.16; and McLellan, \$139,195.00. After acceptance by action of the Town Meeting on November 16, contract was awarded to the Paul B. McLellan Company of Portland to build the new school structure.

Much to the relief and pride of the many workers on this project, ground was broken on November 22 for a school to be ready for occupancy on or before September 10, 1955.

### DOUBLE SESSION PLAN

#### **Three Additional Classrooms Needed**

School officials were faced with the problem of providing space for three classrooms of pupils for the fall term of



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1954. Plans were made well in advance to take care of this situation by the school building proposed on December 2, 1953, at a special town meeting. This initial project, lost by only 40 votes, caused a study to be made of all available space suitable for school purposes.

Measured against heating, lighting, and sanitary requirements, no facilities were found of sufficient size to care for all of the space needed. It was then decided to make the proper rooms available by means of the double session principle. Six classes were selected from the third, fourth, and fifth grades. It was concluded that children younger than these grades should not have their programs interrupted and that children older than these groups would lose the benefit of certain special subjects taught in the upper grades. Better arrangements could have been made had there been an even number of classes per grade, such as; four or six instead of three.

Teachers are doing everything within their power to keep the pupils under this program up to grade level. Extra time will be made available on parent request or, as the developed needs indicate.

### MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES

#### **Buildings-Grounds**

#### **Repairs-Replacements**

Once again with the help of Federal funds to the amount of \$2600, school property and equipment have been maintained in excellent condition.

Most of the work has been carried on by and under the direction of the regular building janitors who work the year around. General repairs, painting of classrooms, and grounds upkeep offer a busy schedule throughout the summer.

Several special projects were completed by outside labor. Fluorescent lights were installed in the second floor classroom of the Elementary School completing a lighting pro-

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ject of several years duration. All of the elementary schools are now correctly lighted. New light fixtures were installed in the high school gymnasium increasing the light intensity by 100 per cent.

Resurfacing of the roadway circling the high school proved to be a major project. The work, however, was done as reasonable as possible by town employees and machinery under the direction of the Road Commissioner.

The front of the stage and front walls of the gymnasium were re-finished. New back supports and front paneling were found to be necessary due to the wear of basketball and other athletics through the years.

New construction included a large storage cabinet in the Home Economics Department as well as an outdoor seat encircling the large tree in front of the Federal School. The cabinet was a recommendation of the State Department of Education.

The following equipment was purchased and added to the several departments: new gymnasium lockers were installed in the girls' dressing room, new classroom curtains were purchased for the chemistry laboratory, a fluid duplicator was supplied for the office in the Federal School, one modern classroom set of desks and chairs for the Old High School, one IBM electric typewriter for the Commercial Department, six General Electric classroom clocks were purchased for replacements, and two gas stoves were installed in the Home Economics Department at no cost.

### TEACHING PERSONNEL

#### 10 New Faces To Greet And Know

Three new teaching positions were established for the fall term bringing the total teaching roster to forty-four. An unusually heavy turnover of teachers during the summer gave evidence that the salary schedule was not as yet meeting the needs of all of the teachers.

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Miss Mary Brady of Biddeford, former Southbridge, Massachusetts, teacher with three years of experience, was assigned a new second grade at the Old High School. Mr. Donald Allgrove of Old Orchard Beach, an experienced teacher-principal from Unity accepted a new seventh grade in the Federal School. Mr. Robert Scamman of Saco and a graduate of the University of Maine was engaged to head up the first art department in the Old Orchard Beach schools.

The following teachers resigned for other teaching positions in this state and elsewhere: Mr. Hawkes, Portland High School; Miss Whitehouse, Oregon; Miss Arnold, Scarborough; Mr. Cunningham, Vermont; Miss Cole, New Hampshire; Mrs. McKenna, Texas; Mrs. Mary Fallon resigned to leave the teaching profession.

Mrs. Pearl Fickett of Gorham and Miss Mary Kane of South Portland were assigned to the English Department in the High School. Miss Fickett brings twenty-five years of teaching experience to the department while Miss Kane taught for the past three years at Hartland Academy.

Miss Celia Philbrook of Westbrook and a graduate of Springfield College replaced Miss Whitehouse as instructor of girls' physical education. Miss Philbrook taught at Wells High School last year.

Mrs. Pauline Fisher returned to the sixth grade position vacated by Mrs. McKenna and Mrs. Anderson was assigned to the fourth grade vacancy created by Miss Cole.

Mr. Richard North of Westbrook, Bates College graduate, accepted the position formerly held by Miss Arnold while Miss Mary Whitehurst of Saco, a former instructor in Hollis High School, replaced Mr. Carl Cunningham in the Commercial Department.

Mr. James Scully of Biddeford, former instructor in a private school in New York was assigned to the seventh grade position taught for many years by Mrs. Anderson.

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### TEACHERS SALARIES

#### Average Salaries Low Present Day Standards

Previous discussions of teachers salaries at Old Orchard Beach indicates that more comparative information is needed for a general understanding.

The two tables immediately following were prepared by the Maine Teachers' Association. The first establishes clearly that Maine salaries are small in comparison with other states. And more to the point perhaps, the second table shows the average salary of Old Orchard Beach teachers as being less than their neighbors, with one exception, and well below the average of their group.

Stated in other words, the average salary of the Old Orchard Beach teachers is 44th in position among 74 cities and towns of 2,500 population and over in a state whose position so far as average teacher's salaries is concerned is 42nd among the 48 states of this country.



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TABLE 1

Average Teachers Salaries as Estimated by Departments of Education or by the NEA Research Bureau—1954-5

California	\$5050.	Colorado	\$3600.
New York	5050.	Minnesota	3600.
Illinois	4500.	Wyoming	3575.
New Jersey	4470.	Oklahoma	3511.
New Mexico	4436.	Idaho	3497.
Connecticut	4400.	Kansas	3460.
Michigan	4400.	New Hampshire	3425.
Washington	4400.	North Carolina	3329.
Delaware	4395.	Missouri	3320.
Oregon	4300.	Iowa	3260.
Maryland	4275.	Virginia	3250.
Arizona	4200.	West Virginia	3060.
Indiana	4185.	Georgia	3000.
Nevada	4165.	Nebraska	3000.
Pennsylvania	4141.	South Carolina	2975.
Massachusetts	4125.	Vermont	2975.
Louisiana	4100.	South Dakota	2950.
Ohio	4100.	<b>*Maine</b>	<b>2900.</b>
Rhode Island	4100.	North Dakota	2850.
Utah	4041.	Tennessee	2800.
Texas	3975.	Kentucky	2625.
Wisconsin	3840.	Alabama	2625.
Florida	3800.	Arkansas	2260.
Montana	3610.	Mississippi	2200.

\*Actual average (not an estimate) of salaries of full time teachers in public schools and in academies which function primarily as public high schools.

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TABLE II

Comparison of Teachers Salaries in Maine Towns with a Population  
of 2,500 and over—1954-5.

	Average Salary		
Rumford	\$3651.76	Jay	\$2974.00
Westbrook	3641.88	Fort Fairfield	2972.00
Portland	3640.06	Lisbon	2968.61
Millinocket	3566.52	Gorham	2957.14
Augusta	3546.16	Livermore Falls	2954.54
South Portland	3512.04	South Berwick	2952.17
Bangor	3488.62	<b>Old Orchard Beach</b>	<b>2942.74</b>
Lewiston	3439.44	Pittsfield	2935.38
Cape Elizabeth	3411.63	Norway	2930.72
Sanford	3379.75	Dexter	2902.50
Old Town	3339.35	Yarmouth	2879.31
Kennebunk	3326.56	Fairfield	2854.76
Orono	3308.59	Belfast	2827.00
Skowhegan	3265.83	Mexico	2825.28
Brunswick	3246.72	Freeport	2813.24
Falmouth	3236.89	Thomaston	2806.25
Waterville	3230.00	Paris	2795.12
Auburn	3227.16	Bridgton	2787.05
Farmington	3208.44	Wilton	2758.33
Brewer	3177.29	Dover-Foxcroft	2756.08
Madison	3174.10	Calais	2755.36
Bath	3173.93	Winthrop	2754.70
Presque Isle	3151.93	Gardiner	2742.86
Caribou	3143.86	Oakland	2728.91
Kittery	3122.92	Lincoln	2724.88
Winslow	3122.73	Waldoboro	2695.24
Camden	3080.56	Eastport	2652.68
Bucksport	3055.88	Madawaska	2646.67
Limestone	3049.55	Windham	2637.86
Scarborough	3048.47	Lubec	2625.00
Saco	3048.37	Fort Kent	2584.92
York	3047.56	Van Buren	2580.00
Rockland	3006.04	Milo	2563.33
Houlton	3005.46	Hampden	2550.00
Eliot	2990.74	Hallowell	2501.57
Ellsworth	2982.89	Biddeford	2467.31
Bar Harbor	2980.91	Ashland	2465.38

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### TABLE III

TABLE III is the present salary schedule as revised January 18, 1954, by the cooperative effort of an Old Orchard Beach Teachers' Committee on salaries and the Superintending School Committee. The schedule now conforms to the minimum salary law for Maine teachers.

### BASIC SALARY SCHEDULE

Yrs. of Experience	1954-55		
	Class I No Degree	Class II Bachelor's Degree	Class III Master's Degree
0	\$2200	\$2400	\$2400
1	2275	2500	2525
2	2350	2600	2650
3	2425	2700	2775
4	2500	2800	2900
5	2575	2900	3025
6	2650	3000	3150
7	2725	3100	3275
8	2800	3200	3400
9	2875	3300	3525
10	2950	3400	3650
11	3025	3500	3775
12	3100	3600	3900

### FINANCES

The fiscal year closed with a balance of \$7,170.32. This amount is due in part to unexpected receipts. By act of the fall special session of legislature, the additional amount of \$2,612.00 was received as extra subsidy from the Department of Education. In addition, Old Orchard Beach

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received the amount of \$5,524.33 from the Federal Government under Public Law 874.

Some increase in school financing will be unavoidable as predicted in last year's report. However, only two new teachers will be necessary even with the opening of eight new classrooms in the new elementary school. There will be need for one additional janitor and some increase for fuel and general school maintenance with respect to the new building. Again, if the school department is to take over the health projects which were financed for so long by the Lions' Club, this will increase the estimated cost for the year ahead.

### CONCLUSION

We are proud of the gift of a new steel flag pole for the Federal School as presented by the Abbott-Verville Amvets Post No. 5 and I wish to especially thank them for the project. May I again thank the Parent-Teachers' Association for their continued interest and support as well as the many building-planning committee members for their time and effort.

This has been a year of progress for education in Old Orchard Beach. I am especially grateful to the many who have helped in the movement forward.

C. J. Cutts  
Superintendent of Schools





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**SCHOOL STATISTICS**

OLD ORCHARD BEACH, YEAR 1954

School enrollment (resident pupils) used by the state in reckoning subsidy.

April 1, 1954

Attending Town Schools	1001
Attending other schools in Maine	32

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Teaching positions Fall term 1954

Elementary School	11
Federal School	13
High School—Annex	3
High School	8
Specials	8
Nurse	1

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STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1954

Aggregate Attendance of Pupils

Elementary School	67,161
Federal School	52,220
High—Annex	17,560
High School	35,717

Average Daily Attendance

Elementary School	366.88
Federal School	285.59
High—Annex	92.31
High School	193.18

Pupils registered during the year

Elementary School	884
High School	220

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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT—DECEMBER 13, 1954  
MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

1954 Appropriation	\$138,874.00
1953 Balance	2,072.96
State Subsidy—General Purpose	25,171.82
State Subsidy—Professional Credits	250.00
Federal Subsidy—P. L. 874	2,902.66
School Lunch	200.00
Supplies Refund	5.10
Utilities Refund	90.00
Industrial Art Refund	422.68
Home Economics Refund	40.00
Insurance Refund	334.67
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Total Receipts	170,363.89

EXPENDITURES

Common Schools	86,373.91
High School	43,236.95
Textbooks	3,723.55
Supplies	3,973.16
Utilities	3,451.52
Industrial Art	4,155.70
Home Economics	3,087.10
Physical Education	6,552.45
Insurance	1,929.30
Equipment	2,792.88
Health	1,243.00
Superintendent	2,492.57
School Committee	200.00
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Total Expenditures	163,212.09
Balance	7,151.80
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	170,363.89

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SPECIAL ACCOUNT  
RECEIPTS

1954 Appropriation	5,000.00	
State Subsidy—Physically Handicapped	245.24	
Federal Subsidy—P. L. 874	2,621.67	
Total Receipts		7,866.91

EXPENDITURES

Repairs	7,621.67	
Physically Handicapped	226.72	
Total Expenditures		7,848.39
Balance		18.52
		7,866.91

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

ACCOUNTS	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Maintenance Account			
	170,363.89	163,212.09	7,151.80
Special Account	7,866.91	7,848.39	18.52
TOTALS	178,230.80	171,060.48	7,170.32

**REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSING Jan.-Dec. 1954**

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee:

We started our School Year of 1954 with our regular classes *in* First Aid held with the eighth grade group. After some three months of twice weekly classes sixty-six students were qualified for Certificates in Junior Red Cross First Aid.

Routine Patch testing against T.B. was started in Jan. and Junior Primary groups—all new students in all grade levels—and Junior and Senior High School students were tested. Four students were x-rayed in March routinely as they were previous patients of the State Diagnostic Clinic. One new student who reacted Positive on the test was found to be a member of a family where both an adult and a pre-

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school child were ill with T.B. and not under medical care. Finding this child and getting the family under proper medical supervision required weeks of work and effort by several health workers and agencies, but it was well worth while as to our best knowledge there was no spread of T.B. to any one outside of the family itself.

### CLINICS

Immunization against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough and vaccination against smallpox was carried on thru last year. Clinics were held monthly except for the time during "polio possibility" season when "shots" and vaccine might be heavy on a child.

The school children were invited to these immunization clinics to get the protection or "booster" shots as needed. In general the school group were found to be 100% protected.

Other special clinics held at nearby hospitals or under State Health Department supervision were of assistance to us during 1954. Cardiac—Mental Hygiene—various x-rays Rheumatic Fever—Pediatric and Crippled Children's Services were of considerable value to us during the past year.

In May of 1954 we borrowed the audiometer machine owned by the Biddeford and Saco Lions Club and did hearing tests from the fourth grade level thru High School. Some seventeen students failed to grade as average on hearing ability. In a few cases the failure meant a hearing defect. In most instances the lack of a sound proof room and the student taking a first time test accounted for the failures. The watch tick and whisper tests were used in the early primary grades plus daily observation of the children in order to gauge the hearing quality of the youngsters.

### SCHOOL HEALTH CARE

When we opened school in the Fall of 1954 after summer vacation we had our routine health exams. Throat and chest check-ups were done by our School Doctor, Dr. Donald Skillings. Snellen Eye Tests were given by the

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classroom teachers and the school nurse. This was followed by a Sight Survey Exam given by Dr. George Oliver on all who failed the Snellen Test—on all new students—and all the children who were having reading problems on the chance that this difficulty might be caused by a sight defect.

The children were weighed and measured and our School Hygienist, Mrs. Doris Homer, checked up on mouth and teeth conditions in all grades. The School Dental Program was a good help to us the past year as it has been each year since it started.

Social service problems came up during 1954 and service clubs and individual friends helped out in many ways from eye glasses to Xmas dinners and clothing for our children and families who were in need at times.

We wish to express our thanks to all who helped our school children in 1954.

Respectfully yours,  
Agnes V. Murphy, R. N.

### JANUARY THRU DECEMBER 1954

Office Patients Average	3000
Home Calls	50
Parents visited Nurse at Home and School	75
Messages	400
Exclusions	100
Individual Inspections Daily Average	3-6
Conferences with Teachers	2-4
Conferences with Students	3-6
Classroom Inspections	1-2

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### COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Chicken Pox	70	Meningitis	1
Mumps	92	I.B.	2
Measles	113	Infectious Hepatitis	6
Whooping Cough	13	"Strep" Throat	1

January 10, 1955

Mr. Cecil Cutts  
Supt. of Schools  
Saco, Maine.

Dear Mr. Cutts:

The annual physical examinations of the pupils and students attending the schools here in Old Orchard Beach has been completed and was carried out rather successfully with the efforts of the school nurse, Mrs. Murphy. Using the system that has been in use for the past several years there were a total of six hundred and twenty five examined. This however does not include those students who were also examined before being allowed to enter athletic competition to ascertain their physical condition lest some might have a disability that would be aggravated.

During the seasons in which Baseball, Football and Basketball are played there are always some injuries but not of too critical a nature.

The general physical condition of those examined was found to be excellent and with no serious outbreak of infectious or contagious diseases.

Very truly yours,

Donald S. Skilling, D. O.

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Dr. George I. Oliver  
Optometrist  
Old Orchard Beach, Maine

December 3, 1954

School Committee  
Old Orchard Beach, Maine  
Gentlemen:

The following report is based on the visual survey I conducted this fall in the Old Orchard Beach Elementary School, Federal School, and High School. It is the result of screening students in the Junior Primary, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades, as well as the Freshmen and Juniors.

### Freshmen & Jrs. Fed. School Elementary

Number of failures	13	25	16
% of failures	12%	7%	5%

Average of 8% failures for entire school system.

3 minor pathology cases were observed.

An attempt to discover any appreciable defect in the eyes among 58 poor readers showed no apparent visual error, showing little correlation between poor eyesight and poor reading ability.

My heartfelt appreciation goes to the principals and teachers of the schools for their assistance and cooperation, and especially to Mrs. Murphy, the School Nurse, for her part in the work. I would also like to commend the School Committee for sponsoring the survey, offering an appropriate health service to the students of the Old Orchard Schools.

Yours very truly,  
George I. Oliver, O. D.

## REPORT OF DENTAL HYGIENIST

As school dental hygienist I submit my report for this school session, September 20, 1954 thru February 1, 1955:

558—pupils examined.

198—pupils teeth cleaned with four (4) or 792 visits sodium fluoride treatments.

40—pupils cleaned only.

34—pupils treated at extraction clinics.

3—pupils emergency extractions at dentists' office.

27—pupils fillings (total 150 fillings).

460—notes home to parents stating condition of child's mouth and urging correction.

Mouth health education was carried on daily, for example, toothbrush drills and good food habits.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to dentist, Dr. M. G. Mazzacone for his fine spirit of cooperation, to the school nurse, Mrs. Agnes Murphy, for her able assistance at the extraction clinics, guidance and advice in the many problems that arise, to the school officials and to all the teachers for their friendliness and patience in helping to make this school dental program a success.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Mrs.) Doris F. Homer  
School Dental Hygienist



## OLD ORCHARD BEACH TEACHERS' DIRECTORY HIGH SCHOOL

Herbert R. Bean	Principal, History	Old Orchard Beach	Bates A. B.; Yale University; Bates 2 SS; Boston University Ext.	26-1/2
Esther Baker	Languages	Boothbay, Me.	Bates A. B.; Middleburg A. M.; Harvard SS; Bates SS; Maine Ext.	29
Pearl Fickett	English	Gorham, Me.	University of Maine B. A. & SS & 2 Ext.; Farmington	25
Ralph Hansen	Science	Saco, Me.	Colgate University A. B.; Columbia M. A.; Maine SS.	13
Mary Kane	English	So. Portland, Me.	Our Lady of Mercy College A. B.	3
Charles Loranger	Physics	Old Orchard Beach	North Carolina College; University of Maine B. S.	4
Richard North	Mathematics	Westbrook	Bates A. B.	0
Myron Pierce	Commercial Auto Driving	Cumberland Mills	Northeastern School of Accounting; University of Maine 6 SS & Ext.; Boston University 2 Ext.	6
Mary Whitehurst	Commercial	Saco	New Hampshire University; Portland University; Northwestern SS	1

### SPECIALS

Christine Armstrong	Home Economics	Old Orchard Beach	Nasson College; Conn. University B. S.; Columbia; Nasson; Boston University Ext.	6
Carl Gilley	Industrial Art	Portland, Me.	Gorham Teachers' College; Harvard Ext.; Gorham 2 Ext. & SS; Boston University Ext.	11
John McSweeney	Physical Education	Old Orchard Beach	Colby College B. A.	2

Agnes Murphy	Nurse	Old Orchard Beach	Queens Hospital; Simmons SS; Columbia SS; Boston College Ext.; University of Maine 2 Ext.; Red Cross Course; Lady of Mercy College Ext.	11
Alexander Pallang	Band	Portland, Me.	Yale University of Music	9
Celia J. Philbrook	Girls' Phys. Ed.	Westbrook	Colby B. A.; Springfield SS; University of Maine SS	2
Robert Scammon	Art	Saco, Me.	Portland School of Fine & Applied Art; University of Maine B. S.	0
Ruth Worth	Music	Portland	N. E. Conservatory of Music P. S.; American Inst. of Normal Methods SS; Boston University SS.	23

### HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX

Catherine Neilon	Principal-Grade 8	Biddeford	Gorham Normal; University of Maine 4 Ext.	31
Arnold Scully	Grade 7	Biddeford	Stetson University B. A.	3
Mildred Woodworth	Grade 8	Saco, Me.	Colby A. B.; Bates College SS; Boston University SS; University of Maine 2 Ext.; University of New Hampshire 3 SS	18

### FEDERAL SCHOOL

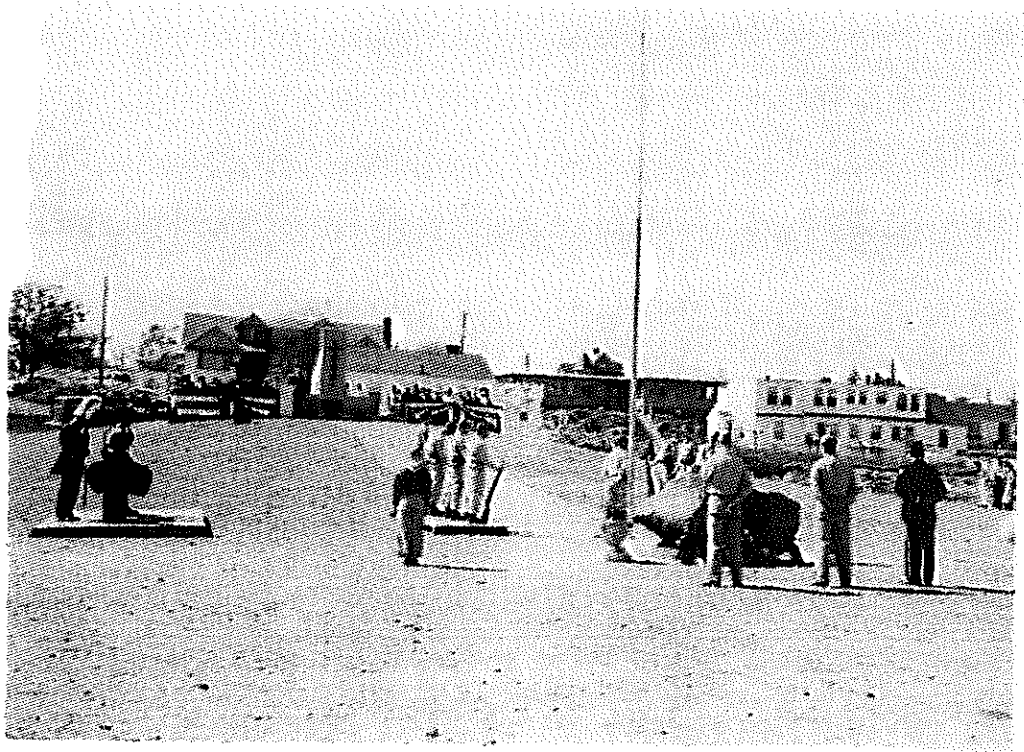
Helen Marshall	Principal-Grade 7	Old Orchard Beach	Gorham & 3 SS & Ext.; Boston University 2 Ext.; University of Maine 4 Ext. & SS; Lady of Mercy College 2 SS & 2 Ext.	30
Donald Allgrove	Grade 7	Old Orchard Beach	Bates; Bowdoin SS; Farmington 3 SS; Gorham 3 SS; University of Maine 3 Ext.	8
Jane D. McDonald	Grade 6	Old Orchard Beach	Gorham B. S.; University of Maine Ext.; Harvard-Boston University Ext.	9

Pauline A. Fisher	Grade 6	Oakfield, Me.	Farmington; Aroostook Teachers' College; Castine Normal School; University of New Hampshire Ext.	23
Evelyn A. Smith	Grade 6	Old Orchard Beach	Lyndon Normal; Harvard-Boston University 2 Ext.; University of Maine 4 Ext.; University of North Carolina Ext.; Lady of Mercy College 2 SS.	11
Helen B. Grant	Grade 5	Saco, Me.	Farmington Normal; Rhode Island College; Boston University Ext.; Farmington 2 SS; Gorham 3 SS; University of Maine 4 Ext.	23
Margaret L. Small	Grade 5	Saco, Maine	Gorham B. S. & 2 SS	8
Ruth L. Starrett	Grade 5	Saco, Maine	Gorham B. S. & SS	8
Katherine Anderson	Grade 4	Old Orchard Beach	Fall River Normal; Harvard-Boston University Ext.; University of Maine 2 Ext.	24
Marion C. Dutton	Grade 4	Old Orchard Beach	Johnson Normal; University of Maine Ext.	10
Catherine O'Connor	Grade 4	Biddeford, Me.	Gorham & 3 SS; University of Maine 3 Ext.; Harvard-Boston University Ext.	29
Augusta D. Monroe	Grade 3	Old Orchard Beach	Aroostook Normal; Columbia University; Vassar Ext.; Boston University Ext.; University of Maine 2 Ext.	25
Barbara W. Ellis	Grade 3	Old Orchard Beach	Gorham B. S. & 2 SS; Boston University 2 Ext. & Corres.; Lady of Mercy College SS 7 2 Ext.	11

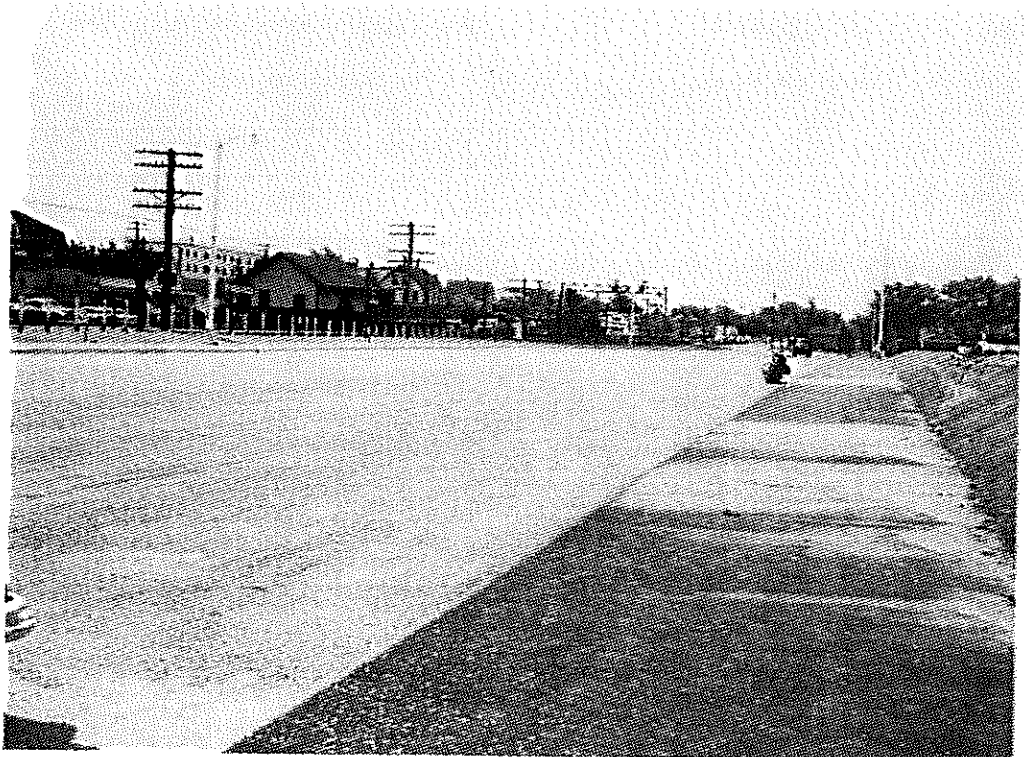
### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Margaret Harriman	Principal-Grade 3	Saco, Me.	Gorham; Boston University Ext.; University of Maine 4 Ext.; Advanced First Aid & Instructors Course	28
Florence R. Clark	Grade 2	Pine Point	Keene Normal; University of Maine 3 Ext.; Boston University Ext.	6

Lois A. Martin	Grade 2	Old Orchard Beach	Gorham; Boston University Ext.; University of Maine 2 Ext.	7
Alice G. McCarthy	Grade 2	Old Orchard Beach	Gorham B. S.; Boston University 3 Ext.; University of Maine SS; University of Maine Ext.	10
Mary E. Brady	Grade 2	Biddeford, Me.	New London Jr. College; Lesley College B. S.	4
Margaret D. Scott	Grade 1	Old Orchard Beach	Aroostook Normal School; Gorham SS; University of Maine 2 Ext.	9
Genevra M. Violette	Grade 1	Saco, Me.	Aroostook Normal; Boston University Ext.; University of Maine 2 Ext.; Advanced First Aid & Home Nursing	20
Gertrude Thompson	Grade 1	Old Orchard Beach	Gorham; Farmington SS; Boston University Ext.; Uni- versity of Maine 5 Ext. & Corres.	17
Mary G. White	Grade 1	Biddeford, Me.	Castine Normal	6
Adelaide D. Calley	Junior Primary	Kennebunkport, Me.	Wheelock	9
Grace C. Taylor	Junior Primary	Old Orchard Beach	Lyndon Teachers College; Johnson Normal SS; Univer- sity of Vermont SS; Farmington SS; Boston Univer- sity Ext.; University of Maine 4 Ext. & 4 Corres.	21

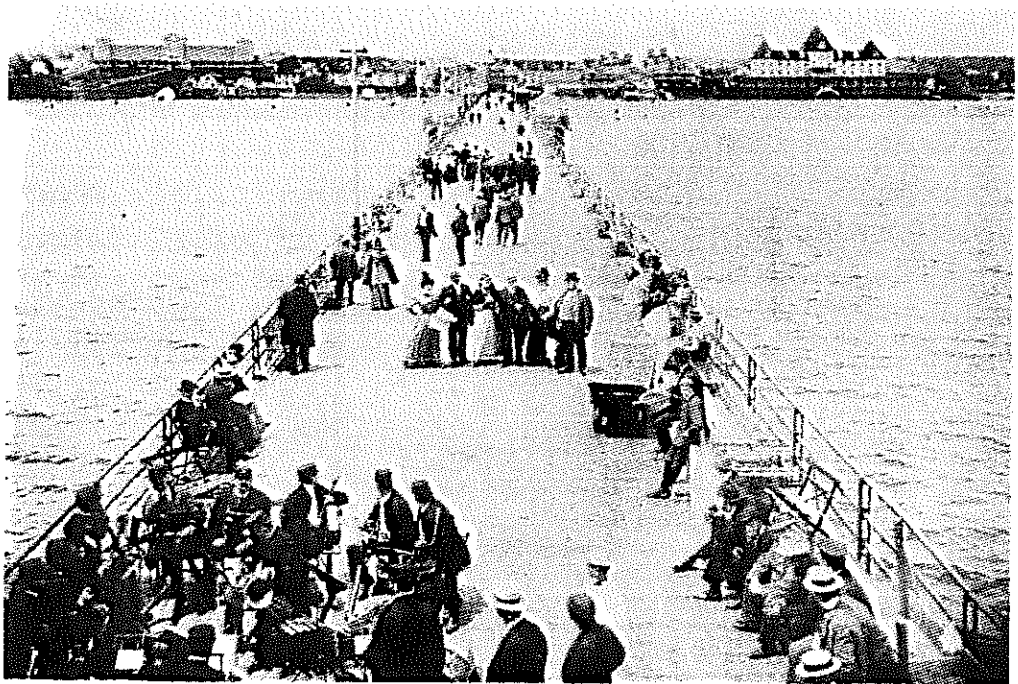


Memorial Park





Bathers Enjoying the Surf



Pleasure Seekers Enjoying the Cool Air on the Pier.



Operation Pulpwood.



**WARRANT OF THE TOWN OF  
OLD ORCHARD BEACH, MAINE**

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To J. Leo Farrington, a constable of the Town of Old Orchard Beach in the County of York and State of Maine;  
Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Old Orchard Beach, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the High School in said Old Orchard Beach on Monday, the Seventh Day of March, A. D. 1955, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen and other town officials.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to be used for decorating graves on Memorial Day, under the direction of the American Legion, said sum to be taken from Excise Taxes.

Budget Committee so recommends.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for defraying the expenses of the Memorial Day parade and exercises, under the direction of the Memorial Committee, said sum to be taken from Excise Taxes.

Budget Committee so recommends.

Article 6. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the pay of town officers, town manager, clerical assistance and the general costs of administration.



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Budget Committee recommends \$16,750.00 from Excise Taxes.

Article 7. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the hire of clerical assistance for the assessors.

Budget Committee recommend \$1,000.00 from Excise Taxes.

Article 8. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide for the planting of trees and flowers throughout the town in other places than the Memorial Park. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission.

Budget Committee recommends \$500.00 to come from Excise Taxes.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a combination trash sucker-mist blower machine to be used both for cleaning streets and spraying for mosquitoes.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,500.00 from Excise Taxes.

Article 10. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for heating, lighting, and general repair of the Town Hall.

Budget Committee recommends \$5,475.00, \$500.00 to come from Town Hall Income, and \$4,975.00 to come from License Income.

Article 11. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense and Public Safety.

Budget Committee recommends \$800.00 to come from License Income.

Article 12. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works Department; including highways and bridges, snow removal, surfacing, sewers and drains, sanitation, care of picnic grounds, maintenance of town dump, maintenance of town team, maintenance of sidewalks.

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Budget Committee recommends: Highways and Bridges—\$16,000.00, Snow Removal—\$10,000.00, Surfacing—\$10,000.00, Sewers and Drains—\$5,055.00, Sanitation—\$18,650.00, Care of Picnic Grounds—\$200.00, Town Dump—\$7,000.00, Sidewalks—\$2,150.00, Town Team—\$3,650.00, \$200.00 for Care of Picnic Grounds to come from License Income. \$72,505.00 to come from General Taxation.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a street sweeping attachment for the Hough Loader the town presently owns.

Budget Committee recommends \$2,500.00 from Surplus.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a beach cleaner, similar in design to that used by San Diego, California.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,500.00.

Article 15. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of sidewalks on the following streets.

50 feet of sidewalk on the Southerly side of Ancona Avenue near the Easterly end.

200 feet of sidewalk on the Northerly side of Colby Avenue Easterly from Seaside Avenue.

50 feet of sidewalk in front of 89 Temple Avenue.

160 feet of sidewalk on Carl Avenue.

200 feet of sidewalk on the Easterly side of Adelaide Road.

Budget Committee recommends a total of \$1,553.00 for the construction of the above listed sidewalks.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to construct the previously approved sidewalk on the Westerly side of Ocean Avenue a distance of 15 feet from the Westerly line of the road within the bounds of the accepted street.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and

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appropriate a sum of money to construct 50 feet of sidewalk on Imperial Street from the intersection of Hoffman Street Northwesterly.

Not recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a suitable drainage line to eliminate an open ditch between the properties of Robert Bellevue and Ame Violette South of St. John Street.

Budget Committee recommends \$500.00.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a new sidewalk on the North Easterly side of Flint Street. ~~Flint Street~~

No recommendation by the Budget Committee.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a new sidewalk on School Street on the Westerly side of the street from Saco Avenue to the Legion Home.

No recommendation by the Budget Committee.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct approximately 300 feet of sidewalk on the North side of Francis Street from the point where the sidewalk now ends to Bradbury Street.

No recommendation by the Budget Committee.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote that no accepted street leading from East Grand Avenue and from West Grand Avenue to Surf Street in the Town of Old Orchard Beach shall become a private way.

No recommendation by the Budget Committee.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the town way, known as Parcher Avenue, as laid out and established by said Town of Old Orchard Beach under Article 60 of the Warrant for the Annual Meeting of said town of March 1954.

No recommendation by the Budget Committee.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to study the feasibility

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ity of widening First Street from Heath Street to Central Park Avenue.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 25. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for a new packer type garbage and waste body.

Budget Committee recommends \$3,500.00.

Article 26. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of a set of bucket type sewer cleaning machines.

Budget Committee recommends \$2,500.00.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to accept as public ways the following streets as laid out by the Selectmen.

✓ Shady Lane from Fern Park Avenue to Glenwood Lane.

Not recommended by the Budget Committee.

✓ Wildwood Lane from Fern Park Avenue to Saco Avenue.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

✓ Beecherii Street from Somerset Avenue a distance of 300 ft.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

✓ Somerset Avenue from Cookman Avenue Westerly 200 feet.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

✓ Second Street from West Grand Avenue to Surf Street.

Not recommended by the Budget Committee.

✓ Bluff Avenue between Seaview Avenue and Park Avenue.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

✓ Tioga Avenue from 9th Street Easterly a distance of 200 ft.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Goodwin Avenue from Temple Avenue to the part now accepted.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 28. To see what sum if any the town will vote to raise and appropriate to grade and gravel the following streets.

Wildwood Lane the entire length.

Beecherii Street for 300 feet.

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Somerset Avenue for 200 feet.

Goodwin Avenue for 750 feet.

Tioga Avenue for 200 feet.

Budget Committee recommends \$300.00 for Wildwood Lane, \$550.00 for Beecherii Street, \$350.00 for Somerset Avenue, \$350.00 for Goodwin Avenue, and \$200.00 for Tioga Avenue.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$375.00 to be turned over to the Ocean Park Association for the towns share of the cost of cleaning the Ocean Park Beach and Temple Avenue.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$800.00 as a step toward the improvement of drainage in the Ocean Park area of town.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,679.00 for the construction of a storm sewer to run from Ocean Avenue to Odenna Avenue to improve drainage in this area.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$350.00 to clean the ditch along West Grand Avenue from Reggio Avenue to Oceana Ave.

Not recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 33. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to clean streets and beach.

Budget Committee recommends \$9,000.00.

Article 34. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to gravel and surface Winona Avenue.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,800.00.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,768.00 to widen East Grand Avenue for a distance of one mile to the same width as the new Scarborough highway from Route #1, this being an appropriation of State Aid Reconstruction monies under the

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provisions of Chapter 23, Section 50 of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

Not recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 36. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges) under the provisions of section 44, Chapter 23, of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

Budget Committee recommends \$3,198.00.

Article 37. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lights.

Budget Committee recommends \$13,850.00.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to authorize the transfer of eight street lights from Milliken Street to the locations listed in the following article on new lights.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 39. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the installation of street lights in the following locations.

Intersection of Saco Avenue and Goodwin Avenue.

Intersection of Saco Avenue and Center Street.

Intersection of Tioga Avenue and Ninth Street.

End of Casco Avenue near pole number 80.

Maine Avenue between Ninth and Tenth Streets.

Little River Road between East Grand Avenue and RR. tracks.

Prospect Street Extension.

Intersection of Ervin Avenue and Smithwheel Road.

One light beyond present lights on Smithwheel Road.

Three, ten thousand lumen, three month, lights in the Milliken Street Parking Lot.

Upper Temple Avenue, 5 lights on poles numbered 46, 50, 54, 56, and 60.

One light in the vicinity of 120 Ocean Avenue.

Budget Committee recommends that the proposed light at the intersection of Saco and Center Street be of

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11,000 lumen output and that the three 1,000 lumen lights in the area be removed, that Prospect Street be cared for by increasing the light on the corner of Cedar and Washington Avenues to 4,000 lumen output, that the remaining 13 lights be of 1,000 lumen output, and that \$300.00 be appropriated.

Article 40. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to increase the present 600 lumen lights to 1,000 lumen in accordance with the three year improvement program begun last year.

Budget Committee recommends \$707.00.

Article 41. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hydrant Rental.

Budget Committee recommends \$9,500.00.

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install five hydrants at 500 foot intervals extending from the water main on Portland Avenue and passing in front of the Lyons Estate up to and on the Cascade Road.

Budget Committee recommends \$112.50 for rental.

Article 43. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the necessary funds to extend the water main on Smithwheel Road a distance of 500 feet and install a hydrant thereon.

Budget Committee recommends \$45.00.

Article 44. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to maintain the Fire Department.

Budget Committee recommends \$21,500.00.

Article 45. To see if the town will vote to set aside all unexpended balance of the Fire Department appropriation to create a fund for the purchase of a major piece of equipment for the department upon the vote of the town.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 46. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to maintain the Police Department.

Budget Committee recommends \$27,000.00, with

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\$4,600.00 to come from parking meter income, and \$22,400.00 from taxation.

Article 47. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for lifeguard service.

Budget Committee recommends \$6,465.00.

Article 48. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of a new police car.

Budget Committee recommends \$700.00 to come from parking meter income.

Article 49. To see if the town will vote to install traffic lights at the intersection of Washington and Atlantic Avenues, raising by taxation the necessary funds for their purchase and operation.

Not recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 50. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for graveling and further improving the Milliken Street Municipal Parking Lot.

Budget Committee recommends \$750.00 from Parking Meter Income.

Article 51. To see what sum the town will vote to repaint all crosswalks, parking stalls and curbs in colors in accordance with the by-laws of the town.

Budget Committee recommends \$500.00.

Article 52. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for workmen's compensation insurance.

Budget Committee recommends \$2,200.00.

Article 53. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for liability insurance on the Town Hall.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,836.00.

Article 54. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,817.00 for schools, to be divided as follows: Common Schools, \$83,962.00; High School, \$37,198.00; Textbooks, \$3,600.00; Repairs, \$4,500.00; Supplies, \$3,600.00; Maintenance, \$6,644.00; Industrial Arts,



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\$3,383.00; Home Economics, \$2,677.00; Physical Education, \$5,203.00; School Physician, \$250.00; School Committee, \$200.00; Supervision, \$2,600.00.

Budget Committee recommends \$153,817.00.

Article 55. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for High School athletics to be expended by the Superintending School Committee and divided as follows: Football, \$1,150.00; Basketball, \$250.00; Baseball, \$250.00; Track, \$50.00; Girls Athletics, \$300.00.

Budget Committee recommends \$2,000.00.

Article 56. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Superintending School Committee to appoint a school physician.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 57. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,890.00 for the department of school health to be divided as follows: Dental Hygienist (23 weeks), \$1,150.00; Dentists (36 Weekly clinics), \$540.00; Optometrist Survey, \$200.00.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,890.00.

Article 58. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to install a sprinkler system in the new elementary school.

Budget Committee recommends \$4,000.00.

Article 59. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to construct a sidewalk for a distance of 500 feet between the Federal School and the New Elementary School Building.

Budget Committee recommends \$800.00.

Article 60. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to construct a roadway and landscape the new Elementary School.

Budget Committee recommends \$850.00 for the roadway, and \$1,500.00 for landscaping the grounds.

Article 61. To see if the town will vote to have all

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income from the Memorial Park deposited in the general town account and all disbursements of the Park Commission paid on a treasurer's warrant after the approval of the Selectmen as is customary with all other town accounts and funds.

No recommendation by the Budget Committee.

Article 62. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for mosquito and moth control.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,500.00.

Article 63. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Assistance.

Budget Committee recommends \$10,000.00.

Article 64. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children.

Budget Committee recommends \$1,000.00.

Article 65. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contingent Expenses.

Budget Committee recommends \$5,225.00.

Article 66. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Health Nursing Service.

Budget Committee recommends \$5,190.00.

Article 67. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising purposes for the year of 1955, said expenditures to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Budget Committee recommends \$6,318.00.

Article 68. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to contribute to membership in and operation of the Maine Publicity Bureau.

No recommendation by the Budget Committee.

Article 69. To see if the town will vote to erect a new directional sign on Route #1 at the Cascade Road entrance of the town, and how much it will raise and appropriate therefor.

Not recommended by the Budget Committee.

Article 70. To see what sum the town will vote to

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raise and appropriate for payment of serial bonds and notes falling due during the current municipal year.

Budget Committee recommends \$23,500.00.

Article 71. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for interest on notes and bonds.

Budget Committee recommends \$7,800.00.

Article 72. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the town's share of Social Security payments.

Budget Committee recommends \$3,000.00.

Article 73. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to assist the Library Association.

Budget Committee recommends \$6,250.00.

Article 74. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for membership in the Maine Municipal Association.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 75. To see if the town will vote to make Eastern Daylight Saving Time the official time of the town for the summer months.

No recommendation by the Budget Committee.

Article 76. To see if the town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to fix a rate of interest to be charged on taxes after said date.

No recommendation by the Budget Committee.

Article 77. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax process, on such terms as they deem advisable and for the best interest of the town, and to execute quit-claim deeds for the same, or any action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Budget Committee.

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Article 78. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a budget committee.

Article 79. To see if the town will vote to authorize the budget committee to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager and to meet with said Board and Manager at convenient intervals.

Article 80. To see if the town will vote to petition the State Legislature to enact emergency legislation permitting the town to license seasonal businesses, the fees to be commensurate with the amount of tax that would apply based on a tax for personal stock plus the usual fee for that type of operation under the by-laws.

Article 81. To see if the town will vote to go on record as being in favor of the legislature acting on re-apportionment at this session of the legislature in accordance with the State Constitution and at the same time instruct the town officials to inform legislative leaders and the York County Delegation of this action.

Article 82. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to make a street light survey and to empower that committee to relocate lights for the best interests of the community.

Article 83. To see if the town will vote to require the licensing of all plumbers performing plumbing work within the limits of the town as set forth in Sections 170 to 175 inclusive of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, and to set such licensing fee at \$10.00.

Article 84. To see if the town will vote to hold all Town Meetings in the Town Hall.

Article 85. To see if the town will vote to raise and

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appropriate \$2,500.00 for the repair of the Brown Street sewer.

The Selectmen will be in session at the Town Hall on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 3, 4, and 5 from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M., and on Friday evening March 4, from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. for the purpose of registering new voters and correcting the voting list.

The polls will be open on the day of said meeting from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Given under our hands this 21st day of February A.D. 1955.

Winford E. Farr  
Thure H. Anderson  
Edwin H. Smith  
Fred I. Luce  
Lorimer Lombard

Selectmen of Old Orchard Beach, Maine

TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH  
OLD ORCHARD BEACH, MAINE

FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 1954

MILLET, FISH & DRESSER  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS  
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Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Old Orchard Beach,  
Maine

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, we have examined the records of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Tax Collector of the Town of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, for the year ended December 31, 1954, and submit herewith the appended exhibits and supporting schedules reflecting the results of the municipal operations for the year, together with the financial condition of the Town as at the close of the year:

Exhibit "A" Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1954  
Exhibit "B" Analysis of Unappropriated Surplus for  
the Year Ended December 31, 1954  
Exhibit "C" Appropriations, Revenues and Expenditures  
for the Year Ended December 31, 1954

Schedule AI Accounts Receivable  
Schedule AII Uncollected Taxes  
Schedule AIII Uncollected Tax Deeds and Liens  
Schedule AIV Bonds Payable  
Schedule AV Notes Payable

In connection with the Balance Sheet, Exhibit "A", we invite your attention to the following comments on the various items contained therein:

CASH - GENERAL FUND: \$1,590.87

All cash has been verified by actual count or by confirmation with the depository bank. Detail of the foregoing is as follows:

Cash on Deposit:	
York National Bank	\$1,490.87
Cash on Hand:	
Treasurer	100.00
	<u>\$1,590.87</u>

All of the above cash is available for current use.

CASH - COUPON ACCOUNT: \$25.00

This cash is on deposit at the First Portland National Bank and is available to pay coupons due April 1, 1949 on General Municipal Bonds which have not yet been presented for payment.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: \$7,740.89

Detail of the outstanding Accounts Receivable is submitted in Schedule AI. The amount due from the State of Maine for State Aid Construction is for reimbursement of expenditures by the Town during the current year and prior.

The amount due for the support of Poor represents expenditures by the Town of Old Orchard Beach for the support of poor and represent proper charges to the State and other Cities and Towns.

Other Receivables represent miscellaneous amounts due the Town of Old Orchard Beach.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES: \$98,152.98  
UNCOLLECTED TAX DEBTS AND LIENS: 15,309.86

We are submitting in Schedule AII detail of unpaid taxes and in Schedule AIII, detail of unpaid Tax Deeds and Liens, classified by years. We have verified the above balances by examination of the tax commitment and records in the office of the Treasurer. In as far as we could determine all taxes and tax liens collected were properly recorded.

During the year many of the outstanding tax liens were collected. In an effort to enforce collection of other liens it was determined that in many cases the Town did not hold a valid lien. These liens were determined to be uncollectible and have been charged off against the reserve for losses.

We recommend that further efforts should be made to determine the collectibility of outstanding taxes and liens and if they are proven to be uncollectible requests should be made for approval to charge these balances off.

RESERVE FOR LOSSES: \$16,816.88

During the year the reserve for losses was charged with uncollectible liens in the amount of \$8,534.00. After discussion with Town Officials the reserve for losses was increased by \$25,000.00 and a corresponding amount charged against surplus.

TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY: \$431.48

The foregoing represents the cost of property acquired by the Town. During the year property representing a cost of \$630.75 was sold.

DEFERRED CHARGES: \$2,700.00

The above represents deferred charges set up for the purchase of highway equipment. These charges will be reduced as contract payments are made.

WARRANTS PAYABLE: \$1,396.19

The above represents warrants unpaid as of December 31, 1954 and represent proper charges against the current year. As far as we could ascertain all charges of this nature have been included in the foregoing.

CONTRACTS PAYABLE: \$6,075.00

The above represents \$2,700.00 due on the purchase of highway equipment to be paid from appropriations and \$3,375.00 received from the State of Maine for stump removal but as yet unpaid to the contractor.

MATURED COUPONS OUTSTANDING: \$25.00

The above represents coupons which have matured but not yet presented for payment. Funds to pay these coupons are on deposit in a special account.

NOTES PAYABLE - BANK: \$75,000.00

Detail of the Notes Payable is as follows:

Holder	Issued	Rate	Maturities	Amount
York National Bank	2/13/54	1 1/2%	12/15/54	\$25,000.00
York National Bank	3/16/54	1 1/2%	12/15/54	25,000.00
York National Bank	3/16/54	1 1/2%	12/15/54	25,000.00
				<u>\$75,000.00</u>

NOTES PAYABLE - LIBRARY FUND: \$2,500.00

	Issued	Rate	Maturity	Amount
Free Library Fund	1/30/42	1 3/4%	Demand	\$2,500.00

OTHER LIABILITIES:

Employees' Withholding Deduction	\$2,039.00
Accrued Social Security Taxes	1,410.84
	<u>\$3,449.84</u>

We have verified the foregoing accounts and have ascertained they are properly reflected.

MILLET, FISH & DRESSER, PORTLAND, MAINE

UNREPEATED BALANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS: \$14,350.40

We are submitting in Exhibit "C" complete detail of the foregoing. This balance represents funds available for expenditure in 1955.

DEFERRED REVENUES: \$1,568.08

The above balance represents collections of 1955 Excise Tax and is applicable to the 1955 year.

UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS: \$2,769.25

Detail of the changes in the Surplus account is reflected in Exhibit "B"

BONDS PAYABLE: \$120,000.00  
NOTES PAYABLE: 15,000.00

Serial bonds in the amount of \$20,000.00 were paid during the year, and \$2,500.00 was paid on the serial note at the First National Bank of Biddeford. Serial bonds in the amount of \$15,000.00 were issued for First Street improvement. Complete detail of the long-term bonds and note is reflected in Schedule AIV.

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MEMORIAL PARK FUND:

Pursuant to your request, we have examined the records of the Memorial Park for the year ended December 31, 1954, and submit herewith the following Schedule of Cash Receipts and Disbursements:

Receipts:			
Veterans Fund	\$ 2,200.00		
Notes Issued	6,000.00		
Parking Receipts	9,762.39		
Town of Old Orchard Beach	851.40	\$18,813.79	
Disbursements:			
Park Improvements:			
Salaries	\$ 372.22		
Materials and Supplies	8,703.01		
Notes Repaid	4,000.00		
Interest	120.00		
Town of Old Orchard Beach	851.40	\$14,046.63	
Parking Lot:			
Salaries	\$3,141.28		
Materials and Supplies	1,080.14		
Equipment	483.02	4,704.44	18,751.07
Cash Balance, December 31, 1954			<u>\$ 62.72</u>

During the course of the examination it was noted that cash receipts were not deposited intact and that it was not possible to trace cash receipts to bank deposits.

Disbursements were not approved other than the individual disbursing, the funds and all disbursements were not supported by proper invoices.

We would recommend that steps be taken to effect more adequate control over the operations of the Memorial Park funds.

MILLET, FISH & DRESSER, PORTLAND, MAINE

We wish to express our appreciation for the courtesy and cooperation extended during the period of this examination.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLET, FISH & DRESSER

By

C. P. A.

MILLET, FISH & DRESSER, PORTLAND, MAINE

**SCHEDULE AI  
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

State Aid:		
State of Maine		\$6,922.83
Support of Poor:		
State of Maine	\$597.52	
Other Cities and Towns	192.95	740.47
Other Receivables:		
Fire Insurance Refund	\$ 4.42	
Memorial Parking Lot	64.17	
Saco Water District	9.00	77.59
		<u>\$7,740.89</u>

**SCHEDULE AII  
UNCOLLECTED TAXES**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1954	
1953	\$66,298.78
1952	6,585.02
1951	7,089.00
1950	7,932.09
1949	6,572.53
1948	1,128.45
1947	523.72
1946	690.45
1945	309.25
1944	273.20
	<u>750.40</u>
	<u>\$68,152.94</u>

**SCHEDULE AIII  
UNCOLLECTED TAX DEBTS AND LINES**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1953	\$ 9,152.11
1952	1,247.11
1951	1,917.11
1950	368.11
1949	230.11
1948	157.11
1947	162.11
1946	72.11
1945	224.11
1944	40.11
1943	109.11
1942	416.11
1941	103.11
1940	82.11
1939	95.11
1938	98.11
1937	75.11
1936	152.11
1935	166.11
1934	30.11
1933	57.11
1932	<u>\$32,507.11</u>

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**SCHEDULE AIV  
BONDS PAYABLE**

<u>Note</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Outstanding 1/1/54</u>	<u>Paid During Year</u>	<u>Issued During Year</u>	<u>Outstanding 12/31/54</u>
General Municipal Bonds (Serial \$3,000.00 Annually)	5 % 4/1/32	1954	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		
New High School Bonds (Serial \$2,000.00 Annually)	3 1/8% 8/15/35	1960	14,000.00	2,000.00		\$ 12,000.00
Parking Lot Bonds (Serial \$2,000.00 Annually) \$3,000.00 - 1955)	2 3/4% 8/1/42	1955	5,000.00	2,000.00		3,000.00
Refunding Bonds (Serial \$2,000.00 Annually)	2 3/4% 8/15/42	1954	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Sewer Improvement Bonds (Serial \$2,000.00 Annually)	1 1/2% 8/1/46	1956	6,000.00	2,000.00		4,000.00
Millen Avenue Sewer Bonds (Serial \$3,000.00 Annually 1948-57) \$4,000.00 Annually 1958-62)	2 % 8/15/47	1962	32,000.00	3,000.00		29,000.00
Capital Construction Bonds (Serial \$3,000.00 Annually)	2 3/4% 7/15/48	1958	15,000.00	3,000.00		12,000.00
School Construction Bonds (Serial \$3,000.00 Annually)	2 3/4% 7/1/49	1970	48,000.00	3,000.00		45,000.00
First Street Improvement (Serial \$1,500.00 Annually)	2 % 4/1/54	1964			\$15,000.00	15,000.00
			<u>\$125,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$120,000.00</u>

**SCHEDULE AV  
NOTES PAYABLE**

First National Bank of Biddeford (\$2,500.00 Annually)	1 1/2%	1950	1961	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 25,000.00
Public Improvement Note, York National Bank	3 %	1954	1954	<u>4,935.00</u>	<u>4,935.00</u>	
				<u>\$ 22,435.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,435.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>

MILLET, FISH & BRIDGES, PORTLAND, MAINE



AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That we have examined the accounts of your Treasurer, Collector and Selectmen for the year ended December 31, 1954, and find all funds properly accounted for and all expenditures supported by proper authorizations. In our opinion, the appended statements fairly present, in accordance with generally accepted principles of municipal accounting consistently maintained, the financial position of the Town of Old Orchard Beach as at December 31, 1954.

MILLET, FISE & DRESSER

By C. P. A.

MILLET, FISE & DRESSER, PORTLAND, MAINE

Exhibit 'A'

**TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1954**

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
Cash:		Warrants Payable	\$ 1,396.19
Cash - General Fund	\$ 1,590.47	Contracts Payable	6,075.00
Cash - Coupon Account	25.00	Maturity Coupons Outstanding	25.00
Accounts Receivable (Schedule AII)	7,740.89	Notes Payable - Bank	75,000.00
Taxes Receivable:		Notes Payable - Library Fund	2,500.00
Uncollected Taxes (Schedule AII)	\$ 98,152.94	Other Liabilities:	
Uncollected Tax Deeds and Liens (Schedule AIII)	15,309.86	Employees' Withholding Tax Deductions	\$2,059.00
	<u>\$113,462.86</u>	Accrued Social Security Taxes	<u>1,410.84</u>
Less: Reserve for Losses	18,816.88	Unexpended Balance of Appropriations (Exhibit "C")	14,350.40
Tax Acquired Property	94,645.92	Deferred Revenues:	
	431.48	Excise Tax - 1955	1,568.08
Deferred Charges:		Unappropriated Surplus (Exhibit "B")	<u>2,769.25</u>
Highway Equipment	2,700.00		
	<u>\$107,133.76</u>		
	<u>LONG-TERM DEBT</u>		
Net Long-term Debt	<u>\$135,000.00</u>	Bonds Payable (Schedule AIV)	\$120,000.00
		Notes Payable (Schedule AV)	<u>15,000.00</u>
	<u>\$135,000.00</u>		<u>\$135,000.00</u>

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TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH  
ANALYSIS OF REAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1954

Unappropriated Surplus, January 1, 1954	\$ 2,513.87
<b>Additions:</b>	
Excess of Appropriations and Revenues Over Expenditures (Exhibit "C")	25,251.38
	<u>27,765.25</u>
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Transferred to Reserve for Losses on Taxes	25,000.00
	<u>25,000.00</u>
Unappropriated Surplus, December 31, 1954	\$ 2,765.25

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TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH  
APPROPRIATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, TO DECEMBER 31, 1954

	Balance 1/1/54	Appropriations	Cash Receipts	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Expenditures	Other Debits	Total Expenditures	Appropriations Over- drafts	Unexpended	Forward to 1955 Cr. Br.
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>											
Town Officers		\$ 11,700.00			\$ 11,700.00	\$ 11,443.41		\$ 11,443.41			
Town Hall		5,150.00	\$ 380.50	\$ 216.12	5,746.62	5,397.93	\$ 152.00	5,549.93		\$ 256.59	
Contingent		9,193.75	1,944.29	1,045.27	12,183.31	11,911.26	1,099.29	13,010.55	\$ 827.24		196.69
Assistant Assessor				265.48	265.48	265.48		265.48			
Town Hall Painting & Repairs		3,000.00			3,000.00	715.42		715.42			
		<u>\$ 29,043.75</u>	<u>\$ 2,324.79</u>	<u>\$ 1,526.87</u>	<u>\$ 32,895.41</u>	<u>\$ 29,735.50</u>	<u>\$ 1,251.29</u>	<u>\$ 30,986.79</u>	<u>\$ 827.24</u>	<u>\$ 453.28</u>	<u>\$ 2,284.58</u>
<b>PROTECTION:</b>											
Fire Department		\$ 21,500.00	\$ 99.21	\$ 1,739.93	\$ 23,339.14	\$ 21,998.82		\$ 21,998.82		\$ 1,340.32	
Police Department		28,475.00	1,435.31	158.91	30,069.22	28,624.51	\$ 969.57	29,594.08		475.14	
Building Permits			106.00		106.00	30.00		30.00		76.00	
Liability Insurance		1,836.00			1,836.00	1,835.99		1,835.99		.01	
Parking Meter Revenue		6,899.71	6,807.99	131.72							
Street Lights		13,850.00	120.00		13,970.00	12,618.43		12,618.43		1,351.57	
Life Guards		6,000.00		4.10	6,004.10	5,963.90		5,963.90		40.20	
Hydrants		9,500.00			9,500.00	9,173.13		9,173.13		326.87	
Workmen's Compensation		2,084.00		453.81	2,537.81	2,537.81		2,537.81			
Civilian Defense		1,000.00	1.00	15.00	1,016.00	960.17	14.00	974.17		41.83	
Sprinkler System - Town Garage		2,000.00			2,000.00	2,324.82		2,324.82	\$ 324.82		
Fire Alarm System				12.92	12.92			12.92			
		<u>\$ 79,304.29</u>	<u>\$ 8,569.51</u>	<u>\$ 2,516.39</u>	<u>\$ 90,390.19</u>	<u>\$ 86,080.50</u>	<u>\$ 383.57</u>	<u>\$ 87,064.07</u>	<u>\$ 324.82</u>	<u>\$ 3,651.94</u>	
<b>HEALTH AND SANITATION:</b>											
Health Nurse		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 498.75	\$ 3.52	\$ 5,002.27	\$ 5,034.73		\$ 5,034.73		\$ 32.46	
Sanitation Department		22,500.00			22,500.00	22,130.88	\$ 445.47	22,576.35		76.35	
Immunization		300.00			300.00	121.50		121.50			
Comfort Station			5,845.68	1.03	5,846.71	4,570.98		4,570.98	724.27		178.50
Mosquito and Moth Control		2,000.00	100.00		2,100.00	1,500.00		1,500.00		600.00	
Drains and Sewers		7,500.00	375.00	284.74	8,159.74	7,916.91	162.57	8,104.13		80.26	
Town Dump		9,450.00	67.27		9,517.27	8,104.13		8,104.13		1,413.14	
Garbage Cooker				2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00		2,400.00			
Sewers - Special		8,300.00		230.92	8,530.92	4,135.38		4,135.38		3,500.04	\$ 895.50
Covered Waste Barrels		800.00			800.00	800.00		800.00			
Penalty Signs		300.00			300.00	221.30		221.30		78.70	
		<u>\$ 55,850.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,886.76</u>	<u>\$ 2,920.21</u>	<u>\$ 67,656.97</u>	<u>\$ 56,935.81</u>	<u>\$ 608.04</u>	<u>\$ 57,543.85</u>	<u>\$ 353.08</u>	<u>\$ 5,850.64</u>	<u>\$ 895.50</u>

MILLET, FISH & BREWER, PORTLAND, MAINE

APPROPRIATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - Continued

	Balance 1/1/54	Appropriations	Cash Receipts	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Expenditures	Other Debits	Total Expenditures	Appropriations		Forward to 1955 Cr. Br.
									Over- drafts	Unexpended	
<b>LIBRARY:</b>											
Public Library		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 80.00		\$ 2,080.00	\$ 2,080.00		\$ 2,080.00			
<b>UNCLASSIFIED:</b>											
Advertising		\$ 6,465.00			\$ 6,465.00	\$ 6,125.64		\$ 6,125.64		\$ 339.36	
Central Park	\$ 500.00				500.00	529.95		529.95	\$ 29.95		
Maine Municipal Association		75.00			75.00	75.00		75.00			
Maine Publicity Bureau		600.00			600.00	600.00		600.00			
Licenses		5,793.75	\$ 5,914.50	\$ 21.00	141.75	141.75		141.75			
Excise Taxes	1,695.82	16,406.00	17,935.15		3,230.97	26.35		26.35		3,204.62	
Care of Public Grounds		300.00			300.00	300.00		300.00			
Cleaning Temple Avenue		375.00			375.00	375.00		375.00			
Social Security	880.88	2,700.00	2,882.48		6,463.36	5,261.61	\$ 1,478.09	6,739.70	276.34		
Memorial Day		250.00			250.00	250.00		250.00			
Tax Refund		49.40			49.40	49.40		49.40			
New Equipment		2,300.00		295.00	2,595.00	2,667.00		2,667.00	72.00		
Supplemental Taxes				1,328.30	1,328.30					1,328.30	
Abatement							2,606.62	2,606.62	2,606.62		
Overlay		4,692.07		4,692.07						4,692.07	
Operation Pulpwood			4,887.01		4,887.01	164.63	2,268.41	2,433.04		2,433.04	
		\$ 3,075.70	\$ 4,387.28	\$ 31,619.14	\$ 1,644.30	\$ 21,952.86	\$ 16,268.33	\$ 5,191.12	\$ 22,912.45	\$ 2,384.91	\$ 12,016.32
<b>DEBT AND INTEREST:</b>											
Interest		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,244.29		\$ 9,244.29	\$ 6,316.91		\$ 6,316.91		\$ 2,927.38	
Notes Payable Short Term		4,915.00			4,915.00	4,915.00		4,915.00			
Notes Payable Long Term		2,500.00			2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00			
Bonds		20,000.00			20,000.00	20,000.00		20,000.00			
Parking Meter Payment		6,939.71			6,939.71	6,807.99	\$ 131.72	6,939.71			
		\$ 39,354.71	\$ 4,244.29		\$ 43,599.00	\$ 40,539.90	\$ 131.72	\$ 40,671.62		\$ 2,927.38	
<b>COUNTY TAXES</b>		\$ 11,661.13			\$ 11,661.13	\$ 11,661.13		\$ 11,661.13			
		\$ 13,314.13	\$ 43,288.60	\$ 122,646.93	\$ 28,023.29	\$ 607,273.65	\$ 551,528.22	\$ 16,139.65	\$ 567,667.87	\$ 4,982.49	\$ 30,237.87
										Less: Overdrafts	4,982.49
										Net Unexpended Transferred to Surplus (Exhibit "B")	\$ 25,255.38

APPROPRIATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - Continued

	Balance 1/1/54	Appropriations	Cash Receipts	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Expenditures	Other Debits	Total Expenditures	Appropriations		Forward to 1955 Cr. Br.
									Over- drafts	Unexpended	
<b>HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:</b>											
Highways and Bridges		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,002.52	\$ 7,778.76	\$ 37,781.28	\$ 33,612.28	\$ 3,523.79	\$ 37,136.07		\$ 645.21	
Road Surface		13,000.00	6.75		13,006.75	12,503.86	192.48	12,696.34		310.41	
State Aid Road Construction	\$ 1,713.81	3,178.00	85.57	2,892.56	7,869.94	6,369.94		6,369.94		\$ 1,500.00	
Snow Removal		10,000.00	70.00	1,023.50	11,093.50	9,776.06		9,776.06		1,317.44	
Sidewalks		2,000.00			2,000.00	1,218.98	140.14	1,359.12		640.88	
Sidewalks - Special		5,909.00			5,909.00	2,592.04		2,592.04		316.96	2,500.00
Cleaning Streets and Beach Streets - Special		9,300.00		1,349.91	10,649.91	10,649.91		10,649.91			
Town Team		1,750.00			1,750.00	1,501.48		1,501.48		248.52	
Millikens Hills Bridge	6,035.34	4,000.00		142.29	4,182.29	4,129.73	25.00	4,154.73	\$ 12.44		
Sidewalks - Depot Square	415.32				415.32	346.61		346.61		68.71	
First Street Improvements		750.00	15,898.14		15,898.14	15,893.14		15,893.14		5.00	
Municipal Parking Area					750.00	749.81		749.81		.19	
Culvert - Benoit Avenue to Temple Avenue		500.00			500.00	436.66		436.66		63.34	
Spring Street Improvements		400.00			400.00	241.47		241.47		158.53	
Town Road Improvements				1,369.30	1,369.30	1,369.30		1,369.30			
		\$ 8,164.47	\$ 65,787.07	\$ 31,062.99	\$ 13,335.32	\$ 119,270.77	\$ 4,696.57	\$ 111,308.02	\$ 12.04	\$ 4,275.19	\$ 4,000.00
<b>CHARITIES:</b>											
Poor - Town		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 227.36	\$ 587.06	\$ 10,814.42	\$ 9,504.19	\$ 310.41	\$ 9,814.60		\$ 999.82	
Poor - Other Town			4,756.30	959.49	5,715.79	4,892.06	823.73	5,715.79			
Poor - State			2,592.02	348.25	2,940.27	2,613.07	327.20	2,940.27			
Aid to Dependent Children		1,000.00			1,000.00	938.70		938.70		61.30	
		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 7,575.68	\$ 1,894.80	\$ 20,470.48	\$ 17,348.02	\$ 1,461.34	\$ 19,409.36		\$ 1,061.12	
<b>EDUCATION:</b>											
Common Schools	\$ 1,159.11	\$ 78,251.00	\$ 15,704.45	\$ 1,578.08	\$ 92,692.64	\$ 88,167.19		\$ 88,167.19		\$ 4,525.45	
High Schools	250.92	37,234.00	7,414.74	1,071.95	45,971.61	44,308.90		44,308.90		1,662.71	
Textbooks		3,600.00	335.07	1,279.74	5,014.81	5,014.81		5,014.81			
Repairs		5,000.00	2,621.67	819.88	8,441.55	8,441.55		8,441.55			
Supplies		3,600.00	373.16	922.40	4,895.56	4,895.56		4,895.56			
Industrial Arts	48.73	3,352.00	922.68	308.39	4,631.80	4,464.09		4,464.09		167.71	
Home Economics	38.19	2,712.00	940.00	21.32	3,311.51	3,108.42		3,108.42		203.09	
Physical Education	458.07	5,042.00	1,200.00	380.50	7,080.57	6,908.95	\$ 24.00	6,932.95		147.62	
Maintenance	117.34	6,033.00	2,379.07	6,282.84	14,812.85	14,456.54		14,456.54		356.31	
Supervision		2,600.00			2,600.00	2,492.57		2,492.57		107.43	
School Health		250.00	993.00	250.00	1,493.00	863.00	630.00	1,493.00			
School Committee		200.00			250.00	250.00		250.00			
		\$ 2,072.96	\$ 143,874.00	\$ 32,283.04	\$ 12,965.10	\$ 191,195.90	\$ 183,371.58	\$ 654.00	\$ 184,025.58		\$ 7,170.32

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