

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Town of Acushnet



1955

*In Memoriam*

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FORMER SUPT. OF STREETS

JOAQUIM J. BETTENCOURT

Died April 3, 1955

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

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*To the Citizens of Acushnet:*

We submit herewith our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The Selectmen meet every Monday evening at 7:30 P.M. in their offices in the Town Hall.

The Board organized for 1955 naming Ustus Arbogast chairman and Miss Mary Viera clerk.

The Board herewith acknowledges the cooperation and assistance of all individuals and town departments.

Respectfully submitted,

USTUS ARBOGAST

HENRY L. GUILBEAULT

CLEMENT ST. AMAND, JR.

*Board of Selectmen.*

## TOWN OFFICERS—1955-1956

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### TOWN CLERK, TREASURER-COLLECTOR

Allan L. Rawcliffe	Term Expires 1957
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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND PUBLIC WELFARE

Henry L. Guilbeault	Term Expires 1956
Ustus Arbogast	Term Expires 1957
Clement St. Amand, Jr.	Term Expires 1958

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Edward Dessert	Term Expires 1956
Rudolph Henry Urbanek	Term Expires 1957
William Fawcett	Term Expires 1958

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

William Fawcett, Jr.	Term Expires 1956
Harold Bates	Term Expires 1957
Leo T. Jackson	Term Expires 1958

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Louise F. Taber	Term Expires 1956
Sylvano Frates	Term Expires 1957
Joseph H. Lepage	Term Expires 1958

### COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

Ovila Boule	Term Expires 1956
Francis D. O'Leary	Term Expires 1957
Donald P. Lowe	Term Expires 1958



**TRUSTEES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Georgette A. Owen	Term Expires 1956
Frances E. Gifford	Term Expires 1957
Walter Craven	Term Expires 1958

**CEMETERY BOARD**

Arthur L. Tripp	Term Expires 1956
Robert E. Parker	Term Expires 1957
James M. Tripp	Term Expires 1958

**TREE WARDEN**

Antonio Boisclair	Term Expires 1956
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**MODERATOR**

J. James St. Don	Term Expires 1956
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**PARK COMMISSIONERS**

Ernest D. Boisvert	Term Expires 1956
Edward Hall	Term Expires 1957
Raymond Henry Gonneville	Term Expires 1958

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION—MARCH 7, 1955

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Voters per Annual Register February 15, 1955:

Precinct I		
Men	461	
Women	435	
	<hr/>	896
Precinct II		
Men	568	
Women	555	
	<hr/>	1123
Precinct III		
Men	176	
Women	172	
	<hr/>	348
		<hr/>
		2367

### VOTES CAST

Precinct I	680
Precinct II	850
Precinct III	280
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Total	1810

### SELECTMEN, MEMBER OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Three Years

	Precinct			Total
	I	II	III	
Clement St. Amand, Jr.	312	473	177	962
Elton A. Ashley	299	295	88	682
Oliver Santos	13	6	4	23
Antonio A. Sequeira	52	63	7	122
Blanks	4	13	4	21
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	680	850	280	1810

**ASSESSOR**  
**Three Years**

William Fawcett	439	574	204	1217
Charles E. Lame	219	253	64	536
Blanks	22	23	12	57
	<hr/> 680	<hr/> 850	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 1810

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

Antonio Boisclair	510	634	222	1366
Norman Daniels	1	0	0	1
Blanks	169	216	58	443
	<hr/> 680	<hr/> 850	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 1810

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

Leo T. Jackson	374	461	138	973
Andrew G. Perkins	248	327	131	706
James M. Tripp	0	1	0	1
Blanks	58	61	11	130
	<hr/> 680	<hr/> 850	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 1810

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

Harry M. Hopwood	139	156	65	360
Joseph H. Lepage	266	346	81	693
Frederick W. Morse	228	281	111	620
Blanks	47	67	23	137
	<hr/> 680	<hr/> 850	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 1810

**BOARD OF HEALTH RECOUNT (MARCH 21, 1955)**  
**Three Years**

Harry M. Hopwood	139	157	65	361
Joseph H. Lepage	266	346	81	693

Frederick W. Morse	227	280	111	618
Blanks	48	67	23	138
	<hr/> 680	<hr/> 850	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 1810

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

Donald P. Lowe	476	590	225	1291
Francis O'Leary	1	0	0	1
Blanks	203	260	55	518
	<hr/> 680	<hr/> 850	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 1810

**COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS****Two Years to Fill Vacancy**

James Tripp	1	0	0	1
Blanche Meunier	1	0	0	1
Francis D. O'Leary	2	6	0	8
Lionel LaPalme	1	0	0	1
Arthur J. Provost	0	1	0	1
Earle C. Burt	0	1	0	1
Horatio Boardman	0	1	0	1
Benjamin T. Briggs, Jr.	0	1	0	1
Frederick P. Morton	0	1	0	1
Ernest J. Gautreau	0	0	1	1
Leo T. Jackson	0	0	2	2
William Fawcett	0	0	1	1
Blanks	675	839	276	1790
	<hr/> 680	<hr/> 850	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 1810

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

Walter Craven	477	614	222	1313
James Costello	0	0	1	1
John Rowson	0	0	1	1
Blanks	203	236	56	495
	<hr/> 680	<hr/> 850	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 1810



**CEMETERY BOARD****Three Years**

James Tripp	13	28	33	74
Martin Conn	1	0	0	1
James Costa	0	1	0	1
Frederick P. Morton	0	1	2	3
Robert Parker	0	0	1	1
James Costello	0	0	1	1
Earle Parker	0	0	1	1
Blanks	666	820	242	1728
	<hr/> 680	<hr/> 850	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 1810

**MODERATOR****One Year**

J. James St. Don	467	628	230	1325
Blanks	213	222	50	485
	<hr/> 680	<hr/> 850	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 1810

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

Raymond Henry Gonneville	407	488	129	1024
Edward Reynolds, Jr.	201	258	116	575
Blanks	72	104	35	211
	<hr/> 680	<hr/> 850	<hr/> 280	<hr/> 1810

## OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Edward C. Allaire	Term Expires 1956
Ralph W. Hunt	Term Expires 1956
Manuel Resendes	Term Expires 1956
Arthur F. Howard, Jr.	Term Expires 1957
Dosithe Guillotte	Term Expires 1957
Amede Pineau	Term Expires 1957
Arthur Bergeron	Term Expires 1958
Frank Crandon	Term Expires 1958
A. P. Stuart Gilmore	Term Expires 1958

### POLICE CHIEF AND CONSTABLE

James E. Hyde

### DOG OFFICER

James E. Hyde

### POLICE SERGEANT

Harry Swift

### POLICE OFFICERS

Joseph Almeida	Frederick P. Morton
Harold E. Bamber, Jr.	Stefan S. Orłowski
Sylvano Frates	Earle F. Parker
Elzear Lapalme, Jr.	Oliver Santos
Joseph Lapierre	Francisco Souza
Roland Lecuyer	William C. Westgate, Jr.
Roger Lienard	Harold Wood
John Monteiro	Charles M. Gibbs
Frederick Morse	

### RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS

51 Persons Have Been Appointed Reserve Police Officers

**FIRE CHIEF, FOREST WARDEN, INSPECTOR OF  
GARAGES AND BURIAL AGENT**

Conrad H. Gauttier

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Napoleon G. Poisson	Term Expires 1956
Arthur G. LeBlanc	Term Expires 1957
Theophile E. Cote	Term Expires 1958

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Mary Viera	Term Expires 1958
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**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

Joseph S. Melancon

**INSPECTOR OF WIRES**

John T. Koska

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Henry O. Saucier, Jr.

**INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM**

Henry O. Saucier, Jr.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS AND MOTHS**

Louis F. Dunham

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Otis J. Tripp

**VETERANS' AGENT**

Arsene Cusson

**PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

Arthur L. Gaudreau	Samuel F. Stowell
John F. Hatch, Jr.	John Prodouz

**ELECTION OFFICERS**

Precinct 1	
Henry O. Saucier	Warden

Blanche Meunier	Inspector
Doris L. Chandler	Inspector
Eva Linhares	Inspector
Mildred G. Mellor	Inspector
Sarah Hyde	Clerk

## Precinct 2

Cecilia Lapalme	Warden
Louise Norton	Clerk
Aurore Almeida	Inspector
William J. Boucher	Inspector
James H. McDonnell	Inspector
Jacqueline B. Allain	Inspector

## Precinct 3

Emily H. Dunbar	Warden
Maria A. Leconte	Clerk
Olive S. Laycock	Inspector
Martha B. Perkins	Inspector
Abby B. Ellis	Inspector
Lucy M. Westgate	Inspector



## JURY LIST

### CHAPTER 234 G.L.

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Abel E. Plaud, 235 Main Street	Linotypist
Emil Gentilhomme, 28 South Main Street	Weaver
Arthur J. Provost, 204 South Main Street	Retired
Albert T. Dansereau, 32 Slocum Street	Smashpiecer
Nellie Smith, 265 Hamlin Street	Housewife
Louise Norton, 46 Middle Road	Housewife
Joseph E. M. Boisclair, 40 Prouteau Street	Laundryman
Louis Gaudette, 107 South Main Street	Caterer
William C. Arnold, 656 Main Street	Retired
Edwin E. Brackett, 107 Main Street	Mechanic
Mario Cardoza, 73 Leboeuf Street	Salesman
Frank Gularte, 161 Lawson Avenue	Maintenance Man
Wilfred LaFleur, 40 Allen Street	Truck Driver
Ronald Waddington, 97 James Street	Loomfixer
Aurele Boissoneau, 189 South Main Street	Garage Owner
Arsene Cusson, 60 Main Street	Fireman
George Lecuyer, 71 South Main Street	Truck Driver
Arthur Lambert, 32 Slocum Street	Traffic Man
Napoleon G. Poisson, 15 St. Lawrence Street	Brewery Worker
Vilmer Guillette, 16 Grant Street	Laborer
Jcseph Francis, 38 LeBoeuf Street	Carpenter
A. P. Stuart Gilmore, 221 Robinson Road	Foreman
Georgiana Riendeau, 9 Hathaway Road	Housewife
Doris G. Parker, 36 Robinson Road	Housewife
J. James St. Don, 372 Middle Road	Set-up Man
Lucien Poyant, 312 Main Street	Salesman
Robert Varley, 24 Hill Street	Rubber Worker
Manuel Linhares, Jr., 39 Rock Street	Staff Manager
Michael Lanzoni, 40 Garfield Street	Mill Wright
Ustus Arbogast, 919 Middle Road	Selectman
Andrew Perkins, 1240 Main Street	Retired
Pearl B. Peters, 390 rear, Main Street	Teacher

Claire Gronlund, 22 Westland Street	Nurse
Marion Burt, 361 Middle Road	Housewife
Winifred Golas, 97 Middle Road	Clerk
May A. Collins, 110 Main Street	Housewife
Emile D. Gonneville, 204 South Main Street	Welfare Agent
Everett Booker, 561 Main Street	Salesman
Armand Bertrand, Wing Lane	Farmer
Rudolph H. Urbanek, 50 Lawson Avenue	Plant Manager
Leo T. Jackson, 1122 Main Street	Mailman
Charles Gibbs, 36 Jean Street	Rubber Worker
William Fawcett, Jr., 71 Jean Street	Steamfitter
Roger Lienard, 25 Harbeck Street	Manager

## PUBLIC WELFARE

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To the Citizens of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its report of expenditures during the year ending December 31, 1955.

Annual Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		\$2,000.00
		<hr/> \$4,000.00
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Groceries	\$ 862.00	
Fuel	37.60	
Medical	95.45	
Paid to Other Cities and Towns	2,210.15	
Burials	138.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,343.20
Unexpended Balance		656.80
		<hr/> \$4,000.00

There were eight cases aided during the year.

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Annual Appropriation	\$5,000.00
Transferred from Overlay Reserve	1,684.00
Transferred from Excess and Deficiency	373.79
U. S. Grants: Aid to Dep. Children	6,526.72
U. S. Grants: Aid to Dep. Children Adm.	1,938.44
	<hr/> \$15,522.95

### Expenditures

Cash Grants	\$12,958.40
Administration	1,915.55

Telephone and Supplies	154.90	
	<hr/>	\$15,028.85
Unexpended Balance; U. S. Grants Adm.		494.10
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		\$15,522.95

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

#### **DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

Annual Appropriation	\$4,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	2,000.00
Transferred from Overlay Reserve	3,600.00
U. S. Grants: Disability Assistance	6,421.83
U. S. Grants: Disability Assist. Adm.	404.20
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	\$16,426.03

#### **Expenditures**

Cash Grants	\$14,167.60	
Administration	689.00	
	<hr/>	\$14,856.60
Unexpended Balance: Town Appropriation		115.83
Unexpended Balance: U. S. Grants		1,398.77
Unexpended Balance: U. S. Grants, Adm.		54.83
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		\$16,426.03

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

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CLEMENT ST. AMAND, JR.

*Board of Public Welfare*



## REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

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There were 108 cases which received Old Age Assistance during the year. Of this amount 70 cases were Acushnet settled, 21 cases had settlements in other Cities and Towns, and 17 cases were State settled.

Annual Appropriation	\$37,000.00
Transferred from Overlay Reserve	6,260.00
U. S. Grants: Old Age Assistance	38,183.29
U. S. Grants: Old Age Assist. Adm.	1,547.49
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	\$82,990.78

### Expenditures

Cash Grants	\$78,934.47	
Paid to Other Cities and Towns	907.83	
Administration	2,896.40	
Supplies, Telephone, Travel Expense	242.51	
	<hr/>	\$82,981.21
Unexpended Balance: U. S. Grants		9.57
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		\$82,990.78

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CLEMENT S. AMAND, JR.

*Bureau of Old Age Assistance*

## ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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### Receipts

#### Taxes

##### Current Year:

Real Estate	\$139,327.97
Personal	24,851.76
Polls	2,598.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	29,939.51

##### Previous Years:

Personal	950.71
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,574.58

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\$200,242.53

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Income Tax	\$7,336.46
Corporation Tax, Business	16,985.29
Old Age Meal Tax	1,593.26
School Aid, Chapter 70 G. L.	39,176.25
School Transportation	9,789.67
Vocational Education	6,376.82
State Wards	1,051.44
Chapter 90 Maintenance	342.76
Peddler's License	10.00
Veteran's Services	1,812.51

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84,474.46

#### County of Bristol:

Chapter 90 Maintenance	\$ 342.76
Dog Licenses	1,633.00
Care and Disposal of Dogs	69.50
Dog Fund	759.62

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2,804.88

#### Sale of Tax Title Possessions

443.60

#### Tax Title Redemptions

1,054.29

#### Water Rates and Services

22,329.24

Miscellaneous Water Rates and Services	42.25
Water Loan of 1935	22,043.78

## Licenses:

Alcoholic	\$6,800.00
Common Victualler	65.00
Special Malt Beverages	30.00
Milk	16.50
Oleomargarine	7.50
Sunday	60.00
Sunday Entertainment	321.00
Dance	12.50
Trailer Park	588.00
Petroleum	2.00
Registration of Petroleum	9.00
Junk	36.00
Slaughter	10.00
Pool Tables	7.50
Agent's and Seller's, Class I	10.00
Used Car, Class II	180.00
Used Car, Class III	124.00
Ammunition	5.00
Auctioneer	2.00
Taxi Stand	5.00
Automatic Amusements	60.00

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8,351.00

## Treasurer and Collector:

Interest on Taxes	\$ 29.89
Pro Forma Tax	5.31
Interest on Water Loan	40.33
Interest on Motor Vehicles	21.45
Advertising Taxes	2.50
Collector's Takings	7.50
Certification of Municipal Liens	2.00
Interest and Costs on Tax Titles	100.16

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209.14

## Town Clerk:

Refund of Town Clerk's Bond	\$ 1.80
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Reporting Congenital Deformities	.50	
Street and Voting Lists	15.00	
	<hr/>	17.30
Board of Health:		
Meat Inspection Fees	\$ 184.75	
Pasteurization Licenses	30.00	
	<hr/>	214.75
Police Department:		
Court Fines	\$ 100.00	
Pistol Permits	9.50	
Special Police Account	20.00	
Bicycle Registrations	15.75	
	<hr/>	145.25
Fire Department:		
L. P. Gas and Fuel Oil Permits		49.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Sealer's Fees		62.80
Library:		
Library Fines		48.50
Building Department:		
Building Permits		393.00
Schools:		
School Tuition	\$ 157.08	
School Property Damages	25.02	
	<hr/>	182.10
Water Department:		
Refund of Payment	\$ 2.20	
Damages to Water Hydrant	168.31	
	<hr/>	170.51
Highway Department:		
Refund of Payment		19.50
Charities:		
U. S. Grants:		



Old Age Assistance	\$33,216.41	
Old Age Assistance Adm.	1,547.49	
Aid to Dependent Children	6,484.47	
Aid to Dep. Children Adm.	1,659.00	
Disability Assistance	5,609.56	
Disability Assistance Adm.	404.20	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Old Age Assistance	\$30,456.10	
Aid to Dependent Children	3,803.93	
Disability Assistance	3,941.66	
Disability Assistance Adm.	202.09	
	<hr/>	\$87,324.91
Cities and Towns:		
Old Age Assistance	\$3,354.04	
Public Welfare	315.00	
	<hr/>	3,669.04
Old Age Assistance Recoveries		3,475.60
Miscellaneous:		
Federal Tax Deductions		16,806.84
Blue Cross and Blue Shield Deductions		1,105.10
Teacher's Retirement Fund		4,182.32
Bristol County Retirement Fund		3,370.46
Post War Rehabilitation Fund (interest)		1,375.00
Hurricane Relief		4,953.82
New Fire Station (From Post War Fund)		14,785.00
Insurance Policy Refund		20.51
Interest on Treasurer's Cash		825.48
Sale of Dogs		5.00
Long Plain Cemetery		238.00
Sewer Pumping Charges		150.00
Sewer Installations		48.51
Damages to Police Cruiser Car		32.00
Refund of Vacation Pay		43.93
Unclaimed Checks		5.10
Trust Funds:		
Russell Memorial Library		

Maintenance Fund	\$1,000.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	703.03	
Allen and Rhoda R. Russell		
Library Fund	670.95	
Sylvia P. Manter Fund	763.70	
Cemetery Additional Fund	50.00	
	<hr/>	3,187.68
Total Receipts for 1955		<hr/> \$488,902.18

## CLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS

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### General Government

Moderator	\$ 20.00	
Town Reports and Warrants	731.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 751.70
Selectmen:		
Salaries: Board of Selectmen and Public Welfare	\$1,900.00	
Clerk	369.07	
Equipment, Supplies, Postage	188.49	
Telephone	174.38	
Association Dues	34.00	
Advertising	11.20	
Legal Fees	68.03	
	<hr/>	2,745.17
Town Accountant:		
Salary	\$ 943.78	
Printing	28.92	
	<hr/>	972.70
Elections and Registrations:		
Registrars	\$1,130.40	
Election Officers	281.67	
Printing, Supplies, Postage	66.50	
Rental of Election Headquarters	15.00	
	<hr/>	1,493.57
Treasurer and Collector:		
Treasurer and Collector	\$4,160.00	
Clerk	2,395.10	
Equipment, Supplies, Postage and Printing	1,665.72	
Surety Bonds	232.80	

Telephone	197.88	
Insurance, Sealer of Weights and Measures	12.90	
Safe Deposit Box	7.50	
Certification of Notes	22.00	
Burglary Insurance	27.50	
Recording Tax Title Takings	145.60	
	<hr/>	8,867.00
Assessors:		
Salaries	\$1,600.00	
Clerk	1,945.47	
Equipment, Supplies, Printing, and Telephone	936.03	
Association Dues	9.00	
Recording Conveyances of Land and Probate Records	102.49	
	<hr/>	4,622.99
Town Clerk:		
Salary	\$ 113.00	
Clerical	43.75	
Recording Vital Statistics	95.00	
Filing Street Layouts	25.50	
Equipment, Supplies, Postage and Printing	580.46	
Surety Bond	6.00	
Association Dues	7.50	
Reporting Congenital Deformities	.50	
	<hr/>	871.71
Town Hall:		
Janitor	\$ 900.00	
Fuel	1,495.06	
Lights and Water	519.50	
Install Outside Lights	90.00	
Shades for Auditorium	86.60	
Paint, Brushes, Repairs	102.35	
Railing	263.00	

Janitor's Supplies	9.93	
	<hr/>	3,466.44
Police Department:		
Chief's Salary	\$2,954.14	
Police Officers	3,680.80	
Office Supplies, Postage, Printing	223.60	
Association Dues	18.00	
Telephone	263.15	
Tires, Gasoline, Repairs	900.45	
Bicycle Plates	6.55	
Court Officer's Expenses	33.25	
Laundry	9.96	
	<hr/>	8,089.90
Fire Department:		
Chief's Salary	\$2,938.00	
Firemen	1,627.00	
Office and Station Expenses	76.68	
Telephones	362.26	
Siren	29.48	
Insurance	118.75	
Equipment, Supplies, Fuel Oil	1,425.60	
Gasoline, Repairs, Rent	715.36	
Advertising	5.92	
Wrecker Service	35.00	
Association Dues	5.00	
	<hr/>	7,339.05
Police Special Account:		
Refund of Payment		20.00
New Fire Station:		
Purchase of Land	\$1,000.00	
Attorney Fees	370.00	
Contractor	13,190.00	
Installing Light Fixtures	225.00	
Well	575.00	
Installing Siren	647.35	
Advertising	2.96	
	<hr/>	16,010.31

## Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Sealer's Salary	\$ 206.62	
Equipment	18.38	
	<hr/>	225.00

## Building Department:

Inspector's Salary	\$ 450.00	
Printing	45.77	
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## Wire Department:

Inspector's Salary		450.00
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## Civil Defense:

Installing Antenna		40.00
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## Board of Health:

Salaries	\$ 300.00	
Supplies and Printing	116.55	
Advertising	8.88	
Medical Attendance and Supplies	85.29	
Telephone	93.64	
Legal Fees	20.00	
Board and Care	1,018.00	
Transportation	33.60	
Garbage Collection	880.00	
School Physician's Salary	600.00	
Burial of Animals	23.00	
Meat Inspection Fees	177.25	
Dental Clinic	484.60	
Inspection of Milk	34.96	
	<hr/>	3,875.77

## Sewer Pumping Charges:

Paid to City of New Bedford		150.00
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Animal Inspector's Salary		115.00
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## Nurse:

Salary		2,234.00
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## Dog Fund:

Board and Disposal	\$ 65.00	
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Postage, Printing	22.95	
	<hr/>	87.95
Long Plain Cemetery:		
Care of Lots		284.00
Highway Department:		
Superintendent	\$3,047.00	
Laborers	18,432.75	
Street Layouts	195.00	
Hire of Equipment	582.50	
Road Oil, Tar Mix, Sand and Gravel	9,227.65	
Equipment and Tools	560.12	
Freight, Advertising and		
First Aid Supplies	58.97	
Lights	11.22	
Lumber, Paint, Pipe, Signs	586.35	
Truck Repairs, Tires, Gasoline and		
Registrations	2,289.83	
	<hr/>	34,991.39
Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
Superintendent	\$ 286.00	
Laborers	2,294.79	
Tar Mix, Road Oil, Sand	1,483.38	
	<hr/>	4,064.17
Dutch Elm Disease:		
Removing and Trimming Trees		505.00
Street Lights:		
Paid to N. B. Gas & Edison Light Co.		3,149.47
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Cash Grants	\$12,958.40	
Administration	1,915.55	
Telephone and Supplies	154.90	
	<hr/>	15,028.85
Old Age Assistance:		
Cash Grants	\$78,934.47	



Paid to Other Cities and Towns	907.83	
Administration	2,896.40	
Office Supplies, Telephone, Travel Expenses	242.51	
	<hr/>	82,931.21
Disability Assistance:		
Cash Grants	\$14,167.60	
Administration	689.00	
	<hr/>	14,856.60
Public Welfare:		
Groceries	\$ 862.00	
Fuel	37.60	
Medical	95.45	
Paid to Other Cities and Towns	2,210.15	
Burials	138.00	
	<hr/>	3,343.20
Veteran's Benefits:		
Agent's Salary	\$ 499.92	
Office Supplies	30.11	
Cash Grants	5,874.63	
Fuel	426.89	
Medical and Hospital	1,228.45	
Dental	54.00	
Eye Glasses	19.50	
	<hr/>	8,133.50
Schools:		
Superintendent	\$5,782.32	
Office Supplies	119.35	
Attendance Officer	125.00	
Telephones	582.51	
Travel Expenses	204.00	
Police Services	2.50	
First Aid Supplies, Advertising and Dues	62.81	
Teacher's Salaries	71,535.52	
Books and Supplies	4,860.27	

Tuition	34,747.41	
Transportation	19,319.58	
Janitor's Salaries	11,958.00	
Fuel and Lights	3,983.79	
Contract Work	3,007.40	
Repairs and Supplies	2,942.85	
Furniture and Furnishings	728.34	
School Committee Expenses and Dues	32.00	
Graduation Expenses	40.55	
Mowing, Raking, Trucking	35.00	
Psychological Tests	24.00	
Athletic Supplies	57.70	
	<hr/>	160,150.90
School Building Committee:		
Travel Expenses	\$ 95.01	
Engineering	140.00	
	<hr/>	235.01
Library:		
Librarian	\$ 720.00	
Assistants	247.44	
Janitress	288.15	
Books and Periodicals	206.91	
Supplies and Advertising	17.18	
Petty Cash	5.00	
Fuel, Lights, Water	405.14	
Repairs	36.89	
Care of Grounds	60.00	
Janitress' Supplies	22.56	
Cleaning Furnace	50.00	
Contract Work	421.00	
	<hr/>	2,480.27
Water Department:		
Labor	\$5,646.78	
Clerk	255.00	
Supplies and Material	6,282.05	
Notes and Interest	4,798.00	

Water Paid to City of New Bedford	5,158.55	
Truck	750.00	
Freight	13.80	
Printing, Postage	36.02	
Truck Repairs, Gasoline	236.52	
Equipment and Repairs	58.78	
Legal Fees	40.00	
Advertising, Medical	26.88	
	<hr/>	23,302.38
Water Main Extensions:		
Contract (partial payment)	\$7,506.11	
Advertising bids	19.24	
	<hr/>	7,525.35
Parks:		
Labor and Material	\$3,236.48	
Advertising, Water, Gasoline	51.06	
	<hr/>	3,287.54
Attorney Fees and Costs (Mary Viera)		1,064.00
Mary E. Sears Estate (overpayment of Old Age Assistance)		1,036.50
Insurance on Public Buildings		1,052.16
Bristol County Dog Licenses		1,636.60
Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital		4,316.30
Pension Fund		4,932.88
Federal Deductions		16,806.84
Teacher's Retirement Fund		4,182.32
Bristol County Retirement Fund		3,370.46
Memorial Purposes		143.00
Mosquito Control		50.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Deductions		1,105.10
Post War Rehabilitation Fund:		
Interest on War Bonds		1,375.00
Agency Accounts:		
State Parks and Reservations		634.44
State Audit		783.08
County Tax		12,481.08

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	300.00
Cemetery Additional Fund	50.00
Allen and Rhoda R. Russell Library Fund	590.38
Sylvia P. Manter Trust Fund	432.39

## Trust Funds:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	348.53
Allen and Rhoda R. Russell Library Fund	214.15
Cemetery Beautification and Extra Care Fund	54.50
Russell Memorial Library Maintenance Fund	1,000.00
Sylvia P. Manter Fund	331.31
Christmas Decorations	100.00

## Refunds:

Taxes, 1955	166.63
Personal Taxes, 1955	4.70
Poll Taxes, 1955	6.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1955	652.95
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1954	37.87
Water Rates and Services	215.67
Refund of Land Sold	15.00
Overpayment for Old Age Assistance	16.20

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Total Disbursements for 1955	\$486,748.91
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### Trust Fund Accounts

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Trust Funds: Cash and Securities:		
In Custody of Town Treasurer		\$94,575.32
Russell Fund for Care of Town Hall		
and Library	\$3,520.04	
Russell Public School Fund	7,382.81	
R. N. Swift Board of Health Fund	6,056.89	
Russell Protestant Poor Fund	13,237.91	
Henry H. Rogers Gift Fund	952.50	
Allen and Rhoda R. Russell Library		
Fund	8,791.63	
Russell Memorial Library Maintenance		
Fund	7,458.64	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	11,074.44	
Cemetery Additional Fund	1,201.74	
Cemetery Special Care Fund	414.54	
Acushnet Cemetery Corporation Fund	714.92	
Cemetery Beautification and Extra Care		
Fund	2,441.43	
Sylvia P. Manter Fund for Public		
Schools	31,327.83	
	<hr style="width: 10%;"/>	94,575.32

MARY VIERA,

*Town Accountant*

**EXPENDITURES  
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS—1955**

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Appropriated		\$ 1,200.00
Expended:		
Registrars and Assistants	\$1,006.64	
Clerical	123.76	
Printing	59.70	
Supplies	5.00	
Miscellaneous	1.80	
Unexpended	3.10	
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ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE  
 NAPOLEON G. POISSON  
 ARTHUR G. LeBLANC  
 THEOPHILE COTE

*Board of Registrars*

# TOWN OF ACUSHNET — BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$124,331.19	Unclaimed Checks	\$ 107.16
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1955	2,129.44	Overlay Reserve	15,805.94
Tax Titles:		Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	2,129.44
Levy of 1952	59.41	Tax Title Revenue	1,691.22
Levy of 1953	132.92	Tax Title Receipts Reserved	4.19
Levy of 1954	272.90	Tax Title Possessions Revenue	7,067.15
Levy of 1955	1,225.99	Sale of Foreclosed Property Fund	2,517.42
Tax Title Possessions	7,067.15	Departmental Revenue	2,307.65
Accounts Receivable:		Water Revenue	397.30
Aid to Dependent Children		Water Surplus	9,813.51
Board of Health	1,491.65	Surplus War Bonus	1,528.91
Water Rates and Services	816.00	Excess and Deficiency	65,212.71
Agency Accounts:	397.30	New Fire Station	74.69
State and County Taxes	2,187.28	Civil Defense	561.59
Trust Fund Income	133.58	Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital	376.79
Appropriation Voted from		Sewerage Survey	4,500.00
Post War Fund	4,000.00	Res. for Appropriation—Post War Fund	4,000.00
State and County:		Perry Hill Construction, (Town)	10,000.00

Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,709.46	Aid to Highways Revenue	30,000.00
Chapter 90 Construction, Perry Hill	30,000.00	Perry Hill Road, Land Takings	27.58
		Street Layouts	550.00
		U. S. Grants: Disability Assistance	1,398.77
		U. S. Grants: Disability Assist. Adm.	54.83
		U. S. Grants: Aid to Dependent Child. Adm.	494.10
		U. S. Grants: Old Age Assistance	9.57
		School Building Committee	1,264.99
		Laying of Water Mains	15,058.76
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	\$176,954.27		\$176,954.27
		<b>Debt Accounts</b>	
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$ 60,000.00	Water Loan of 1952	\$38,000.00
		Water Loan of 1955	22,000.00
		<b>Investment Accounts</b>	
Cash and Securities: War Bonds In Custody of Treasurer	\$ 56,729.30	Post War Rehabilitation Fund	\$56,729.30

MARY VIERA,  
*Town Accountant*



## APPROPRIATIONS OF 1955

	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Expended</i>
General Government:				
Moderator	\$ 20.00	\$	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Town Clerk	113.00		113.00	113.00
Treasurer and Collector	4,160.00		4,160.00	4,160.00
Clerk, Treasurer and Collector	2,502.50		2,502.50	2,322.60
Board of Selectmen and Public Welfare	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,900.00
Clerk, Board of Selectmen	369.07		369.07	369.07
Town Accountant	943.78		943.78	943.78
Assessors	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,600.00
Clerk, Assessors' Office	2,175.61		2,175.61	1,945.47
Departmental Expenses:				
Selectmen and Town Accountant	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,611.38
Treasurer and Collector	2,666.95		2,666.95	2,384.00
Assessors	1,170.00		1,170.00	1,077.52
Town Clerk	873.50		873.50	758.71
Registrars of Voters	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,196.90
Town Hall	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,466.44
Police Department	8,100.00		8,100.00	8,089.90
Fire Department	7,339.50		7,339.50	7,339.05
Sealer of Weights and Measures	225.00		225.00	225.00

	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Expended</i>
Moth Suppression	.....	800.00	800.00	none
Dutch Elm Disease	.....	750.00	750.00	505.00
Building Department	500.00		500.00	495.77
Wire Department	500.00		500.00	450.00
Long Plain Cemetery	275.00		275.00	275.00
Health and Sanitation:				
Board of Health Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00
Board of Health	3,925.00		3,925.00	3,575.77
Inspector of Animals	115.00		115.00	115.00
Sewer Pumping Charges	150.00		150.00	150.00
Nurse	2,234.00		2,234.00	2,234.00
Dog Fund	100.00		100.00	87.95
Highway Department	20,000.00	15,000.00	35,000.00	34,991.39
Street Lights	3,400.00		3,400.00	3,149.47
Chapter 90 Maintenance	.....	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,064.17
Dorothy Street Layout	.....	100.00	100.00	none
Perry Street, Chap. 90 Construction	.....	10,000.00	10,000.00	none
Perry Street, Land Taking	.....	27.58	27.58	none
Charities:				
Public Welfare	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	3,343.20
Disability Assistance	4,000.00	5,600.00	9,600.00	9,484.17
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00	2,057.79	7,057.79	7,057.79

<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Expended</i>	
Old Age Assistance	37,000.00		6,260.00	43,260.00
Veteran's Benefits	4,000.00		4,139.64	8,138.50
Schools	149,450.00			145,556.34
Vocational High School	15,500.00			14,594.56
Free Public Library	2,490.00			2,480.27
School Building Committee	1,500.00			235.01
Parks	3,300.00			3,287.54
Insurance on Public Buildings	1,052.16			1,052.16
Mosquito Control	50.00			50.00
Christmas Decorations	100.00			100.00
Attorney Fees and Costs (Mary Viera)	1,064.00			1,064.00
Mary E. Sears, Estate	.....		1,036.50	1,036.50
Water Department	.....		28,460.07	23,302.38
Laying of Water Mains	.....			
Laying of Water Mains	.....	Bond Issue	22,000.00	
Memorial Purposes	.....	E and D	500.00	
Reserve Fund	150.00		22,500.00	7,525.35
Sewerage Survey	.....		150.00	143.00
New Fire Station	.....		8,000.00	7,800.00
New Fire Station	.....		4,500.00	none
	.....	Post War	15,000.00	
	.....	Reserve	1,300.00	16,010.31

## TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Disbursements</i>
\$122,177.92	Balance January 1, 1955	
13,028.15	January	\$ 29,830.60
13,788.39	February	27,917.21
22,350.10	March	44,975.07
16,228.86	April	32,930.25
44,748.01	May	40,849.54
39,644.97	June	34,263.51
72,330.67	July	35,818.43
48,207.31	August	38,603.90
47,962.99	September	46,859.42
99,707.70	October	60,124.84
50,858.56	November	40,916.46
20,046.47	December	53,659.68
	Balance December 31, 1955	124,331.19
<hr/>		<hr/>
\$611,080.10		\$611,080.10
Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash:		
	Balance per Merchants National	\$112,229.71
	Cash:	
	On Hand	4,997.81
	N. B. Institution Savings	7,500.00
	N. B. Five Cents Savings	7,500.00
	Fairhaven Inst. Savings	7,500.00
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		139,727.52
	Outstanding checks	15,396.33
		<hr/>
		\$124,331.19
Cash Book Balance		\$124,331.19

# **TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS** ---

## **Tax Titles 1955**

Transferred from levy of 1955	\$ 371.56	
Taking—Levy of 1955	784.22	
Interest, Charges, Fees and Costs	94.19	
	<hr/>	\$1,249.97
Redeemed	\$ 6.35	
Sold—Low Value Sale	17.39	
Foreclosed	.24	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	1,225.99	
	<hr/>	\$1,249.97

## **Tax Titles 1954**

Outstanding January 1, 1955		\$ 720.14
Redeemed	\$ 432.24	
Sold—Low Value Sale	14.80	
Foreclosed	.20	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	272.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 720.14

## **Tax Titles 1953**

Redeemed	\$ 374.18	
Sold—Low Value Sale	16.28	
Foreclosed	.22	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	132.92	
	<hr/>	\$ 523.60

## **Tax Titles 1952**

Outstanding January 1, 1955		\$ 258.10
Redeemed	\$ 165.77	
Sold—Low Value Sale	27.28	
Foreclosed	5.64	
Outstanding December 31, 1955	59.41	
	<hr/>	\$ 258.10

Attest:     ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,  
*Treasurer*

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**January 1 to December 31, 1955**

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**Real Estate 1955**

Committed	\$144,040.52	
Refunded	166.63	
	<hr/>	\$144,207.15
Collected	\$139,327.97	
Abated	3,723.40	
Added to Tax Title	371.56	
Taking	784.22	
	<hr/>	\$144,207.15

**Personal Property 1955**

Committed	\$25,874.06	
Refunded	4.70	
	<hr/>	\$25,878.76
Collected	\$25,739.87	
Abated	138.89	
	<hr/>	\$25,878.76

**Personal Property 1954**

Abatement Rescinded	\$	62.60
Collected	\$	62.60

**Polls 1955**

Committed	\$ 3,118.00	
Refunded	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,124.00
Collected	\$ 2,598.00	
Abated	526.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,124.00

**Motor Vehicle Excise 1955**

Committed	\$33,471.75	
Refunded	652.95	
	<hr/>	\$34,124.70
Collected	\$29,939.51	

Abated	2,055.75	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	2,129.44	
	<hr/>	\$34,124.70
Motor Vehicle Excise 1954		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 2,223.57	
Committed	749.37	
Refunded	37.87	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,010.81
Collected	\$2,574.58	
Abated	436.23	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,010.81
Motor Vehicle Excise 1953		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955		\$ 318.66
Abated		\$ 318.66
Water Charges		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 174.75	
Committed	22,706.23	
Refunded	215.67	
	<hr/>	\$23,096.65
Collected	\$22,497.55	
Abated	201.80	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	497.30	
	<hr/>	\$23,096.65
Highway Dept. Charges		
Committed		\$ 48.51
Collected		\$ 48.51
Old Age Assistance		
Committed		\$ 1,821.80
Collected		\$ 1,821.80
Public Welfare		
Committed		\$ 315.00
Collected		\$ 315.00
Board of Health		
Committed		\$ 816.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955		\$ 816.00

**EXPENDITURES**  
**TREASURER-COLLECTOR, 1955**

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Treasurer-Collector Salary:

Appropriated	\$ 4,160.00
Expended	\$ 4,160.00

Clerical Salaries:

Appropriated	\$ 2,502.50
Expended	\$ 2,322.60
Unexpended	179.90
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$ 2,502.50

Departmental:

Appropriated	\$ 2,666.95
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Expended:

Telephone and Tolls	\$ 197.88
Association Dues	4.00
Postage	483.24
Bonds	232.80
Tax Bills, etc.	225.80
Stationery and Supplies	340.34
Equipment and Repairs	489.29
Binding	28.00
Clerical	72.50
Registry Recordings	22.25
Storage Vault	7.50
Safe and Burglary Insurance	27.50
Low Value	27.55
Delinquent Taxes	109.60
Insurance on Standards	12.90
Miscellaneous	103.25
Unexpended	282.55
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$ 2,656.95

Attest: ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,  
*Treasurer-Collector*



**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1955**

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**VITAL STATISTICS**

**BIRTHS**

Total Number		478
In Acushnet	412	
In Other Municipalities	66	
	<hr/>	478
Resident	100	
Non-Resident	378	
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Male	259	
Female	219	
	<hr/>	478

**AFFIDAVITS AND CORRECTIONS**

35

**MARRIAGE INTENTIONS**

65

**MARRIAGES**

Total Number		68
In Acushnet	27	
In Other Municipalities	41	
	<hr/>	68

**DEATHS**

Total Number		99
In Acushnet	76	
In Other Municipalities	23	
	<hr/>	99
Resident	41	
Non-Resident	58	
	<hr/>	99
Male	61	
Female	38	
	<hr/>	99

The Town Clerk will furnish blanks for the returns of

births to parents, householders, physicians and registered officers applying therefor.

# DOG LICENSES

Total Number		665
Male	431	
Female	75	
Spayed Female	139	
Kennel (\$10.00)	15	
Kennel (\$25.00)	4	
Transfers	None	
Removal of Kennel	1	
	<hr/>	665

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,

*Town Clerk*

## RESIDENT BIRTHS—1955

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
Jan. 2	Dawn Marie Medeiros	Lawrence A. and Marjorie L. Franklin
3	Susan Raphael	Joseph and Edale W. Brown
6	Marie Ann Deschamps	Richard N. and Florence Thibault
7	Donald Robert LaBrode	Myles L. and Deolinda Amaral
9	David John Santos	John P. and Bertha Olivier
10	Elizabeth Arlene Hesketh	Henry and Jeannette C. Fournier
10	Paula Ann Richards	Joseph N. and Ruth A. Mello
31	Mark Alan Rodrigues	Joseph and Erma M. Sipe
Feb. 3	Charles Ernest Chaples	Roland W. and Lorraine G. Lizotte
5	Jo Ann Bichel	Joseph M. and Lydia T. Leite
11	Michael Edward L'Heureux	Albert and Corrine G. Gendron
19	Matthew Stanley Kut	Mitchell S. and Alice Gajewski
26	Gayle Ann Freitas	Manual and Lillian Dias
27	Judith Ann Amaral	George and Jeanne E. Alie
Mar. 13	Terry Lynn Timms	Thomas J. and Mary B. Weiner
14	Frances Ann Nunes	Joseph P. and Lillian R. Sylvia
21	Timothy Joseph Fernandez	Frank and Catherine T. Francis
Apr. 4	Michael Andre Conneville	Andre L. and Shirley A. Wordell
6	Thomas Henry Lague	Henry L. and Irene T. Gagne
6	Albert Brian Wojtkunski	Albert S. and Rita A. Laporte

7	Carlton Ellis Turgeon	Roland M. and Yvette Trahan
8	Miguel Anthony Fernandes	Jose and Adelaide Brites
14	Richard Donald Martin	Joseph C. N. and Rita D. Metivier
16	Donna Marie Mayer	Roger J. and Rita L. Benac
20	Jo-Ann Louise Walker	Albert W. and Jessie L. Hammond
23	Alfred Henry Bonville	Alfred H. and Elda M. Melancon
26	Denis Raymond Saulniers	Hervey R. and Aline C. Ledoux
27	Eric Robert Baker	Eugene R. and Beverly A. Bates
May 3	Ellyn Ruth Decker	Stanley E. and Ruth E. Redden
5	Anita Louise Pepin	Albert J. and Jeannette F. Gauttier
11	Pamela Joyce Donaghy	Richard C. and Marjorie J. Colson
14	Kenneth William Fernandes	Alfred and Arlene A. Haskin
18	Christina Mae Haskins	Edward T. and Alice V. Coelho
22	Michael Koska	John T. and Helen F. Dubiel
28	Kathleen Marie Bourque	Norman J. and Evelyn Michalski
28	Kathleen Ann Gomes	Alfred R. and Mildred R. Watkins
29	Patricia Helen Lecuyer	Roland and Florence L. Durocher
30	Jeffrey David Coons	Leo N. and Claire B. Belanger
June 1	Deborah Honohan	Robert and Joan Worthington
1	Glenn David Trindade	David and Jacqueline E. Poyant
8	Gale Marie Correia	Joseph F. and Dorothy M. Marks
10	Donna Rae Benoit	Raymond H. and Dolores Botelho

10	Sandra Robin Saint	Victor and Rachael D. King
11	Michael Silvia	Louis and Ernestina Ferreira
17	Linda Marie Barksdale	Stonewall J. and Constance L. Daignault
17	John Lee Laffeur	Thomas Lee and Stella Tenczar
23	Rachel Ann Bertrand	Eugene J. M. and Lina A. Laliberte
23	Norma Mary Dutra	Frank P. and Vivian Lemrise
27	Doreen Eunice Salvas	Joseph L. and Lorraine M. Parent
July 7	Roberta Lee Murphy	Gordon L. and Katherine A. Murphy
8	Debra Marie Brites	Antone and Alzada M. Martel
12	Robert Hillman	Edward S. and Nanczia Coelho
Aug. 2	Cheryl Robbin Charest	Edward and Lauriana S. Mello
4	Elaine Alida Forgue	Joseph R. A. and Laurette F. Brousseau
4	Barry Wayne Fuller	Warren E. and Jeanne R. Thomasset
7	Peter Raymond St. Amand	Lucien A. and Evelyn Davignon
11	Judith Ann Rittenhouse	Scott A. and Audrey Tripp
15	Gail Elizabeth McConville	Kenneth and Avis L. Collins
17	Richard Paul Saucier	Normand P. and Alice I. St. Onge
27	David Bernard Forand	Roland J. and Berthe F. Arguin
30	Donna Marie Correia	Francisco P. and Frances Vigil
Sept. 5	Richard Ernest Marshall	Richard and Rita E. Auger
6	Alan Randolph Johnson	Vernon E. and Marjorie V. Jeffers
12	Diane Marie Hubert	Albert P. and Helen L. Chace
13	Wayne Allen Cabral	Horace and Geraldine Alfonso

14	Roger Oscar Cormier	Oscar J. and Marie A. C. Masse
14	Steven Frederick Tomkiewicz	Frederick E. and Mary C. Morris
15	Suzanne Marjorie Harwood	William S., Jr. and Beatrice A. Coutinho
16	Marie Lucille Claire Ledoux	Conrad J. and Therese M. Ethier
20	David Wayne Constantino	Jack, Jr. and Pauline V. Breault
25	Barry Thomas McKay	Louis W. and Susan Collins
28	Paula Meredith	Leonard and Jeanne A. Blanchard
Oct. 1	Maurice Nelson Perrica	G. Maurice and Lillian D. Chaisson
5	Paul Motta Bertoldo	Jayne M. and Alice Andrade
10	Patsy May Wamboldt	George S. and Eunice F. Timms
14	Janis McCann	Stephen F. and Bessie Taylor
14	Kenneth Paul Trahan	Oscar D. and Florence E. Cloutier
18	Susan Dale Hathaway	John and Theresa Mayo
19	John Gwozdz	John and Josephine R. Otock
23	Sandra Faith Braga	John and Alice Travers
24	Robert George Hemmann	George R. and Ruth L. Carter
25	Paul Kenneth Dupont	Joseph A. A. and Eleanor C. Dawson
28	Wayne Harry Macomber	Harry W. and Autley M. Farmer
Nov. 1	Peter Norman Guy	Rosario N. J. and Natalie Aumery
5	Donna Gene Demers	Donald M. and Christine A. Silva
11	Lynne Ellen White	Donald W. and Joan L. Robinson
13	Thomas Victor Conneville	Raymond H. and Aurore A. Millette

22	Brian Joseph Santos	Joseph and Mildred L. Lynch
Dec. 8	Kevin Michael Sheridan	Philip P. and Geneva A. Cruff
11	Robert Charles Monteiro	John and Marie I. B. Gelinas
23	Dana Curtis Diggle	Theodore C. and Eleanor S. Gatie
26	Richard Brian Auffrey	Albert J. and Jennie L. Pietrzykowska
28	Richard Lionel DeMoranville	Wilfred T. and Claire T. Tetreault
28	Ginger Ann White	David R. and June B. Dawson

## MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR 1955

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
Jan. 2	Elliot Carlton Tripp, Jr. Natalie Mazelle Thompson	16	William Rhodes Rita M. Mayer
8	Harlyn Henry Froh Bernadette Lucille Mayor	19	Bernard Gerard Poyant Marie Lucienne Claire Arguin
Feb. 12	Wilder Wescott Mosher Beatrice Arlene Stone	23	Frederick Eugene Tomkiewicz Mary Custodia Morris
12	Alfred Furtado, Jr. Anne Veronica Horan	28	Raymond Joseph Wilfred St. Pierre Doris Anita Lyonnais
19	Prudent Pedro Rose Duarte	May 7	Louis Joseph Despres, Jr. Rita Yvette Pepin
19	Frank Charles Bettencourt Patricia Perry Ponte	23	Robert Arthur Bussierre Loretta Desrosier
22	Donald Edward Menard Jean Theresa Blain	28	Edmund Aurell Richard Annette Yvonne Marie LeBlanc
Apr. 16	Luiz Vincente Lilly Cabral	28	Wladyslaw Tomkiewicz Lillian Vaillancourt
16	Walter Stephen Dalton, Jr. Simonne Loraine Savaria	June 18	Robert Raymond Warburton Dorothy Couto (Couto)
16	Raymond Francis Morris Muriel Rachael Bourbeau	18	Desmond Conrad White Barbara Louise Morse



25	July	Leo Henry Sylvia	9	Harold Wood, Jr.
25		Gertrude Lois Sylvaria	23	Arlene Nancy Tinkham
		Roger Costa	28	John Walter Atone, Jr.
		Adeline Pimental	29	Blanche Irene Lemieux
2		Harold Chase Ellis, Jr.	Aug. 13	Arthur Gideon Pittsley
2		Janice May Decker		Jeannette Theresa Price (Bussiere)
2		Raymond Emil Fischer		Henri Herve Renauld
2		Lois May Geggatt		Lucille Maria Benoit
2		David Benevides Souza		Herman Rexford Morse, Jr.
2		Dorothy Tomkiewicz		Marjorie Frances Waddington (King)
2		Edmond Vincent Stanley Laferriere	27	Leonel Hipolito
2		Sylvaine Fernand St. Pierre (Beaulieu)	Sept. 3	Muriel Marie-Anna Lainey
4		Ronald Waddington, Jr.	5	William Henry Haskins
4		Elsie Alves (Hermort)	5	Carole Lois Rogers
4		Roy Longworth	10	James Henry Constant
4		Silvia Martin	10	Florence Lea Renauld
4		Leo Charles Tuttle	10	Ronald Arthur Nichols
4		Marion Louise Ostman		Joan Downing
4		John Walter Paleczka		Raymond Morris Boulanger
9		Valdemira Soares Rose (Perry)		Alberta Perry
		Joseph Hardman		Ronald Francis Smith
		Cecile Gloria Marie Mercer		Patricia Jennie Hammond

11	Francis Kramer	12	James Harvey Lynch
17	Marion Talbot Hacking	19	Lillian Francis Campos
24	Charles Anthony Mayo	21	Frank Jacob Tomkiewicz
26	Jacqueline Elna Collins	23	Viola June Raymond
Oct. 1	Harrison Thomas Norton	23	Gerald Paul Hevey
12	Dorothy Germaine Banville	26	Lorraine Lienard
15	Lionel Alphonse Lapalme	26	Griffin Anderson Blake
15	Paulette Marie Spirlet	28	Beatrice Aurora Harwood (Coutinho)
15	Roger Plaside Deneault		Ernest Berry
15	Therese Marie LeBeau		Harriet Alice Barrett
15	Charles Kenneth Heidkamp		Paul Emile Joseph Boucher
15	Joyce Emily Linhares		Marie Adrienne R. Budd (Talbot)
15	Carl Franklin Brown		Boies Penrose Ehly
15	Marie Therese Raymonde Piche		Mary Josephine Costa
15	Charles Rudolph Constant	Dec. 26	Gilbert Arcouette
15	Janice Gertrude Crowley		Florence Marie Jane Hubert
15	Edmund Francis, Jr.		Antonio Joseph Boisclair
15	Doris Hazel Pacheco		Emma Leger (Melanson)
15	Theodore Joseph Pankiewicz		
Nov. 12	Lillian Cecile Courchain		
	Vincent Louro Furtado		
	Uzurinda Conceicao Sequeira		

# RESIDENT DEATHS—1955

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 2	Harry Barton Parker	79	7	5
11	Rose Alba Gladu (Provencher)	73	—	—
14	George A. Chase	67	5	29
24	Frank Piknick	42	—	—
25	Frederick E. Ashley	65	7	23
26	Rose D. Michon (Picard)	81	—	—
27	Laura Arnold (Benjamin)	58	—	—
Feb. 4	Robert Dennis Bertrand	3	11	11
10	Walter Orlowski	64	—	—
11	William Dupre	70	2	3
16	Lydia Tripp (Heys)	65	5	14
22	Marie Joubert (Berube)	80	2	12
25	George O. Desorcy	61	8	4
Mar. 24	Henry A. Grandy	86	6	7
28	Elmer E. Washburn	75	—	—
Apr. 3	Joaquim Joseph Bettencourt	58	9	2
May 3	Frederick L. Morash	64	8	5
5	Jane D. Howland	78	11	17
9	Philip Howland Crandon	95	6	12
10	Amelia Taber (Peckham)	98	8	—

24	Marie E. Bouley (LeBlanc)	90	9	6
27	Frank B. Reed	52	1	4
June 2	Lloyd Flood	7	4	5
21	Albert Martel	69	8	10
22	Henry George Hammerer	59	4	26
July 8	Paul Coty	87	—	3
17	Albertine A. Durocher (Mitron)	63	10	17
30	Manuel V. Madruga	66	—	—
Sept. 9	Henry Edmund Valley	56	—	11
12	John Geggatt, Jr.	81	9	18
Oct. 21	Thomas Salvas	78	8	22
Nov. 12	Charles Frederick Norton, Sr.	72	11	20
17	Walter Gonet	82	—	—
Dec. 20	Myron S. A. Briggs	81	7	12
30	Joseph Koelz	85	—	25

## TRUST FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	Principal	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Requests Dividends Deposits	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1955
Long Plain Cemetery Addition	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,120.36	\$ 81.38		\$ 1,201.74
Long Plain Cemetery Permanent Care	347.00	403.39	11.15		414.54
Henry H. Rogers School Fund	2,500.00	926.86	25.64		952.50
Philip H. Omev-Ruhamah H. Cottle	2,000.00	2,428.70	67.23	\$ 54.50	2,441.43
Allen and Rhoda R. Russell Library	7,591.60	8,183.39	822.39	80.57	8,925.21
Russell Memorial Library Maintenance	7,447.22	8,230.76	227.88	1,000.00	7,458.64
Russell Protestant Poor	9,912.00	12,881.25	356.66		13,237.91
Russell Public School	7,067.30	7,183.91	198.90		7,382.81
Russell Town Hall	3,000.00	3,425.21	94.83		3,520.04
Russell Acushnet Cemetery Corp.	579.80	695.67	19.25		714.92
Sylvia P. Manter Public Schools	29,750.00	30,102.22	1,556.92	331.31	31,327.83
Post-War Rehabilitation	55,000.00	69,721.58	1,792.72	14,785.00	56,729.30

# CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	Principal	Balance		Dividends		Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1955
		Jan. 1, 1955		Deposits			
Allen and White	\$ 200.00	\$ 206.03		\$ 5.69	\$ 6.00	\$ 205.72	
Ashley, Ida M., No. 9	100.00	.....		2.29	2.00	100.29	
Ashley, William A. and Edw. R.	150.00	151.80		4.18	5.00	150.98	
Blackmer, Herbert A.	100.00	100.33		2.77	3.00	100.10	
Braley, Isaac V.	100.00	100.33		2.77	3.00	100.10	
Braley, Thomas E.	100.00	100.33		2.77	3.00	100.10	
Bumpus, Nathan	100.00	105.09		2.87	2.00	105.96	
Burt, Earle C. and Marion E.	100.00	101.17		2.79	3.00	100.96	
Burt, Joseph W.	100.00	100.33		2.77	3.00	100.10	
Cathell, James	100.00	145.26		4.01	8.00	141.27	
Chadwick, Francis	75.00	75.84		2.08	2.00	75.92	
Chase, Earle D.	100.00	100.49		2.77	3.00	100.26	
Cory, Samuel, Jr.	100.00	146.32		4.05	5.50	144.87	
Cottle, Ruhamah H.	100.00	100.33		2.77	3.00	100.10	
Davis, Mary S.	200.00	375.83		10.39	10.00	376.22	
Davis, Richard	100.00	100.33		2.77	3.00	100.10	
Davis, Walter A.	100.00	100.33		2.77	3.00	100.10	
Dunbar-Crompton No. 52	100.00	100.33		2.77	3.00	100.10	
Ellis, Capt. Ebenezer	75.00	75.84		2.08	2.00	75.92	

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—Continued

Fowler, John B.	200.00	357.31	9.89	10.00	357.20
Frost, Wendell E. and Olivine F. No. 35	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00
Geggatt, John	100.00	117.11	3.23	.....	120.34
Gifford, Clarence W., No. 6	100.00	101.17	3.81	3.00	101.98
Hall-Fuller, No. 7	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Hamlin, James B.	200.00	484.95	13.41	13.50	484.86
Hammett, Alice	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Hammett, Capt. John M.	75.00	75.84	2.08	2.00	75.92
Harding, "G. Harding Lot No. 33"	100.00	100.52	3.79	3.00	101.31
Haswell, Stephen S.	100.00	100.54	2.77	3.00	100.31
Hickey, Elizabeth Ann	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Jackson, Henry A.	200.00	201.04	7.60	6.00	202.64
Jenkins, William E.	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Keene, Hervey B.	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Leonard, Eben F.	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Leonard, Ebenezer	50.00	50.39	1.39	1.78	50.00
Mason, Reuben	200.00	208.30	5.76	8.00	206.06
Mendall, Ellis	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Merrick, Charles	100.00	102.79	2.83	4.00	101.62
Morse, Albert S., Jr.	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Morse, Alfred	100.00	103.50	2.77	3.00	100.27

# CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—Continued

Morse, Edward	200.00	209.07	5.77	8.00	206.84
Morse, Edward C.	23.75	23.91	0.65	0.75	23.81
Morse, George P.	75.00	75.84	2.08	2.00	75.92
Nye, Sally	100.00	158.99	4.38	5.00	158.37
Omey, Joseph C.	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Omey, Philip H.	150.00	153.30	4.23	6.00	151.53
Omey, William and Albert	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Parker, George J.	100.00	175.07	4.84	6.00	173.91
Parker, Jonathan and Lucy	100.00	126.05	3.48	8.00	121.53
Parris, George	100.00	100.29	3.79	2.75	101.33
Peirce, Samuel	150.00	286.20	7.92	12.00	282.12
Perry, Charles J.	100.00	102.10	2.82	4.92	100.00
Perry, H. and G. Barton	50.00	50.39	1.39	1.50	50.28
Perry, John S.	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Perry, Mary H.	600.00	605.89	16.76	20.00	602.65
Phipps, Henry G.	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Pierce, Samuel B.	150.00	153.10	4.23	7.33	150.00
Pratt, Sylvester	75.00	75.84	2.08	2.00	75.92
Reynolds, Luther	50.00	50.39	1.39	1.50	50.28
Reynolds, Luther and Job Haskins	100.00	117.35	3.23	4.50	116.08
Robinson, Benjamin	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10



## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—Continued

Robinson, Thomas J.	50.00	50.39	1.39	1.50	50.28
St. Don, Joseph J., No. 56	100.00	100.87	2.78	3.00	100.65
St. Don, Napoleon et ux, No. 57	100.00	100.27	2.77	3.00	100.04
Sears, William	100.00	100.61	2.77	3.00	100.38
Sherman, Clara L.	25.00	25.17	0.68	0.75	25.10
Sherman, James B.	100.00	100.42	2.77	3.00	100.19
Soule, Herbert L.	100.00	100.00	2.77	2.75	100.02
Sylvia, Antone D.	50.00	50.39	1.39	1.50	50.28
Taber, Elizabeth	205.09	278.15	7.68	8.00	277.83
Taber, Jabez	200.00	203.78	5.62	8.00	201.40
Taber, Joseph	100.00	218.01	6.04	10.00	214.05
Taber, Mason	75.00	76.01	2.11	2.00	76.12
Taber, May L.	75.00	75.84	2.08	2.00	75.92
Taber, Pardon	75.00	104.46	2.87	2.50	104.83
Taber, Samuel	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Taber, William	100.00	121.08	3.34	8.00	116.42
Taber, William D.	50.00	87.98	2.42	2.50	87.90
Thompson, Helen	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Tripp, Jesse C.	100.00	.....	1.33	.....	101.33
Wellington, Fred E.	85.00	87.33	2.41	3.00	86.74
White, Benjamin (E. Side)	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10

**CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—Continued**

White, Benjamin (W. Side)	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
White, William	200.00	202.44	5.60	5.00	203.04
Wood, Mary S.	150.00	176.04	4.83	3.00	177.87
Wright, Susan Ann	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10

# **SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT—December 31, 1955**

	Date of Loan	Notes Outstanding	Amount of Each Note	Rate of Interest	Loan Matures	Total Outstanding
Water Loan 1952	Dec. 1, 1952	38	\$1,000.00	1.9%	1967	\$38,000.00
Water Loan 1955	Aug. 1, 1955	22	1,000.00	2.75%	1966	22,000.00

## **FIXED DEBT AND INTEREST**

WATER LOAN  
December 1, 1952  
August 1, 1955

	Debt	Interest	Total
	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 722.00	\$ 4,722.00
	2,000.00	605.00	2,605.00
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	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,327.00	\$ 7,327.00

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,  
*Treasurer.*

**EXPENDITURES**  
**TOWN CLERK—1955**

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Salary of Town Clerk:

Appropriated \$ 113.00

Expended \$ 113.00

Departmental:

Appropriated \$ 873.50

Expended:

Bond \$ 6.00

Association Dues 7.50

Congenital Deformities .50

Printing 54.00

Vital Statistics 95.00

Binding 96.25

Stationery and Supplies 167.85

Postage 152.44

Clerical 43.75

Registry Recordings 25.50

Steel Shelves 52.26

Mass. Annotated Laws 19.00

Typewriter Repairs 28.00

Miscellaneous 10.66

Unexpended 114.79

\$ 873.50

Attest: ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,

*Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of the Police Department for the year of 1955.

### DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

Chief's Wages	\$2,938.00	
Other Officers	3,783.50	
Office Expenses	226.02	
Telephone	263.11	
Radio Maintenance	33.95	
Cruiser Expenses	764.55	
Ambulance Expenses	80.77	
Total Expenditures		\$ 8,089.90
Appropriation		8,100.00
Unexpended Balance		\$ 10.10

### NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT

#### 1.—CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

Attempted Rape	1
Assault and Battery	2

#### 2.—CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Breaking and Entering and Larceny	9
Larceny and Attempt	6
Larceny of Automobile	1

Bad Checks	3
Larceny of Golf Balls	1

### 3.—CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER

Drunkenness	4
Delinquency	
Driving So as to Endanger	3
Driving Under the Influence	4
Leaving the Scene	4
Neglect of Family	1
Confined to State Hospital	7
Sent to Reformatory	3

### 4.—ARRESTS MADE BY STATE POLICE IN THE TOWN

Larceny	1
Concealing Leased Property	1
Drunk	1
Driving Under the Influence	1
Breaking and Entering During Night Time	1
Larceny Over \$100.00	1
Breaking and Entering and Larceny During Night Time	1
Assault and Battery	1

### OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT

Total Motor Vehicles Accidents Investigated	65
Those Resulting in Personal Injuries	36
Those Resulting in Property Damage	29
Cars Stopped for Minor Violations	68
Driving Licenses Suspended in Town	10
Suspended by Other Departments	44
Permits to Carry Revolvers Issued	19
Permits to Buy Revolvers Issued	3
Guns Sold in Town	9
Motor Vehicles Transferred	1287
Street Lights Reported Out	32
Persons Reported Missing	32
Missing Persons Returned	32

Ambulance Service Rendered	87
Witnesses Summoned	23
Dog Complaints Investigated	44
Cars Reported Stolen	104
Stolen Cars Recovered	82
Miscellaneous Complaints	326
Bicycles Reported Stolen	20
Stolen Bicycles Recovered	13
Warrants Served	43
Dog Bites Reported	30
Wires Reported Down	18
Bicycles Registered	63
Persons Confined to Taunton State Hospital	5
Calls to Notify People by Other Departments	36
Driving Licenses Returned	26

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. HYDE,  
*Chief of Police*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT YEARLY REPORT FOR 1955

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The Fire Department distributed in different sections of the town several types of fire extinguishers for public use in case of emergency. Anyone having a fire and in need of an extinguisher should call at their nearest location after dialing your nearest Fire Station.

### FIRE STATION AT TOWN HALL

**Dial 2-7456**

### LONG PLAIN FIRE STATION

**Dial RO. 116-3-8873**

Fred Ashley, 1443 Main Street	2 Extinguishers
Jethro Ashley, 806 Main Street	2 Extinguishers
Oscar H. Forand, 840 Main Street	2 Extinguishers
Everett Booker, 561 Main Street	2 Extinguishers
Herman Morse, 114 Mendall Road	2 Extinguishers
Clifford Tripp, Perry Hill Road	2 Extinguishers
Andre Halle, Peckham Road	1 Extinguisher
Dolor Halle, 250 Peckham Road	1 Extinguisher
Ustus Arbogast, 912 Middle Road	1 Extinguisher

The Fire Department responded to one hundred and one fires during the year of 1955 and the Department consists of fifty-five regular volunteer firemen.

### EXPENDITURES

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$ 362.26
New Bedford Gas Co.	29.48
Dahill Co., soda, acid and refills	61.37
Pepin Bros., gas, oil, repairs	227.23
Parting Ways Service Station, gas, oil, repairs, rent	300.80
W. S. Darley, gas masks refills	10.19
Farrar Co., Scot-Air-Pak	337.70



Baylies Co., Inc., Indian tanks	264.77
Bergeron Co., insurance	118.75
Clougherty Co., hose, rubber goods	437.23
Long Plain Service Station, gas, oil and wax	14.02
New Eng. Fire Equipment Co., hand lights, nozzle	200.90
John J. Gobell, soda and acid	11.20
Anthony & Sons, advertisement	5.92
Melver Press	18.40
Gagnon's Garage, repairs and towing	57.58
Walter E. Tripp & Sons, electric cord	2.79
Taber's Garage, repairs, motor oil	54.25
Romeo Brunette, radio repairs	58.58
Donald Reed, dues	5.00
Boissonneau's Garage, repairs	6.30
Reformatory for Women, flag	17.26
J. A. Toussaint, repairs	11.01
Albert Meunier, fuel oil	112.74
Sudbury Lab., wet water	18.00
Eddie's Market, electric cord, wire, broom, etc.	18.07
New Bedford Lumber	12.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,774.05</b>

### MONTHLY REPORT

#### Payroll

January	\$ 185.50
February	107.50
March	133.00
April	279.50
May	252.00
June	158.50
July	207.00
August	26.50
September	155.50
October	32.00
November	38.00

December	52.00	
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Total		\$ 1,627.00
Expenditures		2,774.05
Chief's Salary		2,938.00
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Total Expenditures		\$ 7,339.05
Appropriation		\$ 7,339.50
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Unexpended Balance		\$ .45

Respectfully yours as submitted,

CONRAD H. GAUTTIER,

*Fire Chief, A. F. D.*

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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Scales over 10,000 lbs.		sealed	1
Scales 100 to 5,000 lbs.		sealed	2
Under 100 lbs	adjusted 6	sealed	37
Avoirdupois		sealed	25
Apothecary		sealed	1
Liquid measure		1 gallon	17
Liquid measure		over 1 gallon	4
Gasolene Pumps			18
Kerosene, Oil, Grease			8
Yardsticks			1
Town scale to test water meters			1
Farm holding tank (milk tank)			5
Commodities sold or put up for sale:			
Bread 65	correct 52	over	13
Butter			15
Coal in bags			38
Dry commodities and canned foods			893
Flour			60
Lard			3
Fees collected and turned over to Town Treasurer			\$63.30

HENRY O. SAUCIER,

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

## REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

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To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet:

During the year 1955 I visited 52 farms and inspected 1013 cattle, 22 sheep, 1 horse, 215 pigs.

I quarantined 19 dogs but found no symptoms of rabies during the quarantine period.

Respectfully submitted,

OTIS J. TRIPP,

*Inspector of Animals*

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

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Board of Selectmen, Town of Acushnet:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the report of the activities of the wire department for the period commencing April 1, 1955 to January 31, 1956.

During the past ten months I have made 432 inspections on the following:

- Heating systems
- Rough wiring
- Service repairs
- New services
- Temporary services
- Alterations
- Fire inspections
- Finish inspections

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. KOSKA,

*Inspector of Wires*

## REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet:

Dear Sirs:

The following is a report of the Building Inspector's Department for year ending December 31, 1955:

New Homes	67	estimated cost	\$312,210.00
Additions	17	estimated cost	15,910.00
Repairings	9	estimated cost	5,050.00
Garages	14	estimated cost	5,225.00
Hen Houses	11	estimated cost	1,330.00
Stores	2	estimated cost	12,000.00
Demolishings	6	no fees	1,395.00
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\$353,120.00

J. MELANCON,  
*Building Inspector.*

**REPORT OF VETERANS' AGENT**

January 16, 1956

Board of Selectmen

Acushnet, Mass

Gentlemen:

Herein is contained a report of expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Agent's Salary	\$499.92
Office Supplies	30.11
Ordinary Grants	5,820.68
Medical and Doctors	953.89
Dental Work	54.00
Hospital	260.96
Miscellaneous	53.95
Glasses	19.50
Fuel	440.49
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Total Spent	\$8,133.50
Balance at end of year	\$6.14

Respectfully submitted,

ARSENE J. CUSSON,  
*Agent.*

## REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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To the Officers and Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

The Park Commissioners respectfully submit their report  
for the year 1955.

Appropriation	\$3,300.00
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### Expenditures

N. B. Standard-Times—Advertisement for Bids	\$ 4.44
Walton C. Braley—Grading and 50 Loads of Fill	290.00
Smith's Athletic Store—Equipment	38.40
Spreading Top Soil—Town Help	96.92
W. E. Tripp & Sons—Lime, Cement and Supplies	20.75
Taber's Garage—Riding Power Mower	270.00
Labor—Cutting of Grass	17.55
Gasoline and Oil	3.12
Donald Sorelle—Plumbing	142.50
Labor—Maintaining Diamond, Painting, Remove Old Backstop	540.88
Walton E. Braley—Harrowing and Seeding	213.06
Jerry's Hardware Store	4.40
N. B. Lumber Co.	22.86
Roland Lecuyer—Labor and Materials	182.15
Pepin Bros.—Sun Soil Set Oil	142.20
N. B. Wire and Iron Works—2 Backstops and Chain Link Fence	1,040.00
Town of Acushnet—Water Bill	11.50
Donald Sorelle—Install Swings	241.28



Building Materials, Inc.	2.94
Taber's Garage—Spark Plugs, Belt	2.59
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	\$3,287.54

RAYMOND H. GONNEVILLE  
ERNEST D. BOISVERT  
EDWARD W. HALL

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

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To the Officers and Townspeople of Acushnet:

Once again it is time for the Trustees of the Russell Memorial Library to report on activities.

Firstly, we, the remaining two members of the Board, wish to publicly express our thanks to our ex-member, Mr. Walter Craven, for the generous giving of his time and effort to the welfare of the Library, and his whole-hearted co-operation towards the Board. Mr. Craven and his family's moving to Taunton is a loss not only to the Library Board, but also to the many other Town projects and organizations to which they so generously gave of their time.

Extensive work was done during the past year to the outside of the building and foundation in the line of water-proofing. It was necessary to dig down below ground level to repair the damage caused by water action against the foundation walls.

While we hate to keep repeating the same story year after year, we must again bring to your attention a deplorable situation that reached a climax this year. We refer to the vandalism that has been going on for a number of years. This year brought a new high—or rather we should say a new low—in this respect. Prior to Halloween, garbage was strewn on the grounds and steps, and the door made a target for overripe vegetables. The windows were literally covered with soap and wax although they are quite high off the ground.

A new problem has been added this year—BB guns. While we do not believe the youngsters involved deliberately set out to puncture the library windows, nevertheless the damage

is there. The diamond leaded windows particularly suffered from this. It seems that the birds nestling in the trees surrounding the Library were the targets, but since the youngsters involved were not "Annie Oakleys", the birds were spared, but not the windows!

So once again we appeal to the parents. Will you please help us eliminate unnecessary repair expenses by explaining to your children that the Library and grounds are public property and belong to all of us to enjoy, and they can help to keep them beautiful by staying off the premises except when using the facilities of the building.

#### **Library Hours**

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

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

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES GIFFORD

GEORGETTE A. OWEN

*Trustees of Russell  
Memorial Library*

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

### For the Year 1955

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Number of Bound Volumes	9001
Number Added in 1955	178
Number Purchased	101
Number Donated	77

#### REGISTRATION OF BORROWERS

Total	1041
Increase of Adults	31
Increase of Juveniles	64
Total Increase	95

#### CIRCULATION

From Russell Memorial Library:	
Fiction	6207
Non-Fiction	2263
Magazines	1109
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Total	9579
Number of Juveniles Circulation	4594
From Long Plain Branch	
Books	904
Magazines	402
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Total	1306
Grand Total Circulation for Town	10,885

#### BOOKMOBILE

Because of Administrative difficulties the State-owned Bookmobile made only three trips here during 1955 but is back on schedule again.

We are grateful to all who have donated books and magazines. Mrs. Elizabeth Nering Coffin of West Bridgewater deserves special mention for the gift of a whole set of Classics with others a gift of 182 Books.

A new Lincoln Library for Reference has been acquired.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA L. WHITE

*Librarian.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year 1955:

Immediately following the election the newly elected member, Joseph E. LePage, was sworn into office by the Town Clerk.

At the first regular meeting the Board organized as follows:

Chairman—Sylvano Frates

Secretary—Mrs. Louise F. Taber

Agent and Inspector of Licenses—Joseph E. LePage

Charles H. Washburn was appointed Inspector of Slaughtering which appointment was duly confirmed by the State Department.

Another year has passed without a case of tuberculosis requiring hospitalization at the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital in Attleboro, and no diphtheria cases were reported. We were most fortunate that only one case of non-paralytic poliomyelitis was reported considering the epidemic in other parts of the State of Massachusetts. There were seven premature births reported of which one case required assistance amounting to \$816.00.

The complaints regarding garbage collection were most prevalent for the first time in several years and we trust that this situation will be remedied in the near future.

Through the cooperation of the District Nurse, Miss Katherine Hartley, R. N., the dental clinic was carried on for the most needy children. A total of \$681.00 was charged for 26 clinics held and \$196.40 was credited as part payment by the school children, thereby the net cost to the Board of Health was \$484.60. The yearly totals are as follows: 2 X-rays: 42 Examinations; 154 Fillings; 74 Treatments; 30 Cleanings; and 38 Extractions. Total for the year of 340.

The Polio Vaccine was administered to 144 first and second grade school children by Dr. William Jeffrey assisted by Miss Katherine Hartley. We extend our sincere thanks to them as well as the Acushnet Hospital for the sterilization of all equipment for this program.

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

Measles	87
Mumps	51
Chicken Pox	29
Premature Births	7
Scarlet Fever	4
Dog Bite	2
Non-paralytic Polio	1
Whooping Cough	1
Infectious Hepatitis	1

The following licenses were issued:

Store License—Milk and Cream	16
Vehicle License—Milk and Cream	17
Pasteurization Licenses	3
Trailer Camp License	1
Oleomargarine	15

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVANO FRATES  
JOSEPH E. LePAGE  
LOUISE F. TABER

*Board of Health*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1955

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Population of the Town, January 1, 1955		4,892
Number of Polls		1,559
Number of Persons assessed on real estate only		1,525
Number of Persons assessed on personal estate only		24
Number of Persons assessed on both personal and real estate		160
Value of assessed stock in trade	\$43,550.00	
Value of assessed machinery	397,445.00	
Value of assessed livestock	88,655.00	
Value of all other assessed tangible Personal Property	20,855.00	
Value of assessed Personal Estate		\$550,505.00
Value of land exclusive of buildings	\$711,543.00	
Value of buildings, exclusive of land	2,352,725.00	
Value of assessed Real Estate		\$3,064,238.00
Total valuation of assessed Estate		\$3,614,743.00
Tax on Polls	\$ 3,118.00	
Tax on Personal Estate	25,874.06	
Tax on Real Estate	144,022.89	
Taxes levied on Polls and Property		\$173,014.95
Tax rate per \$1,000.00		\$47.00
Number of horses assessed		13
Number of cows assessed		838
Number of neat cattle assessed		116
Number of swine assessed		196
Number of sheep assessed		29
Number of fowl assessed		18,255
Number of all other livestock assessed		168
Number of dwelling-houses assessed		1,256
Number of acres of land assessed		10,897



### Recapitulation Sheet of 1955

Appropriations from Available Funds	
1955	\$71,046.57
Appropriations 1955	303,846.95
State Assessments:	
State Parks and Reservations	
(1954 Underestimate)	.....
State Parks and Reservations	\$ 721.24
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	783.08
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	
(1954 Underestimate)	.....
County Assessment:	
County Tax	10,207.00
Tuberculosis Hospital	4,693.09
Tuberculosis Hospital	
(1954 Underestimate)	.....
Overlay of Current Year	9,923.82
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Total	\$401,221.75

### Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	\$44,490.04
Corporation Taxes	18,601.89
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	20,000.00
Licenses	7,600.00
General Government	110.00
Health and Sanitation	420.00
Charities	5,789.14
Od Age Tax (Meals)	1,580.08
Old Age Assistance	27,777.75
Veterans' Benefits	1,806.88
Schools	8,587.50
Public Service Enterprises	17,500.00
Cemeteries	160.00
Interest	1,652.00
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$156,075.28

Old Age Tax (Meals)		
(1954 Overestimate)	1,084.95	
Total Available Funds	72,131.52	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		\$228,206.80
Total amount to be raised by Taxation on Polls and Property		\$173,014.95
Number of Polls 1,559 at \$2.00	\$3,118.00	
Total Valuation:		
Personal Property	\$ 550,505.00	
Real Estate	3,064,238.00	
Real Estate Tax	\$144,022.89	
Personal Property Tax	25,874.06	
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**List of Taxes Committed to Collector  
for the Year 1955**

Personal Property Tax	\$25,874.06	
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Total Personal Property Tax		\$25,874.06
Real Estate Taxes	\$144,022.89	
Subsequent Assessments	17.63	
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Total Real Estate Taxes		144,040.52
Poll Taxes		3,118.00
Excise Tax for the Year 1955		
(2,316 Motor Vehicles)		33,471.75
Excise Tax for the year 1954 Committed in 1955		749.37
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Total Commitments to Collector for the year 1955		\$207,253.70

RUDOLPH H. URBANEK, *Chairman*

EDWARD DESSERT

WILLIAM FAWCETT

*Board of Assessors*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR 1955

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### Directory

#### School Board Membership

	<i>Term Expires</i>
Harold Bates, Chairman	1957
William Fawcett, Jr.	1956
Leo T. Jackson	1958

#### Superintendent of Schools

Albert F. Ford                      Executive Secretary of the School Board

#### Personnel

Dr. William A. Jeffrey	School Physician
Miss Katherine Hartley, R.N.	School Nurse
James E. Hyde	Attendance Officer
Matthew Niziolek, Custodian	Parting Ways School
Joseph F. Resendes, Custodian	Marie S. Howard School
Oscar Forand, Custodian	Long Plain School
Omer Pineau, Custodian	Mason W. Burt School

#### Teaching Personnel

Miss Ruth H. Taber, Prin., Grades 3,4	Long Plain School
Mrs. Jessie C. Dahlberg, Grades 7,8	Long Plain School
Mrs. Sophronia A. Howard, Grades 5,6	Long Plain School
Mrs. Matilda Bertrand, Grades 1,2	Long Plain School
Miss Alma Schumann, Prin., Grades 2,3	Mason W. Burt School
Mrs. Eleanor D. Townsend, Grades 6,7	Mason W. Burt School
Mrs. Yvonne J. Parker, Grades 4,5	Mason W. Burt School
Mrs. Mildred F. Meade, Grade 1	Mason W. Burt School
Mrs. Mabel A. Phillips, Prin., Grade 8	Parting Ways School

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

## AGE AND DISTRIBUTION, OCTOBER 1, 1955

## AGE

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Totals
I	27	51	3										81
II		26	41	7	1								75
III			18	40	7	2	1						68
IV				32	40	10	1	1					84
Therapy Class				1		1		2	3		2		9
V					18	28	12	6	1				65
VI						17	37	15	6	2	2		79
VII							7	37	8	9	5		66
VIII								7	22	14	2	2	47
Totals	27	77	62	80	66	58	58	68	40	25	11	2	574

Numbers to left of heavy lines—pupils under age

Numbers between heavy lines—pupils normal age

Numbers to right of heavy lines—pupils over age

Pupils under age	153	Percent	under age	27%
Pupils normal age	373	Percent	normal age	65%
Pupils over age	48	Percent	over age	8%
Total enrolled	574	Percent	enrolled	100%

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR 1955**

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The annual report submitted herewith is the twenty-fourth of a similar nature in a consecutive series released by the writer.

There were twenty-four meetings of the School Committee during the year the first of which was held on January 10th and the last on December 19th. The Board organized for the year on March 9th with Harold Bates unanimously designated as Chairman.

At the annual town meeting held on the afternoon of March 12, 1955 the town authorized the moderator to select a school building committee with a total membership of five people. Charles Gerber ultimately became chairman of the group and Russell St. Pierre was chosen secretary. William Fawcett, Jr. of the School Committee, Peter Murphy and Charles Peters were named to complete the roster. The school building committee has worked diligently checking school construction needs and will present suitable articles for the consideration of the town in the near future. I. T. Almy, Architect of Fall River, has rendered much valuable assistance. Town Counsel Ferdinand Sowa has been collaborating in an advisory capacity.

In the field of repairs and replacements school buildings require the constant attention of the School Board. A new chain link fence was installed at the Long Plain School and several new window sash were obtained. Outside painting projects were completed at the Burt and Howard Schools.

New classroom furniture was purchased at the Burt School. Exterior repairs were made to south side of the Parting Ways School. Several storm windows were furnished for three buildings. Emergency wiring projects were authorized in the Burt and Parting Ways Schools. Outside lights were installed at the Howard and Burt Schools. Minor repairs classified as routine were completed on an as needed basis.

Duplicating and projection equipment was purchased for the Burt and Long Plain Schools. Several suitable filmstrips were secured to augment existing libraries. These visual aids contribute much that is worthwhile in the instruction of pupils.

The number of children residing in Acushnet continued to rise throughout the calendar year. This steadily growing population has reflected itself in unmistakable fashion within the classrooms of the local schools as well as at secondary levels outside the town. Serious thought should be given to a consideration of additional classroom space in the near future. Teaching staffs at three schools experienced several adjustments in personnel. A reference to each school will emphasize the changes made among teachers.

At the Long Plain School Mrs. Jessie C. Dahlberg of Wing Lane, Acushnet was elected and assigned to teach grades 7 and 8. In the Mason W. Burt School grade distributions were altered to permit Mrs. Mildred F. Meade to teach a single first grade. Miss Alma Schumann, principal, was assigned grades 2 and 3. Mrs. Yvonne J. Parker assumed the duties of Mrs. Ruth B. Jackson, now on a leave of absence, and was designated teacher of grades 4 and 5. Pressure of numbers created a new teaching situation in grades 6 and 7. Mrs. Eleanor D. Townsend of Middle Road, Acushnet was duly elected and assigned to this classroom.

At the Marie S. Howard School Mrs. Elva S. Gurney returned from a leave of absence and resumed her teaching duties in grades 5 and 6. Mrs. Olivine F. Frost was assigned to grades 3 and 4. As the temporary single third grade was

discontinued Mrs. Shirley Cory resigned to accept a position in New Bedford. The post of remedial reading instructor was set aside in favor of the organization of a new Opportunity Class as required by State Law, Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1954. As a consequence Miss Jacqueline Costa resigned to accept a position in New Bedford. Acushnet was particularly fortunate in having Mrs. Stasia C. Polar accept the assignment as teacher of the Opportunity Class.

The Opportunity Class caters to the needs of pupils experiencing difficulty in absorbing academic teaching. Emphasis is placed on the manual arts and many interesting and individual projects are produced by the membership. For lack of other accommodations the Howard School assembly hall is being utilized for these purposes. One half the cost of instructing this group is subsidized by the State of Massachusetts.

Your attention is drawn to the following financial statement:

#### THE SCHOOL BUDGET

	1955	1956
	Costs	Estimate
General Control	\$ 6,896.80	\$ 7,200.00
Teachers' Salaries	71,535.52	80,100.00
Books	2,843.35	2,000.00
Supplies	2,754.29	2,300.00
Janitors' Salaries	11,958.00	12,990.00
Fuel	3,269.78	3,000.00
Maintenance	1,602.96	1,700.00
Repairs	5,067.66	4,500.00
Transportation	14,905.01	17,000.00
Tuition	24,671.37	27,160.00
Sundries	51.60	50.00
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	\$145,556.34	\$158,000.00



Year End Balance	3,893.66
State Aid, Chapter 70,643	38,796.46
State Aid, Chapter 71,754	9,735.67
State Aid, Chapter 71,514	379.79
State Aid, Chapter 76	1,105.44
Non-Resident Tuition	156.62
Total Revenue	50,173.98
Net to taxpayers	95,382.36

Salary adjustments among school personnel contribute to the increase in 1956. Provision is made for adding one school bus to the present fleet in September, 1956. Tuition costs will be higher because of an anticipated increase in the number of students attending New Bedford secondary schools in September, 1956. Likely revenue from all sources is estimated at \$61,000.00 which is considerably more than was had in 1955.

#### THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BUDGET

	1955	1956
	Costs	Estimate
Tuition	\$ 10,172.04	\$ 10,500.00
Transportation	4,422.52	5,000.00
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	\$ 14,594.56	\$15,500.00
Year End Balance	905.44	
State Aid Tuition	5,060.95	
State Aid Transportation	1,315.87	
Total Revenue	6,376.82	
Net to taxpayers	8,217.74	

Estimated costs for this type of education are the same as in 1955.

The conscientious application of the teachers to their daily duties is herewith recognized. High standards of instruction are well supported.

In the field of school maintenance the janitors are rendering an excellent service.

In conclusion my sincere respects are directed to the members of the Acushnet School Committee.

Respectfully yours,

ALBERT F. FORD,  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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Acushnet, Massachusetts  
January 6, 1956

We have this day voted to accept the report of the school superintendent as the report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31, 1955.

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

HAROLD BATES, *Chairman*  
LEO T. JACKSON  
WILLIAM FAWCETT, JR.

*Members Acushnet  
School Committee*

January 16, 1956

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND NURSE

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Acushnet, Massachusetts  
January 24, 1956

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

At the end of the fiscal year of 1955, the School Physician  
and Nurse submit their annual report.

During this year, 231 school children were given physical examinations; 98 of these children being accompanied by a parent or parents at the time of examination. Thus, we find that there is a high percentage of parents who can be commended on their expression of interest in their children's welfare; we appreciate their co-operation and wish that even more could find time to attend these examinations. We also noted the comparative good condition of the children today compared with the conditions found a few years ago—defects are better cared for today than formerly. During our examinations this year, we noted the following:

Nutritional defects	1
Abnormalities of feet or spine	14
Posture defects	37
Skin and scalp conditions	0
Defective Teeth	57
Ear Troubles	23
Eye conditions	1

Throat conditions	37
Nasal abnormality	1
Gland Enlargement	6
Heart conditions	9
Lung conditions	0

In 34 of these cases, conditions were pronounced so that notices were sent to parents.

The State Vision Test was administered to 324 children, 36 of whom showed defective vision, 26 of these were corrected.

The State Pure Tone Audiometer Test for Hearing was given to 778 children, of whom 27 failed, 11 of these are under treatment.

At the Baby Clinic for pre-school children, held in the Library on the first Wednesday of each month, we attended to 282 children of whom 44 were vaccinated against Small-pox and 70 were immunized by inoculation against Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus.

During May and June, pre-school registration was held and physical examinations given to 55 pre-school children.

Also, of great interest and much debate this year was the Salk Vaccine for immunization of children against Infantile Paralysis (Polio, of Anterior Poliomyelitis). After much consideration, the State Dept. of Public Health approved and authorized us to inoculate our children and enough material was obtained to have us give one injection to each of the 144 children whose parents had given us permission to do so. We feel that this Salk Vaccine will be a great advance in the elimination of future Polio virus conditions and urge everyone that has the opportunity to be immunized, to do so.

It has been an interesting year; we found our work pleas-

ant, and enjoyed heartily the companionship and co-operation of the Students, the Parents, the School Committee, the Superintendent, and Teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. JEFFREY

KATHERINE HARTLEY, R.N.

# WARRANT

## For the Annual Town Meeting

### Monday, March 5, 1956

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol, ss,

To the Constable of the Town of Acushnet:

Greetings:

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

**Precinct 1—Polling Place**  
FIRE STATION

**Precinct 2—Polling Place**  
TOWN HALL

**Precinct 3—Polling Place**  
LONG PLAIN FIRE STATION

*Church*

On Monday, the Fifth (5) next A.D., 1956, (it being the first Monday in March) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon then and there to bring their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers and question to wit:

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

One Assessor for three years. *✓*

- One School Committeeman for three years. ✓
- One Member of the Board of Health for three years. ✓
- One Trust Fund Commissioner for three years. ✓
- One Trustee of Free Public Library for three years. ✓
- ~~One Trustee of Free Public Library for two years, to fill vacancy.~~
- One Member of the Cemetery Board for three years. ✓
- One Tree Warden for one year. ✓
- One Moderator for one year. ✓
- One Park Commissioner for three years. ✓

"Question No. 1. Shall the town vote to accept section 48 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws thereby providing that the office of Chief of Police be placed within the Civil Service and be subject to the provisions of said Chapter 31 and the rules established thereunder? Yes .., No... (By Petition)"

All the above mentioned Town Officers and question are to be voted for on one ballot.

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

You are hereby further required and directed to notify and warn said inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet aforesaid who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs therein to assemble subsequently and meet in Town Meeting at the Town Hall in said Acushnet, the Tenth (10) day of March next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following subjects and business, viz:

Article 1—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper maintenance of the Department of Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector as follows: Salary for Treasurer and Collector, \$4,240.00. Departmental expenses for Treasurer and Collector, \$5,065.60. Town Clerk's Salary \$113.00. Departmental expenses, Town Clerk, \$847.00.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE WARRANT OF 1956**

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Article 1—Recommended: Salary, Treasurer and Collector, \$4,240.00; Departmental Expenses, Treasurer and Collector, \$5,065.60; Salary, Town Clerk, \$113.00; Departmental expenses for Town Clerk, \$847.00.



Article 2.—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper maintenance of the Department of Assessors, and for Sectional Plotting purposes. Salary, Chairman of Board of Assessors, \$600.00. Other 2 members, \$500.00 each. Departmental expenses, \$3,403.70. Sectional Plotting purposes, \$500.00.

Article 3—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper maintenance of the Department of Selectmen and Town Accountant, and Department of the Registrars of Voters. Salary, Chairman of Board of Selectmen, \$600.00. Other 2 members \$200.00 each. Departmental expenses for Selectmen, Town Accountant, \$3,269.07. Salary, Town Accountant, \$1,038.15.

Article 4—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Town Hall and offices.

Article 5—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Police Department.

Article 6—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Fire Department.

Article 7—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Department of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Article 8—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Sewer Pumping Charges.

Article 9—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Board of Health to include unpaid bills of 1955.

**Finance Committee Recommendations—Continued**

Article 2—Recommended: Salary for Chairman, \$600.00; Other 2 Members, \$500.00 each; Departmental expenses, \$3,403.70; Sectional Plotting Purposes, \$500.00.

Article 3—Recommended: Salary for Chairman, \$600.00; Other 2 Members, \$200.00 each; Departmental expenses, \$3,269.07; Salary for Town Accountant, \$1,038.15; Departmental expenses, Registrars of Voters, \$1,695.00.

Article 4—Recommended: \$3,600.00.

Article 5—Recommended: \$11,000.00.

Article 6—Recommended: \$14,000.00.

Article 7—Recommended: \$225.00.

Article 8—Recommended: \$150.00.

Article 9—Recommended: Salary, Chairman, \$125.00; Clerk and Member, \$150.00; Other Member, \$100.00; Departmental expenses, \$5,400.00.

Article 10—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for employment of District or other nurse.

Article 11—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for highways, bridges, sidewalks, removal of snow, sanding, drains, weekly collection of rubbish, equipment and materials.

Article 12—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 13—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of maintaining during the ensuing year, the Mosquito Control Works, as estimated and certified to by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112, Acts of 1931.

Article 14—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Street Lights.

Article 15—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Suppression of Moths, and Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 16—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Veteran's Benefits, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Laws.

Article 17—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for any and all expenditures in administering and granting of Public Welfare and General Relief. Salary, Chairman, \$300.00. Other 2 members, \$300.00 each.

**Finance Committee Recommendations—Continued**

Article 10—Recommended: \$2,457.40.

Article 11—Recommended: \$35,000.00.

Article 12—Recommended: Transfer from Excess and Deficiency Account the sum of \$4,500.00.

Article 13—Recommended: \$50.00.

Article 14—Recommended: \$3,400.00.

Article 15—Recommended to transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account the sum of \$800.00 for Suppression of Moths, and \$750.00 for Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 16—Recommended: \$9,000.00.

Article 17—Recommended: Salary for Chairman Board of Public Welfare \$300.00; Other 2 Members, \$300.00 each; Departmental expenses, \$3,000.00. *To include unpaid bill of 1955*

Article 18—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for any and all expenditures in administering and granting of Aid to Dependent Children.

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

Article 20—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for any and all expenditures necessary in administering and granting Disability Assistance, in accordance with Chapter 118-D of the General Laws.

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

Article 22—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Vocational High School.

Article 23—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Free Public Libraries.

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

Article 25—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Purposes.

Article 26—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or Transfer from the Overlay Reserve Account; a sum of money for the Reserve Fund.

Article 27—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Insurance on all Public Buildings and Equipment owned by the Town.

**Finance Committee Recommendations—Continued**

Article 18—Recommended: \$7,000.00.

Article 19—Recommended: \$13,000.00 from Taxation; \$30,000.00 from Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 20—Recommended: \$10,000.00.

Article 21—Recommended: \$158,000.00.

Article 22—Recommended: \$15,500.00.

Article 23—Recommended: \$2,525.00.

Article 24—Recommended: \$1,000.00.

Article 25—Recommended: \$225.00.

Article 26—Recommended to transfer \$8,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account.

Article 27—Recommended: \$1,052.16.

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\$1,137.76

Article 28—To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Financial year beginning January 1, 1957, and issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 17, of the General Laws.

Article 29—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper maintenance of the Department of Building Inspector.

Article 30—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper maintenance of the Department of Inspector of Wires.

Article 31—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available water surplus a sum of \$9,813.51, and to appropriate a sum of \$22,329.24 from the Water Revenue of 1956 for the maintenance and operation of the Water Department, including Water Debt and interest.

Article 32—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Long Plain Cemetery to include unpaid bills for 1955.

Article 33—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,856.30 necessary to be paid by said Town for the Pension Fund, the Special Fund for the fiscal year 1956 as provided for in Section 22 (7) (c) (ii) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, (Ter. Ed.) as amended.

Article 34—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Dog Fund.

**Finance Committee Recommendations—Continued**

Article 28—Approval.

Article 29—Recommended: \$500.00.

Article 30—Recommended: \$500.00.

Article 31—Recommended to transfer \$9,813.51 from available water surplus, and \$22,329.24 from the Water Revenue of 1956.

Article 32—Recommended: \$364.00.

Article 33—Recommended: \$4,856.30.

*Amended* \$4,856.90

Article 34—Recommended: \$100.00.



Article 35—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Christmas decorating of the Town Hall.

Article 36—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction on Perry Hill Road (also known as Perry Street) or take any action in relation thereto. (By Petition) in addition to appropriation of 1955.

Article 37—To see if the Town will vote to accept the following Street Layouts on file in the Town Clerk's office:

Barksdale Lane  
 Manchester Lane  
 Dorothy Street  
 Morse's Lane  
 Wing Lane  
 Gill Street  
 Cushing Lane

Article 38—To see if the Town will vote to layout LeBoeuf Street from Pembroke Avenue south for a distance of 560 ft., and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 therefor: or take any action relative thereto. (By Petition).

Article 39—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the following purposes:

1. To cut the bushes and brush along the roadsides of Mendall Road.
2. To reduce the sharp turn at the Southeasterly corner of the property formerly owned by Thomas O. Hathaway and now owned by Harold D. Tripp on Hathaway Road, and the sharp turn at the corner of said Hathaway Road and the Mattapoissett Road, this being at the Northwesterly corner of the property owned by May L. Sherman. Both of these Corners being traffic hazards and the cause of many motor vehicle accidents. Or to see if the town will take any action relative to the above purposes. (By Petition).

**Finance Committee Recommendations—Continued**

Article 35—Recommended: \$100.00.

Article 36—Recommended to transfer \$8,750.00 from the  
Excess and Deficiency Account.

Article 37—

Article 38—

Article 39—

Article 40—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of a surface water drain and catch basins in the westerly and easterly side of Randall Street at Nye's Lane, or take any action relative thereto. (By Petition)

Article 41—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the collection and disposal of rubbish and to maintain the present dump in a proper manner as voted at the special town meeting held November 9, 1955, or take any other action relative thereto. (By Petition).

Article 42—To see if the Town will vote to provide a sum of money to connect the existing water mains in the easterly ends of Harbeck Street and Wamsutta Avenue and to authorize the Selectmen to obtain the necessary easements therefor. (By Petition).

Article 43—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the laying of a 6 inch water pipe in Rogerson Avenue, a public way, westerly from Main Street, said water pipe to run 2200 feet, more or less. (By Petition).

Article 44—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for laying of a water main on Manchester Lane approx. 1,212.37 ft. east of Main Street more or less. (By Petition).

Article 45—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a Moderator, \$50.00, and Inspector of Animals, \$115.00.

Article 46—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Town's proportional part of the maintenance and care of the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital.

**Finance Committee Recommendations—Continued**

Article 40—

Article 41—

Article 42—

Article 43—

Article 44—

Article 45—Recommended: Salary for Moderator, \$20.00 for Regular Town Meeting, \$5.00 for each Special Town Meeting. Salary for Inspector of Animals, \$115.00.

Article 46—Amount as certified by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation \$4,388.52.

*Handwritten signature and date:*  
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Article 47—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five to revise the Town By-laws and report at the next Special or regular Town Meeting.

Article 48—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five to revise the Water Department By-laws and report at the next Special or regular Town Meeting.

Article 49—To see if the Town will vote to receive a report of the School Building Committee and take any action in relation thereto.

Article 50—To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to furnish and install suitable hot water heating units in the four local public schools.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof (7) days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by the Board of Selectmen.

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

Given under our hands this Thirtieth day of January, A.D. 1956.

HENRY L. GUILBEAULT  
CLEMENT ST. AMAND, JR.  
USTUS ARBOGAST

*Selectmen of Acushnet.*

A True Copy Attest:

Constable of Acushnet

February, 1956.

**Finance Committee Recommendations—*Continued***

Article 47—

Article 48—

Article 49—

Article 50—

ARTHUR F. HOWARD, JR., *Chairman*  
A. P. STUART GILMORE  
EDWARD C. ALLAIRE  
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FRANK CRANDON  
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AMEDEE PINEAU  
MANUEL RESENDES

*Finance Committee*

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