AMHERST

TOWN

REPORT

1959

AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

FOUNDED 1759

BICENTENNIAL YEAR
A Historical Summary of Amherst

This report of the year 1959 must be in sharp contrast to the one which could have been published two hundred years ago. That report could have told about the first settlers coming to Amherst in 1730, the formation of a Precinct in 1735 which established their own church, cemetery and a certain amount of self-rule. It would have been justly proud of being established during 1759 as a District with all the rights and responsibilities of local government except for representation to the General Court.

The records available to us today describe the traditional town meetings back in 1735, when only male property owners were allowed to vote. It would seem strange today to read in this report about the election of "tythe men", "bogrijs", about allowing "bogs rang and yoked to run at large", to hire six bulls for the service of the town, the payment of the Parson's salary, to procure the Parson's wood for the next year, or to vote permission to "build a pew over the stairs in the gallery on the men's side if it don't hinder passing in the allies and up and down stairs".

Easier to understand would be the feeling of Amherst concerning the War of the Revolution when it was voted "that should the Honorable Congress, for the safety of the United Colonies of America, Declare them Independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain, we the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst solemnly engage with our lives and fortunes to support them in the measure".

We find the War of 1812 not so popular as evidenced by this vote: "Unanimously, excepting for those dissenting votes, that the people of the town are opposed to war with Great Britain under present circumstances—We, the people of the Town, do consider the late declaration of war by the government of the United States against Great Britain unnecessary, improper, and unjust and deem it our bounden duty to ourselves, to our government, and to the American people, as well as to posterity, by all constitutional methods to avert those calamities and judgments which a war undertaken under present circumstances and for such reasons as are before the public, cannot fail to bring upon us as a people, upon posterity, and upon our common country".

Thus we find Amherst rich in tradition. It still remains a community principally dedicated to education and agriculture. We find our government still administered by an elected Board of Selectmen but modified by having accepted Representative Town Meetings and the Town Manager Form of Government in an effort to meet the complexities brought about by population growth and the inevitable problems of progress.

This, a report of the Bicentennial year 1959, endeavors to present some of the important and interesting events which have been decisive in the development of our town as we know it today. Each department report is preceded by a brief historical note of its development.
"Ghosts' of Yesterday"—The spirit of Amherst citizens representing many customs of dress that were seen entering the "Meeting House" for an annual or special town meeting over the first 200 years of Amherst's existence.

DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS

Moderator
Winthrop S. Dakin

Board of Selectmen
Chairman, Robert D. Hawley, 1960
Harold M. Elder, 1960 — Norman G. MacLeod, 1962

School Committee
Chairman, Alberta Holden, 1962
Thomas E. Sullivan, 1960 — Fred B. Jeffrey, 1961
George F. Cramer, 1961 — Ernest A. Johnson, Jr., 1962

Elector, Oliver Smith Will
Ralph W. Redman, 1960

Trustees, The Jones Library, Inc.
Chairman, Sanford Keedy, 1960
Frank P. Rand, 1961 — Robert D. Hawley, 1962

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Town Manager
Doris B. Newton

Town Clerk and Treasurer
William R. Wheeler

Town Accountant
Myrtle A. Lehane

Fire Chief, Forest Fire Warden
George A. Cavanaugh

Police Chief
Francis E. Hart

Superintendent of Schools
Ralph W. Goodrich

Agent, Veterans' Services
Eleanor R. Dunn

Agent, Welfare
Eveline L. Sears

Agent, Sanitarian, Health Inspector of Animals
Frederick A. Siino

Inspector of Slaughter
Frederick G. Ruder, Jr.

Plumbing Inspector
Frederick G. Ruder, Jr.

Water Superintendent
Robert A. Slocombe

Superintendent, Recreation
John A. White

Superintendent of Highways and Parks
Stanley P. Ziomek

Wise Inspector
Stanley P. Ziomek

Math Inspector and Elm Tree Care
Wesley L. Jansen

Tree Warden
William R. Kershals

Sealer, Weights and Measures
Henry J. Toole

Civil Defense Director
Frederick A. Siino

Kenneth D. Cuddeback
APPOINTED OFFICERS

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Assessors
Chairman, Earl F. Shumway
Frank L. Gage

Board of Health
Chairman, R. Sheldon Clapp, M.D., 1960

Planning Board
Chairman, Theodore S. Bacon, Jr., 1960
George Goodwin, Jr., 1962 — Karl N. Hendrickson, 1962

Recreation Commission
Chairman, Leonard Parkinson, 1962
Gordon Neylon, 1961 — William Marden, 1961
P. Clifford Allen, 1960 — Chester C. Gladchuk, 1960

Commissioners of Trust Funds
Chairman, Ernest M. Whiting, 1961
Robert D. Hawley, 1960 — Fred H. Hawley, 1962

Cemetery Commissioners
Albert Parsons, 1962

Board of Registrars
Chairman, John A. White, 1960
Doris B. Newton, ex officio

Personnel Board
Chairman, William H. Weaver, 1960

Finance Committee
Chairman, Howard W. Atkins, 1961
Robert C. Ames, 1960 — Adrian H. Lindsey, 1960* 
Joseph Crowley, 1961

Zoning Board of Appeals
Chairman, Arnold D. Rhodes, 1961

Ambulance Committee
Chairman, Phillibert F. Renaud, 1962
Leon Shumway, 1961 — Leo A. Moreau, 1960

Munson Memorial Library Trustees
Helen I. Stedman, 1962 — Norman G. MacLeod, 1960
William M. Dietel, 1961

Memorial Day Committee
Chairman, Lawrence S. Sherman
Aldis Flint — Calvin McCullough
George Andrews — Theodore Roco

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Constables
Rollin H. Barrett — Kazimer J. Mitchell
Henry J. Messier — Winfred O. Shumway
Hermin A. Markert — Weymouth B. Heath
Alexander P. Blasko — Mitchell Jaque
Francis E. Hart

Field Drivers
Arthur F. Taylor — Winfred O. Shumway
Kazimer J. Mitchell

Fence Viewers
Gerald D. Jones — Gordon Hobart
Winfred O. Shumway

Pound Keepers
Arthur F. Taylor — William Bartlett

Weights
Ralph West
Walter Wagner
Robert Garrabrant
Hans Stampfl
Ralph Thornton
Sherwood D. Strange
Miner W. Tuttle, Jr.
James Coyne
Ray B. Sias
Frank Adamitis

Measurers of Wood
Howard B. Bates**
Homer W. Cowles
**Deceased
*Resigned

Edward Zumbruski
William G. Gove
REPORT OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

For eight days beginning October 17, 1959, the Town observed its Bicentennial Anniversary through a series of events and exercises that involved practically all of its interests and parts.

The program adopted was substantially that suggested by the earlier Bicentennial Planning Committee under the chairmanship of William F. Merrill.

Our Committee met twice a month from October 1958 to October 1959 and, we are happy to report, discharged its responsibilities well within the budget approved and appropriated by the Town.

Before the celebration began the Amherst Historical Society anticipated the observance by publishing Prof. Frank Prentice Rand's remarkable history, The Village of Amherst: A Landmark of Light. This book was warmly received by townspeople, historians, and critics alike.

Bicentennial Week itself opened with University of Massachusetts Day on Saturday, October 17, at a special convocation to honor Senator Stuart Symington and Admiral Jerald Wright—both native sons. Senator Symington delivered the major address.

Sunday, October 18, was set aside as Churches Day. In the morning each of the Town's churches observed the Bicentennial as it saw fit. Some had special music, others reenacted historic events over the past two hundred years. That afternoon saw one of the week's most rewarding and distinguished occasions: the singing of Prostiana, a sequence of choruses based on poems by Robert Frost which were written and conducted by the eminent composer Randall Thompson, by a group consisting of the combined choirs of Amherst's churches, students from the schools and colleges, and others. Mr. Frost graciously appeared on the stage after the concert to be welcomed by an enthusiastic audience.

The composition was dedicated to the Town and commissioned by a group of interested residents. This was part of an Interfaith Convocation in the Regional High School auditorium at which Winthrop S. Dakin, Town Moderator, also recalled the development of religion and churches in Amherst. Prof. Henry G. Mishkin and Prof. J. Heywood Alexander, of Amherst College, were director and accompanist respectively for Professor Thompson's choruses.

Monday, October 19, was Agriculture Day during which an exhibit of old and new farming equipment and produce was set up on the Town Common and the University's Department of Agriculture held open house. In the evening the selectmen sponsored a spectacular fireworks display in the area immediately north of the Regional High School. It has been estimated that the largest crowd ever to assemble in Amherst attended this colorful—if noisy—event.

On Tuesday, October 20, Town Government Day, officials of the town held open house at the Town Hall and at other town facilities. All were dressed in ancient costumes and were most hospitable to the many visitors who came to take advantage of this opportunity. Interest-
ing exhibits of historic documents were also arranged for all to see. One of the high points of the day was the appearance of Earl Amherst, in town for the entire week, at a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen conducted after the form and manner of two hundred years ago. At the same time Mrs. Fred G. Sears, Jr., presented to the Town the Bicentennial flag which she had designed and made.

Wednesday, October 21, was Arts Day. In the afternoon the Robert Frost Room, collected and arranged by Librarian Emeritus Charles R. Green, was dedicated at a ceremony in the Jones Library auditorium. Main speaker was Roy P. Basler, Director of the Library of Congress' Reference Department. A reception in the Frost Room followed. Randall Thompson's "Prosimata" was presented at the High School again that evening.

On Schools Day, Thursday, October 22, open house was observed during the morning in all the schools, and a program of achievement by the elementary schools was offered in the afternoon at the High School auditorium. There followed a concert by the High School Band and an exhibition of field day events by students of the Junior and Senior High Schools.

Community Day, Friday, October 23, was one of the week's busiest days. While the Town's merchants observed the Bicentennial during the entire week with historic and imaginative displays in their windows, on this day many wore period costumes and otherwise marked Community Day. Stores and offices did much to recall Amherst's early days and contribute generally to the anniversary atmosphere of the celebration. Friday afternoon at Amherst College a symposium on Emily Dickinson was held with three of the nation's best known poets as participants: Richard Wilbur (a graduate of the College in 1942), Emily Bogan, and Archibald MacLeish. Following this exercise the College sponsored a reception for the poets and Mrs. Millicent Todd Bingham—author, editor, and contributor to Amherst College of the Dickinson papers—at the Amherst Alumni House. At 5:00 p.m. the Harlan Fiske Stone Memorial, to the late Chief Justice who spent his boyhood in the town, was dedicated with an address by Prof. Walter Gellhorn—a graduate of Amherst College, former law clerk to Justice Harlan Fiske Stone, and now teacher at Columbia Law School. The event was sponsored by a committee from the Town and Alpha Delta Phi fraternity of which both Justice Stone and Professor Gellhorn were members. The day ended with the gay and well attended Bicentennial Ball at the University's Student Union under the auspices of the Amherst Police Relief Association.

Saturday, October 24, was observed as Amherst College Day. In the morning the College held a special convocation at which Prof. Earl Amherst was awarded an honorary degree. Prof. Henry Steele Commager delivered the Bicentennial Address covering the community's past and looking into problems of the future.

The week's activities closed on Sunday afternoon, October 25, Western Massachusetts Day, with the Bicentennial Parade. The weather of the previous day fortunately withdrew to provide a perfect setting for what is said to have been the largest, most colorful, best attended, happiest parade in Amherst's history. Under the able direction of George E. Emery and his committee, units from all our neighboring towns and over eighty from Amherst itself marched along the route from the University Campus to Hitchcock Road. Young and old seemed to agree that this was a fitting climax to a busy week.

In conclusion a few words should be said about other aspects of the Bicentennial which added much to this birthday celebration:

The Bicentennial Seal, designed by Prof. Frank A. Trapp, expressing the Town's major industries—agriculture and education—gave the occasion an artistic, cohesive, and meaningful symbol.

The Bicentennial booklet, financed by the Town, the Chamber of Commerce, the University, and the College, was a modest but timely publication—as was the Town Guide which was drawn by Robin French and Linden Van Wert under the direction of Mrs. Ralph France. Both were distributed without charge.

The street and building decorations, arranged by Patrick D. Kamin, gave the Town a festive appearance throughout the week, and the cooperation of the stores and offices with their displays helped to extend this atmosphere.

Two anniversary editions of which the Town could be proud were published by the Amherst Journal-Record.

The brightest aspect of the week's observance was the fact that so many of Amherst's organizations and residents had an opportunity to work together for the Town's benefit. Countless people gave their time, talents, and labor in the community's behalf. To all of them Amherst is deeply indebted.

**Financial Report**

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In Memoriam

HERBERT G. JOHNSON — Died February 15, 1959
Mr. Johnson had been a member of the Board of Selectmen since his election in 1954 upon the establishment of the Selectmen-Manager system of Town Government. He had served for many years as a member of the Finance Committee. Mr. Johnson was born in Amherst and attended the Amherst schools and Amherst College.

MELROSE S. PAIGE — Died March 27, 1959
Mr. Paige was the first Chief of the Amherst Fire Department and was Chairman of the building committee for the new Central Fire Station. He had served as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and as Chairman of the Board of Assessors. He retired in 1955 after 42 years of town service.

FREDERICK G. RUDER, D.V.M. — Died May 4, 1959
Doctor Ruder was appointed Slaughtering Inspector for the Board of Health on February 17, 1915. He was appointed Animal Inspector in 1923 and served in both capacities until his death in 1959.

SYLVANUS C. CRUMP — Died August 19, 1959
Mr. Crump was employed as a laborer in the Highway Department from June 1, 1948 until the date of his death in 1959.

PERCY E. SPENCE — Died September 8, 1959
Mr. Spence was chief coordinator, operator, and an original member of the radio section of the Amherst Civil Defense organization.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TOWN MANAGER

Historical Note

The first record of a Board of Selectmen dates back to 1634 when Cambridge chose seven men "to do the whole business of the town." Amherst's first Selectmen were chosen in 1759 when the district was incorporated. Members of this first board were Ebenezer, Jonathan, John, and Moses Dickinson and Nathaniel Smith. The five man board continued until 1857 when it was reduced to three. It is interesting to note that in 1954 with the advent of the present Selectmen-Manager Charter, the Board reverted to its original five members.

The reports of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager are submitted as one this year. In our structure of local government the Board of Selectmen serves as the highest elected policy making board of the Town. Its function is similar to that of a city council except the power of appropriation in our Town lies with the Town Meeting only. Board members are elected to three year overlapping terms and receive no pay for their services. The Selectmen annually choose a chairman, vice-chairman, a clerk, and appoint a secretary to assist them. In addition to their policy-making role the Selectmen also serve as the licensing authority and as a Board of Sewer Commissioners. The Selectmen appoint the Town Manager for an indefinite term and may remove him by majority vote.

In 1959 the Board held fifty-three meetings. Early in the year the Selectmen were saddened by the loss of their colleague Herbert G. Johnson who passed away February 15, 1959. Norman G. MacLeod was re-elected and Francis H. Goodnow elected to the Board of Selectmen at the Annual Election.

1959 will be remembered always as the year of our Bicentennial celebration and this town report serves in part as an historical account of that occasion. The report of the Bicentennial Committee published elsewhere in this report describes the programs, persons and organizations which participated. The work of this committee was outstanding and its members deserve the gratitude of all citizens for making this celebration a distinguished success. Town Government Day stimulated wide interest in the early government of the Town. A special Selectmen's meeting was well attended and we were honored at this meeting by the presence of Earl Amherst of London, England and Mlle. Lucienne Boudet of Arcachon, our twin town in France. Town officers and employees deserve special commendation for their interest and assistance in the many events of the week. The fireworks program was organized and presented by this Board as a fitting entertainment for all age groups. Our official Town
float was one of the highlights of the Bicentennial parade. This float was conceived and constructed by our own employees from many departments.

We believe that the regular operations of Town government during the year may be considered successful. While the growth of the Town has not been spectacular it has been steadily increasing as shown by the number of new homes constructed of which there were 65 in 1959. This growth requires constant effort by local government on all fronts to provide the necessary services. The long considered need for increased sewage treatment facilities was concluded with the adoption of a definite program during the year. The necessary agreements and action for obtaining Federal and State financial assistance were concluded and in December the Town Meeting voted unanimously to authorize the necessary expenditures. The construction of the new wells and water distribution lines resulting from our major effort of the previous year came into actual usage for the first time in 1959. A total of 120,609,400 gallons were fed into our water system this year from new supply. Water mains were constructed on Mill Lane, Mechanic Street and Bay Road, extended on Meadow Street and South Pleasant Street and replaced on Center Street, Gaylord Street and a portion of State Street. Highway construction and maintenance were extensively carried out during the year. The list of projects included another section of South Pleasant Street, a section of South East Street, Belchertown Avenue, Triangle Street, Boston Street, sealing on North Pleasant Street, and sidewalks on Belchertown Road and South Pleasant Street. The Haskins Meadow Bridge was completely rebuilt and a new deck of treated wooden plank was placed on the Cushman Bridge. Many heavy rains during the year brought to light serious inadequacies in our storm drainage systems.

1959 will also be noted for being the first year in which the rising tax rate trend was halted and actually reduced from $77.00 to $75.00 per thousand. It is doubtful if this will happen again in the near future unless increased revenues from sources other than the present real estate basis are provided for by law. To help us meet this challenge of rising costs, we received in 1959 the report of the Public Administration Service on the subject of increased revenues from our tax exempt institutions. While progress toward the goal of greater state assistance is slow two developments have been influenced by the report. The first is the financial arrangements made with the University for meeting the cost of the construction and maintenance of an expanded sewage system. The second is a bill introduced in the 1960 Session by the Special Commission established by the Legislature to speed up the revaluation of state-owned land in Amherst a method already suggested by the Treasurer of the University and thus provide an increase in state payments in lieu of taxes on state owned land.

Our initial appointment of a committee to investigate the subject of housing for our elderly citizens led to the Town Meeting approval of a Housing Authority which is now well on the way toward actual construction of thirty units. The Authority deserves commendation for its wise and energetic actions to provide these facilities.

The first step in a study of the feasibility of utilizing more space in the Town Hall has been completed. The architect has reported that remodeling is practical and he has prepared preliminary plans to show how this can be accomplished without extensive structural changes and at a reasonable cost. We hope to continue this study further before making a final report and a request for funds.

We have agreed upon the necessity of establishing an industrial development commission in Amherst and plan to ask for Town Meeting approval in the coming year.

As a result of town meeting action recommended by the Personnel Board the wage and classification plan of the Town was adjusted upward. The new salary schedule provided all employees with a minimum increase of $280.00 and adjusted salaries in line with similar jobs in the vicinity. In September we increased the amount of the Town's share of the cost of the joint hospital insurance to prevent a necessary increase in the cost of this program to the employees.

Your Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager working together as a team are proud of the accomplishment of 1959. We appreciate the interest of citizens in their local government. Our meetings are open to the public and we welcome the presence and suggestions of the citizens.

The 1959 Amherst Board of Selectmen specially dressed for a board meeting during the bicentennial celebration period.
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Historical Note

AN EARLY TAX LIST OF AMHERST

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According to this list each poll paid thirty-six cents and the amount of tax for each dollar of value was three cents. Two hundred and eighty-eight persons (all males) were assessed and the total amount of the taxes was $463.56. This figure includes poll, personal, and real estate taxes.

By eliminating the poll tax we estimated the total valuation to be $11,780. It is interesting to compare these figures with those of the present time as illustrated below:

### TABLE OF AGGREGATES

**NUMBER OF POLLS ASSESSED:** 2,715

**VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE:**
- Stock in Trade: $543,230.00
- Machinery: 339,100.00
- Live Stock: 7,475.00
- All Other Tangible Personal Property: $82,500.00

**Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate:** $1,172,305.00

**VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE:**
- Land Exclusive of Buildings: 2,105,560.00
- Buildings Exclusive of Land: 11,002,520.00

**Total Value of Assessed Real Estate:** $13,108,080.00

**TOTAL VALUATION OF ASSESSED ESTATE:** $14,280,385.00

**TAX RATE PER $1,000—$75.00**

**TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY, OR TOWN PURPOSES:**
- Poll Tax: 5,450.00
- Personal Estate Tax: 87,922.88
- Real Estate Tax: 983,105.22

**Total Taxes Assessed:** 1,076,459.10

**NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK ASSESSED UNDER**

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**Total Number of Livestock Assessed Under Both:** 35,616

**NUMBER OF ACRES OF LAND ASSESSED:** 17,024

**NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES ASSESSED:** 2,076

**EXEMPT PROPERTY:**
- Property of the United States: 71,500.00
- Property of the Commonwealth: 23,583,329.00
- Literary Institutions: 5,714,805.00
- Benevolent and Charitable Institutions: 41,600.00
- Organizations of War Veterans: 7,000.00
- Houses of Religious Worship: 745,150.00
- Amherst Cemetery Association: 11,000.00
- Town Property: 2,784,620.00

**Total Exempt Property:** $32,959,204.00

**RECAPITULATION OF TAX RATE LIABILITIES**

**STATE ASSESSMENTS:**
- State Parks and Reservations: $5,255.24
- State Audit of Municipal Accounts: 2,797.83

**COUNTY TAX:**
- Underestimate, 1958: 8,053.07
- Overlay: 34,133.87

**TOWN APPROPRIATIONS:**
1. To be raised by taxation: 1,450,991.48
2. To be taken from available funds: 167,256.03
3. Amount necessary to satisfy final court judgments: 727.08

**GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED:** $1,772,107.88
ASSETS

Property Tax Valuation $14,280,385.00
at $75.00 per thousand
1,071,029.10
Available Funds 167,256.03
Overestimate, State Recreation 1958 36.49

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

State 153,581.26
Poll Taxes: 2715 at $2.00 374,755.00
5,450.00

TOTAL ASSETS $1,772,107.88

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

STATE:
Income Tax 93,637.50
Corporation Tax 39,548.17
Reimbursement on account of publicly
owned land 17,411.60
Old Age Tax (Meals) 2,083.99

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 153,581.26

TOWN:
Motor Vehicle Excise 123,000.00
Licenses 14,000.00
Fines 1,375.00
General Government 2,625.00
Protection of Persons and Property 200.00
Health and Sanitation 8,225.00
Highways 825.00
Charities 18,675.00
Old Age Assistance 48,200.00
Veterans Services 5,375.00
Schools 24,375.00
Libraries 550.00
Recreation 4,700.00
Public Service Enterprises 116,755.00
Interest 1,350.00
State Aid for School Construction 1,575.00
Farm Animal Excise 1,475.00
Classified Land 25.00
Paraplegics Reimbursement 150.00
Dog License Refund 1,300.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS $328,336.26

TOWN CLERK

The office of the town clerk is the oldest in the town. The town
clerk was chosen even before selectmen. The clerk was, first, the recorder
of all the official actions of the town, and recorded the votes at all elec-
tions. Soon, however, the General Court decided that there should be a
record of all births, deaths and marriages. It became, and continues to be,
the duty of the town clerk to record these and other types of information
required by the General Court.

The records show that there have been nineteen town clerks in Am-
berst since becoming a District in 1759, but only five in the past sixty
years. The first clerk to hold the position was Josiah Chauncy. Many will
remember the ones last elected to this position: Charles H. Edwards
(1896-1912), Thomas W. Smith (1912-1931), Elizabeth W. Hooker
(1931-1930), and Gertrude L. Fitzgerald (1930-1937).

RECEIPTS

Sporting Licenses $4,327.00
Dog Licenses 2,412.00
Town Licenses and Fees 12,732.13
Recording Mortgages 690.00
Certified Copies 269.00

PAYMENTS

To Division of Fisheries and Game $4,024.50
To Town Treasurer 16,425.65

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths
Males 54
Females 52

Marriages:
Both parties American born 235
One party foreign born 3
Both parties foreign born 3

Births
Males 142
Females 93

Total 374,755.00

$20,450.15

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ANNUAL TOWN CAUCUS
January 16, 1959 (to nominate School Committee)
In accordance with the warrant, the polls opened at 12:30 P.M. All votes were cast at the Court Room of the Town Hall. There were 492 ballots cast and each having two votes, the results were as follows:

- Alberta G. Holden 228
- Hannah L. Conway 144
- Richard D. Harper 139
- Ernest A. Johnson, Jr. 329
- George E. LaFogg 56

Number of Registered Voters: 4,475. Number of Ballots Cast: 492.
The results were in and announced at 8:25 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
February 16, 1959
In accordance with the warrant the polls opened at 12:15 P.M. The voters met in their respective precincts.

Vote by Registered Voters

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The official declaration of the results was announced at 12:05 A.M. The voting resulted as follows:

Moderator: Winthrop S. Dakin.
Selectmen: Norman G. MacLeod, Francis H. Goodnow. (Note: Herbert G. Johnson, candidate for re-election as Selectman, died suddenly on Sunday, February 15, 1959, and therefore became ineligible to be elected.)
Member of School Committee: Alberta G. Holden, Ernest A. Johnson, Jr.
Elector Under Oliver Smith Will: Ralph W. Redman.
Trustee Jones Library: Robert D. Hawley.


Town Meeting Member, 1 year: William H. Weaver.


Town Meeting Member, 1 year: Theodore F. Darby.


Town Meeting Member, 2 years: George C. Brehm.

Precinct 5, Town Meeting Members, 3 years: Benjamin C. Crooker, Jr., Maureen Hopkins Mahar, Roger W. Owen, Harvey G. Strong, Pauline A. Tuttle, Clarence R. Holmes, Stanley Koper, Everett A. Kosa­rick, Donald E. Wentworth, Jacqueline A. Winteski.


Town Meeting Member, 1 year: Paul T. Ford.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2, 1959
The moderator, Winthrop S. Dakin, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. The teller reported 192 town meeting members present out of a possible 247. The moderator declared a quorum present.

The call for the annual town meeting and the constable's return were read by the town clerk, Doris B. Newton.

ARTICLE 1. Voted that the reports of the town officers, finance committee and the town planning board be accepted.

ARTICLE 2. Voted that the town authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1959 and to 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 Sections 4 and 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.
ARTICLE 3. Voted that the town authorize the selectmen to sell, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in town and by publication thereof in a local newspaper fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the town under tax title procedure provided that the selectmen or whomever they may authorize to hold such public auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

ARTICLE 4. Voted that the Job Classification By-Law be amended in the following respects: The vote was unanimous.

(a) In Section 3, a, III, relating to Fire Department personnel, by changing "56 hours per week" to read "48 hours per week", effective immediately; and the following three changes to be effective April 1, 1959:

(b) In Section 6, "General Salary Schedule", by striking out the entire schedule and the first paragraph following it, and inserting in its place the schedule set forth on the last page of the proposal dated February 16, 1959 of the Personnel Board to the Board of Selectmen;

(c) In Section 7, "Occupation Classification", by striking out the entire text of that section and inserting in its place the schedule on the third and fourth pages of said proposal of February 16th; and

(d) In Section 8, "Part Time Compensation Schedule", by striking out the entire text of that section and by inserting in its place the schedule on the fifth and sixth pages of said proposal of February 16th.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to dismiss. Employee salary increase.

ARTICLE 6. General Government. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $65,928 for General Government; that the salary of the Moderator be fixed at $80, and that of the Selectmen $100, and for the Town Manager $200, and for the Planning Board $50, be available for out-of-state travel; and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Public Safety. Voted that the town appropriate $165,711 for Public Safety, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; that as part of the appropriation for the Police Department $7,000 be appropriated and transferred from Parking Meter Reserve; that for the Ambulance Maintenance Budget $2,400 be appropriated and transferred from Ambulance Reserve; and that the balance of $134,311 be raised by taxation; and further that of the appropriations for the Police Department $100, for the Fire Department $100, and for Civil Defense Budget $50, be available for out-of-state travel.

Health and Sanitation. Voted that the town appropriate $58,115 for Health and Sanitation; and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; that for the appropriation for Sewage Treatment Plant & Pumping Stations $16,146 and for the appropriation for Sewage System Maintenance $6,002 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Reserve; and that the balance of $35,967 be raised by taxation; and further that of the appropriations for Health Department $125 and for Sewage Treatment Plant & Pumping Station $50 be available for out-of-state travel.

Highways. Voted that the town appropriate $113,107 for Highways, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; that for the appropriation for Parking Meter Maintenance $1,400 shall be appropriated and transferred from Parking Meter Reserve, and that the balance of $111,707 be raised by taxation; and further that of the appropriation for Highway Maintenance $75 be available for out-of-state travel.

Public Welfare & Veterans' Services. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $128,003 for Public Welfare and Veterans' Services, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Libraries. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $12,142 for Libraries, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Parks and Recreation. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $21,575 for Parks and Recreation, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; and that of the appropriation for the Recreation Commission $75 be available for out-of-state travel.

Enterprises and Cemeteries. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $69,780 for Enterprises and Cemeteries, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; and that of the appropriation for the Water Department $75 be available for out-of-state travel.

Voted that the town raise and appropriate $20,667.70 for Unclassified, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee except that the item, Contributory Pension Fund, be fixed at $18,954.70.

Indebtedness. Debt. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $30,000 for payment of the General Debt; $40,000 for payment of the Water Debt; and that $10,000 be appropriated and transferred from the Proceeds of Sale of Veterans' Housing Property for payment of the Veterans' Housing Debt.

Interest. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $2,406.25 for interest on the General Debt, $9,375 for interest on the Water Debt; that $4,988.75 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Reserve for interest on the Sewer Debt; and that $1,725 be appropriated and transferred from Proceeds of Sale of Veterans' Housing Property for payment of interest on the Veterans' Housing Debt.

Schools: (Not including Region). Voted that the town raise and appropriate $311,770 for Schools, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; $600, be available for out-of-state travel.
Regional School District. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $426,998.58 for its proportionate share of the 1959 capital and operating costs of the Amherst Pelham Regional School District.

ARTICLE 7. Voted that $18,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue to reserve.

ARTICLE 8. Voted that the selectmen be authorized to sell and convey on behalf of the town such town owned land on either side of Shutesbury Road in Pelham as they may deem expedient and for a price they deem expedient. The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 9. Voted that $4,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue for the replacement or substitution of water mains in Gaylord Street and State Street.

ARTICLE 10. Voted that $7,000 be appropriated and transferred from water surplus account for extension of the water main in Meadow Street. Standing vote taken — YES, 103, NO, 93.

ARTICLE 11. Voted to dismiss. Water on Mechanic Street.

ARTICLE 12. Voted to dismiss. Water on Bay Road.

ARTICLE 13. Voted to dismiss. Water on Cadwell Street.

ARTICLE 14. Voted that $6,000 be appropriated for the maintenance of certain roads under the provisions of Chapter 90, and to meet said appropriation that $2,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account, and that the balance be borrowed under Chapter 44, Section 6A of the General Laws pending reimbursement from the County and the State in the sum of $2,000 each.

ARTICLE 15. Voted that $32,000 be appropriated to construct or reconstruct a Chapter 90 road on South Pleasant Street, and to meet such appropriation that $7,032 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account, and that $968 be appropriated and transferred from the balance under Article 9, 1957 Annual Town Meeting, and that the balance of $24,000 be borrowed under Chapter 44, Section 6A of the General Laws pending reimbursement from the state of $16,000, and from the County of $8,000. Especially recommended by Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 16. Voted that the town appropriate $18,000 to drain and reconstruct a portion of South East Street and install a hard surfaced sidewalk thereon, and to meet said appropriation that $8,519.95 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account, and that $9,480.05 be appropriated and transferred from proceeds received from the state under provisions of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956.

ARTICLE 17. Voted that the town appropriate $6,000 to drain, reconstruct and curb Boltwood Avenue between College Street and Spring Street, and to meet said appropriation that $4,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account and that $2,000 be appropriated and transferred from Parking Meter Reserve. An amended motion to strike out the words "and curb" was defeated.

ARTICLE 18. Voted that $4,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account for repairs on the Haskins Meadow Bridge.

ARTICLE 19. Voted that the selectmen be instructed to petition the County Commissioners to relocate the westerly end of Market Hill Road, and that $6,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account to drain and construct or reconstruct the westerly end of said road.

ARTICLE 20. Voted to dismiss. Hills Road.


ARTICLE 22. Voted to dismiss. Beaton Street.

ARTICLE 23. Voted that $3,894.28 be appropriated to construct a sidewalk on a portion of Belchertown Road, and to meet said appropriation that $3,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account, and that $894.28 be appropriated and transferred from the balance under Article 20, 1958 Annual Town Meeting. This was recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 24. Voted that $1,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue to reconstruct part of the sidewalk on South Pleasant Street.

ARTICLE 25. Voted that the report of the Bicentennial Executive Committee be received, that the committee be continued, and that $4,800 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue for its use. The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 26. Voted that the town hereby determines that a housing authority is needed therein for the provision of housing for elderly persons of low income, and hereby directs that such authority be organized pursuant to Chapter 121, Section 26K, as amended, of the General Laws. YES-150; NO-44.

ARTICLE 27. Voted that $1,500 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account for improvements on the heating system in the highway department's garage.

ARTICLE 28. Voted that $3,500 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue to construct a comfort station at Groff Park.

ARTICLE 29. Voted that $1,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account to be used with Civil Defense matching funds, if available, for equipping an auxiliary Control Center in the North Amherst Library Building.

ARTICLE 30. Voted that the town land on Pine Street, formerly the North Amherst dump site, be appropriated for the use of the Fire Department as a training ground and that $2,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account to grade and prepare the site, including the installation thereof of a water main and hydrant. Standing vote was taken. YES-161, NO-32.

ARTICLE 31. Voted that $1,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account for an architectural study of possible changes in the interior of the town hall to effect better utilization of its space.
ARTICLE 32. Voted that $3,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue for the construction of a storage and recreation activity building on Community Field.

ARTICLE 33. Voted to dismiss. South Amherst Fire Station.

ARTICLE 34. Voted to dismiss. School fire guards.

ARTICLE 35. Voted that the town authorize the Town Manager to dispose of or demolish the Ground Observer Corps' observation tower.

ARTICLE 36. Voted that $1,600 be appropriated and transferred from road machinery fund for the purchase of two snow plows.

ARTICLE 37. Voted that $1,800 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account for the purchase of a pick-up truck or a car for the use of the Highway Superintendent, and that the old car may be turned in as part payment. YES-122. NO-71.

ARTICLE 38. Voted that $1,600 be appropriated and transferred from Parking Meter Reserve for the purchase of a new car for the Police Department and that the old car may be turned in as part payment.

ARTICLE 39. Voted that $1,700 be appropriated and transferred from water surplus account for the purchase of a new truck for the Water Department and that the old truck may be turned in as part payment.

ARTICLE 40. Motion defeated. Fire Department pumper. YES-84. NO-115.

ARTICLE 41. Voted that $8,000 be appropriated for the purchase of an accounting machine and addressograph equipment, and to meet said appropriation that for the accounting machine $1,000 be appropriated and transferred from sewer reserve and $2,000 from water surplus account, and for both, that $5,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account.

ARTICLE 42. Voted that the town establish as a town way each of the following streets according to plans, as to each respectively, on file in the town clerk's office: Hazel Avenue, Railroad Street, Red Gate Lane, Mountain View Circle, VanMeter Drive and Frost Lane.

ARTICLE 43. Voted to dismiss. Eames Avenue.

ARTICLE 44. Voted that the town establish as a town way the indented circle of land embracing the west end of Hillcrest Place according to plan on file in town clerk's office, and that the selectmen be authorized on behalf of the town to accept title to said indented circle of land by warranty deed from D. Ruben Pomeroy, and that the town manager be instructed, thereafter, to effect a regrading and resurfacing of the westerly end of Hillcrest Place and said indented circle according to the terms of the zoning permit granted by the Board of Appeals on February 21, 1958 to D. Ruben Pomeroy. The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 45. Voted to dismiss. Use town cars.

ARTICLE 46. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $650.95 to pay unpaid bills of 1958. The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 47. Voted to dismiss. Lower tax rate.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 P.M. There were 211 Town Meeting Members in attendance at the close of the meeting.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 8, 1959

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 P.M. by the moderator, Winthrop S. Dakin. The teller reported that there were 157 town meeting members present. There were 246 town meeting members, and a quorum would be 124 so the moderator declared a quorum present.

The warrant and the constable's return were read by the town clerk, Doris B. Newton.

ARTICLE 1. Voted that the town establish as a town way that portion of Eames Avenue marked off thereof on a plan on file in the town clerk's office, and all of Canton Avenue and of Grove Street according to plans as to each on file in said office.

ARTICLE 2. Voted that the Town amend the Town of Amherst Zoning By-Laws by enfranchising the Business District as shown on the Official Zoning Map to include the property at 196 North Pleasant Street (Sheet 11-C, Lot #230, on the Assessor's plan) which will extend the central business district 103 feet northerly along the west side of North Pleasant Street and to a depth of 139 feet. A report of the Planning Board is on file. The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 3. Voted that five thousand dollars be appropriated and transferred from Overlay Surplus Reserve account for making necessary repairs and improvements in the various elementary schools in the town, to replace certain safety type hardware, and to comply with whatever recommendations are deemed to be in the interest of safety for the school children in the public schools in town.

ARTICLE 4. Motion lost for lack of 2/3 vote. ($150,000 water article.) YES-94. NO-64.

Motion to reconsider passed. YES-104. NO-36.

Reconsideration lost for lack of 2/3 vote. YES-104. NO-65.

ARTICLE 5. Article lost. ($75,000 water article).

ARTICLE 6. Voted that $10,000 be appropriated and transferred from water surplus account for laying a water main in Mechanic Street and Bay Road. YES-105. NO-51.

ARTICLE 7. Voted that the town authorize a charge of $40 for each new entrance into the town water system effective and beginning July 1, 1959.

ARTICLE 8. Voted that the town authorize the selectmen to take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire, such land and easements as they may deem necessary near the westerly end of Plum Brook in South Amherst for a future pumping station; and appropriate and transfer from surplus revenue account two thousand dollars therefrom.

Count as reported by the tellers, YES-176. NO-1.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 P.M. with 168 Town Meeting Members present.
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
December 16, 1959

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the Moderator, Winthrop S. Dakin. There were 124 town meeting members present. The moderator declared a quorum present.

The warrant and the constable's return were read by the Town Clerk, Doris B. Newton.

ARTICLE 1. Voted that the Town of Amherst construct additions and improvements to the Town sewerage system, including construction of intercepting sewers, pumping stations, discharge mains and related appurtenances; also, improvements to the sewage treatment plant, outfall sewers and other related appurtenances located in the Town of Hadley, all of which are more fully described in the plans and specifications prepared by Haley and Ward of Boston, Mass. dated November 3, 1959; that for said purposes there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of $355,000, together with the proceeds of any federal grants and state grants available for the purpose (said proceeds being estimated to be in the amount of $295,000); and that to meet the Town's share of said appropriation, the sum of $10,000 shall be transferred from available funds and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of $345,000 under and pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, and any other enabling authority, by the issuance and sale of general obligation, serial bonds of the Town in that aggregate principal amount, at one time or from time to time, each issue of such bonds to bear such date and such rate of interest, to mature at such times not exceeding thirty (30) years from the date thereof, to be in such form and to be issued in such manner as shall be determined by the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 2. Voted that the Town Manager with the approval of the Selectmen of the Town, acting as such or as a board of sewer commissioners, in the name and on behalf of the Town, be and is hereby authorized to enter into and execute all contracts and agreements in connection with, and necessary or appropriate to, the additions and improvements to the Town sewerage system hereinafore authorized, and the operation thereof, including the filing of applications for state and federal aid, and the acceptance and use of such aid, and the making of any agreements with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the University of Massachusetts relative to the use by said University of the Town's sewerage system and to take any other action as may seem necessary or appropriate in connection with the foregoing; and that action previously taken by the Town Manager and/or Board of Selectmen, acting as such or as a board of sewer commissioners, in connection with applications for state and federal aid for said sewer project, be and hereby is ratified and approved. The vote was unanimous.

ARTICLE 3. Voted that the town raise and appropriate on the 1960 tax levy $9,000 for Garbage Collection Account for 1960.
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PLANNING BOARD

Historic Note

Amherst first elected a planning board in 1915 where the Town accepted the provisions of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 1914 setting up a nine member board. The Committee was charged to make plans for the Town, to advise the Town and the Town Committee concerning plans and sites for public buildings, to recommend measures for maintaining and improving the beauty of the town, and to make such reports as the Town might direct.

The first report of the Planning Board states "Our Town has reached a point where its various enterprises, communal and individual, can no longer be trusted to happen; they must needs be thought out beforehand and guided with reference to consequences!"

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals met eleven times during the year to hear twenty appeals. Three others were withdrawn prior to a hearing. Appeals and decisions concerned the following situations: building with sub-standard yard requirements—one permit granted, one denied; dwelling on rear lot with substandard street frontage—permit granted; new business establishments, or expansion of existing establishments, in residential zones—five permits granted, three denied of which one has been appealed to the Superior Court, the case will pending; new trailer permits—three granted, one denied; extension of trailer permits—four granted, one denied. In summary, fourteen permits were granted and six denied, one of which has been appealed.

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Historical Note

At Amherst's first town meeting two constables were elected, Isaac Goodale and Peletiah Smith. Constables together with a deputy of the Hampshire County sheriff served as the town's only law enforcement officers for many years. The forerunner of today's police department was the "keeper of the lock up" and "night police".

Our present police department found its beginning in the following: March 1, 1873, Annual Report—

"At the earnest request of many of our citizens, we appointed a night policeman, who has patrolled the village from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., for 331 nights, $2 per night; $652; oil and wood, $14.78; rent, $36. Total expenses, $752.78. Paid by citizens $207. Town expenses, $545.78."

In 1873 the first officer appointed was Fiske, A. Thayer whose pay amounted to $760. For several years, a part of the expenses of the night police was paid by subscriptions from citizens. The policeman was also required to light the street lamps, care for them and put them out. The inhabitants of the outlying districts opposed for many years a town appropriation for the night police service, but as the benefits conferred by it upon the whole town became more apparent the opposition gradually died away.

The officer in the photo was Albert Alberty who served from 1892-1894. Amherst has had only four Police Chiefs; Melvin Lincoln Graves was appointed to the police department on April 1, 1894 and was made Chief of Police April 3, 1915. John J. Trainor succeeded to this office on April 1, 1936 when Melvin Graves retired. William Engelmann replaced retiring Chief Trainor on October 1, 1949. Upon his death in May of 1958, Francis E. Hart was appointed to fill this position.

In spite of a nationwide increase, no auto fatalities and a decreasing auto accident rate combined to give Amherst an excellent public safety record for 1959. 1957 had 137 auto accidents, 1958-110 and this year, 94. Persons injured declined from 65 in 1957, 63 in 1958 to 38 for 1959. This is a most impressive record and every member of the department is determined that it shall continue to decline and we believe it will as long as the laws are justly and impartially administered and the public continues to cooperate with good traffic practices and driving habits.

The formal training of police officers in 1959 for the purpose of promoting the efficiency of the department and its service to the public continued with Sergeant Mitchell A. Jacque and Sergeant Weymouth B. Heath attending the Staff Officers course at the State Police Academy at Framingham for two week courses and Patrolman Donald N. Maia, newly appointed to the police department in February, graduating from the four week course for police officers at the State Police Academy. The
academy is staffed by superior officers in the Massachusetts State Police and classes are taught by specialized personnel in all phases of police training including detectives, attorneys and members of the judiciary.

The department's Traffic Safety Education Program in 1959 centered around the formation of a new system of Amherst School Safety Patrols under the supervision of Officer Donald N. Maia, who was appointed Safety Officer this year, and was assisted by Officer Walter Helferan of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. The officers visited every school grade in the Town of Amherst and showed films and gave safety talks in each class. After the Safety Patrols were formed and in good working order, Officer Maia continued to visit the schools on inspection tours and gave safety talks on pedestrian and bicycle rules. It is interesting to observe that since this program was inaugurated, no school children have been involved in pedestrian-automobile accidents.

Great credit and commendation for this school children safety program and its enviable record go to Town Manager Allan L. Torrey, Superintendent of Schools Ralph W. Goodrich and the members of the Amherst Safety Committee for their hard work and unfailing cooperation in the organization and supervision of the School Safety Patrols.

The biggest police job handled by the department during 1959 was the extra policing and traffic planning attendant on the Town's Bicentennial Celebration. Department members contributed 417.5 hours of overtime to help make the week of October 18th through the 25th a success. The proceeds of the Bicentennial Ball were used to purchase raincoats and hats for the children of the School Safety Patrol.

The following indicates some of the day to day routine of the town police department: 2,118 separate complaints were received and investigated; 1,948 inspections were made of private homes of vacationing residents, and police officers gave 274 persons verbal warnings regarding careless or dangerous motor vehicle incidents.

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<td>Failing to stop for a stop sign</td>
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<td>Failing to stop for a police officer</td>
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<td>Failing to stop for a red light</td>
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<td>Operating without authority</td>
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<td>Operating without license</td>
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<td>Operating without registration</td>
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<td>Operating after revocation of license</td>
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<td>Operating an unregistered motor vehicle</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Operating an uninsured motor vehicle</td>
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<td>No sticker</td>
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<td>Passing a school bus</td>
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<td>Impeded operation</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Failing to keep to the right of the road</td>
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<td>Following too close to a fire truck</td>
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<td>Following too close to another vehicle</td>
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<td>Racing</td>
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<td>Passing where the view was obstructed</td>
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<td>Attaching plates</td>
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<td>Operating to endanger</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hit &amp; Run</td>
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| Total                                          | 429    |
| Parked summonses were issued for various violations | 1,889 |
| Complaints were received and investigated       | 2,116  |
| Summonses were received from other departments  | 199    |
| Summonses were obtained for local motor vehicle violations | 261 |
| Doors and windows found open or unlocked        | 176    |
| Vacationist's homes checked (number of times)   | 1948   |
| Dogs disposed of by the department              | 72     |
| Animals killed on our highways                  | 34     |
| Verbal warning inadvertent operation           | 274    |
| Cars checked on "Operation Road Watch" $1 to 4  | 623    |

- Drunkenness
- Operating under the influence
- Escaped patient
- Malicious mischief
- Disturbing the Peace
- Statutory rape
- Possession of switch knife
- Town by law (too close to a building)
- Possession of fire works
- Throwing glass (in the street)
- Malicious destruction of property
- Malicious injury to personal property
- Committed to Northampton State Hospital
- Vagrancy
- Warrant on an out of town
- Assault and Battery
- Larceny
- B & E and Larceny in the night time
- Murder
- Speeding
Historical Note

Probably Amherst's first fire company was a volunteer bucket brigade with a conch shell to sound the alarm. Early records show 1814 appointments of "Engine Men" and "Fire Wardens". Previous to 1838 there was a regular organized volunteer fire company, probably the Cataract Engine Company. Hand sels for fire protection were used in conjunction with private and town owned water reservoirs. Then followed horse drawn hose wagons and pumping engines. In August 1838 a second volunteer fire company, "The Deluge Company #2", was organized. Their engine was known as a "Tab" and, although small, was capable of doing good work. In 1839, Amherst paid $823.50 for an engine and at their town meeting voted to grant exemption from the poll tax to members of the fire department. In 1849, it was voted to purchase an engine and apparatus at a cost not to exceed $850.00 to be stationed at North Amherst.

The first motorized equipment was an American LaFrance 350 gallon pumper, chain driven with solid rubber tires. Two men were delegated to keep the equipment in good condition and to answer the calls for fires. This truck appears in the background of the picture showing the fire company of 1920.

First Row (Standing) left to right: Thomas Kingbush, Louis Simms, Harold McGroathy, Howard Paylor, Daniel Post, Maurice Hunt, Charles Gokhman, Delbert Dean, Howard Blodgett, Robert Durfee, Thomas Johnson, George Redmond.

Second Row (left to right): John Tillim, Robert Randell, William MacKinnon, Arthur Green, John White, Nelson Wright, Arthur Warden, Sr., Harry Pike.

The Fire Department training Center on Pine Street, North Amherst has been leveled and graded. Last fall the grounds were used for an oil fire demonstration. This was held in connection with an officers and fire fighters basic training course given by the Massachusetts Department of Education under the direction of Deputy Chief Edmund Tetreault of the Greenfield Fire Department. All department members—permanent, call and auxiliary fire fighters—participating in this training have received certificates. The acceptance of this course aids in qualifying the town in the disposition of matching funds by the Federal Government.

The department answered 336 calls and made 341 ambulance runs. As the majority of the ambulance calls are dispatched without delay, the officer on duty must substitute men for those sent with the ambulance. Fire inspections and promotion of fire prevention with only four men on duty is limited. The 48 hour week law created another shift and necessitated the hiring of additional men. This new group is without an officer. Additional personnel would make for a more efficient department.

Classifications of the Town by the New England Insurance Rating Bureau includes our pumping ability. Credit cannot be granted if the equipment becomes obsolete. With ever increasing prices, immediate consideration should be given to the purchase of a new pumper.
Alarms answered

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<tr>
<td>Telephone alarms</td>
<td>169</td>
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<tr>
<td>Box alarms</td>
<td>37</td>
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<td>Verbal</td>
<td>39</td>
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<tr>
<td>Radio</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>255</strong></td>
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Summary:

- Building
- Chimney
- Grass
- Brush
- Oil Burners
- Auto
- Investigations
- Miscellaneous
- Needless
- False
- Mutual Aid

| 13 | 29 |
| 20 | 17 |
| 35 | 30 |
| 15 | 12 |
| 19 | 9 |
| 18 | 26 |
| 30 | 40 |
| 90 | 134 |
| 5 | 2 |
| 3 | 6 |
| 7 | 11 |
| **Total** | **255** | **336** |

Assessed value of Buildings and contents involved by fire: $71,311.00

Insurance covering this amount: $159,100.00

Estimated loss on Buildings and Contents: $29,687.00

Insurance paid on this amount: $34,305.09

Department operations:

- Ladders raised 1,669 feet
- Hose used 50,450 feet
- Oil Burner permits 155
- Petroleum installations 115
- Underground Tanks inspected 9
- Mileage of Apparatus 12,095

Department Apparatus:

- 1957 Dodge Panel Truck
- 1955 Cadillac Ambulance
- 1954 Maxim 85' Ladder Truck
- 1953 Buick, Chief's Car
- 1950 Oren, 750 gallon Pumper
- 1947 Ford, 1000 gallon Tanker
- 1942 Ford, 500 gallon Pumper
- 1938 Chevrolet, 500 gallon skid Pumper
- 1932 Maxim, 500 gallon Pumper

### FOREST FIRE

On April 24, 1959, the department received a telephone call for a grass fire on Shutesbury Road. The truck and men dispatched, while en-route to the fire, observed heavy black smoke in the area and immediately sent in a radio call to headquarters for all available help. The fire developed into one of major proportions and activated our Mutual Aid System for additional portable pumps and forestry hose.

Tankers and men were sent to Amherst from Hadley, Pelham and Shutesbury. After burning over nearly fifty-five acres, the fire was completely extinguished about ten o'clock.

1032 permits were issued for fires in the open.

Deputy Forest Wardens appointed for the year were as follows:

- Walter Swartz
- John Swartz
- Albert Brace
- Herman Markert

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

One hundred and twenty permits were issued by this office during the year, amounting to an estimated value of $1,004,155.00. Dwellings head the list at $779,200.00. Following were garages, $11,655.00; alterations, $31,300.00; additions, $166,550.00; and miscellaneous, $15,450.00.

Of special interest under additions were permits for Sigma Phi Epsilon $90,000.00, New England Telephone Company $30,000.00 and Kane Nursing Home, Inc., $30,000.00.

This office is obligated to report all building activity to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Labor and Statistics, Boston, Mass. at the end of each month. It is requested therefore, that all persons intending to build, make alterations or additions, obtain a permit before the work is begun. This would enable us to keep an accurate record. Applications may be obtained at this office and should be filled out completely.

Twenty-two house numbers were assigned.

Nineteen elevators were inspected and certificates issued.
**AMBULANCE COMMITTEE**

**Historical Note**

In 1946, the Lions Club put on a drive for funds to purchase an ambulance for the town. With help from many sources the necessary amount was raised and the first vehicle purchased. This was accepted by the town and housed in the fire department.

The first idea of free use with donations offsetting the costs was found impractical and a fee system was set up in 1953. At this time it was also found advisable to replace the original ambulance.

During the year 1959 the ambulance made 341 trips covering 6,402 miles. The total receipts for the year were $2,714.60 while the total expenses were $3,229.63. While the ambulance service was designed to be self-supporting, gradually increasing costs in wages, maintenance, and supplies have forced the expenses to exceed the receipts. The present ambulance must necessarily be replaced at some future date, and a reserve account has been set up for this purpose. However, because of these increasing costs of operation, the reserve account has not been increasing as expected. In order to cover the increase in operating cost and to provide for the proper growth of the reserve fund, it has been necessary to revise the ambulance fee schedule. The ambulance is being manned in a very capable manner by the members of the Fire Department. With their excellent cooperation, this ambulance is immediately available when the need arises.

The following summary will indicate the rising trend in operating costs:

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<th>Receipts</th>
<th>Expenses</th>
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<td>358</td>
<td>$2,685.50</td>
<td>$1,493.44</td>
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<td>1956</td>
<td>355</td>
<td>2,476.70</td>
<td>1,710.13</td>
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<td>1957</td>
<td>364</td>
<td>3,975.82</td>
<td>2,413.58</td>
<td>4,427.82</td>
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<td>1958</td>
<td>263</td>
<td>2,464.60</td>
<td>2,317.53</td>
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<td>1959</td>
<td>341</td>
<td>2,714.60</td>
<td>3,229.63</td>
<td>4,738.89</td>
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**TREE WARDEN**

**Historical Note**

Prior to 1899, few towns had tree wardens. In that year a state law was passed that every town should at its annual meeting elect a tree warden. In 1900, Prof. George E. Stone was elected Amherst's first tree warden. Frank, Stephen and Patrick Toole, father, uncle and grandfather of the present tree warden, were among the early employees. Tree Warden Stone submitted his first town report in 1909. A spray program was initiated for the elm leaf beetle in 1901 and, in 1903, a tree planting program was begun with the setting out of "Pin Oaks on Kellogg Avenue and Sunset Avenue."

The Tree Warden's duties include the care and control of all public shade trees, shrubs and growths in the town and the enforcement of the provisions of law for the preservation of these trees, shrubs and growths.

In 1959, 37 diseased and dangerous trees were removed. 42 trees were set out, including Rock Maples, Schwedler and Norway Maples and 3 Crimson King Maples. Trees were trimmed on Sunset Avenue, East Pleasant Street, Market Hill Road, Summer Street, Bridge Street, and Main Street.

**ELM TREE CARE AND MOTH CONTROL**

**Historical Note**

A shipment of diseased elm tree logs from Holland to Philadelphia in 1931 exposed this country to the Dutch elm disease. In 1948 this disease was first reported in Amherst. Since then 1428 Dutch elm diseased trees have been cut down and disposed of. To date there is no known cure; however, sanitation practices such as disposing of diseased trees at once, trimming out dead wood on healthy trees and spraying of elm bark beetles are the methods used for control of Dutch elm.

In 1959 egg clusters of the gypsy moth were brought from France to Medford, Massachusetts to develop a hardy race of silk-producing insects. Unfortunately some of these caterpillars escaped and started the gypsy moth infestation in this country. In 1926 William Henderson Smith was appointed the first Moth Inspector for the Town. He served until 1934.

This year 242 Dutch elm diseased trees were cut down and disposed of by burning. Scouting for these trees was done by Shade Tree Laboratories of the University of Massachusetts with no cost to the town.

In April all roadside elms were sprayed with a 12% DDT oil emulsion dormant spray for control of elm bark beetles, carriers of the Dutch elm disease. The town was allotted 150 gallons of 25% DDT by the State Department of Natural Resources. Elm tree removal is carried out by the tree warden, Henry Toole under the direction of William Kersh, Superintendent. Our initial appropriation for 1959 was $6,810.00. Due to the large number of infected trees the finance committee provided an additional $2,000.00 this fall.

Inspection of trees along highways and wooded areas revealed no gypsy moth infestation.

In June, elms along public ways were sprayed with a 6% DDT solution for control of elm leaf beetles. This spray helps to keep the elms healthy and the leaves green. Infestations of tent caterpillars were also sprayed. The spraying of poison ivy patches with a weed killer was continued throughout the summer on public property.
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Historical Note
The earliest records of the town show the appointment of a "Sealer of LEATHER." On May 6, 1795 we find the following written account, "Voted that the selectmen provide a Standard of weights and measures according to the law direct upon the town expense."

Receipts for the year $169.25
1) Sealers: 
   - Over 10,000 lbs. Adjusted 5 Sealed 3 Not Sealed 2
   - 100 to 5,000 lbs. 2
   - Under 100 lbs. 7
2) Weights: 
   - Avoirdupois 68
   - Metric 45
   - Apothecary 30
3) Volumetric Measure: 
   - 1 gal. or under 13
4) Farm Milk Tanks: 
   - 1
5) Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices: 
   - Gasoline 4
   - Oil, Grease 12
   - Vehicle Tanks 2
   - Bulk Storage 1
   Totals 9
   Trial Weighings 268
   No. Tested 12 Correct 11 Under 1

BOARD OF HEALTH

Historical Note
In 1894 the selectmen placed in the town warrant an article to authorize the election of a separate Board of Health because of the pressure of problems arising. Prior to this the selectmen acted as the board. The vote carried in the town meeting and the first separate board was elected on Feb. 23, 1895. This board consisted of William E. Smith, Daniel W. Dickinson and Henry L. Ufford. The first written account of an action by the board concerned ventilation in the High School building. The first appointed assistant was Levi W. Bunting as Plumbing Inspector in 1896. Most of the board's early activity concerned sewage disposal, connections to the town sewers and nuisances caused by sewage, litter, stable and "wet and spongy" lands.

The following were noteworthy in the past year:
(a) After 45 years as slaughtering Inspector Dr. F. G. Ruder passed away and was replaced by his son, F. G. Ruder, Jr. (b) Two public hearings resulted in licenses for a recreation camp and a motel. (c) One building condemned as unfit for human habitation. (d) A 36% increase in calls related to septic tank systems. (e) The continued prohibition of metal septic tanks in the community.

Statistically the year may be summarized in this way:
1. Communicable Diseases—A 50% reduction in overall reports but an increase in dog bites. No cases of T.B. for the first time. No polio for the fourth consecutive year and the first whooping cough case in many, many years.
2. Nursing Services showed a 3% increase with cases evenly distributed for a change. Of the 1,404 calls, 1,080 were in the area of surgical and orthopedic nursing with 147 for cancer and heart conditions.
3. Permits and Licenses continued at the same level with the motel and camp site appearing for the first time. 28 permits for Septic tank systems were issued. Deaths occurring in the community required 53 certificates with 14 burial permits and 43 removal permits issued.
4. Environmental Health activities, where preventative measures hold strong, were at the same or higher level of previous years with noteworthy increases in the area of housing and private sewage disposal. In the laboratory 130 milk samples were tested by the various standard procedures while 42 were also tested for inhibitory substances.
5. Clinics, Conferences and related areas showed: (a) More than 1,272 inoculations given in some nine clinics including the school health program. (b) Six well child conferences with 59 attending. (c) Mantoux tuberculin testing of 86 High School Seniors, 3 of which were reactors but T.B. negative on X-Ray. (d) Two series of Expectant parents classes with 52 attending.
6. The Dental Program saw thirteen children receiving 12 prophylaxis; 4 treatments; 40 fillings (38 of which were permanent teeth) and 8 extractions. 279 children in the 2nd, 5th and 6th grades were given
prophylaxis and topical fluoride treatments. 187 were referred to family dentists.
7. *Biologics Distributed* totaled 582 separate vial units representing 3 to 9 inoculations per vial.
8. *Premature Births* totaled 16 reported with 2 aided.
9. Thirty-seven loans were made of hospital beds, crutches, wheelchairs, etc.
10. Sixty-eight persons had their travel immunization records validated.
11. *Plumbing Inspections* required permits for 808 fixtures in 54 new and 31 old residences as well as 1 laboratory, 3 dormitories, 2 medical offices and 1 store.
12. *Slaughtering Inspection* was required of 203 animals of which 100 were beef; 29 sheep; 39 hogs and 35 veal. 4 livers were condemned.
13. The *Animal Inspector* tuberculin tested all cattle with three reactors being destroyed. One squirrel tested for rabies was negative and 43 cases of dog bite were investigated with quarantines imposed as required. A new law relating to tuberculin and brucellosis testing becomes effective Jan. 1, 1960.

A detailed report may be obtained from the Board of Health Office.

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**AMHERST HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The Amherst Housing Authority was formed as a result of the vote of the 1959 Annual Town Meeting authorizing creation of an Authority for the purpose of constructing 30 units of housing for the Elderly in the Town of Amherst.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on April 9, 1959, the Selectmen voted to appoint Walter C. Jones, George C. Brehm, Dr. Helen S. Mitchell and Dr. Frederick G. Ruder, Jr. as members of the Authority to serve until the next annual town election. Shortly thereafter Dr. Floriana T. Hogan was appointed by the Governor to the Authority, and on May 12, 1959 the oath of office was administered to the five members by the Town Clerk.

The Members met on May 23, 1959 for purposes of organization and elected Walter C. Jones as Chairman, George C. Brehm as Vice Chairman and Treasurer and Dr. Frederick G. Ruder, Jr. as Assistant Treasurer. At this same meeting, John L. DeNyse was appointed as Executive Director of the Authority.

The selection of the proposed site on adjoining tracts of land on East Pleasant Street and Chestnut Street was made only after a considerable amount of diligent work on the part of the Members of the Authority. Many factors had to be considered including moderate cost and proximity to the center of town, but the members, after advertising and personally canvassing the town for suitable sites as well as holding meetings with some of the Senior Citizens of the Town feel they have made a wise selection.

In early July, 1959, the Authority selected James A. Britton of Greenfield as architect for the project. This choice was immediately forwarded to the State Housing Board for approval, but approval was not forthcoming until the middle of November, 1959. During the intervening time the Authority was powerless to proceed with plans and the project was delayed several months.

At present the Authority is making the most rapid progress of its short existence, the architect is working on preliminary plans and the State Housing Board is completing work on the Contract for Financial Assistance which will make available $330,000 in the near future for financing the actual construction of the 30 dwelling units.

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*An exhibit on General Ebenezer Mattoon showing clothing and furniture used by him and his family was displayed during the celebration period.*
MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Historical Note

The first recorded vote for $50.00 for the expense of "Decoration Day" was in 1883. This appropriation was continued under the title Decoration or Memorial Day thru the years. In 1936 the first official committee was appointed by the town moderator. This first committee consisted of A. B. Kentfield, A. Bergeron and C. J. King. Today the committee consists of three members appointed by the town manager and two members at-large who are the commanders of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars respectively.

A program in keeping with the day and occasion was arranged by the Committee, starting with a short parade made up of Veterans Groups and their Auxiliaries, Patriotic Orders, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and School Children led by members of Auxiliary Police, and ending at the War Memorial Community Field. At the Memorial, Calvin McCullough of the committee, received and seated the Gold Star Parents, the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Allen Torrey, Veterans Agent Mrs. Eleanor Dunn, and leaders of the Senior Patriotic Orders. Ceremonies opened with a short address by the Chairman, Lawrence Sherman.

Invocation—Rev. William McAuliff of St. Brigid's Church
Speaker of the Day—Colonel John C. Marchant, Commanding Officer of the A.F.R.O.T.C.
A report on the decoration of graves by Aldis Flint.
Singing of America by a group of children from the elementary schools under the direction of Mrs. Emma Johnson.

Floral Tributes were placed as follows:
- Gold Star Parents by Mrs. Ralph Hummel
- Town of Amherst by Mr. Hawley
- D.A.R. by Mrs. Frederick Ruder
- Women's Relief Corps by Mrs. Beth Lewis
- Daughters of Union Veterans by Mrs. Marilla Haskins
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary by Pres. Juliana Main
- American Legion Auxiliary by Pres. Mrs. George Andrews
- Spanish American Veterans by Calvin McCullough
- Veterans of Foreign Wars by Commander Theodore Roco
- American Legion by Commander George Andrews
- Sounding of "Taps" by trumpeters of the High School Band
- Vocal solo by Mrs. Dorothy Feldman
- Raising of Colors by Commanders Andrews and Roco
- Finale: Our "National Anthem" by the High School Band

The Committee had the very capable assistance of Miss Susan Heath of the Town Manager's Office.

VETERANS GRAVES OFFICER

The graves of 403 Amherst veterans of all wars were decorated in the following cemeteries; North Amherst, South Amherst, West, Wildwood, St. Brigid's, Pelham Valley and North Hadley. Where necessary all flag markers were repaired, replaced or refinished. During the month of June a number of graves in West Cemetery had to be rerecked and redone due to a slight form of vandalism. Tours were made of all cemeteries in June, August, and November; all veterans' graves were found to be well cared for and in good condition in general. A five grave plot in the South East section of West Cemetery was added and in question for several years has been thoroughly investigated through records and information available. It has been concluded that a suitable stone be set thereupon in memoriam to five unknown Amherst Civil War veterans assumed to have been buried there.

All affidavits of death and disposition to date have been received from the Office of Board of Health and properly filed.

All flags were removed from graves following Veterans' Day.
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Historical Note
March 17, 1759: "Voted that the Highway work be done this year by tax." Galeon, Dan and Natham Dickinson, Elber Matson and Jacob Wither were voted in as surveyors of highways. They who could not pay their taxes worked on the highways. Land was acquired for highway by exchange. In 1779, the surveyors of highways were to "call on people to work at highways and lay their accounts before the Town at their meeting in January next for allowance" the pinch of the war years and the resulting shortage of manpower. Bridges were of first concern to our town and in 1760 it was voted a bridge "be built over Fort River in the East Street area". And in 1789, the duties of the collector of taxes were added to the surveyors of highways.

In the 1760's 30 pounds was voted for repairs to the roads. In the 1800's $666.88 was voted for the repair of highways and $576.28 for bridges. Approximately 100 years later, expenditures amounted to nearly $158,000.00 for highways and bridges.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The following streets were resurfaced in whole or part by means of either seal coat or ¾" stone or sand cover: Fearing Street, Elm Street, Stanley Street, Cottage Street Extension, Pomeroy Lane (west), and South East Street. New drainage culverts were installed on Mill Lane, Depot Road, Middle Street, Market Hill Road, High Street, Pelham Road, North East Street and Hills Road. The stone culvert on College Street was reconstructed after one of the heavy rain storms during the early summer. Approximately 50 miles of the streets in town were cleaned up by the rented power sweeper to remove the accumulation of winter sand.

During the past year ditches were dug on Strong Street, Market Hill Road, South East Street, North East Street, Salem Street, Bay Road and College Street to eliminate some of the water problems that have existed for years. A considerable amount of brush cutting was done along the roadside on North East Street, South East Street, Flat Hills Road, Market Hill Road, Bay Road and Pitta Road during the winter months. During the summer most of our "country roads" were treated with a chemical spray to retard the growth of brush. The usual program of cleaning catch basins was carried out during the slack period in the winter and spring months. All of the street sign posts were painted and numerous signs were replaced and repainted. Traffic lines were painted throughout the town.

Construction

The following streets were reconstructed with a bituminous concrete surface: Boltwood Avenue 500', South East Street 1,400' with berm and sidewalk; Triangle Street 400', Bostom Street and a relocated turn-around on Hillcrest Place were constructed with an oil-gravel surface. Center Street was also reconstructed with gravel. The turn-around at the end of Memorial Drive was rebuilt with granite and a bituminous con-crete berm to keep cars from driving on the lawns at the end of the street.

Chapter 90 - Construction and Maintenance

Projects in this category are financed by 50% State Funds, 25% County Funds and 25% Town funds.

600 feet of roadway through one of our major intersections in town was completed during the past year. A bituminous type concrete surface was applied after excavation and installation of a new drainage system was completed. North Pleasant Street was sealed with emulsion and ¾" stone from Hallock Street to North Amherst. A new drainage system was installed at the intersection of Bay Road and South East Street and Middle Street to eliminate a bad drainage condition that created hazardous driving conditions during the winter months. Plans to continue this improvement, sealing of Bay Road and widening of Lincoln Avenue are being prepared for the coming year.

Drainage

During the past year we encountered a considerable amount of difficulty with surface water on Berkshire Terrace area. In the new development on Frost Lane, installation of a larger culvert on Berkshire Terrace eliminated the undesirable condition that existed. 400' of 18" concrete pipe was installed on Harlow Drive to alleviate the difficulty in this area. Added drainage will be installed in this area during the coming year.

Sidewalks

A new sidewalk with a granite curbing was installed for a distance of 1350' on Belchertown Road and 250' of concrete walk was reconstructed on South Pleasant Street under articles voted at the annual town meeting. 1000' of the Butterfield sidewalk was resurfaced and 300' of the lower Main Street walk was repaired. Both of these walks were covered with bituminous concrete. A portion of the Boltwood Avenue walk was reconstructed with concrete.

Bridges

The reconstruction of the Cushman Bridge voted in 1958 was undertaken during the past year. New plank, pressure treated with creosote and a brine solution was installed after removing all of the old planking. The Haslins Meadow Bridge was completely reconstructed by pouring a new concrete abutment, erecting new steel I-beams and steel plank. A bituminous concrete surface was applied over the plank. This project has greatly improved a worn-out narrow bridge at a very small expenditure.

Sewer Construction and Maintenance

200' of new line was installed in Center Street to allow the new development to tie into our sewer system. New manholes were built on Dana Street, Costy Avenue, Kellogg Avenue, Lessey Street, Hartman Drive, McClellan Street, Bostom Street, South Pleasant Street, and Spring Street. By erecting the manholes we can now maintain the lines in these areas without excavating the streets in the event of sewer stoppage. There were 65 complaints relative to sewage trouble during the past year. Most of these were on weekends and holidays. The department recommends the purchase of a sewer-rodding machine to mechanize this phase of our work. With this machine a portion of our system can be cleaned periodi-
SEWAGE PLANT

Historical Note

The sewage system in Amherst had its beginning in the year 1880. On May 1st of that year a Special Town meeting voted to appoint a committee to survey the matter. On Sept. 7th the report of the committee was accepted and the first sewer was built starting near the Baptist Church, thence easterly across the Common and to a point beyond the Central Vermont Railroad tracks. Branches joined this main from Main and College Streets. This construction was done at the expense of residents thereby advantaged.

The building program in Amherst increases rapidly and 51 new connections to the system were added during the year.

Sewage collected in the system and treated at the Plant metered 385,778,450 gallons and appeared much stronger than the flow of 1958. Many days during the year the rate of flow exceeded 2,000,000 gallons for several hours. For some weeks the peak flow held through 24 hours. Of course at such times we were bypassing thousands and thousands of untreated sewage to the river. The Amherst Plant was designed to serve 8,000 people or approximately 1,000,000 gallons of waste per day. In the beginning years we were treating about 60% of the amount run through the works during the past year. The product sent on to the river was of excellent quality. Our efficiency has been cut very badly during the past few years due to overloading beyond our control.

Grit was the cause of many difficulties during the year. Large quantities far beyond the capacity of removal units would eventually find its way to the final stage and the very important one, the Digestors. Such grit will settle around heating coils and finally reduce the temperature to get rid of this condition. This work takes several months because of lack of drying space. The East Unit was cleaned during the late summer and early fall.

The Outside Pumping Stations have functioned throughout the year without serious interruption. At Stanley Street the comminutor has been in operation since 1939 and with only minor repairs is now in need of a major overhaul which should be done in 1960.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Historical Note

In the early days, each house had its own water supply, however, these wells were inefficient for firefighting. As a direct result of the great fire of 1879 the Amherst Water Company was founded to supply water of sufficient quantity and pressure to permit the installation of hydrants. The first reservoir was built in Pelham on the site of the present intake reservoir. A 12 inch pipe was installed from the dam to the corner by the Amherst House. The Town agreed to pay $100 per year for hydrant water and also raised $750 for the installation of hydrants. These hydrants were installed on a matching basis with the Town and the abutters sharing the cost. Another company, the Amherst Spring Water Company, was founded in 1883 and for several years supplied over one hundred families with domestic water. This company was taken over by the Amherst Water Company in 1888 and the two systems were consolidated. In 1911 a larger reservoir was constructed on Amethyst Brook and is now known as the Hills reservoir. Due to increased consumption, the Water Company undertook in 1931 to build the Atkins reservoir in Shutesbury. At the same time, the steel standpipe was erected on East Pleasant Street.

On several occasions the Town debated the purchase of the Water Company but it was not until February 17, 1941 that the Town voted to appropriate $600,000 to purchase the company. Since that time, the water system has been operated as a municipal department. The newest addition to the water supply consists of two gravel packed wells in South Amherst which were completed in 1958.

Consumption

The total quantity of water flowing into our distribution system during 1959 was 501,944,400 gallons. Of this amount 266,730,000 gallons came from the Pelham supply system, 114,605,000 gallons from Atkins Reservoir and 120,609,400 gallons from the South Amherst wells. The average consumption for the year was 1,375,327 gallons per day.

Emergency Power—South Amherst Wells

The Diesel Engine at the wells was run 645 hours.

Services

Eighty-five services were added—Total 2,284

Repairs

Five major leaks in the system were repaired and a few minor leaks were repaired also. A major leak: when a part of the distribution system has to be closed.

Meters

48
The department installed 150 new house service meters.

NEW MAINS AND REPLACEMENTS

New Mains
- Mechanic Street and Bay Road: 1900 feet 8" A.C. pipe
- Mill Lane: 4450 feet 8" A.C. pipe
- Meadow Street: 1680 feet 8" A.C. pipe
- South Pleasant Street: 500 feet 12" A.C. pipe
- Echo Hill, off Center St.: 1280 feet 6" A.C. pipe

(Installed by developer)

Replacements
- Gaylord Street: 450 feet 6" A.C. pipe
- State Street: 450 feet 8" Tyton C.I. pipe
- Center Street: 550 feet 8" A.C. pipe

NEW AND REPLACED HYDRANTS

Meadow Street: 2
Mill Lane: 6
Mechanic Street: 3
South Pleasant Street: 2
Gaylord Street: 1
State Street: 1
Center Street at Adams Street: 1
Alpine Drive: 2
Regional High School: 3
South East Street: 1
Northampton Road: 1
Lincoln Avenue: 1

Total Number of Hydrants—333

FINANCIAL REPORT

Billings and Receipts

Due to Treasurer on Commitments, Jan. 1, 1959: $7,899.58
Due to Treasurer on Water Liens, Jan. 1, 1959: 725.71
Billed and Committed in 1959:
- On Water Rates: $112,017.42
- On Hydrants, Amherst: 7,685.00
- On Hydrants, Pelham: 245.00
- On Hydrants, Regional High School: 30.00
- On Sale of Timber: 626.20
- On other Misc. Items: 976.46
Total: 121,580.08

Bills Prepaid (before commitment): 18.54
Refund on double payment: 6.53

Collected and Paid to Treasurer by Collector:
- On Water Department Bills:
  - Accounted as 1959: 118,917.55
  - Accounted as 1960: 850.91
  - On Water Liens: 1,307.59
  Total: $121,076.05
- Abatements: 15.10
- Prepaid in 1958: 30.93
- Transferred to Water Lien Account: 1,537.93
- Outstanding December 31, 1959:
  - On Water Rates and Miscellaneous accounts: 8,152.31
  - On Water Liens: 956.05
  Total: $131,768.37

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The Bicentennial parade captivated young and not-so-young for over three hours.
This picture of the Town Farm (Poor Farm) was taken about 1897. It shows, left to right, Mrs. William Bolter, who was often hired to help the matron; Mrs. Henry C. Dickinson, Matron; Henry C. Dickinson, Warder; and their son, Carl O. Dickinson.

The buildings as pictured, minus the north wing which was razed in 1920, are now owned by Edward Kantetchi.

(Picture Courtesy of Ralph B. Howlett)

PUBLIC WELFARE

Historical Note

From earliest days, public welfare has been a matter of concern to our Town Fathers. The Selectmen were the "Overseers of the Poor" and the Board of Public Welfare directly responsible for caring for the needy until 1932 when a welfare agent, a person not a Selectman, was appointed administrator of the program. In November 1778, it was voted that the Selectmen build a house for the Use of the Poor of this town of such bigness and in such place as they shall judge fit. This project was not carried out at that time and it again became a subject for Town Meeting in 1838. "The subject of the Poor House be recommitted to the committee... that the Vinton Farm be considered." And in March, 1838, it was "Voted to accept the farm and pay for it according to the vote of the committee," and to "support the Poor on the farm system after the present year." This farm was located at the corner of South East Street and Depot Road. Extensive repairs were made in 1839. In 1882 it was burned by one of the inmates. When it was rebuilt two wings were added and the building remained in use as a Town Farm until 1914.

The Public Welfare program rests on a recognition by the community as a whole of its responsibility for the individual members of the community. Its aim is, through financial assistance and services, to meet the basic needs of people who are unable to meet them through their own efforts or resources; and to help people recognize and make full use of their own capacities for self-help. The difference between public welfare today, and the poor relief in the Amherst of 1759 is that of interpretation and scope. Administered originally by the selectmen in their unpaid capacity of Overseers of the Poor, it is now administered by a paid director, social worker and clerk. Over the years there have been many changes from "pauper" to "poor" (1914) to "recipient" (1932); from auction bids for personal services at 67¢ per week (1829) to no services required in return for aid; from indentured or "bound-out" servitude for minors "for $10 until she reaches the age of 18 years" (1829) to a family-sustaining program and a chance to complete school; from care in the town poor farm or almshouse (1838-1914) for the young, the old, the sick, the well, the insane, to support in one's own home, in licensed nursing or rest homes, or proper institutions under financial programs designed to meet such specialized needs; from a contract arrangement with a physician "including surgical operations for $18 per year" (1832) to a free choice of physicians, and any prescribed medication or hospitalization; from aid "in kind" to cash grants; from $5 for burials (1829) to varying sums up to $200 for complete funerals; from published names and registers of paupers (which considered it important to note whether temperate or intemperate, sane, insane or idiotic—all a matter of opinion) to confidential records; from a few hand-written notes (1903-30) to well-documented case histories.

The accompanying table is the financial and statistical report of this program for 1939.
In 1939 the town records show that assistance was rendered to veterans under Military Aid. The amount expended was $36.00. In later years assistance for veterans was known as Soldiers' Relief. During World War II War Allowance was granted to needy dependents of persons in the service. Up to 1952 Public Welfare and Soldiers' Relief was under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, acting as a Board of Public Welfare, and the Chairman of the Board was the Agent for both departments. During that year the two departments separated. Assistance to veterans is known as the Veterans' Service Department.

The Department of Veterans' Services is divided into two categories, namely Veterans' Benefits and Veterans' Services.

Veterans' Benefits are rendered to veterans, their families and parents who are in need of assistance. Assistance includes allowance for food, rent, utilities, household supplies, personal needs and insurance. In addition to these, fuel, medical, hospitalization, dental, nursing-home and ambulance are rendered.

Following is a comparison of the money expended for this department for aid during the past ten years:

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>1949</td>
<td>$2,398.64</td>
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<td>$9,385.36</td>
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<td>$16,089.57</td>
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The increase, particularly during the past few years, is largely due to medical and hospitalization needs. One-half of the amount of money expended is reimbursed by the state. 121 persons were aided.

Services have been rendered to veterans of World War I, World War II and Korean War. Some of the types of services are assistance in applying for pensions, compensation, education and training, dental work, admission to VA Hospitals and the Soldiers' Home. 40 boys who have become 18 years of age during 1959 have registered for the draft.

A new pension law was passed in 1959, effective July 1, 1960. At the present time pensions are granted to widows and children of World War II and the Korean conflict only if the veteran had a definitely ascertainable service-connected disability at the time of his death. No such restriction is at present placed on widows or children of deceased World War I veterans. The new pension law removes this restriction and places widows and children of the two later wars on the same basis as World War I dependents.

There was also a new pension law enacted in 1959 increasing the amount of pensions for certain limited income veterans, effective July 1, 1960. World War I veterans are advised to apply for a pension now and choose the old or new plan, after July 1, 1960, which will be most beneficial to them.
A review of the "History of Amherst" reveals that it was on March 22, 1754 that the first appropriation was made to pay for organized schooling in Amherst (then referred to as a District). In January of 1761, it was voted to build the first two schoolhouses but these buildings did not become a reality until 1766. By 1780 the District of Amherst needed six schools to care for the educational needs of the greatly expanded precinct. Historians recorded little of the progress in public school education until 1812 when subscriptions were started for the founding of Amherst Academy. Even a century ago, school committees and town people spent many hours planning for better and more adequate facilities for their children. The requirements have changed over the years but the principles and high ideals for which they and we strive have changed but little.

The Amherst School Committee

The Amherst School Committee is comprised of five people who are elected to office by popular vote. The term of office is three years. Under normal circumstances the term of one member of the committee expires during even numbered years whereas the terms of two members expire in odd numbered years.

Although the primary concern of the Amherst School Committee is limited to the elementary schools (grades 1-6), they also serve as members of the Amherst-Pelham Regional District School Committee which concerns itself primarily with the secondary schools (grades 7-12). As a result, provision is made for educational continuity from the first grade through the senior year in high school.

Regular meetings of the Committee are held each month during the school year and special meetings are held as necessary. Nearly all meetings are held in the Committee Room of the Amherst Regional High School. These meetings are open to the public, and all citizens are invited to attend whenever they care to do so.

The Committee functions in many and varied ways. In general, the main functions involve policy determination by which the elementary schools are operated, the reviewing of certain proposals and criticisms, constructive and otherwise, submitted to them, and continuous evaluation of the school program for which they are responsible. The Committee employs a superintendent of schools and delegates to him certain duties which permit him to execute policies formulated by them. In general, the duties of the School Committee are thought of as legislative in nature, whereas the duties of the superintendent are defined as administrative.

The office of the Amherst School Committee, located in the Amherst Town Hall, is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., including the noon hour. The office telephone numbers are Alpine 3-2868 and 3-7464.
The Elementary Schools

The purpose of this report is to review those events in 1959 which influenced the schools in one way or another during that time. 1959 represented the Bicentennial year in our town, and many things we did in the public schools reflected the theme of the Bicentennial Celebration of October 18-25, 1959. However, in the meantime, we also taught school, scheduled a dozen Amherst School Committee meetings, attended many other meetings and conferences, and in general, kept busy. We studied the results of certain standardized testing given in October 1958, and noted that in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 our youngsters scored consistently above grade level in reading, spelling, arithmetic, etc.

A national publication warned us early in 1959 that in the opinion of the author the Commonwealth of Massachusetts would have to choose between the enactment of a sales tax beamed to support its public schools or accept sub-standard standards. As it happened, we didn't do either.

Following town elections in February, the Committee gained a new member, Ernest A. Johnson, Jr., who replaced Robert B. Whitney, who had faithfully served the Town of Amherst and the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District for the past nine years. Mrs. Alberta G. Holden, re-elected to another term on the school committee, was selected as Chairman on February 20, 1959.

Plans were formulated for a meeting of the Amherst School Committee with President Mather of the University of Massachusetts and members of his administrative staff pertinent to the Observation Laboratory School to be constructed on the University campus.

Plans were formulated for the improvement of the elementary schools safety-wise by the replacement of safety-type hardware on exit doors, etc.

A special town meeting in June appropriated $5,000 "for the purpose of making necessary repairs or improvements in the various elementary schools in the Town, to replace certain safety type hardware, and to comply with whatever recommendations are deemed to be in the interest of safety for the school children in the public schools in the Town."

Approval was given for the participation of the Amherst School Committee and the Amherst Public Schools in the National Defense Education Act of 1958 (Public Law 85-864).

A new fire escape was erected at the Intermediate School.

A three-day orientation and workshop program for elementary teachers was conducted from September 9 to 11 prior to the opening of school on September 14.

It was noted that every available classroom is now in use.
SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY

Ralph W. Goodrich
Miss Doris Flanagan
Mrs. Edith Olson
Mrs. Joan Tillson
R. Sheldon Clapp, M.D.
Fredrika P. Smith, M.D.
Mrs. Kay Martin, R.N.
Mrs. Kathleen J. Padelford
Clifford N. Oliver

Superintendent of Schools
Secretary to the Superintendent
Clerk
School Physician
School Physician
School Nurse
Supervisor of Elementary Education
Supervisor of Attendance

Elementary Schools
Miss Ellen R. Abbott
Mrs. Wilma Cashin
Mrs. Ann Gass
Miss Marilyn Graves
Donald Johnson
Harold Young
Guidance
Art
Music (part-time)
Physical Education
Music (part-time)

Amity Street School
Mrs. Hazel B. Doran
Miss Janice M. Clark
Miss Margaret K. Flynn
Mrs. Mary E. Walsh
1 (Principal)
1
1
2

Cushman School
Miss Viola Mitchell
Mrs. Norma Evans
Mrs. Eleanor Hobart
1 & 2 (Principal)
3 & 4
5

East Street School
Arvo Lamia
Mrs. Marion Becker
Mrs. Marie Deleva
Mrs. Ellen C. Healy
4 (Principal)
1
3
2

Intermediate School
Philip R. Smith
Mrs. Lillian Bartlett
Miss Janet Copeland
Mrs. Carolyn Monas
Mrs. Winifred Moore
Mrs. Ivy Naumowicz
6 (Principal)
6
5
6
6

Kellogg East School
Mrs. Muriel M. Curtis
Mrs. Mary Corrieri
Miss Nancy Crosland
Miss Sara Hills
Miss Barbara Knowlton
3 (Principal)
2
2
3
2

South Amherst School
Mrs. Helen Kivlighan
Mrs. Margaret Barringer
Miss Martha Harrington
Mrs. Joan Hart
3 (Principal)
1
4
2

Custodians
Lester J. Ward
Francis B. Gustin
Edmund Higgins
Joseph Ockl
Guy Reed
Henry Messier
Head Custodian
North Amherst and Cushman
Intermediate and Kellogg West
Kellogg East and Amity
East Street and South Amherst
Bus Driver

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1960

January 4, Monday—Winter term begins.
February 19, Friday—All schools close.
February 22-26, Monday through Friday—Winter vacation.
February 29, Monday—All schools reopen.
March 28-31, Monday through Thursday and April 1, Friday—
Solid sessions in morning, parent conferences in afternoon.
April 14, Thursday—Spring vacation begins.
April 18-22, Monday through Friday—Spring vacation.
April 25, Monday—All schools open.
June 24, Friday—School year ends.
September 7, Wednesday—High and junior high schools open.
September 12, Monday—Elementary schools open.
October 12, Wednesday—Columbus Day, no school.
November 14-18, Monday through Friday—Solid sessions in morning,
parent conferences in afternoon.
November 23, Wednesday—Elementary schools close at 11:15 A.M.
Junior-senior high schools close at noon for Thanksgiving recess.
November 28, Monday—All schools reopen.
December 23, Friday—All schools closed for Christmas vacation (same
closing schedule as on November 23).
Below: Mlle. Lucienne Boudet of Arcachon, France, Amherst's "twin" presented the town with an original letter of Lafayette. Here she appears with the present Earl Amherst during ceremonies on Gov't. Day.
The collection at the Munson Library is a deposit from Jones Library. Special limitations on space make this arrangement the most feasible.

Both North and South Amherst benefit from the bookmobile service provided by the Regional Library Center in Greenfield.

Exhibits have always been a feature of The Jones Library. This year a series of one-man shows by local artists and changing exhibits of the work of local writers were offered. The local emphasis in 1959 seemed appropriate in view of the Bicentennial.

For several years the Library has arranged a summer reading club for younger children in which all the libraries participate. This kind of activity develops the habit of reading and opens to children new areas of interest at a time of life when they are inquisitive. More than 200 children were enrolled.

The main assistance given to teen-age children comes during the school year. From three o'clock until five everyone is busy helping them to find the material needed to complete their class assignments.

The big project for 1960 is the redecoration of the Children's Room. The woodwork has dried out badly over the years. The curtains, rug and upholstery have felt the effects of 30 years of use. Each year we should plan to renovate a portion of the building.

**ANNUAL SUMMARY**

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<td>Date of Incorporation</td>
<td>March 21, 1919</td>
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<td>Opened for Circulation</td>
<td>September 7, 1921</td>
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<td>Population of town (1955 State Census)</td>
<td>8,207</td>
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<td>Terms for use — Free lending and reference to the people of Amherst and vicinity</td>
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<td>Number of days open, January to December</td>
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<td>Hours open each week (Jan. - June 63½; June - Sept. 42½)</td>
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<td>Meetings of 30 associations or committees in the Library</td>
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<td>Total circulation</td>
<td>128,544</td>
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<td>Total Registered borrowers since January 1959</td>
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<td>Per cent registered borrowers of population served</td>
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**BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR**

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<th>North Amherst</th>
<th>Amherst Collection—Amherst authors, imprints, etc.</th>
<th>Bolwood Collection—Historical and Genealogical Material</th>
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**TOTAL**

- Books lost or discarded | 1,607
- Total Books in the Library | 43,241
- Phonograph records in the Library | 226
- Pictures added | 600

**TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET AS OF DEC. 31, 1959**

**ASSETS**

- Investments | $740,117.69
- Special Funds | 44,775.62
- Land, Building, Equipment | 424,041.85
- Cash and accounts receivable | 14,347.06

**Total Assets** | $1,223,482.22

**LIABILITIES**

- Trust Estate — Principal | $1,208,935.16
- Trust Estate — Income | 12,934.05
- Special Funds — Income | 63.88

**Total Liabilities** | $1,223,482.22

**INCOME ACCOUNT**

- Balance Jan. 1, 1959 | $ 10,722.66
- Income from investments | $ 36,697.85
- Income from Library Fines | 1,351.77
- Income from Town of Amherst for Library salaries | 6,500.00
- Income from Special Funds, restricted | 1,379.03
- Income from Special Funds, unrestricted | 249.95
- Income from Funds not held by corporation | 1,223.18

**Total Income** | $ 47,392.78

**Total funds** | $ 58,115.44

**DEDUCTIONS**

- Library operating expense | $ 40,879.03
- Insurance | 688.09
- Management and miscellaneous | 2,907.70
- Transfer to cash principal | 3,338.41

**Total deductions** | $ 47,813.23

**Balance Dec. 31, 1959** | $ 10,302.31
RECREATION COMMISSION

Historical Note

With the acceptance of the provisions of Chapter 45, Section 14 of the General Laws, the Recreation Commission came into being in 1949. The Playground Commission was a forerunner of this department. The committee was "to have control of playgrounds and recreation areas". The first year's report promised a tennis program, a basketball league and a place for small children to play under supervision. These have been accomplished. The first recreation committee requested consideration of a swimming area and the development of Groff Park. By persistent effort, the Pool came into being in 1955 and Groff Park continues to develop yearly as the funds are provided.

Recreation for the summer of 1959 included organized programs in the following areas: playground program for youngsters between the ages of six and twelve, baseball program for boys eight through twelve, tennis for boys and girls six through eighteen years of age. With the exception of baseball which started in May, the overall program commenced on June 15th and ended on August 7th.

Playground Program:

The program, held daily at Community Field, attracted a total of 142 youngsters who registered. Activities included sandcraft, story-telling, puppet shows, crafts, active games, simple games and supervised play in the wading pool during the playground hours.

Baseball Program:

About 180 boys between the ages of eight through twelve took part in the baseball program held each afternoon at Community Field. This year two separate leagues were formed; the farm league for boys ten through twelve and the peegee league for the eight and nine year old boys. As a supplement to the game schedules, the boys received instructions in throwing, running, catching, fielding, bunting and hitting.

Tennis Program:

The tennis program was held this summer at the University of Massachusetts courts. A total of 118 boys and girls registered during the eight week period of instruction. The youngsters received instruction in the basic strokes, rules for singles and doubles play and elementary tennis tactics. A tournament was held for the advanced groups during the last two weeks of the program.

Maintenance and Construction:

During the past year the construction of the two buildings voted at the town meeting was completed. The storage building at Community Field replaced the "red shed" and has been filled to capacity with machines, tools and equipment used to maintain our play areas. The Groff Park comfort station will eliminate the nuisances that have been prevalent in the past. The area west of the pool was loamed and will be seeded during the coming year. Driveways were constructed to the storage shed and filter room at the pool. A parking area was provided and a considerable amount of grading done at Groff Park.
Swimming Pool:

During the past year a milestone was attained at the pool when a profit remained after the year's operation was concluded, ($274.41 after the operating costs were deducted). The overall program at the pool was very successful as many youngsters and adults took part in the learn-to-swim classes, the adult nights and the teen-age swimming sessions that were offered throughout the season. 395 children participated in the swimming lessons and 116 passed Red Cross achievement tests. Many non-swimmers were taught the basic fundamentals of swimming.

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Financial Reports

TREASURER

Historical Note

Two hundred years ago, Joseph L. Eastman was elected the first treasurer for Amherst.

In 1764, Simeon Clark was elected treasurer and clerk and this combination has been maintained to the present day. In 1841 the duties of tax collector were added to this office. In 1862 he was allowed one per cent on all tax collections for his services. It was not until 1932 that the office of tax collector was separated from the treasurer.

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### TRUST FUNDS

There are ten funds held in trust by the Town, each for a specific purpose as prescribed by the donor. These funds and the amount of their principal on December 31, 1959 are as follows:

- **Herbert A. Adams Fund**: For Benefit of Jones Library and Second Congregational Church ($2,739.31)
- **Bangs Memorial Hospital Fund**: For Establishment of Town Hospital ($44,694.89)
- **Martha Dickinson Bianchi Memorial Fund**: Care of Cemetery Lot ($1,000.00)
- **Alice C. Burnham West Cemetery Gate Fund**: For Maintenance ($16,092.48)
- **Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund**: For Town Cemeteries ($31,286.74)
- **Enos F. Cook Fountain Fund**: Maintenance of Fountain ($2,346.54)
- **S. White Dickinson West Cemetery Fund**: Cemetery Maintenance ($5,000.00)
- **William E. Smith Fund**: For Charitable Purposes ($2,000.00)
- **R. J. D. Westcott Library Fund**: Jones Library ($3,014.02)
- **Whiting Street Fund**: For Charitable Purposes ($9,035.72)

Total income from these funds in 1959 amounted to $3,650.84. There were no changes in investments during 1959.
TOWN COLLECTOR

Historical Note

The first mention of a Collector of Taxes that has been found in the old records of the Town is the following, dated April, 1804:

VOTED: To hire a Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing by setting up the collectorship at venue, to the lowest bidder, be procuring bonds, with two insufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the town taxpayers, in the final sum of two thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of the said trust. And the same being set-up at venue, as aforesaid, was struck off to Jacob White, under the conditions above aforesaid, for the sum of eleven dollars and eighty-nine cents; who was accordingly chosen Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing and took the necessary oath to qualify him for said office, on the same day.

Older residents will recall that Mrs. Elizabeth W. Hooker and her immediate predecessor held three offices simultaneously. Upon Mrs. Hooker’s retirement in 1950, Mr. Gertrude L. Fitzgerald was elected to the offices of Town Treasurer and Town Clerk, and Mr. Walter B. Hatch was elected Collector of Taxes. These three offices became appointive under the Town Manager form of government, which was inaugurated in the spring of 1954. Upon Mr. Hatch’s retirement that spring the present incumbent was appointed to the office. At the Town Meeting of March 7, 1955 the Town approved for its use the law of the Commonwealth providing for the office of Town Collector.

A Town Collector is authorized to collect charges other than taxes. Thus it was provided that bills for water and for other services provided by the Town, and taxes, all are paid and the accounts, kept in the same office.

SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS

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SEWER USE CHARGES—1959

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959 $1,928.16
Commitments, 1959 28,471.81
Refunded 13.12

$30,413.09

Collected and paid to Treasurer 27,700.93
Collected (accounted by Treas. as 1960) 140.36
Abatements 19.88
Transferred to Sewer Lien Account 356.22
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1959 2,195.50

30,413.09

GARBAGE COLLECTION CHARGES

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959 22.00
Commitments, 1959 6,001.50
Refund 1.50

6,025.00

Collected and paid to Treasurer 5,387.00
Collected (accounted by Treas. as 1960) 14.00
Abatements 553.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1959 71.00

6,025.00

AMBULANCE SERVICE CHARGES

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959 1,220.40
Commitments, 1959 3,082.80

4,303.20

Collected and paid to Treasurer 2,714.60
Collected (accounted by Treas. as 1960) 76.30
Abatements 41.50
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1959 1,470.80

4,303.20

INTEREST, CHARGES AND FEES

Interest:
Collected and paid to Treasurer 1,665.82
Collected (accounted by Treas. as 1960) 86.43

1,752.25

Charges and Fees:
Collected and paid to Treasurer 646.25
Collected (accounted by Treas. as 1960) 5.40

$651.65

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TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Historical Note

Town auditors, town accountants, and city auditors are comparatively new officers. Town auditors were provided by General Law in 1886, and legislation was passed in 1910 which provided for the office of town accountant. At Amherst’s annual Town Meeting on March 4, 1912, the Town voted to abolish the office of town auditor and accept the provisions of Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1910, authorizing the selectmen to appoint a town accountant in accordance with the provisions thereof. The first Town Accountant, Charles E. Wakefield, was appointed by the selectmen at a meeting held April 27, 1912. Mr. Wakefield served the town in this capacity until March 1, 1932, when Mrs. Katherine F. O’Brien became Town Accountant. Mrs. O’Brien retired in 1953. The third Town Accountant, Mrs. Charlotte E. Abramson, was appointed December 1, 1953 and served until her retirement on September 1, 1958.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, the following reports are submitted. All reports are arranged in accordance with the classifications prescribed by the Director of Accounts. A detailed report is available.

Analysis of the Cash Account for the year ending December 31, 1959

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General Revenue:

Amherst Taxes
Polls
Personal Property
Real Estate
Forest Land
Farm Animal Excise

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Income Tax
Corporation Tax—Business
Meals, O.A.A.
School Aid, Chapter 70
Aid to Retarded Children
Chapter 718, Acts of 1956—Highways

Motor Vehicle Excise
Licenses and Permits
Liquor Licenses, Marriage Licenses, Zoning, and Miscellaneous
Fines
Court
Grants and Gifts
County
Dog License Refund

Analysis of Cash Received

State
School Transportation, School Building Assistance, Tuition and Transportation—State Wards, and Youth Service Board
Reimbursement in Lieu of Taxes and Reimbursement for Abatements to Paraplegic Veterans

Federal
Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, and Disability Assistance
Lunchroom Program
Donations to Bicentennial Committee

Total General Revenue

Departmental Revenue:

General Government
Hills, Town Atlas, Collector’s Fees, and Town Clerk’s Fees
Public Safety
Fire Department, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Dog Officer, and Ambulance Service
Health
Visiting Nurses’ Fees, Dental Clinic, Garbage Collections, School Health, and Reimbursement—Other Cities and Towns

$1,461,891.91

109,732.61

1,070.70

12,926.00

1,281.26

$1,050,281.94

2,794.15

3,698.45

6,952.50

115.00

170,202.70

9,480.05

54,808.80

47,048.17

3,015.75

62,569.98

1,860.00

Motor Vehicle Excise

1,407.79

170,202.70

9,480.05

54,808.80

47,048.17

3,015.75

62,569.98

1,860.00
Sanitation
Sewers—Rates, Entrance Fees, and Liens  29,476.81

Highways
State  4,179.62
County  2,301.37
Miscellaneous  1,216.29  7,787.48

Public Welfare
Other Cities and Towns  3,580.67
State  62,873.16  67,453.73
O.A.A. Recoveries  1,286.90

Veterans' Benefits
State  4,566.97

Schools
Tuition, Lunchroom, School Rent, Sale of Bus Tickets, and Miscellaneous  5,747.83

Libraries
Rents  612.00

Recreation
Amherst War Memorial Swimming Pool—Daily Admissions, Concessions, Concessions Commission, Season Tickets, and Registrations  3,649.95

Unclassified
Parking Meter Receipts, Commission on Telephone Booth, Group Insurance Dividend, and Miscellaneous  12,342.42

Total Departmental Revenue  $147,169.29

Public Enterprises:
Water Department
Rates, Hydrant Service, Sale of Timber, Water Services, New Services, Liens and Miscellaneous  123,060.14

Cemeteries:
Sale of Lots  355.00

Interest:
Taxes, Assessments, Motor Vehicle, Trust Funds, and Investment Funds  7,611.09

Municipal Indebtedness:
Temporary Loans
Anticipation of Revenue—Taxes  350,000.00
Anticipation of Reimbursement—Highways  17,500.00  367,500.00

Agency:
Dog Licenses Collected for the County, in and out Items, and Petty Cash Advance  2,769.30

Trust:
Payroll Deductions—Federal Tax, State Tax, Retirement, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Teachers' Income, and Group Insurance—Requests for Care of Cemetery Lots, and Investment Funds Securities Sold  109,884.96

Refunds:
Accrued Interest on Loans, Refunds to Appropriations, and Federal Grant Refunds  526.78

Total Receipts for the Year 1959  $2,220,768.47
### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FROM APPROPRIATIONS

for the year ending December 31, 1959

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**Total: $91,409.57**
Temporary Loans:
- Anticipation of Reimbursement: $29,000.00
- Anticipation of Revenue: $350,000.00

Federal Grants:
- Aid to Dependent Children—Administration: $2,514.80
- Aid to Dependent Children—Assistance: $17,393.35
- Disability Assistance—Administration: $830.50
- Disability Assistance—Assistance: $5,979.99
- Old Age Assistance—Administration: $2,669.12
- Old Age Assistance—Assistance: $31,650.08

Agency: Group Insurance Dividend (due Regional Sch. Dist.): $238.68
Group Insurance Board (due Regional School District): $141.12
D.A. Federal Grant (due Town of Andover): $124.50
County Tax: $87,853.26
Dog Licenses due County: $2,163.25

Trust:
- Federal Tax Withholdings: $67,462.24
- State Tax Withholdings: $4,902.38
- Retirement Withholdings: $16,026.19
- Blue Cross-Blue Shield Withholdings: $7,902.76
- Teachers' Income Insurance Withholdings: $640.80
- Group Insurance Withholdings: $1,500.90
- Bangs Memorial Hospital Fund: $691.25
- Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund: $373.00
- Alice C. Barnham West Cemetery Gate Fund Income: $428.75
- S. White Dickinson Fund Income: $125.00
- E. F. Cook Fountain Fund Income: $778.40
- Whiting Street Fund Income: $373.00
- Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Income: $1,371.34
- William E. Smith Fund Income: $75.00
- R. J. D. Westcott Library Fund Income: $108.75
- Herbert B. Adams Fund Income: $89.72

Investment:
- Veterans' Housing Fund Income: $2,887.50

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FROM GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNTS: $655,994.31
## ANALYSIS OF FEDERAL GRANTS

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### Explanation of Code:

- **a.** Refund to Accounts
- **b.** Transfer from O.A.A. Assistance
- **c.** O.A.A. Recoveries
- **d.** Transfer to A.D.C. Assistance
ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS REVENUE

Balance January 1, 1959 $188,613.42

Increase:
Premium on Bonds and Notes 7.40
Collector’s Petty Cash Advance 100.00
Omitted Assessments 285.30
Excess Estimated Receipts 21,932.71
Unexpended Appropriation Balances 13,832.98

Decrease:
Appropriations—March 2, 1959
Art. 31 Architectural Study of Town Hall Interior $ 1,000.00
Art. 41 Office Machines 5,000.00
Art. 29 Civil Defense Auxiliary Control Center 1,000.00
Art. 30 Fire Department Training Ground 2,000.00
Art. 14 Chapter 90 Maintenance 2,000.00
Art. 15 Chapter 90 Construction 7,032.00
Art. 16 South East Street 8,519.95
Art. 17 Bolton Avenue 4,000.00
Art. 18 Haskins Meadow Bridge 4,000.00
Art. 19 Market Hill Road 6,000.00
Art. 25 Belchertown Road Sidewalk 5,000.00
Art. 24 South Pleasant Street Sidewalk 1,000.00
Art. 27 Highway Garage Heating System 1,500.00
Art. 37 Highway Car 1,800.00
Art. 28 Geoff Park Comfort Station 3,500.00
Art. 32 Community Field Building 5,000.00
Art. 25 Bicentennial Committee 4,800.00

$ 59,151.95

DEBT STATEMENT

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$874,000.00 $800,000.00 $794,000.00 $80,000.00
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**Total:** $794,000.00

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**Total:** $244,459.47

# Balance Sheet - December 31, 1959

## General Accounts

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**Total:** 3,242.48

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**Total Cash:** $265,803.05

**Net Bonded Debt:** $794,000.00

**Total:** $244,459.47
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**Total:** 14,857.68

| Water Liens added to Taxes 1958                | 178.69   |
| Water Liens added to Taxes 1959                | 777.36   |
| Water Rates                                    | 8,873.28 |
| Water Miscellaneous                            | 111.40   |
| Sewer Liens added to Taxes 1958                | 67.60    |
| Sewer Liens added to Taxes 1959                | 155.10   |
| Sewer Rates                                    | 2,356.06 |
|                                                  | 2,558.76 |

**Total:** 40.94

### Dog Licenses due County

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### Overestimates 1959

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### Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund

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### Receipts Reserved for Appropriation

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### Revenue 1960:

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<td>New Sewage Treatment Plant Facilities</td>
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| Group Insurance Dividend              | 397.80   |
| Water Available Surplus               | 1,298.31 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus          | 25,472.54|
| Overlay Reserved for Abatements:      |          |
| Levy of 1958                          | 3,653.43 |
| Levy of 1959                          | 15,368.12|
| Revenue Reserved until Collected:     |          |
| Motor Vehicle                         | 31,686.59|
| Farm Animal Excise                    | 250.89   |
| Tax Possessions                       | 40.94    |
| Departmental                          | 14,857.68|
| Water                                 | 9,940.73 |
| Sewer                                 | 2,558.76 |
|                                      | 59,335.59|

### Surplus Revenue

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**Total:** $764,912.07
JURY LIST

Historical Note
A Jury List has been a part of the historical reports since the incorporation of Amherst. It is one of the few things specifically required by law to be printed in the Annual Town Report.

Jury list is prepared annually by the Board of Selectmen for July list. Names remain on the list for three years unless removed because of death, moved from town or drawn for jury. No name can remain on the list for more than three years and no name can be returned to the list until it has been off for at least one year.

Allen, C. Clifford
Andrews, Constance H.
Babb, Horace O.
Bain, Anne K.
Bak, John
Bell, Lorin E.
Banta, Emily J.
Basil, Vincent J.
Billings, Edward
Blackmer, Herbert R.
Bray, Dean W.
Burke, Dorothy M.
Burwell, Rolfe W.
Butler, James W.
Cady, Howard M.
Cicic, Francis G.
Clapp, Jeannette H.
Crittenger, Evan
Crossman, Kenneth R.
Cutting, R. Harlow
Cornelius, Marin K.
Dakin, Arthur H.
Dickinson, Clara S.
Dunklee, Herman T.
Eady, John C.
Fawcett, Charles H.
Fellers, Carl R.
Ferguson, Judson J.
Freier, Emil F.
Gardner, Harold B.
Gore, Harold M.
Gourley, Charles R.
Grayson, Susan
Harvey, H. Chapin
Harvey, Scott H.
Hawley, Jean S.
Hayes, Ernest L.
Hazen, Dorothy M.
Hewlett, Horace W.
Hobart, Ruth M.
Holden, Cecil R.
Howard, Rachel D.
Jansen, Wesley L.
Julian, C. Nelson
Keedy, Victor A.
Keefe, Harold E.
Kehl, William
Kotowski, Joseph E.
LaCroix, Donald S.
LaSalle, Edwin A.
Ladden, Hobart H.
Mannheim, Eunice L.
Marymont, Jesse H.
Matsuko, Chester C.
McKemmin, George T.
McLaughlin, George E.
Medler, Newberry E.
Meakin, Frederick W.
Morgan, Sheliah F.
Morin, Raymond J.
Mosurewicz, Stanley
Nelson, Allan P.
Nelson, Richard S.
O'Conner, William D.
Overbaugh, Douglas B.
Penn, Horace B.
Powers, Kathleen
Randolph, Helen R.
Richards, Miriam D.
Richer, William H.
Ripa, Phillip S.
Roberte, Gerald G.
Rocco, Theodore R.
Rowell, Isabel E.
Ryan, Augusta J.
Sanders, Archibald A.
Scarborough, Henry P.
Shea, John L.
Sherman, John W.
Sikop, David
Simmons, Chauncey T.
Southwick, Marion S.
Staples, Elmer
Stebbins, Helen E.
Thompson, Anna S.
Tidland, Fritz E.
Todd, Frances C.
Toole, Edna L.
Town, James A.
Trainor, John P.
Turner, Malcolm W.
Vincenzo, Walter
Wadsworth, Edward T.
Waldron, Paul W.
Wales, Doris R.
Warne, Frances L.
Watts, Carl
Whitcomb, Frank L., Jr.
Wilga, Chester J.
Wilkinson, Herbert W., Jr.
Wood, Howard H.
Wozniak, Frank

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Each year changes take place in the permanent employees and officers of the Town. 1959 saw the following persons appointed to new positions:

Frederick Harris, Laborer Highway Department, January 13, 1959
Donald N. Maia, Patrolman, March 29, 1959
Clarence Babb, Returned from Military Leave to Police Dept., May 1, 1959
Frederick G. Ruder, Jr., Animal and Slaughtering Inspector, May 1, 1959
Everett O. Horne, Caretaker, South Amherst Cemetery, May 1, 1959
Charles Mosurewicz, Meter Reader, Water Dept., August 17, 1959
Robert A. Dar, Caretaker South Amherst Cemetery, August 26, 1959
Louis Misagi, Sr., Laborer Highway Department, November 1, 1959
Wallace Turner, Laborer Highway Dept., September 1, 1959
Herbert Holden, Jr., Military Leave, December 13, 1959
John Hawley, Retired from Water Dept., December 31, 1959
Donald N. Maia, Traffic Safety Officer.
CREDITS

A Town Report as well as a Bicentennial celebration requires the help of many persons. Listed below are those to whom appreciation is due:

1. The Report Cover and Title Page.
   Marilyn Berglund (from an old map of Amherst)

   a. Amherst Journal Record Photos by Everett Kosarick
      Page 13 — Selectmen’s meeting
      Page 40 — Sealer at work
      Page 51 — Spectators at Bicentennial parade
      Page 62 — Senator Symington and Admiral Wright
      Page 66 — View of Bicentennial parade
      Page 68 — Recreation program
      Amherst Journal Record photo by James Leonard
      Page 70 — One of Bicentennial parade floats
   b. Amherst College photo by Jerry Rothstein
      Page 78 — Princeton chorus with Randall Thompson
   c. Daily Hampshire Gazette photos by Donald LaCroix
      Page 6 — Selectmen and presentation of Bicentennial flag
      Page 56 — Town employees on Government Day
   d. Greenfield Recorder Gazette photos by Marilee Davis
      Page 2 — Ghosts of Yesteryear
      Page 62 — (lower) Mlle. Boudet with Earl of Amherst
   e. Photos by Lincoln W. Barnes
      Page 6 — Lord Jeffery Amherst
      Page 29 — Town employees
      Page 34 — 1920 Fire Department
      Page 42 — General Ebenzer Mattoon Exhibit
   f. Springfield Union photo by William Egan
      Page 77 — The Town Float
   g. Photo by Rollin H. Barrett
      Page 94 — Fire Department Muster team at Hadley Tercentenary
   h. Town Poor Farm—courtesy of Ralph B. Howlett
      Page 52

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5. "History of Amherst" by Carpenter & Morehouse

6. "Village of Amherst" by Frank Prentice Rand

7. Printing by Hamilton I. Newell, Inc.
## GENERAL INTEREST

### POPULATION
8,207 — 1955 State Census, students not included

### ROAD MILEAGE
- **AREA**: 27.79 square miles
- **ELEVATION**: 302 feet above sea level
- **ROAD MILEAGE**: 85.42 Not including state highways

### ASSESSED VALUATION
- **Personal**: $1,172,305.
- **Total**: $14,280,385.

### TAX RATE
- **U.S. REPRESENTATIVE**: Edward P. Boland (Second Congressional District)
- **STATE REPRESENTATIVE**: James R. Nolen (4th Hampshire District)
- **TAX RATE**: $75.00

### U.S. SENATORS
- Leverett Saltonstall
- John F. Kennedy

### Registered Town Meeting

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<td>45</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>675</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>Fire Station</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>829</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>Court Room, Town Hall</td>
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<td>IV</td>
<td>817</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>Masonic Building</td>
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<td>East Street School</td>
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*(Not including 21 ex-officio members)*
REPORT OF THE
AMHERST-PELLHAM REGIONAL
DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1959
REPORT OF THE

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL
DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AMHERST
PELHAM
LEVERETT
SHUTESBURY

December 31, 1959
The Amherst-Pelham Regional District School Committee

Fred P. Jeffrey, Chairman
John M. Fitzgerald, Treasurer
Ralph W. Goodrich, Secretary and Superintendent of Schools
George F. Cramer, Jr.
Mrs. Alberta G. Holden
Ernest A. Johnson, Jr.
Mrs. Sophie Petrizzo
Everett L. Roberts
Dr. Carl S. Roys
Glenn F. Shaw
Dr. Thomas E. Sullivan

The office of the Amherst-Pelham Regional District School Committee is located in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Town Hall, Amherst, Massachusetts.

Telephones: ALpine 3-2868
ALpine 3-7464
To the Citizens of Amherst, Pelham, Leverett and Shutesbury:

This, the seventh annual report of the District, representing the report of the Amherst-Pelham Regional District School Committee for the calendar year ending December 31, 1959, contains detailed financial accounting, the budget for the calendar year January 1, 1960 — December 31, 1960, a statement showing the method by which the annual charges assessed against each participating town were computed, in addition to general information pertinent to the operation of the Regional School District for the past year.

The Amherst-Pelham Regional School District, a six-year school district, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of both a junior high school and a senior high school. The junior high school is housed in the former Amherst High School building under a lease arrangement with the Town of Amherst, whereas the senior high school is housed in the new high school building.

The Amherst-Pelham Regional District School Committee has a membership of nine. Five of the members serve also as members of the Amherst School Committee, whereas two of the three members of the Pelham School Committee, and one each from the Leverett and the Shutesbury School Committees make up the total membership. The Committee holds regular meetings on the second Monday of each month during the school year although a number of special meetings are usually scheduled during the year. All meetings of the Committee are open to the public, and interested citizens are invited to attend. A public hearing on the budget is held each year in early November. Meetings are usually held in the Committee Room of the Amherst Regional High School.

A General Report

An analysis of the average pupil membership of the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District for June 30, 1959, on which annual assessments, in part, are based, shows that the Regional School District continues to grow. In June of 1957, the average pupil membership was 789. In June of 1958, the average pupil membership was 839; whereas, it was 865 in June of 1959. Amherst gained most in pupil membership this year... to 708, an increase of 37. Pelham showed a decrease of 8, down to 61; Leverett showed a slight loss of 3 but Shutesbury remained the same... 26.
The total overall increase amounted to 25. It is interesting to observe that every increase of 25 students implies the need of another classroom. However, school building planning isn't quite as easy as that. The important fact which one should keep in mind is that additional space, regardless of the direction taken, will be needed very shortly. The assessment portion of this report contains a tabulation of the average pupil membership, town by town, as of June 30, 1959.

### ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

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<td>Leverett</td>
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<td>Totals</td>
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During the calendar year 1959, the Amherst-Pelham Regional District School Committee held eight so-called regular meetings and seven special meetings. A summary of the principal activities of the Committee follows:

1. Attempts to improve the teacher salary situation through the development of the "supermaximum" concept were made but ultimately abandoned.

2. Guidance and counseling activities in the two schools were extended through the addition of an additional staff member whose main activities will be associated with the seventh and eighth grade pupils.

3. A course in first-year French was added at the ninth grade level, thereby permitting the initiation of a four-year program in a modern foreign language.

4. The school year, which had been minimum by State standards for such a long time, was lengthened some five days. In this connection, however, some of the additional five days added to the school calendar may serve as "storm insurance" in case schools are closed because of inclement weather.

5. The possibility of summer school programs were investigated but many negative factors present resulted in postponing such activities.

6. An academic inventory for the class of 1958 received more than passing attention. The inventory clearly revealed that the top 22 per cent of this particular class had pursued extensive study in the social studies, science, foreign language and mathematics during high school. As expected, the report also revealed that a larger percentage of boys studied four years of mathematics and science, whereas a smaller percentage of girls tended to follow a similar pattern in the social studies and foreign languages. It was suggested that guidance and counseling activities might be instituted to encourage a larger percentage of girls to pursue advanced courses in mathematics and science, as well as in other fields.
as to encourage a larger percentage of boys to pursue advanced courses in the
social studies and foreign languages.

7. The Audio-Visual Education program was re-instituted and its contri-
butions to the general educational programs are being manifested almost daily.

8. In 1959, the effects of the passage of the National Defense Educa-
tion Act by the United States Congress were begun to be felt by the receipt of
Federal monies in connection with several projects. Although the sums of
money involved were small, the receipt of this money represents a step in the
right direction.

9. One of the outstanding contributions of the Amherst-Pelham Regional
District School Committee was reflected in the approval of the Language
Laboratory project which at this date is beginning to arrive at the initial stages
of completion and operation. Additional monies have been made available for
1960 and in another year significant progress in this area should be made.

10. Improved teachers' salaries will be manifested in September of 1960,
particularly for most of the teachers now at the maximum level. The recent
news regarding the establishment of the first of three Robert Frost chairs of
teaching at the Amherst Regional High School is truly exciting.

11. After considerable study, a new form of report card for the high
school was devised.

12. Continued progress in the teaching of Physics and Chemistry was
made through revision of these courses in accordance with current thought.

13. Mr. Richard M. Johnson, mathematics teacher at the Amherst Regional
High School was awarded a National Science Foundation Scholarship for
the academic year 1959-1960. He was voted a leave of absence for that period in
order that he could accept this award.

14. On June 12, 1959, one hundred and twenty-five young men and
young women were graduated from the Amherst Regional High School.

15. Tuition rates of $400 for the Junior High School and $525 for the
Senior High School, effective January 1, 1960, were established by the Com-
mittee.

16. The Committee adopted the 1960 budget in the gross amount of
$633,133.
THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 1960

The budget for the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District for the calendar year January 1, 1960 — December 31, 1960 represents the amount of money which will be needed to operate and maintain the Amherst Regional Junior and Senior High Schools for the period indicated.

According to Section VIII of the Agreement Establishing a Regional School District comprising the towns of Amherst and Pelham, which was amended in 1955 to provide for the admission of Leverett and Shutesbury, the Committee shall hold (annually in the first week of November and after at least ten days' published notice in each Participating Town) a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget for the ensuing year and any other matters pertaining to the educational program of the District. This public hearing was held in the cafeteria of the Amherst Regional High School on Thursday, November 5, 1959.

Section VIII.b. of the Agreement Establishing a Regional School District comprising the towns of Amherst and Pelham, which was amended in 1955 to provide for the admission of Leverett and Shutesbury, the Committee shall submit to each Participating Town by January 10 of each year an annual report containing a detailed financial account, including the annual budget, and a statement showing the method by which the annual charges assessed against each Participating Town were computed, together with such additional information relating to the operation of the Regional District Schools as the Committee, or the Selectmen of any Participating Town, deem desirable. In due course of time, a complete printed report of the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District for the calendar year January 1 — December 31, 1959 will be made available to town authorities of the four towns involved. The printed report is usually distributed with the annual Town Reports of the four communities. In the meantime, this material is being sent to the various town authorities to assist them in planning school, as well as town expenditures for 1960.

This report includes a Regional School District budget for 1960 as well as a budgetary comparison between the 1959 Regional budget and the 1960 Regional budget. In addition, the capital and operating assessments against the Participating Towns for 1960 are included in this report. Section VII. of the Agreement provides that each Participating Town shall pay its proportionate share of the capital and operating costs to the District each year, in equal installments, not later than the tenth day of May, August, and November, such payments to be made in the manner prescribed by law.

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Amherst, Massachusetts

BUDGET FOR 1960
January 1, 1960 — December 31, 1960
Adopted November 30, 1959

General Control (10)

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<td>13 Treasurer's Services</td>
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<td>a. Senior Clerk</td>
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<td>b. Two Junior Clerks</td>
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*This amount represents 65% combined Amherst and Regional Secretarial services

15 Supervisor of Attendance                     | 100.00 |
16 Postage, Office Supplies, Printing, etc.     | 1,250.00 |
17 Telephone                                    | 300.00 |
18 Travel                                       | 425.00 |

(If it is requested that $350 of this amount be permitted for travel outside the State by so specifying at the time the vote is taken at Town Meeting)

19 Other Expenses of General Control            | 815.00 |
20 Magazines, books, dues, service and repairs of office machines, NESDEC membership, Treasurer's bond. |

TOTAL GENERAL CONTROL                          | $ 17,732.00 |
1959—$ 16,230.00                                | Difference $ 1,482.00 |

Instruction (20)

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<td>C. In-service Training Program</td>
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<td>Travel of Teachers, Principals and Supervisors</td>
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<td>5. Classroom teachers</td>
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<td>6. Audio-visual Aids</td>
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(20% of salaries of janitors is charged to Maintenance (item 42) since most of their time during the summer of 1960 and a portion of their time during the school year will be devoted to repairs and maintenance not ordinarily expected of janitors.)

- 31a County Retirement $4,615.00
- 31b Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Insurance $6,250.00
- 32 Fuel $12,000.00
- 33 Water $800.00
- 34 Power $1,000.00
- 35 Electricity $11,000.00
- 36 Janitors' Supplies $2,000.00
- 36T Towel Supplies $2,200.00
- 37 Telephones $1,800.00
- 38 Janitors' Travel $150.00
- 39 Other Expenses — Insurance, Leasing $3,852.00

**TOTAL OPERATION** $73,960.00

1960 — $73,960.00
1959 — $70,818.00 Difference $3,142.00

**Maintenance (40)**

- 41 Upkeep of Grounds $4,000.00
- 42 Upkeep of Buildings $8,250.00
  (Includes 20% of janitors' salaries from item 31, $5,792.00)
- 43 Upkeep of Equipment (general) $2,235.00
  Departmental Requests $8,949.00
- 43a Homemaking $680.00
- 43c Commercial $5,000.00
- 43g Physical Education $684.00
- 43m Music $500.00
- 43n Science $383.00
- 43o Industrial Arts $700.00
- 43v Audio-Visual Education $1,000.00
- 43 Maintenance Reserve Fund $3,500.00

**TOTAL MAINTENANCE** $26,934.00

1960 — $26,934.00
1959 — $20,661.00 Difference $6,273.00
Auxiliary Agencies (50)

51 Libraries 6,100.00
52 Health 3,139.00
A. School Physicians 700.00
B. School Nurse 2,109.00
C. Travel, School Nurse 150.00
D. Supplies 155.00
E. Professional Meetings 25.00
53 Transportation 600.00
56 Freight and Express 300.00
57 Commencement 350.00

TOTAL AUXILIARY AGENCIES $ 10,689.00
1960 — $ 10,689.00
1959 — $ 9,965.00  Difference $ 724.00

Capital Outlay (60)
61 Improvement of Grounds 500.00
62 Improvement and Alterations to Buildings 7,735.00
63 New Equipment (general) 2,500.00
Departmental Requests (specific) 6,115.00
63a Homemaking 565.00
63c Commercial
63g Physical Education 165.00
63h Health 50.00
63m Music 1,000.00
63n Science 2,565.00
63o Industrial Arts 1,345.00
63v Audio-Visual Education 425.00

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY $ 16,850.00
1960 — $ 16,850.00
1959 — $ 14,606.00  Difference $ 2,244.00

Debt Service (70)
71 Interest (Bonds) 23,250.00
Interest (Borrowed money) 3,500.00
Loan 500.00

$ 27,100.00

ReCAPITULATION
(Current Expenditures)

1959 1960 Difference
General Control $ 16,250.00 $ 17,752.00 $ 1,502.00
Instruction 321,140.00 354,373.00 33,233.00
Operation of Plant 70,818.00 73,060.00 2,242.00
Maintenance 20,661.00 26,904.00 6,243.00
Auxiliary Agencies 9,965.00 10,689.00 724.00
Capitol Outlay 14,606.00 16,850.00 2,244.00
Debt Service 107,750.00 106,110.00 —1,640.00

TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES $561,170.00 $606,648.00 $45,478.00
AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Amherst, Massachusetts

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1960
January 1, 1960 — December 31, 1960

General Control (10)

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<th>Item</th>
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<td>Superintendent's Salary</td>
<td>5,175</td>
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<td>7,142*</td>
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<td>100</td>
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<td>00</td>
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<td>Postage, Office Supplies, Printing</td>
<td>900</td>
<td>1,250</td>
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<td>Telephones</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
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<td>813</td>
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TOTAL GENERAL CONTROL                      $16,250          $17,732          $1,482

Instruction (20)

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<th>Item</th>
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<td>$285,500</td>
<td>$314,100</td>
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<td>A. Senior High School</td>
<td>$132,475</td>
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<td>$9,525</td>
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<td>B. Junior High School</td>
<td>107,977</td>
<td>130,550</td>
<td>22,573</td>
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<td>C. Administrators (4)</td>
<td>29,100</td>
<td>32,300</td>
<td>3,200</td>
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<td>D. Additional Staff (2)</td>
<td>6,000</td>
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</table>
212 Substitute Teachers
1959 1960 Difference
4,200 3,700 500

216 Special Teachers and Instruction
1959 1960 Difference
5,750 2,050 3,700

The amounts under 216 are for the following teachers:
A. Teacher of Handicapped Children
   700 500 200
B. Mentally Handicapped
   2,500 1,000 1,500
C. In-Service Training Program
   500 300 200
D. Area Mental Health Clinic
   250 250 0
E. Summer School
   2,000 0 2,000

Battery For Today

22 Expenses of Supervisors, Principals
and Teachers

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<th>Secretarial Services:</th>
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<td>Senior High</td>
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<td>6,882</td>
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<td>4,984</td>
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<td>$ 10,950</td>
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Travel

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<th>1. High School Principal</th>
<th>150</th>
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<td>2. Junior High Principal</td>
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<td>3. Guidance Staff (4)</td>
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<td>4. Music Staff (2)</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>125</td>
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<td>5. Classroom Teachers</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>6. Audio-Visual Aids</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>$ 1,250</td>
<td>$ 1,525*</td>
<td>$ 275</td>
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*It is requested that $1,100 of this sum be allotted for travel outside the State by so specifying at the time the vote is taken at Town Meeting.

Postage, Office Supplies, Printing

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<th>23</th>
<th>Instructional Supplies (general)</th>
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<td>$ 6,500</td>
<td>6,155</td>
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<td>$ 9,440</td>
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Instructional Supplies (specific)

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<td>950</td>
<td>1,250</td>
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<td>33b Guidance</td>
<td>700</td>
<td>700</td>
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<td>33c Commercial</td>
<td>242</td>
<td>130</td>
<td>112</td>
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<td>33d Driver Education</td>
<td>400</td>
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<td>33g Physical Education</td>
<td>626</td>
<td>900</td>
<td>274</td>
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### 23m Music
- 960
- 1,025
- 65

### 23n Science
- 1,189
- 775
- 414

### 23o Industrial Arts
- 2,823
- 3,800
- 977

### 23s Social Studies
- 1,000
- 525
- 525

### 23v Audio-Visual
- 1,050
- 1,190
- 140

### 23x Art
- 300
- 800
- 300

### 24 Textbooks
- (based on $8.00 per pupil for 954 pupils)
- $6,900
- $7,632
- $733

### Total Instruction
- $321,140
- $354,373
- $33,233

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**Operation of Plant (30)**

### 31 Janitors’ Salaries (8), Matrons (2)
- 1959: $23,656
- 1960: $26,293
- Difference: $2,637

#### Gross Salaries
- $28,985

#### Less 20%
- 5,792

#### Matrons (2)
- 2,100

#### Overtime and Police
- 1,000

#### Total: $26,293

(20% of salaries of janitors is charged to Maintenance (item 42) since most of their time during the summer of 1960 and a portion of their time during the school year will be devoted to repairs and maintenance not ordinarily expected of janitors.)

### 31a County Retirement
- $3,400

### 31b Blue Cross — Insurance
- 5,000

### 32 Fuel
- 13,500

### 33 Water
- 800

### 34 Power
- 1,000

### 35 Electricity
- 11,500

### Total: $5,272

### Maintenance Fund
- 8,949

### Other Expenses (insurance, leasing, etc.)
- 6,312

### Total Operation
- 1959: $70,818
- 1960: $73,960
- Difference: $3,142

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**Auxiliary Agencies (50)**

### 51 Libraries (Regional)
- 1959: 5,600
- 1960: 6,100
- Difference: 500

### 52 Health
- 1959: 2,865
- 1960: 3,139
- Difference: 274

### A. School Physician
- 1959: 700
- 1960: 200

### B. School Nurse
- 1959: 1,900
- 1960: 2,109
- Difference: 209
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**Debt Service (70)**

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<td>480</td>
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<td>$361,170</td>
<td>$606,648</td>
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Method of Apportionment

Of the Charges

To Be Assessed Against the Towns of
Amherst, Pelham, Leverett, and Shutesbury

In Connection with the 1960 Budget of
The Amherst-Pelham Regional School District

CAPITAL COSTS

(Section VI. Apportionment and Payment of Costs Incurred by the District Agreement as revised.)

Capital costs have been computed as follows:

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<td>Shutesbury</td>
<td>3.2%</td>
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OPERATING COSTS

(Section VI.E. Apportionment and Payments of Costs incurred by the District Agreement as revised.)

"Operating costs for the ensuing calendar year shall be apportioned annually in December on the basis of the average pupil membership for the school year ending the previous June 30, each Participating Town's share to bear the same relationship to operating costs as its average membership in the Regional District Schools bears to the combined average membership in the Regional District Schools from all the Participating Towns, as determined by the Regional District Committee, provided, that if the Regional District Schools shall not have been operated during the school year ending the previous June 30, the basis of such apportionment shall be the average membership which each Participating Town would have had in the Regional District Schools, had they been so operated. Any unexpended balance from the current year's operating budget plus income received in the current year from admission of tuition pupils shall be deducted from operating costs for the ensuing year prior to the apportionment thereof among the Participating Towns."
### Average Pupil Membership — June 30, 1959

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<th>Senior High School</th>
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<td>24</td>
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<td>Shutesbury</td>
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<td><strong>Total Average</strong></td>
<td><strong>449</strong></td>
<td><strong>416</strong></td>
<td><strong>865</strong></td>
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### Total Gross Budget for 1960

$633,133.00

In the determination of Capital and Operating expenditures for purposes of assessment, the Regional District Treasurer anticipates in 1960 the receipt of approximately:

$37,501.00
classified as follows:

- **State Aid for Construction** $34,381.00
- **Tuition (includes State Wards and Youth Service)** $909.00
- **Adult Education State Reimbursement** $1,100.00
- **Adult Education Registration fees** $450.00
- **Industrial Arts Receipts** $180.00
- **Telephone Commission** $20.00
- **Rentals** $150.00
- **Miscellaneous fines and damages** $150.00

**TOTAL** $37,501.00

In addition, since the Regional School District operates on the basis of a "net" budget rather than a "gross" budget, any monies remaining from previous budgets in the District Treasury, as of December 31, 1959, will be used to reduce the gross budget for 1960. In this connection, the District Treasurer has reported an anticipated balance of $17,664.10 of which $16,850.00 is identified as an "operating" balance and $1,814.10 as a "capital" balance.

With potential income for 1960 and the anticipated Treasury balance as of December 31, 1959 in mind, the gross budget for 1960 of $633,133 will be reduced by a total of $55,165.10 ($37,501.00 potential income and $17,664.10 anticipated 1959 Treasury balance) to a net budget of $577,967.90 prior to actual assessments for 1960.

### The 1960 Budget (Gross)

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<td><strong>GRAND TOTAL</strong></td>
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### The 1960 Budget (Net)

$533,133.00

— $55,165.10

$477,967.90

*Anticipated Treasury Balance, December 31, 1959 $17,664.10

*Anticipated Income for 1960 $37,501.00

For purposes of assessments for capital expenditures, the gross capital expenditures planned for 1960, amounting to $122,960.00 are reduced by a present capital balance in the District Treasury of $1,814.10, plus an anticipated capital income of $34,381.00 in the form of State Aid for Construction, for a total of $35,980.83.

$122,960.00

— $35,980.83

$86,979.17

This amount of $86,979.17 represents the net capital assessment to be made against the four towns in 1960, as follows:

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<td>4.5%</td>
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<td><strong>$86,979.17</strong></td>
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For purposes of assessments for operating expenses, the gross operating expenditures planned for 1960 amounting to $510,173.00 are reduced by an anticipated operating balance in the District Treasury as of December 31, 1959, of $16,264.27 plus an anticipated operating income in 1960 of approximately $2,920.00 from various sources, or a total of $19,184.27.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Gross Operating Expenditures} & = 510,173.00 \\
\text{Operating Balance} & = 16,264.27 \\
\text{Operating Income} & = 2,920.00 \\
\text{Total Reduction} & = 19,184.27 \\
\text{Net Operating Assessment} & = 490,988.73
\end{align*}
\]

This amount ($490,988.73) represents the net operating assessment to be made against the four towns in 1960 as follows:

**Assessments for the 1960 Operating Budget — Net of $490,988.73**

Based on average pupil membership in the Regional Schools, June 30, 1959

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<tr>
<th>Town</th>
<th>Capital Expenditures</th>
<th>Operating Expenditures</th>
<th>Total Expenditures</th>
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<td>Amherst</td>
<td>$76,715.65</td>
<td>$401,874.31</td>
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<td>3,914.06</td>
<td>34,624.20</td>
<td>38,538.26</td>
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<td>Leverett</td>
<td>3,566.15</td>
<td>39,732.75</td>
<td>43,298.90</td>
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<td>Shutesbury</td>
<td>2,783.33</td>
<td>14,757.47</td>
<td>17,540.80</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$86,979.17</td>
<td>$490,988.73</td>
<td>$577,967.90</td>
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**Summary**

- Net Capital Budget: $86,979.17
- Net Operating Budget: $490,988.73
- Treasury Balance (12/31/59): $17,664.10
- Anticipated Income: $37,501.00
- Gross 1960 Budget: $653,135.00

Accordingly, the Amherst-Pelham Regional District School Committee hereby assesses the Towns of Amherst, Pelham, Leverett, and Shutesbury in 1960 the amounts shown above under total assessments.

In order to comply with Section VI F of the accepted Agreement as amended in 1955 by the towns involved, the treasurers of the Towns of Amherst, Pelham, Leverett, and Shutesbury are requested to pay their proportionate share of the capital and operating costs as described herein to the Treasurer of the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District, (Mr. John M. Fitzgerald, Amherst Road, Pelham, — Post Office address, R.F.D. #2, Amherst, Massachusetts) as follows:

- **Amherst**
  - Not later than May 10, 1960: The sum of $159,529.98
  - Not later than August 10, 1960: The sum of $159,529.98
  - Not later than November 10, 1960: The sum of $159,529.98

- **Pelham**
  - Not later than May 10, 1960: The sum of $12,846.09
  - Not later than August 10, 1960: The sum of $12,846.09
  - Not later than November 10, 1960: The sum of $12,846.08

- **Leverett**
  - Not later than May 10, 1960: The sum of $14,432.97
  - Not later than August 10, 1960: The sum of $14,432.97
  - Not later than November 10, 1960: The sum of $14,432.96

- **Shutesbury**
  - Not later than May 10, 1960: The sum of $5,846.93
  - Not later than August 10, 1960: The sum of $5,846.94
  - Not later than November 10, 1960: The sum of $5,846.94

- **Kenton**
  - Not later than May 10, 1960: The sum of $17,540.80

The town of Kenton is hereby assessed the sum of $17,540.80 in accordance with Section VI F of the accepted Agreement as amended in 1955 by the towns involved. This sum is to be paid not later than May 10, 1960.
### AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### BALANCE SHEET

**December 31, 1959**

**Cash** $27,635.68

Revolving Funds:
- Hampshire County Retirement System $300.56
- Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Board 1,261.13
- Federal Taxes Withheld 4,656.40
- Massachusetts Tax Withheld 1,133.33
- Hospitalization Insurance 552.20
- Payroll Deductions: School Lunch Fund 328.95
- Athletic Fund 391.26
- Surplus Revenue 18,271.91

**Total Cash** $27,635.68

**DEBT ACCOUNTS**

Net Funded Debt $1,212,000.00 School Construction Loans $1,212,000.00

### AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

**For the Year Ended December 31, 1959**

**Receipts**
- Assessment Revenue $426,998.58
- Town of Amherst 41,537.02
- Town of Leverett 39,819.97
- Town of Pelham 30,167.61
- Town of Shutesbury 16,350.71

**Total Assessment Revenue** $324,706.28

- State Aid for Regional School Financing 913.84
- Tuition, State Wards and Youth Service 8,332.36
- Vocational Tuition, Transportation, Adult Education 732.50
- Adult Education Registration Fees 376.27
- Industrial Arts Receipts 258.64
- Monarch Insurance Refund 240.00
- Rental of Gymnasium and Auditorium 399.78
- Telephone Commissions, Fines, Breakage, and Miscellaneous 89.79

**Total 1959 Receipts** $524,706.28

**Expenditures for 1959** $590,548.98

**Surplus Revenue Balance December 31, 1959** $27,635.68

### AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

**For the Year Ended December 31, 1959**

**General Control**
- School Committee $100.00
- Superintendents Salary 5,175.00
- Secretarial Services and Treasurer 8,435.00
- Supervisor of Attendance 100.00
- Postage, Office Supplies 300.00
- Telephone 300.00
- Travel 425.00
- Other Expenses of General Control 824.04

**Total General Control** $16,250.00

**Instruction**
- Teachers Salaries $285,500.00
- Expenses of Supervisors and Teachers 12,800.00
- Instructional Supplies 15,940.00
- Textbooks 6,900.00

**Total Instruction** $321,140.00

**Operation of Plant**
- Janitors Salaries $23,656.00
- County Retirement 3,400.00
- Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Insurance 5,000.00
- Fuel 13,500.00
- Water 800.00
- Power 1,000.00
- Electricity 11,500.00
- Janitors Supplies 2,000.00
- Towel Supplies 1,800.00
- Telephones 1,800.00
- Janitors Travel 50.00

**Total 1959 Appropriation** $308,320.15

**Total 1959 Expenditure** $24,432.26

**Balance** $24,900.27

**Total 1959 Surplus Revenue** $18,571.91
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<td>Adult Education</td>
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<td>$583,545.00</td>
<td>$571,977.07</td>
<td>$13,567.93</td>
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Respectfully submitted,
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Amherst-Pelham Regional School District

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Stephen McKay Dimock
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Mary Eleanor Fitts
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Robert M. Maia
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*Shirley Jeanne Mather
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Shannon McCune
Norman Alan Milimore
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*Janet Natalia Morris
Marie Louise Mushenski
William Thomas Nanartonis
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William John O'Brien
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Gloria D. Reynolds

CLASS OF 1959

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Richard Cushing Rhodes
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Joseph Paul Rocasah
Marilyn Jayne Rodwell
Charles Francis Rogers
Emily Ann Roswenc
Veikko Ilmari Sahlia
John Abner Searle
William E. Shumway
Philip H. Simmons
Marcia Deo Simpson
Arlene Frances Skribiski
Alexander Arthur Smith
Chapman T. Smith
*Janet Smith
*Carol Marcia Spindler
Pauline Anne Stouz
Beverly Elaine Thornton
*Member of Pro Merito Society

Bette Eugene Thorpe
Niels Peter Thorshaug
Lucille Susan Tidlund
Mary Jane Toy
Donald G. Urquhart
Kathleen Mary Warren
Vernon Kenneth Watson, Jr.
John William Webb
Thomas Edward Webber
David T. Welcome
Joyce May Whitcomb
*Marian Elizabeth Whitney
Pearl Ann Williams
Sylvia Ann Wills
Judy Wilson
*John Crapin Wyman
*Judith Nevart Yegian

**FOLLOW-UP STUDY — CLASS OF 1959**

The Class of 1959 was composed of one hundred twenty-five young graduates, 72 girls and 53 boys. In December of 1959, a survey revealed the following distribution:

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<tr>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Employed</th>
<th>Further Education</th>
<th>Armed Forces</th>
<th>Married</th>
<th>Undecided</th>
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*The percentage actually totals more than 100% because one boy is counted in both married and further education categories.*

**FURTHER EDUCATION — 54.9%**

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**Business Schools, Schools of Nursing etc. — 16.4%**

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**Business Schools**

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#### St. Stockbridge School of Agriculture

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### School Staff Directory 1959-60

#### Senior High School

- Kingsley A. Perry
- Charles E. Abramson
- Kenneth R. Caouette
- Paul E. Caouette

- Miss Linda Chickering
- Angelo Correaile, Jr.
- John R. Cox
- Laurel E. Crouse
- Mrs. Marjorie B. Day
- Robert Domina
- Miss Betty Jane Donley
- C. Arthur Eddy
- Miss Eleanor C. Fillmore
- Miss Elizabeth M. Foley
- William F. Freisen
- Miss Dorothy Furgeson
- Miss Irene Hale
- Mrs. Ann B. Hart
- Mrs. Margaret Herring
- William A. Hutchinson
- Miss Marilyn Johnson
- Miss Elizabeh Lawson
- Hollis W. Moore
- Bruce R. Oldershaw
- Clifford N. Oliver
- Richard Robinson
- J. Clement Schuler
- Mrs. Miran Shaw
- Arthur L. Swift
- Mrs. Georgina Traverso
- Mrs. Betty Ann Fil
- Mrs. Barbara Robinson

#### Supervised Department

- Superintendent of Schools
- Secretary to the Superintendent
- Assistant Secretary
- Clerk
- School Physician
- School Physician
- School Nurse
- Supervisor of Attendance
- Cafeteria Manager

#### Principal

- Director of Athletics
- Commercial, French, Modern Problems
- English, Latin, History, Modern Problems
- English, Speech
- Driver Education, Coach
- English
- English
- Guidance
- Latin, German
- Mathematics
- Assistant Principal
- Typing, Shorthand
- History, Civics
- English
- Bookkeeping, Typing
- French, History
- Librarian
- Biology
- French
- Physical Education
- Industrial Arts
- Audio-Visual Aids
- Mathematics, Physics
- Industrial Arts
- Music
- Mathematics, Physics
- Chemistry
- Art
- Secretary to the High School Principal
- Clerk
Custodians and Cafeteria Personnel

Lester J. Ward
Mrs. Clara Aldrich
George Banks
Michel Dziuba
William Dziuba
Mrs. Katherine Finn
Miss Olive Goodwin
Mrs. Mary Holmes
Frances P. Lehane
Mrs. Arline Lyman
Eugene O'Neil
Peter R. Rodzwell
Mrs. Mabel Romancier
Mrs. Helen Smith
Mrs. Isabel Thornton
Edward L. Weaver
Mrs. Rosamund Willis

Head Custodian
Matron, Senior High School
Senior High School
Junior High School
Matron, Junior High School
Cafeteria, Junior High
Cafeteria, Senior High
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Cafeteria, Junior High School
**CALENDAR**

**January – December 1960**

- **January 4, Monday**: Winter Term begins. All schools reopen.
- **February 19, Friday**: All Schools close for Winter vacation at end of regular school day.
- **February 22-26, Monday-Friday**: Winter vacation
- **February 29, Monday**: All schools reopen
- **April 14, Thursday**: Spring vacation begins, all schools close at end of regular school day.
- **April 18-22, Monday-Friday**: Spring vacation
- **April 25, Monday**: All schools reopen
- **May 30, Monday**: Memorial Day, no school
- **June 24, Friday**: School year ends
- **September 6, Tuesday**: Teachers Meeting
- **September 7, Wednesday**: High and Junior High schools open
- **October 12, Wednesday**: Columbus Day, no school
- **November 11, Friday**: Veterans’ Day, no school
- **November 23, Wednesday**: Solid sessions, Elementary schools close at 11:15 a.m.; Junior-Senior High schools at 12:00 noon for Thanksgiving recess
- **November 28, Monday**: All schools reopen
- **December 23, Friday**: All schools close for Christmas vacation. Same closing schedule as for November 23.