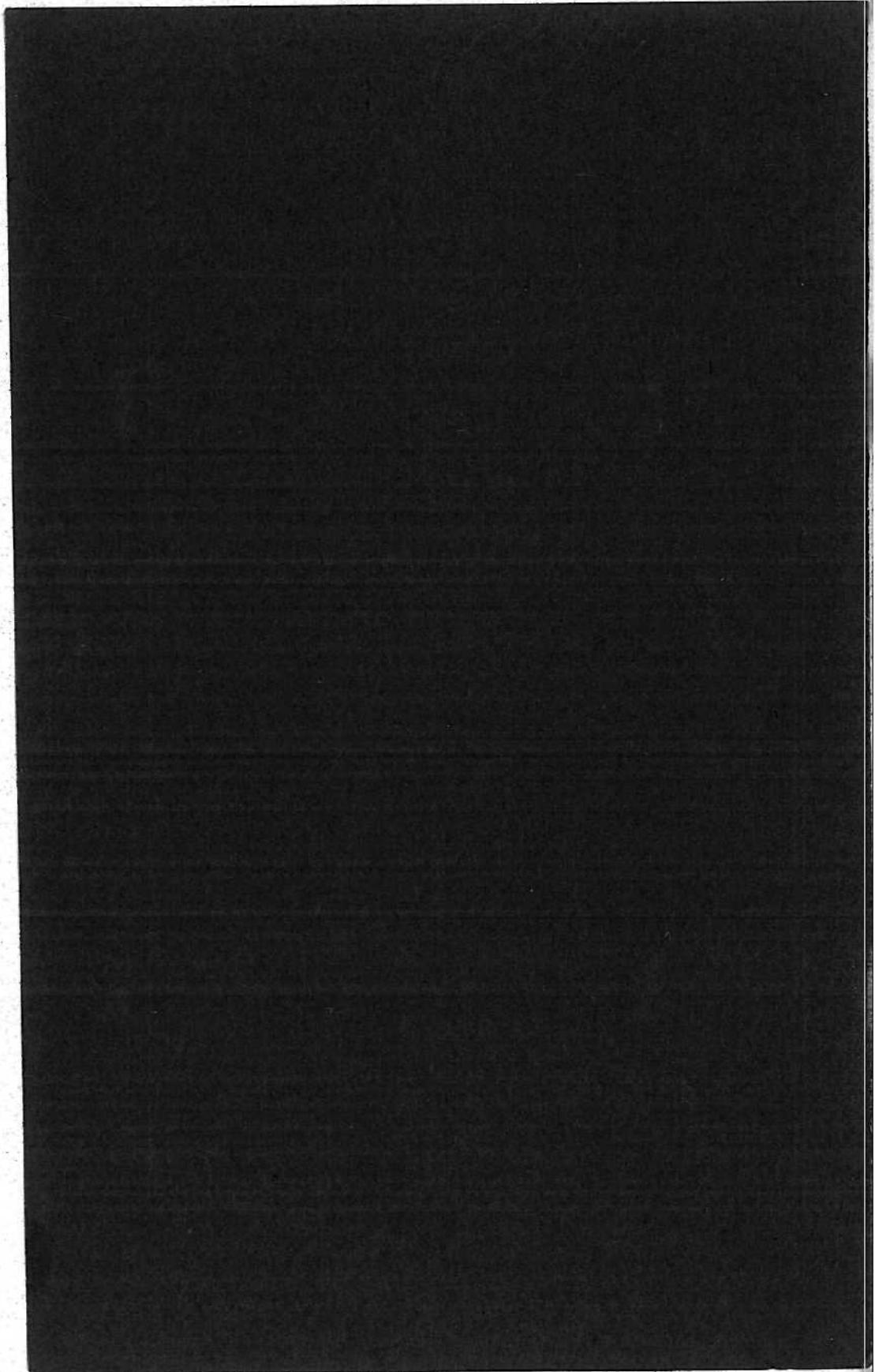


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## Town of Upton

Incorporated, June 14, 1735

Population, 1950 U. S. Census, 2,656

Total Miles of Highway: 65 (approximately)

### U. S. SENATORS

John F. Kennedy of Boston  
Leverett Saltonstall of Newton

### CONGRESSMAN, Third District

Philip J. Philbin of Clinton

### COUNCILLOR, Seventh District

Gabriel G. Morse of Gardner

### SENATOR, Fourth Worcester District

Alfred B. Cenedella, Jr. of Milford

### REPRESENTATIVES, Ninth Worcester District

Gladys G. Crockett of Upton  
William P. DiVitto of Milford

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Francis E. Cassidy of Webster, Chairman  
Joseph A. Aspero of Worcester  
Edward P. Bird of Fitchburg

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Alfred B. Cenedella of Milford

SHERIFF OF WORCESTER COUNTY

William A. Bennett of Worcester

COUNTY TREASURER

Alexander G. Lajoie of Worcester

CLERK OF COURTS, WORCESTER COUNTY

Philip S. Smith of Leicester

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Robert R. Gallagher of Worcester

REGISTER OF PROBATE

F. Joseph Donohue of Worcester

## Officers for 1953

## MODERATOR

Halbert K. Struthers

**TOWN CLERK**

George G. Newton ..... term expires 1956

## SELECTMEN

**TOWN TREASURER**

Leo F. Murphy

## ASSESSORS OF TAXES

Norman E. Walker, Chairman ..... term expires 1955  
Donald L. Varney, Clerk ..... term expires 1954  
Edward S. Henderson ..... term expires 1956

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

George J. Victor, Chairman ..... term expires 1956  
Charles F. Caton ..... term expires 1955  
Alanson J. Varney, Clerk ..... term expires 1954

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Elsie J. Craib, Chairman ..... term expires 1954  
Bernard F. McKernan, Clerk ..... term expires 1955  
Donald B. Johnson ..... term expires 1956

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Clement J. Lambert

AUDITOR AND TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Harvey L. Martindale

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Edward J. Gurry, Chairman ..... term expires 1955  
Donald R. Keniston, Clerk ..... term expires 1954  
Raymond K. Smith ..... term expires 1956

CONSTABLES

Daniel H. Bates    Alfred H. Nichols    Alvin P. Nichols  
                          Benjamin E. Swift    Clifton A. Temple

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Helen A. Fay ..... term expires 1954  
Newton J. Frost ..... term expires 1954  
Chester W. Walker, Chairman ..... term expires 1954  
  
James F. Gorman ..... term expires 1955  
Alice M. Hall, Clerk ..... term expires 1955  
Elizabeth H. Wood ..... term expires 1955  
  
Jennie H. Capen, Treasurer ..... term expires 1956  
George H. Donham ..... term expires 1956  
Helene D. Robinson ..... term expires 1956

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Harry C. Snow

## TREE WARDEN

Edmond Benoit

## SEWER AND WATER COMMISSIONERS

Edward L. Orff, Chairman ..... term expires 1956  
Thomas L. Francis ..... term expires 1955  
Raymond E. Griffin, Clerk ..... term expires 1954

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

Arthur M. Bartlett, Chairman ..... term expires 1956  
Walter J. Kirby ..... term expires 1958  
Forrest P. Salisbury, Clerk ..... term expires 1954  
Douglas J. Gilchrist ..... term expires 1955

## PARK COMMISSIONERS

Arthur K. McCarty, Chairman ..... term expires 1954  
Kendall W. Wood ..... term expires 1955  
(Vacancy, term expires 1956)

## APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN FOR 1953

## TOWN COUNSEL

Henry C. Walker (Resigned)  
Gordon A. Shaw

## CLERK TO SELECTMEN

James F. Gorman

## CHIEF OF POLICE

Daniel H. Bates

## DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Eugene A. Clossen

### POLICE OFFICERS

Daniel H. Bates, Benjamin E. Swift, Alfred H. Aldrich,  
Clifton A. Temple, Richard D. Stockwell,  
Frank P. Libbey, Alfred H. Nichols, Arthur F. Bartlett,  
Walter J. Stank, Ernest B. Porter, Alanson J. Varney,  
Forrest E. Noe, Arthur P. Henault, Edward J. Morrison,  
Raymond E. Griffin, Henry J. Poirier, Harry C. Snow,  
Harry P. Christie, Chester L. Cooper,  
Robert E. Blackburn, Alvin P. Nichols  
William A. Bellofatto, Donald R. Keniston,  
Edward L. Orff, Arthur J. Leclaire, Albert J. Robida,  
Oscar K. Bates, Ralph Smith, Leo J. Handfield,  
George E. Nydam, G. Marshall Carlson,  
W. Vincent Power, Edmond Benoit, Joseph P. Bibeau

### SPECIAL POLICE

Arnold G. Burns, Wilfred N. Bedard, school buildings;  
Odilon J. Breton, Ormand A. Bates, traffic on highway  
construction; George W. Burnham, Grange Hall.

### LOCKUP KEEPER

#### AND CUSTODIAN OF TOWN HALL

Robert E. Blackburn

### FENCE VIEWERS

George O. Taft H. Daniel Fay Harold S. Goodrich

### PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Eva K. Evans Henry J. Poirier

### DOG OFFICER

Arthur J. Leclaire

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Harry C. Snow

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Arthur F. Bartlett

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

Frederick W. Fiske      Joseph A. Carroll

MEASURER OF LUMBER

Frederick W. Fiske      David H. Dow

VETERANS' SERVICE DIRECTOR

George P. Kennedy

CUSTODIAN OF VETERANS' GRAVES

Charles E. Aldrich

MILK INSPECTOR

Edward L. Orff

BUILDING INSPECTOR

George N. O. Poirier

WIRING INSPECTOR

Samuel F. Mitchell

BOARD OF HEALTH

Gladys G. Crockett, Chairman      Daniel H. Bates  
Ernest B. Porter

AGENT TO ISSUE BURIAL PERMITS

George G. Newton

SUPERINTENDENT TO SUPPRESS GYPSY MOTH

(Subject to approval of State Forester)

Edmond Benoit

FOREST WARDEN

(Subject to approval of State Forester)

Walter J. Stank

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

(Subject to approval of Live Stock Disease Control)

Arthur W. Morrison

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Arthur W. Morrison

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Edwin W. Sadler (D), Chairman .... term expires 1954

Richard D. Stockwell (R) ..... term expires 1955

James L. Kearnan (D) ..... term expires 1956

George G. Newton (R), ex-officio, Clerk  
term expires 1956

FIRE ENGINEERS

George N. O. Poirier, Chief

Thomas L. Francis, Deputy Chief

William A. Prentiss, Deputy Chief

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

George W. Grebenstein

CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL

Charles R. Stuart, Edward Kuczinski, Henry J. Poirier  
Edward L. Prentiss Dr. Bernard F. McKernan

SUPERINTENDANT OF SEWER  
AND WATER SYSTEMS

(Appointed by Sewer - Water Commission)  
Henry J. Poirier

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Harold S. Hopkins, Chairman .....	term expires 1955
Harrison E. Bates, Clerk, (resigned) .....	term expires 1955
John D. Strachan, Clerk .....	term expires 1955
George E. Nydam .....	term expires 1956
Windsor B. Brooks .....	term expires 1956
Arah K. Libbey .....	term expires 1956
Arthur M. Bartlett .....	term expires 1954
Gordon E. Benson, (resigned) .....	term expires 1954
Eugene Whiting (to fill vacancy) ....	term expires 1954
Samuel W. Bailey .....	term expires 1954

## TOWN WARRANT

MARCH 2, 1953

*Worcester, ss*

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County  
of Worcester,

Greeting:

In th name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of  
Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs,  
to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Monday, the  
Second day of March, punctually, at seven o'clock A.M.,  
then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for  
the ensuing year: Moderator, Town Treasurer, Town  
Clerk, three Selectmen, Collector of Taxes, Auditor, five  
Constables, Road Commissioner, and Tree Warden, all  
for one year: one Assessor of Taxes, one member of the  
Board of Public Welfare, one member of the School Com-  
mittee, one Cemetery Commissioner, one Park Commis-  
sioner, and three Trustees of Public Library, all for three  
years; one member of the Housing Authority for five  
years; and three Water and Sewer Commissioners, one  
for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

All of the above to be voted for upon one ballot.

The remaining articles contained in the warrant will be acted upon at an adjourned meeting of the voters in Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, March 7, 1953, at 2 o'clock P.M.

Article 2. To hear the reports of all town officers and do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 3. To hear reports of any committees appointed by the town, and do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended: Moderator, Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Collector of Taxes, Assessors of Taxes, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Auditor, Cemetery Commissioners, Constables, Trustees of Public Library, Road Commissioner, Tree Warden, and Water and Sewer Commissioners or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses of Town departments for the ensuing year, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to 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,

1953, and to issue a note or notes therefore, 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 Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint one of its members as Chief of Police or Acting Chief of Police, and to establish a salary to be taken from the Police Appropriation for such appointee in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 4A, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, (\$2,000.00), for Chapter 90 Construction of Pleasant Street, said money to be used in conjunction with any money

which may be allotted by the State or County or Both, for this purpose, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the proceeds of the 1952 Dog Tax Refund received from the county, to the School Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Six Dollars and Forty-eight Cents (\$306.48), in accordance with provisions of Chapter 32, Section 22, General Laws, for Pen-

sion Fund, Expense Fund, and Military Services Fund of the Worcester County Retirement System, for 1952, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Seven Dollars and Seventy-three cents, (\$507.73), said money for unpaid bills in the Water and Sewerage Department, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00), this being the last payment on equalization of valuation of the Town, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to appoint one of its members as School physician, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 4A, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint one of its members as Supervisor of Lakeview Cemetery, and to pay such Supervisor as per schedule set by Cemetery Commissioners, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 4A, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the bequest of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,-

000.00), such bequest to be held in trust and to be called the William Knowlton Trust Fund, the interest and net income thereof to be annually expended for Public Purposes, as provided under Clause 9 of the will of William Knowlton, late of Upton, Mass., or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote that the School be named the Upton Memorial School in memory of Upton's Dead of World War II and the Korean War and in memory of Ella Whitney Risteen, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 17. That the Town vote that a suitable plaque bearing the above mentioned contents of Article 16, be installed in the building and a necessary sum of money be appropriated for same, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote that the sign, "Upton Memorial School", originally planned but eliminated for lack of funds, be erected on the Main Street wall of the auditorium and a necessary sum of money be appropriated therefor, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to discharge the Elementary School Building Committee, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain a Town Dump at the lower end of Hartford

Avenue in West Upton, and to discontinue the use of and close the present Town Dump at Warren Street, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to make the necessary arrangements and execute and accept a lease or other written instrument for the new location, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00), for the installation of one street light on South Street, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-six Dollars (\$36.00), for the installation of two street lights on Warren Street, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept Reservoir Street Extension, so-called, as laid out and reported by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk as prescribed by Law, as a Public Town Way, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Seventy-seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$577.50), said money to be used to pay the Care of Patients Bills incurred in 1952, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Four

Dollars and Ninety-four Cents (\$304.94), said money for bills incurred in the Town Halls and Expenses Account during 1952, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-eight Dollars and Forty-five Cents (\$268.45), said money for bills incurred in the Department of Veterans' Service during 1952, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the earnings of the Machinery Fund of 1952 to the Machinery Account of 1953, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00), said money to be used by the Fire Department for the purchase of new hose, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), said money to be used for the finish painting and finishing of the new Fire Station, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars

(\$500.00), said money to be used by the Cemetery Commissioners for the purpose of Grading and Oiling, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Town Treasury the unexpended balance in the new School appropriation, said amount being One Hundred Eleven Dollars and Sixty-five Cents (\$111.65), or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00), said money to be used to purchase new Suction Hose for the Forest Fire Department, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$650.00), as the Town's payment of Hydrant rental to the Water and Sewer Department, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to have the moderator appoint a Committee of three to investigate all matters pertaining to Regional Schools as set up under Chapter 71 of the General Laws, Section 14 to 161 inclusive, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to name or appoint a committee to look into the feasibility of the Town establishing a Department of Public Works, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to take any action on any reports or information brought forward on the disposition of the Grand Army Hall, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to abandon an old section of Mendon Street, said street commencing at a point approximately fifteen hundred feet southeast of the intersection of Chestnut and Mendon Streets, and continuing in a southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately twenty-five hundred feet and ending at the Mendon Town Line on the Powers farm located in Mendon, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 2260 of the Acts of 1953, establishing a Town of Upton Water System, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to develop well fields, extend present water mains and water systems, erect pumping station with pump, install new standpipe and generally improve water distribution facilities in the Town of Upton, and raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$222,000.00), and to authorize and instruct the Town Treasurer to issue bonds or notes therefor which shall bear on their face the words "Upton Water Loan, Act of 1953", each authorized issue constituting a separate loan, and such loan or loans payable in not more than thirty (30) years from their dates, said loans to be within the debt limits prescribed by the last paragraph of Section 8, Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and in accordance

with House Bill No. 2260 now pending before the Legislature, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the purpose of black-topping in front of the new Fire Station, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), said money to be used to install conductor pipe and eaves trough on the new Fire Station, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-seven Dollars (\$97.00), said money to be used to balance the books in the Town Halls and Expenses Account for 1952, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds in the Town Treasury a sum of money not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), said money to be used by the Board of Assessors to establish the tax rate for 1953, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make the necessary arrangements and execute and accept a lease or other written instrument, and to raise and appropriate the sum

of One Dollar (\$1.00) for same, said money to be used in providing a parking area in West Upton on the Stone property, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting:—At each of the Post-offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this Twenty-first day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

ERNEST B. PORTER  
GLADYS G. CROCKETT  
DANIEL H. BATES  
Selectmen of Upton

A true Copy.  
Attest:

DANIEL H. BATES,  
Constable of Upton

Upton, Mass., February 21, 1953

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall on Monday, the

Second day of March, for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town House at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

A true Copy. Attest:

DANIEL H. BATES,  
Constable of Upton

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

March 2, 1953

Pursuant to the Warrant, Moderator Malcolm C. Temple called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock A.M.

After reading the call of the meeting and Article 1, for choosing of necessary officers, Selectman Daniel H. Bates moved that reading of the remaining articles be waived and to be acted upon at adjourned town meeting, March 7, 1953 at 2 P.M. Motion was seconded and voted. Moderator Temple resumed reading of the remainder of the Warrant and Constable's return.

Prior to opening of the meeting, Moderator Temple invited any voter to inspect the ballot box which was opened. The box's indicator was set at 0000. Officer Oscar K. Bates was on duty at ballot box and held the keys to the box throughout voting hours.

A sealed box purporting to contain 1800 ballots was turned over to Edward J. Gurry and Edward L. Prentiss, ballot clerks. At the check-out at ballot box were William

J. Gorman and Arthur J. Page. The checkers were sworn to perform their duty by the Town Clerk before balloting began.

Selectman Daniel H. Bates was the first voter to cast his ballot. Rep. Gladys G. Crockett, member of the Board of Selectmen, was first woman voter.

Indicator on ballot box read at hourly intervals during the day read as follows: 8 A.M., 27 ballots cast; 9 A.M., 44; 10 A.M., 66; 11 A.M., 98; 12 noon, 142; 1 P.M., 175; 2 P.M., 224; 3 P.M., 270; 4 P.M., 327; 5 P.M., 471; 6 P.M., 609; 7 P.M., 786, and 8 P.M., 895. There were 894 ballots cast and counted. Ballot No. 814 became caught in ballot box mechanism. It had to be removed then run through, causing bell and indicator to register twice.

First removal of ballots from ballot was at 3:30 P.M. when 300 ballots were taken out and counted in presence of election officials. At 6 P.M., an additional 300 ballots were removed, and after polls closed at 8 P.M., 294 ballots. Total, 894 ballots.

Tellers reporting at 4 P.M. to canvass vote were: Mrs. Helen I. Donham, Mrs. Margaret M. Henderson, Mrs. Ruth A. Sweet, Mrs. Rita C. Cutler, Mrs. Helen Poirier, Mrs. Celestine I. Mason, Mrs. Ada W. White and Samuel B. Young.

Tellers reporting at 6 P.M. were: Mrs. Yvonne M. Bissonnette, Mrs. Alice G. Cooley, Mrs. Elizabeth Victor,

Mrs. Mary A. Gilchrist, LeRoy W. Prentiss, Mrs. Norma L. Taft, Mrs. Harriet Driscoll and Mrs. Bessie F. Atwood.

Mrs. Irma L. Prentiss reported at 8 P.M. to succeed Mrs. Mason as a teller as the latter was obliged to leave.

Edward J. Furphy reported at 6 P.M. and served as a checker. After 8 P.M. he and Edward L. Prentiss tabulated the vote.

The Town Clerk administered oath to above persons to perform their respective duties.

Voting lists used at the two tables were compared and each showed 894 names checked: 463 men and 431 women voters.

Used and unused ballots were deposited in containers, sealed, and placed in the town vault.

Public declaration of the voting was made at 11:40 P.M. Writing-in of over 40 names for Moderator and nearly as many names for Park Commissioner delayed canvass of ballots. (No candidate filed nomination paper for either office.)

Results, as recorded on tabulation sheet, were:

**MODERATOR (for one year)**

Vote for One

Malcolm C. Temple .....	21
Halbert K. Struthers .....	58

Halbert Struthers .....	17
Malcolm Temple .....	18
Temple .....	2
Struthers .....	1
Scattered .....	50
Blanks .....	727
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	894

## TOWN CLERK (for three years)

	Vote for One
George G. Newton, Main Street .....	803
Candidate for Re-election	
Blanks .....	91
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## TREASURER (for one year)

	Vote for One
Leo F. Murphy, Piccadilly Street .....	754
Candidate for Re-election	
Blanks .....	140
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## SELECTMEN (for one year)

	Vote for Three
Daniel H. Bates, Main Street .....	449
Candidate for Re-election	
Gladys G. Crockett, Main Street .....	627
Candidate for Re-election	

Sidney C. Daubney, Main Street .....	184
Ernest B. Porter, School Street .....	427
Candidate for Re-election	
Malcolm C. Temple, East Street .....	378
Scattered .....	3
Blanks .....	614
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## ASSESSOR OF TAXES (for three years)

Vote for One	
Edward S. Henderson, High Street .....	715
Candidate for Re-election	
Blanks .....	179
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## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE (for three years)

Vote for One	
George J. Victor, Williams Street .....	683
Candidate for Re-election	
Blanks .....	211
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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE (for three years)

Vote for One	
Donald B. Johnson, Cider Mill Lane .....	684
Candidate for Re-election	
Blanks .....	210
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## COLLECTOR OF TAXES (for one year)

	Vote for One
Clement J. Lambert, Farm Street .....	766
Candidate for Re-election	
Blanks .....	128
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## AUDITOR (for one year)

	Vote for One
Harvey L. Martindale, Main Street .....	710
Candidate for Re-election	
Blanks .....	184
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## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (for three years)

	Vote for One
Grace C. Garland, Christian Hill Road .....	369
Raymond K. Smith, Main Street .....	417
Scattered .....	1
Blanks .....	107
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## SEWER AND WATER COMMISSIONER

	(for three years)
Edward L. Orff, Main Street .....	686
Scattered .....	1
Blanks .....	207
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SEWER AND WATER COMMISSIONER  
(for two years)

	Vote for One
Thomas L. Francis, Main Street .....	543
Alanson J. Varney, Centennial Court .....	225
Blanks .....	126
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SEWER AND WATER COMMISSIONER  
(for one year)

	Vote for One
William A. Bellofatto, Reservoir Street Extension .....	199
Raymond E. Griffin, West Main Street .....	536
Blanks .....	159
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## CONSTABLES (for one year)

	Vote for Five
Daniel H. Bates, Main Street .....	605
Candidate for Re-election	
Edmond L. P. Benoit, High Street .....	416
Alfred H. Nichols, North Main Street .....	556
Alvin P. Nichols, Main Street .....	568
Benjamin E. Swift, Milford Street .....	590
Candidate for Re-election	
Clifton A. Temple, Brooks Street .....	631
Candidate for Re-election	
Scattered .....	1
Blanks .....	1103
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	4470

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY  
(for three years)

	Vote for Three
Jennie H. Capen, Main Street .....	667
Candidate for Re-election	
George H. Donham, Grove Street .....	624
Candidate for Re-election	
Helene D. Robinson, North Main Street .....	646
Blanks .....	745
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TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY  
(for two years, to fill vacancy)

	Vote for One
James F. Gorman, Main Street .....	705
Blanks .....	189
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## ROAD COMMISSIONER (for one year)

	Vote for One
William A. Bellofatto, Reservoir Street Extension	264
Harry C. Snow, Elm Street .....	560
Candidate for Re-election	
Blanks .....	70
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## TREE WARDEN (for one year)

	Vote for One
Edmond Benoit, Elm Street .....	700
Scattered .....	1
Blanks .....	193
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## PARK COMMISSIONER (for three years)

	Vote for One
Herbert E. Erickson, Main Street .....	8
Herbert Eruckson .....	1
Herbert E. Erieson .....	1
Hubert Erickson .....	1
Herbert Ericson .....	1
Herbert Erickson .....	1
Richard W. Orff .....	4
Joseph Kearnan .....	4
Donald R. Keniston .....	2
Donald Keniston .....	1
Walter J. Stank .....	2
Kendall Wood .....	2
Scattered .....	26
Blanks .....	840
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## Upton Housing Authority (For Five Years)

	Vote for One
Walter J. Kirby, Pleasant Street .....	695
	Candidate for Re-election
Blanks .....	199
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A true copy: Attest

GEORGE G. NEWTON,  
Town Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN  
MEETING, MARCH 7, 1953

Moderator Halbert K. Struthers called the meeting to order. Names of voters entering on the main floor of the hall were checked by Douglas J. Gilchrist and Alvin P. Nichols, who were sworn to perform this duty.

1952 TOWN REPORT

Article 2. Voted: on motion of Selectman Daniel H. Bates, duly seconded, to accept the 1952 Town Report with difference in figures of expenditures of Civil Defense Account, pages 132 and 153 noted. (Town Auditor Harvey L. Martindale, following meeting, said correct total expenditure for 1952 was \$149.46.)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Article 3. As no committee had a report to make, article was declared to be passed over by Moderator Struthers.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Article 4. Voted: to establish the following salaries, compensation and expenses for certain officials and town departments:

<i>Town Officials</i>	<i>Salaries</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
Selectmen		
Chairman .....	\$175 00	
Member .....	150 00	
Member .....	150 00	

Clerk .....	150 00	\$625 00	\$200 00
Town Treasurer ....		850 00	150 00
Tax Collector .....		850 00	300 00
<b>Cemetery Commission</b>			
Chairman .....	\$30 00		
Member .....	25 00		
Clerk .....	30 00	85 00	
Town Clerk .... .....		450 00	300 00
<b>Assessors</b>			
Member .....	\$350 00		
Member .....	\$350 00		
Member .....	\$350 00	\$1,050 00	\$700 00
<b>Welfare Board</b>			
Member .....	\$100 00		
Member .....	\$100 00		
Member .....	\$100 00	300 00	
<b>School Committee</b>			
Member .....	\$40 00		
Chairman .....	\$40 00		
Clerk .....	\$65 00	145 00	
<b>Auditor and</b>			
Town Accountant ..		\$450 00	50 00
<b>Director of</b>			
Veterans Services		100 00	75 00
Town Counsel .....		50 00	50 00
<b>Finance Committee</b>			
Clerk .....		60 00	
<b>Sealer of Weights</b>			
and Measures .....		80 00	10 00
<b>Registrar of Voters</b>			
Member .....	\$35 00		
Member .....	\$35 00		
Member .....	\$35 00		
Clerk .....	\$50 00	155 00	225 00

Elections and Town		
Meetings .....		\$350 00
Bonding Town Officers		
		325 00
Inspector Slaughtering and		
Animal Inspector ..		\$100 00
Housing Authority		
		25 00
Wiring Inspector ....		50 00
*Moderator .....		50 00
Tree Warden		
Truck .....	\$1.85 per hour	
Labor .....	1.25 per hour	
Water Commissioners		
Chairman .....	\$35 00	
Member .....	30 00	
Clerk .....	35 00	\$100 00
Water Superintendent		\$100 00
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(\*) Voted: that Moderator be paid a salary of \$50.00.

(\*\*) Passed over until action was taken on "Water and Sewer Dept.—Maintenance and Clerk" appropriation under Article 5.

#### GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

Article 5. Moderator Struthers stated if there was no objection that each item in the Finance Committee's report under caption "General Appropriations," would be read separately. If a voter wished to be heard on any appropriation, the voter should say "Pass." After the list was completed, the "Pass" items would then be taken up for consideration. There was no objection.

"Passed" included: County Hospital Assessments, Highways—Chapter 81, Chapter 90—Maintenance, Snow Removal, Insurance, Library, Street Lights, Town Officers and Expenses.

Ambulance Maintenance .....	\$350 00
Board of Health	
General .....	300 00
Care of Patients .....	550 00
District Nursing Association .....	1,000 00
Town Dump .....	300 00
Cemetery, General .....	3,250 00
(a) County Hospital ....., (\$4,396 15) (Maintenance, Care of Patients' Assessments)	
Fire Department .....	\$3,400 00
Forest Fire .....	700 00
Gypsy Moth Suppression .....	200 00
Highways	
(b) Chapter 81 .....	4,500 00
(c) Chapter 90, Maintenance .....	1,500 00
Bridges .....	600 00
Sidewalks .....	300 00
Signs .....	10 00
(d) Snow Removal .....	7,500 00
(e) Insurance .....	1,900 00
(f) Library (Carpenter Fund \$90) ....	1,000 00

Memorial Day .....	415 00
Notes and Interest .....	18,325 00
Old Age Assistance (Town) .....	40,000 00
Public Welfare Administration	
Social Worker and Clerk .....	2,100 00
Parks, Athletic Field .....	300 00
Police Department .....	2,700 00
Public Welfare—General .....	1,500 00
Aid Dependent Children (Town) ..	1,800 00
Disability Assistance .....	5,000 00
Printing .....	1,500 00
Schools, Including Industrial .....	97,779 97
(g) Street Lights .....	5,250 00
Town Halls and Expenses .....	3,100 00
(h) Town Officers and Expenses .....	8,900 00
Tree Warden .....	350 00
Veterans' Services .....	1,000 00
Reserve Fund .....	2,500 00
Elm Tree Beetle .....	250 00
Civil Defense .....	
Vacation Fund .....	352 00
Damages—Persons, Property .....	10 00
Water and Sewer Dept.—	
Maintenance and Clerk .....	2,100 00
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	\$222,591 97

(a) County Hospital, Maintenance, Care of Patients Assessments. Selectman Ernest B. Porter stated that state accountants had advised that this assessment need not be appropriated as it is included in compilation of tax rate by assessors on commitment from the County.

(b) Highways—Chapter 81. Road Commissioner Harry C. Snow moved that the sum of \$4,500.00 be raised

and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that, in addition, the sum of \$16,500.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the Work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the treasury. Motion seconded. Voted.

(c) Highways—Chapter 90, Maintenance. Road Commissioner Harry C. Snow moved that the sum of \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that in addition, the sum of \$3,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury. Motion seconded. Voted.

(d) Snow Removal. Voted: on motion of Road Commissioner Harry C. Snow, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate \$7,500.00 for Snow Removal instead of \$6,000.00 as originally requested as 1953 bills to date total between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

(e) Insurance. Voted: on motion of Gordon N. Benson, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate \$1,900.00 for Insurance instead of \$1,400.00 as originally requested after discussion as to amount of insurance on new school building.

(f) Library. Voted: on motion of Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for Library Account, including \$60.00 required by Dr. Carpenter Fund instead of \$940.00 as originally requested.

(g) Street Lights. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate \$5,250.00, to include cost of installing street lights on South and Warren Streets as requested in Articles 21 and 22 if favorably acted upon.

(h) Town Officers and Expenses. Voted: on motion of Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate \$8,900.00 for Town Officers and Expenses.

After each item under Article 5 had been considered, it was voted on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the said amounts.

(Total appropriations to be raised by taxation under this article: \$222,591.97.)

#### AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW MONEY

Article 6. Voted: on motion of Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy, duly seconded, that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953, and to issue note or notes therefore, 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 Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. Unanimous vote declared by the Moderator.

**AUTHORIZING SELECTMEN TO APPOINT ONE  
OF ITS MEMBERS AS POLICE CHIEF**

Article 7. Voted: on motion of Selectman Daniel H. Bates, duly seconded, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint one of its members as Chief of Police in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 4A, and a salary be set at \$50.00 a month and salary be taken from Police Department Appropriation.

In answer to a question, Selectman Bates said the monthly amount stipulated in the motion was an increase of \$15.00 per month compared with 1952 salary.

**PLEASANT STREET**

Article 8. Rejected: motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for Chapter 90 Construction of Pleasant Street, and in addition, transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to meet the State and County's shares of the work, said money to be returned to the town treasury on reimbursement.

Before vote was taken, Selectman Daniel H. Bates moved to amend Mr. Porter's motion that \$1,500.00 be appropriated for Chapter 90 work on Church Street.

Moderator Struthers ruled that the article called for Pleasant Street and he could not entertain the motion to amend. Howard Heald moved to lay the question on the table. Motion seconded. Declared lost. Original motion then acted upon and declared lost.

Mr. Porter said that it had been learned that the town of Northbridge did not plan to do special work on its section of the highway this year. He added, the Selectmen had been informed that it was possible that a Chapter 90 Construction grant might be obtained from the State for Church Street on which the new Fire Station was erected in 1952.

#### 1952 DOG TAX REFUND

Article 9. Voted: on motion of Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy, duly seconded, to appropriate the sum of \$702.03, 1952 Dog Tax Refund, received from the County, to be added to School Account.

#### COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Article 10. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Six Dollars and Forty-eight Cents (\$306.48), in accordance with Chapter 32, Section 22, General Laws, for Pension Fund, Expense Fund and Military Services Fund of the Worcester County Retirement System for 1952.

#### 1952 WATER AND SEWER BILLS

Article 11. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the

sum of Five Hundred and Seven Dollars and Seventy-three Cents, (\$507.73), said money to be used to pay bills incurred in the Water and Sewer Department during 1952. Moderator Struthers declared the vote unanimous.

#### REVALUATION CONTRACT PAYMENT

Article 12. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest Porter, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00), said money to be used for final payment on the revaluation of the Town.

#### AUTHORIZING SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO APPOINT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS AS SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Article 13. Voted: on motion of Mrs. Elsie J. Craib of the School Committee that the Town authorize the School Committee to appoint one of its members as School Physician, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 4A.

#### AUTHORIZING THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS AS SUPERVISOR

Article 14. Voted: on motion of Cemetery Commissioner Donald R. Keniston, duly seconded, that the Cemetery Commissioners be authorized to appoint one of its members as Supervisor of Lakeview Cemetery in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 4A, and that the salary of \$1.05 per hour be set to be taken from the Cemetery Appropriation.

ACCEPTANCE OF BEQUEST UNDER  
WILL OF WILLIAM KNOWLTON

Article 15. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, that the Town accept the bequest of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), such bequest to be held in trust and to be called the "William Knowlton Trust Fund", the interest and net income thereof to be annually expended for public purposes as provided under Clause 9 of the will of William Knowlton, late of Upton, Mass.

In voting acceptance of the bequest, voters stood in silence in memory of the late Mr. Knowlton. (Mr. Knowlton passed away July 14, 1952.)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING  
NAMED "UPTON MEMORIAL SCHOOL"

Article 16. Voted: on motion of Mrs. Elsie J. Craib of the School Committee, duly seconded, that the new school be named the "Upton Memorial School" in memory of Upton's Dead of World War II and the Korean War and in memory of Ella Whitney Risteen.

PLAQUE TO BE INSTALLED IN  
UPTON MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Article 17. Voted: on motion of Town Counsel Henry C. Walker, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), to install a suitable plaque bearing the above mentioned contents of Article 16 and William Knowlton to be installed in Upton Memorial School.

Moderator Struthers ordered a standing vote after more than the required number doubted his ruling that a voice vote on the motion had been favorable.

Officers Oscar K. Bates and Arthur J. Leclaire made the count of the standing vote. Results: Yes—52; No—14.

#### “UPTON MEMORIAL SCHOOL” SIGN

Article 18. Passed over on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded. Mr. Porter explained that he favored this action until landscaping of school grounds is completed.

#### DISCHARGE OF UPTON MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Article 19. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded by Selectman Daniel H. Bates, to discharge the Elementary School Building Committee (now Upton Memorial School) with thanks for their services.

#### NEW TOWN DUMP

Article 20. Voted: on motion of Arthur M. Bartlett, duly seconded, “that we accept proposal of Joseph Jacques to establish and maintain a Town Dump at the lower end of Hartford Avenue in West Upton, and discontinue the use of and close the present Town Dump at Warren Street, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to make the necessary arrangements and execute and accept a lease or other written thereto.”

## STREET LIGHTS

Articles 21 and 22. Voted: on motion of Gordon E. Benson, duly seconded, to act on both articles jointly. It was then voted to install one street light on South Street and two street lights on Warren Street, cost of same to be taken from Street Light Account.

## SO-CALLED RESERVOIR STREET EXTENSION

Article 23. Voted: on motion of Malcolm C. Temple, duly seconded, to postpone action on this article until next Special Town Meeting.

William A. Bellofatto moved that the Town accept Reservoir Street Extension, so-called, as laid out as reported by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk as prescribed by law, as a Public Town Way. Motion was seconded by Representative Gladys G. Crockett, member of the Board of Selectmen.

A lengthy discussion took place on this article, including the number of releases given by abutters of the proposed highway.

## 1952 CARE OF PATIENTS' BILLS

Article 24. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred and Seventy-seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$577.50), said money to be used to pay the Care of Patients' Bills incurred in 1952. Moderator Struthers declared the vote unanimous.

## 1952 TOWN HALL AND EXPENSES BILLS

Article 25. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Four Dollars and Ninety-four Cents (\$304.94), said money to be used to pay bills incurred in 1952 in Town Halls and Expenses Account. Moderator Struthers declared the vote unanimous.

## 1952 VETERANS' SERVICE BILLS

Article 26. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Sixty-eight Dollars and Forty-five Cents (\$268.45), said money to be used to pay bills incurred during 1952 in the Department of Veterans' Service.

## MACHINERY FUND TO MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Article 27. Voted: on motion of Road Commissioner Harry C. Snow, duly seconded, to transfer the sum of \$15.60 from Machinery Fund of 1952 to the Machinery Account.

## NEW FIRE HOSE

Article 28. Voted: on motion of Fire Chief George N. O. Poirier, duly seconded, that the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350.00), be raised and appropriated for the purchase of new hose for the Fire Department.

## PAINT AND MATERIALS

Article 29. Voted: on motion of Fire Chief George N. O. Poirier, duly seconded, that the sum of Three Hun-

dred Dollars (\$300.00) be raised and appropriated to be used for interior paint and other painting materials to be used in the new Fire Station on Church Street with amendment by Assessor Norman E. Walker, seconded, that a vote of thanks be given to the firemen for doing the painting without charge to the Town.

#### GRADING AND OILING AT CEMETERIES

Article 30. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), said money to be used by the Cemetery Commissioners for the purchase of Grading and Oiling.

#### UNEXPENDED BALANCE TO TOWN TREASURY

Article 31. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to transfer to the Town Treasury, the unexpended balance in the new School Building Appropriation, said amount being One Hundred and Eleven Dollars and Sixty-five Cents. (\$111.65).

#### FIRE SUCTION HOSE

Article 32. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$120.00), said money to be used by the Forest Fire Department for the purchase of new Suction Fire Hose.

#### HYDRANT RENTAL

Article 33. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum

of Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$650.00), as the Town's payment on Hydrant Rental for 1952 to the Water and Sewer Department.

#### REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Article 34. Voted: on motion of School Committee-man Donald B. Johnson, duly seconded, that the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a Committee of Three to investigate all matters pertaining to Regional Schools as set up under Chapter 71 of the General Laws, Sections 14-161 inclusive. (Moderator Struthers subsequently appointed Donald B. Johnson, Mrs. Ruth L. Nichols, R.N. and Laurence H. Atwood as the Committee.)

#### ESTABLISHING PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Article 35. Voted: on motion of Town Counsel Henry C. Walker, duly seconded, to pass over.

#### GRAND ARMY HALL BUILDING

Article 36. Voted: on motion of Town Counsel Henry C. Walker, duly seconded, to pass over.

#### ABANDON OLD SECTION OF

#### MENDON STREET

Article 37. Voted: on motion of Selectman Daniel H. Bates, duly seconded, to abandon an old section of Mendon Street as set forth in article.

## UPTON WATER SYSTEM

Articles 38 and 39. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to pass over said articles.

BLACK-TOPPING IN FRONT OF  
NEW FIRE STATION

Article 40. Voted: on motion of Selectman Daniel H. Bates, duly seconded, that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) be raised and appropriated to black-top in front of new Fire Station.

CONDUCTOR PIPES AND EAVES TROUGHS  
FOR NEW FIRE STATION

Article 41. Voted: on motion of Fire Chief George N. O. Poirier, duly seconded, that the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) be raised and appropriated to be used to install conductor pipes and eaves troughs on the new Fire Station on Church Street.

## 1952 TOWN HALLS AND EXPENSES

Article 42. Voted: on motion of Representative Gladys G. Crockett, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-seven Dollars (\$97.00) to balance Town Halls and Expenses Account for 1952. Moderator Struthers declared the vote unanimous.

## USE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR 1953 TAX RATE

Article 43. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to take from available funds in the Town Treasury, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars

(\$10,000.00), said monies to be used by the Assessors in reducing the Tax Rate for 1953.

WEST UPTON PARKING AREA

Article 44. Voted: on motion of Malcolm C. Temple, duly seconded, to postpone to a future town meeting.

After all articles contained in the Warrant had been acted upon, Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy moved that all monies appropriated during the meeting, unless otherwise provided in the motion, be raised by taxation. Seconded. Voted.

Voted to dissolve the Warrant.

Total appropriation, \$228,974.07, exclusive of \$10,000.00 to be used in determining the 1953 tax rate.

Attest:

GEORGE G. NEWTON,  
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 4, 1953

*Worcester, ss*

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of  
Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of  
Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs,  
to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Saturday,  
the Fourth day of April, punctually at 2:00 o'clock p.m.,  
then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to raise  
and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars  
(\$1,500.00) for Chapter 90 Construction on Church St.,  
said monies to be used in conjunction with any monies  
which may be allotted by the State or County, or both,  
for this purpose, or do or act in any manner pertaining  
thereto.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and  
appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)  
to supplement the Town Counsel's Expense Account, or  
do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and  
appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)

to supplement the Printing Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to take any action on any reports or information brought forward on the disposition of the Grand Army Hall, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept a piece of land deeded to Charles H. Marble as recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 2419, Page 457, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), said money to be used to pay an unpaid bill on the well at the new Fire Station, or do or act in manner pertaining thereto.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to accept Reservoir Street Extension, so called, as laid out and reported by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk as prescribed by law, as a public town way, or do or act in any minner pertaining thereto.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), said money to be applied on Reservoir Street Extension, so-called, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to establish the salary of the school physician in accordance with the provision of the General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 4A, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1953 to wit: An Act Authorizing the Town of Upton to make additional water loans and abolishing the Upton Center Water District in the Town of Upton, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$222,000.00) for the purpose of developing well fields, extending the present water mains, and water system, erecting pumping station with pump, installing new standpipe and improving water distribution facilities, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by borrowing and issuing bonds or notes which shall bear on their face the words "Upton Water Loan, Act of 1953", each issue consisting a separate loan, and such loans being payable in not more than thirty (30) years from their dates, such borrowing to be in accordance with Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1953 in excess of the statutory limit but except as provided by said Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1953, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of hold-

ing said meeting:—At each of the Post-Offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this twenty-seventh day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

GLADYS G. CROCKETT  
DANIEL H. BATES  
ERNEST B. PORTER  
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy.

Attest: DANIEL H. BATES

Constable of Upton

March 28, 1953

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described to assemble in their Town Hall on Saturday, the fourth day of April, current year, for the purpose within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town House at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

DANIEL H. BATES  
Constable of Upton

## PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 4, 1953

Moderator Halbert K. Struthers called the meeting to order and read the warrant. More than a quorum (20) voters were present when meeting opened.

Voting list was used at main entrance to hall and name of each voter attending checked. Douglas J. Gilchrist (D) and Alfred H. Nichols (R) were checkers. They were sworn by Town Clerk before they began their duties.

### CHURCH STREET

Article 1. Voted: on motion of Selectman Daniel H. Bates, duly seconded, to pass over the article.

### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO TOWN COUNSEL'S EXPENSES ACCOUNT

Article 2. Voted: on motion of Representative Gladys G. Crockett, chairman of Selectmen, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to supplement the Town Counsel's Expense Account.

### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO PRINTING ACCOUNT

Article 3. Voted: on motion of Representative Gladys G. Crockett, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to supplement the Printing Account.

## GRAND ARMY HALL BUILDING

Article 4. Voted: on motion of Selectman Daniel H. Bates, amended by Charles R. Stuart, that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a committee of three voters to dispose of the GAR Hall Building in the best interest of the town, said committee to investigate and report back at a special town meeting within two months.

A motion by Town Counsel Henry C. Walker, duly seconded, to pass over the article after it was read by Moderator Struthers, was defeated by a standing vote, 34 to 14. Officers Arthur J. Leclaire and Alvin P. Nichols made the count at direction of the moderator.

Selectman Daniel H. Bates then motioned that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a committee of three voters to dispose of GAR Hall in the best interest of the town, duly seconded.

A discussion followed concerning the future of the building erected over 180 years ago and a town landmark.

Charles R. Stuart moved to amend Selectman Bates' motion that the committee to be appointed by the Selectmen, investigate and report back at a special town meeting within two months. Motion to amend was favorably acted upon and then original motion by Selectman Bates with amendment accepted.

## ACCEPT LAND DEEDED TO CHARLES H. MARBLE

Article 5. Voted: on motion of Selectman Daniel H. Bates, duly seconded, that the town vote to accept a

piece of land deeded to Charles H. Marble as recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 2419, Page 457.

#### UNPAID BILL FOR WELL AT FIRE STATION

Article 6. Voted: on motion of Selectman Daniel H. Bates, duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to be used in payment of unpaid bill in constructing well at new Fire Station on Church Street.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF LAYOUT OF SO-CALLED RESERVOIR STREET EXTENSION

Article 7. Voted: on motion of William A. Bellefatto, seconded by Representative Gladys G. Crockett, that the Town accept Reservoir Street Extension, so-called, as laid out and reported by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk as prescribed by law, as a public town way.

After reading the article, Moderator Struthers read a description of layout as prepared by Leslie O. Marden, County Engineer, and signed by Selectman Gladys G. Crockett, Daniel H. Bates and Ernest B. Porter.

Robert E. Maynard and Walter H. Allen were among those speaking in favor of the town accepting said way.

In answer to an inquiry, Town Counsel Henry C. Walker said that he would now recommend the plan and

other details as OK and that all but one release of abutters had been obtained.

Chairman of Assessors Norman E. Walker in reply to a question said that properties in the so-called Reservoir Street Extension section are assessed for approximately \$50,000.

Description as read and adopted:

**"Upton—Reservoir St.—Town Layout"**

"This layout begins at the Milford-Upton Town line and extends thence in a general northerly direction for a distance for about one mile to the Upton-Hopkinton Town line.

"The base line begins at a point shown on the plan as station 0, on or near the Milford-Upton Town line and extends North  $2^{\circ}30'00''$  West 256.03 feet; thence North  $28^{\circ}49'30''$  West 169.84 feet; thence North  $6^{\circ}34'45''$  East 235.18 feet; thence North  $50^{\circ}23'35''$  East 277.60 feet; thence North  $13^{\circ}15'35''$  East 247.06 feet; thence North  $28^{\circ}13'35''$  West 397.85 feet; thence North  $4^{\circ}26'55''$  East 253.21 feet; thence North  $17^{\circ}14'15''$  East 354.85 feet; thence North  $24^{\circ}43'55''$  West 175.22 feet; thence North  $19^{\circ}20'45''$  West 191.50 feet; N  $12^{\circ}23'05''$  West 298.99 feet; thence North  $16^{\circ}37'15''$  East 369.37 feet; thence North  $40^{\circ}05'05''$  East 184.71 feet; thence North  $16^{\circ}03'45''$  East 368.32 feet; thence North  $39^{\circ}13'15''$  West 299.90 feet; thence North  $19^{\circ}33'05''$  East 379.04 feet; thence North  $6^{\circ}21'35''$  East 331.77 feet; thence North  $14^{\circ}59'05''$  East 219.16 feet; thence North  $10^{\circ}02'05''$  West 65.80 feet; thence North  $8^{\circ}47'55''$  East 305.53 feet to a point at the end of the base line, shown on the plan as station 53 + 80.93.

The westerly location line begins at a point in the Milford-Upton Town line and extends thence North  $2^{\circ}30'00''$  West 132 feet, more or less, to a point bearing South  $87^{\circ}30'00''$  West and 28.50 feet distant from station  $1+39.10$ ; thence by a curve to the left of 471.50 feet radius 216.63 feet to a point bearing South  $61^{\circ}10'30''$  West and 28.50 feet distant from Station  $3+72.96$ ; thence by a curve to the right of 292.72 feet radius 404.72 feet to a point bearing North  $39^{\circ}36'25''$  West and 28.50 feet distant from Station  $7+41.01$ ; thence North  $50^{\circ}23'35''$  East 69.89 feet to a point bearing North  $39^{\circ}36'25''$  West and 28.50 feet distant from station  $8+10.84$ ; thence by a curve to the left of 331.50 feet radius 454.87 feet to a point bearing South  $61^{\circ}46'25''$  West and 28.50 feet distant from station  $13+28.84$ ; thence North  $28^{\circ}13'35''$  West 65.72 feet to a point bearing South  $61^{\circ}46'25''$  West and 28.50 feet distant from station  $13+94.06$ ; thence by a curve to the right of 668.50 feet radius 530.45 feet to a point bearing North  $72^{\circ}45'45''$  West and 28.50 feet distant from station  $19+13.13$ ; thence North  $17^{\circ}14'15''$  East 77.09 feet to a point bearing North  $72^{\circ}45'45''$  West and 28.50 feet distant from Station  $19+90.22$ ; thence by a curve to the left of 471.50 feet radius 244.03 feet to a point bearing South  $77^{\circ}35'00''$  West and 46.86 feet distant from station  $22+65.68$ ; thence North  $12^{\circ}25'00''$  West 483.47 feet to a point bearing South  $77^{\circ}35'00''$  West and 2.29 feet distant from station  $27+52.88$ ; thence by a curve to the right of 528.50 feet radius 311.08 feet to a point bearing North  $68^{\circ}41'31''$  West and 16.07 feet distant from station  $30+63.27$ ; thence North  $21^{\circ}18'29''$  East 597.90 feet to a point bearing North  $68^{\circ}41'31''$  West and 38.29 feet distant from station  $36+72.64$ ; thence by a curve to the right of 1028.50 feet radius 218.53 feet to a point bearing North  $56^{\circ}31'05''$  West and 39.22 feet distant from station  $38+86.91$ ; thence North  $33^{\circ}28'55''$  West 151.73 feet

to a point bearing North  $56^{\circ}31'05''$  West and 54.47 feet distant from station  $40+39.40$ ; thence by a curve to the left of 1015.95 feet radius 399.55 feet to a point bearing North  $79^{\circ}03'05''$  West and 48.50 feet distant from station  $44+58.67$ ; thence North  $10^{\circ}56'55''$  East 676.23 feet to a point bearing North  $81^{\circ}33'35''$  West and 11.35 feet distant from station  $51+41.42$ ; thence North  $5^{\circ}55'55''$  East 518 feet, more or less, to a point at the end of the westerly location line and in the Upton-Hopkinton Town line.

"Said westerly and easterly location lines are further defined by stone bounds set at all angle points and at all points of curvature."

(Easements for highway purposes are taken as follows: 34 parcels listed, owner's name and approximate area—Sq. Ft. On file at Town Clerk's office.)

"Said easements are shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Reservoir Street in the Town of Upton, Worcester County. Altered and laid out as a Town Road by the Selectmen," which accompanies and is a part of this layout.

"All names of owners herein given, although supposed to be correct, are such only as a matter of opinion and belief."

(Signed) GLADYS G. CROCKETT  
DANIEL H. BATES  
ERNEST B. PORTER

APPROPRIATION FOR SO-CALLED  
RESERVOIR STREET EXTENSION

Article 8. Voted: on motion of Selectman Daniel H. Bates, duly seconded by Selectman Gladys G. Crockett, to raise and appropriate Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for repairs to Reservoir Street, so-called.

SALARY OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN IF  
MEMBER OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Article 9. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to establish the School Physician's salary at Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), said salary to be taken from the School Department's Appropriation.

This action was taken to clarify vote under Article 13 at adjourned annual town meeting, March 7, 1953, when the Town authorized the School Committee to appoint one of its members as School Physician in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 4A.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 202, ACTS OF 1953  
AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL WATER LOANS AND  
ABOLISHING UPTON CENTER WATER DISTRICT

Article 10. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, "that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1953, this act authorizing the Town of Upton to make additional water loans and abolish the Upton Center Water District in the Town of Upton, to wit:

“Section 1. For the purpose of developing well fields, extending the present water mains and water system, erecting pumping station with pump, installing new standpipe and improving water distribution facilities, the Town of Upton may borrow from time to time such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, two hundred and twenty-two thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor which shall bear on their face the words, ‘Upton Water Loan, Act of 1953.’ Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be payable in not more than thirty years from their dates. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be in excess of the statutory limit, but shall, except as provided herein, be subject to the provisions of Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

“Section 2. Chapter two hundred and twenty of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-six and chapter one hundred and ninety-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-nine, relating to the establishment of the Upton Center Water District in the town of Upton, are hereby repealed.

“Section 3. The Town of Upton is hereby authorized to take over all the properties, rights, powers and privileges of the Upton Center Water District established by Chapter two hundred and twenty of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-six and amended by Chapter one hundred and ninety-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and to assume all the duties and obligations of said district, and shall thereby become in all respects the lawful successor to said district.

"Section 4. The provisions of this act shall not affect any act done, ratified or confirmed by said district or any of its officers prior to the effective date of this act, nor any right accrued or established, nor any action, suit or proceeding commenced or had in a civil case, nor shall it impair the validity of any of the notes, bonds, or other obligations of said district outstanding on said date. Any indebtedness incurred by said district and outstanding at the time it is taken over by the town shall be assumed by the Town.

"Section 5. The powers and duties vested in the Board of Water Commissioners of said district shall be assumed and carried out by the Board of Water Commissioners of the Town of Upton.

"Section 6. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the registered voters of the Town of Upton voting thereon at the annual or a special town meeting called for the purpose in the current year, but not otherwise."

Selectman Porter read the special legislative act, approved by Governor Christian L. Herter, March 23, 1953.

#### AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW FOR WATER SYSTEM

Article 11. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded by Selectman Daniel H. Bates, "that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and twenty-two thousand dollars (\$222,000.00), for the purpose of developing well fields,

extending present water mains and water system, erecting pumping station with pump, installing new standpipe and improving water distribution facilities in the Town of Upton, and to provide for payment of the same, by borrowing said sum and the Treasurer be and hereby authorized to issue bonds or notes which shall bear on their face, the words 'Upton Water Loan, Acts of 1953,' each issue constituting a separate loan, and such loan or loans being payable in not more than thirty (30) years from their dates, in accordance with Chapter 202 of the Acts of 1953." Moderator Struthers declared the vote unanimous, there being no dissenting voice.

Harold S. Hopkins, chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that the said committee recommended favorable action before vote was taken.

There were several voters speaking and asking questions pertaining to proposed extension of the water system, etc. before Selectman Porter's motion was acted upon.

Delwyn K. Barnes of Whitinsville, an engineer, whose service had been requested by officials in recent weeks in connection with Upton's water system, was given the privilege to address the voters and answer their questions.

Before dissolving the warrant, Town Treasurer Leo F. Murphy moved that money appropriated during this

meeting be raised by taxation unless otherwise stated in the motion. Seconded and voted.

Voted to dissolve the warrant.

Attest:

GEORGE G. NEWTON,  
Town Clerk

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WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 25, 1953

*Worcester, ss*

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of  
Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Saturday the Twenty-fifth day of April, 1953, punctually, at two o'clock p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to take from unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) and transfer said money to the Department of Veterans' Services Account, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds in the Town Treasury an additional sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000.00), said money to be used by the Board of Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1953, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 3. To hear reports and any recommendations of the special committee appointed in regard to the disposition of Grand Army Hall, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting:—At each of the Post-offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

GLADYS G. CROCKETT  
DANIEL H. BATES  
ERNEST B. PORTER

Selectmen of Upton

A true copy.  
Attest:

DANIEL H. BATES  
Constable of Upton

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described to assemble in their Town Hall on Saturday, the twenty-fifth day of April, current year, for the purpose within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant in each of the Post-Offices and on the Town House at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

DANIEL H. BATES

Constable of Upton

Upton, Mass., April 18, 1953

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 25, 1953

Moderator Halbert K. Struthers called the meeting to order with more than the required quorum (20 voters) present.

#### VETERANS' SERVICE ACCOUNT

Article 1. Voted: on motion of Representative Gladys G. Crockett, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Daniel H. Bates, that the Town vote to take from unappropriated available funds in the Town Treasury the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) and transfer said money to the Department of Veterans' Service Account. Moderator Struthers declared vote unanimous. (Harold S. Hopkins, chairman of Finance Committee, stated that said Committee recommended favorable action on this article.)

TRANSFER OF MONEY TO BE USED  
IN ESTABLISHING 1953 TAX RATE

Article 2. Voted: on motion of Representative Gladys G. Crockett, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, duly seconded by Selectman Daniel H. Bates, that the Town vote to take from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury an additional sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000.00), said money to be used by the Board of Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1953. Moderator Struthers declared vote unanimous. (Harold S. Hopkins, chairman of Finance Committee, stated that said Committee recommended favorable action on this article.)

GRAND ARMY HALL BUILDING

Article 3. Voted: on motion of Malcolm C. Temple, duly seconded, that this proposition be referred back to the Committee and the Selectmen to get additional information as is possible, even to the extent of having bids for the restoration of the G.A.R. Hall that will pass State Safety regulations, and a report made to the voters on or before the next annual town meeting.

After Moderator Struthers read the article, Selectman Daniel H. Bates asked for a report of a special committee before any motion was made pertaining to the future of G.A.R. Hall building.

Walter H. Allen, a member of the special committee appointed by the Selectmen on authorization of a vote taken at a special town meeting, April 5, 1953 and subsequently elected chairman, submitted his written report to

the voters. (Report filed with town records.) In addition, Mr. Allen explained he had made a set of drawings after inspecting G.A.R. Hall building and urged that voters give consideration to saving the landmark from being razed.

Robert E. Maynard and Fire Chief George N. O. Poirier, who comprise the special committee with Mr. Allen, submitted a written report of the result of their study of the structure. Mr. Maynard read the report based on the condition of building, cost to repair, cost or income disposition, comment and recommendations, and acknowledgement of assistance. (Report filed with town records.) Mr. Maynard stated that Henry C. Walker had offered to donate \$100.00 to a responsible group that might organize to take over the building to preserve it. He said Mr. Walker had asked that the building be not sold at present.

Following a discussion of the reports, it was voted on motion of Selectman Bates, seconded by Mr. Allen, to accept the two reports of the special committee as those of progress.

Kenneth W. Wood motioned that the special committee be discharged. Motion seconded. On voice vote, Moderator Struthers declared that the motion was lost.

Further discussion pertaining to the future of the building took place during which Raymond C. Whiting offered a donation of \$10.00 to establish a fund toward saving Grand Army Hall building.

After approximately a two-hour discussion of the building, Mr. Temple made the above motion which was voted.

Voted to dissolve the warrant at 4:15 p.m.

GEORGE G. NEWTON,  
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

July 30, 1953

*Worcester, ss.*

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton on Thursday, the 30th of July, 1953, punctually, at Eight (8) o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1953 which is an Act relative to Rent Control, and whether the Town will declare that a substantial shortage of rental housing accommodations exists in the Town of Upton and that the control of rents in the Town is necessary in the public interest.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1952, which is an Act relative

to increasing amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to take from unappropriated available funds Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for repairs of Warren Road, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for repairs of Warren Street and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for repairs of Glen View Street, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) for the purchase of an ambulance, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to employ a structural engineer to determine necessary repairs, per State requirements, in regard to Grand Army Hall Building, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting:—At each of the Post-offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this Twenty-second day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

GLADYS G. CROCKETT  
DANIEL H. BATES  
ERNEST B. PORTER  
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy.

Attest:

DANIEL H. BATES,  
Constable of Upton

Upton, Mass., July 22, 1953

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble in their Town Hall on Thursday, the Thirtieth Day of July, 1953, for the purpose within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant in each of the Post-offices and on the Town House at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

DANIEL H. BATES  
Constable of Upton

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

July 30, 1953

Moderator Halbert K. Struthers called the meeting to order. He stated there were 25 voters in the hall at the time. (Twenty is a quorum.) A check list was used at the

door to the main hall with John E. Craib and Allan S. Donham, appointed by the Moderator, having been sworn as checkers. More voters arrived during the reading of the warrant and constable's return by the Moderator. Names of 56 voters were check.

#### RENT CONTROL QUESTION

Article 1. Alanson J. Varney mentioned to accept Article 1 as read. Selectman Daniel H. Bates seconded the motion.

Malcolm C. Temple asked for an explanation of the Rent Control Act.

Among the speakers were Representative Mrs. Gladys G. Crockett, chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Town Counsel Gordon A. Shaw, Harold S. Hopkins, chairmen of the Finance Committee, and Edward L. Prentiss.

Following the discussion, Malcolm C. Temple moved to amend the motion that the town is not a critical area for housing and therefore do not accept the Act. The amendment offered was seconded.

Mr. Varney asked if the Moderator ruled the motion to amend was legal. Moderator Struthers declared in the affirmative.

Moderator Struthers appointed Alexander Kennedy and Police Officer Arthur F. Bartlett to make a count of the standing vote on the motion to amend.

Result of the count: In favor of Mr. Temple's motion, Yes—30, No—10.

INCREASING AMOUNTS OF PENSIONS,  
RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES AND ANNUITIES FOR  
CERTAIN FORMER PUBLIC EMPLOYES

Article 2. Voted: on motion of Representative Mrs. Gladys G. Crockett, chairman of Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, to accept Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1952. Standing vote: Yes—27, No—9.

Prior to taking the vote there was a discussion concerning purpose of the Act. Mrs. Crockett said that many municipalities had accepted the provisions.

REPAIRS OF CERTAIN HIGHWAYS

Article 3. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to take from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for Warren Road, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for Warren Street and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for Glen View Street, said monies to be used for minor street repairs. The voice vote taken was declared unanimous by the Moderator.

Before action was taken on the article there was a discussion as to a layout of Warren Road.

At this point in the meeting, Joseph W. Gorman asked for an opinion of the Town Counsel as to the legal-

ity of the motion to amend that had been presented by Malcolm C. Temple under Article 1. Town Counsel Shaw replied that in his opinion the motion was legal.

TOWN AMBULANCE

Article 4. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to pass over the article.

G.A.R. BUILDING

Article 5. Voted: on motion of Selectman Ernest B. Porter, duly seconded, to pass over the article.

Motion to dissolve the warrant and adjourn was made, duly seconded, and voted at 9:05 P.M.

Attest:

GEORGE G. NEWTON,  
Town Clerk

## 1953 Jury List

Prepared by the Selectmen under the provisions of Chapter 234, General Laws, and amendments.

Name	Street	Occupation
Aldrich, Charles E.	Nelson	Retired
Bartlett, Adelaide E.	Hartford Ave.	Housewife
Bates, Christine M.	Maple Ave.	Machine operator
Bibeau, Florence I.	Depot	Inspector
Briggs, Ralph G.	Main	Merchant
Carboneau, Francis E.	No. Main	Truck driver
Daigle, George F.	High	Hatter
Donham, Helen I.	Grove	Housewife
Driscoll, Joseph J.	Centennial Ct.	Hatter
Grebenstein, Ethel A.	West Main	Housewife
Henchey, Hector A.	Maple Ave.	Abrasive worker
Kearnan, Esther J.	Main	Milliner
Kennedy, Alexander	Plain	Machinist
Lamanuzzi, Leo	Pleasant	Maintenance
Mason, Celestine I.	Plain	Housewife
McCauley, Stephen J.	Plain	Inspector
Newton, Dorcas	Main	Housewife
Paille, Henry	School	Hatter
Rawson, Margaret I.	Maple Ave.	Bookkeeper
Shaughnessy, Gerald L.	Stoddard	Radar technician
Taft, George O.	Taft	Hatter
Temple, Mertice C.	Main	Hatter
Thomas, Lewis J.	Pleasant	Machinist
Wood, Russell W.	School	Florist
Foster, Franklin B.	Plain	Woodworker

### JURORS DRAWN IN 1953

Lyford, Raymond F.	Civil	Drawn Feb. 9, 1953
Taft, Norma L.	Criminal	Drawn April 10, 1953
Taft, George O.	Civil	Drawn Sept. 12, 1953
Kearnan, Esther J.	Civil	Drawn Nov. 7, 1953
Thomas, Lewis J.	Grand Jury	Drawn Dec. 12, 1953

## Licenses Issued Through Town Clerk's Office

### DOG LICENSES

A total of 400 Dog Licenses were issued in 1953—239 Males, 68 Females, 92 Spayed Females, One Transfer and Two \$10 Kennel (four dogs or less). Paid to Town Treasurer, \$941.80.

### FISH AND GAME LICENSES

A total of 406 Licenses were issued in 1953—151 Fishing, 72 Hunting, 61 Sporting, 22 Minor's Fishing, 47 Woman's Fishing, 4 Trapping, 5 Non-Resident Fishing (3-days), 1 Duplicate, 13 Naval-Military (free), 29 Sporting and Trapping (free-70 years of age or over), and 1 Old Age Assistance Fishing (free.) Paid to Division of Fisheries & Game, \$1183.00.

### TOWN LICENSES

(Granted by Selectmen)

Two Common Victualer—All Alcoholic Beverages (to be drunk on premises); 1 Club—All Alcoholic Beverages; 2 Retail Package Goods Store—All Alcoholic Beverages (not to be drunk on premises); 9 Sunday Licenses, 5 Common Victualer, 4 Juke Box, 4 Denatured Alcohol and other Anti-Freeze, 9 Certificates of Registration, Gasoline; 1 Innholder, 2 Automatic Amusement Device, 6 Second-Hand Articles and Junk, 1 First-class Motor Vehicle, 1 Second-Class Motor Vehicle, 3 Third-class Motor Vehicle, 2 Town Maps. Paid to Town Treasurer, \$1,961.50.

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS RECORDED IN UPTON IN 1953

Date of Birth	Name of Child
January 7	Ann Katherine Kozak
January 13	Carol Kristen Grice
January 19	Dana Paul Wetherburn
January 25	Doreen Thelma Duhamel
January 27	John Raymond Alden
January 30	Peter Ralph Chiras
January 30	Victor John Paille
January 31	Gale Ann MacNaughton
February 3	James Clafin Wood
February 9	Harold Franz Weinert, Jr.
February 18	Cherie Antoinette Benoit
February 18	Mark Lenahan
February 17	Robert Martin Teachout
February 17	Robin Mary Teachout
February 20	David Neal Sanborn
February 21	Wayne Elliot Taft
February 24	Robert Paul Spencer
March 14	Phyllis Janet Libbey
March 15	James Joseph Laucis
March 16	Gail Lynn Shackleton
March 20	Robert Jay Seitz
March 31	Linda Susan Kuczinski
April 2	Karen Elyse Rooney
April 11	Rose Marie Paulson
April 11	Allen Edward Bates
April 18	John Edward Kelly
April 27	William Harry Ramsey
April 29	Virginia Ann Furphy
May 21	Roger Angus McClure
May 25	John Brian Evans
May 29	Joy Marie Dean
June 10	Terry Lee Pope
June 20	Sharon Ann LaRose
June 20	Joseph Edward Donovan
June 27	Robert John Foster Carpenter
June 27	Jane Whitney Wellman
July 10	Denise Marie Messier
July 16	David Lloyd Tidman
July 21	Linda Rose Flooks

## BIRTHS RECORDED IN UPTON IN 1953

Date of Birth	Name of Child
July 22	Catherine Ann Lapierre
July 25	Kevin Davis Nelson
August 1	Elizabeth Fairest Hart
August 5	Jeanne Marie Higgins
August 9	William Joseph McCrea
August 11	Lynne Jane Sadler
August 16	Richard Ernest Rivers
August 17	Mary Ellen Crosby
August 18	Eric Dunlap Bacon
August 19	James Howard Crowther
August 26	Cynthia Carlson
August 28	Donald Ray Bishop
September 1	Richard Paul Bigwood
September 1	Kenneth Owen DeLorge
September 14	Kristine Carol Heselton
September 18	Deborah Alane Gardner
October 3	David Brian Tetlow
October 15	Nancy Anne Wilcock
October 15	Stillborn
October 20	Donna Jean Aldrich
October 26	Dennis Adrien Brochu
October 28	Stillborn
October 31	Ronald Joseph Benoit
November 2	Nancy Elizabeth Whitney
November 16	Cary Howard Fitch
December 10	John Louis Page
December 10	William Allen Marshall
December 16	Mary Valida Catherine Demers
December 26	Forrest Linwood Mitchell
December 29	Karen Mary Lemoine

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN UPTON IN 1953

Date	Name, Age and Residence	By Whom and Where Married
Jan. 19	Carlo J. Mele, 35, Milford Virginia E. Paille, 18, Upton	Rev. John J. Foley Upton
Jan. 24	Ernest H. Bates, 19, Upton Barbara A. Blair, 19, Leicester	Rev. James P. Gilrain Leicester
Mar. 14	Donald W. Nass, 31, Southbridge Joyce A. Bailey, 21, Upton	Rev. Harry H. Powell Upton
Mar. 25	Fred T. McGeorge, 66, East Machias, Me, Thursa M. (Hoar) Nelson, 50, Fitchburg	Rev. William Williams Upton
Apr. 11	Joseph R. Gareri, Jr., 23, Milford Jean M. Negus, 19, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
Apr. 17	Bertel E. Blomquist, 27, Upton Carolyn F. Johnson, 29, Upton	Rev. Norman J. Raison Upton
Apr. 18	Butler H. Smith, 18, Upton Diane M. Shears, 20, Upton	Rev. William Williams Upton
Apr. 25	Newton J. Frost, Jr., 23, Upton Marilyn J. P. Herlihy, 20, Milford	Rev. John P. Farnon Milford
Apr. 25	Caesar J. Cervassi, 26, Hopedale Loretta J. Couture, 22, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
May 9	George R. Moore, 24, Franklin Virginia M. Mann, 19, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
May 16	Henry J. Noel, 21, Grafton Constance J. Hall, 20, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
May 30	Gaston M. Dufresne, 24, Framingham Claire M. Blanchard, 26, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN UPTON IN 1953

Date	Name, Age and Residence	By Whom and Where Married
June 13	William T. Demers, 21, Upton Mary L. Bouthiette, 21, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
June 13	Wesley T. Rogers, 25, Mendon Virginia F. Kerr, 21, Upton	Rev. Hubert A. Swetnam Upton
June 20	John R. Bouthiette, 25, Upton Winona L. Nelson, 18, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
June 20	Alcide P. Bouthiette, 54, Upton Cora M. (Charbonneau) Lucier, 52, Worcester	Rev. Albert P. Goulet Worcester
June 20	Kenneth E. Briggs, 18, Upton Winona M. Burnham, 16, Northborough	Rev. A. Ray Meserve Northborough
June 20	Richard E. Cormier, 22, Upton Mary J. Decker, 22, Marlborough	Rev. Richard F. Callahan Marlborough
June 21	John R. Jacobson, 20, Upton Mildred L. Anderson, 17, Milford	Rev. Ralph A. Gorgaware Worcester
June 27	Gordon E. Kollett, 21, Uxbridge Jacqueline T. Benoit, 21, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
July 18	Howard F. Hill, 18, Upton Ann F. Gulino, 18, Milford	Rev. Louis Fontana Milford
Aug. 8	Harold D. Friend, 24, Baldwin Park, Calif. Eva M. Bray, 23, Upton	Rev. Paul R. Fleming Upton
Aug. 14	Paul F. Jacobson, 18, Upton Marilyn L. Heselton, 18, Upton	Rev. Stephen W. Turrell Upton
Aug. 22	John E. Friend, 23, Worcester Bessie L. DeCosta, 18, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN UPTON IN 1953

Date	Name, Age and Residence	By Whom and Where Married
Sept. 5	Henry J. Poirier, Jr., 19, Upton Nina L. Goodwin, 21, Mendon	Rev. John J. Foley Hopedale
Sept. 12	Emilio R. Cerci, 21, Brockton Elaine Glenn, 19, Upton	Rev. F. J. Harkins Brockton
Sept. 19	Harry W. Skeffington, 57, Salem Ruby E. Wilbur, 42, Northborough	Rev. Percy G. Beatty Upton
Oct. 24	Henry O. Meyer, 52, Upton Daisy M. (Conant) Bennett, 54, Upton	Rev. Norman J. Raison Upton
Oct. 24	Everett J. Leclaire, 19, Upton Estelle M. Garland, 18, Upton	Rev. John R. Shannon Upton
Oct. 25	Donald R. Mellen, 31, Hillsborough, N. H. Norma L. Robson, 24, Upton	Rev. Norman J. Raison Upton
Oct. 26	George C. Rayner, 18, Grafton Sonja L. Hallberg, 15, Upton	Rev. Herbert G. Weeks Upton
Nov. 7	Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr., 21, Upton Virginia P. Scott, 21, Upton	Rev. Norman J. Raison Upton
Nov. 7	Joseph A. W. Kennedy, 33, Upton Jean (Ferguson) Lemeshevsky, 31, Northbridge	Rev. Leslie W. Chapman Northbridge

## DEATHS RECORDED IN UPTON DURING 1953

Date of Death	Name	Age			Place of Burial
		Y	M	D	
Jan. 10	L. Lawrence Snow	63	3	12	Maplewood
Jan. 24	George M. Randall	58	8	27	Milford
Feb. 12	Patrick Ryan	82	—	—	Lakeview
Feb. 17	Mark Lenahan	—	—	4	Lakeview
Feb. 21	Archie J. Baker	79	5	26	Lakeview
Feb. 27	Sarah C. Usher	76	11	20	Lakeview
Mar. 2	Arthur J. Carpentier	67	7	11	Lakeview
Mar. 6	James H. Bray	74	4	23	No. Grafton
Mar. 9	George F. Gilpatrick	81	2	19	Lakeview
Mar. 28	Hatchig H. Sarkisian	46	6	10	Milford
Apr. 7	Myra G. Jordan	90	7	6	Lakeview
Apr. 14	Edwin W. Clafin	82	6	22	Lakeview
Apr. 30	Sarah A. Irving	95	2	27	Lakeview
May 1	Joseph N. McMahon	79	8	—	Ayer
June 23	Ruth M. Graves	70	2	15	Ware
June 27	Lucy R. Madden	85	10	22	Milford
July 3	Joseph E. Donovan	—	—	14	Norwood
July 12	Catherine J. Kenney	70	9	16	Medway
July 13	Michael Shaughnessy	87	—	—	Milford
July 14	Frank Fowler, Sr.	67	—	27	Lakeview
July 16	Hattie B. Bradley	74	2	6	Lakeview
July 24	Delia J. Newell	80	—	—	Milford
July 29	Israel Paille	84	5	23	Lakeview
Aug. 7	Peter Kuchenski	75	—	—	Grafton
Aug. 10	Leona V. Mann	56	10	19	Lakeview
Aug. 14	Esther C. Hart	68	—	—	Worcester
Aug. 23	Mary B. Christopher	72	—	—	Hastings-On-Hudson, N.Y.

## DEATHS RECORDED IN UPTON DURING 1953

Date of Death	Name	Age			Place of Burial
		Y	M	D	
Oct. 15	Stillborn	—	—	—	Westboro
Oct. 17	Janet B. Nelson	85	3	14	Lakeview
Oct. 23	Grace M. Ianzito	66	—	—	Milford
Oct. 24	Iva M. B. Hobbs	65	—	22	Medfield
Oct. 28	Stillborn	—	—	—	Milford
Nov. 17	Amanda G. Bastien	69	11	26	Jaffrey, N.H.
Nov. 26	Harry E. Burroughs	66	11	19	Worcester
Dec. 6	Emma H. Paille	77	2	24	Lakeview
Dec. 14	Eva M. Allen	69	7	15	Lakeview
Dec. 14	Rev. William Williams	70	—	—	Maplewood
Dec. 21	James C. Wood	—	10	19	Lakeview
Dec. 21	Joseph P. Paquette	84	7	7	Whitinsville

## PERSONS BROUGHT TO UPTON FOR BURIAL IN 1958

## LAKEVIEW CEMETERY

Date of Death	Name	Age			Place of Death
		Y	M	D	
Feb. 18	Essie F. (Cooper) Wood	56	6	1	Worcester
Feb. 28	Letty Harper	70	—	7	Worcester
May 30	Daniel H. Burrow	57	2	13	Boston
June 6	Alfred Lawrence	89	7	11	Leominster
June 13	Grace E. Baldwin				Philadelphia
July 24	Betsey L. Blodgett	77	11	28	W'neh'st'r, N.H.
Oct. 14	Henry F. Minor	66	—	—	Sutton
Nov. 12	Deborah Moore	—	—	32hrs.	Boston
Nov. 17	Jennie M. Lesure	82	11	8	Worcester
Nov. 26	Alice A. Rollins	75	11	21	Milford
Dec. 1	Jane A. Swett	77	3	23	Framingham

## MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY

June 15	Fred M. Aldrich	70	9	2	Boston
July 1	George Knowlton Keith	57	2	2	Worcester
July 21	Annie Louise Knowlton	75	—	—	Winthrop, Me.
July 29	Annie P. Morse	80	7	12	Boston

## Assessors' Report for 1953

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Town of Upton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Herewith we submit a recapitulation of the figures used in fixing the Tax rate for the year 1953.

Total Appropriations .....	\$ 230,274 07
From Available Funds .....	23,279 28
	\$ 253,553 35

### STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

State Parks and Reservations .....	206 25
State Audit of Municipal Accounts .....	11 01
1952 Underestimates .....	87 80
	305 06

### COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

County Tax .....	4,796 51
Tuberculosis Hospital .....	5,946 69
1952 Underestimates .....	1,000 00
	11,743 80
Overlay of current year ....	8,152 00
	\$ 273,754 21

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax .....	\$ 21,592 23
Corporation Tax .....	8,508 09
Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land ....	1,109 75
Old Age Tax (Meals Chap. 64B, \$10 .....	1,370 42
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise .....	15,225 08
Licenses .....	1,707 50
Fines .....	10 00
General Government .....	85 00
Protection of Persons and Property .....	50 00
Health and Sanitation .....	734 27
Charities .....	1,034 81
Old Age Assistance .....	31,617 74
Veterans Benefits .....	1,235 48
Schools .....	15,906 10
Cemeteries .....	853 50
Public Service Enterprises (Such as Water Depart- ments) .....	5,162 14
Interest: Taxes and Assessments .....	574 92
 Total Estimated Receipts ..	\$ 106,777 03
 Total of Est. Receipts and Available Funds .....	\$ 148,457 50
 Net Amount to be raised on Taxation .....	\$ 125,296 71
 Number of Polls at \$2.00 each—861	

Poll Tax .....	\$ 1,722 00
Personal Tax .....	11,117 51
Real Estate Tax .....	112,457 20

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## Total Amount of 1953

Taxes on Polls and Prop- erty as committed to Collector .....	\$ 125,296 71
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## Total Valuation:

Personal Property .....	\$ 292,566 00
Real Estate .....	2,959,400 00

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Total .....	\$3,251,966 00
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Tax Rate \$38.00

Approved by Commissioner, May 14, 1953

Tax Rate Fixed on May 14, 1953

NORMAN WALKER, Chairman  
EDWARD HENDERSON  
DONALD VARNEY  
Board of Assessors

## Board of Health Report

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### Contagious Diseases reported in 1953

Mumps .....	9
Scarlet Fever .....	1
Undulant Fever .....	2
Infectious Hepatitis .....	1
Typhus Fever .....	2
Tuberculosis .....	1
Dog Bites .....	14

### Permits

Edward St. Andre and Edward Harvey (garbage)	1 00
Arthur Jarrett (garbage) .....	1 00
Mrs. Lillian Barbour	
Children's Day Care Center .....	1 00
Mrs. Vera Thomas	
Children's Day Care Center .....	1 00
Mrs. Beatrice Wood	
Children's Day Care Center .....	1 00
Mrs. Louisa M. Desmond	
Children's Day Care Center .....	1 00

## Town Treasurer's Statement

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There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, \$10.76 known as the Knowlton School Fund with the Town Treasurer as Trustee, to be used by the School Committee to defray extraordinary expenses at the Knowlton School Building.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) known as the Ella (Whitney) Risteen Fund in trust with the Town Treasurer and School Committee as Trustees, the income to be divided between the two pupils in our High School who make the most progress during each year. \$31.85 Interest was received this year. \$50.00 was used this year.

There is deposited in the Worcester County Institute for Savings, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) known as the Dr. Carpenter Library Fund, the income of which is to be used for the Public Library. \$30.00 Interest was received this year.

Charlotte A. Batchelor and George W. Knowlton established a Trust Deed at the Worcester County Trust Co., with the bank as Trustee, the income to be paid to the Town of Upton for use of Public Schools. \$198.00 was received this year.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) known as the Charlotte A. Batchelor Library Fund in trust with the Town Treasurer as Trustee, the income to be used for the Public Library. \$143.75 was received this year.

There is deposited in the Worcester County Institute for Savings, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) known as the Charlotte A. Batchelor School Fund in trust with the Town Treasurer as Trustee, the income to be used for the Public Schools. \$150.00 was received this year.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, a War Bonus Surplus Fund to be used as a nucleus of a Fund for Public Library Building as voted by the Town, February 7, 1925. \$107.66 Interest was received and the amount of this Fund on January 1, 1954 was \$3,826.44.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank of Milford, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) known as the George W. Knowlton Fund. The Income is subject to withdrawal by the Town Treasurer on order from the Board of Selectmen, to be used to help the townspeople who are in distress. \$147.81 Interest was received and the balance on January 1, 1954 was \$5,284.66.

The Industrial Accident Insurance Fund established in 1937 is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank. \$61.52 Interest was received and the balance on January 1, 1954 was \$1,989.34. Payment from this Fund is to be made only in accordance with rules to be established by the Board of Selectmen. \$197.00 was used this year.

#### WAR BONDS

1 Series G Bond .....	\$5,000 00
Purchased in 1944 — Matures 1956	
1 Series G Bond .....	\$5,000 00
Purchased in 1945 — Matures 1957	
Income received .....	\$ 250 00
Interest received .....	\$ 30 27

The income from these Bonds is deposited in the Savings Department of the Home National Bank of Milford, Massachusetts, for a Post War Rehabilitation Fund. Balance on January 1, 1954 was \$2,374.53.

There is deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings, two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) known as the George H. Schultz Library Book Fund, in trust with the Town Treasurer and Library Trustees as Trustees, the income only to be used to purchase Books. \$60.00 Interest was received this year.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, \$29.35 known as the Nellie Bagley Lakeview Cemetery Fund with the Town Treasurer and Cemetery Commissioners as Trustees. All of this Fund is available for use by the Cemetery Dept. for Improvements at Lakeview Cemetery. \$29.30 Interest was received this year. \$1,333.38 was used.

#### ELLA W. RISTEEN TRUST

Income Received .....	\$ 3,401 23
Interest .....	135 40

#### Payments:

Clause 13-B .....	475 00
Clause 13-C .....	441 75
Clause 13-D .....	1,548 46
Milford National Bank and Trust Co.	
Safe Deposit Box Rental .....	24 00

#### Balance on Deposit, January 1, 1954, Home National Bank:

Clause 13-B .....	\$ 6,253 48
Clause 13-C .....	1,690 70
Clause 13-D .....	2,165 28

## Stock Dividends received:

Aetna Life Insurance Co. ..... 53 Shares  
Chemical Bank & Trust Co. ... 7 Shares  
plus \$24.12 Cash.

Total Principal o nDeposit, January 1, 1954,  
Milford Savings Bank, \$77.88.

Clause NINTH of the will of the late William Knowlton provides as follows:

"To the TOWN OF UPTON in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), to hold the same in trust forever, and to be called the WILLIAM KNOWLTON TRUST FUND, to and for the uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared, namely, that the interest and net income thereof shall be annually expended for public purposes.

The expenditure of said income shall be under the direction and control of the Selectmen of the Town of Upton, or such officers as may be by law provided in their stead. I also direct that in case a difference of opinion should exist among the selectmen or such officers as may be by law provided in their stead, as to the purpose or purposes for which such income shall be expended, the decision and determination of the majority of the said selectmen or such officers shall be conclusive, it being my intention that the acts and proceedings of the majority of the said selectmen or such officers shall, for the purposes of this my will, be and be deemed to be, and be taken as the acts and proceedings of the whole or entire body of the said selectmen or such other officers, any rule of law or equity to the contrary notwithstanding."

## WILLIAM KNOWLTON TRUST FUND

March 11, 1953, Principal received .....\$ 75,000 00

## Expenditures

Minot Kendall & Co. Commission .....	205 81
100 Shares Chemical Bank & Trust .....	5,037 50
100 Shares National City Bank of New York	5,337 50
50 Shares Continental Illinois	
Bank & Trust .....	4,562 50
100 Shares Chase National Bank of	
New York .....	4,887 50
100 Shares Bankers Trust Co. of New York	5,375 00
50 Shares Philadelphia National Bank .....	5,612 50
100 Shares First National Bank of Boston ..	5,162 50
Milford National Bank & Trust,	
United States Treasury Bonds .....	38,077 92
Worcester County Probate Court,	
Copy of Will .....	2 40
First National Bank of Boston,	
4/13 Fractions of Share .....	18 00
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Total Expenditures .....	\$ 74,279 13
Principal Balance, Milford National Bank ....	\$ 720 87
Refund from First National Bank of Boston	1 76
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Total .....	722 63

## Stock Dividends Received

Chemical Bank & Trust — 10 Shares  
 First National Bank, Boston — 7 Shares,  
 Plus 9/13 Fractions of Share  
 Income received — \$1,642.69, deposited in  
 Milford National Bank as William  
 Knowlton Trust Checking Account.

## STATEMENT OF TOWN INSURANCE

The Town Property is insured as follows:

Town Hall Building .....	\$ 50,000 00
Contents .....	3,000 00
G. A. R. Hall Building .....	15,000 00
Knowlton School Building .....	20,000 00
Contents .....	1,000 00
George S. Ball School Building .....	20,000 00
Contents .....	2,000 00
Weights & Measurers Standards .....	1,500 00
Cemetery Building & Contents .....	1,600 00
Road Machinery .....	2,000 00
Library Books, Etc. ....	3,000 00
Boilers in Halls & Schools .....	5,000 00
Memorial School Building .....	6,000 00

Tax Title Deeds in possession of the Town Treasurer  
of property taken for taxes, \$1,647.91.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO F. MURPHY

Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report

January 1, 1953, Balance from 1952 .....	\$ 84,624 33
1953 Receipts .....	530,272 84
	614,897 17
Total Paid on Selectmen's Warrants .....	533,292 41
Balance January 1, 1954 .....	\$ 81,604 76

Respectfully submitted,

LEO F. MURPHY,

Treasurer

## Report of the Board of Public Welfare

For the year ending December 31, 1953

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE REPORT

Town Appropriation .....	40,000 00
Federal Grant .....	34,016 71
Total Available .....	74,016 71
Expended .....	65,355 50
Balance .....	8,661 21
Less Federal Grant carried forward to 1954 .....	8,600 64

Unexpended Balance remaining	60 57
Received from State Department	
Cases Aided in this report .....	88

### AMOUNTS DUE THE TOWN OF UPTON — OAA

City of Boston .....	175 37
City of Worcester .....	332 22
Town of Milford .....	102 43
Town of Northbridge .....	53 34
Town of Westboro .....	9 72
Total Amount Due .....	673 08

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN REPORT

Town Appropriation .....	1,800 00
Federal Grant .....	3,017 10
Total Available .....	4,817 10
Expended .....	3,687 42
Balance .....	1,129 68

Less Federal Grant carried forward to 1954 .....	1,129 68
Unexpended Balance remaining	.....
Received from State Dept. .....	.....
Cases Aided in this Report .....	6
Persons Aided in this Report ....	18

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE REPORT

Town Appropriation .....	5,000 00
Federal Grant .....	2,074 36
Total Available .....	7,074 36
Expended .....	5,127 95
Balance .....	1,946 41
Less Federal Grant carried forward to 1954 .....	1,946 41
Unexpended Balance Remaining	.....
Received from State Dept. .....	.....
Cases Aided in this Report .....	7

## GENERAL RELIEF REPORT

Town Appropriations .....	1,500 00
Transfers from Finance Committee	178 07
Total Available .....	1,678 07
Expended .....	1,678 07
Unexpended Balance remaining	.....
Expended for:	
Cash Aid .....	682 35
Food .....	422 69

Fuel .....	90 08
Rent .....	16 00
Medical .....	194 54
Hospital .....	172 50
Miscellaneous .....	45 75
Town of Millbury .....	54 16
 Total Expenses .....	1,678 07
Reimbursement for aid rendered	1,275 87
Persons aided in this Report .....	26

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE - ADMINISTRATION

Town Appropriation .....	2,100 00
Federal Grant — OAA .....	1,801 72
Federal Grant — ADC .....	210 61
Federal Grant — DA .....	148 02
 Total Available .....	4,260 35
Expended .....	3,874 55
 Balance .....	385 80
Less OAA Federal Grant carried forward to 1954 .....	385 80
Unexpended Balance remaining .....	

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE J. VICTOR, Chairman  
 ALANSON J. VARNEY  
 CHARLES F. CATON

## Department of Veterans' Services

Appropriation .....	\$2,000 00
Transfer Reserve Fund .....	375 29
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,375 29</b>
<b>Veterans' Benefits Expenses (General)</b>	
Sundry Persons ,Cash .....	\$1,277 75
Milford Hospital,	
Milford, Mass., .....	307 95
West Upton	
Super Market, Inc. ....	181 50
F. W. Wood Pharmacy .....	128 74
Brockelman Bros., Inc.,	
Worcester, Mass. ....	80 00
F. B. Carr, M.D.,	
Worcester, Mass. ....	80 00
Worcester Hahnemann Hos-	
pital, Worcester, Mass. ..	72 10
L. W. Prentiss & Sons .....	54 50
Stop & Shop, Inc.,	
Worcester, Mass. ....	43 75
Westboro Medical Group,	
Westboro, Mass. ....	35 00
Memorial Hospital,	
Worcester, Mass. ....	25 00
Upton Fuel Company .....	20 00
Moroney's Market .....	15 00
Kinder Shoe, Inc.,	
Milford, Mass. ....	13 50
Chick's Variety Store .....	10 00
Town Line Dairy Farm .....	9 50
L. T. Whelan, Dentist,	
Whitinsville, Mass. ....	9 00
Bernard F. McKernan,	
M.D. ....	6 00

James F. Horan, M.D.,	
Whitinsville, Mass., .....	6 00
Harry H. Poras, M.D.,	
Clinton, Mass., .....	5 00
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Total .....	2,375 29
Estimated State Reimbursement .....	1,143 45

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE P. KENNEDY  
Director of Veterans' Services

DEPARTMENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriation .....	\$75 00
Operating Expenses:	
George P. Kennedy,	
Mileage out of town trips	
—348 miles @ \$.06 .....	\$20 88
200 \$.03 Stamps .....	6 00
Telephone calls .....	5 75
Office supplies .....	2 24
Charlescraft Press,	
Milford, Mass. ....	15 40
Southern Worcester County	
Veterans' Agents Assoc. ....	2 00
Nancy E. Kennedy, Clerk ..	20 00
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	\$72 27
Unexpended Balance .....	2 73

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE P. KENNEDY  
Director of Veterans' Services

## Report of Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

For the year ending December 31, 1953

The voters of the Town of Upton voted to elect a board of water and sewer commissioners at their last election of officers.

We, the board of water and sewer commissioners, after being elected started by electing Edward Orff, chairman and Raymond Griffin, clerk for the following year with Thomas Francis as third member of the board.

At one of our first meetings we met with Henry Poirier and appointed him as water superintendent and superintendent of construction for the following year. At this meeting we entered into a discussion as to what we should do in regard to expanding the system. We had been notified by the Mass. Dept. of Public Works that reconstruction of Route 140 from West Upton to Elm St., Upton was to be done this year starting early in May. This road wasn't to be disturbed for a period of five years so that meant that we would either go ahead and expand or forget it for a period of five years. We thought it best to go ahead and do all possible in our power as a board to lay this system out, and have one that would be approved by the State, and the Fire Underwriters of Mass. This presented some obstacles. Whereas we needed an engineer, Mr. Delwyn K. Barnes of Whitinsville was engaged to do the work. He went ahead and drew up plans, wrote specification, etc., and then we met with the fire underwriters in Boston and they approved the system as laid out.

The system is to be as follows: Starting at the pumping station in West Upton, the water is to be pumped

along Main St., up Warren St. to the standpipe on Pratt Hill and from there to be distributed to parts of town as fast as mains and services are provided.

By this time the preliminary work was done and we were ready to let out bids for Main St., West Upton to Elm St., Upton. This was done and Ralph White Construction Co., of Auburn, Mass., was low bidder and received the contract.

When this work was most finished we thought that we should go ahead and let out other streets for bid because the people were suffering with a water shortage and the system needed water takers to ever be self-supporting. It was decided that we group all other streets without water and put them out to bid and go as far as we thought advisable for the present time. Johnson Bros., of Auburn, Mass., were low bidders and the contracts were signed. Streets which have been serviced to date include: North Main St., Warren St., Nelson St., School St., Pleasant St., Mendon St., Plain St., Grove St., and Fiske Ave.

Number of Hydrants .....	47
Approximate Number of Water Takers .....	253
Special Water Loan, 1953 .....	\$125,000 00

#### Expenses:

R. H. White Construction Company .....	\$63,764 29
Johnson Bros. Construction Company .....	42,684 59
Badger Meter Co. .....	2,214 42
Henry Poirier .....	2,081 95
Delwyn K. Barnes .....	1,800 00
Milford Daily News .....	43 75

Thomas Francis .....	81 56
Brewer & Co. .....	60 00
H. R. Prescott & Sons, Inc.	40 25
Hilco Supply, Inc. .....	18 60
Total expenses .....	112,789 41
	12,210 59

Less outstanding bills from Upton Center Water District	
Ropes, Gray, Best, Coolidge	
& Rugg .....	54 87
Hayden, Harding and	
Buchanan .....	81 70
	136 57
Balance carried forward to 1954	12,074 02
Unexpended Balance 1952	
Water Loan .....	\$1,846 68
Maintenance and Clerk Account	\$2,100 00

Expenses:	
Maintenance.....	\$1,841 01
Clerical .....	100 00
Postage .....	6 38
Total Expenses .....	1,947 39

Unexpended balance .....	152 61
Expense Account—Water &	
Sewer Commissioners .....	\$100 00

Expenses:	
Office Equipment .....	69 50
Office Supplies .....	7 64

Printing .....	2 50
Postage .....	4 01
Total expenses .....	83 65
Unexpended balance .....	16 35

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. ORFF, Chairman  
THOMAS FRANCIS  
RAYMOND GRIFFIN

## Report of Inspector of Animals

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I now submit my Report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1953.

Cows .....	148
Young Stock 1 to 2 years .....	35
Calf to 1 year .....	48
Horses .....	20
Bulls .....	2
Goats .....	4
Sheep .....	46
Swine .....	61
Steer .....	8

43 places where cattle are kept.

5 dogs quarantined, 5 dogs released.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. MORRISON  
Inspector of Animals

## Inspector of Slaughtering

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. MORRISON,  
Inspector of Slaughtering

## Report of Gypsy Moth Dept.

Dec. 31, 1953

Town of Upton:

Hereby submitting my report on the Gypsy Moth Suppression for the year 1953.

Appropriation .....	\$200 00
D. Kenniston 65½ hrs. @ \$1.00 .....	\$65 50
A. Berthelette 32 hrs. @ \$1.00 .....	32 00
Laurie Thompson 21 hrs. @ \$1.00 .....	21 00
E. Benoit 65 hrs. @ \$1.25 .....	81 25
Total .....	
Total .....	199 75
Balance .....	
Balance .....	25

Respectfully submitted,

EDMOND BENOIT,  
Supt. of Gypsy Moth Dept.

## Report of Dutch Elm and Beetles

Dec. 31, 1953

Town of Upton, Mass.

Hereby submitting my report on the Dutch Elm Department for the year 1953.

Appropriation .....	\$250 00
Joe Bretton, Rope Splicing ....	2 00
E. Benoit, labor	
157 hrs. @ \$1.25 .....	196 25
E. Benoit, Saw	
23 hrs. @ \$2.25 .....	51 75
 Total .....	 250 00
 Balance .....	 .....

Respectfully submitted,

EDMOND BENOIT

Local Supt. of Dutch Elm Disease

## Report of the Tree Warden

Dec. 31, 1953

Town of Upton

Hereby submitting my report of Tree Warden Dept.  
for the year 1953.

Appropriation .....	\$350 00
Leo Benoit	
3 hrs. @ \$1.00 .....	3 00
H. Crowther	
32 hrs. @ \$1.00 .....	32 00
D. Kenninston	
7 hrs. at @ \$1.00 .....	7 00
W. G. Fiske, Material .....	21 67
Laurie Thompson, Jr.,	
9½ hrs. @ \$1.00 .....	9 50
School Recker & Labor .....	20 00
Francis Aldrich	
20 hrs. @ \$1.00 .....	20 00
A. Berthelette,	
1 hr. @ \$1.00 .....	1 00
E. Benoit, Saw	
48 hrs. @ \$2.25 .....	108 00
E. Benoit, Labor	
102 hrs. @ \$1.25 .....	127 50
 Total .....	 349 67
 Balance .....	 33

Respectfully submitted,

EDMOND BENOIT

Tree Warden

## Report of the Director of Civil Defense

Dec. 31, 1953

To the Board of Selectmen:

On March 14, 1953, I was sworn in as Civil Defense Director of the Town of Upton.

The Defense Council originally appointed in 1950 is still intact, as well as the other personnel required by the State Director.

Clement J. Lambert has been designated as director of Civilian War Aid. Evacuee Registration is in charge of Edward J. Furphy—Memorial School Building.

During the Tornado Disaster your director was in close contact with Harold F. Rossi, Adm. Asst. Reg. III as well as with H. W. Hawkins, C.D.D. for Westboro awaiting any orders or requests for assistance. Our services were offered

### OUTSIDE MEETINGS—

On March 23, 1953, at Milford High School, Mr. Rossi held a Sector IV meeting for instructions. Geo. N. Poirier and I attended.

On April 22, 1953, at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston, a State Civil Defense meeting was called which I attended.

On May 5, 1953, Mr. Rossi called a meeting at the Milford High School preparatory to the RED ALERT for

Reg. III held (due) 11 a.m., May 14. Present at this meeting from Upton, were Geo. N. Poirier, Eugene Closson and myself.

At Worcester Municipal Auditorium, Little Theatre, on October 29th, a meeting of all Civil Defense Directors of the Region was called by Francis J. McGrath, Regional III Director. Mr. Rossi presided. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct a critique on the activities of Civil Defense in the recent tornado disaster. Geo. N. Poirier and I attended this meeting which was very instructive.

On Nov. 13, Gerald Shaughnessy and I attended the Communications meeting for Reg. III Sector IV held at Mr. Sherman's residence in Milford where frequency and communication matters were reviewed. Sector IV frequency is 28-640.

Expenditures 1953—None.

I wish to thank the Town Clerk, the Board of Selectmen, the Police and Fire Departments, the School Committee, the Defense Council, Chairman of Committees and personnel for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. GREBENSTEIN  
Civil Defense Director

## Fire Department Report

The New Fire Station on Church Street was used for the first time for storage of trucks and equipment during the first week of January 1953. At that time many things were not complete, some to be finished by the Contractor and others by Members of the Upton Fire Co.

The Board of Engineers purchased the paint with money from a special fund for paint.

The Members of the Fire Company did a complete two-coat decorating job of the entire inside of the Station, this work we are very proud of. After using our Station for approximately a year we find it to be ample for our need and a great pleasure to work in. We have started to landscape the station grounds with loam salvaged from building excavation, and hope to finish this in 1954, work is all done by members and tractor loaders that were donated by Brooks Farm and Henry J. Poirier.

Other donations are as follows:

A great amount of labor and supervision in construction of kitchen and other work by Mr. Lawrence Atwood.

One white sink by Central Supply (of Worcester, Mass.)

One Electric Clock (wall) by Lee Jewelers (of Whitinsville)

24 new Folding Metal Chairs by Upton Fire Co.

Floor Tile for Office, Assembly Room, Toilet and Kitchen was laid by the Members of Fire Co., and paid for with

Monies from Fire Company Treasury and Upton Fish and Game Club.

To the above and all other persons who helped in any way the Fire Engineers wish to take this space to thank one and all.

Other activities during 1953 have been our emergency lighting equipment sent to the tornado destruction area of Worcester for ten nights with two men each night, also sent to Westboro for three nights to assist the Westboro Fire Department with their tornado problems.

One night to Milford, Mass., with our new large Fire Truck and crew to assist Milford Fire Dept. during the fire that endangered their Main Street Business District.

Alarms .....	8
Still Alarms .....	7
Aided other Towns .....	3

GEORGE N. O. POIRIER, Eng.  
THOMAS L. FRANCIS, Eng.  
WILLIAM A. PRENTISS, Eng.

## Fire Engineer's Report

Appropriation .....	\$ 3,400 00
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Transferred .....	98 51
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### Expenditures:

Upton Fuel Co., Fuel .....	\$ 448 09
Worcester County Elec., Power .....	182 41
L. W. Prentiss & Son, Supplies ..	54 24
Liquid Carbonic Co., Oxygen ....	51 25
Farrar Company, Supplies .....	119 00
New England Tel. Co.,	
Telephone .....	132 46
Walter Stank, Janitor	
Chim. Fires .....	249 00
Orrin Francis, Supplies .....	7 47
W. G. Fiske Co., Supplies .....	74 85
Aldrich Lawn Mower Co., Belt ..	1 00
Lloyd Crosby, Wiring .....	5 90
Carl Anderson, Welding .....	15 00
Central Supply Co., Supplies ....	24 40
C. H. Southland, Setting glass ..	2 25
Harold Hopkins,	
Automatic Clock .....	9 50
Ralph Francis, Labor .....	3 50
Fays Garage, Insp. trucks .....	4 00
Chick Nelson, Supplies .....	2 99
C. M. Graves, Gas .....	2 48
Travis Service Station, Gas .....	1 59
Ann Ward, Sounding Siren .....	25 00
Christie Thomson, Creeper .....	11 44
Zabek Motors Co., Supplies .....	21 35
Peter Nydam, Gas & Labor .....	23 00
Demares Body Works,	
Painting truck .....	60 00

Ace Radiator Co., Labor .....	3 00
Scholls Garage,	
Gas, Oil, Labor & Parts .....	158 69
Charles Clougherty Co.,	
Supplies .....	60 50
Salaries (Firemen) .....	1,585 00
Bobbets Service Shop, Set points	75
William Evans, Ladder .....	11 15
F. W. Wood Co., Supplies .....	10 14
Sam Mitchell, Wiring .....	3 75
Lawrence Atwood,	
Labor, Supplies .....	114 69
L. R. Thompson, Supplies .....	87
Lake Ripple Garage, Gas .....	2 00
Roland Benoit, Supplies .....	13 50
Municipal Services Co., Wrench	2 50
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Total .....	\$ 3,498 51
Alarms .....	8
Still Alarms .....	7
Aided other Towns .....	3
 Special Paint Appropriation for Fire Station	
Appropriations .....	\$300 00
 Expenditures:	
W. G. Fiske .....	299 96
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Balance .....	04

GEORGE N. O. POIRIER, Eng.  
 THOMAS L. FRANCIS, Eng.  
 WILLIAM A. PRENTISS, Eng.

## Special Appropriation Hose

Appropriation .....	\$350 00
Expenditures:	
Zabek Motors Co. .....	350 00
Balance .....	00

GEORGE N. O. POIRIER, Eng.  
WILLIAM A. PRENTISS, Eng.  
THOMAS L. FRANCIS, Eng.

## Ambulance Report 1953

Appropriation .....	\$ 350 00
Transferred .....	196 19

Expenditures:

Joseph Sargeant, Ambulance use	12 00
Square Deal Garage, Fuel Pump	13 05
Scholls Garage,	
Gas, Oil, Parts & Labor .....	157 20
Shermans Laundry, Laundry ....	12 10
Angelo's Variety Store, Sheets ..	6 20
Bowker-Hamblin Co.	
Tires & Tubes .....	81 00
American La France Co.,	
Repairing Inhalator .....	64 19
Paul McDonnell, Services .....	21 25
Rudolph Scholls, Services .....	15 00
Donald Wellman, Services .....	6 00
Robert Prentiss, Services .....	4 00
Thomas, Francis, Services .....	7 50
Edwin Sadler, Services .....	2 25
Harold Francis, Services .....	11 75
Robert McClure, Services .....	14 60
Orrin Francis, Services .....	17 10
Edward Rock, Services .....	1 50
Walter Stank, Services .....	76 75
Robert Page, Services .....	2 00
Alfred Aldrich, Services .....	14 75
Ernest Porter, Services .....	4 50
Douglas, Gilchrist, Services .....	1 50
Total .....	
	\$ 546 19

45 Trips

GEORGE N. O. POIRIER, Eng.  
THOMAS L. FRANCIS, Eng.  
WILLIAM A. PRENTISS, Eng.

## Forest Fire Department

### 1953

#### Suction Hose

Appropriation .....	\$ 120 00
Paid to Charles H. Clougherty Co. for	
Suction Hose .....	119 50
Unexpended Balance .....	50

#### FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation .....	\$ 700 00
Transferred .....	1,287 66
Total .....	1,987 66

#### Expenditures:

75 Forest fires .....	\$ 1,353 95
Scholl's Garage, gas, oil, labor and supplies .....	304 03
Farrar Co., labor and supplies	174 60
Charles Clougherty Co. Supplies .....	81 69
L. R. Thompson, sandwiches and coffee .....	9 50
W. G. Fiske Lumber Co., supplies .....	5 51
Ivan Nelson, coffee and doughnuts .....	3 53
Walter Stank, issuing fire per- mits and posting notices ....	25 00
Walter Stank, trip to Wor- cester, investigating fires and labor .....	11 75

Fire Patrol .....	4 90
Harold Francis, Investigating fires .....	1 10
Paul McDonnell, Investigating fires .....	1 10
William Prentiss, labor .....	2 20
Thomas Francis, labor .....	2 20
Robert Ramsey, labor .....	2 20
Robert McClure, labor .....	2 20
Robert Prentiss, labor .....	2 20
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Total .....	\$ 1,987 66
Number of Fire Calls .....	75
Town Dump Fires .....	15
Number of permits issued .....	962
Number of incinerator fires .....	10
Burning without a permit .....	4
Number of false alarms .....	4
Children playing with matches .....	3

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER STANK  
Forest Fire Warden

## Report of Park Commission

Appropriation .....	\$300 00
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### EXPENSES

Arthur M. Bartlett, supplies ....	\$155 23
Oscar Halleberg, services .....	26 95
Carl Paulson, services .....	7 15
Moroney Market, supplies .....	1 18
George Gorman, Jr., services ....	1 00
Robert Leland, services .....	10 00
Fay Garage, services .....	2 50
Clide Stewart, Jr., services.....	1 00
Town Line Dairy, services .....	6 00
Olympic Sports Co., supplies ....	3 84
Carl A. Anderson, services .....	22 50
W. G. Fisk Co., supplies .....	10 80
Edward Rock, services .....	12 00
H. G. Poirier, services .....	24 35
Unexpended Balance .....	\$284 50
Unexpended Balance .....	\$ 15 00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR K. McCARTY  
KENDALL W. WOOD

## Report of Moderator

During the past year I presided at the Annual Town Meetings and three special Town Meetings as your Moderator.

These important controversial issues arose during the past year:

- (1) The much debated Reservoir Road was accepted by the voters as a public way.
- (2) The voters voted to borrow two hundred and twenty-two thousand dollars for the purpose of extending the water mains in the town water system.
- (3) The question of Grand Army Hall after much debating is still undecided.

I appreciate the co-operation which I have received from the Town Officers and the Voters.

Respectfully submitted,

HALBERT K. STRUTHERS  
Moderator

## Selectmen's Report

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The Board met and organized on March 7, 1953. Gladys G. Crockett was elected Chairman of the Board and Atty. Henry C. Walker Town Counsel, the other two members of the Board were Daniel H. Bates and Ernest B. Porter.

During the year the Board was confronted with many matters of interest and importance to the townspeople. Before decisions were made, serious thought was given these problems having always in mind the welfare of the town and its citizens.

The Town Dump, voted to a new location by the Townspeople, because of serious objections at the old location, may not be entirely suitable. However it is an improvement over the old situation. It may well be that a further change may become necessary when a more desirable location is located.

The Town cooperated with area towns during the Civil Defense Alert on May 14. The Town Ambulance was loaned to the Town of Mendon as part of the Alert program.

The reconstruction of route 140 or Main Street through the town has caused many problems, including the change in our Town Commons. These problems have been seriously considered to the interest of all.

This Board has held conferences with the Water Board and other departments, always with the thought of the people as those most concerned.

The installation of Street Lights at various locations has offered increased protection. Street lighting is one of the best services that a community can give its citizens.

The Board recognizes the need of repairs to the interior of the Town Hall Building and express the hope that the condition may be changed during the coming year.

We have enjoyed serving our Town and our Citizens. We thank all department heads, officials and townspeople for the cooperation and courtesy extended to us during the past year. We are grateful.

GLADYS G. CROCKETT, *Chairman*  
DANIEL H. BATES  
ERNEST B. PORTER

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#### SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS

1953

#### GENERAL REVENUE

##### Taxes

###### Current Year

Poll .....	\$ 1,352 00
Personal .....	8,317 25
Real Estate .....	92,871 74

###### Previous Years

Poll .....	2 00
Personal .....	1,808 68
Real Estate .....	12,178 25
Tax Title Redemptions .....	786 44

From State, Corporation, Meal Tax, Reimbursement for Loss of Tax, etc. ....	14,751 98
Licenses — Liquor .....	1,800 00
Licenses — Junk .....	25 00
Licenses — All Other .....	179 00
Permits — All .....	39 75
Court Fines .....	19 00
Grants from Federal Govern- ment	
For Old Age Assistance .....	32,643 89
For Aid to Dependent Chil- dren .....	2,315 12
For Disability Assistance .....	2,524 86
Grants from State	
For School Funds .....	22,470 87
For Industrial Schools .....	363 76
For High School Tuition and Transportation .....	12,064 37
For Highways Chapter 81 ....	18,957 00
For Inspection of Animals and Other Funds .....	813 62
	226,284 58

## COMMERCIAL REVENUE

## Grant from County —

Dog Licenses .....	702 03
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....	16,025 32
	16,727 35

## Commercial Revenue: Departmental

Treasurer .....	06
Town Collector .....	10 00
Town Clerk .....	2 00
Town Hall .....	90 00
Fire Department Refund .....	3 50

Sealer of Weights & Measures	50 00
Chapter 90 Highways	
Joint Maintenance State ....	1,499 56
Joint Maintenance County	1,499 56
Highway Machinery Fund ....	28 60
Chapter 90 Highways Constr.	
Joint Construction State ....	2,924 93
Joint Construction County	499 97
Welfare Reimbursements	
From State Disability	
Assistance .....	2,672 33
From State Temporary Aid	576 55
From Cities and Towns	
Temporary Aid .....	811 43
From State Aid Dependent	
Children .....	937 78
From State Old Age	
Assistance .....	24,163 04
From Cities and Towns	
Old Age Assistance .....	827 30
From Individuals .....	2,340 54
Veterans' Services	
From State .....	1,059 29
Schools	
Milk Fund .....	426 71
All Other .....	5 27
Library Fines & Sales .....	3 54
Health and Sanitation	
Contagious Diseases .....	261 43
All Other .....	42 50
	40,735 89
Commercial Revenue — Cemetery	
Sale of Lots and Graves .....	30 00
Care of Lots and Graves .....	96 00
Perpetual Care of Lots &	
Graves .....	250 00

Burials .....	679 00
Repair of Lots .....	3 00
Rent of Green .....	14 00
	1,072 00
Commercial Revenue — Water and Sewer	
Water .....	3,685 62
Sewer .....	1,960 25
Hydrants .....	650 00
All Other .....	195 00
	6,490 87
Commercial Revenue — Interest	
On Deposits .....	71 45
On Deferred Taxes .....	491 07
On Tax Titles Redeemed .....	196 81
On Motor Vehicle & Trailer	
Excise .....	150 58
On School Funds .....	348 00
On Library Funds .....	233 75
On Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Funds .....	641 43
On Investment Funds .....	4,245 59
	6,378 68
Municipal Indebtedness	
Anticipation of Revenue .....	20,000 00
Public Service Enterprise —	
Water .....	125,000 00
Premiums — Water Loan .....	873 75
	145,873 75
Agency, Trust and Investment	
Federal Withholding Tax .....	9,902 09
County Retirement Deductions .....	534 76
Dog Taxes for County .....	943 60
William Knowlton Trust	
Fund General Purposes .....	75,001 76
	86,382 21

## Refunds and Transfers

Accrued Interest Water Loan	279 51
School Department — Refund	48 00
	327 51
Total Receipts	\$530,272 84

## EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Clerk Salary & Expense .....	\$60 00
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*Moderator*

Salary .....	41 66
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*Selectmen*

## Salaries

Chairman .....	\$175 00
Member .....	150 00
Member .....	150 00
Clerk .....	150 00
	625 00

## Expense

Stationery & Postage .....	25 97
Carfares & Auto Use .....	8 40
All Other .....	165 63
	200 00
	825 00

*Town Accountant*

Salary .....	395 84
<b>Expense</b>	
Clerical Assistance .....	20 00
Supplies .....	8 71
All Other .....	16 54
	—————
	45 25
	—————
	441 09

*Treasurer*

Salary .....	850 00
<b>Expense</b>	
Printing, Stationery &	
Postage .....	69 97
All Other .....	60 72
	—————
	130 69
	—————
	980 69

*Town Clerk*

Salary .....	450 00
<b>Expense</b>	
Printing, Stationery &	
Postage .....	23 58
Recording Fees .....	121 00
Equipment .....	55 00
All Other .....	74 97
	—————
	274 55
	—————
	724 55

*Town Collector*

Salary .....	850 00
Expense	
Clerical Assistance .....	33 00
Printing, Stationery &	
Postage .....	207 04
Surety Bond—	
Deputy Collector .....	5 00
All Other .....	57 20
	—————
	302 24
	—————
	1,152 24

*Assessors*

Salary	
Chairman .....	350 00
Associates (2) .....	700 00
	—————
	1,050 00
Expense	
Clerical Assistance .....	156 00
Printing, Postage &	
Stationery .....	108 65
Carfare & Auto Hire .....	50 05
All Other .....	341 27
	—————
	655 97
	—————
	1,705 97

*Town Counsel*

Salary .....	50 00
Expense	
All Other .....	229 75
	—————
	279 75

*Registrars of Voters*

## Salaries

Members (3) .....	105 00
Clerk .....	50 00
	155 00

## Expense

Clerical Assistance .....	154 82
Printing, Postage &	
Stationery .....	26 70
Cards for Listings .....	15 95
	197 47
	352 47

*Elections and Registrations*

## Expense

Election Workers .....	208 50
Clerical Assistance .....	6 00
Supplies .....	1 80
Meals, Election Workers .....	17 50
	233 80
	233 80

*Bonding Town Officers*

## Expense

Treasurers Bond .....	113 00
Town Collectors Bond .....	191 25
Town Clerks Bond .....	20 26
	324 51
	324 51

*Town Halls Maintenance  
Expense*

Unpaid Bills of 1952	
Fuel .....	286 64
Telephone .....	18 30
	304 94
Expenses 1953	
Janitor .....	975 00
Labor .....	11 00
Fuel .....	1,336 16
Light .....	145 04
Repairs .....	450 12
Telephone .....	219 13
All Other .....	118 21
Janitor Supplies .....	18 35
	3,273 01
	3,577 95

*Protection of Persons  
and Property*

Police Department	
Expenditures—	
See Police Report .....	2,645 78
Fire Department	
Expenditures—	
See Fire Engineers Report .....	3,498 51
Plus Refunded Amount .....	3 50
	3,502 01
Hydrant Rental .....	650 00
Fire Department — New Truck	12,997 50
Fire Department — New Hose ..	350 00
Fire Station — Construction ....	8,945 81
Fire Station — Painting .....	299 96
Fire Station — Paving —	
Black Top .....	500 00

Forest Fire Department		
See Forest Fire Wardens		
Report .....	1,987	66
Forest Fire Department —		
New Hose .....	119	50
Sealer of Weights & Measures		
Salary .....	80	00
Expense .....	18	30
	98	30
Wire Inspector		
Salary .....	50	00
	32,146	52

*Health and Sanitation*

Board of Health General		
Expenditures		
Salary Clerk .....	50	00
Salary Milk Inspector .....	50	00
Care of Patients .....	88	50
All Other .....	20	72
	209	22
Care of Patients—Expenditures		
Care of Patients — 1952 Bills ..	472	50
District Nursing Association ....	577	50
Animal Inspector Salary .....	1,000	00
Care of Town Dump—Expended		
Ambulance	100	00
See report of Fire Engineers	300	00
Tree Warden		
See report of Tree Warden ..	546	19
Gypsy Moth Suppression		
See report of Tree Warden ....	349	67
Elm Beetle Control		
See report of Tree Warden ....	199	75
	250	00
	4,004	83

*Highways*

## Chapter 81

## Expenditures

Labor .....	6,958	23
Hired Trucks & Equipment	4,342	30
Stone, Gravel, Tar, etc. ....	7,943	21
All Other .....	1,752	99
		20,996 73

## Chapter 90 Maintenance

## Expenditures

Labor .....	805	85
Hired Trucks & Equipment	1,101	20
Stone, Gravel, Sand,		
Tar, etc. ....	1,269	95
All Other .....	1,314	57
		4,491 57

## Warren Road, Street &amp;

## Glen View

## Expenditures

Labor .....	136	35
Hired Trucks & Equipment	156	25
Gravel & All Other .....	456	80
		749 40

## Bridges

## Expenditures

Labor .....	93	55
All Other .....	49	80
		143 35

## Reservoir Street

## Expenditures

Labor .....	189	58
Hired Trucks & Equipment	219	95
Gravel & All Other .....	130	50
		490 03

Sidewalks		
Expenditures		
Labor .....		26 90
Snow Removal		
Expenditures		
Labor .....	1,178 49	
Hired Trucks & Equipment	3,932 23	
All Other .....	910 10	
	—————	
		6,020 82
Machinery Maintenance		
Expenditures		
Gas, Oil, etc. ....		14 70
Highway Vacation Account		
Expenditures		
To Labor Personnel .....		264 00
Water Holes		
Expenditures		
Construction .....		117 97
Street Lights		
Contract Expenditures .....		5,322 04
	—————	
		38,637 51

*Charities and Veterans' Benefits*

Board of Public Welfare		
Members Salaries .....		300 00
Social Worker & Clerk		
See Welfare Dept. Report		
Town Appropriation .....	2,100 00	
Federal Grants Admin.		
Disability Assistance .....	148 02	
Aid Dependent Children	210 61	
Old Age Assistance .....	1,415 92	
	—————	
		3,874 55

## Old Age Assistance

See Welfare Dept. Report

Town Appropriation .....	39,939 43
Federal Grant .....	25,416 07
Plus Refunded Amounts ....	206 18
	65,561 68

*General Relief*

## Disability Assistance

See Welfare Dept. Report

Town Appropriation .....	5,000 00
Federal Grant .....	127 95
Plus Refunded Amounts ....	12 00
	5,139 95

## Aid to Dependent Children

See Welfare Dept. Report

Town Appropriation .....	1,800 00
Federal Grant .....	1,887 42
	3,687 42

See Welfare Dept. Report

Expenditures .....	1,678 07
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## Veterans' Services—Director

Salary Director .....	100 00
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## Expenses

See Veterans' Service	
Director Report .....	72 27
	172 27

## Veterans' Services—Benefits

See Veterans' Service

## Director

Expenditure Report .....	2,375 29
Benefits—Unpaid Bills of 1952	268.45
	83,057 68

*School Department*

School Committee	
Salary	
Chairman .....	40 00
Member .....	40 00
Clerk .....	65 00
	145 00
General Expenditures	
See School Committee Report	98,477 33
School Milk Fund	
Expenditures — Milk .....	412 50
School Athletic Program	
Expenditures — Equipment ..	99 20
Memorial School Plaque	
Expenditures .....	100 00
	99,234 03

*Library*

General Expenditures	
See report of Library Trustees	1,179 07

*Parks Department*

Parks Department Expenditures	
See report of parks commissioners .....	284 50

*Unclassified*

Memorial Day — Expenditures	382 75
Insurance — Expenditures — Town	
Buildings .....	1,502 21
Printing — Expenditures .....	1,793 95
Civilian Defense—Expenditures	32 79
	3,711 70

*Water and Sewer Department*

Commissioners Salaries	
Expended .....	83 36
Commissioners Expense	
Expenditures See Commissioners	
Report .....	83 65
	167 01
Superintendent Salary	
Expended .....	416 60
Maintenance and Clerk Account	
See Commissioners Report —	
Expended .....	1,947 39
Unpaid Bills of 1952 Expended	507 73
Water Construction of 1953 See	
Commissioners Report —	
Expended .....	112,925 98
	115,964 71

*Cemetery Department*

Salaries Commissioners	
Expended .....	85 00
General Expense — Expended	3,250 00
Oiling and Grading—Expended	499 48
Perpetual Care Funds Income —	
Expended See Commissioners	
Report .....	615 68
	4,365 16
Nellie Bagley Fund — Expended	
See Commissioners Report ....	1,333 38
	5,783 54

*Notes and Interest*

Interest on Notes .....	4,058 45
Payments on Notes	
1950 School Loan .....	9,000 00

Fire Station Loan .....	3,000 00
1952 Water Loan .....	2,000 00
Anticipation of Revenue Loan	20,000 00
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	34,000 00
	_____
	38,058 45

*Other Payrolls*

Post War Rehabilitation Fund	
— Deposited .....	250 00
Dog Licenses to County .....	943 60
Risteen Funds	
Beautification .....	1,548 46
Charity .....	475 00
School .....	441 75
	_____
	2,465 21
Industrial Accident Fund .....	197 00
William Knowlton Trust —	
Investments .....	74,279 13
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	
— Deposited .....	250 00
Refunds to Sundry Persons	
Real Estate Taxes .....	42 48
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	336 41
	_____
	378 89
Final Payment Revaluation	
Contract .....	1,700 00
Withholding Tax to Depository	9,902 09
County Retirement Deductions	
to County .....	534 76
Auditing Municipal Accounts —	
State .....	11 01
State Parks and Reservations ....	304 78
County Tax .....	4,582 34
County Retirement Town	
Assessment .....	306 48

County Hospital Assessment ....	4,396	15
Tax Title Account —		
Advertising .....	28	75
	100,530	19
Total Expenditures .....	533,292	41

*Cash Reconciliation*

Cash on Hand January 1, 1953	84,624	33
Plus Receipts in 1953 .....	530,272	84
Total .....	614,897	17
Less Expenditures in 1953 .....	533,292	41
Cash on Hand December 31, 1953	81,604	76

In this first year of the operations of the Town of Upton under the Municipal System of Accounting as set up by the State Auditors I find the accounts in excellent condition. There are no overdrafts by any department and no unpaid bills to go forward into the year of 1954. I wish to thank the heads of each and every department for the fine cooperation which they have extended me all through the year. It is my personal opinion that the town can look forward to a more business like form of the handling of the finances of the town under this new system.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer in detail and I have checked the recorded receipts wherever possible with the sources from which money was paid to the Town Treasurer. I have reconciled the cash balance on hand December 31, 1953 by a reconciliation of the accounts with the statements furnished by the banks.

In accordance with Section 53 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws as amended, I have examined and checked the securities and savings bank accounts representing the investment of the Trust Funds of the Town Treasurer, and find that they are as stated in the Town Treasurers report on trust funds.

Respectfully submitted  
 Harvey L. Martindale  
 Accountant

TOWN OFFICERS	SALARIES	EXPENSES
<b>SELECTMEN</b>		
Chairman	\$175.00	
Member	150.00	
Member	150.00	
Clerk	150.00	
	—	\$200.00
<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>		
	850.00	150.00
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>		
	1,100.00	500.00
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b>		
Chairman	30.00	
Member	30.00	
Clerk	30.00	
	—	90.00
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>		
	450.00	300.00
<b>ASSESSORS</b>		
Member	350.00	
Member	350.00	
Member	350.00	
	—	1,050.00
		700.00
<b>WELFARE BOARD</b>		
Member	100.00	
Member	100.00	
Member	100.00	
	—	300.00
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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Chairman	40.00	
Member	40.00	
Clerk	65.00	
	145.00	.....

AUDITOR and  
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

600.00	50.00
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DIRECTOR,  
VETERANS' SERVICES

100.00	75.00
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## TOWN COUNSEL

50.00	50.00
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## FINANCE COMMITTEE, Clerk

60.00	.....
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SEALER of WEIGHTS  
and MEASURES

80.00	10.00
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## REGISTRAR or VOTERS

Member	35.00	
Member	35.00	
Member	35.00	
Clerk	50.00	
	155.00	225.00

ELECTIONS and  
TOWN MEETINGS

.....	300.00
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## BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

.....	330.00
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INSP. SLAUGHTERING and  
ANIMAL INSPI.

100.00	
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## HOUSING AUTHORITY

.....	25.00
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## WIRING INSPECTOR

50.00	.....
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## MODERATOR

50.00	.....
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## TREE WARDEN

Truck	1.85 per hour	.....
Labor	1.25 per hour	.....

## WATER COMMISSIONERS

Member	75.00	
Member	75.00	
Member	75.00	
	225.00	100.00

## WATER SUPERINTENDENT

500.00	.....
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## GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

EXPENDED—1953		1954 Requested	1954 Finn.—Comm.
DEPARTMENTS			
546.19	Ambulance Maintenance	\$350.00	\$350.00
	Board of Health		
209.22	General	250.00	250.00
472.50	Care of Patients	550.00	550.00
1,000.00	District Nursing Assoc.	1,000.00	1,000.00
300.00	Town Dump	300.00	300.00
	Cemeteries		
3,250.00	General		
499.48	(Grading (Paint Tool Shed & Fence (Pur. of Power Mower	250.00 180.00 140.00	4,070.00 4,070.00
	Co. Hospital )		
4,396.15	Patients Assessments )	4,356.10	4,356.10
3,498.51	Fire Dept. 3,500.00 (250 ft. 2½ in. hose 350.00) (1 lgth. soft suction 100.00)	3,950.00	3,950.00
1,987.66	Forest Fire 700.00 (500 ft. of 1½ hose 300.00)	1,000.00	1,000.00
199.75	Gypsy Moth Suppression	200.00	200.00
	Highways		
20,996.73	Chapter 81	4,500.00	4,500.00
4,491.57	Chapter 90 Maintenance		
143.85	Bridges	600.00	400.00
14.70	Machinery Account		
26.90	Sidewalks	300.00	300.00
	Signs	10.00	10.00
6,020.82	Snow Removal	7,500.00	6,000.00
1,502.21	Insurance (Recommended that \$500.00 of this be applied to the contents of the Mem- orial School)	2,000.00	2,000.00
1,000.00	Library (Carpenter Fund \$30.00)	970.00	970.00
382.75	Memorial Day	400.00	400.00
18,058.45	Notes and Interest (Old Age Assistance, Town)	30,000.00 35,000.00	30,000.00 35,000.00
65,355.50	(Old Age Assistance, Grant)		

3,886.20	Public Welfare Adm.	2,100.00	2,100.00
	Social Worker and Clerk		
284.50	Parks, Athletic Field	300.00	300.00
2,645.78	Police Dept.	2,700.00	2,700.00
1,678.07	Public Welfare—General (Aid Dep. Children, Town)	3,000.00	3,000.00
3,687.42	(Aid Dep. Children, Grant)	1,500.00	1,500.00
5,127.95	Disability Assistance	2,500.00	2,500.00
1,793.95	Printing	2,000.00	2,000.00
98,477.53	Schools, Including Industrial	104,344.10	104,344.10
5,322.04	Street Lights	5,350.00	5,350.00
3,370.01	Town Halls and Expenses	3,197.00	3,197.00
8,655.91	Town Officers and Expenses	10,395.00	9,595.00
349.67	Tree Warden	350.00	350.00
2,375.29	Veterans' Service	2,000.00	2,000.00
2,396.06	Reserve Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00
250.00	Elm Tree Beetle	250.00	250.00
32.79	Civil Defense		
264.00	Vacation Fund	352.00	352.00
	Water and Sewer Dept.		
2,031.04	Maintenance and Clerk	3,400.00	3,400.00
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\$276,980.65		\$243,544.20	\$241,044.20
	Special Articles	15,424.46	7,396.46
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	Grand Totals	\$258,968.66	\$248,440.66

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OF POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

1953

	Number of Cases
Automobile Violations .....	12
Accidents—Property Damage .....	26
Accidents—Personal Injuries Involved .....	9
Assistance to Outside Police .....	28
Assistance to Distressed Persons .....	6
Breaking & Entering .....	2
Complaints Investigated .....	120
Consultations at Chief's Office .....	41
Cars Stolen & Recovered .....	2
Cruiser Duty .....	2,873 Miles
Cars Stopped & Warnings Given .....	120
Court Cases .....	17
Disturbances Quelled .....	11
Destruction of Property Investigated .....	10
Dogs Injured by Automobiles .....	7
Dogs Killed by Automobiles .....	9
Dog Bites Investigated .....	14
Dogs Destroyed .....	13
Dog Complaints .....	28
Larceny Cases Investigated .....	4
Licenses Recommended Suspended .....	6
Licenses Recommended Restored.....	13
Messages Delivered .....	12
Traffic Duty .....	693 Hours
Transfers Checked .....	152
State Hospital Patients Returned .....	4
Bicycles Registered .....	39
Gun Permits Issued .....	30
Registration Fees Bicycle—Turned over to Town Treasurer .....	\$39.75

SUMMARIZED POLICE REPORT  
OF COURT CASES

	Number of Cases
Drunkenness .....	3
Breaking & Entering in the night time .....	1
Non Support .....	1
Passing School Bus without stopping .....	1
Operating so as to endanger .....	2
Operating under the influence of liquor .....	1
Hit & Run—Property Damage .....	1
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle .....	1
Speeding .....	2
Stop Sign Violations .....	2
Operating after Revocation .....	1
Road Laws Violations .....	1

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL H. BATES,  
Chief of Police

## Annual Report of the Cemetery Commission

To the Board of Selectmen and to the Voters of Upton.

We wish to thank all the townspeople, and others who made it possible for us, to do this work well.

We also wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, who cooperated so willingly, by allowing us a sum from the Risten Fund, the necessary money which enabled us to do such necessary work in our old cemeteries, which had been neglected for years.

The reason was, because of the lack of necessary funds, to do the much needed work there. The bequest left by the Nellie Bagley Estate was used to form the new section. When the lots are sold from this section, the Town will benefit the sum of around six hundred (\$600.00) dollars.

### STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND INCOME

<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Bagley</i>	<i>Cooling &amp; Grading</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supt. of Labor					
Edwin Sadler	\$1,299 31	\$ 279 15	\$ 14 40		\$1,592 86
Helper Labor					
Henry Wood	96 10	60 00	30 00		186 10
Perley					
Martindale	1,009 84	72 70			1,082 54
Edward Gurry	422 10	132 83			554 93
Walter Lapan	171 45				171 45
Norman Wood			14 40		14 40
Leroy Cooper		13 20			13 20
Edmond Benoit		20 00			20 00
Other Expenses					
Comm. of Mass.	3 00				3 00
W. Upton Post Office	3 48				3 48

Fay's Garage	50	50			.. 1 00
Woodies Greenhouse	7 50				7 50
Henry Atwood	1 00	4 00			5 00
Town Line Dairy			4 00		4 00
Aldrich Mower Service	76 60				76 60
W. G. Fiske	36 37	50			36 87
Bobbett's Garage	14 25				14 25
Scholl's Garage	71 45	10 80			82 25
Henry Poirier	37 05	22 00	1,270 58	499 48	1,829 11
Total Avail.	\$3,250 00	\$ 615 68	\$1,333 38	\$ 499 48	\$5,698 54
Balance	00	25 75		52	26 27
	\$3,250 00	\$ 641 43	\$1,333 38	\$5,000 00	\$5,724 81

## RECEIPTS

Annual Care .....	\$ 96 00
Burials .....	673 00
Use of Greens .....	23 00
Sale of Lots .....	30 00
Perpetual Care:	
Leo Grenier .....	\$50.00
George Lenahan .....	50 00
Raymond and Ada Goss .....	50 00
Robert Ramsey .....	50 00
Mrs. Archie Baker .....	50 00
	----- \$250 00
	\$1,072 00

EDWARD J. GURRY, Chairman  
 RAYMOND K. SMITH, Treas.  
 DONALD R. KENISTON, Clerk

**Report of Sealer of  
Weights and Measures  
1953**

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1	Platform scale—10,000 lbs & over @	\$5 00	\$5 00
4	Platform scales—100 to 5,000 lbs. @	1 00	4 00
1	Counter scale—under 100 lbs. ....@	50	50
12	Spring scales—under 100 lbs. ....@	50	6 00
8	Computing scales—under 100 lbs. @	50	4 00
1	Personal weighing scale .....	50	50
1	Prescription scale .....	50	50
<b>WEIGHTS</b>			
32	Avoirdupois .....	10	3 20
5	Apothecary .....	10	50
5	Metric .....	10	50
14	Capacity measures .....	10	1 40
22	Gasoline measuring pumps .....	1 00	22 00
10	Grease measuring devices .....	1 00	10 00
1	Kerosene pump .....	25	25
1	Yard stick .....	10	10
1	Screen cloth measuring device ....@	1 00	1 00
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			\$63 45

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR F. BARTLETT,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

## Finance Committee

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To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the report of the Finance Committee for year of 1953.

Number of Meetings held .....	13
Number of Transfers made .....	21
Town Counsel .....	\$4 75
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	8 30
Forest Fire Warden .....	1,287 66
Ambulance Maintenance .....	196 19
Veterans' Service .....	375 29
Welfare Dept. Public Welfare ..	178 07
Town Halls and Repairs .....	173 01
Town Coll. Acct. (Bonding) .....	2 24
Fire Dept. .....	98 51
Street Lights .....	72 04
Total .....	\$2,396 06
Reserve Fund .....	2,500 00
Total Amount of Transfers .....	\$2,396 06
Balance .....	\$103 94

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. STRACHAN,  
Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED  
TO PURCHASE NEW FIRE TRUCK

Upton, Massachusetts

Your committee visited several leading manufacturers of fire fighting equipment in Massachusetts and inspected new pieces of modern design in this state and Connecticut with the thought uppermost in mind of securing the best possible piece of fire apparatus for the money available.

After plans and specifications were carefully drawn and published for bid, the contract was awarded to the Zabek Motor Sales of Palmer, Mass.

The new Triple Combination truck was delivered in March and on its first test met the requirements of the fire underwriters and has continued to give uninterrupted excellent service.

The committee wishes to thank the voters for the trust reposed in us and hope that our selection of the new truck will be justified in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE N. O. POIRIER  
JOSEPH W. GORMAN  
CHARLES R. STUART  
WILLIAM A. PRENTISS  
THOMAS L. FRANCES

## Report of Town Counsel

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December 31, 1953

To the Board of Selectmen:

As Counsel for the Town, I herewith submit my first report running from the commencement of my duties in April of this year.

During the year, I submitted opinions, participated in conferences with various department heads, and assisted in the drafting of proposals to bidders and notices, and in the preparation of contracts when requested.

One land damage case and one case based on Welfare Aid furnished are pending in the Worcester Superior Court against the Town.

Two claims against the estates of deceased persons are outstanding in favor of the Town. One of these claims appears to be uncollectible in view of the limited amount of assets involved, while the other raises a reasonable expectation of some recovery in behalf of the Town.

I am most grateful for the courtesy and co-operation extended to me by the various Departments and Department Heads during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON A. SHAW,  
Town Counsel

## Report of Auditor

To the Board of Selectmen

Mrs. Gladys G. Crockett, Chairman  
Upton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Upton for the period from December 7, 1951 to February 17, 1953, and the installation of an accounting system, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE  
Director of Accounts

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Mr. Herman B. Dine  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporation and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Upton for the period from December 7, 1951, the date of the previous audit, to February 17, 1953; and, in addition, have installed a system of accounts as petitioned for by

vote of the town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws, the following report being submitted thereon:

The records of the financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with reports and records in the office of the auditor and the treasurer.

The appropriation accounts, as kept by the town treasurer, were checked with the town clerk's records of town meeting proceedings, and the recorded transfers from the reserve fund were verified by comparison with the records of the finance committee.

General ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1952.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book was footed and the recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's orders authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds.

The cash balance on February 17, 1953 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit, by examination of a savings bank book, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The records of employees' payroll deductions on account of federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined and checked. The payments to a federal depository and to the county treasurer were checked with the vouchers on file.

The reported payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals being verified.

The treasurer's records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to records, and the tax titles on hand were listed, proved, and checked with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax and excise accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved. The collections, as recorded on the cash books, were compared with the posting to the commitment books, the payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's records, the abatements were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved. The collector's cash balance on February 17, 1953 was verified by actual count of the cash in the office.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names

appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

It is again urged that prompt action be taken by the collector to obtain settlement of all past due tax levies.

The assessors' records of abatements granted were reconciled with the collector's books. The assessors' warrants for the commitment of taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise were examined and checked with the detailed lists.

The records of the selectmen were examined for licenses and permits issued and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts in the office of the town clerk were examined and checked. The records of licenses issued were checked with the cash book record of receipts from this source, the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer as well as the cash on hand being verified.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures and of the police, fire, health, highway, public welfare, veterans' services, school, library, and cemetery departments were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book, and the cash on hand was verified.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing reconciliations of the several cash accounts, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, and departmental accounts, together with tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

The books and accounts under the new system of accounts were opened as of January 1, 1953, and all transactions to March 31, 1953 were recorded therein.

A list of the books and forms provided for the town, together with a brief description of their use and certain general instructions relative to the keeping of the accounts, follows:

Journal for town accountant  
Cash book for town accountant  
Ledger for town accountant  
Classification book for town accountant  
Cash book for treasurer  
Check register for treasurer  
Schedule of department bills payable  
Treasury warrants  
Debt record  
Schedule of collector's payments to treasurer  
Schedule of departmental payments to treasurer  
Schedule of treasurer's receipts  
Schedule of tax abatements allowed  
Schedule of motor vehicle excise abatements  
Voucher folder  
General department payrolls  
School department payrolls  
Monthly abatements  
Water cash book  
Water commitment book

All of these books and forms are arranged so as to simplify the reporting and making possible a proper check on the accounting of public moneys, also to insure a classification of both receipts and payments. All moneys received from every source and paid to the treasurer are also reported to the town accountant, in whose book will be recorded all cash transactions in detail which will furnish an absolute check on the total.

*Journal.*—This is a bound book of the ordinary two-column stock type. It forms, together with the cash book, the medium from which all entries in the general ledger are posted, as it is of vital importance that no entry shall be originated in the general ledger.

The journal is used for keeping a record of the debiting and crediting of items in the ledger, such as opening entries, budget appropriation entries, the entering of tax commitments, the abatement of taxes, accounts receivable, and all entries which are not strictly cash book transactions.

It is important that all journal entries state clearly the ledger accounts which are to be debited and credited; also that a full explanation of the entry be made, in order that the transaction may be fully understood by anyone examining the accounts.

*Cash Book (for Town Accountant).*—This is a loose-leaf book in which should be entered all transactions involving the receipt or the disbursement of cash, in order that the total transaction for a given period may be shown at a glance.

All moneys received from every source will be reported to the town accountant; therefore, in the latter's

cash book will be recorded cash transactions which are similar to those of the treasurer except in detail, and which will furnish an absolute check on the total.

*Ledger.*—This is of the loose-leaf type; when the several sheets are properly arranged and placed in the binder provided for the purpose, they form the general ledger, in which are recorded in controlling accounts all of the financial transactions of the town.

The accounts in the general ledger are separated and grouped in sections, as follows:

- First, Assets and liabilities
- Second, Revenue accounts
- Third, Appropriation accounts
- Fourth, Funded or fixed debt
- Fifth, Trust funds

From the ledger, information relative to the condition of the several appropriations may be obtained readily and the administrative officers may keep constantly informed of the amounts expended; also of the amounts available for the balance of the year. This information is very necessary in view of the statute which expressly forbids the incurring of liabilities in excess of the appropriations made for the use of the several departments. Unless the work is well planned, it will be found that the appropriations will be exhausted before the end of the year, with much needed work still to be done.

*Classification Book.*—This book consists of loose-leaf forms with printed headings covering the chief sources from which revenue is received and objects for which money is expended, with blank spaces which allow for additional headings to cover important items that may

seem desirable. These sheets are arranged in functional order and placed in a binder provided for the purpose, thus forming the principal source of detailed information regarding the receipts and disbursements of the town. They are arranged in a classified form that is generally accepted and adopted by accountants and students of municipal affairs. Provision is made for the recording of the date of the receipt, from whom received, and the source.

On the payment side will be shown the date of the bill, to whom paid, and the purpose or object of payment.

From this book definite information can be readily obtained of every cash transaction of the town, but its chief object is to furnish classification in a scientific manner, regardless of the method of making appropriations.

This book is also designed to bring the costs of each particular function or service together, so that by knowing the costs and intelligently comparing them with the service given, the taxpayer may judge of the efficiency or inefficiency of the administrative officers.

*Cash Book (for Treasurer).*—This is a bound book especially designed for the recording of all of the cash receipts and disbursements of the treasury department in one book.

*Check Register (for Treasurer).*—This book consists of loose-leaf forms which, placed in the binder provided for the purpose, form the book in which all the transactions with the banks are recorded. It will show at a glance the condition of the accounts in any of the depositories of the town.

*Debt Record.*—This book consists of loose-leaf forms which, placed in the binder provided, form the book in which all serial loans are recorded. It will readily show the requirements for debt and interest for each loan to maturity.

*Schedule of Bills Payable.*—On these sheets each department should list all bills approved for payment, and shoud forward them, accompanied by the original bills, to the town accountant. From these the treasury warrants are prepared.

*Treasury Warrants.*—These are for listing the bills of the several departments. Warrants are submitted to the selectmen, together with the bills, for their approval, the bills first having been checked by the town accountant and compared with the several appropriation accounts to which they are chargeable. The selectmen having signed the warrant, it is passed to the treasurer as his authority for payment.

Under the statute, the selectmen are required to approve bills before they are paid by the treasurer, and by using the treasury warrant they can give greater attention to the bills and appropriation accounts without consuming additional time.

*Schedule of Collector's Payments to Treasurer*—These are especially designed forms for the reporting to the town accountant of payments made to the treasurer by the collector. From these reports the town accountant is enabled to classify properly the collector's receipts and verify the receipts reported by the treasurer.

*Schedule of Departmental Payments to Treasurer*—This form is for the use of departments, except those for

which special forms are prepared, for reporting payments to the treasurer.

*Schedule of Treasurer's Receipts.*—The treasurer will use these forms in reporting the cash receipts to the town accountant. They form the basis of the debit entries in the town accountant's cash book, and, together with the schedules of payments to the treasurer, serve as an automatic check on the cash account, furnishing the town accountant with the necessary information for keeping his accounts up to date at all times, and also enabling statements to be drawn off showing actual cash transactions. By the use of printed forms for the reporting of all items involving cash, but little time is required for reporting the same.

*Schedule of Tax Abatements Allowed.*—This form is for the use of the assessors in reporting abatements to the town accountant so that he may credit the collector with these items in addition to his cash payments to the treasurer. On the town accountant's book, the collector is charged with the commitment and credited with collections paid the treasurer; if to the collections are added abatements allowed, the town accountant's ledger will show in his collector's account the exact amount of outstanding taxes.

*Schedule of Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements.*—This form is for the use of the assessors in reporting to the town accountant the abatements granted on account of motor vehicle excise.

*Voucher Folder.*—This form is for the use of the town accountant and is designed for the purpose of securing uniformity in the filing of bills.

*General Department Payrolls.*—These are to be used by all departments, except the school department, in making up their weekly or monthly payrolls, and are designed for the purpose of securing uniformity in the payrolls of all departments.

*School Department Payrolls.*—These are especially designed for the use of the school department, provisions being made for showing the gross amount of salary due each teacher or employee, the amount of deduction on account of the retirement fund, the net amount received by each person, and the total amount to be sent to the treasurer of the retirement fund.

*Monthly Statements.*—These forms are used by the town accountant in notifying each department of the warrants drawn against its appropriation and the balance subject to draft.

*Revenue.*—Upon receipt of notice from the town clerk of appropriations voted by the town to be raised by taxation, a journal entry should be made debiting revenue and crediting the proper appropriation accounts. When the warrant for poll and property taxes is delivered to the collector, this account should be credited and taxes debited. Revenue should also be debited with the amount of the state taxes, county taxes, and overlay raised, and the respective accounts credited.

At the close of the year, a journal entry should be made debiting all unexpended appropriation accounts (the object for which the appropriation was made having been completed) and crediting revenue. The estimated receipts account should also be closed out into the revenue account at the close of the year, and the revenue account closed into the excess and deficiency account.

*Estimated Receipts.*—The amount of estimated receipts deducted by the assessors in determining the amount to be raised by taxation should be debited to the estimated receipts account and the revenue account credited; as cash is received, estimated receipts should be credited and cash debited.

*Taxes (Poll and Property).*—Upon the delivery of the assessors' warrant for the collection of taxes, a journal entry should be made debiting taxes with the total amount of the commitment and crediting revenue.

As money is paid into the town treasury, cash should be debited and the tax account credited. When poll or property tax abatements are granted by the assessors, a journal entry should be made crediting taxes and debiting overlay.

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Veterans' Services.*—This account represents the amount due from the Commonwealth for aid to veterans disbursed during the previous year. Upon receipt of money from the State, cash should be debited and Veterans' Services credited. At the close of the year, a journal entry should be made debiting Veterans' Services due from the Commonwealth and crediting the departmental revenue with the amount of veterans' services disbursed during the year.

*Public Welfare Department Accounts Receivable.*—When bills are sent to the State, cities and town, or individuals, for aid rendered persons not having settlement in the town, a journal entry should be made debiting the public welfare department accounts receivable and crediting departmental revenue with the amount of the charge; as cash is received, the accounts receivable account should be credited and cash debited.

The same procedure should be followed in the case of accounts receivable of all departments rendering bills for amounts due the town.

*Overlay.*—Whenever poll or property tax abatements are granted by the assessors, a journal entry should be made debiting overlay and crediting taxes for the amount of the abatements. Any balance in the overlay account in excess of the amount of the warrant remaining to be collected or abated should, by journal entry, be transferred to the overlay reserve fund.

*Overlay Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus).*—This account represents the surplus or difference between the overlay and the abatements granted by the assessors, and should be reserved for extraordinary or unforeseen expenses, as required by Section 25, Chapter 59, of the General Laws.

*Revenue Loans.*—Whenever loans are issued in anticipation of revenue, the cash account should be debited and the revenue loan accounts credited; when the loan is paid, a warrant should be drawn, revenue loan account debited, and cash credited.

*Departmental Revenue (Not Available Until Collected).*—This account represents revenue of the several departments on account of charges for services rendered or materials furnished. At the end of each month the amount of cash received on account of departmental charges should be credited by journal entry to the estimated receipts account and departmental revenue should be debited.

*Net Funded Debt.*—When debt is incurred by the issue of bonds or notes (for other than temporary loans),

a journal entry should be made debiting net funded debt and crediting the specific loan account. When the bonds are paid, the specific loan account should be debited and net funded debt credited.

*Trust and Investment Funds.*—When money is received, the income of which is to be used for some specific purpose, cash should be debited and the special fund account credited. A warrant should be drawn authorizing the treasurer to deposit the amount in the savings bank, cash should be credited and trust funds (cash and securities) debited.

As income is withdrawn from the bank, cash should be debited and the specific purpose for which the fund was created (such as library, cemetery, etc.,) credited. At the end of the year, the income in excess of the withdrawals should be entered on the books by debiting trust funds (cash and securities), and crediting the specific fund account.

Cooperation was received from all town officials during the progress of the audit and the installation of the system, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ

Assistant Director of Accounts

## TOWN OF UPTON

## Balance Sheet

December 31, 1952

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

## ASSETS

Cash:		
General	\$84,624	33
Surplus War Bonus and		
Real Estate Fund	3,718	78
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		\$88,343 11
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1948:		
Real Estate	\$9	96
Levy of 1949:		
Real Estate	11	03
Levy of 1950:		
Personal Property	3	15
Real Estate	226	00
Levy of 1951:		
Poll	2	00
Personal Property	428	00
Real Estate	3,184	20
Levy of 1952:		
Poll	4	00
Personal Property	1,382	65
Real Estate	10,996	65
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		16,247 64
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1950	\$2	58
Levy of 1952	955	31
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		957 89
Former Collectors' Discrepancy		
Account		
Tax Titles	\$2,171	16
Tax Possessions	581	89
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		2,753 05
Departmental:		
General Relief	\$314	60
Disability Assistance	42	64
Aid to Dependent Children	196	19

Old Age Assistance	748 65
Veterans' Services	379 81
Cemetery	55 50
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	1,737 89

## Aid to Highways:

State:	
Chapter 81	\$5,658 00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,500 00
Chapter 90 Construction	1,000 00
County:	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,500 00
Chapter 90 Construction	500 00
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	10,158 00

## Underestimates 1952:

State:	
Auditing Municipal Accounts	\$66 06
Parks and Reservations Assessment	21 74
County:	
Hospital Assessment	1,000 60
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	1,088 40

## Overlay Deficits:

Levy of 1952	216 09
Overdrawn Appropriations:	
Town Hall Maintenance	97 00
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	\$121,913 79

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Taxi Badge Deposits	\$17 50
Contribution—Purchase of Inhalator	6 50
Memorial Fund of Upton	216 28
Trust Fund Income:	
Ella Whitney Risteen Fund	\$ 83
George H. Schultz Library,	41 67
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	42 50
Premium on Loans:	
Fire Station 1952	\$67 50
Water Mains 1952	70 00
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	137 50
Federal Grants:	
Disability Assistance:	
Assistance	\$83 90

Aid to Dependent Children:	
Aid	810 60
Old Age Assistance:	
Administration	284 25
Assistance	2,890 29
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	4,069 04
Revolving Funds:	
School Milk	\$15 92
School Athletics	261 49
	—————
	277 41
Appropriation Balances:	
Revenue:	
General:	
Purchase Fire Truck	\$13,000 00
Machinery Maintenance	116 81
Water Holes	117 97
Damages	183 75
Civil Defense	278 31
	—————
	13,696 84
Non-Revenue:	
Fire Station Construction	\$9,284 24
Elementary School Construction	111 65
Water Mains Extension,	1,846 68
	—————
	11,242 57
Overestimates 1952:	
County Tax	401 19
Surplus War Bonus and Real Estate Fund	3,718 78
Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund	770 00
Highway Machinery Fund	15 60
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	18,429 21
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1948	\$9 96
Levy of 1949	11 03
Levy of 1950	229 15
Levy of 1951	1,587 47
	—————
	1,837 61

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$957 89..
Tax Title and Possession	2,753 05
Departmental	10,158 00
	15,606 33
Surplus Revenue	56,428 93
	\$121,913 79

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Inside Debt Limit:	
General	\$71,000 00
Outside Debt Limit:	
General	\$108,000 00
Water	28,000 00
	136,000 00
	\$207,000 00
Inside Debt Limit:	
Fire Station Loan	\$27,000 00
Elementary School Loan	44,000 00
	\$71,000 00
Outside Debt Limit:	
Elementary School Loan	\$108,000 00
Water Mains Loan	28,000 00
	136,000 00
	\$207,000 00

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust and Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$150,089 60
In Custody of Trustees	8,422 01
	\$158,511 61

## In Custody of Town Treasurer:

George W. Knowlton Charity Fund	\$5,087 35
Knowlton School Fund	10 47
Charlotte A. Batchelor School Fund	5,000 00
Ella Whitney Risteen School Fund	1,126 11
Charlotte A. Batchelor Library Fund	5,000 00
Dr. Carpenter Library Fund	1,000 00
George H. Schultz Library Fund	2,000 00
Nellie Bagley Lakeview Cemetery Fund	1,333 43
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	
Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund	21,635 00
Ella Whitney Risteen Fund—Principal	2,124 82
Ella Whitney Risteen Fund—	84,616 12
Income:	
Public Welfare	5,520 88
School	992 24
Town Improvement	2,548 97
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	12,094 26
	\$150,089 60

## In Custody of Trustees:

C. A. Batchelor and G. W. Knowlton School Fund	8,422 01
	\$158,511 61
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## TOWN OF UPTON

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1953

## ASSETS

Cash	
General	\$ 81,604 76
Surplus War Bonds and Real Estate	3,826 44
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	\$ 85,431 20
Accounts Receivable	
Taxes	
Levy of 1950	
Real Estate	149 00
Levy of 1951	
Real Estate	78 20

Levy of 1952		
Personal	2 97	
Real Estate	1,809 55	
Levy of 1953		
Personal	1,528 40	
Real Estate	18,207 01	
	<hr/>	21,775 13
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise		
Levy of 1952	74 56	
Levy of 1953	2,737 26	
	<hr/>	2,811 82
Former Collector's Discrepancy Account		
Tax Titles	1,512 34	315 22
Tax Possessions	581 89	
	<hr/>	2,094 23
Departmental		
Aid Dependent Children	352 88	
Old Age Assistance		
Cities and Towns	673 08	
Veterans' Services	524 85	
Cemetery	98 50	
Sewer Department	177 25	
	<hr/>	1,826 56
Water Department		
Water Accounts		87 60
Aid to Highways		
State — Chapter 81	3,201 00	
State — Chapter 90		
Maintenance	1,500 00	
County —		
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	6,201 00
Underestimates 1953		
State Parks & Reservations		98 53
Overlay Deficits		
Levy of 1952		255 50
Loans Authorized		
Water Construction Loan of 1953		97,000 00
Total Assets		\$217,846 79
<b>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</b>		
Taxi Badge Deposits	\$ 17 50	
Contribution Purchase of		
Inhalator	6 50	
William Knowlton—		
Trust Fund—General	722 63	
	<hr/>	\$ 746 63
Trust Fund Income		
Library—Shultz Fund	96 35	

Cemetery—Perpetual Care	25	75	
Ella Whitney Risteen		83	
		—	122 93
Premium on Loans			
Fire Station 1952	67	50	
Water Mains 1952	70	00	
Water Mains 1953	873	75	
		—	1,011 25
Federal Grants			
Disability Assistance—			
Assistance	1,946	41	
Aid Dependent Children—			
Aid	1,129	68	
Old Age Assistance			
Assistance	8,600	64	
Administration	385	80	
		—	12,062 53
Revolving Funds			
School Milk Program	30	13	
School Athletic Program	162	29	
		—	192 42
Appropriation Balances			
Unpaid Bill Fire Station Well	100	00	
Fire Station — Eaves Pipes	100	00	
Machinery Maintenance		90	
Hartford Avenue, Bridge	116	81	
Damages to Persons and Property	198	75	
Civilian Defense	245	52	
		—	756 98
Non Revenue			
Fire Station Construction	338	43	
Water Mains Extensions—1952	1,846	68	
Water Mains Extensions—1953	12,074	02	
		—	14,259 13
Overestimates 1953			
County Hospital Assement	1,550	54	
County Tax	214	17	
		—	1,764 71
Surplus War Bonus and Real Estate Fund		3,826	44
Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund		800	00
Memorial Fund of Upton		216	28
Highway Machinery Fund		28	60
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus		15,013	36
Overlays Reserved Until Collected			
Levy of 1950	149	00	
Levy of 1951	78	20	
Levy of 1953	5,260	32	
		—	5,487 52

Loans Authorized — Unissued	97,000 00
Revenue Reserved Until Collected	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	2,811 82
Tax Titles and Tax Possessions	2,094 23
Departmental Revenue	1,826 56
Water Revenue	37 60
Aid To Highways	6,201 00
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	12,971 21
Excess and Deficiency — Surplus	51,586 80
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$217,846 79
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	65,000 00

Outside Debt Limit	
Elementary School Loan	102,000 00
Water Mains Loan 1952	26,000 00
Water Construction Loan 1953	125,000 00
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	253,000 00
Total Debt	318,000 00

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	
Inside Debt Limit	
General	65,000 00
Outside Debt Limit	
General	102,000 00
Water	151,000 00
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Total Debt	318,000 00

Inside Debt Limit	
Fire Station Loan	\$24,000 00
Elementary School Loan	41,000 00

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust and Investment Funds	
Cash and Securities	
In Custody of Treasurer	226,283 86
In Custody of Trustees	8,422 01
Total Trust and Investment Funds	234,705 87

In Custody of Town Treasurer	
William Knowlton Fund General	
Purpose	74,258 78
Income	1,642 69
George W. Knowlton	
Charity Fund	5,234 66
Knowlton School Fund	10 76
Charlotte A. Batchelor	
School Fund	5,000 00
Ella Whitney Risteen—	

School Fund	1,107 96
Charlotte A. Batchelor—Library	5,000 00
Dr. Carpenter—Library	1,000 00
George H. Schultz—	
Library Fund	2,000 00
Nellie Bagley—Cemetery Fund	29 35
Cemetery Perpetual	
Care Funds	21,885 00
Workmen's Compensation	
Insurance	1,989 34
Ella Whitney Risteen —	
Principal Acct.	84,641 38
Income:	
Public Welfare	6,253 48
School	1,690 70
Town Improvements	2,165 28
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	12,374 53
	<hr/> 226,283 86

In Custody of Trustees  
 C. A. Batchelor and G. W. Knowlton Fund 8,422 01  
 Total Trust and Investment Funds \$234,705 87

**Town Library**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT OF**  
**TOWN LIBRARY**

**Resources:**

Town appropriation .....	\$ 1,000 00
Carpenter Fund .....	30 00
Schultz Fund .....	60 00
	—————
	1,090 00
<b>C. A. Batchellor</b>	
To April .....	68 75
To December .....	75 00
	—————
	143 75
	—————
	\$1,238 75

*Expenditures*

Salaries .....	\$587 50
Books .....	418 36
Magazines .....	87 70
Reader's Guide &	
Library Bulletin .....	9 20
A. L. A. List .....	6 00
Story Hour .....	\$14.00
Book Week .....	\$10.00
Supplies .....	24 00
Children's Book Council .....	15 10
Repair Chairs .....	3 75
Repair Chairs .....	18 00
Bro-Dart Ind. .....	9 46
	—————
	\$1,179 07
Unexpended .....	54 68

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE H. CAPEN,  
Treasurer

## Librarian's Report

To the Trustees of the Upton Library:

The librarian respectfully submits the annual report with library statistics, list of periodicals, and the catalog of new books.

Books have been added to the Dr. Carpenter alcove as required and purchased from the George H. Schultz fund.

Gifts of magazines and books have been received from Mrs. Eleanor Merrill, Mrs. Henry Laberge, Mrs. Edith Hill, Mr. Chester Walker, Mr. David Colcord, the Upton Woman's Club, Kiwanis Club, Ford Co. and Stanford University.

Mrs. Helen Bentley and Mrs. Arthur Morrison have sent beautiful bouquets from their gardens.

I thank the trustees for their generous support and for the assistance of Mrs. Eleanor Merrill in November and December.

During the year we have had some very interesting exhibits. Kenneth Wood, a pupil at the Memorial School brought in an excellent collection of bird's nests. Mrs. Wood borrowed bird specimens from the Natural History Museum in Worcester and rented bird records from the Audubon Society which were enjoyed by the children.

Coronation Week, Mrs. Violet Bailey loaned the library an exhibit of very attractive Coronation souvenirs which she received from relatives in England.

In July and August, a Story Hour was held for the younger children. In 1948 when this program was started, the largest attendance was under 30; this year 54 children were registered.

A Reading Club was also held for the older children with a registration of 22. Seven of these children read over 30 books. At the close a Pirate Party was held for the club.

Art Week was observed in November with an exhibit of local paintings by Victoria Grebenstein, and portraits by Doris Daniels Cox of Mendon.

For Book Week, there was a large display of new books, posters were given to the schools with the slogan "Reading is Fun", and book marks were given out. The library was opened every afternoon from 1 to 3 for the schools. Two years ago when this program was started 7 classes visited the library with their teachers; this year 14 teachers and classes came. Book reviews suitable to the individual grades were given by the librarian. One hour was also given for book reviews for adults. Both teachers and pupils have been most cooperative and appreciative. As a result, each year shows a steady increase in the circulation of Juvenile books which this year exceeds the other circulation. Books are used by the schools for book reports and to supplement their units.

In December, a Christmas Story Hour was held with an attendance of 44.

The facilities of the library and the space are quite inadequate for this increased interest and work. There is very little space left for the new books which are added from year to year.

I would like to quote from a letter from the trustees as follows:

"Your Board of Library Trustees wishes to bring before the townspeople the ever-increasing need for greater library facilities and new quarters. The Board intends to make a concerted effort in 1954 toward a definite plan for the acquisition of a new library".

"The need is here and now, but we wish first to lay the groundwork for such a project. We will dedicate the coming year to our proposed 'Investment In Tomorrow'".

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL L. FORSBERG  
*Librarian*

## LIBRARY STATISTICS

Days library open .....	105	102
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## Circulation:

Volumes of fiction .....	4,140	3,708
Volumes of non-fiction .....	2,434	2,344
Children's books .....	4,461	4,967
Periodicals .....	2,836	3,644
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Total Circulation .....	13,871	14,663

## Volumes added during 1953:

By gift .....	22	
By purchase .....	155	177
Fines collected on overdue books .....		\$3.54

## LIBRARY HOURS

Wednesdays and Saturdays 3 to 6 and 7 to 9 P.M.

## PERIODICALS RECEIVED REGULARLY

(\*—indicate a gift)

American Girl	*Our Dumb Animals
American Magazine	Parents' Magazine
Antiques	Popular Mechanics
Atlantic Monthly	Popular Science
Better Homes and Gardens	Readers Digest
*Book of the Month Club	Saturday Evening Post
News	Saturday Review of Liter-
Boy's Life	ature
Cosmopolitan	School Arts
*Destiny	Seventeen
Good Housekeeping	*Specialty Salesman
Harper's Magazine	*Steelways
Home Craftsman	Story Parade
Jack and Jill	Time
*Kiwanis Magazine	Travel
Ladies' Home Journal	Wilson Library Bulletin
Life	*Worcester Art Museum
National Geographic	Bulletin
Nature Magazine	*Worcester County Farmer

## BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR

1953

(\*—indicates a gift)

## CLASSIFIED BOOKS

## SCIENCE AND ART

*Audubon, J. J.	Birds of America
*Clarke, A. E.	Exploration of space
Coffin, Joseph	Coin collecting
Devoe, Alan	Our animal neighbors
Goren, C. H.	Contract bridge complete
Krutch, J. W.	Desert year
Lasser's, J. K.	Your income tax
Lindbergh, C. H.	Spirit of St. Louis
Peale, N. V.	Power of positive thinking
*Peterson, R. T.	Field guide to the birds
Rathburn, K. C.	Working your way through college
Reben, Martha	Healing woods
Reinfeld, Fred	Complete chessplayer
Robert, Kenneth	Seventh sense
Throm & Crenshaw	Auto album
Whiting, E. M.	Whaling wives

## LITERATURE

Prochnow, H. V.	Speaker's treasury of stories for all occasions
Robinson, E. A.	Tilbury town
Stefferud, Alfred	Wonderful world of books

## TRAVEL

Corbett, Scott	We chose Cape Cod
Roosevelt, Eleanor	India and the awakening East

## BIOGRAPHY

Douglas, Lloyd	Time to remember
*Ford Co.	Ford at fifty
Holbrook, S. H.	Age of the moguls
*Hoover, Herbert	Memoirs 1920-1933
Pottle, F. A.	Boswell's London journal
Pound, Reginald	Arnold Bennett
Ruggles, Eleanor	Prince of players
Tharp, L. H.	Until victory

## HISTORY

*Allen, F. A.	Big change
Fisher, D. C.	Vermont tradition
Herzog, Maurice	Annapurna
Thornton, F. B.	Sea of glory

## FICTION

Bagby, George	Corpse with sticky fingers
Ballard, Todhunter	West of quarantine
Bassett, S. W.	Whispering pine
Bates, H. E.	Love for Lydia
Bentley, Phyllis	House of Morey's
Boynton, G. M.	River garden of pure repose
Bush, Christopher	Counterfeit Colonel
Cadell, Elizabeth	Crystal clear
Caesar, Gene	Mark of the hunter
Chase, Virginia	End of the day
Cody, Al	Powder burns
Colt, Clem	Strawberry roan
Corbett, Elizabeth	In Miss Armstrong's room
Costain, T. B.	Silver chalice
Coxe, G. H.	Crimson clue
Coxe, G. H.	Uninvited guest
Cronin, A. J.	Beyond this place

De La Roche, Mazo	Whiteoak brothers
Edmonds, W. D.	Boyds of black river
Field, Peter	Guns roaring west
Flood, C. B.	Love is a bridge
Foley, Martha	Best American short stories
	1953
Frazee, Steve	Sky block
Gilbert, Michael	Fear to tread
Goudge, Elizabeth	Heart of the family
*Grey, Zane	Last trail
Harris, Cyril	Trouble at Hungerfords
Hawley, Cameron	Executive suite
Hilton, James	Time and time again
Hulle, Helen	Landfall
Janney, Russell	So long as love remembers
Kenyon, F. W.	Emperor's lady
Lancaster, Bruce	Blind journey
Lehmann, Rosamond	Echoing grove
Lockridge, R. & F.	Stand up and die
Mainwaring, Marion	Murder at midyears
Mason, F. Van Wyck	Golden admiral
Mc Caig, Robert	Toll mountain
McKay, Allis	Good-bye, summer
Miller, H. T.	Hollow silver
Moore, Ruth	Fair wind home
Morrison, Theodore	Stones of the house
Murray, Paul	Free agent
Nye, Nelson	Come A-Smokin
Paul, Elliott	Waylaid in Boston
Phillips, John	Second happiest day
Poore, Charles	Hemenway reader
Raine, W. M.	Dry bones in the valley
Raine, W. M.	Glory hole
*Roberts, D. J.	Enchanted cup
Ross, Isabel	Proud Kate
Sackville-West, V.	Easter party

Sanford, Agnes	Lost shepherd
Schaefer, Jack	Big range
Street, James	Velvet doublet
Sumner, C. R.	Hornbeam tree
Tey, Josephine	Man in the queue
Wade, Henry	Heir presumptive
Ward, Brad	Marshal of medicine bend
Wells, L. E.	Long noose
William, Ben Ames	Unconquered

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Bannon, Laura	When the moon is new
Bishop, Claire H.	All alone
*Borton, Elizabeth	Pollyanna's door to happiness
Brooks, Walter R.	Freddy and the space ship
Carrighar, Sally	Icebound summer
Cavanna, Betty	Lasso your heart
Chandler, Edna W.	Cowboy Sam and Porky
Chandler, Edna W.	Cowboy Sam and the Rodeo
Chandler, Edna W.	Cowboy Sam and the Rustlers
Chandler, Edna W.	Cowboy Sam and Shorty
Chrystie, Frances N.	Pets
Comfort, Mildred H.	Children of the Mayflower
Comfort, Mildred H.	Prairie Schooners West
DuJardin, Rosamond	Boy trouble
Earle, Olive L.	Robins in the garden
Emery, Ann	Vagabond summer
Estes, Eleanor	Ginger Pye
Farley, Walter	Black stallion revolts
Freer, Marjorie M.	Gay enterprises
Frost, Frances	Little fox
Goodwin, Hal	Real book about space travel
*Hope, Laura L.	8 Bobbsey twins books
Hader, B. & E.	Friendly phoebe
Hawkes, Hester	Ning's pony

Hay, Ella H.	Happy days in Holland
Heinlein, Robert	Starman Jones
Hitte, Kathryn	Letter for Cathy
Howard, Elizabeth	Candle in the night
Hussey, L. & Pessino, O.	Collecting moths
Johnston, Laurie	Elizabeth enters
Jones, Dick	Plantonio
Judson, Clara I.	Theodore Roosevelt
Lambert, Janet	Rainbow after rain
Landru, Jack	Sled dog of Alaska
Lovell & Hecker	Bunny and the garden
MacDonald, Golden	Little frightened tiger
MacGregor, Ellen	Miss Pickerell and the geiger counter
MacMillan, Miriam	Kudla and his polar bear
McNeer, M. & Lynd, W.	Martin Luther
Marshal, Catherine	God loves you
Myers, Grace S.	Fishing cat
Nash, Eleanor A.	Lucky Miss Spaulding
Olds, Helen D.	Lark, radio singer
Olds, Helen D.	You can't tell about love
O'Neill, Hester	Picture story of Sweden
Orchard, Norris E.	Study successfully
Orton, Helen F.	Mystery of the hidden book
Palmer, Nena	That Stewart girl
Pistorius, Anna	What Wildflower is it?
Poole, Lynn	Your trip into space
*Porter, E. H.	Pollyanna grows up
Robertson, Keith	Outlaws of the Sourland
Rosenheim, Lucile	Kathie, the new teacher
Rosenheim, Lucile	Sunny, the new camp counsellor
Sawyer, Ruth	Journey Cake, Ho!
Schirmer, Mathilda	Leaders of the frontier
Sears, P. M.	Downy woodpecker
*Smith, Harriet	Pollyanna's western adventure

Snow, E. R.	Pirates and their true tales of gold
Stuart, Jesse	Beatinest boy
*Tatham, Julie	Cherry Ames, dude ranch nurse
Tunis, John R.	Other side of the fence
Unwin, Nora	Proud pumpkin
Waite, Helen E.	How do I love thee
Walker, Hattie A.	Shining Star, the west Indian boy
Walker, Hattie A.	Snow children
Ward, Lynd	Biggest bear
Warner, Priscilla M.	Tessie's caravan
Webb, Addison	Birds in their homes
Will & Nicholas	Finders Keepers
Wright, Frances F.	Sam Houston
Yates, Elizabeth	Mountain born

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**AND**

**Superintendent of Schools**

**OF THE**

**TOWN OF UPTON**

**FOR THE**

**Year Ending December 31, 1953**

## Organization

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### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MRS. ELSIE J. CRAIB, Chairman Term expires 1954  
BERNARD F. McKERNAN, Sec'y. Term expires 1955  
DONALD B. JOHNSON, Term expires 1956

### SUPERINTENDENT

HARRY Y. HILYARD  
Residence—E. Douglas 6-2209      Office—Grafton 527

### CLERK

RUTH E. SCOTT  
Residence—Grafton 380      Office—Grafton 527

### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

BERNARD F. McKERNAN, M.D.  
Upton—Tel. 248

### SCHOOL NURSE

MRS. RUTH L. NICHOLS, R.N.  
Upton—Tel. 89

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### WORKING CERTIFICATES

Working certificates may be obtained from Mrs. Elsie J. Craib, or at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Grafton Town Hall. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 M and from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FACULTY RESIGNATIONS

James J. Duffy  
George F. Tillett  
Edith L. Streechon  
Jeanette M. Willis  
Arthur W. Smith

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FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Claire F. Healy  
Patricia B. Kirby  
Edgar L. Langevin  
Helene P. Manning  
Marjorie K. Weed

TEACHERS IN SERVICE DECEMBER 1953

SCHOOL	TEACHER	GRADUATE OF	DEGREES	DATE APPOINTED
MEMORIAL:	Edward J. Furphy, Prin.	Holy Cross College Worcester Teachers College	A.B., B.S.E., M.Ed.	Sept. 1949
	Andrew H. Koskinas	Worcester Teachers College	R.S.E.	Nov. 1952
	Edgar L. Langevin	Worcester Teachers College	B.S.E.	Sept. 1953
	Eileen Lucier (Mrs.)	Worcester Teachers College	B.S.E.	Sept. 1952
	Helene P. Manning	Worcester Teachers College	B.S.E.	Sept. 1953
	Irene C. Williams (Mrs.)	Framingham Teachers College		Sept. 1943
	Patricia B. Kirby (Mrs.)	Tufts College	A.B.	Sept. 1953
	Thalia A. Francis (Mrs.)	Univ. of No. Carolina	A.B.	Sept. 1951
	Helen I. Donham (Mrs.)	Framingham Teachers College		Sept. 1953
	Eileen Clark (Mrs.)	Farmington Normal		Sept. 1949
	Lucy M. Lowe (Mrs.)	Gorham Normal		Sept. 1949
GEO. S. BALL:	Teresa J. Trask (Mrs.)	Framingham Teachers College		Sept. 1948
	Doris L. Loukes (Mrs.)	Johnson Normal		Sept. 1951
	Mary E. Greany (Mrs.)	Worcester Teachers College		Sept. 1947
MUSIC SUPERVISOR:	*Arlyne M. Marcy	New England Conservatory of Music		Sept. 1938
ART SUPERVISOR:	*Marjorie K. Weed (Mrs.)	Cleveland Institute of Art		Sept. 1953
HANDWRITING SUP.:	W. L. Rinehart			
*Part Time				
JANITORS:	Wilfred N. Bedard *Stephen Logee			Sept. 1953 Sept. 1952
*Part Time				

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1953 - 1954

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Fall Term, sixteen weeks:

Term begins Wednesday, September 9

Term ends Wednesday, December 23

Winter Term, seven weeks:

Term begins Monday, January 4, 1954

Term ends Friday, Febuary 19

Spring Term:

Term begins Monday, March 1

Term ends Thursday, April 15

Summer Term, eight weeks:

Term begins Monday, April 26

Term ends Wednesday, June 23

Fall Term, sixteen weeks:

Term begins Wednesday, September 8

Term ends Thursday, December 23

HOLIDAYS

May 31—Memorial Day; October 12—Columbus Day; November 5—Teachers' Convention; November 11—Armistice Day; November 24, at noon for remainder of week—Thanksgiving Recess.

#### NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

The Fire Alarm will be sounded at 6:45 A.M. in each section of Town, and announcements will be made over Radio Station WTAG.

#### AGE OF ADMISSION

To be admitted to Grade I, a child must be five years old on or before March 1st preceding the opening of school in September. No child will be admitted to Grade I, for the first time, after October 15th.

## Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CITIZENS OF UPTON:

It is with pleasure that I submit this, my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools. The weeks in which I have held that position have been ones of profit and satisfaction. It is my anticipation that the association so auspiciously entered upon with the citizens of Upton will continue to be a happy one.

Let me first speak of what we have here upon which to congratulate ourselves. The school system of Upton shows evidence upon the part of those who have been in guiding positions of a disposition to provide the best in education which the town could afford. For example, the beautiful new school building so recently completed. Again, the text books, which in essence constitute a course of study, are of the best, generally speaking. The school personnel are conscientious and anxious to make full contribution to the welfare of the children.

Whatever direction education in Upton takes will be influenced by two factors—the needs of the children and the public desire for education. Much of the effort in our schools has been directed toward the physical plants. While there is need to crystalize the gains made, more attention should be directed toward the program of studies and instruction. Taking this long range view, then, let us consider what should be our objective over a period of time. First, let us remember that we must keep in mind the material with which we are working. Upton represents in

many ways the average American school system—for the majority of American school systems are small. As in larger schools, so here in Upton, we find ourselves working with children of varying aptitudes, personalities, interests, backgrounds. It is our job to accommodate our schools to all of these different conditions. Our curriculum must be broad enough, our vision wide enough, to answer the needs of each child. That responsibility to every child cannot be denied nor side-stepped; our children cannot live these years over again in some other time or place, for a second chance.

In the short time in which the office has been incumbent upon me, we have been able to accomplish the following things:

(1) Taking of initial steps to establish a cafeteria.

It seems quite evident at this time that the cafeteria to be established at the Memorial School must be designed to meet the needs of more than three hundred boys and girls. I have recommended that the cafeteria be sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association under the general supervision of the superintendent and school committee; that a full time cafeteria supervisor be employed; and that the program be tied in with the state lunch program. The operation of such a cafeteria is a substantial enterprise. Both the initial investment, the operation and the day-to-day turnover in terms of dollars is big business, and therefore personnel must be selected with great care. A committee has been organized, consisting of two parents, two teachers, and the principal of the school, to execute the setting up of the cafeteria under the direction of the superintendent and school committee.

(2) Organization of a Parent-Teachers Organization.

I have always found such a group to be invaluable as a means of developing strong and friendly home-school-community relations. It is as important to know the home and community in which a child lives as to know him in the school situation. The school alone cannot achieve the most worthwhile aims of education, nor can it work efficiently except as parents and teachers co-ordinate their efforts and aspirations.

(3) Laying of plans to departmentalize work in the seventh and eighth grades.

We now have in Upton the conventional, traditional, eight-graded grammar school. From about 1910 on, the trend has been toward the re-grouping of grades so that grades seven and eight shall be, not a mere continuation of grades one through six, but an integrated unit in themselves and a bridge between the grammar and the senior high school. Toward that end, the following are recommended: (1) re-grouping of grades to bridge the gap between the lower and upper grades that the educational process might be one continual whole; (2) departmental teaching; (3) an enrichment of the curriculum; (4) a provision for group and individual differences, the real *raison d'etre* of the junior high school; (5) courses of study and administration better to satisfy the nature and needs of early adolescent youth. This can be accomplished through the constants, the integrating factor, in the curriculum; i. e., the subjects carried by all the pupils, as English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Health and Physical Education, Music and Guidance. Many educators regard this as the real work of the junior high school, the first cycle of secondary education. There is not the opportunity for a "constants and variables" type of curriculum usually found in the larger secondary school that provides for

election under guidance on the part of the pupils, and that helps solve better the problem of individual and group differences. A well-rounded Home Economics background is denied the girls and an Industrial Arts or Shop Work background, the boys, in the present set-up. There is also no opportunity for discovering and developing interests, aptitudes, and abilities through "exploratory or trial" courses. Such a reorganization would discharge what many regard as the primary purpose of the junior high school; viz., continuation of common integrating outcome, group solidarity.

For a detailed account of the excellent work of the special departments—handwriting, music, public school health, and art, I refer you to the respective reports.

In closing let me express my appreciation for the cooperative and friendly attitude which I have found here in Upton, and extend my thanks to the school committee, the school personnel, the citizens of Upton, who have by their helpfulness made my first days as your school superintendent so gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY Y. HILYARD,  
Supt. of Schools.

January 22, 1954

VOTED: To accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools and to adopt the same as the report of the School Committee.

ELSIE J. CRAIB, Chairman  
BERNARD F. McKERNAN, Secy.  
DONALD B. JOHNSON

REGISTRATION  
UPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 1, 1953

## Grades

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Upton									
Memorial	34	32	30	58	52	45	39	39	329
Geo. S. Ball	31	32	17	—	—	—	—	—	80
	65	64	47	58	52	45	39	39	409

## Grades

	9	10	11	12	Total
Grafton High	36	34	24	18	107
Grand Total .....					516

REPORT OF SCHOOL CENSUS

October 1, 1953

Age	5-7	7-16	Total
Boys .....	85	190	275
Girls .....	78	186	264
	163	376	539

## UPTON

CLASS OF 1953

## GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Bessie L. DeCosta  
Joan E. Gorman  
Joseph W. Gorman  
Walter A. Hopkins  
Paul F. Jacobson  
Walter E. Kuczinski  
Carolyn A. Macker  
Marian L. Mainville  
Carolyn R. Messenger  
Charlotte E. Morris  
Ina C. Nelson  
Robert E. Newton  
Irwin E. Nichols  
William H. Noe  
Damian J. O'Donnell  
Doris M. Page  
Richard L. Person  
Ernest W. Ramsey  
Florence E. Sanders  
Victor H. Strandberg  
Judith C. Teachout  
Marlene L. Temple  
Parker C. Temple  
Claudene A. Whittaker  
Harold D. Wright

## REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Mr. Harry Y. Hilyard  
Superintendent of Schools  
Upton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hilyard:

Music occupies a distinctive place in education, and is recognized as a necessary part of the school curriculum from the primary grades through high school.

Its chief value lies in the fact that it opens another avenue of expression to the student, revealing to himself and to others new possibilities.

The secret success of music, as in other studies, lies in the preparatory work. Only by careful, individual instruction in the lower grades can satisfactory results be secured in later years. We cannot put too much stress upon the importance of individual work, quality of tone, and sight-reading, which embodies not only a preception of intervals, but a decided sense of rhythm.

Every year our elementary students present a musical program for Memorial Day Exercises which has served a two-fold purpose. These programs brought enjoyment not only to the students and others but provided valuable experience for them.

I wish to thank most heartily the teachers, whose co-operation has made a success of the study of music, and the faithful and studious work of the pupils, whose interest in and love for music gives promise of still better results in the future.

I sincerely thank the school committee and the superintendent, Mr. Hilyard, for their loyal support of my work.

Respectfully submitted,

ARLYNE M. MARCY,  
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

Mr. Harry Y. Hilyard  
Superintendent of Schools  
Upton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hilyard:

For the past few months the art department has tried to reach a goal, that goal being to give each and every child an opportunity to learn, to see, to think and to express himself.

The use of art is everywhere. Its influence is seen in our homes, our schools, our stores and in our community. In a machine world every person needs to express his feelings and to use his hand as a leisure time activity. General educational aims such as cooperation, responsibility and initiative are developed in art situations. The thinking, talking, solving of problems and planning that a child does in art activities are essential to his growth. Children are full of thoughts and ideas about the creation of an object. The use of a wide variety of materials help children to experiment and express himself.

Thanks to the wonderful cooperation of the classroom teachers, the school department and the children, the art department has been able to plan and carry out its goal.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE K. WEED,  
Supervisor of Art.

## REPORT OF THE HANDWRITING SUPERVISOR

Mr. Harry Y. Hilyard  
Superintendent of Schools  
Upton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hilyard:

I am pleased to submit the following report on the operation of the handwriting program in the Upton Schools for the school year 1952-53.

In the initial handwriting tests administered to your pupils in September 1934, 26% received a grade of "A" (Excellent); 26% received a grade of "B" (Good); and 48% were scored less than "B". In the tests administered in June 1953, 83% received a grade of "A"; 10% received a grade of "B"; and 7% scored less than "B". Handwriting certificates were awarded to 77% of your graduates.

During the school year we graded approximately 3100 formal and 9300 informal handwriting samples for your pupils. A formal test was administered monthly and a report was furnished each teacher giving a careful diagnosis of the handwriting of each pupil in the room.

We furnished the following instructional materials: monthly teachers' outlines, pupil folder outlines, room motivation certificates, handedness tests, individual handwriting certificates to pupils who qualified monthly and term envelopes, seals, etc.

*My supervisors join with me in expressing our appreciation for the splendid cooperation we have received at all times. We are very pleased with the results obtained in your schools.*

Respectfully submitted,  
W. L. RINEHART,  
Director.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Harry Y. Hilyard  
Superintendent of Schools  
Upton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hilyard:

I hereby submit the following report as School Nurse.

The pre-school registration was held in June in which 75% of the children entering the first grade in September were registered. This was a great help in getting the information necessary for the new health cards.

Dr. McKernan has completed a thorough health examination of all pupils in grades one, four, eight and all new admissions. Defects are recorded and notices sent to parents. Defects found in previous examination were rechecked and found much improved.

Eye tests were carefully performed by the nurse. Several cases where poor sight was found, notices were sent home and all cases were immediately corrected.

The usual routine of weighing, measuring and general health inspection have been carried out in the usual manner. Home visits are made to consult with parents about health and social problems, and advise treatment for defects.

Classroom visits and consultations with Principal and teachers have been carried out throughout the year.

I regret Mr. Sturke leaving us in September, and wish him the best of luck in his new position. I am glad to have Mr. Hilyard as our Superintendent of Schools and find he is very interested in the School Health Program and will be a great help in maintaining the good health standards in our schools.

I wish to thank everyone for their splendid co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH L. NICHOLS, R.N.

**Financial Report of  
Upton School Committee  
January 1, 1954**

**INCOME**

Appropriation .....	\$97,779 97
Dog Tax .....	702 03
Charlotte M. Bachelor Fund .....	150 00
Knowlton-Bachelor Fund .....	198 00
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>
	\$98,830 00

**EXPENDITURES**

**TEACHERS**

Mary Brown .....	10 00
Eileen Clark .....	3,054 52
Esther Contois .....	10 00
Helen Donham .....	893 68
James Duffy .....	2,225 44
Thalia Francis .....	2,829 36
Edward Furphy .....	3,366 72
Mary Greany .....	3,063 04
Claire Healy .....	137 76
Margaret Henderson .....	260 00
Irene Johnson .....	20 00
Patricia Kirby .....	916 72
Andrew Koskinas .....	2,586 00
Edgar Langevin .....	866 72
Doris Loukes .....	3,013 52
Lucy Lowe .....	3,013 52
Eileen Lucier .....	2,816 08
Helene Manning .....	916 72

Arlyne Marcy .....	579 52
Frances McQueen .....	20 00
W. L. Rinehart .....	400 00
Arthur Smith .....	406 08
Edith Streechon .....	1,801 52
Gladys Temple .....	50 00
George Tillett .....	1,930 88
Teresa Trask .....	3,063 04
Marjorie Weed .....	128 00
Irene Williams .....	3,161 76
Jeanette Willis .....	1,801 52
	—————
	\$43,342 12

**SUPERVISION:**

Harry Y. Hilyard, salary ..	\$270 90
Harry Y. Hilyard, travel ..	33 40
Ralph C. Sturke, salary .....	1,368 72
Ralph C. Sturke, travel .....	198 28
Ruth E. Scott, salary .....	820 00
	—————
	\$2,691 30

**JANITORS:**

Wilfred Bedard .....	900 00
Arnold Burns .....	1,575 00
James Duffy .....	51 00
Edward Furphy .....	60 50
Stephen Logee .....	920 60
Lawrence Snow .....	104 16
	—————
	3,611 26

**HEALTH:**

Bernard F. McKernan, M.D. ....	200 00
Ruth L. Nichols, R.N. ....	633 38
Fred W. Wood Pharmacy ..	27 19
	—————
	860 57

## FUEL:

W. G. Fiske Lumber Co. ..	6 00
Laurie R. Thompson .....	1,218 11
Upton Fuel Co. .....	794 69
	—————
	2,018 80

## TRANSPORTATION:

Carlstrom Bus Lines, Inc. ..	37.50
Gladys G. Crockett .....	28 13
Advt., Mil. Daily News	
Daniel Fay .....	3,159 48
Mrs. Orrin Francis .....	19 25
Frank S. Guerin .....	6 00
Bernard F. McKernan .....	51 68
Ralph Parker .....	2 00
George Poirier .....	7,328 60
Mrs. Ann Pye .....	90 00
Laurie R. Thompson .....	3,198 90
George White .....	138 80
	—————
	14,060 34

## REPAIRS &amp; MAINTENANCE:

Lawrence Atwood .....	33 10
Barnard, Sumner &	
Putnam Co. .....	5 98
W. G. Fiske Lumber Co. ....	110 53
Frank S. Guerin .....	7 00
J. L. Hammett Co. .....	9 00
J. G. Lamotte & Son Co. ....	571 48
Lockwood Hardware	
Mfg. Co. .....	43 11
William A. McGaw .....	30 00
Samuel F. Mitchell .....	9 00
Henry J. Poirier .....	1,641 82
Princeton Film Center .....	6 00
Ruth E. Scott .....	1 09

Walter Stank .....	2 00
Washburn-Garfield Co. ....	6 54
Frank Worthen .....	4 50
	2,481 15

## BOOKS &amp; SUPPLIES

Milton Bradley Co. .....	43 15
F. E. Compton Co. .....	115 31
Field Enterprises, Inc. ....	77 28
J. C. Freeman & Co. .....	7 50
Gledhill Bros. .....	55 70
Frank S. Guerin .....	5 00
J. L. Hammett Co. .....	890 73
D. C. Heath Co. .....	21 76
Houghton Mifflin Co. ....	121 73
Lyons & Carnahan Co. ....	44 57
Mac-Ben Sporting Goods Co. ....	21 05
The Macmillan Co. ....	130 73
Mainco Trading Co. ....	53 00
News Map of The Week, Inc. ....	16 50
Palley Office Supply Co. ....	124 50
Perkins & Butler Co. ....	13 95
Row, Peterson Co. ....	30 91
Scott, Foresman & Co. ....	271 85
Chas. Scribner's Co. ....	94 41
Silver Burdett Co. ....	319 70
Spencer Printing Co. ....	2 98
Worcester Envelope Co. ....	5 50
World Book Co. ....	16 62
	2,484 43

## FIXTURES &amp; CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Geo. A. Flagg Co. .....	91 00
J. L. Hammett Co. ....	865 40
Mass. State Prison .....	39 25

Palley Office Supply Co. ....	279 00
Welch-Allyn Co. ....	107 33
Worcester County	
Electric Co. ....	25 90
	—————
	1,407 88

## MISCELLANEOUS &amp; SUNDRIES:

Brulin & Co. ....	322 84
Carter, Rice & Co. ....	19 72
J. L. Hammett Co. ....	54 80
J. I. Holcomb Co. ....	8 00
Mainco Trading Co. ....	10 47
New England	
Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	261 17
Paper Trading Corp. ....	46 50
Spencer Printing Co. ....	61 43
Stone & Forsyth Co. ....	86 22
Waite Hardware Co. ....	7 35
Worcester County	
Electric Co. ....	1,028 20
Worcester Gas Light Co. ....	35 89
	—————
	1,942 59

## GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS:

Margaret Henderson ....	50 00
Edward F. X. Jalbert ....	7 00
U. S. Post Office,	
West Upton ....	2 40
	—————
	59 40

## TUITION:

Town of Framingham ....	50 40
Town of Grafton ....	21,396 23
Town of Northbridge ....	306 24
City of Worcester ....	1,764 62
	—————
Total Expenditures ....	23,517 49
Unexpended Balance ....	98,477 33
	352 67

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