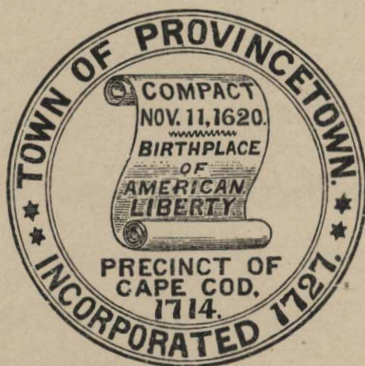


Town Records and Reports
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of
PROVINCETOWN, MASS.
for the
Year Ending December 31, 1927



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TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Officers for the Year 1927

SELECTMEN

Frank H. Barnett, Chairman	Term expires 1928
Jesse D. Rogers	Term expires 1930
John R. Manta, Chairman	Term expires 1929

ASSESSORS

John R. Manta, Chairman	Term expires 1929
Frank H. Barnett	Term expires 1928
Jesse D. Rogers	Term expires 1930

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Jesse D. Rogers, Chairman	Term expires 1930
John R. Manta	Term expires 1929
Frank H. Barnett	Term expires 1928

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

George S. Chapman	Term expires 1928
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WATER COMMISSIONERS

William H. Paige, Chairman	Term expires 1929
Joseph Days	Term expires 1928
John J. Leonard	Term expires 1930

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

George W. Watson	Term expires 1929
John A. Cook	Term expires 1928
Hersey D. Taylor	Term expires 1930

TREE WARDEN

Eugene W. Watson	Term expires 1928
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MONUMENT COMMITTEE

John J. Joseph	Term expires 1928
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AUDITOR

Mary A. O'Neil	Term expires 1928
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

John A. Dutra	Term expires 1928
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Frank A. Days, Jr., Chairman	Term expires 1928
John S. Silva	Term expires 1929
Emanuel A. DeWager	Term expires 1930

CONSTABLES

James E. Callaghan	Term expires 1928
William D. Carlos	Term expires 1928
William B. Dunham	Term expires 1928
Irving L. Rosenthal	Term expires 1928
John C. Williams	Term expires 1928

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Edwin N. Paine	Term expires 1929
Isaiah A. Small	Term expires 1929
Harry LeB. Stalker	Term expires 1929
Myrick C. Atwood	Term expires 1928
William H. Young	Term expires 1928
Clarence L. Curley	Term expires 1928
Howard F. Hopkins	Term expires 1930
Irving L. Rosenthal	Term expires 1930
Walter G. Cashman	Term expires 1930

Appointments

By the Board of Selectmen

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

James H. Barnett, Superintendent
Thomas Campbell, Asst. Superintendent

JANITOR AT TOWN HALL

William B. Dunham

POLICE DEPARTMENT

John C. Williams, Chief.
Frank Thomas, William D. Carlos, Theodore Parker

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Harry L. Eastman Louis M. Snow
George Rogers George S. Chapman

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

James F. Brennan

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE

Joseph Steele

KEEPER OF LOCK-UP

William B. Dunham

TOWN FLOAT

Manuel E. Silva, Caretaker

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

James H. Barnett James E. Callaghan
Thomas J. Lewis Louis A. Law
Joseph Perry John J. Leonard
Thomas J. Lopes

ELECTION OFFICERS

Ballot Clerk—Harry L. Eastman.
Town Clerk, Pro Tem.—Louis A. Law.
Tellers—Louis M. Snow, Fred H. Dearborn, George Rogers,
John A. Francis, Jr., William F. Silva, Arthur C. Patrick,
Manuel Silva, Frank Jacobs, Thomas Francis, Charles A.
DeRiggs, Joseph Marshall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John A. Francis	Term expires 1929
Charles Williams	Term expires 1929
Harry L. Eastman	Term expires 1929
Bert Paige	Term expires 1928
William F. Silva	Term expires 1928
Edward Crowell	Term expires 1928
John D. Adams	Term expires 1930
Merle Higgins	Term expires 1930
Myrick Young	Term expires 1930

APPOINTMENT BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR TOWN HOME

Annie E. Butler, Matron

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, February 14, 1927

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Barnstable, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Provincetown in the County of Barnstable, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town on the fourteenth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, there and there to act on the following articles:

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Third. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to defend, compromise or settle any law suit that may be brought against the Town.

Fourth. To see if the Town will elect a Director for the Cape Cod Farm Bureau.

Fifth. To appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be required to defray the Town charges for the financial year ending December 31, 1927, for the following purposes, viz:

- 1st. General Government.
- 2nd. Protection of persons and property.
- 3rd. Health and Sanitation.
- 4th. Highways.
- 5th. Charities and Soldiers' Benefits.
- 6th. Education and Library.
- 7th. Recreation and unclassified.
- 8th. Public Service Enterprises.
- 9th. Interest and Maturing Debt.

Sixth. To see what action the Town will take to relieve the present congested condition in the High and Grammar schools and appropriate \$135,500.00 for a new building.

Seventh. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 to be paid to the Cape Cod Hospital for the establishment and maintenance of a free bed in the Hospital for the care and treatment of persons certified by the Selectmen to be residents of the Town and unable to pay for such care and treatment, in accordance with section 74 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, or take any action in relation thereto, and act fully thereon.

Eighth. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of extending the water main at the pumping station and installing sixteen new wells.

Ninth. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to execute and sign in behalf of the Town a deed to Jessie Daggett, the purchaser from the

Town, at an auction sale of the premises at 219 Bradford Street.

Tenth. To choose the following Town Officers on one Ballot:

- One Town Clerk and Treasurer for one year.
- One Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for three years.
- One Assessor for three years.
- One Member of the School Committee for three years.
- Three Trustees of the Public Library for three years.
- One Member of the Board of Health for three years.
- One Water Commissioner for three years.
- One Tax Collector for one year.
- One Auditor for one year.
- One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.
- Five Constables for one year.
- One Tree Warden for one year.
- One Monument Committee for one year.

Eleventh. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, convey or dispose of that part of the land deeded to the Town by Woodward and Johnson not already conveyed, or take such other action as they may deem advisable.

Twelfth. To see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light near the premises of James Brown, Court St., and appropriate money for the same.

Thirteenth. To see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light near the premises of Mrs. Mary D. Cabral, 9 Conant Street, and appropriate money for the same.

Fourteenth. To see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light near the premises of the Wet Wash

Laundry on Baker Ave. and appropriate money for the same.

Fifteenth. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Local Committee of the Cape Cod Mosquito Committee to start work, under the general direction of, and in conjunction with, the Cape Cod Mosquito Committee, for the suppression of the mosquito, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for the same.

Sixteenth. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a ton motor truck and other equipment for the Highway Department.

Seventeenth. To see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light near the premises of Manuel Veria, Nickerson Street, and appropriate money for the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following stores:

Joseph Perry, Joseph Correiro, Bert Perry, George Rogers, B. H. Dyer & Co., Joseph Amber, Allen & Allen, John W. Small, John D. Adams, Antone Francis, Charles F. Williams, J. D. Hilliard Co., Inc., George W. Hudson, Clarence L. Burch, John V. Morris, John A. Francis, also at Post Office, and Board of Trade in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this thirty-first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

FRANK H. BARNETT,
JESSE D. ROGERS,
JOHN R. MANTA,

Selectmen of Provincetown.

A true copy. Attest:

IRVING L. ROSENTHAL, Constable

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Barnstable, ss.

In pursuance of the within precept, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, at the time and place, and for the purpose herein named, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places: Stores of Joseph Perry, Joseph Correiro, Bert Perry, George Rogers, B. H. Dyer & Co., Joseph Amber, Allen & Allen, John W. Small, John D. Adams, Antone Francis, Charles F. Williams, J. D. Hilliard Co., Inc., George W. Hudson, Clarence L. Burch, John V. Morris, John A. Francis, also at the Post Office, and Board of Trade, in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

IRVING L. ROSENTHAL,
Constable of Provincetown.

A True Copy

Attest: George S. Chapman, Town Clerk.

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met at the Town Hall, Monday the fourteenth day of February, 1927; and were called to order at 9 o'clock by George S. Chapman, Town Clerk.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. John A. Silvia.

Article First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting. Ballot was taken and the following result was announced: George F. Miller 3, Walter Welsh 87. Walter Welsh was elected Moderator and sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Article Second. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Moved: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year, beginning January 1st, 1927, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article Third. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, to defend, compromise or settle any law suit that may be brought against the Town.

Moved: That the Selectmen, be and hereby are authorized to defend, compromise or settle any law suit that may be brought against the Town during the present year.

Article Fourth. To see if the Town will elect a Director for the Cape Cod Farm Bureau.

It was moved and voted that this Article be laid on the table.

Article Fifth. To appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be required to defray the Town charges for the financial year ending December 31, 1927; for the following purposes, viz:

- 1st. General Government.
- 2nd. Protection of Persons and Property.
- 3rd. Health and Sanitation.
- 4th. Highways.
- 5th. Charities and Soldiers Benefits.
- 6th. Education and Library.
- 7th. Recreation and Unclassified.
- 8th. Public Service Enterprises.
- 9th. Interest and Maturing Debt.

It was moved and voted that each Item be voted on separately; also that Finance Committees report be considered at same time.

Item 1st. General Government: it was voted to appropriate; Moderator \$50.00; Finance Committee \$50.00; Selectmens' Salaries \$1,080.; Selectmens' Expenses \$300.; Town Clerk Salary \$600.; Town Clerk Expenses \$125.; Town Treasurer Salary \$600.; Treasurers Expense \$250.; Assessors Salary \$1,440.; Assessors Expense \$200. It was moved by Charles N. Rogers, that \$750. be struck out of Finance Committee's report and \$1,000. be appropriated for Tax Collectors Salary,—Motion was carried. Tax Collectors Expense \$278.; Auditors Salary \$120.; Legal Fees \$300.

Item 2. Protection of Persons and Property, it was voted to appropriate Police Salaries \$4,000.; Police Expenses and

Criminal Prosecution \$700.; Fire Department Salaries \$1,000.; Fire Department Expenses \$2,000.; Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary \$200.; Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses \$200.; Moth Extermination \$500.; Tree Warden \$5.00.

Item 3. Health and Sanitation, it was voted to appropriate Board of Health Salaries and Expenses of General work \$1,350.; Rubbish Disposal \$1,000.; Visiting Nurse \$1,000.; Inspection Cattle, Slaughtering and Milk \$250.

Item 4. Highways, it was voted to appropriate Superintendent and Assistants Salaries \$2,280.; Roads and Walks \$9,000.; and that the Items of Roads and Walks, Snow Removal and Cleaning of Commercial Street be consolidated into one Item known as Roads and Walks; Street Lighting \$3,250.

Item 5. Charities and Soldiers Benefits, it was voted to appropriate Overseers of the Poor Salaries \$1,080.; Overseers of the Poor Expenses \$100.; Outside Poor \$8,000.; Town Home \$2,500.; Mothers Aid \$1,000.; Repairs to Smith House \$300.; State Aid \$216.; Military Aid \$100.; Soldiers Relief \$1,000.

Item 6. Education and Library, it was voted to appropriate for Maintenance of Schools \$48,916.29. It was moved by Charles N. Rogers that the reimbursement of State Income Tax of \$5,407.50 be applied to the School appropriation which makes total for Schools \$54,323.79. Motion carried.

Insurance on School Buildings \$755.75.; Public Library \$1,200.; Moved by William F. Silva that this amount to be not in addition to any taxes and fees, all of which shall revert to the town, Motion carried.

Item 7. Recreation and Unclassified, it was voted to appropriate, Memorial Day \$150.; Reserve Fund \$500.; Town Float \$250.; Town Reports \$400.

Item 8. Public Service Enterprises, it was voted to appropriate Water Department, water rates revenue only Cemeteries \$500.; Veterans Graves \$100.

Item 9. Interest and Maturing Debt, it was voted to appropriate Interest on Temporary Loans \$1,200.; Interest on Funded Debt \$1,047. Maturing Debt \$2,200.

Article Sixth was then taken up and it was moved that this Article be laid on the table and Article Tenth taken up, it was then moved and carried that the meeting adjourn to the Caucus Hall for the purpose of balloting on the following Town Officers on one ballot and that the Polls remain open until 6 P. M.

- One Town Clerk and Treasurer for one year.
- One Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for three years.
- One Assessor for three years.
- One Member of the School Committee for three years.
- Three Trustees of the Public Library for three years.
- One Member of the Board of Health for three years.
- One Water Commissioner for three years.
- One Tax Collector for one year.
- One Auditor for one year.
- One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.
- Five Constables for one year.
- One Tree Warden for one year.
- One Monument Committee for one year.

Louis A. Law, was appointed Town Clerk Pro-tem during the election; Harry L. Eastman, Ballot Clerk, Thomas Francis, Fred H. Dearborn, William F. Silva, Arthur C.

Patrick, Frank M. Jacobs, Charles J. DeRiggs, John A. Francis, Jr., John S. Silva, Manuel M. Prada, Manuel Cadose, Edgar D. Crowell, Joseph Marshall, Manuel Silva, Louis M. Snow and George Rogers, Tellers.

The Tellers were supplied with lists of the registered voters of the town, the ballot box shown to be empty and the key delivered to Constable William D. Carlos.

The Polls were declared open and remained open until 6 P. M., 1192 ballots being cast which were assorted and counted in blocks of fifty; the first fifty ballots were taken from the ballot box at 11:15 A. M. at 6:40 P. M. the following result was announced by the Moderator.

Town Clerk and Treasurer for one year	
George S. Chapman	943
Selectman and Overseer of Poor, for three years	
Jesse D. Rogers	688
William W. Taylor	482
Assessor, for three years	
Jesse D. Rogers	675
William W. Taylor	484
School Committee, for three years	
Emanuel A. DeWager	1014
Trustees Public Library, three years	
Walter G. Cashman	739
Howard F. Hopkins	711
Irving L. Rosenthal	770
Water Commissioner, three years	
Richard A. Jennings	515
John J. Leonard	629

Board of Health, three years	
James F. Brennan	506
Edwin Walter Smith	621
Auditor, one year	
Mary A. O'Neil	865
Collector of Taxes, one year	
John A. Dutra	1004
Cemetery Commissioner, three years	
Hersey D. Taylor	741
Constables, one year	
James E. Callaghan	665
William D. Carlos	752
William B. Dunham	749
Theodore O. Parker	522
Irving L. Rosenthal	743
John C. Williams	665
Tree Warden, one year	
Eugene W. Watson	701
Monument Committee, one year	
John F. Joseph	774

Moved and carried following announcement of vote that meeting adjourn until 7 P. M.

At 7 P. M. meeting was called to order and Article Sixth was taken up.

Article Sixth. To see what action the Town will take to relieve the present congested condition in the High and Grammar Schools and appropriate \$135,000.00 for a new building.

The following substitute motion was presented on Article Sixth; Moved by Frank A. Days that the town raise and appropriate \$17,500.00 to relieve the present congested condition in the High and Grammar Schools, provided that the town obtains permission from the Legislature to borrow outside the debt limit.

This was defeated by a vote of 126 No. 121 Yes.

It was moved that the Selectmen take the necessary steps to foreclose the right of redemption to such real estate as has been taken or purchased by the Collector of Taxes, in behalf of the Town.

This motion was voted and carried.

Article Seventh. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500., to be paid to the Cape Cod Hospital for the establishment and maintenance of a free bed in the Hospital for the care and treatment of persons certified by the Selectmen to be residents of the town and unable to pay for such care and treatment, in accordance with Section 74 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, or take any action in relation thereto, and act fully thereon.

This motion was not carried.

Article Eighth. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. for the purpose of extending the water main at the pumping station and installing sixteen new wells.

Moved: The Town of Provincetown, raise and appropriate \$15,000. for the purpose of extending the water main at the pumping station and installing sixteen new wells; amendment added that the sum of \$3,000. be raised by taxes in the current year, the balance by a series of notes of

\$3,000. each, maturing during the years 1928-1929-1930-1931 respectively, and that a committee of four be appointed to work in conjunction with the water board to carry out the work.

This motion was carried unanimously.

The following committee was appointed by the Moderator; William F. Silva, Arthur C. Patrick, Albert J. Avellar, and Silvert J. Benson.

Article Ninth. To see if the town will vote to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to execute and sign in behalf of the town a deed to Jessie Daggett the purchaser from the town, at an auction sale of the premises at 219 Bradford Street.

Moved. That the Board of Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and instructed to execute a deed in behalf of the town to Jessie Daggett of the premises numbered 219 Bradford Street, Provincetown, Massachusetts which premises were purchased and paid for by said Jessie Daggett at an auction sale made pursuant to the vote of the town at the Annual Town Meeting in the year 1913.

This motion was carried.

Motion was made by Frank A. Days, that Article Sixth be reconsidered. This was carried by a vote of 258 Yes. 159 No.

Article Sixth. Moved by Frank A. Days that the town raise and appropriate \$17,500. to relieve the present congested condition in the High and Grammar Schools, provided that the town obtains permission from the Legislature to borrow outside the debt limit, by an issue of a series of Notes.

This was carried by a vote of 215 Yes. 34 No.

Article Eleventh. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, convey or dispose of that part of the land deeded to the town by Woodward and Johnson not already conveyed, or take such other action as they may deem advisable.

Moved: That the town convey that part of the land conveyed to the town by Dewing Woodward and L. L. Johnson, by deed dated September 15, 1911, and recorded with Barnstable County deeds book 307, page 584, not already conveyed, to the Provincetown Inn Corporation and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized and instructed to execute and sign a deed of the same in behalf of the town, provided that the Provincetown Inn Corporation executes and delivers to the town a deed of a parcel of land adjoining the terminus of Commercial Street, the location of said parcel to be determined by the Board of Selectmen and the Provincetown Inn Corporation and to contain at least 6,000 square feet.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Article Twelfth. To see if the town will vote to erect and maintain a street light near the premises of James Brown, Court Street and appropriate money for the same.

Motion was indefinitely postponed.

Article Thirteenth. To see if the town will vote to erect and maintain a street light near the premises of Mrs. Mary D. Cabral, 9 Conant Street and appropriate money for the same.

Moved that the town erect and maintain a street light near the premises of Mrs. Mary D. Cabral, 9 Conant Street and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for same. Motion was carried.

Article Fourteenth. To see if the town will vote to erect and maintain a street light near the premises of the Wet Wash Laundry on Baker Avenue, and appropriate money for the same.

Moved that the town erect and maintain a street light near the premises of the Wet Wash Laundry on Baker Avenue, and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for same. Motion was carried .

Article Fifteenth. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Local Committee of the Cape Cod Mosquito Committee to start work under the general direction of, and in conjunction with the Cape Cod Mosquito Committee for the suppression of the mosquito, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000. for the same.

Moved that the town will vote to authorize the Local Committee of the Cape Cod Mosquito Committee to start work, under the general direction of, and in conjunction with, the Cape Cod Mosquito Committee for the suppression of the mosquito, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000. for the same.

Motion was carried by a vote of 112 Yes. 57 No.

It was moved by the Secretary of the Finance Committee that the salary of the Water Commissioners be \$100. per year each, same to be taken from the Water Department revenue.

Motion was carried.

Resignation by Charles N. Rogers, from the Committee on Article 17 of the year 1926; relative to releasing title to a

portion of the Province Lands, by motion was accepted, and John S. Silva was appointed by the Moderator to fill the vacancy.

Resignation by Charles N. Rogers, from the World War Memorial Committee by motion was accepted, also on account of the death of John Adams a member of this Committee, the Moderator appointed Manuel M. Prada, and Sivert J. Benson, to fill vacancies.

Moved that the report of Town Officers as rendered in the Town reports of the year 1926, be accepted.

Motion was carried.

Article Sixteenth. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000. for the purpose of purchasing a ton motor truck and other equipment for the Highway Department.

Moved. That the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000. for the purpose of purchasing a ton motor truck and other equipment for the Highway Department.

Motion was carried.

Jesse D. Rogers was appointed by the Moderator to fill the vacancy on the Committee relative to the observance of June 14, 1927, the two hundredth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town.

Article Seventeenth. To see if the town will vote to erect and maintain a street light near the premises of Manuel Veria, Nickerson Street, and appropriate money for the same.

Moved. That the town erect and maintain a street light near the premises of Manuel Veria, on Nickerson Street, and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for same.

Motion was carried.

It was moved and voted that Article Four be taken from the table and a Director for the Cape Cod Farm Bureau, be elected by ballot: The following ballot was announced:

Mary Kelley	23
Mary O. O'Neil	2
Mrs. Charles B. Smith	6

On motion meeting was then dissolved at 9:58 P. M.

GEORGE S. CHAPMAN,
Town Clerk.

Report of the Finance Committee.

CITIZENS OF PROVINCETOWN:

Your Finance Committee has received the requests of the various departments for appropriations for 1927, given each serious consideration and herewith presents the appropriations for 1926, the department request for 1927 and the Committee's recommendation for 1927:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

	Approp. 1926	Requested 1927	Recom. by Com.
1. Legislative			
Moderator	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Finance Committee	25.00	50.00	50.00
2. Selectmen			
Salaries	1,080.00	1,080.00	1,080.00
Expenses	300.00	300.00	300.00
3. Town Clerk			
Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Expenses	125.00	125.00	125.00
4. Town Treasurer			
Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Expenses	150.00	250.00	250.00
5. Assessors			
Salaries	1,440.00	1,440.00	1,440.00
Expenses	250.00	200.00	200.00
6. Tax Collector			
Salary	750.00	750.00	750.00
Bond and Expenses	250.00	278.00	278.00

7. Auditor			
Salary	120.00	120.00	120.00
8. Law			
Legal Fees	300.00	300.00	300.00
9. Elections and Registration			
Salaries	100.00	200.00	200.00
Expenses	600.00	300.00	300.00
10. Town Hall	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

11. Police			
Salaries	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Expenses and Criminal Prosecution	700.00	700.00	700.00
12. Fire Department			
Salaries	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Expenses	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
13. Sealer of Weights and Measures			
Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
14. Moth Extermination	500.00	500.00	500.00
15. Tree Warden	5.00	5.00	5.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION:

16. Board of Health			
Salary and Expenses of General Work	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,350.00
17. Rubbish Disposal	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
18. Visiting Nurse	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
19. Inspection cattle, slaughter- ing and milk	250.00	250.00	250.00

HIGHWAYS:

20. Administration			
Salaries, Supt. and Asst.	2,280.00	2,280.00	2,280.00
21. Roads and Walks	8,250.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
(See note)			
22. Street Lighting	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,250.00

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS:

23. Overseers of the Poor			
Salaries	1,080.00	1,080.00	1,080.00
Expenses	100.00	100.00	100.00
24. Outside Poor	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
25. Town Home	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
26. Mothers' Aid	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
27. Repairs to Smith House		300.00	300.00
28. State Aid	384.00	384.00	384.00
29. Military Aid	100.00	100.00	100.00
30. Soldiers' Relief	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,000.00

EDUCATION AND LIBRARY:

31. Maintenance of Schools	49,500.00	54,323.79	54,323.79
32. Insurance on School Buildings	755.75	755.75	755.75
33. Public Library	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED:

34. Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00
35. Reserve Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
36. Town Float	250.00	250.00	250.00
37. Town Reports	500.00	600.00	600.00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

38. Water Department	2,500.00	Water rates	
	plus water rates	revenue only	
39. Cemeteries	500.00	500.00	500.00
40. Veterans' graves	100.00	100.00	100.00

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT:

41. Interest on Temporary Loans	2,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
42. Interest on Funded Debt	1,047.00	1,047.00	1,047.00
43. Maturing Debt	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
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	\$110841.75	\$114918.54	\$114168.54

Note:—The items of Roads and Walks, Snow Removal and Cleaning of Commercial St., have been consolidated into one item by request of the Selectmen.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT

Of the articles in the warrant, on which it is your Committee's duty to make recommendations, we report as follows:

- Article 6. Not recommended.
- Article 7. Not recommended.
- Article 8. Recommended.
- Article 12. Not recommended.
- Article 13. Recommended.

- Article 14. Not recommended.
- Article 15. Recommended.
- Article 16. Recommended.
- Article 17. Not recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee.

BERT H. PAIGE, Chairman,

JOHN A. FRANCIS,

JOHN D. ADAMS,

WILLIAM F. SILVA,

EDGAR D. CROWELL,

MERLE A. HIGGINS,

CHARLES F. WILLIAMS,

MYRICK C. YOUNG,

HARRY L. EASTMAN, Sec'y.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, March 7th, 1927

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Barnstable, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Provincetown,
in the County of Barnstable. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 7th day of March next at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

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

Article 2. To hear the reports of Committees and act fully thereon.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500.00 to relieve the present congested condition in the Grammar and High Schools.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect and maintain a street light near the premises of Mary Ramos, 35 Franklin Street.

Article 5. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a street light on Race Road near the premises of Joseph Marshall and appropriate money for the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following stores: Allen & Allen, John W. Small, John D. Adams, Antone Francis, Marion Perry, Joseph Careiro, Joseph Amber, Joseph Perry, George Rogers, B. H. Dyer & Co., Charles F. Williams, J. D. Hilliard Co., Inc., George W. Hudson, John V. Morris, and John A. Francis, also at the Post Office and the Board of Trade in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 24th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

FRANK H. BARNETT,
JESSE D. ROGERS,

Selectmen of Provincetown.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, ss.

Provincetown, Feb. 26, 1927

In pursuance of the within precept I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall at the time and place and for the purpose herein named by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each of the following stores: Allen & Allen, John W. Small, John D. Adams, Antone Francis, Marion Perry, Joseph Careiro, Joseph Amber,

Joseph Perry, George Rogers, B. H. Dyer & Co., Charles F. Williams, J. D. Hilliard Co., Inc., George W. Hudson, John V. Morris, and John A. Francis, also at the Post Office and the Board of Trade all in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

IRVING L. ROSENTHAL,

Constable of the

Town of Provincetown.

Attest: GEORGE S. CHAPMAN, Town Clerk.

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall, on Monday the seventh day of March, 1927, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening and were called to order by George S. Chapman, Town Clerk.

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

Walter Welsh was chosen Moderator and sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of Committees and act fully thereon.

Moved and carried that this Article be laid on the table.

Moved and carried that Mr. Harris, Supt. of Schools, be invited to a seat on the floor.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500.00 to relieve the present congested condition in the Grammar and High Schools.

Moved by John D. Adams, that Article three be taken by a ballot. Motion carried. The checking list and the Yea and Nay ballots being used. The result was Yes 123. No 55.

Article Two, was then taken up and the following report was presented by the Finance Committee:

March 3, 1927.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee in conference with Frank A. Days, Jr., Chairman of the School Committee, who gave us an itemized statement of the expenditures proposed under the appropriation of \$17,500. called for in the Warrant for this Special Town meeting, it was unanimously voted to recommend to the voters the passage of this item. It seems to your Finance Committee to be an economical solution of a very pressing problem and, from information from the School Committee, one that will place our schools in first class condition and take care of our needs for a considerable number of years, if not permanently.

Article 4 is not recommended; there is a light at present about 25 feet from where this one is wanted.

Article 5 is recommended.

JOHN A. FRANCIS,
E. D. CROWELL,
M. C. YOUNG,
CHARLES F. WILLIAMS,
J. D. ADAMS,
HARRY L. EASTMAN,
M. A. HIGGINS,
WM. F. SILVA.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect and maintain a street light near the premises of Mary Ramos, 35 Franklin Street.

Moved. The Town erect and maintain a street light near the premises of Mary Ramos and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the same. Motion carried.

Article 5. To see if the Town will erect and maintain a street light on Race Road near the premises of Joseph Marshall and appropriate money for the same.

Moved. That the Town erect and maintain a street light on Race Road near the premises of Joseph Marshall and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the same. Motion carried.

On motion meeting was then dissolved at 8:20 P.M.

GEORGE S. CHAPMAN,

Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Marriages Registered in 1927

January

31. Jesse Cabral and Christina Helen Hitchcock, both of Springfield, Married in Provincetown.

February

7. Anthony Joseph Alves and Theresa Marie Enos, both of Provincetown.
 14. Joaquin Naceminto and Mary Patrick, both of Provincetown.
 28. Insley Francis of Provincetown, and Mary Elizabeth White of Wakefield. Married in Wakefield.

March

19. Robert Smith of Provincetown, and Elizabeth H. Ridings of Pottersville. Married in Pottersville.

April

18. Frank Motto and Delphine Viegas Neves, both of Provincetown.
 18. James Lynch of Braintree, and Irene May Crawley of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.

May

6. Francisco L. Reis and Maria C. Cruz, both of Provincetown. Married in Truro.
 7. Anthony Veara and Julia C. Gaspa, both of Provincetown. Married in South Boston.
 21. Manuel Veara Raymond and Marion Veronica Cabral, both of Provincetown. Married in Dedham.
 26. James W. Campbell of Provincetown, and Eleanor L. Sanderson of Sagamore. Married in Sandwich.

June

4. Ludlow Sexton Baker of Provincetown, and Philomena Carolne Francis of Truro. Married in Wellfleet.

July

18. Daniel Jordan of Cambridge, and Julia Silva Roderick of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.
23. Harry Lee Gatch, Jr., and Janice Tworokov, both of New York. Married in Provincetown.

August

14. James Elmer Williams of Provincetown, and Alice Mary Adams of East Boston. Married in Provincetown.

September

3. William Alphonsus Gillis, and Ruth Josephine Taylor, both of Everett. Married in Provincetown.
19. Lawrence Leslie Silva and Julia C. Days, both of Provincetown.

October

3. Raymond Medeiros and Ella Silva, both of Provincetown.
3. George Fillmore Miller, Jr., and Janette McMurray, both of Provincetown. Married in Jamaica Plain.
10. Philip Whorf Alexander and Aurelia May Silva, both of Provincetown.
12. Clarence F. Williams and Georgie Furtoda, both of Provincetown.
22. Dorrance Lincoln and Marion May Baker, both of Provincetown. Married in Wellfleet.
24. William Dutra Medeiros and Mary E. Brown, both of Provincetown.
24. Ernest Tarvis and Mary Carmen Macara, both of Provincetown.

November

5. Joseph Morris and Hazel Mae Raymond, both of Provincetown.
7. Anthony B. Lopez, and Wilhelmina F. Cambra, both of Provincetown.
14. Frank M. Jacobs and Maude V. Francis, both of Provincetown.

19. Manuel Caton Medeiros, of Marston Mills, and Constance Jessie Henrique of Provincetown. Married in Provincetown.
19. Leland B. Jennings of Provincetown, and Isabel P. Chase of South Yarmouth. Married in Yarmouthport.
21. Isadore Ferreira, and Philomena Cordeiro, both of Provincetown.
21. William A. White and Francelena M. Sylvia, both of Provincetown.
21. James Vincent Metallo of Cambridge, and Angelina Josephine Cook of Wellesley. Married in Provincetown.
24. Joseph Francis Medeiros and Agnes Catherine Merrill, both of Provincetown.

December

17. Irvin Robert Lohnes of Somerville, and Lucille Needham Pierce of Winchester. Married in Provincetown.
22. James Souza of Provincetown and Marion Adams of Truro. Married in Truro.
29. Frank Flores, and Palmeda Lema, both of Provincetown.

Births Registered in 1927

DATE	NAME	PARENTS
January		
8.	Francis Gabriel LaMachie,	David and Dorothy, nee Souza
13.	Lewis Reis,	Frank and Mary, nee Cruz
16.	George Roza,	Frank and Lucy Roza
18.	Edward Bragg Andrews,	Edward and Annie, nee Bragg
21.	Rudolph Joseph Santos,	Manuel and Isabel, nee Garraero
31.	Caroline Emma Menangus,	Antone and Mary, nee Cabral
February		
10.	William Fields,	William and Madeline, nee Santos.
10.	Loretta Larkin Crawley,	Frank and ucy, nee Small.
18.	Burton Gifford MacIsaac,	Ira and Corinne, nee Gifford.
21.	Anibal Oliver,	Manuel and Alice, nee Santos.
22.	Freeman Smith Watson,	Horace and Dora, nee Chickering.

Deaths Registered in 1927

January					
Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death
12.	Calmeida DeSouza	40	0	0	Carcinoma of Breast
20.	William J. MacFarland	40	0	0	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
27.	Prince I. Freeman	75	6	0	Cerebral hemorrhage
February					
2.	Anna Rogers	57	0	0	Chronic Nephritis
4.	*Peter Santos	60	0	0	Cholecystitis
8.	Louisa Tarvis	83	0	0	Cerebral hemorrhage
19.	Raymond H. Clark	27	10	14	Drowned Coast Guard 238
19.	Charles A. Freeburn	33	0	2	Drowned Coast Guard 238
19.	Stanley Leo Kryzanowski	25	0	0	Drowned Coast Guard 238
21.	Claria G. Silvia	92	0	0	Cardiac disease
26.	Anna A. Cook	78	0	0	Chronic Nephritis
March					
2.	William L. Peterson	50	2	15	Accidental drowning
8.	Betsey Hopkins	90	7	0	Broncho Pneumonia
15.	Josephine H. West	83	2	20	Arterio Sclerosis
26.	Azuba S. Smith	76	8	0	Chronic Myocarditis
April					
2.	*Joseph Simmons	70	0	0	Chronic Empyema
18.	Mary W. Davis	70	0	0	Thrombosis
24.	Ellen S. Nason	92	7	0	Capillary Bronchitis
27.	Alfred E. Weekes	58	4	28	Diabetes Mellitus
May					
5.	Katherine Kemp	77	0	0	Valvular Heart Disease
12.	Sophonra A. Sumner	91	2	4	Fracture left Hip
12.	Manuel J. Carter	73	0	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage
22.	Olivia May Joseph	18	0	0	Lobar Pneumonia
28.	John Bradshaw Avellar	0	9	16	Lobar Pneumonia

June					
Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death
8.	John F. Francis	67	9	28	Cerebral Hemorrhage
9.	George W. Freeman	74	7	0	Lobar Pneumonia
10.	**John T. Caton	61	8	20	Organic Heart Disease
18.	Hannah S. Atkins	90	2	18	Arterio Sclerosis
23.	Stillborn Alexander	0	0	0	Stillborn
26.	James H. Ogilvie	66	3	28	Gunshot wound
28.	Charles T. Wescott	52	11	11	Carcinoma of Intestines
July					
5.	Joshua S. Nickerson	84	10	21	Aneurysm
17.	Herbert G. Morse	61	10	28	Cardiac disease
27.	†John Barton	78	2	29	Arterio sclerosis
August					
9.	Flora Mackenzie	83	4	0	Chronic Nephritis
19.	Catherine Souza	23	0	0	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
23.	Joseph D. Periera	19	7	25	Accidental drowning
26.	Alexander R. Francis	40	1	0	Enteritis and Peritonitis
26.	Francis Fields	17	11	11	Acute Nephritis
September					
2.	John Andrew Francis	51	0	0	Carcinoma Bladder
9.	Mary Brazil	65	0	0	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
17.	David L. Smith	82	9	16	Arterio sclerosis
October					
7.	John McQuillan	86	0	0	Arterio sclerosis
8.	Brass Manuel Tarvis	69	0	0	Diabetes mellitus
9.	†Infant Volton	0	0	0	Stillborn
12.	Carl White	0	0	0	Dying at birth
20.	†Louis Souza	28	0	0	Fracture Pelvis
24.	William R. Clapp	88	2	15	Arterio sclerosis

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death
November					
3.	Infant Fratus	0	0	0	Premature birth
4	Heman S. Cook	87	5	21	Arterio sclerosis
5.	Abbie D. Hatch	73	11	26	Organic heart disease
6.	Caleb L. Rich	85	9	13	Acute cardiac dilatation

December

2.	Joseph Vealia Souza	53	0	0	Carcinoma of Lung
8.	Filena Higgins	84	3	28	Heart disease
12.	George W. Hudson	54	11	25	Natural causes
24.	Joseph S. Cabral	53	0	24	Diabetes Mellitus
27.	Elizabeth M. Rich	55	0	0	Lobar pneumonia
28.	Mary A. Hall	82	1	12	Senile debility

*Died in Boston

**Died in Truro

†Died in Taunton

‡Died in Barnstable

TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH

Jan. 1, 1927 Cash		Payments	\$238,088.80
on hand	\$14,709.67	Balance on hand,	
Receipts	242,609.80	Dec. 31, 1927	19,230.67
	<u>\$257,319.47</u>		<u>\$257,319.47</u>

1925 TAXES

Jan. 1, 1927, Due		Received from	
the Town	\$7,498.79	Collector	\$6,855.92
		Abatements	642.87
			<u>\$7,498.79</u>

1926 TAXES

Jan. 1, 1927, Due		Received from	
the Town	\$34,570.22	Collector	\$27,435.89
		Abatements	154.05
		Balance uncollected	6,980.28
			<u>\$34,570.22</u>

1927 TAXES

Property		Received from	
Warrant	\$135,726.86	Collector	\$99,122.85
Poll Tax Warrant	2,012.00	Abatements	78.28
Dec. Assessment	217.00	Credit, Colonial Ltd.	1,550.00
	<u> </u>	Balance	
	\$137,955.86	uncollected	37,204.73
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			\$137,955.86

OVERLAY 1925

Jan. 1, 1927	\$1,867.67		
Abatements	642.87		
	<u> </u>	Dec. 31, 1927	
	\$1,224.80	Balance	\$1,224.80

OVERLAY 1926

Jan. 1, 1927	\$1,298.68		
Abatements	154.05		
	<u> </u>	Dec. 31, 1927	
	\$1,144.63	Balance	\$1,144.63

OVERLAY 1927

Amount of Overlay	\$2,687.14		
Abatements	78.28		
	<u> </u>	Dec. 31, 1927	
	\$2,608.86	Balance	\$2,608.86

RESERVE FUND

Jan. 1, 1927, Overlay Surplus 1921	\$2,131.90
Overlay Surplus 1922	2,288.00
Overlay Surplus 1923	2,464.00
Overlay Surplus 1924	1,500.00
	<u> </u>
	\$8,383.90

TAX TITLES

Jan. 1, 1927	
To Taxes 1925	\$1,650.00
Taxes 1926	1,300.00
Taxes 1927	1,550.00
	<u> </u>
	\$4,500.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
DEBIT

1927 Revenue	\$32,151.39
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CREDITS

State Treasurer:	
Income Tax	\$18,560.65
Corporation Tax	3,727.58
Bank Tax	475.62
Trust Co. Tax	4.26
	<u> </u>
	\$22,768.11

Licenses:	
Liquor	\$2.00
Auctioneer and Junk	8.00
Pedlars	50.00
Sunday	48.00
Pool and Bowling	4.00
Milk	21.50
Weirs and 1% Gross	1,450.89
Inns and Victuallers	250.00

Motor Bus's	30.00	
Seal Bounty	12.50	
Transient	45.00	
Taxi	9.00	
Special permit	25.00	
Health	27.50	
		<u>\$1,983.39</u>
From County Dog Licenses	442.18	
Rental Town Hall	2,192.50	
Sealer, Weights and Measures	84.82	
Second District Court Fines	262.90	
Health:		
Division of Sanatoris	\$140.00	
Charities:		
Individuals	\$699.13	
State, Temporary Aid	676.00	
State, Mothers Aid	93.33	
		<u>\$1,468.46</u>
Soldiers Benefits from State:		
State Aid	\$326.00	
Veterans Exemption	42.31	
		<u>\$368.31</u>
Fire Department:		
Sale old lanterns	\$3.00	
Filling Extinguishers	1.50	
Payment to Dept.	25.00	
		<u>\$29.50</u>
Schools:		
City of Boston	\$94.25	
State, Tuition Wards	47.71	
		<u>\$141.96</u>

Library:		
Sale of books	\$3.17	
Visitors Fund	67.50	
		<u>\$70.67</u>
Interest:		
Taxes	\$1,590.54	
Bank Deposits	414.90	
		<u>\$2,005.44</u>
Town Clerk Fees	110.90	
Rebate interest on Note	61.25	
Rebate interest on Water Notes	17.00	
State, Department of Correction	4.00	
		<u>\$32,151.39</u>

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

1927 Revenue	\$28,476.34
County Tax	\$16,444.59
State Tax	8,160.00
Highway Tax	3,868.00
Auditing Accounts	3.75
	<u>\$28,476.34</u>

1927 REVENUE

Appro. Annual Town Meeting	\$113,218.04
Appro. Special Town Meeting 1927	17,500.00
Appro. Special 1926 State and County Taxes	2,000.00
Overlay 1925	28,476.34
	1,224.80

Overlay 1926	1,144.63
Overlay 1927	2,608.86
World War, Memorial	3,000.00
Overlay Reserve Fund	8,383.90
Congestion Schools	919.68
Committee Art. 17	100.00
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	\$178,576.25
1927 Tax Levy	\$135,726.86
Poll Tax Levy	2,012.00
Estimated Receipts	32,151.39
Appro. Balances:	
Selectmens Dept.	6.25
Assessors Dept.	.16
Treasurers Dept.	9.76
Town Clerks Dept.	45.63
Tax Collectors Dept.	.05
Legal Dept.	106.00
Moderator	40.00
Town Hall	5.82
Fire Dept.	107.00
Moth Extermination	16.87
Mosquito Committee	277.35
Health—General	580.03
Health—Rubbish	11.36
Insp. Cattle, Milk, Slaughtering	93.45
Roads and Walks	182.68
Street Lighting	23.72
Motor Truck Appro.	4.15
Public Welfare Dept.	2.42
Public Welfare Relief	20.43

Town Infirmary	2.38
Mothers' Aid	513.00
Repairs Smith House	60.61
Military Aid	100.00
Maintenance Schools	21.53
Congestion Schools	919.68
Insurance School Buildings	31.07
Public Library	11.03
Reserve Fund	196.56
Town Float	.27
Town Reports	61.82
Water (revenue only)	48.50
Cemeteries	16.09
Veterans Graves	50.00
Interest Temporary Loans	35.00
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	\$173,490.92
Bal. to Revenue	5,085.33
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	\$178,576.25

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Salaries	\$1,080.00
Stationery & Postage	40.53
Printing	8.85

Carfare, etc.	132.70
Telephone	53.85
All other	57.82
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	\$1,373.75
Balance to Revenue	6.25
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	\$1,380.00
Appro. Salaries	\$1,080.00
Appro. Expenses	300.00
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	\$1,380.00

ASSESSORS DEPT.

Salaries	\$1,440.00
Stationery & Postage	34.27
Printing and Adver.	52.52
Carfare, etc.	39.18
Telephone	18.37
Census Women	45.50
All Other	10.00
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	\$1,639.84
Balance to Revenue	.16
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	\$1,640.00
Appro. Salaries	\$1,440.00
Appro. Expenses	200.00
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	\$1,640.00

TAX COLLECTORS DEPT.

Salary	\$1,000.00
Stationery & Postage	82.04
Printing	67.91
Bond	128.00
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	\$1,277.95
Balance to Revenue	.05
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	\$1,278.00
Appro. Salary	\$1,000.00
Appro. Expenses	278.00
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	\$1,278.00

TREASURERS DEPT.

Salary	\$600.00
Bond	64.00
Stationery & Postage	71.46
Check writer	65.00
Telephone	15.30
Certifying Notes	12.00
All Other	12.48
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	\$840.24
Balance to Revenue	9.76
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	\$850.00
Appro. Salary	\$600.00
Appro. Expenses	250.00
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	\$850.00

TOWN CLERKS DEPT.

Salary	\$600.00
Stationery & Postage	14.25
Printing & Advertising	3.35
Telephone	17.08
Vital Statistics	25.75
Bond	2.50
Dog Tags	7.94
All other	8.50

\$679.37

Balance to Revenue 45.63

\$725.00

Appro. Salary \$600.00

Appro. Expenses 125.00

\$725.00

AUDITOR'S DEPT.

Salary	\$120.00
Appro. Salary	\$120.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION DEPT.

Registrars	\$200.00
Election Officers	110.50
Printing & Advertising	57.93
Meals	110.00
Supplies	21.57

\$500.00

Appro. Salaries \$200.00

Appro. Expenses 300.00

\$500.00

MODERATOR

Services	\$10.00
Balance to Revenue	40.00

\$50.00

Appro. \$50.00

\$50.00

LEGAL DEPT.

Attorneys Services	\$194.00
Balance to Revenue	106.00

\$300.00

Appro. \$300.00

\$300.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Services	\$50.00
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\$50.00

Appro. \$50.00

\$50.00

TOWN HALL

Janitor	\$1,000.00
Labor	145.52
Fuel	399.37
Light	695.68
Janitors Supplies	157.20

Repairs	245.12
Telephone	65.70
Stationery	102.84
All other	182.75

\$2,994.18

Balance to Revenue 5.82

\$3,000.00

Appro. \$3,000.00

\$3,000.00

POLICE DEPT.

Chief	\$1,800.00
Patrolmen	2,200.00
Special Police	206.85
Criminal Prosecution	180.75
Police expense	135.91
Supplies	165.69
Printing & Stationery	18.87
Telephone	51.19

\$4,759.26

Appro. Salaries \$4,000.00

Appro. Expense and

Criminal Prosecution 700.00

Reserve Fund 59.26

\$4,759.26

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Engineers	\$240.00
Firemen	740.00

Hauling Steamer	70.00
Apparatus	153.06
Hose	550.00
Equipment	96.00
Water rates, Houses	24.00
Fuel	35.40
Light	62.38
Repairs	28.07
Supplies	663.86
Printing & Stationery	2.00
Telephone	32.04
Painting Hose wagon	28.00
Forest Fires	24.65
All other	143.54

\$2,893.00

Balance to Revenue 107.00

\$3,000.00

Appro. Salaries \$1,000.00

Appro. Expenses 2,000.00

\$3,000.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary	\$200.00
Auto, etc.	200.00

\$400.00

Appro. Salary \$200.00

Appro. Expenses 200.00

\$400.00

MOTH EXTERMINATION

Labor	\$479.50
Insecticides	3.63
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	\$483.13
Balance to Revenue	16.87
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	\$500.00
Appro.	\$500.00
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	\$500.00

MOSQUITO COMMITTEE

Labor	\$438.00
Printing	5.50
Oil drums	17.60
Teams	181.75
Oil	79.80
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	\$722.65
Balance to Revenue	277.35
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	\$1,000.00
Appro.	\$1,000.00
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	\$1,000.00

TREE WARDEN

Salary	\$5.00
Appro.	\$5.00

HEALTH—GENERAL

Labor	\$230.02
Printing & Advertising	34.30
Telephone	97.79
Board and Treatment	101.57
Medical	9.00
Medicine	2.00
Inspection	106.02
Fumigating	36.00
Placards	32.25
Complaints	37.50
Special Meetings	20.00
All other	63.52
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	\$769.97
Balance to Revenue	580.03
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	\$1,350.00
Appro.	\$1,350.00
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	\$1,350.00

HEALTH — RUBBISH

Labor	\$988.64
Balance to Revenue	11.36
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	\$1,000.00
Appro.	\$1,000.00
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	\$1,000.00

VISITING NURSE

Salary	\$1,000.00
Appro.	\$1,000.00

INSPECTION—CATTLE SLAUGHTERING, MILK

Slaughtering	\$100.00
Milk	56.55
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	\$156.55
Balance to Revenue	93.45
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	\$250.00
Appro.	\$250.00
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	\$250.00

HIGHWAYS — ROADS AND WALKS

Labor	\$2,932.46
Freight	764.73
Stone and Tar	3,789.05
Equipment and Repairs	494.78
Beacon	72.50
Snow removal	355.40
Insurance	31.68
Traffic Signal	111.22
Materials	122.66
Oil & Gas	59.44
All other	83.40
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	\$8,817.32
Balance to Revenue	182.68
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	\$9,000.00
Appro.	\$9,000.00
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	\$9,000.00

SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT

Salaries	\$2,280.00
Appro.	\$2,280.00

MOTOR TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT

Truck	\$676.00
Registration	25.00
Assessories	157.03
Equipment	24.18
Garage rental	36.00
Labor	27.64
Heater	50.00
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	\$995.85
Balance to Revenue	4.15
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	\$1,000.00
Appro.	\$1,000.00
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	\$1,000.00

STREET LIGHTS

Prov. Light and Power Co.	\$3,351.28
Balance to Revenue	23.72
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	\$3,375.00
Appro.	\$3,375.00
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	\$3,375.00

PUBLIC WELFARE — OUTSIDE RELIEF

Public Welfare	
Salaries	\$1,080.00
Printing & Postage	36.30
Telephone	42.92
Groceries & Provisions	4,046.69
Fuel	801.35
Medical	306.00
State Institutions	130.00
Board and Care	65.00
Cash Aid	2,405.26
Other Cities & Towns	136.82
All other	106.81

\$9,157.15

Balance to Revenue 22.85

\$9,180.00

Appro. Salaries \$1,080.00

Appro. Public Welfare 8,000.00

Appro. Expenses 100.00

\$9,180.00

MOTHERS' AID

Payments	\$487.00
Balance to Revenue	513.00

\$1,000.00

Appro. \$1,000.00

\$1,000.00

TOWN INFIRMARY

Matrons Salary	\$400.00
Groceries & Provisions	1,168.85
Clothing	20.01
Repairs Building	94.61
Labor	29.60
Medical	72.86
Fuel and Light	477.49
Telephone	28.46
Water rates	30.00
All other	175.74

\$2,497.62

Balance to Revenue 2.38

\$2,500.00

Appro. \$2,500.00

\$2,500.00

REPAIRS TO SMITH HOUSE

Labor	\$239.39
Balance to Revenue	60.61

\$300.00

Appro. \$300.00

\$300.00

STATE AID

Payments	\$216.00
Appro.	\$216.00

MILITARY AID

Balance to Revenue	\$100.00
Appro.	\$100.00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Cash Aid	\$259.50
Groceries & Provisions	704.18
Rent	154.00
Medical	10.00
Fuel	116.50
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	\$1,244.18
Appro.	\$1,000.00
Reserve Fund	244.18
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	\$1,244.18

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS

School Committee	\$350.00
Superintendent	2,601.68
School Physician	250.00
Teachers, High	10,316.38
Teachers, Elementary	21,468.17
Music Teacher	1,250.00
School Nurse	1,170.20
Truant Officer	200.00
School Census	126.00
Printing & Stationery	124.25
Traveling Expense	116.03
All other	215.98

Text Books, (High)	634.26
All others, (High)	770.66
Books, Elementary	1,765.31
All others, Elementary	220.92
Janitor, (High)	1,144.00
Janitors, Elementary	2,181.50
Fuel and Light (High)	1,290.81
Fuel and Light, Elementary	1,814.28
Repairs, (High)	58.31
Janitors Supplies	14.36
All other (High)	27.92
Janitors Supplies Elementary	38.10
Repairs, Elementary	3,792.61
All other, Elementary	596.50
Diplomas	66.69
Furniture & etc, (High)	9.35
Furniture Elementary	105.48
Water rates	72.00
Painting Schools	1,501.60
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	\$54,302.26
Balance to Revenue	21.53
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	\$54,323.79
Appro.	\$48,916.29
Surplus Income	
Tax	5,407.50
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	\$54,323.79

RELIEF GRAMMAR AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Carpenters	
Contract	\$4,025.28
Flooring	786.72
Basement Contract	3,000.00
Desks and Seats	1,648.00
Labor	2,452.00
Heaters	2,904.72
Labor on Heaters	1,755.60
Trucking	8.00
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	\$16,580.32
Balance to Revenue	919.68
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	\$17,500.00
Appro.	\$17,500.00
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	\$17,500.00

INSURANCE ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Payments	\$724.68
Balance to Revenue	31.07
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	\$755.75
Appro.	\$755.75
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	\$755.75

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Librarian	\$420.00
Assistants	136.28
Janitor	120.00
Books	45.50

Periodicals	47.00
Binding	42.45
Stationery & Postage	24.91
Insurance	47.30
Decorating	15.00
Fuel	128.72
Light	51.72
Water rates	12.00
Janitors Supplies	5.35
Repairs	19.78
Labor	72.96

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	\$1,188.97
Balance to Revenue	11.03
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	\$1,200.00
Appro.	\$1,200.00
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	\$1,200.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Payments	\$150.00
Appro.	\$150.00

VETERAN'S GRAVES

Payments	\$50.00
Balance to Revenue	50.00

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	\$100.00
Appro.	\$100.00
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	\$100.00

TOWN REPORTS

Payments	\$338.18
Balance to Revenue	61.82
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	\$400.00
Appro.	\$40.00
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	\$400.00

TOWN FLOAT

Insurance	\$24.00
Rent	10.00
Labor	215.73
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	\$249.73
Balance to Revenue	.27
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	\$250.00
Appro.	\$250.00
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	\$250.00

WATER AND REVENUE

Commissioners	\$300.00
Superintendent	1,500.00
Clerk	519.96
Auto	720.00
Stationery & Postage	141.45
Printing	120.99
Telephone	111.65
All other	236.62
Labor	1,917.41
Pipe and Fittings	958.56

Meters and Fittings	1,378.51
Freight	50.55
Tap Machine	130.00
Cleaning Stand Pipe	495.00
Pumping Station:	
Expense on Boiler	901.60
Pipe and Fittings	79.30
Engineers	2,800.00
Oil and Packing	136.62
Fuel	1,226.29
Freight on Fuel	2,243.00
Labor	86.93
Repairs Building	973.62
Insurance	81.56
All other	161.40
Repairs Side Track	640.31
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	\$17,911.33
Balance to Revenue	48.50
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	\$17,959.83
Revenue only	\$17,959.83
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	\$17,959.83

EXTENSION MAIN AND NEW WELLS

Contract	\$14,536.00
Plans and Estimates	384.52
Surveyor	71.50
Advertising	1.00
Postage	1.50

Telephone calls	1.48
Trucking	4.00
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	\$15,000.00
Appro.	\$3,000.00
Note Issue	12,000.00
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	\$15,000.00

CEMETERIES

Commissioners	\$30.00
Labor	438.80
Tools	3.00
Lumber	12.11
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	\$483.91
Balance to Revenue	16.09
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	\$500.00
Appro.	\$500.00
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	\$500.00

RESERVE FUND

Transferred to:	
Police Expense	\$59.26
Soldiers Relief	244.18
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	\$303.44
Balance to Revenue	196.56
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	\$500.00
Appro.	\$500.00
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	\$500.00

INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Payment on Notes	\$1,165.00
Balance to Revenue	35.00
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	\$1,200.00
Appro.	\$1,200.00
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	\$1,200.00

INTEREST ON FUNDED DEBT

Payments	\$1,047.00
Appro.	\$1,047.00

MATURING DEBT.

Paid on Water	
Loans	\$1,000.00
Paid on Refunding	
Loan	1,200.00
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	\$2,200.00
Appro.	\$2,200.00
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	\$2,200.00

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Paid Temporary	
Loans	\$40,000.00
Temporary Loans	\$40,000.00

SUMMARY OF CASH ACCOUNT

Jan. 1, 1927, Cash on hand \$14,709.67

RECEIPTS

1925 and 1926 Taxes	\$34,291.81
1927 Taxes	99,122.85
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	\$133,414.66
Estimated Receipts	32,151.39
Refund to Water Dept.	2.17
Refund to Truck Appro.	23.00
Issue Water Notes	12,000.00
Water Revenue	17,959.83
Temporary Loans	40,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	1,950.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Income	1,681.25
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bonds	3,000.00
New Cemetery Fund	170.00
Benjamin Small Fund Income	257.50

242,609.80

\$257,319.47

EXPENDITURES

State and County Taxes	\$28,476.34
Selectmens Dept.	1,373.75
Assessors Dept.	1,639.84
Tax Collectors Dept.	1,277.95
Town Clerks Dept.	679.73
Treasurers Dept.	840.24
Auditor	120.00
Election Dept.	500.00
Moderator	10.00
Legal Dept.	194.00

Finance Committee	50.00
Town Hall	2,994.18
Police Dept.	4,759.26
Fire Dept.	2,893.00
Sealer, Weights and Measures	400.00
Moth Extermination	483.13
Mosquito Committee	722.65
Tree Warden	5.00
Health — General	769.97
Health — Rubbish	988.64
Visiting Nurse	1,000.00
Inspection — Cattle, Slaughtering, Milk	156.55
Highways — Salaries	2,280.00
Roads and Walks	8,817.32
Truck and Equipment	995.85
Street Lights	3,351.28
Public Welfare Dept.	1,177.58
Public Welfare — Outside Relief	7,979.57
Town Infirmary	2,497.62
Repairs Smith House	239.39
Mothers Aid	487.00
State Aid	216.00
Soldier's Relief	1,244.18
Schools	54,302.26
Relief Grammar and High Schools	16,580.32
Insurance on School Buildings	724.68
Public Library	1,188.97
Memorial Day	150.00
Town Float	249.73
Town Reports	338.18
Water Dept.	17,911.33
Cemeteries	483.91
Extension Main and New Wells	15,000.00
Veterans Graves	50.00

Interest Temporary Loans	1,165.00
Interest Funded Debt	1,047.00
Maturing Debt	2,200.00
Temporary Loans	40,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,950.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bonds	3,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Income	1,681.25
Benjamin Small Fund	276.51
New Cemetery Fund	170.00
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	\$238,088.80
Dec. 31, 1927, Balance on hand	19,230.67
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	\$257,319.47

NOTES PAYABLE

Water Loan Bonds	Net Bonded Debt	\$33,200.00
1928	\$2,000.00	
1929	2,000.00	
1930	2,000.00	
1931	2,000.00	
1932	2,000.00	
1933	2,000.00	
1934	2,000.00	
1935	2,000.00	
1936	2,000.00	
1937	2,000.00	
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Extension Water Main and New Wells:

1928	3,000.00
1929	3,000.00
1930	3,000.00
1931	3,000.00
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	\$12,000.00
Cemetery Refunding Loan:	
1928	1,200.00
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	\$1,200.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Dec. 31, 1927, On hand \$58,724.40

BENJAMIN SMALL'S LIBRARY FUND

Bonds, First Nat'l	
Bank	\$5,000.00
Jan. 1, 1927, Cash on	
hand	70.38
Income 1927	257.50
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	\$5,327.88
Payments 1927	\$276.51
Bal. Dec. 31, 1927	5,051.37
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	\$5,327.88

BENJAMIN SMALL PREMIUM ACCOUNT

Dec. 31, 1927, Balance, Savings Bank \$201.46

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

On Hand, Jan. 1, 1927	\$43,046.33
Bequests 1927	1,950.00
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CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE INCOME

Dec. 31, 1927, Balance	\$4,904.23
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CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE PREMIUM

Dec. 31, 1927, Balance	\$627.20
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NEW CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1927, Balance	\$1,509.02
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LIBRARY CATALOGUE FUND

Dec. 31, 1927, Balance	\$1,434.79
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TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$44,996.33
Cemetery Perpetual Care Income	4,904.23
Cemetery Perpetual Care Premium	627.20
New Cemetery Fund	1,509.02
Benjamin Small Library Fund	5,051.37
Library Catalogue Fund	1,434.79
Benj. Small Premium Account	201.46
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	\$58,724.40

DOG LICENSES

Dogs licensed in Provincetown, year 1927	210
Paid County Treasurer	\$408.00

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1927
GENERAL ACCOUNT

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash:		Balances:	
First National Bank	\$19,230.67	World War Memorial	\$3,000.00
		Overlay Reserve Fund	8,383.90
		Overlay 1925	1,224.80
Due from Tax Collector:		Overlay 1926	1,144.63
1926 Taxes	6,980.28	Overlay 1927	2,608.86
1927 Taxes	37,204.73	Benj. Small Fund	
		Cash on hand	51.37
		Congestion Schools	919.68
		Committee Art. 17	100.00
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			\$17,433.24
		Balance (Surplus)	45,982.44
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	<hr/>		\$63,415.68
	\$63,415.68		

DEBIT ACCOUNT

Net Bonded Debt	\$33,200.00	Water Loans	\$20,000.00
		Extension Water Main and New Wells	12,000.00
		Refunding Loan	1,200.00
			\$33,200.00

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	\$44,996.33
Cash and Securities	\$58,522.94	Cemetery Perp. Care Income	4,904.23
		Cemetery Perp. Care Premium	627.20
		New Cemetery Fund	1,509.02
		Library Catalogue Fund	1,434.79
		Benj. Small Fund	5,051.37
			\$58,522.94

GEORGE S. CHAPMAN,

Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer of Cemetery Trust Fund

Vote of the Town February 15, 1894

“That the Town Treasurer be authorized to receive the money donated to the Town for the care of Cemetery Lots, not less than twenty-five dollars.”

1879 to 1927 Previous Deposits	Amt. of Deposit	Accrued Interest to Oct. 1, 1927	Payments 1927	Condition Oct. 1, 1927
	\$43,046.33	\$5,835.04	\$1,523.25	\$47,358.12
Deposited in 1927				
Alfred Nickerson	500.00	15.00	12.00	503.00
Patrick & Tarvis	200.00	6.00	6.00	200.00
Manuel Brazil	200.00			200.00
E. Walter Loring	175.00			175.00
Matthias W. Burt	150.00			150.00
Daniel Kemp	400.00			400.00
Hugh McFadyen	200.00			200.00
John F. & Eloise G. Joseph	125.00			125.00
	\$44,996.33	\$5,856.04	\$1,541.25	\$49,311.12

The Fund consists of

Bonds at par	\$36,000.00
Deposits Seamen's Savings Bank	6,181.79
Deposit, First National Bank	3,721.12
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	\$45,902.91
Less Premium Account	906.58
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	\$44,996.33

The income from the investment of the fund the past year was \$1993.81. The several accounts were credited with dividends at the rate of four and one-half per cent, requiring \$1,958.05.

The unused balances of the several accounts now amount to \$4,281.41, which amount is on deposit in the Seaman's Savings Bank. The interest now amounts to \$935.38.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. CHAPMAN,

Treasurer.

Sixty-Seventh Annual Report of the Engineers of the Fire Department

FINANCIAL

Salaries to May 1, 1927:

Chief of Department	\$80.00	
Assistant Chief	40.00	
Clerk, Board of Engineers	40.00	
Four Assistant Engineers	80.00	
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Stewards, enginemen, assistant engine-
men and caretakers

	\$345.00	
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1	75.00	
Steamer Co., No. 3	40.00	
Chemical Co., No. 4	55.00	
Truck Co., No. 5	45.00	
Hose Co., No. 1	60.00	
Hose Co., No. 2	55.00	
Hose Co., No. 3	25.00	
Hose Co., No. 4	40.00	
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SUNDRY BILLS TO JAN. 1, 1927

Lights	\$63.58
Telephone	32.04
Water	24.00
Fuel	165.60
Chemical supplies	88.88
Apparatus supplies	170.37

House supplies	112.35	
Apparatus repairs	88.80	
House repairs	76.77	
Hauling Steamer	70.00	
Forest Fires	27.65	
Watching at Fires	18.00	
Labor at Fires	60.00	
Signs on Houses	34.00	
Decorating houses	25.00	
New Hose	500.00	
New Chemical hose	50.00	
Carting and cleaning hose	15.00	
Sundries	27.76	
Flags	28.40	
New ladder	10.80	
State Fire Association	7.00	
Extinguisher and refills	32.00	
Gas Masks	40.00	
Rubber coats and marking	102.50	
Painting Hose Wagon No. 3	28.00	
Soot Destroyer	14.50	
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		\$1,913.00
Balance unexpended		107.00
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		\$3,000.00

APPROPRIATION

Salaries	\$1,000.00
Expenses	1,500.00
New Hose	500.00
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	\$3,000.00

The department collected \$75.00 from the Town of Truro for services, which was used to pay for painting Truck No. 5.

RECORDS OF FIRES FOR 1927

January 10, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 6:30 P. M. for a fire in a garage owned by Dr. Percival J. Eaton, at 627 Commercial Street, caused by an oil stove. The department responded but was not needed as the fire was quickly extinguished. Value of building \$500.00. Value of contents \$2,500.00. Damage to building, none. Damage to contents \$200.00. No insurance on building or contents.

January 14, 1927

A still alarm was given at 7:30 A. M. for a fire in a building owned by F. A. Days & Sons at their sand pit on the State Road. It was caused by the backfiring of their engine. Chemical 4 and Truck 5 responded using two chemical streams but the building was entirely destroyed. Value of building \$400.00. Value of contents \$1,500.00. Loss on building \$400.00. Loss on contents \$1,500.00. Insurance on building \$300.00. Insurance on contents \$1,200.00. Chemical used 110 gallons.

February 13, 1927

A still alarm was given at 7:05 A. M. for a fire in a house owned by Mrs. Mary Days at No. 11 Washington Avenue. The house was occupied by Mrs. Days on the lower floor and by Edwin Andrews the upper floor. Cause of the fire unknown. Value of the building \$4,000.00. Value of contents \$3,000.00. Insurance on building \$2,000.00. Damage to building \$70.00. Damage to contents none.

April 4, 1927

A still alarm was given at 7:00 A. M. for a fire in a cottage owned by Mrs. John G. Silva at 153 Commercial Street, caused by design. The fire was set in four different rooms and burnt itself out before it was discovered by Manuel Silva. Value of building \$1,500.00. Value of contents \$500.00. Insurance on building \$750.00. Damage to building \$80.00. No damage to contents.

April 15, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 9:40 P. M. for a fire in a cottage owned by Russell C. Jones on Atkins Mayo Road, caused by design. The department responded, using only one piece of apparatus, Hose 1, and soon extinguished the blaze. Value of building \$7,000.00. Value of contents \$2,500.00. Insurance on building \$5,000.00. Insurance on contents \$2,000.00. Damage to building \$2,600.00. Damage to Contents \$775.00. Hose used 600 feet. Water used 2,500 gallons.

June 3, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 10:20 P. M. for a fire in a cottage owned by Miss Adele C. Crane at No. 659 Commercial Street, caused by a cigarette. The department responded, using four pieces of apparatus, Hose 1, Hose 2, Truck 5, and Chemical 4. The building was doomed before the arrival of the apparatus and was completely destroyed. Cottages owned by Charles Doty at 661 Commercial Street and Mrs. Matilda Perry at No. 657 Commercial Street caught fire from this one but the fires were extinguished by the firemen. Value of Crane Cottage \$3,000.00. Value of contents \$2,000.00. Insurance on cottage and contents \$3,950.00. A total loss. Insurance on Doty Cottage and contents

\$4,000.00. Damage to same \$1,129.20. Insurance on Perry Cottage and contents \$6,000.00. Damage to same \$1,173.50. Hose used 2,000 feet. Water used 15,000 gallons. Chemical used 110 gal.

July 4, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 9:15 P. M. for a fire on the roof of a house at No. 7 Standish Street, owned by Mrs. Ellen Fraga, caused by fireworks. The department responded, using one piece of apparatus, Truck 5, which extinguished the blaze with a chemical stream. Value of Building \$3,500.00. Value of contents \$1,500.00. Insurance on building and contents \$2,700.00. Damage to building \$20.00.

July 5, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 9:10 A.M. for a fire on a gasoline boat lying at Railroad Wharf. The boat was owned by Louise Nelson and Manuel P. Silva. The fire was caused by the backfiring of the engine. The department responded, using chemical streams from two pieces of apparatus, Chemical 4 and Truck 5. The boat was a total loss. Value of boat \$6,000.00. Value of contents \$2,000.00. No insurance. Chemical used 110 gallons.

August 15, 1927

A still alarm was given at 6:30 P. M. for a fire in a house owned by Joseph Avellar and occupied by Manuel Henrique on upper floor, at No. 439 Commercial Street, caused by an oil stove. Value of building \$3,500.00. Value of contents \$800.00. Insurance on building \$1,000.00. No insurance on contents. Damage to building \$25.00. Damage to contents \$20.00.

September 1, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 12:15 A. M. for a fire at No. 339 Commercial Street in a building owned by the Estate of J. D. Hilliard and occupied by Higgins Lumber Co. on lower floor and as a sailloft by J. A. McGuire on the upper floor. The fire was caused by design. The department responded and four pieces of apparatus were used, Hose 1, Hose 2, Truck 5, and Chemical 4. Value of building \$2,000.00. Value of contents \$6,500.00. Insurance on building \$1,000.00. Insurance on contents \$4,500.00. Damage to building \$700.00. Damage to contents \$1,100.00. Hose used 650 feet. Water used 7,500 gallons. Chemical used 110 gallons.

September 10, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 9:25 P. M. for a fire in a house at No. 211 Bradford Street, owned by Frederick Marvin and occupied by Cesco as a restaurant. It was caused by an overheated chimney and did considerable damage. The department used four pieces of apparatus, Hose 1, Hose 2, Truck 5 and Chemical 4. Value of building \$4,500.00. Value of contents \$5,000.00. Insurance on building \$4,500.00. Insurance on contents \$1,000.00. Damage to building \$1,200.00. Damage to contents \$2,970.00. Hose used 800 feet. Water used 11,250 gallons. Chemical used 110 gallons.

September 15, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 9:15 P. M. for a fire in the barrel factory owned by Taylor Brothers, on the north side of Bradford Street, caused by design. The department responded using four pieces of apparatus, Hose 1, Hose 2, Truck 5, and Chemical 4. Value of building \$5,000.00. Value of contents \$4,500.00. Insurance on building and contents

\$4,000.00. Damage to building \$1,500.00. Damage to contents \$1,640.00. Hose used 900 feet. Water used 15,000 gallons. Chemical used 110 gal.

September 18, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 1:50 A. M. for a fire in the building at No. 307 Commercial Street owned by the Board of Trade Association, caused by design. The department responded, using two pieces of apparatus, Chemical 4 and Truck 5. Value of building \$12,000.00. Value of contents \$2,000.00. Insurance on building and contents \$7,000.00. Damage to building \$2,925.00. Damage to contents \$500.00. Hose used 250 feet. Water used 3,750 gal. Chemical used 75 gallons.

October 2, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 11:55 P. M. for a fire, caused by design, in the buildings at Nos. 251-253 Commercial Street, owned by Matilda A. Small. The main building was occupied by Miss Small on the upper floor and by Burch's Bakery on the lower floor. The building was saved after a hard fight; during the progress of the fire it caught the adjoining building occupied as a boat shop on the lower floor by J. C. Small and on the upper floor by the Nautilus Club. Sparks set fire to the roof of the house owned by John Y. Cook and to the roof of the I. O. O. F. building on Bradford street but these were extinguished with little damage. Hose 1, Hose 2, Truck 5, and Chemical 4 were used at the fire. Value of Miss Small's buildings \$9,000.00. Value of contents \$6,000.00. Insurance on buildings \$2,790.70. Insurance on contents \$1,800.00. Damage to building \$4,471.00. Damage to contents \$1,400.00. Damage to John Y. Cook's

house \$90.00. Insurance on same \$1,500.00. Damage to I. O. O. F. Hall roof \$40.00. Insurance on building \$4,500.00. Hose used 1,450 feet. Water used 22,500 gallons. Chemical used 75 gallons.

October 15, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 9:00 P. M. for a fire at the milk farm, owned by Joseph Steele & Sons, at the north end of Winthrop Street, caused by design. The barn was all ablaze before the alarm was given and was destroyed with all the cattle. Hose 1, Hose 2, Truck 5, and Chemical 4 responded to the alarm. Value of the building \$8,000.00. Value of contents \$3,000.00. Insurance on building \$7,000.00. No insurance on contents. Loss on building \$8,000.00 and on contents \$3,000.00. Hose used 2,000 feet. Water used 22,500 gallons. Chemical used 145 gallons.

November 1, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 1:45 A. M. for a fire on Good Templar Street, caused by design, in the Puritan Cold Storage Building, owned by the Town of Provincetown. Two other buildings near by caught fire, a house owned by the Estate of Capt. Manuel Costa and a fish store owned by Mr. E. N. Paine. After a hard battle the fires were extinguished, the Cold Storage and Costa house being a total loss. The department used all their apparatus and succeeded in preventing the fire from spreading to other buildings. Hose 1-2-3-4-5, Ladder 1, Steamer 3, and Chemical 4 were used. Value of Cold Storage Building \$30,000.00. Value of contents \$50,000.00. No insurance, a total loss. Value Costa House \$1,500.00. Insurance on same \$1,000.00. Value Paine's store \$500.00. Insured \$500.00. Hose used 3,500 feet. Water used 30,000 gallons. Chemical used 180 gal.

December 4, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 8:40 P. M. for a chimney fire in the house, owned by Lila T. Iris and occupied on the upper floor by Henry Smith at No. 226 Commercial Street. It was caused by soot in the chimney. Only one piece of apparatus was used, Chemical 4, and extinguished the blaze with little damage. Value of building \$7,000.00. Insurance on building \$5,000.00. Damage to building \$75.00. No damage to contents. Chemical used 10 gallons.

December 9, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 5:45 A. M. for a fire in the house owned by Mr. Frank A. Days at No. 353 Commercial Street caused by a spark from a lighted match. The department responded, using two pieces of apparatus, Chemical 4 and Truck 5, and soon extinguished the fire. Value of building \$6,000.00. Value of contents \$4,000.00. Insurance on building \$6,000.00. Insurance on contents \$1,000.00. Damage to building \$270.00. Damage to contents \$100.00. Hose used 100 feet. Water used 375 gallons. Chemical used 110 gallons.

December 22, 1927

An alarm was sounded at 9:50 A. M. for a fire in the house owned by Mrs. Lena Van Biene at No. 300 Commercial Street, caused by putting a hot stove cloth in a clothes closet. The department used two pieces of apparatus, Chemical 4 and Truck 5, and soon extinguished the blaze. Value of building \$7,000.00. Value of contents \$5,000.00. Insurance on building \$7,000.00. Insurance on contents \$5,000.00. Damage to building \$567.25. Damage to contents \$1,670.25. Chemical used 35 gallons.

Amount of loss by fire during the year	\$135,231.20
Amount of insurance on same	93,990.70

FIRE ALARM

The Town has been divided into three Fire Districts:

First: From West End to Court Street.

Second: From Court Street to Johnson Street.

Third: From Johnson Street to East End.

The Fire Alarm whistles will blow the regular fire alarm of four blasts followed by one for the first district, two for the second district, and three for the third district.

HOUSES

During the year No. 3 Hose Wagon and Auto Truck 5 have been painted. No. 3 house will need shingling, painting and some papering and No. 4 house will need a new platform this year.

APPARATUS

We try to keep the apparatus in good condition and ready for use. At present it consists of the following: One Steam Fire Engine, One Auto Combination Truck, one Double Tank Chemical Truck, one Auto Ladder Truck, two Auto Hose Trucks, one hose Wagon, and three Hose Reels, also two Hand Engines in reserve.

HOSE

We have now on hand 9,400 feet of two and one-half inch cotton rubber lined hose, 1,450 feet are new, 7,350 feet are good and 600 feet are very poor.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1928

Salaries	\$1,000.00
Expenses	1,500.00
New Hose	500.00
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	\$3,000.00

JAMES H. BARNETT,
T. JULIAN LEWIS,
THOMAS J. LOPES,
JOSEPH PERRY,
L. A. LAW,
JOHN J. LEONARD,
JAMES E. CALLAHAN,

Engineers of Fire Department.

Public Welfare Department

Overseers, Salaries	\$1,080.00
Printing & Postage	36.30
Telephone	42.92
Groceries & Provisions	4,046.69
Fuel	801.35
Medical	306.00
State Institutions	130.00
Board & Care	65.00
Cash Aid	2,405.26
Other Cities & Towns	136.82
All Other	106.81
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	\$9,157.15
Balance	22.85
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	\$9,180.00
Appro. Salaries	\$1,080.00
Appro. Public Welfare	8,000.00
Appro. Public Welfare Expense	100.00
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	\$9,180.00

MOTHERS AID

Cash Aid & Coal	\$487.00
Balance	513.00
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	\$1,000.00
Appro.	\$1,000.00

TOWN INFIRMARY

Matrons Salary	\$400.00
Groceries & Prov.	1,168.85
Clothing	20.01
Repairs	94.61
Labor	29.60
Medical	72.86
Fuel & Light	477.49
Telephone	28.46
Water Rate	30.00
All Other	175.74
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	\$2,497.62
Balance	2.38
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	\$2,500.00
Appro.	\$2,500.00

REPAIRS TO SMITH HOUSE

Labor & Material	\$239.39
Balance	60.61

\$300.00

Appro.	\$300.00
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JESSE D. ROGERS,
FRANK H. BARNETT,
JOHN R. MANTA,
Board of Public Welfare.

List of Jurors

Alves, Frank S. Jr.	Bradford	Machinist
Allen, George M.	Commercial	Merchant
Adams, William	Commercial	Laborer
Butler, Joseph H.	Alden	Laborer
Burke, James M.	Commercial	Retired
Benson, Clarence	Center	Machinist
Baker, Benjamin A.	Pearl	Baggage Master
Boatman, William	Mechanic	Clerk
Brown, Obadiah	Winslow	Carpenter
Chapman, Benjamin R.	Commercial	Merchant
Chapman, Arthur	Commercial	Fireman
Campbell, Thomas	Commercial	Laborer
Cabral, Joseph	Commercial	Merchant
Dennis, John	Bradford	Agent S. O. Co.
Dennis, Antone	Law	Laborer
Dutra, Leno	Commercial	Merchant
Dearborn, Fred H.	Winslow	Merchant
Eastman, Harry L.	Commercial	Hotel Prop.
Fisher, Frederick A.	Bradford	Retired
Francis, Antone	Commercial	Merchant
Freeman, Alvin L.	Pearl	Laborer
Freeman, Reuben N.	Pleasant	Laborer
Gayland, William R.	Bradford	Engineer
Goodwin, Stillman R.	Commercial	Engineer
Marshall, Joseph	Race	Merchant
Morris, Matthias M.	Commercial	Retired
McKenzie, Lawrence N.	Commercial	Manager
Miller, George F.	Winthrop	Clerk

Nickerson, Charles E.	Commercial	Merchant
Potter, Frank E.	Winslow	Hotel Pro.
Patrick, Levi	Bradford	Laborer
Paine, Joshua	Commercial	Hotel Prop.
Parker, Theodore O.	Atlantic Ave.	Retired
Prada, Manuel M.	Court	Plumber
Rogers, George	Commercial	Merchant
Roberts, Joseph	Center	R. R. Agent
Snow, Louis M.	Commercial	Clerk
Stiff, Walter G.	Commercial	Merchant
Silva, John S.	Commercial	Merchant
Silva, Manuel E.	Pearl	Retired
Silva, Manuel	Commercial	Merchant
Silva, John F.	Bangs	Retired
Taylor, William W.	Center	Merchant
Turner, James R.	Commercial	Express Agent
Watson, Horace	Court	Merchant
Warren, Paul D.	Bradford	Retired
Williams, Charles F.	Brewster	Merchant
Williams, Fred A.	Commercial	Clerk
Woods, Manuel S.	Commercial	Laborer
Young, George B.	Commercial	Retired

JURORS DRAWN IN 1927

Alves, Frank S. Jr.	Machinist
Boatman, William	Clerk
Brown, Obadiah	Carpenter
Chapman, Benjamin R.	Merchant
McKinize, Lawrence N.	Manager
Morris, Matthias M.	Retired
Dearborn, Fred	Merchant
Patrick, Levi	Laborer
Parker, Theodore O.	Retired
Roberts, Joseph	R. R. Agt.
Williams, Chas. F.	Merchant

Report of Visiting Nurse Association

Provincetown, Mass.

Jan. 7, 1928.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Dear Sirs:—

The Visiting Nursing Association submits the following report of nursing service for the year ending December 31, 1927.

Nursing Visits	1,197
Infant Welfare	30
Pre-natal	13
Tuberculosis	48
Child Welfare	17
Follow up	40
Friendly	40
Maternity	39
Free work (Nursing visits)	157
	<hr/> 1,581

H. L. COONEY, R. N.,
 MARY A. O'NEIL,
 Sec. of Ex. Board.

Report of Water Department

To the Citizens of Provincetown:

The Board of Water Commissioners submit to you the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1927.

Total amount of water pumped in 1927	100,280,764 gals.
Largest month, June	11,974,741 gals.
Smallest month, January	6,959,544 gals.
Largest day, May 12th	503,375 gals.
Smallest day, January 2nd.	169,350 gals.

EXPENDITURES

Pumping Station	
Engineers	\$2,800.00
Coal	1,375.06
Labor on Coal	168.43
Freight	2,087.41
Labor	158.40
Repairs and labor on Coal Bin and Hose house	973.62
Insurance	81.56
Taxes, Town of Truro, Massachusetts	13.20
Telephone	53.15
Supplies	367.86
Carting	3.00
Track rent	1.00
Track repairs	640.31
Re-tubing Boilers	779.10
Welding Boilers	122.50
	\$9,624.60

General Expense:

Water Commissioners	\$300.00
Superintendent	1,500.00
Collector and Clerk	519.96
Supplies and printing	271.47
Telephone	9.90
Painting and repairs on Stand Pipe	509.91
Express	.68
	\$3,111.92

Service:

Supplies	\$2,116.32
Labor	1,651.91
Carting	28.50
Freight and Express	37.48
Insurance	143.13
Telephone	48.60
Car hire, on service work	720.00
Meters repaired	422.05
Freight on repaired meters	6.82
	\$5,174.81

Total expenditures

\$17,911.33

RECEIPTS

Water revenue, track repair credit and material sold	\$17,911.33	
Revenue of 1926 paid Treasurer	48.50	48.50
	\$17,959.83	\$17,959.83

EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN AT PUMPING STATION

Appropriated February 14th, 1927	\$15,000.00
John R. Dyer, elevations and estimate	\$45.77

Henry A. Symonds, study and plans	25.00
Postage	1.50
Advertising on bids	1.00
Setting grades for excavations	48.75
F. A. Days and Sons, part-payment on contract	5,000.00
John R. Dyer, grade for laying pipe	7.75
F. A. Days and Sons, part-payment on contract	4,000.00
Telephone	1.48
John R. Dyer, inspection and report	15.00
Henry A. Symonds, engineering service	313.75
Paige Brothers Garage, car hire	4.00
F. A. Days and Sons, part-payment on contract	3,506.90
F. A. Days and Sons, final payment on contract	2,029.10
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	\$15,000.00 \$15,000.00

BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING

New supply: \$20,000.00—4½ percent due November 1928—
—1937 inclusive, \$2,000.00 each.

Extension of main at Pumping Station; \$15,000.00—4½
percent due April 1927—1931 inclusive, \$3,000.00 each.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PAIGE, Chairman,
JOSEPH A. DAYS,
JOHN J. LEONARD,
Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Provincetown:

The Board of Health submit its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1927.

The low number of contagious disease cases reported to the Board of Health is due chiefly to the co-operation of the citizens with the board.

The following is a summary of the report of communicable diseases as received by this department:

Whooping cough	19
Scarlet fever	13
Chicken-pox	10
Typhoid fever	1
Poliomyelitis	1
Mumps	1

The Board will welcome any suggestion, whereby it may be able to keep the town in a better sanitary condition and promise that any and all complaints made from sincere persons will be thoroughly investigated and speedily remedied, in so far as our authority may allow.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN A. WHELDEN, Chairman,
EDWIN W. SMITH, Inspector,
GEORGE W. CASHMAN, Secretary.

Report of Police Department

To the Honor Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I herewith respectfully submit my annual report of the Police Department of the Town of Provincetown for the year ending December 31, 1927.

Total number of persons arrested	58	
Male	49	
Female	9	
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	58	

Offences for which arrests were made and disposition of same

	Male	Female	Total
Adultery			2
Found guilty and fine imposed	1	1	
Assault and Battery			12
Found guilty and fine imposed	4		
Found guilty and placed on probation	4		
Found guilty and placed on file		1	
Found guilty and continued for disputation	1	1	
Found not guilty and discharged		1	
Bastardy			2
Found guilty and fine imposed, and ordered to make weekly payments	2		
Breaking and Entering			1
Found guilty and sentenced to house of correction	1		
Destroying Property			1

Found not guilty and discharged	1		
Drunkenness			12
Found guilty and fine imposed	5		
Found guilty and placed on file	4		
Found guilty and released	2		
Found not guilty and discharged		1	
Interfering with officer in performance of duty			1
Found guilty and fine imposed		1	
Injury to personal property			3
Found guilty and sentenced to house of correction	1		
Found not guilty and discharged	2		
Larceny			5
Found guilty and sentenced to Reformatory at Concord	1		
Found guilty and placed on file	2		
Found guilty and placed on probation	2		
Lewd Wanton and Lascivious			1
Found guilty and sentenced to State Farm at Bridgewater	1		
Motor Vehicles Laws			4
Operating Auto without License			
Found guilty and fine imposed	1	2	
Found guilty and placed on file		1	
Violation of Auto Speed Law			2
Found guilty and fine imposed	2		
Operating Auto in a manner to endanger lives and safety			1
Found not guilty and discharged	1		
Operating Auto in Violation of Traffic Rules			1
Found guilty and fine imposed	1		
Non-support			2
Found guilty and sentenced to House of Correction	2		

Non-support of Minor Children	4
Found guilty and ordered to make weekly payments	1
Found guilty and sentenced suspended, and probation	1
Found guilty and continued for disputation	1
Found not guilty and discharged	1
Offensive Language	2
Found guilty and fine imposed	2
Violation of Parole	1
Committed to State Farm	1
Milk Law Violation	1
Found guilty and fine imposed	1

SUMMARY

<i>Offence</i>	<i>Fines</i>
Adultery	\$300.00
Assault and Battery	70.00
Bastardy	100.00
Drunkenness	75.00
Interfering with officer in performance of duty	25.00
Motor Vehicles Laws	55.00
Offensive Language	40.00
Milk Law Violation	50.00
Total	\$715.00
Accidents Reported	32
Accidents Investigated	24
Complaints Received	74
Complaints Investigated	41
Disturbances Suppressed	5
Property Stolen	\$424.00
Property Recovered	\$344.00

Stray Dogs Cared For	3
Street Lights Reported Out	15
Warning to Automobile Operators	78
Number of Dogs Licensed	210
Male	200
Female	10
Total	210

CONCLUSION

I realize that whatever measure of success we have achieved in maintaining law and order is owing to the cooperation of the Court and other Town Officials and to the fact that the greater part of our people are orderly and law abiding.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. WILLIAMS,
Chief of Police.

Report of the Collector of Taxes

To the Citizens of Provincetown:

I respectfully submit to you my report for the year ending December 31st, 1927:

1925

Balance outstanding December 31st, 1926		\$7,498.79
Paid Treasurer per vouchers	\$6,855.92	
Abatements	642.87	
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	\$7,498.79	\$7,498.79

Interest paid, \$651.82

1926

Balance outstanding December 31st, 1926		\$34,570.22
Paid Treasurer per vouchers	\$27,435.89	
Abatements	154.05	
Balance	6,980.28	
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	\$34,570.22	\$34,570.22

1927

Taxes committed by Assessors for the year 1927		
Taxes on Polls		\$ 2,012.00
Taxes on Personal Estate		17,595.23
Taxes on Real Estate		118,131.63
Additional Assessment		217.00

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Paid Treasurer per vouchers	\$99,122.85
Abatements	78.28
Credit, Tax title	1,550.00
Balance	37,204.73

\$137,955.86 \$137,955.86

Interest paid Treasurer, \$59.76.

Respectfully,

JOHN A. DUTRA, Collector of Taxes.

Annual Report of the Provincetown Public Library

Dec. 31, 1927

Town Appropriation	\$1,200.00
Paid:—	
Abbie C. Putnam, Librarian	\$420.00
Carrie W. Small, Assistant	6.25
John F. Francis, Janitor	30.00
Edward Agna, Janitor	90.00
J. D. Hilliard Co., coal	134.07
F. J. Barnard Co., rebinding	42.45
Assistants at Library	152.61
Joseph Patrick, magazines	47.00
Wm. H. Young, insurance	47.30
Mary Ferreira, cleaning	30.70
Viola Cook, cleaning	7.20
Provincetown Advocate, printing	7.50
Provincetown Light & Power Co., lights	49.22
Chas. E. Lauriatt Co., books	33.80
Town of Provincetown, water	12.00
Higgins Lumber Co.	4.08
Decorating Building, anniversary	15.00
E. J. Rivard, labor	2.50
American Library Association	2.30
Library Bureau	2.00
H. M. Merserve Co., rebinding	2.32
Jas. E. Atkins	15.70
Benj. R. Atwood, labor	2.80
H. W. Wilson Co.	7.70

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Library Bureau	2.30
Incidentals	22.17
Balance	11.03

\$1,200.00 \$1,200.00

We recommend an appropriation of \$1,200.00 for the year 1928. Edwin N. Paine, Isaiah A. Small, Harry LeB. Stalker, Myrick C. Atwood, William H. Young, Clarence L. Curley, Howard F. Hopkins, Irving L. Rosenthal, Walter G. Cashman.

Trustees of the Public Library.

CATALOGUE FUND

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1926	\$1,307.90
Received from fines, catalogues	78.65
Dividends, Seamen's Savings Bank	58.24
	\$1,444.79
Paid Librarian of Congress, card catalogue	10.00
	\$1,434.79

BENJAMIN SMALL FUND, PREMIUM ACCOUNT

Balance on hand, December 31, 1926	\$192.71
Dividends	8.75
	\$201.46

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1927

Number of books Dec. 31, 1926	16,699
Number of books purchased, 1927	147
Number of books received from state	8

Number of books received from U. S.	2
Number of books donated	11
Number of books withdrawn	1
Present number of books	16,866
Number of periodicals	17
Number of names added, 1927	116
Circulation for the year	16,521
Circulation 1926 less than last year	
New books to replace old	21
Fines and catalogues	\$78.65

1927

616 strangers visited the library	
135 selected books for home use	
Circulation of books among them, 899	
Circulation 575 less than last year	
Visitor's fund	\$67.50

DONATIONS, 1927

A gift of 2 books from Mrs. G. H. Crooker.
Diamonds, pearls and precious stones from Mrs. Carrie E. M. Adams.

Common trees of Mass. from Amer. tree association.

The road to the temple from Susan Glaspell.

The drums of jeopardy from E. D. R. MacRae.

Historic girls from Miss Jennie Y. Freeman.

A gift of 4 books.

The Mary Frances sewing book from Miss Frances C. Gifford.

A gift of 3 books, pamphlets and pictures from the Hispanic Society of America.

Etah and beyond from Donald B. MacMillan.

National geographic magazine from E. N. Paine.

Our dumb animals.

The new republic.

Antiques from Mrs. S. S. Wheeler.

Report of the "Mosquito" Committee

To the Honorable the Board of Selectmen:

The Committee on Mosquito extermination has planned and carried into effect, during the year, several schemes for the abatement of this nuisance. A survey of a large part of the Town was made by members of the Committee, assisted by the State Forester and the Boy Scouts. The latter were extremely helpful in the matter of oil distribution on stagnant water, and it is pertinent to record that what they did last summer has been made the basis for one phase of the Conservation program of the Cape Cod Council of the Boy Scouts of Barnstable County for this and subsequent years.

Hearty co-operation was given by the Cemetery Commission, the New Haven Railroad, some of the large oil companies, and many of the Townspeople, especially in the matter of "cleaning up."

The garage owners of the Town have placed at our disposal their used crank-case oil, and we had one or two substantial gifts of oil from operators who had been to Provincetown and liked it. It was necessary to purchase only a small quantity of oil, and that to thin the crank-case oil.

Altho the Summer was exceedingly wet, and therefore most favorable for the breeding of mosquitos, it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that there was a marked diminution in the number of mosquitoes, and that, in comparison with the known conditions in neighboring towns, we were comparatively free from this pest.

If an appropriation is granted for 1928, (and we believe results obtained in 1927 warrant it), the Committee plans to

do some preliminary work in February and March, oiling some spots not accessible in Spring and Summer. It is also planned to do some permanent work (ditching), if any of the desired appropriation is available in the Fall. The Committee deeply appreciates the co-operation of the various Civic and Social organizations of the Town, both in helping to obtain the appropriation, and in following out, as individuals, the recommendations of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR M. M. COUREE, Secy.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

Your Cemetery Commissioners wish to submit for your approval the following report for the year 1927.

Appropriation	\$500.00
Expenses on the Town Cemeteries.	
Gabriel Holmes, labor	\$141.90
Charles Williams, labor	141.90
William Pierce, labor	85.00
George W. Watson, labor	50.00
John A. Cook, labor	10.00
H. D. Taylor, labor	10.00
B. H. Dyer & Co., supplies	3.00
Higgins Lumber Co., supplies	12.11
George W. Watson, salary	10.00
John A. Cook, salary	10.00
H. D. Taylor, salary	10.00
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Balance unexpended	<hr/> \$16.09

We recommend that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for improvements on the Town Cemeteries.

JOHN A. COOK,
H. D. TAYLOR,
GEO. W. WATSON,
Cemetery Commissioners

Report of Inspector of Milk

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

Dairies inspected monthly and all were found to be in very good sanitary condition.

There were no complaints received.

Number of licenses issued were 35.

All cows have been thoroughly inspected.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE W. WATSON,
Milk Inspector.

Report of Inspector of Slaughtering

To the Board of Health:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:—

I submit the following report as Inspector of Slaughtering for the year ending December 31, 1927.

The following were inspected and passed:

33 Hogs; and 1 calf.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. CHAPMAN,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

ASSESSORS REPORT

Valuation April 1st, 1927	
Real Estate	
Buildings	\$2,810,325.00
Land	1,000,373.00
	\$3,810,698.00
Personal Estate	
Tangible property	567,588.00
	\$4,378,286.00
Total valuation of the Town	
Tax Rate \$31.00 per \$1,000	
Tax Levied for 1927	
Town expenditures	\$104,563.38
County Tax	16,444.59
State Tax	8,160.00
State Tax (Special)	3.75
Highway Tax	3,868.00
Overlay	2,687.14
	\$135,726.86
Poll Tax	2,012.00
	\$137,738.86
December Assessment	
Real Estate	\$1,500.00
Personal Estate	5,500.00
	\$7,000.00

Number of persons assessed on property	1,427
Number of persons assessed on polls	1,006
Number of persons assessed on polls only	373
Number of horses assessed	31
Number of cows assessed	27
Number of fowl assessed	500
Number of dwellings assessed	1,191
Number of acres of land assessed	719
Population for 1925 census	3,787
Registered male voters	843
Registered female voters	769

EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Cemeteries	\$3,500.00
Churches	60,800.00
Fire Department	10,000.00
Monument Assoc.	100,000.00
Public Library	10,000.00
Public Schools	53,400.00
Smith House	2,200.00
State of Mass.	8,000.00
Town Hall	150,000.00
Town Home	8,000.00
U. S. Government	5,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. MANTA,
FRANK H. BARNETT,
JESSE D. ROGERS,

Assessors of Provincetown.

REPORT OF AUDITOR

The Auditor of the Town has carefully examined the accounts of the Town's Treasurer, and also those of the Trust Funds; and submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1927.

Balance in Town Treasury, Jan. 1, 1927	\$14,709.67
Receipts for the year 1927	242,609.80
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	\$257,319.47
Payments for the year 1927	\$238,088.80
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1927	19,230.67
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	\$257,319.47

TRUST FUNDS

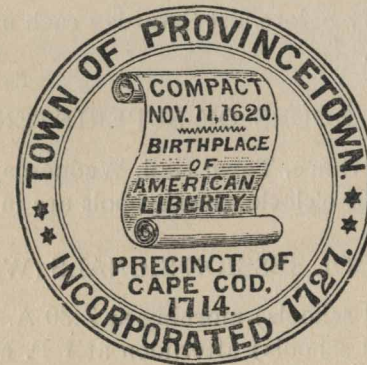
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds, Dec. 31, 1927	\$44,996.33
Cemetery Perpetual Care Income	4,904.23
Cemetery Perpetual Care Premium	627.20
New Cemetery Fund	1,509.02
Benjamin Small Library Fund	5,051.37
Library Catalogue Fund (Savings Bank)	1,434.79
Benjamin Small Premium Acct. Dec. 31, 1927	201.46
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	\$58,724.40

Respectfully submitted,

MARY A. O'NEIL,

Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
School Committee
AND
Superintendent of Schools
OF
Provincetown, Mass.
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1927



SCHOOL BOARD

Frank A. Days, Jr., Chairman	Term expires 1928
John S. Silva, Secretary	Term expires 1929
Emanuel A. DeWager	Term expires 1930

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Charles A. Harris Tel. 118-4

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

C. P. Curley, M. D. Tel. 40

SCHOOL NURSE

Angie Prada
Substitute — Mrs. Marion Barnett

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

John A. King

BOARD MEETINGS

Every Tuesday before last Saturday each month at Town Hall, 7:30 P. M.

OFFICE HOURS OF SUPERINTENDENT

School Board Office, Town Hall, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:00 o'clock when schools are in session.

NO SCHOOL SESSION SIGNALS (Whistles)

No school (all schools) morning at 7:30 A. M.
No school (all schools) afternoon at 1 P. M.
Signal—one long, one short, sounded twice.

School Committee Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1927

To the Citizens of the Town of Provincetown:

We are pleased to submit for your approval, the following report.

According to the school census and a check of the census of 1926 we find all children of school-age where they belong, in school.

Our school system has not yet attained its highest efficiency because pupils who had not been prepared to advance were allowed to go on, but we are gaining steadily and the evil is being corrected as rapidly as is consistent with good progress.

The High and Grammar schools are now operating on full time and each in its own building.

The elementary grades are now nicely taken care of by the new arrangement of rooms in the center and western buildings.

The school for the mentally retarded is going at top speed and a great deal of good is being accomplished there. A visit to this school would surprise most of us, as a matter of fact, if more parents and citizens would visit the schools the Committee would be greatly pleased.

The High School building needs some attention on the outside and some paintings on the inside that should be done this year.

The Eastern School should be painted on the outside in addition to a few minor repairs and two rooms refinished on the inside.

The Center and Western buildings should go along without much attention for some time, excepting that they should be painted in the very near future.

The Bradford and Conant St. buildings should require very little attention for some time.

Last winter a Spelling Contest was held between the pupils of like grades in the different schools. This was very interesting and beneficial to the pupils. It was also greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

The High School activities have been somewhat handicapped during the past year. They receive invitations and challenges to partake in school sports but because of lack of financial support are unable to accept. We feel that the citizens should appropriate \$200.00 to be spent under the direction of the School Committee for school activities in the High School and so recommend it.

Every teacher in our schools has fitted herself or himself better for their work by taking special courses and getting State credits for them. It was a pleasure to know that every teacher, without exception, successfully passed these examinations. A great deal of credit is due to Superintendent Mr. Harris for his untiring efforts in making this possible.

In order that the Committee may not be compelled each year to hire new and inexperienced teachers for the High School, we would recommend the following: Change the present system in increase of \$100.00 each year making a maximum of \$1300.00, to an increase of \$100.00 each year until a maximum of \$1,500.00 is reached. The Committee feels that the Town would be well repaid for the extra expenditure.

The Committee will be pleased to receive suggestions for the betterment of the school system, from any citizen.

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held in their room in Town Hall at 7:30 on the Tuesday before

the last Saturday of each month.

For the maintainance of the schools for the present school year we recommend an appropriation of \$52,939.79.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. DAYE, Jr., Chairman,
JOHN S. SILVA, Secretary,
E. A. DeWAGER,

School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of Provincetown:

I herewith submit for your consideration my second annual report.

PROGRESS

This school year opened in September, 1927, with a marvelously improved school system. During the last school year the High School and the Grammar School used the present High School building on part time, the High School having a morning session, including recess, of only 4½ hours and the Grammar School an afternoon session of 4 hours. Not only were we handicapped by the short sessions but by other factors. Since the Grammar School entered the building at 12:30 and remained until 4:30 the High School pupils were deprived of any after-session work, and it was not advantageous to keep the Grammar School pupils after the regular closing time. The pupils lost time and extra private instruction so needed by many pupils. Again, responsibility for loss or misplacement of books and supplies was difficult to place.

In brief the building is adapted to only one school. The problem of improving conditions was taken up and several plans suggested, namely:

1. A new building for the High School.
2. A new building for the Grammar School.
3. The purchase of portable buildings.

4. A new building for a Senior-Junior High School.
5. Dividing with partitions three of the four rooms at the Center School and the Western respectively.

By centering upon plan 5 we could use the High School building for High School solely and on full time. We could give the Governor Bradford School, which had been devoted to the grades, to the Grammar School on full time. This necessitated finding six school rooms somewhere, inasmuch as the Conant Street School, which was used for elementary work was needed for our special School, compulsory by State Law.

By increasing the number of rooms at the Center and at the Western Schools to the number of three each, the necessary rooms for all schools was provided.

Never within my experience, has so much been done for a school system for so little money.

The school system of Provincetown to-day, with Elementary Schools (grades 1-6), its Grammar and High Schools in separate buildings and on full time, is worthy of our continued support.

Within the elementary schools themselves we have a condition conducive to most excellent results, namely, only 32 pupils per teacher throughout. With only one grade per teacher and with this number of pupils Provincetown outranks many larger places in these respects.

Our elementary schools are giving better preparation for the Grammar School, the Grammar for the High School and the High School cannot but produce better scholarship as time goes on.

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

The Course in Mental and Educational Tests and Measurements, mentioned in our last report, was given by the

superintendent of schools under the direction of the Department of University Extension, said course terminating in March 1927. State credit was given to all members of the class after an objective examination.

The members of the class were as follows:

Hubert F. Gilgan	George W. Leyden
Gladys M. Walmsley	Ethel P. Rothwell
Phebe E. Freeman	Marion L. Carey
Mary V. Gallagher	Mertie A. Kelley
Katherine I. MacIntyre	Edith M. King
Nina S. Williams	Helen M. Sylvia
Mrs. Mary A. O'Neil	Mrs. Clara L. Watson

Since the beginning of this school year a class of 19 adults was organized, and another course in Measurements was completed in December. State credit after an objective examination is due the following persons:

Nora Perry	Mary A. Perry
Bessie E. Corea	Miriam Corea
Josephine Jacobs	Catherine B. Jason
Lillian N. Brooks	Mary J. Jacobs
Annabel MacQuarrie	Jennie M. Barton
Frances De Riggs	Blanche A. Holmes
Hilda Dennis	Mary I. Martin
Mrs. Virginia Williams	Ruth Simmons
Mrs. Ethel Collinson	Mrs. Mary C. Enos

AT WHAT AGE SHOULD A CHILD ENTER THE FIRST GRADE?

The State law does not require a child to attend a public school until he has attained the age of seven years. The regulation as to first grade entrance differs considerably

throughout the Commonwealth. Our local regulation is to the effect that a child must have attained the age of five and one-half before the opening day of school.

At what age should he enter for his own welfare and the good of the school? The fact is that the number of years which have elapsed from birth should not be the criterion for entrance. The fact upon which entrance should be permitted should be the capacity of the child to do the first-grade work. Children differ much in this respect, and the difference can be ascertained and real brain power determined in terms of mental age in contradistinction to chronological age. Only a child with the mental age of six should be placed in a first grade. If on entrance age be raised to six, it would mean that the child do first-grade work if he is a normal child. Even then there will be found children who are six years of age and more chronologically but not six mentally. These should be placed in a preprimary division or be persuaded not to enter school until later as they are almost sure of failure. The one most common cause of failure is inferior mentality.

At the beginning of this school year, we had twenty-nine pupils repeating the first grade work. A casual survey of the first grades this year warrants us in estimating that one-third of our first grades cannot do satisfactorily first grade work. For the instruction of every child in the grades the citizens are paying more than sixty dollars per pupil, and every repeater is costing the town twice as much as is warranted. Non-promotion which is unavoidable under our regulations is economically unsound.

On the other hand we have children to be sure who, although under the chronological age of six, have the capacity to do first grade work, that is, have the mental age of six. The State Clinic for the examination of children is scheduled to visit Provincetown in May of this calendar year to

ascertain the mentality of certain pupils. At that time parents, who have children under six years of age, could have them examined to determine the mental age.

Thus our regulation would be that entrance to the first grade should be limited to pupils who have attained a mental age of six. This is hereby recommended as of vital importance to the child, to the school, and to the purse of the tax-payers.

Some parents frankly state that they want their children to enter school at an early age so that they will not be under-foot at home. Inasmuch as we have no kindergartens (which if opened would improve our school system) the first grade room should not be a nursery for those ill-fitted mentally to cope with first grade work to the certain detriment of the qualified pupils.

EDUCATIONAL NUGGETS

Extensive repairs and betterments as is well-known, were made at the Western and the Center Schools during the summer vacation of 1927.

At the Center School the workmen had occasion to cut through the boarding which had completely sealed the under part of a stairway for a generation or more. To the amazement of all there appeared, all in an excellent state of preservation, hundreds of papers written by boys and girls of years ago. These papers consisted of Spelling, Language, Arithmetic, History, Geography, Penmanship and outlines of various types. Besides these papers and outlines were found several small slates with the work of Writing and Arithmetic plainly visible.

This work was carefully scrutinized and comparisons made with the work of the present-day schools. It is only just to the teachers of a generation ago to state that these papers gave evidence of thoroughness and accuracy, clearly

showing that the schools of that time were a credit to the town of Provincetown. Many of these papers have already been returned to the writers and many more are ready for distribution.

SPELLING MATCHES

With the purchase of new Spelling books by the school committee additional interest in the subject of Spelling was manifest and during the Spring term spelling matches were held in Caucus Hall. These matches were largely attended by parents and friends of the children of grades four, five, and six,

These grades are to be congratulated for their unexpected accuracy in the subject, showing plainly that intensive work by way of preparation was done.

The champion speller of each grade received from the school committee as a personal contribution a fountain pen.

The winners were as follows:

	Teacher
Anthony Roda	Grade IV Miriam Corea
Frank Rogers	Grade V Jennie M. Barton
Viola Murphy	Grade VI Mrs. Mary C. Enos

WHAT ROMANCE LANGUAGE?

We have altogether too many pupils at our High School attempting to pursue the study of Latin and French although these subjects are at the present time being taught by efficient teachers. In the first place only a comparatively few profit much by the study of these languages. It is said that these subjects aid our English, but the same amount of time expended on English will give four-fold results. From a disciplinary point of view other more practical subjects can be profitably substituted.

If a language, however, is desired, the pursuance of the study of the Portuguese language, the tongue of many of our pupils, would bring real results. These pupils would learn a living language one which can be used in our midst, and the study would fix grammatically the native tongue besides giving the opportunity of becoming acquainted with valuable literature practically unknown to English-speaking people.

But it is not merely to pursue one's native tongue that is the paramount reason for this suggestion. Whether we are attending the Provincetown High School or any other High School there is a definite and convincing reason for the assiduous study of the Portuguese language the importance of which seems to have been overlooked.

Portuguese is the official language of more than 45,000,000 persons in Portugal, its colonies and Brazil, the latter being the largest country in South America, and with this country we do an enormous business. Every few days vessels leave New York for Brazilian ports, besides the regular line of express steamers.

With this commerce between these countries it behooves the secondary schools in general and educators in particular to place in the curriculum the study of the Portuguese language said to resemble most closely the Latin of the living languages of Latin origin.

Spanish is offered in many of our schools of this State and of other States. Portuguese has as just a demand to be likewise recognized.

Such a course would not preclude the study of Latin and French for those especially desirous of pursuing either or both.

ANTICIPATION

The fact that our schools are well-organized, well housed, well equipped with books and general supplies and taught by professionally inclined teachers does not make us oblivious of our short-comings.

Our elementary school period takes for granted that all subjects taught in these schools should be studied by all pupils. When we emerge from this elementary stage and enter the seventh and then the eighth grade the need for a differentiation of work is generally conceded. This differentiation should also be provided for throughout the High School Course. This means, in brief, more teachers and additional facilities for the work and consequently a greater expense.

Since the town at present is generously supporting the public schools, no recommendation for added expense is apropos now. Should a period of prosperity become a reality, this suggestion might well be taken up for consideration by the committee and the voters.

Attention is directed to the appended reports of the School Physician and School Nurse, the High School principal, the Music Supervisor and the Attendance officer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. HARRIS,
Supt. of Schools.

Provincetown, Mass.

Jan. 10, 1928.

School Calendar, 1927 - 1928

Terms	Weeks
Sept. 6, 1927 — Dec. 23, 1927	16
Jan. 3, 1928 — Feb. 24, 1928	8
Mar. 5, 1928 — Apr. 27, 1928	8
May 7, 1928 — June 29, 1928	8
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School Calendar, 1928 - 1929

Terms	Weeks
Sept. 4, 1928 — Dec. 21, 1928	16
Jan. 2, 1929 — Feb. 21, 1929	8
Mar. 4, 1929 — Apr. 26, 1929	8
May 6, 1929 — June 28, 1929	8
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR 1928

January 1, New Year's Day (During Christmas vacation).
 February 22, Washington's Birthday.
 April 19, Patriot's Day.
 May 30, Memorial Day.
 July 4, Independence Day (During Summer vacation).
 September 3, Labor Day.
 October 12, Columbus Day.
 November 22, Thanksgiving Day.

November 23, day following Thanksgiving.
 December 25, Christmas Day.

ENROLLMENT—ELEMENTARY GRADES OCT. 1, 1927

	GRADES						Total
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	
Eastern	16	24	28	0	31	0	99
Center	26	0	27	54	22	47	176
Western	32	33	31	31	31	38	196
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Total	74	57	86	85	84	85	471

ENROLLMENT OF ALL GRADES—OCT. 1st, 1927

Elementary Schools	471
Conant St. School	25
Grammar School	145
High School	181
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Total Enrollment	822

NUMBER OF EACH GRADE

Location	Grades					
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Eastern	1	1	1	0	1	0
Center	1	0	1	2	1	2
Western	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Total	3	2	3	3	3	3

SCHOOL CENSUS — OCT. 1928

Boys		Girls
5-7	40	5-7 43

7-14	67	7-14	240
14-16	267	14-16	62
Total	374		345
Total boys and girls			719
Children 5-7 who are not in school			27
Illiterates			11

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1926-1927

Total enrollment	850
Average membership	817
Average attendance	777
Per cent of attendance	97
Number enrolled between 5 and 7	128
Number enrolled between 7 and 14	504
Number enrolled between 14 and 16	121
Number enrolled over 16	97

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TEST

School	No. Examined	No. Defective Sight	No. Defective Hearing	No. Parents Notified
High	173	48	3	51
Grammar	145	19	1	19
Center	188	38	2	40
Eastern	98	8	0	8
Western	196	22	3	19
Conant	25	8	0	2
	825	143	9	139

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HIGH SCHOOL

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Phebe E. Freeman		1,500	Salem Normal
Alma M. Danforth		1,200	Emmanuel
Anna L. Peters		1,200	Radcliffe
Hazel M. Farrar		1,200	Boston University
Gertrude C. Turcotte		1,200	Boston University
Mary B. Gallagher		1,300	Bryant & Stratton
George W. Leyden		1,250	Holy Cross

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Katherine MacIntyre	145	\$1,300	Hyannis
Nina S. Williams		1,100	Hyannis
Mertie C. Kelley		1,100	Attended Normal
Edith M. V. King		1,100	Hyannis

CONANT STREET SCHOOL

Mrs. Mary A. O'Neil	25	\$1,200	Hyannis
Mary A. Perry		950	Hyannis

CENTER SCHOOL

Catherine B. Jason	47	\$950	Hyannis
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Mrs. Virginia B. Williams	29	850	Bridgewater
Miriam Corea	25	850	Hyannis
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Respectfully submitted,

HUBERT F. GILGAN.

Report of the School Physician and School Nurse

Mr. Charles A. Harris
Superintendent of Schools
Provincetown, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Herewith we respectfully submit the annual report of the School Physician and School Nurse for 1927. We are pleased to state that the schools have been comparatively free from contagious diseases aside from a few cases of chicken pox and impetigo contagiosa; these cases when observed were referred to their family physician and kept from the schools for the required period.

The number of cases of diseased tonsils and carious teeth have materially increased even though the gravity of these conditions were explained at length in the annual report of 1926.

At this time we wish to express our appreciation for the courtesies and assistance given us by the teachers at the time of annual physical examinations and throughout the school year.

A brief summary of the defects observed during the physical examination of all pupils including those in the High School is as follows:

Total numer examined	822
Pupils with defective teeth	460
Pupils with diseased tonsils	368
Pupils with defective hearts	4

Pupils with inflammatory conditions of eyes	2
Pupils with discharge from ears	4
Pupils with orthopedic defects	3
Pupils with strabismus	2

The routine work of School Nursing Department during the year was carried on as follows:—school and home visits, classroom inspections, instruction work in personal hygiene, followup work and assisting school physician with the annual physical examinations.

The School Nursing Course given by the State Division of Hygiene at Hyannis during the summer was attended by the nurse.

The course has been of great assistance in conducting the work of the department.

On May 26th, the State Clinic for Underweights was held in Town Hall, report of same follows:

Number of pupils selected for examination	87
Number of parents giving consent for this examination	63
Number of pupils examined	63
Number of tubercular contacts examined	7
Number given tuberculin tests	63
Number of reactions from tests	27
Number of reactors X-rayed	25
Number with hilum tuberculosis	3
Number of tubercular suspects	4
Number of negative reactors	18

The children in the first six grades who were 10% or more underweight were selected. This is the first of a series of Clinics to be conducted throughout the state during the next ten years.

The success of a child's improvement depends largely upon the individual assistance and encouragement which the parent can give us referred to in the "Nutrition Recommendations" secured at the Clinic.

On June 10th at Town Hall Health Day was observed to which the public was invited. The program consisted of health dramas, folk dancing, songs, games etc., demonstrated by groups of pupils from the first six grades.

Nutrition work is carried on by recommending to those who were underweight, the necessity of bringing milk or other nutritive foods to school and the exclusion of candy during school hours. A special period of ten minutes each day is set aside for special cases to take nourishment.

The schools are practically free from pediculosis, this being a marked improvement over previous years and is very encouraging.

A detailed report of the activities of the School Nurse is as follows:

School visits	844
Home visits	210
Treatments in school	34
Private consultations with pupils	613
Hygiene talks (home and school)	104
Contagious cases, definitely diagnosed after exclusion	
from school as suspects	34
Home histories	63
Cases reported to M. S. P. C. C.	14
Total number underweight 10% or more	91
Pupils with defective vision	142
Pupils with defective hearing	9

Corrected tonsil and dental work for the year is as follows:

Corrected tonsil defects	29
Corrected dental defects	313

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. CURLEY, M. D.,
School Physician.

MARION BARNETT, R. N.,
Acting School Nurse.

Report of Music Supervisor

Provincetown, Mass.
January 13, 1927.

Mr. Charles A. Harris,
Superintendent of Schools,
Provincetown, Mass.

Dear Sir:

At your request I herewith submit my second annual report as Supervisor of Music in the Provincetown Schools. It is gratifying to report decided improvement in music throughout the grades. Much attention has been given to Individual Sight Singing. Any subject taught collectively would be weak in individual effort. Individual Singing teaches self-reliance and freedom in thought and action. It also promotes quick and accurate thinking and removes superficial deceit.

A Glee club has been formed consisting of twenty-five members.

A course in Music Appreciation has been introduced and the children are most enthusiastic. To appreciate and love good music has come to be the higher objective in School Music. After the children have become familiar with songs through singing, they are presented on a phonograph through a new medium of expression.

The schools are well supplied with good song material. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Superintendent, the School Committee, and teachers for the splendid co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,
BEATRICE M. WELSH.

Report of Attendance Officer

Mr. Charles A. Harris,
Superintendent of Schools,
Provincetown, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I wish to submit my second annual report as Attendance Officer for the schools of this town for the year 1927.

Number of investigations	468
Number of truants returned	54
Number of truants not returned	18
Number of cases no shoes nor clothes	80
Cases with other good reasons	96
Absent on account of sickness	220

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN I. KING,
Attendance Officer.

Commencement Exercises of the Provincetown High School

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1927

at 8:15 o'clock

TOWN HALL

PROGRAM

Invocation

Rev. William P. Conley

Salutatory

Clara R. Batt

Music: "The Heavens are Declaring"

Beethoven

School Chorus

Class History—"Scholastic Memoirs"

Raymond A. Days

Piano Solo—"Prelude in C Minor"

Rachmaninoff

Elmena M. Tobin

Class Ode

Ruth Pfeiffer

Music—"Down in the Woodland"

Edward Elgar

Girls Glee Club

Violin Solo—"Air Varie" Pacini

Francis J. Carreiro

Essay—"Capital Punishment"

Mary J. Patrick

Class Song

Isabelle M. Avellar

Valedictory

William G. Johnson

Music—"Cadets on Parade" Herbert W. Lowe

School Chorus

Presentation of Diplomas

Superintendent Charles A. Harris

Benediction

Rev. Landon Carter

CLASS ODE

*"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,"
Friendships are made, and parted as we go—
And those to whom we now say our adieu,
Will soon be memories of long ago.
The world is calling us, and soon will draw,
Each to the place which Fate esteems his due—
Displacing others, by the ancient law,
"The old order changeth, yielding place to new."*

RUTH PFEIFFER, '27

CLASS ROLL

Isabelle Marguerite Avellar	Alice Mae Fratus
Clara Richerson Batt	William George Johnson
Waldo Irving Browne	Ida May Mayo
Everett Jacob Browne	Anna Matilda Nelson
Francis Joseph Carreiro	Cecelia Louise Nelson
Norman Small Cook	Mary Josephine ORork
Mary Conception Cordeiro	Mary Josephine Patrick
Deola Mary Cross	Amelia Mae Prada
Julia Days	Ruth Pfeiffer
Rasmond Anthony Days	Ruth Josephine Swett
Ruth Franklyn Dyer	Thomas Seabury Taylor
Margaret Mary Enos	Elmena Mary Tobin
Ethel Eva Francis	Francis Emmanuel Valentine

CLASS MOTTO

Scientia est Potentia

CLASS COLORS

Blue and Gold

FACULTY

Hubert F. Gilgan	Marion L. Carey
Phebe E. Freeman	Gladys M. Walmsley
Ethel P. Rothwell	Mary V. Gallagher
George W. Leyden	

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Beatrice M. Welsh

SUPERINTENDENT

Charles A. Harris

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Frank A. Days, Jr., Chairman

John S. Silva

Emanuel A. DeWager

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