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**REPORT**

**OF**  
**MUSKEGON**  
**C O U N T Y**  
**GOVERNMENT**

**1953**

February 9, 1954

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MUSKEGON COUNTY

INTRODUCTION

The following pages contain the history of Muskegon County government for the year 1953.

The various department heads are to be commended for their cooperation in supplying financial and statistical data.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

From a financial standpoint, Muskegon County government has experienced its best year in the past decade or more. Not only did the County entirely eliminate its indebtedness during 1953, but it ended the year with a cash balance of \$63,567.97.

The following table shows the record of budget performance during the past three years.

COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES WITH BUDGET

Years 1951-1952-1953

	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
Total expenditures for budgeted items	\$1,746,720.72	\$1,646,347.02	\$1,581,715.97
Total of budget	<u>1,664,891.00</u>	<u>1,676,819.00</u>	<u>1,624,998.96</u>
Difference	(\$ 81,829.72)	\$ 30,471.98	\$ 43,282.99

In 1951 expenditures exceeded the budget by \$81,829.72. During the past two years expenditures were less than the budget in the amounts shown in the table. This record of performance is encouraging.

Another significant fact shown in the table is that total General Fund expenditures have declined in 1952 and 1953. With 1951 expenditures totaling \$1,746,720.72, the fact that 1953 expenditures totaled only \$1,581,715.97 is proof that progress has been made in reducing the cost of operation of County government.

COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES WITH BUDGET, Continued

The following table shows the same trend after giving effect to bank transactions in connection with the County loan.

Expenditures Adjusted by Amount of Bank Loan

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Expended</u>	<u>Loan Repaid</u>	<u>Money Borrowed</u>	<u>Spent for Operations</u>
1951	\$1,746,720.72	\$450,000	\$400,000	\$1,696,720.72
1952	1,646,347.02	400,000	250,000	1,496,347.02
1953	1,581,715.97	250,000	- 0 -	1,381,715.97

Elimination of welfare expenditures from the amounts spent for operations as shown reveals the same downward trend in the cost of operating County government.

Cost of County Government Exclusive of Welfare

1951	\$1,241,006.54
1952	1,160,788.02
1953	1,079,828.47

While expenditures were declining, revenue was increasing. The following table shows the amounts of County revenue in the General Fund for the last three years.

General Fund Revenue

1951	\$1,420,700.89
1952	1,464,660.26
1953	1,563,159.43

Continued careful control of County finances appears to be justified in view of the record of the past two years.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

The budget for 1954 as originally adopted at the October session totaled \$1,595,553.62. Revenue was estimated at the same amount. The budget was in balance at the beginning of the year.

The entire 1954 appropriation is for operating purposes. While the amount is higher than that for either of the two preceding years, it is still lower than the cost of operating County government in the year 1951.

### FUTURE OUTLOOK, Continued

The 1954 budget reflects the increased cost of doing business. All departments with few exceptions show increases. The biggest increases are found in the Courts, the Health Department, the Sheriff's Department, the Assessment for Ruddiman Creek drain, and the Welfare Department.

The appropriation for the Welfare Department is \$89,000 more than the 1953 appropriation. Any substantial increase in the needs of this department will require bank financing, and it appears now that this is a definite probability.

### RECOMMENDATION FOR 1954

For some time, I have been concerned about the fact that the County maintains large cash balances at a local bank and receives no interest. Almost 80% of General Fund revenue is received from current tax collections during the first quarter of the year and is spent gradually during the remaining nine months. In my opinion it would be wise to invest some part of this in interest-bearing certificates of deposit or United States government securities.

Section 129.71 of the Compiled Laws of 1948 reads as follows:

"The Board of Supervisors of any County, or the Board of County Auditors in those Counties having a Board of County Auditors, is hereby authorized to invest public moneys received by the County Treasurer of their respective Counties in interest bearing bonds, notes or other securities of the United States government."

I recommend that the Finance Committee be given authority to look into this problem and act in accordance with its best judgment.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore P. Strunck  
Controller, Muskegon County

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EXTENSION TEACHING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Includes all activities carried on this year that are related to Extension work

Item	Agents doing pri- marily home demonstration work	Agents doing pri- marily 4-H Club work	Agents doing pri- marily agricul- tural Work	County total
Farm or home visits (No.)	69	64	117	250
Office calls	43	68	1414	1525
Telephone calls	157	167	1888	2212
News articles or stories prepared	86	22	115	223
Broadcasts made or prepared:				
a. Radio	21	1	83	105
b. Television	1			1
Bulletins distributed	227	205	1276	1708
Adult result demonstrations conducted	2			2
Training meetings held for local leaders:				
a. Adult work:				
1. Number	26			26
2. Attend.	423			423
b. 4-H Club Work	5			5
Attendance	170			170

All other meetings agent held or participated in --

a. Adult work					
1. Number	39	27	112	178	
2. Attend.	1962	575	3520	6057	
b. YMW Work					
1. Number	1	1	1	3	
2. Attend.	8	25	30	63	
c. 4-H Club Work					
1. Number	26	29	16	71	
2. Attend.	3495	1913	1208	6616	

Meetings held or conducted by local leaders:

a. Adult work:					
1. Number	107			107	
2. Attend.	1233			1233	
b. 4-H Club Work					
1. Number	2			2	
2. Attend.	25			25	

PROGRAM EMPHASIS

Item	Agents doing pri- marily home demonstration work	Agents doing pri- marily 4-H Club Work	Agents doing pri- marily agricul- tural work	County total
Calendar months of employment	12	5	12	29
Total days worked	260.0	112.5	285.0	657.5
Days devoted to:				
a. Adult work	177.0	44.4	257.0	478.4
b. 4-H Work	60.0	55.1	10.1	125.2
Days devoted to:				
a. Extension organization and program planning	91.5	16.6	102.6	210.7
b. In-service training of agents	35.0	13.0	17.9	65.9
c. Crops		6.6	37.5	43.3
d. Livestock		3.3	13.2	16.5
e. Marketing: Distribution and service		.9	9.7	10.6

f. Soil and water conservation and management	1.0	4.8	37.5	43.3
g. Forestry		2.0	18.5	20.5
h. Wildlife			.7	.7
i. Planning and Management of the farm business		.6	6.1	6.7
j. Farm buildings and farm mechanical equipment		.9	1.0	1.9
k. House and surroundings, furnishings and equipment	30.5	1.8	8.6	40.9
l. Home management	10.5			10.5
m. Family economics	6.5			6.5
n. Clothing	18.0			18.0
o. Foods and nutrition	14.0		2.5	16.5
p. Health	4.0			4.0
q. Family life, child development, parent education	3.5			3.5

r. Safety	1.0		1.0
s. Community development and public affairs	44.5	59.9	28.2
t. Days that cannot be charged specifically to one of items a through s		2.1	1.0
			3.1
			132.6

## 4-H CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Number of 4-H Clubs . . . . .		70
Different 4-H Club members -	Boys	Girls
a. Enrolled . . . . .	195	447
b. Completing . . . . .	156	367
4-H Club members from -		
a. Farm homes . . . . .	20	45
b. Rural nonfarm homes . . . . .	40	89
c. Urban homes . . . . .	135	313
4-H Club members enrolled by years in club work:		
a. 1st. year . . . . .	109	227
b. 2nd. year . . . . .	24	82
c. 3rd. year . . . . .	15	41
d. 4th. year . . . . .	15	18
e. 5th. year . . . . .	12	14
f. 6th. year and over . . . . .	20	65
4-H Club members enrolled by ages:		
a. 10 years and under . . . . .	34	105
b. 11 years . . . . .	30	99
c. 12 years . . . . .	42	100
d. 13 years . . . . .	29	68
e. 14 years . . . . .	27	32
f. 15 years . . . . .	16	19
g. 16 years . . . . .	5	13
h. 17-20 years, inclusive . . . . .	12	11
4-H Club members who received definite training in-	Boys	Girls
a. Judging . . . . .		73
b. Giving demonstrations . . . . .		50
c. Group recreation leadership . . . . .		16
d. Money management (thrift) . . . . .		5
e. Farm and home safety. . . . .		20
f. Citizenship . . . . .		65
g. Personality improvement . . . . .		18
h. Soil and water conservation . . . . .		2
i. Forestry . . . . .		5
j. Health, nursing, first aid . . . . .		9
4-H Club members having health examination because of participation in the extension program . . . . .		115
Number of members participating in a 4-H Club Camp		102
4-H CLUBS engaging in community activities, such as improving school grounds, conducting local achievement program, and fairs. . . . .		70

MUSKEGON COUNTY AIRPORT

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1953

Assets:

Current Assets:

County Treasurer, Airport Fund	\$22,963.58
" " " Expansion and Construction Fund	4,633.17
Cash on Hand	50.00
Receivables, Notes	324.82
Receivables, Accounts	181.34
Prepaid Insurance	<u>6,159.50</u>

Total Current Assets 34,317.41

Fixed Assets:

	Cost	Deprec. to 12/31/53	
Landing Field	570,235.01	136,514.96	433,720.05
Hangars	232,233.00	63,953.98	218,329.02
Terminal Building	29,123.00	9,633.60	19,489.40
Other Bldg. & facil.	40,039.93	5,391.30	34,193.13
Equipment	37,111.70	17,660.85	<u>9,450.85</u>

Fixed Assets \$943,842.64 \$233,855.19 715,187.45

Other Assets:

Construction Work in Progress 902.07

Total Assets:

750,906.93

Liabilities and Equities:

Current Liabilities:

Unearned Rent	\$4,322.52
Prepaid tax on Verdek property	<u>23.05</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$4,345.57

Equities:

Capital Invested by Muskegon County	\$246,575.48
Grants-in-Aid, Federal	357,060.62
Grants-in-Aid, State	56,277.18
Grants-in-Aid, Other	70,000.00
Operating Surplus	<u>16,643.08</u>
Total Equities	<u>746,563.36</u>

Total Liabilities and Equities:

750,906.93

Summary of Income & Expense

	Income	Expense	
Landing Area	\$13,419.39	\$17,631.29	(\$4,211.40)
Hangar Area	15,716.16	9,322.14	\$6,394.02
Terminal Area	7,457.58	3,362.65	(\$905.07)
Other Areas (Trees)	<u>613.50</u>	<u>110.00</u>	<u>503.50</u>
	\$37,207.13	\$35,426.08	\$1,781.05

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MUSKEGON COUNTY AIRPORT

January 1, 1953 through December 31, 1953

Statement of Expense

Landing Area:		
Operating Expense	\$5,429.62	
Maintenance Expense	7,497.80	
Administrative Expense	<u>4,703.87</u>	
Total Landing Area Expense		\$17,631.29
Hangar Area:		
Operating Expense	\$5,028.99	
Maintenance Expense	1,103.13	
Administrative Expense	<u>3,190.02</u>	
Total Hangar Area Expense		9,322.14
Terminal Area:		
Operating Expense	\$4,928.15	
Maintenance Expense	1,686.62	
Administrative Expense	<u>1,747.38</u>	
Total <del>Hangar</del> Area Expense		8,362.65
Other Areas:		
Operating Expense (Trees)		<u>110.00</u>
Total Airport Expense		\$35,426.08

Statement of Income

Landing Area:		
Field-Use Charges	\$8,665.54	
Concession Income, Oil and Gasoline	<u>4,754.35</u>	\$13,419.89
Hangar Area:		
Rent of Hangars & Shops	\$15,253.50	
Storage of Airplanes	332.00	
Ground-Site Rental for Shops	<u>130.66</u>	15,716.16
Terminal Area:		
Rents in Terminal Building	\$3,850.96	
Concessions	1,457.33	
Management Services	1,497.25	
Flying Schools Office Rent & Other Income	<u>652.04</u>	7,457.58
Other Areas - Sale of Trees		<u>613.50</u>
Total Airport Income		\$37,207.13
Net Income		\$1,781.05

## ANIMAL SHELTER

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

YEAR 1953

Dog Warden Collections	\$	3,537.00
Dog Shelter Fees - Seizure		701.00
Dog Shelter Fees - Board		896.50
Dog Shelter - Kennel License & Telephone Refund		240.81
Dog Tax - Treasurer's Collections		<u>7,732.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$	13,107.31
Disbursements		<u>16,880.61</u>
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts	\$	<u><u>3,773.30</u></u>
1952 Excess of Disbursements over Receipts	\$	2,558.44
1951 Excess of Disbursements over Receipts	\$	7,447.99

MUSKEGON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER YEARLY REPORT - 1953.

Dogs picked up and received <u>In January</u>	402
Cats picked up and received	76
Dogs sold and released	76
Cats released	12
Dead dogs picked up	60
Dead cats picked up	19
Dogs destroyed	266
Cats destroyed	45
Bite cases reported	2
Dogs picked up and received <u>In February</u>	354
Cats picked up and received	48
Dogs sold and released	101
Cats released	8
Dead dogs picked up	76
Dead cats picked up	14
Dogs destroyed	177
Cats destroyed	36
Bite cases reported	3
Dogs picked up and received <u>In March</u>	396
Cats picked up and received	78
Dogs sold and released	109
Cats released	2
Dead dogs picked up	64
Dead cats picked up	18
Dogs destroyed	223
Cats destroyed	60
Bite cases reported	2
Dogs picked up and received <u>In April</u>	314
Cats picked up and received	58
Dogs sold and released	72
Cats released	2
Dead dogs picked up	38
Dead cats picked up	33
Dogs destroyed	204
Cats destroyed	23
Bite cases reported	2
Dogs picked up and received <u>In May</u>	306
Cats picked up and received	123
Dogs sold and released	112
Cats released	8
Dead dogs picked up	29
Dead cats picked up	38
Dogs destroyed	165
Cats destroyed	87
Bite cases reported	3

Dogs picked up and received <u>In June</u>	309
Cats picked up and received	415
Dogs sold and released	54
Cats released	12
Dead dogs picked up	22
Dead cats picked up	23
Dogs destroyed	233
Cats destroyed	380
Bite cases reported	4
Dogs picked up and received <u>In July</u>	315
Cats picked up and received	225
Dogs sold and released	48
Cats released	8
Dead dogs picked up	27
Dead cats picked up	33
Dogs destroyed	245
Cats destroyed	184
Bite cases reported	2
Dogs picked up and received <u>In August</u>	275
Cats picked up and received	149
Dogs sold and released	44
Cats released	8
Dead dogs picked up	25
Dead cats picked up	29
Dogs destroyed	206
Cats destroyed	112
Bite cases reported	2
Dogs picked up and received <u>In September</u>	290
Cats picked up and received	319
Dogs sold and released	66
Cats released	10
Dead dogs picked up	32
Dead cats picked up	27
Dogs destroyed	192
Cats destroyed	282
Bite cases reported	2
Dogs picked up and received <u>In October</u>	290
Cats picked up and received	314
Dogs sold and released	23
Cats released	13
Dead dogs picked up	30
Dead cats picked up	43
Dogs destroyed	237
Cats destroyed	258
Bite cases reported	5

Dogs picked up and received <u>In November</u>	361
Cats picked up and received	129
Dogs sold and released	45
Cats released	19
Dead dogs picked up	52
Dead cats picked up	23
Dogs destroyed	264
Cats destroyed	87
Bite cases reported	5

Dogs picked up and received <u>In December</u>	516
Cats picked up and received	87
Dogs sold and released	52
Cats released	8
Dead dogs picked up	59
Dead cats picked up	28
Dogs destroyed	405
Cats destroyed	51
Bite cases reported	3

TOTALS FOR THE YEAR - 1953

Dogs picked up and received	4,228
Cats picked up and received	2,201
Dogs sold and released	802
Cats released	110
Dead dogs picked up	514
Dead cats picked up	328
Dogs destroyed	2,817
Cats destroyed	1,605
Bite cases reported	35

OTHER DEAD ANIMALS

Squirrels	29
Rabbits	43
Chickens	3
Skunks	14
Birds	98
Pigs	2
Deer	2
Pheasants	5
Bats	1
Sheep	1
Opossum	10
TOTAL	208

TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY TURNED IN FOR YEAR - 1953

License Books	\$ 3,537.00
Kennel License	240.00
Seizure Fees	701.00
Board Fees	896.50
GRAND TOTAL FOR YEAR	\$ 5,374.50

Respectfully Submitted

Charles F. Taylor  
Dog Warden, Muskegon County  
Animal Shelter

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

The Circuit Court herewith submits the following report, for your information:

The total budget for the Circuit Court for the year 1953, was \$50,998.00. By vigorous administrative controls, and case by case follow-through, we were able to operate with a total expenditure of only \$40,486.13, for a savings of \$10,511.87. This is 20.6% less than the sum budgeted for the year.

This savings, we are advised, will pay for the cost of remodeling and furnishing Judge Henry L. Beers' chambers, office quarters for his staff, the new dual purpose Court Room and Supervisors' Room, and the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

Appreciations are due to Mrs. Dorothy Rawlingson, who filled two position classifications in a most commendable manner, and received only a single salary. After being appointed Court Reporter by the Governor, she continued to discharge all of the responsibilities as the Court Secretary, and received only the salary of the Court Reporter.

The case work load and disposition statistics for the year are as follows:

At the beginning of the year 1953, the total pending case load was 857 cases, of all classifications.

During the year, 1383 new cases were commenced. The total case load for the year was 2240.

During the year 1952, the average case load per Judge, in the State of Michigan, was 692. There were only 5 Circuits in the State which had case loads of over a thousand per resident Judge. These Circuits were the Second Circuit, in Berrien County; the Third Circuit, in Wayne County; the Sixth Circuit, in Oakland County; the Fourteenth Circuit, in Muskegon County; and the Twenty-second Circuit, in Washtenaw County.

A total of 1466 cases were disposed of during the year 1953. There were final dispositions in more cases (1466) than were commenced (1383), and the case load was lowered at the end of the year from the beginning of the year. There were 1360 cases disposed of without trial, and 106 cases were tried, making 92.77% disposed of without trial, and 7.23% tried.

The following is a classification of the cases which were on the calendar at the beginning of the year:

Law	349
Chancery	490
Criminal	<u>18</u>
Total	857

During the year, the following number of cases were commenced:

Law	334
Chancery	763
Criminal	282
Appeals from Mun. Ct.	3
Appeals from Probate Ct.	<u>1</u>
Total	1383

The contested cases disposed of were as follows:

Law	28
Chancery	43
Criminal	33
Appeals from Mun. Ct.	1
Appeals from Probate Ct.	<u>1</u>
Total	106

The cases disposed of without trial were as follows:

Law	377
Chancery	767
Criminal	214
Appeals from Mun. Ct.	<u>2</u>
Total	1360

There were 369 arraignments or appearances before the Court by respondents in criminal, quasi criminal and contempt cases. In a number of cases, a respondent will appear before the Court more than once, for such purposes as a change of plea, the appointment of an attorney in indigent cases, or other miscellaneous reasons. Oftentimes, more than one arraignment was necessary before a case was either set down for trial or disposed of by a plea of guilty, because of the duty of the Court to make sure that the defendant thoroughly understood his Constitutional rights; so, arraignments are not necessarily related to total case load.

There were 256 cases in which the final disposition was a plea of guilty; in 144 cases, the respondent either stood mute or entered a plea of not guilty; and a total of 182 sentences were imposed.

In a number of family problem cases, sentences were held in abeyance while the respondent and his family worked out a solution under the direction of Court administrative officers. These cases involved such problems as adjustments of support for minor children or family reconciliations.

Also, the total number of cases in which pleas of guilty were entered represent some cases in which illegitimate children were involved. The plea of guilty, in some cases, was entered before child birth. Final orders for support and confinement payments are necessarily delayed and in some of these cases, such arrangements were satisfactorily adjusted through the office of the Friend of the Court.

A large number of chancery cases were dismissed for want of progress. Many of these cases represent reconciliations which were effected between the parties, and the marriage relationship was thus preserved. This demonstrates the wisdom of delay in divorce cases.

It is prudent public policy not to hurry final dispositions in divorce cases. Delays in such cases give the parties reasonable time within which to contemplate the very serious and oftentimes baneful consequences of their wilful action. These actions oftentimes result in serious and permanent disadvantage to children. Reference is made to the section of this report on the Friend of the Court's office.

Heavy social and economic community problems are created by divorce actions.

A total of 125 law cases were pre-tried, which resulted in 82 settlements. Of these pre-trials, only 10 cases required final disposition by trial. There were more civil law cases tried during the year, but these cases had been pre-tried in the year 1952.

Of the pending 33 cases pre-tried, negotiations are continuing between the parties, of which we expect better than two-thirds will be settled before trial.

The breakdown on the total cases pre-tried, as to jury and non-jury, are as follows: 81 were jury cases, 56 of which were settled and 5 of which were tried. The total non-jury cases were 44 in number, 26 of which were settled. The final disposition in 5 of these cases was by trial.

There were 230 chancery pre-trial conferences, the majority of which resulted in final disposition by settlement. Decrees were taken in 141 cases. Of the total pre-tried, only 10 cases were actually tried; 5 of these were domestic relations cases and 5 were civil litigation involving property or other declarations of rights between the parties.

Of the remaining cases, some default decrees were taken; others resulted in settlement and reconciliations between the parties, and approximately 63 of the total number pre-tried are still pending. Here, again, attention is directed to the fact that a large number of cases were dismissed for want of progress, the majority of which were the result of reconciliations between the parties in family problem cases.

During the year, cases of public interest involved that series of litigation concerning the condemnation and rights of the parties in relation to the off-street parking program in the City of Muskegon. After decision in the case of City vs. Carl P. Damm, et al, pre-trial conferences were held and the condemnation cases were settled.

Among cases of particular public interest was the case of Rude vs. Muskegon County Building Authority, et al, which was disposed of during the year, including a final determination by the Supreme Court.

The Judge held approximately 780 conferences involving family relations problems and probationers during the year.

These statistics do not reflect many other conferences and numerous intermediate orders and opinions entered by the Court. It is advisable that the system of statistical records of the Court be re-examined to more accurately reflect the work load and activities of the Court.

#### JURY SERVICE

In 1949, the statute was amended to provide that each juror and talesman shall be entitled to receive \$6.00, for each day's attendance, and \$3.00 for each half-day's attendance, upon any term of the Circuit Court, and six cents for each mile traveled in going and returning by the nearest traveled route, "for each day's actual attendance". The compensation for jurors should be re-examined in the light of present conditions. This can be changed only by an act of the Legislature.

In each term of Court, we have as high as 50% of those called for jury duty request leave to be excused for economic reasons. Many heads of families suffer financial hardship when required to take time off from regular employment to serve on the jury. This situation can be alleviated if responsible management and labor representatives work out a system in their contract relationships by which employees called for jury duty may receive compensable time off. The compensation may be on the basis of the difference between the jury duty fee and the regular compensation. The Court is directing this matter to the attention of employer and employee representatives in this area.

FRIEND OF THE COURT OFFICE

The office of the Friend of the Court was created by law, for the purpose of enforcing payment of all delinquent support money obligations duly ordered and decreed by the Circuit Court, for the support, maintenance and education of dependent minor children in causes pending, or where parties have been divorced.

In cases involving dependent minor children, it is the duty of the Friend of the Court to examine all records and files in divorce cases where interlocutory orders or decrees have been entered, and to determine if the dependent minor children receive the amounts decreed them by the Circuit Court. The Friend of the Court is charged with the duty to see that such payments are applied for the support, maintenance and education and betterment of the dependent children, and that they are properly cared for by their custodian.

The Friend of the Court has a duty to follow through and bring into Court, when necessary, by citation or otherwise, all persons who are delinquent in making such payments.

The duties of the Friend of the Court can be broken down into the following functional procedures:

- (a) To make an investigation into the situation of minor children, the proper custodian of these children, and the amount of support to be ordered by the Court, before the awarding of temporary support or separate maintenance. This duty is based upon the inherent power of the Court to request all relevant information on any case in its jurisdiction.
- (b) Likewise, to make the same investigation, if requested, by the Court, before the entry of a permanent Court order.
- (c) To collect regularly such support, attorney fees and costs as the Court may order him to collect.
- (d) To determine that the support is being utilized to the best interests of the dependent children.
- (e) To compel, by citation or other order, duly issued by the Court, the attendance of witnesses, or to take testimony.
- (f) To do everything necessary, including the taking of contempt proceedings, to collect any and all delinquent payments due to dependent minor children.
- (g) To make recommendations to the Court for the betterment of the conditions of dependent minor children.

(h) To ascertain the moral and general conditions surrounding these children, and to report the results of his findings, in writing, to the Court.

(i) To make such investigations as the Court may request when a petition for the amendment of an order is filed with the Court.

(j) If he is a duly qualified and licensed attorney, to act, at the request of the Court, as a State's attorney, in the questioning of witnesses in domestic relations cases pending before the Court, and in questioning witnesses during hearings on amendments and petitions in contempt proceedings.

(k) To be the bond holder in cases involving illegitimate children, and to make regular collections for the maintenance of such children, together with confinement and Court costs, and to disperse the same in accordance with the law.

(l) To supervise the payors of support who have failed or refused to pay support and have been placed on probation after a determination that such persons are in contempt of Court.

The requirements of (a), (b), (d), (g), (h), and (i), are duties which, in order to be properly performed, require considerable field work, home, school, social, religious and recreational activities investigations.

The extent and quality of the information which should be gathered by these duties imposed upon the Friend of the Court are intended to be of real assistance to the Court in the continuous supervision and disposition of cases involving minor children.

The Friend of the Court's office, at the present time, has the following staff: the Friend of the Court; one male investigator; three female employees, whose principal functions are concerned with collections and clerical work incident to the receipt and disbursement of support money. One of these employee's principal responsibility is the stenographic work required by the preparation of reports and correspondence. The staff, as presently constituted, is inadequate to discharge the responsibilities imposed upon it by law, under the requirements of (a) through (l), above.

Thus, the duty of the Friend of the Court to examine records and files in divorce cases involving minor children, and to see to it that these children are properly supported and properly cared for by the custodian, with the proper kind of follow through, has not been a part of the procedure in the Muskegon County Circuit Court, because of the inadequacy of the staff.

By and large, the cases which receive the attention of the Friend of the Court's office are those in which complaints are filed

by either the payees or the payors. It is a case of "the wheel which squeaks gets the grease."

This overall supervision required by law is designed to insure continuous proper care of the children involved, by anticipating and so preventing delinquencies in payments by the support payors, on the one hand, and neglect or improper care of the children by the custodian of the children on the other hand. This is possible only with regular and frequent field supervision.

Incidentally, the accepted procedure in most Counties, which is also the general procedure in Muskegon County, is to wait for complaints before inquiring into the situation or taking any other action, presumably, on the mistaken assumption that in the absence of complaints, the Child's situation is satisfactory.

As a result, the Friend of the Court's service is not primarily constructive and preventative; instead, it falls into the category of action after the fact, or the happening of situations upon which complaints are based.

The Friend of the Court assumes the responsibility of ascertaining that support is being utilized in the best interests of the children, generally only in cases of extreme delinquency, or complete neglect of the order, are complaints filed. In a sense, this is a case of shutting the stable door after the horse has been taken.

Thus, we find that the records in the Friend of the Court's office are not regularly posted as to delinquencies, nor is there a proper system of follow-through on all delinquent accounts. The system of bookkeeping is comparable to the high stool large journal and old ledger type. The volume of work requires a survey to determine whether or not it would be good economy to mechanize the bookkeeping incident to cash receipts and cash disbursements, in order to provide proper follow-through on non-support and delinquent cases.

The following is a summary and comparative report, by months, for the years 1952 and 1953:

MONTH	RECEIPTS - 1952	RECEIPTS - 1953
January	\$41,763.57	\$53,500.82
February	40,697.90	51,593.53
March	39,602.69	51,587.07
April	44,007.27	51,092.22
May	39,846.14	49,265.92
June	58,320.46	54,854.62
July	44,319.60	52,924.26
August	49,435.63	46,595.26
September	47,546.91	50,538.16
October	48,313.33	50,538.16
November	43,858.03	44,792.00
December	47,213.40	44,773.00
Total for year	\$544,924.93	\$609,741.00

The increase in the volume of the work load in this office is well illustrated by the following figures:

In 1943, ten years ago, there were 648 active domestic relations cases in the Friend of the Court's office, for a total payment of \$152,363.48.

The Friend of the Court advises us that there were approximately 2100 active domestic relations cases pending in that office in 1953. This represents an accumulated total of divorce and domestic relations cases over the years. On the average of three children per case, there are approximately 6300 children presently involved in pending cases. These children range in age from a day old through sixteen years of age.

In 1953, the Friend of the Court's office collected \$609,741.00 in support money.

The case load in the past ten years has increased 224%, and the total volume of collections has increased 333.1%.

This amount was collected by methods comparable to "surface mining". The total would be much greater if the Office were able to reach the "hard rock" of all delinquent cases.

Many improvements in methods of collection, banking, disbursements and accounting methods were recommended by the joint action of the Court and the County Controller.

When it is considered that in the Muskegon School system there are approximately 32,390 children, and that approximately 20% are from broken homes, the extent of the social problem involved becomes more readily apparent.

The growth of divorce has become one of the supreme menaces to modern civilization. Juvenile delinquency has its most fertile root in broken homes.

The annual, varying, averages of about one divorce to every three to four to five marriages in the United States is a serious problem. It is foolish and shameless to expect any genuine public good can come from divorce. On the contrary, its obvious tendency is to certain destruction of society, because it destroys society's very foundation, the home. The broken home shakes the security of the community, of the state, and of the nation.

Great, indeed, is the force of example. With such incitements, it needs follow that the eagerness for divorce which daily spreads its devious ways can affect the minds of many, like a virulent, contagious disease.

Often, in divorce, you find the supreme declaration of selfishness; the parties fail to face up to their full responsibilities. They place their own personal gratification and pride of

position ahead of the welfare of the very children they bring into the world, and in many cases, like chattel, these children are thrown upon the state for such care and education as public charity may provide.

Since the consequences of divorce are unfortunate and tragic, and since the very safety and security of the state depends upon the solid foundation of the American family, a heavy duty and a high professional responsibility is placed upon every member of the Bar Association, and upon the Courts. Every effort should be made to reduce the number of actual divorces. Here, again, pre-trial conferences and pre-testimony Friend of the Court reports, in cases where children are involved, are of real assistance to the Court in efforts to preserve the marriage relationship.

In some states, the law provides for a divorce counsel, who serves as a defender of the marriage bonds. This is to insure that divorces are not granted in cases in which even the petitioning party is at fault. In no branch of the law is there the means by which greater contempt for law and order and society is bred than in divorce cases.

The ease with which defaults in divorce cases may often be taken creates situations in which fraud may be perpetrated upon the Court on questions of jurisdiction and freedom from fault on the part of the complaining party, unless safeguards be diligently employed. Defaults in divorce cases should not be handled with the same ease and speed generally resorted to in default cases involving collections claims. More than material values are at stake. These actions have infinite and generally baneful consequences to the children and their children's children. The administrative machinery of the Circuit Court should be directed to the function of preserving the unity and sanctity of the home. This responsibility weighs heavily upon the Bench and the Bar. The Friend of the Court's office and the Probation division's activities should be directed to the objective of maintaining the integrity of the family.

Some State jurisdictions have departments of conciliation and reconciliation, in which trained personnel assist the parties in adjusting their differences and preserving the bonds of marriage. This is a wise program, and could very well be a part of the functions of the Friend of the Court's office. Courts should not follow the line of least resistance and rush through divorce cases at the expiration of the normal default time. Pre-testimony reports and investigations by the Friend of the Court's office in many instances reveal situations in which it would be a violation of the very principles of equitable jurisprudence to grant a divorce, even in default cases.

The staff of the Friend of the Court's office should be adequate to assist the Court in this regard. The Bench and the

Bar recognize the need for a female case worker in this office.

The family service functions of the administrative divisions of the Circuit Court and the Probate Court should be coordinated, and in some instances integrated, for the overall welfare of the children involved in Court cases.

There is presently in progress a project to audit all of the 2132 accounts, and determine the case by case delinquency. Also, we shall determine the requirements of an adequate system to establish and maintain proper follow-through on delinquent cases. It is quite evident that radical adjustments will be required in many accounts. The problem, necessarily, is a "two-way street".

Recently, we have attempted to meet the duty to act as State Attorney by a per diem arrangement with Mr. Fred Loyda, who is retained as counsel in the Friend of the Court's office, and such legal assistance as the Prosecuting Attorney's staff may, from time to time, be able to render.

The law provides that if the Friend of the Court is not a duly qualified and licensed attorney, the Circuit Judge or Circuit Judges of such County may appoint any duly qualified and licensed attorney to assist the Friend of the Court, when the judges determine legal assistance necessary. Such attorneys shall be paid such sum or sums as the Circuit Judges shall fix and determine as reasonable for the services performed. The payments shall be made from the general fund of the County, by the County Treasurer, upon order drawn by the County Clerk, subject to proper audit by the Board of Supervisors or Board of County Auditors (M SA 25.171).

In making recommendations to the Court concerning the betterment of conditions of dependent minor children, including both the moral and the general conditions surrounding these children, the Friend of the Court is presently limited to that part of the case load with which he is familiar as a result of frequent office contact or supervisory field contacts.

Thus, the practice of waiting for complaints before investigation minimizes the effectiveness of this statutory duty. This duty necessarily implies an overall supervisory function in the constant and continuing interest of children.

The facilities and the staff should be made equal to the heavy demands of this Circuit.

## P R O B A T I O N

### ADULT PROBATION

Muskegon County has a combined office of Friend of the Court and Probation Officer.

Probation, as a social service of the Circuit Court, has the objective of "developing in the probationer a sense of social responsibility, by adequate self-control in order that he may take his place in society as a normal, law-abiding citizen".

To assist a criminally maladjusted individual to become a normal, law-abiding citizen, requires great skill and understanding. The success of any probation system depends in no small measure upon the extent to which personal supervision in the home, in the probationer's employment, and in his social activity, is carried out. Follow-through is of the utmost importance. The first interest of the probation officer is in human values.

From an economic point of view, there is much to be said for the wise use of probation. It costs the State of Michigan a thousand dollars, or more, a year, for each person committed to a state penal institution. In 1953, 182 sentences were imposed in the Circuit Court for the County of Muskegon. If each of these persons had been sentenced to a minimum of one year in a state penal institution, the County would have imposed a burden of one hundred eighty-two thousand dollars upon the people of the State of Michigan. A probationer does not require food, clothing, shelter and supervision in an institution at public expense. He is supporting his dependents and making restitution to those whom he has injured. He also pays fines, court costs and oversight fees to the County.

Muskegon County probationers have paid substantial sums in fines, costs, probationary oversight fees and restitution, yet there is no over-emphasis on collections, which is a secondary function of probation.

The inadequacy of the probationary staff, however, indicates an under-emphasis on the primary function -- the social rehabilitation of the probationers, and the necessary follow-through for the success of such a probation.

It must be remembered that excepting in first degree murder cases, or cases involving serious sex deviate offenses, a man sentenced to prison will ordinarily return to the community from which he came. The question always is -- "Will he return an improved citizen or an educated criminal?"

Probation is a form of social supervision applied to an offender. It is conditioned upon the active participation of the probationer in the program of readjustment. Probation should seek what is good in the man and develop it, and find out what is bad in him and eliminate it. It should develop the elements of character which make for stability, moral responsibility, self-control and self-determination.

The law provides that before sentencing any person charged

with a felony, and if directed by the Court, in many other cases where a person is charged with a misdemeanor within the jurisdiction of the Court, the Probation Officer shall inquire into the antecedent character and circumstances of such person or persons, and shall report thereon, in writing, to the Court. Pre-sentence reports are an essential part of the Probation Officer's function. These pre-sentence investigations should inquire into the social history, character and background of the individual, his places of former employment, his associates, his family background, the extent of those dependent upon him and any and all information which will aid the Court in arriving at a fair evaluation of the best sentence to be applied in each case. Accurate and adequate pre-sentence reports made from field contacts are an indispensable part of the Probation Officer's duty. They are necessary for the purpose of (a) verification of the defendant's statement at the time of the first interview; (b) obtaining an adequate social, physical, economic, spiritual and criminal background; (c) analysis of environmental influences, both social and physical; (d) summarization of recommendations for disposition, and (e) future planning for the individual.

They are valuable to the Probation Officer and to the Court, and in the case of commitments, they are valuable to the Classification Committee of the prison, to the Parole Board and later, to the supervising Parole Officer.

Likewise, an accumulation of pre-sentence investigation reports, if carefully prepared, furnish an invaluable fund of information for research purposes which might assist in discovering trends for use in planning along important lines of crime prevention.

Pre-sentence reports and individual case supervision are the important functions of the Probation Officer.

Until July 28, 1953, Muskegon County had but a single Probation Officer, whose functions were combined with that of the Friend of the Court. Mr. Lawrence Buitendorp, who is Friend of the Court and also Probation Officer, receives \$3190.00, as Friend of the Court, and \$1350.00, per year, as Probation Officer. Thus, the total salary expense to the County of Muskegon, for probation services, is only \$1350.00. This arrangement, in a County the size of Muskegon, is wholly inadequate.

On July 28, 1953, we were able to obtain a full time Probation Officer from the Corrections Department of the State, as a part of the program of grant in aid by way of service to Circuit Courts. Mr. Paul Hulka, a State Civil Service employee, a Michigan State College graduate, specially trained by college curriculum and in-the-field experience under the direction of skilled and experienced probation officers, was assigned to us. His services have been obtained at no direct cost to the County of Muskegon.

We have arranged with the Corrections Department for the inclusion of two additional Probation Officers in its budget now submitted to the State Legislature. These additional Probation Officers, likewise, will be State Civil Service and Corrections Department employees, assigned to the Circuit Court for the County of Muskegon, and who, also, will work under the direction and supervision of the Circuit Judges.

These additional Probation Officers will also be without cost to the County of Muskegon. This program can result in a dollar savings to Muskegon County of between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars.

The functions of the Friend of the Court and the Probation Division of the Court's administrative arms should be separated. It is expected that this can be accomplished during the year 1954.

The volume of the work in the Probation branch of the Court's administrative functions is indicated by the following figures:

At the beginning of the year 1943, there were 111 persons on probation. During the year, 39 were added, for a total case load of 150. During the year, 51 were discharged, leaving a balance of 99 on probation at the end of the year.

In 1953, at the beginning of the year, there were 154 persons on probation, and during the year, 150 were added, for a total case load of 304. During the year, 131 were discharged, for a case load of 173 at the end of the year.

The total case load in the ten year period increased 102.9%.

Likewise, the Probation Division, in 1943, collected a total of \$5,275.50. In 1953, the collections totaled \$29,077.43, for an increase of 221.69%.

In reviewing the charts attached hereto, showing the case load and activities of the Probation Department, it is to be noted that Mr. Hulka, the State Civil Service employee Probation Officer's statistics are in addition to those included in the Friend of the Court and Probation Department statistics, except, however, in the summary on total case load,

The wise use of a probation system will temper justice with reasoned mercy. Not only will it result in many dollar savings to the County and the State, but the social, moral and human values are incalculable, especially in the preservation of the unity and integrity of the family.

ANNUAL REPORT  
FRIEND OF THE COURT AND PROBATION OFFICES

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
Alimony and support payments	\$422,276.90	\$465,485.99	\$544,924.93	\$609,741.28
Probation department	11,857.29	12,087.66	17,571.60	29,977.43
Handling fees	3,316.00	3,330.00	3,236.00	3,009.00
Total receipts	\$437,450.19	\$480,903.65	\$565,732.53	\$641,827.71
Alimony calls	301	290	251	280
Divorce investigations	223	173	284	233
Bench warrants - Muskegon County	56	37	54	47
Bench warrants served out of County	11	5	30	22
Orders to Show Cause delivered	13	15	9	15
Family trouble investigations	12	50	46	57
Probation calls	70	136	295	146
Pre-sentence investigations and reports	121	163	186	184
Home investigations for other Counties	16	27	24	22
Miscellaneous calls (calls that do not fall into any of the above categories)	87	81	102	89

Mr. Fred Loyda, as Special Counsel for the office of the Friend of the Court, on a per diem arrangement, has handled conferences, stipulations, petitions and decree amendments in 29 specific cases, and conducted 85 interviews, which are in addition to the domestic relations figures set forth in the above chart.

Probation cases pending January 1, 1953	153
Probation cases added during 1953	150
Total	<u>304</u>
Probation cases discharged during 1953	131
Probation cases pending, January 1, 1954	<u>173</u>

Cases handled by Paul Hulka, State Probation Officer, who is a Civil Service employee of the State Department of Corrections, at no direct expense to the County of Muskegon, July 28, 1953, through December 31, 1953:

Full time supervision	92
Part time supervision	<u>26</u>
Total	118

Of all persons supervised by Paul Hulka, only three necessitated sentence to prison for violation of their probation, or for a new offense.

It is important to note that there were 33 families involved in the case load supervised by Mr. Hulka. Two of these families were separated at the time of the commencement of their probation. The 31 remaining families were kept together, and thus the wife and children did not become wards of the State.

BREAKDOWN OF PROBATION CONTACTS

1- Home calls	365
2- Office interviews	275
3- Special investigations	112
4- Supervision contacts	601
5- Other contacts (probation violation, pre-sentence, public relations, etc.)	163

MAN HOURS ON PROBATION CONTACTS

1- Office and Court Room	405½
2- Field (home calls, investigations, including approximately three Friday nights per month at Sheriff's Dept. checking and apprehending probationers)	481¼

The above record was made by Mr. Paul Hulka, at no direct expense to the County. This arrangement was worked out by Judge Fox with the State Department of Corrections, under the program known as "Grant in Aid by Way of Service to Counties". At the present time, there is included in the new budget by the Department

of Corrections to the State Legislature, a request for two additional probation officers, State Civil Service employees, to be assigned to Muskegon County, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1954.

The supplemental report concerning the activities of State Probation Officer Paul Hulka, is in addition to those listed on the Friend of the Court and Probation Offices' Annual Report, excepting in the summary on total cases.

During 1953, the Bench and the Bar continued the policy of close cooperation. The Committee on Local Court Rules, under the chairmanship of the Honorable Stephen H. Clink, and in conjunction with the Court, codified and redrafted the Court Rules. The Rules are set up with a numbering system which permits easy reference and proper allowances for amendments under designated matters. Included in the amended rules are the local Pre-trial Rules, which have speeded the disposition of cases and procedures designed to assist the Court in more equitable disposition of domestic relations cases.

The Committees on the Friend of the Court and Probation continue to develop standards for the improvement of these services.

A Bar Association Committee studied and submitted a report on standard schedule of fees in indigent criminal cases, which fees have been adopted by the Court.

Likewise, a Committee of the Bar Association assisted the Court in reviewing and establishing uniform rules for "good time allowance" in the case of County Jail sentences, as required by law.

There is presently a Committee of the County Bar Association working on uniform practices in the matter of journal entries. The forms and standards ultimately established by this Committee, together with the form of the Rules developed by the Committee on Local Court Rules and Established Practices, will be submitted to the Judicial Council, the Judges Association, and the Michigan State Bar Association, with the recommendation that these reports be used as models in other Circuits throughout the state.

The Circuit Court and the Muskegon County Bar, together, have established a record of accomplishment. Whenever there is unity of action between the Bench and the Bar, on matters of common policy, the standards of both are raised.

  
NOEL P. FOX, Circuit Judge.

1953 Apportionment Report

UNIT	COUNTY TAX		CITY or TWP. DEBT PRIOR to 12-8-32		SCHOOL TAX		SCHOOL DEBT PRIOR TO 12-8-32		SCHOOL EXTRA VOTED MILLAGE		REJECTED DRAIN TAX		SPECIAL DRAIN TAX		DRAIN TAX AT LARGE		SPECIAL TAX		TOTAL
	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	TAX	
<b>Townships</b>																			
Blue Lake	3,695.76	647.48	---	---	3,364.03	---	---	---	7,046.03	41.96	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15,295.26
Casnovia	11,864.06	1,674.08	---	---	13,331.47	---	---	---	4,208.17	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	31,077.78
Cedar Creek	5,418.38	633.00	---	---	5,770.68	---	---	---	3,520.27	2.59	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15,344.92
Dalton	16,755.30	1,920.03	---	---	18,497.90	---	---	---	42,728.47	12.28	---	---	---	627.60	---	---	---	---	80,541.58
Egelston	13,167.97	1,559.20	---	---	17,525.07	---	---	---	36,163.90	1.39	1,083.86	---	---	409.94	---	---	---	---	74,588.93
Fruitland	20,002.11	---	---	---	21,233.46	---	---	---	55,966.19	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	97,201.76
Fruitport	25,034.54	4,377.82	---	---	30,084.63	---	---	---	85,934.54	3.05	947.10	---	---	---	1,324.00	---	---	---	146,808.58
Holton	6,619.17	923.93	---	---	7,334.94	---	---	---	10,995.87	3.76	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	27,078.70
Laketon	15,345.89	7,701.48	---	---	20,216.39	---	---	---	38,507.41	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	81,774.33
Montagne	5,934.31	1,365.55	---	---	6,204.60	---	---	---	5,111.97	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20,032.42
Moorland	7,234.25	500.00	---	---	8,140.15	---	---	---	181.44	---	3,425.42	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21,121.60
Muskegon	176,328.36	38,443.03	---	---	210,667.55	---	---	---	342,069.48	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	824,958.35
Norton	94,582.41	12,272.19	---	---	107,352.96	---	---	---	223,280.91	10.05	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	437,498.52
Ravena	13,739.08	1,752.78	---	---	14,683.87	---	---	---	24,469.46	4.10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	54,649.29
Sullivan	4,520.19	---	---	---	6,292.34	---	---	---	8,696.66	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	19,509.19
Whitehall	1,318.23	194.47	---	---	1,378.35	---	---	---	4,073.11	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6,970.66
White River	5,655.92	1,504.02	---	---	6,178.72	---	---	---	1,342.99	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15,053.65
<b>Cities</b>																			
Montague	13,773.61	22,759.60	---	---	14,400.86	3,286.53	---	---	11,864.87	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	66,085.47
Muskegon	698,921.64	1,216,118.80	94,231.83	---	1,052,410.00	29,230.00	---	---	534,672.00	3.59	---	---	---	22,102.67	---	---	---	---	3,698,290.53
Muskegon Heights	236,571.72	348,008.99	18,231.81	---	362,968.00	25,000.00	---	---	146,478.60	---	---	---	---	61,425.92	---	---	---	---	1,198,785.04
North Muskegon	39,984.00	65,382.98	1,672.20	---	62,707.46	12,541.49	---	---	41,804.97	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	232,454.09
Roosevelt Park	36,774.66	52,453.00	---	---	40,756.36	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	129,984.02
Whitehall	22,031.31	40,640.88	---	---	23,034.74	---	---	---	69,104.22	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	154,811.15
County	1,475,272.87	1,870,833.31	114,835.84	2,055,034.53	71,882.51	1,748,275.53	82.77	5,456.38	129,055.73	14,990.19	35,773.84	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7,485,689.66

Respectfully Submitted,  
 APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE  
 Baker, Cross and Store

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
 ) SS:  
 COUNTY OF MUSKEGON)

At a meeting of the State Tax Commission held in the Tax Commission offices in the City of Lansing on Wednesday, July 29, 1953.

Present: Chairman Louis M. Nims and Commissioner Clarence E. Paddock.

The Commission took under consideration the appeal from the equalization of Muskegon County for 1953 as adopted by the Board of Supervisors, which was filed by Harold D. Baker, Supervisor from the City of Muskegon.

The appeal of the Supervisor of the City of Muskegon contended that the equalization as adopted by the Board of Supervisors was unfair to the City of Muskegon and an examination of the assessment rolls of the various units of the County having been made by the field staff of the Tax Commission and a preliminary finding having been forwarded to each member of the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Section 34 of the General Property Tax Law, as amended by Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1952, a hearing was held in the County Courthouse of Muskegon County on July 22, 1953 at 10:00 A. M. before the State Tax Commission.

In accordance with the provisions of Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1952, this meeting of the State Tax Commission is held, not less than five nor more than seven days after the hearing, to consider the facts brought forth at said hearing and the results of the examination by the Tax Commission field staff and to adopt a final determination of equalization of Muskegon County for 1953.

It is, therefore, determined that the final equalization of the townships and cities of Muskegon County for 1953 are the same as contained in the preliminary finding and as contained in the schedule below and the Board of Supervisors shall proceed to apportion county taxes in accordance with this equalization, as provided for in Act 264, Public Acts of 1952.

Valuation as Assessed

Valuation as Equalized

Townships	Real	Personal	Total	Total	Percent
Blue Lake	\$ 564,310	24,310	\$ 588,620	\$ 772,808	.25050
Casnovia	1,428,100	245,980	1,674,080	2,480,871	.80415
Cedar Creek	542,540	90,622	633,162	1,133,042	.36726
Dalton	1,754,660	160,474	1,915,134	3,503,675	1.13568
Egelston	1,378,675	180,525	1,559,200	2,753,529	.89253
Fruitland	2,174,975	73,847	2,248,822	4,182,606	1.35575
Fruitport	3,704,100	275,740	3,979,840	5,234,923	1.69685
Holton	760,670	163,256	923,926	1,384,120	.44865
Laketon	2,140,500	82,364	2,222,864	3,208,951	1.04015
Montague	694,175	159,300	853,475	1,240,920	.40223
Moorland	746,550	120,225	866,775	1,512,753	.49034
Muskegon	22,657,770	4,639,460	27,297,230	36,871,745	11.95160
Norton	11,299,675	972,510	12,272,185	19,777,983	6.41083
Ravenna	1,478,385	274,390	1,752,775	2,872,955	.93124
Sullivan	543,705	90,205	633,910	945,198	.30638
Whitehall	157,740	19,050	176,790	275,670	.08935
White River	889,360	50,650	940,010	1,182,687	.38336
<b>TOTAL TOWNSHIPS</b>	<b>\$ 52,915,890</b>	<b>\$ 7,622,908</b>	<b>\$ 60,538,798</b>	<b>\$ 89,334,436</b>	<b>28.95685</b>

CITIES

Montague	1,286,600	135,875	1,422,475	2,880,173	.93358
Muskegon	73,802,125	43,132,375	116,934,500	146,150,401	47.37316
Muskegon Heights	21,748,375	14,896,650	36,645,025	49,486,013	16.04039
North Muskegon	4,841,625	522,275	5,363,900	8,360,994	2.71013
Roosevelt Park	3,193,900	2,054,200	5,248,100	7,689,879	2.49260
Whitehall	1,929,905	610,150	2,540,055	4,606,948	1.49329

<b>TOTAL CITIES</b>	<b>106,802,530</b>	<b>61,351,525</b>	<b>168,154,055</b>	<b>219,174,408</b>	<b>71.04315</b>
<b>TOTAL COUNTY</b>	<b>\$ 159,718,420</b>	<b>\$ 68,974,433</b>	<b>\$ 228,692,853</b>	<b>\$ 308,508,844</b>	<b>100.00000</b>

Given under our hands and the Seal of the State Tax Commission in the City of Lansing, this 29th day of July, A. D. 1953

STATE TAX COMMISSION  
 L. M. Nims, Chairman  
 Clarence E. Paddock, Commissioner

## ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

To the Board of Supervisors of the County of Muskegon, State of Michigan.

Gentlemen. In compliance with the provisions of Sec. XI of Chapter II of Act No. 316, of the Public Acts of 1923, I have the honor to submit my Annual Report as County Drain Commissioner of said County of Muskegon covering the period from the First day of January A. D. 1953 to the First day of January A. D. 1954.

I. The following named Drains are unfinished.

<u>Drain</u>	<u>Progress</u>
Aue	No Petition
Chaddock	Injunction
Ellis	Rights of Way
Simonelli	Injunction
Fairfield*	Petition
Poulson	Rights of Way
Round Marsh	Rights of Way
Rozeboom	Engineering
Robinson	Under Construction
Ruddiman Creek Drain No. 51	Under Construction
Matthews	Engineering

II. The following work has been completed:

Smith Mulder	Clean out completed
City of Muskegon	Repair--clean out
McCracken at Lindberg	Repair--broken tile
Kinsley St.	Repair--broken tile
City of Muskegon Heights	Repair--clean out

III. The following named Drains have been begun by me, during the year and are partly completed, not all are established, to-wit:

<u>Applications for Drain</u>	<u>Progress</u>
Barnes	Not returned
Ruddiman Creek No. 51	2nd Estimate
Daly	Not returned
Ensley and Hall Road	Not returned
Gomery's*	Engineering
Tidioute	Field work
Robinson-Inter-County Drain	60% completed
Ackerberg	Field work
Fairfield*	Engineering
Canada	Board of Determination

\* It is proposed that the Fairfield and Gomery Drainage Districts be consolidated and become one district.

I do hereby Certify, that the above embraces a full and true Report of all the Drains constructed, finished, or begun under my supervision, or applied for during the year now ending December 31, A. D. 1953 and that the financial statement of each drain, submitted herewith is true and correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
 Dated at Muskegon, Michigan  
 This 4th day of February, A. D. 1954.

Patrick J. Buckley  
 County Drain Commissioner  
 Muskegon County, Michigan

## ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

## Financial Statement of Individual Drain Funds.

December 31, A. D. 1953

Drain	Debits	Credits
Anderson Drain		11.02
August Anderson Drain		11.53
Artebury Drain		2.04
Bailey Drain		229.62
Barnes Drain		21.68
Bartholomew Drain		3.34
Becker Drain		57.09
Bell		134.15
Benson		926.65
Brandstrom		4.73
Bridgeton & Cedar Creek		1.41
Bussing		.35
Carlson	132.65	
Crockery Creek		337.18
Canada		87.28
Casnovia Tyrone		11.87
Dirkes Branch No. 1 & No. 2		151.03
Dole		166.13
Dolph		.81
Dow Fred		115.88
Dry		188.37
Eadie		271.65
Erickson	207.87	
Farkas		97.30
Folsom		4.66
Four Mile Creek		112.53
Greiner		59.13
Hanson		51.50
Holland		60.93
Humphrey		4.86
Johnson O.		81.97
Kent		387.94
Kent-Muskegon Inter Co. Drain	31.52	
Kinne		183.71
Klever		81.97
Knudson		.94
Kuis		43.35
Lawrence		80.52
Little Black Lake		296.51
Lewis		193.41
Markle		6.28
Martin		134.03
Mathews		15.70
Montague		688.99
Muskegon-Newaygo Inter Co. Drain		644.10

Drain	Debits	Credits
Norris Creek		4.07
Orchard Grove		2881.66
Parent		4.15
Partridge		8.71
Peters		.06
Pett		.58
Porter		.25
Ribe		3.25
Roosevelt Park		16.97
Roseboom		31.23
Ruddiman Creek (clean out)		5375.75
Ruddiman Creek No. 51		818.62
Ruddiman Valley Dr. #3		985.59
Ruddiman Valley Dr. #3 Redemption Fund		2,069.44
Ruper Tony		13.07
Scott Waters		1,350.06
Stafford		1.77
Stewart		281.42
Seider		34.90
Slater		2.01
Taylor		1.30
Thompson Clyde		11.97
Truman		127.80
Turtle	.65	
Tupper		206.81
Wilsie		1.43
Witham		.78
Wells		374.70
Wooley Marsh		18.04
Washburn		146.49

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Total

## Annual Report of County Drain Commissioner

## Revolving Drain Fund

December 31, 1953

Drain	Debits	Credits	Progress
Aue Revolving Dr.	340.00		No Petition
Big & Outlet Rev. Dr.	629.26		Not Charged
Chaddock Rev.	167.25		Injunction
Canada	7.50		Tax Spread
Dirkes Branches No. 1 & No. 2	425.50		Right of Way
Ellis	700.35		Taxes
Erickson	304.98		Petition Work
Fairfield	1,190.50		Engineering
Gomery	150.00		Taxes
Kent-Muskegon	150.37		Taxes
Little Cedar Creek	144.00		Taxes
Marion	7.59		Taxes
Mathews	14.75		Taxds
Muskegon-Newaygo	98.21		Taxes
Nelson	14.44		Taxes
Oak Park	25.39		Taxes
Orchard Grove	1,407.42		Tax Spread
Robinson	44.75		Under const.
Paulson	362.62		Right of Way
Round Marsh	495.60		Right of Way
Rozeboom	204.51		Engineering
Ruddiman Creek	3,205.39		Tax Spread
Ruddiman Creek Drain No. 51	18,634.76		Under Const.
Smith Mulder	701.25		Tax Spread
Simonelli	249.94		Injunction
Truman	45.73		Taxes
Tupper	56.90		Taxes
Waldorf	4.00		Taxes
Walsworth	4.00		Taxes
Washburn	222.16		Taxes
Westover	2.80		Taxes
<b>Total Revolving Drain</b>	<b>30,011.92</b>		

BOARD OF EDUCATION FUND STATEMENT

January 1, 1954

Appropriation for 1953	\$49,499.12	
Cash Receipts, 1953	<u>22,917.97</u>	
Total Receipts, 1953		\$66,416.49
Balance Transferred from 1952		<u>7,703.72</u>
TOTAL		\$74,120.21
Total Expenditures, 1953	\$71,793.91	<u>71,793.91</u>
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT, JANUARY 1, 1954		\$2,326.30

The above balance contains funds for the following accounts in the Board of Education Fund:

Music Plan		844.51
Strip Films		102.01
16 mm. Films	(Red)	164.10
Textbooks	(Red)	2928.39
General		4472.27

BOARD OF EDUCATION FUND

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, 1953

RECEIPTS

Appropriation for 1953	\$43,499.12	
Visiting Teacher	3,000.00	
County Normal	6,000.00	
Speech Correctionist	2,508.14	
Textbooks	7,392.58	
Film Strip	730.05	
Music Fund	150.50	
16 mm. Films	1,201.50	
Misc. Refunds	228.44	
Filing Cabinets	1,567.44	
Band Clinic	70.00	
Eighth Grade Graduation	68.72	
		\$66,416.49

EXPENDITURES

Board Salaries	756.00	
" Mileage	126.94	
Office Supplies	943.98	
Postage	874.02	
Telephone	575.36	
School Census	412.50	
Boundary Meetings	201.07	
Convention Expense	796.73	
Salaries		
Administrative	35,172.98	
Clerical	7,351.39	
Mileage	3,396.19	
Area Study	14.26	
Guidance	37.85	
Band Clinic	100.40	
Misc. Refunds	62.43	
Speech Correction	145.07	
Insurance	59.61	
Testing	10.87	
Supplementary Reading	575.58	
Audio-Visual	848.96	
Consultant	720.53	
Child Accounting Forms	548.15	
Financial Forms	29.05	
Printing	439.52	
Binding	37.58	
Mimeograph Supplies	406.80	
Equipment New-Repair	1,254.07	
Freight	45.37	
Rental	30.00	
Music Fund	505.99	
Visual Education (Film Strips	628.04	
Textbooks	10,320.97	
County Normal	3,000.00	
16 mm. Coop Films	1,365.60	
		\$71,793.91

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTSMUSKEGON COUNTY1953-54

A. Number of Primary Districts (Three member board)	44
B. Number of Graded Districts	
Egelston No. 1     North Muskegon	
Egelston No. 4     Norton No. 1-F	
Fruitport No. 5    Norton No. 2-F	
Holton No. 5       Norton No. 3	
Muskegon No. 1     Norton No. 4	
Muskegon No. 2     Norton No. 6-F	
Muskegon No. 8     Ravenna No. 1	15
Muskegon No. 9	
C. Number of Rural Agricultural Districts	
Fruitport No. 3    Montague	
Muskegon No. 5     Whitehall	
Muskegon No. 7-F	5
D. Number of Township School Districts	
Laketon	1
E. Number of Third Class School Districts	
Muskegon Heights	1
F. Number of Second Class School Districts	None
G. Number of First Class School Districts	None
H. Number of Special Act School Districts	
Muskegon	1
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	Total
	67
Number of Schools Closed	
Blue Lake No. 1-F   Moorland No. 6	
Casnovia No. 2-F    Ravenna No. 3	4
Number of Elementary School Districts K-8	56
Number of Secondary School Districts K-12	7
	<hr/>
	Total
	67

SCHOOL CENSUS - 1953

By Ages - Birth through Nineteen

Muskegon County Schools

The annual school census is taken during the last twenty days in May

	Birth - 4																				Total
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
<u>Blue Lake</u>	5	8	7	5	9	34	4	7	4	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	3	1	2	1	38
<u>Casnovia</u>	5	7	4	5	3	24	4	3	5	2	10	2	3	2	5	0	2	4	3	1	48
1	1	1	1	3	2	8	4	2	3	1	4	4	3	5	0	1	5	3	0	5	42
2	0	4	4	2	2	14	2	5	3	3	0	0	4	1	0	1	3	1	1	4	33
2-F	3	0	3	3	1	10	2	3	1	3	4	4	2	0	2	1	2	1	2	0	31
3	9	6	6	6	4	31	8	8	6	8	6	11	4	11	6	7	3	7	0	2	93
4	4	5	3	4	1	17	4	3	3	0	5	1	6	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	34
4-F	3	6	6	5	4	24	6	6	3	4	7	4	3	1	3	6	1	3	0	4	56
5	2	5	3	6	4	20	4	2	8	8	2	5	6	4	4	5	4	3	2	4	65
5-F	5	5	5	1	4	20	5	7	1	4	3	3	1	3	4	4	2	2	3	2	50
7	4	2	6	2	6	20	3	2	7	6	3	4	2	3	3	0	4	5	0	4	49
																					501
<u>Cedar Creek</u>	5	4	3	3	2	17	9	1	3	4	4	2	3	6	0	9	4	5	5	6	65
1-F	13	12	9	6	8	48	13	4	5	12	10	5	8	6	4	3	4	1	4	2	83
2&3	1	3	6	9	7	26	6	4	9	5	6	6	3	2	3	3	2	4	5	0	61
4	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	2	3	3	4	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	0	0	27
5-F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	236
<u>Dalton</u>	22	24	30	31	29	136	25	32	17	23	22	18	22	21	14	15	13	14	13	10	278
2-F	17	21	15	18	22	93	18	16	19	14	9	20	14	8	13	11	9	5	7	13	189
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	467
<u>Egelston</u>	107	85	93	93	99	477	104	104	76	61	84	82	58	61	63	41	41	46	26	23	912
1	12	19	18	19	14	82	18	20	14	17	18	18	14	13	12	9	11	16	4	12	209
2	15	16	20	19	15	85	19	22	5	7	8	12	7	5	10	12	6	8	5	3	136
3	34	54	53	41	41	223	38	38	30	40	36	31	34	31	24	19	28	18	18	20	438
4																					1695

	Under 1	1	2	3	4	Birth-4				Total				5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	1919	Total			
<u>Fruitland</u>																																							
1-F	22	18	19	22	35	106	20	29	16	19	22	20	20	19	19	17	20	21	10	8	8	4	4	252															
<u>Fruitport</u>																																							
3	111	101	93	123	116	544	114	109	90	78	95	96	79	90	83	71	70	64	59	35	51	32	32	1184															
5	54	75	67	65	51	312	63	82	84	65	41	65	59	48	40	39	38	30	36	30	30	30	32	722															
<u>Holton</u>																																							
2-F	2	5	3	2	6	18	4	4	5	5	10	4	5	7	10	1	4	4	2	2	2	0	67																
3-F	2	5	3	3	3	16	6	6	4	5	4	3	1	5	4	1	4	2	5	3	3	1	54																
4	5	11	4	7	8	35	8	10	6	3	2	4	3	3	1	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	61																
5	22	32	18	22	17	111	22	26	19	17	12	18	13	19	15	16	17	13	12	14	14	10	243																
<u>Laketon</u>																																							
-	80	91	100	95	89	455	113	116	65	79	84	40	77	73	92	62	59	64	48	42	42	46	1060																
<u>Montague</u>																																							
-	65	70	76	60	57	328	73	66	55	50	60	68	69	48	62	55	48	45	36	38	38	38	811																
<u>Moorland</u>																																							
1	5	2	6	5	5	23	3	6	3	3	8	4	3	5	3	4	5	2	8	5	5	4	66																
2	4	2	2	3	1	12	1	1	3	3	5	0	2	4	2	0	2	1	2	2	3	0	29																
3	4	4	2	4	4	18	4	4	5	4	5	5	6	5	2	1	5	2	5	3	3	2	58																
3-F	3	2	3	1	3	12	5	6	5	5	4	3	6	7	3	5	6	3	3	2	2	1	64																
4	5	3	7	7	8	30	9	8	7	7	7	6	7	3	8	6	7	3	3	3	3	4	87																
5	6	3	7	6	2	24	3	2	3	2	6	7	3	10	5	3	5	5	3	4	4	4	59																
6	0	0	3	3	0	6	2	2	2	3	1	3	2	3	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	25																
<u>Muskegon</u>																																							
1	145	147	147	170	162	771	165	153	97	114	106	119	108	94	70	53	70	56	65	41	41	54	1365																
2-F	86	82	80	73	97	418	82	79	61	56	38	52	45	48	38	31	47	30	27	29	29	16	679																
5	85	89	81	79	81	415	91	96	63	67	77	83	60	61	38	39	47	42	28	49	49	23	855																
7-F	49	74	70	77	82	352	78	81	60	57	69	62	49	53	56	45	44	39	41	32	32	33	799																
8	51	52	48	40	39	230	51	40	28	40	37	38	39	28	22	33	31	22	26	20	20	17	472																
9	17	33	34	29	21	134	28	27	18	21	22	28	21	16	13	8	11	7	11	9	9	7	447																
<u>North Muskegon</u>																																							
-	52	40	55	61	52	260	46	76	53	64	70	59	62	53	48	49	37	43	42	41	41	26	769																



INITIAL ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

September 1953

	kg	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Total
<u>Casnovia</u>										
- Canada Corners	4	3	2	1	7	2	3	-	-	22
1-F - Hayward	3	1	2	1	3	4	2	4	-	20
2 - North Casnovia	1	4	2	4	3	2	-	4	-	20
3 - Bailey	6	7	9	7	6	6	3	4	5	60
4 - Champion	4	1	4	-	5	4	2	-	-	20
4-F - Ferguson	5	5	2	4	5	4	3	-	-	23
5 - Poplar Valley	4	5	3	4	3	4	5	-	-	33
5-F - Slocum	4	6	3	3	3	1	7	-	-	27
7 - Half Moon Lake	7	3	5	3	5	2	1	1	-	27 - 257
<u>Cedar Creek</u>										
1-F - Evans	5	5	1	1	9	2	1	-	-	24
2&3 - Eyerson	6	6	5	5	6	4	4	-	-	36
4 - Dalson	7	3	4	10	3	5	4	-	-	36
5-F - Maple Island	1	6	3	5	3	5	2	-	-	25 - 121
<u>Dalton</u>										
2-F - Twin Lake	32	24	29	30	29	37	-	-	-	181
4 - Baker	21	21	19	10	12	13	10	-	-	111
<u>Egelston</u>										
1 - Carr	98	118	80	88	60	96	54	-	-	594
2 - Bates	23	24	21	17	26	15	12	15	5	158
3 - Jibson	22	22	10	8	3	9	10	12	7	108
4 - Wolf Lake	45	34	27	28	39	31	13	33	26	281 - 1141
<u>Fruitland</u>										
1-F - Duck Creek	18	29	15	22	15	20	19	-	-	138 - 138

	Kg	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	Total
<u>Fruitport</u>											
3 - Fruitport R. A.	119	129	87	99	85	109	86	98	36	83	981
5 - Beach	76	74	58	61	62	50	54	30	31	-	496 - 1477
<u>Holton</u>											
2-F - Olson	5	5	3	6	5	5	5	-	-	-	34
3-F - Brunswick	5	5	3	3	5	4	6	-	-	-	31
4 - Bunce	8	11	5	5	3	3	3	-	-	-	38 - 103
<u>Laketon Twp. Schools</u>											
	114	132	89	78	101	85	79	77	53	-	813 - 813
<u>Moorland</u>											
1 - Franks	5	3	1	-	4	6	2	4	-	-	25
2 - Bowen	1	-	2	2	2	4	-	4	1	-	16
3 - Moorland	4	3	7	4	5	6	4	-	-	-	33
3-F - McChan	4	1	6	4	-	3	4	3	4	-	29
4 - Bixby	6	11	3	4	8	8	4	-	-	-	44
5 - Johnston	4	2	2	3	6	3	4	11	-	-	40 - 137
<u>Muskegon</u>											
1 - Henry St. Glenside	154	146	100	31	103	103	80	-	-	-	767
2 - Jolman	85	95	83	59	57	45	50	49	30	-	553
5 - Orchard View	74	109	72	69	70	68	51	66	34	-	613
7-F - Reeths-Puffer	91	81	78	60	60	71	45	59	52	-	597
8 - Gustafson	58	60	32	32	43	38	30	-	-	-	293
9 - Dangl	30	34	21	20	19	31	19	15	13	-	202 - 3025
<u>Norton</u>											
1-F - Maple Grove	65	85	60	62	55	62	42	52	45	-	528
2-F - Hile	92	83	85	63	52	61	66	50	42	-	594
3 - Churchill	69	75	54	51	60	46	-	-	-	-	355
4 - Lincoln	85	93	81	52	67	50	53	44	37	-	562
5 - Little Black Lake	27	21	25	17	15	23	9	22	11	-	170
6-F - Phillips	82	95	71	60	72	78	71	60	70	-	659
7 - Mona Beach	10	10	12	6	6	15	7	10	6	-	82 - 2950

	Kg	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	3th	Total
<u>Ravenna</u>										
1-F - Minsley	-	1	2	4	5	2	3	2	5	24
2 - Hoogstraat	4	4	2	3	4	3	3	5	2	30
4 - Price	2	2	1	5	1	4	-	3	-	18
5 - Zoll	3	4	1	2	4	3	3	-	-	20
7 -	3	5	2	2	4	6	2	-	-	24 - 116
<u>Sullivan</u>										
1 - Sullivan	7	5	5	7	5	5	-	-	-	34
2 - Updyke	10	13	12	11	7	14	11	-	-	78
3-F - Wood	4	2	3	-	-	2	2	-	4	17
4-F - Cooper	5	5	8	10	7	4	6	3	5	53 - 182
<u>White River</u>										
1 - Mouth	8	4	3	5	5	-	3	-	4	32
2 - Pershing	2	5	4	2	4	3	4	1	1	26 - 58

HIGH SCHOOLS

	Kg	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
<u>Holton</u>	31	39	31	31	24	21	23	38	43	36	34	27	13	391
<u>Montague</u>	68	82	54	65	48	68	70	59	57	34	76	54	50	835
<u>North Muskeron</u>	56	61	57	54	57	67	53	67	64	132	128	98	84	978
<u>Ravenna</u>	22	25	24	23	23	14	21	44	47	69	58	41	44	455
<u>Whitehall</u>	97	123	121	108	115	117	109	108	94	85	88	70	54	1289
<b>Total</b>	274	330	287	281	267	287	276	316	305	406	384	290	245	3948
<b>Grand Total</b>	1911	2070	1616	1484	1535	1586	1252	1057	889	489	384	290	245	14808

SUMMARY OF 1953 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Addressograph	\$ 5,506.00	\$ 4,597.44	\$ 908.56
Agriculture	15,429.00	13,835.43	1,593.57
Animal Shelter	19,728.00	16,880.61	2,847.39
Board of Supervisors	17,600.00	22,636.64	5,036.64 O.D.
Burial of War Vets	4,500.00	4,700.00	200.00 O.D.
Circuit Court	50,998.00	42,564.76	8,433.24
Clerk	34,981.00	33,165.22	1,815.78
Contagious Disease	20,000.00	16,880.44	3,119.56
Controller	19,401.00	16,024.59	3,376.41
Coroners	7,000.00	5,026.84	1,973.16
Court House and Grounds	25,023.00	23,242.96	1,780.04
Drain Commissioners	6,890.00	5,222.35	1,667.65
Elections	9,000.00	3,605.51	5,394.49
Friend of the Court	22,749.00	21,558.07	1,190.93
Emergency Hospitalization		10,000.72	10,000.72 O.D.
Justice Courts	17,700.00	14,864.09	2,835.91
County Loan	252,500.00	251,200.04	1,299.96
Miscellaneous	32,184.50	10,915.16	21,269.34
Museum	4,000.00	4,000.00	.00
Park Trustees	75.00	75.00	.00
Probate Court	103,444.00	113,001.74	9,557.74 O.D.
Prosecutor	34,782.00	28,038.55	6,743.45
Ravenna 4-H Fair and Homecoming	500.00	500.00	.00
Register of Deeds	31,721.00	27,572.29	4,148.71
Sheriff	104,896.00	107,384.67	2,488.67 O.D.
Soldiers' Relief	850.00	850.00	.00
State Institutions	60,000.00	56,613.85	3,386.15
Tax Allocation Board	600.00	539.58	60.42
Treasurer	43,436.50	42,097.50	1,339.00
Muskegon County Bldg. Authority		10,031.75	10,031.75 O.D.
Remodeling Sheriff Residence	31,500.00	26,624.52	4,875.48
Main Court House Annex		815.01	815.01 O.D.
Co. Drain at Large	14,327.34	14,327.34	.00
Circuit Court Remodeling	10,000.00	8,645.68	1,354.32
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	\$ 1,001,321.34	\$ 958,038.35	\$ 43,282.99
Transfers to Other Funds	<u>623,677.62</u>	<u>623,677.62</u>	
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	\$ 1,624,998.96	\$ 1,581,715.97	\$ 43,282.99

## ADDRESSOGRAPH

## BUDGET ACTIVITY REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1953 TO DECEMBER 31, 1953

	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Salaries	\$ 2,616.00	\$ 2,528.50	\$ 87.50
Extra Clerk Hire	200.00	209.72	9.72 O.D.
Telephone & Telegraph	15.00	2.15	12.85
Addresso. - Paper, etc.	1,800.00	1,093.66	706.34
Addresso. - Frames, Plates & Supplies	400.00	369.40	30.60
Maintenance of Equipment	200.00	143.32	56.68
Furniture & Equipment	275.00	250.69	24.31
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	\$ 5,506.00	\$ 4,597.44	\$ 908.56

## AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION

## BUDGET ACTIVITY REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1953 TO DECEMBER 31, 1953

	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Salaries	\$ 4,944.00	\$ 4,944.00	\$ .00
Extra Clerk Hire	85.00		85.00
Stationery & Office Supplies			
- Printing	325.00	486.05	161.05 O.D.
Telephone & Telegrams	475.00	465.76	9.24
Freight & Express	50.00	20.94	29.06
Equipment Maintenance	50.00	61.80	11.80 O.D.
C. T. & L.	75.00	73.19	1.81
Lights, Gas & Water	200.00	127.07	72.93
Fuel Oil	300.00	336.37	36.37 O.D.
Maintenance Building & Grounds (Center)	240.00	637.32	397.32 O.D.
Furniture & Equipment	200.00	46.16	153.84
Travel Allowance (Agt. & Ass't.)	1,750.00	1,789.73	39.73 O.D.
Meeting & Demonstration Expense	225.00	111.63	113.37
Apiary	225.00	224.34	.66
Grasshopper Control	50.00		50.00
Junior Projects	2,000.00	1,006.45	993.55
Forestry	500.00		500.00
Home Economics Extension	1,800.00	1,200.13	599.87
Postage	35.00	15.21	19.79
4-H Heating Plant	1,900.00	2,289.28	389.28 O.D.
	<u>\$ 15,429.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,835.43</u>	<u>\$ 1,593.57</u>

## ANIMAL SHELTER

## BUDGET ACTIVITY REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1953 TO DECEMBER 31, 1953

	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Salaries	\$ 11,808.00	\$ 9,157.75	\$ 2,650.25
Office Supplies - Printing	125.00	150.10	25.10 O.D.
Telephone & Telegrams	150.00	176.53	26.53 O.D.
Dog Food	275.00	100.15	174.85
Listing Dogs & Issuing Licenses	3,200.00	3,462.45	262.45 O.D.
Livestock Claims	1,000.00	1,173.98	173.98 O.D.
C. T. & L.	150.00	114.66	35.34
Lights - Gas - Water	150.00	226.59	76.59 O.D.
Fuel	500.00	453.08	46.92
Maintenance Building & Grounds	650.00	453.72	196.28
Plumbing & Heating	40.00		40.00
Electrical Supplies & Repairs	60.00	3.90	56.10
Furniture & Equipment	325.00	173.12	151.88
Operation Maintenance of Trucks	750.00	830.72	80.72 O.D.
Insurance on Trucks	300.00	235.46	64.54
Ammunition	30.00	34.82	4.82 O.D.
Uniforms	200.00	108.60	91.40
Postage	15.00	24.98	9.98 O.D.
	<u>\$ 19,728.00</u>	<u>\$ 16,880.61</u>	<u>\$ 2,847.39</u>

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Board Meetings	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,964.16	\$ 1,035.84
Committee Service	8,000.00	12,035.49	4,035.49 O.D.
Stenotypist	400.00	423.95	23.95 O.D.
Office Supplies & Printing	1,200.00	3,211.37	2,011.37 O.D.
Travel Expenses	2,000.00	2,001.67	1.67 O.D.
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	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 22,636.64	\$ 5,036.64 O.D.

BURIAL OF WAR VETERANS

Burial Allowance	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 200.00 O.D.
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CIRCUIT COURT

Salaries - Department	\$ 16,138.00	\$ 11,409.16	\$ 4,728.84
Office Supplies & Printing	1,400.00	1,332.37	67.63
Telephone & Telegraph	600.00	641.38	41.38 O.D.
Freight & Express	10.00	3.12	6.88
Equipment Maintenance	65.00	30.00	35.00
Attorney Fees	3,000.00	2,706.70	293.30
Juror Fees	13,500.00	12,777.70	722.30
Witness Fees	3,000.00	1,602.27	1,397.73
Special Examinations	1,200.00	650.00	550.00
Meals For Jurors	400.00	272.20	127.80
Drawing Jury	20.00	16.00	4.00
Visiting Judges	1,500.00	790.00	710.00
Travel - Judge	200.00	127.69	72.31
Stenographer Fees	2,500.00	883.36	1,616.64
Commissioners Supplies	50.00	46.20	3.80
Commissioners - Bond Premium	40.00	38.84	1.16
Court Reporter - Convention	75.00		75.00
Furniture & Equipment	200.00	2,160.12	1,960.12 O.D.
Postage	100.00	77.65	22.35
Salary - Judge	7,000.00	7,000.00	.00
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	\$ 50,998.00	\$ 42,564.76	\$ 8,433.24

COUNTY CLERK

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Salary - Clerk	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ .00
Salaries - Department	21,936.00	21,052.37	883.63
Office Supplies & Printing	3,500.00	2,772.13	727.87
Telephone & Telegraph	700.00	771.14	71.14 O.D.
Freight & Express	50.00	34.81	15.19
Equipment Maintenance	150.00	206.55	56.55 O.D.
Birth-Death Records	1,200.00	1,139.25	60.75
Bond Premium	70.00	69.38	.62
Travel Allowance	150.00	10.92	139.08
Convention Expense	165.00	101.39	63.61
Furniture & Equipment	260.00	259.82	.18
Postage	400.00	347.46	52.54
Rebinding Records	400.00	400.00	.00
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	\$ 34,981.00	\$ 33,165.22	\$ 1,815.78

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Miscellaneous Contagions	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 266.80	\$ 3,733.20
Tuberculosis	16,000.00	16,613.64	613.64 O.D.
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	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,880.44	\$ 3,119.56

CONTROLLER

Salaries	\$ 14,376.00	\$ 14,376.00	\$ .00
Office Supplies & Printing	1,500.00	911.36	588.64
Telephone & Telegraph	200.00	309.60	109.60 O.D.
Freight & Express	25.00	20.77	4.23
Travel Expense	300.00	17.46	282.54
Furniture & Equipment	300.00	249.72	50.28
Maintenance of Equipment	- 0 -	79.60	79.60 O.D.
Postage	100.00	140.46	40.46 O.D.
Wage Survey	600.00	- 0 -	600.00
Central Stores	2,000.00	(80.38)	2,080.38
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	\$ 19,401.00	\$ 16,024.59	\$ 3,376.41

CORONERS

Bond Premium	\$ 30.00	\$ 27.74	\$ 2.26
Fees, etc.	6,970.00	4,999.10	1,970.90
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	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,026.84	\$ 1,973.16

COURT HOUSE & GROUNDS

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Salaries	\$ 11,688.00	\$ 10,714.00	\$ 974.00
Telephone & Telegraph	85.00	82.51	2.49
Freight & Express	150.00	2.80	147.20
Equipment Maintenance	250.00	16.26	233.74
C. T. & L.	800.00	763.65	36.35
Lights, Gas & Water	2,600.00	2,929.65	329.65 O.D.
Fuel	2,000.00	1,348.57	651.43
Maintenance - Bldgs. & Grounds	2,000.00	1,224.84	775.16
Plumbing & Heating	900.00	2,784.88	1,884.88 O.D.
Elec. Supplies & Repairs	400.00	624.15	224.15 O.D.
Furniture & Equipment	400.00	387.40	12.60
Painting Supplies	1,000.00	202.23	797.77
Renovate Basement Vaults	350.00	3.53	346.47
Renovate Department Vaults	1,500.00	1,092.16	407.84
Remodel Court House - Survey	400.00	- 0 -	400.00
Remodel Prosecutor's Office	500.00	92.33	407.67
	<u>\$ 25,023.00</u>	<u>\$ 23,242.96</u>	<u>\$ 1,780.04</u>

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

Salary - Drain Commissioner	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,496.00	\$ 4.00
Salaries - Other	2,040.00	1,356.96	683.04
Office Supplies & Printing	100.00	5.79	94.21
Telephone & Telegraph	240.00	207.98	32.02
Equipment Maintenance	50.00	- 0 -	50.00
Bond Premium	185.00	138.75	46.25
Car Allowance	500.00	- 0 -	500.00
Convention Expense	100.00	- 0 -	100.00
Furniture & Equipment	150.00	- 0 -	150.00
Postage	25.00	16.87	8.13
	<u>\$ 6,890.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,222.35</u>	<u>\$ 1,667.65</u>

ELECTIONS

Operating Expense	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 3,605.51	\$ 5,394.49
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FRIEND OF THE COURT

Salaries	\$ 17,734.00	\$ 17,202.96	\$ 531.04
Office Supplies & Printing	1,100.00	1,003.15	96.85
Telephone	400.00	417.36	17.36 O.D.
Equipment Maintenance	50.00	13.10	36.90
Bond Premium	50.00	35.00	15.00
Car Allowance & Travel	2,000.00	1,753.19	246.81
Furniture & Equipment	465.00	217.47	247.53
Postage	800.00	915.84	115.84 O.D.
Convention Expense	150.00	- 0 -	150.00
	<u>\$ 22,749.00</u>	<u>\$ 21,558.07</u>	<u>\$ 1,190.93</u>

EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATION

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Emergency Hospitalization	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.72	\$10,000.72 O.D.

JUSTICE COURTS

Justice Fees	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,287.70	\$ 1,712.30
Stenographic Fees	4,000.00	3,103.65	896.35
Juror & Witness Fees	1,500.00	1,308.14	191.86
Printing - Legal Forms	200.00	164.60	35.40
	<u>\$ 17,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,864.09</u>	<u>\$ 2,835.91</u>

LOAN FUND

Loan and Interest	\$ 252,500.00	\$ 251,200.04	\$ 1,299.96
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MISCELLANEOUS

Stenographic Fees	\$ 505.50	\$ 505.50	\$ - 0 -
Bond Premium - Surveyor	20.00	18.50	1.50
Bond - Tax	2,000.00	2,196.48	196.48 O.D.
Contingent Account	10,000.00	- 0 -	10,000.00
Flower Account	35.00	103.07	68.07 O.D.
B. I. E. Day	150.00	- 0 -	150.00
Insurance - County Property - General Form #1	5,000.00	4,236.66	763.34
Insurance - Forgery	150.00	150.00	- 0 -
Insurance - Homer Gravel Farm	30.00	13.28	16.72
Insurance - Compensation	1,500.00	1,284.46	215.54
North Soil Conservation	500.00	500.00	- 0 -
Postage - General Additional	500.00	500.00	- 0 -
Rental - Postage Meter	200.00	136.40	63.60
State Supervisors Association Fee	50.00	50.00	- 0 -
Taxes - Homer Gravel Farm	44.00	113.81	69.81 O.D.
West Michigan Tourist & Resort	500.00	500.00	- 0 -
Crippled & Afflicted Children	1,000.00	489.00	511.00
Refunds	- 0 -	118.00	118.00 O.D.
Building Authority	10,000.00	10,031.75	31.75 O.D.
Remodel Sheriff's Residence	31,500.00	26,624.52	4,875.48
Maintenance - Annex	- 0 -	815.01	815.01 O.D.
Drain - County at Large	14,327.34	14,327.34	- 0 -
Court Remodeling	10,000.00	8,645.68	1,354.32
	<u>\$ 88,011.84</u>	<u>\$ 71,359.46</u>	<u>\$16,652.38</u>

MUSEUM

Operating Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ - 0 -
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PARK TRUSTEES

Commissioners Fees	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ - 0 -
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PROBATE COURT

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Salary - Judge	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ - 0 -
Salaries - Department	33,074.00	29,958.32	3,115.68
Office Supplies & Printing	2,400.00	2,811.42	411.42 O.D.
Telephone	1,000.00	1,519.47	519.47 O.D.
Equipment Maintenance	225.00	31.05	193.95
Witness Fees	100.00	105.70	5.70 O.D.
Medical Examinations	150.00	251.45	101.45 O.D.
Car Allowance	1,000.00	982.27	17.73
Law Book Supplements	120.00	125.50	5.50 O.D.
Convention Expenses	275.00	226.95	48.05
Furniture & Equipment	300.00	150.61	149.39
Child Guidance Clinic	2,500.00	2,500.00	- 0 -
Board & Care of Children	50,000.00	61,816.67	11,816.67 O.D.
Transportation of the Insane	600.00	1,124.84	524.84 O.D.
Restitution Fund	300.00	- 0 -	300.00
Postage	400.00	397.49	2.51
	\$ 103,444.00	\$ 113,001.74	\$ 9,557.74 O.D.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Salary - Prosecutor	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ - 0 -
Salaries - Department	16,332.00	14,405.71	1,926.29
Office Supplies & Printing	600.00	439.29	160.71
Telephone	550.00	666.68	116.68 O.D.
Equipment Maintenance	50.00	38.50	11.50
Investigation Fund	2,000.00	801.46	1,198.54
Travel Expense	200.00	30.75	169.25
Pursuit & Arrest	3,000.00	1,224.03	1,775.97
Law Book Supplements	200.00	271.50	71.50 O.D.
Convention Expenses	200.00	150.00	50.00
Furniture & Equipment	950.00	350.25	599.75
Prosecuting Attorney Course	150.00	75.00	75.00
Postage	50.00	47.88	2.12
Extra Legal Counsel	1,000.00	37.50	962.50
	\$ 34,782.00	\$ 28,038.55	\$ 6,743.45

RAVENNA 4-H FAIR AND HOMECOMING

Appropriation	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ - 0 -
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REGISTER OF DEEDS

Salary - Register	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ - 0 -
Salaries - Department	15,576.00	14,195.52	1,380.48
Office Supplies & Printing	2,625.00	1,682.56	942.44
Telephone	300.00	376.23	76.23 O.D.
Freight & Express	25.00	10.83	14.17
Equipment Maintenance	100.00	5.66	94.34
Bond Premium	30.00	27.75	2.25
Photostat Supplies	4,500.00	2,489.68	2,010.32
Convention Expenses	165.00	177.80	12.80 O.D.
Furniture & Equipment	300.00	566.34	266.34 O.D.
Trimming Libers	100.00	43.50	56.50
Repairing Binders & Plats	2,700.00	2,702.00	2.00 O.D.
Postage	300.00	294.42	5.58
	\$ 31,721.00	\$ 27,572.29	\$ 4,148.71

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Salary - Sheriff	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ - 0 -
Salaries - Department	67,836.00	71,684.72	3,848.72 O.D.
Office Supplies & Printing	1,100.00	816.72	283.28
Telephone	1,000.00	1,224.61	224.61 O.D.
Freight & Express	150.00	5.52	144.48
Equipment Maintenance - Fingerprint Supplies	130.00	32.99	97.01
Bond Premium	150.00	148.00	2.00
Food Supplies	7,000.00	6,854.60	145.40
Car Allowance - Sheriff	600.00	711.58	111.58 O.D.
Pursuit & Arrest	1,000.00	1,099.84	99.84 O.D.
Medical - Hospital	300.00	742.96	442.96 O.D.
C. T. & L.	1,200.00	716.04	483.96
Lights-Gas-Water	1,500.00	1,557.57	57.57 O.D.
Fuel	1,500.00	1,026.70	473.30
Maintenance - Building & Grounds	600.00	381.75	218.25
Plumbing - Heating	150.00	191.43	41.43 O.D.
Electric Supplies & Repairs	50.00	124.32	74.32 O.D.
Convention Expenses	130.00	202.41	72.41 O.D.
Furniture & Equipment	200.00	359.08	159.08 O.D.
Radio Service - City	1,800.00	1,800.00	- 0 -
Maintenance - Radio Equipment	300.00	359.30	59.30 O.D.
Patrol Cars - Maintenance	7,000.00	7,027.44	27.44 O.D.
Insurance on Cars	600.00	640.73	40.73 O.D.
Patrol Cars	3,000.00	2,174.00	826.00
Ammunition and Flares	100.00	159.05	59.05 O.D.
Uniforms	900.00	797.28	102.72
Badges, Handcuffs, Clubs & Shoulder Patches	250.00	183.19	66.81
Rent Allowance - Sheriff	1,200.00	1,200.00	- 0 -
Postage	150.00	162.84	12.84 O.D.
	<u>\$ 104,896.00</u>	<u>\$ 107,384.67</u>	<u>\$ 2,488.67 O.D.</u>

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Expenses	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ - 0 -
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STATE INSTITUTIONS

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Mental, etc.	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 47,144.60	\$ 7,144.60 O.D.
Tuberculosis	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>9,469.25</u>	<u>10,530.75</u>
	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 56,613.85	\$ 3,386.15

TAX ALLOCATION BOARD

Operational Needs	\$ 600.00	\$ 539.58	\$ 60.42
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TREASURER

Salary - Treasurer	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ - 0 -
Salaries - Department	32,784.00	32,033.34	750.66
Office Supplies & Printing	3,000.00	2,688.70	311.30
Telephone	600.00	465.73	134.27
Freight & Express	35.00	14.72	20.28
Equipment Maintenance	200.00	145.60	54.40
Advertising	15.00	16.40	1.40 O.D.
Bond Premium	900.00	888.00	12.00
Convention Expenses	165.00	142.97	22.03
Furniture & Equipment	287.50	216.46	71.04
Postage	450.00	485.58	35.58 O.D.
	<u>\$ 43,436.50</u>	<u>\$ 42,097.50</u>	<u>\$ 1,339.00</u>

TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS

Airport Expansion	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Board of Education	43,499.12	43,499.12
Employees Retirement	35,000.00	35,000.00
Health Department	45,459.00	45,459.00
Library	10,487.00	10,487.00
Park Maintenance	9,000.00	9,000.00
T. B. Sanatorium	133,345.00	133,345.00
Social Welfare	301,887.50	301,887.50
	<u>\$ 623,677.62</u>	<u>\$ 623,677.62</u>

Grand Total	<u>\$1,624,998.96</u>	<u>\$1,581,715.97</u>	<u>\$43,282.99</u>
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Muskegon County  
Muskegon, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Presented herewith is the sixteenth Annual Report of the Muskegon County Health Department.

A summary of the work done by the Staff of the Muskegon County Health Department during the year 1953 is submitted in this report.

More detailed information concerning the activities of the Health Department will be gladly given upon request.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Sears". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Richard Sears, M.D. Director  
MUSKEGON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Financial Statement - 1953

Cash Available	Imprest Cash	\$	10.00
	Available Surplus	4	440.71
	State Funds	4	342.86
	Local Contribution	45	459.00
	Federal Allotment - Title VI	12	867.36
	Federal Allotment - Tuberculosis		599.64
	Federal Allotment - Cancer		412.50
	Federal Allotment - Maternal and Child Health	1	350.00
	Children's Fund of Michigan		9.00
	Dental Clinic Receipts		100.75
	General Fund	3	000.00
			\$72 591 82

Expenditures	Salaries	62	018.59
	Travel	5	970.28
	Office Supplies & Expense		294.02
	Postage		218.79
	Maintenance of Equipment		30.45
	New Office Equipment		19.69
	Clinic & Scientific Equipment		18.77
	Clinic & Scientific Supplies		178.53
	Cleaning & Laundry		132.48
	Membership Dues		100.00
	Freight, Cartage & Express		3.84
	Telephone & Telegraph		613.73
	Film Expense		1.09
	Professional Help		337.50
	Convention Expense		347.95
	Children's Fund of Michigan		7.00
	Dental Clinic		577.22
	V.D. Clinic		527.79
	Crippled Children's Account	1	168.35
			\$72 566 07

Balance on hand as of January 1, 1954 \_\_\_\_\_

25.75

MUSKEGON COUNTY VITAL STATISTICS - 1952Births

Muskegon Rural	<u>1643</u>
Muskegon City	<u>1544</u>
Muskegon Heights	<u>633</u>
County Total	<u>3820</u>

Deaths

Muskegon Rural	<u>443</u>
Muskegon City	<u>508</u>
Muskegon Heights	<u>156</u>
County Total	<u>1107</u>

Infant Deaths

Muskegon Rural	<u>52</u>
Muskegon City	<u>42</u>
Muskegon Heights	<u>22</u>
County Total	<u>116</u>

Under 28 Days

Muskegon Rural	<u>35</u>
Muskegon City	<u>29</u>
Muskegon Heights	<u>16</u>
County Total	<u>80</u>

DEATH AND BIRTH RATES

Population rates are based on:

Muskegon City	<u>48 429</u>
Muskegon Rural	<u>54 288</u>
Muskegon Heights	<u>18 828</u>
Muskegon County-Total	<u>121 545</u>

Muskegon City

Infant Death Rate	<u>36.76</u>
Birth Rate	<u>31.45</u>

Maternal Death Rate	<u>(1 death)</u>
Death Rate	<u>9.53</u>

Muskegon Rural

Infant Death Rate	<u>31.58</u>
Birth Rate	<u>33.04</u>

Maternal Death Rate	<u>0.00</u>
Death Rate	<u>12.25</u>

Muskegon Heights

Infant Death Rate	<u>27.86</u>
Birth Rate	<u>29.74</u>

Maternal Death Rate	<u>0.00</u>
Death Rate	<u>12.07</u>

Muskegon County - Total

Infant Death Rate	<u>32.93</u>
Birth Rate	<u>31.81</u>

Maternal Death Rate	<u>(1 death)</u>
Death Rate	<u>10.98</u>

TEN LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN MUSKEGON COUNTY - 1952

1. Diseases of the Heart	<u>356</u>	6. Immaturity	<u>38</u>
2. Cancer	<u>147</u>	7. Congenital Malformations	<u>31</u>
3. Vascular lesions of c.n.s.	<u>136</u>	8. Pneumonia & Influenza	<u>30</u>
4. Accidents	<u>85</u>	9. Nephritis & Nephrosis	<u>16</u>
5. Arteriosclerosis	<u>39</u>	10. Diabetes mellitus	<u>13</u>

FIRST YEAR TUBERCULOSIS NOT AMONG LEADING 10

REPORTED COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Heights</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Rural</u>	<u>Total</u>
Amebic Dysentery		1		1
Chicken Pox	68	552	346	966
Dog Bite		3	7	10
Erysipelas			1	1
Influenza			1	1
Infectious Hepitatus	2	3	20	25
Impetigo	1	2	4	7
Itch	1	9	1	11
Measles	45	166	113	324
Mumps	6	64	43	113
Paratyphoid			1	1
Pediculosis		1	9	10
Pink Eye	2	1	10	13
Polio	2	5	6	13
Ring Worm	1	11	5	17
Rheumatic Fever	1	2	1	4
Salmonella			1	1
Scabies		1		1
Scarlet Fever	10	20	40	70
Tetanus			1	1
Trench Mouth			1	1
Typhoid Fever	1		1	2
Whooping Cough	1	11	42	54

CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Admissions to service	1402
Visits	1734
Immunization Clinics	110

IMMUNIZATIONS

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, and Tetanus (combined serum)	953
Doses of Diphtheria Toxoid	3530
Tetanus Toxoids	3856
Smallpox Vaccinations	5962

TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL

1. Admissions to service	1180
2. Visits	2064
3. New Cases of tuberculosis this year	42
4. Contacts examined of cases reported this calender year	41

MATERNAL HYGIENE

1. Antepartum cases admitted to nursing service	282
2. Visits to antepartum cases	805
3. Sessions of maternity classes	49
4. Attendance at maternity classes	940
5. Postpartum cases admitted to nursing service	403
6. Visits to postpartum cases	1775

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL

1. Infants admitted to nursing service	753
2. Visits to infants	1010
3. Preschool children admitted to nursing service	622
4. Visits to preschool children	1055
5. Visits of infants to medical conferences	295
6. Visits of preschool children to medical conferences	2100
7. Preschool children receiving medical examination who will be entering school within 12 months	1962
8. Number of Preschool clinics	69

SCHOOL HYGIENE

1. Schocl. children examined	121
2. Admissions to service	2135
3. Visits	4478
4. Nurses conferences with teachers	1361
5. Total schools visited	2161

ADULT HYGIENE

1. Admissions to service	907
2. Field nursing visits	7747

CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S

1. Individuals admitted to nursing service	133
2. Field nursing visits	1281

VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL

1.	Number of diagnostic observations completed in clinics:	
	a. Not infected with a venereal disease_____	401
	b. Infected with a venereal disease_____	784
	c. Dropped or transferred without completed diagnosis_____	17
2.	Number of cases (not previously treated) and diagnosed as infected or admitted to clinic:	
	a. Referred to private physicians for treatment_____	108
	b. Referred to clinics outside this jurisdiction for treatment_____	10
	c. Admitted to treatment in Muskegon County clinic_____	519
3.	Number of contacts obtained by staff interview from patients in clinic_____	802
4.	Results of epidemiological investigations:	
	a. Number completed_____	1056
	(1) Contacts_____	715
	(2) Other suspects (for any reason other than contact reports)_____	327
	(3) Lapsed cases_____	14
	b. Persons brought to treatment as a result of these investigations_____	510
	(1) Contacts_____	225
	(2) Other suspects (other than contact reports)_____	267
	(3) Lapsed cases_____	18
5.	Admissions to field service_____	1884
6.	Visits_____	2975
7.	Epidemiologically significant cases of syphilis receiving maximum benefit of therapy during year_____	220
8.	Reported cases of gonorrhoea this year that were placed under treatment_____	573
9.	Cases referred by private physician to health department_____	62
10.	Number of doses of drugs distributed_____	1216
11.	Total clinic visits_____	4509

DENTAL SERVICE REPORT - "CHILDREN"

SERVICE	TOTAL
Number of Clinic Visits	1504
Examinations: <u>No. examined in Surveys</u>	<u>183</u>
<u>No. Clinical Examinations</u>	<u>945</u>
Sodium Fluoride Applications	2
X-Rays	50
Prophylaxes	271
Clinic Visits: <u>First</u>	<u>1029</u>
<u>Subsequent</u>	<u>424</u>
Anesthetics used (no. of patients)	869
Pulp Treatments: <u>Pulp capping</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Pulpotomy</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Cement Base</u>	<u>144</u>
	19 ZOE
Teeth Extracted: <u>Deciduous</u>	<u>580</u>
<u>Permanent</u>	<u>442</u>
Fillings: Silver Amalgam: <u>One-Surface</u>	<u>238</u>
<u>Two-Surface</u>	<u>130</u>
<u>Three-Surface</u>	<u>53</u>
<u>Cement</u>	220C <u>77</u>
<u>Synthetic</u>	31K <u>171</u>
Treatments: Post Operative	1
Miscellaneous: <u>Disk Teeth</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Other- 1 Complete denture; 1 Upper R.P.D.; 3 R.P.D.</u>	
Cases Completed	20

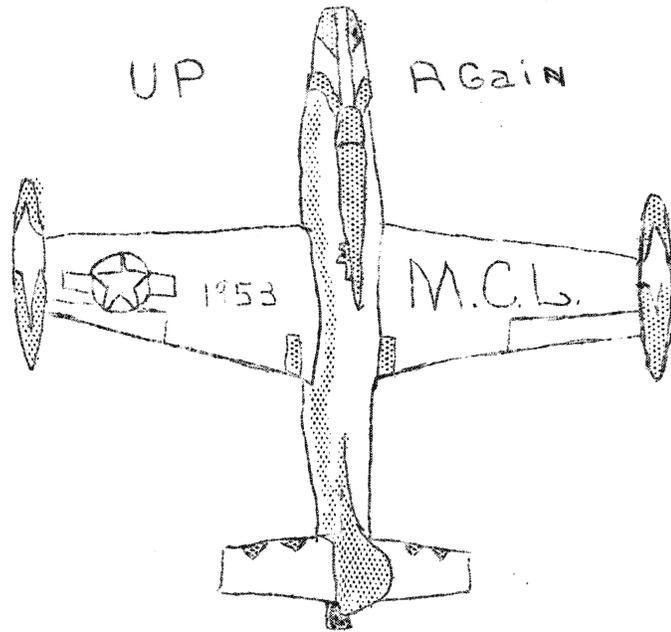
DENTAL SERVICE REPORT - "ADULTS"

SERVICE		TOTAL
Number of clinic visits		463
Examinations:	<u>No. examined in Surveys</u>	26
	<u>No. Clinical Examinations</u>	107
X-Rays		131
Prophylaxes		15
Clinic Visits:	<u>First</u>	118
	<u>Subsequent</u>	339
Anesthetics used (no of patients)		151
Pulp Treatments: Cement Base		13
Teeth Extracted: Permanent		393
Fillings: Silver Amalgam:	<u>One-Surface</u>	11
	<u>Two-Surface</u>	10
	<u>Three-Surface</u>	3
	<u>Cement</u>	3
	<u>Synthetic</u> 2-1K    3-1K	13
Treatments:	<u>Surgical</u>	2
	<u>Post Operative</u>	15
Miscellaneous:	<u>Disk Teeth</u>	1
	<u>Other: Complete Dentures</u>	8
	<u>R.P.D. Complete</u>	2
	<u>Upper Denture</u>	1
	<u>Upper Rebase</u>	1
	<u>Lower Rebase</u>	2
	<u>Repaired Lower Dentures</u>	2
	<u>C.D. Adj</u>	5
Cases Completed	3-U.C.D.	1

ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION

1.	Food handling establishments registered for inspection	385
	Total in the area	452
	Field Visits	870
2.	Milk Plants registered for inspection	11
	Total in area	11
	Field Visits	137
3.	Milk Producer Farms registered for inspection	78
	Total in the area	78
	Field Visits	814
4.	Resorts registered for inspection	84
	Total in area	84
	Field Visits	209
5.	Roadside stops registered for inspection	45
	Total in area	45
	Field Visits	108
6.	Schools registered for inspection	75
	Total in area	75
	Field Visits	268
7.	Trailer Parks registered for inspection	5
	Total in area	5
	Field visits	77
8.	Other field services:	
	a. Public water supplies	602
	b. Public sewerage	406
	c. Swimming places	64
	d. Stream pollution investigations	245
	e. Housing inspections	811
	f. Plumbing inspections	553
10.	Nuisances reported	573
	Nuisances investigated	573
	Nuisances abated	469
11.	Requested field services regarding water supplies	666
12.	Requested field services regarding sewage disposal	484
14.	Courses of instruction given	112
	a. Other persons instructed	3773

MUSKEGON COUNTY LIBRARY



ANNUAL

REPORT

1953

ACTIVITIES OF THE MUSKEGON COUNTY LIBRARY

1 9 5 3

Books borrowed from State Library	149
Book talks given	89
Story Hours held in the Branch Libraries	69
Attendance at Story Hours	2,283
School visits to Branch Libraries	238
Reference questions answered	2,649
Special requests filled by Branch Libraries	201
Meetings attended by Library Staff	132
Civic	82
School	24
Professional	26
Workshop attendance by Library Staff	5
Exhibits of Library Materials in Community	17

BOOK STOCK ANALYSIS

	<u>ADULT BOOKS</u>	<u>JUVENILE BOOKS</u>
January 1, 1953	17,006	28,034
Bks. added in 1953	<u>886</u>	<u>3,244</u>
	17,892	31,278
Bks. discarded in 1953	<u>37</u>	<u>513</u>
Bk. stock Jan. 1, 1954	17,855	30,765

## CIRCULATION OF BOOK STOCK 1 9 5 3

7 Branch Libraries circulated	47,484	adult bks.	61,533	Juveniles
Bookmobile circulated to schools	<u>9,947</u>	"	"	<u>159,655</u>
	57,431	"	"	221,188

TOTAL BOOK CIRCULATION	1 9 5 3	-	276,619
"	"	"	1 9 5 2 - <u>269,269</u>
GAIN			9,350

## AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS

## AUDIO-VISUAL USE

The Muskegon County Library has

The Muskegon County Library circulated  
in 1953

Strip film-----1,941

Strip film-----4,306

Records - 221 Albums, 336 single records

Records -----1,616

Pictures - 2,147

Pictures -----611

## THE MUSKEGON COUNTY LIBRARY

1953 FINANCIAL REPORTRECEIPTS

County appropriations - - - - -	\$10,487.00
Local Contributions - - - - -	1,103.00
State Aid - - - - -	24,736.66
Books bought through Library - - - - -	86.16
Fines - - - - -	397.24
Rentals - - - - -	53.95
Lost Books - - - - -	64.03
Waste paper - - - - -	3.05
Gas tax refund - - - - -	<u>23.54</u>
Total Receipts	37,004.63
Balance January 1, 1953	<u>8,579.89</u>
	<u>\$45,584.52</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

County Librarian's Salary - - - - -	4,200.00
Muskegon Heights Branch Librarian's Salary	1,875.00
Head of Cataloguing Department ( 1 mo.)- - -	300.00
Office Secretary - - - - -	1,571.94
Cataloguer - - - - -	1,616.44
Part time clerical - - - - -	1,262.95
Branch Librarians - - - - -	4,269.25
Bookmobile Librarian - - - - -	1,933.82
Bookmobile Assistant - - - - -	1,171.20
Heights Branch Library Student Assistant - -	279.00
Carpenter - - - - -	<u>17.15</u>
Total Salaries	18,496.75
Books - - - - -	7,659.76
Periodicals - - - - -	210.00
Binding - - - - -	1,922.23
Audio Visual - - - - -	720.23
Office supplies and expense - - - - -	626.05
Telephone - - - - -	207.31
Workshop - - - - -	107.00
Postage - - - - -	180.00
Insurance - - - - -	630.82
Travel Expense - - - - -	306.41
Mobile Equipment	
Gas and oil - - - - -	231.60
Maintenance - - - - -	319.64
Building Maintenance	
Rent - - - - -	2,320.00
Utilities - - - - -	110.75
Building supplies - - - - -	236.23
Janitor's salary - - - - -	435.00
Furniture and Equipment - - - - -	1,052.01
Publicity - - - - -	<u>18.42</u>
	35,790.21
Balance December 31, 1953 - - - - -	<u>9,794.31</u>
	<u>\$45,584.52</u>

MUSKEGON COUNTY MUSEUM FOUNDATION  
 756 Emerald Street  
 Muskegon, Michigan

FINANCIAL REPORT  
 for the Year ending  
December 31, 1953

Cash in Bank January 1, 1953	\$1,340.58	
County Appropriation	4,000.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	114.45	
Memberships	1,205.49	
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Total Cash		\$6,660.52
Disbursements:		
Salaries	2,805.45	
Lights & Gas	744.46	
Water	111.68	
Telephone	195.37	
Insurance	145.30	
Convention Expense	125.00	
Car Expense	360.00	
Printing	172.50	
Repairs & Additions to Exhibits	394.25	
Petty Cash	80.00	
Postage	110.00	
Miscellaneous	117.50	
Auditor	20.00	
Office Supplies & Equipment	328.55	
Custodial Supplies	75.65	
Bank Service Charges	3.26	
Association Dues	15.00	
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Total Disbursements		5,803.97
Cash in Bank December 31, 1953		<hr/> 856.55
Total		6,660.52

NOTE:

The Muskegon Board of Education matches the Muskegon County contribution by donating the Building, Custodian and Fuel.

MUSKEGON COUNTY MUSEUM FOUNDATION

*Lewis J. Joneit*

Treasurer

TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MUSKEGON COUNTY:

For the purpose of giving you a brief statistical glance at the activities of the PROBATE DIVISION of the Probate Court for Muskegon County during the calendar year 1953, the following report is herewith respectfully submitted.

NEW PROCEEDINGS

Original Petitions were filed and proceedings commenced as follows:

1. Estates of Deceased Persons	412
2. Crippled and Afflicted Children	299
3. Guardianship-Minors	83
4. Guardianship-Incompetents	22
5. Commitment of Mentally Ill and Mentally Handicapped persons	69
6. Delayed Registration of Birth	67
7. Change of Name	14
8. Poor Persons	2
9. Commitment of tubercular patients	3
10. Drains and Zoning Boards	2

ADDITIONAL DATA

While it is practically impossible to record and properly reflect the constantly increasing work load of the Probate Court in our county, with its rapidly increasing population and industrial growth, it is thought that these additional figures may also be of some help to you in gauging the overall responsibilities of our jurisdiction.

1. Estates closed and files enrolled	330
2. Probate Hearings	1489
3. Juvenile Hearings	194
4. Orders signed, including discharges	4714

No record of interviews, conferences and consultation is kept and their number is considerable as necessarily attendant upon the many legal and social problems before the Court at all times.

FEES-RECEIPTS

Your attention is respectfully called to the attached and separate statement of fees received by the Court during the year, also reimbursements toward conveyance of hospital patients, also medical examinations. Comparison will reveal that Probate fees, received by the Court and paid into the general fund of the County through the office of the County Treasurer, reached an all time high of \$6,017.25.

*Harvey J. Longman*  
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Judge of Probate

PROBATE FEES

Month	Certified Copies	Reg. of Birth	Marriages	Conveyances	Refunds Examination
1953					
January	\$524.25	\$ 7.00	\$10.00	\$11.70	
February	388.00	10.00	21.00	48.80	#20.00
March	440.00	10.00	20.00	51.00	
April	394.25	10.00	9.00		
May	522.25	8.00	10.00		
June	496.75	9.00	13.00		
July	397.00	10.00	6.00		
August	452.00	10.00	13.00		
September	581.25	6.00	12.00	35.60	10.00
October	544.50	13.00	8.00	42.59	
November	514.25	12.00	4.00	10.00	
December	508.75	5.00	8.00		5.00
Totals	\$5,763.25	\$120.00	\$134.00	\$199.69	\$35.00

Grand Total \$6,017.25 (Fees)  
234.69 (Reimbursement)

TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MUSKEGON COUNTY:

We herewith respectfully present a brief, factual summary of the operations of the Juvenile Division of the Court for the year 1953 as taken from the formal report filed with the Clerk of your Honorable Board.

1. NUMBER OF CHILDREN

The number of children involved in new cases brought to our attention during the calendar year was 1184.

The number of children under care and supervision at the close of the year 1952 and continued over into the year 1953 was 273.

This makes a total of 1457 children coming to our attention and under our supervision during the year.

2. CAUSES OR REASONS FOR REFERRAL

(NEGLECT--PARENTAL) 174 of the children within our jurisdiction were brought to our attention by reason of the direct failure and neglect of the parent or parents, guardian, or custodian to properly resolve and discharge the obligations of the person or persons chargeable with parental or supervisory responsibility. Although not the largest in number, these cases require by far the greater portion of the time of the members of the staff, and the Court, together with an appreciable contribution by and through the assistance of the office of the Prosecuting Attorney. Likewise, these cases were directly responsible for the major part of the financial outlay by the County in behalf of children during the year.

(CHILD BEHAVIOR--DELINQUENTS) A total of 816 children were under our supervision by reason of truancy from school, runaways from home, as a result of violation of a city ordinance, state or federal law, or as a parolee from one of our state training schools. Traffic cases reviewed by the Juvenile Jury or the Court (265 in number) are included in this category.

(ADOPTIONS) An active adoptive program under supervision of the Court had to do with 194 children during the year. .

3. DISPOSITIONS

Necessarily, a detail of the disposition by the Court of the cases brought to its attention during the year is proscribed by lack

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of space and would serve no good purpose. Suffice it to say that in the handling and disposition of Juvenile matters, our program embraced the use of given statutory authority through (a) official and unofficial supervision, (b) probation, (c) observation, study and treatment by qualified experts, (d) medical and dental care, (e) foster home boarding care, (f) institutional boarding care, and (g) hospital and institutional commitment for vocational and therapeutic care and training. We feel that in each case an endeavor was had to direct handling and disposition as appeared to be most suited to the child and in the best interest of society.

Reflecting the use of the state training schools, we would point out that five (5) boys were committed to Boys' Vocational School in 1953, as compared with some 15 admitted during the year 1952. During the year 1953 six (6) girls were committed to Girls' Training School as contrasted with one (1) so treated during the year 1952.

#### 4. FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

At the beginning of the calendar year, some 51 children were being cared for in foster homes. During the year an additional 55 children were placed in foster boarding homes. Of these, 39 were placed directly by members of the Court staff and 16 by the Muskegon Children's Home and the Catholic Service Bureau. The need for continuance, expansion and sound direction to this phase of the work of the Court cannot be overemphasized.

#### 5. DIRECT FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

During the calendar year 1953, Muskegon County assumed financial responsibility, in whole or in part, for some 287 children. A total of 27,015 days of child care were provided through funds made available by Muskegon County and disbursed under our authority and direction.

Total disbursements directed for the care of children, as compiled from vouchers issued during the year, were in the amount of \$62,116.00. Through reimbursements from parents and responsible relatives, there was recovered for the County the sum of \$4,353.24, leaving a net disbursement or direct financial outlay by Muskegon County of the sum of \$57,584.76 under the budgeted item of board and care.

#### 6. FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO AND USED BY THE COURT FOR CHILDREN

During the preceding calendar year, services, aid and assistance to children were furnished at the request of and under direction of the Court by the following public and private agencies, to-wit:

1. The Bethany Christian Home, Grand Rapids, Michigan
2. Boys' Vocational School, Lansing, Michigan

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3. The Catholic Service Bureau, Muskegon, Michigan
4. Girls' Training School, Adrian, Michigan
5. The Kent County Children's Home, Grand Rapids, Michigan
6. Michigan Children's Institute, Ann Arbor, Michigan
7. The Muskegon Area Child Guidance Clinic, Muskegon, Michigan
8. The Muskegon Children's Home, Muskegon, Michigan
9. Neuro Psychiatric Institute, Ann Arbor, Michigan
10. Mr. and Mrs. George Swainston, Muskegon, Michigan
11. State Department of Social Welfare and its District Consultant, Mr. Millard Prichard
12. Villa Maria, Grand Rapids, Michigan

All of these agencies, together with the many fine foster parents, who, for obvious reasons, are not listed here, have been of great help in meeting the many and complex needs of children. They merit the commendation of the Court, the governing body of the County, and the people of our community.

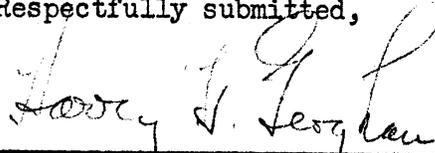
#### 7. BRIEF OBSERVATIONS

- (a) Court records reveal that the care of the children from one (1) family referred to the Court during the year resulted in an outlay or expenditure of \$5,032.00. The children were made permanent wards and placed in the custody of the Court and the parents were prosecuted for neglect.
- (b) The children from six (6) families alone resulted in expenditures and total overall cost to the County of \$18,858.44, or slightly more than 32% of our net expenditures for board and care. Reflection on these figures indicates how easily a well planned budget may be upset.
- (c) Detention as such is not specifically considered herein. This will be the subject of a special report to be prepared and placed in your hands for consideration at the April session.
- (d) Appreciation is expressed for the cooperation of your Honorable Body in recognizing the ever growing cost of meeting the primary needs of the wards of the County as evidenced by increasing budgetary appropriations for board and care. The children served, the community, state and nation, are the direct beneficiaries of the program of vital and ever increasing importance to the

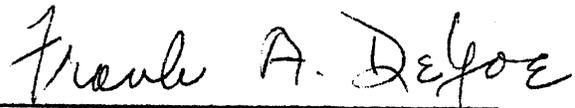
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sound health and well being of all. We urge your continued interest and welcome your inquiry, questions, suggestions and comment.

Respectfully submitted,



Judge of Probate



County Welfare Agent and  
Chief Probation Officer

Dated: January 15, 1954

MUSKEGON COUNTY  
ADOPTION REPORT FOR 1953

COMPLETED ADOPTIONS:

JUVENILE COURT	51	
MUSKEGON CHILDREN'S HOME	12	
CATHOLIC SERVICE BUREAU	1	
BETHANY CHRISTIAN HOME, INC.	3	
WEXFORD COUNTY	1	
NEWAYGO COUNTY	1	
METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME	1	
KANSAS CITY JUVENILE COURT	1	
SUPERVISIONS COMPLETED	<u>2</u>	
TOTAL COMPLETED ADOPTIONS	72	72

ADOPTIONS DENIED

JUVENILE COURT	9	
MUSKEGON CHILDREN'S HOME	1	
CHEBOYGAN COUNTY	1	
MICHIGAN CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY	1	
ILLINOIS CHILDREN'S HOME	<u>1</u>	
	13	<u>13</u>
TOTAL		85

Total number of Adoption Cases handled by Muskegon Juvenile Court from January 1, 1953 through December 31, 1953

194

(Note) Report dated January 1953 through June 1953 showed 22 male and 22 female adoptions. This figure was in error, since the count included 8 denied petitions.

(Corrected figure) January 1953 through June 1953	17 male	15 female	
July 1953 " Dec. 1953	<u>19</u> "	<u>19</u> "	
plus 2 completed supervisions	Total	36 male	34 female
ADOPTIONS IN PROCESS JANUARY 1, 1954	109		

DISBURSEMENTS AND RECEIPTS

for the year

1953

Board & Care	Super-vision	Cloth-ing	School Supplies	Hosp. & Med.	Trans.	Resti-tution	Legal Exp.	Deten-tion	Misc.	Conven. Exp.
2760.94	1248.49	225.29	69.20	10.75	1.35			392.50	19.08	
3103.64	1135.00	110.58	31.30	107.82			4.00	743.12	17.64	
3140.82	876.09	140.04	24.26	106.28		35.00	1.00	277.75	20.00	
3493.40	1158.78	298.76	32.04	220.84	1.35		25.00	655.25	25.12	4.00
3067.95	1028.25	246.32	14.00	128.27	1.35		2.00	448.25	31.18	
3216.27	1084.61	281.50	4.00	89.00			6.18	525.25	23.28	
2889.38	1229.96	173.13	1.85	83.36				451.00	20.40	
2821.29	1202.70	193.22		55.64			5.00	448.25	1.75	
3734.84	1296.20	350.89		134.68	1.35	362.00			19.22	
3412.77	1164.00	318.34	82.37	53.44	2.00				30.88	
3106.03	1723.24	449.84	46.91	85.40	3.00				22.94	
3710.35	1161.84	335.22	12.57	119.03	15.30	6.75	1.00		57.97	4.50

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Board and Care	38,457.74
Supervision	14,309.16
Clothing	3,123.13
School Supplies	318.50
Medical	1,194.51
Transportation	25.70
Restitution	403.75
Legal Expense	44.18
Detention	3,941.37
Miscellaneous	289.46
Convention Expense	8.50
Total	<u>\$ 62,116.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

January	384.58
February	451.90
March	666.40
April	411.90
May	497.78
June	330.54
July	517.00
August	312.25
September	323.40
October	266.49
November	191.00
December	178.00
Total	<u>\$ 4,531.24</u>

LESS  
Total Expenditures \$ 62,116.00  
Total Receipts 4,531.24

NET EXPENDITURES \$ 57,584.76

1953

ANNUAL REPORT

REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE

JOHN G. HOSKO  
REGISTER

1953

## Fees

January	\$2,385.85
February	2,248.90
March	2,249.45
April	2,625.02
May	2,536.25
June	2,750.30
July	2,653.65
August	2,545.35
September	2,946.30
October	3,836.55
November	3,934.45
December	<u>3,827.30</u>
TOTAL	\$34,539.37

The total receipts turned into the County Treasurer  
for 1953 are \$34,539.37.

PAPERS RECORDED - 1953

	<u>Deeds</u>	<u>Mtg.</u>	<u>Dis.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>	<u>O.G.L.</u>	<u>L.P.</u>	<u>Plats</u>	<u>Liens</u>
Jan.	477	223	182	108	136	1	1	33
Feb.	424	215	154	73	32		1	35
Mar.	578	244	175	126	18		1	34
Apr.	662	284	180	118	70		2	37
May	598	271	203	155	16		3	17
June	589	301	207	202	11	1	4	22
July	656	294	190	123	106	1	4	19
Aug.	674	307	169	166	14		3	29
Sept.	657	360	213	98	80		2	33
Oct.	587	344	217	150	26		1	37
Nov.	564	283	190	184	17	2	4	33
Dec.	<u>485</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>6</u>	<u>24</u>
	6851	3394	2237	1547	531	5	32	353

	<u>Chattel Mtg.</u>	<u>Chattel Abst. &amp; Dischar.</u>	
Jan.	1224	768	
Feb.	1070	758	
Mar.	1172	826	Total Recorded - 15050
Apr.	1482	1041	Total Filed - 24782
May	1392	958	
June	1136	1041	TOTAL RECORDED & FILED 39832
July	1052	874	
Aug.	1072	838	
Sept.	1174	844	
Oct.	1013	1021	
Nov.	1072	811	
Dec.	<u>1224</u>	<u>921</u>	
	14083	10699	

1953

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Deeds	\$581.85	522.50	750.25	679.00
Mortgages	507.50	553.25	530.50	689.50
Discharges	125.25	105.25	128.25	124.85
Miscellaneous	177.00	107.75	177.25	183.00
Oil & Gas Leases	335.00	80.00	35.00	116.25
Chattel Mortgages	612.00	535.00	586.00	742.25
Chattel Abstracts	3.25	6.50	.75	11.75
Lis Pendens	1.00			
Searches			1.20	2.52
Copies	23.75	317.65	21.75	68.40
Liens	16.25	18.00	17.50	18.50
Plats	3.00	3.00	1.00	9.00
TOTAL	\$2385.85	2248.90	2249.45	2625.02

1953

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>
Deeds	\$710.00	704.75	777.75	746.00
Mortgages	616.00	786.25	709.25	713.50
Discharges	143.00	159.75	128.25	124.25
Miscellaneous	222.25	365.75	206.75	274.00
Oil & Gas Leases	37.25	22.50	197.25	30.25
Chattel Mortgages	696.00	568.00	528.50	536.00
Chattel Abstracts	4.75	3.50	1.50	5.25
Lis Pendons		1.00	1.00	
Searches				
Copies	88.50	114.80	81.65	94.10
Liens	9.50	12.00	9.75	15.00
Plats	9.00	12.00	12.00	7.00
TOTAL	2536.25	2750.30	2653.65	2545.35

1953

	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
Deeds	811.25	969.50	913.75	829.75
Mortgages	898.00	963.25	854.25	790.50
Discharges	167.50	321.50	310.50	239.25
Miscellaneous	201.75	317.25	404.75	337.50
Oil & Gas Leases	223.00	43.50	51.25	7.50
Chattel Mortgages	587.00	1013.00	1072.00	1224.00
Chattel Abstracts	3.75	6.50	3.00	6.50
Lis Pendons			3.00	
Searches	.50			.50
Copies	30.55	177.30	292.45	359.05
Liens	17.00	21.75	17.50	14.75
Plats	6.00	3.00	12.00	18.00
TOTAL	2946.30	3836.55	3934.45	3827.30

Chattel Mortgages

Abstracts & Discharges

Recorded Papers

1949	-	14722	11050
1950	-	16034	12283
1951	-	19251	12754
1952	-	22570	13452
1953	-	24782	15050

Receipts

1949.	. . . . .	\$19,588.07
1950.	. . . . .	\$25,151.91
1951.	. . . . .	\$25,892.25
1952.	. . . . .	\$27,138.01
1953.	. . . . .	\$34,539.37

1953 FINANCIAL REPORT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
TO THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF  
MUSKEGON COUNTY  
MICHIGAN

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

January 20, 1954

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors  
of Muskegon County, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

We take pleasure in submitting herewith, financial report of the County Road Fund for the calendar year 1953.

Respectfully,

Board of County Road Commissioners

Anton Seifert, Chairman

Earl Deremo

Frank Millard

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## County Highway Receipts

Federal Raised Revenues:			
Manistee National Forest	\$		\$ 44.54
Motor Vehicle Fund			
Engineering Services			
Primary Road Fund	3,755.00		
Local Road Fund	<u>1,245.00</u>	5,000.00	
Primary Road Fund		628,748.28	
Local Road Fund		<u>208,646.82</u>	842,395.10
County Raised Revenue			
Township Contributions			
Construction	189,099.64		
Maintenance	<u>16,325.48</u>	205,425.12	
Delinquent County Road Tax		<u>88.07</u>	205,513.19
Miscellaneous Receipts & Refunds			
Contract Receivable		530.41	
Sundry Refunds		2,747.15	
Sale of Scrap		673.93	
Sale of Gravel		7.50	
Interest Earned		<u>69.59</u>	<u>4,028.58</u>
Total County Highway Income			\$ 1,051,981.41
Receipts from Reimbursable Expenditures			
County Parks		10,828.92	
State Trunk Line Maintenance Contract		142,106.58	
Accounts Receivable		<u>11,096.18</u>	
Total Receipts from Reimbursable Expenditures			<u>164,031.68</u>
			1,216,013.09
Cash on hand 12/31/52			<u>172,077.82</u>
Total to Account for			\$ 1,388,090.91

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## County Highway Expenditures

	Primary Roads	Local Roads	
Construction	346,314.58 (Page 6)	142,220.06 (Page 12)	\$ 488,534.64
Maintenance	286,896.58 (Page 13)	238,838.30 (Page 14)	525,734.88
	<u>633,211.16</u>	<u>381,058.36</u>	1,014,269.52
Material Stores			24,011.00
Equipment Account: New Equipment Purchased		132,182.58 (Page 16)	(CR)
Repairs & Operation		260,920.42	
		<u>393,103.00</u>	
Less Equipment Rental Credits & Depreciation		385,417.98	7,685.02
Administrative Expense (Page 19)			22,422.49
Capital Expenditures:			
New Buildings (Page 20)		16,208.35	
Office Furniture & Equipment		<u>1,258.99</u>	17,467.34
			<u>1,037,833.37</u>
		Total Highway Expenditures	\$ 1,037,833.37
Reimbursable Expenditures			
County Parks		12,457.78 (Page 21)	
State Trunk Line Mtnc. Contract		173,053.80 (Page 15)	
Accounts Receivable		7,358.89 (Page 17)	
Petty Cash		<u>80.00</u>	
			192,950.47
		Total Reimbursable Expenditures	\$ 1,230,783.84
		Cash on hand December 31, 1953	<u>157,307.07</u>
		Total accounted for	\$ 1,388,090.91

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## Primary Road Construction

A-6-6-B-6-1, Meinert Road, S. Line Sec. 1, White River Twp. and S. Line Sec. 6, Montague Twp., 2.038 miles, Prime & Double Seal Bituminous Surface.			
Engineering Supervision	\$	27.51	
Gravel Surfacing		1,414.15	
Bituminous Surfacing		<u>7,451.46</u>	\$ 8,893.12
E-2-5&6, Skeels Road, N. Line Sec. 1 & 2 Holton Twp., 2.1 miles. Federal Aid Participation.			
Engineering Supervision		3,559.55	
Borrow		792.19	
Payment to State Highway Dept. (County Share)		24,750.60	
R.O.W.		<u>114.34</u>	29,216.68
J-22-2&3, Sherman Blvd. from Henry St. to 300 ft. S. of Lincoln Ave., 2.025 miles, curb & gutter & widening to 40 ft. bituminous surface Federal Aid Participation.			
Engineering Supervision		16,264.84	
Culverts		908.66	
Payment to State Highway Dept. (County Share)		98,297.37	
R.O.W.		<u>172.91</u>	115,643.78
M-1-1, Squires Road, E. Line, Sec. 1 Casnovia Twp., .937 miles, Grading & 22' gravel surfacing.			
Engineering Supervision		257.23	
Grading		4,516.22	
Culverts		754.26	
Gravel Surfacing		<u>8,653.51</u>	14,181.22
R-9-5&6, Moorland Road, E. Line Sec. 32 & S. 1/4 mile E. Line Sec. 29 Ravenna Twp., 1.174 miles, Grading, Gravel & Prime & Double Seal Bituminous Surfacing.			
Engineering Supervision		60.70	
Clearing & Grubbing		37.20	
Grading		2,011.26	
Culverts		637.02	
Gravel Surfacing		16,133.18	
Bituminous Surfacing		<u>4,118.40</u>	22,997.76

## Primary Road Construction (Continued)

Ellis & Sternberg Roads (F-S-R) 7.0 miles Federal Aid Participation Engineering Supervision		2,436.35
Norton Glade Expressway Payment to State Highway Dept. County's Share 1953 Installment Engineering Supervision	36,000.00 <u>37.76</u>	36,037.76
B-5-4&5&6, Whitbeck Road, S. 1/4 mile on E. side Sec. 19, E. side Sec. 30 & N. .43 miles on E. Line Sec. 31, Montague Twp. Grade, 24 ft. 8 in. compacted gravel, Prime & Double Seal Bituminous Surfacing. Engineering Supervision Clearing & Grubbing Grading Culverts Gravel Surfacing Bituminous Surfacing	135.91 1,267.81 1,409.00 372.03 23,727.95 <u>5,129.50</u>	32,042.20
T-17-3&4, Buys Road, E. 1 mile on E. side of Sec. 15 & the N. .35 mi. on E. Side Sec. 22, Laketon Twp. Grading & Pulvi-mix Bituminous Surfacing. Engineering Supervision Grading Gravel Surfacing Bituminous Surfacing	121.35 550.84 423.98 <u>6,082.02</u>	7,178.19
F-26-5&6, River Road, E. 1/2 mile on S. side Sec. 35 & the W. 1/2 mile on S. side Sec. 36, Fruitland Twp. Grading, add gravel & pulvi-mix bituminous surface. Engineering Supervision Grading Culverts Gravel Surfacing Bituminous Surfacing	118.13 2,446.74 1,055.93 862.83 <u>5,096.00</u>	9,579.63
D-9-3&4, Russell Road, S. 3/4 mile on the E. side Sec. 17 & 1 mile on E. side Sec. 20, Blue Lake Twp., pulvi-mix bituminous surface on existing grade. Engineering Supervision Grading R.O.W. Gravel Surfacing Bituminous Surfacing	1,074.73 324.46 28.30 1,996.67 <u>7,583.92</u>	11,008.08

## Primary Road Construction (Continued)

G-14-3&4, Riley-Thompson Road, S. Line Sec. 15 & 16, Dalton Twp., 2 miles. Grading, sand cushion & pulvi-mix bituminous surfacing.		
Engineering Supervision	236.11	
Grading	2,780.82	
Culverts	930.51	
Gravel Surfacing	1,109.88	
Bituminous Surfacing	<u>8,622.80</u>	13,680.12
J-23-3, Mill Iron Road, S. 1/2 mi. on N. & S. 1/4 Line Sec. 13, Muskegon Twp. Pulvi-mix bituminous surface on existing grade.		
Engineering	35.45	
Clearing & Grubbing	79.07	
Grading	461.83	
Bituminous Surfacing	<u>2,218.31</u>	2,794.66
N-6X-2&3, Seminole Road, N. 1/8 line of Sec. 11 & 12, Norton Twp, between Lake Harbor Road and Henry St. 1.25 mi. Grading, sand cushion & 22' gravel surface.		
Engineering Supervision	215.84	
Grading	4,558.07	
Culverts	29.71	
Gravel Surfacing	<u>9,988.38</u>	14,792.00
M-13-1, Canada Road, Between Secs. 3 & 4, Casnovia Twp. Grading, sand cushion, and 22' 6" compacted gravel.		
Engineering Supervision	125.24	
Clearing & Grubbing	42.74	
Grading	660.76	
Culverts	2,333.38	
Guard Rail	24.42	
Sand Cushion	3,223.96	
Gravel Surfacing	<u>5,620.35</u>	12,030.85
C-10X-6, Silver Creek Road, N. 1/8 line Sec. 13, Whitehall Twp. Pulvi-mix Bituminous Surface.		
Engineering Supervision	185.42	
Grading	104.10	
Gravel Surfacing	2,027.86	
Bituminous Surfacing	<u>4,832.62</u>	7,150.00

## Primary Road Construction (Continued)

J-12-6 & K-1-3, Brooks & MacArthur Roads, N. 1/2 mi. on W. side of Sec. 18, Egelston Twp. & the E. 1/2 mi. on E. & W. Quarterline, Sec. 13 Muskegon Twp. Pulvi-mix bituminous surface on exist- ing grade.		
Engineering Supervision	36.68	
Grading	26.76	
Gravel Surfacing	13.58	
Bituminous Surfacing	<u>4,657.59</u>	4,734.61
D-9X-2&3, Russell Road from Silver Creek Road NE 1 mile in Secs. 9 & 16, Blue Lake Twp. Pulvi-mix bituminous surface and installation of multi- plate corrugated culvert in Cleveland Creek.		
Engineering Supervision		242.03
Henry Street from Laketon Avenue S. to E. Broadway. Curb & gutter, widening to 40 ft. & 2 inch bituminous surface.		
Plans & specifications		1,200.00
Crockery Creek Bridge, Ravenna Twp. Replace existing structure		
Engineering Supervision	38.25	
Culverts	78.11	
Foundation Borings	167.99	
Gravel Surfacing	113.20	
R.O.W.	<u>77.99</u>	<u>475.54</u>
Total Primary Road Construction		\$346,314.58

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## Local Road Construction

Casnovia Township			
M-22-4&5, Laketon Road, Between Canada Road & Newago Road Surface with 2000 yds gravel.			
Gravel Surfacing		\$	2,550.77
Cedar Creek Township			
H-22-1, McMillan, from Dalson to Ewing Road between Secs. 30 & 31, 1 mile Pulvi-mix bituminous surface on existing grade.			
Engineering Supervision	48.90		
Grading	258.86		
Gravel Surface	2085.27		
Bituminous Surface	<u>5056.93</u>		7,449.96
Dalton Township			
**G-5-5, Automobile Blvd, W line Sec. 29 from Bard Road S. to Blacktop 0.5 miles Prime & Double Seal Bituminous Surface.			
Engineering Supervision	212.05		
Grading	536.28		
Culverts	90.47		
Bituminous Surface	<u>1176.00</u>		2,014.80
* G-13-4, Putnam, from Bard Road N $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. Grading & placing a 22 ft. 6 in. compacted gravel surface.			
Engineering Supervision	81.39		
Grading	1728.11		
Culverts	615.60		
Gravel Surface	<u>485.40</u>		2,910.50
* G-21-5, Beattie Road from M-20 N. to the Bard Road, 0.59 miles Grading & placing a 22 ft. 6 in. compacted gravel surface.			
Engineering Supervision	51.53		
Grading	1233.45		
Culverts	809.81		
Gravel Surface	<u>3848.63</u>		5,943.42
First Street, Twin Lake, from Blue Lake Road to Lake being on N. side of Twin Lake Park Pulvi-mix bituminous Surface.			
Engineering Supervision	48.90		
Grading	153.41		
Gravel Surf	106.22		
Bituminous Surface	<u>406.89</u>		715.42

## Local Road Construction (Continued)

## Egelston Township

Kensington, from Hall Road to Washington Street in Lakeview Park Subdivision 0.25 mile Prime & Double Seal Bituminous Surface.		
Engineering Supervision	18.34	
Grading	4.64	
Bituminous Surface	<u>910.72</u>	933.70
Chandler Road, from M-46 N. 1 Block in March Garden Sub. Grading & 22 ft. 6 in. compacted gravel surface.		
Engineering Supervision	24.45	
Grading	122.71	
Gravel Surfacing	<u>1760.11</u>	1,907.27
* S. Bolen Rd, from M-46 S. in the Plat of Acorn Park #1 2,606 ft. Grading & placing 22 ft of 6 in. compacted gravel surface.		
Engineering Supervision	37.33	
Clearing & Grubbing	70.13	
Grading	296.31	
Gravel Surface	<u>3497.61</u>	3,901.38
* S. Forest Rd., from M-46 to end, & 267 ft. E. & W. Total footage 2873 Clearing Grubbing & Grading		
Engineering Supervision	39.37	
Clearing & Grubbing	491.12	
Grading	<u>93.41</u>	623.90
**K-12-2, McArthur, E 2110 ft. of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. of E & W $\frac{1}{4}$ line Sec. 17, 0.14 mile Grading & 16ft. of 6 in. compacted gravel surface.		
Gravel Surfacing		393.31
K-14-3, Hall Road, N. line Sec. 21 1 mile Pulvi-mix Bituminous Surface.		
Engineering Supervision	215.56	
Grading	608.28	
Culverts	296.18	
Gravel Surface	112.49	
Bituminous Surface	<u>4549.05</u>	5781.56

## Local Road Construction (Continued)

## Fruitland Township

\* F-1-2, Lamos, from Michillinda Road to S. Shore Road Secs. 7 & 12, 0.63 mile Grade, gravel and Pulvi-mix Bituminous Surface.

Engineering Supervision	45.42	
Clearing & Grubbing	241.53	
Grading	538.24	
Culverts	147.48	
Sand Cushion	<u>488.99</u>	1,461.66

## Fruitport Township

O-24-0, Judson Road, from Fruitport Rd. W. 0.38 mile being the E & W  $\frac{1}{4}$  line of Sec. 34 Grading, drainage structures & surfacing to a width of 22 ft. with 6 in. compacted gravel

Engineering Supervision	67.24	
Grading	318.23	
Culverts	683.42	
Gravel Surfacing	<u>2050.95</u>	3,119.84

## Holton Township

E-21-3, Brickyard Road, W line Sec. 13, M-20 to Brunswick Road 1 mile Prime & Double Seal Bituminous Surface

Engineering Supervision	25.76	
Bituminous Surface	<u>3006.28</u>	3,032.04

Hoppman Road, from Main St. in Village of Holton E on the S side of and parallel to C & O RR. thence SE to M-20, Grading & necessary drainage structures.

Engineering Supervision	116.56	
Grading	<u>590.00</u>	706.56

## Laketon Township

\*\*T-15-1, Green Creek Road, N & S  $\frac{1}{4}$  line Sec. 3, 1.26 miles grading, drainage structures & surface with 16 ft of 6 in. compacted gravel.

Grading	246.84	
Culverts	29.32	
Gravel Surface	<u>2473.05</u>	2,749.21

\* T-21-1, Horton Rd, from Giles to River Road between Secs. 1 & 2 1.26 miles Grading, drainage & Construction of an independent drainage ditch.

Engineering Supervision	277.91	
Clearing & Grubbing	53.08	
Grading	1661.44	
Culverts	<u>2295.25</u>	4,287.68

## Local Road Construction (Continued)

T-23-1, Auble Road, from Giles to River Road being 1.26 miles the N & S $\frac{1}{4}$ line		
Sec. 1, Grading, drainage, & adding necessary gravel & placing Pulvi-mix Bituminous Surface		
Engineering Supervision	12.22	
Grading	29.34	
Gravel Surface	179.92	
Bituminous Surface	<u>5687.30</u>	5,908.78
Montague Township		
B-1-3&4, Lamas Road, between Secs. 13 White River Twp. & Sec. 18 Montague Twp. & N $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. between Sec. 24 White River Twp. on Sec. 19 Montague Twp. 1.5 miles Grading, drainage structures & surfacing to a width of 22 ft. 6 in. compacted gravel surface.		
Engineering Supervision	179.47	
Clearing & Grubbing	151.33	
Grading	2527.85	
Culverts	4248.31	
Gravel Surface	<u>20288.54</u>	27,395.50
Muskegon Township		
J-11-1, N. Roberts, from Giles Road to Becker Road, the S. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on the N & S $\frac{1}{4}$ line of Sec. 4 Pulvi-mix Bituminous Surface		
Engineering Supervision	56.33	
Gravel Surface	564.27	
Bituminous	<u>2639.30</u>	3,259.90
J-21-6, Dangl Road, from Laketon Ave. to Evanston Ave. the N $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on E. line Sec. 35 Pulvi-mix Bituminous Surface		
Engineering Supervision	24.45	
Culverts	518.90	
Gravel Surface	780.62	
Bituminous Surface	<u>2944.19</u>	4,268.16
J-14-6, Hall Road from Dangl Road to Mill Iron Road, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on the N. side of Sec. 24. Pulvi-mix Bituminous Surface		
Engineering Supervision	72.81	
Grading	139.17	
Gravel Surface	936.95	
Bituminous Surface	<u>3265.10</u>	4,414.03
Engman Road Bridge on Engman Road Sec. 5, Sec. 5, 40 ft. Twin Multi-plate arch culvert		
Engineering Supervision	19.32	
Culverts	<u>3563.13</u>	3,582.45

## Local Road Construction (Continued)

Kinsey St., Between Laketon Ave. & Windsor, 654 ft. Pulvi-mix Bituminous Surface		
Bituminous Surface		879.05
PineGrove Street, from Montague Ave., to Sherman Blvd.		
Right of Way		825.00
Norton Township		
N-24-6, Judson Road, from US 31 to Harvey Street on the E & W $\frac{1}{4}$ line Sec. 33. Grading, sand sub base, & 22 ft. of 6 in. compacted gravel surface.		
Engineering Supervision	155.65	
Clearing & Grubbing	205.97	
Grading	2247.00	
Culverts	359.68	
Sand Cushion	745.56	
Gravel Surface	<u>3966.77</u>	7,680.63
Seminole Park #1 streets in Plat of Seminole Park Subdivision. Prime & Double Seal Bituminous Surface		
Payment to Contractor for Bituminous Surface		5,862.48
Roodmont Streets, in Roodmont Plat		
Engineering Supervision		150.44
Spencer Dr, Belmont Dr., McCracken & Diversey Ave. in Harbor Park & Harbor Park #1 Subdivision. Bituminous Surface		
Engineering Supervision	47.63	
Payment to Contractor	<u>11777.49</u>	11,825.12
Aue & Deyman Roads, Aue Road from Henry Street to Deyman Road & Deyman Road from Aue Road to Randall Road Sec. 18 .755 mi. Grading & placing 22 ft. of 6 in. compacted gravel & placing 20 ft. Prime & Double Seal Bituminous Surface.		
Engineering Supervision	20.38	
Grading	749.40	
Gravel Surface	5222.44	
Bituminous Surface	<u>2242.74</u>	8,234.96
* Hess St., Sunset Lane & Garden Street 0.5 mile Pulvi-mix Bituminous Surface		
Payment to Contractor		5,226.98
* Roberts Street from Sherman to Broadway 0.25 mile Prime & Double Seal Bituminous Surface		
Payment to Contractor		<u>2,223.60</u>

## Local Road Construction (Continued)

Total Local Road Construction	\$	142,220.06
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\* Denotes Construction not yet completed  
\*\* Denotes Construction began in 1952 & completed in 1953

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## PRIMARY ROAD MAINTENANCE

## 17.25 miles Concrete Surface Roads

Road Bed	3765.47	
Structures	2886.59	
Patching	3402.79	
Resurfacing	764.57	
Snow Removal	1356.30	
Traffic Control	1479.86	
Betterments	228.09	
Engineering	<u>406.09</u>	
		\$ 14,289.76

## 243.05 miles Bituminous Surface Roads

Road Bed	42311.89	
Structures	9603.45	
Patching	42272.91	
Weed Control	3324.16	
Resurfacing	46445.60	
Snow Removal	35041.71	
Traffic Control	16694.61	
Betterments	1695.16	
Engineering	<u>757.37</u>	
		198,146.86

## 104.88 miles of Gravel &amp; Unimproved Roads

Road Bed	7858.66	
Structures	3378.23	
Dragging	22993.60	
Patching	25804.69	
Dust Layer	926.36	
Snow Removal	3051.34	
Traffic Control	326.39	
Engineering	44.61	
Weed Control	<u>2936.32</u>	
		67,320.20

## Highway Lighting

	<u>7,139.76</u>	
		\$ 286,896.58

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## Local Road Maintenance

2.22 miles of Concrete Surface Roads		
Road Bed		\$ 80.37
84.34 miles of Bituminous Surface Roads		
Road Bed	1,855.98	
Structures	296.36	
Patching	5,261.65	
Resurfacing	7,035.90	
Snow Removal	3,860.06	
Traffic Control	1,228.56	
Betterments	1,372.55	
Engineering	<u>640.15</u>	21,551.21
743.83 miles of Gravel, Graded and Unimproved Roads.		
Road Bed	28,948.00	
Structures	4,677.29	
Dragging	83,906.57	
Patching	70,295.80	
Dust Layer	225.95	
Resurfacing	3,828.35	
Snow Removal	14,624.57	
Traffic Control	2,026.40	
Betterments	41.88	
Engineering	<u>1,592.13</u>	210,166.94
RT-Special - Gravel Resurfacing several Roads in Ravenna Twp.		<u>7,039.78</u>
Total Local Road Maintenance		\$238,838.30

## LOCAL ROAD MAINTENANCE BY TOWNSHIPS

White River	7,069.08	
Montague	10,242.39	
Whitehall	1,659.78	
Blue Lake	5,221.09	
Holton	8,654.40	
Fruitland	15,982.29	
Dalton	15,933.33	
Cedar Creek	10,551.57	
Laketon	10,689.01	
Muskegon	12,857.96	
Egelston	16,863.99	
Moorland	19,476.50	
Casnovia	15,605.40	
Norton	27,684.20	
Fruitport	21,352.37	
Sullivan	9,644.64	
Ravenna	<u>29,350.30</u>	\$238,838.30

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## STATE TRUNK LINE MTNCE.

Balance Due County December 31, 1952		\$	41,494.23
1953 Charges			
Section 16-1	11,606.59		
20-1	3,465.70		
20-2	19,360.83		
31-1	7,652.93		
31-2	32,071.03		
31-3	33,576.41		
31-11	3,242.47		
37-1	1,817.29		
37-2	7,106.90		
46-1	21,006.79		
213-1	7,893.07		
213-2	14,708.62		
Miscellaneous	896.96		
Special Auth.	<u>8,648.21</u>		
		\$	<u>173,053.80</u>
Received on Account			214,548.03
Balance Due County 12/31/53		\$	<u>142,106.58</u>
		\$	72,441.45
	Classification of Trunk Line Maintenance Cost		
Surfacing			
Patching	24,084.15		
Crack Filling	6,945.84		
Dragging	<u>2,453.87</u>	\$	33,483.86
Shoulders			
Patching & Dragging			25,988.23
Drainage & Engineering			11,964.59
Structures			
Guard Rail	3,042.87		
Culverts	<u>124.99</u>		3,167.86
Road Side			
Grass & Weed Cutting	4,786.20		
Road Side Development	7,285.46		
Road Side Development Special	<u>17,817.49</u>		29,889.15
Traffic Service			
Snow Removal	5,838.04		
Snow Fence	5,438.40		
Sanding	22,718.17		
Dust Layer	497.43		
Sweeping & Flushing	127.01		
Markers & Signs	4,842.58		
Traffic Signals	<u>240.58</u>		39,732.21
Miscellaneous			9,545.17
Indirect Expense			9,744.21
Administrative Expense			<u>9,538.52</u>
		\$	<u>173,053.80</u>

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

	Cost	Trade in Allowance	Cash Expenditures
3 One Way Flows	\$ 2,493.75	\$	\$ 2,493.75
1 Vee type Flow	1,826.96		1,826.96
1 Wing Attachment	1,065.00		1,065.00
3 10 Ton Dumps Diamond T	27,236.40		27,236.40
1 Sterling Cab & Chassis	12,962.10		12,962.10
1 Rosco Asphalt Distributor	4,630.30		4,630.30
4 Underbody Scrapers	5,122.90		5,122.90
6 Tractors - Ford	10,098.00	2,851.80	7,246.20
6 Mowers - Ford	2,223.80		2,223.80
1 Station Wagon - Chevrolet	1,722.00		1,722.00
5 Pickup Truck - Chevrolet	5,812.10	975.10	4,837.00
1 Gradall - Warner Swasey	24,691.10		24,691.10
7 2 Ton Truck Chevrolet	17,636.00	5,350.00	12,286.00
2 4 Door Sedans - Chevrolet	3,234.62	1,650.00	1,584.62
1 Mower - Toro Lawn	950.00	100.00	850.00
1 Air Compressor - Portable	2,479.40		2,479.40
1 Trailer - All State	79.50		79.50
Radio Equipment - Motorola	<u>18,845.55</u>		<u>18,845.55</u>
	143,109.48	\$ <u>10,926.90</u>	\$ <u>132,182.58</u>
Equipment Value 12/31/52	<u>273,053.12</u>		
	416,162.60		
Deduct Cost Value of Equipment traded in less Depreciation taken	<u>4,916.10</u>		
	411,246.50		
Less 1953 Depreciation	<u>68,538.50</u>		
	\$ 342,708.00		

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## Accounts Receivable

	1952 Balance	1953 Charges	Rec'd on Acct. Cash	Transfer Credits	Balance
Miscellaneous	-0-	2,836.77	2,855.85	-0-	19.08 CR
Village of Fruitport	-0-	91.80	22.08	-0-	69.72
Village of Ravenna	127.43	523.39	650.82	-0-	-0-
City of Whitehall	180.14	-0-	-0-	180.14	-0-
City of Montague	2,775.78	240.21	3,015.99	-0-	-0-
Norton Township	392.69	306.00	427.39	253.20	18.10
Muskegon Township	176.00	1,793.00	1,653.99	-0-	315.01
Ravenna Township	7.63	17.99	25.62	-0-	-0-
City of Muskegon Heights	113.27	70.93	113.27	-0-	70.93
City of Roosevelt Park	218.13	35.08	-0-	253.21	-0-
Egelston Township	3.52	25.33	28.85	-0-	-0-
Dalton Township	-0-	255.23	255.23	-0-	-0-
Casnovia Township	70.24	393.53	70.24	-0-	393.53
C & O Railroad	520.67	999.72	1,520.39	-0-	-0-
Holton Township	-0-	172.78	-0-	172.78	-0-
Ferguston Engineering	-0-	456.46	456.46	-0-	-0-
Chemi-Trol Co.	-0-	45.03	-0-	45.03	-0-
	<u>\$4,585.50</u>	<u>\$8,263.25</u>	<u>\$11,096.18</u>	<u>\$904.36</u>	<u>\$848.21</u>

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## Material Stores Account

	1952 Balance	Cash Purchases	Requisitioned	Debit	Credit
Truck & Auto Parts	\$19,424.84	20,262.79	22,273.34	17,414.29	
Gasoline	854.20 CR	30,098.55	29,909.85		665.50
Lumber & Posts	134.50	258.85	75.85	317.50	
Kerosene	129.96	2,028.12	2,256.02		97.94
Motor Oil	2,345.77	2,815.34	2,500.73	2,660.38	
Paint	1,496.47	3,151.71	3,015.51	1,632.67	
Tar & Asphalt	970.89	1,928.92	1,723.89	1,175.92	
Culvert Pipe	3,190.19	6,098.93	5,796.67	3,492.45	
Calcium Chloride	151.23 CR		52.87		204.10
Gravel	23,519.68	11,580.00	34,473.40	626.28	
Diesel Fuel	510.42	4,858.66	5,115.38	253.70	
Cement	1.70 CR	8.66	34.95		27.99
Signs & Metal Posts	3,957.29	3,930.46	3,803.53	4,084.22	
Misc. Stock	1.98			1.98	
	<u>\$54,674.86</u>	<u>\$87,020.99</u>	<u>\$111,031.99</u>	<u>\$31,659.39</u>	<u>\$995.53</u>

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## GENERAL EXPENSE

Liability Insurance		\$	764.53
Printing, Binding of Misc. Office Expense			1075.92
Telephone			822.30
Postage			258.64
Traveling Expense			1014.76
Fuel - Office Building			129.85
Sanitary Supplies			494.66
Water			306.95
Light & Power (Office)			195.50
Legal Services			1235.00
Commissioners Salaries			5000.00
First Aid Supplies			58.05
Advertising			414.79
Clerical			20737.90
Medical Expense			141.00
Depreciation on Office Bldgs.			900.00
Gas			36.14
Insurance - Robbery			55.00
Insurance - Fire on Office Bldg & Equip.			147.88
Depreciation on Office Furn. & Equip.			413.12
Maintenance of Office Bldg. & Grounds			2636.26
Appraisal Cost			20.00
			<u>36,858.25</u>
Less: Overhead charged to Trunk Line Mtnc.	10627.48		
" " " Accounts Receivable	1000.68		
" " " County Parks	1494.48		
Depreciation on Office Building	900.00		
" Office Furn. & Equip.	<u>413.12</u>		
			<u>14,435.76</u>
		\$	22,422.49

## INDIRECT EXPENSE

	Total	Less State Participation	
Maintenance of Misc. Equipment	\$ 1117.00	\$	\$ 1117.00
Engineering Salaries & Supervision	12882.69		12882.69
Engineering Department Expense	3158.44		3158.44
Vacation Wages Paid	11573.16	3649.26	7923.90
Sign Shop Expense	3192.92		3192.92
Sick Leave	4641.71	1176.39	3465.32
Weighmaster Salary & Expense	1842.99		1842.99
Retirement Pension Fund	33499.55	4192.53	29307.02
Superintendent Salaries	11500.06		11500.06
Life & Hospitalization Insurance	8930.17		8930.17
Holiday Expense	5738.57		5738.57
Small Tool Expense	2647.87		2647.87
Workman's Compensation Insurance	<u>5321.95</u>	<u>1300.69</u>	<u>4021.26</u>
	106,047.08	10,318.87	95,728.21
Total Charged to Maintenance & Construction Accts.		\$	\$ 95,728.21

## MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## Cash Account

Cash with County Treasurer December 31, 1952	\$ 172,077.82
Deposited by County Treasurer in Road Account	1,216,013.09
Vouchers Drawn on County Treasurer	1,230,783.84
Loss in Cash	<u>14,770.75</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	\$157,307.07

## County Road Equity Account

	December 31, 1952	December 31, 1953
Cash with County Treasurer	\$ 172,077.82	\$ 157,307.07
Petty Cash	-0-	100.00
Accounts Receivable	4,585.50	848.21
Contract Receivable	1,613.17	1,102.76
State Trunk Line Mtnc.	41,494.23	72,441.45
Land and Buildings	311,767.44	321,064.99
Equipment	273,053.12	342,702.00
Material in Stock	54,674.86	30,663.86
County Parks Expense Receivable	33.76	1,662.62
Office Furniture & Equipment	1,312.20	2,158.07
	<u>\$860,632.10</u>	<u>\$930,057.03</u>

## Land and Building Account

Land & Building Value December 31, 1952		\$ 311,767.44
Capital Expenditures 1953:		
Muskegon Garage Addition	15,347.35	
Whitehall Garage	<u>861.00</u>	<u>16,208.35</u>
		\$327,975.79
Less 1953 Depreciation		<u>6,910.80</u>
Value of Land & Building December 31, 1953		\$321,064.99

MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

County Park Expenditures 1953

	Mtnce. of Grounds	Mtnce. of Bldgs.	Tables	Sanitary Facilities	Insurance	Telephone	Misc.	Total Expenditures
Pioneer Park	2,256.08	327.31	362.04	47.00	356.56	177.01	463.45	3,989.45
Blue Lake Park	430.85	43.27	393.57		221.72			1,089.41
Twin Lake Park	1,109.61	575.06	2,843.84	92.00	245.71	80.32	6.04	4,952.58
Moore Park	1,097.52				47.94			1,145.46
Meinert Park	67.03	128.76	197.79		56.92			450.50
Patterson Park	148.76	13.69	393.57		69.91			625.93
Causeway Park	113.42	50.46					40.57	204.45
	<u>5,223.27</u>	<u>1,138.55</u>	<u>4,190.81</u>	<u>139.00</u>	<u>998.76</u>	<u>257.33</u>	<u>510.06</u>	

Total Expenditures 1953 12,457.78  
 Balance due Co. Rd. Fd. 12/31/52 33.76

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Receipts by transfer from Co. Park  
 Fund to County Road Fund.

Balance due Co. Rd. Fd. Dec. 31, 1953

Balance in Co. Park Fd. Dec. 31, 1952 1,310.39  
 1953 Budget Appropriations 9,000.00

Cash Receipts 1953:

- Richard Winzey 25.00
- Casnovia Twp. 393.53
- White River Twp. 100.00
- Hartford Fire Ins. 54.00

Total Available Funds 10,882.92  
 Less Transfers to Co. Rd. Fd. 10,828.92

Balance in Co. Park Fund 12/31/53 \$ 54.00



MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
 ACCIDENT SURVEY 1953

MON.	NO. ACC.	NO. CARS	NO. INJ.	PED. INJ.	BIKE INJ.	M. CYCLE INJ.	TRAIN INJ.	BIKE DEAD	M. CYCLE DEAD	PED. DEAD	1 CAR DEAD	2 CAR DEAD	TOTAL DEAD
JAN.	122	221	51	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Feb.	79	143	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar.	108	189	38	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5
Apr.	109	184	54	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
May.	117	200	85	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
June.	119	198	54	8	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
July.	109	192	38	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Aug.	124	200	74	4	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	3
Sept.	93	166	58	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct.	97	177	61	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov.	102	187	46	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
Dec.	119	210	47	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3

TOT: 1298 2267 700 47 10 1 1 1 1 2 2 11 7 23

COMPARISONS: 1952 1200 acc. 661 inj. 34 deaths 1950 1011 acc. 492 inj. 17 deaths  
 1951 1329 711 26 1949 759 366 14

BREAKDOWN BY TOWNSHIPS

TOWNSHIP	NO. ACC.	DEAD	TOWNSHIP	NO. ACC.	DEAD
Blue Lake	5	0	Norton	343	3
Casnovia	22	1	Ravenna	34	0
Cedar Creek	9	0	Whitehall	24	0
Dalton	142	3	White River	2	0
Egelston	101	2	Sullivan	15	1
Fruitland	47	1			
Fruitport	85	3			
Holton	31	0			
Laketon	51	1			
Moorland	32	3			
Muskegon	332	3			
Montague	23	2			

% ACC. BY AGE

14 - 20	14%
20 - 30	20%
30 - 40	30%
40 - 50	40%
50 - 60	50%
60 -	60%

2 P.M. - 11 P.M. over 50%  
 11 P.M. - 12 Noon 33%

## MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

ACCIDENT FATALITIES 1953

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
A. G. Smith	M 46 at Blk. Creek Viaduct	Moorland	1 car	1-13-53
H. Skinner	M 46 at Blk. Creek Viaduct	Moorland	1 car	1-13-53
H. F. Roberts	US 16 in Fruitport	Fruitport	1 car	1-24-53
A. Roossinck	Harvey at US 16	Norton	car-truck	3-11-53
C. Roossinck	Harvey at US 16	Norton	car-truck	3-11-53
M. Cook	M 46 at Sullivan Rd.	Egelston	1 car	3-18-53
C. L. Cook	M 46 at Sullivan Rd.	Egelston	1 car	3-18-53
D. Murrithew	US 31 S. Otis Trailer Pk.	Fruitland	1 car	3-20-53
W. Bradford	US 31 at Curvcrest	Muskegon	2 car	4-3-53
C. L. Carter	Burpee at Russell	Dalton	1 car	4-28-53
Dennis Miel	2007 Able Rd.	Laketon	car-ped.	6-2-53
R. Kubusky	Summitt W. Fairfield	Norton	car-ped.	6-21-53
F. E. Morse Jr.	M 46 E. Moorland Rd.	Moorland	1 car	7-4-53
R. L. Brown	US 31 at Shamrock Inn	Montague	1 car	7-27-53
B. R. Young	US 16 S. Quarterline Rd.	Fruitport	Motorcycle	8-10-53
Tena Miller	Hts. Taverna at Sullivan	Sullivan	2 car	8-22-53
H. B. Winsky	M 37 S. County Line	Casnovia	Motorcycle	8-28-53
O. Mansfield	US 31 N. Bard Rd.	Dalton	2 car	10-27-53
C. Cochran	US 31 N. Stanton Blvd.	Montague	car-bike	11-2-53
G. Jensen	Russell Rd, N. M 20	Muskegon	1 car	11-11-53
L. Williams	US 16 in Fruitport	Fruitport	2 car	12-8-53
O. Mickleson	US 31 S. McMillan Rd.	Dalton	1 car	12-16-53
May McKinley	M 20 S. Giles Rd.	Muskegon	2 car	12-15-53

DEATHS BY TOWNSHIPSCOMPARISONS

Moorland	3	1953	23
Fruitport	3	1952	34
Norton	3	1951	26
Egelston	2	1950	17
Fruitland	1	1949	14
Muskegon	3		
Dalton	3		
Laketon	1		
Montague	2		
Sullivan	1		
Casnovia	1		
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Total	23		

## MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUDDEN DEATHS 1953SUICIDES 1953

1. John McCrone	Shooting	4-20-53
2. Otto Mack	Drowning	3-21-53
3. William Arnouts	Carbon Monoxide	6-19-53
4. Frank Paul	Carbon Monoxide	6-26-53
5. Hugh Johnston	Cutting	7-27-53
6. Joseph W. Abbott	Shooting	12-19-53
7. Edan Balgooyen	Carbon Monoxide	2-5-53

DROWNINGS

1. Sherrisue Olney	Lake Michigan	7-2-53
2. Bobbie Graham	Muskegon Lake	6-20-53

FIRES

1. Margaret Florez	Suffacation from fire	7-11-53
2. Rosalind McBride	Asphixiation from fire	12-6-53
3. Frank Cooper	Shock, exposure from fire	12-24-53

MURDER

1. Ponciana Candillo	Tim Moses(found not guilty)	9-16-53
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ACCIDENTAL DEATH

1. Floyd A Johnson	Carbon Monoxide	4-12-53
2. Juanita Kaiser	Shooting	4-21-53
3. Al Becker	Suffacation	4-25-53
4. David Young	Tractor accident	5-17-53
5. Stephen W. Schutter	Explosion	9-3-53
6. Melvin Schutter	Explosion	9-3-53
7. Roy Franken	Electricution	9-15-53
8. Leon Tobin	Overcome by sewer gas	10-8-53
9. Arthur Grotefeld	Fall down stairs	11-24-53
10. Johanna Holm	fall down stairs	11-13-53
11. Harold G. Bayne	fall down stairs	10-11-53

TOTAL DEAD:	1953	24	1952	20
TRAFFIC:	1953	23	1952	34

TOTAL	<hr/>			
COMPARISONS:	1953	47	1952	54

MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

ARRESTS MADE BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 1953

CLASSIFICATION	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY.	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL
Assault and Battery	3	0	2	0	5	6	4	1	0	5	1	3	30
Drunk and Disorderly	6	5	11	11	12	7	13	11	7	19	8	8	118
Mental, protective custody	1	2	0	2	4	0	1	4	2	0	2	2	20
Contempt	9	12	5	4	5	3	7	3	5	4	1	1	59
Non-support	4	5	6	4	2	8	8	8	5	4	1	1	57
A. W. O. L.	1	2	0	0	3	5	1	1	3	6	0	1	22
Larceny	1	3	4	0	1	1	6	3	1	2	0	1	23
Furn. beer to minors	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	9
Violation probation	0	0	2	4	3	2	0	0	2	3	3	0	20
Fraud	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
U. D. A. A.	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	6
Fighting	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	4
Rape, Statutory rape	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	6
Ill. possession beer	0	2	0	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	14
Felonious assault	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	2	0	0	16
Ill. sale of liquor	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	7
White slavery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Breaking and entering	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	3	7	0	0	16
Frequenting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Violation gambling laws	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Disorderly	0	1	3	2	3	3	2	1	0	2	0	0	17
Bigamy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Forgery	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	4
Uttering & publishing	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Carrying concealed weapons	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Prowling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Contributing to minors	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Armed robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
Material witness	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	4
Retrial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
<b>RUNNING TOTALS:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>480</b>

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MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

ARRESTS CONTINUED:

CLASSIFICATION	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL
Entering without breaking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Investigation	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Escapee	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Body Attachment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Violation Parole	0	1	2	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	9
Destruction property	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
Bastardy	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	6
Morals	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
False information	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inv. arson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bench warrant	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Negligent homicide	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ill. sale fireworks	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Clinic	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Adultery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Interfering with arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Violation building code	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Violation court order	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Careless use firearms	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Resisting officer	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Profane language	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Violation injunction	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Manslaughter	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Rec. mortgaged property	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Illegal co-habitation	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

TOTALS:

37 44 40 39 53 49 66 40 53 71 23 18 533

COMPARISONS:

1953 - 533  
 1952 - 476  
 1951 - 552  
 1950 - 497  
 1949 - 472

MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC VIOLATION TICKETS ISSUED 1953

CLASSIFICATION	JAN.	FEB.	M.R.	APR.	MAY.	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOT.	FINES	PD.	SS.	TIME	SERV.
Speeding	8	12	9	9	8	1	6	8	8	10	5	8	93	1085.30	0	0	0	0
No Op. Lic. on person	4	6	3	8	0	5	7	5	11	6	6	7	68	126.30	25	0	0	0
Failure car under control	3	10	11	6	13	8	20	12	20	5	5	8	124	1091.50	3	0	0	0
Failure address changed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	90.00	1	0	0	0
Failure obey stop sign	2	3	2	1	2	3	4	2	3	2	2	1	28	44.00	3	0	0	0
Illegal parking	0	0	0	0	8	6	0	2	2	2	1	5	26	130.00	1	0	0	0
Failure yeild right of way	0	1	2	4	1	3	2	4	1	2	2	3	27	60.00	0	0	0	0
Failure use due caution	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	3	3	3	12	70.00	2	0	0	0
Illegal passing	3	0	1	1	2	1	0	5	4	0	1	4	17	23.00	1	0	0	0
Failure obey stop light	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	4	8	36.30	1	0	0	0
Improper lights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	43.00	0	0	0	0
Allow.unlic.person drive	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	47.00	0	0	0	0
Improper turning	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	6	2	2	1	1	19	30.00	2	0	0	0
Improper brakes	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	9	24.30	0	0	0	2days
Revoked license	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	73.00	0	0	0	0
No license plates	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	6	10.00	0	0	0	0
Exp.Op. or Ch. Licanse	3	2	1	1	2	6	0	3	0	3	0	0	21	10.00	0	0	0	0
Careless driving	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	10.00	0	0	0	0
Garbage load uncovered	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10.00	1	0	0	0

TOTALS: 26 39 32 31 47 36 26 53 46 62 28 44 470 \$2993.70 43 2 days

TRAFFIC WARRANTS ISSUED 1953

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER	FINES & COSTS	DAYS	REL. BOND	REL. OWN	REL. ARMY	REL. PROS.	PROB.	DISM.	SENT
Reckless driving	10	334.30 and or	105	1	1			16 mo.		PRISON
Drunken Motor law	25	1468.20	745	6	1	1				15mo.-5yrs.
Speeding	3	47.00		1						
Leaving scene of accident	4	55.00	15				1		1	
Revoked license	3	38.00	12	1				13 mo.		
Traffic	5	31.00	2	2						
Felonious driving	1		1	1						
Hit and run	3	30.00	1	1				6 mo.		
TOTALS:	54	2003.50	877	13	2	1	1	35 mo. 1	1	15 mo.-5 yrs.
COMPLETE TOTALS:	524	\$4997.20								

## MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## CRIMINAL AND NON-CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS ANSWERED 1953

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u> <u>FBI LISTING</u>	<u>NO.</u> <u>REP.</u>	<u>UNF.</u> <u>REP.</u>	<u>CLEARED</u> <u>CLOSED</u>	<u>OTHER</u> <u>DEPTS.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>NUMBER</u>
1. Criminal Homicide	5	0	2	3	2
2. Rape	7	3	4	0	4
3. Robbery	16	5	3	6	5
4. Aggravated assault	30	2	25	0	28
5. Breaking and entering	242	26	52	0	216
6. Larceny and grand larceny	395	34	84	2	359
7. Stolen cars	70	9	47	9	52
8. Other assaults	35	4	26	0	31
9. Forgery	12	1	7	0	11
10. Embezzlement and fraud	24	1	12	1	22
11. Stolen property	1	1	0	0	0
12. Weapons, firearms, unlawful	80	6	41	0	74
13. Prostitution and vice	1	0	0	0	1
14. Sex offenses	32	2	19	2	28
15. Offenses against family	24	8	14	1	15
16. Narcotics, drug laws	3	0	3	0	3
17. Liquor laws	13	1	11	0	12
18. Drunkenness	16	1	12	0	15
19. Disorderly conduct	17	2	15	0	15
20. Vagrancy	1	1	0	0	0
21. Gambling	1	1	0	0	0
22. Drunken Motor Law	8	2	3	0	6
23. Traffic violations	160	9	101	0	151
24. Parking violations	11	0	11	0	11
25. Violation Motor vehicle laws	19	1	16	0	18
26. All other offenses	495	40	244	19	436
27. Natural deaths	15	0	15	0	15
28. Accidents	104	0	104	0	104
29. Other accidents	65	0	65	0	65
30. Traffic policing	5	0	5	0	5
31. Assistance	51	0	51	0	51
32. Speeches, etc.					
33. All other, non-criminal	788	0	788	0	788
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TOTALS:	2746	160	1780	43	2543

All complaints cannot be cleared by arrest. Many are cleared by diplomacy, warnings, and traffic work. Arrests were made in most cases where any criminal activity was evident. Those unsolved cases still remain open and are under investigation until such time as they are solved. Under classification number 33, are listed such items as: family trouble, lost and found property, abandoned cars, dog bites, and animals at large, forest fires, and safety work. Such calls require much time and work and still remain unheralded and unglorified.

MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

RECORDS OF INMATES IN THE MUSKEGON COUNTY JAIL 1953

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NO. INMATES</u>	<u>NO. LODGERS</u>	<u>NO. MEALS</u>	<u>NO. DAYS SPENT</u>	<u>AVERAGE NO. DAYS</u>	<u>COST PER MEAL AVERAGE</u>
Jan.	294	54	4556	1657	5.63	12.7
Feb.	267	47	4230	1512	5.66	12.3
Mar.	341	47	4109	1548	4.53	14.0
Apr.	234	37	3194	1291	5.51	13.3
May	315	42	3920	1476	4.65	12.8
June	336	28	3182	1227	3.62	13.0
July	338	38	4221	1619	4.79	13.0
Aug.	343	24	4253	1581	4.60	13.3
Sept.	308	43	4278	1580	5.12	14.1
Oct.	319	16	4187	1570	4.92	14.8
Nov.	256	71	2960	1086	4.24	16.6
Dec.	245	67	3168	1132	4.62	15.0
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>3596</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>46258</b>	<b>17279</b>	<b>4.80</b>	<b>13.74</b>
<u>COMPARISONS:</u>						
1952	3644	628	46357	17111	4.69	14.7
1951	3033	782	48334			
1950	3175	1008				
1949	3131	400	49800			

Total number officers 21  
 Percentage of prisoners per officer 171.23  
 Percentage of population per officer 6428.57

MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

CAR REPORTS 1953

CAR	MON.	MILES	HOURS	GAS	OIL	C.R	MON.	MILES	HOURS	GAS	OIL
60	Jan.	2121	239	164	6	61	Jan.	3934	586	397	10
	Feb.	1483	178	147	7		Feb.	3886	622	363	6
	Mar.	2038	299	191	6		Mar.	3111	546	341	5
	Apr.	1514	141	118	9		Apr.	4688	659	403	6
	May	335	37	78	1		May	6913	883	545	15
	June	708	94	129	8		June	6941	901	556	18
	July	1883	222	226	15		July	5441	824	554	18
	Aug.	4095	437	332	14		Aug.	6068	762	572	17
	Sept.	4000	377	367	4		Sept.	6011	733	536	16
	Oct.	3492	349	347	11		Oct.	6253	797	551	20
	Nov.	346	32	35			Nov.	7259	876	596	28
	Dec.	1714	199	178	2		Dec.	6631	824	644	23
62	Jan.	4970	850	483	19	63	Jan.	2386	509	218	12
	Feb.	4734	747	432	23		Feb.	2334	462	184	11
	Mar.	4703	720	426	21		Mar.	2600	507	228	10
	Apr.	2846	316	258	5		Apr.	2272	476	164	2
	May	1794	145	216	4		May	3105	580	211	9
	June	1313	135	148	2		June	2240	428	168	13
	July	1092	94	129	2		July	2967	1297	209	4
	Aug.	2245	217	261	8		Aug.	2370	476	174	9
	Sept.	3758	341	333	8		Sept.	2595	486	117	4
	Oct.	1739	160	162	2		Oct.	2600	507	197	9
	Nov.	1940	170	207	7		Nov.	2367	460	186	13
	Dec.	2150	200	224	4		Dec.	2465	446	194	5
65	Jan.	905	151	96	4	TOTAL	Jan.	22416	2335	1358	51
	Feb.	1176	175	92	2	PER	Feb.	13613	2184	1218	49
	Mar.	2053	338	210	5	MONTH	Mar.	14505	2410	1396	46
	Apr.	4327	527	381	8	Apr.	15647	2119	1324	30	
	May	6335	865	523	15	May	18482	2510	1537	44	
	June	5290	742	459	7	June	16492	2300	1460	48	
	July	5630	782	495	15	July	17013	3219	1613	54	
	Aug.	6605	771	577	22	Aug.	23666	2663	1916	70	
	Sept.	5715	510	422	15	Sept.	22079	2247	1775	47	
	Oct.	8185	700	692	30	Oct.	22269	2513	1949	72	
	Nov.	7270	757	564	25	Nov.	19182	2295	1588	74	
	Dec.	6720	768	566	28	Dec.	19690	2437	1806	62	

TOTAL PER CAR:

TOTALS COMPARISONS:

CAR	60	23729	2604	2312	83	1953	214661	29243	18976	656
	61	67136	8324	6058	181	1952	183457	27356	15471	655
	62	33284	4095	3279	115	1951	161148	23454	13895	615
	63	30301	6634	2250	101					
	65	60211	7086	5077	176					

WUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

LICENSES PROCESSED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT 1953

MONTH	ORIG. LIC.	MINOR RESTR.	OPER. LIC.	CHAUF. LIC.	OPER. DUP.	CHAUF. DUP.	SUPPL. MENTS	CORRECTED LIC.	AMT. TO SEC. ST.	AMT. RET. TO CO.
Jan.		23	800	122	27	0	111		1294.00	344.40
Feb.		18	762	123	35	0	105	1	1252.50	310.10
Mar.		29	854	156	49	0	142		1457.50	350.00
Apr.		35	898	117	37	0	124		1428.50	388.50
May		23	881	126	35	1	143		1412.25	338.45
June		47	912	151	38	1	136		1528.00	392.00
July		40	836	139	46	0	169		1471.50	394.10
Aug.		33	820	146	32	2	193	1	1385.00	267.40
Sept.		29	746	148	50	0	163		1307.50	371.35
Oct.	122	6	240	134	30	0	212		1022.50	436.75
Nov.	81	4	156	102	24	0	167		709.00	217.50
Dec.	71	2	194	128	30	2	157		854.00	233.50 estimate
TOTALS:	294	289	8149	1592	433	6	1822	2	15,122.25	4044.05

COMPARISONS

1953	294	289	8149	1592	433	6	1822	2	15122.25	4044.05
1952		275	9020	1384	450	2	1798		14721.25	3126.20
1951		211	7309	1295	408	20	1977		12058.25	3123.50
1950		89	8501	1272	351	0			13635.50	3361.55
1949		18	7124	1384	341	0			11788.00	3284.05
1948		8	6249	1371	420	0			10909.25	2545.90

MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NON-FEEABLE PAPERS PROCESSED 1953

CLASSIFICATION	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL
Circuit C. Summons	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
C. C. Injunction	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
C. C. Order	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1
C. C. Subpeona	25	30	0	19	0	18	10	0	0	0	41	0	143
Juvenile C. Subpeona	10	0	1	2	0	16	0	0	0	9	7	0	45
J. C. Summons	20	10	6	16	12	22	10	14	3	21	10	0	144
Municipal C. Summons	0	0	0	0	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
M. C. Subpaona	36	11	30	15	0	4	17	20	41	42	22	32	270
Probate C. Proof of Service	27	9	13	44	30	15	30	43	59	21	33	35	359
P. C. Subpeona	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	13
Co. Health Summons	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
State Liquor Subpeona	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2

TOTALS:

118	60	51	106	48	87	77	77	103	96	115	67	1005
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COMPARISONS: 1952 1717  
1951 2003

1950 1395  
1949 1351

WARRANTS CLEARED:

27	13	15	14	11	12	11	21	14	17	6	14	175
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OPEN WARRANTS:

4	3	4	7	2	1	5	6	7	5	8	1	53
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WARRANTS DATING BACK TO 1950, 1951, 1952:

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The open warrants numbering 105 are those left at the end of December, 1953. These are cases where the subjects have left the State and the County cannot extradite, or their whereabouts are as yet unknown. Above warrants are listed according to the month they were received in this department.

MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
 FREEABLE PAPERS SERVED AND PROCESSED 1953

CLASSIFICATION	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL
C.C. Summons	14.55	50.00	16.25	51.45	30.35	25.15	5.20		9.75	5.50	8.85	31.70	248.75
C.V. Injunction	5.20	4.00		6.00	2.00	2.00			4.00		4.90	4.00	31.20
C.C. Garnishee	2.45	2.45	2.45	7.20	2.15							6.75	21.00
C.C. Writ of Replevin	2.45			2.30					3.05	3.20	2.30	2.75	16.05
C.C. Writ of Capeas							14.00	42.00	28.00	28.00	35.00	28.00	175.00
C.C. Citation	2.50						2.45						4.95
C.C. Witness Subpoena							2.15						2.15
C.C. Writ of Restitution	6.60	6.15	7.20	3.60	6.60								30.15
C.C. Declaration					5.00								5.00
C.C. Praecipe					2.60								2.60
C.C. Subpoena				4.90									4.90
C.C. Comm. Summons				3.05									3.05
C.C. Order to Show Cause			2.45										2.45
C.C. Notice & Petition			4.65										4.65
C.C. Execution	2.30	2.60											4.90
C.C. Notice to Dismiss	2.30	4.30											6.60
C.C. Notice to Plead	3.20	2.75											5.95
C.C. Fiere Facias	2.30	2.30											4.60
C.C. Notice & Motion	2.30	2.30											4.60
M.C. Summons		2.15		1.40			4.45					2.05	10.05
M.C. Garnishee	13.20	12.40	6.00	10.30	5.60		1.40			4.25		1.40	54.55
M.C. Subpoena		1.55											1.55
J.C. Summons		2.20						1.40		2.45			6.05
J.C. Garnishee	2.85	1.85	2.85	1.45	5.80		4.25						19.05
P.C. Witness Subpoena									4.70				4.70
P.C. Notice							1.40						1.40
P.C. Citation					2.15								2.15
P.C. Summons			2.45										2.45
Notice to Quit	1.70	3.25			1.45	3.30					5.10	1.45	16.25
Tax Notices	3.20			7.30	4.75						8.05	8.35	31.65
Sheriff's Sales				6.00						6.00			12.00
US District Ct. Subpoena										2.30			2.30
Posting Notices		3.50											3.50
Long Distance Calls							10.00			1.00	1.00		12.00
TOTALS:	62.35	103.75	44.30	102.65	70.75	30.45	45.30	43.40	49.50	52.70	64.30	86.45	755.90

## MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## CIVIL PAPERS COMPARISONS:

1953 - \$	755.90
1952 -	1212.57
1951 -	1114.10
1950 -	1313.78
1949 -	1158.06
1948 -	1136.71

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## JUVENILE COMPLAINTS -- REFERRED TO JUVENILE COURT:

1953 -	123
1952 -	45
1951 -	34
1950 -	72
1949 -	41

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## BUDGET COMPARISONS:

1954 -	126,456.00	-	21,560.00	Over 1953
1953 -	104,896.00	-	3,446.00	over 1952
1952 -	101,450.00	-	7,670.00	over 1951
1951 -	93,780.00	-	6,530.00	over 1950
1950 -	87,250.00	-	4,950.00	under 1949
1949 -	92,200.00	-	14,914.00	over 1948

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## TRAFFIC SIGNALS INSTALLED:

1953 -	4, 1 light, 3 flashers
1952 -	4

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TRAVERSE CITY TRIPS: 5

REFERRALS TO THIS DEPARTMENT BY PROSECUTORS OFFICE: 25

PRISON ATTITUDE REQUESTS: 44

BLOOD TESTS REFERRED TO STATE LAB FOR ANALYSIS: 18

## MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS 1953

## LIQUOR LICENSES:

New S.D.M.	14
Remodel on S.D.M.	10
S.D.M.&S.D.D,Transfer	1
S.D.M,Transfer	9
S.D.M.&Class C,Transfer	1
Class C,Transfer	1
New S.D.D.	4
Class Transfer	2
New Class B	1

TOTAL:	<u>43</u>
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COMPARISONS:	1951 - 45	1953 - 43
	1952 - 57	

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LONG DISTANCE CALLS:1953	720
1952	876
1951	756

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## APPLICATIONS TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS GRANTED:

1953	171
1952	207

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## MAN HOURS:

Detectives on road hours	6634	2 men
Patrolmen on road hours	22609	12 men
Desk men	6864	3 men
Turnkeys	6864	3 men
Secretary	2288	)
Matron 24 hour call		) 1 woman
File clerk, license bureau	<u>2288</u>	<u>1 girl</u>
Total:hours	47547	22 employees

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MAN HOURS IN COURT: 1953	382 hours
1952	640

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## REGISTERED VEHICLES IN MUSKEGON COUNTY:

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1951</u>
Passenger cars	45506		40802
Commercial vehicles	5013		4433
Trailers	5055		4301
Trailer Coaches	434		351
Motorcycles	556		505
Gov't vehicles	540		
TOTALS:	57797	53721	46091

## MUSKEGON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS 1953

## TRANSPORTING PRISONERS:

To Jackson	\$1518.50
To Detroit H. of C.	139.05

		1657.55
Comparisons:	1952	1639.70
	1951	1944.15
	1950	1273.20
	1949	956.30

GUN REGISTRATIONS:	1953	295
	1952	258
	1951	200
	1950	172
	1949	175

## FINGERPRINTS TAKEN AND PROCESSED TO THE STATE AND FBI:

1953	267
1952	434
1951	375

## STOLEN PROPERTY RETURNED:

1953	43948.65
1952	85425.06
1951	19063.07
1950	20872.41
1949	11281.60

## MISSING PERSONS REPORTED:

1953 - 85 reported; 71 returned  
 1952 - 301 reported; 196 returned  
 1951 - 146

## PAROLEES REFERRED TO THIS DEPARTMENT:

1953	61
1952	81
1951	53

PRISON ATTITUDE REQUESTS:	44
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## APPLICATIONS FOR BOUNTY ON PREDATORY ANIMALS:

1953	21
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INTRODUCTION

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF MUSKEGON COUNTY MICHIGAN

GENTLEMEN:

THE MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL WELFARE TAKES PLEASURE  
IN PRESENTING ITS ANNUAL REPORT COVERING THE CALENDAR YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953.

INCORPORATED IN THIS REPORT IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE  
ACTIVITIES OF THE MUSKEGON COUNTY BUREAU OF SOCIAL AID.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MUSKEGON COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL WELFARE

JOHN G. SWENSON, CHAIRMAN  
E. HARRY NORRIS  
WILLIAM J. HOULE



WILLIAM B. LINDSAY, DIRECTOR  
WBL/BL

SOCIAL WELFARE DIRECT RELIEF ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR 1953

DIRECT RELIEF EXPENDITURES

CASH PAYMENTS	83,791.91
FOOD	35,243.35
FUEL	10,913.93
CLOTHING	3,972.83
MEDICAL	12,857.47
BURIAL	2,046.60
HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES	423.26
WATER & LIGHTS	1,497.59
RENT	26,857.82
HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES	405.64
OTHER COUNTIES	5,591.43
BOARD AND ROOM	4,434.73
NURSING HOME CARE	14,249.26
TRANSPORTATION /1	506.43

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TOTAL DIRECT RELIEF EXPENDITURES 202,792.25

LESS REFUNDS /2 18,770.01

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TOTAL NET DIRECT COSTS 184,022.24

/1 THIS ITEM WAS USED TO HELP TRANSPORT WORK RELIEF CLIENTS FROM THEIR HOMES FOR WHICH THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS RECEIVED MAN-HOURS AS FOLLOWS:

PILLSBURY BUILDING	2,304
COUNTY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL	3,512
COUNTY CEMETERY	8,992
COUNTY COURT HOUSE	2,728
FRUITPORT VILLAGE	5,232

/2 INCLUDED IN THIS FIGURE IS \$14,649.19 RECEIVED FROM OTHER COUNTIES IN REPAYMENT OF ASSISTANCE GRANTED RESIDENTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTIES.

SOCIAL WELFARE DIRECT RELIEF FUND SUMMARY

CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1953	40,491.70	
STATE BALANCE	- 2,647.31	
LOCAL BALANCE	43,139.01	
LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS	109,200.00	
STATE CONTRIBUTIONS	86,440.00	
REFUNDS	18,770.01	
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		254,901.71
LESS EXPENDITURES		202,792.25
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1953		52,109.46
STATE BALANCE	- 8,218.42	
LOCAL BALANCE	60,327.88	
LESS ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DECEMBER 31, 1953		15,779.50
UNOBLIGATED CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1953		36,329.96

SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR 1953

	OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	AID TO THE BLIND	AID TO THE DISABLED	TOTAL
JAN.	901.94	404.70	43.64	221.17	1,571.45
FEB.	1,035.41	383.06	74.34	314.22	1,807.03
MARCH	1,038.50	264.67	60.30	215.78	1,579.25
APRIL	999.81	270.07	150.78	256.29	1,676.95
MAY	1,462.15	167.27	41.97	264.37	1,935.76
JUNE	1,045.78	222.73	38.54	215.49	1,522.54
JULY	1,564.38	137.83	45.85	210.89	1,958.95
AUG.	883.93	79.79	132.93	376.54	1,473.19
SEPT.	1,327.50	139.64	188.82	288.99	1,944.95
OCT.	2,067.96	184.28	22.01	100.12	2,374.37
NOV.	1,437.32	357.19	144.32	318.61	2,257.44
DEC.	1,378.26	515.01	100.17	378.02	2,371.46
TOTAL	15,142.94	3,126.24	1,043.67	3,160.49	22,473.34

COMPARISON OF CASE LOAD

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
JANUARY	505	315
FEBRUARY	500	323
MARCH	518	320
APRIL	493	306
MAY	405	294
JUNE	345	266
JULY	362	265
AUGUST	336	276
SEPTEMBER	337	295
OCTOBER	339	306
NOVEMBER	319	397
DECEMBER	341	516

AVERAGE MONTHLY CASE LOAD FOR 1953 WAS 323.25 CASES AT AN AVERAGE MONTHLY COST OF \$52.28.

DURING THE YEAR 1953 THERE WERE 1400 APPLICATION INTERVIEWS - 972 CASES WERE APPROVED FOR DIRECT RELIEF AND 428 WERE DENIED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF. OF THE 972 CASES APPROVED, 289 WERE CASES THAT HAD NEVER PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED ASSISTANCE.

CASE LOAD AND COMMITMENTS BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION - YEAR 1953

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AVERAGE CASE LOAD</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP	5.3	3,961.03
CASNOVIA TOWNSHIP	3.0	1,272.63
CEDAR CREEK TOWNSHIP	4.7	4,556.93
DALTON TOWNSHIP	8.4	5,659.78
EGELSTON TOWNSHIP	18.4	11,842.90
FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP	2.0	1,650.31
FRUITPORT TOWNSHIP	7.4	5,259.98
HOLTON TOWNSHIP	2.0	1,759.61
LAKETON TOWNSHIP	3.5	2,027.83
MONTAGUE - CITY	1.7	652.13
MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP	.7	475.64
MOORLAND TOWNSHIP	1.2	768.29
MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP	37.0	27,371.64
NORTH MUSKEGON - CITY	2.0	1,707.78
NORTON TOWNSHIP	23.7	12,842.08
RAVENNA TOWNSHIP	1.0	700.59
SULLIVAN TOWNSHIP	3.6	1,912.63
WHITEHALL - CITY	1.5	1,077.54
WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP	0	0
WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP	1.0	434.76
ROOSEVELT PARK - CITY	.08	86.67
MUSKEGON HEIGHTS	42.5	22,826.55
CITY OF MUSKEGON	174.0	95,099.11

SOCIAL WELFARE GENERAL ACCOUNTFOR YEAR 1953ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

SALARIES	57,277.36
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,530.63
TELEPHONE-TELEGRAPH-POSTAGE	1,947.51
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	306.02
OFFICE RENTALS	1,299.95
LIGHTS-WATER-POWER	759.10
FUEL	903.98
ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVEL	1,391.92
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	451.60
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	68.75
COMPENSATION INSURANCE	35.62
LEGAL FEES	28.90
HELP ADS	17.91
BOND PREMIUMS & NOTARY FEES	85.00

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TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	66,104.25
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CAPITAL OUTLAY - EQUIPMENT	<u>956.91</u>
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TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	67,061.16
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LESS REFUNDS	<u>104.60</u>
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TOTAL NET ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	66,956.56
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CARRIED FORWARD

66,956.56

BROUGHT FORWARD 66,956.56

COUNTY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL EXPENDITURES

PERSONAL SERVICE/1	138,075.98	
FOOD /2	33,163.57	
FUEL	4,847.66	
CLOTHING AND BEDDING	3,445.06	
MEDICAL	16,818.90	
SUPPLIES	8,955.97	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	10,730.44	
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	527.95	
TELEPHONE-TELEGRAPH-POSTAGE	358.69	
LIGHTS-WATER-POWER	4,159.68	
TRUCK EXPENSE AND TRANS. CHARGES	444.10	
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS	131.44	
COMPENSATION INSURANCE	<u>882.97</u>	
		222,542.41
CAPITAL OUTLAY - BUILDING	10,510.75	
EQUIPMENT	<u>8,894.71</u>	
		19,405.46
BUDGETARY AMOUNTS PAID OAA CLIENTS		
FROM DIRECT PAYMENT CHECKS	<u>396.93</u>	
		<u>396.93</u>
TOTAL COUNTY CONVALESCENT HOSP.		242,344.80
LESS REFUNDS /3		<u>131,650.71</u>
TOTAL NET COUNTY CONVALESCENT		
HOSPITAL EXPENDITURES		110,694.09

CARRIED FORWARD

177,650.65

BROUGHT FORWARD 177,650.65

HOSPITALIZATION EXPENDITURESCHRONIC

HACKLEY HOSPITAL	561.95
MERCY HOSPITAL	324.00
OSTEOPATHIC HOSPITAL	944.00
MEDICAL CONTRACT	560.00

TOTAL CHRONIC HOSPITALIZATION	2,389.95
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EMERGENCY

HACKLEY HOSPITAL	31,679.81
MERCY HOSPITAL	13,379.80
OSTEOPATHIC HOSPITAL	2,378.06
MISCELLANEOUS HOSPITALS	677.35
MEDICAL CONTRACT	18,849.77
AMBULANCE	271.60
OTHER COUNTIES	3,563.19

TOTAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATION	70,799.58
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CONFINEMENTS ONLY

HACKLEY HOSPITAL	852.57
MERCY HOSPITAL	224.00
OSTEOPATHIC HOSPITAL	272.00
DOCTORS	1,085.00

TOTAL CONFINEMENTS ONLY	2,433.57
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ANN ARBOR HOSPITALIZATION

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL	4,206.23
TRANSPORTATION	299.20

TOTAL ANN ARBOR HOSPITALIZATION	4,505.43
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TOTAL HOSPITALIZATION COSTS	80,128.53
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BUDGETARY AMOUNTS PAID OAA CLIENTS FROM DIRECT PAYMENT CHECKS	207.79
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GRAND TOTAL HOSPITALIZATION COSTS	80,336.32
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LESS REFUNDS	24,865.55
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TOTAL NET HOSPITALIZATION COSTS	55,470.77
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CARRIED FORWARD

233,121.42

BROUGHT FORWARD 233,121.42

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>GROSS COST</u>	<u>REFUNDS</u>	<u>NET COST</u>
PROBATE COURT CASES	1,674.36	1,427.50	246.86
TRUCK EXPENSE	122.72		122.72
OTHER COUNTIES - CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS	578.75		578.75
COUNTY CEMETERY	3,343.89	485.50	2,858.39
COUNTY PROPERTY	806.25	181.32	624.93
ARCHITECTURAL PLANS	1,108.12		1,108.12
RED STAR HOSPITALIZATION	15,000.00	696.23	14,303.77
COUNTY FARM	-0-	20.00	CR. 20.00
AMOUNTS PAID TO CLIENTS AND STATE DEPT. OF SOCIAL WELFARE ON OVER- PAYMENTS ON DIRECT PAY- MENT CHECKS	1,368.36	1,368.36	-0-
OUT-STATE TRANSPORTATION	797.87	352.73	445.14
	<u>24,800.32</u>	<u>4,531.64</u>	<u>20,268.68</u>
TOTAL NET GENERAL ACCOUNT COSTS			253,390.10

/1 INCLUDES \$2,364.50, SALARY PAID DENTAL ASSISTANT.

/2 THIS FIGURE INCLUDES \$169.76 PAID THE TAYLOR PRODUCE COMPANY OF HOLLAND, MICHIGAN, FOR STORAGE ON THE FOLLOWING FOOD WHICH WAS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR, AT NO COST, FROM THE SURPLUS COMMODITIES DIVISION:

BUTTER	1,903	POUNDS
DRIED MILK	542	"
DRIED EGGS	80	"
FROZEN TURKEY	135	"
BACON	300	"
HONEY	495	"
COTTON OIL	35	GALLONS
CHEESE	357	POUNDS
HAMBURG	1,362	"
CANNED BEEF	390	30-OUNCE CANS

NOTE: WE ESTIMATE, USING WHOLESALE PRICES OF THE ABOVE FOOD AT TIME OF DELIVERIES, THAT THE FOOD RECEIVED WOULD HAVE COST THE COUNTY \$3,006.03 - THEREBY SHOWING A SAVING TO THE COUNTY OF \$2,836.27.

/3 REFUNDS INCLUDE:

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS	75,402.25
AID TO THE BLIND PAYMENTS	1,300.50
AID TO THE DISABLED PAYMENTS	<u>11,804.00</u>
TOTAL SOCIAL AID PAYMENTS	88,506.75
SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS	15,613.40
MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS	<u>27,530.56</u>
TOTAL COUNTY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL REFUNDS	131,650.71

SOCIAL WELFARE GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1954	93,004.15	
LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS	192,687.50	
REFUNDS	<u>161,152.50</u>	
TOTAL AVAILABLE		446,844.15
 SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR RED STAR HOSPITALIZATION		 15,000.00
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TOTAL		461,844.15
 LESS EXPENDITURES		
ADMINISTRATIVE	67,061.16	
CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL	242,344.80	
HOSPITALIZATION	80,336.32	
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>24,800.32</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		414,542.60
RED STAR REFUNDS TRANSFERRED TO COUNTY GENERAL FUND		696.23
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TOTAL		415,238.83
 CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1953		 46,605.32/4

/4 INCLUDED IN THIS BALANCE IS \$9,500.00 WHICH WE HAD ANTICIPATED WOULD BE SPENT FOR X-RAY EQUIPMENT AT MUSKEGON COUNTY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL DURING 1953. HOWEVER, AT THE END OF 1953 THE EQUIPMENT HAD NOT AS YET BEEN INSTALLED AND THIS AMOUNT WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE DURING 1954.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF ACCOUNT AND, IN SOME INSTANCES, SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES IN THE MORE IMPORTANT FIELDS OF WORK WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

IN SPITE OF THE RAPID INCREASE IN CASES DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR OUR YEARLY CASE LOAD AVERAGE WAS CONSIDERABLY LOWER IN 1953. THE COST PER INDIVIDUAL CASE HAS AGAIN RISEN FROM \$47.06 IN 1952 TO \$52.28 IN 1953 BUT OUR TOTAL NET EXPENDITURES WERE \$24,332.24 LESS IN 1953 THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. NEW FOOD BUDGETS ADOPTED AFTER BUREAU OF SOCIAL AID STANDARDS, MINUS 10%, WENT INTO EFFECT IN OCTOBER, 1952. THIS AND THE COST OF HOUSING ACCOUNTS FOR THE INCREASE IN CASE COST.

THE ADULT HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAM, FOR THE SECOND YEAR, HAS SHOWN A DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF DAYS SPENT IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS. AS A COMPARISON, IN 1952 THERE WERE 3,843 PATIENT DAYS AS COMPARED TO 3,208 IN 1953 OR A DIFFERENCE OF 635 PATIENT DAYS. IN ACTUAL DOLLARS THIS MEANS A SAVINGS OF OVER \$10,000. IN COUNTY FUNDS. WE FEEL THE LARGEST SINGLE CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IS OUR COUNTY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE NUMBER OF ADMITTANCES AND DISCHARGES AT THE COUNTY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL OVER LAST YEAR. THIS WOULD INDICATE WE HAVE REACHED A NEAR PEAK CAPACITY, IF NOT ENTIRELY SO.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT DESIGNATES THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AS THE COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL ADVISOR. THERE HAS BEEN AN EVER INCREASING NEED FOR SERVICES OF THIS KIND. COUNTY POLICY, AS WELL AS NEW LEGISLATION, PLACES A GREATER RESPONSIBILITY ON THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO PROPERLY DISCHARGE CERTAIN DUTIES OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT. AS AN EXAMPLE, DURING 1953, WE REFERRED 105 DIRECT RELIEF CASES OF WHICH 43 NON-SUPPORT WARRANTS WERE ISSUED. IN MANY INSTANCES WHERE WARRANTS WERE NOT ISSUED THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES WERE CALLED INTO THE OFFICE AND COUNCELED AS TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. THE MORE DIFFICULT AND TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON LEGAL SETTLEMENT, RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF CASES BETWEEN COUNTIES WITHIN THE STATE, ARE REFERRED TO THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR OPINIONS. THEY HAVE REPRESENTED THE DEPARTMENT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN PROBATE COURT TO PROTECT DEPARTMENT FUNDS IN THE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES OF CLIENTS. ON ONE OCCASION THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT OF FUNDS IN EXCESS OF \$2,000.00 OWING MUSKEGON BY ANOTHER COUNTY. THESE ARE A FEW OF THE MANY SERVICES RENDERED THE DEPARTMENT BY OTHER COUNTY, CITY AND TOWNSHIP POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. THE COOPERATION OF THESE UNITS HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN THE OVER-ALL ADMINISTRATION OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE INTEREST SHOWN OUR CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL AND THE PATIENT POPULATION BY VARIOUS CHURCH AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN MOST GRATIFYING. THE GUILDS, WHICH ARE MADE UP OF VARIOUS GROUPS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF OUR OWN PERSONNEL, HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE COMFORT AND WELL-BEING OF OUR PATIENTS. A NUMBER OF PIECES OF NEEDED NEW EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN PURCHASED WHICH HAS SAVED THE COUNTY A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY. THE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ITS AUXILIARY HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME IN IMPROVING THE HOSPITAL GROUNDS AND THEY ALSO FURNISHED ONE OF THE MEN'S LOUNGING ROOMS.

WE ARE STILL CONFRONTED WITH THE PROBLEM OF ADEQUATE HOUSING OF THE MENTALLY ILL AND SENILE PATIENTS. WE HAVE PRELIMINARY PLANS SHOWING THE NEEDS AND TYPE OF STRUCTURE FOR CARE OF THIS GROUP. IT IS HOPED A MEANS OF FINANCING CAN BE FOUND IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

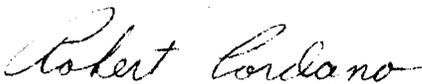
INTRODUCTIONANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953  
MUSKEGON COUNTY BUREAU OF SOCIAL AID

FOLLOWING THE PRACTICE OF THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS WE ARE PROVIDING A BRIEF SUMMARY OF OUR ACTIVITIES FOR THE PAST YEAR.

OUR CASE LOADS HAVE CONTINUED TO DECLINE. IN OUR OPINION THERE WERE THREE MAIN REASONS FOR THIS: THE HIGH LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT AND INCREASED SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS WERE TWO. THE THIRD FACTOR WAS THAT THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WAS ABLE TO HANDLE MORE OF OUR CASES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROGRAMS WHICH WE ADMINISTER, WE SUGGEST YOU CONTACT OUR OFFICE AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THEM WITH YOU.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
ROBERT CORDANO, SUPERVISOR  
MUSKEGON COUNTY BUREAU OF SOCIAL AID  
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COMPARISON OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

AVERAGE MONTHLY PAYMENTS:

	AVERAGE MONTHLY GRANT 1952	AVERAGE MONTHLY GRANT 1953	CASES AS OF DEC. 1952	CASES AS OF DEC. 1953	AVERAGE MONTHLY COST
OAA	50.67	52.60	1468	1359	74,029.37
ADC	84.68	86.34	760	508	53,268.50
AB	55.52	56.05	46	47	2,502.66
AD	58.63	63.04	41	54	3,184.12
<i>TOTAL AVERAGE MONTHLY PAYMENTS</i>					132,984.65

TOTAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FOR YEAR 1953

OAA	888,352.50
ADC	639,222.00
AB	30,032.00
AD	38,209.50
<i>TOTAL FOR THE YEAR</i>	1,595,816.00

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COMPARISON OF APPLICATIONS AND RECEPTION INTERVIEWS

THE ACTIVITY OF OUR INTAKE DEPARTMENT DECLINED IN PROPORTION TO THE CASE LOAD.

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
APPLICATION INTERVIEWS	879	805
NEW APPLICATIONS	715	653
RECEPTION INTERVIEWS	5134	5125

NOTE: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NEW APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATION INTERVIEWS IS THAT THE FIRST FIGURE INCLUDES APPLICANTS WHO DID NOT APPLY AFTER HAVING THE PROGRAM EXPLAINED.

CASE LOAD BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1953

	QAA	ADC	AB	AD	TOTAL
BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP	3	6	1	0	10
CASNOVIA TOWNSHIP	42	3	3	0	48
CEDAR CREEK TOWNSHIP	7	3	0	0	10
DALTON TOWNSHIP	39	18	1	2	60
EGELSTON TOWNSHIP	39	29	3	2	73
FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP	26	5	0	0	31
FRUITPORT TOWNSHIP	39	11	1	2	53
HOLTON TOWNSHIP	18	9	0	0	27
LAKETON TOWNSHIP	8	2	0	0	10
MONTAGUE - CITY	10	3	0	3	16
MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP	25	3	0	0	28
MOORLAND TOWNSHIP	17	5	1	1	24
MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP	50	21	0	2	73
NORTH MUSKEGON - CITY	6	3	0	0	9
NORTON TOWNSHIP	46	31	4	2	83
RAVENNA TOWNSHIP	25	2	0	0	27
ROOSEVELT PARK	2	21	0	0	23
SULLIVAN TOWNSHIP	11	5	1	1	18
WHITEHALL - CITY	12	0	1	1	14
WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP	19	3	0	0	22
WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP	1	0	0	0	1
MUSKEGON HEIGHTS	124	104	3	6	237
CITY OF MUSKEGON	444	218	21	12	695
Co. CONVALESCENT HOSP.	328	0	3	17	348

## MUSKEGON COUNTY SOLDIERS' RELIEF COMMISSION

Muskegon, Michigan

January 18, 1954

Total number of calls at office of Secretary for 1953 - - - 239

World War I	140
World War II	48
Spanish American War	5
Indian War	1
Civilians seeking information for veterans	45
Calls directed to other agencies	<u>65</u>
Total . . . . .	239

Orders were granted as follows:

Food	\$ 172.00
Fuel	191.16
Ambulance Service	41.83
Rent	10.00
Medical Expense	<u>63.00</u>
Total . . . . .	\$. 477.99

Burial claims received and investigated - - - - -	60
Burial claims allowed	45
Burial claims rejected	15
Burial claims paid	\$ 4,500.00

Salaries of Commission:

Charles Redman, Chairman	\$ 100.00
Forrest Hall, Commissioner	100.00
Merritt D. Corbus, Secretary	650.00

Respectfully submitted

Merritt D. Corbus,  
Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY TREASURER

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	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 466,895.76	
Total Receipts of the County Treasurer during the year 1953 as shown by Schedule "A"	9,058,845.45	
Cancellation - Uncashed Outstanding Checks	503.97	
Total Disbursements for the year 1953 as shown by Schedule "B"		\$ 9,140,505.21
Disbursements by Refund of Probate Bond Securities		29,225.00
1953 Notes Payable National Lumberman's Bank	250,000.00	
Balance, December 30, 1953	_____	606,514.97
	\$ 9,776,245.18	\$ 9,776,245.18
On Deposit in National Lumberman's Bank		
County General Account		63,567.97
County Treasurer's Account		249,861.42
County Road Account		157,307.07
County Direct Relief Account		52,109.46
Probate Bond Account		4,069.05
Probate Bond Securities in Safe Deposit Box		78,665.00
Cash in County Treasurer's Office		500.00
Imprest Cash Account - Petty Cash in County Offices		435.00
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		\$ 606,514.97
December 31, 1953 Balance Funds charged to County Treasurer		\$ 606,514.97

## SCHEDULE "A"

RECEIPTSDELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS

January	\$ 26,034.88	
February	17,797.94	
March	42,370.24	
April	117,500.54	
May	65,611.66	
June	24,408.67	
July	27,809.85	
August	25,695.10	
September	21,832.39	
October	21,316.33	
November	19,030.57	
December	19,791.19	
		\$ 429,199.36
Collection of Tax Fund		1,314,614.59
TAX SALE		10,748.32
For Airport Fund		42,834.74
For Airport Expansion Fund		2,334.55
For Board of Education Fund		22,917.37
For Civil Defense Fund		47.00
For County Home Sewer and Water Fund		8,447.62
For County Law Library Fund		25.00
For County Park Fund		572.53
For County Road Fund		1,205,096.10
For County Sanatorium Fund		127,903.44
For Court & Individual Trust Fund (Employees Contributions)		127,564.32
For Drain Fund		84,842.42
For Escheats Fund (Estates in Trust)		9,245.67
For Federal and State Fees Fund		2,540.91
For Inheritance Tax (All State)		117,254.61
For Juvenile Court Restitution Fund		332.65
For Manistee National Forest Tax Fund		135.03
For Muskegon County Health Unit Fund		19,682.11
For Muskegon County Library Fund		26,517.63
For Primary School and State Aid		3,273,459.93
For Probate Bond Fund		1,225.00
For Redemption Fund		17,244.01
For Refund Account (Overpayment taxes, etc.)		1,891.42
For Sales Tax Diversion Fund		1,750,031.58
For Social Welfare General Fund		161,152.50
For Social Welfare Direct Relief Fund		105,210.01
For State Land Auction Sales Fund		551.91
For State Swamp Land Tax Fund		84.57
For State Tax Fund		860.66
For Teachers' Institute Fees Fund		703.50
For Township, City and Village Fund		12.47
For Veterans' Refund Fund		3,804.10
For Veterans' Trust Fund		10,160.00

FOR LIBRARY FUND

(Fines Collected as follows:

C. J. Rennells, Justice - Fruitport Twp.	\$ 2,217.85
Bernard Cook - Muskegon Heights Mun. Court	7,702.80
Judge Henry Beers - City Municipal Court	3,619.00
Lawrence Buitendorp - Probation Officer	5,973.37
Frank Unger - Justice - Holton Township	24.50
Ralph E. Schultz, Justice - Egelston Twp.	111.00
Herman Carlisle, Justice - Muskegon Twp. and Maude Leonard	9,409.95
Horace A. Prell, Justice - Norton Twp.	307.50
George Dill, Justice - Dalton Township	343.00

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\$ 29,708.97

FOR GENERAL FUND

Addressograph Printing & Transfer Binders	\$ 917.33
Change of Name Fees	48.00
Court Costs (Municipal Court & Justice)	6,921.40
Delinquent Personal County Tax	20,088.85
Dog Tax - Treasurer's Collections	7,732.00
Dog Warden Collections	3,537.00
Dog Shelter Fees - Seizure	701.00
Dog Shelter Fees - Board	896.50
Dog Shelter - Kennel License & Refund on Tel.	240.81
Estreated Bond	700.00
Fees - Opening Safe Deposit Boxes	9.40
Friend of Court - Handling Fees	3,009.00
Judge of Probate - Exam. & Conveying Insane, etc.	6,427.94
Juvenile Court - Refund Board & Care	3,962.59
Naturalization Fees to County	120.00
Operator's License Fees	4,123.10
Probation Officer - Oversight & Costs	7,829.50
Recount for Governor Nov. 1952 Election	60.00
Refund Hospitalization - Afflicted Children	479.00
Refund Hospitalization T.B. Cases U. of M.	6,565.24
Refund Hospitalization Traverse City Hospital	115.50
Refund Prosecuting Attorney - Travel Expense	40.75
Refund Salary - Deputy Sheriff - Compensation Chk.	76.00
Register of Deeds - Fees & \$500. Sale of Photo- stat -	34,539.32
Rental 4-H Center & Sale of Tents	334.00
Rental - Gravel Pit Farm	200.00
Rental - Mich. Title & Muskegon Trust Co. Space in Register of Deeds Office	690.00
Sheriff's Fees	806.45
Tax Certificates	1,208.80
Tax Histories	3,493.16
Taxes on U.S. Housing Projects	13,823.67
Trailer Coach & License Fees	1,497.50

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\$ 131,193.81



## SCHEDULE "B"

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Township, City and Village Treasurers and the Public Schools of the City of Muskegon in settlement for Delinquent Taxes and Primary School Interest Funds:

Township, City and Villages	\$ 375,471.77
Primary School Fund	3,206,849.45
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TOTAL -	\$ 3,582,321.22
Paid Auditor General for Inheritance Tax	\$ 117,154.61
Paid for Checks drawn by County Clerk out of General Fund	943,968.51
Paid for Probate Bond Fund	1,500.00
Paid from Teachers' Institute Fund	262.50
Paid from County Sanatorium Fund	248,831.65
Paid from Escheats Fund (Estates in Trust)	836.82
Paid from Temporary Relief Fund	530.29
Paid from County Road Fund	1,230,783.84
Paid from Drain Fund	68,436.29
Paid from Revolving Drain Fund	3,610.61
Paid from Muskegon County Airport Fund	40,786.74
Paid from Muskegon County Library Fund	35,790.21
Paid from County Law Library Fund	864.80
Paid from Library Fund	30,956.50
Paid from Muskegon County Health Unit Fund	72,682.81
Paid from Court and Individual Trust Fund	188,968.42
Paid from Refund Fund	1,892.42
Paid from Social Welfare General Fund	414,542.60
Paid from Social Welfare Direct Relief Fund	202,792.25
Paid from Redemption Fund	7,970.69
Paid from State Land Sales Fund	7,429.21
Paid from Juvenile Court Restitution Fund	403.75
Paid from State Tax Fund - Auditor General Settlements	2,214.97
Paid from Veterans' Trust Fund	9,829.44
Paid from County Board of Education	71,793.91
Paid from Veterans' Refund Fund	10.11
Paid from Delinquent Tax Fund	325.74
Paid from State Swamp Land Tax Fund	84.57
Paid from Sales Tax Diversion Fund	1,816,691.66
Paid from Manistee National Forest Fund	185.03
Paid from Civilian Defense Fund	1,133.19
Paid from Tax Sale Fund	177.41
Paid from Federal and State Fees Fund	2,533.91
Paid from Collection of Taxes	2,884.27
Paid from Airport Expansion	29,323.86
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Paid from DISBURSEMENTS by Check	\$ 9,140,505.21
Refund - Probate Bond Securities	29,225.00
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 9,169,730.21

GENERAL FUND 1953LEDGER ACCOUNT

January 1, 1953 Balance		\$ 68,110.67
Cash Receipts	\$ 149,038.85	
Credit Transfers	<u>1,417,240.38</u>	1,566,279.23
Less Disbursements		
By Check	943,968.51	
Debit Transfers	<u>626,853.42</u>	
		1,570,821.93
General Fund January 1, 1953		<u>63,567.97</u>
	\$ 1,634,389.90	\$ 1,634,389.90

CLASSIFICATION OF GENERAL FUND 1953

January 1, 1953		\$ 68,110.67
Department Cash Receipts:		
County Treasurer	\$ 68,923.70	
Sheriff	806.45	
Dog Warden Animal Shelter	5,375.31	
Probation Officer	7,829.50	
Probate Judge Fees & Refunds	6,427.94	
Probate Judge Juvenile Division	3,962.59	
Register of Deeds	34,539.32	
County Gravel Pit Farm - Rent	200.00	
County Clerk	17,965.04	
Friend of the Court	<u>3,009.00</u>	
		149,038.85
Credit Transfer Vouchers:		
Current Tax Collections	1,279,129.98	
Delinquent Tax Collections	132,456.10	
Tax Sale	2,534.50	
State Land Sales	1,662.10	
Refund - Social Welfare		
Hospitalization	696.23	
County Law Library	257.50	
Cancellation - Uncashed Checks	<u>503.97</u>	
		\$ 1,417,240.38
Total Credits - General Fund - 1953		\$ 1,634,389.90

## CLASSIFICATION OF GENERAL FUND

1953

## General Fund Expenditures 1953:

Addressograph Department	\$ 4,597.44
Agricultural Agent	13,835.43
Animal Shelter	16,880.61
Board of Supervisors	22,636.64
Building Authority	10,031.75
Controller	16,024.59
Circuit Court	42,564.76
Circuit Court Remodelling	8,645.68
Contagious Disease Expense	16,880.44
Coroner	5,026.84
County Clerk	33,165.22
Co. Law Library Checks paid in error Gen.Fd. Tr.V.	257.50
County Loan 1952	251,200.04
County Museum	4,000.00
County Park Trustees Salaries	75.00
County Treasurer	42,097.50
Court House and Grounds	23,242.96
Court House Annex Maintenance	815.01
Drain Commissioner	5,222.35
Elections	3,605.51
Friend of the Court	21,558.07
Hospitalization	10,000.72
Judge of Probate	113,001.74
Justice Court	14,864.09
Miscellaneous	10,915.16
Prosecuting Attorney	28,038.55
Ravenna Fair 4-H Club	500.00
Register of Deeds	27,572.29
Remodel Sheriff's Residence for Court House Annex	26,624.52
Sheriff	107,384.67
Soldiers' Relief Com. - Burial of War Veterans	4,700.00
Soldiers' Relief Commission	850.00
State Institutions	56,613.85
Tax Allocation Commission	539.58

General Fund Expenditures by check \$ 943,968.51

## Debit Transfer Vouchers - 1953

1953 Budget Appropriations	
Retirement Fund	\$ 35,000.00
County Health Unit	48,459.00
Board of Education	43,499.12
County Sanatorium Maintenance	133,345.00
County Parks	9,000.00
Muskegon County Library	10,487.00
Social Welfare General Fund - County	192,687.50
Social Welfare Direct Relief - County	109,200.00
Social Welfare - Emergency Hospitalization	15,000.00
Airport Expansion	30,000.00
Debit Transfers for Refunds	175.80

General Fund Disbursements by Transfer Vouchers 626,853.42

Total Disbursements General Fund for 1953 \$ 1,570,821.93

January 1, 1954 Balance - GENERAL FUND \$ 63,567.97

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS BY MONTHSFOR YEAR 1953

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
January 1, 1953 - Balance	\$ 466,895.76	
Reserve for payment of 1952 Notes Payable - Nat'l. Lumberman's Bank Jan.10,1953	250,000.00	
January	2,104,362.47	\$ 1,143,707.54
February	344,800.39	535,945.07
March	865,529.81	802,217.61
April	697,057.12	760,898.95
May	1,185,715.58	963,697.93
June	570,395.04	780,933.04
July	597,288.89	530,868.89
August	537,918.26	840,480.73
September	754,092.15	996,706.40
October	100,077.78	286,303.30
November	1,106,411.95	1,020,487.72
December	195,160.01	478,258.03
Disbursement by Refund Probate Bond Securities		29,225.00
Cancellation Uncashed Outstanding Checks	503.97	
BALANCE - December 31, 1953		606,514.97
	<hr/> \$ 9,776,245.18	<hr/> \$ 9,776,245.18

TRIAL BALANCE  
FOR MONTH ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1953.

	DEBITS	CREDITS
General Fund		\$ 63,567.97
Airport Fund		22,963.58
Airport Expansion Fund		4,536.17
Board of Education Fund		2,326.30
Civilian Defense Fund		6,313.79
Collection of Taxes		15.20
County Forest Commission Fund		64.25
County Health Fund		15.75
County Home Improvement Fund	8,287.68	
County Home Sewer and Water Fund		8,506.78
County Law Library Fund		1,423.54
County Park Fund		54.00
County Road Fund		157,307.07
County Sanatorium Fund		2,412.85
Court and Individual Trust Fund	2,897.86	
Covert Road Redemption Fund		4,573.54
Delinquent Tax Fund		19,738.78
Drain Fund		68,265.66
Drain Revolving Fund		851.95
Escheats Fund		38,733.32
Federal and State Fees		7.00
4-H Building Center Fund		116.93
Imprest Cash Fund		435.00
Juvenile Court Restitution Fund		579.67
Library Fund		12,258.67
Muskegon County Library Fund		9,794.31
Post War Planning Fund		1,066.97
Probate Bond Fund		82,734.05
Redemption Tax Fund		1,542.71
Social Welfare - General Relief Fund		46,605.32
Social Welfare - Direct Relief Fund		52,109.46
State Tax Fund		143.56
Teachers Institute Fund		2,242.36
Temporary Relief Fund		4,103.38
Veterans' Trust Fund		2,290.62

ACCOUNTS

County Treasurer's	606,514.97
Imprest Cash	435.00
Probate Bond Securities	78,665.00
Cash Account	500.00
National Lumberman's Bank - County Treasurer	249,861.42
National Lumberman's Bank - County General	63,567.97
National Lumberman's Bank - Direct Relief	52,109.46
National Lumberman's Bank - County Road	157,307.07
National Lumberman's Bank - Probate Bond	4,069.05

SURPLUS

606,514.97

\$ 1,224,215.48      \$ 1,224,215.48

Receipts, Certificates, Tax Histories and Postings issued by the  
Treasurers Department.

1953

Tax receipts	10,085
County Treas. receipts	1,834
Dog License receipts	932
Other department receipts	310
Total -	<u>13,161</u>
Deed Certificates	4,618
Redemption Certificates	452
Total -	<u>5,070</u>
Tax Histories	4,994
Pieces of Mail received	4,680
Pieces of Mail outgoing	
Registered	210
1950 Tax notices	3,494
Other mail	4,056
Total -	<u>7,760</u>
Safe Deposit Boxes opened	130
Deposits to Lumberman's Bank	156
Miles traveled by County Treasurer for the above	946
Approximate plates in County Addressograph Department	65,000
Approximate plates in City of Muskegon Addressograph Department	15,000
Approximate number of parcels in Muskegon County	67,000

Paul Vitek Jr.  
County Treasurer

## MUSKEGON COUNTY SANATORIUM

REVENUE REPORT

	Amount	Percent
Muskegon County Funds	\$ 133,345.00	53.0
Out County Funds	23,692.50	9.4
Veterans Administration Funds	1,708.50	.7
State Funds	83,417.56	33.3
Muskegon County T B Association	1,000.00	0.4
Hospitalization Insurance	7,549.50	3.0
Miscellaneous	468.12	0.2
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	\$ 251,181.18	100.0 %

PATIENT DAYS

	Days	Percent
Muskegon County Patients	17,338	67.9
Out County Patients	3,439	13.5
State at Large Patients	4,437	17.4
Veterans Administration Patients	296	1.2
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	25,510	100.0 %

EXPENDITURE REPORT \*

Operating Expenses	\$ 227,031.75
Capital Expenses	11,730.14
Average per patient day:	8.90

\* Cash Report -- No Allowance for Depreciation.

MUSKEGON COUNTY SANATORIUM  
MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

December 31, 1953

Muskegon County Treasurer's Acct. Jan. 1st, 1953 -10,006.44

Cash Receipts, January 1st to December 31, 1953

State of Michigan Subsidy	44,506.50
Out County Patients	23,692.50
Veterans Administration	1,708.50
State at Large	34,099.74
Insurance Cases	7,549.50
County Appropriation	133,345.00
Occupational Therapy Dept.	5,811.32
Miscellaneous Income	<u>468.12</u>

Total Cash Receipts 251,181.18

Expenditures, January 1st to December 31, 1953

Hospital Building & Fixtures	1,243.75
Administrative Equipment	932.77
Care of Patients Equipment	8,302.60
Culinary Equipment	891.02
Domestic Equipment	310.50
Laundry & Linen Room Equipment	49.50
Administrative Expense	16,682.47
Care of Patients Expense	63,678.61
Laboratories, Clinical, Research	2,540.53
Culinary Expense	67,729.45
Domestic Expense	29,134.05
Agricultural, Engineering, Grounds Exp.	35,404.75
General Expense	1,356.04
Insurance	2,167.45
Occupational Therapy Expense	<u>8,338.40</u>

Total Expenditures 238,761.89

Balance 12,419.29

Muskegon County Treasurer's Balance Dec. 31, 1953 2,412.85