

# Weekly Report of the Superintendent of the Dexter Asylum.

To the Honorable Mayor and the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence

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Respectfully submitted,

*James V. M. Green* Superintendent  
Director of Public Welfare

In City Council, MAR 15 1956

Read, whereupon it is ordered that the same be received.

*Deverett Wheelant* Clerk.

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DEXTER ASYLUM

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Director of Public Welfare

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*U. Everett Whelans* Clerk.

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## Office of the Public Service Engineer

Peter J. Hicks, Jr.  
Public Service Engineer

112 Union St. Providence 3, R. I.

March 5, 1956

Mr. D. Everett Whelan  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Whelan:

I enclose herewith, the bill of the Narragansett Electric Company for the Street Lighting of the City of Providence, for the month of February, 1956.

The total net amount of the bill is \$38,674.32.

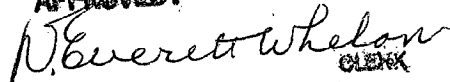
Yours very truly,

PJH, JR:tm  
Encl:

  
PETER J. HICKS, JR.  
PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 15 1956

APPROVED:

  
D. EVERETT WHELAN  
CLERK

*Sent to Controller  
March 23, 1956*

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PROVIDENCE, R. I.**



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## TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

ROGER T. CHANDLER  
Traffic Engineer  
EDWIN F. COLBY  
Assistant Traffic Engineer

147 Fountain Street

Providence 3, R. I.

March 6, 1956

The Honorable City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

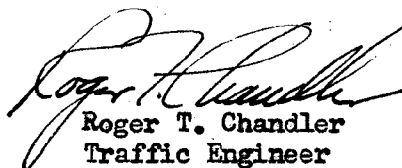
Gentlemen:

The Traffic Engineering Department has investigated the advisability of installing a TRAFFIC SIGNAL at the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Veazie Street as request in City Council Resolution #602, dated December 2, 1955.

As a result of this investigation, it is the considered opinion of this department that the traffic conditions at the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Veazie Street do not warrant the installation of TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

The volume of traffic using the intersection is quite low. The reported accident record is very good with only one reported accident in 1955 and a total of only five accidents in three years.

Very truly yours,

  
Roger T. Chandler  
Traffic Engineer

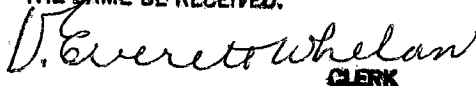
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City Clerk

## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

Vincent Vespia  
First Deputy  
William E. McWilliams  
Second Deputy

To the Honorable City Council,      Mar  
City of Providence,                      2nd  
Rhode Island.                              1956

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that I have  
an interest in the Luongo Realty Company,  
an Insurance and Real Estate business in  
the City of Providence, and propose to  
solicit and accept business from the  
City of Providence.

Very truly yours,

Thomas S. Luongo,  
Councilman.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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## PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR YEAR 1955

Of the 3319 deaths occurring in Providence during 1955, close to 40 percent were Non-Residents who came to our city in their terminal illness. Our adjusted death rate, therefore, is 8 per one thousand population as compared to the crude rate of 13. One thousand four hundred twenty one of the 3319 deaths were persons over 70 years of age. The 10,350 births is the second highest in the city. The Infant Mortality rate of 21.26 is one of the lowest on record.

1955 was a Measles and Whooping Cough year. Both of these epidemics began in 1954 and petered out in 1955. There were no deaths from Measles, though one Providence child died of Whooping Cough.

For the first time in modern history, the City of Providence experienced a two month consecutive period without a death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis or having a Providence resident die of Tuberculosis during November and December.

During the year 1955, Infantile Paralysis appeared in epidemic form in New England, however, owing to the Immunization campaigns of 1954 (and 1955) when Providence was accepted for the pilot test, only a sixth of the cases treated at Chapin Hospital were Providence cases. In previous years 40 percent of the cases treated at Chapin Hospital were Providence residents. Of the 23 deaths from Infantile Paralysis that occurred during the year, only three were Providence residents. It would seem that our immunizations prevented from 50 to 100 cases and from 10 to 15 deaths. From a purely monetary point of view, the seven to ten thousand dollars that the City of Providence spent on the Immunization program, saved from one hundred to two hundred thousand dollars, as the average case costs \$2,000.00.

Not only did we proceed with our own program of Immunization for Poliomyelitis, but the City of Providence Health Department has been assisting other communities in planning their programs. While we had hoped to immunize all 15,000 school children eligible under the National Foundation Program by December 31, 1955, unfortunately 8,000 children were kept away from completing their immunizations by untowards publicity. However, we feel that now that the value of the immunization has been proven, and the safety of the procedure re-established, we will experience full cooperation from the public and medical profession in our efforts to immunize against this disease. It is our hope that Polio will soon join Diphtheria and Smallpox as a conquered disease.

The last case of Diphtheria to occur in Providence, was in July 1951, however, we had one Non-Resident in 1952 and two Non-Residents in 1954. During the year, two cases of Typhoid Fever occurred. In both instances the source of infection was a family carrier.

May 1956 will complete the first hundred years functioning of the Health Department of the City of Providence. This hundred years has seen the death rate cut to more than half and has seen the average life expectancy more than doubled. At the same time our Infant Mortality rate has gone down from 150 per thousand births to approximately 20 per thousand. During this entire period the Health Department of the City of Providence had been recognized nationally as outstanding, yet at no time did the expenditures for the Department reach 50 percent of the recommended minimum. This could never have been accomplished but for the wholehearted cooperation of all the employees of the Health Department, and our local Practicing Physicians, District Nurses and associated agencies, all working toward the common goal of better health and better living in Providence.

During 1955 40 percent of all deaths were due to Heart Disease and 18 percent were due to Cancer. A hundred years ago, Heart only accounted for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  percent and Cancer for slightly over 1 percent of the deaths occurring in the City of Providence. While contagious diseases accounted for over half of the deaths a hundred years ago, we have exceptionally few deaths attributable today to these causes. In 1855 Consumption was listed as the cause of over 22 percent of the deaths. Dysenterys, Diarrhoeas, Typhoid and Intestinal diseases of the child accounted for about 14 percent of the deaths. Today, Tuberculosis accounts for less than one percent of all deaths and Dysenterys, Diarrhoeas for less than one half percent of all deaths. In 1855 the cause of death listed in order of frequency were: (1) Consumption, (2) Cholera Infantum, (3) Scarlet Fever, (4) Convulsions, (5) Dysentery, (6) Diarrhoea, (7) Old Age, (8) Typhoid, (9) Heart Diseases, Accidents and Croup were tied for tenth place. Fifty years ago in 1905 the causes of death in Providence listed in accordance of frequency were as follows: (1) Pneumonia, (2) Tuberculosis, (3) Heart Disease, (4) Nephritis, (5) Cancer (6) Dysentery and Diarrhoeas, (under 2), (7) Accidents, (8) Diseases of early Infancy.

In keeping with the change in the causes of death, we note that in 1855, more than 75 percent of all deaths were in individuals under 40 and only 4 percent were in individuals over 80. Last year only  $12\frac{1}{2}$  percent of all deaths were individuals under 40 and  $17\frac{1}{2}$  percent were individuals over 80. Through more positive health practices we have eliminated the main causes of death among the young children and young adults. Today more than half of the deaths among the male population are over 65 years of age, with the largest number in the ages of 65 to 69, while more than 50 percent of the deaths among females are in the age group over 70, with the largest number in the age group 75-79.

Not only are people living longer these days, but their general physical condition is such as to enable them to enjoy the added years of life. Unfortunately however, many industries and business concerns insist upon retirement at the age of 65. It may be necessary for us to plan how to keep such men and women active. In some cases these individuals will have to be gainfully employed. As Health and Medical practice increase in efficiency, this problem will become more and more acute.

I respectfully submit that this will call for active planning on a functional basis, rather than on a physical building basis.

## PRELIMINARY REPORT OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

PROVIDENCE - RHODE ISLAND

1955

*VITAL STATISTICS*	1954	1953	1955		1954	1953	1955
Deaths all	3169	3162	3319	<u>DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION</u>			
Deaths under 1	219	228	228	No. Schick Tests	7936	8132	6006
Deaths over 70	1389	1312	1421	No. Alum. Tox. Treat.	2119	2484	1532
Births	10262	10217	10340	No. Tri-Immunol Treat.	2323	2016	2044
Marriages	2082	2141	2080	Polio Immunization	10,478		21,480
Infant Mortality	21.34	22.10	22.10	<u>SMALLPOX IMMUNIZATION</u>			
Death Rate	12.60	12.57	13.19	No. Vaccinated	726	787	794
Birth Rate	40.80	40.62	41.00				

PRINCIPAL CAUSES

Heart Disease	1324	1271	1348
Cancer	561	560	603
Pneumonia	86	67	84
Nephritis	32	24	32
Cerebral Hemorrhage	159	148	148
Auto Accidents	20	21	29
Diabetes	79	118	108
All Accidents	110	115	112

MILK DEPARTMENT

No. Samples Tested	6478	23617	6351
No. Licenses Issued	1095	1404	1138

PHYSICIANS

No. Visits to Sick Poor	226	213	228
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INSPECTORSFood Inspector:

Inspections	11627	10937	11834
Licenses Renewed	1217	1217	1385
New Licenses	195	120	99
Trans. Vic. Licenses	66	61	74
Frozen Dessert Licenses	9	5	5
Frozen Dessert Lic. Renew.	71	60	78
<u>Sanitary Division</u>			
No. Visits	10109	9719	10508
Animal Bite Visits	1885	1876	1761
Kennel License Appvd.	20	20	20
Garbage License Appvd.	19	19	17
Poultry Licenses	54	56	43

NURSING VISITS

Communicable Diseases	4810	4211	4499
Parochial Schools	1911	1955	2410
Tuberculosis-Home	4448	5109	4971
Maternal & Child Hyg.			
(PDNA)	14,762		18,364

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	C A S E S				*D E A T H S*			
	1954		1955		1954		1955	
	Res.	Non-Res.	Res.	Non-Res.	Res.	Non-Res.	Res.	Non-Res.
Diphtheria	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	208	90	130	42	0	0	0	0
Measles	1334	32	2711	59	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	944	63	274	20	0	2	1	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	140		160		6	5	8	5
Strep & Septic Sore Throat	12	3	10	4	0	0	0	0
Gastro Enter-Colitis-Enter-Diarr.	35	24	27	18	3	4	3	1
Bacillary Dysentery	12	6	17	9	0	0	1	1
Polio myelitis	45	71	70	364	1	2	3	20
Epidemic Meningitis	8	4	4	10	1	1	2	2
Typhoid Fever	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0
Para-Typhoid Fever	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

\* Includes Non-Residents.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 15 1956

READ:

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CLERKJOSEPH SMITH, M. D.  
Superintendent of Health

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

March 9, 1956

Honorable Mayor Walter H. Reynolds  
City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

My dear Mayor Reynolds:

On February 29, 1956 the Chairman of the Authority, Joseph P. Carroll, transmitted to you copies of the Annual Report of this Authority as printed in "The Rhode Islander" magazine section of the PROVIDENCE SUNDAY JOURNAL of February 26, 1956. Upon the presentation of this report to the City Council at their meeting of March 1st a member of that group brought to the attention of the Council an error in the body of the report. As a consequence, we understand that the receipt of the report by the Council was tabled until a clarification was transmitted by the Authority.

Upon receipt of this information I checked the report and quickly noticed that in the second sentence the figure of \$913,388.81 was incorrect and should have been \$886,375.45. Consequently, the sentence should have read as follows: "Of this \$886,375.45 was spent for salaries, materials, utilities and payment in lieu of taxes, leaving a balance of \$300,619.47 for debt service or the reduction of federal subsidy. I acknowledge the error and take full responsibility for it, and regret exceedingly any embarrassment that may have been caused to anyone in making this report available to the City Council

Very truly yours,

Joseph H. Lyons  
Executive Director

JHL:P

cc:City Clerk's Off.

FOR THE AUTHORITY

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 15 1956

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*Beverly Whelan*  
CLERK

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

February 29, 1956

Mayor Walter H. Reynolds  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

My dear Mayor Reynolds:

For the second year in succession the Housing Authority has used the printed pages of "The Rhode Islander" magazine of the PROVIDENCE SUNDAY JOURNAL as an Annual Report. Although the utilization of the newspaper and the use of photographs limits the amount of printed matter in the Report, we believe that the wider distribution among our citizens makes the newspaper report acceptable.

Enclosed is one copy of the section of last Sunday's JOURNAL which contains the Report. Two other copies have been sent to Mr. Whelan, the City Clerk, in order that they may be officially received. If you wish more detailed information on the operations of the Authority we will be pleased to forward it to your office immediately upon request.

Sincerely yours,

JCP:  
Enc.

Joseph P. Carroll  
Chairman

cc: D. Everett Whelan

**AS OF  
TODAY**

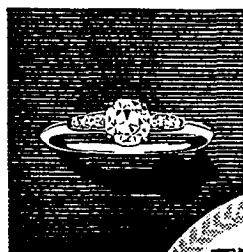
Happy birthday to you,  
Happy birthday to you,  
Happy birthday, dear (insert name of brat),  
Happy birthday to you!

R. L. W.

## A black and white photograph of a traditional Chinese wooden chest of drawers. The chest has six drawers arranged in two columns of three. Each drawer features a simple, dark metal pull. On top of the chest sits a small, dark-colored decorative object, possibly a Buddha statue or a similar religious figure. To the left of the chest is a wooden chair with a high back and armrests. In the background, a calligraphy scroll is visible on the wall, adding to the traditional Chinese aesthetic. The overall style is minimalist and elegant.

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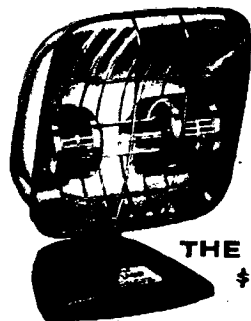
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# *"Housing is people, too"*

This little girl gets a checkup before leaving with Mommy to go to Africa to join Daddy.



## *Sixteenth Annual Report of the Providenc.*

To Mayor Walter H. Reynolds and  
the Citizens of Providence:

The twelve months ending June 30, 1955 was the first year in which all 2,786 units of our program were available for occupancy. During this period our total income was \$1,186,994.92. Of this \$913,388.81 was spent for salaries, materials, utilities and payment in lieu of taxes, leaving a balance of \$300,619.47 for debt service or the reduction of federal subsidy.

In the 2531 unit federal-aided program rental income must provide enough money to pay all costs of operations except debt service for which a subsidy is available. At the City of Providence development—Valley View—income must defray all costs of operation, services and pay \$80,000.00 annually to the city for debt service.

Better housing for low-income families is our job but it does not end with providing decent, safe and sanitary dwellings. To all of us "Housing Is People, Too". Public housing in Providence provides a program of activities to make life more pleasant in our developments. Assisting our staff are many city departments and certain United Fund Agencies. Eventually, we hope to provide programs for every age group.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

JOSEPH P. CARROLL  
Chairman

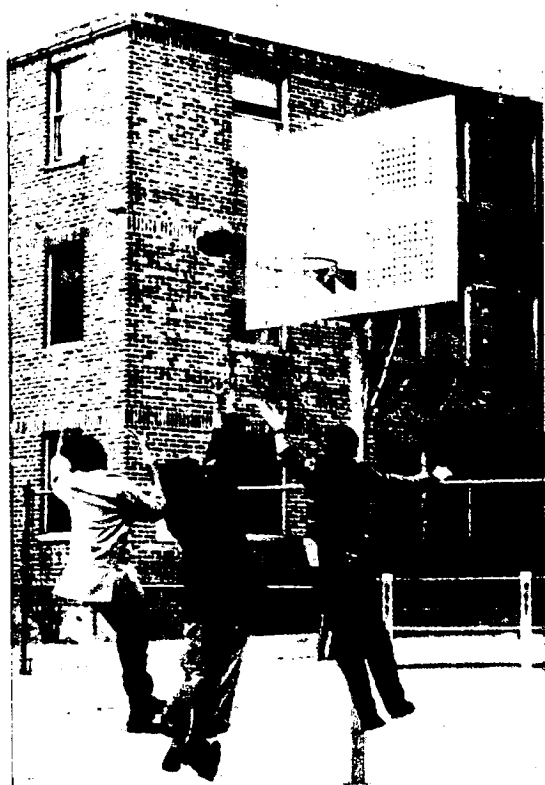
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Vice Chairman

REV. PAUL C. PERROTTA, O.P.

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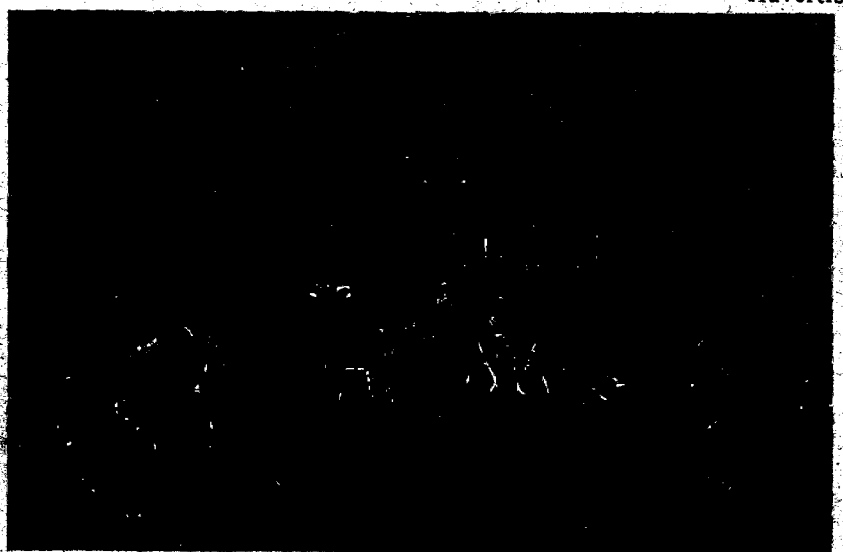
JOSEPH H. LYONS  
Secretary and Executive Director



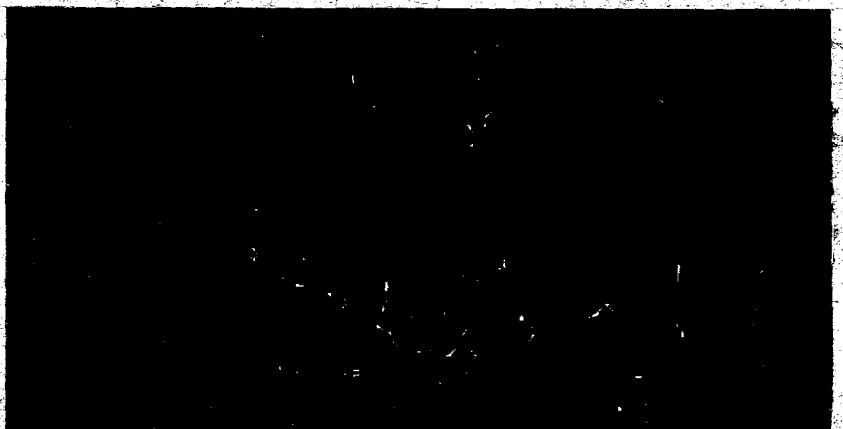
Lots of out-door activities for the youngsters at the housing authority.



The city sponsors a regular recreation program for the Golden Agers.



Well lighted, attractive kindergarten staffed by the Providence school department.



First aid instructions are part of the complete scouting program.

# Housing Authority

## INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT For Period July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955

### ALL DEVELOPMENTS

	AMOUNT	P.U.M.*
<b>Income</b>		
Tenant's Rent	\$1,175,857.20	\$35.16
Other Income	11,137.72	.33
	<u>\$1,186,994.92</u>	<u>\$35.49</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Management	\$ 143,212.20	\$ 4.28
Operating Utilities	354,254.61	10.59
Repairs and Maintenance	264,666.02	7.91
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	74,227.71	2.22
Insurance and Pension		
Contribution	32,649.36	.98
Other Expenses	17,365.55	.52
Debt Service (Valley View)	80,000.00	2.39
Residual Receipts	220,619.47	6.60
	<u>\$1,186,994.92</u>	<u>\$35.49</u>

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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\*P.U.M. is per unit monthly

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## BALANCE SHEET STATEMENT as of June 30, 1955

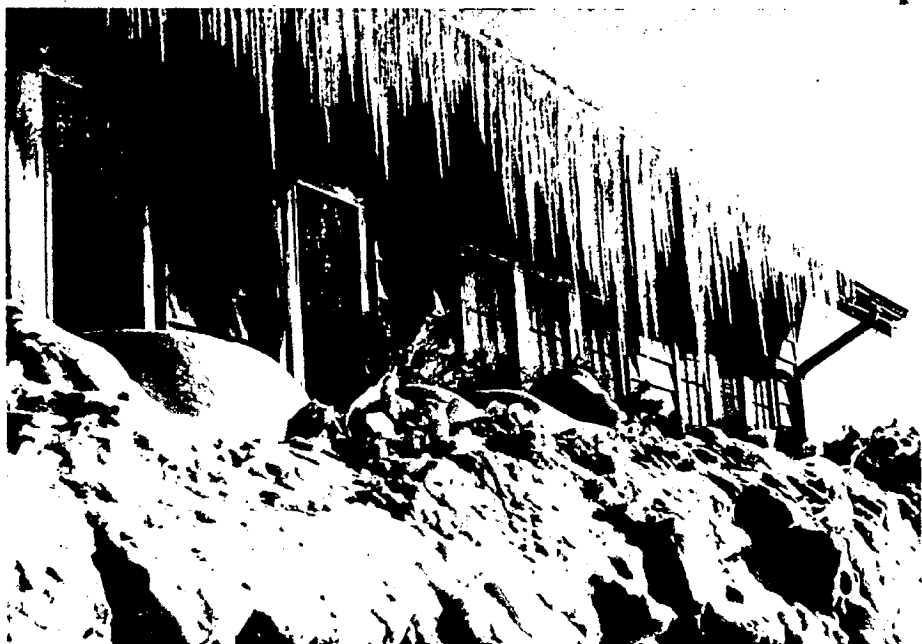
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash on Hand	\$ 343,026.75
Accounts Rec.—PHA Contributions	723,152.71
Tenant's Acc't and Sundry	13,656.52
Investments	205,560.00
Revolving Fund Advances	63,000.00
Deferred Charges	56,542.99
Land, Structures and Equipment	23,411,335.60
Fiscal Agent Funds	50,930.19

IN CITY COUNCIL \$24,867,204.76

MAR 1 - 1956

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	READ:
Accounts Payable	CONTINUED ON TABLE 70,843.24
Notes Payable	4,474,000.00
Accrued Liabilities	CLERK 138,709.00
Fixed Liabilities	18,620,500.00
Surplus—Operating Reserves	324,079.85
Unreserved Surplus	1,084,588.20
Deferred Credits	154,484.47
	<u>\$24,867,204.76</u>





NO ALPINE CHALET, just Hillsgrove Country Club Sunday after the storm. Photo by Miriam Marcy, 70 Arnold Avenue, Edgewood.



WINTER SPORTS enthusiasts made tracks for Diamond Hill State Park in Cumberland. Arrival of the skiers the morning after was taken by Robert Bolduc of 52 Chalapa Avenue, Woonsocket.



BURDENED TREES are near home of Edward Nassar on Plainfield Pike, North Scituate. He got this shot when the sun appeared.

Jonny-Cake Pictures

## That Snowstorm

JONNY-CAKE Pictures like these showered down on *The Rhode Islander* like snowflakes after the big storm of Jan. 17. It began to look as though everyone in the state who owned a camera had been at work. Of all the pictures received, the ones printed here seemed the best. Such widespread activity among the photographers must have made the photo-supply dealers very happy.



BRASS CANNON which has shed snow was taken by Thomas Wright Jr., journalist chief, U.S.N., at Coasters Harbor Island, Newport. Wright lives at 103-B Lake Erie, The Anchorage, Middletown.

STORM'S HEIGHT. Francis A. Lefebvre of 6 Duckworth Street, Saylesville, got this view in back yard while the snow was falling on January 17.

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REPORT OF THE CITY MESSENGER  
For the month of     J A N U A R Y  
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TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

Complying with the provisions of the City Ordinances the undersigned reports to your honorable body the following statement of "the expenditures and liabilities incurred in the care and superintendence of the City Hall and adjacent sidewalks," for the months of

For lighting City Hall,.....	\$ 1 058 91
" power, .....	198 66
" fuel, .....	611 69
" pay-roll of clerks, engineer, fireman, janitors, elevator men, watchman, etc., .....	8 349 45
" supplies, .....	573 63
" salary of City Sergeant and Deputy, .....	1 167 50
" new furniture, .....	
" furnishings and repairs,.....	
" telephone service, excess calls.....	2 487 38
Rent - 112 Union St. ....	900 00
" 49 Westminster St. ....	300 00
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	\$15 647 22

Respectfully submitted,  
*William Stowley*  
City Sergeant  
Acting as City Messenger.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 15 1956

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*Everett Whelan*  
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REPORT  
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FOR THE

Month of