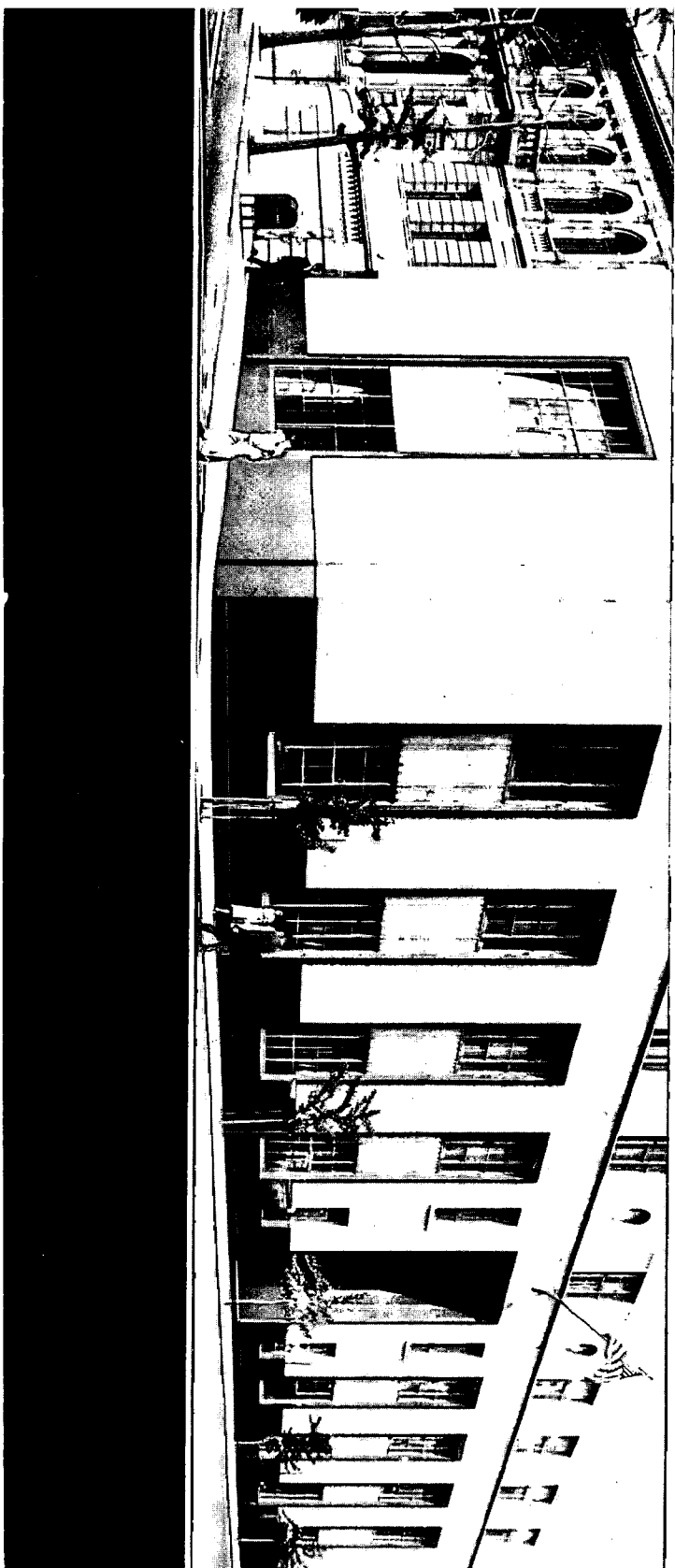


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for the year ending 1964

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Trustees

	Year of Election
Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Mayor	1965
Theodore Francis Green	1903
Walter A. Edwards	1928
* Benjamin C. Clough	1932
R. Henry Field	1940
Clarke Freeman	1942
* Philip B. Simonds	1942
* Robert W. Kenny	1946
Dana M. Swan	1947
* Sevellon Brown	1949
Francis J. O'Brien	1951
Foster B. Davis, Jr.	1952
Ronald C. Green, Jr.	1952
Knight Edwards	1954
Israel J. Kapstein	1955
Mrs. Bruce M. Bigelow	1956
S. Rowland Morgan, Jr.	1957
Willard B. Van Houten	1957
* Mrs. Edwin F. Sherman, Jr.	1958
Paul C. Nicholson, Jr.	1962
Robert L. Knight, Jr.	1963

Presidents of the Board of Trustees

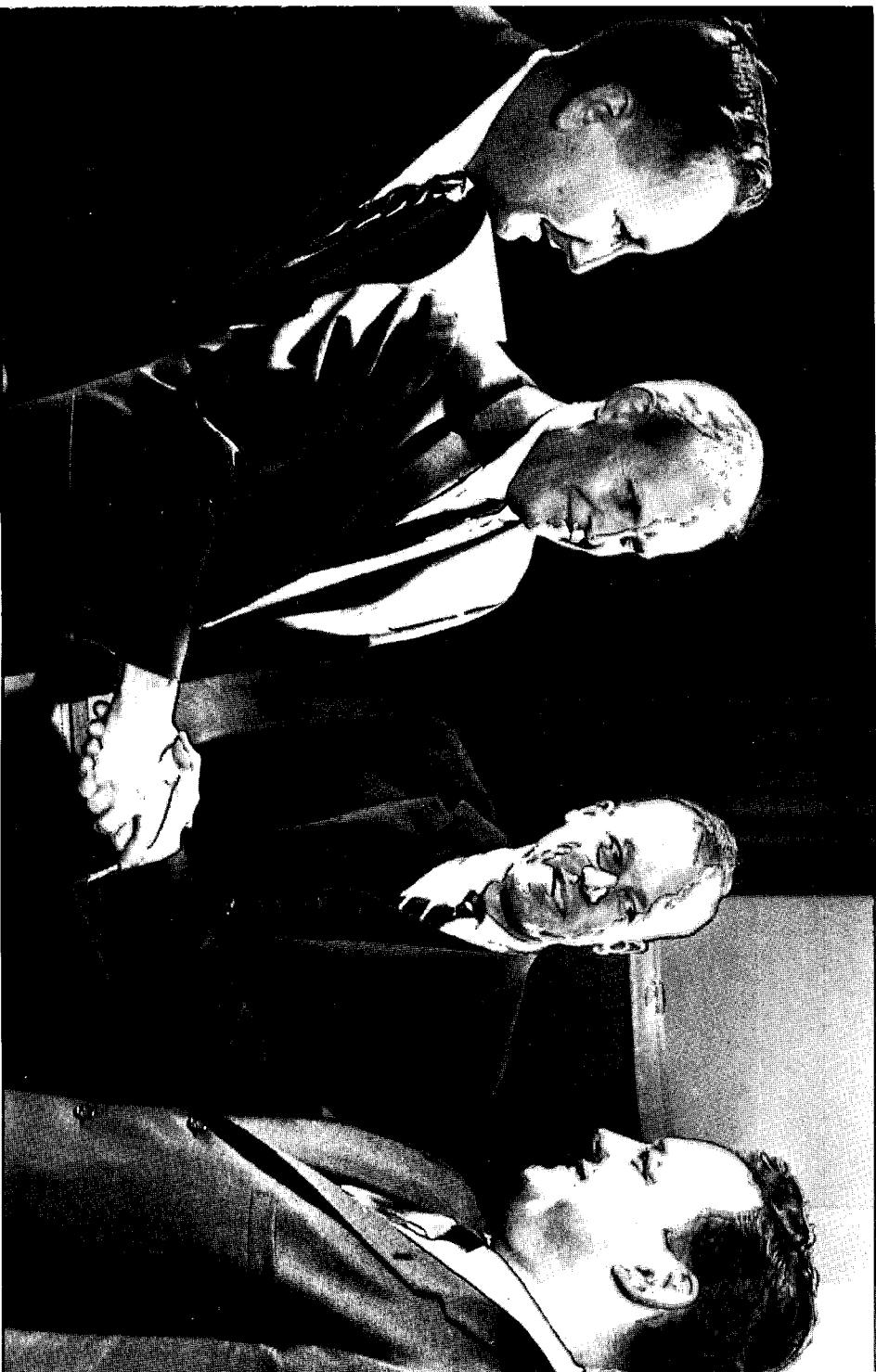
William S. Slater	1874-1882
George A. Leete	1882-1884
Frank E. Richmond	1884-1892
Thomas Durfee	1892-1901
Arnold Green	1901-1903
John H. Stiness	1903
Henry B. Gardner	1903-1929
William Davis Miller	1929-1941
Henry S. Chafee	1941-1953
Philip B. Simonds	1953-

THE PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY is a corporation chartered by the State of Rhode Island to provide free library service to the people of Providence. Its operating income is derived from three main sources: 38% from endowment income provided by foresighted friends of the past and from annual contributions made by thoughtful citizens and business concerns; 40% from the City of Providence; and 22% from the State of Rhode Island. The interest and support of the people of Providence in the maintenance and development of their Public Library are invited. Books as Memorial Gifts are also welcome. Communications relating to these matters may be directed to the President of the Board of Trustees or to the Librarian.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY, a Corporation created by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, and located in Providence, in said State, the sum of Dollars, to have and to hold the same, unto it, the said PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY, its successors and assigns, for the general uses and purposes of said Corporation.

A welcome for the Mayor of Providence and new ex-officio trustee, Joseph A. Doorley, Jr. (right) is extended by Philip B. Simonds, President of the Board of Trustees. Also shown are Stuart C. Sherman, Librarian, (second from right), and F. William Summers whose promotion to Associate Librarian was announced at the annual meeting.



Journal Bulletin Photo

Report of the President at the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Providence Public Library

In preparing this report I reviewed my remarks of a year ago. It is evident that a great deal has occurred in this one-year period. Where last year we were concerned with our restricted finances and the threat of reduced services to the public — shorter hours and fewer branches, we are now in much happier financial circumstances and are attempting to be prudent with the new sources of revenue which have been made available to us. Due to the fine efforts of many people, the bill for State Aid to Libraries was passed and we look forward to the receipt of over \$200,000 of grants in 1965 from funds provided by the state and federal governments. Mr. Sherman's report covers this matter in detail. Our endowment fund for the first time has a value of over \$10,000,000.

The Library as well as Stuart Sherman was honored by Brown University in June when he was the recipient of the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters. William E. Foster and Clarence E. Sherman had been similarly honored by Brown during their librarianships. Mr. Sherman has also been recognized through his appointment as chairman of the Joint Committee of the American Library Association and National Education Association and presided at the meeting of the Joint Committee in Washington in October. His interest in the history of whaling was also acknowledged by his selection to write the preface to a new edition of the *History of the American Whale Fishery* by Alexander Starbuck.

Mr. Summers was elected President of the Rhode Island Library Association; he was also appointed by Governor Chafee to the Board of Library Commissioners.

In addition to the book funds which we have received over past years and which were listed in last year's annual report, the Library has established a book fund in memory of Henry S. Chafee which includes generous contributions made to the Library by his relatives and friends. Also, under the terms of Mr. Chafee's will a substantial book fund has been established in honor of Mr. Clarence E. Sherman.

I would like to give recognition to the 10 years of service on the Board given us by Professor Kapstein and the 25 years of R. Henry Field. The latter, in spite of his tender

years, is one of our senior trustees. I regret to report that after 24 years of service on the Board Mr. Loutit has resigned as has Mr. Parker after 14 years of service. Both of these men have been great contributors to the Board. Mr. Loutit for many years being a member of the Executive and Library Committee and Mr. Parker serving as an adviser to the Finance Committee not only during the time he was on the Board but for many years previous as the representative of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, our agent.

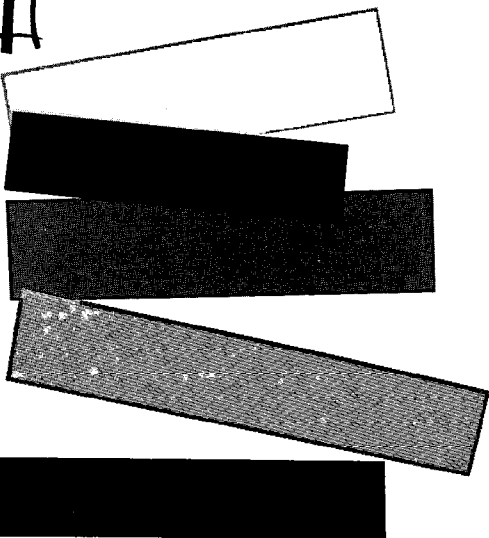
On your behalf I would like to welcome on the Board our new Mayor, Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., and express the hope that our relations will be as cordial as those with his predecessor, Walter H. Reynolds, ex-officio board member for 14 years.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of the trustees for their loyal and devoted service and to the staff which has completed another most active year. In closing, with your permission, I should like to send to our secretary, Theodore Francis Green, the greetings of you all.



President, Board of Trustees

February 5, 1965



Report of the Librarian

State Aid to Libraries

The passage of the state aid bill for libraries was the most important development affecting Providence Public and other Rhode Island libraries in many years. The action came as the culmination of five years of hard work by trustees, librarians, civic and educational leaders, government officials and organizations. Brown University deserves special commendation for sponsoring the study which led to this development.

With the legislation came new responsibilities for this library and also tangible results. Nothing is more tangible than cash! Funds from this program have come in time to save the library from serious curtailment in service and to help finance the service it has rendered for years on a state-wide basis. Participation in this program initiates a new period in the financial support of the library. Henceforth, the major sources of income will be: Library endowment and other income — 38%; City of Providence — 40%; and State of Rhode Island — 22%.

Rhode Island is believed to be the first state in the nation to provide state aid matched with federal funds following a thorough study of its library situation.

This legislation unifies the public libraries in the state without affecting their autonomy.

It provides funds for strengthening library book resources and physical plants without minimizing the responsibility of local government to provide for a fair share of library support.

It provides for a pool of books and information flowing freely among those libraries. It recognizes the significant role which public libraries play as an integral part of education.

It recognizes the services which the Providence Public Library has rendered to the people of the state for many years and provides the means to strengthen and extend those services through existing libraries.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to all within the state who assisted generously, though at times skeptically, on the outcome of the bill; and to our Rhode Island delegates in Congress who played key roles in the passage of the federal aid bill for libraries. Appreciation is also extended to Miss Myer of the Department of State Library Services for her effective handling of the program during its infancy.

Serving the Public

The renewal of books by telephone has been an increasing problem of public relations and expense in recent years. Renewals constituted at least 20% of our total circulation, required nearly three persons and overloaded our trunk lines so that meaningful reference service was impaired. With the approval of the Executive and Library Committee

telephone renewals were discontinued on January first and the loan period extended from two to three weeks as a convenience to readers. Books may still be reissued if taken to any library.

Last year the home use of books, magazines, recordings, sheet music, pictures and documents totaled 902,771. This figure cannot be validly compared with that of a year ago since we were then renewing books by telephone. However, if 20% is added to the 1964 figure, it would show an adjusted figure of 1,083,325 books loaned. This gain is in line with the trend of the last few years.

A total of 108,755 answers were furnished to factual and research questions reflecting a gain of 6,000 almost entirely at the Central Library. The increase was due to the release of telephone lines formerly loaded with book renewals, to normal increase in service and the improvement of our collection.

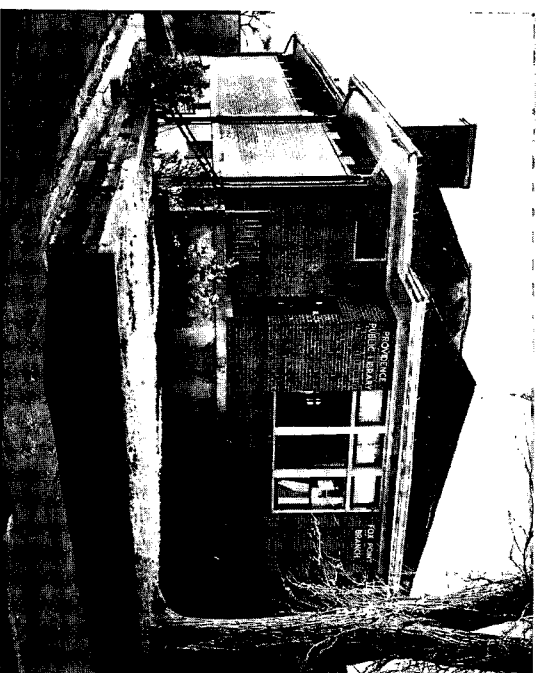
The administrative unification of the Reference and Periodical Departments appears to have been a wise decision for it unified our service and provided flexibility and broader experience for the staff of each department.

One is considered contemporary these days if he is overheard discussing Poverty, Literacy, Leisure, Vocational Education, Urban Renewal, Population Explosion, Delinquency, Constitutional Revision, Drop-outs or Metropolitanization. These are areas in which the library is currently, and has for years, been furnishing competent guidance and information.

While the poverty program is less than a year old, this library has for at least twenty years supplied vocational information and guidance to adults from twenty to sixty who wish to study for High School and Elementary School Equivalency examinations. Over 700 persons received guidance of this nature last year. A request has been filed for funds under the Poverty Program to permit us to expand this significant service.

Branch Library Service

After thirty-six years, the Tockwotton Branch discontinued its service to the neighborhood on May 29th. Declining service, high operating cost and a building too large for our needs were the reasons for the move. In response to public demand, the Fox Point Branch at 511 Wickenden Street was opened on August 10th. Since then 66% of the circulation of books has been to children. We are grateful to former Mayor Reynolds and to members of the City Council for making the building available.



Bookmobile Service

In September the first Bookmobile service in Providence proved to be a huge success and it is likely to rival the service provided by one of our busiest Branches. We found children to be very responsive to the idea of a traveling book caravan playing recorded music. One community was intrigued with the thought that it might be inhabited by a band of gypsies! Nothing was done to dispel the illusion for it created a gay atmosphere which helped children to form a pleasant attachment to books.

The program is chiefly designed to take books to children in neighborhoods not close to existing branch libraries. We found it especially challenging to serve culturally disadvantaged children at the John Hope Center, Lippitt Hill and in South Providence. Although 90% of the books used were by children, we also served the elderly at Dexter Manor, Hartford Avenue Housing Project and the Home for Aged Couples.

If funds were available we would like to provide book service to shut-ins and to blind children.



The Book Collection

The systematic, subject by subject evaluation and strengthening of the Central book collection started three years ago continued to receive high priority. About three-fourths of the books have now been examined for condition, usefulness and obsolescence. This program continues to result in a high discard rate but with increased buying and duplication of basic and scholarly works the collection is steadily becoming enriched so as to meet the increasing needs of readers. Subscriptions were placed for 82 new periodicals including eight Rhode Island newspapers.

Half of the 200,000 less-used books and periodicals stored at the former Tockwotton building were carefully screened and material still useful to this library was transferred to Central. We can now offer a larger collection of choice books, with quicker service and without the transportation cost.

Thirty-five periodical files no longer useful were sold to dealers and other libraries and forty-eight files were given to Rhode Island libraries.

The reference collections at Elmwood and at the Branches were evaluated and recommendations made for strengthening them by our Reference Librarian.

At the end of the year the library book stock, including cataloged books, bound periodicals, patents, serial documents and music scores totaled 527,217. If we included pamphlets, pictures, recordings, microfilms, specifications, photographs, prints, broadsides and manuscripts, the count would approximate 850,000 items.

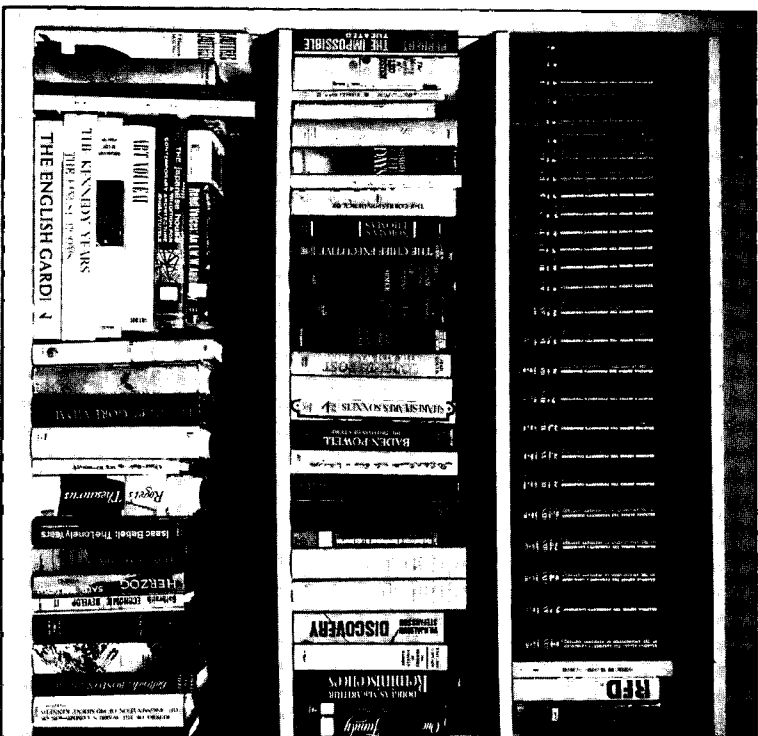
Special Collections

It was our good fortune to acquire twenty-three editions of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* during the last few years which brings our collection of this book in various editions and languages to over sixty.

Seventeen letters from John M. Gallagher, Company C, 5th Regiment Rhode Island Volunteers, 3rd Brigade — Burnside Division to Jonathan Spencer of Exeter, Rhode Island between 1862-1864 were acquired for the Civil War Collection.

To the Updike Printing Collection we added 161 books and minor printing executed by Henry Evans of the Peregrine Press in San Francisco. The collection is representative of fine printing done during the past two decades in California. Examples of the work of the Laboratory Press of Pittsburgh between 1922 and 1930 were also received.

The fine collection of historical letters and documents given to the library by Daniel Berkeley Updike have been completely cataloged, placed in acid free



folders within dust proof boxes. This group of 600 letters includes eminent military and political leaders, poets, historians, educators, merchants and presidents. The personal correspondence of Mr. Updike totaling over 500 letters has been similarly treated.

A book about Rhode Island that we purchased has special contemporary interest. It is entitled *Proposed Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, as Finally Adopted by the People's Convention, Assembled at Providence on the 18th Day of November, 1841*. It was evidently the first printed draft of the proposed constitution which was revised and finally adopted in 1842. This copy was printed in Providence and is not listed in Sabin's *Dictionary of Books Relating to America*.

For the Nicholson Whaling Collection we added several Sea Letters with Presidential signatures and twelve logbooks and journals, including an early sealing voyage of the ship *HANOVER* from New Bedford. Griffin Barney, Master. August 19, 1802 — May 9, 1804. Within one group of logbooks there was a manuscript copy of a journal kept by Private Schneider, a member of the Greeley Relief Expedition in 1881-1884 and a copy of the logbook of the U. S. S. *THETIS*, the flagship which was lost during the expedition.

Numerous photographs, cylinder recordings and manuscript sheet music have been added to the D. Wallis Reeves American Band Collection through the interest of Mr. David Stackhouse.

A Kennedy Collection consisting of books and recordings was established to aid future researchers.

The Library Staff

The highest rate of personnel turnover in five years was experienced last year. It was highest among clerks and messengers but it was lower than a year ago among professionals and custodians. This has resulted from the cumulated curtailments in staff during the past few years and has required us to hire an abnormally large number of part-time substitutes. Low salaries have also been a contributing cause. We must aim this year to strengthen the staff with full time experienced people.

Thirteen members of the staff enrolled for library courses offered by the University of Rhode Island, including five on the graduate level.

Gifts and Bequests

Especially noteworthy was the establishment of the HENRY S. CHAFEE BOOK FUND totaling \$23,571.58 from his family, his friends and the library trustees. In his will Mr. Chafee thoughtfully

provided \$10,000 for the establishment of the CLARENCE E. SHERMAN BOOK FUND. The income from both funds will be used to purchase significant books of permanent value.

Also received was a bequest of \$3,000 from the late Dr. Roswell S. Wilcox for the purchase of special books for the Washington Park Branch; and an unrestricted book fund of \$1,000 designated as the CLARA JANE SEDGWICK BOOK FUND which was established by Miss Florence A. Sedgwick. The library will eventually receive a bequest of \$5,000 provided in the will of Mr. Robert Q. Hallworth who died November 27th.

From 155 individuals and organizations we received gifts totaling 3,551 items. They included books, newspapers, photographs, recordings, sheet music, maps, letters and theater programs.

We gratefully acknowledge these thoughtful gifts which will benefit many.

Administrative Improvements

In June Mr. Francis R. St. John, a prominent library consultant, pointed out that there had been no essential change in the administrative structure of the library for several decades. The Librarian and Assistant Librarian have been handling increasingly heavy work loads with twenty-two persons reporting to them directly. Mr. St. John recommended delegating more authority by establishing three middle level management positions responsible for Public Service, Technical Services and Public Information. The recommendations were approved by the Executive Committee and we welcomed Mr. Robert Hamilton to the position of Chief of Technical Services in November.

One other recommendation was that the Branches should be tied more closely to the Central Library. I recommended in September that, henceforth, the staff consider that we have one book collection rather than nine separate collections. No longer will librarians in Branches report a book as being unavailable without checking immediately on the availability of another copy at Central or at another Branch. This was made possible by a major change in our telephone system.

Buildings and Grounds

Expenditures for maintenance, supplies, utilities and salaries at the Central Library and Branches last year were slightly less than for the previous year and totaled \$125,770. Expenditures from the Building Development Fund totaled \$26,380 and included \$17,726 for renovat-

ing the Fox Point Branch and rewiring and fluorescent fixtures for the Wanskuck Branch. It was widely agreed that Mr. Ferrante and his staff once again performed their work with the greatest competence and economy.

The need for funds for the modernization and enlargement of our Branch libraries, which are now thirty to thirty-five years old, is becoming more acute as our service grows.

Plans for the acquisition of 13,000 square feet of land for possible future expansion of the Central Library are progressing on schedule.

We were notified in December by the Providence Redevelopment Agency that we will receive a settlement of \$42,312 for site reconstruction and restoration necessitated by the condemnation of land at the corner of Greene and Fountain Streets, and a sum of \$5,000 for the value of the land. Engineering drawings are being completed and renovation of the Shipping and Receiving Area will begin in April.

Libraries and the Explosion of Knowledge

If the library is to keep abreast of the avalanche of published knowledge and make it quickly available some of our work must be done by machines. The increasing volume of repetitive operations including purchasing, accounting, payment of bills, cataloging, book processing and circulation has reached the point where we can no longer ignore machine methods.

Four members of our staff attended data processing seminars and returned convinced that we cannot continue to handle the steadily increasing volume of work without adding more people. We also know that the cost of performing this work manually will continue to rise every year. Although machines may not save money, they will tend to freeze the unit cost and permit us to handle larger volumes of work without a corresponding rise in cost.

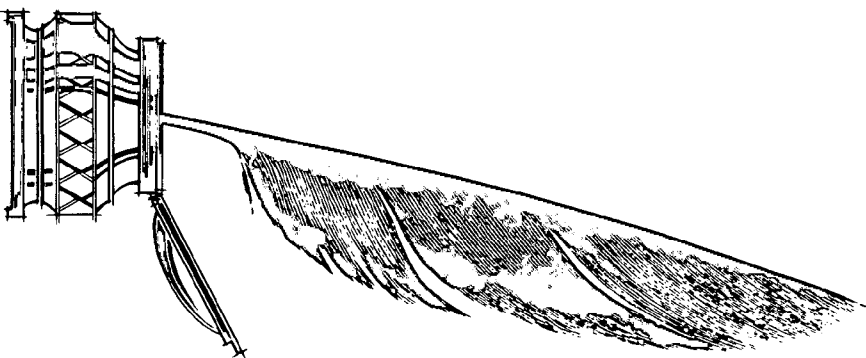
We, therefore, received the approval of the Executive Committee to introduce unit record equipment this year. It is our intention to convert some of our internal operations to punched cards beginning in July. When we perfect these procedures and become familiar with the machines we will gradually expand into other areas and eventually use the machines for limited storage and retrieval of information.

Each year when preparing these reports and, indeed, each day I think how worthwhile it would be to work with books and people. Although surrounded by books, days pass without the chance to open them. I attend to matters on pensions, medicare, finances, construction, legislation or data processing and I shake hands with visitors so that the staff is free to carry on the real work of the library. This is the work that really counts. And I am grateful that we have the staff with the competence and the zeal to spread enlightenment through books to the minds of men.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart C. Sherman

STUART C. SHERMAN, Librarian



Financial Operating Statement for 1964

Receipts

From Endowment Investments	\$336,988.96
From Trusts	12,544.72
From Rent	3,200.00
From City of Providence	369,569.75
From State of Rhode Island	110,970.25
Other Income	40,625.39
Total	<u>\$878,899.07</u>

Expenditures

Salaries — Library Staff	\$481,108.73
Salaries — Building Force	85,388.70
Social Security and Pensions	43,684.48
Blue Cross and Major Medical	10,260.32
Books, Periodicals and Binding	112,348.93
Building Maintenance and Utilities	35,853.74
Telephone, Postage and Freight	6,346.90
Supplies, Furniture and Equipment	14,253.00
Insurance	6,040.26
Financial Expense	8,004.68
Payroll Service	4,296.00
Public Relations	6,754.55
Other Expenses	12,208.32
Transferred to Building and Repair Fund	45,000.00
Total	<u>\$872,043.61</u>
Surplus	\$ 1,850.46

Building and Repair Fund

Receipts

Cash Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 22,360.91
Receipts	88,121.10
Total	<u>\$110,482.01</u>

Expenditures

Building Projects	26,401.43
Balance — December 31, 1964	\$ 84,080.58

Invested Book Funds

Book funds provide an assured means of adding to the Library books of lasting value from which many may benefit. The annual income from these funds is used in perpetuity for the

purchase of books as designated, and each volume is issued with a special book plate. The Librarian and President of the Board of Trustees welcome inquiries about such book funds.

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Donor</i>	<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Original Value</i>	<i>Designation</i>
ELIZABETH MARGARET (GREENE) ARNOLD FUND	Oliver Henry Arnold	1923	\$ 5,000	Books on scientific, historical or literary subjects.
WILLIAM ARNOLD RHODE ISLAND COLLECTION	Frederick Arnold	1924	2,500	To maintain the Collection
S. LOUISE BALCOM	S. Louise Balcom	1935	2,000	Books for the blind
BARNARD FUND	The Barnard Club of Rhode Island	1908	1,035	Educational works
JOSEPHINE A. BINNEY FUND	Josephine A. Binney	1917	2,000	Books for Boys & Girls Department
WILLIAM BINNEY FUND	A. Alice Bridge	1917	10,000	Books of lasting value for Reference Department
BRIDGE FUND	Louise M. J. Brough	1925	15,050	Unrestricted
LOUISE M. J. BROUGH	Francis S. Brownell	1948	5,000	Books in American, English and French literature
FRANCIS S. BROWNELL	Henry S. Chafee and from family and friends in his memory	1926	5,000	Unrestricted
HENRY S. CHAFEE BOOK FUND	Providence Public Library and friends	1964	23,572	Significant books of lasting value
RUTH C. COOMBS BOOK FUND	Monday Morning Musical Club	1954	1,000	Books about the theater
ELODIE FARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY	Margaret Foster Feltham	1915-1922	1,015	Children's books for Rochambeau Branch
MARGARET FOSTER FELTHAM	Julia E. Foster	1962	2,000	Children's books
THE WILLIAM E. FOSTER FUND	Marion C. Freeman	1939	10,000	Unrestricted
FREDERICK C. FREEMAN FUND	Corneilia Hartshorn	1933	1,250	Books for Business-Industry-Science Department
THOMAS COLES HARTSHORN	Helen C. Punnam, M.D.	1931	5,000	Scientific books
HEALTH LITERATURE FUND	Ethel W. Helbig	1938	25,000	Books, periodicals and reports relating to atmospheric pollution, eugenics, heredity and mental hygiene.
ETHEL W. HELBIG BOOK FUND	Clara A. Hoppin	1952	298,000	Books for Olneyville Branch and elsewhere
GEORGE H. AND ELIZABETH H. HOPPIN MEMORIAL FUND	Anson B. Howard	1895	1,000	Books on art
ANSON B. HOWARD FUND	Albert J. Jones	1951	14,516	Books, documents and manuscripts with special attention to English literature
ALBERT J. JONES FUND	Albert J. Jones	1923	1,000	Books in the Italian language
ALBERT JONES FUND	Walter H. Kimball	1923	1,000	Books illustrating the art of design as applied to decorative or industrial art
WALTER H. KIMBALL	Eliza C. Lippitt	1927	5,000	Books for Olneyville Branch
THE LIPPIST FUND	Ruth H. Marshall	1923	500	Unrestricted
ALBERT E. MARSHALL BOOK FUND	Lyra Brown Nickerson	1953	1,000	Books for Business-Industry-Science Department
NICKERSON ARCHITECTURAL COLLECTION	Jennie M. Paton	1908	10,000	Books on architecture
JENNIE M. PATON FUND	Mary L. P. Nightingale	1956	4,277	Books for Washington Park Branch
THE ALBERT H. POLAND FUND	Florence A. Sedgwick	1953	1,215	Unrestricted
CLARA JANE SEDGWICK BOOK FUND	Nicholas Sheldon	1964	1,000	Unrestricted
NICHOLAS SHELDON FUND	Henry S. Chace	1911	10,000	Books for Children's Department
CLARENCE E. SHERMAN BOOK FUND	Hope Vinton	1964	10,000	Significant books of lasting value
LEMUEL VINTON FUND	Rhode Island Foundation	1951	520	Books on Shakespeare and drama
THE JOHN H. WELLS BOOK FUND		1936	1,000	Books in the field of Social Service

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Central Departments

Adult Service	Anne W. Handley
Art and Music	Charles W. Crosby
Bookmobile	Cynthia W. Neal
Boys and Girls	Joan E. Sawyer
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Business-Industry-Science	William L. Duncan
Business Manager	Walter F. Whitney
Business Office	Lillian M. Morris
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Reader's Advisor	Agnes B. Jones
Reference & Periodicals	Mary A. Heneghan
Supervisor of Children's Libraries	Virginia Fooks
Cataloging and Processing	
Young Adults	Marcia J. Begum

Branch Libraries

Fox Point	511 Wickenden Street	GA 1-1436	Mrs. Barbara J. Barstow
Mount Pleasant	315 Academy Avenue	UN 1-1962	Marion W. Walker
Olneyville	12 Olneyville Square	UN 1-1909	Mrs. Barbara E. Bates
Rochambeau	708 Hope Street	GA 1-1499	Mrs. Kirby F. Carr
Smith Hill	31 Candace Street	GA 1-6974	Helen M. Doolan
South Providence	441 Prairie Avenue	WI 1-2660	Jean L. Nash
Wanskuck	238 Veazie Street	DE 1-4887	Mrs. Mary E. McKenna
Washington Park	1316 Broad Street	HO 1-7348	Mrs. Ruth Y. Ingraham

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Margaret E. Conlon, Council Clerk
Town Hall
1170 Main Street
West Warwick, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Conlon:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of the certified copy of the Resolution passed by the West Warwick Town Council on April 13th supporting S-277 which authorizes the City of Providence to acquire land to build a supplementary tunnel and aqueduct to transport water from the Scituate Reservoir.

I have referred your communication to the Providence City Council.

Very truly yours,

Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.
Mayor of Providence

JAD:JCA

cc: City Council

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CLERK

At a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of West Warwick held on the 13th day of April, A. D. 1965 all members being notified and a quorum being present and voting the following RESOLUTION was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of West Warwick hereby endorses legislation now pending in the Senate of the State of Rhode Island and identified as S-277 authorizing the City of Providence to acquire land to build a supplementary tunnel and aqueduct to transport water from the Scituate Reservoir in that this new tunnel and aqueduct will bring water into the Kent County Water Authority system in great volume and is vitally needed by the Kent County Water Authority in the face of the rapid increase of water usage within its confines and the Council Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Members of the State Legislature of the Town of West Warwick requesting them to support this bill.

A TRUE COPY.

ATTEST:

Margaret S. Cullen
COUNCIL CLERK

SIDNEY GOLDMAN
CHAIRMAN
MEMBERS
EDMUND J. KELLY
JOHN R. CIOCI



HORACE A. CUSSON
SECRETARY

BOARD OF
TAX ASSESSMENT REVIEW
CITY HALL, PROVIDENCE, R. I. 02903

To The Honorable City Council of the City of Providence:

The undersigned, the Board of Tax Assessment Review of the City of Providence that pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 1665 of the Public Laws of 1945, as amended, said Board of Tax Assessment Review has reviewed taxes and made changes authorized by said act, as follows:

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wf. Marie R. & Jos Lombardi
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927 Broadway
Ea. Prov., R. I.

29 750 Real Estate	\$1 160 25 Total Tax
1 000 ExCr	39 00 ExCr
<u>28 750</u>	<u>1 121 25</u>

Correction #64-16

1964, 12 284 675

Nicholas J. Lombardi &
wf. Marie R. & Jos Lombardi
& wf. Angelina
927 Broadway
Ea. Prov., R. I.

25 950 Real Estate	\$1 012 05 Total Tax
1 000 ExCr	39 00 ExCr
<u>24 950</u>	<u>973 05</u>
	148 20 decrease

Assessors Plat 84

Lot 211 Bldg. 24 060

Should be Bldg. 20 260

Original

1964, 13 275 000
Arthur P. Matile
40 Farm St.

69 520 Real Estate	\$2 725 32 Total Tax
360 M.V.	

Correction #64-17

1964, 13 275 000
Arthur P. Matile
40 Farm St.

64 120 Real Estate	\$2 514 72 Total Tax
360 M.V.	<u>210 60</u> decrease

Assessors Plat 27

Lot 90 Bldg. 16 540

Should be Bldg. 11 140

Original

.. 1964, 02 436 560
 Salvatore Branca & wf.
 Concetta
 145 Simmonsville Ave.
 Johnston, R. I.

22 800 Real Estate \$889 20 Total Tax

Correction #64-18

1964, 02 436 560
 Salvatore Branca & wf.
 Concetta
 145 Simmonsville Ave.
 Johnston, R. I.

20 870 Real Estate \$813 93 Total Tax
 75 27 decrease

Assessors Plat 112

Lot 329 Bldg. 8 070

Should be Bldg. 6 140

Original

1964, 07 350 499
 Jos F. Gray Sr.
 505 Church Ave.
 Warwick, R. I.

10 250 Real Estate \$399 75 Total Tax

Correction #64-19

1964, 07 350 499
 Jos F. Gray Sr.
 505 Church Ave.
 Warwick, R. I.

6 860 Real Estate \$267 54 Total Tax
 132 21 decrease

Assessors Plat 54

Lot 650 Bldg. 8 440

Should be Bldg. 5 050

Original

1964, 03 029 510
 Jas P. Caldarone & wf.
 Mary F.
 129 Cathedral Ave.

21 270 Real Estate \$829 53 Total Tax

Correction #64-20

1964, 03 029 510
 Jas P. Caldarone & wf.
 Mary F.
 129 Cathedral Ave.

18 250 Real Estate \$711 75 Total Tax
 117 78 decrease

Assessors Plat 128

Lot 34 Bldg. 19 410

Should be Bldg. 16 390

Original

1964, 02 053 900
Michele Balsamo & wf. Luci
390 Montgomery Ave.

27 220 Real Estate \$1 061 58 Total Tax

Correction #64-21

1964, 02 053 900
Michele Balsamo & wf. Luci
390 Montgomery Ave.

25 210 Real Estate \$ 983 19 Total Tax
78 39 decrease

Assessors Plat 90

Lot 2 Bldg. 12 690

Should be Bldg. 10 680

Original

1964, 13 421 155
Wm F. McGowan Jr. &
wf. Ann A.
770 Manton Ave.

9 040 Real Estate \$352 56 Total Tax

Correction #64-22

1964, 13 421 155
Wm F. McGowan Jr. &
wf. Ann A.
770 Manton Ave.

5 000 Real Estate \$195 00 Total Tax
157 56 decrease

Assessors Plat 34

Lot 303 Bldg. 7 130

Should be Bldg. 3 090

Original

1964, 13 572 212
John A. Mercurio & wf.
Annette B.
104 Berlin St.

29 990 Real Estate \$1 169 61 Total Tax

Correction #64-23

1964, 13 572 212
John A. Mercurio & wf.
Annette B.
104 Berlin St.

27 170 Real Estate \$1 059 63 Total Tax
109 98 decrease

Assessors Plat 84

Lot 514 Bldg. 26 870

Should be Bldg. 24 050

Original

1964, 12 220 730 (Cert. 7-Y-15)
Myron Lieberman & wf Mary &
Arthur Lieberman
271 Doyle Ave.

26 210 Real Estate	\$1 022 19	Total Tax
	39 00	ExCr
	<u>983 19</u>	

Correction #64-24 (7-Y-15)

1964, 12 220 730
Myron Lieberman & wf Mary &
Arthur Lieberman
271 Doyle Ave.

21 770 Real Estate	\$ 849 03	Total Tax
	39 00	ExCr
	<u>810 03</u>	
	173 16	decrease

Assessors Plat 86

Lot 65 Bldg. 19 990

Should be Bldg. 15 550

Original

1964, 12 214 300
Virginia Liberati wf Pietro
46 Brighton St.

9 570 Real Estate	\$373 23	Total Tax
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Correction #64-25

1964, 12 214 300
Virginia Liberati wf Pietro
46 Brighton St.

8 370 Real Estate	\$326 43	Total Tax
	46 80	decrease

Assessors Plat 32

Lot 29 Bldg. 8 160

Should be Bldg. 6 960

Original

1964, 16 238 279
Chas Pfizer and Co, Inc.
C O Speidel Corp.
70 Ship St.

402 070 Real Estate	\$15 680 73	Total Tax
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Correction #64-26

1964, 16 238 279
Chas Pfizer and Co., Inc.
C O Speidel Corp.
70 Ship St.

302 070 Real Estate	\$11 780 73	Total Tax
	3 900 00	decrease

Assessors Plat 102

Lot 59 Bldg. 336 690

Should be Bldg. 236 690

Original

1964, 16 028 990
 Laura R. Palmer &
 Jessie F. Palmer
 110 Palmer Ave.
 Warwick, R. I.

170 160 Real Estate \$6 636 24 Total Tax

Correction #64-27

1964, 16 028 990
 Laura R. Palmer &
 Jessie F. Palmer
 110 Palmer Ave.
 Warwick, R. I.

144 200 Real Estate \$5 623 80 Total Tax
 1 012 44 decrease

Assessors Plat 25

Lot 166 Bldg. 112 500

Should be Bldg. 86 540

Original

1964, 04 075 905
 Dauphinee Corp.
 C O Lois E. Sherman
 399 Main St.
 Yarmouth, Mass.

136 420 Real Estate \$5 320 38 Total Tax

Correction #64-28

1964, 04 075 905
 Dauphinee Corp.
 C O Lois E. Sherman
 399 Main St.
 Yarmouth, Mass.

99 480 Real Estate \$3 879 72 Total Tax
 1 440 66 decrease

Assessors Plat 59

Lot 102 Land 23 170
 Lot 102 Bldg. 15 480
 Lot 156 Land 52 870
 Lot 156 Bldg. 30 380

Should be Land 12 900
 Should be Bldg. 12 380
 Should be Land 33 860
 Should be Bldg. 25 820

Original

1964, 01 011 650
 Aborn Corp.
 385 Westminster St.

200 430 Real Estate \$7 816 77 Total Tax

Correction #64-29

1964, 01 011 650
 Aborn Corp.
 385 Westminster St.

150 610 \$5 873 79 Total Tax
 1 942 98 decrease

Assessors Plat 25

Lot 322 Land 156 960
 Lot 322 Bldg. 43 470

Should be Land 122 080
 Should be Bldg. 28 530

Original

1964, 20 117 100
Ethel Tillinger
132 Robinson St.

7 020 Real Estate \$273 78 Total Tax

Correction #64-30

1964, 20 117 100
Ethel Tillinger
132 Robinson St.

5 020 Real Estate \$195 78 Total Tax
78 00 decrease

Assessors Plat 45

Lot 241 Bldg. 5 320

Should be Bldg. 3 320

Original

1964, 07 208 505
Naomi Gitman
266 Warrington St.

8 830 Real Estate \$344 37 Total Tax

. Correction #64-31

1964, 07 208 505
Naomi Gitman
266 Warrington St.

6 330 Real Estate \$246 87 Total Tax
97 50 decrease

Assessors Plat 45

Lot 351 Bldg. 7 500

Should be Bldg. 5 000

Original

1964, 12 353 601
Freida Lury Est.
27 Princeton Ave.

13 460 Real Estate \$524 94 Total Tax

Correction #64-32

1964, 12 353 601
Freida Lury Est.
27 Princeton Ave.

9 960 Real Estate ~~\$388 44~~ Total Tax
136 50

Assessors Plat 45

Lot 324 Bldg. 6 110
Lot 325 Bldg. 4 740

Should be Bldg. 4 110
Should be Bldg. 3 240

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Goldman, Chairman
Edmund J. Kelly
John P. Lion

BOARD OF TAX ASSESSMENT REVIEW

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 6 1965

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PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS

209 FOUNTAIN ST.

PROVIDENCE 3, R. I.

Colonel Howard A. Franklin
CHIEF OF POLICE

April 19, 1965

TO: The Honorable Members of the City Council
Council Chambers
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

Each year, law enforcement officers of the United States are given recognition by setting aside one week which is known as "National Police Week", and this year, May 9th thru May 15th, has been so designated.

The Providence Police Department, in the past few years, attempted to bring to the public eye many of the duties and functions performed by the members of this department. In connection with this, we have also in the past, scheduled events such as tours, firearms demonstrations, memorial services, and many other events at which time the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council have been invited.

Two years ago an invitation was extended to the members of the City Council to have conducted for them a "behind the scene tour of Police Headquarters"- an event which was highly successful - and at this time it would seem feasible to have another such tour conducted bearing in mind that several are new members, plus those who were not available at the last tour, plus any member who so desires to avail himself of the opportunity to view the functions of our department and feel, that when the evening is complete, all will say "It was an evening well spent".

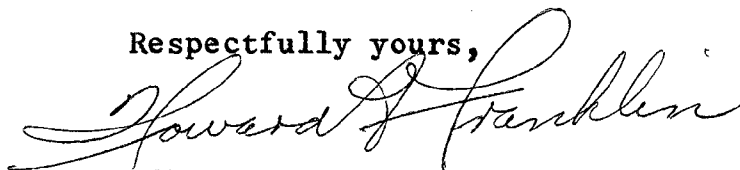
Ltr: to The Honorable Members of the City Council
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

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We have set aside Wednesday evening, May 12, 1965 for this special "behind the scene" tour for the Honorable Members of the City Council which will commence from Room 315, located on the third floor of Headquarters Building, 209 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island at eight p.m.

Additional activities are being planned for this week and an "open" invitation to all members of the City Council is extended to attend each and any event. A schedule will be forwarded in the near future for your information and guidance.

Respectfully yours,



HOWARD A. FRANKLIN
Colonel
Chief of Police

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REPORT OF THE CITY MESSENGER

For the month of

FEBRUARY - 1965

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,.....	\$ 955 43
" power,.....	282 30
" fuel,.....	1 109 46
" pay-roll of clerks, engineer, fireman, janitors, elevator men, watchman, etc.,.....	9 932 44
" supplies,	71 39
" salary of City Sergeant and Deputy,	1 162 03
" new furniture,.....	
" furnishings and repairs,.....	7 70
" telephone service, excess calls.....	2 777 80
Rental - 112 Union St.	1 000 00
Rental - Fountain St. Bldgs.	29 00
Odorite Company	43 00
Municipal Garage	225 03
Providence Window Cleaning Co.	79 50
R.I. Electric Protective Co.	235 00
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Respectfully submitted,

William Keaveney

City Sergeant
Acting as City Messenger.

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk

Clerk of Council



William H. Matthews
First Deputy
Dorothy K. McGinn
Second Deputy

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL

April 21, 1965

To the Honorable The City Council
of the City of Providence:

Honorable Dear Sirs:

The undersigned presents the report of
moneys received and credited his Department, and returnable
to the City of Collector, for the quarter ended March 31, 1965 viz:

January 1, 1965 through March 31, 1965

	Number	Amount
Trade Names	106	\$212.00
Notary Fees	82	20.50
Fishing Licenses.....	2	.50
Hunting Licenses.....	6	1.50
Physicians Registration	3	1.50
Certified Copies	29	14.50
		<hr/> \$250.50
Auctioneers Returns		29.53
		<hr/> \$280.03
	Total	\$280.03

Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent Vespia

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence

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DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL

May 3, 1965

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

Your Clerk respectfully requests your permission to attend the Nineteenth Annual Conference of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks scheduled to be conducted in Denver, Colorado during the period of May 24th to the 27th, 1965.

If your Honorable Body grants approval, I propose to combine this assignment, to which I have been appointed as a member of the Resolutions Committee, with my annual vacation leave.

Assuming this request is granted, I shall be absent from the City from May 18th and expect to return June 3rd. During this period, the functions of the Department of the City Clerk will be conducted by my Deputies, Mr. Matthews and Miss McGinn and our able staff.

Very sincerely yours,

Vincent Vespia

Vincent Vespia,
City Clerk of Providence

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