

REPORT OF EXAMINATION LUZERNE COUNTY INSTITUTION DISTRICT For the Year 1950.

LUZERNE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
January 31, 1951.

To The Honorable, The Judges
of the Court of Common Pleas:

In conformity with the Act of Assembly approved the twenty-fourth day of June in conformity with the annual report of the Luzerne County Institutional District showing receipts and expenditures, together with a statement of the financial condition of the District for the year ended December 31, 1950.

ROBERT H. STROH,
Controller of Luzerne County.

LUZERNE COUNTY INSTITUTION DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET CURRENT ACCOUNT

ASSETS	
Cash on Hand and On Deposit—December 31, 1950.....	\$ 167,689.70
Taxes Receivable	
Current 1950 Duplicate.....	\$ 96,996.04
LESS: 10% Reserve for Estimated Losses.....	9,699.60
Prior Year 1938 Bear Creek Township Coas.....	\$ 866.13
LESS: 25% Reserve for Estimated Losses.....	91.53
Returned and Lined Taxes.....	\$ 60,354.21
LESS: 25% Reserve for Estimated Losses.....	15,088.55
Accounts Receivable	
Individuals and Estates for Maintenance.....	\$ 390,865.51
LESS: 25% Reserve for Doubtful Account.....	97,716.37
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.....	293,149.14
	\$ 593,685.54

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Indebtedness Bonded or Temporary Loans.....	None
Unappropriated Surplus.....	\$ 593,685.54
Unappropriated Surplus.....	\$ 593,685.54

LUZERNE COUNTY INSTITUTION DISTRICT CURRENT ACCOUNT

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950.	
Cash Balance—January 1, 1950.....	\$ 114,414.17
Receipts	
Taxes 1950 Duplicate.....	\$ 670,984.28
Taxes Prior Years (Tax Collectors).....	97,440.41
Taxes Prior Years (Returned and Lined).....	30,906.74
Expenses of Inmates Paid by Individuals.....	39,859.24
Miscellaneous.....	32.70
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$ 966,637.54
Non Revenue Receipts.....	200,000.00
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS AND OPENING BALANCE.....	\$ 1,166,637.54
Expenditures	
General Administration.....	\$ 59,598.64
Maintenance in Institutions Not Operated by Institution District.....	482,109.72
Other Forms of Care for Adults and Family Groups.....	1,397.04
Child Welfare.....	23,844.39
Miscellaneous.....	3,697.46
Interest and Debt Service.....	201,194.45
Rents.....	167.28
Other Non Government Expenditures.....	16,678.88
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	988,937.84
Cash Balance—December 31, 1950.....	\$ 167,689.70

LUZERNE COUNTY INSTITUTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUE, ESTIMATE AND ACTUAL For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950.

	Estimated Revenue	Actual Revenue	Excess or Deficiency of Estimated Over Actual
Revenue Receipts			
Taxes 1950 Duplicate.....	\$ 643,500.20	\$ 673,984.28	\$ 30,484.08
Taxes Prior Years (Tax Collectors).....	89,673.64	97,440.41	7,766.77
Taxes Prior Years (Returned and Lined).....	20,000.00	30,906.74	10,906.74
Expenses of Inmates Paid by Individuals.....	23,000.00	39,859.24	14,859.24
Miscellaneous.....	200.00	32.70	167.30*
Due from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania			
for Services at Retreat.....	59,768.42	59,768.42	
Short Term Loans.....	250,000.00	200,000.00	50,000.00*
	\$ 1,088,142.26	\$ 1,042,223.37	\$ 45,918.89*

LUZERNE COUNTY INSTITUTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950.

General Administration Salaries and Services	Appropriations		Unexpended Balance 12/31/50	Cancelled Balance 12/31/50
	Revisions	Expenditures		
Salary of Commissioners and Controller.....	\$ 7,200.30	\$ 7,200.00	\$	\$
Salary of Directors of Institution District.....	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Salaries of Secretary and Clerks.....	14,639.00	14,562.64	76.36	76.36
Salaries of Welfare Workers, Investigators.....	15,582.00	12,739.20	2,842.80	2,842.80
Salaries or Commissions of Tax Collectors.....	12,104.32	12,104.32		
Other Salaries or Services (Soldier and Janitress).....	4,923.01	4,744.08	178.93	178.93
TOTAL SALARIES OR SERVICES.....	\$ 57,948.33	\$ 51,350.24	\$ 6,598.09	\$ 6,598.09

Other Expenses	Appropriations		Unexpended Balance 12/31/50	Cancelled Balance 12/31/50
	Revisions	Expenditures		
Advertising.....	\$ 600.00	\$ 582.05	\$ 17.95	\$ 17.95
Office Equipment.....	2,000.00	348.90	1,651.10	1,651.10
Office Supplies.....	1,783.15	1,735.15		
Telephone and Telegraph.....	1,300.00	1,144.67	155.33	155.33
Traveling Expense.....	52.72	52.72		
Motor Vehicle Operation and Maintenance.....	2,550.00	2,100.00	450.00	450.00
Premium on Tax Collector's Bonds.....	1,300.00	1,055.65	244.35	244.35
Other Expenses.....	1,500.00	1,205.26	294.74	294.74
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES.....	\$ 11,661.87	\$ 8,248.40	\$ 2,813.47	\$ 2,813.47

Maintenance in Institutions Not Operated by Institution District	Appropriations		Unexpended Balance 12/31/50	Cancelled Balance 12/31/50
	Revisions	Expenditures		
Support of Poor in Institutions.....	\$ 173,000.00	\$ 165,436.97	\$ 7,563.03	\$ 7,563.03
Support of Poor in Other Institutions.....	224,000.00	131,672.75	32,327.25	32,327.25
Appropriations to Institutions.....	125,000.00	125,000.00		
TOTAL MAINTENANCE IN INSTITUTIONS NOT OPERATED BY INSTITUTION DISTRICT.....	\$ 522,000.00	\$ 422,109.72	\$ 39,890.28	\$ 39,890.28

Other Forms of Care for Adults and Family Group	Appropriations		Unexpended Balance 12/31/50	Cancelled Balance 12/31/50
	Revisions	Expenditures		
Transportation of Families and Individuals.....	\$ 757.04	\$ 757.04	\$	\$
Burial Expense.....	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Clothing and Shoes.....	500.00	7.50	492.50	492.50
Board in Private Families.....	100.00	100.00		
Other Expenses.....	632.50	632.50	100.00	100.00
TOTAL OTHER FORMS OF CARE FOR ADULTS AND FAMILY GROUPS.....	\$ 2,289.54	\$ 1,397.04	\$ 892.50	\$ 892.50

Child Welfare	Appropriations		Unexpended Balance 12/31/50	Cancelled Balance 12/31/50
	Revisions	Expenditures		
Board in Foster Homes.....	\$ 87,328.75	\$ 87,328.75	\$	\$
Maintenance in Institutions for Dependent Children.....	130,000.00	117,164.04	12,835.96	12,835.96
Maintenance in Institutions for Handicapped Children.....	400.00	400.00		
Maintenance in Institutions for Mental Defectives.....	1,100.00	450.00	650.00	650.00
Food and Provisions.....	50.00	46.50	3.50	3.50
Transportation of Children.....	200.00	193.18	6.82	6.82
Clothing.....	17,047.02	17,047.02		
Medical, Dental, Eye and Ear.....	2,527.90	2,527.90		
Other Expenses.....	100.00	87.00	13.00	13.00
TOTAL CHILD WELFARE.....	\$ 238,753.67	\$ 234,844.39	\$ 13,909.28	\$ 13,909.28

Unpaid Bills of Prior Years	Appropriations		Unexpended Balance 12/31/50	Cancelled Balance 12/31/50
	Revisions	Expenditures		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Care at Retreat.....	\$ 98,200.00	\$ 98,200.00	\$ 98,200.00	\$ 98,200.00
Outstanding Current Bills.....	439.16	439.16		
TOTAL UNPAID BILLS OF PRIOR YEARS.....	\$ 98,639.16	\$ 98,639.16	\$ 98,639.16	\$ 98,639.16

Miscellaneous	Appropriations		Unexpended Balance 12/31/50	Cancelled Balance 12/31/50
	Revisions	Expenditures		
Insurance—Compensation and Liability.....	\$ 65.00	\$ 11.10	\$ 53.90	\$ 53.90
Insurance—Casualty.....	200.00	196.36	3.64	3.64
Insurance—Robbery.....	20.00	20.00		
Contribution to Retirement Fund.....	3,750.00	3,400.00	350.00	350.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS.....	\$ 4,035.00	\$ 3,607.46	\$ 427.54	\$ 427.54

Interest and Debt Service	Appropriations		Unexpended Balance 12/31/50	Cancelled Balance 12/31/50
	Revisions	Expenditures		
Interest on Temporary Loans.....	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,194.45	\$ 305.55	\$ 305.55
TOTAL INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS.....	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,194.45	\$ 305.55	\$ 305.55

Non Governmental Expenditures	Appropriations		Unexpended Balance 12/31/50	Cancelled Balance 12/31/50
	Revisions	Expenditures		
Temporary Loans.....	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL NON GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00

Refunds	Appropriations		Unexpended Balance 12/31/50	Cancelled Balance 12/31/50
	Revisions	Expenditures		
Taxes.....	\$ 250.00	\$ 107.28	\$ 142.72	\$ 142.72
TOTAL REFUNDS.....	\$ 250.00	\$ 107.28	\$ 142.72	\$ 142.72

Other Non Governmental Expenditures	Appropriations		Unexpended Balance 12/31/50	Cancelled Balance 12/31/50
	Revisions	Expenditures		
Maintenance Collections Due Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Retreat and Ransom Accounts.....	\$ 16,078.86	\$ 16,078.86	\$	\$
TOTAL OTHER NON GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$ 16,078.86	\$ 16,078.86	\$	\$
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES.....	\$ 1,202,556.43	\$ 988,937.84	\$ 213,618.59	\$ 213,618.59

LUZERNE COUNTY INSTITUTION DISTRICT CURRENT ACCOUNT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950

Maintenance in Institutions Not Operated by Institution District	Appropriations		Unexpended Balance 12/31/50	Cancelled Balance 12/31/50
	Revisions	Expenditures		
Support of Poor in Institutions				
Lackawanna County Institution District (Ransom Infirm).....			\$ 22,842.15	
Carbon County Institution District (Laurytown Infirm).....			141,316.82	
Schuylkill County Institution District (Schuylkill County Infirm).....			1,278.00	

Aurand Gives Informative Talk On Advantages Of Consolidation

(Continued from Page One)

"If jointure is planned," suggested Mr. Aurand, "certain principles must be observed."
"Need must be recognized."
"Thorough and long distance planning is necessary, with consideration of travel barriers, township organizations, and financing as well as educational advantages. Teachers, administrators, parents, and teachers should have a voice. Realistic geographical planning is necessary.

In closing, Mr. Aurand said that our children deserve the best we can give them. The present generation of adults has not lived up to its opportunities. Amends should be made to the coming generation. Civilization rests upon the attitude toward children.

Questions and Answers

The question period started with a query by Charles Eberle:

Q. "What about the future? Can a future governor, by a stroke of the pen, force communities to consolidate whether they want to or not?"

A. Nothing drastic is contemplated, and probably there will be no sweeping changes, but there is no guarantee.

Q. Mrs. Harry Schooley: Would a union school mean that all schools in an area would join together?

A. No. Geographical location would control that.

Q. Lester Squier, Supervising Principal of Lehman: Is jointure favored over complete union?

A. Yes. Jointure is the first step.

Q. Dr. L. E. Jordan: Would a four-way jointure be good or bad?

A. It would be good, even if not formed as an initial first step. Parenthetically, Dr. Aurand stated that he had great faith in school directors, felt that they were the only direct contact with the people, and was in favor of retaining them, the usual number to each of the joining districts. It would be disastrous to reduce the numbers drastically.

Q. Dr. Jordan: Please elaborate on long-term jointure.

A. Problems change, even with the first year. There should be at least a five year plan, twenty if building is contemplated.

Q. Lettie Culver: Is it true that Pennsylvania ranks 34th in education?

A. Under no set of standards does it rank above the middle.

Q. Charles Brooke: Do groups such as this Back Mountain Citizens' Committee represent a cross section of public thinking and adequately express public opinion?

A. Yes. The hope of America is in groups such as this.

Q. Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks: To what do you attribute the lowly status of Pennsylvania as 34th in educa-

tion?
A. That is the \$64 question. Many factors enter in.

Q. Lettie Lee Culver: What courses would be offered in a joint high school which are not offered now?

A. Better equipment could be expected, the use of films for education, actual farm machinery on hand to teach future farmers how to repair their own equipment; heightened opportunity for the large percentage of students that do not expect to go to college; college preparatory work more in line with college entrance requirements.

Q. Mrs. Fred Stevens: What is the most effective way of distributing the children in a school?

A. This is controlled by local determination, but the 6-6 unit seems to be the most desirable. Mr. Aurand went on to say that it was advisable to have all children on the one campus, but that facilities for young children and older students should be separate.

Q. Mrs. Schooley: Is jointure consolidation?

A. Yes.

It was announced by Dr. Jordan that the next meeting would be held March 26, with Dr. Ray Robinson as speaker, the place to be announced later.

Hutchison Announces Meeting For Growers

James D. Hutchison, Luzerne County Farm Agent announces a meeting of vegetable growers at Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association office, Wilkes-Barre, March 1, 8 PM to discuss formation of a vegetable auction.

She had gone about her household duties as usual, preparing breakfast for her grand-daughter, Mrs. Louise Colwell and her two great-grandchildren, Beryl and June, had cleared away after the meal and had practically finished washing out and hanging a few small items before being stricken.

She had apparently been dead for about an hour when Mrs. Colwell came in at noon for her lunch, to find no table set and no preparations made. Mrs. Avery had collapsed in the downstairs hall, passing away almost instantly.

There had been a heart condition which had given her occasional pain but no disability. She died as she would have wished to die, with no lingering illness.

At 87, she had been alert, keeping up with news commentators and the daily papers, abreast of the times, interested in her family and the world. She did handwork, sometimes with glasses, sometimes without, and her other senses were equally keen. She prepared the family meals and did the family mending.

For seventeen years Mrs. Avery had lived in Dallas with Mrs. Colwell and the two girls, and before

Training For Duty On Aircraft Carrier

Elwood C. Macgowan, Jr., aviation machinist's mate, first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood C. Macgowan of 8 Sunset ave., Goss Manor, Dallas, Penna., and husband of Mrs. Norma M. Macgowan of 224 Del Rosa way, San Mateo, Calif., is a member of Naval Reserve Fighting Squadron 874 based at the U. S. Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.

The squadron, formerly based at Oakland, Calif., and now a unit of the Air Force, Pacific Fleet, is being trained for duty aboard an aircraft carrier.

TOTAL SUPPORT OF POOR IN INFIRMARIES.....	\$ 165,436.97
Support of Poor in Other Institutions	
White Haven Sanatorium.....	\$ 190,152.75
Pneumo Thorax Treatments.....	1,320.00
TOTAL SUPPORT OF POOR IN OTHER INSTITUTIONS.....	191,672.75
Appropriations to Institutions (Hospitals)	
Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.....	\$ 53,638.75
Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.....	23,788.75
Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.....	15,683.75
Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, Pa.....	15,978.75
Pittston Hospital, Pittston, Pa.....	15,800.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO INSTITUTIONS (HOSPITALS).....	125,000.00
Child Welfare	
Board in Foster Homes.....	\$ 87,328.75
TOTAL BOARD IN FOSTER HOMES.....	87,328.75
Maintenance in Institutions	
St. Joseph's Children and Maternity Hospital.....	\$ 8,228.67
St. Michael's Industrial and Agricultural School.....	16,645.50
St. Stanislaus Institute.....	64,086.00
Children's Service Center.....	679.50
St. Nicholas Orphanage.....	2,496.00
United Charities of Hazleton and Vicinity.....	6,406.50
Catholic Children's Bureau.....	412.37
Friendship House.....	5,341.00
Our Lady of Fatima Institute.....	12,427.50
House of the Good Shepherd (Lourdes Mount & School).....	471.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE IN INSTITUTIONS.....	117,164.04