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For The Year Ending

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS**MODERATOR**

Ira E. Elliott

TOWN CLERK

Floyd J. Hutchins

SELECTMEN

Stephen H. Dexter, John G. Elliott, Charles H. Tyler
 Term expires '41, Term expires '42, Term expires '43

HIGHWAY AGENT, Roland G. McKean**TREASURER**

Margaret E. Elliott

TAX COLLECTOR

Ira E. Elliott

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Napoleon Burke, Charles C. Tyler, Napoleon Boutin

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Floyd J. Hutchins

George N. Belyea

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mildred A. Elliott, Laura Noxon, Lillian Pilote

FENCE VIEWER, Arthur Delaney**CONSTABLE, Arthur Delaney****SCHOOL BOARD**

Ethel Boutin, Alexzina Boutin, Floyd J. Hutchins

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Napoleon Burke, John Elliott, Floyd J. Hutchins

SEXTONS

Charles C. Tyler,

George N. Belyea

Mt. View and East

South Benton

AUDITOR, Ethel A. Boutin**BALLOT CLERKS**

William H. Crowe, Alfred Mardin, Joseph Boutin, Jr.
 and Lester Noxon

LIBRARIAN, Margaret E., Elliott**HEALTH OFFICER,**

John Boutin

RELIEF AGENT,

Charles H. Tyler

Town Meeting Warrant

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Town Hall in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, the eleventh, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects—

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, one Highway Agent, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' salaries and expenses and for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges, for the observance of Memorial Day and for all other Town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take in regards to how Memorial Day will be observed and where.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take in regards to keeping Town Highways open for motor vehicle traffic for the winter season including snow removal and sanding and make the necessary appropriation of the same.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 8. To see what action the Town will take in regards to securing State Aid for highways and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$15.00 for the White Mountain Region Association.

Article 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 5th day of February, A. D., 1941.

S. H. DEXTER,

J. G. ELLIOTT,

C. H. TYLER,

Selectmen of Benton.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

S. H. Dexter,

J. G. Elliott,

C. H. Tyler,

Selectmen of Benton.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the
ensuing year, February 1, 1941, to February 1, 1942.
compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous
year, February 1, 1940 to February 1, 1941.

Sources of Revenue	actual 1940	est'm'd 1941
FROM STATE:		
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 25.30	\$ 25.00
Railroad Tax	13.10	13.00
Savings Bank Tax	17.81	17.00
Bounties	16.20	17.80
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:		
Interest and Costs Included	\$111.32	\$ 90.00
Auto Permits	181.61	160.00
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:		
Poll Taxes	\$116.00	\$150.00
Dog Fees	43.00	40.00
Income, Forest Reserve, 1939	228.33	
Income, Forest Reserve, 1940	326.00	300.00
Income, Trust Funds	117.50	100.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	102.72	100.00
Total Estimated Revenue		\$1,012.80
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES		
		\$1,012.80
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes:		3,544.20
TOTAL REVENUES		\$4,557.00

Purposes of Expenditures

Current Maintenance Expenses:

	actual 1940	est'm'd 1941
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Town Officers' Salaries	\$285.50	\$300.00
2. Town Officers' Expenses	207.19	250.00
3. Election and Registration	130.48	50.00
4. Care and Supplies for Town Hall	197.47	150.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:

5. Police Department	\$ 12.70	\$ 15.00
6. Bounties	17.60	20.00
7. Fire Department	00.00	50.00

HEALTH:

8. Health Department	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
9. Vital Statistics	1.50	5.00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

10. Town Roads	\$525.25	\$600.00
11. Snow Removal	1,092.26	800.00
12. State Aid Construction	183.00	230.00

LIBRARIES:

13. Libraries	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
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TOWN POOR:

14. Town Poor	\$362.75	\$300.00
15. County Poor	40.80	

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:

16. Memorial Day	\$ 18.23	\$ 20.00
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

17. Cemeteries	\$ 98.30	\$ 50.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

	actual 1940	est'm'd 1941
22. County Tax	\$ 477.72	\$ 500.00
22. Payments to School Districts	1,720.00	1,200.00
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		\$4,557.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES \$4,557.00

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

April 1, 1940

Lands and Buildings	\$79,720.00
Electric Plants including pole line	28,750.00
Horses (35)	4,675.00
Cows (90)	4,950.00
Neat Stock (16)	510.00
Fowls (25)	25.00
Hogs (10)	150.00
Wood and Lumber	1,012.50
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks (2)	200.00
Stock in Trade	394.26
	\$120,386.76
Total Valuation	
Polls (87) @ \$2.00	\$174.00
Amount of Property Taxes committed to Collector	\$4,189.43
Polls	174.00
	\$4,363.43
Total	
Average Rate per cent of taxation for all purposes	\$3.48
1939 Valuation	\$122,871.00
1940 Valuation	120,386.76
	\$2,484.24
Decrease	\$2,484.24

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR
1940 AND TAXES ASSESSED**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 300.00
Town Officers' Expenses	250.00
Election and Registration Expenses	130.00
Town Hall	200.00
Police Department	25.00
Fire Department	50.00
Health Department	10.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
State Aid Construction	183.00
Town Road Maintenance	600.00
Snow Removal	800.00
Libraries	12.00
Town Poor	200.00
Memorial Day	20.00
Cemeteries	75.00
Interest	50.00
County Tax	477.72
School Tax	1,550.00
	\$4,937.72

**TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL
APPROPRIATIONS**

\$4,937.72

Less Estimated Revenue and Credits:

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 25.20
Railroad Tax	13.00
Savings Bank Tax	18.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	190.00
Trust Funds	100.00
Forest Reserve	230.00

\$576.20

Total Appropriation	
Total Appropriation	\$4,937.72
Less Estimated Revenue and Credits	576.20
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Total	\$4,361.52
Plus overlay	1.91
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$4,363.43
Less Poll Taxes	174.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Tax, on which Town Tax rate is figured	<hr/> \$4,189.43
Tax Rate \$3.48	
Property Taxes	\$4,189.43
Polls	174.00
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Total	\$4,363.43

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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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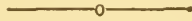
Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	200.00
Town Clerk's Building	200.00
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Highway Equipment including	
Road Machine, Snow Plow and New Wing	445.00
School House, Land, Building, Equipment	1,900.00
Town Safe	50.00
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Total	\$4,845.00

Financial Report

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Of The

TOWN OF BENTON

For The Year Ending January 31, 1941



		BALANCE
ASSETS		
Cash:		
In hands of treasurer		\$ 750.28
In hands of Tax Collector		0.00
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Due from State—		
Bounties		\$ 17.80
Due on John Cox note and Interest		79.50
Taxes bought by Town:		
(Not including property actually deeded		
by Town)		
		\$ 246.06
		<hr/> \$1,093.64
Uncollected Taxes:		
1940 Property & Polls	\$ 833.21	
1939 Property & Polls	101.47	
1938 Property & Polls	225.78	
1937 Property & Polls	123.60	
1936 Property & Polls	17.72	
	<hr/> \$1,301.78	
Total Assets		<hr/> \$2,395.42
Grand Total		<hr/> \$2,395.42
Surplus January 31, 1940		\$1,224.05
Surplus January 31, 1941		\$1,217.45
Decrease of Surplus		<hr/> \$6.60

SHEET**January 31, 1941**

LIABILITIES**Accounts Owed by Town:**

Notes, \$ 0.00

Due to Trustees of Trust Funds, 0.00

Due to School District:

Dog Licenses (1940) \$ 44.00

Balance Appropriation (1940) 970.97

Forest Reserve (1940) 163.00

Total Due School District \$1,177.97

Total Liabilities \$1,177.97

Excess of Assets over Liabilities \$1,217.45

Grand Total \$2,395.42

The Town has no Notes or bonds.

All borrowed money was

paid at settling date.

**REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
MARGARET E. ELLIOTT**

RECEIPTS:

From—

Floyd Hutchins, 1939 Dog Tax	\$ 10.00
Floyd Hutchins, 1940 Dog Tax	33.00
Floyd Hutchins, 1940 Motor Vehicle	166.02
Floyd Hutchins, 1941 Motor Vehicle	15.59
John Boutin, 1938 Property Tax redeemed	27.94
John Boutin, 1938 Interest	5.04
John Boutin, 1938 Cost	7.00
John Boutin, 1937 Cost	41.75
John Boutin, 1936 Property Tax redeemed	24.12
John Boutin, 1936 Interest	2.85
John Boutin, 1936 Costs	3.50
State of New Hampshire, Bounties	16.20
State of New Hampshire, Forest Reserve ('39)	228.33
State of New Hampshire, Railroad Tax	13.10
State of New Hampshire, Savings Bank Tax	17.81
State of New Hampshire, Int. and dividend Tax	25.30
State of New Hampshire, 1940 Forest Reserve	326.00
Trust Funds for cemeteries	60.23
Trust Funds for Highways	57.27
Howard Tyler, refund on road work	1.60
Howard Tyler, Loan to church fund on roofing	10.84
Howard Tyler, Poor off Farm	40.80
Woodsville Bank Loans	2,000.00
Interest on John Cox Note	4.50
Ira Elliott, collector 1939 Tax	182.64
Ira Elliott, collector 1939 adv.	694.38
Ira Elliott, collector redeemed Tax	50.66
Ira Elliott, Interest on Tax	70.92
Ira Elliott, Costs	14.00

Ira Elliott, 1939 Poll Tax	40.00
Ira Elliott, 1939 taxes bought by Town	191.09
Ira Elliott, 1940 Taxes	3,414.25
Ira Elliott, 1940 Interest	8.01
Ira Elliott, 1940 Polls	116.00
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Total Receipts	\$7,920.74
Cash on Hand January 31, 1940	1,078.34
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	\$8,999.08
Less Selectmen's orders paid	8,248.80
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Cash on Hand January 31, 1941	\$ 750.28

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Treas.

Town of Benton, 1940

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Statement of Balance of Road Money

Total amount raised for Town Roads 1940	\$ 600.00
Total amount expended for Roads 1940	525.75
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	\$74.25
Unexpended Balance 1940	\$ 74.25
Received of Trustee for Roads 1940	57.27
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Unexpended Balance	\$131.52
Snow Removal:	
Total amount raised for Snow Removal	\$ 800.00
Total amount expended for Snow Removal	1,092.26
Over draw	\$292.26
Appropriation	\$ 800.00
Over draft on same	292.26
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Total	\$1,092.26

**STATEMENT OF RELIEF PROGRAM
TOWN AND COUNTY CASES**

Town Poor Relief	
Medical care	\$ 166.00
Board and care	189.00
State of New Hampshire Old Age Asst.	7.75
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	\$ 362.75
Total	\$ 362.75
County Poor	
Groceries	\$40.80

The Town received the \$40.80 Reimbursement.

C. H. TYLER, Selectman.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1939 Tax collected	\$927.68
1939 Interest	58.75
1939 Costs	14.00
1939 Poll Tax collected	\$40.00
1939 Tax uncollected	\$101.47
1940 Tax collected	\$3,414.25
1940 Uncollected	775.21
1940 Poll Tax collected	116.00
1940 Interest	8.01

IRA E. ELLIOTT, Tax Collector
Town of Benton, 1939 & 1940.

Receipts and Payments

Detailed Payments

RECEIPTS AND

Current Revenue:**From Local Taxes:**

Property Taxes committed to collector	\$4,189.46
Less uncollected	775.21

 \$3,414.25

Poll Taxes actually collected	116.00
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Total of current year's collections **\$3,530.25**

Property and Poll Taxes previous years actually collected	\$ 944.96
Interest on 1936 and 1938 Taxes	7.89
Interest on 1939 Taxes	70.92
Interest on 1940 Taxes	8.01

Tax Sales redeemed	74.78
Costs	66.25
Taxes Bought By Town	191.09

From State:

Bounties	\$ 16.20
Forest Reserve for 1939	228.33
Railroad Tax	13.10
Savings Bank Tax	17.81
Interest and Dividend Tax	25.30
1940 Forest Reserve	326.00

Total Current Revenue Receipts

(Carried forward to page 20)	\$5,520.89
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PAYMENTS **Year Ending January 31, 1941**

Current Maintenance Expenses:**General Government:****Detail**

1. Town Officers' Salaries	\$	285.50
2. Town Officers' Expenses		207.19
3. Election and Registration		133.68
4. Town Hall		197.47

Protection of Persons and Property:

5. Police Department	\$	12.70
6. Bounties		17.80
7. Fire		0.00

Health Department:

8. Health Officer	\$	5.00
9. Vital Statistics		1.50

Highways and Bridges:

10. Snow Removal	\$	1,092.26
11. Town Road		525.75

Libraries:

12. Library	\$	12.00
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Charities:

13. Town Poor	\$	362.75
14. County Poor		40.80

Patriotic Purposes:

15. Memorial Day	\$	18.23
16. Loan to Church		10.84

Total Current Payments

(Carried forward to page 21)

\$2,923.47

RECEIPTS AND

Total Current Revenue Receipts (brought forward from page 18)	\$5,520.89
Trustees of Trust Funds:	
Cemeteries	\$ 60.23
Highways	57.27
Refunds from Road work	1.60
From County:	
Poor off Farm	\$ 40.80
From Local Sources Except Taxes:	
Loan from church	\$ 10.84
Woodsville Bank Loans	2,000.00
Interest on Cox Note	4.50
1939 Dog Tax	10.00
1940 Dog Tax	33.00
1940 Motor Permits	166.02
1941 Motor Permits	15.59
Total Receipts	\$7,920.74
Cash on Hand January 31, 1940	1,078.34
Grand Total	\$8,999.08

PAYMENTS **Year Ending January 31, 1941**

Total Current Payments

(brought forward from page 19) \$2,923.47

Detail**Public Service:**

17. Cemeteries \$ 98.30

Unclassified:

18. Taxes Bought By Town \$ 248.31

 Abatements 41.75

Payments on Notes:

19. Interest on Notes \$ 56.25

 Notes paid in Full to Woodsville Bank 2,500.00

State Aid Construction:

21. Permanent Improvement \$ 183.00

Payment to Governmental Divisions:

22. County Tax \$ 477.72

 School District 1,720.00

Total Payments \$ 8,248.80

Cash on Hand January 31, 1941 750.28

Grand Total \$ 8,999.08

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government:**Detail No. 1, Town Officers' Salaries**

Ethel Boutin, Auditor, 1940 account	\$ 4.00
Stephen H. Dexter, Selectman	35.20
John G. Elliott, Selectman	37.40
Charles H. Tyler, Selectman	50.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, Town Clerk	35.00
Margaret E. Elliott, Treasurer	35.00
Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector	50.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, 54 auto permits	13.50
Floyd J. Hutchins, 20 dogs	4.00
C. H. Tyler, overseer's salary	21.40

 \$285.50

Total Town Officers' Salaries \$285.50

Appropriation \$300.00

Detail No. 2, Town Officers' Expenses

N. H. Assessors, dues	\$ 2.00
Woodsville Publishing Co., Town Reports	85.40
Charles E. Dixon, transfer name	.10
F. P. Dearth, Officers' bonds (Town)	20.00
F. J. Shores, transfer deeds	1.46
S. H. Dexter, car & phone taking inventory	12.30
Floyd J. Hutchins, for Justice application	5.00
John Elliott, car fare to Concord	3.80
John Elliott, use of car	2.30
Floyd Hutchins, car	2.00
H. Tyler, car fare to Concord	3.80
Lisbon Bank, rent of Trustees' Box	4.95
Floyd Hutchins, car to Lisbon & two dinners	4.00
C. H. Tyler, postage, phone & supplies	10.19
Ira Elliott, postage	5.54

Edson C. Eastman, Town supplies	31.20
Brown & Saltmarsh, Town supplies	6.60
Margaret Elliott, postage	3.55
Floyd Hutchins, postage	3.00
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	\$207.19

Total Town Officers' Expenses \$207.19

Appropriation \$250.00

Detail No. 3, Election and Registration

Charles C. Tyler, Supervisor	\$ 22.40
Ben Elliott, Ballot Clerk (R)	3.20
Edgar Morse, Ballot Clerk (R)	3.20
Napoleon Burke, Supervisor	22.40
Alfred Mardin, Clerk	9.60
William Crowe, Clerk	9.60
Ira Elliott, Moderator	9.60
Napoleon Boutin, Supervisor	16.00
Howard Tyler, Selectman	6.40
Lester Noxon, Clerk	6.40
Joseph Boutin, Clerk	6.40
John Elliott, Selectman	6.40
S. H. Dexter, Selectman	6.40
Edson C. Eastman, Checklists	3.68
Floyd Hutchins, car returning Ballots for recount	2.00
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	\$133.68

Total \$133.68

Appropriation \$130.00

Detail No. 4, Town Hall

Caldbeck Cosgrove, Steel Roofing	\$137.57
John Elliott, labor	11.20
Napoleon Boutin, labor	10.00
Howard Tyler, labor	4.00
Margaret Elliott, cleaning Hall	5.00
Ira Elliott, oilcloth for tables	2.70
F. P. Dearth, Insurance on Hall	25.00
John Elliott, wood for Clerk's Office	2.00

 \$197.47

Total Expended	\$197.47
Appropriation	\$200.00

Detail No. 5, Protection of Persons and Property

Grace Tyler, March 11, 2 tramps	\$ 3.00
Grace Tyler, July 17, one tramp	1.50
Arthur Delaney, Constable	8.20

 \$12.70

Total	\$12.70
Appropriation	\$15.00

Detail No. 6, Fire Department

Fires	0.00
Appropriated	\$50.00

Detail No. 7, Bounties

Bounties Paid	
Porcupines (89) @ \$.20 each	\$17.80
Total	\$17.80

Detail No. 8, Health Department

Health Officer	\$5.00
Total	\$5.00
Appropriated	\$10.00

Detail No. 9, Vital Statistics

Floyd Hutchins, 2 deaths, 1 birth	\$.75
Dr. Robert Deming, 1 death	.25
Dr. Frank Seligson, 1 death	.25
Dr. S. A. Blodgett, 1 birth	.25
	\$1.50

Total	\$1.50
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Appropriated	\$5.00
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Detail No. 10. Snow Removal and Sanding

South Benton included

Napoleon Boutin

Roland McKean

Agent February to March mtg Agent elect in March

Plowing Rate, \$2.00 per hour.

Teams, \$.80 per hour Sanding Rate, \$1.20 per hour

Napoleon Boutin \$ 201.00

Roland McKean 324.80

Alfred Mardin 109.60

Joseph Boutin, Jr. 40.00

Francis Boutin 9.80

Est. Will Carr, sand 9.61

Floyd Hutchins 5.60

Morris D. Perry, wing and mounting 149.75

John G. Elliott 29.80

Howard Tyler 4.80

Harold Tewksbury 15.90

Joe Wheeler 3.00

Horace Tewksbury 1.20

N. Burke 2.60

Cycl Frye 3.00

Philip Cochrane	3.00
Lester Noxon	3.00
William Prue	58.00
Clint Hill	3.20
Paul Buzzel	3.20
William Clough, sand	3.00
Frederick Glover	6.40
William Smith	3.20
Tilden Day, sand	4.20
Vulcan Steel Co., Blades	51.20
William Crowe	17.20
Grafton Feed Co., Salt	15.00
Roger Carr	5.80
Russell Elliott	5.40
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Total	\$1,092.26

Summary	\$1,092.26
Appropriated	\$ 800.00

Detail No. 11, Town Road Work 1940

South Benton included. Roland G. McKean, Agent.

Rates: Truck and Driver \$1.20; Truck only \$.80;
Laborer \$.40 per hour.

Roland McKean	\$ 308.34
Russell Elliott	27.60
Lester Noxon	33.80
Joseph Boutin, Jr.	21.40
Clint Hill	20.00
Paul Buzzell	19.80
John Elliott	11.60
Alfred Mardin	10.80

Frederick Glover	1.60
Arthur Delaney	1.20
William Crowe	9.40
Joe Wheeler	9.40
Napoleon Burke	3.60
Fred Higgins	3.00
Harry Belleu	8.80
Tilden Day, Gravel	5.00
Gove & Morrill, Supplies	8.65
Vulcan Steel, Blades	21.76

Total		\$ 525.75
Summary	\$525.75	
Appropriated	\$600.00	

Detail No. 12, Libraries

Margaret Elliott, Librarian	\$12.00
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Detail No. 13, Town Poor

Grafton County Farm and medical care	\$166.00
Board and care	189.00
State of New Hampshire, Old Age Asst.	7.75
	\$362.75

Total Town Poor	\$362.75
Appropriation	\$200.00

Detail No. 14, County Poor

Groceries	\$40.80
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Detail No. 15, Patriotic Purposes

Ira Elliott, chairman	
Supplies for Memorial Day dinner, flags and pastor	\$18.23

Total	\$18.23
Appropriation	\$20.00

Detail No. 16, Public Service Enterprises

Cemeteries—

Rhett Scruggs Est., paint and brushes	\$ 3.95
Woodsville Hardware, Lawn Mower	15.95
Charles C. Tyler, labor Mountain View	47.00
Charles C. Tyler, East Cemetery	12.80
Floyd Hutchins, Mountain View	3.80
Russell Elliott, Mountain View	1.80
Howard Tyler, labor, both Cemeteries	8.00
George Belyea, South Part	5.00
	\$98.30

Total	\$98.30
Appropriation	\$75.00

The Trustees of the Trust Funds paid the Town \$60.23 for the Care of Cemeteries.

Detail No. 18, Unclassified

Taxes Bought By The Town	\$246.06
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Detail No. 19, Payments on Notes

Interest	\$ 56.25
All Notes paid in Full	2,500.00

Detail No. 20,

Church Loan	\$10.84
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No money was expended by the Town on the Church. The following item was loaned to pay the balance on roofing.

When the \$28.00 interest from the Clark fund was received by the Church Treasurer in October the \$10.84 was paid back to the Town.

S. H. Dexter	\$10.84
Balance on Roofing, Loaned by Town.	

Detail No. 21, Outlay for New Construction

State Aid Construction	\$183.00
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Total	\$183.00
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Detail No. 22, Payments to Gov. Divisions

County Tax	\$477.72
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Detail No. 23

To Treasurer of Schools	\$1,720.00
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TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period Ending January 31, 1941

The following is our annual report of all Trust Funds.

Received of Ira Whitcher Fund, interest on \$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery	\$13.75
Bal. Jan. 31, 1940	12.66
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	\$26.41
For Cemetery	\$15.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1941	11.41
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	\$26.41

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest on \$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for care of lot. Bal- ance if any for School and Highways	\$13.75
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	\$13.75
Care of lot	\$ 9.75
For School	2.00
For Highways	2.00
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	\$13.75

Received from Ella Mann Fund, interest on
\$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	\$1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1940	1.16
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	\$2.16
Care of lot	\$1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1941	1.16
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	\$2.16

Received from George H. Clark Fund, interest on
\$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	\$3.30
Bal. Jan. 31, 1940	15.70
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	\$19.00
Care of lot	\$ 3.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1941	16.00
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	\$19.00

Received from William T. Torsy Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	\$.84
Received from Emma Annis, Woodsville, N. H.	1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1940	1.01
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	\$2.85
Care of lot	\$1.75
Bal. Jan. 31, 1941	1.10
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	\$2.85

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,000.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery, Bal-
ance, if any, for School and Highways \$27.50

	\$27.50
For Cemetery	\$17.50
For School	5.00
For Highways	5.00
	\$27.50

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans for
School \$50.00

	\$50.00
To Benton School District	\$50.00

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans for
Highways \$50.00

	\$50.00
To Town of Benton for Highways	\$50.00

Received from Samuel C. Annis Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$.84

Received from Emma Annis, Woodsville, N. H. 1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 1.01

\$2.85

Care of lot \$1.75

Bal. Jan. 31, 1941 1.10

\$2.85

Received from Jonathan Davis Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$.84

Received from Emma Annis, Woodsville, N. H. 1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 1.01

\$2.85

Care of lot \$1.75

Bal. Jan. 31, 1941 1.10

\$2.85

Received from J. C. Speed Fund, interest on
\$134.71 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$ 2.29

Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 12.16

\$14.45

Care of lot \$ 2.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1941 12.45

\$14.45

Received from Samuel Whitcher and Wm. Kendall Fund, interest on \$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 3.30

Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 19.22

\$22.52

Care of lot \$ 3.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1941 19.52

\$22.52

Received from Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 1.02

\$2.02

Care of lot \$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1941 1.02

\$2.02

Received from Daniel M. and Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$100.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 2.01

Bal. Jan. 31, 1940 0.26

\$2.27

Care of lot \$2.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1941 .27

\$2.27

Received from Isabella M. Tyler Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	\$1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1940	.22

\$1.22

Care of lot	\$1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1941	.22

\$1.22

No revenue has been received from L. H. Parker
Fund for the year 1940.

Total amount received from Trust Funds for the year ending January 31, 1941	\$174.42
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Bal. Jan. 31, 1940	65.42
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Total	\$239.85
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Total amount paid for care of cemetery lots, for
repairing and beautifying Mountain View Cemetery
and for school and highways

\$174.50

Balance deposited on check account,
Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.,
January 31, 1941.

65.35

Total	\$239.85
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FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,
NAPOLEON BURKE,
JOHN G. ELLIOTT,

Trustees of Trust Funds, Benton, N. H.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books in Library January 31, 1940	657
Books added by State	2
Books given by Pike Library	5
Books given by Mrs. Higgins	1

Total No. of Books	665
Books loaned Town by Bookmobile	39
Books taken from Library in 1940	301
Books now in circulation	4
Books in Library January 31, 1941	661

The Town of Benton wishes to thank the Pike Library for books given, and Mrs. Higgins also.

The readers of Benton have enjoyed the books loaned by the Bookmobile very much.

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT,
Librarian.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Cash on hand January 31, 1941	\$64.49
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MILDRED A. ELLIOTT,
LAURA M. NOXON,
Library Trustees.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Agent, Trustees of the Trust Funds and Library Trustees, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN, Auditor.
February 4, 1941. Town of Benton.

Benton School Report

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Floyd Hutchins, Chairman	Term expires 1943
Mrs. Alexzina Boutin,	Term expires 1942
Mrs. Ethel Boutin,	Term expires 1941

Other District Officers

Charles H. Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Lillian Pilote	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Ira A. Elliott	Moderator
F. Lester Trafton	Superintendent of Schools
Arthur Delaney	Truant Officer

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

FLOYD HUTCHINS,
ETHEL BOUTIN,
ALEXZINA BOUTIN,

February 1, 1941

School Board

Warrant For The School Meeting

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 11th day of March 1941, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.

9. To see if the District will vote to install electric lights in the school house and raise and appropriate the necessary money for the same.

10. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

FLOYD HUTCHINS,

ETHEL BOUTIN,

ALEXZINA BOUTIN,

School Board.

 RECEIPTS 1939—1940

State and Federal Aid:

Equalization fund for elementary school (from state)	\$ 782.48	
National forest reserve	227.39	
Total		\$1,009.87

Income from Local Taxation:

(raised by Selectmen)

For support of Eelemen- tary Schools	\$1,140.03	
Appropriation 1938-1939	501.58	
Total		\$1,641.61

Income from Other Sources:

Income from local trust funds, 1939	\$ 57.27	
Dog Taxes	61.00	
Other receipts	20.00	
Total		\$ 138.27

Total Receipts From All Sources **\$2,789.75**

Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1939	28.98
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GRAND TOTAL **\$2,818.73**

 PAYMENTS 1939—1940

Administration

Salaries of district officers	\$ 60.80
Superintendent's excess salary	36.37
Truant officers and census	10.00
Expenses of administration	28.59

Instruction

Teacher's Salary	900.00
Textbooks	39.05
Scholars' supplies	35.29
Other expenses of instruction	10.70

Operation and Maintenance

Janitor service	37.00
Fuel	2.50
Water, light, janitor's supplies	4.50
Minor repairs and expenses	262.60

Auxiliary Agencies

Medical inspection	35.78
Transportation of pupils	563.00
High school tuition	452.17
Elementary school tuition	144.00
Other special activities	5.13

Fixed Charges

Tax for state-wide supervision	82.00
Insurance and other fixed charges	5.00
New equipment	1.20
Payment of bills from previous years	36.34

Total Payments for All Purposes	\$2,752.02
Cash on Hand at End of Year, June 30, 1940	66.71

GRAND TOTAL	\$2,818.73
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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

June 30, 1940

Cash on hand:

Balance, June 30, 1940	\$ 66.71
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Accounts due to district:

Appropriation 1939-1940	\$359.97
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Federal forest reserve 1939	114.16
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Dog Taxes 1939	81.00
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Napoleon Boutin	45.00
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\$600.13

Total Assets

\$666.84

Excess of Liabilities over Assets

0.00

GRAND TOTAL

\$666.84

LIABILITIES

June 30, 1940

Napoleon Boutin

\$28.00

Total Liabilities

\$ 28.00

Excess of Assets over Liabilities

638.84

GRAND TOTAL

\$666.84

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Benton, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LILLIAN S. PILOTE,

July 11, 1940

Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1940**

School District of Benton**SUMMARY**Cash on hand, June 30, 1939 \$ 28.98Received from State Treasurer
(State and Federal Aid) 782.48**Received from Selectmen:**Appropriation for current year 1,140.03Balance of previous appropriation 501.58Income from trust funds, 1939 57.27Dog Taxes, 1938-1939 61.00Federal Forest Reserve, 1938-1939 227.39Received from all other sources 20.00

\$2,818.73

Total amount available for fiscal year

(Balance and Receipts) \$2,818.73Less school board orders paid 2,752.02

Balance on hand as of June 30, 1940(Treasurer's Bank Balance) \$66.71**CHARLES H. TYLER,**

July 9, 1940

District Treasurer.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1941—1942

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1942.

Detailed Statement of Estimated Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teachers' salaries	\$ 900.00
Textbooks	20.00
Scholars' supplies	35.00
Flags and appurtenances	3.00
Other expenses of instruction	5.00
Janitor service	37.00
Fuel	30.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	8.00
Minor repairs, and expenses	25.00
Health supervision and medical Inspection	36.00
Transportation of pupils	504.00
Payment of elementary tuitions	144.00
Other special activities	5.00
	\$1,752.00

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers (fixed by district)	\$ 36.00
Truant Officer and School Census (fixed by district)	10.00
Payment of Tuition in High Schools and academies (estimated by board)	380.00

Superintendent's Excess Salary (fixed by supervisory union)	36.37
Per Capita Tax (reported by State Treasurer)	72.00
Other obligations	25.00
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	\$559.37
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Total Amount Required To Meet School Board's Budget	\$2,311.37
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Estimated Income of District

Balance, June 30, 1941	\$ 400.00
State Aid, December 1941 allotment	963.92
Dog Taxes	50.00
Income from trust funds	57.00
Federal Forest Reserve	50.00
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Deduct Total Estimated Income (Not raised by Taxation)	\$1,520.92
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Assessment Required to Balance	\$790.45
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We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$900 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

FLOYD HUTCHINS,
ETHEL BOUTIN,
ALEXZINA BOUTIN,

School Board.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS**

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton :

I herewith present my seventh annual report as superintendent of your schools.

The total enrollment for 1939-1940 was 24, the average membership was 21.48; the percent of attendance, 94.7%, and the number of cases of tardiness, 46. The percent of attendance was better than that for the previous year. There were four pupils attending high school at Woodsville and four at Bath. There were two elementary pupils at Glencliff and two at East Haverhill.

This year the enrollment to date is 15 which is much smaller than for the past few years. There are four pupils attending high schools and five pupils attending elementary schools outside the district.

Miss Kathryn Driscoll of North Woodstock replaced Mrs. Louise Ross as your teacher this year. Miss Driscoll is a graduate of Plymouth Teachers College and has had several years of experience in the schools of Pittsburgh, N. H.

During the past year the school building has been greatly improved in appearance by painting it both inside and outside. The School Board purchased a second-hand jacketed heater at a very reasonable price. This heater should be much more efficient than the old stove which it replaced.

The School Board is asking for an appropriation this year of \$900, which is \$600 less than that of the previous year. This has been made possible by a

larger estimated balance, more state aid, and by a reduction in the cost of high school tuition.

I wish to thank the members of the School Board for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
F. LESTER TRAFTON,
Superintendent of Schools.

Vital Statistics

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., For The Year Ending January 31, 1941.

James Watson Elliott, born at Benton, N. H., May 18, 1940, thirteenth child, male, living, white; name of father, John G. Elliott, occupation, laborer, birthplace, Benton, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Mildred A. Ball, birthplace, Landaff, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., For The Year Ending January 31, 1941.

There were no marriages in the Town of Benton, during the year ending January 31, 1941.

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.,
For The Year Ending January 31, 1941.**

Eva Mae Taylor, died June 5th, 1940, age 17 years, 5 months, 8 days, born at Franklin, N. H., white, single; father's name, Joseph Taylor, maiden name of mother, Ella Gill; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Grace Laura Morin, died January 22, 1941, age, 30 years, 7 months, 5 days, born at Dorchester, Mass., white, married; father's name, Robert S. Jarvis, maiden name of mother, Delina Lagasse; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Alphonse Fillian, died March 25, 1940, age, 69 years, 8 months, ? days, born at St. Helene, P. Q., Canada, white, widowed; father's name, August Fillian; maiden name of mother, Mary Gagane; cause of death, apoplexy.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,

Town Clerk.

