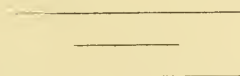


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ANNUAL
REPORTS

Of the Officers of the Town of
BENTON, N. H.

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1944

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Of The Officers Of The
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TWIN STATE PUBLISHING CO. INC
WOODSVILLE, N. H.

BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Ira E. Elliott

TOWN CLERK

Floyd J. Hutchins

SELECTMEN

Alfred I. Mardin
Term expires '45Charles H. Tyler
Term expires '46John Boutin
Term expires '47

HIGHWAY AGENT, Ira E. Elliott

TREASURER

Margaret E. Elliott

TAX COLLECTOR

Ira E. Elliott

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLISTS

Ethel A. Boutin,

Napoleon Burke,

Chester H. Elliott

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Floyd J. Hutchins

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Laura Noxon,

Frances Mardin,

Mildred Elliott

FENCE VIEWER, Arthur Delaney

CONSTABLE,

Ira E. Elliott

SCHOOL BOARD

Floyd J. Hutchins,

Alexzina Boutin,

Ethel A. Boutin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Floyd J. Hutchins, Ch. & Tr., Napoleon Burke, Arthur Delaney

SEXTON, John G. Elliott

AUDITOR, Ethel A. Boutin

BALLOT CLERKS

Thelma Boutin,

Joseph Boutin, Jr.,
and Francese Mardin

Mildred Elliott

LIBRARIAN, Margaret E. Elliott

HEALTH OFFICER

John Boutin

OVERSEER OF POOR

Ethel A. Boutin

POUND KEEPER

Chester H. Elliott

John G. Elliott was appointed sexton to fill vacancy of Arthur Delaney, resigned.

Town Meeting Warrant

The 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 Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, (March 13th) 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, (Alfred W. Mardin being the outgoing member), one Highway Agent, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of the Trust Funds 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, 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 regard to how Memorial Day will be observed.

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 if the Town will vote to paint or stain the Benton Community Building and to raise such sums of money as may be needed for this purpose.

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

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to build a woodshed for the School and Community Building and raise and appropriate the necessary money for the same.

Article 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 22nd day of January, A. D., 1945.

ALFRED MARDIN

JOHN BOUTIN

C. H. TYLER

Selectmen of Benton

ALFRED MARDIN

JOHN BOUTIN

C. H. TYLER

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

BUDGET OF TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the ensuing
year, Jan. 1st, 1945 to Jan. 1, 1946

Compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures, Feb. 1st, 1944 to Jan. 1st,
1945.

Sources of Revenue	actual	est'm'd
FROM STATE		
Interest and Dividend Tax	1944	1945
Railroad Tax	\$ 11.42	\$ 11.00
Savings Bank Tax	6.33	6.00
Bounties	46.40	63.00
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:		
Interest and Costs Included	80.66	50.00
Auto Permits	101.96	85.00
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:		
Poll Taxes (1944)	98.00	100.00
Dog Taxes	51.00	40.00
Income, Forest Reserve, (1943)	420.77	400.00
Income, House Bill No. 65	964.58	800.00
Income, Trust Funds	130.44	110.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	130.02	50.00
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TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES		\$1,715.00
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes		2,709.00
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TOTAL REVENUES		\$4,415.00
 Purpose of Expenditures		
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
	actual	est'm'd
	1944	1945
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Town Officers' Salaries	317.59	350.00
Town Officers' Expenses	265.17	250.00
Election and Registration	178.61	50.00
Care and Supplies Community Building	85.00	150.00

BUDGET**PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:**

Police Department	5.00	5.00
Bounties	63.00	

HEALTH:

Health Department	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	10.25	10.00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

Town Roads	643.08	600.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	810.10	700.00
T. R. A.	78.28	

LIBRARIES:

Librarian	12.00	12.00
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CHARITIES:

Town Poor	98.56	150.00
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PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:

Memorial Day	33.30	20.00
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

Cemeteries	147.25	75.00
Payment on Community Bldg.	88.00	88.00
Interest on Note	66.55	50.00
Town Road Aid	78.28	

Payments to Other Government Divisions

County Tax	242.97	300.00
Payment to School District	1,860.39	1,600.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		\$4,415.00
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INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

April 1, 1944

Land and Buildings		\$ 63,900.00
Growing Wood and Timber		8,950.00
Electric Plants		30,990.00
Horses (30)		4,175.00
Cows (113)		14,575.00
Other Neat Stock (37)		2,495.00
Tractor (1)		500.00
Portable Mills (1)		1,000.00
Wood and Lumber		570.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		200.00
Stock in Trade		380.00
		\$127,735.00
Polls (69) @ \$2.00		\$138.00
Polls (69) \$3.00		\$207.00
1943 Valuation	\$118,098.00	
1944 Valuation	127,735.00	
	\$ 9,637.00	
Average Tax Rate for all purposes		\$2.60

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED 1944, TOWN OF BENTON**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 375.00
Town Officers' Expenses	235.00
Election and Registration Expenses	170.00
Town Hall and Buildings	150.00
Police Department	5.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
Town Road Aid	41.32
Town Maintenance	600.00
Snow Removal	700.00
Libraries	12.00
Town Poor	300.00
Memorial Day	20.00
Cemeteries	75.00
Interest	100.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	88.00
County Tax	242.97
School Tax	1,675.00
TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL	4,799.29
APPROPRIATIONS	\$4,799.29

Less Estimated Revenues and Credits**Year 1944**

Total Town and School Appropriations		\$4,799.29
Railroad Tax	\$ 12.00	
Savings Bank Tax	6.00	
Reimbursement a-c State and Federal Lands	964.58	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	100.00	
Forest Reserve	420.77	
Total Revenues and Credits		1,503.35
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		\$3,295.94
Plus Overlay		163.14
Net amount to be raised by Taxation		\$3,459.11
Less Regular Poll Taxes at \$2.00		138.00
Amount to be raised by Property Tax, on which Town Tax Rate is figured		\$3,321.11
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Taxes to be committed to Collector		
Property Tax		\$3,321.11
Regular Polls at \$2.00		138.00
Total Taxes Town		\$3,459.11
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Special Poll Taxes at \$3.00		207.00
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Total Taxes to be committed to Collector		\$3,666.11
Tax Rate	\$2.60	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Community Building	\$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	\$1,000.00
Town Clerk's Building	200.00
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Highway Equipment	445.00
Town Safe	50.00
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Total	\$6,745.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Town of Benton

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$1,062.99
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State—	
Bounties	63.00
Estimate Forest Reserve 1944	300.00
Estimate Reimbursement a-c Federal Forest 1944	800.00
Taxes bought by Town:	
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1944 property and polls	598.69
Levy of 1943 polls	48.00
Levy of 1942 polls and property	82.89
Levy of 1941 polls and property	79.07
Levy of 1940 polls and property	40.90
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Total Assets	\$3,075.54
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Grand Total	\$3,075.54
Surplus, January 31, 1944	\$ 766.32
Surplus, December 31, 1944	\$1,840.21
Increase of Surplus	\$1,073.89

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:	
Building Note	\$ 616.00
Bank Notes	500.00
Special Poll Tax Due State	69.00
Due to School:	
Dog License to School Paid	
Balance of Appropriation	50.33
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Total Liabilities	\$1,235.33
Excess of assets over liabilities	1840.21
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Grand Total	\$3,075.54

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR TOWN OF BENTON
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944**

Received from Ira Elliott, Collector:

1944 Property Tax	\$ 2,745.98
1944 Discount	22.44
1944 Poll Tax Regular	98.00
1944 Poll Tax Special	150.00
1944 Interest	2.06
1943 Property Tax	388.02
1943 Property Tax Abated	9.90
1943 Interest	13.84
1943 Cost	7.30
1943 Poll Tax	22.00
1942 Property Tax Received	20.91
1942 Property Tax Abated	3.69
1942 Interest	1.67
1942 Cost	3.45
1941 Property Tax	1.38
1941 Poll Tax	2.00
1940 Property Tax Received	24.36
1940 Property Tax Abated	5.22
1940 Interest	8.56
1940 Cost	3.50
1939 Property Tax Received	21.62
1939 Interest	11.03
1939 Cost	6.50

Received from John Boutin:

1935 Property Tax Received	16.72
1937 Property Tax Received	20.89
1937 Interest	11.67
1938 Property Tax Received	25.52
1938 Interest	11.08
Sale of Deeded Property	150.00

Received from Floyd Hutchins:

Motor Vehicles	101.96
Dog Tax	51.00

From Trust Funds:

For Cemeteries	73.44
For Highways	57.00

Received from the State of New Hampshire:

Bounties	\$ 46.40
1943 Forest Reserve	420.77
1943 Reimbursement from Forest	964.58
Savings Bank Tax	6.33
Railroad Tax	11.42

Received from Howard Tyler:

Lot in Mountain View Cemetery	5.00
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Received from Alfred Mardin:

Sale of Lillian French Lot	26.21
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Received from Carl G. Eastman:

Care and expenses of Lulu Collins	236.99
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\$5,810.41

Balance January 31, 1944 1,194.99

\$7,005.40

Total Payments 5,942.41

Balance December 31, 1944 \$1,062.99

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

LEVY 1944:

Taxes Committed to Collector	\$ 3,321.11
Property Tax	3,321.11
Regular Polls	144.00
Special Polls	216.00
Collected Property	2,745.98
Discount	22.44
Uncollected Property	552.69

LEVY 1943:

Collected	397.92
Poll Taxes Collected	22.00

LEVY 1942:

Uncollected	52.89
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LEVY 1941:

Uncollected	51.07
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LEVY 1940:

Uncollected	24.90
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LEVY 1939:

Uncollected	27.84
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COLLECTED:

1942 Property Tax Redeemed	20.91
1942 Property Tax Abated	3.69
1942 Interest	1.67
1942 Cost	3.45
1941 Property Tax	1.38
1941 Poll Tax	2.00
1940 Property Tax Redeemed	24.25
1940 Property Tax Abated	5.22
1940 Interest	8.56
1940 Cost	3.50

UNCOLLECTED POLLS:

1944 Regular Poll Tax	45.00
1944 Special Poll Tax	69.00
1943 Poll Tax	48.00
1942 Poll Tax	30.00
1941 Poll Tax	28.00
1940 Poll Tax	16.00

I hereby certify that the above collections are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IRA E. ELLIOTT, Tax Collector.

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS

Detailed Payments

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:**From Local Taxes:**

Total taxes committed to collector	\$ 3,321.11
Less uncollected	552.69
Discounts	22.44

From Ira Elliott, Collector:

Property Taxes actually collected	\$ 2,745.98
1944 Polls collected	98.00
1944 Special Polls	150.00
1944 Interest	2.06
1944 Discount	22.44

Total of current year's collection **\$3,018.48**

Property and Poll Taxes of previous years:

1943 Property and Polls	\$ 410.02
1943 Property Abated	9.90
1943 Interest	13.84
1943 Costs	7.30
1942 Property Tax Redeemed	20.91
1942 Property Tax Abated	3.69
1942 Interest	1.67
1942 Costs	3.45
1941 Property Tax	1.38
1941 Poll Tax	2.00
1940 Property Tax Redeemed	24.36
1940 Property Tax Abated	5.22
1940 Interest	8.56
1940 Costs	3.50
1939 Property Tax Redeemed	21.62
1939 Interest	11.03
1939 Costs	6.50

From John Boutin:

1935 Property Tax	16.72
1937 Property Tax	20.89
1937 Interest	11.67
1938 Property Tax	25.52
1938 Interest	11.08
Sale of deeded property	150.00

From Floyd Hutchins:

Motor Vehicle	101.96
Dog Tax	51.00
Trust Funds for Cemeteries	73.44
Trust Funds for Highways	57.00

From State of New Hampshire:

Bounties	46.40
1943 Forest Reserve	420.77
1943 Federal Forest Reimbursement	964.58
Savings Bank Tax	6.33
Railroad Tax	11.42

From Cemetery:

Lot in Mountain View	5.00
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From Alfred Mardin:

Sale of Lillian French Lot	26.21
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From Carl G. Eastman:

Care and expense of Lula Collins (deceased)	236.99
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Total Receipts	\$5,810.41
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Cash on hand January 31, 1944	1,194.99
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Grand Total	\$7,005.40
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PAYMENTS
Current Maintenance Expense:**General Government:****Detail**

1. Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 317.59
2. Town Officers' Expenses	265.17
3. Election and Registration	178.61
4. Community Building	85.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

5. Police Department	5.00
6. Bounties	63.00

Health Department:

7. Health Officer	5.00
8. Vital Statistics	10.25

Highways and Bridges:

9. TRA to State of New Hampshire	78.28
10. Snow Removed and Sanding and snow fence labor	810.10
11. Town Maintenance	643.08

Libraries:

12. Librarian	12.00
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Town Poor:

13. Old Age Assistance	98.56
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Patriotic Purposes:

14. Memorial Day and Service Flag	33.30
15. Special Poll Tax to State Treasurer	114.00

Cemeteries:

16. Cemeteries	147.25
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Unclassified:

17. Abatements	18.31
18. Interest	66.55

Town Property, Upkeep:

19. Payments on Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	800.00
20. Payment Community Building Note	88.00

Payment to Government Divisions:

21. County Tax	242.97
22. Schools	1860.39

Total Payments	\$5,942.41
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Cash on hand December 31, 1944	1,062.99
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Grand Total	\$7,005.40
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DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**General Government:****Detail No. 1, Town Officers' Salaries**

Ethel Boutin, Auditor ('43 acc't)	\$ 8.00
Alfred Mardin, Selectman	49.00
John Boutin, Selectman	35.00
Charles H. Tyler, Selectman	60.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, Town Clerk	35.00
Margaret E. Elliott, Treasurer	35.00
Ira Elliott, Tax Collector	50.00
Floyd Hutchins, Dog and Motor Fees	16.05
Ira Elliott, Adv., Tax Deed and to Register	7.54
Alfred Mardin, Selectman	
Care of late Lula Collins Case	12.00
Howard Tyler, care of late Lula Collins Case	10.00

	\$317.59
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Total Town Officers' Salaries	\$317.59
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The two last payments were reimbursed the Town from the late Lula Collins Est.

Detail No. 5, Protection of Persons and Property

Ira Elliott, Constable		\$5.00
Total	\$5.00	

Detail No. 6, Bounties

Bounties		\$63.00
Total	\$63.00	

Detail No. 7, Health Department

John Boutin, Health Officer		\$5.00
Total	\$5.00	

Detail No. 8, Vital Statistics

Floyd Hutchins, Recording 9 deaths, 4 marriages		\$ 6.50
Dr. Rufus Little, deaths		2.50
Dr. Frederick McIver, death		.25
Floyd Hutchins, 2 marriages		1.00

		\$10.25

Total	\$10.25	
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Detail No. 9, Town Road Aid

T. R. A.		\$78.28
Total	\$78.28	

Detail No. 10, Snow Removal, Sanding

Snow Fence and Labor and Supplies for Snow Fence Included		
Joseph Boutin, Jr., snow removal and sanding		\$231.20
Harlan Hutchins, labor		31.50
Floyd Hutchins, labor		18.50
Alfred Martin, shaft for wing		3.00
Paul Boutin, labor		2.00
Ernest Coates, labor and team		25.00
Forrest Pike, labor and team		10.00
Joseph Boutin 3rd, labor		2.50
William Prue, labor and team		76.00
Frank Hannett, labor and team		21.00
Woodsville Hardware, supplies		1.00
Ira Elliott, plowing, sanding and fence labor		170.00
Chester Elliott, posts for fence		25.00
Chester Elliott, labor		34.50
John Elliott, labor		15.00
Robert Elliott, labor		3.50
Lawrence French, labor		1.50
Snow Fence and Freight		99.40
Wire		5.00
Treasurer State of N. H., mounting plow		34.50

		\$810.10

Total	\$810.10	
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Detail No. 11, Town Road Maintenance

Ira Elliott, Road Agent		
Ira Elliott, labor		\$261.40
Chester Elliott, labor		38.00
Woodsville Hardware		7.38
Scruggs Hardware		4.00
John Elliott, Jr., labor		7.00
Forrest Clark, labor		58.50
Alfred Mardin, labor		3.00
Charles Moore, labor		60.00
John Elliott, Sr., labor		19.00
Robert Elliott, labor		4.00
Clinton Hill, labor		61.00
Tilden Day, gravel		2.10
Wayne Wheeler		34.00
Jay Delaney, truck		80.10
Frank Hannett, gravel		3.60
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		\$643.08
Total	\$643.08	

Detail No. 12, Libraries

Margaret E. Elliott, Librarian		\$12.00
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Detail No. 13, Town Poor and Old Age Assistance

Old age assistance, Mr. Charles Blake		\$98.56
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Detail No. 14, Patriotic Purposes

Service Flag		\$ 8.60
Postage on flag		.15
Rev. Nichols for service		3.00
Memorial Day Dinner		14.55
Rev. Nichols		4.00
Flags		3.00
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		\$33.30
Total	\$33.30	

Detail No. 15, Public Service Enterprises**Cemeteries:**

Arthur Delaney, Sexton resigned.		
John G. Elliott, Sexton by appointment		
Arthur Delaney		\$ 15.00
Shovel and rake		2.85
Paint		5.30
Flower Sets		2.10
John Elliott, labor		111.00
Robert Elliott, labor		5.50
John Elliott, Jr., labor		5.50
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		\$147.25
Total	\$147.25	

Detail No. 16, Abatement of Taxes	
Abated Taxes	\$18.31
Detail No. 17, Interest on Notes	
Interest	\$62.38
Detail No. 18, Payment on Notes	
Payment on Notes	\$800.00
Detail No. 19, Community Building	
Payment	\$88.00
Detail No. 20, Payments to Governmental Divisions	
County Tax	\$242.97
Detail No. 21, School District	
To Treasurer of Schools	\$1860.39

TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period Ending December 31, 1944

Received of Ira Whitcher Fund, interest on \$500.00 U. S.
Treasury Loan for Cemetery \$13.75

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 11.66

\$25.41

For Cemetery \$20.00

Bal. Dec. 31, 1944 5.41

\$25.41

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on
\$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for care of lot. Balance if any for
School and Highways \$13.75

\$13.75

Care of Lot \$ 9.75

For School 2.00

For Highways 2.00

\$13.75

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on
\$1,000.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery. Balance 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 & 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 & 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 J. C. Speed Fund, interest on \$134.71 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 2.29
Bal. January 31, 1944 12.32

\$14.61

Care of lot \$ 2.00
Bal. December 31, 1944 12.61

\$14.61

Received from Samuel Whitcher and Wm. Kendall Fund, interest on \$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 3.30
Bal. January 31, 1944 17.42

\$20.72

Care of lot \$ 5.00
Bal. December 31, 1944 15.72

\$20.72

Received from Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$1.00
Bal. January 31, 1944 1.02

\$2.02

Care of lot \$2.02

Received from Daniel M. and Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$100.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$2.01
Bal. January 31, 1944 .30

\$2.31

Care of lot \$2.31

Received from Isabella M. Tyler Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$1.00
Bal. January 31, 1944 .22

\$1.22

Care of lot \$1.22

Received from L. H. Parker Fund, rent of Cemetery Field \$5.00

\$5.00

Care of lots \$5.00

Total amount received from Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1944	\$176.42
Bal. January 31, 1944	64.06
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	\$240.48

Total amount paid for care of cemetery lots, for repairing and beautifying Mountain View Cemetery, and for school and highways	\$187.44
Balance on check account Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	53.04
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	\$240.48

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,

NAPOLEON BURKE,

A. C. DELANEY,

Trustees of Trust Funds.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 1944

Books in Library December 31, 1944	890
Books added by State	4
Books added, a gift from Mr. Page	150
Total Books Now	1044
Books loaned in 1944	130
Books in circulation	6
Books in Library December 31, 1944	1038
Total number of books laoned by Bookmobile	70

Many Thanks to Mr. Page and to the Bookmobile.

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Librarian.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Cash on hand December 31, 1944	\$70.47
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MILDRED A. ELLIOTT,

FRANCES J. MARDIN,

Library Trustees.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

ETHEL A. BOUTIN,

January 12, 1945

Town Auditor.

DANCE REVENUE REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 1944

Total receipts from dances	\$32.97
Balance on hand January 31, 1944	59.32
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	\$92.29

Payments

Waxing floor and cleaning hall	\$3.00
Window glass	1.69
For school children's picnic	5.00
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	\$9.69
Balance on hand December 31, 1944	82.60
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	\$92.29

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,
Treasurer of Dance Revenue.

Benton School Report

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Alexzina Boutin, Chairman	Term expires 1945
Floyd Hutchins	Term expires 1946
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Term expires 1947

Other District Officers

Charles H. Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Francis Mardin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Ira A. Elliott	Moderator
Ronald A. Perham	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.

ALEXZINA BOUTIN,
 FLOYD HUTCHINS,
 ETHEL BOUTIN,

School Board

RONALD A. PERHAM
 February 1, 1945

Superintendent of Schools

WARRANT FOR 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 School and Community Building in said district on the 13th day of March, 1945, 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 compensations 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 transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

ALEXZINA BOUTIN,
FLOYD HUTCHINS,
ETHEL BOUTIN,

School Board

RECEIPTS 1943—1944
State and Federal Aid:

Equalization fund for elementary schools (from state)	\$1,054.06
Federal Forest Reserve	210.39
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Total	\$1,264.45

Income from Local Taxation:

(Raised by Selectmen)	
For support of elementary and high schools 1943-44	\$1,175.00
Balance of previous Dog Taxes	144.13
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Total	\$1,319.13

Income from Other Sources:

Income from local trust funds, 1943	\$ 57.00
Dog Licenses	62.00
Other Receipts	25.00
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Total	\$ 144.00

Total Receipts From All Sources	\$2,727.58
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1943	91.66
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GRAND TOTAL	\$2,819.24

PAYMENTS 1943—1944
Administration

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 32.00
Superintendent's excess salary	38.64
Truant Officers and Census	10.00
Expenses of Administration	5.12

Instruction

Teacher's Salary	1,000.00
Textbooks	17.25
Scholars' supplies	54.27

Operation and Maintenance

Janitor service	245.00
Fuel	99.50
Water, light, janitor's supplies	22.48
Minor repairs and expenses	53.79

Auxiliary Agencies

Medical inspection	29.28
Transportation of pupils	353.00
High School Tuition	132.00
Elementary School Tuition	186.00

Fixed Charges

Tax for state wide supervision	56.00
Insurance and other fixed charges	53.75

Debt, Interest and Other Charges

Payments of principal of debt	240.00
Payments of interest on debt	75.60
Collector of Internal Revenue	26.68

Total Payments For All Purposes	\$2,730.36
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Cash on Hand at End of Year, June 30, 1944	88.88
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GRAND TOTAL	\$2,819.24
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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS
June 30, 1944
Cash on hand:

Balance June 30, 1944	\$ 88.88
Accounts due to District:	
From Town	350.00
Total Assets	<u>438.88</u>
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	1,488.32
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$1,927.20</u>

LIABILITIES
June 30, 1944
Accounts owed by District:

Victory Tax	\$ 7.20
Notes Outstanding	1920.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$1,927.20</u>
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$1,927.20</u>

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, 1944, and I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

July 13, 1944 FRANCES MARDIN, Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1944

SUMMARY

Cash on hand June 30, 1943	\$ 91.66
Received from Selectmen:	
Appropriations for current year	1,175.00
Balance of previous Dog Taxes	144.13
Dog Tax	62.00
Income from Trust Funds	57.00
Received from State Treasurer:	
State Aid	1,054.06
Forest Reserve	210.39
Received from all other sources	25.00
	\$2,727.58
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance and Receipts)	\$2,819.24
Less School Board Orders Paid	2,730.36
	\$ 88.88

Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1944

CHARLES H. TYLER,

July 13, 1944

District Treasurer.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1945-1946

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, 1945.

Detailed Statement of Estimated Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teachers' Salary	\$1,300.00
Textbooks	25.00
Scholars' Supplies	30.00
Flags and appurtenances	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	5.00
Janitor service	102.50
Fuel	125.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	28.00
Minor repairs and expenses	55.00
Health supervision and medical inspection	30.00
Transportation of pupils	432.00
Payment of elementary tuitions	360.00
Other special activities	5.00

\$2,502.50

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)	214.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary (Fixed by Supervisory Union)	50.00
Per Capita Tax (Reported by State Treasurer)	56.00
Payment of principal of debt	240.00
Payment of interest on debt	58.80
Other obligations	83.75
	\$748.55
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget	\$3,251.05

Estimated Income of District

Balance, June 30, 1945	\$ 400.00
State Aid, December 1945 allotment	1,000.00
Dog Taxes	50.00
Income from trust funds	57.00
Federal Forest Reserve	75.00
	\$1,582.00
Deduct Total Estimated Income (Not raised by taxation)	\$1,582.00
Assessment Required to Balance	\$1,669.05

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,675 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXZINA BOUTIN,
FLOYD HUTCHINS,
ETHEL BOUTIN,

School Board.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

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

The total enrollment for the school in 1943-44 was 12. The average membership 9.22. The percent of attendance 96.95 and the number of tardinesses were 0. There was 1 pupil attending Haverhill Academy. There were 4 elementary pupils at Pike School and 4 at Glencliff.

This year the total enrollment is 12. There is 1 pupil attending Haverhill Academy and 10 pupils attending an elementary school outside the district.

We were fortunate to retain the services of Mrs. Katie Paige of Groton, Vermont for this year. Mrs. Paige is well-liked by the children. Her holiday programs are exceptionally good. The sewing club, the craft work, and the supplementary work in cooking and home nursing are very worthwhile and not often offered in one-room schools. The fundamentals are well taught.

Your school is modern and well equipped. The school atmosphere is a happy, healthy one. The building is warm and comfortable.

The Benton School is undoubtedly outstanding in the state for its low tardiness record. None of the pupils who are in attendance at the school have been tardy during the past two years.

Additions made to the school since Mrs. Paige's arrival are the new state curtain, card tables, a sewing machine and new book cases. The Benton School could be improved by the addition of playground equipment.

Your School Board is cooperative. It is a pleasure to work in your community.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM,

Superintendent

VITAL STATISTICS**Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.****For the Year Ending December 31, 1944**

Chester H. Elliott and Marian V. Whitcher married at North Haverhill, N. H., July 4, 1944, by Rev. R. W. E. MacKenzie; residence of groom, Benton, N. H.; age 23, single, occupation, farmer; born at Acton, Maine; father's name, Ira E. Elliott, mother's maiden name, Margaret E. Pierce. Residence of bride, South Ryegate, Vt.; age 25, divorced, occupation, housework; born at Plainfield, Vt.; father's name, Clarence P. Phelps; mother's maiden name, Violet Lee.

Maurice M. Cutting and Catherine T. Hussey, married at Benton, N. H., July 29th, 1944, by Floyd J. Hutchins, Justice of the Peace; residence of groom, Woodsville, N. H.; age 48, single, occupation, salesman; born at Haverhill, N. H.; father's name, Joseph Cutting, mother's maiden name, Carrie Blake. Residence of bride, Benton, N. H.; age 43, single, occupation, nurse; born at Manchester, N. H.; father's name, John Hussey; mother's maiden name, Katherine Driscoll.

Frederick A. Glover and Marie Gregor, married at North Haverhill, N. H., February 22, 1944, by Rev. R. W. E. MacKenzie; residence of groom, Benton, N. H.; age 28, single, occupation, U. S. Army; born at Berlin, N. H.; father's name, Allen E. Glover; mother's maiden name, Georgia E. Clinch. Residence of bride, Jersey City, N. J.; age 26, single, occupation, sewing operator, born at New York City, N. Y.; father's name, Leopold Gregor; mother's maiden name, Marie Wolf.

Frank W. Powers and Thelma L. Aldrich, married at Benton, N. H., October 31st, 1944, by Floyd J. Hutchins, Justice of the Peace; residence of groom, Benton, N. H.; age 25, single, occupation, laborer; born at Haverhill, N. H.; father's name, Guy M. Powers; mother's maiden name, Thelma D. Smith. Residence of bride, Bath, N. H.; age 19, single, occupation, housework; born at Lyman, N. H.; father's name, Harry Aldrich; mother's maiden name, Maude B. Haynes.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.**For the Year Ending December 31, 1944**

Ethel LaBell, died June 5, 1944; age 16 years, 10 days; born at St. Johnsbury, Vt.; white, single; father's name, Fred LaBell, maiden name of mother, Georgia Buzzell; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Lucille Richardson, died June 15, 1944; age 23 yrs., 7 mos., 26 days; born at Franklin, N. H.; white, married; father's name, Joseph E. Taylor, maiden name of mother, Ella M. Hill; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Dorothy May Thompson, died July 14, 1944; age 18 yrs., 3 days; born at North Conway, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Ralph Thompson; mother's maiden name, Louise Sanborn; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Ruth Edna Welsh, died September 4, 1944; age 31 yrs., 7 mos., 4 days; born at Dover, New Hampshire; white, married; father's name, Arthur Wolcott; mother's maiden name, Ellen Rogers; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Alphonse Michael Grondin, died September 22, 1944, age 52 yrs., 7 mos., 12 days; born at Rochester, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Archie Grondin; mother's maiden name, Armanda Turmelle; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Erno A. Madison, died November 5, 1944; age 40 years, 11 days; born at East Jaffery, N. H.; white, single; father's name, John Madison; mother's maiden name, Mary Kumary; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Angelica Grampa, died November 12, 1944; age 23 yrs., 11 mos., 2 days; born at Dover, N. H.; white, married; father's name, William Mourgenon; mother's maiden name, Mary Monolarkis; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Louise R. Thompson, died November 13, 1944; age 39 yrs., 2 mos., 27 days; born at North Conway, N. H.; white, widowed; father's name, Hiram Sanborn; mother's maiden name, Annie French; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Mabel Armant Aubin, died November 10, 1944; age 21 yrs., 7 mos., 7 days; born at Milan, N. H.; white, single; father's name, Paul Aubin; mother's maiden name, Mary Louise Aubent; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Delphis Roberts, died December 30, 1944; age 45 yrs., 4 mos., 6 days; born at Lowell, Mass.; white, married; father's name, Delphis Roberts; mother's maiden name, Adeele Frechette; cause of death, pulmonary carcinoma.

Bertha Amelia Gagnon, died December 19, 1944, age 28 yrs., 11 mos., 22 days; born at Littleton, N. H.; white, married; father's name, Joseph Dube; mother's maiden name, Anna Hall; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

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

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,

Town Clerk.

HELP THE WAR EFFORT BY PREVENTING FOREST FIRES

Much harm can be done the war effort because of our carelessness with fire. Lumber has gone to war in a **BIG WAY!** Our New Hampshire forests are contributing their full share insofar as manpower permits. Fire, the greatest enemy of the forests, destroys, during each of these critical years, hundreds of acres of valuable trees that could contribute to the war effort. Forest fires disrupt the war's business by taking men from their important work in industry and on the farm and reduces production of necessary war materials and food. Forest fires require the spending of much money and material that might otherwise be diverted into vital war channels. Forest fires are, for the most part, unnecessary and avoidable for ninety-eight percent of such fires are, annually, the result of human carelessness—yours and mine. This can and should be remedied—**NOW!** **YOU** can **HELP THE WAR EFFORT** by **PREVENTING FOREST FIRES!** The rules of the game are simple.

1. Always be careful with fire in or near woodlands.
2. Comply with regulations governing the use of starting of fires there.

Remember

a. You need written permission from your local forest fire warden for debris burning fires when the ground is not covered with snow.

b. Be sure your match, cigar, cigarette and pipe ashes are **OUT** before dropping them.

3. Be fire-minded **NOW** as never before and thus help your warden, your town, your nation and yourself!

HELP THE WAR EFFORT BY PREVENTING FOREST FIRES

The 1944 fire record for our town is:

Number of fires: 0.

Acreage burned: 0.

Number of permits issued: 0.

W. J. YEATON, Forest Fire Warden

