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# ANNUAL REPORT



*Town of Benton, N. H.*

*Year Ended December 31, 1949*

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# *Town of Benton*

NEW HAMPSHIRE

## *Annual Report of the Town Officers*

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1949

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## *Town Officers*

**Moderator**  
Ira E. Elliott

**Town Clerk**  
Floyd J. Hutchins

John Boutin  
Term expires 1950

**Selectmen**  
Joseph Boutin, Jr.  
Term expires 1951

Charles H. Tyler  
Term expires 1952

**Highway Agent**  
Ira E. Elliott

**Treasurer**  
Margaret E. Elliott

**Tax Collector**  
Ira E. Elliott

**Supervisors of the Checklist**  
Ethel A. Boutin      Forrest Clark      Margaret Elliott

**Surveyor of Wood and Lumber**  
Floyd J. Hutchins

**Library Trustees**  
Mildred Elliott      Vevah Leonard      Lulu Clark

**Constable**  
Ira E. Elliott

**Fence Viewer**  
James M. Leonard

**School Board**  
Ethel A. Boutin      Lulu Clark      James M. Leonard

**Trustees of Trust Funds**  
Napoleon Burke      Floyd Hutchins      Forrest Clark

**Sextons**  
C. Howard Tyler, *Mt. View and East Cemetery*  
William Harris, *Asst., Mt. View and East Cemetery*  
Charles Learned, *South Benton*

**Auditor**  
Ethel A. Boutin

**Ballot Clerks**  
Thelma Boutin      Mildred Elliott  
Francese Mardin      William Harris

**Librarian**  
Margaret E. Elliott

**Health Officer**  
John Boutin

**Relief Agent**  
Ethel A. Boutin

## *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 Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (March 14th) at ten o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, John Boutin being the outgoing member, 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, for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges, for the observance of Memorial Day, and 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 authorizing the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property taken by the Town by tax deeds.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise the requested sum to be paid to the White Mountain Region Association.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$200.00 for White Pine Blister Rust Control.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount of 2 per cent on taxes paid before a date authorized by the Selectmen.

Article 11. This Town Meeting Warrant shall remain open for articles to be inserted by the Selectmen until posting date.

Article 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 12th day of January, A.D. 1950.

JOHN BOUTIN  
JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.  
CHARLES H. TYLER  
*Selectmen of Benton*



## *Certificate*

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

JOHN BOUTIN  
JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.  
CHARLES H. TYLER  
*Selectmen of Benton*

Jan. 9, 1950

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT  
*Town Treasurer*

## *Foreword*

We are proud of our Veterans Plaque which was dedicated last Memorial Day at most impressive services under the direction of E. Bartlett Mann of Woodsville.

James M. Leonard and Clarence Schauer were in charge of its erection and deserve many thanks for their time which they donated. Several of the rest of the men in town gladly donated time for the cause.

The taxes in town, as in many other towns, were much higher for 1949, but added expenses were considered and very few complaints were noticed.

We were able to pay all of our short term notes before closing our accounts December 31.

To all the town officers and tax payers we wish, for your fine cooperation and interest in your town affairs, to say, "Thank you to all."

JOHN BOUTIN  
JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.  
CHARLES H. TYLER  
*Selectmen of Benton*

*Budget for the*

Estimate of Revenue for the Year 1950 Compared with  
Actual Revenue for the Year 1949

	Actual 1949	Estimated 1950
<b>Sources of Revenue</b>		
<b>From State</b>		
Interest and dividend tax		
Railroad tax	\$ 11.04	\$ 10.00
Savings bank tax	1.63	1.60
Bounties	114.50	73.00
<b>From Local Sources except Taxes</b>		
Interest and costs included	29.03	30.00
Motor vehicle permit fees	364.51	250.00
<b>From Local Taxes other than     Property Taxes</b>		
Poll taxes, 1949	58.00	60.00
Poll taxes, 1948	60.00	2.00
<b>Income Forest Reserve for 1948</b>	868.70	700.00
<b>Income a-c Federal Forest Lands 1948</b>	529.43	500.00
<b>Income from Trust Funds</b>		
For cemeteries	57.42	57.00
For highways	56.37	56.00
<b>Estimate of Total Revenues</b>		\$ 1,739.60
<b>Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes</b>		6,860.90
<b>Total revenues</b>		\$ 8,600.50
Total Revenues from all sources		
except property taxes, estimated	\$ 1,739.60	
Amount to be raised by property tax	6,860.90	
Grand total	\$ 8,600.50	

## Town of Benton

Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1950 Compared with  
Actual Expenditures for the Year 1949

	Actual 1949	Estimated 1950
<b>Purpose of Expenditures</b>		
<b>Current Maintenance Expense</b>		
<b>General Government</b>		
Town officers' salaries	356.10	500.00
Town officers' expenses	269.33	400.00
Election and registration	39.20	230.00
Community building	158.97	150.00
<b>Protection - Persons &amp; Property</b>		
Police department	5.00	5.00
Bounties	73.00	
<b>Health</b>		
Health officer	5.00	5.00
Vital statistics	4.25	5.00
<b>Highways and Bridges</b>		
Town Roads	729.00	700.00
Snow Removal	717.96	900.00
T. R. A.	88.25	88.00
<b>Libraries</b>		
Librarian	12.00	12.00
<b>Public Welfare</b>		
Old age assistance	365.74	500.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes</b>		
Memorial	66.45	30.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises</b>		
Cemeteries	118.30	100.00
Payment on Community Building	88.00	88.00
Interest on notes	88.42	75.00
White Mountain Region	12.50	12.50
<b>Payments to other gov. divisions</b>		
County taxes	256.78	300.00
Payments to School District, dog tax and one-half share of forest reserve included	3,147.73	4,500.00
<b>Total expenditures</b>		\$ 8,600.50

### *Summary Inventory of Valuation - 1949*

Land and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)		\$ 70,110.
Growing wood and timber		8,070.
Electric plants 2, pole lines		32,476.
Horses, 14		1,400.
Bulls, 2		200.
Cows, 99		12,375.
Neat stock, 23		1,725.
Sheep, 8		80.00
Wood and lumber, etc.		465.
Gasoline pumps and tanks		250.
Stock in trade		585.
Total 1949 valuation		\$ 127,736
1949 valuation	\$ 127,736.	
1948 valuation	127,670.	
Increase	\$ 66.	
64 polls at \$2.	128.	
Average rate of taxation for all purposes		\$5.00
Tax rate	\$5.00	
Amount of property exempted from taxation to veterans		4,000.
Amount exempted to blind		none
Number of inventories sent out	86	
Number of inventories returned	43	
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	5	

### *Appropriations and Taxes Assessed - 1949*

Town officers' salaries		\$ 400.00
Town officers' expenses		400.00
Election and registration		80.00
Community building and school		200.00

Police department	5.00
Health department	5.00
Vital statistics	10.00
Town road aid	88.25
Town road maintenance	700.00
Snow removal and sanding	900.00
Libraries	12.00
Old age assistance	400.00
Memorial day	67.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Advertising and regional assn.	12.50
Interest on notes	100.00
Payment on long term note	88.00
County tax	256.78
School tax	4,093.63
Total appropriations	\$ 7,918.16
<b>Less Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>	
Interest and dividend tax	10.00
Savings bank tax	3.00
Reimbursement a/c state and federal lands and forest reserve	1,400.00
Motor vehicle fees	175.00
Interest on taxes	25.00
Total revenues	1,613.00
	6,305.16
Plus overlay	209.64
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation</b>	<b>\$ 6,514.80</b>
Less 64 polls at \$2.	128.00
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation, on which Tax Rate is Figured</b>	<b>\$ 6,386.80</b>
Property taxes committed to collector	6,386.80
Poll taxes	128.00
Total taxes committed	\$ 6,514.80
Tax rate for all purposes, \$5.00	

## TOWN OF BENTON

*Balance*

ASSETS	
Cash in hands of treasurer	1,239.33
Accounts due to the Town	
From State—Bounties	73.00
Unredeemed taxes (from tax sale on account of)	
Levy of 1948	50.90
Levy of 1947	50.57
Levy of 1946	38.75
Uncollected taxes	
Levy of 1949—property	1,553.25
polls	72.00
Levy of 1947—polls	2.00
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Total assets	\$ 3,079.80
Grand total	\$ 3,079.80
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1948	\$ 917.70
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1949	1,656.17

The 1949 Forest Reserve and National a/c Forest Fund were not received at the time accounts were closed on Dec. 31, 1949.

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DEC. 31, 1949

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 LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town	
Due to school district, bal. 1949 approp.	\$ 1,243.63
dog tax	4.00
Outstanding temporary loans	none
Long term notes outstanding	
Balance of community building note	176.00
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 1,423.63</u>
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	1,656.17
Grand total	<u>\$ 3,079.80</u>

All short term notes which were hired for the school district have been paid by the town.

The town has only two more annual payments to make on our community building.

## *Schedule of Town Property*

Community building and school combined	\$ 5,000.
Furniture and equipment	1,000.
Town clerk's building	200.
Furniture and equipment	50.
Library, furniture and equipment	300.
Highway equipment	445.
Town safe	50.
Veterans' Plaque	65.
Total	\$ 7,110.

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## *Town Clerk's Report*

Received for 63 motor vehicle permits from Jan. 1, 1949, to Jan. 1, 1950	\$ 328.83
Received for dog licenses	
10 males	\$ 20.00
4 spayed females	8.00
1 female	5.00
	33.00
	\$ 361.83



## *Tax Collector's Report*

1949 property tax collected	\$ 4,833.55
1949 property tax added collected	150.00
1949 poll tax collected	58.00
1949 interest collected	.21
2 dog taxes collected	4.00
1949 collections	\$ 5,045.76
1949 uncollected property tax	\$ 1,553.25
1949 uncollected poll tax	72.00
1948 property tax collected	389.21
1948 property tax sold	50.90
1948 poll tax collected	60.00
1948 interest collected	16.46
1948 cost of advertising	9.22
1948 poll tax interest collected	.08
1948 cost of sale	7.46
1948 interest paid by town time of sale	3.06
Total collections	\$ 5,582.15
1948 poll tax uncollected	\$ 2.00
1948 property tax unredeemed	50.90
1947 property tax unredeemed	50.57
1947 uncollected poll tax	2.00
1946 property tax unredeemed	38.75

The Crimmins tax was paid twice by mistake but one check was refunded to Mr. Crimmins.

The Ambrose Construction tax of \$150, collected by error, was refunded.

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

IRA E. ELLIOTT  
*Tax Collector*

## *Treasurer's Report*

for the year ended Dec. 31, 1949

Received from Ira E. Elliott, tax Collector—

1948 property tax collected	389.21	
1948 interest collected	16.46	
1948 poll tax collected	60.00	
1948 poll tax interest collected	.08	
1948 property tax bought by town	50.90	
1948 interest bought by town	3.06	
1948 cost of advertising	9.22	
1948 cost of sale	7.46	
1949 property tax collected	4,983.55	
1949 poll tax collected	58.00	
1949 interest collected	.21	
2 1948 dog tax	4.00	
		\$ 5,582.15

Received from State of N. H.—

Bounties on 3 bears	60.00	
Bounties on 109 hedgehogs	54.50	
Loss of taxes on forest lands	529.43	
National forest reserve fund	868.70	
Savings bank tax	1.63	
Railroad tax	11.04	
		1,525.30

Received from Floyd Hutchins—

1948 motor vehicle tax	12.09
1949 motor vehicle refund tax from Haverhill	26.59
1949 motor vehicle tax	325.83
1949 dog tax	33.00

1949 trust funds for cemeteries	57.42	
1949 trust funds for highways	56.37	
		<u>511.30</u>

## Received from other sources—

Francesse Mardin, lot in Mountain View Cemetery	5.00	
Woodsville bank note	1,000.00	
Benton Union Church, money loaned for fixing church steeple	33.13	
		<u>1,038.13</u>
Total receipts	\$ 8,656.88	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1948	1,481.77	
		<u>\$ 10,138.65</u>
Less Selectmen's orders paid	8,879.40	
		<u>1,259.25</u>
Less bank service charge	19.92	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1949	\$ 1,239.33	

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT  
*Town Treasurer*

## TOWN OF BENTON

*Receipts and*RECEIPTS

## Current Revenue

From local taxes (collected and  
remitted to treasurer)

1. Property taxes—1949	\$ 4,983.55
2. Poll taxes—1949	58.00
4. Total current years taxes collected and remitted	\$ 5,041.55
5. Property taxes—1948	389.21
6. Poll taxes—1948	60.00
8. Interest received on taxes	19.81
9. Tax bought by town, cost included	67.58

## From State

12. Railroad tax	11.04
13. Savings bank tax	1.63
15. Reimbursement a/c state and federal forest lands	529.43
16. National forest reserve	868.70
18. Bounties	114.50
	1,525.30

## From local sources except taxes

22. Dog licenses	37.00
27. Income from trust funds	113.79
31. Registration of motor vehicles	
1948 permits	12.09
1949 permits	352.42
	515.30
Total current revenue receipts	7,618.75

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*Payments*

YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1949

PAYMENTS

## Current maintenance expenses

## General government

1. Town officers' salaries	\$ 356.10
2. Town officers' expenses	269.33
3. Election and registration	39.20
4. Town hall and other buildings	158.97

## Protection of persons and property

5. Police department	5.00
6. Bounties	73.00

## Health

7. Health officer	5.00
8. Vital statistics	4.25

## Highways and bridges

9. TRA appropriation to state	88.25
10. Town maintenance	
Summer	729.00
Winter	717.96
	<u>1,446.96</u>

## Libraries

11. Librarian	12.00
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## Public welfare

12. Old age assistance	365.74
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## Patriotic purposes

13. Memorial day and plaque exp.	66.45
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## Public service enterprises

14. Cemeteries	118.30
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## Unclassified

15. White Mt. Region Association	12.50
16. Taxes bought by town	61.42
17. Discounts, abatements, refunds	<u>216.00</u>

Total current maintenance	3,298.47
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## TOWN OF BENTON

*Receipts and*RECEIPTS  
*Continued*

Total receipts brought forward		\$ 7,618.75
Receipts other than current revenue		
32. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	1,000.00	
36. Refunds	33.13	
37. Lot in cemetery	5.00	
		..... 1,038.13
Total receipts from all sources		\$ 8,656.88
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1949		1,481.77
Grand total		\$ 10,138.65

*Payments*

YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1949

## PAYMENTS

*Continued*

## Interest

18. On temporary loans	79.18	
19. On long term notes	9.24	
		88.42

## Indebtedness

20. Payments on temporary loans	2,000.00	
21. Payments on long term notes	88.00	
		2,088.00

## Payments to other gov't divisions

22. Taxes paid to County	256.78	
23. Payments to School District	3,147.73	
		3,404.51

Total selectmen's payments	8,879.40
Plus bank service charge	19.92

Total payments for all purposes	8,899.32
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1949	1,239.33
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Grand total	\$ 10,138.65
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## *Detailed Statement of Payments*

### Detail 1 Town Officers' Salaries

Ethel A. Boutin, auditing 1948 accounts	\$ 11.20
Margaret Elliott, treas. work - 1948 ac'cts	8.00
Charles H. Tyler, work on 1948 ac'cts and making report	22.00
Total	41.20

1949

Floyd J. Hutchins, town clerk	50.00
John Boutin, selectman	30.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr. selectman	33.60
Charles H. Tyler, selectman	50.00
Margaret Elliott, town treasurer	50.00
Ira E. Elliott, tax collector	50.00
Ira E. Elliott, attending tax meeting	5.60
Floyd J. Hutchins, 63 auto fees at .50	31.50
Floyd J. Hutchins, 15 dog fees at .20	3.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, 1 day trustee	5.60
Napoleon Burke, 1 day trustee	5.60
	\$ 356.10

Appropriation	\$400.00	
Expended	356.10	
Balance	43.90	

### Detail 2 Town Officers' Expenses

Ammonoosuc Press, printing reports	\$ 130.29
William Harris, car for selectmen	3.00
Charles H. Tyler, dinner for selectmen at Woodsville tax meeting	4.75
Charles H. Tyler, postage and phone	6.46
Ira E. Elliott, car to tax meeting	2.00
Ira E. Elliott, tax advertising	13.58



Edson C. Eastman, town supplies	35.79
Wheeler & Clark, town supplies	4.95
Register of Deeds, transfers and change of name	1.56
John Boutin, car and dinners for selectmen on inventory work	11.75
R. T. Bartlett Insurance, town officers' bonds	21.00
Sargent Brothers, tax bills	6.53
Ida Horne, tax collector's dues	2.00
Charles Hardy, town clerk's dues	2.00
Lisbon Bank, rent of trustees' box	4.80
Margaret Elliott, treas. postage and deposits	5.82
Ira Elliott, tax collector's postage and tax sale	6.25
Floyd Hutchins, trustee's car and dinner	5.00
Floyd Hutchins, town clerk's postage	1.80
	\$ 269.33

Appropriation	\$400.00 .
Expended	269.33
Balance	\$130.67

### Detail 3 Election and Registration

Ethel Boutin, supervisor	\$ 11.20
Forrest Clark, supervisor	11.20
Margaret Elliott, supervisor	11.20
Ira Elliott, moderator	5.60
	39.20

Appropriation	\$80.00
Expended	39.20
Balance	\$40.80

### Detail 4 Town Hall and Other Buildings

C. Howard Tyler, care and supplies	\$ 5.00
Forrest Clark, 2 cords wood	32.00
Lester Hood, supplies	3.50
Edith Yeaton, supplies	1.34
John Boutin, 6 cords wood	84.00

Loan to Benton church for steeple repair		33.13
		<hr/> 158.97
Refund from church		33.13
Actual hall expense		\$ 125.84
Appropriation	\$150.00	
Expended	125.84	
Balance	\$ 24.16	

The amount of \$33.13 was loaned the church for steeple repairs but refunded from the church account.

#### Detail 5 Police Department

Ira E. Elliott, constable		5.00
Appropriation	\$5.	

#### Detail 6 Bounties

Bounties paid on bear and porcupines		\$ 73.00
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#### Detail 7 Health Department

John Boutin, health officer		\$ 5.00
Appropriation	\$5.	

#### Detail 8 Vital Statistics

Dr. Francis Kasheta		\$ .75
Floyd J. Hutchins		3.25
Claude Adams		.25
		<hr/> \$ 4.25
Appropriation	\$10.	

#### Detail 9 Town Road Aid

TRA appropriation to State		\$ 88.25
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## Detail 10 Town Maintenance

### SUMMER

Ira E. Elliott, road agent, truck and labor	\$ 419.20
Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor	156.10
John Elliott, Sr., labor	81.20
Wayne Wheeler, labor	62.30
Ernest Coates, gravel	8.20
Tilden Day, gravel	2.00
	<u>\$ 729.00</u>

Appropriation	\$700.00
From trust fund	56.37
	<u>756.37</u>
Expended	729.00
Balance	27.37

### SNOW REMOVAL, SANDING, SNOW FENCE

Ira E. Elliott, road agent and truck, plowing, sanding and snow fence labor	\$ 422.20
Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor	81.90
John Elliott, Sr. labor	17.50
Loyd Mason, labor	1.40
Curtis Wheeler, labor	1.70
Wayne Wheeler, labor	36.40
Wayne Wheeler, 75 snow fence posts	15.00
Donald Wheeler, labor	32.90
Slim's Service Center, welding	2.00
State Highway Garage, snowplow repair	50.26
Town of Haverhill, sand and gravel	10.40
Tilden Day, sand	6.30
International Salt Co., salt	40.00
	<u>717.96</u>

Appropriation	\$900.00
Expended	717.96
	<u>182.04</u>
Balance	\$182.04

**Detail 11 Libraries**

Margaret Elliott, librarian	\$ 12.00
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**Detail 12 Old Age Assistance  
and Town Poor**

Town poor	None
Old age assistance	\$ 365.74

Appropriation	\$400.00
Expended	365.74
Balance	34.26

**Detail 13 Memorial Day and Plaque Erection**

Changing plaque lettering	\$ 25.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., plaque labor	12.00
Scruggs' Hardware, oil and turpentine	4.45
E. B. Mann Co., flags	5.00
Norris Store and E. B. Mann Co., supplies	20.00
	\$ 66.45

Appropriation	\$67.00
Expended	66.45
Balance	\$ .55

**Detail 14 Cemeteries**

Cemeteries: Mt. View, East, and South Benton

Scruggs' Hardware, paint	\$ 8.45
Jack Douglas, sharpening mower	2.00
E. B. Mann Co., brush and turpentine	.85
Chamberlin's Greenhouse, flower sets	3.90
John Boutin, Jr., labor East Cemetery	22.00
William Harris, assistant sexton, labor	5.60
Charles Learned, South Benton, labor	11.00
flags	.80

Howard Tyler, sexton, Mt. View and East	63.70
	\$ 118.30
Appropriation	\$100.00
From trust funds	57.42
	157.42
Expended	118.30
Balance	\$ 39.12

### Detail 15 Regional Association

White Mt. Region Association	\$ 12.50
Appropriation	\$12.50

### Detail 16 Taxes Bought by Town

Interest and costs included	\$ 61.42
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### Detail 17 Discounts, Abatements, Refunds

Ambrose Construction Co., tax refund by collection error	\$ 150.00
Exchange of tax money to Mrs. Crimmins	66.00

### Detail 18 & 19 Interest

Interest paid on notes	\$ 88.42
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### Detail 20 Short Term Notes

Notes at Woodsville Bank to cover school exp.	\$2,000.00
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### Detail 21 Long Term Notes

Annual Community Building note	\$ 88.00
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### Detail 22 County Tax

Harry S. Huckins, treas.	\$ 256.78
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**Detail 23 School Tax**

School payments, one-half share of forest reserve and dog tax included	\$ 3,147.73
Appropriation	\$4,093.63

*Highway Agent's Report*

Year ended Dec. 31, 1949

Summer maintenance	\$ 729.00
Expended for snow removal, sanding, snow fence labor, posts and snowplow repairs	717.96
Total	<u>\$1,446.96</u>

IRA E. ELLIOTT  
*Highway Agent*

*Auditor's Report*

I have examined the accounts of the selectmen, tax collector, town clerk, treasurer, road agent, and trustees of trust funds, and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Jan. 9, 1950

ETHEL A. BOUTIN  
*Town Auditor*

## *Library Report*

Year ended Dec. 31, 1949

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books in library Dec. 31, 1948	1018
Books loaned in 1949	45
Books in circulation	none
Books in library Dec. 31, 1949	1018

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT  
*Librarian*

### TRUSTEES' REPORT

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1949                      \$ 71.88

MILDRED ELLIOTT  
LULU M. CLARK  
VEVAH M. LEONARD  
*Library Trustees*

## Report of the Trust Funds, Town of Benton, N. H., on Dec. 31, 1949

Name of Fund	Purpose	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Balance of	Income During	Expended for		Balance of
				Income on hand Dec. 31, 1948	Year	Cem.	Sch.	
Ira Whitcher	Cemetery	U S Treasury bond	500 00	13 19	12 50	12 50		13 19
Whitcher and Mann	Cem lot, bal if any, sch'l - highway	"	500 00		12 50	8 50	2 00	2 00
"	Cemetery	"	1000 00		25 00	15 00	5 00	5 00
"	School	"	1500 00		49 38		49 38	
"	Highways	"	250 00		49 37			49 37
"	Highways	"	1500 00					
Ella Mann	Cemetery lot	Lisbon Savings Bank	50 00		1 00	1 00		1 00
George H. Clark	"	"	165 00	15 20	3 30	3 30		15 20
William T. Torsey	"	"	42 00		84	84		1 00
Samuel C. Annis	"	"	42 00		84	84		1 00
Jonathan Davis	"	"	42 00		84	84		1 00
J. C. Sreed	"	"	114 50	11 48	2 29	2 29		11 48
Sam'l Whitcher & William Kendall	"	"	165 00	14 62	3 30	3 30		14 62
Kendrick L. Howe	"	"	165 00		1 00	1 00		1 00
Daniel M. Kendrick L. Howe	"	"	100 00		2 01	2 01		2 01
Isabella M. Tyler	"	"	50 00		1 00	1 00		1 00
L. H. Parker	Rent of cemetery field	"	50 00		5	5		5





*"We are proud of our Veterans Plaque"*

### Marriages Registered in the Town of BENTON, N. H., for the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1949

Date	Place	Persons Married	Residence of Each	Age	Occupation	Birthplace	Parents' Names	By Whom Married
Oct 22	Littleton	Harlan K Hutchins Mary K Brooks	Benton Haverhill	20 21	Carpenter at home	Haverhill "	Floyd J Hutchins Ola Tewisbury Olin C Brooks Percis S Brooks	Claud S Adams Littleton Cherogyman

### Deaths Registered in the Town of BENTON, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1949

Date	Cause of Death	Name and Surname of the deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex	Single, Married or Widowed	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days						
1949											
Feb 24	pulmonary tuberculosis	Roxanne B Duquette	41	3		Lancaster	F	M		James O'Dowd	Katherine Burns
Apr 29	"	John E S Hall	81	6		New Durham	M	W		Asa Hall	Maria Stanton
May 12	"	Rena A Greiner	36	3	28	Albany Vt	F	M		Clayton Baldwin	Carrie Fisher
Sep 18	acute coronary heart disease	Susie H Tuttle	55	1	13	Mass	F	W		James Smith	Mary McGuiness

# *Benton School District*

## ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED JANUARY 1, 1950

### *District Officers*

#### SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term expires 1950
Mrs. Lulu Clark	Term expires 1951
Mr. James M. Leonard	Term expires 1952

#### OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Mr. Ira Elliott	Moderator
Mr. C. Howard Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Mildred Elliott	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Mr. Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Forrest Clark	Truant Officer

#### TEACHER

Mrs. Katie Paige	Benton Street School	Grades 1 - 8
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## 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 fourteenth day of March, 1950, 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 transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN  
LULU CLARK  
JAMES LEONARD

*School Board*

## Financial Report - District of Benton

	Paid Out 1948-49	Budget 1949-50	Paid Out to Jan. 1, '50	Budget 1950-51
<b>Administration</b>				
Salaries of dist. officers	\$ 43.50	\$ 43.00	\$ 50.50	\$ 43.50
Supt's. salary, local share	68.75	68.75	68.75	63.20
Tax for state-wide sup'vis'n		40.00	52.00	54.00
Salaries of other adminis- trative personnel	23.41	30.00	12.00	13.00
Supplies & expenses	23.84	20.00	29.74	35.00
<b>Instruction</b>				
Prin. & teachers' salaries	1,890.04	1,900.00	844.48	2,000.00
Books, other instruct'al aids	31.88	100.00	9.14	100.00
Scholars' supplies	50.30	100.00	59.87	100.00
Salaries of clerical assistants			36.46	33.51
Supplies & other exp.	2.20	75.00		10.00
<b>Operation' of School Plant</b>				
Janitor's salary	368.50	450.00	149.00	450.00
Fuel or heat	180.50	175.00	44.00	80.00
Water, light, s'plies & exp.	55.04	75.00	54.08	75.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>				
Repairs and replacements	18.00	50.00		65.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>				
Health supervision	35.00	32.95		35.00
Transportation	444.00	444.00	12.30	700.00
Tuition	1,040.71	1,100.00		1,800.00
Special activities & funds		10.00		10.00
<b>Fixed Charges</b>				
Retirement			9.36	70.00
Insur., treas. bond & exp.	55.00	45.00	50.00	55.00
<b>Debt and Interest</b>				
Principal of debt	240.00	240.00	240.00	240.00
Interest on debt	33.60	42.00	25.20	20.00
Bank service charge	5.78		.58	6.00
Bills from previous years		650.00		
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 4,610.05	5,690.70	1,747.46	6,058.21

## Statement of Receipts and Payments

July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949

### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand July 1, 1948	\$ 364.62
Appropriations	1,400.00
Advance on 1949-1950 approp.	211.87
Bal. of previous approp.	938.13
State aid	1,297.42
Federal aid	264.73
Dog licenses	52.00
Tuition	148.08
Income from trust funds	56.38
Other receipts - refunds	27.70
	\$ 4,760.93

### PAYMENTS

Orders of the School Board	\$ 4,610.05
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	150.88
	\$ 4,760.93

July 1, 1949 to Jan. 1, 1950

### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand July 1, 1949	\$ 150.88
Appropriations	1,585.27
Forest reserve	264.73
Tuition	50.57
Other receipts - lights	2.00
	\$ 2,053.45

### PAYMENTS

Orders of the School Board	\$ 1,747.46
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1950	305.99
	\$ 2,053.45

## Balance Sheet

June 30, 1949

### ASSETS

Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 150.88	
Excess of liabilities over assets	780.99	
Total		\$ 931.87

### LIABILITIES

Notes outstanding	\$ 720.00	
Accounts owed by district Town of Benton - advance on 1949-50 appropriation	211.87	
Total liabilities		\$ 931.87

## Annual Report of District Treasurer

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1949

Cash on hand June 30, 1948	\$ 364.62
Received from Selectmen	
Appropriation for current year	\$ 1,400.00
Bal. of previous approp.	938.13
Advance on 1949-1950 approp.	211.87
Dog tax	52.00
Received from State Treasurer	
State aid	1,297.42
Forest reserve	264.73
Income from trust funds	56.38
Tuition	148.08
Other receipts - refunds	27.70
	4,396.31
Amount available for fiscal year	\$ 4,760.93
Less School board orders paid	4,610.05
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1949	\$ 150.88

July 15, 1949

C. HOWARD TYLER  
*Treasurer*

### Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1949 and find them correct in all respects.

July 30, 1949

MILDRED ELLIOTT  
*Auditor*



## School Board's Estimate for 1950-51

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public school and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1950.

Total amount required to meet school board's budget as itemized in column 4 of Financial Report on page 33	\$ 6,058.21
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### ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance June 30, 1950	\$	400.00
State aid	1,600.00	
Income from trust funds	50.00	
Other receipts	150.00	
Deduct total estimated income		2,200.00
Assessment required to balance school board's budget		\$ 3,858.21
Total assessment required to cover budget and appropriation		\$ 3,860.00

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,860.00 for the school year 1950-51.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL BOUTIN  
LULU CLARK  
JAMES LEONARD  
*School Board*

## Superintendent's Report

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton School District:

I herewith submit my seventh annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the school in 1948-49 was 21, the average membership 18.97 and the percentage of attendance 97.52. There were few tardinesses. There was one pupil attending Lisbon High School, two elementary pupils attending at Warren, two at North Haverhill and four high school pupils attending Haverhill Academy.

At Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is 20. There are eight pupils attending high school, six at Haverhill and two at Lisbon. One pupil is attending elementary school at Pike and three at Glencliff.

Benton has three tuition pupils from the Town of Easton.

The total appropriation voted at school meeting last year was \$4,500. You received an increase in state aid so that your appropriation was reduced to \$4,100. This year your school board recommends an appropriation of \$3,860 permitting another reduction in your school tax.

Several people have asked me about teachers' salaries. The average salary for women elementary teachers in the State of New Hampshire this year is \$2,414. Out of the 1650 women elementary teachers employed there are but 100 who receive a salary of \$1,900 or less. At the present time the State Department is granting about 300 special teacher permits. Benton and many other schools would close if these permits were not granted. The shortage of elementary teachers will continue for several years.

Benton is one of the fortunate communities able to maintain a good one-room school during the past few years. The work of Mrs. Paige and the interest of the parents have been a real help to the education of the children.

I wish to thank the school board and teacher for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM  
*Supt. of Schools*

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### STATISTICAL TABLE, 1948-49

School	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Total Ave. Absence	Average Membership	Average Tardinesses
Benton St.	21	18.51	.46	18.97	.1285

#### Roll of Perfect Attendance

Curtis Wheeler

#### Non-Resident Pupils Enrolled

District	Elementary School
Bath	2
Easton	1

## Itemized Expenditures

Year 1948-1949

### *Administration*

1. Salaries of District Officers		
Ethel Boutin, chairman school board and clerk	\$ 18.50	
Lulu Clark, member school bd.	5.00	
Floyd Hutchins, member sch. bd.	5.00	
C. Howard Tyler, treasurer	10.00	
Mildred Elliott, auditor	5.00	
		\$ 43.50
2. Superintendent's Excess Salary, local share		
Mrs. Grace W. Hoskins, union treas.		68.75
3. Tax for statewide supervision		—
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel		
Grace Hoskins, union, clerical asst.	10.41	
Forrest Clark, truant officer	5.00	
Ethel Boutin, census enumerator	8.00	
		23.41
5. Supplies and expenses		
Mrs. Grace Hoskins, union treas.	20.84	
C. Howard Tyler, postage	3.00	
		23.84

### *Instruction*

6. Teachers' salaries		
Mrs. Katie Paige	1,812.28	
Collector of Internal Revenue	77.76	
		1,890.04

## 7. Textbooks

J. B. Lippincott Co.	2.81
Arlo Publishing Co.	2.50
L. W. Singer Co.	3.55
Scott, Foresman Co.	12.65
Macmillan Co.	10.37

31.88

## 8. Scholars' Supplies

E. E. Babb Co.	41.80
Lisbon Special School Dist.	8.50

50.30

## 10. Supplies &amp; Other Expenses

American Education Press	2.20
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*Operation of School Plant*

## 11. Janitors' Salaries

C. Howard Tyler	368.50
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## 12. Fuel

Forrest Clark, wood	180.50
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## 13. Water, Light, Janitor's Supplies

N. H. Elec. Coop., lights	35.68
Scruggs Hardware, supplies	13.31
Lester Hood	2.50
Mrs. Forrest Clark	3.55

55.04

*Maintenance of School Plant*

## 14. Repairs &amp; Replacements

Ethel Boutin, cleaning	18.00
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*Auxiliary Activities*

## 15. Health Supervision

L. M. Underhill, nurse	35.00
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16. Transportation		
Francis Lackie	324.00	
Elizabeth Lackie	120.00	
		444.00
17. Tuition		
Marcia Anderson	140.02	
Dan Carr	751.63	
Gertrude Simonds, Lisbon Spec.	149.06	
		1,040.71
<i>Fixed Charges</i>		
20. Insurance, Treas. Bond & Expenses		
Bartlett Ins. Agency, insurance	50.00	
" " "        treas. bond	5.00	
		55.00
<i>Debt and Interest</i>		
25. Payment of Debt		
Woodsville bank		240.00
26. Interest on Debt		
Woodsville Bank		33.60
Bank Service Charge		5.78
	Total	\$ 4,610.05



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