

1940

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Highway Agents,
Trustees of Public Trust Funds, Tax Collector,
Town Clerk, Board of Education *and*
School Treasurer

OF THE

Town *of* Kensington
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31

1940

THE WHITTIER PRESS

AMESBURY, MASS.

1940

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Highway Agents,
Trustees of Public Trust Funds, Tax Collector,
Town Clerk, Board of Education *and*
School Treasurer

OF THE

Town *of* Kensington
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31

1940

THE WHITTIER PRESS

AMESBURY, MASS.

1940

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

John W. York

Supervisors of Check List

Charles R. Eastman

Alfred Groetz

Oscar Brown

Town Clerk

Horace O. Evans

Selectmen

George I. Armstrong

John W. York

Otis H. Eastman

Treasurer

Gertrude E. Steeves

Tax Collector

John R. Malloy

Highway Agents

Melvin G. Armstrong

David Hodgdon

James Rosencrantz

Auditors

Howard C. Eastman

Ambrose Groetz

Trustees of Public Library

Edith Prescott

Elsie Beckman

Richard Prescott

Trustees of Trust Funds

George A. Prescott

Dorothy R. Card

Elmer Brewer

Board of Education

Louis F. Strout

Phyllis Apitz

Beatrice Palmer

School Treasurer

Dorothy R. Card

Constables

Arthur C. Crowell

Alfred Jordon, Sr.

Lawrence Bailey

Fire Warden

Horace O. Evans

Board of Health

Harry Steeves

Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Kensington, N. H., in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Kensington Town Hall in said Kensington, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$218.11 for T.R.A. so called the State to give \$872.44.
4. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for Memorial Day.
5. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the Public Library.
6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Welfare Aid.
7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Old Age Assistance.
8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for fire tools. The State to give \$25.00 also.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to tar that portion of the Lamprey and Prescott Road built last year.
10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to renew or make other provisions for Snow Removal.
11. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to purchase chairs for the Town Hall. Said sum not to exceed \$50.00.
12. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property acquired by the Town through non-payment of taxes or administer it to the best of their ability.

14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to raise a bond issue or pay off outstanding notes.

15. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Contingent Fund.

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 as a start toward oiling hills in Town.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty.

GEORGE I. ARMSTRONG,
JOHN W. YORK,
OTIS H. EASTMAN,

Selectmen of Kensington, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE I. ARMSTRONG,
JOHN W. YORK,
OTIS H. EASTMAN,

Selectmen of Kensington, N. H.

Town Budget

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year February 1, 1940 to January 31, 1941, Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, February 1, 1939 to January 31, 1940.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1939	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1940	De- crease	In- crease
<i>From State:</i>				
Interest and Dividends Tax.....	\$32.12	\$32.12		
Railroad Tax.....	12.94	12.94		
Savings Bank Tax.....	80.12	80.12		
<i>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</i>				
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings.....	3.00	3.00		
Interest received on Taxes and Deposits.....	9.92	9.92		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees.....	564.70	564.70		
<i>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</i>				
(a) Poll Taxes.....	258.00	258.00		
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes...	10.00	10.00		
(c) Dog Taxes.....	78.60	200.00	\$112.60	
Cash on Hand (Surplus).....	1,161.67	187.35		\$974.32
<hr/>				
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPER- TY TAXES.....	\$2,021.77	\$1,358.15		
*Amt. to be Raised by Property Taxes		11,591.62		
<hr/>				
TOTAL REVENUES.....	\$12,792.69	\$11,591.62	\$112.60	\$974.32

*Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1939	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1940	In- crease	De- crease
<i>Current Maintenance Expenses:</i>				
<i>General Government:</i>				
Town Officers' Salaries.....	\$565.64			
Town Officers' Expenses.....	306.40			
Election and Registration Ex- penses.....	25.50	\$25.50		
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings.....	257.92	100.00		\$157.92
<i>Protection of Persons and Property:</i>				
Police Department.....	13.00	13.00		
Fire Department.....	125.41	50.00		75.41
<i>Health:</i>				
Vital Statistics.....	.20	.20		
S.A.C. Maintenance.....	89.64	150.00	\$60.36	
<i>Highways and Bridges:</i>				
Town Maintenance.....	1,022.66	1,022.66		
General Expenses of Highway De- partment.....	978.68	978.68		
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>				
Town Reports.....	108.46	108.46		
Dog Damages.....	15.00	15.00		
W. P. A. Sponsor.....	15.00			15.00
<i>Libraries:</i>				
Libraries.....	200.00	200.00		
<i>Public Welfare:</i>				
Town Poor.....	332.45	300.00		30.45
Old Age Assistance.....	266.50	500.00	233.50	
<i>Patriotic Purposes:</i>				
Memorial Day and Other Celebra- tions.....	75.00	75.00		
<i>Public Service Enterprises:</i>				
Cemeteries.....	119.25	119.25		

TOWN REPORT

7

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual	Estimated	In- crease	De- crease
	Expenditures	Expenditures		
	Previous Year 1939	Ensuing Year 1940		
<i>Interest:</i>				
On Temporary Loans.....	\$152.25	\$152.25		
<i>Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvement:</i>				
<i>Highways and Bridges:</i>				
State Aid Construction—Town's Share.....	624.97	218.11		\$406.86
Land Damage.....	50.00			50.00
Water Works Construction — Digging Well.....	154.45			154.45
<i>Indebtedness:</i>				
<i>Payment on Principal of Debt:</i>				
(a) Bonds.....	1,000.00	500.00		500.00
<i>Payments to Other Governmental Di- visions:</i>				
County Taxes.....	2,006.08	1,981.66		24.42
Payments to School Districts. . .	6,500.00	6,500.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$15,004.46	\$12,949.77	\$293.86	\$1,414.51

Selectmen's Report

INVENTORY

Land and buildings.....	\$345,067.00
Electric plants.....	20,300.00
Horses, 65.....	6,550.00
Cows, 323.....	17,725.00
Hogs, 6.....	48.00
Neat stock, 34.....	1,950.00
Fowls, 920.....	490.00
Foxes, 110.....	2,750.00
Wood.....	23,575.00
Mills.....	650.00
Machinery.....	250.00
Pumps.....	900.00
Stock in trade.....	900.00

\$421,655.00

Soldiers' exemptions..... 8,800.00

Total..... \$412,355.00

Polls, 254..... \$508.00

Property tax..... 13,533.60

Bank tax..... 10.00

\$14,051.60

Railroad tax..... \$12.94

Interest and dividends tax..... 32.12

Savings Bank tax..... 80.12

Auto permit fees..... 564.70

\$689.88

Total..... \$14,741.48

Tax rate \$3.30

Appropriations

Town charges..... \$1,000.00

State Aid construction..... 622.50

Town maintenance..... 1,027.94

Contingent fund..... 1,200.00

Well..... 200.00

TOWN REPORT

9

Tar.....	\$200.00
Fire equipment.....	25.00
Libraries.....	200.00
Old Age assistance.....	500.00
Town poor.....	500.00
Memorial Day.....	75.00
County tax.....	2,006.08
Schools.....	6,097.21
Bonded debt.....	1,000.00

 \$14,653.73

Plus overlay.....	87.75
-------------------	-------

Total.....	\$14,741.58
------------	-------------

Amount committed to collector.....	\$13,533.60
Poll taxes.....	508.00
National Bank tax.....	10.00
Interest and dividends tax.....	32.12
Savings Bank tax.....	80.12
Railroad tax.....	12.94
Auto permit fees.....	564.70

 \$14,741.58
Assets

Cash on hand.....	\$187.35
Uncollected taxes 1938.....	233.45
Unredeemed taxes 1937.....	33.71
Unredeemed taxes, previous years.....	109.42
Uncollected taxes 1939.....	5,936.02

 \$6,499.95
Liabilities

Exeter Banking Co., (outstanding note).....	\$2,000.00
Exeter Banking Co., town bond.....	500.00

Total liability.....	\$2,500.00
----------------------	------------

Excess of assets over liabilities.....	\$3,999.95
----------------------------------------	------------

 \$6,499.95

Bonds outstanding.....	\$500.00
Notes outstanding.....	\$2,000.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1940

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Un-expended Balance	Overdraft
Town Officers' salaries.....	\$1,000.00	\$565.64		
Town Officers' expenses.....		306.40		\$6.00
Election and registration.....		25.50		
Town reports.....		108.46		
Town Hall.....		257.92		257.92
Police department.....		13.00		13.00
Fire department.....	25.00	125.41		100.41
Town well.....	200.00	154.45	\$45.55	
Dog damage.....		15.00		15.00
Vital statistics.....		.20		.20
State Aid maintenance.....	200.00	89.64	110.36	
Town maintenance.....	1,027.94	1,022.66	4.28	
General expense of highway dept..	1,200.00	978.68	21.32	
Libraries.....	200.00	200.00		
Town poor.....	500.00	332.45	167.55	
Old Age assistance.....	500.00	266.50	234.50	
Memorial Day.....	75.00	75.00		
Cemeteries.....		119.25		119.25
Town History Records Survey....		15.00		15.00
Interest.....		152.25		152.25
State Aid construction.....	622.50	624.97		2.47
Land damage.....		50.00		50.00
Principal of debt.....	1,000.00	1,000.00		
County tax.....	2,006.08	2,006.08		
Total.....	\$8,556.52	\$8,504.46	\$583.56	\$731.50
Net overdraft of appropriations...			\$147.94	
			\$731.50	\$731.50

Town Clerk's Report

Dog License Account

Dr.

1939 received for 33 male dogs.....	\$66.00
1939 received for 4 female dogs.....	20.00
	<hr/>
	\$86.00

Cr.

Fees 37 at 20 cents each.....	\$7.40
Paid Town Treasurer.....	78.60
	<hr/>
	\$86.00

Auto Permits

1939 received for permits.....	\$564.70
Paid Town Treasurer.....	564.70

HORACE O. EVANS,

Town Clerk.

Tax Collector's Report

JOHN R. MALLOY, TAX COLLECTOR

Balance of Account 1938 Taxes

Dr.

Property taxes to collect.....	\$5,387.94
Poll taxes to collect, 116.....	232.00
Interest collected 1937-1938.....	99.36
Interest and expense of tax sale.....	18.86
	<hr/>
	\$5,738.16

Cr.

Property taxes collected.....	\$5,088.44
Poll taxes collected.....	170.00
Abatements poll.....	24.00
Uncollected property tax.....	233.45
Uncollected poll tax.....	34.00
Interest collected 1937-1938.....	99.36
Collectors sale 1938 property.....	70.05
Interest and expense of tax sale.....	18.86
	<hr/>
	\$5,738.16

Total tax levy of the year 1939 in Warrant..... \$14,051.60

Dr.

Property taxes to collect.....	\$13,533.60
Poll taxes to collect, 254.....	508.00
Bank stock tax.....	10.00
	<hr/>
	\$14,051.60

Cr.

Property taxes collected.....	\$7,630.95
Poll taxes collected, 129.....	258.00
Bank stock tax.....	10.00

TOWN REPORT

13

Discounts.....	\$158.71
Abatements property.....	57.92
Uncollected property taxes.....	5,686.02
Uncollected poll taxes, 125.....	250.00
	<hr/>
	\$14,051.60
Collected interest on tax sales.....	\$9.92
Collected tax sales redeemed.....	93.02
	<hr/>
	\$102.94

Abatements

1938 *Poll Tax*

George Beckman.....	\$2,00
Alphonsine Brewster.....	2.00
George A. Briggs.....	2.00
Alpert B. Fellows.....	2.00
Dorothy B. Cook.....	2.00
Raymond F. Cook.....	2.00
Ethel B. Currier.....	2.00
Victor J. Fontaine.....	2.00
Ethel G. Phinney.....	2.00
Geraldine C. Sargent.....	2.00
Raymond W. Sargent.....	2.00
Alvira O. Smith.....	2.00
	<hr/>
	\$24.00

1939 *Property Tax*

William A. Anderson, over taxed.....	\$3.30
Ralph B. Fish, over taxed.....	6.60
Grace M. Gilmore, over taxed.....	1.65
Axel W. Johnson, over taxed.....	1.49
Theresa W. Morley, exepmtion.....	33.00
Howard T. Outwater, over taxed.....	1.98
Estate of E. A. Baker Farm.....	9.90
	<hr/>
	\$57.92

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand February 20, 1939.....	\$1,045.02
-------------------------------------	------------

Received from John R. Malloy, Tax Collector:

Property tax, 1938.....	\$5,088.44	
Property tax, 1939.....	7,630.95	
Poll tax, 1938.....	170.00	
Poll tax, 1939.....	258.00	
Interest on taxes 1937 and 1938.....	99.36	
Interest on tax sales.....	9.92	
Tax sales redeemed.....	93.02	
Bank stock tax, 1939.....	10.00	
		\$13,359.69

Received from F. G. Kimball, State Treasurer:

Railroad tax.....	\$12.94	
Savings Bank tax.....	80.12	
Interest and dividends tax.....	32.12	
		\$125.18

Received from Horace O. Evans, Town Clerk:

Auto permits, 1939.....	\$564.70	
Dog tax, 1939.....	78.60	
		\$643.30

Received from other sources:

The Exeter Banking Co., notes.....	\$4,000.00	
Herbert Brown, town history survey..	6.00	
Alfred Jordan, Jr., rent of town hall..	3.00	
Albert Fellows, Est.....	9.62	
		\$4,018.62

	\$19,191.81	
Paid by order of the Selectmen.....	19,004.46	
Balance on hand February 20, 1940.....		\$187.35

GERTRUDE EVANS STEEVES,

Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF EXPENDITURES

Town officers' salaries.....	\$565.64
Town officers' expenses.....	306.40
Election and registration.....	25.50
Town Hall.....	257.92
Police department.....	13.00
Fire department.....	125.41
Town reports.....	108.46
Digging well.....	154.45
Dog damage.....	15.00
Vital statistics.....	20
State Aid maintenance.....	89.64
Town maintenance.....	1,022.66
General expense of highway department.....	978.68
Schools.....	6,500.00
Libraries.....	200.00
Town poor.....	332.45
Old age assistance.....	266.50
Memorial Day.....	75.00
Cemeteries.....	119.25
Town records survey.....	15.00
Interest.....	152.25
State aid construction.....	624.97
Land damage.....	50.00
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.....	4,000.00
Bonded indebtedness.....	1,000.00
County tax.....	2,006.08
Total.....	<hr/> \$19,004.46

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL

Town Officers' Salaries

Howard Eastman, auditor.....	\$10.00
Ambrose Groetz, auditor.....	10.00
Otis Eastman, selectman.....	50.00
George Armstrong, selectman.....	50.00
Horace O. Evans, town clerk.....	50.00
Gertrude E. Steeves, treasurer.....	60.00
Oscar Brown, supervisor.....	9.00
Charles Eastman, supervisor.....	9.00
Alfred Groetz, supervisor.....	9.00
John York, selectman.....	100.00
John York, moderator.....	4.00
John Malloy, tax collector.....	194.64
Dave Hodgdon, dog constable.....	10.00
Total.....	<hr/> \$565.64

Town Officers' Expenses

Doris M. Perkins, typing town warrants.....	\$2.50
Edson Eastman, town warrants.....	.83
Ladies Aid Society, dinners town meeting.....	7.50
Edson C. Eastman, assessment sheets.....	2.10
Wheeler & Clark, town clerk's supplies.....	5.72
Baker Agency, Town clerk's bond.....	5.00
Whittier Press, printing inventory blanks.....	2.00
M. G. Armstrong, trip to Road Agent's meeting.....	5.00
Baker Agency, bond for town treasurer.....	10.00
John W. Green, examining records.....	5.80
Horace O. Evans, auto permit fees.....	37.50
Edith Prescott, making out taxes.....	20.00
Edson Eastman Co, supplies.....	8.67
Wheeler & Clark, tax bills.....	16.70
W. A. Garrison, auto and truck guide.....	3.75
Elwell Agency, tax collector's bond.....	10.00
Exeter News Letter, notice to dog owners.....	1.00
John York, assessing lumber lots.....	9.00
Otis Eastman, assessing lumber lots and expenses....	15.00
George Armstrong, assessing lumber lots and expenses	19.00
Wheeler & Clark, supplies.....	1.75
H. O. Evans, expenses.....	18.00
H. O. Evans, postage and telephone.....	5.38
H. O. Evans, expenses to town clerk meeting.....	7.50
G. E. Steeves, town treasurer's expenses.....	13.75
John W. York, relief and O. A. C. expenses.....	25.00
John W. York, two trips to Concord; two trips to Portsmouth; postage; telegraph and telephone....	22.50
Batchelder & Wheeler, legal service.....	11.45
John Malloy, tax collector's expense.....	14.00
Total.....	<hr/> \$306.40

Election and Registration

Fred Ferrin, gate keeper.....	\$3.00
Moses Brewster, gate keeper.....	3.00
Eva Scott, ballot clerk.....	3.00
Ambrose Groetz, ballot clerk.....	3.00
Hiram Prescott, ballot inspector.....	3.00
Melvin Armstrong, ballot inspector.....	3.00
Amesbury Publishing Co., ballots.....	7.50
	<hr/> \$25.50

Town Reports

Whittier Press, printing town reports.....	\$108.46
--------------------------------------------	----------

TOWN REPORT

17

Town Hall Expenses

Alfred Groetz, wood for town hall.....	\$18.00
L. F. Strout, janitor service.....	3.00
Robert Sawyer, cleaning and painting selectmen's office.....	27.00
George Kimball & Sons, supplies.....	6.70
Fred Gurney, tuning piano.....	2.00
George Prescott, insurance.....	43.75
Alfred Jordan, janitor.....	4.00
Alfred Jordan, Jr., janitor teachers' meeting.....	2.00
Mrs. Alfred Jordan, Jr., washing town hall.....	6.00
D. E. Palmer, wood for town hall.....	15.00
Joseph Wilbur, setting glass and supplies.....	2.50
Farm Service, bulbs for town hall.....	1.80
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, shingles and nails....	75.29
Russell Crowell, shingling on town hall kitchen.....	10.50
H. O. Evans, shingling on town hall kitchen.....	12.00
Alfred Groetz, wood for town hall.....	9.00
Exeter & Hampton Electric Co., lights for town hall.	19.38
Total.....	<hr/> \$257.92

Police Department

Henry Day, two police badges.....	\$3.00
Lawrence Bailey, expenses and salary on poor case...	10.00
Total.....	<hr/> \$13.00

Fire Department

Exeter Fire Department.....	\$83.00
Russell Crowell, watching Tyrel fire.....	4.50
Frank Walsh, watching Tyrel fire.....	4.50
E. Greenwood, watching Tyrel fire.....	4.50
H. Evans, express on fire tools.....	2.16
Kurtz Diner, coffee for firemen.....	1.75
State Forestry Department, fire tools.....	25.00
Total.....	<hr/> \$125.41

Vital Statistics

Frank May, names of deceased.....	\$.20
-----------------------------------	--------

Miscellaneous

Damage by Dogs: George Weare.....	\$15.00
-----------------------------------	---------

*State Aid Maintenance**Lamprey Road*

American Tar Company, tar.....	\$83.64
Otis Eastman, repairing shoulders.....	2.00
Granville Gilmore, repairing shoulders.....	3.00
	<hr/>
	\$89.64

General Expense of Highway Department

R. G. Watkins Co., snow removal.....	\$682.00
James Rosencrantz, gravel and truck fix mud hole...	2.00
George Bartlett, cutting bushes.....	14.62
Otis Eastman, fixing culvert near Warners.....	4.50
David Hodgdon, fixing culvert near Warners.....	4.50
Richard Miller, fixing culvert near Warners.....	4.50
Granville Gilmore, labor on culvert.....	1.50
Frank Rosencrantz, truck, culvert.....	4.00
N. H. Highway Garage, tile.....	41.28
Otis Eastman, fixing curves and banks for snow plow..	12.00
Granville Gilmore, labor on cross roads.....	9.00
E. B. Warner, gas for grader.....	5.82
R. G. Watkins, grader for Robie, Beaver Dam and Dearborn Roads.....	16.25
Harvey Wilbur, labor on cross roads.....	6.00
David Hodgdon, driving grader and labor.....	9.00
Alfred Groetz, labor.....	3.00
Otis Eastman, labor.....	6.75
Melvin Armstrong, labor on Ridge Road.....	3.00
Walter Hilliard, labor on Ridge Road.....	1.50
David Hodgdon, labor on Ridge Road.....	3.00
H. Evans, truck on Ridge Road.....	10.00
E. B. Warner, gas for grader on Ridge Road.....	2.65
R. G. Watkins, grader on Ridge Road.....	6.25
State Highway Garage, tile for East School Road....	17.20
H. Evans, putting up snow fence.....	15.00
M. Armstrong, putting up snow fence.....	7.50
Alfred Groetz, labor, tile on East School Road.....	6.00
G. Gilmore, labor, tile on East School Road.....	3.00
L. Rosencrantz, truck, tile on East School Road.....	2.00
Frank Rosencrantz, truck, Beaver Dam Road.....	10.00
G. Gilmore, labor Beaver Dam Road.....	3.00
O. Eastman, labor Beaver Dam Road.....	3.00
Myrtle Carter, gravel, Beaver Dam Road.....	1.08
Horace O. Evans, removing snow fence.....	12.00
Howard Beckman, removing snow fence.....	4.50
N. H. State Highway Garage, tile.....	41.28
	<hr/>
Total.....	\$978.68

TOWN REPORT

19

Memorial Day

Exeter Brass Band, music.....	\$50.00
Garfield Morgan, speaker.....	15.00
Lizzie Elkins, flags.....	8.75
D. E. Palmer, supplies.....	1.25
	<hr/>
	\$75.00

Library

Elsie Beckman, library treasurer.....	\$200.00
---------------------------------------	----------

Education

Dorothy Card, school treasurer.....	\$6,500.00
-------------------------------------	------------

Town Poor

Mitchell Memorial Hospital, hospitalization.....	\$52.02
Esther Warner, food and supplies.....	162.00
Edwin Lee, medical services.....	13.00
Rockingham County Farm, board and room.....	15.43
Exeter Hospital, hospitalization.....	15.00
F. L. Junkins funeral.....	75.00
	<hr/>
	\$332.45

Old Age Assistance

State of N. H.—Feb. 1—Jan. 31, 1939.....	\$266.50
------------------------------------------	----------

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Digging Well

Loren Plumb.....	\$35.00
H. Smith, moving derrick.....	4.00
B. Bailey, labor.....	16.00
Oscar Brown, labor.....	20.00
Otis Eastman, labor.....	20.00
B. T. Janvrin & Sons, tile.....	40.35
Exeter Lumber Co., tile and cement.....	19.10
	<hr/>
Total.....	\$154.45

Care of Cemeteries

Paid John Blake, labor.....	\$117.10
Farm Service Store, rake.....	2.25
	<hr/>
	\$119.25

Land Damage

Mabel Brewer, Bertha Wood, land damage on South Road.....	\$50.00
-----------------------------------------------------------	---------

Sponsoring Town Historical Survey

Paid treasurer of U. S.....	\$15.00
-----------------------------	---------

Interest

Paid Exeter Banking Co., notes and bonds.....	\$152.75
-----------------------------------------------	----------

State Aid Construction

Paid State of New Hampshire.....	\$624.97
----------------------------------	----------

Payment of Bonds and Notes

Paid Exeter Banking Co:	
Notes.....	\$4,000.00
Bonds.....	1,000.00
	<hr/>
	\$5,000.00

County Tax

Paid treasurer Rockingham County.....	\$2,006.08
	<hr/>
Total.....	\$19,004.46

*Melvin G. Armstrong, Road Agent**North District*

Walter Hilliard, labor.....	\$26.25
Earl Wilbur, labor.....	4.50
Ralph Jordan, labor.....	3.57
George Dennis, labor.....	6.00
David Hodgdon, labor.....	12.20
John Crowell, labor.....	10.50
George Shaw, gravel.....	2.30
R. G. Watkins, grader.....	39.38
E. B. Warner, gas and oil.....	13.20
M. G. Armstrong, labor.....	54.00
Ambrose Groetz, truck.....	48.00
Russell Crowell, labor.....	22.80
W. N. Dowe, labor.....	18.00
Horace O. Evans, truck.....	57.60
Frank Rosencrantz, truck.....	2.40
Granville Gilmore, labor.....	9.00
John Ayers, labor.....	6.75

TOWN REPORT

21

James Campbell, gravel.....	\$7.20
Myrtle Carter, gravel.....	4.80
	<hr/>
	\$348.45

Account of David Hodgdon, Road Agent

Middle District

Henry Brown, gravel.....	\$5.00
R. G. Watkins & Son, grader.....	71.63
E. B. Warner, gas and oil.....	13.75
Robinsons Gas Station, gas.....	3.40
Howard Towle, pipe repairs.....	1.75
Ambrose Groetz, truck.....	55.80
James Rosencrantz, truck.....	14.40
Horace Evans, truck.....	19.20
Granville Gilmore, labor.....	35.63
David Hodgdon, labor.....	40.14
Francis Wilbur, labor.....	9.00
Otis Eastman, labor.....	15.00
Oscar Brown, labor.....	6.00
Richard Miller, labor.....	2.26
Earl Wilbur, labor.....	30.19
Alfred Jordan, Sr., labor.....	6.00
Ralph Jordan, labor.....	19.32
Gene Brewster, labor.....	8.25
Bernard Wilbur, labor.....	6.56
Alfred Jordan, Jr., labor.....	3.00
	<hr/>
	\$366.28

Account of James Rosencrantz, Road Agent

South District

James Rosencrantz, truck.....	\$129.60
Ambrose Groetz, truck.....	40.80
Granville Gilmore, labor.....	13.87
Otis Eastman, labor.....	22.87
Alfred Jordan, Jr., labor.....	12.75
Alfred Jordan, Sr., labor.....	18.75
Oscar Brown, labor.....	14.62
Arthur George, labor.....	21.00
Frank Rosencrantz, labor.....	7.50
George Bartlett, labor.....	6.00
Francis Wilbur, labor.....	2.62
George Robinson, labor.....	1.85
Ray Brewster, labor.....	.75
Mrs. Carter, gravel.....	14.15
Henry Brown, gravel.....	.80
	<hr/>
Total.....	\$307.93

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON ON JANUARY 31, 1940

Date of creation	Trust funds and purpose of creation	How invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on hand at beginning of year	Income during year	Exp'ded during year	Bal. of Income on Hand at End of Year
1912	John F. Gill Cemetery Fund	Man. Sav. Bnk.	\$100.00	3-2½	\$59.36	\$4.40	\$2.00	\$61.76
1914	Hannah Moulton Library Fund . .	Man. Sav. Bnk.	1000.00	3-2½		43.11	43.11	
1916	Mary S. Blake Cemetery Fund . . .	Man. Sav. Bnk.	100.00	3-2½	34.34	3.71	2.00	36.05
1918	Lizzie H. Osgood Cem. Fund	Exeter Bnk. Co.	100.00	2¼	32.07	2.98	2.00	33.05
1922	James P. Bartlett Cemetery Fund	Exeter Bnk. Co.	100.00	2¼	27.89	2.88	2.00	28.77
1923	George M. Gove, Cemetery Fund.	Man. Sav. Bnk.	150.00	3-2½	65.54	5.96	2.00	69.50
1925	Ellen F. Bingham, Cem. Fund . . .	Man. Sav. Bnk.	100.00	3-2½	15.60	3.19	2.00	16.79
1928	Clara A. Rhodes, Cemetery Fund	Man. Sav. Bnk.	100.00	3-2½	14.66	3.16	2.00	15.82
1929	William H. Eaton, Cem. Fund . . .	Exeter Bnk. Co.	200.00	2¼	23.05	5.04	2.00	26.09
1931	Susan S. Webster, Cem. Fund . . .	Man. Sav. Bnk.	200.00	3-2½	26.71	6.27	2.00	30.98
1932	Robert F. Brown, Cem. Fund . . .	Exeter Bnk. Co.	200.00	2¼	24.40	5.07	2.00	27.47
1935	Frank L. Wadleigh, Cem. Fund . .	Exeter Bnk. Co.	100.00	2¼	3.71	2.34	2.00	4.05
1937	Sarah A. Green Cemetery Fund . .	Exeter Bnk. Co.	100.00	2¼	.59	2.26	2.00	.85
1938	Olive Clifford Cemetery Fund . . .	Exeter Bnk. Co.	95.00	2¼		2.94		.94

Librarian's Report

The circulation from February 1, 1939 to January 31, 1940 shows a great increase over that of the previous year, especially in biography and travel books. The figures for both years are given for purposes of comparison.

	to Jan. 31, 1939	to Jan. 31, 1940
Travel.....	34	72
Biography.....	40	82
History.....	45	30
Science.....	48	47
Miscellaneous.....	50	29
Children's.....	348	518
Fiction.....	1,022	1,461
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total.....	1,587	2,239

The following magazines were given to the library: *American Forests*, by Miss Josephine Prescott; *Story Parade*, by the Public Library Commission; *Old Time New England*, by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities; and *Country Gentleman*, by Professor Francis. There were 101 magazines taken out during the year.

A large amount of non-fiction books were borrowed by mail from Concord, and fiction, mostly detective stories, was borrowed at regular intervals from the Exeter Library.

Mrs. Crosby has given us her usual large gift of books, and we have had other small donations.

The railing of the library, which has for several years been in need of repair, is being fixed, and other small repairs have been made.

EDITH PRESCOTT, *Librarian*.

List of New Books

Gift of Mrs. Crosby

Prophetic marriage.....	<i>Deeping</i>
Old love for new.....	<i>Rutherford</i>
Ships of youth.....	<i>Diver</i>
Tear stains.....	<i>Marsh</i>
Old wine.....	<i>Bottome</i>
Easy.....	<i>Burton</i>
Wild bird.....	<i>Diver</i>
Planter of the tree.....	<i>Ayres</i>
Never ask the end.....	<i>Paterson</i>
Altar of friendship.....	<i>Upright</i>
Shortest street.....	<i>Randall</i>
Thresholds.....	<i>Baldwin</i>
Madelaine of the desert.....	<i>Weigall</i>
Losing gain.....	<i>Upright</i>
Strange understanding.....	<i>Comstock</i>
Youth rides out.....	<i>Seymour</i>
Storm over Eden.....	<i>Miller</i>
Portrait by Caroline.....	<i>Thompson</i>
Men are such fools!.....	<i>Baldwin</i>
Rhoda fair.....	<i>Kelland</i>
Dancers.....	<i>Parsons</i>
Devil's mansion.....	<i>Jardin</i>
Glimpses of the moon.....	<i>Wharton</i>
Lengthened shadow.....	<i>Locke</i>
Bright torch.....	<i>Pahlow</i>
Stormy petrel.....	<i>Carroll</i>
Dangerous situation.....	<i>Tracy</i>
Black turret.....	<i>Wynnnton</i>
Argonaut.....	<i>Morrow</i>
Life's shop window.....	<i>Cross</i>
Big road.....	<i>Cross</i>
Diana dauntless.....	<i>Kester</i>
Out of the clay.....	<i>Comstock</i>
Awakening.....	<i>Deeping</i>
Cikanka.....	<i>Proska</i>
Run of the brush.....	<i>Raine</i>
Windymere.....	<i>Colver</i>
Sibyl of the North.....	<i>Mac Kenzie</i>
Challenged.....	<i>Martin</i>
House across the river.....	<i>Corbett</i>
Tender melody.....	<i>Grey</i>
Safety curtain.....	<i>Dell</i>

Whippoorwill House.....	<i>Hauck</i>
Storm Drift.....	<i>Dell</i>
Porcelain and clay.....	<i>Martin</i>
Swindler.....	<i>Dell</i>
Royal highness.....	<i>Mann</i>
God's stepchildren.....	<i>Millin</i>
Tidal wave.....	<i>Dell</i>
Fiddle, D. D.....	<i>Cobb</i>
Tale of Triona.....	<i>Locke</i>
Desire of his life.....	<i>Dell</i>
There's always another year.....	<i>Ostenso</i>
Challenge to happiness.....	<i>Grieg</i>
Joanna.....	<i>Gates</i>
No more, no less.....	<i>Henry</i>
Rivers glide on.....	<i>Gibbs</i>
Second flowering.....	<i>Gordon</i>
Mary Wollaston.....	<i>Webster</i>
Unknown quantity.....	<i>Dell</i>
Rosa Mundi.....	<i>Dell</i>
Odds.....	<i>Dell</i>
Silver virgin.....	<i>Wylie</i>
Coronet.....	<i>Komroff</i>
Passer-by.....	<i>Dell</i>
White reed.....	<i>Reed</i>

Gift of Mrs. Lassell

Lad of Sunnybank.....	<i>Terhune</i>
Battles and commanders.....	<i>Wright</i>
History of the United States.....	<i>Spencer</i>
Pistorial history of the world.....	<i>Yonge</i>
Deeds of valor.....	
Works.....	<i>Bulwer-Lytton</i>
Man on the box.....	<i>MacGrath</i>

Gift of John Sargent

Sky Castle.....	<i>Northrup</i>
-----------------	-----------------

Bought with state aid, Moulton Fund, or town money:

Travel

Reaching for the stars.....	<i>Waln</i>
Inside Asia.....	<i>Gunther</i>
North to the Orient.....	<i>Lindbergh</i>
With Lawrence in Arabia.....	<i>Thomas</i>
David goes voyaging.....	<i>Putnam</i>
Land below the wind.....	<i>Keith</i>
Wind, sand, and stars.....	<i>de St. Exupery</i>

Biography

Mein Kampf.....	Hitler
Ninety years at the Isles of Shoals.....	Laighton

Poetry and Literature

Shropshire lad.....	Housman
Salt water poems.....	Masefield
Life of the bee.....	Maeterlinck
Twenty best plays of the modern American theatre.	

Children's Books

Frankie.....	Evers
Golden Cockerel.....	Pogany
Little house on runners.....	Hayes
Smoky.....	James
Astonishing letter.....	Hill & Maxwell
Little Lord Fauntleroy.....	Burnett
Susanna's auction.....	de Monvel
Stalky & Co.....	Kipling
Drums in the forest.....	Dwight
Secret of the old clock.....	Keene
Mousknees.....	White
Present for Auntie.....	Brock
Mike of Co. D.....	Aspden
Watchbirds.....	Leaf
Mei Li.....	Handforth
Little elephant catches cold.....	Washburne

Fiction

Seasoned timber.....	Canfield
Thank you, Jeeves.....	Wodehouse
Patriot.....	Buck
Body in the bonfire.....	Bush
Sunrise.....	Hill
I've been to London.....	Bailey
Disputed passage.....	Douglas
Hostile plains.....	Scott
Cimarron bend.....	Emerson
Murders in silk.....	Teagle
Chess murders.....	Davis
Five fatal letters.....	Scott
Grapes of wrath.....	Steinbeck
Arundel.....	Roberts
Tellers of tales.....	Maugham

Lord Jim.....	<i>Conrad</i>
Mutiny on the Bounty.....	<i>Nordhoff & Hall</i>
Jamaica Inn.....	<i>du Maurier</i>
Escape.....	<i>Vance</i>
Three Harbors.....	<i>Mason</i>
Good-bye, Mr. Chips.....	<i>Hilton</i>
Moment in Peking.....	<i>Lin</i>

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

Receipts

Balance of 1938 money on hand.....	\$5.40	
Received from town.....	200.00	
Refund—Womrath Book Co.....	7.60	
Moulton Fund.....	43.11	
Fines.....	4.85	
		<hr/>
Receipts.....		\$260.96

Expenses

Librarians' salary.....	\$100.00	
Mowing lawn.....	2.40	
Books.....	35.29	
Supplies.....	3.45	
Postage.....	4.06	
Wood.....	43.50	
Electric Lights.....	12.44	
Magazines.....	17.00	
Cleaning Library.....	12.60	
		<hr/>
Expenses.....		\$230.74
		<hr/>
Balance on hand.....		\$30.22

Kensington, N. H., February 24, 1940.

This is to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of George I. Armstrong, John W. York and Otis H. Eastman, Selectmen; Gertrude E. Steeves, Town Treasurer; Melvin Armstrong, David Hodgdon and James Rosencrantz, Road Agents; Horace O. Evans, Town Clerk; Elsie Beckman, Library Trustee; George A. Prescott, Trustee of Trust Funds and John R. Malloy, Tax Collector.

We find the above accounts correctly cast and properly vouched for and do hereby approve same

HOWARD C. EASTMAN,
AMBROSE J. GROETZ,

Auditors.

Annual Reports

OF

Officers of the School District

OF THE

Town of Kensington, N. H.

For the Year Beginning July 1, 1938 and Ending
June 30, 1939

School Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Kensington,
New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district on the 16th day of March, 1940, at 2.00 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 agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers 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 whether the district will vote to close the West School at the end of the present school year and place the pupils in another Kensington school.
10. To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Kensington this thirteenth day of February, 1940.

LOUIS F. STROUT,
BEATRICE I. PALMER,
PHYLLIS M. APITZ,

School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

LOUIS F. STROUT,
BEATRICE I. PALMER,
PHYLLIS M. APITZ,

School Board.

School Boards Estimate for 1940-1941

School District of Kensington

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, 1940.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

	<i>Elementary Schools</i>	
<i>*Support of Schools:</i>		
Teachers' salaries.....	\$2,550.00	
Text books.....	75.00	
Scholars' supplies.....	50.00	
Flags and appurtenances.....	10.00	
†Other expenses of Instruction.....	15.00	
Janitor service.....	111.00	
Fuel.....	120.00	
Water, light, janitors' supplies.....	50.00	
Minor repairs and expenses.....	250.00	
Health supervision (medical inspection)	100.00	
Other special activities (music).....	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,431.00
<i>Other Statutory Requirements:</i>		
Salaries of district officers (fixed by district).....	\$70.50	
Truant officer and school census (fixed by district).....	6.00	
Payment of tuition in high school and academies (estimated by board)...	3,250.00	
Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by supervisory union).....	78.00	
Per capita tax (report of state treasurer)	160.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,564.50
Total amount required to meet School Board's budget.....		<hr/> \$6,995.50

*\$3.50 per \$1000 of *taxable inventory* is **minimum** required by law in addition to per capita tax and salaries of district officers.

†Includes all expenses of educating handicapped children.

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1940 (Estimate)	\$100.00	
State Aid (December 1940 allotment) (estimated)	800.00	
Dog Tax (estimate)	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$940.00
‡Assessment required to balance school board's budget		\$6,055.50

LOUIS F. STROUT,
BEATRICE I. PALMER,
PHYLLIS M. APITZ,

School Board.

Kensington, N. H., February 15, 1940.

‡\$5 per \$1000 of *equalized valuation* must be raised for *elementary schools* to qualify for state aid. The net assessment must contain this amount in addition to funds raised for high school maintenance and other statutory requirements.

School Treasurer's Report

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1939

Balance from 1938.....	\$130.81	
Received from selectmen.....	5,700.00	
Received from state treasurer.....	411.97	
Received from tuitions rebate.....	15.85	
	<hr/>	\$6,258.63

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries.....	\$2,424.50	
Tuitions.....	2,525.73	
Supervisory Union.....	78.00	
State tax.....	162.00	
Text books.....	49.07	
Minor repairs and expenses.....	305.75	
Scholars' supplies.....	76.47	
Janitor service.....	114.00	
Fuel.....	107.00	
Water, light and janitor supplies.....	70.75	
Medical examination.....	105.75	
Insurance.....	70.00	
Music.....	30.00	
School census.....	6.00	
Expense of administration.....	37.83	
Officers' salaries.....	72.50	
	<hr/>	\$6,235.35

RECAPITULATION

Teachers' Salaries

Esther Hussey.....	\$800.00	
Ruth Poore.....	720.00	
Rachel Swasey.....	800.00	
Beatrice Shaw.....	23.75	
Minnie Moore.....	19.00	
Hilda Barker.....	61.75	
	<hr/>	\$2,424.50

Tuitions

Amesbury High School.....	\$1,011.51	
Robinson Female Seminary.....	476.07	
Exeter High School.....	764.28	
Belmont High School.....	72.00	
Sanborn Seminary.....	201.87	
	<hr/>	\$2,525.73

SCHOOL REPORT

35

Supervisory Union.....	\$78.00
State tax.....	162.00

Minor Repairs and Expenses

Robert Sawyer.....	\$100.00
Grace Jordan.....	10.00
Louis F. Strout.....	3.00
Edward Morrill.....	15.00
Robert Sawyer.....	38.30
Louis F. Strout.....	8.00
Edward Morrill.....	7.00
George P. Kimball & Sons.....	5.05
Robert Sawyer.....	3.50
L. F. Strout.....	30.10
E. E. Babb & Co.....	7.93
L. F. Strout.....	1.50
G. P. Kimball & Sons.....	76.37
	<hr/>
	\$305.75

Scholar's Supplies

Batchelder's Bookstore.....	\$1.00
The Papercrafters.....	12.60
Milton Bradley Co.....	5.95
J. L. Hammett Co.....	4.20
E. E. Babb & Co.....	31.02
E. E. Babb & Co.....	21.70
	<hr/>
	\$76.47

Text Books

Scott Foresman & Co.....	\$2.18
J. P. Lippincott Co.....	8.45
C. H. Condon.....	16.15
Cleveland Safety Council.....	1.95
The John C. Winston Co.....	5.93
The MacMillan Co.....	6.84
C. H. Congdon.....	2.94
Arlo Publishing Co.....	2.45
Rand McNally & Co.....	.66
MacMillan Co.....	1.52
	<hr/>
	\$49.07

Janitor Service

Herbert Jordan.....	\$38.00
Frank Philbrick.....	17.00
Edward Morrill.....	38.00
Florence Strout.....	21.00
	<hr/>
	\$114.00

Fuel

Sumner Card.....	\$80.00	
Arthur Evans.....	22.00	
Horace Evans.....	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$107.00

Water, Light and Janitor Service

Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.....	\$28.80	
Edward Morrill.....	19.00	
W. A. Young.....	.53	
Masury Young Co.....	8.67	
Sanitary Service Co.....	5.25	
E. E. Babb & Co.....	6.50	
G. P. Kimball & Son.....	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$70.75

Medical Examination

Eloise Sheehy.....	\$100.00	
Kingman Rexall Store.....	5.75	
	<hr/>	\$105.75

School Census

Louis F. Strout.....		\$6.00
----------------------	--	--------

Expense of Administration

World Book Co.....	\$6.48	
Dorothy B. Cook.....	1.00	
Baker Agency.....	10.00	
Fred A. Moore.....	19.00	
University Publishing Co.....	1.35	
	<hr/>	\$37.83

Music Supervision

Mrs. Esther Coombs.....		\$30.00
Insurance.....		70.00

Officer's Salaries

Dorothy B. Cook.....	\$10.00	
Edith Prescott.....	12.00	
Louis F. Strout.....	20.00	
Beatrice Palmer.....	15.00	
Dorothy Card.....	10.00	
Grace Gilmore.....	2.00	
Marian Kimball.....	2.00	
Percy Dunn.....	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$72.50

Total Receipts.....	\$6,258.63
Total Expenditures.....	6,235.35
	<hr/>
Balance on hand, June 30, 1939.....	\$23.28

DOROTHY R. CARD, *Treasurer.*

Financial Statement

From June 30, 1939 to February 15, 1940

Balance on hand June 30, 1939.....	\$23.28	
Received from selectmen.....	3,300.00	
Received from state treasurer.....	802.29	
	<hr/>	
Total receipts.....	\$4,125.57	
Total expenditures.....	4,079.39	
	<hr/>	
Balance on hand, February 15, 1940...	\$46.18	

DOROTHY R. CARD, *Treasurer.*

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 Kensington, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939 and find them correct in all respects.

MARION P. KIMBALL, *Auditor.*

July 31, 1939.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Board of Kensington, New Hampshire:

I take pleasure in submitting my annual report as Superintendent of Schools, the twenty-first in the series.

I have included the usual full number of statistical tables for they show in a concise way many important facts about the Kensington schools and the pupils in the various high school grades. In Table I is stated the distribution of all the pupils in the various grades and schools as of January 1, 1940. At this time last year, the local enrollment was fifty as against forty-two this year, while the out of town enrollment then was thirty-nine as against forty-two this year. It will be noted that the West School enrolls only five pupils. It may be that Tables IV and VI will be of the greatest interest, for they compare the Kensington situation with that of the other districts with which she is closely associated.

I am glad to report that the added experience which all our teachers have with the Kensington pupils has enabled them not only to continue the good work which was reported a year ago but to do better work. The results of the usual standardized tests at the end of the last school year are proof of this statement. The successful teacher is the one who develops each individual pupil to the limit of his capacity. It must be recognized, of course, that pupils vary in scholastic ability as they do in every other quality and that they cannot all reach the same mark, but our teachers are with praiseworthy success, endeavoring to guide and train each individual pupil.

While a teacher with only five pupils, as is the case at the West School, has a great deal of time for individual work, and in some matters can be more efficient for that reason, the pupils nevertheless miss most of the education which comes from mingling with a larger number of their fellows, from competition with them and from participation with them in common tasks. Miss Swasey has taken advantage of every opportunity for individual work, the pupils at the West School have done very well indeed, but I believe they would be better educated generally if the West School should be closed and the pupils taken to another school. There is no doubt that such a move would be for the distinct financial advantage of the district. Several neighboring districts in this and other Unions in which there were schools of many grades have found it to be of advantage to place the younger grades in one school and the older grades in another. At the present time this could easily be done in Kensington. Perhaps, however, the closing of the West School should be the first step in such a change.

Since my last report our school nurse, Mrs. Sheehy, has continued to make almost weekly visits to the schools, and with the same beneficial results which have previously been achieved. Through her examinations, inspections and conferences, our pupils are guarded from disease, our parents are instructed and the general level of pupil health is raised in Kensington, as in all of the districts in which she works.

The Kensington Parent-Teacher Association has for several years interested itself in aiding Mrs. Sheehy with her dental clinic and, at considerable expense, has seen to it that every Kensington pupil has received necessary treatment. For this and the general interest which the members of the Association take in the schools our thanks as administrators of the schools are due.

In last year's report I suggested a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the building of the present North School. I should like now to repeat that "this will be a fitting time for old pupils and all interested citizens to plan a little celebration of the event, recall a little, at least, of the history of the Kensington schools and realize once more what the schools, even from the early days, have done for the town."

With sincere appreciation for your interest and that of parents and friends in the welfare of our children, and for the help you give to the daily administrators of the schools, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON A. TOWLE,

Superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 16.

Exeter, New Hampshire, February 9, 1940.

Report of School Nurse

*To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board, Kensington,
New Hampshire:*

Following are the health activities in the Kensington schools from January 1st, 1939 to January 1st, 1940.

Number of pupils examined for physical defects.	43
Pupils found to have defective vision.	3
Pupils found to have defective tonsils.	2
Pupils found to have defective teeth.	33
Pupils who had vision corrected.	1
Pupils who had dental treatment.	40
Pupils who had tonsilectomy.	1

Pupils were weighed and measured in fall, winter and spring terms.

Total number visits in schools. 20

A large dental clinic was held and financed by the Parent Teacher-Association.

All pupils are vaccinated against small pox and many are inoculated against diphtheria.

I take this opportunity to thank our superintendent, Mr. Towle, School Board, Teachers, Parent Teachers Association and the people of Kensington for this co-operation and help.

Respectfully submitted,

ELOISE BIAS SHEEHY, *R.N.*

Newfields, N. H., February 8th, 1940.

TABLE I
Total enrollment, January 1, 1940

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot.
East School.....	2	1	4	3	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	21
North School.....	3	3	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
West School.....	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Amesbury High School.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	2	0	11
Amesbury Junior High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	9
Exeter Elementary Schools..	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Exeter High School.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	2	1	2	11
Robinson Seminary.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	3	7
Sanborn Seminary.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Totals.....	5	6	5	8	9	7	11	7	10	7	3	5	83

TABLE II
Statistics for School Year Ending June 30, 1939

School	Weeks in Year	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Total Pupils	Ave. Attendance	Ave. Absence	Ave. Membership	Percent of Att.	Cases of Tardiness	Visits of Supt.	Visits of Others
East.....	38	12	13	25	20.86	.98	21.84	95.51	77	33	68
North.....	38	12	8	20	15.50	.98	16.48	94.05	13	36	57
West.....	38	5	7	12	6.42	.57	6.99	91.84	5	30	26

TABLE III
Statistics for Ten Years Ending June 30, 1939

School Year	Weeks in Year	Boys	Girls	Total Pupils	Average Attendance	Average Absence	Average Membership	Per cent. of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Visits of Superintendent	Visits of Others	Average Salary
1929-1930....	38	29	21	50	42	2	44	96	130	79	163	867.00
1930-1931....	37	34	24	58	48	3	51	95	100	94	238	867.00
1931-1932....	37	41	29	70	57	3	60	95	111	82	250	833.33
1932-1933....	37	40	26	66	57	3	60	93	153	89	214	807.17
1933-1934....	37	36	30	66	58	4	63	92	96	89	217	818.33
1934-1935....	38	39	31	70	60	6	66	89	83	111	192	818.33
1935-1936....	37	37	40	67	56	4	60	92	98	105	244	783.33
1936-1937....	37	33	31	64	56	3	60	94	149	90	187	783.33
1937-1938....	37	35	31	66	58	3	61	95	27	96	108	783.33
1938-1939....	38	29	28	57	43	3	45	94	95	99	151	800.00

TABLE IV

Comparative Statistics in the Elementary Schools of Union No. 16
School Year Ending June 30, 1939

District	No. of Pupils	Weeks in Year	Days of No School	Days of School	Per pupil Cost	Ave. Salary of Teachers	Districts Share of Supt's. Salary	Per Capita Tax	Per cent. of Attendance	State Aid Received
Exeter	334	38	17	173	\$79.32	\$1,076.00	\$1,587.75	\$1,518	95	\$0000.00
Greenland	104	39	21	174	91.90	1,075.00	109.60	298	94	2,885.49
Kensington	57	38	14	176	82.43	800.00	78.00	162	94	411.97
Newfields	43	38	17	173	97.92	900.00	82.00	142	95	557.96
Stratham	69	38	16	174	101.93	966.00	142.65	210	94	1,019.49

TABLE V

Cost of Education in Kensington per \$1000 of Equalized Valuation, July 1, 1928—
June 30, 1939. District No. 1 had Lowest Cost. District No. 241 had
Highest Cost.

Kensington's Place in 241 Districts	Year	Local District Cost	State Aid	Total El. Cost	High School Cost	Other Current Costs	Total Current Cost	Equalized Valuation
195	1928-29	\$3.99	\$3.31	\$7.30	\$5.26	\$1.06	\$13.62	\$403,973.00
190	1929-30	4.95	2.77	7.72	4.72	1.13	13.57	403,973.00
163	1930-31	5.14	1.76	6.90	4.53	.80	12.23	474,633.00
186	1931-32	5.38	1.66	7.04	5.46	.81	13.31	474,633.00
185	1932-33	5.04	1.81	6.85	5.28	1.03	13.16	445,392.00
200	1933-34	5.01	1.83	6.84	5.74	.77	13.35	445,392.00
134	1934-35	5.09	2.00	7.09	3.91	.80	11.80	437,969.00
138	1935-36	4.65	2.15	6.80	4.33	.92	12.05	437,969.00
163	1936-37	6.76	1.78	8.54	4.28	.86	13.68	430,264.00
197	1937-38	7.33	1.79	9.12	5.53	.82	15.47	430,264.00
168	1938-39	7.12	2.05	9.17	4.11	.97	14.25	437,659.00

TABLE VI

Cost of Education in Union No. 16 Per \$1,000 of Equalized Valuation
School Year 1938-1939

Compared with that of Monroe and Unity
(The Lowest and the Highest in New Hampshire)

		Local District Cost	State Aid	Total El. Cost	High School Cost	Other Current Cost	Total Current Cost	Equalized Valuation
No.								
1	Munroe....	\$1.66	\$0.00	\$1.66	\$0.47	\$.99	\$3.12	\$9,116,265.00
"	21 Exeter.....	3.70	0.00	3.70	2.43	.67	6.80	8,973,566.00
"	131 Stratham...	7.39	1.51	8.90	2.88	.63	12.41	750,956.00
"	142 Newfields...	7.83	1.45	9.28	3.00	.70	12.98	474,249.00
"	168 Kensington..	7.12	2.05	9.17	4.11	.97	14.25	437,659.00
"	232 Greenland..	7.28	4.59	11.87	7.43	.90	20.20	643,307.00
"	241 Unity.....	7.19	16.11	23.30	5.08	1.73	30.11	353,023.00

TABLE VII

Kensington Schools

Attendance Honor Roll, 1938-1939

Group I

Perfect attendance for the full year, 38 weeks

None

Group II

Perfect attendance for 29 weeks to 37 weeks

Albin M. Anderson, Jr.	Marlene Groetz
Pauline M. Anderson	Pauline A. Groetz
Dorothy Bodwell	Marjorie J. Jordan
Harold W. Bodwell, Jr.	Paul Jordan
Joan Bodwell	Robert A. Jordan
Priscilla Bodwell	Harold J. Mitchell
Charles E. Brown	Ruth V. Mitchell
Elmer D. Dunn	Nancy Philbrick
Ellen E. Eastman	Alice R. Plouffe
Frederick C. Eastman	Willis Plouffe
Barbara Evans	Marguerite M. Rogers
George A. Evans	Arthur Russell
Richard C. Evans	John Sargent
Charles A. George	Warren Sargent
Elizabeth H. George	Elsie F. Seaburg
Margaret G. George	Richard Welsh
Raymond A. George	William Wilbur

Group III

Perfect attendance for 19 weeks to 28 weeks

Carolyn L. Anderson	Helen Laconis
Leonard Anderson	Mary Laconis
Kathleen G. Beckman	Benjamin Smith
Doris A. Brewster	Virginia Smith
Shirley I. Dunn	Alma Rogers
Barbara Jordan	Earl Rogers
Paul W. Kimball	Kenneth I. Wilbur

INDEX

Town Officers.....	2
Town Warrant.....	3
Town Budget.....	5
Selectmen's Report.....	8
Town Clerk's Report.....	11
Tax Collector's Report.....	12
Town Treasurer's Report.....	14
Table of Trust Funds.....	22
Librarian's Report.....	23
List of New Books.....	24
Financial Report.....	27
Town Auditor's Report.....	28
School Report.....	29
School Warrant.....	30
School Boards Estimate.....	32
School Treasurer's Report.....	24
Financial Statement.....	31
School Auditor's Report.....	37
Report of Superintendent of Schools.....	38
Report of School Nurse.....	40
Tables I, II and III.....	41
Tables IV and V.....	42
Table VI.....	43
Table VII.....	44

