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TOWN OF

*Benton,* NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL REPORT

*for the Year Ended December 31, 1951*



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# *Town of Benton*

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

Year Ended December 31, 1951

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## BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

### Moderator

Ira E. Elliott

### Town Clerk

Wayne I. Wheeler

### Selectmen

Charles H. Tyler

Term expires 1952

John Boutin

Term expires 1953

Joseph Boutin, Jr.

Term expires 1954

### Highway Agent

Ira E. Elliott (now resigned, office vacant)

### Treasurer

Margaret E. Elliott

### Tax Collector

Ira E. Elliott

### Supervisors of the Checklist

Ethel A. Boutin

Forrest E. Clark

Margaret Elliott

### Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

John Boutin, Sr.

### Constable

Ethel A. Boutin

### Fence Viewer

Iona Boutin

### Library Trustees

Lulu Clark

Mildred Elliott

Vevah Leonard

### School Board Members

James Leonard

Ethel A. Boutin

Lulu Clark

### Trustees of Trust Funds

Forrest Clark

Wayne Wheeler

James M. Leonard

### Sextons

C. Howard Tyler (Mt. View)

John Boutin, Jr. (East)

Charles Learned (South)

### Auditor

Ethel A. Boutin

### Ballot Clerks

Thelma Boutin

Mildred Elliott

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 11) at ten o'clock in the forenoon until 3 p.m. in the afternoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

**Article 1** To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, Charles H. Tyler 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 the town officers' salaries and expenses, for the repair and maintenance 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 authorize 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 for the White Mountain Region Association, last year's appropriation being \$13.16.

**Article 9** To see if the town will vote to authorize a discount of 2% on taxes paid before a date authorized by the selectmen.

**Article 10** To see if the town will vote to authorize the playing of beano in said town.

**Article 11** The polls shall remain open until 3 p.m. for the direct primary voting.

**Article 12** This town meeting warrant shall remain open for articles to be inserted by the selectmen until posting date.

**Article 13** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 15th day of January. A. D. 1952.

Charles H. Tyler

John Boutin

Joseph Boutin, Jr.

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.

Charles H. Tyler  
John Boutin  
Joseph Boutin, Jr.  
Selectmen of Benton

Margaret E. Elliott  
Town Treasurer

January 14, 1952

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## FOREWORD

We are pleased to report we can again close our accounts for 1951 with a very successful year to go down in history. Our cash balance on hand was the best for several years. Our town has been on pay-as-you-go basis through the entire year with no money being hired, and our final payment on our community building has been paid by both the town and school district.

The cooperation of all the town officers, school district officers and taxpayers has been splendid.

Even though our town is small in population we try for a good record and economy.

May we again say, "Thank you," for all the fine cooperation.

Charles H. Tyler  
John Boutin  
Joseph Boutin, Jr.  
Selectmen of Benton

## BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON

### Estimate of Revenue for the Year 1952 Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1951

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual 1951	Estimated 1952
<b>From State of N. H.</b>		
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 23.05	\$ 23.00
Railroad Tax	11.36	11.00
Savings Bank Tax	1.11	1.00
Bounties for 1950	45.50	63.50
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes</b>		
1950 Interest	43.10	30.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	277.44	270.00
Dog Fees	64.00	60.00
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes</b>		
Poll Taxes 1950	62.00	
Poll Taxes 1951	76.00	56.00
<b>Income from Forest Reserve, 1950</b>	833.09	800.00
<b>Income a/c Federal Forest Lands</b>	1,255.32	1,200.00
<b>Income from Trust Funds</b>		
For Cemeteries	57.42	57.00
For Highways	56.37	56.00
<b>Estimate of Total Revenues</b>		<b>2,627.50</b>
<b>Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes</b>	<b>4,490.50</b>	
Total Revenues from all sources except property taxes, estimated	\$ 2,627.50	
Amount to be raised by property taxes	4,490.50	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,118.00</b>	



**FOR THE YEAR 1952**

**Estimate of Expenses for the Year 1952 Compared with  
Actual Expenses for the Year 1951**

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	Actual 1951	Estimate 1952
<b>Current Maintenance Expense</b>		
<b>General Government</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 543.72	\$ 500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	318.62	350.00
Election and Registration	64.00	275.00
Community Building	117.66	175.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property</b>		
Police Department	5.00	5.00
Bounties	63.50	-----
For Fires	-----	-----
<b>Health Department</b>		
Health Officer	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.50	5.00
<b>Highways and Bridges</b>		
Town Roads	851.70	780.00
Snow Removal	857.10	1,000.00
T.R.A.	81.43	82.00
<b>Libraries—Librarian</b>	12.00	12.00
<b>Public Welfare—Old Age Assistance</b>	182.63	300.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes—Memorial Day</b>	27.39	30.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises—Cemeteries (3)</b>	199.27	200.00
<b>Payment on Community Building (complete)</b>	88.00	-----
Interest on Note	3.08	25.00
<b>White Mountain Region Association</b>	13.16	14.00
<b>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions</b>		
County Tax	358.30	360.00
School Tax (actual)	4,300.00	3,000.00
(\$419.00 added from Forest Reserve)		
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<b>Total for Expenses, Estimated</b>		<b>\$ 7,118.00</b>

### SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land and buildings	\$ 72,125.00
Mature wood and timber	11,220.00
Electric plants	32,518.00
Horses (11)	1,300.00
Bulls (1)	150.00
Cows (124)	18,600.00
Neat stock (31)	3,025.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks (2)	250.00
Stock in trade	400.00
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Total gross valuation before exemptions	139,588.00
Less soldiers' exemptions	6,000.00
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Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	133,588.00
Electric plants	
Conn. River Power Co.	\$28,750.00
N. H. Electric Coop., Inc.	3,768.00
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	32,518.00
Ycaton's Store stock in trade	400.00
Am't of property val. exempted to veterans	\$6,000.00
Number of inventories distributed	84
Number of inventories returned	37
Number veterans receiving property exemption	6
Number veterans receiving poll tax exemption	7

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND  
TAXES ASSESSED**

Town officers' salaries	\$ 500.00
Town officers' expenses	300.00
Election and Registration	50.00
Community building	200.00
Police department	5.00
Fire department	50.00
White pine blister rust control	198.00
Health department	5.00
Vital statistics	5.00
Town road aid	81.43
Summer town road maintenance	778.00
Winter snow removal and sanding	1,000.00
Libraries	12.00
Old age assistance	300.00
Memorial day	25.00
Cemeteries	150.00
White Mountain Region Association	13.16
Interest	20.00
Payments on principal of debt	88.00
County tax	358.30
School tax	3,426.62
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Total town and school appropriations	\$ 7,565.51
<b>Less estimated revenues and credits</b>	
Interest and dividend tax	\$ 22.89
Railroad tax	11.00
Savings bank tax	1.00
Reimbursement a/c state and federal lands and forest reserve	1,600.00
Motor vehicle permit fees	300.00
Dog licenses	40.00

Interest on taxes	50.00
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Total revenues	2,024.89
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	5,540.62
Plus overlay	50.49
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Net amount to be raised by taxation	5,591.11
Less 57 poll taxes @ \$2.00	114.00
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Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is figured	\$ 5,477.11
Property taxes	\$ 5,477.11
Poll taxes	114.00
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Total committed to collector	\$ 5,591.11

**Tax rate \$4.10**

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Community building and school combined	\$ 5,000.00
Furniture and equipment	1,000.00
Town clerk's building	200.00
Furniture and equipment	50.00
Library furniture and equipment	300.00
Town safe	50.00
Veterans' plaque	65.00
	6,665.00

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### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

61 automobiles registered	\$ 277.44
27 male and spayed female dogs licensed	54.00
2 female dogs licensed	10.00
	\$ 341.44

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne I. Wheeler, Town clerk

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### Selectmen's Notice

The Town Treasurer's Report will show \$12.04 balance received on sale of the old road machine. The remainder of this sale was taken in bridge planks from the Woods Bros. for repair of a bridge on the so-called Prentice road in East Benton.

C. H. Tyler  
John Boutin  
Joseph Boutin, Jr.  
Selectmen

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

## Received:

1947 taxes redeemed	\$ 50.51	
1947 interest redeemed	10.20	
1947 costs redeemed	3.50	
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		\$ 64.21
1948 taxes redeemed	50.90	
1948 interest redeemed	4.68	
1948 costs redeemed	3.50	
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		59.08
1949 taxes redeemed	112.25	
1949 interest redeemed	13.39	
1949 costs redeemed	7.00	
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		132.64
1950 yield tax	53.19	
1950 property taxes	1,425.08	
1950 property taxes sold	92.92	
1950 poll taxes collected	62.00	
1950 interest collected	43.10	
1950 cost of advertising and sale	36.08	
1950 int. paid by town at time of sale	4.25	
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		1,716.62

## Uncollected:

1950 unredeemed taxes	45.54	
1950 poll taxes	10.00	
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		55.54
1951 property taxes collected	4,237.76	
1951 interest	.08	
1951 poll taxes collected	76.00	
1951 head taxes collected	290.00	

1951 head tax penalty collected	1.00	
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		4,604.84
1951 yield tax collected		116.85
Uncollected:		
1951 property tax	776.61	
1951 poll tax	56.00	
1951 head tax	65.00	
1951 yield tax	40.43	
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		938.04

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector

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### TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Ira E. Elliott, Tax Collector:		
1947 property tax redeemed	\$ 50.51	
1947 redeemed interest	10.20	
1947 redemption costs	3.50	
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		64.21
1948 property tax redeemed	50.90	
1948 redeemed interest	4.68	
1948 redemption costs	3.50	
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		59.08
1949 property tax redeemed	112.25	
1949 redeemed interest	13.39	
1949 redemption costs	7.00	
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		132.64

1950 property tax	1,425.08	
1950 interest	43.10	
1950 poll tax	62.00	
1950 property tax bought by town	92.92	
1950 interest bought by town	4.25	
1950 cost of advertising and sale	36.08	
1950 yield tax	53.19	
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		1,716.62
1951 property tax	4,237.76	
1951 poll tax	76.00	
1951 interest	.08	
1951 head tax	290.00	
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		4,603.84
1951 head tax penalty	1.00	
1951 yield tax	116.85	
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		117.85
Received from Wayne Wheeler, Town Clerk:		
1951 motor vehicle tax	277.44	
1951 dog tax	64.00	
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		341.44
Received from Orrella Wade		
Lot in Mt. View Cemetery		5.00
Received from Woods Bros.:		
Balance on old road machine		12.04
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds:		
For highways	56.37	
For cemeteries	57.42	
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		113.79
Received from State of New Hampshire:		
Bounties on 2 bears	10.00	



Bounties on 142 hedgehogs	35.50
National forest reserve	838.09
Loss of taxes on forest lands	1,255.32
Reimbursement on state aid const.	57.60
Interest and dividend tax	23.05
Recovery of old age assistance	250.00
% on 65 head taxes	1.30
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	2,470.86
Savings bank tax	1.11
Railroad tax	11.36
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	12.47
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Total from State	2,483.33
Total from other sources	7,166.51
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Total receipts	\$ 9,649.84
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1950	2,887.70
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	\$ 12,537.54
Less Selectmen's Orders paid	8,914.41
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	3,623.13
Less bank service charge	7.60
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1951	3,615.53

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret E. Elliott, Town Treasurer

**Town of Benton****BALANCE**

<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Cash</b> —In hands of treasurer	\$ 3,615.53
<b>Accounts due to town</b>	
From State—bounties	63.50
<b>Unredeemed taxes</b> (from tax sale on account of)	
Levy of 1950	45.54
<b>Uncollected taxes</b>	
Levy of 1951	777.61
1951 polls	56.00
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,558.18</b>
Net Surplus, Dec. 31, 1950	\$ 2,116.41
Net Surplus, Dec. 31, 1951	2,952.43

The a/c reimbursement on forest lands and federal forest reserve for 1951 still due the town at closing date.

SHEET

December 31, 1951

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<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts owed by town</b>	
Balance of school appropriation	1,605.75
<b>No notes outstanding</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	1,605.75
Excess of assets over liabilities	2,952.43
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,558.18</b>

Balance of long term note on Community Building is now paid in full.

Uncollected head taxes due the state as of Dec. 31, 1951, \$65.00.

## Town of Benton

## RECEIPTS AND

**Receipts**

## Current Revenue

From Local Taxes (Collected and  
remitted to treasurer)

1. 1951 property tax	\$ 4,237.76	
2. 1951 interest	.08	
3. 1951 poll tax	76.00	
4. 1951 head tax	290.00	
5. 1951 head tax penalty	1.00	
6. 1951 yield tax	116.85	
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		\$ 4,721.69
7. 1950 property tax	1,425.08	
8. 1950 interest	43.10	
9. 1950 poll tax	62.00	
10. 1950 property tax bought by town	92.92	
11. 1950 interest bought by town	4.25	
12. 1950 cost of advertising sale	36.08	
13. 1950 yield tax	53.19	
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		1,716.62
14. 1949 property tax redeemed	112.25	
15. 1949 interest redeemed	13.39	
16. 1949 redemption costs	7.00	
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		132.64
17. 1948 property tax redeemed	50.90	
18. 1948 interest redeemed	4.68	
19. 1948 redemption costs	3.50	
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		59.08
20. 1947 property tax redeemed	50.51	
21. 1947 interest redeemed	10.20	

**PAYMENTS****Year Ended Dec. 31, 1951****Payments**

## Current Maintenance Expense

## General Government

1. Town officers' salaries	\$ 543.72
2. Town officers' expenses	318.62
3. Election and registration	64.00
4. Community building	117.66

## Protection of Persons and Property

5. Police department	5.00
6. Bounties	63.50

## Health

7. Health officer	5.00
8. Vital statistics	5.50

## Highways

9. TRA appropriation to state	81.43
10. Winter snow removal and sanding	857.10
11. Summer road maintenance	851.70

## Libraries

12. Librarian	12.00
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## Public Welfare

3. Old age assistance	182.63
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## Patriotic Purposes

14. Memorial day	27.39
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## Public Service Enterprises

15. Cemeteries	199.27
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 3,334.52

## Unclassified

16. White Mountain Region Assn.	13.16
17. Taxes bought by town, interest and costs	113.17

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 126.33

**Receipts (continued)**

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22. 1947 redemption costs	3.50	
		64.21
From Local Sources Except Taxes		
23. 1951 motor vehicle fees	277.44	
24. 1951 dog licenses	64.00	
		341.44
25. Cemetery lot—Mrs. Orrella Wade		5.00
Woods Bros.—balance on road machine		12.04
Trustees of Trust Funds		
For highways	56.37	
For cemeteries	57.42	
		113.79
From State of New Hampshire		
Bounties on 2 bears	10.00	
Bounties on 142 hedgehogs	35.50	
National forest reserve	838.09	
a/c loss of taxes on federal land	1,255.32	
Reimbursement on state aid const.	57.60	
Interest and dividend tax	23.05	
Reimbursement old age assistance	250.00	
2% on head taxes	1.30	
Savings bank tax	1.11	
Railroad tax	11.36	
		2,483.33
Total receipts from all sources		\$ 9,649.84
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1950		2,887.70
Grand Total		\$ 12,537.54

**Payments (continued)**

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Interest	
18. On building note	3.08
Indebtedness	
19. Long term note (final)	88.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	
Head taxes and penalties to state	285.18
County tax	358.30
Schools	4,719.00
	5,362.48
Bank service charge	7.60
	\$ 8,922.01
Total Payments for All Purposes	\$ 8,922.01
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1951	3,615.53
	\$ 12,537.54
Grand Total	\$ 12,537.54

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

For closing 1950 accounts	
Floyd Hutchins, trustee	\$ 12.80
Wayne Wheeler, trustee	6.40
Forrest Clark, trustee	6.40
Ethel Boutin, auditing 1950 accounts	20.00
Margaret Elliott	20.00
Ira Elliott	10.00
John Boutin, settling	20.00
Howard Tyler, settling and making report	30.00
	\$ 125.60
1951 Salaries to closing date, Dec. 31, 1951	
Wayne Wheeler, town clerk	50.00
Howard Tyler, selectman	75.00
John Boutin, selectman	50.00
Joseph Boutin, selectman	50.00
Margaret Elliott, treasurer	50.00
Ira E. Elliott, tax collector	50.00
Ira Elliott, for tax sale and advertising	24.60
Ira Elliott, for head tax collections	5.82
Wayne Wheeler, 29 dog fees @ .20	5.80
Wayne Wheeler, 61 auto permits @ .50	30.50
Ethel A. Boutin, overseer of poor	20.00
Ira E. Elliott, one day to tax meeting	6.40
	\$ 418.12
Appropriation \$500.00	

### Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses

Floyd Hutchins, trustee's dinner (a/c 1950)	\$ 1.10
Wayne Wheeler, trustee's dinner (a/c 1950)	1.10
Forrest Clark, trustee's dinner and car (a/c 1950)	4.10
Chamberlin's Greenhouse, flowers	10.00
Ammonoosuc Press, town reports	147.98



Edson C. Eastman, supplies and clerk's book	28.00
N. H. Assessors, dues	2.00
Wheeler and Clark, town supplies	3.25
F. J. Shores, deed transfers	3.49
R. T. Bartlett, insurance, officers' bonds	52.00
Brown and Saltmarsh, town supplies	13.85
Charles Hardy, town clerk's dues	2.00
Ammonoosuc Press, tax bills	4.07
F. J. Shores, Register, a/c tax sales	6.00
Howard Tyler, postage and phone	5.93
F. J. Shores, abstract of deeds	1.25
John Boutin, use of car, inventory, etc.	12.00
Ira Elliott, tax collector, postage	5.25
Margaret Elliott, treasurer, postage	5.00
Wayne Wheeler, town clerk, postage	5.45
Lisbon Bank, rent of trustees' box	4.80

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Appropriation \$300.00	\$ 318.62
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### **Detail 3. Election and Registration**

Ethel Boutin, supervisor	\$ 19.20
Margaret Elliott, supervisor	19.20
Forrest Clark, supervisor	19.20
Ira Elliott, moderator	6.40

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Appropriation \$50.00	\$ 64.00
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### **Detail 4. Community Building**

Mrs. Edith Yeaton, oil cloth	\$ 1.50
John Boutin, Sr., 2 cords wood	36.00
Howard Tyler, labor and supplies	11.00
E. B. Mann Co., floor wax	4.50
R. T. Bartlett Agency, storm insurance	12.66
King Brothers, stove (to be refunded)	45.00
Forrest Clark, slabs and hauling	7.00

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Appropriation \$200.00	\$ 117.66
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**Detail 5 Police Department**

Ethel A. Boutin, constable	5.00
Appropriation	\$5.00

**Detail 6. Bounties**

Bounties paid on 6 bears, 134 porcupines	\$ 63.50
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**Detail 7. Health Department**

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

**Detail 8. Vital Statistics**

Wayne Wheeler, recording statistics	\$ 5.50
Appropriation	\$5.00

**Detail 9. Town Road Aid**

Town's payment to state	\$ 81.43
Appropriation	\$81.43

**Detail 10. Winter Road Maintenance: Snow Removal,  
Sanding, Snow Fence Labor and Plow Repair**

Ira Elliott and truck, labor	\$ 429.85
William Keyes, Jr., welding plow	11.80
Wayne Wheeler, labor	138.00
William Harris, labor	16.00
Paul Boutin, labor	.80
Treasurer, State of N. H., 2 tons salt	43.30
Tilden Day, sand	5.00
John Elliott, Sr., labor	21.60
Havard Young, labor	10.00
Howard Tyler, labor	6.00
Howard Young, labor	4.00
Donald Wheeler, labor	6.40
John Boutin, Jr., car hire	1.85

Joseph Boutin, labor	85.80
Lawrence Smith, plow truck	76.70
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Appropriation \$1,000.00	\$ 857.10

**Detail 11. Town Roads, Summer Maintenance**

Ira Elliott resigned Road Agent

Ira Elliott and truck, labor	\$ 543.10
Wayne Wheeler, labor	138.40
Donald Wheeler, labor	11.20
Town of Haverhill, gravel	55.00
John Boutin, Jr., labor	36.00
Ernest Coates, gravel	8.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor	60.00
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	\$ 851.70

Appropriation \$778.00  
 Trust funds 56.37

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\$834.37

**Detail 12. Libraries**

Margaret E. Elliott, librarian	\$ 12.00
Appropriation \$12.00	

**Detail 13. Old Age Assistance**

25% paid to State of N. H.	\$ 182.63
Appropriation \$300.00	

**Detail 14. Patriotic Purposes**

Chamberlin's Greenhouse, plants for plaque	\$ 1.50
Norris Store, dinner supplies	25.89
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Appropriation \$25.00	\$ 27.39

**Detail 15. Head Taxes**

Amount of taxes and penalty to State	\$ 285.18
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**Detail 16. Cemeteries (3)**

Scruggs Hardware, lawn mower and clippers	\$ 45.02
Lulu Clark, painting fence	9.60
Chamberlin's Greenhouse, flower sets	3.85
John Boutin, Jr., labor (East)	62.80
C. Howard Tyler, labor (Mt. View)	68.00
Charles Learned, labor (South)	10.00
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	\$ 199.27

Appropriation	\$150.00
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Trust funds	57.42
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	\$207.42

**Detail 17. White Mountain Region Association**

Appropriation	\$ 13.16
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**Detail 18. Taxes Bought by Town**

Taxes bought, interest and costs	\$ 113.17
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**Detail 19. Interest**

Interest on final long term note	\$ 3.08
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Appropriation	\$20.00
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**Detail 20. School Tax**

From town's appropriation and part of forest reserve	\$ 4,719.00
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Appropriation	\$3,426.62
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**Detail 21. Long Term Note**

Last payment on Community Building	\$ 88.00
Appropriation \$88.00	

**Detail 22. County Tax**

County tax	\$ 358.30
Appropriation \$358.30	

<b>Bank Service Charge</b>	<b>\$ 7.60</b>
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**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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

Ethel A. Boutin

Benton, N. H., Jan. 10, 1952

Town Auditor

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**LIBRARY REPORT**

Year Ended December 31, 1951

Books in library Dec. 31, 1950	1018
Books loaned in 1951	10
Books in circulation	10
Books in library Dec. 31, 1951	1018

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret E. Elliott, Librarian

## Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1951

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS—PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year	Income during year	Expended during year	Balance of Income on hand at end of year	
Dec 9 1897	Ira Whitcher Fund - to repair and beautify cemetery	U S Treasury bonds  Field adjoining cemetery—rental income Deposited in Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Company	500 00	21-2	13 19	12 50	12 50	13 19	
Feb 9 1910	Whitcher & Mann Fund—care of two lots balance if any for schools and highways		500 00			12 50	12 50	12 50	
Feb 9 1910	Whitcher & Mann Fund - to repair and beautify cemetery. Balance, if any for schools and highways		1000 00			25 00	25 00	25 00	
Feb 9 1910	Whitcher & Mann Fund - for schools		1500 00	27-8		49 38	49 38	49 38	
Feb 9 1910	Whitcher & Mann Fund - for highways		250 00	21-2		49 37	49 37	49 37	
Feb 1 1917	L H Parker Fund - care of cemetery lots		1500 00	27-8		49 37	49 37	49 37	
Jan 23 1919	J C Speed Fund - care of cemetery lots		250 00	21-2		5 00	5 00	5 00	
			200 00						
			184 71						
			113 54						
		* 1 06							
		114 60							
		200 00							
		-37 50							
		162 50							
		* 1 88							
		164 38							
		50 00							
		-8 33							
		41 67							
		* 42							
		42 09							
Nov 11 1921	Sam'l Whitcher & Wm Kendall Fund care of cemetery lots			2 per cent	11 48	2 29	2 29	11 48	
Dec 1 1924	Wm T Torsey Fund—care of cemetery lot				14 62	3 30	3 30	14 62	
					1 00	84	84	1 00	

	Samuel C Annis Fund-care of cemetery lot	Deposited in Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Company	50 00 -8 34 * 41 66 42 42 08	1 00	84	84	1 00
Dec 1 1924	Jonithan Davis Fund-care of cemetery lot		50 00 -8 33 * 41 67 42	1 00	84	84	1 00
Dec 1 1924	George H Clark Fund-care of cemetery lot		42 09 200 00 -37 50 162 50 * 1 88 164 38	1 00	84	84	1 00
Sept 10 1930	Ella Mann Fund-care of cemetery lot		50 00	15 20	3 30	3 30	15 20
May 11 1934	Kendrick L Howe Fund-care of cem lots		50 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Aug 11 1934	D M & K L Howe Fund-care of cem lots		100 00	2 01	2 01	2 01	2 01
Mar 3 1938	Isabella M Tyler Fund-care of cem lots		50 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Nov 17 1938		*Deposits [Note: The above deposits are 5 percent payments on certificates.]					

Income expended: For Cemeteries, \$57.42. Schools, \$56.38; Highways, \$56.37.

## Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H. for the Year Ended December 31, 1951

Date of Birth and Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Living or Sc'pn	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
May 28	M	L	7	Clarence Schauer	Eleanor V Olson	Benton	Wellsboro Pa	Reading Mass
July 3	M	L	4	Vernon Hatch	Dorothy M Mitchell	Benton	N H	N H
July 31	M	L	1	James J Page	Ruby Foster	Benton	Woodsville	Plymouth
Aug 4	M	L	1	Joseph N Boutin	Priscilla Paradié	Benton	Haverhill	Woodsville



Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1951

Date of Marriage and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age in Years	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married
May 19 Lisbon	Paul L Boutin Doris E Young	Benton Benton	21 17	Laborer Housework	John Boutin Sr Ethel A Clough Howard A Young Frances W Whitehead	George W Wiseman Lisbon Clergyman

## Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1951

Date of Death and Cause of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex	Single, Married or Widowed	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Years	Months	Days						
Jan 10	Pneumonia	69	3	27	Holderness	M	M	railroad	John Yeaton	Alma Avery
Apr 19	Cor Heart Dis	43	11	4	Berlin	F	M	none	Amedes Dubois	Delma Amoire
May 25	Pul T'culosis	3	10	13	Ware Mass	M	M	salesman	Fred Davis	Annie Morrison
Sep 23	Pul T'culosis	64	1	19	Saranac N Y	M	W	laborer	Edward Bruce	Clara Phillips
Nov 15	Pul T'culosis	34	7	0	N H.	F	M	housewife	Joseph Mendzula	Patricia Elias
Nov 29	Pul T'culosis	55	4	22	Hebron	F	W	none	Charles Bryar	Donelda Putney

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

Wayne I. Wheeler, Town Clerk

**ANNUAL REPORT**

of the

*Benton School District***For Year Ending January 1, 1952****DISTRICT OFFICERS****School Board**

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term expires 1953
Mr. James Leonard	Term expires 1952
Mrs. Lulu Clark	Term expires 1954

**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**

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the eleventh day of March, 1952, 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 A. BOUTIN

JAMES LEONARD

LULU CLARK

School Board

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951

### Receipts

Cash on hand, July 1, 1950	\$ 71.13
Appropriations	3,350.00
Federal aid—forest reserve	419.00
State aid	2,068.71
Elementary school tuition	67.20
Income from trust funds	56.38
Other—donations for lights and refunds	111.74
	\$ 6,144.16

### Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$ 5,994.17
Cash on hand, June 30, 1951	149.99
	\$ 6,144.16

July 1, 1951 to January 1, 1952

### Receipts

Cash on hand, July 1, 1951	\$ 149.99
Appropriation from Selectmen	2,350.00
State aid	1,339.94
	\$ 3,839.93

### Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$ 3,001.94
Cash on hand, January 1, 1952	837.99
	\$ 3,839.93

**BALANCE SHEET**

June 30, 1951

**Assets**

Cash on hand, June 30, 1951	\$ 149.99
Accounts due to district:	
From town	1,321.26
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	\$ 1,471.25

**Liabilities**

Bonds and notes outstanding	\$ 240.00
Excess of Assets over liabilities	1,231.25
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	\$ 1,471.25

## ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1951

Cash on hand, June 30, 1950	\$ 71.13
Received from Selectmen:	
Current appropriation	3,350.00
Forest reserve	419.00
Income from trust funds	56.38
Received from state treasurer:	
State aid	2,068.71
Tuition	67.20
Other—refund and donation for lights	111.74
	\$ 6,073.03
<b>Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year</b>	<b>6,144.16</b>
Less School Board Orders paid	5,994.17
	<b>\$ 149.99</b>

C. HOWARD TYLER

July 12, 1951

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 ending June 30, 1951, and find them correct in all respects.

MILDRED ELLIOTT

July 15, 1951

Auditor

## FINANCIAL REPORT - BENTON

	Paid Out 1950-51	Budget 1951-52	Paid Out to Jan. 1, '52	Proposed Budget 1952-53
<b>Administration</b>				
1 Salaries of Dist. Officers	63.50	60.00	5.00	63.50
2 Supt's Salary (local share)	141.72	65.88	65.88	80.33
3. Tax for statewide supervis'n	54.00	66.00	66.00	62.00
4. Salaries other adm. pers'ncl	45.51	13.00	39.70	12.00
5 Supplies and expenses	37.68	41.00	3.44	45.00
<b>Instruction</b>				
6. Teacher's salary	2,000.00	2,100.00	799.80	2,200.00
7. Books, other inst'nal aids	52.31	100.00	32.36	100.00
8. Scholars' supplies	61.41	100.00	50.46	100.00
9 Salary of clerical assistant		34.94	34.94	38.51
10 Supplies and other expenses	3.25	10.00	2.10	10.00
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>				
11 Salary of janitor	397.75	450.00	147.00	450.00
12 Fuel or heat	46.00	80.00	144.00	80.00
13 Water, light, s'plies, expenses	87.48	75.00	36.03	75.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>				
14 Repairs and Replacements	93.89	65.00	97.90	100.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>				
15 Health supervision	51.50	55.00	54.92	55.00
16 Transportation	648.10	770.00	284.40	770.00
17 Tuition	1,782.16	1,600.00	784.00	1,700.00
18 Special activities, spec. funds		10.00		10.00
<b>Fixed Charges</b>				
19 Retirement	126.11	135.00	55.61	145.00
20 Insurance, treas. bond, exp's	45.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
<b>Debt and Interest</b>				
25 Principal of debt	240.00	240.00	240.00	
26 Interest on debt	16.80	17.00	8.40	
<b>Totals</b>	5,994.17	6,137.82	3,001.94	6,146.34



## SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE

1952 - 1953

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, 1952.

Total amount required to meet school board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of Financial Report	\$ 6,146.34
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### Estimated Income of District

Federal aid: forest reserve	\$ 300.00	
school lunch	50.00	
Income from trust funds	50.00	
State aid	1,300.00	
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<b>Deduct estimated income</b>	<b>1,700.00</b>	
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Balance to be raised by taxation	\$ 4,446.34	

We recommend that the school district raise and appropriate \$6,146.34 as called for in the school board's budget, and authorize the school board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and other estimated income of the district.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN  
JAMES LEONARD  
LULU CLARK

School Board

### REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Number of pupils examined		18
<b>Defects</b>		<b>Corrections</b>
Teeth	13	Teeth
Tonsils	3	14
Vision	3	
School Visits		12

Nine pupils attended the Dental Clinic which was held in Lisbon with Dr. Clark. Much credit is due Mrs. Paige and her school children who worked so hard to make this clinic possible. Mrs. Paige used her own car to transport the children from Benton to Lisbon.

All school children attended the Sodium Fluoride Clinic which was held in Woodsville November 15-17, and 21-27, 1950.

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### STATISTICAL TABLE—BENTON SCHOOL 1950 - 1951

School	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Total Ave. Absence	Percent of Attendance	Average Tardinesses
Benton Street	19	17.96	.59	96.82	.11

#### Roll of Perfect Attendance

Wilma Schauer	—	Grade 6
Ruth Schauer	—	Grade 4
Kenneth Wheeler	—	Grade 1

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

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

The total enrollment of the school in 1950-51 was 19, the average membership 18.5 and the percent of attendance 96.82. The average tardinesses was .11. There were twelve pupils enrolled in other districts, six high school pupils and six elementary pupils. Six high school pupils attended Haverhill Academy. Five elementary pupils attended school in Warren and one elementary pupil attended in Haverhill.

At Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is seventeen. There are six pupils attending high school and one pupil attending the elementary school at Haverhill. Six elementary pupils are attending school at Warren.

Mrs. Muriel LaMott replaced Miss Helen Latulippe as school nurse in the Benton district. A complete report of the school nurse's work is included in this school report.

Ten mothers are cooperating in the school lunch program; two prepare the lunch each day. The storeroom has been cleaned and makes an excellent dining room. We receive some free foods from the agricultural surplus commodities and the state aids the program six cents per pupil per meal. Mrs. Ethel Boutin helps with the state records.

Mrs. Katie Paige is teaching her ninth year at the Benton School. The community extends its thanks for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A .PERHAM

Supt. of Schools

**EXPENDITURES —1950-1951****Administration**

1. Salaries of District Officers		
a. Ethel Boutin, Chairman School Board	\$ 15.00	
b. Lulu Clark, school board member	10.00	
c. James Leonard, sch. bd. member	10.00	
d. Mildred Elliott, auditor	5.00	
e. Ethel Boutin, clerk	8.50	
f. C. Howard Tyler, treasurer	15.00	
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		\$ 63.50
2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)		
a. Grace W. Hoskins, treas., Union No. 34	63.20	
b. Treas., State of N. H.	78.52	
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		141.72
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision		
a. Treas., State of N. H., per capita tax	54.00	
4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel		
a. Ethel Boutin, census	7.00	
b. Forrest Clark, truant officer	5.00	
c. Grace W. Hoskins, treas. Union No. 34, for clerical assistant	33.51	
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		45.51
5. Supplies and Expenses		
a. Grace W. Hoskins, treas., Union No. 34	29.20	
b. C. Howard Tyler, postage, supplies	2.50	
c. Woodsville Bank, service charge	5.98	
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		37.68

**Instruction**

## 6. Teacher's Salary

a. Katie Paige	1,758.28
b. Collector of Internal Revenue	140.80
c. N. H. teachers' retirement	100.92

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 2,000.00

## 7. Books and Other Instructional Aids

a. Scott, Foresman Company	23.65
b. Ginn and Company	6.16
c. Follett Publishing Company	3.29
d. American Book Company	18.25
e. Houghton Mifflin Company	.96

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 52.31

## 8. Scholars' Supplies

a. Mrs. W. J. Yeaton, supplies	.60
b. J. L. Hammett Company	34.91
c. American Education Press	2.80
d. Houghton Mifflin Company	5.60
e. Lisbon Special School District	17.50

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 61.41

## 10. Supplies and Other Expenses

a. Wheeler and Clark, stamp	3.25
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**Operation of School Plant**

## 11. Janitor's Salary

a. C. Howard Tyler	397.75
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## 12. Fuel or Heat

a. Forrest Clark	10.00
b. John Boutin	34.00

c. Ethel Boutin, telephone and supplies	2.00	
		46.00

## 13. Water, Lights, Supplies and Expenses

a. E. B. Mann, supplies	3.00	
b. Ethel Coates, deodorant	1.36	
c. Ethel Boutin, deodorant and phone	2.50	
d. Kenneth Trevithick, labor on lights	11.13	
e. Scruggs Hardware, supplies	32.40	
f. N. H. Electric Cooperative, lights	37.09	
		87.48

**Maintenance of School Plant**

## 14. Repairs and Replacements

a. Arthur Young, door	5.00	
b. Caldbeck-Cosgrove Company, door and lock	41.40	
c. Howard Tyler, painting Sc. room	14.00	
d. Ethel Boutin, supplies	2.50	
e. Scruggs Hardware, labor and paint	30.99	
		93.89

**Auxiliary Activities**

## 15. Health Supervision

a. Helen Latulippe, nurse	50.00	
b. E. B. Mann, first aid supplies	1.50	
		51.50

## 16. Transportation

a. L. N. White	10.00	
b. Marcia Anderson	611.10	

c. Fred White	27.00	
	<hr/>	648.10
17. Tuition		
a. Daniel Carr: H. S.	1,182.16	
Elementary	100.00	
	<hr/>	1,282.16
b. Marcia Anderson, Elementary	500.00	
	<hr/>	1,782.16

**Fixed Charges**

19. Retirement		
a. N. H. Retirement System, district share	121.80	
b. State Treasurer, Superintendent's	4.31	
	<hr/>	126.11
20. Insurance, Treasurer's Bond and Expenses		
a. R. T. Bartlett Agency ,insurance		45.00

**Debt and Interest**

25. Principal of Debt		
a. Woodsville Bank		240.00
26. Interest on Debt		
a. Woodsville Bank		16.80
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Total		\$ 5,994.17











