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Town of
BENTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31
1952

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ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OF BENTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ended December 31, 1952

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Lisbon, N. H.
1953

BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Ira E. Elliott

Town Clerk

Wayne I. Wheeler

Selectmen

John Boutin

Term expires 1953

Joseph Boutin, Jr.

Term expires 1954

Charles H. Tyler

Term expires 1955

Highway Agent

John Boutin, Jr.

Treasurer

Margaret Elliott

Tax Collector

Ira E. Elliott

Supervisors of the Checklist

Ethel Boutin

Margaret E. Elliott

Forrest E. Clark

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

James Page

Constable

Ethel A. Boutin

Fence Viewer

Iona Boutin

Library Trustees

Mildred Elliott

Vevah Leonard

Lulu Clark

School Board Members

Ethel A. Boutin

Lulu Clark

James M. Leonard

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Wayne I. Wheeler

James M. Leonard

Forrest Clark

Sextons

C. Howard Tyler (Mt. View)

John Boutin, Jr. (East)

Charles Learned (South)

Auditor

Ethel A. Boutin

Ballot Clerks

Mary Wheeler

William Harris

Iona Boutin

Lena Collins

Librarian

Margaret 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 (the 10th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, John Boutin, Sr. being the outgoing member, one Highway Agent, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of the 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 if the town will vote to observe Memorial Day the same as in past years.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote 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 raise the sum of \$13.16 for the White Mountain Region Association.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to buy, new Chevrolet dump truck for use by the town for town roads and snow plowing, and if voted in favor, to vote and discuss the financial arrangements to be left with the selectmen.

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

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

Given under our hands and seal this 15th day of January, A.D. 1953.

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

F O R E W O R D

We have closed our town accounts for 1952 with another successful year. Again we have been able to keep on a pay-as-you-go basis with our cash on hand balance larger than last year's. We wish to say that the fine cooperation of all the town officers and tax payers has helped to accomplish this record.

May we again show our appreciation by saying Thank You to all.

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

CERTIFICATE

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

JOHN BOUTIN
JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.
CHARLES H. TYLER
Selectmen
MARGARET E. ELLIOTT
Treasurer

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF

Estimate of Revenue for the Year 1953 Compared with
Actual Revenue for the Year 1952

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual 1952	Estimated 1953
From State of New Hampshire		
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ -----	\$ -----
Railroad Tax	11.17	11.00
Savings Bank Tax	.77	.70
Bounties (1951)	63.50	34.50
From Local Sources Except Taxes		
Interest	22.50	30.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	355.95	300.00
Dog fees	46.00	40.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes		
Poll Taxes, 1951	50.00	10.00
Poll Taxes, 1952	92.00	120.00
Income a/c Federal Forest Lands and Forest Reserve Combined (1952)	2,095.50	1,800.00
Income From Trust Funds		
For Cemeteries	57.42	57.00
For Highways	56.37	56.00
Estimate of Total Revenues		<hr/> \$2,459.20
Total Revenue from all sources except property taxes, estimated	\$2,459.20	
Amount to be raised by property taxes	5,578.22	
Grand Total	<hr/> \$8,037.42	

BENTON FOR THE YEAR 1953

Estimate of Expenses for the Year 1953 Compared with
Actual Expenses for the Year 1952

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	Actual 1952	Estimated 1953
Current Maintenance Expense		
General Government		
Town Officers' Salaries	474.42	500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	289.61	300.00
Election and Registration	301.53	50.00
Community Building	95.45	150.00
Protection of Persons and Property		
Police Department	5.00	5.00
Bounties	34.50	-----
For Fires	49.25	50.00
Health Department		
Health Officer	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	7.00	10.00
Highways and Bridges		
Town Road Aid	81.42	81.42
Town Roads, summer	731.66	780.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	1,119.06	1,000.00
Public Welfare		
Town Poor (refunded)	783.72	-----
Old Age Assistance	397.63	500.00
Libraries —Librarian	12.00	12.00
Patriotic Purposes —Memorial Day	28.37	30.00
Public Service Enterprises —Cemeteries	182.70	200.00
White Mountain Region Association	13.16	14.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
County Tax	331.19	350.00
School Tax (Actual)	3,100.00	4,000.00
(\$1,250.70 from Forest Reserve 1951-1952)		
Total for Expenses, Estimated		\$8,037.42

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Land and buildings		\$73,175.00
Mature wood and timber		12,170.00
Electric plants		32,554.00
Horses	(11)	1,150.00
Cows	(117)	17,550.00
Neat stock	(12)	1,525.00
Gasoline pumps	(2)	250.00
Stock in trade	(1)	350.00
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Total valuation before exemptions allowed		138,724.00
Less soldiers' exemptions		3,000.00
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Net valuat'n on which tax rate is computed		135,724.00
Connecticut River Power Co.	\$28,750.00	
N. H. Electric Coop., Inc., REA	3,804.00	
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		\$32,554.00
Amount of veterans' exemptions		\$3,000.00
Number of inventories distributed		78
Number of inventories returned		36
Number of veterans receiving property exemption		3
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax		5

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Appropriations

Town officers' salaries	\$ 500.00	
Town officers' expenses	350.00	
Election and registration	275.00	
Town hall and buildings	175.00	
Police department	5.00	
Fire department	50.00	
Health department	5.00	
Vital statistics	5.00	
Town road aid	81.42	
Town road work, summer	780.00	
Winter maintenance	1,000.00	
Libraries	12.00	
Old age assistance	500.00	
Memorial day	30.00	
Cemeteries	200.00	
White Mountain Region Association	14.00	
Interest	25.00	
County tax	331.19	
School tax	4,446.34	
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Total town and school appropriations		\$8,784.95

Estimated revenues and credits

Interest and dividends tax	\$ 11.00
Railroad tax	1.00
Reimbursement a/c state and federal lands	1,800.00
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood	250.00
Motor vehicle permits	50.00

Income from trust funds	143.00	
Cash surplus	950.00	
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Total revenues and credits		3,205.00
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		5,579.95
Plus overlay		124.73
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		5,704.68
Less 70 polls @ \$2.00		140.00
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Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is figured		\$5,564.68
Taxes to be committed to collector		
Property taxes	\$5,564.68	
Poll taxes	140.00	
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		\$5,704.68
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
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Total	\$6,665.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1952 motor tax remitted to treasurer	\$355.97
1952 dog tax remitted to treasurer	46.00

WAYNE WHEELER
Town Clerk

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

Cash —in hands of treasurer	\$5,094.37
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Accounts Due to the Town

From State of N. H. —Bounties	34.50
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Unredeemed Taxes (from tax sale on acct. of)

Levy of 1950	45.54
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Levy of 1951	4.51
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1951 polls	6.00
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Uncollected Taxes

Levy of 1952	1,004.28
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1952 polls	44.00
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1952 head taxes	85.00
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Total assets	\$6,318.20
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Net surplus Dec. 31, 1951	2,952.43
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Net surplus Dec. 31, 1952	3,281.11
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SHEET**December 31, 1952****Liabilities****Accounts Owed by the Town**

Balance of school appropriation	\$2,952.09
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Due to State

1952 head taxes	85.00
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No notes or bonds	
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Total liabilities	3,037.09
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Excess of assets over liabilities	3,281.11
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Grand total	\$6,318.20
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Explanation of School Balance Shown Above

Balance school appropriation 1951	\$1,605.75
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1952 appropriation	4,446.34
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Total due school	6,052.09
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Total selectmens' school payments	\$4,350.70
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Less 1951 and 1952 forest reserve	1,250.70
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Actual payments from appropriation	3,100.00
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Actual balance due school	\$2,952.09
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The school receives one half the forest reserve funds.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**Uncollected**

1950 unredeemed property tax	\$45.54
1950 uncollected poll taxes	10.00

\$ 55.54

1951 property tax collected	773.10
1951 interest	22.52
1951 cost collected	8.61
1951 head taxes collected	90.00
1951 head tax penalty	6.50
1951 poll tax collected	50.00
1951 timber tax collected	10.00
1951 taxes sold to town	4.51

965.24

1951 unredeemed taxes	4.51
1951 unredeemed poll taxes	6.00
1951 uncollected timber tax	14.03

24.54

1952 property tax collected	4,011.13
1952 discount allowed	47.10
1952 poll taxes collected	92.00
1952 head taxes collected	285.00
1952 head tax penalty collected	2.50
1952 timber tax collected	35.65

4,473.38

Uncollected

1952 property tax uncollected	1,004.28
1952 poll tax uncollected	44.00
1952 head tax uncollected	85.00

1,133.28

IRA E. ELLIOTT
Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Ira E. Elliott, tax collector

1951 property tax collected	777.61
1951 interest	22.52
1951 costs	8.61
1951 head tax	90.00
1951 timber tax	10.00
1951 poll tax	50.00
1951 head tax penalty	6.50

\$965.24

1952 property tax collected	4,011.13
1952 property tax discount	47.10
1952 poll tax	92.00
1952 head tax	285.00
1952 head tax penalty	2.50
1952 timber tax	35.65

4,473.38

Received from Wayne Wheeler, town clerk

1952 motor vehicle tax	355.97
1952 dog tax	46.00

401.97

Received from Luigi Castello

Refund from Crimmins case	743.12
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Received from State of New Hampshire

Bounty on six bears	30.00
Bounty on 134 porcupines	33.50
1951 national forest reserve fund	1,356.77
1951 reimbursement, loss of taxes	824.46
Refund from head tax	1.14
1952 national forest reserve fund	1,144.63

Savings bank tax	.77	
Railroad tax	11.17	
1952 reimbursement of loss of taxes on public land	946.87	
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		4,349.31
Received from trustees of trust funds		
For cemeteries	57.42	
For highways	56.37	
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		113.79
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Total receipts	\$11,046.81	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1951	3,615.53	
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		14,662.34
Less selectmen's orders	9,512.27	
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		5,150.07
Less discounts	47.10	
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		5,102.97
Less bank service charge	8.60	
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Cash on hand December 31, 1952	\$ 5,094.37	

MARGARET ELLIOTT
Town Treasurer

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

For Year Ended December 31, 1952

Town roads, summer maintenance, expended		\$731.66
Town appropriation	\$780.00	
Trust fund account	56.37	
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	836.37	
Less	731.66	
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Balance	104.71	
Winter account, winter money expended		\$1,119.06
Town appropriation		1,000.00
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Overdraft		\$119.06
JOHN BOUTIN, JR.		

RELIEF AGENT'S REPORT

Miss Matilda Crimmins	
Hanover Hospital	\$601.45
O. S. Staples, M.D.	100.00
S. K. Dearborn, M.D.	10.00
E. B. McGregor, M.D.	5.00
E. C. Campbell, M. D.	14.00
H. C. Pickwick, M.D.	13.00
Family Drug Store, Lisbon, N. H.	3.15
Knapp's Rest Home	17.12
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Paid by Town of Benton	\$763.72

On April 18, 1952, the Town of Benton received a check for \$792.32 reimbursement on the assistance given Miss Crimmins. There is a balance of \$28.60 but the town paid three small bills for Miss Crimmins in the year 1951.

ETHEL BOUTIN
Relief Agent

Town of Benton**RECEIPTS AND**

Current Revenue

From local taxes (Collected and
remitted to treasurer)

1. 1952 property tax	\$4,011.13	
2. 1952 property tax discount	47.10	
3. 1952 poll tax	92.00	
4. 1952 head tax	285.00	
5. 1952 head tax penalty	2.50	
6. 1952 timber tax	35.65	
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		4,473.38
7. 1951 property tax	777.61	
8. 1951 Interest	22.52	
9. 1951 costs	8.61	
10. 1951 head tax	90.00	
11. 1951 timber tax	10.00	
12. 1951 poll tax	50.00	
13. 1951 head tax penalty	6.50	
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		965.29
From local sources, except taxes		
14. 1952 motor vehicle tax	355.97	
15. 1952 dog tax	46.00	
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		401.97
16. Refund from Crimmins case		743.12
From State		
17. Bounties on 6 bears	30.00	
18. Bounties on 134 porcupines	33.50	
19. 1951 forest reserve fund	1,356.77	

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PAYMENTS**Year Ended December 31, 1952**

Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government

1. Town officers' salaries	\$474.42
2. Town officers' expenses	289.61
3. Election and registration	301.53
4. Community building	95.45

Protection of Persons and Property

5. Police department	5.00
6. Bounties	34.50
7. No. Haverhill fire department	49.25

Health

8. Health officer	5.00
9. Vital statistics	7.00

Highways and Bridges

10. TRA	81.42
11. Winter snow removal and sanding	1,119.06
12. Summer maintenance	731.66

Libraries

13. Librarian	12.00
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Public Welfare

14. Old age assistance	397.63
15. Town poor	763.72

Patriotic Purposes

16. Memorial day	28.37
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Public Service Enterprises

17. Cemeteries	182.70
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Unclassified

18. White Mountain Region Assn.	13.16
19. Abatements	20.00
20. Taxes bought by town, interest and costs	8.24

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RECEIPTS**(continued)**

20.	1951 reimbursement on forest lands	824.46	
21.	Refund from head tax	1.14	
22.	1952 forest reserve fund	1,144.63	
23.	Savings bank tax	.77	
24.	Railroad tax	11.17	
25.	1952 reimbursement on forest lands	946.87	
		<hr/>	4,349.31
	From trustees of trust funds		
	For cemeteries	57.42	
	For highways	56.37	
		<hr/>	113.79
	Total receipts from all sources		<hr/> 11,046.81
	Less 1952 discounts		47.10
			<hr/> 10,999.71
	Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952		3,615.53
			<hr/> \$14,615.24
	Grand total		

PAYMENTS**(continued)**

 Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

Head taxes and penalties	210.66
Schools	4,350.70
County tax	331.19

Total payments	9,512.27
Bank service charges	8.60

	9,520.87
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952	5,094.37

Grand total	\$14,615.24
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

For closing 1951 accounts	
Margaret E. Ellicott, treasurer	\$ 20.00
C. H. Tyler, selectman	30.00
Ethel A. Boutin, auditor	20.00
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	\$70.00
1952 salaries	
John Boutin, selectman	\$50.00
Joseph Boutin, selectman	38.40
C. Howard Tyler, selectman	75.00
Wayne I. Wheeler, town clerk	50.00
Margaret E. Elliott, town treasurer	50.00
Ira E. Elliott, tax collector	50.00
Ethel A. Boutin, overseer poor, Crimmins case	12.00
Ethel A. Boutin, overseer poor salary	20.00
Ira E. Elliott, head tax collection	3.02
Wayne I. Wheeler, 66 motor fees @ .50	33.00
Wayne I. Wheeler, 19 dog fees @ .20	3.80
Wayne I. Wheeler, trustee of trust funds	6.40
Forrest E. Clark, trustee of trust funds	6.40
James M. Leonard, trustee of trust funds	6.40
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	\$474.42

Appropriation \$500.00

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses

Wayne I. Wheeler, trustee's car to Lisbon and dinner	\$ 4.00
Forrest E. Clark, trustee's dinner	1.00
N. H. Tax Assn., tax collector's dues, 1951-52	6.00
C. Howard Tyler, selectman's postage and phone	6.03
John Boutin, selectman, for car and selectmen's dinners	16.00
Ammonoosuc Press, Lisbon, N. H., town reports	156.62
Ammonoosuc Press, Lisbon, N. H., tax bills	7.70

Lisbon Bank, rent of trustees' bank box	4.80
Wayne I. Wheeler, town clerk's postage	9.63
C. Howard Tyler, selectmen's dinners at Lisbon	3.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., car to Lisbon	3.00
Robert H. Large, town officers' bonds	21.00
Ira E. Elliott, tax collector's postage and exp.	8.50
Edson C. Eastman, 1952 town supplies	23.65
Margaret E. Elliott, town treasurer's postage.	6.35
New Hampshire Town Assessors' dues	2.00
Charles Hardy, town clerk's dues	2.00
Wheeler and Clark, selectmen's rubber stamp	1.64
Register of Deeds, deed transfers and search work	6.69

\$289.61

Appropriation \$350.00

Detail 3. Election and Registration

Expense and Salaries for March, June, September
and November

Edson C. Eastman, checklists	\$10.75
Wayne Wheeler, town clerk	19.20
Ira E. Elliott, moderator	19.20
Joseph Boutin, Jr., selectman	6.40
John Boutin, Sr., selectman	12.80
Howard Tyler, selectman	19.20
Ethel Boutin, supervisor of checklist	44.80
Margaret E. Elliott, supervisor of checklist	44.80
Forrest E. Clark, supervisor of checklist	44.80
Mary Wheeler, ballot clerk	12.80
William Harris, ballot clerk	19.20
Iona Boutin, ballot clerk	19.20
Lena Collins, ballot clerk	19.20
Mildred Elliott, ballot clerk (resigned)	6.40
Cota's Store, plastic curtains for voting booths	2.78

\$301.53

Appropriation \$275.00

Detail 4. Community Building and Town Clerk's Building

Scruggs Hardware, coat hangers	\$.45
Howard Tyler, labor	10.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor, town clerk's building	2.00
E. B. Mann, supplies	3.00
John Boutin, Sr., wood	80.00
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	\$95.45

Appropriation \$175.00

Detail 5. Fire Department

North Haverhill fire dept., Shallow fire,	
South Benton	\$12.00
North Haverhill fire dept., Ira Elliott fire	37.25
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	\$49.25

Appropriation \$50.00

Detail 6. Bounties

Porcupines and bears	\$34.50
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Detail 7. Police Department

Ethel Boutin, constable	\$5.00
Appropriation \$5.00	

Detail 8. Health Department

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

Detail 9. Vital Statistics

8 deaths, 5 births, 1 marriage	\$7.00
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Detail 10. Town Road Aid

Town's payment to state	\$81.42
Appropriation \$81.42	

Detail 11. Town Roads, Summer Maintenance

John Boutin, Jr., road agent, labor, truck, gravel	\$197.40
Wayne Wheeler, labor	6.40
Joseph Boutin 3d, labor	20.00
Howard Keith, truck hire	117.50
Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor	124.40
Town of Haverhill, gravel	18.70
Ernest Coates, labor	2.40
Tilden Day, gravel	2.10
John Boutin, Sr., truck	148.25
Albert Boutin, labor	70.80
John Boutin, Sr., tractor	10.00
Aldrich Store, spikes	1.95
Eastern Pines Mill	11.76
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	\$731.66

Appropriation \$780.00

**Detail 12. Snow Removal, Sanding, Snow Fence
Labor, Truck Expense and Hire**

John Boutin, Jr., Agent	
Lawrence Smith, truck	\$207.00
Wayne Wheeler, labor	44.30
Howard Tyler, gasoline for truck	33.57
Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor	228.60
Howard Keith, truck	5.60
Taylor's Garage, chains	46.59
John Boutin, Jr., labor	186.60
William Harris, labor	58.00
Dexter's Garage, plow parts	1.74
John Elliott, Sr., labor	6.00
Goudie's Hardware, bolts and washers	2.39
Forrest Pike, labor	31.00
Town of Haverhill, grader work	55.00
Ideal Welding Shop, welding	26.20
John Boutin, Sr., posts and truck, labor	50.00

John Boutin, Jr., for gas and bolts	12.55
Albert Boutin, labor	12.80
Roland Smith, labor on plow	3.00
Edith Yeaton, gasoline	3.00
Joseph Boutin, 3d	8.80
Richard Little, garage hire	6.00
Treas., State of N. H., salt	43.02
Bath Garage, plow labor	5.30
Town of Bath, grader plowing	42.00
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	\$1,119.06

Appropriation \$1,000.00

Detail 13. Libraries

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

Detail 14. Old Age Assistance

Paid to State of N. H.	\$397.63
Appropriation \$500.00	

Detail 15. Town Poor

Knapp Rest Home	\$17.12
Dr. E. B. McGregor	5.00
Hanover Hospital	601.45
Dr. S. K. Dearborn	10.00
Dr. H. C. Pickwick	13.00
Family Drug Store, Lisbon, N. H.	3.15
Dr. O. S. Staples	100.00
Dr. E. Campbell	14.00
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	763.72

This total amount was refunded to the town,
therefore being no expense to the town.

Detail 16. Memorial Day

Chamberlin's Greenhouse, plants	\$ 6.50
Norris Store, dinner supplies	21.87
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	28.37

Detail 17. Cemeteries

East Cemetery, Mountain View and South Benton	
Jack Douglas, mower sharpening	\$ 4.00
Chamberlin's Greenhouse, flower sets	4.65
Scruggs Hardware, lawn mower	23.25
Larry Elliott, labor	7.00
Forrest Clark, labor	6.80
John Boutin, sexton, East	60.00
Howard Tyler, sexton Mountain View	65.00
Charles Learned, sexton South	12.00
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	\$182.70

Appropriation \$200.00

Detail 18. White Mountain Region Association

Town's appropriation	\$13.16
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Detail 19. Abatements

Head taxes paid elsewhere	\$20.00
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Detail 20. Head Taxes and Penalties

Paid to State Treasurer	\$210.66
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Detail 21. Taxes Bought by Town

Taxes bought	\$8.24
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Detail 22. Schools

With 1951 and 1952 forest reserve included	\$4,350.70
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Detail 23. County Tax

Total payment to County Treasurer	\$331.19
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

ETHEL BOUTIN

Benton, N. H.
Jan. 15, 1953

Town Auditor

LIBRARY REPORT

Books in library Dec. 31, 1951	1018
No books loaned during year.	
All books returned.	
Books in library Dec. 31, 1952	1,018

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT
Librarian

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1952

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	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	
Feb 9 1910	Whitcher & Mann Fund - to repair and beautify cemetery. Balance, if any for schools and highways		1000 00			25 00	25 00	
Feb 9 1910	Whitcher & Mann Fund - for schools		1500 00	27-8		43 13		
Feb 9 1910	Whitcher & Mann Fund - for highways		250 00	21-2		6 25	49 38	
Feb 1 1917	L H Parker Fund - care of cemetery lots	Field adjoining cemetery-rental income Bank Deposit	1500 00	27-8		43 12		
Jan 23 1919	J C Speed Fund - care of cemetery lots		200 00	21-2		6 25	49 37	
Nov 11 1921	Sam'l Whitcher & Wm Kendall Fund care of cemetery lots		114 60			5 00	5 00	
Dec 1 1924	Wm T Torsey Fund-care of cemetery lot		164 38		11 48	2 29	2 29	11 48
Dec 1 1924	Samuel C Annis Fund-care of cemetery lot		42 09	2 per cent	14 62	3 30	3 30	14 62
Dec 1 1924	Jonathan Davis Fund-care of cemetery lot	*All principal sums alike at beginning and end of year. Income expended: for cemeteries 57.42 for schools 56.38 for highways 56.37	42 08		1 00	84	84	1 00
Sept 10 1930	George H Clark Fund-care of cemetery lot		42 09		1 00	84	84	1 00
May 11 1934	Ella Mann Fund-care of cemetery lot		164 38		15 20	3 30	3 30	15 20
Aug 11 1934	Kendrick L Howe Fund-care of cem lots		50 00			1 00	1 00	
Mar 3 1938	D M & K L Howe Fund-care of cem lots		50 00			1 00	1 00	
Nov 17 1938	Isabella M Tyler Fund-care of cem lots		100 00			2 01	2 01	
			50 00			1 00	1 00	
		Total			57 49	170 17	170 17	57 49
			* 6519 62					

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Year Ending January 1, 1953

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term expires 1953
Mrs. Lulu Clark	Term expires 1954
Mr. James Leonard	Term expires 1955

Other District Officers

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

TEACHER

Mrs. Sarah Shute	Benton Street School	Grades 1-8
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W A R R A N T

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 tenth day of March, 1953, 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 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 what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are

estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

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

ETHEL BOUTIN
LULU CLARK
JAMES LEONARD
School Board

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

Receipts

Cash on hand, July 1, 1951	\$ 149.99
Federal aid - forest reserve	678.38
State aid	1,339.94
Appropriation	4,450.00
Income from trust funds	56.38
Other	5.00
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	\$ 6,679.69

Payments

Orders of School Board	\$ 6,454.83
Cash on hand, June 30, 1952	224.86
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	\$ 6,679.69

July 1, 1952 to January 1, 1953

Receipts

Cash on hand, July 1, 1952	\$ 224.86
Appropriation from Selectmen	1,000.00
State aid	1,104.07
Forest reserve	572.32
Other - refund	4.89
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	\$ 2,906.14

Payments

Orders of School Board	\$ 2,614.71
Cash on hand, January 1, 1953	291.43
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	\$ 2,906.14

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1952

Assets

Cash on hand, June 30, 1952	\$ 224.86	
Excess of liabilities over assets	798.52	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,023.38

Liabilities

Advance on 1952-53 appropriation	\$1,023.38	
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ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1952

Cash on hand July 1, 1951	\$ 149.99
Received from Selectmen	
Current appropriation	\$ 4,450.00
Forest reserve	678.38
Received from State Treasurer	
State aid	1,339.94
Income from Trust Funds	56.38
Received from other sources	5.00
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	6,529.70
Total amount available for fiscal year	<hr/> 6,679.69
Less School Board orders paid	6,454.83
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Balance on hand June 30, 1952	\$ 224.86

C. HOWARD TYLER

July 7, 1952

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, 1952, and find them correct in all respects.

MILDRED ELLIOTT

July 10, 1952

Auditor

F I N A N C I A L R E P O R T

	Paid Out 1951-52	Budget 1952-53	Paid Out to Jan. 1, '53	Proposed Budget 1953-54
Administration				
1. Salaries of Dist. Officers	63.50	63.50	5.00	63.50
2. Superintendent's salary	65.88	80.33	179.33	76.41
3. Tax for statewide superv'n	128.00	62.00	.....	62.00
4. Salaries of other adm. personnel	47.94	12.00	8.00	51.31
5. Supplies and expenses	42.63	45.00	57.85	45.00
Instruction				
6. Teachers' salaries	2,100.00	2,200.00	789.02	2,300.00
7. Books, other inst. aids	97.17	100.00	30.29	100.00
8. Scholars' supplies	70.42	100.00	63.01	100.00
9. Salary of clerical assistant	.....	38.51	19.26	.....
10. Supplies and other expenses	14.44	10.00	.....	10.00
Operation of School Plant				
11. Salary of janitor	403.00	450.00	173.00	450.00
12. Fuel or heat	144.00	80.00	88.00	80.00
13. Water, Lt., supplies, expenses	76.54	75.00	28.78	75.00
Maintenance of School Plant				
14. Repairs and replacements	110.70	100.00	54.75	100.00
Auxiliary Activities				
15. Health supervision	104.92	55.00	2.41	55.00
16. Transportation	724.40	770.00	356.00	880.00
17. Tuition	1,808.42	1,700.00	688.00	1,700.00
18. Spec. activities, spec. funds	.....	10.00	.....	10.00
a. School lunch	17.09	.....	.....	.....
Fixed Charges				
19. Retirement	132.38	145.00	13.04	145.00
20. Insurance, treas. bond, exp.	55.00	50.00	55.59	55.00
Capital Outlay				
24. Contingency fund	.....	.....	.....	150.00
Debt and Interest				
25. Principal of debt	240.00
26. Interest on debt	8.40
Bank service charge	3.38
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	6,454.83	6,146.34	2,614.71	6,508.22

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE, 1953-1954

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, 1953.

Total amount required to meet school board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Financial Report	\$ 6,508.22
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Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1953	\$ 400.00
Federal aid: forest reserve	400.00
State aid	1,100.00
Income from trust funds	50.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,508.22 for the school year 1953-1954.

ETHEL BOUTIN
LULU CLARK
JAMES LEONARD
School Board

Recommended Motion:

Moved that the school district raise and appropriate \$6,508.22 and to authorize and direct the school board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the school board, exclusive of state aid, and upon the determination of the amount of state aid to be received by the school district during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the school board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from state aid and with the school district clerk certify to the selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Number of pupils examined			17
School visits	19	Home visits	3
Symptoms of defects		Corrections	
Vision	6	Vision	3
Teeth	9		
Cases of Communicable Disease			
Measles	5	Pediculosis	1

The eye examinations and audiometric hearing tests were completed in all grades. All symptoms of defects were reported by written notice to the parents.

I would like to commend the parents and interested citizens who made the Hot Lunch Program possible. Practically every child gained weight during the time the lunches were served.

I wish to express my appreciation to Mrs. Katie Paige and to the parents for the kind cooperation which I have received in carrying out the school health program.

Respectfully submitted,

MURIEL LaMOTT, R.N.
School Nurse

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1951-1952

School	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Total Ave. Absence	Percent of Attendance	Average Tardinesses
Benton Street	17	16.3	.6	96.4	.12

Roll of Perfect Attendance

Wilma Schauer

Ruth Schauer

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

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

The total enrollment of the school in 1951-1952 was 17, the average membership 16.9 and the percent of attendance 96.4. There were 14 pupils enrolled in other districts, six high school pupils and eight elementary pupils. Six high school pupils attended Haverhill Academy. Six elementary pupils attended school in Warren and two elementary pupils attended in Haverhill.

At Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is twelve. There are two pupils attending high school and three pupils attending elementary school at Haverhill. Seven elementary pupils are attending school at Warren, and three elementary pupils at Pike.

Mrs. Sarah Shute replaced Mrs. Katie Paige as the teacher of the Benton School. Mrs. Shute graduated from the Bridgewater Normal School, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and taught nine years in Massachusetts schools. In the meantime, like many New Hampshire teachers of today, she has raised a family. She now returns to her first interest—teaching children.

Several repair problems merit your attention. The rain beats in around the eaves by the kitchen, a better lighting system is needed in the main room and there is always the perennial problem of the cellar.

Without the cooperation of the mothers there could be no lunch program at the Benton school. All who help with this program are to be commended for their interest in the welfare of the children in the community.

I have enjoyed working at your school and appreciate the fine spirit of cooperation shown by the school board and the people of Benton.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM
Supt. of Schools

EXPENDITURES — 1951-52

Administration

1. Salaries of District Officers
 - a. Ethel Boutin, Chairman of School Board and Clerk \$ 23.50
 - b. Lulu Clark, member School Bd. 10.00
 - c. James Leonard, member 10.00
 - d. C. Howard Tyler, treasurer 15.00
 - e. Mildred Elliott, auditor 5.00

\$ 63.50
2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)
 - a. Treas., Supervisory Union No. 34 65.88
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision
 - a. Treas., State of N. H., per capita tax 128.00
4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel
 - a. Forest Clark, truant officer 5.00
 - b. Ethel Boutin, census 8.00
 - c. Treas., Supervisory Union No. 34 for clerical assistant 34.94

47.94

5. Supplies and Expenses

a. Ethel Boutin, telephone, postage	1.26
b. C. Howard Tyler, postage	1.77
c. Paul Farnum, dues N. H. School Boards Association	3.00
d. Treas., Supervisory Union No. 34	30.44
e. Bank service charge	6.16

 42.63

Instruction

6. Teacher's Salary

a. Katie Paige	1,683.00
b. Collector of Internal Revenue	240.40
c. N. H. Teachers Retirement	176.60

 2,100.00

7. Books and Other Instructional Aids

a. Houghton Mifflin Company	24.91
b. Row, Peterson Company	6.24
c. Silver Burdett Company	3.57
d. American Book Company	37.22
e. J. B. Lippincott Company	1.51
f. Arlo Publishing Company	12.96
g. Scott, Foresman Company	10.76

 97.17

8. Scholars' Supplies

a. Follett Publishing Company	16.30
b. E. E. Babb Company	33.66
c. Lisbon Spec. School Dist.	19.96

 70.42

10. Supplies and Other Expenses		
a. Brown & Saltmarsh, vouchers	12.34	
b. American Education Press, Current Events	2.10	
	<hr/>	14.44

Operation of School Plant

11. Salary of Janitor		
a. C. Howard Tyler		403.00
12. Fuel or Heat		
a. John Boutin, Sr., 8 cds. wood		144.00
13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses		
a. N. H. Electric Coop., lights	31.43	
b. E. B. Mann	6.75	
c. Scruggs Hardware	22.09	
d. Ethel Boutin, supplies	3.25	
e. C. Howard Tyler, supplies	6.75	
f. James Leonard, trips with water	4.69	
g. Edith Yeaton, supplies	1.58	
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Maintenance of School Plant

14. Repairs and Replacements		
a. C. Howard Tyler, labor	22.40	
b. Lulu Clark, cleaning school	20.00	
c. Arthur Young, labor on spring	24.30	
d. Eastern Lumber Co., lumber for spring	17.55	
e. Wm. Harris, transportation for A. Young	2.00	
f. J. L. Hammett Company	3.65	
g. James Leonard	8.00	

h. Ethel Boutin	.80	
i. Scruggs Hardware	12.00	
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Auxiliary Activities

15. Health Supervision		
a. Helen McDonald, school nurse 1950-51	50.00	
b. Muriel LaMott, school nurse 1951-52	50.00	
c. E. B. Mann, supplies	4.92	
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16. Transportation of Pupils		
a. Marcia Anderson, treasurer	660.00	
b. Fred White	64.40	
	<hr/>	724.40
17. Tuition		
a. Marcia Anderson, treasurer	600.00	
b. Daniel Carr, treasurer	1,208.42	
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18. Special Activities and Special Funds		
a. Ethel Boutin, school lunch	10.00	
b. Olin Swett, freight on surplus foods	7.09	
	<hr/>	17.09

Fixed Charges

19. Retirement	
a. N. H. Teachers' Retirement	132.38

20. Insurance, Treasurer's Bond and Expenses

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| a. Bartlett Insurance, ins. on bldg. | 50.00 | - |
| b. Robert Large, treasurer's bond | 5.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |

55.00

Debt and Interest

25. Principal of Debt

- | | |
|--------------------|--------|
| a. Woodsville Bank | 240.00 |
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26. Interest on Debt

- | | |
|--------------------|-------|
| a. Woodsville Bank | 8.40 |
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Total	\$ 6,454.83
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Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1952

Date of Birth and Name of Child (if any)	Sex		No. of Child		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
	Living	St'b'n	Living	St'b'n					
1951									
Oct 1	Patricia A Harris	F	L	5	William Harris	Scrapphine Boutin	Benton	Haverhill N H	Haverhill N H
Nov 15	Frank H Lackie	M	L	2	Francis Lackie	Elizabeth Maynard	Benton	Barnet Vt	Cabot Vt
1952									
Apr 24	Gordon L Joslin Jr	M	L	4	Gordon Joslin Sr	Marjorie Ross	Benton	Oakfield Me	Monticello Me
Jun 14	Art'r R Koskela Jr	M	L	1	Arthur Koskela	Lillian Breed	Benton	Jaffrey N H	Keene N H
Jul 24	Bruce A Elliott	M	L	5	John Elliott Jr	Catherine Mason	Benton	Bath N H	Bath N H

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1952

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
July 27 No Haverhill	Alton M Harriman	Benton	28	cook	Elroy W Harriman	H B Simms
	Ethel U Eldred	Benton	25	housework	Margaret E Adams Simon A Eldred Vivian M Farrand	No Haverhill N H Minister

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1952

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						
1951										
Aug 12	Cerebral Art	79	1	8	Canada	M	D	laborer	Samuel Coates	unknown
Dec 26	Cancer of Blad'r	85	6	9	Houghton Me	M		retired	unknown	unknown
1952										
Feb 22	Pul T'culosis	51	10	22	Chelsea Mass	M	M	athletic inst	Timothy Desmond	Ann Gorman
Feb 29	Pul T'culosis	58	6	22	Poland	M	M	laborer	John Dziedzic	unknown
Mar 17	Pul T'culosis	33	4	8	Somersworth N	M	M	bleacher	Everice Bolduc	Exzeha Langevin
May 25	Coronary Occ'n	47	4	8	Mass	M	M	salesman	Adolph Johnson	unknown
June 10	Pul T'culosis	45	9	1	Wilnot N H	F	M	housewife	Daniel Messier	Ida Drero
Sept 13	Pul T'culosis	41	11	11	Arnhurst N S	F	S	nurse	John Jallymore	Lavonia Gammon

