

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the Town Officers

of

Mason, N. H.

for the year ending

January 31

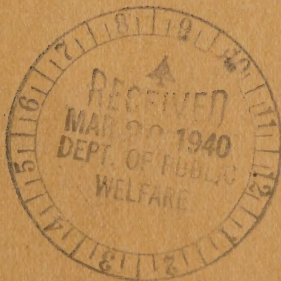
1940

and

School District Officers

for the year ending June 30

1939



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ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

SELECTMEN and TREASURER

of the

Town of Mason

together with the reports of

Road Agent, School Board and Other

Officers of the Town and

School District

for the

Financial Year Ending January 31, 1940

also

VITAL STATISTICS

for the Year Ending

December 31

1939

Trustees of Boynton Common School Fund

EDMUND CLAPP EVERETT H. WHITAKER
HARRIET WHITAKER ALICE B. DIMOCK
CHARLES BABB

Trustees of Stearns Common School Bequest

CHARLES L. BARNES T. ARCHIBALD EATON
TRACY A. EATON

Police Chief

STANLEY A. FLAGG

Special Officers

WALTER I. BARNES ROY W. BROWN

Health Officer

CONRAY G. WHARFF

Librarian

DORIS M. FLAGG

Fire Wardens

CHARLES L. BARNES, Warden

Deputy Wardens

STANLEY A. FLAGG JOHN T. SMITH
FRED L. BROWN JAMES BELL
WALTER I. BARNES GUY P. WASHBURN

Janitor

ROY W. BROWN

Sexton

WINFRED WHITAKER

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mason in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 12th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

To elect delegates at large, alternate delegates at large, delegates and alternate delegates to the national conventions of the various political parties to be held to nominate party candidates for president and vice president of the United States.

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 appropriation of the same.
3. To choose one Trustee of the Boynton Common School fund for five years.
4. To choose one trustee of the Stearns Common School bequest for three years.
5. To choose one trustee of the Cemeteries for three years.
6. To choose one trustee of the Mason Public Library for three years.
7. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for repairs of highways and bridges.
8. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for library purposes.
9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for care of cemeteries.

10. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for Memorial purposes.

11. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for street lighting.

13. To see if the town will vote to accept state aid for construction of Class II road known as the Turnpike and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purpose the sum of \$364.50 (State to contribute \$1,000.00) or will accept state aid for construction of Class V roads and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purpose the sum of \$364.50 (State to contribute \$2,053.67).

14. To see if the town will vote to make repairs to the Town Hall and to raise and appropriate the necessary money or take any action relating thereto.

15. To see if the town will vote a discount on full or partial payments of taxes and fix the date of payment of same, or take any action relating thereto.

16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure employees of the town or take any action relating thereto.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to the Monadnock Region Association of Scenic New Hampshire for the issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the Town in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns in the Monadnock Region.

18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairing the church horse sheds or take any action relating thereto.

19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to equip a fire truck, or take any action relating thereto.

20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase snow removal equipment, or take any action relating thereto.

21. To see if the town will vote to petition the state tax commission to have an audit made by the municipal accounting division and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

22. To see if the town will vote to establish a planning board of seven members, with duties set forth in sections 3 to 15, inclusive, of Chapter 55 of the Laws of 1935, to make a study of the town's development and report to town meeting appropriate recommendations for the promotion and maintenance of the town's best development, the board members to consist of one selectman and six other citizens appointed by the selectmen, as provided in said Chapter 55 of the Public Laws.

23. To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, and officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal, this 26th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty.

ALBERT C. WHITAKER
 CHARLES L. BARNES
 STANLEY A. FLAGG
 Selectmen of Mason

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ALBERT C. WHITAKER
 CHARLES L. BARNES
 STANLEY A. FLAGG
 Selectmen of Mason

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR
AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1939	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1940	Increase	Decrease
FROM STATE:				
Interest and Dividends tax	\$148 78	\$148 78		
Railroad tax	287 17	287 17		
Savings Bank tax	175 04	175 04		
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:				
Rent of Town Hall and other buildings	62 00	62 00		
Interest received on taxes and deposits	94 16	75 00		\$19 16
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	395 07	395 07		
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:				
Poll Taxes	302 00	302 00		
Cash on Hand (Surplus)	200 00	400 00	\$200 00	
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES				
	\$1,664 22	\$1,845 06	\$200 00	\$19 16
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROP- ERTY TAXES				
	9,269 07	9,374 16		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$10,933 29	\$11,219 22		

MASON, N. H.

FEBRUARY 1, 1940 TO JANUARY 31, 1941 COMPARED WITH ACTUAL REVENUE
FEBRUARY 1, 1939 TO JANUARY 31, 1940

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1939	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1940	In- crease	De- crease
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$676 70	\$600 00		\$76 70
Town Officers' Expenses	408 27	400 00		8 27
Election and Registration Expenses	8 20	125 00	\$116 80	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	132 75	400 00	267 25	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:				
Police Department	53 90	50 00		3 90
Fire Department	44 01	100 00	55 99	
HEALTH:				
Vital Statistics	4 25	5 00	75	
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:				
Town Maintenance	1,118 86	1,200 00	81 14	
Street Lighting	75 60	75 60		
General Expenses of Highway Depart- ment	242 23	175 00		67 23
Winter Roads	1,314 20	1,500 00	185 80	
LIBRARIES:				
Libraries	100 00	100 0		
PUBLIC WELFARE:				
Town Poor	189 50	200 00	10 50	
Old Age Assistance	285 25	450 00	164 75	
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:				
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	40 00	40 00		
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:				
Cemeteries	135 00	100 00		35 00
INTEREST:				
On Temporary Loans	20 75	35 00	14 25	
OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVE- MENTS:				
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:				
Town Construction	413 99	364 50		49 49
WORKMAN'S INSURANCE:				
	191 64	150 00		41 64
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERN- MENTAL DIVISIONS:				
County Taxes	2,448 73	2,349 12		99 61
Payments to School Districts	2,200 00	2,800 00	600 00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,103 83	\$11,219 22	\$1,497 23	\$381 84

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1940

Lands and buildings	\$232,263 00
Electric equipment	2,050 00
23 horses	1,910 00
61 cows	3,720 00
3 neat stock	115 00
13 hogs	235 00
748 fowls	630 00
4 fur-bearing animals	100 00
Wood and lumber	2,225 00
1 gasoline pump and tank	25 00
Stock in trade	650 00
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	\$243,923 00
Amount exempt to soldiers	\$6,700 00

 APPROPRIATIONS

Town officers' salaries	\$600 00
Town officers' expenses	450 00
Election and registration expense	10 00
Town hall and buildings	425 00
Police department	50 00
Fire department	100 00
Vital statistics	5 00
Town road aid	414 00
Town maintenance	1,200 00
Winter roads	1,500 00
Street lighting	75 00
General expenses of highway department	150 00
Libraries	100 00
Old Age Assistance	300 00
Town poor	200 00
Memorial Day	40 00
Cemeteries	135 00
Interest	50 00
County tax	2,448 73
School tax	2,200 00
Workman's Insurance	200 00
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Total town and school appropriations	\$10,652 73

TAXES AND RATES

Tax rate per \$100.00 valuation \$3.80.
Assessors' valuation \$243,923.00.

Appropriations		\$10,652 73
Less estimated revenue and credits:		
Interest and dividend tax	\$131 69	
Railroad tax	314 60	
Savings bank tax	139 28	
Motor vehicle permit fees	308 69	
Interest on taxes	75 00	
Rent of hall	58 00	
Cash on hand (surplus)	200 00	
		<hr/> 1,227 26
Plus overlay		\$9,425 47
		143 60
		<hr/> \$9,569 07
Net amount to be raised by taxation		\$9,569 07
Less poll taxes		300 00
		<hr/> \$9,269 07
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which town tax rate is figured		\$9,269 07
Taxes committed to Collector:		
Added tax (1 poll)		\$ 2 00
Property taxes		9,269 07
Poll taxes		300 00
		<hr/> \$9,571 07
Total taxes committed to Collector		

ABATEMENTS

1937 Tax

Mike Dwyer, unable to pay	\$2 00	\$2 00
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1938 Tax

William Butler, title taken by town	\$18 00	
Harry Foster, unable to pay	21 60	
John Koivula, left town	5 04	
Lempi Koivula, left town	2 00	
Lampi Matti, left town	2 00	
Edward Bell, left town	2 00	
Annie Butler, unable to pay	2 00	
Charles Butler, unable to pay	2 00	
Mike Dwyer, unable to pay	2 00	
Patrick Tighe, interest	2 67	
		<hr/> \$59 31

1939 Tax

J. Almus Russell, paid by state of N. H.	\$72 20
Doris Flagg, over 70	2 00
Manuel G. Ramos, paid in Lowell	2 00
Daniel Goodwin, taxed to wrong party	7 60
Edward Bell, left town	2 00
John Koivula, left town	2 00
S. D. Tarbell estate, over tax	2 85
Alice & Helen Crathern, meadow, taxed with Tarbell place	1 90
Lempi Koivula, left town	2 00
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\$94 55

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

	Appro- priations	Expendi- tures	Unexpended Balance	Over- draft
Town officers' sal- aries	\$600 00	\$676 70		\$76 70
Town officers' ex- penses	450 00	408 27	\$41 73	
Election and regis- tration expenses	10 00	8 20	1 80	
Town Hall and town buildings	425 00	132 75	292 25	
Police department	50 00	53 90		3 90
Fire department	100 00	44 01	55 99	
Vital statistics	5 00	4 25	75	
Town road aid	414 00	413 99	01	
Town maintenance	1,200 00	1,118 86	81 14	
Winter roads	1,500 00	1,314 20	185 80	
Street lighting	75 00	75 60		60
General expense highway dept.	150 00	242 23		92 23
Libraries	100 00	100 00		
Old Age assistance	300 00	285 25	14 75	
Town poor	200 00	189 50	10 50	
Memorial Day	40 00	40 00		
Cemeteries	135 00	135 00		
Interest	50 00	20 75	29 25	
County tax	2,448 73	2,448 73		
Workman's in- surance	200 00	191 64	8 36	
Total	\$8,452 73	\$7,903 83	\$722 33	\$173 43
Net unexpended balance			<u>722 33</u>	<u>548 90</u>
			\$722 33	\$722 33

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF MASON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

For the Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 1940

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.

Date February 10, 1940.

ALBERT C. WHITAKER

CHARLES L. BARNES

STANLEY A. FLAGG

Selectmen

DWIGHT L. DIMOCK

Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$1,300 07
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State:	
(b) Bounties	12 00
Due from County:	
(a) County poor	5 00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(b) Levy of 1938	198 89
(c) Levy of 1937	77 24
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1939	1,601 15
(b) Levy of 1938	6 00
Total Assets	\$3,200 35
Grand Total	\$3,200 35
Surplus, January 31, 1939	\$1,415 61
Surplus, January 31, 1940	\$1,989 00
Increase of Surplus	\$573 39

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due to School Districts:	
(a) Dog licenses	\$161 35
(b) Balance of Appropriation	1,000 00
Fund for repairing Town Hall	50 00
Total Liabilities	\$1,211 35
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	1,989 00
Grand Total	\$3,200 35

RECEIPTS
Current Revenue

From Local Taxes:		
Total taxes committed to collector, 1939	\$9,571 07	
Less discounts and abatements, 1939	176 61	
Less uncollected, 1939	1,601 15	
1. Property taxes, current year, actually collected	\$7,571 31	
2. Poll taxes, current year, actually collected	222 00	
4. Total of current year's collections		\$7,793 31
5. Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected		1,784 02
6. Tax sales redeemed		141 20
From State:		
7. For Highways and Bridges:		
(a) For Flood Damage		17 98
(c) For Class V Highway maintenance		1,782 47
8. Interest and dividend tax		148 78
9. 1938 Railroad and Savings Bank tax		453 88
10. Railroad tax		287 17
11. Savings bank tax		175 04
14. Tax on J. Almus Russell land		72 20
From County:		
15. For support of poor		172 50
From Local Sources, except Taxes:		
17. Dog licenses		173 50
20. Rent of town property		62 00
21. Interest received on taxes		94 16
27. Registration of motor vehicles, 1939 permits		384 86
1940 permits		10 21
Total Current Revenue Receipts		\$13,553 28
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
29. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year		3,000 00
33. Insurance adjustments		7 69
34. Refunds		12 00
35. Gifts for repairing hall		25 00
Reimbursement from Town of Sharon		129 60
Town Clerk, filing fees		5 00
Town Clerk, overpayment of dog tax		6 00
Total Receipts from All Sources		\$16,738 57
Cash on hand February 1, 1939		\$81 22
Grand Total		\$16,819 79

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government:		
1. Town officers' salaries		\$676 70
2. Town officers' expenses		408 27
3. Election and registration expenses		8 20
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings		132 75
Protection of Persons and Property:		
6. Police department, including care of tramps		53 90
7. Fire department, including forest fires		173 61
9. Bounties		10 00
Health:		
12. Vital statistics		4 25
Highways and Bridges:		
16. Town Maintenance		
Summer	\$2,901 33	
Winter	1,314 20	
	<hr/>	4,215 53
17. Street lighting		75 60
18. General Expenses of Highway Department		242 23
Libraries:		
19. Libraries		100 00
Public Welfare:		
20. Old age assistance		285 25
21. Town poor		189 50
22. County poor		5 00
23. Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day exercises		40 00
Workman's insurance		191 64
Public Service Enterprises:		
28. Cemeteries		135 00
Unclassified:		
30. Taxes bought by town		244 01
31. Refund		6 00
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$7,197 44

Interest:		
32. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$20 75	
Total Interest Payments		\$20 75
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
38. Highways and Bridges—Town Construction	\$413 99	
Total Outlay Payments		\$413 99
Indebtedness:		
45. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$3,000 00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		\$3,000 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
52. Taxes paid to County	\$2,448 73	
54. Payments to School Districts	2,438 81	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		\$4,887 54
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$15,519 72
Cash on hand January 31, 1940		1,300 07
Grand Total		\$16,819 79

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION	VALUE	
1. Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$3,500 00	
Furniture and equipment	1,000 00	
2. Libraries, furniture and equipment	1,000 00	
4. Fire department, equipment	100 00	
5. Highway department, lands and buildings	300 00	
Equipment	500 00	
9. Schools, lands and buildings	5,000 00	
Equipment	1,000 00	
10. All lands and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:		
8 acres Hall land	50 00	
20 acres Walter Robbins lot	50 00	
12 acres Henry Barrett lot	25 00	
5 acres Shattuck lot	15 00	
11 acres Blanch lot	25 00	
25 acres Butler place	500 00	
11. All other property and equipment:		
Lucy J. Lawrence lot	100 00	
Total	\$13,165 00	

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Licensed Dogs:		
No. of dogs licensed	51	
No. of kennel licenses	1	
Gross receipts		\$173 50
Paid Town Treasurer		\$173 50
Payments:		
Town clerk's fee	\$8 55	
Dog tags	3 60	
Total		\$12 15
Balance due School Board		\$161 35
Auto permits:		
Auto permits (151) 1939-40	\$384 86	
Auto permits (2) 1940-41	10 21	
Total (153)		\$395 07
Paid Town Treasurer		\$395 07

Respectfully submitted

D. L. DIMOCK, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1937 Taxes

DR.		
Uncollected February 1, 1939		\$10 00
CR.		
Paid treasurer		\$8 00
Abated		2 00
		\$10 00

1938 Taxes

DR.		
Uncollected February 1, 1939		\$1,848 66
Interest collected		88 57
		\$1,937 23

CR.		
Paid treasurer		\$1,864 59
Abatements		56 64
Uncollected		6 00
Error		10 00
		\$1,937 23

1939 Taxes

DR.		
Taxes committed to collector		\$9,569 07
Interest collected		5 59
Added tax		2 00
		\$9,576 66

CR.		
Paid treasurer		\$7,798 90
Discounts and abatements		176 61
Uncollected		1,601 15
		\$9,576 66

JOHN T. SMITH
Tax Collector

RESIDENT

Uncollected Taxes for 1939—As of February 15, 1940

Beck, Jos.	\$13 40
Bell, James	19 55
Butler, Annie	2 00
Bowes, Agnes	2 00
Bowes, Eileen	2 00
Berry, Paul	2 00
Berry, Alice	70 40
Davis, Chester	2 00
Davis, Mrs. Chester	2 00
Davis, Mary P. Heirs	38 00
Dunham, Albert	7 60
Dwyer, Mike	2 00
Elliott, Orvan	13 40
Elliott, Emma	2 66
Emerson, Chas. E.	31 92
Emerson, Ida	2 00
Emerson, Chas. L.	2 00
Flagg, Chas.	2 00
Flagg, Ruth	2 00
Farrar, Carl	32 11
Farrar, Helen	2 00
Foster, Harry	22 80
Gailey, Robert Heirs	9 50
Gravelle, Lena	2 00
Gravelle, Stephen	2 00
Hill, Lawrence	2 00
Hayward, Ralph	2 00
Moore, William	2 00
Niemi, John	2 00
Nicholson, John	2 00
Nicholson, Ida	47 60
Oulton, Earl D.	110 20
Oulton, Mary	2 00
Perkins, Nellie	19 20
Rossley, Robert G.	17 20
Rossley, Gertrude	2 00
Spear, Alfred	2 00
Spear, Harry N.	39 05
Spear, Irving	34 30
Spear, Katherine	2 76
Spear, Irving and Richard	53 20
Spear, Richard	2 00
Tighe, Patrick	38 00
Valyou, Carl	2 00
Valyou, Lillian	33 92
Wiik, John	61 66

Washburn, Guy F.	62 80
Wright, Charles	2 00
Wright, Harriett	2 00
Whitney, Edward, Jr.	2 00
Whitney, Rita	2 00

JOHN T. SMITH, Tax Collector

NON-RESIDENT

Uncollected Taxes for 1939—As of February 15, 1940

Arnold, Guy	\$57 00
Abbott, Stanley Heirs	104 50
Brown, Arthur P.	5 70
Barber, Mary F.	3 80
Crosscup, Eardley	34 92
Crathern, Alice and Helen	18 62
Crathern, Sarah G.	46 55
Chouinard, Alfred	6 65
Davis, Arthur B.	45 60
Elliott, John	10 45
Fessenden, O. D. Heirs	16 15
Fessenden, E. C.	1 14
Finity, J. W. Heirs	17 10
Flitner, Arthur D.	17 10
Gilman, Delvina	9 50
Graves, Nelson	7 60
Goodwin, Daniel	95
Hill, Wilford A.	15 20
Kimball, Ernest R.	22 80
Nickerson, Charles A.	7 60
Nevills, Daniel C.	38
Osgood, Emma B.	15 20
Pearce, Harry N.	15 20
Pierce, E. J.	2 85
Porter, Delbert W.	2 28
Porter, Jennett	2 66
Richards, Rodney	22 80
Russell, James H.	38 00
Richenberg, Paul J.	11 40
Sawtelle, Effie	39 90
Scripture Heirs	9 50
Swen, John	30 40
Scheeler, Harriett Est.	26 60
Wright, Richard	95
Wright, Grace	13 30
Welsh, Earl	2 85

JOHN T. SMITH, Tax Collector

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand February 1, 1939		\$81 22
John T. Smith, 1936 tax sale redemption	\$98 80	
John T. Smith, 1937 taxes	8 00	
John T. Smith, 1938 taxes	1,776 02	
John T. Smith, interest 1938 taxes	88 57	
John T. Smith, 1938 tax sale redemption	42 40	
John T. Smith, 1939 taxes	7,793 31	
John T. Smith, interest 1939 taxes	5 59	
John T. Smith, rebate on tax sale costs	8 00	
Town of Sharon, forest fire reim- bursement	129 60	
State of New Hampshire, railroad and savings bank tax 1938	453 88	
State of New Hampshire, railroad tax	287 17	
State of New Hampshire, sav. bank tax	175 04	
State of New Hampshire, interest and dividend tax	148 78	
County commissioners, refund	157 50	
State of New Hampshire, Class V road aid	1,782 47	
State of New Hampshire, flood damage	17 98	
County commissioners, reimbursement county poor	15 00	
Henry Gainey, rebate workman's insurance	7 69	
State of New Hampshire, tax on J. Almus Russell land	72 20	
Townsend National bank, temporary loans	3,000 00	
Register of deeds, refund	4 00	
Toivo Kivimaki, fund for town hall	25 00	
William Zeller, rent of flag	3 00	
Selectmen and janitor, rent of hall	59 00	
Town clerk, filing fees	5 00	
Town clerk, auto permits	395 07	
Town clerk, dog taxes	173 50	
Town clerk, overpayment on dog taxes	6 00	
Total		\$16,819 79
Less selectmen's orders		15,519 72
Cash on hand February 1, 1940		\$1,300 07

D. L. DIMOCK
Town Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

John T. Smith, 1939 Tax Collector:	
1936 tax sale redemption, Guy F. Washburn home place	\$98 80
1938 tax sale redemption, Daniel Goodwin, Peabody lot	18 70
1938 tax sale redemption, Patrick Tighe, home place	23 70
1937 taxes	8 00
1938 taxes	1,776 02
1938 interest on taxes	88 57
1939 taxes	7,793 31
1939 interest on taxes	5 59
Rebate on tax sale costs	8 00
Town of Sharon, forest fire reim- bursement	129 60
State of New Hampshire:	
Railroad and savings bank tax 1938	453 88
Railroad tax 1939	287 17
Savings bank tax 1939	175 04
Interest and dividend tax	148 78
Class V. road aid	1,782 47
Flood damage	17 98
Tax on J. Almus Russell land	72 20
County Commissioners:	
Relief refund	157 50
Reimbursement, county poor	15 00
Henry Gainey, rebate on workman's insurance	7 69
Townsend National Bank, temporary loans	3,000 00
Register of deeds, refund	4 00
Toivo Kivimaki, fund for town hall	25 00
William Zeller, rent of flag	3 00
Fruitdale Grange, rent of hall	50 00
Beck-Elliott Post No. 1088, rent of hall	3 00
Good Fellowship Club, rent of hall	1 00
Walter Barnes, rent of hall	1 00
Woman's Club, rent of hall	1 00
James Bell, rent of hall	3 00
Dwight Dimock, Town Clerk:	
Filing fees	5 00
Auto permits, 1939	384 86
Auto permits 1940	10 21
Dog taxes	173 50
Overpayment on dog taxes	6 00
Cash on hand February 1, 1939	81 22
	\$16,819 79

SUMMARY OF ALL PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Albert C. Whitaker, selectman	\$170 10
Stanley A. Flagg, selectman	132 00
Charles L. Barnes, selectman	138 60
Charles L. Barnes, overseer of poor	28 80
Toivo Kivimaki, auditor	7 20
John T. Smith, 1938 tax collector	100 00
Dwight L. Dimock, clerk	50 00
Dwight L. Dimock, treasurer	50 00

 \$676 70

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Mason Village Savings bank, box rent	\$6 60
Toivo Kivimaki, expenses as auditor	2 35
Donat Corriveau, register of deeds	22 48
Albert C. Whitaker, postage and telephone	16 25
Charles L. Barnes, 2 assessors' meetings	12 50
Albert C. Whitaker, 2 assessors' meetings	25 40
Dwight Dimock, postage	10 84
Charles Sawyer, printing	14 50
Stanley A. Flagg, assessors' meeting	4 00
Stanley A. Flagg, county meeting	2 50
Charles L. Barnes, county meeting	2 50
John T. Smith, 1 assessors' meeting	4 00
Henry Gainey, town officers' bonds	25 00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., tax books	3 85
Carl Valyou, road meeting	4 50
Stanley A. Flagg, road meeting	4 00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., dog tags	3 60
Transcript Printing Co., town reports	102 10
Guy P. Washburn, road meeting	8 00
Wilfred J. Boisclair, register of probate	30
Albert C. Whitaker, county meeting	7 10
Dwight Dimock, auto permits	38 75
Albert C. Whitaker, trip Nashua WPA office	5 30
Albert C. Whitaker, use of car assessing	30 00
Conray G. Wharff, care of common	6 00
John T. Smith, postage	9 18
Dwight Dimock, dog tax fee	8 55
Albert C. Whitaker, expense on fire prevention project	14 00
The Banner Press, printing	5 00
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide, auto book	3 75
Charles L. Barnes, postage	50
Edson Eastman Co., supplies	75
Wheeler & Clark, supplies	4 12

 \$408 27

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Guy F. Washburn, supervisor	\$3 50	
Samuel H. Davis, supervisor	4 70	
	<hr/>	\$8 20

TOWN HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS

Greenville Electric Lighting Co., hall lights	\$26 40	
Roy Brown, supplies	5 66	
Roy Brown, repairs	10 08	
Roy Brown, janitor	54 21	
E. H. Whitaker, 4½ cords wood	32 75	
C. S. Bourgeois & Son, supplies	15	
Conray G. Wharff, repairs Butler place	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$132 75

POLICE

Stanley A. Flagg, chief of police	\$25 00	
Roy Brown, police officer	16 90	
Walter Barnes, police officer	10 00	
Guy Washburn, special officer	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$53 90

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Denim Mills Inc., steel drums	\$4 00	
Roy Brown, supplies and labor	15 23	
C. S. Bourgeois & Son, pails	4 40	
Walter Barnes, trucking fire barrels	7 70	
Charles L. Barnes, warden Sharon fire	129 60	
Greenville Auto Service, repairing pump	35	
R. F. Powell, repairing extinguisher	60	
Arthur Williams, trucking	5 03	
State of New Hampshire, fire tools	6 70	
	<hr/>	\$173 61

BOUNTIES

Dwight Dimock, town clerk	\$10 00
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VITAL STATISTICS

Dwight Dimock, town clerk		\$4 25
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WINTER ROADS

Guy P. Washburn, road agent	\$499 63	
Harold Miller, road agent	403 83	
Carl Valyou, road agent	410 74	
		<hr/> \$1,314 20

TOWN MAINTENANCE

Guy P. Washburn, road agent	\$966 71	
Harold Miller, road agent	951 46	
Carl Valyou, road agent	983 16	
		<hr/> \$2,901 33

STREET LIGHTING

Greenville Electric Lighting Co.		\$75 60
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GENERAL EXPENSES OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Arthur E. Crocker, hoists, parts and repairs for plows and scraper	\$200 00	
C. L. Webster, tools	5 20	
E. C. Fessenden, grease	1 00	
Arthur Williams, grease	50	
Anchor Steel Co., scraper blades	35 53	
		<hr/> \$242 23

LIBRARIES

Harriet E. Whitaker, treasurer Library Trustees		\$100 00
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TOWN POOR

Charles Butler	\$149 50	
George Butler	16 00	
Charles L. Emerson	24 00	
		<hr/> \$189 50

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Paid to various agencies	\$285 25
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COUNTY POOR

Charles Flagg	\$5 00
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MEMORIAL DAY

Beck-Elliott Post No. 1088	\$40 00
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WORKMAN'S INSURANCE

Henry Gainey, agent	\$191 64
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CEMETERIES

Conray G. Wharff, Treas., Cemetery Trustees	\$135 00
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TAXES BOUGHT BY THE TOWN

John T. Smith, 1938 tax collector	\$244 01
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REFUND

Dwight Dimock, overpayment on dog tax	\$6 00
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INTEREST

Townsend National Bank	\$20 75
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TOWN CONSTRUCTION

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$413 99
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TEMPORARY LOANS

Townsend National Bank	\$3,000 00
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COUNTY TAX

County treasurer	\$2,448 73
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Harriet E. Whitaker, Dist. Treasurer:

1938 Dog tax	\$138 81	
Balance 1938 appropriation	1,100 00	
1939 appropriation	1,200 00	
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0;"/>	\$2,438 81

ROAD AGENTS' REPORT

REPORT OF HAROLD C. MILLER

H. Miller, tractor, 18 days at \$14.00	\$252 00
H. Miller, truck, 17½ days at \$9.40	164 50
H. Miller, truck, 2 days at \$9.00	18 00
Hume Pipe Co., 73 ft. pipe at 80¢ ft.	58 40
R. Simonds, 744 ft. oak plank at 4¢ ft.	29 76
C. Dunn, 17 days, 5 hrs. at \$3.20	56 40
C. Tarbell, 9 days, 4 hrs. at \$3.20	30 40
J. Lamore, 8 days at \$3.20	25 60
J. Smith, 7 days at \$3.20	22 40
E. Crosscup, 19 days at \$3.20	60 80
A. Elliott, Jr., 12 days, 4 hrs. at \$3.20	40 00
W. Pelletier, 17 days at \$3.20	54 40
A. Dunham, Jr., 17 days at \$3.20	54 40
R. Winter, 13 days at \$3.20	41 60
O. Smith, sawing bridge timbers	3 00
C. L. Barnes, bridge timbers	2 00
C. Wharff, 4 days at \$3.20	12 80
C. Emerson, Jr., 2 days at \$3.20	6 40
C. L. Webster, spikes	60
J. Kivimaki, 6 loads stone at \$1.50 per load	9 00
J. Butt, 90 loads gravel at 10¢ per load	9 00

Total for year

\$951 46

Winter Roads

H. Miller, truck, plowing 74 hrs. at \$2.50	\$185 00
H. Miller, truck, 3 days, 7 hrs. at \$1.17½	36 43
H. Miller, truck, 2 days at \$1.12½	18 00
P. Berry, 5 hrs. at 40¢	2 00
W. Barnes, 39 hrs. at 40¢	15 60
C. Tarbell, 105 hrs. at 40¢	42 00
C. Valyou, 42 hrs. at 40¢	16 80
R. Elliott, 28 loads sand at 20¢ each	5 60
D. Doyle, Jr., 14 hrs. at 40¢	5 60
H. Treble, 16 hrs. at 40¢	6 40
C. Dunn, 43 hrs. at 40¢	17 20
R. Doyle, 5 hrs. at 40¢	2 00
E. Colburn, 14 hrs. at 40¢	5 60
R. Emerson, 8 hrs. at 40¢	3 20
C. Emerson, 8 hrs. at 40¢	3 20
W. Pelletier, 8 hrs. at 40¢	3 20
P. Ouelette, 4 hrs. at 40¢	1 60
M. Dwyer, 3 hrs. at 40¢	1 20
E. Crosscup, 2 days at \$3.20	6 40

C. Wharff, 2 days at \$3.20	6 40	
H. Miller, 1 day at \$3.60	3 60	
H. Miller, 2 days, 4 hrs. at \$3.20	8 00	
J. Nicolson, 6 hrs. at 40¢	2 40	
J. Smith, 2 days at \$3.20	6 40	
		\$403 83

REPORT OF PORTER WASHBURN

Fund \$994.15

Name of Road	Gravel	Machine	Brush	Culverts	Dragging
Cascade		\$9 35	\$9 00		
Whitaker		29 00	25 00	\$10 00	
Merriam		11 95	10 00	88 79	
Ashby		25 40	18 00		
Turnpike		29 25	25 20		\$10 25
Raitanen	\$56 00	25 40	19 20		
Ollireed		26 80	19 20		
Kennedy		25 40	20 00		7 55
Flagg		22 40	10 00		5 28
Eaton	70 11	29 95	23 00	36 50	
Noble	46 00	8 25	2 00	10 00	
Hitchcock	74 00		2 00	8 50	
Blake	90 00	20 98	6 00		
Total	\$337 11	\$264 13	\$188 60	\$153 79	\$23 08
Total					\$966 71
Balance					\$27 44

WINTER ROADS

T. Kivimaki, 106 hrs.	\$229 49
H. Miller, 26 hrs.	18 86
A. William, 32 hrs.	14 98
F. Niemi, 20 hrs.	8 00
J. Wiik, 7 hrs.	2 80
G. Merriam, 26 hrs.	10 40
L. Wiik, 15 hrs.	6 00
D. Spear, 1 hr.	40
I. Spear, 1 hr.	40
F. Washburn, 73 hrs.	29 20
P. Berry, 43 hrs.	17 20
E. Helstein, 54 hrs.	21 60
C. Emerson, 5 hrs.	2 00
L. Wright, 3 hrs.	1 20
L. Brown, 3 hrs.	1 20
C. Wright, 15 hrs.	6 00

J. Niemi, 18 hrs.	7 20	
C. Wharff, 23 hrs.	9 20	
A. Helstein, 64 hrs.	31 60	
E. Brown, 8 hrs.	3 20	
P. Washburn, 166 hrs.	74 70	
R. Elliot, sand	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$499 63

ROAD REPORT OF CARL VALYOU

1939

Winter Roads		1939, District 2
Carl Valyou, foreman	\$67 05	
William Gravelle, laborer	14 80	
Stanley Flagg, laborer	1 60	
Charles Tarbell, laborer	9 20	
Arthur Appel, laborer	8 00	
Richard Spear, laborer	4 00	
William Butler, laborer	12 00	
Fred Whitney, laborer	3 20	
Paul Berry, laborer	6 40	
Irving Spear, laborer	2 80	
Lewis Robbins, laborer	4 00	
Curtis Dunn, laborer	7 60	
Roy Davis, laborer	6 80	
Edward Whitney, Jr. laborer	3 20	
Conray Wharff, laborer	3 20	
Arthur Williams, laborer	3 20	
Harold Miller, truck	247 81	
Richard Spear, truck	3 38	
John Kivimaki, truck	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$410 74

ROAD REPORT OF CARL VALYOU

1939

Agent

District 2, Division 9
Town Fund \$400.00

State Fund \$594.16

	Gravel	Drugging	Machining	Culverts	Blasting	Drainage	Total	Power Shovel	Cost Trucks	Cost Labor	Cost Material
Wilton	\$22 20	\$15 80	\$88 00	\$26 47			\$152 47		\$67 87	\$80 65	
Abbott	\$56 60				\$58 73		115 33		27 00	88 33	
Pratt Pond	33 30	15 80	47 20	132 06			228 36	\$36 00	81 76	93 20	\$17 40
Heald	22 20	7 90	16 80				46 90		20 50	26 40	
No. Brookline		7 90	54 60	1 70			64 20		27 25	36 95	
James Russell	52 73		16 80	100 87		73 80	244 20	54 00	52 01	80 95	57 24
Sand Pit		19 00	30 40				49 40		23 00	26 40	
Boynton	19 00		33 60				52 60		23 00	29 60	
Okilmus			16 80				16 80		7 00	9 80	
Plane				12 90			12 90				

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE STEARNS COMMON SCHOOL BEQUEST

For the Year Ending January 31, 1940

Income Received	
Interest on land in Greenville	\$19 50
Interest from New England Association bonds	275 00
Interest from Republic Service Corp. bonds	250 00
Interest from Mason Village Savings Bank	34 31
	\$578 81
Paid District Treasurer	\$578 81

The Bequest is invested as follows:

New England Power Association 5½% bonds, 1954	\$5,000 00
Republic Service Corp. 5% bonds, 1951	5,000 00
Mortgage on land in Greenville	325 00
Deposited in Mason Village Savings Bank	1,137 20
	\$11,462 20

Respectfully submitted,

TRACY A. EATON
Treasurer

TRACY A. EATON
CHARLES L. BARNES
T. ARCHIBALD EATON
Trustees

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOYNTON COMMON SCHOOL FUND

Income Received

Int. from U. S. Bond	\$32 50	
Int. from Keene Savings Bank	53 88	
Int. from Dartmouth Savings Bank	50 00	
Int. from Nashua Trust Company Savings Bank	39 21	
Int. from Mason Village Savings Bank	118 91	
		\$294 50
Paid District Treasurer		\$294 50

The Fund is invested as follows:

U. S. Bond	\$1,000 00	
Keene Savings Bank	2,155 70	
Dartmouth Savings Bank	2,000 00	
Nashua Trust Company Savings Bank	1,951 14	
Mason Village Savings Bank	3,939 98	
		\$11,046 82

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET E. WHITAKER
Treasurer

EVERETT E. WHITAKER
HARRIET E. WHITAKER
ALICE B. DIMOCK
EDMUND C. CLAPP
Trustees

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

From Feb. 1, 1939 to Jan. 31, 1940

TOWN FUND

1939		
Jan. 31	Balance on hand	\$5 19
	Cemetery fund	23 00
April 21	J. Almus Russell, Lot No. 97	5 00
Sept. 2	Town appropriation	135 00
Oct. 2	Mrs. Wm. Zeller, Lot No. 98	5 00
1940		
Jan. 31	Mason Village Savings Bank Interest	1 48
		\$174 67
1939 Payments:		
April 29	Charles Tarbell, 1 day, 7½ hrs.	\$6 20
29	Harold Elliott, 2 days, ½ hr.	6 60
29	Robert Winter, 8½ hrs.	3 40
29	Ed. Whitney, 8 hrs.	3 20
29	C. H. Wharff, 8½ hrs.	3 40
29	C. G. Wharff, 5 hrs.	2 00
29	C. G. Wharff, truck, 2 days	2 00
May 6	G. F. Washburn, 6 hrs.	2 40
6	G. P. Washburn, 6 hrs.	2 40
6	Arthur Williams, 6 hrs.	2 40
May 8	C. H. Wharff, 4 hrs.	1 60
July 15	Alfred Elliott, 27 hrs.	10 80
15	Harold Elliott, 27 hrs.	10 80
15	Alfred Elliott, Jr. 27 hrs.	10 80
Sept. 5	Ed Whitney, Sr., 3 hrs.	1 20
5	C. G. Wharff, 3 hrs.	1 20
Oct. 14	C. G. Wharff, painting fence 26 hrs.	10 40
14	C. G. Wharff, 2 rakes bought April 22	1 80
14	Sears Roebuck & Co., paint	1 96
14	C. G. Wharff, painting, 4 hrs.	1 60
1940		
Jan. 4	Everett Whitaker, mowing	5 00
13	Ed. Whitney, Sr., 8 hrs.	3 20
13	C. G. Wharff, 8 hrs.	3 20
	Total payments	\$97 56
	Cemetery Fund, 1938	23 00
	Added, 1939	10 00
	Balance on hand	44 11
		\$174 67

Respectfully submitted,
C. G. WHARFF, Treasurer

PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Feb. 1, 1939 to Jan. 31, 1940

Jan. 31	Balance on hand	\$34 51	
Mar. 11	Atlantic Ice Mfg. Co. int.	30 00	
May 15	Mrs. C. F. H. Crathern	100 00	
June 15	Ruth C. Goodwin	50 00	
15	Sarah G. Crathern	50 00	
Dec. 22	Atlantic Ice Mfg. Co., int.	30 00	
1940			
Jan. 30	Mason Village Savings		
	Bank interest	60 58	
			\$355 09
1939	Payments:		
June 7	Della Washburn, wreath	\$2 00	
May 15	Mason Village Savings		
	Bank	100 00	
June 29	Mason Village Savings		
	Bank	100 00	
Dec. 22	G. F. Washburn, care of		
	lots	15 00	
1940			
Jan. 31	C. G. Wharff, care of		
	lots	70 00	
Jan. 31	Balance on hand	68 09	
			\$355 09

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. WHARFF

Treasurer

GUY F. WASHBURN

CONRAY G. WHARFF

ALFRED ELLIOTT

Trustees

Perpetual Funds

Dunster	\$100 00
Vernon Eaton	100 00
William Adams	100 00
Rhoda Barrett	200 00
James March	50 00
Ai Richards	50 00
Joseph A. Morse	200 00
Joseph Mitchell	100 00
William Campbell	200 00
Amos Flagg	100 00

Ebenezer Hill	100 00	
George Crowe	100 00	
Lucy J. Lawrence	100 00	
Asa Brooks Hodgeman	100 00	
Charles R. Farwell	100 00	
Samuel Ingalls	100 00	
Luke Adams	100 00	
Henry P. Adams	100 00	
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	100 00	
Annie Scripture Hill	100 00	
Jane Allison	100 00	
George E. Germer	100 00	
James H. Dixon	100 00	
Martha J. Jones	200 00	
C. F. Crathern	100 00	
Ruth C. Goodwin	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,900 00
Reserve		143 46
		<hr/>
Total Trust Fund		\$3,043 46
Invested as follows:		
Atlantic Ice Mfg. Bond	\$1,000 00	
Mason Village Savings Bank	2,043 46	
	<hr/>	\$3,043 46

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. WHARFF

Treasurer

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1940

Receipts

Balance on hand February 1, 1939	\$3 37	
Town appropriation	100 00	
Fines	2 00	
		\$105 37

Expenditures

Library Book House	\$39 64	
Salary of Librarian	50 00	
Janitor Service	10 00	
Ledger, postage, etc.	2 03	
Repairs	1 25	
		\$102 92

Balance on hand February 1, 1940		\$2 45
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Respectfully submitted,
 HARRIET E. WHITAKER
 Treasurer
 ALICE S. BERRY
 HARRIET E. WHITAKER
 MYRTIE B. ADAMS
 Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Thirty-four books were purchased by the Town of Mason. Twenty books were given by the State Library Commission, one by Roland Harry, Jr., fourteen by Julius Ferrari, one by C. W. Anderson, one by Madelena Paltenghi and two by Sarah Williams, making the total addition for 1939 seventy-three books.

Through the courtesy of the Editor the TOWNSEND TIMES is received each week.

The NEW HAMPSHIRE TROUBADOUR is sent us regularly. About ten magazines are received each month by donation.

Total number of books now in the Library 3089. Circulation for the year 2,294.

DORIS M. FLAGG
Librarian

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Trustees of Trust Funds, Trustees of Cemetery and Library Funds, and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

TOIVO KIVIMAKI
Auditor

Feb. 10, 1940.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Moderator	
TRACY EATON		Term Expires March, 1940
	Clerk	
MRS. ROSE EATON		March, 1940
	Treasurer	
MRS. HARRIET WHITAKER		June, 1940
	School Board	
ALICE DIMOCK		March, 1940
MYRTIE B. ADAMS		March, 1941
HARRIET WRIGHT		March, 1942
	Superintendent	
VERNON S. AMES		Wilton, N. H.

Teachers for 1939-1940

Grammar Room	Miss Helen M. Stone
Primary Room	Mrs. Laila J. Aho
Music	Miss Elsie F. Wheeler

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1939-1940

January 2 to March 15	11 weeks
April 1 to June 7	10 weeks
Holidays: February 22, May 30.	

March vacation dates subject to change for weather and road conditions.

1940-1941

September 4 to November 26	12 weeks
December 2 to December 20	3 weeks
January 6 to March 21	11 weeks
April 7 to June 13	10 weeks

Holidays: November 11 and May 30.

March vacation dates subject to change for weather and road conditions.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town of Mason qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the twelfth day of March 1940, 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 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 if the School District will vote to continue insurance and keep in repair Number Six School House or authorize the School Board to dispose of said building.

10. To see if the district will vote to petition the state tax commission to have an audit made by the municipal accounting division and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

Given under our hands at said Mason this twenty-fourth day of February, 1940.

ALICE B. DIMOCK
MYRTIE B. ADAMS
HARRIET L. WRIGHT
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ALICE B. DIMOCK
MYRTIE B. ADAMS
HARRIET L. WRIGHT
School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year July 1, 1938, to June 30, 1939

SALARIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

Myrtie B. Adams	\$25 00	
Alice B. Dimock	25 00	
Harriet L. Wright	25 00	
Harriet E. Whitaker, treasurer	25 00	
Josephine Hayward, auditor	2 00	
		\$102 00

SUPERINTENDENT'S EXCESS SALARY

Henrietta M. Hopkins, treasurer, Union District No. 63		\$103 21
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SCHOOL CENSUS

Myrtie B. Adams, 1938 census		\$5 00
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EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION

Henry P. Gainey, bond of treasurer	\$10 00	
Henrietta M. Hopkins, office expense	51 62	
M. B. Adams, telephone and postage	2 98	
H. E. Whitaker, postage	3 10	
Supt. Ames, telephone and postage	2 28	
		\$69 98

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Helen M. Stone	\$925 00	
Laila F. Aho	875 00	
Elsie F. Wheeler	150 00	
		\$1,950 00

TEXT BOOKS

Lyons and Carnahan	\$12 92	
Silver Burdett Co.	2 54	
Scott Foresman	10 31	
Ginn & Co.	7 09	
		\$32 86

SCHOLARS' SUPPLIES

Gledhill Bros., Inc.	\$12 52	
Henry S. Wolkins	9 67	
Milton Bradley	2 62	
Philip H. James	4 94	
J. L. Hammett	6 10	
Edw. E. Babb Co.	8 84	
Scott Foresman	98	
		\$45 67

FLAGS AND APPURTENANCES

Edw. E. Babb Co. 1 Flag 5' x 8'	\$6 60
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OTHER EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION

Macmillan Co. reference books	\$3 72	
Henrietta M. Hopkins, tests	8 07	
Civic Ed. Service, Junior Reviews	8 40	
Am. Ed. Press, Weekly Readers	9 60	
Est. of J. Melzer, report cards, graduation programs	4 00	
Scott Foresman, work books	2 51	
Ginn & Co., 1 book	47	
Beckley-Cardy Co., 6 travel books	4 35	
Allyn & Bacon, 1 book	46	
		\$41 58

JANITOR SERVICE

Stanley A. Flagg	\$120 00
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FUEL

Charles H. Wright, 10 cords wood at \$7.50 a cord	\$75 00
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WATER, LIGHT AND JANITOR SUPPLIES

Edw. E. Babb, 4 Kaustine chemical	\$21 00	
Greenville Electric Lighting Co.	24 00	
C. S. Bourgeois Co., 5 gal. oil	59	
Stanley Flagg, 15 gal. oil	1 61	
Alfred Elliott, 1 pail	50	
Supt. Ames, floor oil	1 58	
		\$49 28

MINOR REPAIRS AND EXPENSES

Mrs. Edw. Whitney, cleaning school-house	\$16 51	
Alfred Elliott, sanitary work	6 00	
Paul Berry, labor	1 60	
John T. Smith, material and work on chimneys	3 40	
Conray Wharff, repairing roof	2 00	
Roy Brown, setting glass, cleaning windows	1 30	
Supt. V. S. Ames, flag rope	50	
John Kivimaki, 3 stones delivered	5 00	
Stanley Flagg, asbestos	2 38	
Stanley Flagg, work on cesspool	8 00	
		<u>\$46 69</u>

MEDICAL INSPECTION

Dr. Harlan E. Karr		
Examination of school children	\$15 00	
Services for 1 child	6 50	
Edna J. Gilbert, school nurse	25 50	
		<u>\$47 00</u>

TRANSPORTATION

Alfred Elliott, \$3.50 a day	\$612 50	
Conray G. Wharff, \$2.00 a day	350 00	
Robert Rossley, \$2.85 a day	498 75	
		<u>\$1,461 25</u>

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Townsend, Mass., High School		
8 pupils at \$100 a year	\$800 00	
3 pupils, part of year	108 91	
		<u>\$908 91</u>

NEW EQUIPMENT

J. L. Hammett Co., 4 small chairs		\$9 00
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PER CAPITA TAX

F. Gordon Kimball, State Treasurer		
40 pupils at \$2.00 each		\$80 00

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL EXPENSES FOR YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1939

Salaries of District Officers	\$102 00	
Superintendent's excess salary	103 21	
School census	5 00	
Expenses of administration	69 98	
Teachers' salaries	1,950 00	
Text books	32 86	
Scholars' supplies	45 67	
Flags and appurtenances	6 60	
Other expenses of administration	41 58	
Janitor service	120 00	
Fuel	75 00	
Water, light and janitor supplies	49 28	
Minor repairs and expenses	46 69	
Medical inspection	47 00	
Transportation	1,461 25	
High School tuition	908 91	
New equipment	9 00	
Per capita tax	80 00	
	\$5,154 03	\$5,154 03

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Mason, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOSEPHINE V. HAYWARD
Auditor

July 25, 1939.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL EXPENSES

From July 1, 1939 to January 31, 1940

Salaries of district officers	\$75 00	
Superintendent's excess salary	105 39	
School census	5 00	
Expenses of administration	64 99	
Teachers' salaries	975 00	
Text books	40 89	
Scholars' supplies	36 55	
Other expenses of instruction	34 09	
Janitor service	60 00	
Water, light and janitor supplies	33 90	
Minor repairs and expenses	207 88	
Medical inspection	15 00	
Transportation	709 80	
High School tuition	521 27	
Per capita tax	74 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,958 76

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE B. DIMOCK

MYRTIE B. ADAMS

HARRIET L. WRIGHT

School Board

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1939

Cash on hand June 30, 1938	\$619 91	
Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriation for current year	\$2,000 00	
Dog tax	138 81	
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds:		
Income of funds	884 09	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Aid	1,737 59	
	_____	\$5,380 40
Total amount for fiscal year		\$5,380 40
Less School Board orders paid		5,154 03

Balance on hand as of June 30, 1939		\$226 37

HARRIET E. WHITAKER
District Treasurer

July 25, 1939.

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

JOSEPHINE V. HAYWARD
Auditor

July 25, 1939.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1940-1941

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

	If Two Teachers	If One Teacher
Support of Schools:		
Teachers' salaries	\$1,950 00	\$1,100 00
Textbooks	35 00	35 00
Scholars' supplies	45 00	45 00
Flags and appurtenances	5 00	5 00
Other expenses of instruction	40 00	40 00
Janitor service	120 00	100 00
Fuel	75 00	50 00
Light and janitor's supplies	50 00	50 00
Minor repairs	25 00	25 00
Health supervision	30 00	30 00
Transportation of pupils	1,400 00	1,400 00
	<u>\$3,775 00</u>	<u>\$2,880 00</u>
Other Statutory Requirements:		
Salaries of district officers (fixed by District)	\$102 00	\$102 00
Truant officer and census (fixed by District)	5 00	5 00
Payment of tuition in High Schools and Academies (estimated by School Board)	1,580 00	1,580 00
Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by Supervisory Union)	105 00	80 00
Per capita tax (reported by State Treasurer)	72 00	72 00
Expenses of administration	75 00	75 00
	<u>\$1,939 00</u>	<u>\$1,914 00</u>
Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget	\$5,714 00	\$4,794 00

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

State aid	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00
Dog tax	150 00	150 00
Income from trust funds	800 00	800 00
Total estimated income	<u>\$1,950 00</u>	<u>\$1,950 00</u>
Assessment required to balance School Board's budget	\$3,764 00	\$2,844 00

MYRTIE B. ADAMS
ALICE DIMOCK
HARRIET L. WRIGHT, School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Mason:

I respectfully submit my seventeenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

SUPERVISION

In my report last year I discussed the early stages of the process of learning to read, covering the work of the first two grades. I pointed out that we make several sections in each grade in order to have each pupil placed at the reading level at which he can do his best work. This procedure is now effective in the third grade as well as in the first two grades.

Sectioning by reading levels in these grades proves to be advantageous and is in itself nothing particularly new. As a given child shows readiness for the next succeeding reading level or stage, he is advanced sometimes with the same group and sometimes into the next group ahead; and of course slower learning pupils are sometimes outstripped by the others in a group and joins the next group that comes along into that stage. Each child is thus enabled to progress according to his own ability and is not forced to take the pace of faster or slower pupils.

It may prove to be more satisfactory, after some further experience with this plan, to designate pupils below the fourth grade according to reading levels instead of classifying them as grade one, grade two, or grade three; and promote from level to level at such times during the year as the children acquire mastery of the reading level in which they have been placed. Pupils would then be promoted into the fourth grade when they were ready to enter upon the study of the content subjects that usually begin in the fourth grade, and only when the pupil is ready to do so with assurance of success, whether the time required to attain such mastery has been three years or four.

Reasonable mastery of the fundamental techniques of reading is essential to success throughout the remaining school years and to permit a child to advance before mastery is attained is to give him a handicap that may later prove disastrous, not only to his success in the content subjects, but to development of his personality or individuality.

In all our plans and procedures we must think in terms of the "individual child" and remember that he grows as a whole. This is true not only of his years in the primary grades but

throughout his school life. All the time that a child is increasing in skill and in understanding, he is also forming attitudes and ideals and interests that will contribute more to the development of his personality than all of the subject matter that he may be able to absorb and retain. The facts a child learns slip away quickly, but the thinking habits he acquires and the attitudes and ideals formed are apt to be permanent.

The type of report card that we have developed in the previous two years for first and second grades is now adapted to the third grade as well. By this means we are trying to give the parent definite information as to the child's growth in reading and to point out the things that may be preventing more rapid growth. We believe this is more helpful to the parent and consequently to the child than the type of report card that merely states the child is "good," "fair," or "poor," because it is more constructive and less critical of failures and establishes a better basis for helpful conference between the parent and the teacher.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

The annual medical inspection was made in October by Dr. Karr and the nurse, Mrs. Gilbert, who report as follows:

Number of pupils examined	25	Corrected since last examination
Number 10% underweight	2	
Defective Vision	0	3
Defective Hearing (wax)	1	
Cardiac disease	2 (receiving treatment)	
Poor posture	1	
Defective Teeth	14	11
Diseased Tonsils	0	1
Adenoids	0	1
Enlarged thyroid gland	1 (receiving treatment)	

The tonsil and adenoid corrections indicated were made at a Clinic last August. This is an unusual report in that there are so few defects found and so many corrections made. It indicates the effectiveness of the health supervision and the splendid cooperation of the parents in the corrections of defects.

BUDGET

The budget for 1940-'41 is presented in such a manner as to bring into easy form for comparison the cost under the various items, and as a whole, of the two alternative plans with which we are faced because of the fact that the school enrollment has diminished to a figure below thirty. You were advised two

years ago that if and when this did occur the basis of approval on the part of the State Board in determining the amount of state aid allotment would be changed. It is the policy of the State Board to approve two teachers for a school of more than thirty pupils, but only one teacher for a school of fewer than thirty pupils.

Of course the budget item of teachers' salaries is the one item in which there is any material difference in cost, although some slight saving may be effected in the cost of fuel and janitor service and there is a slight difference in the portion of the excess salary charged to Mason by the Supervisory Union, since that apportionment is based in part upon the number of teachers. The difference of \$920 in the assessment required to balance the School Board's budget represents the difference in cost to the taxpayers between the two alternatives of continuing with two teachers or having only one teacher, and the district adopting the one or the other will decide in effect whether we shall continue with two teachers or not.

At first thought it might seem that the assessment should be less having a one-teacher school than was called for in last year's budget for a two-teacher school. The fact is however, that any saving effected in the cost of schools in any district that receives state aid automatically reduces the amount of state aid by the amount of the saving. This is necessarily so, because the district raises only its "\$5 tax" and the state aid supplies the balance of the money needed, and there could be no saving to the district until the cost diminished to some figure less than the amount of the five-dollar tax when there would be no state aid allotment.

The reason for the increase of more than \$400 in the assessment required as compared with last year's budget is to be found in the one item of "payment of tuition in high schools." That figure in last year's budget was \$1,085 and this year is \$1,580; only one of the pupils now attending high school will graduate next June, but we have six pupils in our own eighth grade who expect to enter high school next fall, a net increase of five, and the tuition rate at Townsend is \$100 as it has been for a number of years.

Respectfully submitted,

VERNON S. AMES

Superintendent.

Wilton, N. H., February 6, 1940.

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
1939

Census: Boys (5-16) 19; Girls 19; Total 38.
Attending School in Mason: Boys 20; Girls 16; Total 36.
Elsewhere: Boys 7; Girls 4; Total 11.

School	Enrollment by Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Primary	5	5	2	6	0	0	0	0	18
Grammar	0	0	0	0	1	5	8	4	18
									36

Attendance

SCHOOL	Average Member- ship	Average Attend- ance	Per Cent Attend- ance	Tardinesses	
				Total	Per Pupil
Primary	14.64	13.83	94.47	2	.11
Grammar	17.03	16.61	97.53	1	.12
	31.67	30.44	96.12	3	.08
Average for State 1938-1939			94.74		.96
Visits:					
By School Board Members				22	
By Superintendent				52	
By Citizens				137	

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Two Consecutive Years

Ellsworth Brown, Beverly Dimock, Frances Elliot, John Gilmore, Margaret Bell.

Three Terms

Barbara Schulze, Ronald Harry, Nancy Rand, Lewis Schulze, George Schulze.

Two Terms

Ruth Elliot, Carol Farrar, William Gilmore.

One Term

Esther Elliot, Jean Barnes, Carma Miller, Raymond Bell, Nancy Farrar, Paul Koivula.

STATISTICS FOR FIRST NINETEEN WEEKS OF
1939-1940

Census: Boys (5-16) 16; Girls 20; Total 36.

Attending School in Mason: Boys 12; Girls 15; Total 27.

Elsewhere: Boys 7; Girls 4; Total 11.

School	Enrollment by Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Primary	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	9
Grammar	0	0	0	0	5	2	5	6	18
									27

Attendance

SCHOOL	Average Member- ship	Average Attend- ance	Per Cent Attend- ance	Tardi- nesses
Primary	7.76	7.62	98.2	0
Grammar	17.31	17.18	99.2	1
	25.07	24.80	98.9	1

VITAL STATISTICS

Of the Year 1939 Up To and Through December 31, 1939.

BIRTHS

Name	Date of Birth
John Henry Castonguay	—Jan. 13, 1871.
Ina May Hartshorn	—June 28, 1871.
Mary H. Jenkins	—March 3, 1860.
Arnold William Flagg	—December 11, 1939.
James Mullen	—April 19, 1871.
Herbert E. Scripture	—September 18, 1864.
Arthur Stewart Williams	—October 24, 1939.

MARRIAGES

Names of Parties	Date
James U. Beckwith and Maledet R. LaClaire	—May 5, 1939.
Walter Ingalls Barnes and Theresa Cecelia Roots	—October 6, 1939.
Bruno K. Nevala and Fannie Niemi	—August 18, 1939.
Raymond Roche Rousseau and Cecile Gilbutha LaBlanc	—June 5, 1939.
Frederic Kinsman Whiting and Anne Signe Maria Aho	—September 22, 1939.

DEATHS

Name	Date of Death
Chauncey Porter Chesborough	—June 1, 1939.
Samuel C. Davis	—January 28, 1939.
Lawrence Shaw Howard	—July 20, 1939.
Ruby Calton Elliott	—December 21, 1939.
Louise C. Russell	—March 15, 1939.

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