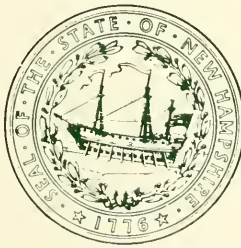


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FOR THE TOWN OF

**BENTON,
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



Year Ending December 31

1977

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Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS—1977

Moderator: John G. Elliott, Jr.

Town Clerk: Marjorie L. Robitzer

Selectmen:

William J. Harris, Chairman

James J. Page

James R. White

Term Expires 1978

Term Expires 1979

Term Expires 1980

Treasurer: Priscilla T. Boutin

Tax Collector: Maxine M. Tyler

Deputy Collector: Marjorie L. Robitzer

Constable: Joseph N. Boutin, Jr.

Auditor: Robert E. Longpre

Sexton: David W. Harris

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber: William J. Harris

Overseer of Public Welfare: Maxine M. Tyler

Health Officer: Thomas F. Fenn

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Jeanette C. Enderson

John G. Elliott, Sr.

Laura E. Mason

Term Expires 1978

Term Expires 1980

Term Expires 1982

Ballot Clerks:

Iona V. Boutin

William J. Harris

Ballot Inspector:

Katie J. Goodwin

Planning Board:

John G. Elliott, Jr., Chairman

Seraphene R. Harris

Thomas F. Fenn

Jean T. Longpre, Secretary

James J. Page, ex officio

Term Expires 1978

Term Expires 1979

Term Expires 1980

Term Expires 1981

Term Expires 1979

Board of Adjustment:

Wayne Klingler, Chairman

Richard E. Saffo

Priscilla T. Boutin, Secretary

Scott F. Roden

Term Expires 1978

Term Expires 1979

Term Expires 1980

Term Expires 1982

Community Building Committee:

Seraphene R. Harris, Chairman

Laura E. Mason

Iona V. Boutin

Trustees of Trust Funds

Scott E. Roden

Joseph N. Boutin, Sr.

David W. Harris

Term Expires 1978

Term Expires 1979

Term Expires 1980

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
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 14th) at seven o'clock in the evening to vote and act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE I. To choose a Moderator for a term of two years; Town Clerk; one Selectman for a term of three years; Treasurer; Tax Collector; Constable; Auditor; Sexton; one Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years; one Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six years; one member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of three years and one member for a term of five years; and all other necessary Town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$157.41 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid) as provided by Chapter 241 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the specific purposes and in the amounts indicated herewith or take any other action hereon:

| Appropriation | Amount |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Health Department | |
| Ambulance Service | \$100.00 |
| Home Health Service | 308.00 |
| Mental Health Service | 308.75 |
| Cottage Hospital | 400.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 1,116.75 |
| Town Buildings Improvement | 2,200.00 |
| Special 1977 Appropriation | |
| Soil Survey | 417.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,734.25 |

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the use of such Antirecession Funds as may be received from time to time under Title II of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 as amended by Public Law 95-30, as setoffs against the budgeted appropriation for solid waste disposal.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget and will vote to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected in the year 1978 and to be paid therefrom.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on current property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen if all previous taxes are paid; and to see if the Town will vote to set the amount of said discount.

ARTICLE 9. BY PETITION. Are you in favor of abolishing Benton's Zoning Ordinance by petition of the voters of this town?

Given under our hands and seal at Benton this 8th day of February, A.D. 1978.

WILLIAM J. HARRIS
JAMES J. PAGE
JAMES R. WHITE
Selectmen of Benton

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

| Title of Appropriation: | Amount | Receipts and Reim- bursements | Expenditures | Unexpended Balance | Overdraft |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Town Officers' Salaries | 1,000.00 | | 1,075.00 | | 75.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 1,250.00 | | 1,314.95 | | 64.95 |
| Election and Registration | 300.00 | | 176.00 | 124.00 | |
| Town Buildings' Expense | 200.00 | 125.78 ¹ | 120.65 | 205.13 | |
| Police Department | 30.00 | | 30.00 | | |
| Fire Department | 200.00 | | | 200.00 | |
| Insurance | 650.00 | 13.00 ² | 592.00 | 71.00 | |
| Planning | 159.00 | | 150.00 | 9.00 | |
| Health Department | 1,026.00 | | 1,025.75 | .25 | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 925.00 | 587.00 ³ | 993.99 | 518.01 | |
| Town Roads—Summer | 2,500.00 | | 3,665.71 | | 1,165.71 |
| Town Roads—Winter | 3,500.00 | 151.08 ⁴ | 4,564.30 | | 913.22 |
| Town Road Aid | 159.23 | 2,038.80 ⁵ | 3,809.39 | | 1,611.36 |
| Cemeteries | 250.00 | | 165.45 | 84.55 | |
| Interest on Temporary Loans | 200.00 | | 96.16 | 103.84 | |
| Soil Survey | 1,100.00 | | 682.50 | 417.50 | |
| School Appropriation: | 57,672.90 | | 30,586.00 | 27,086.90 | |
| County Assessment: | 6,564.14 | | | 6,564.14 | |
| | \$77,686.27 | \$2,915.66 | \$49,047.85 | \$35,384.14 | \$3,859.23 |
| | | | Overdraft | — 3,790.75 | \$3,790.75 |

NET UNEXPENDED BALANCE

¹Benton Bible Chapel ²Refund ³Antirecession Funds ⁴Supplies reimbursed ⁵TRA reimbursed

\$31,593.39

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON
Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1978
Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1977

| SOURCES OF REVENUE | 1977 Actual | 1978 Estimated |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------|
| From State Sources: | | |
| Meals and Rooms Tax | \$ 1,998.40 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | 2,097.14 | 2,000.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 68.74 | 70.00 |
| Highway Subsidy (Old) | 2,287.44 | 2,277.83 |
| Highway Subsidy (New) | | 1,305.30 |
| Class V Highway Maintenance | 1,264.82 | |
| Reimbursement A/C State and Federal Forest Lands | 5,691.33 | |
| Business Profits Tax | 1,087.00 | 1,141.00 |
| National Forest Reserve (½) | 862.54 | 8,250.00 |
| From Federal Sources: | | |
| Revenue Sharing Funds | 3,985.25 | 3,734.25 |
| Antirecession Funds | 587.00 | 500.00 |
| Federally-owned Entitlement Lands | 5,953.00 | 5,950.00 |
| From Local Sources: | | |
| Dog Licenses | 117.00 | 300.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 3,148.00 | 3,250.00 |
| Pistol Permits | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Interest on Taxes and Deposits | 700.73 | 700.00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 263.25 | 245.07 |
| Resident Taxes | 1,060.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 189.58 | 3,100.00 |
| Rent of Town Property | 125.78 | |
| TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES | \$31,479.00 | \$35,833.45 |
| Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes | \$44,972.35 | \$51,238.21 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | \$87,071.66 |

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON
Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1978
Compared with Actual Expenditures for the Year 1977

| PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE | 1977 Actual | 1978 Estimated |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Current Maintenance Expenses: | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 1,075.00* | \$ 1,100.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 1,314.95* | 1,200.00 |
| Election and Registration | 176.00 | 950.00 |
| Town Buildings Expense | 120.65 | 750.00 |
| Police Department | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Fire Department | | 500.00 |
| Insurance | 592.00 | 600.00 |
| Planning | 150.00 | 400.00 |
| Health Department | | |
| Ambulance Service | 100.00* | 100.00* |
| Home Health Service | 167.00* | 308.00* |
| Mental Health | 308.75* | 308.75* |
| Cottage Hospital | 450.00* | 400.00* |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 993.99** | 1,100.00** |
| Town Road Maintenance—Summer | 3,665.71 | 5,000.00 |
| Town Road Maintenance—Winter | 4,564.30 | 3,500.00 |
| Town Road Aid | 158.42 | 157.41 |
| Cemeteries | 165.45 | 250.00 |
| Debt Service: | | |
| Interest on Temporary Loans | 96.16 | 100.00 |
| Capital Outlay: | | |
| Town Buildings Improvements | | 2,200.00* |
| Soil Survey | 682.50* | 417.50* |
| TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES | \$14,810.88 | \$19,371.66 |
| School Appropriation: | 30,586.00 | 54,700.00 |
| County Assessment: | | 13,000.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$45,378.88 | \$87,071.66 |
| * Revenue Sharing Funds | | |
| ** Antirecession Funds | | |

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Yield Tax Deposits:

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Balance on Hand 1/1/77 | \$ 160.26 | |
| Deposits Added | 3,707.80 | |
| Interest Added | 66.12 | \$ 3,934.18 |

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| Yield Tax Withdrawn | \$ 108.00 | |
| Interest Withdrawn | 118.38 | - 226.38 |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Balance on Hand 12/31/77 | | |
| Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank | | \$ 3,707.80 |

Revenue Sharing Funds:

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance on Hand 1/1/77 | \$ 2,764.66 | |
| Received During Year | 4,512.00 | |
| Interest Added | 259.59 | |
| | | \$ 7,536.25 |

Funds Expended

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 1,250.00 | |
| Health Department | | |
| Ambulance Service | 100.00 | |
| Home Health Service | 167.00 | |
| Mental Health Service | 308.75 | |
| Cottage Hospital | 450.00 | |
| Soil Survey | 682.50 | - 3,958.25 |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Balance on Hand 12/31/77 | | |
| Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank | | \$ 3,578.00 |

Antirecession Funds:

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|
| Received During Year | \$ 587.00 | |
| Funds Expended | | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | | - 587.00 |

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|------|
| Balance on Hand 12/31/77 | | \$ 0 |
|--------------------------|--|------|

Respectfully submitted,
PRISCILLA T. BOUTIN
Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1977

ASSETS

Cash:

In Hands of Treasurer:

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash | \$50,655.58 | |
| Yield Tax Deposits | 3,707.80 | |
| Revenue Sharing Funds | 3,578.00 | \$57,941.38 |
| | | |

Accounts Due to Town:

Due From State:

| | | |
|------------------------------|--|----------|
| 1977 National Forest Reserve | | 8,345.95 |
|------------------------------|--|----------|

Uncollected Taxes:

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Levy of 1977 | \$ 6,963.30 | |
| Levy of 1976 | 10.00 | 6,973.30 |
| | | |

TOTAL ASSETS

\$73,260.63

Current Deficit:

2,407.00

\$75,667.63

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:

Unexpended Balance Special

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|--|
| Appropriation—Soil Survey | \$ 417.50 | |
|---------------------------|-----------|--|

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds | 3,578.00 | |
|----------------------------------|----------|--|

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------|--|
| Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes | 37.92 | |
|------------------------------|-------|--|

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|--|
| Yield Tax Deposits | 3,707.80 | |
|--------------------|----------|--|

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|--|
| County Taxes Payable | 6,564.14 | |
|----------------------|----------|--|

School District

| | | |
|---------------|-----------|--|
| Appropriation | 56,326.75 | |
|---------------|-----------|--|

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|--|
| National Forest Reserve (½) | 5,035.52 | |
|-----------------------------|----------|--|

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$75,667.63

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

| Description of Property: | 1977 | 1976 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Land | \$ 669,410.00 | \$ 520,820.00 |
| Buildings | 813,940.00 | 827,500.00 |
| Public Utilities—Electric | 21,340.00 | 28,780.00 |
| Mobile Homes—Personal Property | 11,100.00 | 17,825.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL VALUATION | \$1,515,790.00 | \$1,394,925.00 |
| Exemptions—Elderly | — 6,000.00 | — 10,800.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED | \$1,509,790.00 | \$1,384,125.00 |

STATEMENT OF ASSESSED TAXES

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Total Appropriations: | | |
| Net Town Appropriations | (\$ 18,678.46) | (\$ 8,491.56) |
| Net School Appropriations | 57,672.90 | 47,294.71 |
| County Tax Assessment | 6,564.14 | 3,744.26 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 45,558.58 | \$ 42,547.41 |
| Reimbursement A/C | | |
| Business Profits Tax: | — 1,087.00 | — 1,036.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 44,471.58 | \$ 41,511.41 |
| War Service Credits: | 1,076.25 | 1,000.00 |
| Overlay: | 500.77 | 396.47 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 46,048.60 | \$ 42,907.88 |
| Less: War Service Credits: | — 1,076.25 | — 1,000.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT | \$ 44,972.35 | \$ 41,907.88 |
| | | |
| Tax Rate/\$100: | \$3.05 | \$3.10 |

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

DEBITS

| Taxes Committed to Collector and Uncollected Taxes 1/1/77: | Levy of 1977 | Levy of 1976 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Property Taxes | \$44,972.35 | \$10,507.87 |
| Added Property Taxes | | 248.00 |
| Resident Taxes | 1,200.00 | 270.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 227.50 | |
| Interest and Costs Before Sale | 13.62 | 468.86 |
| Penalties | 5.00 | 16.00 |
| Overpayment | 25.89 | 21.85 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$46,444.36 | \$11,532.58 |

CREDITS

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Remittances to Treasurer: | | |
| Property Taxes | \$37,023.39 | \$10,692.32 |
| Resident Taxes | 900.00 | 160.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 227.50 | |
| Interest and Costs Before Sale | 13.62 | 468.86 |
| Penalties | 5.00 | 16.00 |
| Overpayment | 25.89 | 21.85 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 38,195.40 | 11,359.03 |
| Discounts Allowed: | 1,149.90 | 7.75 * |
| Abatements: | | |
| Property Taxes | 95.76 | 55.80 |
| Resident Taxes | 40.00 | 100.00 |
| Uncollected Taxes: | | |
| Property Taxes | 6,703.30 | |
| Resident Taxes | 260.00 | 10.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$46,444.36 | \$11,532.58 |

*Corrected 1976 discount

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977**

DEBITS

| | Tax Sales on Account of Levies of: | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---------|
| | 1976 | 1975 | 1974 |
| Balance of Unredeemed | | | |
| Taxes 1/1/77 | | \$2,200.36 | \$36.49 |
| Taxes Sold During Year | \$2,488.12 | | |
| Interest Collected | 16.85 | 118.81 | 7.90 |
| Redemption Costs | 21.30 | 28.01 | 11.60 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$2,526.27 | \$2,347.28 | \$55.99 |

CREDITS

| | | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------|
| Remittances During Year | | | |
| Redemptions | \$1,545.96 | \$1,700.56 | \$36.49 |
| Interest and Costs | 38.15 | 136.82 | 19.50 |
| Unredeemed Taxes 12/31/77 | 942.16 | 509.90 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$2,526.27 | \$2,347.28 | \$55.99 |

TAX COLLECTOR'S UNCOLLECTED TAXES **As of December 31, 1977**

| Name | 1977 | | 1976 Resident |
|---|----------|----------|------------------|
| | Property | Resident | |
| Basnar, Reginald H. & Barbara | \$ 39.65 | | |
| *Bierig, Robert W. & Sandra T. | 120.02 | | |
| Boutin, David | | 10.00 | |
| Boutin, Melinda C. | 224.03 | 10.00 | |
| Boutin, Paul L. & Doris E. | 70.17 | | |
| Boutin, Ronald G. & April R. | 206.81 | 10.00 | |
| Colbeth, Fred | 172.65 | | |
| *Compolattaro, Frank G. Jr., & Sharon L. | 254.37 | | |
| Corrigan, James H. | 300.12 | | |
| Crowell, Gordon S. | 15.25 | | |
| Davis, Daniel E. | 69.84 | | |
| Delaney, Carol S. | | 10.00 | |
| DeQuoy, Paul B. | | 10.00 | |
| Driscoll, Diane | | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Elliott, Benjamin, Sr. | 35.38 | | |
| Elliott, Bruce A. & Dorothy | 86.01 | | |
| Elliott, Robert O. & Beverly | | 20.00 | |
| Elliott, John G. Jr. & Catherine L. | 480.09 | | |
| Fenn, Francis | 412.51 | 10.00 | |
| Fenn, Robert | | 10.00 | |
| Fox, James & Monika H. | 202.54 | 20.00 | |
| Girard, Raymond | 38.13 | | |
| Harris, John & Alice | 106.75 | | |
| Harris, Michael E. & Helena L. | 152.50 | 20.00 | |
| Harris, William J. & Seraphene R. | 76.43 | | |
| Higgins, David A. & Joan C. | 126.27 | 20.00 | |
| Hudson, Bernard G. & Christina E. | 103.39 | | |
| Irwin, Roy E. & Judith A. | 300.12 | | |
| Klingler, Wayne & Barbara | 459.33 | | |
| LaFrance, Paul W. & Lorraine J. | 51.24 | | |
| Lovejoy, Inc. | 27.15 | | |
| Mason, Lloyd & Laura | 30.50 | 20.00 | |
| Miles, Robert L. & Carol | | 20.00 | |
| Moss, Philip I. | 2.14 | | |
| Mossey, Richard & Noella | | 20.00 | |
| Moyles, John | | 10.00 | |
| Mullaney, Walter & Karin | 353.04 | | |
| Nickles, Raymond C. & Elizabeth P. | 496.08 | | |
| Noble, Robert L. & Helen | 114.07 | | |
| Page, Sally | 152.50 | | |
| Paul, Edward & Marion | 276.94 | | |
| Peters, Lester G. | 134.81 | | |

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Petit, Edward & Patricia | 57.19 | | |
| Porier, Robert J. & Doris M. | 148.23 | | |
| Prescott, Cheryl | | 10.00 | |
| Procissi, Stephen J. | 53.07 | | |
| Rafferty, James J. | 338.55 | | |
| Reed, Donald F. & Lois A. | 45.14 | | |
| Richardson, Charles H. & Joyce E. | 35.99 | | |
| White, James R. & Doreen W. | 334.30 | 20.00 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Totals | \$6,703.30 | \$260.00 | \$10.00 |
| *Paid since 12/31/77 | | | |

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer as of December 31, 1977, on account of the tax levies of 1976 and 1977, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MAXINE M. TYLER
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----|-----------|
| | Levy of 1974 | | |
| Tax Sale Redemptions | \$ 36.49 | | |
| Interest and Costs | 19.50 | \$ | 55.90 |
| | | | |
| | Levy of 1975 | | |
| Tax Sale Redemptions | \$ 95.17 | | |
| Interest and Costs | 21.23 | | 116.40 |
| | | | |
| | Levy of 1976 | | |
| Property Taxes | \$10,692.32 | | |
| Property Taxes Abated | 55.80 | | |
| Property Tax Interest | 383.26 | | |
| Property Tax Costs Before Sale | 85.60 | | |
| Resident Taxes | 160.00 | | |
| Resident Taxes Abated | 100.00 | | |
| Resident Tax Penalties | 16.00 | | |
| Tax Sales Redeemed | 1,545.96 | | |
| Interest and Costs After Sale | 38.15 | | |
| Overpayment | 21.85 | | 13,098.94 |
| | | | |
| | Levy of 1977 | | |
| Property Taxes | \$37,038.13 | | |
| Property Taxes Abated | 95.76 | | |
| Property Tax Interest | 13.62 | | |
| Resident Taxes | 900.00 | | |
| Resident Taxes Abated | 40.00 | | |
| Resident Tax Penalties | 5.00 | | |
| Yield Tax | 227.50 | | |
| Overpayment | 25.89 | | 38,345.90 |
| | | | |
| From Town Clerk: | | | |
| 1977 Motor Vehicle Permits | \$ 3,148.00 | | |
| 1977 Dog Licenses | 117.00 | | 3,265.00 |
| | | | |
| From Selectmen: | | | |
| Pistol Permits | | | 10.00 |
| From Trust Funds: | | | |
| For Cemeteries | \$ 173.30 | | |
| For Highways | 89.95 | | 263.25 |

| | | |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| From Interest on Deposits: | | |
| Yield Tax Account | | 118.38 |
| From Refunds: | | |
| Franconia Insurance Agency | | 13.00 |
| From Community Building: | | |
| Benton Bible Chapel | | 125.78 |
| From Sale of Supplies: | | |
| Elliott & Sons Construction | | 151.08 |
| From Federal Sources: | | |
| Revenue Sharing Funds | \$ 3,958.25 | |
| Antirecession Funds | 587.00 | |
| Federally-owned Entitlement Lands | 5,953.00 | 10,498.25 |
| <hr/> | | |
| From State Sources: | | |
| Meals and Rooms Tax | \$ 1,998.40 | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | 2,097.14 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 68.74 | |
| Highway Subsidy | 2,287.44 | |
| Class V Highway Maintenance | 1,264.82 | |
| Reimbursement A/C State and Federal Forest Lands — 1976 | 5,691.33 | |
| Reimbursement A/C Town Road Aid | 2,038.80 | |
| Business Profits Tax | 1,087.00 | |
| National Forest Reserve (Additional Receipts) | 1,725.08 | 18,258.75 |
| <hr/> | | |
| From Lafayette National Bank: | | |
| Tax Anticipation Note | | 5,000.00 |
| <hr/> | | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$ 89,320.72 |
| Balance on Hand 1/1/77 | | 18,393.14 |
| <hr/> | | |
| | | \$107,713.86 |
| Less Selectmen's Orders | | - 57,058.28 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Balance on Hand 12/31/77 | | \$ 50,655.58 |

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| William J. Harris, Selectman | \$ 220.00 | |
| James J. Page, Selectman | 220.00 | |
| James R. White, Selectman | 170.00 | |
| Marjorie L. Robitzer, Town Clerk | 100.00 | |
| Maxine M. Tyler, Tax Collector | 150.00 | |
| Priscilla T. Boutin, Treasurer | 160.00 | |
| David W. Harris, Trustee | 20.00 | |
| Robert E. Longpre, Auditor | 35.00 | \$ 1,075.00 |

Town Officers' Expenses:

| | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------|
| Postage | \$ 179.34 | |
| Dues | 30.00 | |
| Supplies | 184.64 | |
| Town Reports | 426.80 | |
| Fees | 100.38 | |
| Telephone | 20.69 | |
| Registry | 24.22 | |
| Bonds | 142.00 | |
| Plans | 150.00 | |
| Mileage | 22.10 | |
| Bi-centennial | 8.00 | |
| Advertising | 8.00 | |
| Meals | 18.18 | 1,314.95 |

Election and Registration:

| | | |
|---|----------|--------|
| John G. Elliott, Jr., Moderator Pro Tem | \$ 16.00 | |
| Jacob W. Aldrich, Town Clerk | 16.00 | |
| Laura E. Mason, Supervisor | 32.00 | |
| Jeanette C. Enderson, Supervisor | 32.00 | |
| John G. Elliott, Sr., Supervisor | 32.00 | |
| William J. Harris, Selectman | 16.00 | |
| James J. Page, Selectman | 16.00 | |
| James W. Elliott, Selectman | 16.00 | 176.00 |

Town Buildings' Expense:

| | | |
|----------|-----------|--------|
| Electric | \$ 112.65 | |
| Gravel | 8.00 | 120.65 |

Police Department:

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|-------|
| Joseph N. Boutin, Jr. | | 30.00 |
|-----------------------|--|-------|

Insurance:

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Workmen's Compensation | \$ 278.00 | |
| General Liability | 314.00 | 592.00 |

Planning:

| | | |
|------------------------|----------|--------|
| Legal | \$ 90.00 | |
| Municipal Law Seminars | 50.00 | |
| Advertisement | 10.00 | 150.00 |

Health Department:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| North Country Home Health | \$ 167.00 | |
| Cottage Hospital Area Ambulance | 100.00 | |
| White Mountain Community Services | 308.75 | |
| Cottage Hospital | 450.00 | 1,025.75 |

Solid Waste Disposal:

| | | |
|------------------------|----------|--------|
| Town of Haverhill | \$ 75.00 | |
| Powers Rubbish Removal | 918.99 | 993.99 |

Town Road Maintenance — Summer:

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|----------|
| Equipment Hire | \$ 3,010.69 | |
| Supplies | 414.62 | |
| Gravel | 185.40 | |
| Repairs | 55.00 | 3,665.71 |

Town Road Maintenance — Winter:

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|----------|
| Equipment Hire | \$ 4,188.29 | |
| Supplies | 376.01 | 4,564.30 |

Town Road Aid:

| | | |
|----------------|-----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$ 158.42 | |
| Howe Hill Road | 3,650.97 | 3,809.39 |

Cemeteries:

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|
| Labor and Equipment | \$ 157.45 | |
| Flowers | 8.00 | 165.45 |

Abatements, Discounts and Refunds:

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|--------|
| 1977 Property Taxes | \$ 95.76 | |
| 1976 Property Taxes | 55.80 | |
| 1977 Resident Taxes | 40.00 | |
| 1976 Resident Taxes | 100.00 | |
| Refunds | 154.84 | |
| Overpayments | 47.74 | 494.14 |

Tax Redemptions:

| | | |
|-------------------|--|---------|
| Robert E. Longpre | | 1660.70 |
|-------------------|--|---------|

Interest on Temporary Notes:

| | | |
|-------------------------|--|-------|
| Lafayette National Bank | | 96.16 |
|-------------------------|--|-------|

Tax Anticipation Note:

| | | |
|-------------------------|--|----------|
| Lafayette National Bank | | 5,000.00 |
|-------------------------|--|----------|

Capital Outlay: Soil Survey

| | | |
|---------------------------|--|--------|
| Soil Conservation Service | | 682.50 |
|---------------------------|--|--------|

Payments to State:

| | | |
|----------------------------|--|--------|
| Bond & Debt Retirement Tax | | 873.59 |
|----------------------------|--|--------|

Payments to School:

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1977 Appropriation | \$12,513.14 | |
| 1976 Appropriation | 18,054.86 | 30,568.00 |

TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$57,058.28

TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

January 27, 1978

ROBERT E. LONGPRE
Auditor

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1977

There are in the custody of the Trustees the following Trust Funds bequeathed to the Town of Benton. The income shown during the year is distributed as specified by the donors of the funds.

| Name of Fund | Amount | Distribution of Income | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | Cemetery | School | Highway |
| Ira Whitcher | \$ 500.00 | \$ 37.48 | \$ | \$ |
| Whitcher & Mann | 500.00 | 20.00 | 8.74 | 8.74 |
| Whitcher & Mann | 1,000.00 | 40.00 | 17.48 | 17.48 |
| Whitcher & Mann | 1,750.00 | | 44.59 | |
| Whitcher & Mann | 1,750.00 | | | 44.59 |
| J.C. Speed | 132.11 | 10.05 | | |
| Whitcher & Kendall | 189.69 | 14.41 | | |
| Geo. H. Clark | 190.27 | 14.44 | | |
| Ella Mann | 50.00 | 3.79 | | |
| Frederick Howe | 50.00 | 3.79 | | |
| Wm. T. Torsey | 45.46 | 3.44 | | |
| Sam'l Annis | 45.46 | 3.44 | | |
| Jonithan Davis | 45.46 | 3.44 | | |
| Isabella Tyler | 50.00 | 3.79 | | |
| D.M. & K.L. Howe | 100.00 | 7.59 | | |
| Ira Whitcher | 13.19 | 1.01 | | |
| Maude & Lee McKean | 100.00 | 7.59 | | |
| Library Fund | 190.99 | | 10.31 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$6,902.63 | \$174.26 | \$81.12 | \$70.81 |

The above funds are deposited in savings accounts or invested in government bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lafayette National Bank (Lisbon Branch) at Lisbon, N.H.

Respectfully submitted:
 DAVID W. HARRIS
 JOSEPH N. BOUTIN, SR.
 SCOTT E. RODEN
 Trustees of Trust Funds

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1977

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Mrs. Priscilla Boutin, Chairperson | Term Expires 1979 |
| Mrs. Margaret Elliott | Term Expires 1978 |
| Mrs. Jeannette Enderson | Term Expires 1980 |

Other District Officers

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mr. James Page | Moderator |
| Mrs. Maxine Tyler | Treasurer |
| Mrs. Iona Boutin | Auditor |
| Mrs. Jean Longetre | Clerk |
| Mr. Scott Roden | Truant Officer |
| Mr. Norman H. Mullen | Superintendent of Schools |
| Mr. Harold J. Haskins | Assistant Superintendent of Schools |

SCHOOL WARRANT THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said district on the 14th day of March, 1978 at 8:30 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 one Member of the School Board for a term of 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 other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear 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 appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district wishes to exclude from its Social Security plan services performed by election officials or election workers for each calendar quarter in which the remuneration paid for such services is less than \$50.00.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

MRS. PRISCILLA BOUTIN
MRS. MARGARET ELLIOTT
MRS. JEANNETTE ENDERSON
School Board of Benton

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON
1978-1979

| | Item | Adopted Budget 1977-1978 | Proposed Budget 1978-1979 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 100 | ADMINISTRATION | | |
| | 110 Salaries of District Officers | \$ 241.00 | \$ 241.00 |
| | 135 Contracted Services | 16.00 | 25.00 |
| | 190 Administration Expenses | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 500 | TRANSPORTATION | | |
| | 535 Contracted Transportation | 6,500.00 | 7,000.00 |
| 800 | FIXED CHARGES | | |
| | 855 Insurance | 300.00 | —0— |
| 1400 | OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS | | |
| | 1477.1 Tuition, In-State | 52,837.34 | 51,512.05 |
| | 1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses | 551.17 | 1,514.61 |
| | Contingency Fund | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | \$60,695.51 | \$60,542.66 |

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1978-1979

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Balance on Hand June 30, 1977 | \$ 0.00 |
| State Aid: | |
| Sweepstakes | 653.03 |
| Federal Aid: | |
| National Forest Reserve | 2,282.83 |
| Trust Fund Income | 50.00 |
| Estimated Amount to be Raised by 1978 Property Taxes | 57,556.80 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATION | \$60,542.66 |

We recommend that the District adopt the Proposed Budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,542.66 for the school year 1978-1979.

School Board of Benton
MRS. PRISCILLA BOUTIN
MRS. MARGARET ELLIOTT
MRS. JEANNETTE ENDERSON

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

I move that the District raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, the sum of \$60,542.66.

REVISED INCOME FOR 1977-1978

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Unencumbered Balance | \$ 36.75 |
| Sweepstakes | 653.03 |
| National Forest Reserve | 2,282.83 |
| Trust Fund Income | 50.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Revenue and Credits | \$ 3,022.61 |
| Amount to be Raised by 1977 Taxes | 57,672.90 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL | \$60,695.51 |

STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1977

| | Adopted Budget 1976-1977 | Paid Out 1976-1977 |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 100 ADMINISTRATION | | |
| 110.1 Salaries of District Officers | \$ 241.00 | \$ 241.00 |
| 135 Contracted Services | 16.00 | 25.00 |
| 190 Other Expenses | | |
| .1 District Officers | 200.00 | 4.29 |
| 400 HEALTH SERVICES | | |
| 490 Other Expenses | | 1.83 |
| 500 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION | | |
| 535 Contracted Services | 6,500.00 | 5,750.00 |
| 800 FIXED CHARGES | | |
| 855 Insurance | 300.00 | |
| 1400 OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS | | |
| 1477 Expenditures to Other School Districts, Public Academies, or Administrative Units in the State | | |
| .1 Tuition | 43,052.66 | 43,564.92 |
| *.3 District Share of Supervisory Union Expenses | 518.48 | *518.48 |
| CONTINGENCY FUND | 50.00 | |
| CASH ON HAND AT END OF YEAR, JUNE 30, 1977 | | |
| 3001 General Fund | | 36.75 |
| TOTAL | \$50,878.14 | \$50,142.27 |

*This figure includes the amount of \$172.22, the district's share of the Superintendent's salary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

Receipts

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Cash on Hand July 1, 1976 | \$ 34.32 |
| Revenue from Local Sources | |
| Current Appropriation | 45,968.00 |
| Other Revenue from Local Sources | |
| Earnings from Permanent Funds & Endowments | 100.21 |
| Revenue from State Sources | |
| Sweepstakes | 1,216.28 |
| Revenue from Federal Sources | |
| National Forest Reserve | 2,823.46 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$50,142.27 |

Payments

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Orders of School Board | 50,105.52 |
| Cash on Hand at End of Year, June 30, 1977 | 36.75 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$50,142.27 |

**REPORT OF SCHOOL
DISTRICT TREASURER
Fiscal Year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977
School District of Benton**

SUMMARY

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Cash on Hand July 1, 1976 | | \$ 34.32 |
| Received from Selectmen | | |
| Current Appropriation | \$45,968.00 | |
| Revenue from State Sources | 1,216.28 | |
| Revenue from Federal Sources | 2,823.46 | |
| Received as Income from Trust Funds | 100.21 | |
| | | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$50,107.95 |
| | | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR | | 50,142.27 |
| | | |
| LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID | | 50,105.52 |
| | | |
| BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1977 July 2, 1977 | | \$ 36.75 |

Maxine Tyler
District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we 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, 1977 and find them correct in all respects.

July 28, 1977

Iona V. Boutin
Auditor

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my thirteenth annual report to the voters of the Benton School District.

The New Hampshire State Board of Education and Commissioner Dr. Brunelle have recently implemented the basic groundwork for the formal entry of New Hampshire Public Schools into the competency testing and sometimes called the competency based education, at grades 4, 8 and 12.

It appears that there is widespread public support for this new reform movement which was recently preceded by the "back to basics" movement. It is the feeling of this administrator that we really have never left the basics; and, that our teachers are looking forward to the challenge.

Plainly, minimal competency is the latest transformation of the accountability spirit in public education. Some believe it will hold the school's feet to the fire; others are convinced it will force the schools into more effective teaching. It has great appeal to those who manage schools. Why? Mainly because competency testing means STANDARDS, and standards mean that public and administrative judgments about children, curriculum and resources can be based on data. Schools and children can be judged by test scores — by their output as measured by a new generation of tests.

If the movement succeeds, it almost certainly will result in school boards, school administrators, state officials, and legislatures paying closer attention than ever to testing and to test scores. It will mean that either every youngster or every child who is graduated (a crucial and sticky distinction) will reach some agreed upon level of measurable, presumably "basic" skills. It means that resources will be targeted toward measurable goals, and that school boards and educators will express their goals in measurable terms.

Hidden in this new reform movement is a legal implication or issue that is just now surfacing. It is in reference to the practices and malpractices of public schools. This area of litigation is relatively new, but seems to be growing yearly.

Not all is rosy when one considers the many facets of competency testing. We must consider some of the following problems that already are plaguing educational systems using the tests:

1. What competencies will be required? Will we test only the three R's or in every school subject?
2. How will we measure skills? By observing school performance or by written tests only?
3. When will we measure? During the year, or at the end of the school experience.
4. Will there be one minimum for all students? Will ability and special talents be the principal consideration or will there be others?
5. How high will the minimum be? How many students can a school fail and still be responsive to the needs of the educational community?

How many students can a school district realistically remediate? Will the minimum be so high that adults cannot pass the test, or so low that adults will dismiss the test as absurd?

6. Will we judge students or schools?
7. What can be done by incompetent students and/or schools?
8. Will the testing be used as a tool for teacher evaluation and effectiveness?

It should be stressed that testing for the wrong reasons will only serve to destroy the premise, as this writer sees it, that we are attempting to measure the skills our students have mastered and consequently improve educational achievement.

Voters should refer to last year's report for a discussion on P.L. 94-142 and its implications for all school districts. This year's budget only reflects the tip of the iceberg since your school board has budgeted funds to cover the state average tuition for out-of-district placement. Should the courts and/or the legislature fail to act on requests before them, we may be faced with enormous budgetary considerations in the near future.

We have addressed ourselves to P.L. 94-142 but a capsule account of New Hampshire statute might be helpful in understanding the extent of responsibility being foisted on local districts.

"If your child is between 3 and 21 years, regardless of handicap, his/her school district must:

1. Provide an appropriate school program operated by the local school districts; or pay the state's average tuition to another approved private or public programs.
2. The school district must provide suitable transportation from the child's home to the school and pay up to state average tuition for transportation costs. Or the school district may pay the costs of boarding the child at or near the school.

If the tuition at the public or private school to which the child is assigned exceeds the state's average tuition, then the State Board of Education must pay the excess cost, if sufficient funds are available.

If the State Board of Education refuses to pay the excess tuition funds a parent's options are:

1. Ask your local board to pay the excess costs;
2. Request a less expensive approved program.
3. Pay the excess costs yourself. After September 1, 1978, programs must be at no cost to parents. — P.L. 94-142."

Several points of contention come about as one reads P.L. 94-142. The law does state that excess costs or any costs will not be borne by parents but nowhere in the law does it state that school districts must pay. Also, the State of New Hampshire in applying for funding from Washington states in the application that the state will pay for excess costs. Since the legislature has not appropriated enough funds for this program, the plot thickens.

The Benton School Budget shows a DECREASE of \$152.85. Although this amount may seem insignificant it is noteworthy that the trend is down and not up. Hopefully, this will continue if we are not inundated with more tuition students.

Our student population outlook for 1978-79 is projected as follows:

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Kindergarten | 3 |
| Grade 1 | 2 |
| Grade 2 | 5 |
| Grade 3 | 5 |
| Grade 4 | 5 |
| Grade 5 | 3 |
| Grade 6 | 8 |
| Grade 7 | 7 |
| Grade 8 | 4 |
| Grade 9 | 2 |
| Grade 10 | 4 |
| Grade 11 | 3 |
| Grade 12 | 2 |

SUMMARY

| | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Kindergarten | 3 @ \$ 418.01 = \$ 1,254.03 |
| Elementary | 28 @ \$ 836.02 = \$23,408.56 |
| Junior High | 11 @ \$1,038.40 = \$11,422.40 |
| Senior High | 11 @ \$1,402.46 = \$15,427.06 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$51,512.05 |

Benton's share of Supervisory Union expenses has risen \$963.34. Several reasons for this increase are as follows: Benton's share of the total budget rose from .79% to 1.31%, salary increase for the Superintendent of \$27.05, salary increase for the Assistant-Superintendent of \$22.93, employment of a full time Prescriptive Teacher \$131.00, a Speech Therapist \$111.35, legal services \$3.93, Psychological Services at \$65.50, increase in Workmen's Compensation, Social Security and Teachers' Retirement, salary increases for office staff, and other increases for supplies, utilities, etc.

I wish to thank the school board and voters of Benton for their support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
 NORMAN H. MULLEN
 Superintendent of Schools

SUPERVISORY UNION #23 **REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S AND** **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY**

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent and assistant superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union #23, during the 1977-1978 school year, will receive a salary of \$24,300.00 made up as follows: \$2,500.00 to be paid by the State Department of Education and \$21,800.00 prorated among the several school districts. The Assistant Superintendent will receive a salary of \$20,000.00 which is made up as follows: \$2,500.00 to be paid by the State Department of Education, and \$17,500.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance for travel within the union for the Superintendent is \$3,000.00 and for the Assistant Superintendent, \$2,000.00 also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salaries and travel to each school district:

| | Superintendent's Salary | Travel |
|-------------------------------|---|------------|
| Bath | \$ 1,066.02 | \$ 146.70 |
| Benton | 172.22 | 23.70 |
| Haverhill Cooperative | 9,982.22 | 1,373.70 |
| Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative | 7,019.60 | 966.00 |
| Monroe | 1,393.02 | 191.70 |
| Piermont | 1,310.18 | 180.30 |
| Warren | 856.74 | 117.90 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$21,800.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| | Assistant Superintendent's Salary | Travel |
| Bath | \$ 855.75 | \$ 97.80 |
| Benton | 138.25 | 15.80 |
| Haverhill Cooperative | 8,013.25 | 915.80 |
| Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative | 5,635.00 | 644.00 |
| Monroe | 1,118.25 | 127.80 |
| Piermont | 1,051.75 | 120.20 |
| Warren | 687.75 | 78.60 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$17,500.00 | \$2,000.00 |

Norman H. Mullen
Superintendent of Schools

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N.H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1977

| Date of Birth and Name of Child | Sex | Name of Father | Name of Mother |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|------------------------|
| January 29 Dulcie Jean Irwin | F | Roy Frederick Irwin | Judith Ann Boutin |
| November 19 Angela Marie Aldrich | F | Wayne Douglas Aldrich | Patti Stettler Aldrich |

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N.H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1977

| Date of Death and Name of Deceased | Age | Place of Birth | Name of Father | Name of Mother |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| February 2 Althala Boucher | 67 | N.H. | Omer Boucher | Eugenie Beaulieu |
| March 6 Vevah M. Leonard | 73 | Wash. | Charles L. Mears | Ernestine Wyer |
| June 13 Myrtle E. Polson | 66 | N.H. | Nils D. Lund | Marie Anderson |
| July 22 Frank McEnrue | 73 | Mass. | John McEnrue | Eva J. Taylor |
| 29 Frances Mardin | 71 | N.H. | John Cox | Ione Bailey |
| October 4 Alphonse Labrie | 71 | Canada | Francois Labrie | Clara Lavoie |
| 28 William A. Jones | 77 | Conn. | William Jones | Celina Demutte |

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N.H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1977

| Date of Marriage Name of Groom and Bride | Residence at Time of Marriage | Names of Parents | | Name of Officiant |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| | | Groom's Parents | Bride's Parents | |
| October 29 Albert J. Boutin, Jr. | Benton | Albert J. Boutin, Sr. Mabel G. Boutin | | Harold J. Doucette Justice of Peace Raymond, N.H. |
| Paula A. Emery | Raymond, N.H. | Ernest E. Emery Marsha C. Emery | | |

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