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THORNTON

New Hampshire



1926-27

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Thornton, N. H.

YEAR ENDING
January 31, 1926

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—William Lyford.

Town Clerk and Treasurer—Ira A. Smith.

Selectmen—E. E. Caldon, L. E. Holmes, F. W. Connor.

Tax Collector—Frank L. Hazeltine.

Overseer of Poor—Ralph Steele.

Auditors—Elmer Green, Will Emmons.

Supervisors of Checklist—Frank Barnard, Frank L.
Hazeltine, Joseph Gilman.

Road Agents—Roy Sawyer, Scott Benton, Nelson
Brown.

Fire Wardens—A. C. Benton, L. W. Bradley.

Health Officer—B. F. Merrill.

Librarian—Dora Brown.

Library Trustees—Frank Barnard, Will Emmons, May
Lyford.

Police Officers—Ralph Steele, Harry Steele.

Representative to General Court—Willie B. Emmons.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town House in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 8th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise money for State Aid Construction.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise money for State Aid Maintenance.

6. To see if the town will vote to observe Old Home Day and raise money for the same.

7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for library above what the law requires.

8. To see what sum of money the town will vote for the construction of the bridge at George Sawyer's.

9. To see if the town will vote for a branch library at Thornton Center, on East side of River.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise money to fight the white pine blister and if so appropriate money for the same.

11. To see if the town will vote to grant a franchise to a company formed or to be formed as a subsidiary to the Utilities Power Company of Meredith,

N. H., to erect poles and string wires on the highways as a transmission line to convey electrical current through the town from the Utilities Power Company.

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

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

E. E. CALDON,
L. E. HOLMES,
F. W. CONNOR,
Selectmen of Thornton.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

E. E. CALDON,
L. E. HOLMES,
F. W. CONNOR,
Selectmen of Thornton.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
Ensuing Year Jan. 31, 1927, to Jan. 31, 1928, Compared
With Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Pre-
vious Year Jan. 31, 1926 to Jan. 31, 1927.

Sources of Revenue

	Actual 1926	Estimated 1927
From State		
Railroad tax	\$310.11	\$310.11
Savings Bank tax	375.77	375.77
For fighting forest fires	5.00	5.00
For Highways		
For State Aid Maintenance	169.90	169.90
Interest and dividend tax	26.69	26.69
Abatement on State tax	1,000.00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes		
All licenses and permits except dog licenses	436.56	436.56
Bounty money	139.80	139.80
Forest Reserve	225.94	225.94
Revenue Applicable Only to New Construction and Improvements		
From State		
For state aid highway construction	715.90	715.90
Snow removal	130.00	130.00
Amount raised by property taxes	14,703.56	14,000.00
Total Revenues	\$18,239.23	\$16,535.67

Purposes of Expenditures

	Actual 1926	Estimated 1927
General Government		
Town officer's salaries	860.00	860.00
Town officers' expenses	90.16	90.16
Care and supplies for town hall	142.41	142.41
Protection of Persons and Property		
Fire department	90.97	90.97
Marker town line	1.50	1.50
Highways and Bridges		
State Aid Maintenance		
State's contribution	169.90	169.90
Town's contribution	175.90	175.90
Trunk Line Maintenance		
Town's contribution	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town maintenance	3,839.68	3,839.68
Tractor and Plow	1,745.50	
Charities		
Town poor, county	10.00	10.00
Patriotic Purposes		
Memorial Day and other celebrations	20.00	20.00
Public Service Enterprises		
Cemeteries	35.00	35.00
Interest		
On long term notes	122.17	122.17
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements		
Highways and Bridges		
State Aid Construction		
State's contribution	715.90	715.90
Town's contribution	754.16	754.16

Snow		
State's contribution	130.00	130.00
Town's contribution	130.00	130.00
Indebtedness		
Payment on Principal of Debt		
Long term notes	2,000.00	1,700.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
State taxes	1,260.00	1,260.00
County taxes	1,094.63	1,094.63
Payments to School Districts	4,301.76	4,301.76
Taxes bought by town	66.24	66.24
Total expenditures	\$18,176.41	\$16,130.91

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land and buildings	\$415,825.00
Horses, 120	14,515.00
Mules, 1	25.00
Oxen, 4	400.00
Cows, 200	9,450.00
Other neat stock 30	1,330.00
Sheep, 100	702.00
Hogs, 3	95.00
Fowls, 125	135.00
Vehicles	8,925.00
Wood and lumber	65,285.00
Gas Pumps	2,800.00
Stock in Trade	10,970.00
Mills	15,550.00
	546,007.00

Amount of Taxes and Rate

Amount of taxes assessed on property	\$14,703.56
Poll tax 228 polls @ \$2.00	456.00
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	\$15,159.56
Amount exempt to soldiers	\$3,200.00
Rate per cent on \$100.00	\$2.71

Appropriations

To defray town charges	\$2,000.00
Highways and bridges	2,500.00
State aid construction	775.50
State aid maintenance	150.00
Trunk line maintenance	1,000.00
Library	50.00
Tractors and snow plow	1,700.00
Pine Grove Cemetery	50.00
Memorial Day	20.00
State tax	1,260.00
County tax	1,094.63
School money	4,559.43
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Total	\$15,159.56

Statement of Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$2,886.44
Unexpended state aid construction	24.55
Unexpended state maintenance	46.99
Due from state, bear and bobcat bounty 1925	160.00
Due from state hedgehog bounty 1926	65.00
Due from county on Mitchell girl case	124.00
In hands of library trustees	201.22
Due from county on N. Applebee	10.00
Unexpended money in H. A. Broad hands cemetery account	4.09
Tax not collected 1924	43.00
Tax not collected 1925	117.00

Due on land sale 1924	32.54
Due on land sale 1925	66.24
In collector's hands 1926	3,884.37
Total	\$7,665.44

Liabilities

Unexpended maintenance money in state treas.	\$46.99
Unexpended construction money in state treas	24.55
Unexpended construction money in town treas.	24.55
Unexpended maintenace money in town treas.	46.99
Due on notes	1,654.41
Due school district, dog money	117.00
Due school district school money	1,559.43
Due school district forest reserve money	112.97
Due H. A. Broad on road account after settlement	1.00
Total	\$3,587.89
Excess of assets over liabilities	4,077.55
	\$7,665.44
Overdrawn school money over last years 1925 appropriation	\$370.91

Paid on Notes

Frank W. Steele	\$2,122.17
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Due on Notes

L. E. Holmes	\$1,654.41
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Town Property

Town house	\$1,000.00
Town tool house	400.00
5 school houses	3,000.00
Road machine	100.00

Road roller	75.00
Road scraper	25.00
Safe	25.00
Equipment for school houses	825.00
Equipment of town house	75.00
Tractor and snow plow	1,745.50
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Total	\$7,270.50

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 31, 1927

Cash on hand January 31, 1926	\$1,676.75
Received of town clerk, dog money	117.00
Received of town clerk, auto money	436.56
Received of selectmen	2,414.73
Received of Bert Benton 1925 tax	5,443.88
Received of Frank Hazeltine 1926 tax	11,046.74
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	\$21,135.66
Paid on orders	18,249.22
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Cash on hand	\$ 2,886.44

IRMA SMITH, Treasurer.

Detail Statement of Receipts

From State

Forest reserve money	\$ 225.94
Interest and dividend tax	26.69
Abatement on state tax	1,000.00
Railroad tax	310.11
Savings Bank tax	375.77
Bounty money on hedgehogs for 1925	139.80
State aid construction	715.90
State aid maintenance	169.90
Trunk line snow removal	130.00

From George W. Fadden overdrawn 1925 road account	1.50
From State forest fire bill	5.00
Total	<u>\$3,100.61</u>

On detail statement of receipts, the railroad tax and Savings Bank tax was not paid to the town, but credit given to the town on state tax. Therefore it makes the difference between the selectmen and treasurer.

Detail Statement of Payments

George W. Fadden, services as selectman	\$ 8.00
E. E. Caldon, services as selectman	88.00
L. E. Holmes, services as selectman	120.00
F. W. Connor, services as selectman	130.00
Irma A. Smith, town clerk and treasurer	150.00
Town Woodstock, removal of snow on Trunk line	260.00
F. W. Connor, state aid construction	1,470.06
F. W. Connor, state aid maintenance	345.80
Paid to Standard Oil Company	1,000.00
H. A. Broad, road agent, after settlement	47.00
N. W. Brown, road agent, after settlement	221.23
N. W. Brown, road agent, after settlement	543.94
Scott Benton, road agent, after settlement 1925	25.30
Scott Benton, road agent 1926	727.89
Roy Sawyer, road agent	618.53
Roy Sawyer, Sandwich Notch Road	265.05
North East Metal Culvert Co.	235.01
Frank Steele, on note	2,122.17
Frank Haynes, auto hire	15.00
Frank Merrill, ballot clerk 1924-26	6.00
A. D. Merrill, lumber	618.14
Agnes Child, memorial	20.00
Scott Benton, care cemetery	35.00
I. E. Hanson, bonds for town officers	30.50
Bert Benton, collecting taxes and payment	125.00
George Adams, ballot clerk	3.50
Edson C. Eastman Co., for supplies	58.16

Auto Service Bureau	14.17
Dora C. Brown, librarian	102.00
Cressey V. Ham, supervisor	3.50
Clayton Ham, ballot clerk	3.50
H. H. Downing, tractor plough and oil	1,745.50
State tax	1,260.00
John Drake, ballot clerk	3.50
Tax Commission, notice	1.75
E. C. Burleigh, gasoline	48.48
E. A. Green, gasoline and lantern	24.64
J. H. Gilman, supervisor 1923-24-26	36.00
B. F. Merril, health officer and water trough	23.50
Clayton Ham, labor and money paid out plowing roads	301.18
Alex Gero, shoveling snow	1.50
Emery Tobyne, shoveling snow	1.50
F. H. Foster, county tax	1,094.63
Bert Avery, repairing road machine	7.00
George Ripley, labor on road roll	15.00
Irma A. Smith, school, dog money	126.00
Irma A. Smith, school money	4,175.76
Bounty, paid by selectmen	65.00
Harry Steele, services police	3.00
Ralph Steele, police, dog police, care of tramps	31.50
Ralph Steele, watering trough	3.00
F. A. Barnard, supervisor	16.00
F. A. Barnard, library trustee	50.20
F. L. Houston, town line marker	1.50
A. C. Benton, fire warden	4.80
Plymouth Fire Department	76.17
S. C. Frye, cement	21.25
John Keefe, shoveling snow	21.00
George Adams, shoveling snow	7.50
Cressey Ham, supervisor	4.50
Bert Avery, snow trunk line	14.00
Bert Benton, land sale 1925	66.24
George Adams, police services	1.50
John Keefe, shoveling snow	6.00
Guy Downing, shoveling snow	25.04
Frank Haynes, refund tax money	21.12
W. J. Randolph, transfer and record	3.75
Harry Steele, police badge	2.75
George B. Currier, auditor 1925	4.00
John Thatcher, shoveling snow	19.50

Record Print, printing reports	69.25
Frank Barnard, library money for 1924-25	42.90
A. C. Benton, fire warden	10.00
Assessors Association	2.00
Ralph Steele, H. H. Cheney, for N. Applebee	10.00
Eliza Martin, work on road	18.00
Money paid out during town work	20.24
E. E. Caldon, janitor	5.00
E. E. Caldon, wood	10.00
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Total	\$18,935.10

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Sandwich Notch Road, Roy Sawyer, Agent

Alex Mclady	\$ 6.00
John Dolloff	12.00
Truman Heath	6.00
George Sawyer	64.00
H. A. Broad	52.50
H. L. Smith	13.00
Walter Elliott	27.00
Levi Dolloff	6.00
L. R. Morrison	1.30
Roy Sawyer	77.25

Total	\$265.05
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Received from town, \$265.05

District No. 1, H. A. Broad, Agent

After Settlement

Levi Dolloff	\$ 7.50
Walter Elliott	7.50
H. A. Broad	33.00

Total	\$48.00
Received of town	\$47.00

Due Agent	\$ 1.00
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District No. 1, Roy Sawyer, Agent

Truman Heath	\$19.50
George Sawyer	72.16
John Dolloff	16.00
Russell Cochran	19.00
Frank Houston	32.00
Levi Dolloff	45.00
H. A. Broad	150.50

Alex McLady	15.00
Walter Elliott	16.50
J. Uhlman	4.00
Frank Lyford Estate, gravel	2.80
Robert Hazeltine	1.20
Fred Dolloff	2.30
H. A. Saulnier	3.00
Roy Sawyer	222.07

Total	\$621.03
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Received from town, \$621.03.

District No. 2, Scott Benton Agent

After Settlement

John Keefe	\$ 10.00
C. V. Ham	4.50
L. G. Shores	45.50
Scott Benton	89.50
L. W. Steele	2.50
B. T. Benton	10.50
A. C. Benton	30.50

Total	\$193.00
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Received from town, \$194.25

In agent's hands	\$ 1.25
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District No. 2, Scott Benton, Agent

Scott Benton	\$ 126.52
L. W. Shores	53.50
B. T. Benton	48.50
A. C. Benton	52.75
A. S. Brown	15.00
J. Uhlman	1.10
Dale McCloud	16.75
L. Steele	17.75
R. Cochran	4.50
A. McLady	5.25
F. Tobey	4.20
A. M. Rand	1.60

E. E. Caldon	10.60
J. Keefe	10.00
G. Wilson	23.50
G. Fadden	29.50
J. Ross	3.00
C. Kimball	6.00
E. C. Burleigh	12.47
W. B. Avery	6.15
F. Haynes	85.00
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	\$533.64

District No. 3, Nelson Brown, Agent
After Settlement

Lyman Boyce	\$ 73.50
Andy Connors	53.61
Frank Morse	11.17
Bert Avery	24.25
Joseph Gilman	3.00
George Ward	9.00
Nelson Brown	46.70
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Total	\$221.23

Received from town, \$221.23.

District No. 3, Nelson Brown, Agent

Lyman Boyce	\$ 37.50
Bert Avery	96.00
A. D. Merrill	50.29
C. Hart	16.50
N. Baston	63.00
Andy Connor	31.50
W. D. Hadley	49.50
Lester Bradley	6.00
S. Stickney	4.50
L. E. Holmes	11.95
L. E. Holmes, lumber	11.70
A. Petrain	2.00
Nelson Brown	163.50
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Total	\$543.94

Received from town, \$543.94.

State Aid Maintenance, F. W. Connor, Foreman

F. W. Connor	\$ 68.00
Emery Tobyne	3.00
L. W. Shores	3.00
E. E. Caldon	96.00
A. C. Benton	15.00
Scott Benton	30.00
Alex McLady	18.00
Charles Kimball	15.00
G. Wilson	12.00
Bert Benton	30.00
John Keefe	12.00
L. W. Steele	22.50
C. Ripley	10.50
J. Uhlman, gravel	10.80

Total	\$345.80
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Received from town, \$345.80.

State Road Construction, F. W. Connor, Foreman

F. W. Connor	\$ 128.00
Scott Benton	174.00
Bert Benton	156.00
E. E. Caldon	177.00
L. W. Shores	174.00
G. Wilson	144.00
A. C. Benton	98.88
Alex McLady	84.00
J. Ross	84.00
Emery Tobyne	87.00
Dale McLoud	70.50
J. Uhlman, gravel	50.00
E. E. Caldon, gravel	32.90
L. R. Morrison, flag and shovels	9.18

Total	\$1,470.06
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Received from town, \$1,470.06

Trunk Line Maintenance

Expended by the state	\$7,944.74
Expended by the town	1,000.00
Total	<u>\$8,944.74</u>

Trunk Line Snow Account for 1926

Paid the town of Woodstock	\$260.00
Received from state	130.00
Cost to town	<u>\$130.00</u>

COLLECTOR OF TAXES REPORT 1926

Whole sum to be collected	\$15,144.45
Discount	\$ 118.62
Paid treasurer, taxes	11,041.42
Interest paid treasurer on taxes	5.32
Silsby rebate	54.20
Roy Lyford rebate	32.52
Eddie Gilman, paid in Woodstock	2.00
Mrs. Eddie Gilman, paid in Woodstock	2.00
Warren Savage, paid in Ellsworth	2.00
William Ryan, paid in Boston	2.00
Uncollected	3,884.37
Total	<u>\$15,144.45</u>

F. L. HAZELTINE, Collector.

Bert Benton, Collector's Report 1925

Received on 1925 tax	\$5,374.64
Discount given on 1925 taxes	81.29
Interest received on the above taxes	93.99
Interest above discount	12.70

BERT BENTON, Collector.

Mad River Cemetery Account
H. A. Broad, Agent

Truman Heath	\$ 3.00
George Sawyer	9.00
Perley Colby	9.00
H. A. Broad	12.00
L. R. Morrison, oil and brush	2.55

Total	\$35.55
In hand of agent from last year	\$39.64

In agent's hand	\$ 4.09
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We received of George Fadden \$1.50 on his last year road account and balance of his account was a receipt overlooked last year. His accounts now balance.

Jan. 31, 1927.

E. E. CALDON,
L. E. HOLMES,
F. W. CONNOR,

Selectmen of Thornton.

LIBRARY REPORT

Cash in bank, February 1927	\$201.22
Received for dues and used for library purposes	2.30
Volumes owned	1,581
Circulation of books	1,820
Circulation of magazines	4
Books given by Kenneth Robbins	4

FRANK A. BARNARD,

For the Trustees.

Having examined the accounts of Selectmen, Town Clerk and Treasurer, and Road Agents, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched, for the year ending January 31, 1927.

RALPH D. STEELE,
ELMER E. GREEN,

Auditors.

Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1926

Date of Birth 1926	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male	Female							
Mar 16	Thomas Gilbert	M	L	Thomas Ferguson	Amy Lake	W	Thornton	Government Training	Wilder Vt	Lincoln
June 11	Eichalm Lucille	S	L	George B Currier	Gladys Downing	W	Thornton	Lumber Business	Providence	Thornton
Sept 20	Phyllis Elizabeth	F	L	Scott Benton	Evelyn Merrill	W	Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	Thornton
Oct 12	Robert Wesley	M	L	Wesley Downing	Marion Tobyne	W	Thornton	Farmer	Ellsworth	Thornton
Nov 22	Thelma Elizabeth	F	L	Carl A Sargent	Adelle Simpson	W	Thornton	Gen Labor	Hinsdale	Campton
Dec 16	Franklin	F	L	Morris F Bean	Hazel F Sanborn	W	Thornton	Millwright	Bristol	Meredith
Dec 13	Franklin	M	L	Franklin Littlefield	Mary O'Brien	W	Thornton	Gen Labor	Bethlehem	Lincoln
Dec 25	Fern Sheila	F	L	Elmer Green	Lillie Fifield	W	Thornton	Store Clerk	Canaan	Thornton

Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1926

Date—1926	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Times married	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
June 19	Laconia	Scott A. Benton	Thornton	36	W	Farmer	Thornton	Alonzo Benton	Thornton	Farmer	1	H. G. Dockrell
		Evelyn Merrill	Thornton	17	W	Housework	Thornton	Emma F. Merrill	Thornton	Housewife	1	Laconia
Aug 16	Medford Mass	Ernest H. Stevens	Thornton	36	W	Laborer	Campton	Boxey E. Dunkles	Chicago	Housewife		
		Grace G. Avery	Thornton	39	W	Housework	Thornton	Frank Stevens	Newport Vt	Retired		Henry Frances Smith
Sept 23	Campton	Frank E. Broad	Thornton	20	W	Farmer	Thornton	Nellie Crowell	Campton	Housewife		Medford Mass
		Evelyn M. Uhlman	Thornton	18	W	Mill Work	Thornton	Rodney Tobyne	Thornton	Dead		Rev. Henry Schwab
Oct 9	Campton	Harry Uhlman	Thornton	20	W	Mill Work	Thornton	Mary J. Brown	Thornton	Housewife	1	Campton
		Hilma Broad	Thornton	18	W	Mill Work	Thornton	Herbert Broad	Nova Scotia	Housewife	1	Rev. Henry Schwab
								Grace Lyford	Maine	Housewife	1	Campton
								Mamie Bell	Maine	Housewife	1	
								Herbert Broad	Maine	Housewife	1	
								Grace Lyford	Thornton	Housewife	1	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1926

Date - 1926	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age		Place of Birth	Sex and Cond'n	Occupation	Place of Birth,		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	
			Years	Months				Father	Mother			
Jan 18	Thornton	John Wallace	70	9	Thornton	M	W	Retired	Boston Mass	Coventry Vt	Andrew Wallace	Methitable Maich
Feb 20	Thornton	James B Connolly	79	7	Rochester N Y	M	W	S Tax Collector	Thornton	Woodstock	John Connolly	Mary Barry
Mar 5	Thornton	Edgar H Smith	42	10	Coventry Vt	M	W	Town Clerk	Providence R I	Thornton	Alva Smith	Flora Hearmon
Apr 6	Thornton	Ross E Merrill	8	1	Thornton	M	W		Belmont N S	Belmont N S	Frank Merrill	Mabel Howland
June 11	Thornton	Richardine L Currier	73	4	Salisbury	F	W	Retired H'sewife	Kempton Shores NS	Kempton Shores NS	George B Currier	Gladys Downing
Dec 14	Thornton	Francis Greeley Durgin	57	11	Kempton Shores NS	M	W	Farmer	Belmont N S	Belmont N S	Solomon Greeley	Louise Courser
Dec 17	Thornton	Henry Lake	67	7	Belmont N S	M	W	Farmer			Dyer Lake	Isabella McKay
Dec 21	Thornton	George L Wilson	67	11	Belmont N S	M	W	Farmer			Archabald Wilson	Nancy French
Dec 29	Thornton	Willis P Caldon	63	6	Groton	M	W	Farmer			John Hale Caldon	

IRMA A. SMITH, Town Clerk.

School Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the school district in the town of Thornton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 8th day of March, 1927, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers 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 district will vote to adopt Medical Inspection for the schools and raise and appropriate money therefor.

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

Given under our hands at Thornton this 2nd day of February, 1927.

HARRY W. STEELE,
WALTER I. LEE,
HELENA McCORMICK,

School Board of Thornton.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HARRY W. STEELE,
WALTER I. LEE,
HELENA McCORMICK,

School Board of Thornton.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Organization

	Term	Expires
Chairman —Harry W. Steele		1929
Members —Gladys D. Currier (Resigned, Nov 9th)	1927	
Helena McCormick (Appointed by board)		1927
Walter I. Lee		1928
Secretary and Superintendent —Alonzo J. Knowlton.		
Treasurer —Irma Smith.		
Truant Officer —Harry W. Steele.		

School Calendar for 1926-1927

Terms open	Length in weeks	Terms close
September 7, 1926	11	November 19th
	Recess of one week	
November 29th	4	December 24th
	Recess of one week	
January 3rd	10	March 11th
	Recess of two weeks	
March 28th	11	June 10, 1927
Holidays: One day of Plymouth Fair, Memorial Day, and the day of the Teachers' Institute meeting if the teacher attends.		

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending June 30, 1926

Cash on hand July 1, 1925	\$ 00.00
Received from selectmen, raised by taxation	\$4,208.89
Dog tax	126.00
Received from State Treasurer	2,729.17
Total	\$7,064.06
Less school board orders paid (No. 887-1054)	\$6,802.23
Balance on hand June 30, 1926	\$ 261.83

Respectfully submitted,

IRMA A. SMITH, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statement and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Thornton, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and find them correct in all respects.

EDITH MERRILL, Auditor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1926

Receipts

From State	
Equalization	\$2,729.17
Income from Local Taxation	
For support of elementary schools	2,926.93
For high school tuition	1,000.00
For salaries of district officers	125.00
For per capita tax	228.00
For Repairs	150.00
For superintendent's excess salary	200.00
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	\$4,629.93
From Sources Other Than Taxation	
Dog licenses	\$ 126.00
Extra from Selectmen (overpaid)	33.13
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Total	\$ 159.13
 Total receipts from all sources	 \$7,518.23

Payments

Administration	
Salaries of district officers	\$ 100.00
Superintendent's excess salary	200.00
Expense of administration	31.18

Instruction

Teachers' salaries	\$2,915.40
Text books	108.78
Scholars' supplies	75.98
Flags and appurtenances	1.70
Other expenses of instruction	4.06

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant

Janitor service	\$ 140.25
Fuel	204.63
Janitors' supplies	6.18
Minor repairs and expenses	120.37

Auxiliary Agencies

Medical inspection	\$ 16.25
Transportation of pupils	1,430.00
High school tuition	945.00
Elementary school tuition	222.00

Other Charges

Insurance	\$ 52.50
Per capita tax to state	228.00
Money borrowed from selectmen last year	454.17

Total payments for all purposes	\$7,256.40
Cash on hand June 30, 1926	261.83
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	\$7,518.23

BALANCE SHEET

	Assets June 30, 1926	
Cash on hand		\$ 261.83
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	Liabilities June 30, 1926	
Accounts Owed by District		
Selectmen overpaid		\$ 33.13

Amounts Reserved for Special Purposes

Salaries of officers	\$ 25.00
Repairs	29.63
High school tuition	55.00
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Total liabilities	\$142.76
Excess of assets over liabilities	119.07
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	\$261.83

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**Salaries of District Officers**

Currier, Gladys D (school board)	\$ 25.00
Lee, Walter I. (school board)	25.00
Smith, Irma A. (school board)	25.00
Smith, Edgar H. (treasurer)	25.00

\$100.00

Superintendent's excess salary to State

\$200.00

Expense of Administration

Knowlton, A. J.	\$ 15.43
Edson Eastman (supplies)	12.33
Smith, Irma A.	3.52

\$ 31.18

Salaries of Teachers

Clark, Marion	\$ 92.40
Gomo, Flora	80.00
Cadets (Plymouth Normal School)	714.00
Hawkes, Amos A.	250.00
Hazeltine, I. F.	648.00
Simonds, Olive	846.00
Walker, Altha E.	285.00

\$2,915.40

Text books

\$ 108.78

Scholars' Supplies	\$ 75.98
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Other Expenses of Instruction

Diplomas	\$ 4.06
Janitor Service	
Adams, Fred	\$ 4.00
Allard, Olive	2.00
Clark, Marion	4.00
Downing, Frank	29.25
Downing, Maurice	.75
Gomo, Flora	4.00
Hawkes, Amos A.	10.00
Hulbert, Iola	2.25
Hazeltine, I. F.	36.00
Simonds, Olive	36.00
Walker, Altha	12.00
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	\$140.25

Fuel

Benton, A. C.	\$ 20.00
Boys at West Thornton	3.63
Caldon, E. E.	30.00
Currier, G. B.	50.00
Downing, Frank	1.50
Downing, Guy	22.00
Downing, Hollis	2.00
Hazeltine, Robert	2.50
Inkell, Mrs. Sadie	55.00
Jones, George	10.00
Merrill, A. D.	8.00
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	\$ 204.63

Janitors' Supplies

\$ 5.65

Minor Repairs and Expenses

Benton, A. C.	\$ 2.00
Chandler, C. F.	22.68
Dolloff, Mrs. Fred	6.00
Downing, Chester	6.50
Downing, Maurice	1.00
Downing, Ralph	13.37
Ford Foundry Co.	.60

Hazeltine, Robert	2.50
Hammett, J. L. Co.	3.66
Knowlton, A. J. (cash paid for paint)	25.23
McCormick, Ralph	3.90
Merrill, A. D.	14.88
Morrison, L. R.	1.00
Morris, Frank	2.35
Russell, A.	3.20
Shores, Mrs. L. G.	6.50
Wiley, Mrs. Chester	5.00
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	\$ 120.37
Medical Inspection	
K. Ferguson, R. N.	\$ 16.25
Transportation	
Bradley, Lester	\$ 354.00
Carr, William	360.00
Downing, Ezra R.	336.00
Haynes, Frank	380.00
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	\$1,430.00
High School Tuition	
Plymouth High School	\$ 340.00
Lincoln	420.00
Woodstock	185.00
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	\$ 945.00
Elementary School Tuition	
Campton	\$ 108.00
Woodstock	114.00
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	\$ 222.00
Insurance	
W. I. Lee	\$ 52.50
Per Capita Tax	
	\$ 228.00
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Total payments on orders	\$6,802.23
Money borrowed from Selectmen	\$ 454.17
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Grand total payments	\$7,256.40

BUDGET FOR 1927-1928

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, 1927.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Support of Schools	High Elementary	Totals
Teachers' salaries	\$3,462.00	\$3,462.00
Text books	120.00	120.00
Scholars' supplies	80.00	80.00
Flags and appurtenances	10.00	10.00
Other expenses of instruction	5.00	5.00
Janitor service	144.00	144.00
Fuel	227.00	227.00
Janitors' supplies	11.00	11.00
Repair and expenses	200.00	200.00
Health supervision	20.00	20.00
Transportation of pupils	1,470.00	1,470.00
Payment of tuition	1,000.00	1,180.00
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	\$1,000.00	\$5,929.00
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Other Statutory Requirements

Salaries of district officers (fixed by district)	\$125.00
Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by Supervisory Union)	200.00
Per capita tax (reported by state treas.)	208.00
Expense of Administration	35.00
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Total amount required to meet School Board's budget	\$7,497.00

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance June 30, 1927 (estimated)	\$	100.00
State aid (Dec. '27 allotment estimate)		2,443.12
Dog tax (estimate)		125.00
One-half Forest Reserve (estimate)		135.00
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		\$2,803.12

Assessment Required for School Board's Budget

Balance	\$4,693.88
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Thornton, N. H., January 31, 1927.

HARRY W. STEELE,
HELENA McCORMICK,
W. I. LEE,

School Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Members of the School Board:

I hereby submit for your consideration my eighth annual report of the Thornton schools.

The teachers for this year are as follows: Center School—Olive Simonds, the same as last year; Mad River—Mildred Hazeltine, a normal graduate, this position has been filled successfully by Mrs. I. F. Hazeltine for the past four years; West Thornton—Catherine Barnard, who has taught successfully this school before; Lyford—Cadet teachers from the Normal school with the same arrangements as last year.

The Lyford school has increased in numbers since it opened in the fall owing to the lumber operations at the Siding.

Standard tests are to be used again this year to measure progress and efficiency. Standardized tests are more or less an educational yard-stick used to check up the work to see whether or not the pupils are advancing as rapidly as they should.

The school census, taken last September, reported 48 boys and 45 girls or a total of 93 children in town between the ages of five and sixteen. Eighty of the ninety-three were reported attending schools. Twelve of those not in school were between the ages of 5 and 8 and one between 14-16. Six were attending elementary schools outside of the district and six were in high schools.

The health examination was made by Ethel F. Sawyer, R. N. of Lincoln. The examination is of but little value unless the parents endeavor to have the defect reported corrected. The report showed many defective teeth. Those should be treated because the poison from decaying teeth gets into the system and may cause ill health and much suffering. Tonsils and adenoids should receive attention also. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

The records show but one with perfect attendance, Viz., Ernest Fountain. The per cent of attendance for all schools was 90.94. This is rather low as a good attendance, when not affected by an epidemic, is 95 per cent. The registers show that the poorest attendance is during the cold inclement weather of the winter term.

The school board members made six visits to the schools during the year and held seven board meetings.

The school registers record 160 visits by citizens and 147 by the superintendent of schools.

May we not study the school situation in Thornton to see in what ways we may improve the school efficiency and then unite our forces to raise the standard to a much higher level. No one can do it alone. It must be the result of concerted action, close co-operation and united effort. Shall we not try it?

Respectfully submitted,

ALONZO J. KNOWLTON,

North Woodstock, N. H., January 22, 1927.

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