

# Annual Report THORNTON NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Granted: 1768 Settled: 1770 Incorporated: 1781 Total Area: 32640 Acres Public Lands: 15038 Acres Altitude: 555 - 2610 Feet

YEAR ENDING December 31, 1949



# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

# OFFICERS

# OF THE

# Town of Thornton, N. H.

YEAR ENDING

# December 31, 1949

The Record Print Plymouth, N. H.



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#### **TOWN OFFICERS, 1949**

SELECTMEN Richard T. Bradley Kenneth W. Robbins Clayton S. Ham TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER Irma Sullivan TAX COLLECTOR Ida M. Horner MODERATOR George Thompson **Ralph Steele** ROAD AGENTS Dist. No. 1 & 2-John Rivers Dist. No. 3-Fred Adams FIRE WARDENS Bert Benton Spencer Ham Lester Bradley Carl Broad POLICE Ralph Steele Archie White LIBRARY TRUSTEES Frances Avery, Isabel Ham, Ethel Robinson TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS Scott Benton, Kenneth Robbins, Glenroy Howland SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST Ralph Steele, Fred Adams, Clarence Downing SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES

Scott Benton

N. W. 3968 Campton 58-3 No Phone

Campton 24-24

Campton 28-13

Campton 18-4

**OVERSEER OF POOR - HEALTH OFFICER** Campton 44-13

> Campton 26-14 No Phone

Campton 28-15 N. W. 3965 No Phone Campton 26-4

Campton 44-13 No Phone

## **Come to Town Meeting**

This is your annual opportunity to help to make Democracy live!

It is your chance to accept your share of responsibility of being a member of free society - to see and know how and why things happen - and to demonstrate your dis-approval and dis-trust in the false promises of a centralized Socialistic, or Communistic type of Government.



Thornton Town House - originally built as a church, is the oldest building in town. Once it stood across the road from its present location.

The Tool Shed was built in 1924. In its present location, it is of little use, because the only doors are in the end of the building and there is no provision for approaching the long side of the structure. For many years it housed the Town hearse which was recently disposed of as an antique. It is used for storing snow fence and road salt—could be of some real use to the town if turned broadside to the road.

# **TOWN WARRANT**



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 the Town House in said Thornton, on Tuesday, the fourteenth 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 see if the Town will vote to accept the Budget as printed, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

3. To see what discount will be allowed on Taxes paid on or before the first day of September, or at a later date to be set by the Selectmen.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of Taxes.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell Town property.

6. To see what action the Town will take in regard to painting the steel bridges and appropriate money for the same. 7. To determine the best use of TRA allotment this year.

8. To see if the Town will vote to accept a Trust Fund of \$100.00 from Lora Olsen, the income thereof to be used for perpetual care of the Benjamin Merrill lot.

9. To see if the Town will vote to accept a Trust Fund of \$150.00 from Mrs. William Coolling, the income thereof to be used for the perpetual care of the Russell Fader lot.

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

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

RICHARD BRADLEY,

KENNETH W. ROBBINS,

CLAYTON S. HAM,

Selectmen of Thornton

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:

RICHARD BRADLEY,

KENNETH W. ROBBINS.

CLAYTON S. HAM,

Selectmen of Thornton

# The Budget

Purposes	Expen	ditures
why and start and and the start	Actual	Estimated
	1949	1950
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries Town Officers' Expenses Election and Registration	<b>1,265.00</b> 465.42	\$ 1,200 00 400.00
Expenses Expenses Town Hall	$\begin{array}{c} 40.00\\ 103.14\end{array}$	
Protection of Persons and Prop	erty:	
Police Department Fire Department	$25.00 \\ 242.95$	$\begin{array}{c} 25.00\\ 400.00\end{array}$
Health:		
Vital Statistics Health Department	9.00 6.00	10.00
Highway and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance: Summer Town Maintenance: Winter General Expenses of	2,007.84 2,345.15	2,000./19 2,000.00
Highway Department Town Road Aid	921.82 267.44	800.00 267.84
Libraries:	50.00	50.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor Old Age Assistance	475.00 1,394.42	500.00 2,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day War Memorial	$11.00 \\ 752.00$	15.00

## THE BUDGET - Continued

Purposes	Expen	ditures
	Actual 1949	Estimated 1950
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	458.20	300.00
Unclassified:		
Advertising Regional Associa	tion 45.00	52.26
Outlay for New Construction and Perm. Improv.		
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Construction State Aid Construction	4,430.35	\$ 1,200.09
Payments to Other Government Divisions:	al	
County Taxes School Taxes	1,172.70 5,709.82	1,118.41 9,278.08
	\$ 22,597.25	\$21,866.59

The previous two pages help you to determine WHAT you propose to provide for carrying on the cost of running Town affairs for another year.

The actual expenditures of the past year are compared with the estimated expenditures for the present year. If you do not vote to accept the Budget estimates as printed, each item may be voted upon separately by making a motion to that effect.

The next following pages determine HOW the costs of running the Town are to be provided. It lists the estimated various revenues which the Town expects to receive from sources OTHER than from taxes raised on your property, and the amount which must be raised from property taxes.

# The Budget

## Amount To Be Raised By Property Taxes

## **Sources of Revenue**

	Actual 1949	Estimated 1950
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax \$ Railroad Tax Savings Bank Tax Reimbursement a/c State and	$245.00 \\ 109.25 \\ 161.09$	100.00
Federal forest lands	1,631.69	
National Forest Reserve	556.58	450.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes	:	
Dog Licenses Interest Received on Taxes	100.00	150.00
and Deposits Income from Trust Funds	$130.26 \\ 148.60$	100.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees Sale of Town Property	1,227.82	900.00
Cemetery Lots	15.00	
Tractor and Other	2,564.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2 Refunds	$324.00 \\ 29.83$	320.00
Total Revenue From All Sources Except Property Taxes \$ *Amount to be raised by Prop. Tax		\$ 3,845.00 18,021.59
Total Revenues	9	3 21,866.59

\*Total estimated "Revenues from All sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

Your Board of Selectmen find that no member either smokes or drinks!

And they swear only in the presence of the Town Clerk.



of Divisions of Town Government

## **Assessment Statistics - 1949**

Land and Buildings Growing Wood and Timber Electric Power Lines Portable Mills Wood, Lumber, Etc. Gasoline Pumps Stock in Trade	3	\$447,425.00 39,750.00 64,263.00 1,300.00 580.00 1,180.00 5,875.00
Machinery Horses Cows Other Neat Stock Sheep and Goats Fowl	64 154 31 13 480	$\begin{array}{r} 200.00\\ 5,950.00\\ 15,375.00\\ 2,325.00\\ 130.00\\ 600.09\end{array}$
Total Inventory Valuation Valuation exempt to Veterans Taxable Valuation		\$584,953.00 \$ 32,300.00 \$552,653.00
Tax Rate per M. of Valuation Property Taxes Committed Poll Taxes Committed		\$2.98 \$ 16,469.06 \$446.00

# Financial Report, 1949

## ASSETS

Cash		
0000		
In hands of Treasurer U. S. War Bonds	\$	7,228.16 159.40
Accounts Due to the Town -		
Due from State: Bounties TRA		63.75 187.62
National Forest Reserve Reimbursement a/c State & Federal Lan	ds	450.00 1,500.00
Unredeemed Taxes:		
(from tax sale on account of) Levy of 1948		625.18
Levy of 1947		197.98
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1949 Levy of 1948		3,175.63 14.00
Total Assets	\$	13,601.72
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills Outstanding Unexpended Balances of Special	\$	378.50
Appropriations:		
Town Hall		95.25
War Memorial		48.00
Due to School Districts:		
Dog Licenses 1949 Balance of Appropriation		160.00 8,551.15
Total Liabilities Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	\$	9,232.90 4,368.82
Grand Total 15	\$	13,601.72

## LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS - 1949

Town Officers' Salaries	\$	1,200.00*
Town Officers' Expenses		400.00*
Election and Registration		75.00
Police Dept.		25.00
Fire Dept.		450.00
Blister Rust Program		400.00
Vital Statistics		10.00
Town Road Aid		267.44
Town Maintenance—Summer	L.	2,000.00*
Town Maintenance-Winter		2,000.00*
General Expenses Hwy. Dept.		800.00*
Libraries		50.00
Old Age Assistance		1,400.00
Town Poor		350.00*
Memorial Day		15.00
Cemeteries		500.00
Advertising		45.00
County Tax		1,172.70
School Tax		9,278.08
	-	

\$ 20,438.22

\* Indicates overdraft occurred.

Net overdraft of Appropriations \$435.80.

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description		Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$	1,500.00
Furniture and Equipment		50.00
Libraries, Furniture and Equipment		50.00
Fire Department, Equipment		100.00
Highway Department Equipment		1,200.00
Material and Supplies		50.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings		4,000.00
Equipment	,	500.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through		
Tax Collector's deeds —		
Carrie Royce Lot		50.00
Owner unknown, wood lot		100.00
Mike Nugent, Camp		200.00
Total	\$	7,800.00

## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1948 Dog Licenses 1948 Appropriations, March 1949 Forest Reserve 1949	\$ 4,573.07 131.53 9,278.08 278.29
Orders Drawn to Dec. 31, 1949 Dog Licenses 1948 Remitted Forest Reserve 1949 Remitted Balance on hand for term	\$ $\begin{array}{r} 14,260.97\\ 5,300.00\\ 131.53\\ 278.29\\ 8,551.15\end{array}$
	\$ 14,260.97

### TREASURER'S REPORT

## Dec. 31, 1949

Cash on hand December 31, 194 Received from Selectmen Received from Town Clerk	8		\$	6,210.91 5,786.09 1,387.82
Received from Tax Collector 1945 Redemption 1946 Redemption 1947 Redemption 1948 Redemption 1948 Levy 1948 Land Sale 1949 Levy	\$	96.42 39.64 288.28 244.29 2,221.53 817.60 13,820.88		17,528.64
Total Receipts and Balance Total Payments			\$	30,913.46 23,685.30
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1949			\$	7,228.16
IRMA	S	ULLIVA	N,	
		Town Tre	ea	surer

## **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

## Dec. 31, 1949

Received for Auto Permits, 1948 Received for Auto Permits, 1949 Received for Dog Licenses	\$ 9.6 1,218.1 160.0	3

Paid Town Treasurer

\$ 1,387.82

## IRMA SULLIVAN,

Town Clerk

## **EXEMPTION TO SOLDIERS**

James Anderson	\$ 800.00
Amos Avery	600.00
Lyman Boyce, Jr.	1,000.00
Horace M. Bickford	1,000.00
Floyd Boyce	500.00
Scott Benton, Jr.	500.00
Archie C. Browne	1.000.00
Mary G. Cooper	1,000.00
Peter C. Demers	1,000.00
K. J. Dollahite, Jr.	1,000.00
Ernest Dupont	
Lewis Downing	1,000.00
	200.00
Howard Downing	1,000.00
Thomas Downing	1,000.00
Russell Gilman	1,000.00
Nathaniel Hartwell	1,000.30
Kenneth Haynes	200.00
Floyd Haynes	100.00
John Hayward	400.00
Joseph Holub	
Raymond Holbrook	1,000.00
Oscar Inkel	1,000.00
Dotor D Louis	1,000.00
Peter R. Jennings	1,000.00
Frank Karp	1,000.00
Willard Linnell, Etc.	1,000.00
Eric Leonhardt	1,000.00
Robert McGee	1,000.39
Richard H. Oliver	1,000.00
Lizafore Romprey	1,000.00
Robert Strong	
Frank and Roger Steele	1,000.00
Ernest Selby	2,000.00
Charles H Smith	1,000.00
Charles H. Smith Herbert D. Ward	1,000.00
Mrs. Carl Wescott	1,000.00
	1,000.00
Norton White	1,000.00
Total Valuation Exempt	\$32,300.00
Soldier's exemption applications with the Selectmen, EACH AND E before April 15th.	must be filed VERY YEAR,
Exemption blanks will not be a YEAR. YOU MUST APPLY FOR S OF THE SELECTMEN.	

No applications can be received nor exemption granted, after the local tax rate is approved.

## **Selectmen - In Account With**

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1949

Summary of RECEIPTS	
From Local Taxes	
Property Taxes, 1949 \$ 13,481.15	
Poll Taxes, 1949 324.00	
	\$13,805.15
Property Taxes, 1948	2,830.60
Poll Taxes, 1948	94.00
Interest received on taxes	130.26
Tax Sales Redeemed	668.63
From State	
Reimbursement Forest Lands	1,631.69
National Forest Reserve Fund	556.58
Savings Bank Tax Railroad Tax	161.09 109.25
Interest and Dividends Tax	245.00
Bounties	66.00
From Local Sources, Except Taxes	00.00
Dog Licenses	160.00
Income from Lee Trust Fund	148.60
Registration Autos, 1948	9.69
Registration Autos, 1949	1,218.13
<b>Receipts Other Than Current Revenue</b>	
Sale of Town Property, Tractor	850.00
Sale of Town Property, Cemetery lots Sale of Town Property, Ripley	15.00
and Hazeltine	1,700.00
Sale of Town Property, Cement	
on Gore Bridge	14.00
George Ward Estate, Probate	259.05
State Forester, Refund on Blister Rust	2.68 12.70
State Forester, Refund LaBrecque Fire State Forester, Refund Training Course	8.25
State Forester, Refund Posting Bans	6.20
Total Receipts from all Sources	\$ 24,702.55
Cash on hand January 1, 1949	6,210.91
Grand Total	\$ 30,913.46

## **Town Of Thornton**

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1949

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#### Detail of PAYMENTS

## **Town Officers' Salaries**

Ί

Richard T. Bradley, Selectman \$ Kenneth W. Robbins, Selectman Clayton S. Ham, Selectman George Thompson, Moderator Irma Sullivan, Clerk & Treasuren Irma Sullivan, Commissions Ida M. Horner, Tax Collector 1948 Vera Hazeltine, Librarian Ethel Shores, Librarian 1948-194 Scott Benton, Trust Funds Nellie Adams, Auditor Olive Benton, Auditor Ralph Steele, Overseer of Poor 1948-1949	$\begin{array}{r} 143.00 \\ 3\ 200.00 \\ 143.00 \end{array}$	\$ 1,265.0
Fown Officers' Expenses		φ 2,20010
<ul> <li>Brown &amp; Saltmarsh, Supplies \$ Auditor's Expenses</li> <li>Wheeler &amp; Clark, Supplies</li> <li>Kenneth Robbins, Postage, Town Reports</li> <li>D. L. Garrison, Auto Guide</li> <li>Brown &amp; Saltmarsh, Warrant Books</li> <li>Fred J. Shores, Transfers, Abstracts</li> <li>Ida Horner, Postage for Inventor</li> <li>Assessor's-Town Clerk's Asso.</li> <li>Bertram Pulsifer, Bonds</li> <li>Wheeler &amp; Clark, Index Cards</li> </ul>	$\begin{array}{c} 6.18\\ 1.50\\ 23.84\\ 12.00\\ 5.00\\ 11.27\\ 22.99\\ \mathrm{ies}\ 5.82\\ 4.00\\ 46.50\\ .85\end{array}$	

Assessor's-Town Clerk's Asso.4.00Bertram Pulsifer, Bonds46.50Wheeler & Clark, Index Cards.85Record Print, Printing174.43Sargent Brothers, Supplies17.48Fred J. Shores, Search of Mortgages 2.75Irma Sullivan, ExpensesIda Horner, Expenses30.68Richard Bradley, Expenses12.00

# **Payments (Continued)**

•	-			
Clayton Ham, Expenses		27.00		
Kenneth Robbins, Expenses		18.00		
Cost of Tax Sales		41.03		
USE OF TAX DATES			\$	465.42
Election and Registration			Ψ	100.15
-		40.00		
Ralph Steele, Supervisor	<b>Ş</b>	40.00	æ	40.00
			\$	40.00
Town Hall and Other Buildings				
N. H. Electric, Electric Light	ts \$	24.00		
Noyes Insurance, Insurance		50.00		
Clayton Ham, Wood		9.00		
K. W. Robbins, Wiring, stool,	etc.	20.14		
			\$	103.14
Police Department				
Ralph Steele	\$	25.00		
and provide the second			\$	25.00
Fire Department				
Town of Campton, Archie Bro	www S	198 20		
Town of Woodstock, Gilbert 1				
Carl Broad, Training Meeting		9.15		
Carl Broau, Training meeting	•	3.10	\$	242.95
Moth Extermination, Etc.			Ψ	414.00
John H. Foster		400.00		
State Forester	\$	400.00	0	400.00
			\$	400.00
Bounties				
Thomas Downing, 13 Hedgeh	logs \$	6.50		
Ward Hiltz, 1 bear		5.00		
Nelson Sweeney, 1 bear		5.00		
Roy Parris, 3 bear		15.00		
Ralph Kelley, 1 bear		5.00		
Kenneth Robbins, 16 hedgeho	ogs	8.00		
Clayton Ham, 2 bear, 19 hedg	rehogs	18.25		
Richard Bradley, 2 hedgehog	(S	1.00		
			\$	63.75
Health Department				
Ralph Steele	\$	6.00		
attaiph Diccio	Ψ			6.00
Vital Statistics			Ψ	0.00
Irma Sullivan	\$	9.00		
IIIIa Duillyan	φ	0.00	\$	9.00
22			Ψ	0.00

# **Payments (Continued)**

Maintenance Highways & Bridges				
John Rivers, Agent No. 1 & No. 2 Summer Fred Adams, Agent	\$	1,399.54		
No. 3 Summer		608.30	\$	2,007.84
Clayton Ham, Snowplowing No. 2 & No. 3, Winter John Rivers, Snowplowing	\$	981.00	Ŧ	_,
No. 1, Sanding No. 1 & 2		1,195.10		
Fred Adams, Sanding No. 3		169.05	\$	2,345.15
General Expenses, Highway De	ept.		Ŧ	_,
Treasurer of N. H., Sandwich Notch Clayton Ham, Repairing	\$	300.00		
W. T. Bridge		5.00		
Spencer Ham, Repairing W. T. Bridge		5.00		
Medos Fountain, Repairing		0.00		
W. T. Bridge Bertram Pulsifer, Bonds		6.00 108.80		
Everett Steele, Planks		108.80		
State Highway Dept., Signs		9.00		
Ed Gilman, Logs and Dynami	to	116.00		
R. S. Yeaton, Planks		110.00		
Hartwell Bridge		49.15		
Frank Avery, Repairing and				
painting tractor		131.27		
D. E. Ambrose, Blasting at G	ore	114.50		
Chase Grain, Salt		49.20		
Clarence Downing, Watering	Tro			
Clayton Ham, Drawing Salt		6.00		
			\$	921.82
Town Road Aid	-			
Town's Share	\$	267.44		0.077 4.4
Libraries			\$	267.44
Frances Avery, Trustee	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
00			Ψ	00.00

# **Payments (Continued)**

<b>Public Welfare</b> Old Age Assistance Grafton County Hospital	\$	1,394.42 475.00	\$	1,869.42
Memorial Day			Ψ	1,000.10
Scott Benton, flags	\$	11.00	\$	11.00
Public Service Enterprises Cemetery			Ψ	11.00
Scott Benton, Supt. Merrimack Farmer's,	\$	249.10		
Sickle Mower		209.10	s	458.20
War Service Memorial Harold Batchelder Norton White Glenroy Howland	\$	$700.00 \\ 19.50 \\ 32.50$	Ŧ	
Unclassified Payments			- \$	752.00
Taxes Bought by Town Robert Wakefield, Attorney White Mt. Region, Advt. State Treasurer, Special Poll	\$ Ta	817.60 3.10 45.00 xes 15.00		
Trustee of Trust Fund, Walter Lee Fund		188.60	¢	1,069.30
New Construction—Permanent	Im	proveme		
Thornton Gore Bridge Bertram Pulsifer, Bond State Treasurer, Highway	\$	164.52		
Dept.		4,265.83	¢	4,430.35
County Tax	\$	1,172.70		1,172.70
<b>Payments to School District</b>			φ	1,112.10
On Account - Appropriation Dog Tax 1948 Forest Reserve 1949	\$	5,300.00 131.53 278.29		
		-	\$	5,709.82
Total Payments			\$ 2	23,685.30

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT Summary of Warrant

Levy of 1949

#### Dr.

Taxes Committed to	Collector:
Property Taxes Poll Taxes	\$ 16,469.06 446.00
Total Warrants	\$ 16,915.06
Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	101.32
Interest Collected	15.73
	Construction of the Owner of the

Total Debits

\$ 17,032.11

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Property Taxes	\$ 13,481.15
Poll Taxes	324.00
Interest Collected	15.73
Abatements	35.60

**Uncollected Taxes as Per Collector's List:** 

Property Taxes	3,067.63
Poll Taxes	108.00

Total Credits

\$ 17,032.11

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1949, on account of tax levy of 1949, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

#### IDA M. HORNER,

Tax Collector

## **DID YOU KNOW THAT:-**

Approximately half the area of Thornton is Federal Forest. The valuation of Forest Lands held by the Government, is set by the State Tax Commission.

The Reimbursement received annually by the Town on Federal Forest Lands is represented to be the amount the Town would have received, had the property remained in private hands.

This Reimbursement is figured by adding the valuation of Federal Lands to the Inventory of private property valuations, and striking a new rate.

After the "Adjusted tax" is thus figured, the Forest Reserve payment to the Town is deducted, and the Town receives HALF of the resulting balance, as reimbursement for loss of taxes.

The Forest Reserve Fund represents the earnings the Government receives during the year, from Federal Forest operations. The amount earned in each County is apportioned in the ratio of the number of acres of Federal Land in the Town to the number in the County. Half of the Forest Reserve money is for the School District.

## **ABOUT TOWN ROADS**

The mileage of "Class V" or Town Roads in Thornton, is 17.5 miles.

The cost of maintaining our highways and bridges represents the second largest single appropriation in the Budget.

While much of the money spent represents routine maintenance expense, some gradual permanent improvement may also be obtained, where maintenance money is well spent. This can be observed by driving over the roads in the three districts and observing the treatment of drainage ditches and culverts, and the kind of gravel used.

Snowplowing is done by Clayton Ham and John Rivers.

The Town plows dooryards — AFTER the roads have been cleared, and PROVIDED the owner has made his yard or driveway practical to accommodate the plows to do their work efficiently.

The State helps with "Class V" roads through TRA. The meaning of TRA is Town Road Assistance. The law provides that the Towns shall raise one fourth as much as the State contributes.

By special Legislation, Thornton contributes to a fund used for the Sandwich Notch Road. The State matches the Town's contribution on the basis of one and a half to one. The program is under the direction of the State Highway Maintenance Division, but it is reasonable that the work be kept for Thornton. The total fund was \$750, of which the Town contributed \$300 and the State \$450. The balance unspent this year is \$37.30.

## **TOWN ROADS**

#### GORE BRIDGE

In 1948, the Town voted for State Bridge Aid, and appropriated \$4,000, as the Town's half of the cost. The bridge was not built, and the State indicated that the cost would be close to \$10,000, requiring an additional appropriation.

In 1949, Mr. Theo Hanson offered to build the bridge for about \$4,000, not including fill for the approaches. No additional money was appropriated, and in the end the Town voted to leave the matter in the hands of the Selectmen.

Because of favorable conditions prevailing, the Selectmen felt that the State could build the bridge complete with approaches for close to the original figure, and decided to cooperate with them.

The Town's share of the cost of constructing the bridge was \$4,430.35.

Drive out to the "Gore," and see this fine job. (It is not what you spend, it's what you have to show for it that counts.)

#### **TRA ACCOUNT**

Patching and resurfacing in Mill Brook	and	the Gore.
Tar and Patching Material	\$	680.46
Labor-Cold Patch (Cheney)		218.70
Labor—Applying Tar		182.40
Equipment		68.00
The fact a sum on the l		1 1 40 50
Total expended	φ	1,149.56
Total fund available \$1,337.18		
Balance in account	\$	187.62

## **TOWN ROADS**

#### **ROAD AGENT—DISTRICT 1 and 2**

#### John Rivers

#### Summer

John Rivers. Robert Rivers \$1,338.30 David Rogers, gravel 34.80 Eliza Haynes, gravel 9.30 Frank Avery's, supplies 14.74 W. B. Avery, dynamite 2.40 \$1,399.54

#### Winter

Snowplowing District 1 and sanding District 1 and 2 John Rivers, Robert Rivers \$1,135.00 Harold Rodgers 19.60 David Rogers 40.50

#### - \$ 1,195.10

Total orders drawn from Town

\$ 2,594.64

## **ROAD AGENT DISTRICT 3**

#### Fred Adams

#### Summer

\$36.00
16.80
123.50
144.30
71.90
46.40
70.00
13.30
11.20
26.40
20.00

Gene Downing Eliza Haynes, gravel F. J. Avery, supplies Marcalus Mfg. Co. dynamite	11.20 2.80 1.50 13.00	\$	608.30		
Winter					
Smith Merrill & truck \$ Donald Merrill Fred Adams Eliza Haynes, gravel	81.75 38.15 <b>45.15</b> 4.00		169.05		
Total orders drawn from	Town			, Ş	777.35
Winter					
Snowplowing-Dist	trict 2 a	and	3		
Clayton S. Ham Spencer W. Ham	4	<b>B</b>	628.00 353.00		
Total orders drawn from	Town			\$	981.00

#### **CEMETERY REPORT**

The Town is gradually making progress with its cemeteries. Last year the picket fence at Pine Grove Cemetery was repaired and painted. This year, a program of grading and re-seeding was commenced, and the Town purchased a National Sickle Bar mower, to facilitate the work of mowing. Some delay was experienced in getting the machine, but it is expected that next year the results from using this mower will be gratifying.

This year, five hundred dollars was appropriated to purchase a power mower and the balance for improvement and maintenance work. Through the Walter Lee Trust \$98.60 is made available for Mad River Cemetery.

#### PINE GROVE

nowing and general care,	JU DO	mom		
May June September	\$	13.00 112.50 63.60	)	
Grading and Re-seeding				
October		60.00	)	
Mational Ciclela Day Marray			- \$	249.10
National Sickle Bar Mower Extra cutter bars for above				209.10
Total Expended			\$	458.20
Appropriation available \$500.00	•			
MAD RIVE	ER			
Mowing and general care,—Ro Roy Sawyer Everett Sawyer	y Sa	wyer	\$	63.40 35.20
Total Expended Dividends available \$98.60.			\$	98.60

Mowing and general care,-Scott Benton

## LIBRARY REPORT

## Library Trustee's Report, December 31, 1949

#### Receipts

Received from Selectmen Interest from Walter Lee Trust Fund Library dues	\$	50.00 50.00 3.20
Total Receipts <b>Payments</b>	\$	103.20
Books from H. R. Huntting Magazines	\$	83.95 19.25
Total Payments	\$	103.20
FRANCES AVERY,	,	
Libr	ary	Trustee
Bookmobile	214 196 289	

#### VERA HAZELTINE,

Librarian

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#### **AUDITORS' REPORT**

Books Purchased

We hereby certify we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Road Agents, for the year ending December 31, 1949 and find them correctly kept and properly vouched.

## OLIVE BENTON,

NELLIE ADAMS,

Auditors

The Town voted to have the Selectmen administer or sell acquired Town property.

The George Ripley Place, acquired through Tax Sale, was sold to George Swetson, son in law of Mr. Ripley, and with whom he lives. Mr. Swetson has made some necessary repairs and the property is back on the tax list.

'The Robert Hazeltine Lot acquired by title in the relocation of the Mad River Road, was sold to Chester Brown, Jr. Mr. Brown has commenced to improve the property and hopes to establish a boys camp there. This development should improve the value of other lots on the highway in this locality, where the proximity of the Federal Bathing Beach and the Waterville Wild Life Area makes it attractive for Summer residents.

Due to the use of heavy machinery in recent years, in getting roads in proper shape to be plowed in Winter, the Town has no further use for two McCormack-Deering T20 tractors. One of these tractors has been sold and the one we now have is in excellent condition and has been thoroughly re-conditioned and painted. This tractor is to be kept in the Town shed until sold, thus saving the Town further expense on it.

#### FORESTRY

During the year, arrangements were made to mark for preservation, the "Ben Merrill Pine." The marker was placed by the State Forestry Department. The tree is 110 feet high and 4 feet through the butt, and can be seen from along the highway in District Six.

The Blister Rust Program covered 2,449 Acres and 3,283 Currant and Gooseberry bushes were destroyed. The cost was \$698.44 of which the Town contributed \$400.00 by appropriation.

#### WEST THORNTON BRIDGE

The West Thornton bridge is important to everyone, and since being re-planked with treated plank and steel plates, is a good piece of merchandise.

It now needs painting.

To confound those who would paint a steel bridge about as they would their old barn, here is the estimate for cleaning and painting the bridge, which we have had the State Bridge Engineer submit.

### Estimate — Cleaning and Painting

Cleaning and Priming

Labor 5 days (24 men) 10 Tanks Oxygen 700 Lbs. Carbide Equipment 5 days 80 Gallons Zinc Primer	\$ 333.44 4.48 7.78 42.00 2.94	3 5 )	$1,667.25 \\ 44.80 \\ 54.25 \\ 210.00 \\ 236.00$
Painting (2 coats)			
Labor 9 Days (8 Men) 90 Gallons Undercoat Grey 100 Gallons Aluminum Paint Equipment 9 Days Supt. Wages 13 Days Mileage 600 Miles	130.90 3.10 2.53 42.00 16.40 .00	5 L ))	$1,178.55 \\ 284.40 \\ 251.00 \\ 378.00 \\ 213.20 \\ 36.00$
		\$	4,553.45

,			Amount	Rate	Rate Balance of	Income	Expended	Expended Balance of
-	dow Invested	_	of Principal	Int	Income lst of Year	Year	Year	End of Year
Plymouth (	11	11	k \$100.00		16.31	2.35	15.00	3.66
- 11		"	100.00	29	9.82	2.23	8.00	4.05
3.66	46	44	150.00	70	40.42	3.87	5.00	39.29
39	46	53	50.00	in	1.90	1.07	2.00	76.
8	66	66	100.00	te	5.46	2.13	5.00	2.59
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**	66	66	200.00		14.80	4.38	15.00	4.18
55	66	13	100.00		5.15	2.13	3.00	4.28
3	86	66	75.00		1.47	1.55	2.00	1.02
			50.00		88.	1.01	1.00	78.
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			100.00		.10	2.04	2.00	.14
16	64	66						1
			200.00		5.34	4.16	4.00	5.50
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			100.00		1.41	2.05	2.00	1.46
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66	3	11	100.00		2.67	2.06	2.00	2.73
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Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Thornton, N. H., on December 31, 1949.

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5.30		5.00	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	U. S. Saving Bond Series G Plymouth Guar. Savings Bank Plymouth Guar. Savings Bank	Oct. 4, 1949 Benjamin Merrill by Lora Olsen Nov. 30, 1949 Russell Fader by Mrs. Wm. D. Coolling
00 1					lward J. Canfield Fund
16.74	15.00	21.24 10.50	500.00 20%	LINMOUN GUAL SAVINGS DANK	by Margaret Smith
	50.00	50.00	2000.00 21/2%	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	by Walter I. Lee
1.22	98.60	9.66 90.16	$2000.00 \ 21/2 \%$	U. S. Saving Bond Series G 2000.00 242%	by Walter I. Lee West Thornton Library Fund
					Oct. 11, 1945 Mad River Cemetery Fund

TRUST FUNDS (Continued)

		Birthplace of Mother		Campton	Stark	Manchester	Belleville N J	Huntington Co Pa	Laconia	Rumney
21, 1343		Birthplace of Father		Thornton	Thornton	Belleville N J	Plymouth	Campton	Campton	New Hampshire
REGISTICITION IN LIRE FOWIN OF FINDERION, N. 11., FOR LIVE TEAL LINUNG VECTINDER 31, 1343		Occupation of Father		Mechanic	Mill hand	Foreman paper mill Belleville N J	Lineman power Co Plymouth	Laborer	Millwright	Electrician
N. 11., 101 UR TE	atu	Parente	<b>Tolo</b>	W Thornton	W Thornton	W Thornton	W Thornton	W Thornton	W Thornton	W Thornton
IOWII OF THUTTON,		Maiden Name ef Mother		Ardelle S Benton	Bertha A Emery	Florence L Mitchell	Mary Ann Anderson	Mary Lois Herling  W Thornton	Patricia E Reister	Elva E Carpenter
negisteren in Line		Name of Father		Russell M Gilman  Ardelle S Benton	Glenwood H Duffy Bertha A Emery	Richard A Anderson Florence L Mitchell W Thornton	V Lawrence E Downing Mary Ann Anderson W Thornton	Roger F Steele	Lawrence G Thompson Patricia E Reister	/ Oscar H Inkell
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		Name of Child (If any)		Donna Ruth	Richard Homer	Thomas William	Bruce Allan	Daniel Roger	Roger L	11 Oscar Joseph
	d3	1949 1949	Date	Jan 22	Feb 2 .	Mar 2	Mar 23	Apr 14	June 10	July 11

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Registered
Marriages

Place of Marriage     Name and Surname of Groom and Bride     Residence of Marriage       Woodstock     Donald E     Wright     Campton       Woodstock     Donald E     Wright     Campton       Plymouth     Lealie R     Downing     Thornton       Plymouth     Lealie R     Downing     Thornton       Plymouth     Lealie R     Downing     Thornton       Roger S     Inkell     Thornton       Lakeport     Laurence G     Thornton       Meredith     Lester C     Sargeant       Virginia B     Cote     Ashland										
WoodstockDonald EWrightCamptonPlymouthGeraldine LDowningThorntonPlymouthLeelie RDowningThorntonRogalie MTurmellePlymouthCamptonRoger SInkellThorntonRoger SInkellThorntonHelen MKeeneyCamptonLakeportLaurence GThorntonPatricia EReisterLakeportMeredithLester CSargeantThorntonVirginia BCoteAshland	Date-1949	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage		Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	ed II Name residence and official station of person by whom married
Geraldine L Downing Thornton       Plymouth     Lealie R Downing     Thornton       Rogalie M Turmelle     Plymouth       Campton     Roger S Inkell     Thornton       Roger S Inkell     Thornton     Thornton       Lakeport     Laurence G Thompson     Thornton       Meredith     Lester C Sargeant     Thornton       Virginia B Cote     Anhland	fan 1	Woodstock		Campton	20 W Mill work	Runney	Arthur Wright	Warren	Carpenter	Robert N Sharp
PlymouthLealle R DowningThorntonRosalie M TurmellePlymouthRomptonRoger S InkellThorntonReportReeneyCamptonLakeportLaurence G ThompsonThorntonPatricia E ReisterLakeportMeredithLester C SargeantThorntonVirginia B CoteAshland			Geraldine L Downing	Thornton	18 W At home	Plymouth	Hollis E Downing	Concord	Mill work	Woodstock
Rosalie M Turmelle       Plymouth         Campton       Roger S Inkell       Thornton         Helen M Keeney       Campton         Laurence G Thompson       Thornton         Patricia E Reister       Lakeport         Meredith       Lester C Sargeant       Thornton         Virginia B Cote       Aahland	an 23	Plymouth	Leslie R Downing	Thornton	25 W General labor	Thornton	Zena E Sanborn Ezra R Downing	Flymouth Ellsworth	Housewife Farming	Ralph L Hirtle
CamptonRoger S InkellThorntonHelen M KeeneyCamptonLaurence G ThompsonThorntonPatricia E ReisterLakeportMeredithLester C SargeantVirginia B CoteAshland			Rosalie M Turmelle	Plymouth	20 W Cashier	Holderness	Wilfred Turmelle	Thornton Farmington Mass	Housewife	Clergyman Canaan
Helen M Keeney Campton Lakeport Laurence G Thompson Thornton Patricia E Reister Lakeport Meredith Lester C Sargeant Thornton Virginia B Cote Ashland	Ian 29	Campton	Roger S Inkell	Thornton	17 W Truck driver	Littleton	Filsie Lovett Theodore Inkell	Campton Canada	Housewife Truckdriver	Herbert C Taylor
Lakeport Laurence G Thompson Thornton Patricia E Reister Lakeport Meredith Lester C Sargeant Thornton Virginia B Cote Ashland			Helen M Keeney	Campton	18 W At home	Gardner Mass	Mabel Stearns Lemuel W Keeney	Littleton Melrose Mass	Housewife	Clergyman Campton
Patricia E Reister Lakeport Meredith Lester C Sargeant Thornton Virginia B Cote Ashland	reb 5	Lakeport	Laurence G Thompson	Thornton	19 W General labor	Campton	Blanche E. Davis George Thompson	Haverhill Mass Grantham		Paul McDonough
Meredith Lester C Sargeant Thornton Virginia B Cote Ashland			Patricia E Reister	Lakeport	19 W At home	Laconia	Mildred Simpson Harry Reister	Campton Laconia		Catholic Priest
Virginia B Cote Ashland	reb 19	Meredith	Lester C Sargeant	Thornton	26 W Mill work	Thornton	Carl A Sargeant	Littleton Hinsdale	Deceased	Robert Richard
			Virginia B Cote		23 W Teacher	Ashland	Adelle Simpson George T Cote	Thornton Gorham	Housewife	Catholic Priest
Campton Dennett V LAWBON LOWEIL MASS	Nov 19	Campton	Bennett C Lawson	Lowell Mass	26 W Box maker	Lowell Mass	Helen Harding George E Lawson	Fredericton N B		Robert C Taylor
Thelma E Sargeant Thornton 22 W			Thelma E Sargeant		22 W	Thornton	Daisy Clark Carl A Sargeant Adele Simpson	Lowell Mass Hinsdale Thornton		Campton

, 1949		Maiden Nume of Mother	Susan Crosby Laura Batchelder Augusta Bickford Jenny Drew Not known
inding December 31		Name of Father	Henry Woods Wilbur Avery Herbert Child William Willey Not known
H., for the Year f	Sex and Cond	elans', fenale olor w, tans, elans, w Ooo ooo parti op	A IO 140 M W D Laborer F W W Housewife M W W Retired M W W Blacksmith
n of Thornton, N.	Age	Place of Birth	90 Keene 67 New Hampshire 66 Tamworth 75 Thornton 79 Canada
Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1949	1	Place of Death Name and Surmanne of Deceased	Jeanie W Robbins 90 Burly Avery 67 Minnie Dolloff 75 Joseph Willey 75 Alec Gero 79
Deaths H		Place of Death	Campton Haverhill Thornton Concord Littleton
	aht ann	D#f* ◆{ D	Jan 7 Feb 16 Mar 31 Apr 7 June 24

# **School Report**



Taken 50 Years Ago

Payments to the School District represent the largest single appropriation in the Town Budget. It is important to attend the School District Meeting - as well as the Town Meeting.

#### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the 14th day of March, 1950, at 1:30 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 a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payments of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.

9. To see what action the District will take with reference to authorizing the Thornton School Board to sell the Lyford and Number Six School Houses.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Given under our hands at said Thornton this 2nd day of February, 1950.

FLORENCE STEELE, NELLIE M. ADAMS, EVA S. GREY, School Board of Thornton, N. H. A true copy of Warrant—Attest: FLORENCE STEELE, NELLIE M. ADAMS, EVA S. GREY, School Board of Thornton, N. H.

## OFFICERS OF THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### School Board

Eva S. Grey, Chairman Nellie Adams Florence Steele

# Treasurer and Clerk Irma Sullivan

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## Auditor

**Frances Avery** 

# Superintendent of Schools Arthur S. Rollins

## SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

1948

Received from Selectmen, Appropriation 1949	\$ 6,500.00
Received from Selectmen, Appropriation Received from State Treasurer	2,000.00 5.420.19
Received from State Treasurer, School Lunch Program	176.47
Total Receipts Cash on hand, June 30, 1948	\$ 14,096.66 155.75
Total Payments	14,252.41 13,774.39
	\$ 478.02

IRMA SULLIVAN,

District Treasurer, Thornton

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT For the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1948 and ending June 30, 1949

Receipts

State Aid				
Equalization and General \$ Total	5,	420.19	\$	5,420.19
Local Taxation				
Current appropriation \$ Balance of previous	6,	575.93	+	
appropriations Total	1,	924.07	•	8,500.00
Other Sources				
School Lunch Total		176.47		176.47
Total receipts from all sources Cash on hand (School Account & Special Accounts) at beginning			\$	14,096.66
year, July 1, 1948	5			155.75
Grand Total			\$	14,252.41

#### Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Thornton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

#### FRANCES AVERY,

July 12, 1949.

Auditor

# Payments

		-	Elementary ol School
Administration			
Salaries of district officers \$ Superintendent's sala (local share) Tax for state wide supervision Salaries of other adm istrative personnel Supplies and expense	194.32 186.00 un- 38.30		
Instruction			
Principals' and teachers' salaries Books and other			\$ 5,641.36
instructional aids Scholars' supplies Supplies and other e	xpenses		$225.14 \\ 262.11 \\ 46.15$
<b>Operation of School Pla</b>	int		
Salaries of janitors Fuel or heat Water, light, supplies	3		259.00 227.25
and expenses			87.44
Maintenance of School	Plant		
Repairs and replacen	nents		150.90
Auxiliary Activities			
Health supervision Transportation Tuition Special activities & special funds	\$	2,647.5	$\begin{array}{r} 214.14 \\ 1,962.50 \\ 246.00 \\ 204.95 \end{array}$
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Fixed Charges		
Retirement 358.60		
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and expenses 67.00 Capital Outlay		
New Equipment 427.93		
\$ 1,599.91 \$ 2,647.54	1 8	\$ 9,526.94
Total Payments for All Purposes	\$	13,774.39
Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1949) (School Account & Special Accounts)		478.02
Grand Total	\$	14,252.41
BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1949 ————— Assets		
Cash on hand Accounts due to district	\$	478.02
From Town		1,873.07
Total Assets	\$	2,351.09
Grand Total	\$	2,351.09
Liabilities		
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	\$	2,351.09
Grand Total	\$	2,351.09

#### Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

ARTHUR S. ROLLINS,

Superintendent

EVA S. GREY, NELLIE ADAMS, FLORENCE STEELE,

School Board

July 12, 1949

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

## Administration

Salaries District Officers Irma Sullivan Eva Grey, Chairman Nellie Adams Florence Steele Supt's. Excess Salary Per Capita Tax Clerical help, census, auditor Supplies and Expenses Instruction	•	\$	80.00 40.00 40.00		200.00 194.32 186.00 38.30 127.76
Mildred Thompson Olive Benton Harriette Hartwell Stephen Childs Frances Steele Carolyn Stevens Anna Moses Marjorie Uhlman Withholding tax Text Books Scholars' Supplies Other Expenses of Instructio	\$ 	1,	456.00 706.00 247.80 287.96 254.80 54.10 40.00 30.00 564.70		5,641.36 225.14 262.11 46.15
Janitor Service					259.00
Fuel					
Smith Merrill Everett Steele Olive Benton Harriette Hartwell Mildred Thompson	\$	:	$162.00 \\ 54.00 \\ 4.50 \\ 3.75 \\ 3.00$		227.25
Water, Light and Janitor Supp	lies			Ψ	87.44
Repairs and Replacements					150.90
•					

Health Supervision			214.14
Transportation			
Everett Steele Richard Bradley Mary Robertson	\$	$\begin{array}{c} 862.00 \\ 658.00 \\ 442.50 \end{array}$	a 1 0 00 F0
			\$ 1,962.50
High School Tuition			2,647.54
Elementary Tuition			246.00
Teacher's Retirement			358.60
Insurance & Bond			67.00
New Equipment — Movie Proj	ector		427.93
School Lunch Program			204.95
			\$ 13,774.39
Cash on hand, July 1, 1949			478.02
		9	\$ 14,252.41

# SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1950-1951

## School District of Thornton

Retailed Statem	ent of E	xpenditur	es
	High	Elem.	General
	School	School	Expenses
Administration			
Salaries of district offi Superintendent's salar		\$	250.00
(local share)			203.46
Tax for state wide sup Salaries of other admi	ervision nis-		188.00
trative personnel			55.80
Supplies and Other Ex	penses		125.00
Instruction			
Salaries of teachers and principals Books and other instru Scholars' supplies Salaries of clerical ass		6,300.00 s 150.00 225.00 50.00	
<b>Operation of School Plan</b>	t		
Salaries of Janitors		270.00	
Fuel or Heat		275.00	
Water, light, supplies & expenses		100.00	
Maintenance of School H	Plant		
Repairs and replaceme	nts	150.00	
Auxiliary Activities			
Health supervision		230.00	
Transportation Tuition \$ 5 Special activities and	3,050.00	3,648.00	
special funds		125.00	

# **Fixed Charges**

Retirement Insurance, Treasurer's Bonds		316.65	
and Expenses		70.00	
Capital Outlay			
Contingency Reserve		157.00	
Total Amount required to meet School Board's Budget	\$	15,938.91	
Estimated Income of Distric	t		
State aid as of December 1, 1950 \$4,300.0	)0		
Deduct Total Estimated Income		4,300.00	
Assessment Required to Balance School Board's Budget Special Appropriation Proposed (Articles in Warrant)	\$	11,638.91	
Def. Appropriation for transportation		960.00	
Total Assessment Required to cover Budget and Appropriations	\$	12,598.91	
FLORENCE STEELE,			
NELLIE M. ADAN	MS,		
EVA S. GREY,			
Thornton, N. H., Jan. 19, 1950.	Sch	ool Board	

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

#### To the Thornton School Board:

The superintendent's seventh annual report, submitted herewith, will be brief and will discuss only those topics that are deemed of greatest interest to Thornton people.

The first Monday of December, 1949, marked the beginning of transportation service that is a significant step forward in the promotion of both health and safety of children. Because of extension of transportation routes and the purchase of additional service, no school pupil is required to walk to school in the face of road hazards and bad weather. This enlarged transportation program will cost money that will increase the school budget. However, no person who attended a public school meeting at which School Board plans were offered for discussion and criticism expressed any objection, and it is assumed that there will be general acceptance of necessary budget proposals next March. The School Board have a right to count on approval.

Two of our three schools are filled almost to capacity while the third one has a small enrollment. The Center School is now most crowded and will graduate one pupil in June. It is expected that there will be five new pupils in September to replace that one. The only way to avoid an impossible situation is to assign some of those children who live near the mid-point between Center and Mad River to the latter school. So far as possible, we should equalize school memberships and bring each into better relation to building capacity.

It is recommended that the next budget make provision to recognize professional improvement of teachers and continued service through salary increases. By comparison with the state as a whole, our teachers are underpaid and on a financial level far below inexperienced teachers accepting their first contracts. Any one of our teachers could draw a higher salary if she really wanted to change her teaching position. While it is a wholly understandable desire to get all we can for our dollars, we ought to admit that there is a point beyond which it is not wise to depend on charity.

For several years our schools have had excellent textbook equipment but a lack of modern maps and reference material. We should do something about that lack now. Children who are at some distance from a library need good sources of information, within their school. We can make a start this year on a program of annual purchases that will eventually give every school the educational material your children deserve.

The loss of state aid was serious enough in 1949 but schools everywhere face still greater threats in 1950 as budgets are increased to include the heavier load placed on local tax payers. Budgets will be increased not because school boards and other officials want it that way but because they recognize the needs of the schools. Right now is the time when your children need every educational advantage you can give them. Their education, unlike road construction, purchase of machinery, and building repair, cannot wait for a more convenient season. As the 1950 budget is considered, let's balance pupil welfare against our natural impulse to reduce every expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR S. ROLLINS,

Superintendent of Schools

#### 1950-1951 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term Begins	Term Ends	No.	Weeks.	No. Days
Sept. 6, 1950 I	Dec. 21, 1950		16	72
Jan. 2, 1951 Fe	eb. 16, 1951		7	34
Feb. 26, 1951			8	40
April 30, 1951			7	34
			38	180

This calendar provides for opening all schools on Wednesday after Labor Day and closing all schools on Thursday, December 21. The fall term of 16 weeks contains 72 school days in addition to one day out for Plymouth Fair; two days for Teachers' Convention; and two days at Thanksgiving.

Since the two Convention days may be counted as a part of the school year, the calendar contains a possible 182 days. If more than two days should be lost because of bad weather, the required minimum of 180 days could be met either by Saturday sessions or by keeping school as long as necessary after June 15.

### **Teachers in Thornton Schools 1949-1950**

Grades

West Thornton-Mrs. Mildred E. Thompson	1-8
Center-Mrs. Harriette G. Hartwell	1-8
Mad River—Mrs. Olive Benton	1-8
Music, all schools—Stephen E. Childs	

#### **Roll of Perfect Attendance 1948-1949**

Stephen Uhlman

#### **1949 Graduates From Thornton Schools**

Anderson, Patricia May Benton, John Bertram Kilgore, Mary Kay Walker, Eunice Cora

#### **REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE**

To Thornton School Board:

I herewith submit my report as school nurse from September, 1948 to July, 1949.

Number of children inspected 65 Symptoms of defects:

Dental	15
Tonsils	7
Glands	6
Vision	7
Underweight	2
Orthopedic	1

Corrections reported made:

Dental	27
Tonsils	2
Vision	3

These diseases occurred since last examination:

Chicken	pox	8
Measles		25

The hearing tests were given with the group and individual Mano Audiometers.

The vision tests were made by the Massachusetts Eye Testing system.

Four children were treated at the Dental Clinic at Plymouth and financed by the Lincoln Red Cross.

One child was taken to Manchester Balch Orthopedic Clinic several times for examination and treatment of exercises and a brace fitted.

The hot school lunches were very successful and greatly appreciated.

The inspection symptoms of these	the	Fall,	1949,	showed
Number inspected				66
Vision				5
Teeth				19
Tonsils				9
Glands				5
Skin				1
Orthopedic				1

I take this opportunity to thank parents, teachers, school board and superintendent for their help in the Health Program for Thornton children.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. LOVETT, R.N.







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