

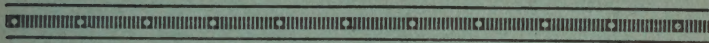
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# **THORNTON**

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**Granted: 1768**

**Settled: 1770**

**Incorporated: 1781**

**Total Area: 32640 Acres**

**Public Lands: 15038 Acres**

**Altitude: 555 - 2610 Feet**

**YEAR ENDING**

***December 31, 1951***

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

YEAR ENDING

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## TOWN OFFICERS, 1951

### SELECTMEN

Clayton S. Ham	No Phone
Clifton L. Shores	Campton 38-22
Kenneth W. Robbins	Campton 58-3

### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

Irma Sullivan	Campton 24-24
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### TAX COLLECTOR

Ida M. Horner	Campton 28-13
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### MODERATOR

George Thompson	Campton 18-4
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### OVERSEER OF POOR - HEALTH OFFICER

Ralph Steele	Campton 44-13
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### ROAD AGENTS

Dist. No. 1 & 2—John Rivers	Campton 26-14
Dist. No. 3—Fred Adams	No Phone

### FIRE WARDENS

Bert Benton	Campton 28-15
Spencer Ham	N. W. 3965
Lester Bradley	No Phone
Carl Broad	Campton 26-4

### POLICE

Ralph Steele	Campton 44-13
Theodore Hanson	

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Frances Avery, Isabel Ham, Ethel Robinson

### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Glenroy Howland, Scott Benton, Kenneth Robbins

### SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Ralph Steele, Clarence Downing, Morton White

### SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES

Scott Benton



### IT'S TO YOUR ADVANTAGE!

All Taxpayers are urged to return the Inventory Blanks, completely filled out and sworn to,—not only to assist the Selectmen to assess all taxable property, but **FOR THEIR OWN PROTECTION** in case of unsatisfactory assessment. Mail your Inventory Blank to the Selectmen, or bring it to the Town House on Tuesday, April 15th when the Selectmen meet to hear persons regarding their liability to be taxed.

You need not list real estate in great detail, but description should be accurate, and give some clue as to where it is.

Failure to return your Inventory Blank, forfeits your right of appeal from any of the taxes assessed.

Don't neglect to list the DOG.

# 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 eleventh 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 adopt the following schedule, amounting to \$1,277.00 for Town Officers' Salaries, to remain in force until changed by vote of the Town.

For Selectmen: \$200 each, except that two of the members shall each contribute \$20 to the man whose responsibility it falls, to prepare the Summary Inventory, the Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed, the Financial Report and the Annual Report, and provided also that the three men shall meet on the last week day of each month, at the Town Office, and shall not pay a member for the meetings he fails to attend, basing the pay at the rate of \$5 per meeting.

For Town Treasurer: \$150, for Town Clerk: \$100, for Tax Collector \$250 provided this amount is not in



excess of 1% of the total of the Tax Warrants to be collected.

For Moderator: \$15

For Auditors: \$8 each For Librarian: \$116

For Secretary of Trustees of Trust Funds: \$10

For Overseer of the Poor: \$20

3. To see what the Town will vote to do about improvements to the Mill Brook Road.

4. To see if the Town will vote to consider the Budget as printed and raise and appropriate money for the same.

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

6. To see if a discount will be allowed on property taxes paid on or before September first, and to determine the amount.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

CLAYTON S. HAM,

CLIFTON L. SHORES,

K. W. ROBBINS,

Selectmen of Thornton

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CLAYTON S. HAM,

CLIFTON L. SHORES,

K. W. ROBBINS,

Selectmen of Thornton

# THE BUDGET

## *Estimates Of Expenditures For Ensuing Year*

PURPOSES	EXPENDITURES	
	Actual 1951	Estimated 1952
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>		
<b>General Government:</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,280.50	\$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	658.83	500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	28.00	175.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	455.83	350.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>		
Police Department and Civil Defense	25.00	25.00
Fire Department	155.89	200.00
Insurance		75.00
<b>Health:</b>		
Vital Statistics	17.50	20.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	100.00	100.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>		
Town Maintenance: Summer	1,569.20	2,500.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,538.85	2,500.00
Hartwell Bridge		1,500.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	917.61	800.00
Town Road Aid	264.96	275.00
<b>Libraries:</b>	73.00	100.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>		
Town Poor	493.38	375.00
Old Age Assistance	1,562.01	1,800.00

## THE BUDGET - Continued

PURPOSES	EXPENDITURES	
	Actual	Estimated
	1951	1952
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>		
Memorial Day and War Memorial	57.50	35.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>		
Cemeteries	288.32	300.00
<b>Unclassified:</b>		
Advertising and Regional Associations	60.00	60.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>		
Town Construction Mill Brook	608.82	1,000.00
<b>Payments to Other Governmental Agencies:</b>		
County Taxes	\$ 1,942.98	1,942.98
School Taxes	10,968.48	17,353.03
Total Expenditures	\$ 24,066.66	\$33,486.01

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 as printed, each item may be voted upon separately by making a motion to that effect.

The next following page determines 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 Continued

## Amount To Be Raised By Property Taxes

### Sources of Revenue

	Actual	Estimated
	1951	1952
<b>From State:</b>		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 269.03	\$ 250.00
Railroad Tax	109.11	100.00
Savings Bank Tax	79.47	75.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	1,603.75	1,500.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	108.11	
For Fighting Forest Fires	56.72	
National Forest Reserve	536.96	500.00
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>		
Dog Licenses	189.00	175.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	131.02	
Income from Trust Funds	100.00	100.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,752.06	1,650.00
Sale of Town Property Cemetery Lots	20.00	
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>		
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	316.00	316.00
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Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	\$ 5,271.23	\$ 4,666.00
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Amount to be raised by Prop. Taxes		28,820.01
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Total Revenues		\$ 33,486.01

Last Year, Thornton won a prize in the  
State-wide Town Report Competition.

The idea is not to try to win prizes,  
but to make a report that will help you take part  
in the conduct of Town Affairs.

*Bring your report with you to Town Meeting*

# **Reports & Statistics**

of Divisions of Town Government

## Assessment Statistics - 1951

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Lands and Buildings		\$572,209.00
Electric Plants		68,226.00
Horses	57	4,900.00
Cows	135	13,380.00
Other Neat Stock	18	1,350.00
Sheep and Goats	17	170.00
Fowl	200	250.00
Portable Mills	4	2,400.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.		7,481.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		945.00
Stock in Trade		6,700.00
Mills and Machinery		200.00
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Total Gross Value Before Exemptions Allowed		678,211.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind		33,930.00
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Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate Is Computed		\$644,281.00
Tax Rate per C. of Valuation	\$	3.96
Property Taxes Committed		25,513.53
Poll Taxes Committed		428.00

# Financial Report, 1951

## ASSETS

### Cash

In hands of treasurer	\$ 10,984.67
Scrap metal—War Bond	180.00
Accounts Due to the Town—	
Due from State:	
Joint Highway Construction Accounts,	
Unexpended Bal. in State	
Treasury TRA	122.54
Reimbursement Federal Lands	1,500.00
National Forest Reserve	500.00
Bounties	18.50

### Unredeemed Taxes:

(From Tax Sale on Account of)	
Levy of 1950	191.08
Levy of 1949	68.31
Previous Years	97.81
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1951	6,436.02
Levy of 1950	23.07
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1951	285.00

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Total Assets	\$ 20,407.00
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Grand Total	\$ 20,407.00
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## LIABILITIES

### Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bills outstanding—Old Age a/c	
Nov. and Dec. (Est.)	\$ 237.99
West Side Road a/c	1,000.00
Mad River Road a/c	391.18
Civil Defense	225.00



Due to State:

State Head Taxes—1951	
(Uncollected \$285.00)	285.00
Refund—Yield Tax Account	543.26

Due to School Districts:

Balance of Appropriation	13,011.09
State and Town Joint Highway	

Construction Accounts:

Unexpended balance in State Treasury	122.54
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Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 15,816.06</u>
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	4,590.94

Grand Total	<u>\$ 20,407.00</u>
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LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS — 1951

		Overdraft	Unexpended
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	80.50	
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00	158.83	
Election and Registration	75.00		47.00
Town Hall Expenses	300.00	60.58	
Police and Civil Defense	250.00		225.00
Fire Department	200.00		100.83
Town Dump	100.00		
Vital Statistics	15.00	2.50	
Town Road Aid	270.00		5.04
Town Maintenance—Summer	1,500.00	69.20	
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	2,500.00	38.85	
Highway General Expense	800.00	117.61	
Library	50.00	23.00	
Town Poor	375.00	118.38	
Old Age Assistance	1,800.00		
Memorial Day	15.00	12.50	
Care of Cemeteries	200.00	88.32	
Advertising	60.00		
County Tax	1,942.98		6,653.03
School Tax	17,353.03		1,391.18
Special Town Road App.	2,000.00		
	<u>\$ 31,506.01</u>		

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Description	Value
Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$ 2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	100.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	1,200.00
Materials and Supplies	100.00
Cemetery	200.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	6,000.00
Equipment	3,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds	
Carrie Royce lot	50.00
Owner Unknown lot	100.00
Mike Nugent camp	200.00
Total	\$ 13,100.00

## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Balance Due Dec. 31, 1950	\$ 6,358.06
Less orders to July 1st	4,950.00
	1,408.06
Balance, Close of School Year	1,408.06
Appropriation 1951	17,353.03
	18,761.09
Less Orders	5,750.00
	13,011.09
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1951	\$ 13,011.09

## TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1951

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Cash on hand Dec. 30, 1950	\$	4,753.30
Received from Selectmen		3,055.05
Received from Town Clerk		1,941.06
Received from Tax Collector		
1947 Redemption	\$	173.20
1948 Redemption		444.04
1949 Redemption		348.89
1950 Redemption		291.96
1950 Tax Levy		3,163.62
1950 Tax Sale		474.61
1951 Tax levy		19,072.16
1950-1951 Yield Tax		2,077.04
1951 Head Tax		1,072.50
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		27,117.72
Total Receipts	\$	36,867.13
Total Payments		25,882.46
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1951	\$	10,984.67

IRMA SULLIVAN,

Town Treasurer

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## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 1951

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Received for Auto Permits, 1950	\$	12.27
Received for Auto Permits, 1951		1,739.79
Received for Dog Licenses		189.00
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Paid to Town Treasurer	\$	1,941.06

IRMA SULLIVAN,

Town Clerk

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## Summary of Warrant

### Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1951

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector

Property Taxes	\$ 25,513.53	
Poll Taxes	428.00	
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Total Warrant		\$ 25,941.53
Yield Taxes		2,031.44
Added Taxes		
Property Taxes		23.76
Poll Taxes		38.00
Yield Taxes		47.85
Interest Collected		6.76
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Total Debits		\$ 28,089.34

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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 18,749.40	
Poll Taxes	316.00	
Yield Taxes	1,991.04	
Interest Collected	6.76	
Discount Allowed	512.50	
Abatements Allowed	77.62	
Uncollected Taxes as Per Collector's List:		
Property Taxes	\$ 6,233.81	
Poll Taxes	128.00	
Yield Taxes	74.21	
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Total Credits		\$ 28,089.34

# Selectmen - In Account With

Year Ending December 31, 1951

## RECEIPTS

### From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, 1951	\$ 18,749.40
Poll Taxes, 1951	316.00
Yield Taxes	1,991.04
State Head Tax @ \$5	1,070.00

Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$ 22,126.44
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes Previous Years	3,497.97
Poll Taxes, previous years	102.00
Interest Received on Taxes	131.02
Penalties on State Head Taxes	2.50
Tax Sales Redeemed	1,257.79

### From State:

Interest and dividend tax	269.03
Railroad Tax	109.11
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	79.47
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	1,603.75
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	108.11
National forest reserve	536.96
Fighting forest fires	56.72
Bounties	10.75

### From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	189.00
Income from Trust Funds	100.00

(Receipts Continued on Page 22)



## Receipts (Continued)

Registration of motor vehicles, 1950 Permits	12.27
Registration of motor vehicles, 1951 Permits	1,739.79
<b>Receipts Other than Current Revenue:</b>	
Refunds	5.75
State Head Tax	5.40
New Trust Funds received during year	150.00
Cemetery Lots	20.00
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	<u>181.15</u>
Total Receipts from All Sources	32,113.83
Cash on hand January 1, 1951	4,753.30
Grand Total	<u>\$ 36,867.13</u>



## Payments (Continued)

Bert Pulsifer, insurance (2 yrs.)	129.06	
F. J. Shores, transfer search	13.47	
Ida M. Horner, cost of tax sales	28.61	
Ida M. Horner, office expenses	33.95	
K. W. Robbins, expense & supplies	53.70	
Clayton Ham, expenses	30.00	
Clifton Shores, expenses	26.20	
Ralph Steele, Overseer expense	11.80	
Ida M. Horner, copying records	20.00	
	_____	\$ 658.83
 <b>Election and Registration</b>		
Ralph Steele, supervisor	16.00	
Clarence Downing, supervisor	12.00	
	_____	\$ 28.00
 <b>Town Hall</b>		
N. H. Elec. Co-Operative	24.00	
Emery Tobyne, painting	325.67	
Gas Heater and Installation	101.91	
K. W. Robbins, lock and shelf	4.25	
	_____	\$ 455.83
 <b>Police Department</b>		
Ralph Steele	25.00	
	_____	\$ 25.00
 <b>Fire Department</b>		
Bert Benton, tool box	15.37	
Bert Benton, Kimball fire, etc.	102.76	
Willie Downing, tool box	23.00	
State Forest Com., fire tools	14.76	
	_____	\$ 155.89
 <b>Bounties</b>		
K. W. Robbins, 5 hogs, 1 bear	6.25	
Clayton Ham, 9 hogs, 2 bear	12.25	
	_____	\$ 18.50
 <b>Vital Statistics</b>		
Irma Sullivan, clerk	17.50	
	_____	\$ 17.50

## Payments (Continued)

### Maintenance—Highways & Bridges

Summer Work	1,569.20	
Winter Work	2,538.85	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 4,108.05

(For itemized account please  
see special report)

### Town Road Aid

Town's Share	264.96	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 264.96

### General Expenses Highway Dept.

Sandwich Notch	300.00	
Frank Avery Garage	30.11	
Roger Steele, plank	3.12	
R. S. Yeaton, plank	48.00	
Chase Grain Mill, salt	54.00	
Chase Grain Mill, culvert	32.97	
American Tar Co.	263.61	
John River, Gore tar	182.80	
Clarence Downing, water trough	3.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 917.61

### Libraries

Frances Avery, Trustee - App.	50.00	
Frances Avery, Lee Dividend	50.00	
Vera Hazeltine, janitor service	23.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 123.00

### Public Welfare

Old Age Assistance (10 mo.)	1,562.01	
Town Poor	493.38	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 2,055.39

### Memorial Day and War Memorial

Scott Benton, flags	10.50	
Glen Howland, flag	6.00	
Milton Davis, iron	11.00	
Willie Downing, care	30.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 57.50

## **Payments (Continued)**

### **Public Service Enterprises**

Cemeteries	338.32	
Town Dump	100.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 438.32

### **Unclassified Payments**

Taxes Bought by Town	474.61	
White Mt. Region Asso.	60.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 534.61

### **New Construction - Permanent Improvements**

John Rivers, Appropriation	608.82	
(See special report)	<u>          </u>	\$ 608.82

### **Payments to Other Governmental Divisions**

State Head Taxes Remitted	1,092.50	
Taxes paid to County	1,942.98	
School District Payments	10,700.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	150.00	
School District (Forest Reserve)	268.48	
	<u>          </u>	\$14,133.96

Total Payments		\$ 25,882.27
Plus adjustment for check charge		.19
		<u>          </u>
		\$ 25,882.46

## SOLDIERS' EXEMPTIONS

James Anderson	\$ 800.00
Amos Avery	600.00
Arlene A. Bean	600.00
Hazel Binette	1,000.00
Scott Alonzo Benton	1,000.00
Lyman Boyce, Jr.	1,000.00
H. M. Bickford	1,000.00
Archie C. Browne	1,000.00
Floyd Boyce	600.00
Mary G. Cooper	1,000.00
Peter C. Demers	1,000.00
K. J. Dollahite, Jr.	1,000.00
Howard Downing	1,000.00
Richard Downing	500.00
Russell Gilman	1,000.00
Donald Grace	500.00
Nathaniel Hartwell	1,000.00
Kenneth Haynes	200.00
Joseph Holub	1,000.00
Raymond Holbrook	1,000.00
Oscar Inkel	1,000.00
Peter Jennings	1,000.00
Eric Leonhardt	1,000.00
Roland Marshall	1,000.00
Robert McGee	1,000.00
Richard Oliver	1,000.00
Charles Ouellet	1,000.00
John Piper	1,000.00
Lizafore Romprey	1,000.00
Edward Raymond	1,000.00
Frank and Roger Steele	1,930.00
Frances Smith	100.00
Robert Strong	1,000.00
Guy Vintinner	1,000.00
Mrs. Carl Wescott	1,000.00
Norton White	500.00
Alfred White	2,200.00

Total Valuation Exempt      \$ 34,530.00

Soldier's exemption applications must be filed with the Selectmen, EACH AND EVER YEAR, before April 15th.

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

## ABOUT TOWN

### SELECTMEN

The most important duties of the Selectmen are specific duties at certain times of year, requiring them to function as a Board. They must familiarize themselves with all the property in town, and acquaint themselves with the Laws governing towns. They must study the principles governing appraisals and taxation. The specific duties are:—

- (1.) Appraising cattle, real estate and timber severance.
- (2.) Listing Polls, Dogs and Property Taxes, and preparing the Tax Warrants.
- (3.) Preparing the Budget and the Warrant.

A Selectman's duties can come at almost any time, and in almost any part of town, but most of the "General Duties" of the Office can be taken care of by regular monthly meetings at the Town House. This is the place to take care of Road Problems, Bounties, Abatements, Veterans' Exemptions, Bonds, Permits, Insurance, Welfare, Civil Defense, Forestry Cooperation, Internal Revenue records, Tax Commission instructions, Making Payment Vouchers, answering mail and settling accounts, not to mention the time honored privilege of receiving complaints.

One important part of the Office of Selectmen can be summed up as "office work." This is as follows:

- (1.) Mailing out the Inventory Blanks, Copying the Blotter Book, Entering the Vouchers, Adding and Closing the Books and having an Audit.
- (2.) Preparing the Summary Inventory, Figuring the Timber Tax Reimbursement, Preparing the Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed and Obtaining Tax Commission Approval.

- (3.) Making transcript of Severance Tax Records, Preparing the Financial Report, Assembling the material for the Annual Report, having it printed and mailing it out.

We should all realize more fully what the job of Selectman requires in time, ability and EXPERIENCE.

A well organized Board of Selectmen means a well organized town.

### **TOWN DUMP**

A place for a dump is a difficult problem in any Town. A place has been provided on the Mill Brook Road, which is handy to most parts of town, and has been inspected and approved by the State Board of Health. To keep it under proper control, it should be fenced, and opened for use on certain days only.

### **TOWN HOUSE**

Emery Tobyne has given the building one good coat of paint. It was pretty hungry. A second coat this year will be good business. The Selectmen's Office has been painted, and a gas heater installed. The practice of holding regular meetings can now be adopted. This should save a lot of running around, and expense.

### **WEST THORNTON BRIDGE**

The State Highway crew is painting the bridge and putting it in good shape for many years to come. For arranging this for us, our Representative Ida M. Horner deserves the orchids.

### **CIVIL DEFENSE**

Don't get the idea that the Civil Defense effort is dead. We have received over ten pounds of Bulletins and Directives. We are waiting for the cold war to turn a bit hotter before buying a siren, but we are ready to be ready. YOU must be, too!

## **TOWN ROADS**

### **WINTER WORK**

Snow plowing, sanding and snow fence section, is charged up to this account.

John Rivers plows at Mad River, and this year his plowing alone, came to \$639.60. He sands at Mad River and at Mill Brook, and for this year he paid out \$40.05 for sand, thawing culverts, etc., and \$415.70 for the sanding.

The Ham Brothers plow at the Gore and on the West Side. Their work is pretty well scattered over town, and like Mad River, there are many door yards to plow. Most people are learning to fix their door yards to accommodate the plows, and this helps both the plowing and the door yard! The plowing cost \$1237.50 this year.

The sanding, etc., at the Gore and West Side is done by Fred Adams, and this cost was \$216.00 this year.

It will be noticed that the Winter cost for maintaining three districts are fairly equally divided. The work depends upon the weather, and the weather is about the same in all Districts (if everyone is happy!). In Summer, the maintenance work depends more on the use the roads get, and it is not sensible to divide the appropriation equally according to Districts. We are fast coming to the conclusion that a well organized Town Road Dept., under one man, with necessary equipment, would be more sensible today than the present system. More can be gained per dollar spent.

## TOWN ROADS

### SUMMER WORK

Old customs sometimes hang around longer than is good for us! We have, as usual, raised \$1,500.00 for Summer Maintenance and divided it more or less equally between three road districts, regardless of the fact that the districts are not equal, today, in the USE the roads get. We have got to have more money for maintaining the Mill Brook Road, which is now heavily used in Summer. The Budget estimate reflects this need, this year. At the Gore, the Hartwell bridge has required much patching lately, and it now must be re-planked. This is not a maintenance problem, but will require a special appropriation. Probably it should be planked this time with treated planking.

John Rivers spent \$514.80 at Mad River, and \$567.50 at Mill Brook. Fred Adams spent \$486.90 at the Gore and West Side.

An emergency \$63.00 was spent on the road to the Thos. Sullivan place at Mill Brook, to make it passable for the late-style cars. Mr. Sullivan damaged a new Chrysler car, and has been very considerate about the matter. He expects us to do some more work on the road.

A number of different people were employed by the Road Agents, but today we are more interested in what the Road Agents can give US, and less interested in who got a couple of days work from them. In times past, the right to work for some of the "Road Money" was carefully guarded. Today, it is hard to get people to work! This is a machine age, and we want the best organization to give us the best roads for the money we have available.



## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION — TOWN ROADS

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The Town voted \$1,000 for Fred Adams to use on the West Side, and \$1,000 for John Rivers to use at Mad River—in connection with laying out the T. R. A. allotment there.

No work was done on the West Side, and the money is on hand.

At Mad River, \$254.30 was laid out, for culvert and ditching, when it developed that the State was adopting a practice of laying out the T. R. A. money themselves. The balance of the Town money was therefore withheld to be used later by the Town. We had a T. R. A. balance due us from the work at the Gore last year, which we had planned to use at the Gore for tar, this year. This balance (\$354.52) was used by the State at Mad River, and so we took this amount from the John Rivers appropriation, for tar at the Gore. This leaves a balance in the John Rivers appropriation, of \$391.18.

The State built and tarred the Goose Hollow hill, (2/10ths mile) and graveled the road past the cemetery (4/10th mile) at a cost of \$2,266.09 from an available fund of \$2,388.63.

Last year the Town built half a mile of road at the Gore, and tarred it this year, at a cost of \$1,689.29—of which \$617.93 was for tar.

Most of the Town's tarred roads could stand another top-dressing this year. The sooner we realize that a small Town can't afford too much tarred road, the better off we shall be.

## DISTRICT NO. 3 REPORT

Fred S. Adams, Agent

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### Road Agent—Summer Account

Fred Adams, truck, team	\$	219.70
Geo. Adams		96.60
Leon Brown		85.50
Bert Avery, truck		27.90
Lawrence Downing, tractor		18.00
George McGee, bulldozer		16.00
Richard Bradley, gravel		6.40
Albert Reitsma		2.40
Alden Willey		2.70
Harry Gilman		11.70
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	\$	486.90

### Road Agent—Winter Account

Fred Adams, truck	\$	103.50
Leon Brown		33.00
Ralph Steele, Jr.		24.00
Stanley Adams		13.50
Geo. Adams		9.90
Vincent Levasseur		8.80
Albert Reitsma		4.00
Eliza Haynes, Gravel		9.30
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	\$	206.00

## CEMETERY REPORT

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At the Pine Grove Cemetery, Hanson Cemetery, Orris Road Cemetery and the Gore Cemetery, \$217.20 was spent for mowing and general upkeep, including repairing fences. \$15.52 was spent for supplies and repairs for the National Mower.

At Mad River Cemetery, Roy and Everett Sawyer spent \$75.60 for general upkeep and \$30.00 for mowing and raking.

SCOTT BENTON, Supt.

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## Report of Overseer of Poor

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Town Cases		
Russell Cochrane	\$	488.38
Contra A/C		5.00
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	\$	493.38
Cost to Town	\$	488.38
Refund to Town		5.00
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	\$	493.38

RALPH STEELE, Overseer

# **LIBRARY REPORT**

## **Trustees**

### **Receipts**

Received from Selectmen	\$	50.00
Interest from Walter Lee Trust Fund		50.00
Library Dues		5.37
Total Receipts	\$	105.37

### **Payments**

H. R. Hunting Co., Books	\$	37.07
Personal Book Shop		25.05
Magazines		28.25
Ayers Insurance		15.00
Total Payments	\$	105.37

FRANCES AVERY,

Library Trustee

### **Librarian**

Books Circulated	1,123
Magazines	220
Books Purchased	37
Gift of Books from Mr. and Mrs. Boyer	2
Library Dues	\$ 5.37

VERA HAZELTINE,

Librarian

# **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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, 1951, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched.

PHYLLIS HOLBROOK,

GLENN DUFFY

Auditors

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1951

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUNDS Purpose — Care of Cemetery Lots	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int.	Balance of Income 1st of Year	Income During Year	Expended during Year	Balance of Income End of Year
Jan. 12, 1929	Leonard Durgin	Plymouth	\$100.00	2%	3.27	2.61	4.00	1.88
Jan. 12, 1929	Albert Barnard	"	100.00	2%	3.70	2.61	4.00	2.31
Jan. 12, 1929	Houston & Carleton	"	150.00	2%	15.09	4.49	5.00	14.58
Jan. 12, 1929	John Colby	"	50.00	2%	.25	1.28	1.00	.53
Apr. 1, 1936	Dana Fadden Sr	"	100.00	2%	2.19	2.59	3.00	1.78
Apr. 1, 1936	E. C. Burleigh	"	50.00	2%	.89	1.26	2.00	.15
Apr. 1, 1936	A. C. & Daniel Moulton	"	200.00	2%	5.35	5.18	6.00	4.53
May 26, 1936	John Burleigh	"	100.00	2%	4.42	2.63	3.00	4.05
Oct. 13, 1936	Mason & Smith	"	75.00	2%	.95	1.91	2.00	.86
May 24, 1940	Romanzo & John Johnson	"	100.00	2%	.67	2.53	3.00	.20
Jan. 31, 1940	Daniel James	"	50.00	2%	1.10	1.29	2.00	.39
Feb. 27, 1941	Harry & Will Eimmons	"	200.00	2%	5.68	5.19	5.00	5.87
Nov. 3, 1941	Elkins & Richards	"	100.00	2%	2.01	2.58	3.00	1.59
Feb. 1, 1943	Warren Moulton	"	50.00	2%		1.35	1.00	.35
June 16, 1943	Charles & Jonathan Gordon	"	100.00	2%	.52	2.53	3.00	.05
July 11, 1944	Campbell & Bowles	"	100.00	2%	.51	2.53	3.00	.04
Oct. 10, 1944	Alfred Dame	"	100.00	2%	3.31	2.60	4.00	1.91
Oct. 11, 1945	Mad River Cemetery	U. S. Saving Bond Series G	2000.00	2½%	.55	50.00	50.00	.55
Oct. 11, 1945	West Thornton Library	"	2000.00	2½%		50.00	50.00	
Nov. 6, 1946	Margaret Smith	Plymouth Guar Savings Bank	500.00	2%	19.80	13.10	15.00	17.90
Oct. 5, 1948	Edward Canfield	U. S. Saving Bond Series G	200.00	2½%	7.58	5.17	3.00	9.75

TRUST FUNDS (Continued)

Oct. 4, 1949	Benjamin Merrill	Plymouth Guar. Savings Bank	100.00	2%	.04	2.51	2.00	.55
Nov. 30, 1949	Russell Fader	" "	150.00	2%	.25	3.76	3.00	1.01
Aug. 15, 1951	Eliza Haynes	" "	100.00	2%		.41		.41
Aug. 15, 1951	Frank Ham	" "	50.00	2%		.21		.21
		TOTALS	6,825.00		78.13	170.32	177.00	71.45

GLENROY M. HOWLAND	}	Trustees.
SCOTT A. BENTON		

**Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1951**

Date of Birth	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 Mother	Birthplace of Father
		Male	Female							
Feb 5	Eruce Falkner	M	L	3 Alfred C. White	Alberta M Canham	W	Thornton	Retired Capt. Army	Pennsylvania	Massachusetts
Mar 8	Christine Carol	F	L	2 Charles L. Robertson	Dorothy G Downing	W	Thornton	Contractor	Thornton	Thornton
Mar 16	Donna Lee	F	L	1 Donald Edw Grace	Jetty June Anderson	W	Thornton	Laborer	Belleville N J	Orange
Mar 21	Gary Wayne	M	L	1 Stanley A. Manion	Jean Gale Howland	V	Thornton	Laborer	No Woodstock	Wentworth
Apr 19	Ronald Allen	M	L	1 Fred G. Hartwell	Barbara Ann Steele	W	Thornton	Laborer	Thornton	No Woodstock
Apr 24	Ralph Scott	M	L	5 Richard L. Bradley	Dorothy W Corkum	W	Thornton	Farmer	Readsboro Vt	Thornton
May 5	Kathleen Frances	F	L	2 Frederick A. Glover	Barbara E. Robertson	W	Thornton	Machinist	Thornton	Berlin
May 31	Patricia Ann	F	L	1 Richard R. Howard	Alice Dion	W	Thornton	Laborer	Landaff	Thornton
June 11	Charlene Marie	F	L	2 Robert W. Downing	Pauline M. Wigggett	W	Thornton	Laborer	New Hampshire	Thornton
June 11	Robert Allan	M	L	3 Albert C. Lamson	Ionna Ruth Dolloff	W	Thornton	Mechanic	Thornton	Boston Mass
June 26	George Lyman	M	L	2 Lyman Geo. Boyce	Emma Pearl Knapp	W	Thornton	Laborer	Norton Kan	Thornton
July 7	Richard James	M	L	5 Alfred Wm Burbank	Elizabeth G. McGeer	W	Thornton	Laborer	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
Sept 7	Christine	F	L	3 Roland W. Marshall	Lausan'e Gudmundsen	W	Thornton	Navy pilot	Idaho	Massachusetts
Sept 24	Lee Thomas	M	L	3 Russell M. Gilman	Ardelle E. Benton	W	Thornton	Vehicle operator	Campton	Thornton
Oct 24	Diane Lynn	F	L	4 Lawrence E. Downing	Mary Ann Anderson	W	Thornton	Lineman	Belleville N J	Plymouth
Nov 3	Sandra Doris	F	L	3 Eugene Superchi	Irene May Downing	W	Thornton	Truck driver	Thornton	Lincoln

## Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1951

Date—1951	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	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Times Married	Name residence and official station of person by whom married
April 14	Thornton	Ralph D Steele Jr	Thornton	25	W	Mill work	Thornton	Ralph Steele Florence Wightman	Thornton Jamaica Plain Mass	Farmer Housewife	1	Sidney D Cahoon Clergyman
		Helen Elaine Benton	Thornton	18	W		Thornton	Bert Benton Olive Simonds	Thornton Lancaster	Farmer Housewife	1	Woodstock
June 5	Woodstock	Lyman George Boyce	Thornton	26	W	Farmer	Thornton	Lyman S Boyce Emma Dowd	Thornton Brandon Vt	Farmer Housewife	1	Jas C Muchmore Justice of Peace
		Emma Pearl Knapp	Thornton	25	W		Norton Kan	Hiram S Knapp Maggie K Abye	Kansas Norton Kan	Housewife Deceased	1	Woodstock
June 16	Thornton	Charles Walter Frye	Raymond	53	W	Clergyman	Lawrence Mass	Frank Charles Frye Emma Hill	England Thornton	Deceased Farmer	2	Stanley M Sprague Clergyman
		Rachel M Wright	Thornton	33	W		Thornton	Albert D Merrill Edith Downing	England Ellsworth	Deceased Deceased	2	Plymouth
June 17	Holderness	Charles T Benton	Thornton	20	W	Air Police	Lancaster	Bert T Benton Olive M Simonds	Thornton Lancaster	Farmer Deceased		
		Mary F Thompson	Holderness	20	W		Plymouth	George A Thompson Bertha Monroe	Ashland Marshville Mo			
July 14	Plymouth	Richard H Uhlman	Thornton	25	W	Paper mill	Thornton	Harry Uhlman Hilma Broad	Thornton Thornton	Mill work Housewife	1	Deane L Hodges Clergyman
		Harriette Wissinger	Plymouth	26	W		Ashland	Frank Tucker Theresa Dow	Melvin Village Ashland	Dry Cleaner Housewife	2	Plymouth
Aug 8	Woodstock	Richard O Prescott	Plymouth	20	W	Soldier	Runney	Norris G Prescott Irene May Elliott	Plymouth Sweden	Housewife Mill work	1	Sidney D Cahoon Clergyman
		Barbara I Shores	Thornton	24	W	Housewife	Belleville N J	Eric Anderson Sigrid Sundberg	Sweden Thornton	Housewife Laborer	2	Woodstock
Sept 15	Campton	Eugene C Downing	Thornton	19	W	Soldier	Thornton	Chester Downing Alice Merrill	Thornton Nova Scotia	Housewife Housewife	1	Herbert C Taylor Clergyman
		Barbara M Sweeney	Campton	17	W	At Home	Norwood Mass	Leo E Sweeney Hazel M Smith	Thornton Cochituate Mass	Housewife Deceased	1	Campton



Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1951

Date of Death 1951	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age Years	Place of Birth	Sex and Cond'n			Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
					Male, F	Female, M	Single, mar'y			
Jan 4	Concord	Michael Nugent	80	Quebec Can	M	W	S	Woodcutter	James Nugent	Elizabeth Murphy
Jan 14	Campton	Walter W Harding	58	Whitman Mass	M	W	M	Laborer	Clayton Harding	Georgie Libby
Jan 19	Plymouth	Eva Lyford Saultier	50	Thornton	F	W	M	Housewife	Jenn Dolloff	Arissia Lyford
Feb 12	Holderness	Mina R Tucker	66	Marblehead Mass	F	W	S	Retired	Richard Tucker	Annie G Snow
Feb 18	Littleton	Emma S Merrill	88	Thornton	F	W	S	Retired	William Merrill	Sarah Whitney
Mar 23	Holderness	Myrtle E Merrill	80	Sharon Vt	F	W	S	Housewife	Not known	Not known
May 22	Littleton	Fannie Elliott	68	Sandwich	F	W	W	Housewife	Cyrus Hodgson	Abbie Snow
Aug 15	Littleton	Sadie M Connors	72	Sugar Hill	F	W	W	Housewife	Franklin P Clark	Alice I Russell
Oct 3	Lincoln	Harry Adams	65	Woodsville	M	W	M	Mill work	Melvin Adams	Ella Fox
Oct 5	Plymouth	Mary Rivers	64	St Stephens N B	F	W	W	Housewife	Not known	Not known
Oct 6	Thornton	Lillita A Russell	84	Nova Scotia	F	W	W	Housewife	Thomas B Lewis	Eliza Lewis
Oct 8	Plymouth	Hollis A Howard	64	Lyme	M	W	M	Farmer	Richard A Howard	Julia Cutting
Dec 12	Plymouth	Herbert A Moulton	73	Thornton	M	W	M	Lumber busn	Arthur C Moulton	Laura A Paige



# **School Report**

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

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

You are here notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the eleventh day of March, 1952, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing year.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Thornton this 24th  
day of January, 1952.

EVA S. GREY,  
FLORENCE STEELE,  
NELLIE ADAMS,

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EVA S. GREY,  
FLORENCE STEELE,  
NELLIE ADAMS,

School Board

# OFFICERS OF THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## School Board

Mrs. Eva S. Grey, Chairman

Mrs. Florence Steele

Mrs. Nellie Adams

## Treasurer and Clerk

Mrs. Irma Sullivan

## Auditor

Frances Avery

## Superintendent of Schools

Arthur S. Rollins

## SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

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	1950	
	Received from Selectmen, Appropriation	\$ 6,878.00
	Received from Selectmen, Forest Reserve	261.12
	1951	
	Received from Selectmen, Appropriation	4,650.00
	Received from School Board, sale of stove and windows	22.00
	Received from State Treasurer	4,589.52
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	Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 16,400.64
		71.64
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	Total Payments	\$ 16,472.28
		16,451.73
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	Cash on hand June 30, 1951	\$ 20.55

IRMA SULLIVAN,

District Treasurer, Thornton

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE  
THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1950,  
and Ending June 30, 1951

<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Federal Aid</b>		
National Forest Reserve	\$ 261.12	
Total	\$ 261.12	\$ 261.12
<b>State Aid</b>		
Equalization and Emergency	4,589.52	
Total	4,589.52	4,589.52
<b>Local Taxation</b>		
Current Appropriation	8,766.85	
Balance of Previous Appropriations	2,761.15	
Total	11,528.00	
<b>Other Sources</b>		
Other	22.00	
Total	22.00	22.00
Total Receipts from all sources		\$ 16,400.64
<b>Cash on Hand at Beginning of year, July 1, 1950</b>		
General Fund	71.64	
Total	71.64	71.64
Grand Total		\$ 16,472.28

**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, 1951, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANCES AVERY,

July 12, 1951

Auditor



## Payments

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	High School	Elementary School
<b>Administration</b>		
Salaries of district Officers	\$ 62.50	\$ 187.50
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	50.50	151.93
Tax for state wide supervision	40.00	148.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	12.52	37.58
Supplies and expenses	27.00	84.27
<b>Instruction</b>		
Teachers' Salaries		5,902.28
Books and other instructional aids		122.97
Scholars' Supplies		293.92
Supplies and other expenses		124.58
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>		
Salaries of janitors		191.20
Fuel or heat		200.73
Water, light, supplies and expenses		120.26
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>		
Repairs and Replacements		643.16
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>		
Health Supervision		210.62
Transportation		3,085.00
Tuition	3,746.86	
<b>Fixed Charges</b>		
Retirement	3.70	829.20
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses		45.20
Total Current Expenses	\$ 3,943.08	\$12,378.40

**Capital Outlay**

New Equipment		130.25
Total Payments for all purposes	\$ 3,943.08	\$12,508.65
Cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1951)		
General Fund		20.55
Capital Outlay Fund		\$ 16,472.28

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**Balance Sheet June 30, 1951**

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**Assets**

Cash on hand June 30, 1951	\$	20.65
Accounts due to district From Town or City		1,008.06
Total Assets	\$	1,028.71
Grand Total	\$	1,028.71
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	\$	1,028.71
Grand Total	\$	1,028.71

## Certificate

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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.

EVA S. GREY,  
FLORENCE STEELE,  
NELLIE M. ADAMS,

July 12, 1951

School Board

# SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1952-53

## School District of Thornton

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### Detailed Statement of Expenditures

	Elementary
<b>Administration</b>	
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 300.00
Superintendent's Salary	215.73
Tax for state wide supervision	184.00
Salary of Adm. personnel	70.00
Supplies and expenses	140.00
<b>Instruction</b>	
Teachers' Salaries	7,700.00
Books and instructional aids	225.00
Scholars' supplies	275.00
Other expenses	125.00
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>	
Janitor Service	210.00
Fuel	375.00
Water, light and supplies	160.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>	
Repairs and replacements	275.00
Health Supervision	275.00
Transportation	3,915.00
High School Tuition	3,150.00

**Fixed Charges**

Teachers' Retirement	500.00
Insurance & Treas. Bond	70.00
Contingency Fund	545.00
New Equipment	225.00
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	\$ 18,934.00

**Estimated Income of District**

Balance	\$ 775.00
State Aid	188.00
Federal Reserve	260.00
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	\$ 1,223.00
District Assessment	17,711.73
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Total Appropriation	\$ 18,934.73

EVA GREY,  
FLORENCE STEELE,  
NELLIE ADAMS,

Thornton, School Board  
January 24, 1951

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS — THORNTON

The Thornton School Board:

My ninth annual report as your superintendent of schools is now submitted for your information and that of citizens of Thornton. The report presents a discussion of the major problems before the school district, and such statistical data as may be useful to the people of this town.

At the beginning of the present school year, a change was made in the organization of two Thornton schools. All pupils in grades one to four are now assigned to the West Thornton school. All pupils in grades five to eight are assigned to the Center school. Before the board reached a final decision on the reorganization, all parents whose children would be affected by the change were invited to attend a public meeting at which the plans and the reasons for them were fully explained. All reports that have come to me indicate that a great deal of benefit has come to both age groups of children because of the change. For one thing, the teachers in those groups now have one half the number of grades for which they might have to be responsible in former years. Membership in each grade is of sufficient size to furnish the competition and incentive that pupils frequently lack when there might have been only one or two in a given grade. School management has been simplified because all pupils in a given school are within a narrower age range. Naturally, the change has meant a slightly higher cost of transportation which is more than offset by benefits which the children enjoy. Because of geographical limitation, it was not possible to make the same changes for children in the area which is served by the Mad River school.

At this point, it may be well for us to consider future school needs in Thornton. If home building continues at its present rate in that part of Thornton nearest Campton Village, it will inevitably happen that our school population will be larger than can be accommodated in our three school buildings. When that time

comes, new school construction can no longer be postponed. It seems to me that steps ought to be taken to explore the possibility of joining the neighboring town of Campton in a building program that would greatly benefit both towns. The financial burden for either one would be much less in a cooperative program than in one undertaken by each town alone. Advantages that have accrued to pupils in our two schools which have been reorganized are indicative of the still greater values in a larger and centralized school. As far as Thornton is concerned, transportation costs would probably not be much different from those we now have to meet. Details relating to size of building, type of construction, equipment, location and division of cost could be worked out by a joint committee from the two school districts. I recommend that some sort of plan be undertaken while there is ample time to work out details, rather than to wait until the growth of school population compels what might well prove to be more costly and inefficient school construction.

I hope the people of Thornton appreciate the policy which has been followed by the Thornton School Board for the past two years. When a radical change of policy was considered, even though the school board may have had the right to proceed immediately, the matter has been brought before the citizens of the town for discussion at a public meeting. It is only right that those who are to be affected by changed plans and policies should know the reasons why they are considered, and have all the facts we can give them. The school board is to be commended for delaying final decisions until the public could be informed of the reasons for them. If this principle in public school administration were more generally followed, much discontent and misunderstanding could be avoided.

A committee of teachers, consisting of one representative from each school district outside of Plymouth, made a study of report cards, and recommended a revised reporting system for our elementary schools. The new report cards were issued in December, covering the first 12 weeks of school. The marking

system and the information given about pupils represent a cross section of desires expressed by teachers and parents whom they interviewed. We have tried to make the reports as comprehensive and informative as possible without making them too complicated. The wishes and suggestions of parents are always welcomed to help us in later changes, should they seem necessary.

The school calendar for 1952-53 is presented in a little more detail than usual. The days of the week when certain holidays occur and the requirement of the State Board of Education that schools must be in session 180 days during a school year, have to be considered in making up a calendar. It is never wise to establish a calendar that does not provide for slightly more time than the minimum of 180 school days. If schools have to be closed because of bad weather or any other emergency, the time lost must be made up either by Saturday sessions or by an extension of the school year beyond the planned date of closing. Such school sessions are never satisfactory and are always of doubtful value.

While few statistics have been included in this report, it has been thought best to give a limited number. Those that were included may give people of the town information and the answers to some of their questions.

Salaries throughout the state, as well as the entire country, show an upward trend. Teachers graduating from teacher training institutions are expecting higher initial salaries each year. This in turn has an effect on the salaries of experienced teachers now in service. Constantly increasing living costs and tax deductions put those who are on fixed incomes at a disadvantage. While the results of the latest salary survey in New Hampshire are not yet available, it is my belief that salaries throughout Supervisory Union No. 48 are not equal to the state average. We must all be aware of what this situation would mean if replacements became necessary.

For several years it has been our custom to recognize professional improvement by salary increases



based on such work, in addition to usual salary increases. This plan should be continued until our salary scale is on a basis equal to that in neighboring school districts, as well as elsewhere in the state.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the fine cooperation given at all times by the Thornton School Board, the loyal and efficient work of the teachers, and the friendliness of pupils in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR S. ROLLINS.

Supt. of Schools

## 1952-53 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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September 3, Wednesday, schools open

September 12, Friday, all schools closed for Plymouth Fair.

October 17, Friday, all schools closed for State Teachers Convention.

November 26, Wednesday, all schools close at 12:30

November 27, Thursday, all schools closed - Thanksgiving Day

November 28, Friday, all schools closed - Thanksgiving Recess

December 19, Friday, all schools close at regular time—start of vacation

No. half-days of school 148. No. half-days with no school 8.

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December 29, Monday, all schools reopen after vacation

January 1, 1953, Thursday, all schools closed - New Year's Day

January 2, 1953, Friday, all schools closed - New Year's Recess

February 20, Friday, all schools close at regular time—start of vacation

No. half-days of school 76. No. half-days with no school 4

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March 2, Monday, all schools reopen after vacation

April 17, Friday, all schools close at regular time - start of vacation

No. half-days of school 70. No. half-days with no school 0.

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April 27, Monday, all schools reopen after vacation

June 12, Friday, all schools closed—end of school year

No. half-days of school 70. No. half-days with no school 0

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Number half-days of school for the year 364

## TEACHERS IN THORNTON SCHOOLS 1951-1952

West Thornton—Mrs. Mildred E. Thompson, Grades 1-4

Center—Mrs. Harriette G. Hartwell, Grades 5-8

Mad River—Mrs. Olive Benton, Grades 1-8

### ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

1950-1951

Gene Duffy

Arthur Reitsma

Peter Rodgers

Aletha Rodgers

Bradford Benton

Carolyn Broad

### 1951 GRADUATES FROM THORNTON SCHOOLS

Leslie S. Downing

Morton F. White

### COMPARATIVE

#### THORNTON SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

(Includes every child enrolled)

	1950-51	1951-52
Center	24	23
Mad River	20	24
West Thornton	27	26
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	71	73

### COMPARATIVE

#### GRADE ENROLLMENTS IN THORNTON SCHOOLS

(Does not include those who come in from other schols)

	1950-51	1951-52
Grade I	8	10
" II	15	4
" III	10	17
" IV	12	9
" V	7	14
" VI	8	7
" VII	6	7
" VIII	2	5
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	68	73

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

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To Thornton School Board:

I herewith submit my report as school nurse for the school year 1950-1951.

Sixty-eight children were inspected with these symptoms of defects found:

Dental	20
Tonsils	7
Vision	4
Hearing	2
Speech	1

Eleven cases of chicken pox and 23 cases of mumps were reported during the year.

These corrections were reported made:

Dental	25
Tonsils	1
Vision	3

Fifty-six children had the four topical fluoride treatments at the Plymouth fluorine clinic and five children had dental corrections through the kindness of local agencies.

General health habits are taught in each school through the morning inspection, stories, pictures, games, etc.

I wish to thank the School Board, Supt. Rollins, parents, teachers and pupils for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. LOVETT, R.N.







The Gavel Used to Conduct our  
TOWN MEETING  
Is Made of Wood from an Elm Tree  
Planted by  
MATTHEW THORNTON  
Signer of the Declaration of Independence