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Annual Report

THORNTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Granted: 1768

Settled: 1770

Incorporated: 1781

Total Area: 32640 Acres

Public Lands: 15038 Acres

Altitude: 555 - 2610 Feet

Population: 480

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1955

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

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1955

THE RECORD PRINT
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TOWN OFFICERS, 1955

SELECTMEN

Clayton S. Ham	No Phone
Kenneth W. Robbins	Park 6-3924
Russell M. Gilman	Park 6-3554

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

Irma Sullivan	Park 6-2227
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TAX COLLECTOR

Ida M. Horner	Park 6-2929
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ROAD AGENT

John Rivers	Park 6-3553
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POLICE OFFICERS

Ralph Steele, Jr.	Park 6-2521
Robert McGee	Park 6-3027

FIRE WARDENS

Bert Benton	Park 6-3229
Carl Broad	Park 6-2535
Spencer Ham	No Phone

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES

Raymond Holbrook	Park 6-3028
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OVERSEER OF POOR & HEALTH OFFICER

Charles Robertson	Park 6-3436
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MODERATOR

Kenneth Robbins	
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Frances Avery, Ethel Robinson, Isabel Ham	
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Kenneth W. Robbins, Glenroy Howland, Evelyn Benton	
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SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Glenwood H. Duffy, Richard Bradley, Harold J. Fulton	
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AUDITORS

Glenwood Duffy, Alfred Howard	
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Hear Ye - Hear Ye!



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 new Consolidated School in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 13th 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 ensuing year.
2. To consider the Budget—item by item—as posted, and to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.
4. To see if a discount will be allowed on property taxes paid before a certain date to be later set by the Selectmen.

5. To see if the town will vote to sell Town Property taken on tax title.

6. To see if the town will vote to accept money in trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Scott Benton cemetery lot.

7. (By request) To see if the town will vote to build and maintain a town road between the State Highway and the home of Alice and Chester Downing, and appropriate money for the same.

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

Given under our hands and seal this 27th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

CLAYTON S. HAM,
KENNETH W. ROBBINS,
RUSSELL M. GILMAN,
Selectmen of Thornton

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CLAYTON S. HAM,
KENNETH W. ROBBINS,
RUSSELL M. GILMAN,
Selectmen of Thornton

THE BUDGET

Estimates Of Expenditures for Ensuing Year

PURPOSES	EXPENDITURES	
	Actual 1955	Estimated 1956
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,285.00	\$ 1,285.00
Town Officers' Expenses	661.89	600.00
Election and Registration	36.00	230.00
Town Hall Expenses	339.60	200.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	59.00	50.00
Fire Department	223.36	
Health:		
Vital Statistics	8.00	10.00
Dump	150.00	150.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Summer Maintenance	2,989.01	3,000.00
Winter Maintenance	3,420.90	3,500.00
General Expenses	681.15	700.00
T. R. A.	260.91	263.70
Libraries:	175.00	175.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	196.97	200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,409.42	1,600.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial	35.80	40.00

THE BUDGET - Continued

PURPOSES	EXPENDITURES	
	Actual 1955	Estimated 1956
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	399.39	700.00
Unclassified:		
Advertising and Regional Assn.	71.33	80.67
Highways and Bridges:		
Tarring	346.86	600.00
Other Govt. Divisions:		
County Taxes	2,290.78	2,290.78
School Taxes	29,765.51	30,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 44,805.88	\$45,675.15

To judge the amount of the expenditures called for by the Selectmen, you may compare their estimates with the actual expenses of the past year. These are listed in detail on pages 19-24.

THE BUDGET - Continued

Sources of Revenue	Actual 1955	Estimated 1956
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 317.63	300.00
Railroad Tax	65.79	65.00
Savings Bank Tax	39.86	40.00
Reimbursement a/c State & Federal forest lands	2,796.87	2,800.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	320.74	300.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	20.34	
National Forest Reserve	576.52	500.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	621.00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	179.50	175.00
Income from Trust Funds	100.00	100.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,923.20	1,900.00
Sale of Town Property	192.80	
From Other Local Taxes:		
Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	280.00	300.00
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Total Revenues from all sources Except Property Taxes	\$ 7,434.25	\$ 6,480.00
Amount To Be Raised By Property Taxes		\$ 39,195.15
Total Revenues		<u>\$ 45,675.15</u>

SELECTMEN'S PAGE

The year 1955 is a memorable one for Thornton, for it registers the building of our new modern central school building.

This building not only provides adequate facilities for the classes, but it also relieves the town of the future responsibilities incident to the three old wooden district buildings which have been vacated. And what is more, the new building has been planned so as to be useful for other town purposes.

The Selectmen have executed a lease arrangement with the School Board, giving us the use of a small room for a Town Office. The room has been provided with a built-in vault which gives the Town, for the first time, a really safe place for town records and valuable papers.

This year, we have called for the Annual Meeting to be held at the School Auditorium. We hope that the comfort and convenience thus to be had, will be appreciated by all.

An effort was made to have hydrants put in the Campton water main, which would be of service to property owners in that section. It was found impossible to locate hydrants where they would serve to affect insurance rates to any advantage and the plan was not followed out.

Our salute for this year goes to ~~the~~ Chairman of the School Board. She was observed one morning seeding down the school house yard. The grass came up, too!

In the Annual Town Report Contest, conducted at the State University in Durham, our town again won recognition for having a good Report. You will find the Report useful to you if you will bring it with you to Town Meeting.

Respectfully,

THE SELECTMEN.

Assessment Statistics

Land and Buildings		\$665,824.00
Electric Plants		157,901.00
Horses, Asses and Mules	43	2,375.00
Cows	166	13,435.00
Other Neat Stock	8	400.00
Sheep and Goats	27	270.00
Fowl	588	588.00
Vehicles	2	700.00
Portable Mills	1	750.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.		1,110.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	7	930.00
Stock in Trade		6,450.00
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Total Gross Valuations before Exemptions		\$850,733.00
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Less Soldiers' Exemptions		32,015.00
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		\$818,718.00
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Tax Rate per C of Valuation		\$4.76
Property Taxes Committed		\$ 38,970.96
Poll Taxes Committed		\$ 432.00

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES 1955

Purpose	Amt. Raised	Amt. Spent
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,285.00	\$ 1,285.00
Town Officers' Expenses and Insurance	600.00	661.89
Election and Registration	50.00	36.00
Town Hall	100.00	339.60
Police	50.00	59.00
Fire Dept.	650.00	223.36
Blister Rust Control	100.00	100.00
Vital Statistics	20.00	8.00
Town Dump	150.00	150.00
Summer Road Maintenance	3,000.00	2,989.01
Winter Road Maintenance	3,500.00	3,420.90
State T. R. A.	260.91	260.91
Highway General Expense	800.00	681.15
Library	200.00	175.00
Town Poor	200.00	196.97
Old Age Assistance	1,800.00	1,409.42
Memorial Day	45.00	35.80
Town Cemeteries	350.00	399.39
White Mt. Region Assn.	71.33	71.33
Tarring Roads	600.00	346.86
County Tax	2,290.78	2,290.78

Financial Report, 1955

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$ 14,800.46
U. S. Savings Bonds	190.00
Accounts Due to the Town:	
From State:	
Bounties	4.50
Social Security a/c Clark	150.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1954	903.03
Levy of 1953	277.03
Previous Years	97.68
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1955	8,327.27
Levy of 1954	102.00
Levy of 1953	none
Previous years	84.23
State Head Taxes—1955	405.00
State Head Taxes—Previous	60.00
Total Assets	<hr/> \$ 25,401.25
Grand Total	<hr/> \$ 25,401.25

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:	
Tax Abatements—Power Co.	\$ 350.00
Dec. Old Age Account	125.00
Unexpended Bal. of Special App.	
Tarring Acct. '54	\$83.61
Acct. '55	<u>253.14</u>
	336.75
Fire Account	426.64
Civil Defense Account	225.00
Library Approp.	25.00
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes—1955 (Uncollected)	405.00
(Collected—not remitted to State Treas. \$95.00)	
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	<u>13,739.92</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 15,633.31</u>
Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus)	9,767.94
Grand Total	<u>\$ 25,401.25</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Buildings	\$ 1,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	100.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Fire Department	
Pump	400.00
Fire Hose	350.00
Canvas Tank	36.00
Fire Tools	50.00
Highway Department	
Equipment	50.00
Fence Posts and Plank	150.00
Snow Fence, Etc.	100.00
Cemeteries	
Power Mowers	200.00
Schools	
West Thornton Land and Bldg.	1,000.00
Center Old Bldg.	500.00
Center Consolidated School	60,000.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Acquired Through Tax Deed	
Carrie Royce Lot	50.00
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	\$ 67,036.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Received for Auto Permits 1954	\$ 39.63
Received for Auto Permits 1955	1,883.57
Received for Dog Licenses	179.50
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Paid to Treasurer	\$ 2,102.70

IRMA SULLIVAN,
Town Clerk

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD

Bal. Due Schools Dec. 31, 1954	\$ 14,215.51
Paid Jan. 1, to June 30, 1955	12,965.51
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Due end of School Year	\$ 1,250.00
Plus Appropriation for School Bldg. Com.	100.00
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June 30, 1955 Balance	\$ 1,350.00
Plus 1955-56 Appropriation	29,189.92
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Paid July 1—Dec. 31, 1955	\$ 30,539.92
	16,800.00
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Bal. Due Schools Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 13,739.92

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Warrant
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1955

Dr.		
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$ 38,970.96	
Poll Taxes	432.00	
Total Warrant	\$ 39,402.96	
Yield Taxes	1,514.82	
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	71.40	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
Yield Taxes	12.46	
Interest Collected	13.38	
Total Debits		\$ 41,019.02
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Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$ 31,098.72	
Poll Taxes	280.00	
Interest Collected	13.38	
Total 1955 Property and Poll	\$ 31,392.10	
Yield Taxes	397.13	
Discount Allowed	747.19	
Abatements	155.33	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Property Taxes	7,069.12	
Poll Taxes	128.00	
Yield Taxes	1,130.15	
Total Credits		\$ 41,019.02

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1955, on account of the tax levy of 1955, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

IDA M. HORNER,
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1955

On Hand Dec. 31, 1954		\$ 11,580.44
Received from Selectmen		8,816.65
Received from Town Clerk		2,102.70
Received from Tax Collector:		
1950 Redemption	\$	6.07
1951 Redemption		37.32
1952 Redemption		187.24
1953 Redemption		221.22
1954 Redemption		467.83
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		\$ 919.68
1953 Polls	\$	2.00
1954 Polls		6.60
1953 Property Tax		43.95
1954 Property Tax		6,620.89
1955 Property and Poll Taxes		31,392.10
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		\$ 38,065.54
1953 Yield Tax	\$	21.84
1954 Yield Tax		531.48
1955 Yield Tax		397.13
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		\$ 950.45
1953 Head Tax	\$	26.50
1954 Head Tax		368.50
1955 Head Tax		870.50
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		\$ 1,265.50
1954 Tax Sale		\$ 1,359.97
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Total Receipts		\$ 65,060.93
Total Payments		50,260.47
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Dec. 31, 1955 Cash on Hand		\$ 14,800.46

IRMA SULLIVAN,
Town Treasurer

Selectmen - In Account With

Year Ending December 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes 1955	\$ 31,098.72
Poll Taxes 1955	280.00
Yield Taxes 1955	397.13
State Head Taxes 1955	865.00

Total 1955 Taxes Collected \$ 32,640.85

Property Taxes	
Previous Years	\$ 7,435.58
Yield Taxes Previous Years	584.26
Poll Taxes Previous Years	142.00
Head Taxes Previous Years	465.00
Interest on Taxes	322.77
Penalties on Head Taxes	51.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	919.68

\$ 9,920.29

From State:

Interest & Dividend Taxes	\$ 317.63
Railroad Taxes	65.79
Savings Bank Taxes	39.86
Reimbursement—State and Federal Forest Lands	2,796.87
Reimbursement—Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	320.74
National Forest Reserve Fund	576.52
Bounties Refunded	89.50
Forest Fire Training	20.34
Recovery—Old Age Assistance	621.00
Refund—White Pine Blister Account	.60
State TRA Advance by Town	1,239.09
State TRA % Advanced by Town	260.91

\$ 6,348.85

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Town of Thornton

Year Ending December 31, 1955

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

Glen Duffy, Auditor	\$ 12.00
Alfred Howard, Auditor	12.00
Irma Sullivan, Salary	250.00
Ida M. Horner, Tax Collector	250.00
Clayton Ham, Selectman	200.00
Russell Gilman, Selectman	200.00
Kenneth Robbins, Selectman	200.00
K. W. Robbins, Moderator	15.00
Ethel Shores, Librarian	12.00
Evelyn Benton, Trustee Trusts	10.00
Magella Fulton, Librarian	104.00
Ralph Steele, Jr., Police	20.00
	\$ 1,285.00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Glen Duffy, Auditor Expense	\$.44
Ida Horner, Tax Collector's Exp.	41.01
Clayton Ham, Selectman's Exp.	1.49
Russell Gilman, Selectman's Exp.	8.56
N. H. Town Clerk's Assn., Dues	2.00
N. H. Tax Collectors Assn., Dues	3.00
N. H. Assessors Assn., Dues	3.00
Wheeler & Clark, Dog Tags	7.27
Sargent Bros., Tax Bills	47.85
Brown & Saltmarsh, Books	24.33
Howell Printing, Trust Vouchers	2.73
Branham Pub. Co., Auto Book	4.00
Record Print, Town Reports	236.15
Stamps for Inventories	6.74
B. Pulsifer, Officers' Bonds	48.00
Stamped Envelopes (Town Clerk)	19.27
B. Pulsifer, Liability Ins.	86.55
Ardelle Gilman, Copying	20.00

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Receipts (Continued)

From Local Sources, Except Taxes

Temp. Loan—Anticipation of Taxes	\$ 2,000.00
Walter Lee Trust Funds	100.00
Sale of Town Property— Nugent Lot	100.00
Sale of Town Tar— Flora Winters	32.00
Sale of Town Tar— School Board	17.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots— Fransen	10.00
Benton	10.00
Drake	10.00
Houston	10.00
Sale of Town Property— Shovels	3.80
Perpetual Care Trust— Evelyn Benton	100.00
Rebecca Pope for Albert Clark Account	75.00
Dog Licenses	179.50
Auto Permits 1954	39.63
Auto Permits 1955	1,883.57
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	\$ 4,570.50
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	\$ 53,480.49
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1955	11,580.44
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	\$ 65,060.93

Payments (Continued)

Ida Horner, Cost of Land Sale	86.40	
Anna Proctor, Transfers	.40	
F. J. Shores, Transfers	12.70	
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	\$	661.89

Election and Registration:

Glenwood Duffy, Supervisor	\$ 12.00	
Richard Bradley, Supervisor	12.00	
Harold Fulton, Supervisor	12.00	
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	\$	36.00

Town Hall and Other Buildings:

Clayton Ham, Firewood	\$ 6.00	
School Board, Vault Construction	278.00	
Noyes Insurance Agency, Fire Insurance	55.60	
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	\$	339.60

Police Department:

Robert McGee, Officer	\$ 24.00	
Ralph Steele, Jr., Officer	35.00	
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	\$	59.00

Fire Department:

Bert Benton, Fire Training	\$ 40.68	
Treas. State of N. H. Fire Shovels	3.80	
Equipment	2.88	
Haredikes, Inc., Canvas Tank	36.00	
Harry Lovell Co., Fire Hose	140.00	
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	\$	223.36

Payments (Continued)

Vital Statistics:

Irma Sullivan, Treas.	\$	8.00	
			\$ 8.00

Bounties:

Clayton Ham, Hedgehogs	\$	3.50	
Russell Gilman, Hedgehogs		1.00	
			\$ 4.50

Blister Rust Extermination:

Forest Service	\$	100.00	
			\$ 100.00

Highways and Bridges

Clayton Ham, Snow Plowing	\$	1,760.00	
John Rivers, Snow Plowing		1,244.00	
John Rivers, Sand Pile		103.64	
Alton Benton, Labor		4.00	
Bert Benton, Sanding		309.26	
John Rivers, Summer Work		2,989.01	
			\$ 6,409.91
H. H. Maguire, Tarring	\$	295.16	
Treas. State of N. H., Tar		51.70	
			\$ 346.86
State T. R. A. Town's Share	\$	260.91	
			\$ 260.91

Highway General Expense

White Mt. Power Co., Blinker	\$	36.85
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Salt		190.59
Bert Benton, Bridge Plank		17.30
Charles Kimball, Fence Posts		112.50

Payments (Continued)

Campton Sand and Gravel Co.	61.60	
Eliza Haynes, Gravel	22.60	
Dave Rodgers, Gravel	50.40	
State Aid, Sandwich Notch	140.00	
F. J. Avery's Garage	32.08	
John Rivers, Sand	14.23	
Clarence Downing, Watering Trough	3.00	
		\$ 681.15

Library

Walter Lee Trust, Dividends	\$ 50.00	
Frances Avery, Tr. App.	75.00	
Magella Fulton, Appropriation	100.00	
		\$ 225.00

Public Welfare

Old Age Assistance	\$ 1,409.42	
Nichols Funeral Home	130.00	
Grafton County Hospital	4.00	
Raymond Holbrook, Prep. Grave	30.00	
Sabourne's Store, Gordon Oil	32.97	
		\$ 1,606.39

Memorial Day

G. Howland, Care		
War Memorial	\$ 15.00	
Raymond Holbrook, Flags	12.80	
Meadowbrook Greenhouse	8.00	
		\$ 35.80

Public Service Enterprises:

Town Dump, Rent, Kimball	\$ 150.00	
John Rivers, Cemetery Work	9.80	

Payments (Continued)

Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Lime	52.56
Avery's Garage, Mower Repairs	19.53
Alfred Hayward, Surveying Lots	30.00
Raymond Holbrook, Care of Cemetery	208.90
Roy J. Sawyer, Care Cemetery	128.60
	\$ 599.39
Unclassified Payments	
Taxes Bought by Town	\$ 1,359.97
Advertising, Region Assn.	71.33
Abatement, Tax Refund	23.80
State of N. H., Head Taxes	1,249.50
Town Clerk, Auto and Dog Commissions	176.45
Tax Collector, Commissions	39.60
Trustees Trust Funds (Benton)	100.00
	\$ 3,020.65
Payments on Temporary Loans	
Pemigewasset Nat'l. Bank	\$ 2,000.00
Interest on above	12.51
	\$ 2,012.51
Payments to Other Gov't. Divisions:	
County Tax	\$ 2,290.78
School District (Inc. Forest Res.)	30,053.77
	\$ 32,344.55
Total Payments	\$ 50,260.47
Dec. 31, 1955, Cash on Hand	14,800.51
	\$ 65,060.98

Town Roads

Each year we find our Town Roads improved more and more. The change in State aid for Sandwich Notch which reduced the amount available for 1954 was slightly increased in 1955 by act of Legislature. With this, and the increased appropriation by the Town, we find the Town roads very well maintained. A few outlying roads still need some more attention as they get nearly impassable in the mud season.

We will have available for TRA construction in 1956 a balance of approximately \$800.00 left from 1955 plus the 1956 allotment. This money is spent by the State Highway Dept. on Town roads, according to State specifications.

Some bad turns on the Mill Brook Road were widened and straightened and fence posts installed this year. Charles Kimball donated all the fill for this job and assisted our road agent in doing this work. Costs on this job ran to \$278.05 plus fence posts and a small amount of tar.

The Town purchased 150 oak fence posts from Charles Kimball at \$.75 each. Some of these were used this year and the rest stored at the Town House.

It was decided not to retar any roads in 1955, but to buy a load of tar to be used by the agent for patching and other repairing. He has been mixing the tar patch as it has been required this year with a machine at his home, saving the Town about one-half in cost where it had been previously bought from the State Highway Dept. and had to be trucked a considerable distance. This tar cost \$295.16 and other materials for tarring came to \$51.70, a total of \$346.86, leaving a balance of \$336.75 to be used in 1956.

Mowing bushes cost the Town \$273.50, an average of approximately \$14.40 a mile.

668 yards of gravel were used for highway maintenance this year. Cost \$73.00.

A number of small bridges in Town have been replaced lately with large steel culverts. These culverts make a permanent installation with no worry to the Town about future repairs or overloading.

The bridge beyond the Reitsma home will have to be replaced this year and a steel culvert will be used there.

The total for all summer work for 1955 came to \$2,989.01.

The sand for winter roads was purchased from Campton Sand & Gravel this year at a considerable saving to the Town. We require 160 yards of sand to maintain safe roads. The cost of sand was \$56.00, labor putting up the sand pile \$103.64, and salt and paper \$82.00. The winter sanding under Bert Benton cost \$309.26 or a total in all of \$550.90 for a winter's sanding.

Plowing in the Mad River district done by John Rivers came to \$1,248.00 and for the rest of the Town done by Clayton Ham, \$1,760.00, a total for plowing of \$3,008.00.

\$681.15 was spent for general expenses of the highway department. This includes money spent for the Town's share of the "Sandwich Notch Special," gravel and sand, salt, culverts, tools and all supplies, and repairs needed on Town equipment. The blinker light, which was in West Thornton, has been removed as it was repeatedly damaged, and seemed impractical for the Town to maintain.

The Town can well be proud of its public roads and also of its agent, Mr. John Rivers, who serves us so faithfully.

CEMETERY REPORT

This past year, most of the appropriation was spent as usual, cleaning up and mowing the grass. The driveway at Pine Grove Cemetery had to be gravelled last spring. I made two trips to the Tripoli and Orris Road cemeteries and cleaned up the Hanson Cemetery twice.

I had a plot plan drawn and copies printed of the Mad River Cemetery. This did not cost much, thanks to Alfred Hayward. These have been distributed to Roy Sawyer, the Town Clerk's Office, the Selectmen, and I have a copy.

Four tons of lime were purchased this fall instead of phosphate, and have been divided between Pine Grove and Mad River Cemeteries.

This fall Emery Tobyne made an estimate of \$350.00 to repair and paint the fences at Mad River and Pine Grove Cemeteries. It is hoped that the town will vote to have this job done next year.

RAYMOND A. HOLBROOK,
Superintendent of Cemeteries

AUDITORS' 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, 1955 and found them correctly kept and properly vouched.

GLENWOOD H. DUFFY,
ALFRED HOWARD,
Auditors

LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 1955

Receipts

Received from Selectmen (Appropriation) \$	75.00
Received from Walter Lee Trust Fund	50.00
Sale of Old Books	21.00
Library Dues	1.48
Total Receipts	\$ 147.48

Payments

Campbell and Hall	\$ 83.06
Goodman's Bookstore	30.62
Magazines	33.80
Total Payments	\$ 147.48

FRANCES AVERY,
Library Trustee

LIBRARY REPORT FOR 1955

From January 1 Through December 31, 1955

Books Circulated	733
Bookmobile	178
Magazines	386
Books Purchased	45
Library Dues	\$ 1.48

MAGELLA FULTON,
Librarian

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Financial Statement

Town of Thornton

1955

Town Funds Expended		\$	99.40
Cooperative Funds Expended			103.10
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Total Expenditures		\$	202.50
1955 Town Appropriation	\$	100.00	
Town Funds Expended		99.40	
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Balance due town		\$.60
Area worked			1,909 acres
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed			37

MESSAGE FROM THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

1. Obtain a written permit before starting a camp Fire, or attempting to burn debris. THE LAW REQUIRES IT.

2. Make certain that fires are out before leaving them.

3. Become a safe smoker. Extinguish smoking material and matches before discarding them.

Be a good citizen — Cooperate.

The value of our permit system was proven in this district during 1955. District Wardens issued 959 permits. Only two permit-fires got out of control. Burning done legally usually proves to be safe.

BERT BENTON,
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON, N. H., ON December 31, 1955

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUNDS Purpose — Care of Cemetery Lots	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int.	Balance of Income		Income During Year	Expended during Year	Balance of Income 31st of Year
					1st of Year	31st of Year			
Jan. 12, 1929	Leonard Durgin	Plymouth Guar Savings Bank	\$100.00	3%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Jan. 12, 1929	Albert Barnard	"	100.00	"	2.40	3.08	3.00	3.00	2.48
Jan. 12, 1929	Houston & Carleton	"	150.00	"	2.87	3.09	3.00	3.00	2.96
Jan. 12, 1929	John Colby	"	50.00	"	9.89	4.82	8.00	8.00	6.71
Apr. 1, 1936	Dana Fadden, Sr.	"	100.00	"	1.25	1.55	1.50	1.50	1.30
Apr. 1, 1936	E. C. Burleigh	"	50.00	"	2.28	3.08	3.00	3.00	2.36
Apr. 1, 1936	A. C. & Daniel Moulton	"	200.00	"	1.88	1.55	1.50	1.50	1.93
Apr. 1, 1936	John Burleigh	"	100.00	"	1.67	6.08	4.00	4.00	3.75
May 26, 1936	Mason & Smith	"	75.00	"	4.85	3.15	5.00	5.00	3.00
Oct. 13, 1936	Romanzo & John Johnson	"	100.00	"	1.92	2.81	2.50	2.50	1.73
May 24, 1940	Daniel James	"	50.00	"	1.63	3.07	3.00	3.00	1.70
Jan. 31, 1940	Harry & Will Emmons	"	200.00	"	1.12	1.54	1.00	1.00	1.66
Feb. 27, 1941	Elkins & Richards	"	100.00	"	5.15	6.20	8.00	8.00	3.35
Nov. 3, 1941	Warren Moulton	"	100.00	"	2.61	3.09	4.00	4.00	1.70
Feb. 1, 1943	Charles & Jonathan Gordon	"	50.00	"	1.06	1.54	1.00	1.00	1.60
June 16, 1943	Campbell & Bowles	"	100.00	"	2.49	3.09	3.00	3.00	2.58
July 11, 1944	Alfred Dame	"	100.00	"	2.48	3.09	3.00	3.00	2.57
Oct. 10, 1944	Mad River Cemetery	"	100.00	"	4.52	3.15	6.00	6.00	1.67
Oct. 11, 1945	West Thornton Library	U. S. Saving Bond Series G	2000.00	2½%	1.61	50.22	50.00	50.00	1.83
Oct. 11, 1945	Margaret Smith	"	2000.00	"	34.89	16.14	30.00	30.00	21.03
Nov. 6, 1946	Edward Canfield	Plymouth Guar Savings Bank	500.00	3%	14.87	5.45	10.00	10.00	10.32
Oct. 5, 1948		U. S. Saving Bond Series G	200.00	2½%					

TRUST FUNDS (Continued)

Oct. 4, 1949	Benjamin Merrill	Plymouth Guar. Savings Bank	100.00	3%	1.97	3.07	3.00	2.04
Nov. 30, 1949	Russell Fader	" "	150.00	" "	6.30	4.71	4.00	7.01
Aug. 15, 1951	Eliza Haynes	" "	100.00	" "	3.17	3.11	4.00	2.28
Aug. 15, 1951	Frank Ham	" "	50.00	" "	1.07	1.54	1.00	1.61
Dec. 31, 1952	Ezra Broad	" "	200.00	" "	7.47	6.26	4.00	9.73
Dec. 31, 1952	William Merrill	" "	100.00	" "	2.74	3.09	2.00	3.83
Dec. 7, 1955	Scott A. Benton	" "	100.00	" "				
TOTALS			\$7225.00		\$ 124.16	\$197.07	\$218.50	\$ 102.73

KENNETH W. ROBBINS
 GLENROY M. HOWLAND
 EVELYN M. BENTON

Trustees

Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Date of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male, Female	Live or Born						
Feb 28	Carolyn Emma	F	L	2 W Lyman Geo Boyce	Emma Pearl Knapp	W Thornton	Truck driver	Thornton	Norton Kansas
July 28	Paul Douglas	M	L	2 W Ralph Douglas Steele	Helen Elaine Benton	W Thornton	Machinist	Thornton	Thornton
Oct 6	John Henry	M	L	4 W Charles L. Kimball	Irene Leatise Jenkins	W Thornton	Farmer	North Woodstock	Newark Vermont
Oct 10	John Carl	M	L	1 W John B. Benton	Myrtle Anne Coffin	W Thornton	Mill worker	Thornton	Quincy
Dec 14	Florence Rose	F	L	1 W Wm LeMont Chute	Gladys L. Wegener	W Thornton	Lumberman	Hancock	No Andover Mass

Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Date—1955	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Times married	Name residence and official station of person by whom married
July 17	Campton	Eugene C Downing Alice M Jones	Thornton Campton	22 W 18 W	W W	Woodsman Cabin work	Thornton Bridgewater	Chester Downing Alice Merrill	Thornton Thornton	2 1	W E Garabedian Clergyman Campton
Aug 12	Plymouth	Robert Earl Jacques Romona E Landrum	Plymouth Thornton	30 W 26 W	W W	Auto salesman Waitress	Plymouth Littleton	Violet Vintner Ora Earl Jacques Josephine B Rousseau Theodore Ingeel Ethel Pease	Bury Que Ashland Manchester Canada Orfordville		Dean L Hodges Clergyman Plymouth

Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

Date of Death 1955	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age in Years	Place of Birth	Sex and Cond		Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
					Male, Female	Single, mar., w			
Feb 16	Thornton	Willis J Horner	78	Thornton	M	W	Farmer	Charles Horner	Ella Merrill
Mar 27	Thornton	William O Drake	74	Waterville Me	M	W	Carpenter	Seth Drake	Betsy Felch
Apr 21	Thornton	Elizabeth M Downing	78	Thornton	F	W	Housewife	Frank Avery	Mary Rowe
May 6	Ashland	Charles R Houston	88	Thornton	M	W	Barber	Henry C Houston	Sally Paekaad
May 26	Thornton	Lester Wm Bradley	79	Thornton	M	W	Farmer	Josiah T Bradley	Harriet Harriman
Aug 1	Thornton	Nellie Peterson	67	Providence R I	F	W	Housewife	James Prosser	Mary Skinner
Aug 15	Thornton	Carl Boyer	71	Philadelphia Pa	M	W	M	Chas Sumner Boyer	Ella R Talbot
Sept 18	Thornton	Ernest Haynes	74	Hereford Que Can	M	W	Woodsman	Frank Haynes	Louise Owens
Oct 3	Thornton	Scott Adam Benton	55	Thornton	M	W	Farmer	Alonzo C Benton	Emma E Padden
Dec 4	Plymouth	Truman A Heath	78	Littleton	M	W	Carpenter	Truman Heath	Martha Streeter
Dec 10	Haverhill	Albert Clark	68	Cornish	M	W	Carpenter	Benjamin Clark	Cordella Borden
Dec 29	Stafford Conn	Clara V Mallett	59	Lewiston Me	F	W	Housewife	Elbridge Dennelly	Sarah Jane Price

INVENTORY 1955

Classified in order that comparisons of similar types
of property may more easily be made

FARMS

	Acreage			Valuation
Adams, Fred & Nellie	78	Sawyer Lot & Cottage		\$1000.
Adams, Fred & Nellie	52	Lyford Place & Barn		1200.
Avery, Bert	20	Homestead		3000.
Benton, Bert	160	Homestead		4300.
Benton, Scott & Evelyn	70	Tuttle Place		3500.
Benton, Scott, Jr.	3	Home & Chicken House		2300.
Bradley, Lester	70	Homestead		1800.
Bradley, Richard	145	Holmes Place		2000.
Fadden, George & Annie	200	Homestead & Cottages		4000.
Fadden, George & Annie	100	Old Home Place		1000.
Ham, Clayton & Spencer	237	Homestead & Applebee Place		7000.
Ham, Clayton & Spencer	50	George Meadow		800.
Horner, Willis J. Est.	450	Homestead		5000.
Horner, Willis J. Est.	75	Littlefield Place		3800.
Jennings, Peter R.	7½	Lyford Barn		1500.
Kimball, Charles	100	Homestead & Cabin		3500.
Merrill, Fred	517	Homestead		5000.
Merrill, Roxcy	425	Homestead		4000.
Robertson, Andrew & Mary	6	Homestead		2000.
Robertson, Andrew & Mary	125	Houston Pl. & Log Cabins		2500.
Sawyer, Roy & Barbara	160	Homestead		3500.
Shores, Lawrence & Clifton	100	Homestead & Cottage		4500.
Steele, Mrs. Eda	100	Homestead		3000.
Uhlman, Leroy Est.	160	Homestead		2500.
Fadden, James & Son	80	Lyman Boyce Place		1800.

SUBSISTENCE FARMS

Anderson, Eric, Sr.	60	Homestead		2000.
Boyce, Arthur S.	125	Caldon Place		3000.
Broad, Carl	100	Homstead & 1 Cabin		3200.
Brown, Archie C.	225	Homestead & Cottage		2100.
Campbell, Jennie	23	Boynton Place		2000.
Downing, Ezra	30	Homestead		2000.
Fountain, Medos Est.	75	Homestead		5500.
Gilman, Russell & Ardelle	100	Homestead		3000.
Howard, Hollis Est.	45	Homestead		2800.
Landry, Bernice	221	Homestead		3000.
Mills, Donald	150	Biddle Place		1200.
Nichols, Ruby	30	Rivers Homestead		3000.
Steele, Ralph, Sr.	130	Homestead		3000.

COUNTRY HOMES

Anderson, Eric, Sr.		Eric Jr. Cottage	600.
Anderson, Eric, Sr.		Larry Downing Cottage	1000.
Anderson, Richard A.		Cottage	1200.
Bess, James & Nettie	1	Home & Lot	2000.
Binette, Hazel	3½	Cottage	1100.
Blair, Edward & Annie	8	McLeod Place & Cabin	1400.
Boyce, Floyd & Blanche	1	House & Shop	1200.
Bremmer, John F.	8	Home & Cabin	3600.
Boyce, Sidney	1	House	1000.
Broad, Frank	3	Homestead	2800.
Colby, Perley	27	Homestead	1000.
Cooper, Mary G.	7½	Lyford Home	3000.
Demers, Peter & Dorothy	1	Scott Benton Place	2500.
DeGrace, Edmund & Ethel	60	Sadie Connor's Place	1000.
Devine, Edward & Mary	2	Hamlin Lot & Cottage	1900.
Downing, Alice	25	Homestead	2300.
Downing, Howard & Pauline	½	Cottage	1800.
Downing, Richard		Cottage & Lot	1100.
Drerup, Karl & Gertrude	4½	House & Studio	2600.
Duffy, Glenwood & Bertha	80	Home, Part Corliss & Wallace Pl. and Old Homestead	3050.
Gilman, Edith	7	Homestead	3500.
Gero, Annie	15	Homestead	1500.
Grey, Hattie	1	Homestead	1800.
Grey, Eva	1	Homestead	2000.
Harding, Cora	¼	Cottage	900.
Hartwell, Nathaniel	42	Homestead	2200.
Haynes, Eliza	5	Home & "Nest" Barracks	3500.
Haynes, Eliza	2	Norton White Place	1500.
Hayward, Dorothy & Alfred	117	Cheney Place	2400.
Heath, Truman	5	Homestead	1500.
Hiltz, Ward & Gertrude	40	Curtis Place	3000.
Holbrook, Raymond & Phyllis	15	Emma Merrill Home	2500.
Holub, Joseph	1	Homestead	2700.
Houston, Charles	1½	Homestead	2000.
Inkell, Sadie	7	Homestead	1500.
Inkell, Theodore	46	Homestead	2500.
Israels, Rudolph & Anna	100	Silsby Place	3800.
Kinsman, Everett & Margaret	38	McLoud Place	2600.
Kinnart, Chester & Elva	1	Oscar Inkell Cottage	1800.
Manion, Stanley	7	Howard Downing Place	1800.
Marback, John & Freda	66	Nelson Brown Place	2200.
McGee, Barbara & Robert	10	Levasseur Place	2800.
McIsaac, James	1	Homestead	1500.
Messer, Eben	2	Homestead	1000.
Ochs, Joseph & Harriet	½	Cottage	2800.
Pickersgill, Richard & Estella	20	True Place	2300.
Plummer, Horace Est.	3	Cottage	2500.
Reitsma, Herman	4	Homestead	1400.
Ricker, Mrs. Robert	5	Homestead	2000.
Rodgers, David	12	Homestead	2500.

Rodgers, Harold	1½	Gilman Lot & Unfin. House	500.
Romprey, Lizafore	2	Homestead	2000.
Robertson, Charles & Dorothy	1	McLeod Cottage	1500.
Sabourne, Allen Est.	5	Homestead	2000.
Smith, Beatrice & Leslie	75	Johnston Place	3000.
Steele, Frank & Alice	6	Brine Land & House	2000.
Steele, Lawrence	2	Homestead	1800.
Swetson, George	10	Ripley Place	1500.
Sweeney, William		Homestead	1000.
Tuttle, Frank	3	Cottage	1000.
Uhlman, Harry	110	Goedeke Place	3500.
Uhlman, Jacob	127	Homestead	3500.
Waters, Herbert & Bertha	65	Morin Place	2200.
Wescott, Mrs. Carlton	1	Homestead	2000.
White, Archie	5	Homestead	2000.
Brown, Ruth	3	Hackett House & Camp	3000.
DuPont, Ernest & Margaret	1	Cottage	1200.
Gillis, Maxwell	½	Cottage	900.
Gildersleeve, Marion J.	11	Baldwin Place	1200.
Holtham, Stella	½	Cottage	1800.
Howland, Herman	6	Fogg Land & Camp	800.
LaCourse, George A.	4	Lora Olson Cottage	1000.
LaCourse, George A.	175	Lora Olson Place	2000.
Mabry, Anna C.	1	Homestead	2300.
MacDonald, Jas.	6	Cottage	1800.
Manning, Mildred	6	Homestead	1800.
Pease, Dorothy	2	Alfred White Place	2200.
Phillips, Richard J.	2	Cottage	2000.
Sabourne, Lester	1	Cottage	800.
Sutherland, Mrs. Robert	75	Homestead	2800.
Vintinner, Rufus	2	Dolloff Lot & Cottage	1400.
Walter, Constance P.	13¼	Lawrence Downing Place	1200.
Shepard, Nora	1	Cottage	1000.
York, Gordon F.	44	Page Place	6000.

VILLAGE HOMES

Adams, Melvin Est.	5	Homestead	1000.
Bickford, Horace Est.	10	Homestead	3000.
Brown, L. N.	20	House & Barn	3500.
Cheney, Sidney L.	1	Home	2200.
Danforth, George D.	1	Cottage	1000.
Dollahite, Kenneth J. Jr.	1½	Hurcomb Cottage	1500.
Downing, Clarence	3	Homestead	2500.
Downing, Will F.	1	Homestead	3000.
Drake, Harris	2	Two Cottages	2200.
Dyer, Constance	5	Homer Adams Place	2800.
Fulton, Harold & Magella	1¼	Oliver Place	3000.
Hanson, Robert T.	½	George Adams Place	2000.
Howard, Alfred	½	Jordan Place	1600.
Howard, Richard & Alice	½	Stiles Place	1000.
Johnson, Irving & Edith	¾	Marie Woodbury Place	2000.
LaBrecque, Queenie W.	4	Homestead	2500.

LeBlond, Ovide	2	Cottage	1000.
Oliver, Richard & Veronica	1	House & Garage	3000.
Ouellet, Charles & Evelyn		Home & Sargent Lot	6000.
Piper, John	1½	House & Garage	3000.
Plant, Bert	1	Cottage	2500.
Ripley, William Z.	1	Cottage	1500.
Shores, Lillian	5	Homestead	3000.
Steele, Ralph Jr. & Helen	1	Camp & Unfin. House	1500.
Sellingham, Frank	3	Homestead	2300.
Selby, Ernest & Florence	1	Moulton Place	2500.
Sullivan, Irma	7	Homestead	2500.
Thompson, George	1	Homestead	3800.
Tyler, John & Nettie	1	McKinnon Place	1500.
Vintinner, Guy & Laura	2	Cottage	2500.
Bean, Arlene	½	Ames Cottage	1000.
Drake, Frank	10	Homestead	1200.
Elmer, Aletha	½	Cottage	2300.
Simpson, Kate	6½	Mitchell Place	3000.
Wagner, Richard Jr.	3½	House	2000.
Wilson, Herbert & Fannie	4	Page Place	5000.
Whitaker, William & Annabell	6	Hazeltine Place	2300.

LOTS AND ACREAGE

Adams, Fred	30	Keefe Place	150.
Adams, Fred	40	Silsby Lot	150.
Adams, Nellie	60	Chase Lot	250.
Adams, Melvin, Est.	38	Horner Island	300.
Anderson, Eric Sr., Children	99	Vernie Avery Lot	400.
Benton, Bert	180	Elkins & Boynton Land	1500.
Benton, Bert	60	Constantine Land	300.
Benton, Bert	40	Shores Land	800.
Benton, Scott & Evelyn	190	Whitney & Plummer Land	1000.
Bradley, Lester	250	Johnson Place	1000.
Bradley, Lester	50	Old Home Place	250.
Bradley, Richard & David	1	Sanborn Lot	100.
Broad, Esther	20	Lyford Land	100.
Broad, Frank	150	Riley Adams Land	750.
Burbank, Alfred C.	43	Davison Land	500.
Dame, Alfred	6	King Land	200.
Devine, Edward & Mary	1	Gilman Lot	100.
Dingwall, Donald Est.	260	Homeplace	2000.
Dolloff, Minnie Est.	60	Homeplace	900.
Downing, Ezra	10	King Land	50.
Downing, Ezra	13	LaRue Land	200.
Downing, Howard	15	Lawrence Downing Lot	150.
Downing, Pauline	2	Lot	100.
Drake, Harris	1	Lot	100.
Dyer, Chauncey & Constance		Treadwell Lot	100.
Fadden, George & Annie	55	Benton Land	220.
Fadden, George & Annie	33	Back Lot (Part)	140.
Fadden, George & Annie	80	Back Lot	320.
Fadden, George & Annie	2	Fosie Lot	100.

Gilman, Edwin	200	Sellingham Land	800.
Heath, Sadie	11	Lyford Land	100.
Hiltz, Ward & Gertrude	2	Sanborn Lot	200.
Holub, Joseph	500	Weston Lot	2000.
Horner, Willis J. Est.	20	Sanborn Land	100.
Horner, Ida M.	15	Bagley Island	100.
Horner, Ruth	15	Sawyer Land	100.
Howard, Hollis Est.	50	Ben Downing Land	800.
Howard, Hollis Est.	10	Veasey Land	300.
Kimball, Charles	½	Ross Land	50.
Kimball, Charles	2½	Avery Land	50.
Leonhardt, Anna	40	Chase Lot	500.
McIsaac, James	14	Nugent Land	100.
Merrill, A. D.	400	Back Lot	1600.
Merrill, A. D.	100	Moulton Land	500.
Merrill, A. D.	65	Blaisdell Land	600.
Merrill, Smith	30	Chase Land	150.
Merrill, Smith	200	Russell Land	800.
Merrill, Smith	85	Martin Land	350.
Merrill, Smith	40	Smith Land	160.
Moses, Ida Mae & Bernard	75	Homelot	500.
Osterloh, Hans	100	Hackett Lot	400.
Ricker, Mrs. Robert	10	Scott Land	100.
Rodgers, David & Mina	25	Houston Lot	200.
Robertson, Andrew & Mary	1	McLuin Lot	100.
Robertson, Andrew & Mary	30	Wallace Land	120.
Robertson, Andrew & Mary	9	Sargent Land	50.
Robertson, Andrew & Mary	50	Dole & Sanborn Land	200.
Robertson, Andrew & Mary	4	Walter Lee Land	50.
Shores, Lawrence & Clifton	30	Durgin Land	150.
Steele, Frank & Roger	50	McCoy Lot	200.
Steele, Frank & Roger	30	Robey Lot	150.
Steele, Frank & Roger	15	Currier Land	100.
Uhlman, Leroy Est.	40	Treadwell Land	300.
Uhlman, Leroy & Morton	15	Cook Land	100.
White, Archie	7	Part Corliss Land	50.
Albamont Trust	160	French Land	800.
Anderson, Carl S.	9	Curtis Bump Land	100.
Amos, Chester R.		Lot Burnell Property	100.
Appleton, Chester & Ruth	1	Sanborn Land	100.
Atwood, Everett	100	Green Land	400.
Bailey, Frederick	½	Lot	100.
Baston, N. H.	18	Oaks Pasture	100.
Battenti, Angelo & Florence	¼	Lot	100.
Batchelder, James H.	23	Emmons Pine Land	100.
Beecher, Walter & Mary	10	Sellingham Land	100.
Blanchard, Ed. T.	20	Savage Land	200.
Boyle, Nellie	19	Doloff Land	200.
Bump, Curtis	9	Horner Island	100.
Burnell, Grace	55	Fox & Oachs Land	220.
Burden, Paul		Lot	100.
Butler, Lloyd W.	5	Donovan Land	100.
Carr, Mildred, Alice, Mary	110	Homestead	1500.

Chase, Anthony	3	Cilly Land	50.
Coursey, Nettie E.	1	Lot & 2 Camps	500.
Curtis, Wm. & Irene	160	Lee Land	650.
Curtiss, Blanche Owen	40	Part Oachs Lot	160.
Davison, Guy	40	Geo. Boyce Place	500.
Dole, E. & Co.	15	Wood Lot	60.
Dole, Moody Est.	50	Davis Land	200.
Downing, Alfonso & Edith	18	Sanborn Land	250.
Draper Corp.	200	Tobey Lot	800.
Dubeau, Nellie	125	Straw Lot	500.
Durgin, Leon	$\frac{1}{4}$	Lot	50.
Edgell, Elwin C.	$\frac{1}{2}$	Lot	100.
Emmons, Frances	10	Island	100.
Emmons, Frances	20	Stone Quarry Land	200.
Emmons, Harry Est.	10	Paper Co. Land	50.
Emmons, Harry Est.	200	Chase Land	800.
Fadden, James & Son	100	Taylor & Weeks Land	500.
Fulton, Dennis & Rachel	34	Part Moulton Place	350.
Franconia Paper Corp.	18	Dexter Lot	72.
Franconia Paper Corp.	150	Merrill Lot	600.
Franconia Paper Corp.	50	McCoy & Weeks Lot	200.
Franconia Paper Corp.	293	Reed & Gordon Lot	1172.
Gommer, Ralph & Emma	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sanborn Lot	100.
Green, Elmer	45	Perkins Land	200.
Grigg, Angie L.	1	LaRue Land	100.
Grigg, Angie L.	160	Bedell Lot	700.
Gronlund, Renes & Beatrice	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sanborn Lot	100.
Haynes, Floyd		Lot	100.
Johnson, Harold W.	$\frac{3}{4}$	Gilman Place	100.
Keating, Jas. & Shirley	$\frac{1}{2}$	Van Allen Island	50.
Laconia Home for Aged	3	Annie George Land	200.
Latulippe, Rene	23	Caldon Land	300.
Latulippe, Rene	2	Camp Site	100.
Lee, Sarah H.	2	Lot	150.
Littlefield, E. W.	1	Lot	100.
MacLeod, Kenneth	$\frac{1}{3}$	Lot	100.
Marshall, John E. & Alice S	3	Part Chester Brown Lot	200.
Marshall, John C.	2	Part Chester Brown Lot	150.
Mathews, Mrs. Sydney	25	Irving Land	500.
Merriam, Ida	40	"Sky Farm"	200.
Mooney, Rodney T.	2		150.
Morin, J. J.	147	Dustin Lot & Roxey Willey Ld.	700.
Morin, J. J.	200	Frank Karp Place	1000.
Moulton, Benj. A.	150	Weeks Lot	1000.
Nowell, George	70	Clarke Land	400.
Plaisted, Fred	30	Lake Island	300.
Rau, Henry Jr., & Marie E.	10	Fox Pasture	100.
Reynolds, Edgar	1	Broad Place	100.
Roscoe, William M., Jr.	15	Knowles Land	100.
Russell, Robert A.	105	Marden & Pettengill Land (Petrain Place)	450.
Sabourn, Lester	100	Gray Lot	400.

Sabourn, Lester	5	Stapleton Lot	100.
Sanborn, Irving		50-Ft. Right of Way Lot	50.
Saulnier, Arthur	1	Frank Saulnier Lot	100.
Shepard, Mina & Rosemary	25	Sadie Conners, Barnard Land	250.
Southmayd, Elsie	1	Camp Site	100.
Stanford, Mildred A.	99	Lester Avery Land	400.
Tappan, Irving	5	Flusher Land	80.
Tekwood Div. U. S. Ply. Corp.	45	Nelson Brown Lot	200.
Tirey, George & Elizabeth	5	Biddle Land	200.
True, Eugene & Helen Noyes	75	Fred George Lot	400.
Young, Thomas & Georgianna	½	Lot	200.
Yeaton, James	185	Will Lyford Place	750.
Yeaton, R. S., Inc.	115	Kenneth Barnard Place	500.

SUMMER HOMES

Dame, Alfred	80	Homestead	1800.
Avery, Amos	2	Fogg Land-Camp	800.
Bean, C. Nelson Jr., & Lois		Cottage & Lot	1200.
Bennett, Paul & Eleanor	1	Gilman Lot	1000.
Boyer, Carl	50	Hadley Place	1800.
Brown, Chester & Barbara	7	Cottage	2500.
Cables, Bessie & Frances	8	House, Barn, Guest House	1200.
Chadwick, Annie	2½	Cottage	1500.
Cole, Mrs. Edward	5	Log Cabin	1800.
Doane, Roland	1	Cottage	1000.
Driscoll, James	40	Cottage	3500.
Eaton, Lina	½	Log Cabin	600.
Elmer, William B.	40	Ward Place	1500.
Fitzpatrick, Chas. & Mildred	1	Cottage	1400.
Foote, Chauncey & Eleanor	4½	Cottage	800.
Grigg, Angie L.	1	Ora Downing Cottage	600.
Judge, Wm.	100	Elliott Place	1800.
Karlson, Elsie	4	Log Cabin	1000.
Kling, Wm. & Margaret Geo. & Maude Cogswell	67	Fader Land Bldgs.	1200.
Martin, Mrs. S. H.	146	Summer Home	4000.
Morin, J. J.	100	Gordon Lot—Cot. & Gar.	3800.
Nath, Simon & Ella	4	Chester Brown Cottage	1200.
Nelson, Rudolph	10	Leland Holmes Cottage	2000.
O'Conner, Francis & Lillian	20	John Keefe Place	2200.
Pfau, William	50	Corliss Place	1200.
Reardon, Frank M.	3	Bradley Place	2100.
Serrano, Marshall & Lillian	½	Pitts Cottage	1000.
Spitzer, Gerald & S. Monica	8	Burbank Lot	600.
Sullivan, Thos.	102	Summer Home	2500.
Taylor, Katherine	2½	Cottage	1800.
Veeder, Mrs. Willard Hall		Nickerson Cottage	1200.
Whipple, Nathan & Virginia	¾	School	1200.
Winters, Flora	5	Linnell Cottage	2000.
Wood, A. A.	¼	Cottage	1000.
Stewart, Harold W. & Anna Shedd	162	Wallace Place	1200.

CAMPS

Arnett, Marjorie L.	$\frac{3}{4}$	Henrietta Littlefield Camp	600.
Avery, Frank	$\frac{1}{2}$	Camp	600.
Bell, George	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Camp	600.
Dumais, Henry & Ruth	$\frac{1}{8}$	Camp	400.
Grace, Donald		Cottage	500.
Haynes, Kenneth	$\frac{1}{4}$	Cottage	600.
White, Norton	1	Land & Camp	300.
Blood, Theo. & Arthur Millay	$\frac{1}{2}$	Camps	350.
Brooks, Wm. L.	18	Camp	300.
Brown, Walter & Robt. Davis	$\frac{1}{4}$	Lot & Camp	300.
Clark, E. B.	$\frac{1}{2}$	Leonard Camp	400.
Elliott, Robert S.	$\frac{1}{8}$	Lot & Camp	300.
Elliott, Fannie Est.	65	Wood Lot & Camp	600.
Faustine, Louis T.	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Kimball Camp	700.
Gordon, Lucius	$\frac{1}{2}$	Chas. Kimball Camp	400.
Grant, Donald & Marjorie	1	Brockleman Camp	600.
Gilbert, Owen	1	Willis Howe Cottage	500.
Hall, Rose Smith	$\frac{1}{4}$	Cottage	700.
Hallett, Mary J.	$\frac{1}{2}$	Camp	300.
Harding, Theo. & Elizabeth	$\frac{3}{4}$	Log Cabin	700.
Hamel, Edw. R. & Jesse M.	$\frac{1}{2}$	Haynes Cottage	1000.
Holderness School	2	Lodge	1000.
Kendall, Reginald B.	150	Gilman, Unknown Lot & Cab.	1400.
Knowles, Robt. H. & Dorothy	$\frac{1}{4}$	Lot & Camp	500.
Lakeman, Edna	3	Geo. Snow Camp	400.
Littlefield, E. W.	1	Camp	800.
Lyford, Colby	$\frac{1}{2}$	Camp	500.
Lynde, Edwin	8	Camp	800.
MacKenzie, Jas.	$\frac{1}{2}$	Cottage	300.
McDonald, John H.	1	Cottage	700.
Mooney, Donald & Hilda	1	Rollock Cottage	800.
Mooney, Hilda & Rodney	1	Cottage	600.
Morin, J. J.	120	Willey Lot & Camp	1000.
Nelson, R. W. & Elsie D.	$\frac{1}{2}$	School House	500.
Noga, John	4	Camp	500.
Pace, Earl	$\frac{1}{2}$	Whiting Camp	300.
Phillips, James B.	4	Houston-Pollard Land & Shell of Cottage	1000.
Pope, Ethel	1	Cottage	800.
Porter, Mrs. R. J.	$\frac{3}{4}$	2 Cottages	900.
Putnam, Robt.		Lot & Camp	500.
Raffaley, Benj.	$\frac{1}{2}$	Camp	800.
Rainbird, Wm. & Olga	1	Hobbs Cottage	900.
Read, Maxwell	$\frac{1}{2}$	Camp	700.
Royce, Wm. & Irene	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Lester Avery Camp	500.
Simpson, Jas. & Dorothy	$1\frac{3}{4}$	Cottage	600.
Smith, Bernard & Madelynde		Camp & Lot	600.
Stidnick, Mary J.		Grant Cottage & 2 Lots	800.
Stuart, Lyone	32	Burkette Lot & Camp	500.
Wallace, Eugene A.	1	Camp	700.

RECREATION ENTERPRISES

Dobson, Annie	30	Homestead	3500.
Fadden, George & Annie	100	Dickson Place, Store & Park	8000.
Fadden, George & Annie	½	Colon Cottage	600.
George, Mrs. Fred	15	House & Barn	5500.
Greene, Lloyd & Margaret	2	Red Top Camps	9000.
Hanson, Mrs. Charles	50	Home, Tearoom & 18 Cabins	10000.
Hanson, Lewis & Marion		Farm Kitchen & Lot	3500.
Hanson, Theodore	1	Home, Tearoom & 6 Cottages	7600.
Knox, John & Irene	6	Shop, tearoom & 25 Cabins	19200.
Murphy, Earl & Sadie	50	"Pioneer Village"	6500.
Moonogian, Simon & Frances		3 Cabins & Unfin. House	3000.
Osterloh, Hans	300	House, Barn, Team & Cabs.	13000.
Robbins, Kenneth W.	45	Homestead & Cottages	6500.
Roberts, Arden & Alberta	60	Guest Home & Cabins	4500.
Thorensen, Walter	15½	Yankee Doodle Lodge	3000.
Bates, Freeman A.	9	Scott Place & 3 Cabins	4500.
Buckner, Grady L.	½	Rug Emporium	1000.
Cox, Harold J.	4¼	Robbins Nest	5000.
Dumas, Arsene & Imelda	8	Tourist Court	6000.
Gilmore, Harold & Ruth	12	Gilcrest Cabins	11000.
Keating, James & Shirley	31	Batchelder Ld. (Golf Course)	1500.
LaFlam, Edwin & Nina	49	Littlefield Place	4500.
Mallett, Ernest		"Chicken Shack at Pioneer Village	2500.
Shepard, Edward & Robert and John Pocsaji	3	Carey Lot & Motor Ct. Unfin.	8000.
Welch, Harry J.	5½	Hidden Lane Cabins	3000.

OTHER COMMERCIAL

Avery, Frank	4	Garage & Lot	5000.
Bardwell, Raymond & Mary	¼	Store	4200.
Howland, Glenroy	½	Store	4800.
Atkinson Oil Co.		2 Gasoline Tanks	300.
Esso Standard Oil Co.		2 Gasoline Tanks	300.
Gulf Oil Co.		1 Gasoline Tank	30.
N. H. Electric Co-Op.		29.62 Miles Trans. Line	8886.
Public Service Co. of N. H.		Transmitter Lines	119535.
White Mountain Power Co.		Electric Trans. Line	29480.
Speed, Fred H., Inc.		2 Gasoline Tanks	300.

MISCELLANEOUS

Avery, Frank		Stock in Trade	1000.
Bardwell, Raymond & Mary		Stock in Trade	2000.
Renton, Bert		Mill & Lumber	1150.
Ham, Clayton & Spencer		Tractor	200.
Hoey, Eugene	2	Ivan Dolloff Place	1500.
Howland, Glenroy		Stock in Trade	1500.
Knox, John & Irene		Stock in Trade	1500.
McCoy, Robert		Trailer	800.
Merrill, Fred		Pulpwood	200.

Murphy, Earl & Sadie
 Thorensen, Walter
 West Thornton Grange
 Curtis, William & Irene
 Franconia Paper Corp.

Stock in Trade 350.
 Stock in Trade 100.
 Grange Hall 1200.
 Tractor 500.
 Pulpwood 510.

LIVESTOCK

	Horses	Cattle	Sheep	Poultry	NeatStk
Adams, Fred	2 100.	7 525.			
Anderson, Eric, Sr.	11 500.	1 75.			
Avery, Bert	2 100.	3 225.			
Benton, Bert	2 150.	8 600.			
Benton, Scott	1 75.	15 1275.			
Boyce, Arthur	2 150.				
Bradley, Richard	3 150.	3 225.	3 30	38.	3 150.
Broad, Carl		1 75.			
Demmers, Peter		1 75.			
Downing, Ezra		1 75.			
Fadden, George	2 200.	22 1870.	19 190.		
Ham, Clayton & Spencer		19 1615.			
Horner, Willis J. Est.		10 850.			
Howard, Hollis, Est.	1 50.	1 50.			
Jennings, Peter R.				550.	
Keyser, Arthur		1 75.			
Kimball, Charles		2 150.	5 50		1 50.
Landry, Bernice		1 75.			
McIsaac, James	1 50.				
Merrill, Fred	1 50.	14 1050.			
Merrill, Roxy	2 100.				
Merrill, Smith	2 150.	23 1955.			4 200.
Mills, Donald	1 50.				
Reitsma, Herman		2 150.			
Robertson, Andrew	2 100.	4 300.			
Sawyer, Roy	2 100.	3 225.			
Shores, Lawrence & Clifton		19 1615.			
Steele, Frank & Roger	2 100.	1 80.			
Uhlman, Harry	1 50.	1 .75			
Uhlman, Leroy Est.	2 100.	3 150.			
Sabourn, Lester	1 50.				



School District

OFFICERS OF THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board

Eva S. Grey
Charles V. Ouellet
Phyllis B. Holbrook

Treasurer and Clerk

Irma Sullivan

Auditors

Ida M. Horner
Frances Steele

Superintendent of Schools

M. Wayne Bowie

OUR NEW SCHOOL

March 1952 saw the start of discussions for a consolidated school. George Thompson and Richard Bradley were elected to work with the school board.

We discussed the type of building which we thought would be best for the town at the 1953 school meeting. \$100.00 was appropriated to use in making plans. Of the few available places in town, we decided on land adjacent to the Center School, owned by Mrs. Bernice Landry, and an option was taken.

In December 1953, we contacted Norman Randlett, architect, and he presented a plan following our suggestions for a cinder block building. This plan was estimated to cost \$52,000, not including the land, water, architect's fee or furnishings. This plan was presented to the voters, March 1954, together with an article in the warrant to appropriate money for the purpose. A motion was made to raise a sum not to exceed \$59,000 through the issuance of serial bonds.

Three more members, Charles Ouellet, Kenneth Robbins and Charles Robertson, were added to the committee. A second consideration of plans produced our present building as the most practical one which would still give us what we felt we needed for the least amount of money.

The Bay State Artesian Well Company completed drilling a well in July and installed the pumping equipment. The well is 430 feet deep, produces 6 gallons per minute and is a flowing well.

Plans and specifications for the building were completed and sent out for bids in August. The bids were publicly opened September 1. These were rejected September 4. Changes and omissions were made and a second set of plans with specifications were sent out in October. These were opened October 21 and a contract was awarded to Armand Roux of Laconia. Construction began the last of November and was subsequently completed by June 1, 1955. Committee members and fathers completed the stage so that graduation was held in the new building.

The school board recognizes the splendid assistance given them by the building committee and wishes to express appreciation for the cooperation and assistance they have received from the community in such a progressive accomplishment.

Respectfully submitted,

THORNTON SCHOOL BOARD

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Thornton School in said district on the 13th day of March 1956, at 2:00 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 what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the school board to dispose of any of the school property and that the money for such sales be handed to the school treasurer to be used for school purposes.

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

Given under our hands at said Thornton this 9th day of February, 1956.

EVA S. GREY,
CHARLES V. OUELLET,
PHYLLIS B. HOLBROOK,
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EVA S. GREY,
CHARLES V. OUELLET,
PHYLLIS B. HOLBROOK,
School Board

THE BUDGET

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR

JULY 1, 1956 TO JUNE 30, 1957

Expenditures

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries of District Officers	\$	300.00
Superintendent's Salary		287.62
Tax for State Wide Supervision		176.00
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel		100.00
Supplies and Expenses		256.50

INSTRUCTION

Teachers' Salaries		9,125.00
Books and Other Instructional Aids		200.00
Scholars' Supplies		175.00
Supplies and Other Expenses		100.00

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Salary of Janitor		900.00
Fuel		750.00
Water, Lights and Supplies		400.00

REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS 50.00

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

Health Supervision		360.00
Transportation		4,500.00
Tuition		7,715.00

FIXED CHARGES

Teachers' Retirement		642.03
Insurance and Treas. Bond		300.00

CONTINGENCY FUND 275.00

DEBT AND INTEREST

Principal of Debt		3,000.00
Interest on Debt		1,635.00

Total Expenditures \$ 31,247.15

Estimated Receipts

Federal Aid (National Forest Reserve)	\$ 200.00
State School Building Aid	600.00
Town of Thornton (Rent)	100.00
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Total Receipts other than Property Taxes	\$ 900.00
District Assessment	30,347.15
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Total Appropriation voted by School District	\$ 31,247.15

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1954
And Ending June 30, 1955

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

Receipts

Federal Aid—National Forest Reserve	\$	265.48
Local Taxation		
Current Appropriation		20,365.51
Balance of Previous Appropriations		1,529.18
Special Appropriation made at March 1953 school meeting		100.00

Total Amount Received	\$	22,260.17
Cash on hand at beginning of year July 1, 1954		89.14

Total amount available	\$	22,349.31

Payments

ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries of District Officers	\$	300.00
Local Share of Superintendent's Salary		294.24
Tax for State Wide Supervision		188.00
Salaries of Other Admin. Personnel		80.06
Supplies and Expenses		158.81
INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries		8,653.66
Books and Other Instructional Aids		348.24
Scholars' Supplies		79.60
Supplies and Other Expenses		120.19
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Salaries of Janitors		80.50
Fuel		569.68
Water, Lights, Supplies and Expenses		178.82
REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS		102.66
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES		
Health Supervision		294.43
Transportation		4,412.25
Tuition		3,933.42
Special Activities (Graduation)		1.90
FIXED CHARGES		
Retirement		592.59
Insurance and Treasurer's Bond		94.85
Interest on Debt (Due July 1, 1955)		885.00

Total Payments	\$	21,368.90

Cash on Hand June 30, 1955	\$	980.41

CAPITAL OUTLAY ON THE NEW SCHOOL

Receipts

Local Taxation		
Special Appropriation (For Water)	\$	2,000.00
Balance of Previous Appropriations (For Water)		1,000.00
Sale of Bonds		
Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank	59,000.00	
Accrued Interest on Bonds		404.08
Gift from John Knox		50.00
Town of Thornton (For Town Vault)		278.00
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Total Amount available for New School	\$	62,732.08

Payments

General Contract		
Armand Roux	\$	54,171.73
Architect's Fee		
Norman P. Randlett		3,250.30
Water Supply		
Bay State Artesian Well Company		
Drilling Well	\$	3,010.00
Pumping Equipment		964.60
Colby Lyford		
Pump House		176.00
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		4,150.60
Site Development		
Merrimack Farmers Exchange (Grass Seed)		50.01
Insurance		
B. W. Pulsifer		221.38
Furniture		
Jackson Chairs, Inc. (100 Folding Chairs)		492.00
Other Expenses		
Grossman's of N. H. (Material for Stage)		114.01
Phyllis Holbrook (Telephone Charges, etc.)		59.28
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Total Amount Paid	\$	62,509.31
Cash on Hand June 30, 1955	\$	222.77

Total Net Receipts from all Sources		
General Fund Account	\$ 22,260.17	
New School Account	62,732.08	
	<hr/>	\$ 84,992.25
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year		
July 1, 1954		89.14
Grand Total Net Receipts		<hr/>
		\$ 85,081.39
Total Net Payments for all Purposes		
General Fund Account	\$ 21,368.90	
New School Account	62,509.31	
	<hr/>	\$ 83,878.21
Cash on Hand at end of year		
June 30, 1955		
General Fund Account	\$ 980.41	
New School Account	222.77	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,203.18
Grand Total Net Payments		<hr/>
		\$ 85,081.39

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Cash on Hand June 30, 1955	\$ 1,203.18	
Accounts Due to District from Town	1,350.00	
Total Assets	<hr/>	\$ 2,553.18

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by District		
Teachers' Summer Salaries	\$ 1,300.08	
Amounts Reserved for Special Purposes		
New Equipment	500.00	
Site Development (Driveway and Walkways)	222.77	
Total Liabilities	<hr/>	\$ 2,022.85
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)		530.33
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		\$ 2,553.18

STATUS OF SCHOOL BONDS

Issued During Year	\$ 59,000.00
Outstanding at End of Year June 30, 1955	\$ 59,000.00

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.

M. WAYNE BOWIE,
Superintendent

EVA S. GREY,
CHARLES V. OUELLET,
PHYLLIS B. HOLBROOK,

July 15, 1955

School Board

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Fiscal Year

July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

Cash on hand July 1, 1954	\$ 89.14
Received from Selectmen—Appropriation	12,029.18
Received from Selectmen—Forest Reserve	265.48
Received from Guaranty Savings Bank	20,000.00
1955	
Received from Selectmen—Appropriation	\$ 13,243.51
Received from John Knox— Gift for New School	50.00
Received from Guaranty Savings Bank	39,404.08
Total Receipts	\$ 85,081.39
Total Payments	83,878.21
Cash on Hand June 30, 1955	\$ 1,203.18
Cash on Hand a/c Appropriations, etc.	980.41
Cash on Hand a/c New School Fund	222.77
	\$ 1,203.18

IRMA SULLIVAN,
Treasurer

Auditors' Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the school district of Thornton for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

IDA M. HORNER,
FRANCES STEELE,

July 16, 1955

Auditors

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE THORNTON SCHOOL BOARD

To the School District of Thornton:

Hereby submitted is my annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

As this report is written the teachers and pupils have spent several enjoyable months in the new school which was completed in September. The building has proved to be warm and colorful as well as pleasing to the eye which adds a great deal to the overall educational picture. I am sure that the teachers and pupils in the school have as much pride in the new building as do the townspeople. At some future date it would be wise, I think, to equip the kitchen and establish a hot lunch program which is getting to mean so much to school children all over the nation.

During the spring achievement tests were administered to all the pupils in the Thornton Schools with good results, the majority of the children rating at or above the national norm. As this is written another series of achievement tests are being ordered to administer in the spring as well as some mental ability tests which will be given to some grades every year. Effective next September I hope achievement tests will be given in the fall of each year for diagnostic purposes and again in the spring to determine the amount of progress that has been made and the areas where a pupil might still need help or be weak.

New arithmetic and language books have been installed in your school which allow for articulation and correlation throughout the eight grades. In a few years this should have a noticeable effect upon the learning process, for the book in each grade blends itself into the work of the next higher grade and so on throughout eight years of elementary education. It is hoped that by next year we shall have adopted a new social studies and science series which are now the only two areas that I feel need attention.

Mrs. Lovett, the School Nurse, resigned in June and we were fortunate in securing Mrs. Helen Fisher, a former experienced school nurse from Ashland. She has been doing what I consider an excellent job. She visits the school regularly and is very capable in handling school situations as only a nurse can.

Miss Miriam Meyer, the music supervisor, also resigned and was replaced by Mr. Joseph Malfa. He is a graduate of Boston University Conservatory of Music and Boston University School of Music Education with experience as a music supervisor in New York State. He is a fine instrumentalist, has the ability to teach several instruments and I feel is well qualified and capable.

May I take this opportunity to thank the school board and teachers and pupils of your school for their cooperation during the past year. You have a fine school in Thornton and I shall do everything I can to see that present standards are maintained or surpassed.

Respectfully submitted,

M. WAYNE BOWIE

EXPLANATION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire, requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent as per the following quotation:

“REPORTS. Each superintendent of a supervisory union shall annually prepare a report showing the total salary paid to the superintendent, which report shall show in detail the amount derived from the per capita tax and the amount paid directly by each school district in the union.”

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is pro-rated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is pro-rated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30th. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 48 during 1954-1955 received a salary of \$5825 which was made up as follows: \$2500 paid from the per capita tax and \$3325 pro-rated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$750 for travel within the union was also pro-rated as stated above.

The table below shows the portion of salary and travel charged to each school district.

	Salary	Travel
Campton	\$ 649.71	\$ 146.55
Dorchester	65.50	14.78
Plymouth	1,167.41	263.32
Rumney	493.43	111.30
Thornton	237.07	53.48
Wentworth	191.85	43.27
Woodstock	520.03	117.30
Totals	\$ 3,325.00	\$ 750.00

Superintendent's salary for 1954-1955 based on the above figure is reconciled as follows: \$3325 paid by the various districts, plus \$2500 received from State per capita tax, equals \$5825 Superintendent's basic salary. This, plus \$750 travel allowance allocated as indicated above, totals \$6575—amount received from State Treasurer for salary and travel of the Superintendent of Schools.

M. WAYNE BOWIE,
Superintendent of Schools

**PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR
FOR SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 48—1956-57**

- September 5, 1956 Wednesday, Schools open.
- October 12, 1956 Columbus Day, Schools close
- October 18 and 19 State Teachers Convention,
Schools close.
- November 12, 1956 Armistice Day, Schools close
- November 21, 1956 Wednesday (1 session) Schools
close at 12:30 for Thanksgiving Recess
- November 26, 1956 Monday, Schools reopen.
- December 21, 1956 (all day session) Schools close for
Christmas Vacation.
- January 2, 1957 Wednesday, Schools reopen.
- February 15, 1957 Schools close for Washington's
Birthday Vacation.
- February 25, 1957 Schools reopen.
- April 19, 1957 Schools close for Spring Vacation.
- April 29, 1957 Schools reopen.
- May 30, 1957 Schools close for Memorial Day.
- June 14, 1957 Schools close for Summer Recess.

Total school days in session 179 plus 2 days for teachers convention making a total of 181 school days whereby 1 day may be lost for storm or other emergency before any time needs to be made up.

In as much as Armistice Day in 1956 falls on Sunday, it might be possible to pick up another day by going to school on that date if that be your wishes.

SUMMARY OF WORK FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Subject: Music Grades 1-2 No. of children 20
Textbook: New Music Horizon 1
School: Thornton

Most of the songs are taught and learned by rote but with some simple exercises they are beginning to read notes as well as sing them. Another device of which they displayed enthusiasm was of setting words to music. They seem to enjoy this and they can sing the notes easier because they made them up themselves.

Subject: Music Grades 3-5 No. of children 27
Textbook: New Music Horizon 4 and Music in the Air
School: Thornton

Most of the work has been done in Music in the Air although this book is too advanced for this group. Songs of "Roses from the South" by Strauss calibre and two part singing of Little Brother Dance With Me consist of making this a very particular musical group. Also, they like to sing in foreign languages such as "Alouette" (French) and Cielito Lindo (Mexican).

Subject: Music Grades 6-8 No. of children 30
Textbook: Juniors Singing and Music in the Air

All of the children have learned to compose music and to read and sing it after it was written. To their pleasant surprises, and mine too, some were, indeed, tuneful. They have worked with notation and the melodic music is best.

Instruments: 2 pianos, 1 violin, 1 drum, 1 accordion, 1 mandolin.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE
FOR THORNTON**

I hereby submit my report from September, 1955 to January 1, 1956 and include report of January, 1955 to June 1955.

Inspections	84
Vision Tests	84
Hearing Tests	84
Defects found:	
Tonsils	21
Vision	20
Hearing	5
Speech	1
Teeth	65
Defects corrected:	
Tonsils	4
Vision	5
Teeth	10

Clinics—3 for Salk Polio Vaccine

Number at Clinic in Lincoln 63

Home visits 19

No communicable diseases reported.

I have enjoyed your lovely new school—the privacy in having room for good inspections and quiet space for hearing tests.

Respectfully submitted,
HELEN H. FISHER, R.N.

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Planted by
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