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***Annual Report***

***TOWN OF***

***THORNTON***

***NEW HAMPSHIRE***

***1959***

**Granted: 1768**

**Settled: 1770**

**Incorporated: 1781**

**Total Area: 32640 Acres**

**Public Lands: 15056 Acres**

**Altitude: 555 - 2610 Feet**

**Population: 480**



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

YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 1959

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THE RECORD PRINT  
Plymouth, N. H.





## TOWN OFFICERS 1959

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REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT  
Richard Bradley

SELECTMEN —  
Kenneth W. Robbins, Russell M. Gilman  
Alton G. Benton

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER —  
Irma Sullivan

TAX COLLECTOR —  
Helen B. Steele

ROAD AGENT —  
John Rivers

POLICE OFFICERS —  
Ralph Steele, Jr., No. 1; Robert McGee No. 2

FIRE WARDENS —  
Bert Benton, Richard Bradley, Carl Broad,  
Spencer Ham

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES —  
Bert Benton

OVERSEER OF POOR AND HEALTH OFFICER —  
Ralph Steele, Jr.

MODERATOR —  
Kenneth W. Robbins

LIBRARY TRUSTEES —  
Frances Avery, Ethel Robinson, Isabel Ham

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS —  
Glenroy Howland, Evelyn Benton,  
Kenneth Robbins

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST —  
Scott Benton, Jr., Charles Ouellet,  
Richard Bradley

AUDITORS —  
Nellie Adams, James N. Pope



# 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 Consolidated Schools Building in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at seven of the clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To consider the Budget — item by item — as printed, and to raise such sums of money as may be necessary.
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 paid 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 the sum of \$100 given in trust for the perpetual care of the George Fadden lot in the cemetery.

7. To see if the Town will vote to hold future Town Meetings in the evening.

8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions for a non-partisan Town Ballot, for the election of Town Officers.

9. To see what the Town will vote to do about the middle pier of the West Thornton bridge, and appropriate money for the same.

10. To consider the emergency highway expense caused by the flood of Oct. 23rd.

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

(The complete Warrant is always posted at the meeting place.)

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty.

KENNETH W. ROBBINS,

RUSSELL M. GILMAN,

ALTON G. BENTON,

Selectmen of Thornton



# THE BUDGET

## *Estimates Of Expenditures for Ensuing Year*

PURPOSES	EXPENDITURES	
	Actual 1959	Estimated 1960
<b>General Government:</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 1,325.00
Town Officers' Expenses and Insurance	695.93	800.00
Election and Registration Expenses	16.00	150.00
Perambulation	15.00	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	100.00	100.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>		
Police Department	110.60	100.00
Fire Department	254.96	250.00
Moth Exterm. — Blister Rust & Care of Trees	100.00	100.00
<b>Health:</b>		
Health Department, Including Hospitals		50.00
Vital Statistics	14.00	10.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	174.40	175.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>		
Bridge Repairs	1,211.64	500.00
Town Maintenance — Summer	3,218.13	3,000.00
Town Maintenance — Winter	5,659.36	4,000.00
Tarring	626.96	300.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	641.48	650.00
Town Road Aid	318.84	313.64
<b>Libraries</b>	200.00	200.00



## **THE BUDGET - Continued**

### **Public Welfare:**

Town Poor	181.33	200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,198.68	1,000.00

### **Patriotic Purposes:**

Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	31.80	35.00
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### **Public Service Enterprises:**

Cemeteries	269.35	275.00
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### **Unclassified**

Advertising and Regional Associations		50.00
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### **Highways and Bridges:**

Emergency Flood 10-23-59		2,372.00
Town Truck	2,500.00	

County Taxes	2,625.91	2,625.91
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School Taxes	35,692.33	40,000.00
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Total Expenditures	\$ 58,581.55	\$58,581.55
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## THE BUDGET - Continued

Sources of Revenue	Actual 1959	Estimated 1960
<b>From State:</b>		
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 4,364.54	\$ 4,000.00
Railroad Tax	57.52	50.00
Savings Bank Tax	26.04	25.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	260.48	250.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	12.84	
National Forest Reserve	1,248.12	1,200.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	53.18	
Reimbursement Head Tax and Blister Rust	13.84	
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>		
Dog Licenses	228.00	225.00
Income from Trust Funds	100.00	100.00
Income of Departments:		
Sale Town Truck	2,500.00	
Sale Town Materials	79.50	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,571.15	2,500.00
Sale of Town Property		
Cemetery Lots	50.00	
Bartlett Tree Co. (Fire)	191.23	
a/c Hazel Binette Est. (Olsen)	424.59	
Yield Tax Deposit a/c Boyce	115.80	
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than</b>		
<b>Property Taxes:</b>		
Poll Taxes — Regular @ \$2	414.00	400.00
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Total Revenues from all Sources		
Except Property Taxes	\$ 9,796.83	\$ 8,750.00
<b>Amount To Be Raised</b>		
<b>By Property Taxes</b>		\$ 48,831.55
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Total Revenues		\$ 58,581.55

## Assessment Statistics

Land and Buildings	\$1,588,790.00
Electric Utilities	276,583.00
House Trailers	2,000.00
Stock in Trade	9,435.00
Horses (41)	3,725.00
Cows (164)	25,665.00
Neat Stock (5)	475.00
Sheep (75)	1,125.00
Fowl (462)	231.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	2,100.00
Portable Mills and Machinery	9,750.00
Gross Valuation	<hr/> \$1,919,879.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	22,000.00
Net Valuation	<hr/> \$1,897,879.00 <hr/>
Tax Rate per Hundred	\$2.44
Taxes Committed	\$ 46,308.24
Poll Taxes Committed	462.00
Number Veterans' Exemptions	22
Veterans Exempt Poll Taxes	46



## APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES 1959

Purposes	Amt. Raised	Amt. Spent
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,290.00
Town Officers' Expenses	850.00	695.93
Election and Registration	40.00	16.00
Town Hall	100.00	100.00
Police Dept.	75.00	110.60
Fire Dept.	250.00	254.96
Blister Rust Control	100.00	99.00
Vital Statistics	10.00	14.00
Town Dump	175.00	174.40
Summer Road Maintenance	3,000.00	3,218.84
Winter Road Maintenance	5,000.00	5,659.36
General Expense Highway Dept.	650.00	641.48
Tarring	600.00	626.96
Town Road Aid	318.84	318.84
Libraries	200.00	200.00
Memorial Day	40.00	31.80
Cemeteries	350.00	269.35
Town Poor	350.00	181.33
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	1,198.68
West Thornton Bridge Repair	500.00*	1,211.64
Perambulation	300.00	15.00
County Tax		2,698.45

\* Additional to \$462.20 on hand

## Financial Report, 1959

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### ASSETS

Cash — In hands of Treasurer	\$ 18,082.39
In hands of Tax Collector	24.40
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1959	None
Levy of 1958	1,356.56
Levy of 1957	730.84
Previous Years	1,621.36
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1959	9,957.29
State Head Taxes —	
Levy of 1959	430.00
Previous Years	125.00
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Total Assets	\$ 32,327.84

### Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Dec. Old Age Acct.	\$ 150.00
Civil Defense	225.00
Perambulation	285.00
Tarring	56.98
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes — 1959	
Uncollected	430.00
Yield Tax—Bond & Debt Retirement	
Uncollected	432.54
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	16,692.33
Outstanding Temporary Loans in	
Anticipation of Taxes:	
1960 Yield Tax Col. in Advance	15.06
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Total Liabilities	\$ 18,286.91
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	
(Surplus)	14,040.93
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Grand Total	\$ 32,327.84

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Description	Value
Town Hall and Buildings	\$ 1,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	100.00
Town Treasurer's Safe	100.00
Libraries	
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Fire Department	
Equipment	600.00
Highway Department	
Equipment	200.00
Material and Supplies	200.00
Cemeteries	200.00
School, Land and Building	60,000.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Land Acquired through Tax Collector's Deed	50.00
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	\$ 66,000.00



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Received for Auto Permits 1958	\$ 23.74
Received for Auto Permits 1959	2,547.41
Received for Dog Licenses	228.00
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Paid to Treasurer	\$ 2,799.15

IRMA SULLIVAN,

Town Clerk

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## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL BOARD

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Balance due Schools Jan. 1, 1959	\$ 17,274.28
Paid to June 30, 1959	15,300.00
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Balance due at end of School Year	\$ 1,974.28
Plus 1959-60 Appropriation	35,692.33
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	\$ 37,666.61
Less Paid July 1 to Dec. 31, 1959	20,974.28
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Amount due Schools Jan. 1, 1960	\$ 16,692.33

The schools also received \$624.06, being their share of the income from National Forest Reserve.

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### Summary of Warrant

### Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1959

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#### Dr.

#### Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property	\$ 46,308.24
Poll	462.00

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Total Warrant \$ 46,770.24

Yield 553.60

#### Added Taxes

Property	317.20
Poll Taxes	12.00
Interest Collected	3.97
Costs	12.60

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Total Debits \$ 47,669.61

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#### Remittance to Treasurer:

Property	\$ 35,929.91
Poll	316.00
Yield	121.06
Interest Collected	3.97
Costs	12.60
Discount Allowed	849.30
Abatement Allowed	71.34

Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's Lists:

Property	\$ 9,837.69	
Money Collected not Remitted	24.40	
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		\$ 9,813.29
Poll		144.00
Yield		432.54
Tuttle Est. Pd. & Remitted twice	\$ 48.80	
Cash on hand		24.40
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Total Credits		\$ 47,669.61

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1959, on account of the tax levy of 1959 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HELEN B. STEELE,

Tax Collector

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**SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS**

**as of December 31, 1959**

**Dr.**

	1958	1957	Previous
Taxes Sold to Town			
During Current Fiscal Year	\$ 1,287.65	\$	\$
Balance of Unredeemed			
Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1959		847.85	1,756.19



Not Sold—Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1959		118.46		
Interest Collected				
After Sale		3.02		28.13
Redemption Costs	92.50	4.60		
Less Tax Paid Not Off Books		—	24.40	
Total Debits	\$ 1,380.15	\$ 951.53	\$ 1,784.32	

**Cr.**

Remittances to Treas.				
During Year	\$ 15.00	\$ 228.70	\$ 162.96	
Cash on hand	8.59			
Abatements				
Deeded to Town				
Unredeemed Taxes	1,356.56	730.84	1,621.36	
Less Balance Tax Sale 1958		—	8.01	
Total Credits	\$ 1,380.15	\$ 951.53	\$ 1,784.32	

# TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1959

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1958	\$ 18,082.39
Received from Selectmen	9,517.52
Received from Town Clerk	2,799.15

\$ 30,399.06

Received from Tax Collector:

1957 Poll Tax	\$ 2.00
1958 Poll Tax	126.00
1959 Poll Tax	316.00

\$ 444.00

1954 Property Tax	\$ 49.96
1955 Property Tax	55.43
1956 Property Tax	57.57
1957 Property Tax	235.08
1958 Property Tax	7,554.20
Tax Sale	1,380.15
Costs & Interest	254.95
1959 Property Tax	35,929.91
Interest & Costs	16.57

\$ 45,533.82

1957 Yield Tax	\$ 132.00
1958 Yield Tax	377.84
1959 Yield Tax	121.06

\$ 630.90

1951 Head Tax & Penalty	\$ 5.50
1952 Head Tax & Penalty	5.50
1957 Head Tax & Penalty	5.50
1958 Head Tax & Penalty	444.50
1959 Head Tax & Penalty	963.00

\$ 1,424.00

Total Receipts	\$ 78,431.78
Total Expenditures	63,532.77

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1959 \$ 14,899.01

IRMA SULLIVAN,  
Treasurer

# *About Town*

Two years ago the Selectmen worked out a re-assessment program based upon the principle of "true value" — 100%. In general this meant doubling everyone's assessment because of a past record of 50% valuations. And, of course, by doubling the assessments, the tax rate was cut in half. It was cut in half — except for the increase voted in the current Budget. In a few cases, to be sure, other considerations had to be considered by the Board, as in every year.

Regardless of the percentage of "full and true value" which a town uses, no individual tax can be unjust as long as the Selectmen are impartial and keep assessments in proportion.

Selectmen must act as a Board in matters of judgment. A majority of two may dominate the Board and "rule" it. But a properly constituted Board does not work out that way.

In our re-assessing procedure two years ago, Thornton had a well constituted Board: three men from different sections of the town, all completely independent, and representing three different callings that make up the complexion of the community. All of them possessed experience. Sales recorded since the re-assessment seem to have borne out our findings. But negative forces are at work in the Pemigewasset Valley. Valuations do not remain static.



Changes in our living habits affect property values, and shift them about. West Thornton section was once the most active but now it is not. Formerly a two story dwelling might be expected to be most valuable, but today the demand is for small compact homes where a "do-it-yourself" program takes care of up-keep. Recently Summer property has been affected by the popular demand now, for being on a lake or pure stream. Even "transient" tourists trade along Route 3 seems destined for a change.

In the final analysis these truths prevail:—

Losing valuations will increase our taxes. Building up new values can reduce our taxes. Cutting taxes much by cutting the budget, is just piddling.

## **—Selectmen – In Account With—**

### **SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

**Year Ending Dec. 31, 1959**

#### **From Local Taxes:**

Property Taxes, Current Year	
1959	\$ 35,929.91
Poll Taxes, Current Year 1959	316.00
Yield Taxes 1959	121.06
State Head Taxes @ \$5 1959	960.00

Total Current Year's Taxes	
Collected and Remitted	\$ 37,326.97
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes,	
Previous Years	8,462.08
Poll Taxes, Previous Years	128.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5,	
Previous Years	420.00
Interest Received on Taxes	271.52
Penalties on State Head Taxes	44.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	1,380.15

#### **From State:**

Interest and Dividends Tax	4,364.54
Railroad Tax	57.52
Savings Bank Tax and Building	
and Loan Association Tax	26.04
Reimbursement a/c State and	
Federal Forest Lands	260.48
National Forest Reserve	1,248.12
Fighting Forest Fires	17.68
Reimbursement a/c Motor Vehicle	
Road Toll	12.84
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	53.18

#### **From Local Sources, Except Taxes:**

Dog Licenses	228.00
Income from Trust Funds	100.00
Registration of Motor Vehicles,	
1958 Permits	23.74
Registration of Motor Vehicles,	
1959 Permits	2,547.41

## **Town of Thornton**

### **SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS**

**December 31, 1959**

#### **Town Officers' Salaries:**

Richard Bradley, Moderator	\$ 15.00
Nellie Adams, Auditor	12.00
Alton Benton, Auditor	12.00
Irma Sullivan, Clerk and Treasurer	250.00
Russell Gilman, Selectman	195.00
Kenneth Robbins, Selectman	175.00
Alton Benton, Selectman	195.00
Helen Steele, Tax Collector	250.00
Evelyn Benton, Trustee	10.00
Evelyn Benton, Librarian	52.00
Katherine Ham, Librarian	104.00
Ralph Steele, Jr., Overseer	20.00
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	\$ 1,290.00

#### **Town Officers' Expenses**

N. H. Assessors Ass'n., Dues	\$ 3.00
Town Clerks Ass'n., Dues	3.00
Tax Collectors Ass'n., Dues	3.00
Transfers, Reg. of Deeds	32.60
Record Print, Town Reports	276.37
Stamps and Envelopes	64.34
Wheeler and Clark, Dog Tags	7.81
State of N. H., Law Books	2.75
Brown and Saltmarsh, Books, etc.	17.26
Recording Co., Auto Book	4.00
Branham Pub. Co., Auto Book	7.00
Sargent Bros., Tax Bills	23.00
Clarence Downing, Watering Trough	3.00
Kenneth Robbins, Phone & Exp.	15.13
Russell Gilman, Expenses	14.41
Alton Benton, Auditor Expense	.50
Ardelle Gilman, Copying	20.00

## **Receipts (Continued)**

### **Receipts Other than Current Revenue:**

Refund a/c Tuttle Est.	\$	15.00
Refunds, Blister Rust		1.00
Sale of Town Property		
Truck	\$	2,500.00
Cemetery		50.00
Materials		79.50
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	\$	2,629.50
Yield Tax Advances	\$	115.80
Hazel Binette Est.		424.59
Bartlett Tree Co. (Fire)		191.23
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$	3,377.17
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$	60,349.44
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1959		18,082.39
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Grand Total	\$	78,431.83



## **Payments (Continued)**

Helen Steele, Tax Col. Exp.	3.24	
Helen Steele, Cost of Tax Sale	92.50	
Bank Check Charges	2.02	
Bert Pulsifer, Bonding		
Town Officers	101.00	
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	\$	695.93

### **Election and Registration**

Charles Ouellet, Supervisor	\$	13.00	
Richard Bradley		3.00	
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	\$		16.00

### **Town Hall**

Thornton School District,			
Rent of Office	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00

### **Police Department**

Ralph Steele, Jr.,			
Officer No. 1	\$	82.75	
Robert McGee, Officer No. 2		27.85	
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	\$		110.60

### **Fire Department**

Campton Fire Dept.,			
Hydrant Rent	\$	75.00	
Bert Benton, Warden			
Training		35.36	
F. J. Avery's Garage, Repairs		5.90	
Campton Fire Dept.,			
5 Fire Calls		138.70	
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	\$		254.96

### **Blister Rust Control**

State Forester	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00
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## **Payments (Continued)**

### **Vital Statistics**

Irma Sullivan, Town Clerk	\$	14.00	\$	14.00
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### **Highways and Bridges**

Summer Maintenance,				
John Rivers	\$	3,218.13		
Winter Maintenance				
John Rivers		2,466.15		
Winter Maintenance				
Clayton Ham		2,485.00		
Winter Maintenance				
Bert Benton		701.51		
State of N. H., Thawing		6.70		
			\$	8,877.49

### **General Expenses — Highway Dept.**

Treas. State of N. H.				
Sandwich Notch '58	\$	140.00		
Treas. State of N. H.				
Sandwich Notch '59		140.00		
John Rivers, Misc. Supplies		22.39		
Clarence Pulsifer, Weed Killer		30.08		
Wirthmore Stores, Salt		178.30		
F. J. Avery's Garage, Misc.		12.86		
Glen Duffy, Sand		54.75		
David Rodgers, Gravel		27.00		
Robert Russell, Gravel		5.00		
Bert Benton, Sand		3.50		
			\$	641.48

### **Tarring**

Campton Sand Co.	\$	44.57		
H. H. McGuire Co.		301.18		
Treas. State of N. H.		281.21		
			\$	626.96

### **Town Road Aid — Chap. 241**

Treas. State of N. H.	\$	318.84	\$	318.84
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## **Payments (Continued)**

### **West Thornton Bridge Repair**

Treas. State of N. H.		
Bridge Dept.	\$	1,000.00
Franconia Paper Co.,		
Equipment		174.84
Glen Howland, Gasoline		2.33
John Rivers, Watchman		11.97
Dave Rodgers, Labor		22.50
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	\$	1,211.64

### **Libraries**

Frances Avery, Approp.	\$	200.00
Frances Avery, Lee Fund		50.00
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	\$	250.00

### **Public Welfare**

Old Age Assistance	\$	1,198.68
Farley's Pharmacy, Town Poor		48.00
Ralph Steele, Jr., Moving		15.00
Anray Nursing Home		33.33
Doctor's Inquisition		15.00
Frank Mednick, Rent		70.00
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	\$	1,380.01

### **Patriotic Purposes**

Memorial Day	\$	31.80	\$	31.80
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### **Public Service Enterprises**

Chas. Kimball, Rent, Dump	\$	150.00		
John Rivers, Dump		24.40		
Bert Benton, Cemetery		152.00		
Roy Sawyer, Cemetery		98.00		
Roy Sawyer, Lee Fund				
A/C Cemetery		50.00		
Avery's Garage, Mower,				
Cemetery		19.35		
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	\$			493.75

## **Payments (Continued)**

### **Unclassified Payments**

Taxes Bought by Town	\$ 1,388.19
Bond & Debt Retire.	
a/c Yield Tax	105.15
Flood Damage Emergency	
R. C. Hazeltine,	
Culvert	\$ 514.30
John Rivers,	
Tractor	771.33
Downing Const. Co.	124.80
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	\$ 1,410.43
Rosen & Berger et al,	
Town Truck	2,500.00
Irma Sullivan, Town Clerk Com.	205.40
Helen Steele, Tax. Col. Com.	7.65
State of N. H., Head Taxes	1,298.50
Tax Collector — Boyce	
Advance Yield Tax	99.74
Chester Downing, Advance	
1960 Plowing	565.00
Perambulation, Russell Gilman	15.00
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	\$ 7,595.06

### **Payments to Other Divisions**

County Tax	\$ 2,625.91
School District	
a/c Forest Reserve	624.06
School District	
a/c 1958 Balance	15,300.00
School District	
a/c 1959 Appropriation	20,974.28
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	\$ 39,524.25
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Total Payments	\$ 63,532.77
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1959	\$ 14,899.01



# TOWN ROADS

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## SUMMER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

This year through the work of our Representative, Richard Bradley, and other interested parties, legislation was passed which allowed the town more State Aid for the Sandwich Notch road. This road is used almost entirely by tourist and business traffic which we feel should be a responsibility of the state rather than the town. Perhaps sometime in the future the burden of maintenance will be placed where it belongs. In the meantime we are shouldered with this care of a road, extreme in its beauty, necessity, and cost. Work on this road is all done by our agent John Rivers who is also responsible for the care of all other town roads. The following list is the cost of maintaining approximately 20 miles of town road:

John Rivers,

Scraping Roads	\$ 505.60
Tar Patching	623.40
Tractor Work	396.50
Cleaning & Repairing Ditches	766.00
Hauling Gravel	207.05
Other Truck Work	215.60
Patrolling	25.20
Mowing Bushes with Tractor	162.00
Hand Mowing	142.40
Spraying Bushes	114.00
Other Hand Labor	49.60
Carl Broad, Labor	7.98
Bert Benton, Labor	2.80

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Total Cost of Summer Work	\$ 3,218.13
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The town bought 1500 gallons of tar at a cost of \$301.18 which was used for tar patching. We hired the state crew to tar a short portion of Mad River road which cost us \$281.21, and tar patch purchased from Campton Sand & Gravel Co. cost \$44.57, a total of \$626.96 being spent for tarring.

T. R. A. money was used this year to "seal" work previously done with T. R. A. funds. This is the third coat of tar put on these projects and the final as far as T. R. A. is concerned. T. R. A. funds will be available this year to repair flood damage if the town so wishes.

General expenses of the Highway Dept. were as follows:

Wirthmore Stores, Salt	\$ 178.30
State of N. H., Sandwich Notch	
Special 1958 & 1959	280.00
Glenwood Duffy, Sand	54.75
Dave Rodgers, Sand	27.00
Robert Russell, Sand	5.00
F. J. Avery, Sander Repairs	12.86
Clarence Pulsifer, Spray for Bushes	30.08
State of N. H., Brushes	27.60
Other General	25.89
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Total Gen. Exp.	\$ 641.48

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## BRIDGE REPAIR

We were fortunate to be able to obtain the services of the State bridge repair crew to do the work on the West Thornton bridge this past summer. They brought with them all the staging, ropes, jacks, paint, signs, and other tools and supplies necessary to do the job. All loose bolts were replaced or tightened, the traffic plates were replaced or tightened as necessary, and the supports under the bridge which were so badly rusted were all replaced. It has been recommended that the town each year have the sand and other foreign matter which accumulates on the abutments and under side of the bridge removed, as its presence holds the salt and moisture which, of course, is the major cause of deterioration.

Costs for the repair job were as follows:	
State of New Hampshire, Payroll	\$ 1,000.00
Dave Rodgers, Labor	22.50
A. L. Downing, Use of Compressor	18.00
Franconia Paper Corp.,	
Iron	31.02
Use of Welder	82.50
Labor	43.32
John Rivers, Flagging Traffic	11.97
Howland's Store, Gasoline	2.33
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Total Cost	\$ 1,211.64

The bridge now is in good condition with the exception of the pier in the river. There appears to be considerable washing away of the river bottom which has undermined the pier extensively. This condition, if left unchecked, will eventually cause the pier to settle and make the bridge unsafe. The bridge engineer has recommended the placing of large quarry rock around the base of the pier to stop any further damage. No estimate of the cost of this project has been made but the situation will be discussed at town meeting.

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## FLOOD DAMAGE

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The flood of October, 1959, caused much damage to the Town's roads and bridges. Some of the repair work has been done but the larger share remains to be done this summer. A large culvert, which was washed out on the Sandwich Notch road has been replaced and most of the washouts on the roads have been fixed. There remains two bridges in the Gore which need attention. The upper bridge, built a few years ago to replace the old twin bridges, needs work done on the up river side where it has started to wash around the abutments. The Hartwell bridge has a bad wash at the base of one abutment which has undermined the roadway. This appears to be a major undertaking requiring extension of the existing abutment to keep the current away from the river bank.

The cost of repairing the flood damage must be stood by the Town up to an amount equal to  $\frac{1}{8}$  of 1% of the assessed valuation, in the case of Thornton amounting to \$2,372.35. After this amount is expended, the balance of the work may be done with TRA funds. The amount of \$1,410.43 has already been expended as follows:

Bert Benton		
Truck	\$	21.28
Labor		61.90
Welding		1.50
John Rivers		
Truck		253.90
Tractor		220.25
Labor		84.80
Telephone Calls		1.76
Scraping		95.80
Brad Benton, Labor		6.65
John Benton, Labor		1.99
Dave Rodgers, Gravel		21.50
R. C. Hazeltine, Culvert		514.30
Downing Construction Co., Backhoe		124.80

It is estimated the remainder of the work will run well over the \$2,372.35 which the Town has to stand and the amount called for in the budget.

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## WINTER HIGHWAYS

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The winter of 1958-59 appears to have been one of the most expensive the town has ever experienced. In spite of the many hours put in by our road crews and the large amount of sand used there were still many times when traveling was hazardous. As usual, we started the year with 200 yards of sand. Before long it became apparent this would not be sufficient and we opened the pit for another 100 yards. In less than a week this was gone and we got another 200 yards which was all used up by Spring. The cost of putting out the last 300 yards ran as follows:



John Rivers,	
Truck	\$ 71.48
Tractor	112.00
Labor	2.20
Bert Benton, Labor	31.92
Total	<hr/> \$ 217.60

Cost of sanding done by Bert Benton as follows:

Bert Benton	
Truck	\$ 360.88
Labor	35.19
Tractor Loading	60.00
John Rivers, Truck	72.63
Brad Benton, Labor	133.26
John Benton, Labor	1.33
Lyman Boyce, Jr., Labor	32.24
Everett Steele, Labor	4.65
Ralph Steele, Jr., Labor	1.33
Total for Sanding	<hr/> \$ 701.51

As you all know we started out the year plowing with three trucks. Mr. Ham, who has plowed for the town faithfully for many years, was forced to give up his work on February 20th which left us with only Mr. Rivers' truck which obliged by breaking down that same day. The patience and courtesy shown by all the townspeople and property owners during the time when no plowing was done was not unnoticed, and was deeply appreciated. Much thanks goes to Frank Avery who worked all day Sunday and each evening to help us out. Cost of the plowing was as follows:

Clayton Ham (until Feb. 20th)	\$ 2,485.00
John Rivers (until Feb. 20th)	
Truck	982.50
Tractor	77.00
John Rivers (all roads after Feb. 20)	880.00
State of N. H., Grader at Robbins Nest	6.70
Total for Plowing	<hr/> \$ 4,431.20

Other work for last winter is as follows:

John Rivers	
Snow Fence	\$ 37.80
Thawing Culverts	57.20
Cleaning Ditches	24.20
Picking Ice	15.96
Dave Rodgers, Snow Fence	10.64
Donald Mills, Snow Fence	11.30

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Total Other Work	\$ 157.10
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Total expended during 1959 for 1958-59 Season	\$ 5,507.41
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Cost of putting out 200 yards of sand and plowing to Dec. 31, 1959, for current season is as follows:

John Rivers	
Trucking Sand	\$ 94.30
Tractor Loading	51.25
Labor	6.40
Plowing	329.00
Chester Downing, Plowing	236.00

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Total	\$ 716.95
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Total Expended during 1959 for Winter Work	\$ 6,224.36
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As you all know a new plan has been adopted for plowing this year. Our concern is to get the most plowing for the least money, and have the people satisfied. Your suggestions are most welcome and are the only way we have to know how you feel.

## STATEMENT

### From the Retiring Chairman — Selectmen

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I was elected to the Board in 1945 — when the Town was in somewhat of a predicament, having lost two of its Selectmen in a single year. One of the men had kept the Town Records in his own way for twenty-four years.

The period behind us since then, has taken us from “town records kept at home” to a well organized headquarters in a town office — from a reputation for putting out one of the poorest town reports, to putting out one of the best — from a period when most families were still homesteading the old farm, to a period in which most people drive to a “job” in industry — from three road districts with shovels and hoes, to a single Agent with some machinery — from three District Schools with water pails and “out buildings” to a consolidated school with modern facilities — from scholars who walked to school and brought their lunch, to scholars who ride and have their lunch cooked for them.

The period ahead of us now, presents the problem of living in a modern way — within our means. Thornton is not very naturally a place for industrial expansion to take place. But it has other natural assets which, when developed, are capable of relieving the tax load considerably. The possibilities are within sight, and the opportunity for the Selectmen to show leadership continues to be an exciting one.

KENNETH W. ROBBINS

## **CEMETERY REPORT**

I have done some grading in Pine Grove. It was mowed three times. At the Gore and Hanson Cemeteries we mowed once. The Mad River and Orris Cemeteries were cared for by Roy Sawyer.

BERT BENTON,

Superintendent

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## **AUDITORS' REPORT**

The accounts and records of all Town Officers charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds for the year 1959 were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were verified by source in so far as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by Collector's records. The amounts of uncollected and unredeemed taxes as indicated in this report are therefore subject to any changes which may be necessitated by return of verification notices.

NELLIE M. ADAMS,

JAMES N. POPE,

February 2, 1960

Auditors

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 1959

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### Receipts

Received from Selectmen (appropriation)	\$	200.00
Received from Walter Lee Trust Fund (Interest)		50.00
Library Dues		6.56
Total Receipts	\$	256.56

### Payments

Campbell & Hall, Books	\$	79.91
Goodman's Bookstore, Books		32.09
Magazines		24.25
Katherine Ham, Librarian Rent		100.00
Plymouth Record, Supplies		4.81
New Library Sign		15.50
Total Payments	\$	256.56

FRANCES AVERY,  
Library Trustee

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### LIBRARIAN REPORTS

	W. Thornton	Branch
Adult Books Circulated	638	43
Children's Books Circulated	289	8
Bookmobile Books Circulated	424	231
Magazines Circulated	385	
Books Purchased	58	
Gift Books	12	3
Adult Readers	42	13
Youth Readers	21	5
Juvenile Readers	18	8
Library Dues	\$ 6.26	.30

KATHERINE HAM,  
Librarian  
EVELYN BENTON,  
Branch Librarian



## PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

The year 1959 was fortunate from a forest fire standpoint. New Hampshire had the best record in the nation.

Yet, despite all this, there still persists a disturbing note:—

58%, or 6 out of every 10 fires in 1959 were caused by careless smokers and debris burners.

10%, or 1 out of every 9 fires was caused by children.

Careless, indifferent, thoughtless and independent minded individuals and failure of parents to properly supervise children and keep matches out of their reach, annually cause these unnecessary fires which cost large sums to extinguish and cause extensive damage.

1. Before burning, secure a permit from your local forest fire warden — the law requires it.

2. Be sure to properly supervise your burning.

3. Make certain your fire is DEAD OUT before leaving it.

4. Don't throw lighted matches, cigars and cigarettes from moving vehicles — use your ash tray.

5. Don't burn at home — Use your town dump and save yourself much possible difficulty, both personal and financial.

Number of local fires 0

Number of acres burned 0

Number of permits issued 24

BERT BENTON,

Forest Fire Warden

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON, N. H., ON December 31, 1959

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	
					1st of Year	End of Year			1st of Year	End of Year
Jan. 12, 1929	Leonard Durgin	Plymouth	\$100.00	3 1/4 %	\$	1.74	\$	3.19	4.00	\$ .93
Jan. 12, 1929	Albert Barnard	"	100.00	"		2.00		3.20	4.25	.95
Jan. 12, 1929	Houston & Carleton	"	150.00	"		.60		4.72	5.00	.32
Jan. 12, 1929	John Colby	"	50.00	"		.45		1.58	1.50	.53
Apr. 1, 1936	Dana Fadden, Sr.	"	100.00	"		1.35		3.18	4.00	.53
Apr. 1, 1936	E. C. Burleigh	"	50.00	"		.30		1.58	1.50	.38
Apr. 1, 1936	A. C. & Daniel Moulton	"	200.00	"		6.88		6.49	8.50	4.87
May 26, 1936	John Burleigh	"	100.00	"		.24		3.14	3.00	.38
Oct. 13, 1936	Mason & Smith	"	75.00	"		0.00		2.31	2.00	.31
May 24, 1940	Romanzo & John Johnson	"	100.00	"		.66		3.16	3.50	.32
Jan. 31, 1940	Daniel James	"	50.00	"		.02		1.56	1.50	.08
Feb. 27, 1941	Harry & Will Emmons	"	200.00	"		2.77		6.36	7.00	2.13
Nov. 3, 1941	Elkins & Richards	"	100.00	"		.66		3.16	3.50	.32
Feb. 1, 1943	Warren Moulton	"	50.00	"		.21		1.56	1.50	.27
June 16, 1943	Charles & Jonathan Gordon	"	100.00	"		.57		3.16	3.50	.23
July 11, 1944	Campbell & Bowles	"	100.00	"		1.84		3.19	4.50	.53
Oct. 10, 1944	Alfred Dame	"	100.00	"		.88		3.16	3.25	.79
Oct. 11, 1945	Mad River Cemetery	U. S. Saving Bond Series G	2000.00	2 1/2 %		2.74		50.27	50.00	3.01
Oct. 11, 1945	West Thornton Library	"	2000.00	"		0.00		50.00	50.00	00.00
Nov. 6, 1946	Margaret Smith	Plymouth Guar Savings Bank	500.00	3 1/4 %		21.09		16.40	24.50	12.99
Oct. 5, 1948	Edward Canfield	U. S. Saving Bond Series G	200.00	2 1/2 %		2.10		5.08	7.00	.18

TRUST FUNDS (Continued)

Oct. 4, 1949	Benjamin Merrill	Plymouth Guar.	Savings Bank	100.00 $3\frac{1}{4}\%$	1.27	3.18	4.00	.45
Nov. 30, 1949	Russell Fader	"	"	150.00 "	5.81	4.90	8.00	2.71
Aug. 15, 1951	Eliza Haynes	"	"	100.00 "	1.77	3.19	4.00	.96
Aug. 15, 1951	Frank Ham	"	"	50.00 "	.22	1.56	1.50	.28
Dec. 31, 1952	Ezra Broad	"	"	200.00 "	14.93	6.75	6.00	15.68
Dec. 31, 1952	William Merrill	"	"	100.00 "	3.23	3.24	4.50	1.97
Dec. 7, 1955	Scott A. Benton	"	"	100.00 "	3.95	3.26	2.50	4.71
Dec. 31, 1957	Jesse A. Kendall	"	"	100.00 "	.25	3.14	3.00	.39
June 11, 1958	Roy Lyford	"	"	100.00 "	.75	3.16	3.50	.41
Sept. 9, 1958	Dana Fadden, Jr.	"	"	100.00 "	0.00	3.14	3.00	.14
TOTALS				\$ 7,525.00	\$ 79.28	\$211.97\$233.50	\$57.75	

EVELYN M. BENTON } Trustees  
KENNETH W. ROBBINS }

# Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1959

Date of Birth 1959	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond			Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male	Female	Live or Stillborn							
Feb 10	Alton George	M	L	1	Alton George Benton	Geraldine A. Holecek	W	Thornton	Farming	Thornton	Mineola N Y
May 29	No Name	F	L	1	Bradford C. Benton	Judith Ann Hillz	W	Thornton	Student	Campton	Littleton
June 27	Terrance Walter	M	L	3	Walter A. Sleeper	May R. Anderson	W	Thornton	Chef	Plymouth	Lincoln
July 27	Elizabeth Ann	M	L	1	Edmund F. DeGrace	Edhel Florence Pratt	W	Thornton	Carpenter	Pennington Vt	Athens Vt
Aug 19	No Name	F	L	3	John B. Benton	Myrtle Ann Coffin	W	Thornton	Laborer	Campton	Quincy
Aug 19	No Name	F	L	4	John B. Benton	Myrtle Ann Coffin	W	Thornton	Laborer	Campton	Quincy
Sep 7	William John	M	L	1	John Lewis Piper	Mildred E. Walsh	W	Thornton	Electrician	Campton	Cambridge Mass
Sep 16	Julia Ann	F	L	1	Chester Downing Jr	Mary Alice Day	W	Thornton	Mill work	Campton	Manset Me
Oct 6	Stephen Allen	M	L	3	Wayne Oliver Hines	Josephine Vintinner	W	Thornton	Truck driver	West Burke Vt	Campton

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1959

Date - 1959	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age in years Groom Bride	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
Mar 28	Lincoln	Bradford C Benton Judith Ann Hilz	Thornton North Woodstock	17 W 16 W	Farming At home	Thornton North Woodstock	Bert Benton Olive Simonds	Thornton Lancaster	1	George G Marsh Clergyman
May 17	Haverhill	Fred G Swetson Muriel Ardella Heath	Thornton Haverhill	31 W 22 W	Clerk Tel operator	Arlington Mass Haverhill	Alice Fulton George Swetson Thelma P George Ora Kendall Heath	Nova Scotia Chelsea Mass Danville West Lebanon	2	Sven A Laurin Clergyman
June 27	Lincoln	William A Houston Sandra E Best	Leicester Mass Leicester Mass	26 W 20 W	Salesman Office work	Worcester Mass Leicester Mass	Mildred Fletcher Charles J Houston Annie G Waterhouse Samuel Best	Keene Worcester Mass Worcester Mass West Virginia	2	George G Marsh Clergyman
Sept 26	Holderness	Stephen D Uhlman Gloria Amy Brown	Thornton Ashland	23 W 20 W	Stockman Mill work	Thornton Ashland	Irene Bazley Harry E Uhlman Hilma Broad Roger Brown	Northboro Mass Thornton Ashland Ashland	1	Wm S Norman Clergyman
Nov 15	Campton	Bernard D Merrill Gloria E Danforth	Thornton Thornton	23 W 18 W	Mill work At home	Thornton Thornton	Laura Dickey Smith Merrill Isabelle Horner George D Danforth	Thornton Ashland Thornton Tamtworth	1	J Lincoln Thomas Clergyman
Nov 18	Campton	Howard A Saulnier Joan G Manion	Campton Thornton	60 W 28 W	Carpenter Clerk	Nova Scotia North Woodstock	Lillian Adams Samuel Saulnier Sarah J Thibideau Glenroy Howland Elizabeth Fifield	Thornton Nova Scotia Nova Scotia North Woodstock Thornton	2	J Lincoln Thomas Clergyman



# Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1959

Date of Death 1959	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			
Jan 15	St. Johnsbury Vt	Eva Bell Gray	50	Thornton	F	W	Teacher	Frank W. Steele	Eda M. Steele
Mar 2	Merrimac	Frank Tuttle	91	Stratham	M	W	Carpenter	Isaac Tuttle	Fanny Blake
May 29	Littleton	No Name	2hrs	Littleton	F	W	Teacher	Bradford C. Benton	Judith Ann Hiltz
June 10	Thornton	Etta C. Fero	83	Rumney	F	W	Housewife	Joseph W. Pease	Celestia A. Elliott
June 17	Thornton	Annie L. Fadden	74	Woodstock	M	W	Housewife	Almus Sawyer	Isabella Lumin
Aug 15	Merridith	Will F. Downing	91	Ellsworth	M	W	Blacksmith	Benjamin Downing	Martha J. Sherburn
Aug 19	Littleton	No Name	2hrs	Littleton	F	W		John B. Benton	Myrtle Ann Coffin
Aug 19	Littleton	No Name	2hrs	Littleton	F	W		John B. Benton	Myrtle Ann Coffin
Sept 2	Thornton	William A. Smith	88	Fort Jones Calif	M	W	Police officer	Milan Smith	Ada Goldthread
Sept 4	Thornton	Edwin Carl Gilman	59	Woodstock	M	W	Woods Supt	Fred M. Gilman	Alice Stickney
Nov 8	Hanover	Simon Nath	71	Austria	M	W	Retired	Samuel Nath	Jean Dauber
Nov 27	Merridith	Harriette Sanborn	87	Thornton	F	W	Housewife	Dexter Merrill	Mary Kenniston
Dec 12	Thornton	Barbara E. Glover	40	Thornton	F	W	Housewife	Andrew Robertson	Mary A. McLeod



# ***THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT***

## **OFFICERS OF THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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### **School Board**

Charles V. Ouellet  
Lawrence Thompson  
Gertrude Hiltz

### **Treasurer and Clerk**

James N. Pope

### **Auditors**

Inez Ignaszewski  
Nellie Adams

### **Moderator**

Richard Bradley

### **Superintendent**

M. Wayne Bowie

## 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 hereby notified to meet at the Thornton School in said district on the tenth (10th) day of March 1960, at 7:00 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 school district will authorize the School Board to employ a helper for the School Lunch program and to raise and appropriate four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) for this purpose.

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

Given under our hands at said Thornton this fifteenth (15th) day of February, 1960.

CHARLES V. OUELLET,  
Chairman  
LAWRENCE THOMPSON,  
GERTRUDE HILTZ,  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

CHARLES V. OUELLET,  
Chairman  
LAWRENCE THOMPSON,  
GERTRUDE HILTZ,  
School Board



## BUDGET

### SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 1960 TO JUNE 30, 1961

#### EXPENDITURES

##### ADMINISTRATION

Salary of District Officers	\$ 400.00
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)	399.90
Tax for State-Wide Supervision	236.00
Salaries of other Administration Personnel	175.00
Supplies and Expenses	340.00

##### INSTRUCTION

Elementary Teachers' Salaries	11,590.00
Books & Other Instruction Aids, Elementary	300.00
Scholars' Supplies, Elementary	275.00
Supplies and Other Expenses, Elementary	275.00

##### OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Salaries of Janitors, Elementary	1,000.00
Fuel or Heat, Elementary	700.00
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses, Elementary	750.00

##### MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

Repairs and Replacements, Elementary	200.00
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##### AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

Health Supervision, Elementary	475.00
Transportation, Elementary	5,200.00
Tuition, High School	13,956.00
School Lunch, Elementary	1,000.00

##### FIXED CHARGES

Teachers' Retirement, Elementary	833.80
Insurance, Treas. Bonds & Expenses, Elem.	325.00

##### CONTINGENCY FUND

200.00

##### DEBT AND INTEREST

Principal of Debt	3,000.00
Interest on Debt	1,315.00

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Total Expenditures or School Appropriation	\$ 42,950.70
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#### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Balance (Actual or Estimate)	\$ 1,500.00
State Aid	900.00
Federal Aid	600.00
Town Hall	100.00

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Total Receipts other than Property Taxes	\$ 3,100.00
District Assessment	39,850.70

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Total Appropriation Voted by School District	\$ 42,950.70
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# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1958  
and Ending June 30, 1959

## Receipts

### FEDERAL AID

National Forest Reserve	\$ 379.63
State of N. H. Milk Reimbursement	526.38

### LOCAL TAXATION

Balance of Previous Appropriation	2,239.51
Current Appropriation	33,100.00

### STATE AID

School Building Aid	1,800.00
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### OTHER SOURCES

Sale of Milk	102.04
Rent from Town	100.00
Tuition Refund, Lincoln	169.02
Tuition Refund, Plymouth	81.00

Total Receipts	\$ 38,497.58
Cash on hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1958	234.25
	\$ 38,731.83

## Payments

### ADMINISTRATION

Salaries of District Officers		
Frances Steele	\$ 125.00	
Charles V. Ouellet	75.00	
Laurence Thompson	75.00	
James N. Pope	125.00	
		\$ 400.00
Superintendent's Salary — Local Share		
Supervisory Union No. 48	\$	322.02
Tax for State Wide Supervision		
Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$	216.00
Salaries of other Administrative Personnel		
Supervisory Union No. 48	\$ 115.31	
Virginia Wood (Union Secretary)	15.00	
Frances Steele, Census	15.00	
Nellie Adams, Auditor	10.00	
Alton Benton, Auditor	10.00	
Phyllis Holbrook, Keeping Records	50.00	
		\$ 215.31

## SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES

Analysis Charges	\$	7.60
Edson Eastman Co.,		
Manifests	\$	18.45
Monthly Reports		2.77
Census Cards		1.19
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	\$	22.41
Glenroy Howland, Envelopes		24.80
N. H. School Board Dues		10.00
Record Print, School Reports (275)		104.07
Supervisory Union No. 48		94.73
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	\$	263.61

## INSTRUCTION

Teachers' Salaries		
Harriette Hartwell		
1958 Summer Salary	\$	500.00*
1958-1959 Salary		3,150.00
Mildred Thompson		
1958 Summer Salary		466.64*
1958-1959 Salary		2,900.00
Olive Benton		
1958 Summer Salary		466.64*
1958-1959 Salary		2,950.00
Supervisory Union, Music		695.00
Rhinehart Functional Handwriting		
System		250.00
Virginia Mellett, Substitute		25.00
Louise Pritchard, Substitute		130.00
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	\$	11,533.28

\* Summer salaries of \$1,433.28 were paid in July and August, 1958, against the amount carried as a liability on last year's balance sheet.

1958-59 salaries cover the entire school year 1958-59 and include "summer salaries." Therefore, there is no such liability item on this year's balance sheet.

## BOOKS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS

Allyn & Bacon, Science Books	\$	147.30
Prentice Hall, Science Books		47.58
Webster Science Co., 1 set Books		5.03
Follett Publishing Co., Books &		
Work Books		31.61
World Book, Arithmetic		14.20
Scott Foresman & Co.,		
Reading Books		166.17
Work Books		10.77
C. S. Hammond, Books		24.93

Ginn & Company, Spelling Books	2.66	
American Book, English Books	5.16	
American Educations Pub., Readers	58.35	
Benefic Press, Primary Library Books	11.64	
Rowe, Peterson & Co., Books	2.52	
Gledhill Bros., Inc. Quizmo Game	2.50	
J. P. Lippincott Co., 1 Book	1.55	
Cambosco Scientific Co., Science, Supplies etc.	24.81	
Educator Progress Service, Guide to Free Films	7.00	
Gel-Sten, Music Masters	1.71	
Clay's News Stand, Almanac	1.25	
		\$ 566.74

#### SCHOLARS' SUPPLIES

Mainco Trading, Supplies	\$ 169.20	
Webster Publishing Co., Work Books	24.88	
McMillan Co., Arithmetic Work Books	18.62	
World Book, Arithmetic Work Books	24.84	
Milton Bradley Co., Powder Paint, Envelopes, Staples and Scotch Tape	21.74	
Scott Foresman & Co., Work Books	79.79	
Houghton Mifflin Co., Work Books	3.68	
Follett Publishing Co., Social Studies Work Books	9.34	
		\$ 352.09

#### SUPPLIES AND OTHER EXPENSES

University of N. H., Films Rented — 1 year	\$ 60.00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	71.23	
World Book, Tests	39.15	
Milton Bradley, Envelopes	5.92	
Harriette Hartwell, Postage on Film	5.61	
Thomas Goulart, Speaker for Graduation	10.00	
J. L. Hammett, Diplomas	6.49	
		\$ 198.40

#### OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Peter Demers, Salary of Janitor	\$ 880.00	
		\$ 880.00

#### FUEL

Durgin Oil Company	\$ 757.03	
		\$ 757.03

#### WATER, LIGHTS, SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES

N. H.. Electric Cooperative, Inc.	\$	498.45	
Alton Benton, Mowing Hay at School		10.00	
Milton Bradley Co., Paper Towels		54.68	
Milton Bradley Co., Toilet Tissue		31.50	
Hilliard Sales, Supplies		125.45	
F. J. Avery, Fly-Ded		3.95	
Charles Ouellet, Brooms		5.51	
Rand's, Mops, Dust Pan, Mop Handle		8.57	
	\$		738.11

#### REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS

Francour-Gill	\$	20.50	
Charles Ouellet, 3 Brooms, Cloth Rack			
and Repairs		23.59	
A. Chase, Fixing Septic Tank		10.00	
	\$		54.09

#### AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

York's Drug Store (Band-Aids)	\$	6.15	
Geyer's Drug Store (Band-Aids)		1.48	
Record Print (Our Share of			
Report Cards)		1.09	
Supervisory Union No. 48,			
Nurse's Salary		415.04	
	\$		423.76

#### TRANSPORTATION

Glenroy Howland, Elementary	\$	3,382.00	
Richard Bradley		1,424.00	
Archie Brown		300.00	
	\$		5,106.00

#### TUITION

Lincoln High School District	\$	3,521.30	
Plymouth School District		5,904.66	
	\$		9,425.96

#### SPECIAL FUNDS

Advance to Lunch Program	\$	300.00	
Install Gas		19.00	
Balance Reimbursement		96.37	
Milk		161.00	
Hot Lunch Supervisor's Salary		695.00	
	\$		1,271.37



## SOCIAL SECURITY

Supervisory Union, Nurse and Music	\$	14.98	
State Treasurer, Teachers		164.35	
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	\$		179.33

## FIXED CHARGES

Retirement			
Supervisory Union No. 48			
Supt., Nurse and Music	\$	73.91	
N. H. Teachers Retirement System		455.40	
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	\$		529.31

## INSURANCE

B. W. Pulsifer			
Insurance on Building	\$	447.40	
Projector		9.60	
Treas. Bond		5.00	
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	\$		462.00

## CAPITAL OUTLAY

Rand's, Installing Gas	\$	26.95	
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	\$		26.95

## NEW EQUIPMENT

Humphreys, Inc.			
Bal. on Silver	\$	2.01	
Kitchen Equip.		24.10	
Oven Rack		5.00	
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	\$		31.11
Rand's			
Dishes - Kitchen	\$	86.30	
Kitchen Equip.		13.85	
Clock and Dishes		39.14	
Hammer and Wrench		4.64	
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	\$		143.93
Charles Ouellet,			
Clothes Rack	\$	2.98	
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	\$		2.98
Paris Manufacturing, Table			
for Kitchen	\$	44.49	
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	\$		44.49
W. T. Loomis, Service Call on Freezer		4.50	
Treas. State of N. H.			
Surplus Commodities		6.00	
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	\$		233.01

## DEBT AND INTEREST

Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	
Interest	1,455.00	
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		\$ 4,455.00
Total Payments		<hr/>
Cash on hand June 30, 1959		\$ 38,609.37
		122.46
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		\$ 38,731.83

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## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

The Hot Lunch Program under "Special Funds" includes the Receipts and Payments below which do not constitute actual expense to the District.

### RECEIPTS

Sale of Milk at School	\$ 102.04	
Milk Reimbursements	474.33	
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		\$ 576.37

### PAYMENTS

Advance to Start Program	\$ 300.00	
Milton Hanks, Milk, Sept.-Oct.	161.00	
Rand's, Gas	19.00	
Check 6-30-'59	96.37	
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		\$ 576.37

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

Cash on hand June 30th, 1959	\$ 122.46
Accounts Due to District:	
From Town (Balance of Appropriation)	1,974.28
From Federal Agency (Lunch Program Reimbursements)	96.18
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Total Assets	\$ 2,192.92
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)	45,370.74
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Total	\$ 47,563.66

### LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by District:		
Balance Janitor's Salary	\$ 20.00	
Hot Lunch Program	96.18	
State of N. H., Social Security	10.00	
Bonds Outstanding	47,000.00	
Amounts Reserved for Special Purposes		
Kitchen Equipment	437.48	
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Total Liabilities		\$ 47,563.66
1959-1960 Appropriation Voted		\$ 37,321.59
Current Assets, June 30, 1959	\$ 2,192.92	
Current Liabilities, June 30, 1959	563.66	
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Unencumbered 1958-1959 Balance used to		
Reduce 1959-1960 Appropriation	\$ 1,629.26	
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1959-1960 District Assessment		\$ 35,692.33

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## AUDITORS' REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the Thornton School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 and find them correct in all respects.

INEZ IGNASZEWSKI,  
NELLIE ADAMS,

July 7, 1959

Auditors

# SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Fiscal Year

July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959

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Cash on hand July 1, 1958	\$	234.25
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## RECEIPTS — 1958

From Selectmen:

Appropriation	
(Balance of 1957)	\$ 2,239.51
Appropriation (1958)	17,800.00
National Forest Reserve	379.63
Rent of Office	100.00

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\$ 20,519.14

From School Board:

Sale of Milk at School	
(Sept. & Oct.)	102.04

From State of New Hampshire:

Milk Reimbursement	\$ 129.33
School Building Aid	
1957-1958	900.00
School Building Aid	
1958-1959	900.00

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\$ 1,929.33

From Lincoln School District:

Refund on Tuition	169.02
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\$ 22,719.53

## RECEIPTS — 1959

From Selectmen:

Appropriation (1958)	\$ 15,300.00
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From State of New Hampshire:

Milk Reimbursement	397.05
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From Plymouth School District:

Tuition Overpayment	81.00
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\$ 15,778.05

Total Receipts

\$ 38,731.83

Total Payments

38,609.37

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Cash on hand June 30, 1959

\$ 122.46

JAMES N. POPE,  
School Treasurer

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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### TO THE THORNTON SCHOOL BOARD

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

Since my last report it is my feeling that your school has been run efficiently and well. Upon the resignation of Mrs. Thompson in June, Mrs. Virginia Dearborn, a graduate of Plymouth Teachers College and a resident of Campton, was employed to teach Grades I and II. I am highly satisfied with her work and think she is doing a fine job.

I am sure you are aware that if your enrollment continues to grow, before too long some provision must be made for another room and another teacher. As I see the problem there are two alternatives. One would be the construction of another classroom attached to the building or using part of the present auditorium for a classroom. I would hate to see the auditorium used for this purpose but it would be the cheaper of the two methods. Mrs. Benton now has 37 in her room with a possibility that next year there will be over 40; which is too many for a teacher to have under any conditions and far too many where a multiple grade room is concerned. If this trend should continue any length of time, and it looks as if it would, I think there is no question from an educational point of view that some children will suffer.

It is very gratifying to see how well the school lunch program is progressing. From the number of children who eat lunch each day, I am sure that the program meets with the approval of most of the district.

The Thornton School is now better equipped with modern up-to-date textbooks than at any time since I have been here. With the adoption of the new spelling series this year, we have new books for each area and outside of replacements for increased enrollments and



work books we use regularly, there is not too much to be done. About the only needs we have other than in the above-mentioned areas are more reference materials and supplementary readers.

The record system we keep on each individual child is maintained in folders throughout eight years of grade school. These folders are passed on to the Principal of the high school where the child attends. This information including test results, along with pupil and parental ideas, is used for high school course placement.

I am recommending to the school board that beginning next year we start an organized plan for building up-keep. At this point there is no great need, but to continue for many more years without doing something will eventually lead to a large maintenance bill at some future date which you might not be able to afford all at once.

Thank you for your cooperation throughout the past year. If there is any way I can serve you on matters concerning education, either individually or collectively, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

M. WAYNE BOWIE,  
Superintendent of Schools

## 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 of schools 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 prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30th. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 48 during 1958-59 received a salary of \$7,000 which was made up as follows: \$3,500 paid from the per capita tax and \$3,500 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1100 for travel within the union was also prorated as stated above.

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

	Salary	Travel
Campton	\$ 663.25	\$ 208.45
Plymouth	1,289.40	405.24
Rumney	515.20	161.92
<b>Thornton</b>	310.45	97.57
Wentworth	153.30	48.18
Woodstock	543.20	170.72
Dorchester	25.20	7.92
	<hr/> \$ 3,500.00	<hr/> \$ 1,100.00

Superintendent's salary for 1958-59 based on the above figure is reconciled as follows: \$3,500 paid by the various districts, plus \$3,500 from State per capita tax, equals \$7,000 superintendent's basic salary.

M. WAYNE BOWIE,  
Superintendent of Schools

## PROPOSED SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 48

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 1960-1961

September 7, 1960 Wednesday, Schools Open  
October 20 & 21, 1960 Thursday & Friday, State  
Teachers Convention, Schools Closed  
November 11, 1960 Friday, Veterans Day,  
Schools Closed  
November 23, 1960 Wednesday, One Session  
Thanksgiving Recess, Schools Close  
November 28, 1960 Monday, Schools Reopen  
December 23, 1960 Friday, All day session, Schools  
Close for Christmas Holiday.  
January 3, 1961 Tuesday, Schools Reopen  
February 17, 1961 Friday, Schools Close, Midwinter  
Vacation  
February 27, 1961 Monday, Schools Reopen  
April 21, 1961 Friday, Schools Close, Spring Vacation  
May 1, 1961 Monday, Schools Reopen  
May 30, 1961 Tuesday, Memorial Day, Schools Closed  
June 16, 1961 Friday, Schools Close

Total days in Session 181. Under a new law, Teachers Convention Days no longer count as school days and the school year must include at least 180 days in actual school sessions. This calendar takes the new law into consideration and allows ONE day to close schools for storms or other emergencies — if more than one day is lost for these purposes, the time must be made up.

## THE MUSIC PROGRAM IN THORNTON

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Much emphasis has been put on improving tone quality in singing during the past year. Students have learned more about notes and note values and tend to be more accurate in singing. Rhythmic activities have included use of rhythm instruments; basic movements such as marching, skipping, sliding and galloping; singing games; folk dances, and square dances. Listening has been limited, but much improvement has been shown in discussion of music and musicians.

ARLINE E. WILSON

Music Supervisor

## ANNUAL SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE REPORT

### 1958-1959

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The usual screening tests were done to find any symptoms of a defect in hearing and vision. Routine heights and weights were done. Inspections were made for signs of illness. Health histories were kept on each pupil. Inspections were made on hair and scalp.

Defects found in Vision	12
Defects in vision corrected with glasses	9
Defects in hearing	none
Defects in teeth	54
Under dental treatment	29
Tonsils	18
Tonsils corrected by operation	6
Extreme overweight	2
Speech	4
Home visits	7
Orthopedic, under treatment	3

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN H. FISHER, R.N.



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