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THORNTON NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report

1970

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of
Thornton, N. H.

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1970

MOUNTAIN MEDIA, INC.

PLYMOUTH, N. H.

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Alton G. Benton, 726-8845
Albin S. Conkey, 726-8820
Arthur L. Gross, 726-3515

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

James N. Pope, 726-4453

TAX COLLECTOR

Helen B. Steele, 726-7053

ROAD AGENT

Bert Benton, 726-8678

POLICE OFFICERS

Robert McGee, 726-8696
Donald Mills 726-7080

FIRE WARDENS

Bert Benton, Fire Chief
Richard Bradley
Carl Broad, 726-8813
John Benton, 726-8669
Charles Kimball, 726-7077

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES

Bert Benton

OVERSEER OF THE POOR & HEALTH OFFICER

Robert McGee

MODERATOR

Russell Gilman

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Isabelle Ham, Irma Gross, Ardelle Gilman

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Marcia Smith, F. Everett Steele, Evelyn Benton

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

Nellie Adams, Evelyn Benton, Marcia Smith

AUDITORS

Lois Ignaszewski, Clyde Ignaszewski

PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN

Lester Lefebvre

CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

William Judge

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

Thornton was incorporated as a town in 1781.

Location: Midway of the Pemigewasset Valley Between Plymouth and the Franconia Notch.

Population: 572 (1970)

Registered Voters: 323 (1970)

Area: 32,640 Acres - of which 15,056 Acres are Public Lands.

Altitude: From 555 to 2,610 feet.

Town Office: At the Consolidated Schools Building.

Selectmen meet on the last week-day of each month - 8:00 P. M.

State Senator: Stephen Smith, Plymouth

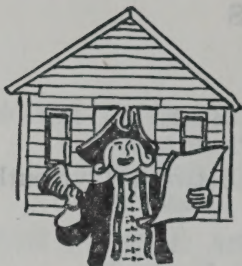
U. S. Senators: Norris Cotton and Thomas J. McIntyre

Representative in Congress: James C. Cleveland
No. 1215 New House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Representatives in the General Court:
Richard Bradley, Thornton; Lester Mitchell, Campton

Annual Town Meeting: Second Tuesday in March. The Non-Partisan Town Ballot is used. Filing Fee \$1.00. See the Town Clerk if you are a candidate for Town Office at least 10 days before Town meeting.

Polls open at 4:00 P. M. and close at 10:00 P. M. Articles in the Town Warrant are taken up at 8:00 P. M. Non-Residents may attend and are welcome to be heard.



Hear Ye- Hear Ye!

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Consolidated School building in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 9th day of March next, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall close not earlier than 9:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following article one: All articles except article one will be considered at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

1. To choose a town clerk, a town treasurer, a collector of taxes, one selectman for three years, one trustee for three years, one road agent, a superintendent of cemeteries, an overseer of the poor, one auditor for three years, and two police officers for the ensuing year.

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

3. To see if a discount will be allowed on property taxes of 1% if paid before a certain date to be later set by the selectmen.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell Town Property taken on tax title.

5. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$201.00 for the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency, Inc.

6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$335.38 for the White Mountain Regional Association.

7. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$480.00 for the White Mountain Community Services, Inc.

8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the SKI 93 Association.

9. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$441.36 for the Lakes Region Mental Health Center.

10. To consider the budget as posted and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to satisfy it.

11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for further repair on the Town House.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,400.00 for Fire Department purposes, \$1,000.00 of which shall go to the Campton Volunteer Fire Department, provided the Town of Campton raises their share.

13. To see what action the Town wishes to take in adjustments of salaries for officers or hire additional clerical help and raise the necessary sums to satisfy the budget.

14. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

ALTON G. BENTON

ALBIN S. CONKEY

ARTHUR L. GROSS

Selectmen of Thornton

(Note: The Warrant as printed here may differ with the final officially posted Warrant)

THE BUDGET

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year

January 1, 1971 to December 31, 1971

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970

SOURCES OF REVENUE:

	<i>Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1970</i>	<i>Actual Revenue Previous Year 1970</i>	<i>Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1971</i>
FROM STATE:	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,472.59	\$ 2,500.00
Railroad Tax	20.00		
Savings Bank Tax	275.00	346.58	350.00
Head Tax Reimb.		23.46	20.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,700.00	2,313.16	2,400.00
Reimb. a/c State & Fed. For. Lands	2,500.00		6,500.00
Nat. Forest Reserve	1,700.00	2,819.75	2,500.00
Bounties	5.00		
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:			
Dog Licenses	200.00	252.00	250.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	20.00	8.00	10.00
Fines—Bride Fire		263.26	
Income from Trust Funds	175.00		325.00
Income of Depts:			
Highway, Rental of Equip.	500.00		
TRA Reimb.	5,000.00	13,496.38	3,147.07
Selectmen, Pistol & Explosive	10.00	10.00	10.00
Reimb. a/c Yield Tax	282.52		
M. V. Permit Fees	6,500.00	6,244.39	6,300.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	100.00	150.00	100.00
REIMB. a/c 6% BUSINESS PROFITS TAX (Town Portion Only)		85.00	93.00
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	400.00	514.00	520.00
Yield Taxes	600.00	715.77	750.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROP. TAXES	\$ 23,487.52	\$ 29,714.34	\$ 25,775.07
AMT. TO BE RAISED BY PROP. TAXES			105,059.49
Total Revenues			\$130,834.56

APPROPRIATIONS:

	<i>Approp. Previous Year 1970</i>	<i>Actual Expend. Previous Year 1970</i>	<i>Estimated Approp. Ensuing Year 1971</i>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,526.00	\$ 2,626.00	\$ 2,526.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00	1,767.76	1,800.00
Election & Registration Exp.	300.00	304.20	200.00
Exp. Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	1,100.00	100.00	1,000.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:			
Police Dept.	100.00	171.50	250.00
Fire Dept.	1,200.00	1,570.86	1,400.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees		125.00	125.00
Insurance	500.00	758.64	350.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	100.00	25.00	50.00
HEALTH:			
Health Dept., Incl. Hosp. & Amb.	642.36	883.86	750.00
Vital Statistics	10.50	10.50	15.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	1,500.00	2,043.19	1,200.00
HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:			
Bridge Fund	3,000.00		3,000.00
Town Maint.—Summer	3,000.00	2,845.42	3,500.00
Town Maint.—Winter	5,000.00	4,191.78	5,000.00
Tar Fund	500.00	581.70	500.00
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	600.00	1,185.20	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	434.04	18,058.51	410.49
LIBRARIES	200.00	200.00	200.00
PUBLIC WELFARE:			
Town Poor	100.00	21.75	100.00
Old Age Assistance and Aid to Perm. & Totally Disabled	700.00	1,027.39	1,650.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:			
Memorial Day & Veterans' Assoc .	25.00	13.83	25.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:			
Cemeteries	1,300.00	390.50	300.00
Adv. & Regional Assoc.	335.38	521.02	335.38
PAYMENTS ON PRINCIPAL OF DEBT:			
School District	92,797.01	89,222.91	97,147.69
County	7,172.87	7,172.87	8,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$125,143.16	\$135,819.39	\$130,834.56

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON

ASSETS

Cash	
In Hands of Treasurer	\$ 43,825.07
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State:	
State & Fed. For. Lands	3,503.77
Other Bills Due Town:	
Forest Fund	165.04
Waterville Gateway (1969 Road Imp.)	1,581.60
Unredeemed taxes:	
Levy of 1969	2,311.06
Levy of 1968	891.46
Previous Years	1,080.87
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1970	23,568.80
Levy of 1969	352.96
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1970	435.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	55.00
Total Assets	\$ 77,770.63

LIABILITIES

Head Tax Dec.	321.50
Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Old Age & Disability	118.55
Bills Outstanding—	
Agway—Cemeteries, Fence, Paint	160.90
Unexp. Balances of Special Approp:	
Cemeteries	\$ 744.50
Civil Defense	225.00
Perambulation	285.00
Tar Fund	506.08
Forest Fund	25.00
Bridge Fund	8,476.20
Town House	1,000.00
	11,261.78
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes—1970	
(Uncollected)	435.00
(Collected—not remitted to	
State Treas.	5.00
	440.00

Yield Tax—Bond & Debt Ret. (Uncollected)	278.14	
School District Taxes Payable	46,297.01	
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Total Liabilities	\$ 58,877.88	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		18,892.75
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GRAND TOTAL		\$ 77,770.63

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes—Current Year—1970	\$ 81,066.30	
Poll Taxes—Current Year—1970	378.00	
Yield Taxes—1970	667.99	
State Head Taxes @\$5—1970	1,245.00	
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Total Current Year's Taxes Collected & Remitted		\$ 83,357.29
Prop. Taxes & Yield Taxes—Previous Years		24,935.74
Poll Taxes—Previous Years		130.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5—Previous Years		400.00
Interest Received on Taxes		895.40
Penalties on State Head Taxes		41.00
Tax Sales Redeemed		4,090.90

From State:

For Highways & Bridges:		
For Town Road Aid	13,747.98	
Interest & Dividends Tax	2,472.59	
Head Tax Reimb.	103.11	
Savings Bank Tax	346.58	
Yield Tax Reimb.	282.52	
Nat. Forest Reserve	2,819.75	
Blister Rust Refund	1.00	
Medicare	19.95	
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,313.16	
Reimb. a/c 6% Business Profits Tax	817.28	

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	252.00	
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	18.00	
Planning Board	31.70	
Rent Dump (Campton-Ellsworth)	806.71	
Sale of Lots & Perp. Care	150.00	
Bride Fire	263.26	
Montgomery Ward (Overpayment)	.05	
Income from Treas. (Overpayment)	2.01	

Motor Vehicle Permits		
1969	165.35	
1970	5,844.90	
1971	234.14	
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Total Current Revenue Receipts		\$ 30,692.04
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		\$144,542.37
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Total Receipts from All Sources		144,542.37
Cash on Hand January 1, 1970		43,825.07
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Grand Total		\$188,367.44

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,626.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,767.76
Election & Registration Expenses	304.20
Expenses Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	100.00

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Dept.	171.50
Fire Dept., Incl. For. Fires	1,570.86
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	125.00
Insurance	758.64

Health:

Health Dept., Incl. Hosp. & Amb.	883.86
Vital Statistics	10.50
Town Dumps & Garbage Removal	2,043.19

Highways & Bridges:

Town Road Aid, accelerated	18,058.51
Town Maint.—Summer	2,845.42
Town Maint.—Winter	4,191.78
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7,037.20

Tar Fund	581.70
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	1,185.20

Libraries	200.00
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Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	1,027.39
Town Poor	21.75

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day, Veterans' Assoc. & Old Home Day	13.83
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, Including Hearse Hire	805.54
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Unclassified:

Damage & Legal Expenses	25.00
Adv. & Regional Assoc.	521.02
Taxes Bought by Town	3,871.60
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	59.85

39,292.63

Total Current Maint. Exp.		\$ 4,477.47
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Payments to Other Gov. Divisions:

State Head Taxes Paid State Treas. 1970	1,512.95
Payments to State a/c Yield Tax Debt Ret.	385.76
Taxes Paid to County	7,172.97
Payments to School Districts	
1969	41,853.95
1970	46,500.00

89,222.91

Total Payments to Other Gov. Divs.		98,294.59
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Total Payments for all Purposes		\$142,064.69
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1970		46,302.75
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GRAND TOTAL		\$188,367.44
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land & Bldgs.	\$ 12,000.00
Furniture & Equip.	200.00
Libraries, Furniture & Equip.	500.00
Fire Dept., Lands & Bldgs	400.00
Highway Dept., Lands & Bldgs.	700.00
Equipment	500.00
Schools, Lands & Bldgs.	60,000.00
Equipment	6,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 80,300.00</u>

**COMPARATIVE VIEW
TAX RATE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS
TOWN OF THORNTON**

RATES

Unit of Government	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
Municipal	.11	.30	.49	.27	.37
County	.15	.23	.16	.14	.15
School	1.84	2.37	2.25	2.49	2.38
*Comb. Rates	\$2.10	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.90

RATES

Unit of Government	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Municipal	.31	.43	.44	.44	.25
County	.17	.18	.15	.19	.19
School	2.32	2.39	2.41	2.47	2.26
*Comb. Rates	\$2.80	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.10	\$2.70

* (Non-Precincts and Single School Districts, Towns or Cities)

TAX YEAR 1970
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Town Valuation

Land and Buildings (Resident)	\$2,253,835.00
Land and Buildings (Non-Res.)	2,482,045.00
Electric	307,049.00
Mobile Homes	4,000.00

Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$5,046,929.00
Less Exemption for Elderly	41,400.00

Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed	\$5,005,529.00
Exemption for War Service (36)	
Taken away from Property Taxes	1,723.50
Tax Rate for 1970	\$2.10 per \$100.00
Electric Companies:	
N. H. Electric Co-op (White Mtn. Power Co.)	\$140,252.00
Public Service Co.	\$166,797.00

	\$307,049.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1970

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$103,392.61
Poll Taxes	514.00

	\$103,906.61
Yield Taxes	707.15

Added Taxes:

Property	3,094.33
Poll	22.00
Yield	8.62

	3,124.95
Interest Collected	15.42

Total Debits

\$107,754.13

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 81,066.30
Poll	378.00
Yield	667.99
Interest Collected	15.42

	\$ 82,147.71
Discount Allowed	550.56

Discount Allowed

Abatements:

Property	1,482.30
Poll	4.00
Yield	.76

	1,487.06
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Uncollected Taxes—As per Collector's List:

Property	23,387.78
Poll	134.00
Yield	47.02

	23,568.80
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Total Credits

\$107,754.13

“I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1970, on account of the tax levy Thornton, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

HELEN B. STEELE

Tax Collector

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1970**

DR.

	1969	Tax Sale on 1968	Account of 1967	Levies of Prev. Yrs.
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$ 3,871.60	\$ 2,290.56		
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Jan. 1, 1970			1,250.33	655.74
Interest Collected After Sale	12.14	55.68	104.02	124.22
Redemption Costs	10.00			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 3,893.74	\$ 2,346.24	\$ 1,354.35	\$ 779.96

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Year	\$ 1,582.68	\$ 1,454.78	\$ 720.23	\$ 333.21
Unredeemed Taxes—At Close of Year	2,311.06	891.46	634.12	446.75
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 3,893.74	\$ 2,346.24	\$ 1,354.35	\$ 779.96

**UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES
ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF**

	1969	1968	1967	Previous
Anderson, Olive				299.51
Anderson,, Eric, Jr., Betty, Mary, John, Ramona	54.37	50.51	50.49	100.65
Barnard, Clarence & Catherine		3.20		
Bradley, Richard & Dorothy		142.62		
Elmer, Aletha	157.30		156.31	
Gould, Ruth		73.37		
Hanson, Theodore	467.12	223.81		
Hanson, Theodore	358.01			
Pope, Edward	179.74	187.00		
Uhlman, Leroy Heirs			45.59	
Uhlman, Leroy Heirs			229.34	
Uhlman, Robert	96.43	95.82	80.74	
Bickman, Rosa & Gerald	20.36	20.23		
Burrell, David	35.55			
Baldwin, Gunnar	364.17			
Colarusso, Robert & Jeanette			71.65	
Cunningham, Reginald	46.12			
Downing, Alfonso & Edith	81.23	80.73		
Knowles, Robert & Dorothy				(63) 34.97
Robertson, Charles & Dorothy	218.18			
Paccione, Theo., John Raff, Theo Fleming		14.17		(64) 11.62
Westmoreland, Nelson	20.36			
Davis, Everett	157.30			
Hanson, Robert	54.82			
TOTAL	\$ 2,311.06	\$ 891.46	\$ 634.12	\$ 446.75

UNCOLLECTED YIELD TAXES

**1970			
	Uhlman, Parker	\$ 47.02	
			\$ 47.02
**1969			
	Uhlman, Parker	123.91	
	Al's Construction	176.25	
			300.16
**1968			
	Al's Construction	87.25	
			87.25
**1967			
	Little, Charles	248.93	
			248.93
**1966			
	Bickford, Maurice	157.80	
			157.80
**1964			
	Monroe, Russell	71.95	
	Downing, Alfonso	355.38	
	Downing, Lawrence	124.24	
			551.57
**1963			
	Monroe, Russell	220.08	
	Downing, Lawrence	56.03	
			276.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1970

Title of Appropriation	Approp.	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries	2,526.00		2,526.00	2,626.00		
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,767.76	232.24	
Election & Registration	300.00		300.00	304.20		4.20
Town Hall	1,100.00		1,100.00	100.00	1,000.00	
Police Department	100.00		100.00	171.50		71.50
Fire Department	1,200.00	263.26	1,463.26	1,570.86		107.60
Damages and Legal Expenses	100.00		100.00	25.00	75.00	
Health Dept., Incl. Hospitals	642.36		863.36	883.86		20.50
Town Maintenance—Winter	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,191.78	808.22	
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,845.42	154.58	
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	600.00		600.00	1,185.20		585.20
Town Road Aid	434.04	13,496.38	13,930.42	18,058.51		4,128.09
Libraries	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Town Poor	100.00		100.00	21.75	78.25	
Old Age & Disability	700.00		700.00	1,027.39		327.39
Memorial Day	25.00		25.00	13.83	11.17	
Cemeteries	1,300.00		1,300.00	390.50	909.50	
Bridge Fund	3,000.00		8,476.20	581.70	8,476.20	
Tar Fund	500.00		1,087.78	2,043.19	506.08	
Town Dump	1,500.00	806.71	2,306.71	7,172.97	263.52	
County Taxes	7,172.97		7,172.97			
	\$ 31,500.37	\$ 14,566.35	\$ 52,451.70	\$ 45,181.42	\$ 12,514.76	\$ 5,244.48

Net Unexpended Bal. of Approp. \$ 7,270.28
*Part of Amount Available is from Previous Years

**SUMMARY PROGRAM OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAINS REGION ASSOCIATION
1970 (33rd Year)**

Received and answered 7,262 inquiries from people interested in the White Mountains region.

Wrote 66 news releases, 4 magazine articles and 5 news letters. Printed and distributed 295,000 folders.

Sent 52 bulletins of lodging inquiries and 10 real estate bulletins.

Instrumental in changing the policy of the state to give more attention to promoting the off-season.

Successful in obtaining a \$36,000 federal grant to research the problems of snow erosion at our ski areas. This work is being done at the University of New Hampshire.

Continued to encourage outdoor sports compatible to the region:

Organized the White Mountains Ski Touring Club;

Assisted in running an Olympic Qualifying Bicycle Race;

Assisted with whitewater canoe races on the Androscoggin and Saco Rivers.

Originated and participated in the Governor's Snowmobile committee.

Developed the concept of long distance snowmobile trails for northern New Hampshire.

Continued to support the 4-H awards program.

Researched and maintained the expression of local opinions regarding many proposals of the Connecticut River Basin studies.

Maintained an active liaison with the White Mountain National Forest in recommending new projects for the Forest Service.

Acquired land on the Connecticut River at Saddle Island at the Narrows for conservation purposes.

Assisted with the development of Bedell Bridge State Park.

Assisted with the formation of a Connecticut Valley Road Improvement Association which is working to improve the highway system in the Woodsville-Littleton area.

Working to promote a forestry museum in northern New Hampshire.

REPORT OF THE TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE

Now that it has been decided to keep the Town House, we would recommend that it be restored to its former arrangement with the moderator's place in the enclosed part where it used to be.

We would suggest that we annually hold a Town Meeting (unofficial) at some time during July or August when most of our non-resident taxpayers might be able to attend.

Although this meeting would have no official status it would give us an opportunity to meet and welcome our summer residents and hear their opinions.

It would also give many of them their only opportunity to see first hand how a real New Hampshire Town Meeting operates with discussion of a Town Warrant and a voice vote taken on each article following discussion.

At this time it might be of interest to have on display old Town Reports, and pictures, news items, and documents of historical interest.

If local organizations such as Grange, Church, P.T.A., etc., care to do so, they might join together to make this an annual Old Home Day type of affair with opportunity to raise money for their respective groups.

If this has not already been done we suggest that Mrs. Evelyn Benton be designated Thornton Town Historian and given a modest annual allowance to assist her in collecting and preserving or reproducing copies of whatever she might deem to be of historical interest.

RICHARD BRADLEY
MARCIA SMITH
GERALDINE BENTON

Committee

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1970

RECEIPTS

Payment on 1969 Registrations	\$ 35.99
1969 Registrations in 1970	129.36
1970 Registrations	5,844.90
1971 Registrations in 1970	234.14
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Total Registrations	\$ 6,244.39
Filing Fees	8.00
Dog Licenses	252.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 6,504.39
Overpayment to Treasurer	2.01
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Paid to Treasurer	\$ 6,506.40

JAMES N. POPE
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1970

Cash on Hand January 1, 1970 \$ 43,825.07

RECEIPTS

From Selectmen		\$ 24,185.64
From Tax Collector	\$113,945.49	
Less Uncollected Checks	95.16	
		113,850.33
From Town Clerk		6,506.40
Total Receipts		144,542.37
Total—Cash & Receipts		\$188,367.44

DISBURSEMENTS

Selectmen's Orders Paid	142,064.69
Cash on Hand December 31, 1970	\$ 46,302.75

JAMES N. POPE
Treasurer

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Due School January 1, 1970	\$ 41,853.95
Paid to June 30, 1970	41,853.95
1970-71 Approp. as Adjusted by State Tax Comm.	92,797.01
Paid to December 31, 1970	46,500.00
Balance Due School December 31, 1970	\$ 46,297.01

Selectmen - In Account With

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Year Ending December 31, 1970

From Local Taxes:

From Town Clerk	\$ 6,244.39
From Tax Collector	113,945.49

120,189.88

Less Uncollected Checks - 95.16

\$120,094.72

From State:

State of N. H., Reimb. T.R.A.	7,153.35
Treas. State of N. H. White Mt. Nat'l. Forest	2,819.75
Treas. State of N. H. Rooms & Meals Tax	2,313.16
State Treas. Yield Tax Reimb.	282.52
State Highway Dept T.R.A. Reimb.	3,449.45

State of N. H.:

Blister Rust Refund	1.00
T.R.A. Accelerated	2,893.58
Savings Bank Tax	346.58
Interest & Dividend Tax	2,472.59
Bal. Accelerated T.R.A.	251.60
Head Tax Overpayment	79.65
Medical Care Reimb.	19.95
Head Tax Reimb.	23.46
Business Profits Tax	817.28

22,923.92

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	252.00
Filing Fees	8.00
Town of Campton, 60% Cost of Dump	756.71
Town of Ellsworth, Cost of Dump Proportionally	50.00
Montgomery Ward, Overpayment Adding Mach.	.05
Thornton Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing	31.70
M. J. Coyne, 2 Cemetery Lots	100.00
Mrs. Dana Fadden, Cemetery Lot	50.00
Virginia Bride, Payment of Fire No-Permit	263.26

Town of Thornton

Alton Benton, Pistol & Explosive Permits	4.00	
Arthur Gross, Pistol Permits	6.00	
Overpayment to Treasurer	2.01	
		1,523.73
Total Receipts		\$144,542.37

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Year Ending December 31, 1970

Town Officers' Salaries:

James N. Pope, Clerk '69	\$ 150.00	
James N. Pope, Treas. & Bal. Clerk '70	300.00	
Helen B. Steele, Tax Collector	400.00	
Alton G. Benton, Chr. Selectman	500.00	
Albin S. Conkey, Selectman	500.00	
Arthur L. Gross, Selectman	500.00	
Isabelle Ham, Librarian	104.00	
Evelyn Benton, Librarian	52.00	
Frank E. Steele, Trustee Sec.	20.00	
Ralph Steele, Overseer '69	20.00	
Clyde Ignaszewski, Auditor—1970	40.00	
Lois Ignaszewski, Auditor—1970	40.00	
		\$ 2,626.00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Montgomery Ward, Adding Machine	98.03	
N. H. Municipal Assoc., Dues	50.00	
Helen B. Steele, '69 Postage & Expenses	82.76	
John Dole, Postmaster, Envelopes	36.45	
Assoc. of N. H. Assessors, '70 Dues	5.00	
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., Treas. Cash Book	21.00	
James N. Pope, '69 Commissions	522.20	
Evelyn Benton, Rent Adding Machine	5.00	
Lois Ignaszewski, Auditor Expenses	8.00	
John Dole, Postmaster, Postage	36.00	
New England Telephone, Phone	5.75	
City & Town Clerks' Assoc. '70 Dues	6.00	
John Dole, Postage	6.00	
The Record Print, Inc., Town Reports (400)	405.50	

Payments (Continued)

Helen B. Steele, Repair Adding Machine	6.00
John Dole, Postmaster	6.00
Register of Probate, Notices	.30
N. E. Telephone, Phone	1.77
Tax Collectors' Assoc., Dues	5.00
Charles A. Wood, Reg., Property Transfer	43.98
The Record Print, Inc., Meeting Notices	4.20
Pemi. Nat'l Bank, Stamp for Collector	2.02
Homestead Press, Collector's Expense	19.20
N. E. Telephone, Phone	1.57
Helen B. Steele, Expense	12.00
N. E. Telephone, Phone	3.60
Wheeler & Clark, Dog Tags	22.90
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., Supplies	29.15
N. E. Telephone, Phone	4.59
Helen B. Steele, Cost Tax Sale	102.09
James Pope, Clerk's Meeting	57.60
Branham Publishing Co., Auto Book	7.90
Charles Wood, Mortgage Search & Transfers	51.98
Official Mobile Homes Mkt. Report	8.00
Alton Benton, Postage & Expenses	6.71
Helen B. Steele, Convention & Expenses	47.68
State of N. H., Boat Report	1.00
Helen B. Steele, Postage	28.68
N. E. Telephone, Phone	6.15

1,767.76

Election and Registration:

Special January Meeting	
Helen Lefebvre, Ballot Clerk	8.00
Evelyn Benton, Supervisor	8.00
Marcia Smith, Supervisor	8.00
The Record Print, Inc., Ballots	73.00
The Plymouth Record, Meeting Notices	7.70
March Meeting	
Alice Steele, Ballot Clerk	8.00
Helen Lefebvre, Ballot Clerk	8.00
Evelyn Benton, Supervisor	22.00
Marcia Smith, Supervisor	22.00
The Record Print, Inc., Meeting Notices	20.50
Primary & November Election	
Marcia Smith, Supervisor	13.00
Nellie M. Adams, Supervisor	13.00
Evelyn M. Benton, Supervisor	13.00

Payments (Continued)

Florence Steele, Ballot Clerk	20.00	
Frank E. Steele, Ballot Clerk	20.00	
Marcia Smith, Supervisor	14.00	
Evelyn M. Benton, Supervisor	14.00	
Nellie M. Adams, Supervisor	12.00	
		304.20
Town Hall and Other Town Buildings:		
Thornton School District, Rent		100.00
Police:		
Robert H. McGee, Police Work	149.50	
James Avery, Police Work	22.00	
		171.50
Fire Including Forest Fire:		
Campton Precinct Water Dept., Hydrant Rent	200.00	
Campton Vol. Fire Dept., Frazier Fire & Approp.	1,004.75	
Frank J. Avery, Battery for Fire Truck	34.50	
Bert Benton, Bride Fire	38.26	
Campton Vol. Fire Dept., Bride Fire	225.00	
Edgell's Garage, Insp. Fire Truck	23.35	
Campton Vol. Fire Dept., Batch Fire	45.00	
		1,570.86
Blister Rust and Care of Trees:		
State of N. H., Blister Rust Approp.		125.00
Insurance:		
Bertram W. Pulsifer, Ins. & Bonds to Date:	419.42	
Noyes Ins., Fire Ins., T. H. & Shed	51.00	
Bertram W. Pulsifer, Insurance	288.22	
		758.64
Health Department Incl. Hospitals:		
Pemi Baker Home Health Agency, Inc., '69 Approp.	201.00	
Pemi Baker Home Health Agency, Inc., '70 Approp.	201.00	
Lakes Region Mental Health, '70 Approp.	441.36	
Robert H. McGee, Health Officer	5.50	
Alton Benton, Health Work	20.00	
Donald Gilman, Health Work	15.00	
		883.86

Payments (Continued)

Town Dump:

Stanley Rosewarne, Caretaker	600.00
Robert C. Whitehouse & Son, Plow Work	90.00
Campton Sand & Gravel, Lease on Dump	10.00
Albin S. Conkey, Fence & Posts at Dump	45.50
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., Culvert—Dump	304.94
Robert C. Whitehouse & Son:	
Dump Work	243.25
Pipe & Culvert	267.50
Cover—Dump	130.00
Cover—Dump	352.00

2,043.19

Town Maintenance:

Summer	2,845.42
Winter & Sanding	4,191.78
T.R.A.	18,058.51
Tar Fund	581.70

25,677.41

General Exp. of Highway Dept:

Campton Sand & Gravel, to Date	12.66
Evelyn M. Benton, Plastic	12.60
Merrimack Farmers' Exch., Fence & Supplies	34.30
Bert Benton, Ply Fire Co.	15.00
Campton Sand & Gravel, Screened Sand	22.90
Merrimack Farmers' Exch., Salt	34.70
Campton Sand & Gravel, C.B.R.	196.68
Merrimack Farmers' Exch., Calcium Chloride	50.80
Campton Sand & Gravel, Gravel	5.95
Frank J. Avery, Fire for Sander	10.75
Campton Sand & Gravel:	
Gravel	66.67
Gravel	41.02
Gravel	33.50
Gravel	51.25
Glenwood Duffy, Sand for Winter	52.50
Campton Sand & Gravel,	
Tar, Sand & Gravel	149.74
C. W. Pulsifer, Plastic for Sand Pile	56.52
Merrimack Farmers', Winter Salt	173.50

Payments (Continued)

Raymond Keniston, Bridge Plank	133.47	
Campton Sand & Gravel, Cold Patch	27.69	
Clarence Downing, Water Tub Rent	3.00	
		1,185.20
Libraries:		
Ardelle Gilman, Trustee (on Approp.)		200.00
Public Welfare:		
State of N. H., Old Age & Disab.	1,027.39	
Grafton County, Surplus Foods	21.75	
		1,049.14
Memorial Day:		
John McAweeney, Flowers for Urns	4.95	
Haskell's Toy Shop, Flag	8.88	
		13.83
Cemeteries:		
Merrimack Farmers' Exch., Spec Approp.	255.50	
Bert Benton, Care Cemeteries	135.00	
Bert Benton, Lee Fund for Cemeteries	165.04	
Sale of Cemetery Lots for Investment	250.00	
		805.54
Advertising & Regional Associations:		
White Mt. Region Assoc., '69 Approp	185.64	
White Mt. Region Assoc., '70 Approp.	335.38	
		521.02
Other Payments:		
Vital Statistics, James Pope	10.50	
Taxes Bought by Town	3,871.60	
Bond & Debt (Yield)	385.76	
County Tax	7,172.97	
Head Tax	1,512.95	
Thornton School District, On Approp.	89,222.91	
Discounts, Abatements, Refunds, Wm. Elmer	59.85	
Damages & Legal Exp., Wakefield & Ray	25.00	
		102,261.54
Total Payments		\$142,064.69

AUDITORS' REPORT

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1970 and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LOIS IGNASZEWSKI
CLYDE IGNASZEWSKI

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT
TOWN ROADS — 1970 ROAD REPORT

Summer:	Labor	Equipment
Bert Benton:		
Hauling Gravel	\$ 366.63	\$ 547.40
Scraping	291.00	309.77
Shoulder Work	145.25	145.25
Patching	140.25	145.25
Mowing Roadside	76.25	76.25
Tarring	62.50	83.50
John Benton, Helper	101.75	
Nelson Sweeney, Helper	136.35	
Donald Gilman, Helper	17.50	
Total	\$ 1,337.48	\$ 1,307.42
Al's Const., Tarring (Contr.)	200.52	
Grand Total		\$ 2,845.42
 Winter:		
Bert Benton, Snow Removal	548.44	1,019.00
Dozer Work	35.00	90.00
Gordon Willey, Snow Removal	380.00	380.00
Ralph Steele, Jr., Snow Removal	44.37	44.37
Lyman G. Boyce, Snow Removal	37.50	37.50
Frank E. Steele, Snow Removal	3.75	3.75
Total	\$ 1,049.06	\$ 1,574.62
Bert Benton, Sanding	368.07	369.65
Borden Willey, Helper	104.30	
John Benton, Helper	76.49	
Nelson Sweeney, Helper	73.75	
Alton Benton, Helper	16.15	
Richard Bradley, Helper	15.00	
Donald Gilman	9.60	
Bert Benton, Tractor Loading		66.25
Total	\$ 663.36	\$ 435.90

Thawing Culverts & Snow Fence	88.69	101.75
John Benton, Helper	16.75	
Nelson Sweeney, Helper	49.80	
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	155.24	101.75
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	1,867.66	2,112.27
Al's Const. (Contr.)		
Getting Out Winter Sand	211.85	
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Grand Total		\$ 4,191.79

If you compare 1970 work with 1969 you will notice that one item seems to offset another. In 1969 more scraping was done at maintenance (\$1,093.75) and in 1970 more gravel was used (\$914.03). Expense-wise one just about balanced the other until you look at the general expenses of the Highway Dept. which includes cost of gravel. This has risen from \$600 to about \$1,200. The problem with gravel roads is that they wear out.

The TRA funds were spent on the section of Mad River from Robert Uhlman's to the Donald Sleepers'. This section was in very poor condition and required three years' allotment to complete it. We feel that the money was well spent.

We only purchased one load of asphalt due to the shortage and it was split between the new section by Waterville Gateway, built in 1969; and the Gore Road.

The new road at "Sugar Run" was taken for winter maintenance. It was improved to the TRA satisfaction but due to the shortage of residual oil, asphalt could not be obtained. Mr. Rust plans to do this work sometime in the 1971 summer.

The town should consider the use of salt on its paved roads. Sand cannot do an adequate job when the vehicular traffic blows the sand off. This means that it must be sanded daily. It is not very economical.

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS 1970

General Cemetery Fund:

546 Shares Puritan Fund	\$	4,545.34
Dividends on above—Ply. Guar. Savings Bank		715.88

Lee Fund for Mad River Cemetery:

287 Shares Puritan Fund		2,388.70
Dividends on above—Ply. Guar. Savings Bank		375.54

Lee Fund for West Thornton Library:

278 Shares Puritan Fund		2,388.70
Dividends on above—Ply. Guar. Savings Bank		375.54

Individual Funds in the Plymouth Guar. Savings Bank		550.00
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Total Funds Jan. 1, 1970		\$ 11,339.70
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Funds Added 1970:

Marshall Shores		300.00
Lillian Shores		300.00
Benjamin Downing		50.00
Investment Fund—Cemetery Lots Sold		200.00

Total Added—Dep. in Ply. Guar. Sav. Bank		850.00
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Total Funds Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 12,189.70
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Income:

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1970		25.47
Puritan Fund Dividends		560.00
Int. Plymouth Guar. Savings Bank		124.73

Total Income		710.20
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Expended:

Bert Benton—Perpetual Care Cemetery Lots		339.00
West Thornton Library		165.04
Mad River Cemetery		165.04

Total Expended		669.08
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Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 41.12
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MARCIA L. SMITH
 FRANK E. STEELE, Treas.
 EVELYN M. BENTON
 Trustees of Trust Funds
 Thornton, New Hampshire

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR 1970

	W. Thornton	Branch
Books Circulated	878	764
Magazines Circulated	113	
Records Circulated	16	
New Books Purchased	88	
Readers	45	33 (Plus school children)
Library Dues	\$.75	

Bookmobile Books Lent to Thornton Libraries

Fiction	166	145
Non-fiction	126	264
Juvenile	133	749
Total Number of Visits to Libraries	4	3

ISABELLE HAM
Librarian

EVELYN BENTON
Branch Librarian

LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT FOR 1970

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1969	\$	164.86
Received from Selectmen (approp.)		200.00
Received from Walter Lee Trust Fund		165.04
Library Dues		.75
Total Receipts	\$	530.65

PAYMENTS

Baker & Taylor	\$	163.06
Campbell & Hall		68.50
Magazines		46.70
Hansen Publications		3.00
Town & Campus		19.00
Clay's Newsstand		18.81
Isabelle Ham, Librarian's Rent		100.00
Total Payments	\$	419.07
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1970	\$	111.58

ARDELLE GILMAN
Library Trustee

The library has received a gift of 25 books that were Mrs. Emmons' from Louisa Stratton and 2 books of Bible Stories from Mrs. Eda Steele. Also, Kenneth Robbins has given the Library an interesting and valued album of pictures taken around the turn of the century in Thornton by his mother, Jeannie Robbins. This book will not be circulated and it is his wish that it will remain at the Branch Library.

**DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES
AND ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT**

December 17, 1970

Board of Selectmen
Town of Thornton, N. H.
Gentlemen:

Funds were appropriated by your municipality in 1970 to assist the Division of Resources Development in the joint federal, state and town effort to preserve the aesthetic and economic values of New Hampshire's white pine resource from depletion by the white pine blister rust disease. The following financial statement shows the total program expenditure and accomplishment in 1970. Your municipal cost and accomplishment is also included.

1970 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Municipal Contributions:		\$ 15,177.16
Direct State Contributions	\$ 3,631.00	
Special Conservation Grant	1,500.00	
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TOTAL STATE CONTRIBUTIONS		\$ 5,131.00
Federal Financial Contribution	\$ 26,000.00	
Federal Technical Contribution	6,220.00	
Special Federal Technical Survey	12,553.95	
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TOTAL FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS		\$ 44,773.95
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TOTAL PROGRAM CONTRIBUTIONS		\$ 65,082.11
Your Municipal Approp.	125.00	
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Portion of Approp. Expended	125.00	
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Balance Due Your Municipality	none	

1970 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Total Acreage Receiving Attention Statewide	198,491
Total Acreage Receiving Attention in Your Municipality	920

If a refund is due your municipality, a check is enclosed.
If you should wish further details on disease control, contact the local Technician-in-Charge of the project in your area or this office.

Sincerely yours,

THEODORE NATTI
Director of Resources

**REPORT of the FOREST FIRE WARDEN
and DISTRICT CHIEF**

The 1970 forest fire season was a quiet one in this area, quiet in part because of your continued cooperation and favorable weather conditions.

Fires that did occur were, for the most part, caused by debris burning, children and smokers.

The elimination of these three causes of forest fires would drastically change this picture — to bring about this change we make the following suggestions:

1. When the ground is not covered with snow a permit to burn must be obtained from the Forest Fire Warden. This permit covers waste burning, even if an incinerator, grass burning, as well as garden trash and brush burning such burning is restricted by regulation to prior to 9:00 A. M. and after 5:00 P. M. with the following exceptions:
Commercial or industrial burning is permissible at any time under normal conditions but only with the approval of the District Chief and a written permit from the Forest Fire Warden.
2. Fires caused by children can be prevented only with the complete cooperation of parents in the supervision of their children, keep matches out of reach of children, this action will help to prevent fires and may save a life, the life of your child. Try to explain this to your child, won't you?
3. Forest fires caused by smokers can be reduced in number by the exercise of more care in the discarding of matches and smoking material whether from a vehicle or by a hiker. In all cases, make sure that the butt or match you discard is out, dead out. Smokey says, "Thanks for your help", and invites you to join with him in setting a good example for others in the prevention of fires and the protection of our environment.

Number of fires reported and acres burned:

DISTRICT	18 fires	—	33.6 acres
TOWN	1 fire	—	1A

JOHN J. RICARD
District Fire Chief

BERT T. BENTON
Forest Fire Warden

Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1970

Date of Birth 1970	Name of Child (If Any)	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Mother	Birthplace of Father
Feb 9	F Annette Maria	James M Uhlman	Marlene M Avery	Thornton	N H	N H
June 5	F Lori Ann	Robert Guy Jones	Katherine P Reisma	Thornton	N H	N H
July 8	M Robert Allen	Allan D Emerton	Sandra J Musgrove	Thornton	N H	Vermont
Sept 22	F Nancy Lynn	Geo Alden Webster	Jeanette R Sanborn	Thornton	N H	N H
Nov 4	F Tanya Lorraine	Morris N Paterson	Barbara Mae Duffy	Thornton	N H	N H

Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1970

Date—1970	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Date of Birth	Place of Birth of Each	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
Apr 11	Thornton	Roger Fay Steele Elizabeth G Curtis	Thornton Thornton	12-17-21 8-4-23	N H Maine	Merle Tyler Clergyman Rochester
Aug 15	Rumney	Tobey Victor Brown Stephanie M Sniger	Rumney Thornton	5-4-52 5-27-50	N H Mass	Gerald W Bradley Clergyman Rumney
Aug 29	Woodstock	Paul D Reitsma Nancy Laura Ham	Thornton Thornton	12-23-43 8-10-52	N H N H	Harry R Flad Clergyman Woodstock
Nov 28	Ashland	Percy Jos Madore Mary Ann Axon	Plymouth Thornton	8-7-21 5-30-32	N H N H	Glenn W Bricker Justice of Peace Ashland

Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1970

Date of Death 1970	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age in Years	Place of Birth	Occupation
Jan 6	Thornton	Sigrid Anderson	79	Sweden	F/W Riding Stables
Jan 31	Hanover	Olive May Benton	68	N H	F/M Teacher
June 3	Hanover	Fred S Adams	62	N H	M/M Farmer
Dec 25	Littleton	Ida May Hanson	61	Mass	F/W Motel Opr.

THORNTON SCHOOL REPORT

OFFICERS OF THE THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board	Term Expires
Jack Bradley	1971
Donald Sleeper	1972
Phyllis Holbrook	1973

Treasurer and Clerk

James N. Pope

Moderator

Russell Gilman

Auditors

Lois T. Ignaszewski

Irma M. Gross

Moderator

Russell Gilman

Assistant Superintendent

N. Kenneth Smith

Superintendent

M. Wayne Bowie

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 Central School in said district on the 9th day of March 1971, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Thornton this 17th day of February 1971

JACK BRADLEY
DONALD SLEEPER
PHYLLIS HOLBROOK

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

JACK BRADLEY
DONALD SLEEPER
PHYLLIS HOLBROOK

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 Central School in said district on the 18th day of March 1971, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

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

2. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

4. 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.

5. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute contracts with other school districts.

6. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to make application for and to accept on behalf of the district any or all grants or offers for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State of New Hampshire and/or the United States.

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

Given under our hands at said Thornton this 17th day of February 1971

JACK BRADLEY
DONALD SLEEPER
PHYLLIS HOLBROOK
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

JACK BRADLEY
DONALD SLEEPER
PHYLLIS HOLBROOK
School Board

1971-72 THORNTON SCHOOL BUDGET

Purpose of Appropriation	Approved Budget 1970-71	School Board's Budget 1971-72
110 Salaries of District Officers		
School Board Chairman	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Two Board Members	200.00	200.00
Treasurer	150.00	150.00
	500.00	500.00
135 Contracted Services		
Auditors	20.00	20.00
Census Takers	25.00	25.00
	45.00	45.00
190.1 Expenses of District Officers		
Bookkeeper	150.00	150.00
Printing and Postage	225.00	225.00
Legal Fees, Misc. Expense	25.00	25.00
	400.00	400.00
210.1 Salary of Principal	8,200.00	8,500.00
210.3 Salaries of Teachers		
Regular Teachers	19,980.00	20,660.00
Substitute Teachers	400.00	400.00
Music Teacher	800.00	800.00
Helping Teacher	1,600.00	2,400.00
	22,780.00	24,260.00
215 Textbooks	350.00	575.00
220 Library Books and Other Aids	225.00	280.00
230 Supplies (to be consumed)		
Workbooks	390.00	400.00
Paper, Pencils, Etc.	510.00	400.00
Science Supplies	100.00	100.00
	900.00	900.00
235 Contracted Service—WENH-TV	90.00	90.00

290.1 Other Expenses of Instruction		
Graduation, Postal, Travel	60.00	85.00
Field Trips	50.00	50.00
Testing		250.00
Reimb. for Professional Improvement	540.00	360.00
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	650.00	745.00
410 Salary of Nurse—Our Share	700.00	700.00
490 Health Expenses—Band-aids, Etc.	15.00	20.00
535 Contracted Pupil Transportation	5,800.00	6,500.00
576 Expense in Lieu of Transportation	325.00	15.00
610 Salary of Janitor—F. Steele	1,700.00	1,700.00
630 Cleaning Supplies, Towels, Etc.	400.00	400.00
640 Heat	950.00	950.00
645 Electricity and Telephone	1,000.00	1,050.00
690 Other Expenses of Building	100.00	125.00
725 Replacement of Equipment	50.00	50.00
726 Repairs to Equipment	100.00	125.00
735 Contracted Services—Painting	200.00	200.00
766 Repairs to Building	1,550.00	100.00
850.2 District Share of Retirement	1,484.00	826.20
850.3 District Share of FICA	1,125.40	1,265.47
855 Insurance	500.00	550.00
910 Salary for Hot Lunch Program	1,600.00	1,600.00
975.1 Federal Reimbursements	550.00	750.00
1075 Student Body Activities		
Ski Program—Transportation	150.00	150.00
Baseball, Etc.	50.00	100.00
Home Ec. & Shop Programs		100.00
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	200.00	350.00
1267 Equipment—Files & Ditto Machine		400.00
1370 Principal of Debt	3,000.00	3,000.00
1371 Interest on Debt	375.00	285.00
1477.1 Tuition		
Plymouth High School		
1970-71 27 @ 1,204.75	32,528.25	
1971-72 22 @ 1,286.62		28,305.64
Lin-Wood High School		
1970-71 9 @ 900.00	8,100.00	
1971-72 12 @ 1,000.00		12,000.00
Lin-Wood Elementary (2)	990.00	1,000.00
Crotched Mt.	495.00	
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	42,113.25	41,305.64

1477.3 District Share of Supervisory Union Expenses	2,562.96	2,610.38
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Total Appropriation	<u>\$100,540.61</u>	<u>\$101,172.69</u>
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REVENUE

State Sources		
Sweepstakes	\$ 800.00	\$ 750.00
School Building Aid	900.00	900.00

Federal Sources		
NDEA—Title III	75.00	75.00
National Forest Reserve	868.58	850.00
School Lunch and Milk Program	550.00	750.00
PL 89-10 (ESEA)	600.00	600.00

Other Revenue		
Rent	100.00	100.00

Total Revenue	<u>3,893.58</u>	<u>4,025.00</u>
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ESTIMATED DISTRICT ASSESSMENT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	96,647.03	97,147.69
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION	<u>\$100,540.61</u>	<u>\$101,172.69</u>
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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1970

RECEIPTS

Local Sources:		
Current Appropriation	\$ 77,853.95	\$ 77,853.95
State Sources:		
Foundation Aid	4,932.19	
School Building Aid	900.00	
Sweepstakes	730.56	
		6,562.75
Federal Sources:		
Title III	43.98	
Title I (Reading Program)	900.00	
Lunch Program Reimbursements	761.93	
		1,705.91
Other Sources:		
Non-food Assistance—a/c slicer	320.25	
Filing Fees	5.00	
Ski Program	74.50	
Interest on Deposits	53.33	
Hot Lunch Program—a/c Slicer	49.75	
Plymouth School District—		
Tuition Refund (Lavigne)	197.25	
Supervisory Union—a/c Music Teacher	215.02	
		915.10
TOTAL RECEIPTS		87,037.71
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year July 1, 1969		2,153.89
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 89,191.60

DISBURSEMENTS

110 Salaries of District Officers:		
Treasurer—James Pope	\$ 150.00	
School Board—		
Phyllis B. Holbrook	150.00	
Jack Bradley	100.00	
Kenneth Axon	25.00	
Donald Sleeper	25.00	
		\$ 450.00

135 Contracted Services:		
Auditors	20.00	
Census Taker	25.00	
		45.00
190.1 Other Expenses of Administration:		
Ballot Clerks	16.00	
Record Print—Ballots	14.25	
School Reports	152.50	
NHSBA—Dues	60.00	
Bookkeeper—Phyllis Holbrook	150.00	
Service Charges, Postage, Etc.	29.87	
		422.62
210.1 Principal's Salary—D. Crisafulli		7,400.00
210.3 Teachers' Salaries:		
Frederick R. Blue, Jr.	6,000.00	
Mary Federico	6,200.00	
Nance Sanborn	5,600.00	
Pauline Annis	30.00	
Noreen Crawford	15.00	
Norma Dwinell	45.00	
Laura Hodgkins	90.00	
Norman Dallaire	15.00	
Chester Swiss	105.00	
Marcia Leavit—Music	800.00	
		18,900.00
210.9 Helping Teacher—L. Dole		1,120.00
215 Textbooks		590.85
220 Library and Audio Visual Aids:		
Yearbooks	32.80	
Books	103.50	
Weekly Readers	39.60	
Scholastic Magazines	30.00	
		205.90
230 Teaching Supplies:		
Workbooks	385.20	
Pencils, Paper, Crayons, Etc.	386.23	
Science Supplies	41.73	
Duplicator Masters	90.15	
		903.31
235 Contracted—Rinehart Handwriting		200.00

290	Other Expenses of Instruction:		
	Mary Federico—Course	75.00	
	David Crisafulli—Course	75.00	
	Graduation—Flowers	23.50	
	Harcourt-Brace & World—Tests	90.59	
	Mary Federico—Testing	65.00	
	Teaching Aids	11.00	
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			340.09
410	Salary of Nurse—H. Fisher		795.57
490	Health Supplies—Band-aids, Etc.		16.58
535	Pupil Transportation—L. Boyce		5,800.00
576	Expense in Lieu of Transportation:		
	Freeman Burhoe—		
	B. Burhoe to Crotched Mt.	333.00	
	Charles Kimball— John Kimball to LHS	6.00	
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			339.00
610	Salary of Janitor—F. Steele		1,400.00
630	Cleaning Supplies		389.08
640	Heat		932.90
645	Electricity and Telephone		1,015.83
690	Other Expense of Building:		
	Salt for Softener	46.75	
	Light Bulbs	23.47	
	Mowing Hay and Gliders	20.77	
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			90.99
725	Replacement of Equipment:		
	New Sink	241.57	
	Science Equipment	13.39	
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			254.96
726	Repairs to Equipment:		
	Smith's T. V. Service	10.85	
	Duplicator	13.00	
	Projector	12.74	
	Water Softener	59.50	
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			96.09
735	Contracted Services:		
	Painting Kitchen and Floors	103.50	
	Cleaning Furnace	56.57	
	Cleaning Septic Tank	110.00	
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			270.07

766 Repairs to Building:		
Oil Burner	46.60	
Replacing Fire Bricks	281.75	
Blackboards	17.23	
Door Closers, Chairs, Drains, Etc.	104.43	
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		450.01
850.2 Teachers' Retirement		529.34
850.3 FICA		951.12
855 Insurance:		
Building and Contents	523.77	
Workman's Compensation	111.02	
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		634.79
910 Salary of Hot Lunch Supervisor		
Virginia Sargeant		1,539.00
975.1 Reimbursement for Lunches and Milk		761.93
1075 Student Body Activities:		
Transportation for Ski Program		175.00
1275 Site Improvement:		
R. C. Whitehouse—Baseball Field		940.00
1267 Equipment		
Slicer	370.00	
Tape Recorder	149.00	
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		519.00
1370 Principal of Debt		3,000.00
1371 Interest on Debt		465.00
1477.1 Tuition:		
Plymouth High School	26,055.66	
Lin-Wood High School	5,794.81	
Crotched Mountain	483.00	
Lin-Wood Elementary School	483.00	
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		32,816.47
1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses		1,557.17
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Total Disbursements		86,317.67
Cash on Hand at End of Year—June 30, 1970		2,873.93
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GRAND TOTAL		\$ 89,191.60

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1970

Cash on Hand July 1, 1969 \$ 2,153.89

RECEIPTS

From Selectmen:

1969 Appropriation \$ 77,853.95

From State of New Hampshire:

School Bldg. Aid \$ 900.00

Sweepstakes 730.56

Foundation Aid 4,932.19

6,562.75

From Federal Sources:

Lunch Program Reimb (Milk) 761.93

Title I 900.00

Title III 43.98

Food Ass't.—Kitchen Equip. 320.25

2,026.16

From Miscellaneous Sources:

Ski Program—Transp. 74.50

Filing Fees—School Officers 5.00

Hot Lunch Program
a/c Slicer 49.75

Interest—Plymouth Guar.
Savings Bank 53.33

S. U. 48—Music Teacher Refund 215.02

Ply. School Dist—Tuition Refund 197.25

594.85

Total Receipts—All Sources \$ 87,037.71

Total Cash & Receipts \$ 89,191.60

Total Payments 86,317.67

Cash on Hand June 30, 1970 \$ 2,873.93

JAMES N. POPE

Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET—JUNE 30, 1970

ASSETS

Cash on Hand June 30, 1970		\$ 2,873.93
Accounts Due District:		
National Forest Reserve	\$ 1,265.89	
Rent	100.00	
Hot Lunch Reimb.	101.93	
Title III—a/c Tape Recorder	74.50	

1,542.32

TOTAL ASSETS		4,416.25
Net Debt (Excess of Liab. over Assets)		10,265.68

GRAND TOTAL \$ 14,681.93

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by District:		
Hot Lunch Reimbursements	101.93	
R. C. Whitehouse & Son	105.00	
J. L. Hammett—Diplomas	21.00	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange	100.00	
A. H. Rice—Tape Recorder	149.00	
Mainco Supply Co.	205.00	

TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 681.93
Bonds Outstanding		14,000.00

GRAND TOTAL \$ 14,681.93

STATUS OF SCHOOL BONDS

Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$ 17,000.00
Payment of Principal of Debt	3,000.00

Outstanding at End of Year—June 30, 1970 \$ 14,000.00

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, 1970, and found them correct in all respects.

LOIS T. IGNASZEWSKI
IRMA M. GROSS
Auditors

July 14, 1970

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The staff of Thornton Central School is diligently working toward improving the education of your children. The problem of having two different grades in one room doubles the number of teacher preparations and the students feel the subsequent results.

As Mr. Blue points out in his report the loss of two staff members late in the school year created some obvious difficulties but these problems were quickly resolved.

Mr. Bowie, Superintendent of Schools, has previously mentioned the Minimum Standards for Elementary Schools which should be re-emphasized at this time. The Standards are quite comprehensive so I will not attempt to elaborate in depth.

These standards have been developed by the New Hampshire State Department of Education in cooperation with educators and school boards, and carry the effect of law. By September 1972 all elementary schools in New Hampshire must comply with the Standards or submit a "reasonable" time schedule for complying. Schools with an enrollment of less than 150 will not have to do as much with facilities as schools with 150 or more students enrolled.

In the area of curriculum we must offer art, health, language arts, mathematics, music, physical education, science, and social studies. We must offer library, guidance, health, and special education services. The pupil - teacher ratio must be 25:1 or less in grades K-2 and 30:1 or less in grades 3-8. Library space must be provided in schools with fewer than 150 students. The sharing of services is probably the best financial solution and is perfectly legal.

During the school year 1971-1972 most K-6 teachers of science will participate in a National Science Foundation Institute. Developed as a cooperative venture between the various school districts and certain members of the Plymouth State College science department, the Institute is designed to train the teachers in an outstanding science program. The teachers will receive 6 college credits at no cost to your town. This will require one evening per week for the full year on the part of your teachers. Hopefully through this professional effort we can implement the program in the fall of 1972.

There are other areas of the curriculum which require study and this is currently being done through the state testing program results and teacher study groups.

Starting next year all students in grades 2-8 will receive achievement and ability test so we can better compare the students with themselves. These tests will give the beginning of a good sound program for testing. Hopefully this program will give you, the parents and other taxpayers, a better look at your school system. It is extremely important that schools become increasingly accountable to the taxpayer.

The fine cooperation demonstrated by the people in your school system is appreciated. Hopefully the school system will continue to grow with the town.

Respectfully submitted,

N. KENNETH SMITH

Assistant Superintendent

EXPLANATION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Chapter 189, Section 48 Revised Statutes Annotated of the State of New Hampshire, requires that the school district annual report show the total amount paid to the superintendent of schools as per the follownig quotation: "Reports. Each superintendent of a supervisory union shall annually prepare a report of the total of a supervisory union shall annually prepare a report of the total salary paid to the superintendent, showing in detail the amount paid by the state and each local school district, and their share of same. Said report shall be filed with the school board of each school district involved and shall be included in the annual report of the respective school district as a separate entry. A like report and entry shall be made for each assistant superintendent, teacher consultant, and business administrators, if any is in service in the union."

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is probated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuations. One half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the school for the previous school year ending June 30th. The salary of \$12,500, which was received by the superintendent of schools of Supervisory Union No. 48 during 1969-1970 was made up as follows: \$4,000.00 paid by the State of New Hampshire and \$8,500.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1,400.00 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.

	Percentage	Salary	Travel
Campton	18.17	\$ 1,544.45	\$ 254.38
Plymouth	49.42	4,200.70	691.88
Rumney	13.12	1,115.20	183.68
Thornton	7.51	638.35	105.14
Warren	5.64	479.40	78.96
Waterville Valley	1.22	103.70	17.08
Wentworth	4.92	418.20	68.88
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	100.00%	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 1,400.00

M. WAYNE BOWIE
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

The year seems to be proceeding as programmed. This is particularly gratifying in view of the rather unfortunate problems experienced in September regarding personnel. However, continuity with the innovations of last year has been preserved and minor alterations made to fit changed conditions.

The school population exceeded estimates and caused some overcrowding at the outset, but with population movement within the community, has settled down to an enrollment of 84 students. This appears to be an optimum size which the physical plant can effectively handle.

Grades one through four are under the supervision of Mrs. Landry and Mrs. Sanborn. Mrs. Federico is employed with the staff as a developmental reading instructor and works with the children four mornings a week. Reading ability continues to be our biggest educational problem and will, therefore, continue to receive major emphasis.

Pre-testing of new students entering next September will continue with pertinent dates to be announced in the Spring.

Mr. Michael McGuire and myself teach the fifth through eighth grades with departmentalization of four major subjects which enables us to capitalize on the benefits of specialization. There have been some changes and additions to last year's programs in reading and mathematics. A new Supervisory Union science program is planned for inauguration in 1972-1973 which precludes any further revision of that curriculum.

A school system should mirror the collective efforts of the community. Likewise, it should also represent the desires of the community it serves. The realization of these objectives can best be achieved through the wholehearted endeavours of all those concerned. Many of you have actively participated in a number of school activities and these individual efforts, those of the P.T.A., School Board, and others have been most welcome and beneficial to your school. On behalf of the staff at the school may I express our appreciation for the cooperation and consideration shown us in the operation of your school.

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK R. BLUE, Principal
Thornton Central School

SUPERVISORY UNION #48
Adopted School Calendar for 1971-72

September 7, 1971	Teachers' Meetings & Workshops
September 8, 1971	Schools Open
October 11, 1971	Schools Closed—Columbus Day (Teacher Workshops)
October 22, 1971	State Teachers' Convention
October 25, 1971	Schools Closed—Veterans' Day
November 25-26, 1971	Schools Closed—Thanksgiving Recess
November 29, 1971	Schools Reopen
December 23, 1971	Schools Close 3:00 p. m.—Christmas Recess
January 3, 1972	Schools Reopen
February 18, 1972	Schools Close 3:00 p. m. Washington's Birthday Recess
February 28, 1972	Schools Reopen
April 14, 1972	Schools Close 3:00 p. m.—Spring Recess
April 24, 1972	Teacher Workshops
April 25, 1972	Schools Reopen
May 29, 1972	Schools Closed—Memorial Day
June 21, 1972	Schools Close—Summer Recess

This calendar provides for 183 school days and 3 days of Teacher Workshops. State Law requires 180 school days. Time beyond that may be used at the discretion of the local district.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NURSE

The Nurse made thirty-five visits to the School during the school year. Inspections were made for vaccinations, symptoms of illness and infectious diseases, cleanliness, and condition of hair and skin. First Aid supplies were kept up to date and first aid was given by the nurse when at school.

The teeth were inspected on each pupil and a Dental Clinic was held. Fluorine treatments were given by a Dental Hygienist at the School.

The nurse assisted Dr. Kirk on Rubella Immunizations on grades 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the State Nurse with Hearing tests on grade 1 with the Vasc Audio test.

Hearing Screening test was given each pupil with Maico Audiometer and Vision Screening test also given each pupil with New York Vision tester. Notices were sent home on pupils that needed attention in these areas.

Each child was weighed and measured and a health record kept on each one.

Health conferences were held with parents and pupils as needed. Pre-school registration was held and records made out.

The nurse made eight home visits and took four pupils home.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN H. FISHER, R. N.

THE GAVEL USED TO CONDUCT OUR
TOWN MEETING
IS MADE OF WOOD FROM AN ELM TREE
PLANTED BY
MATTHEW THORNTON
SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE