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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

AND

## Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

## TOWN OF AVON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1936



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# TOWN OFFICERS

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## **SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR**

WM. S. KELLEY      GEORGE WOTTON      H. CECIL VOTER

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

SUMNER HUFF                      J. E. NOBLE                      RAY WELTS

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

T. A. DECOSTA

## **COLLECTOR**

CHESTER A. WING

## **AGENT**

J. BLAINE MORRISON

## **TREASURER**

BLANCHE BEAL

## **TOWN CLERK**

MRS. ETTA STINCHFIELD

## **HEALTH OFFICER**

B. L. ARMS, M. D.

## **SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

NATHANIEL HARNDEN

## **FIRE WARDEN**

H. CECIL VOTER

# Town Warrant

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*To Chester A. Wing, a Constable of the Town of Avon, in the County of Franklin,*

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Avon, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the sixteenth of March, A. D. 1936, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear reports and allow accounts of town officers.

Art. 4. To choose selectmen, overseers of the poor, assessors, town treasurer, one or more members of the school committee, collector, fire ward, and all other town officers required by law to be elected in March annually.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for all school expenses, both High and common, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs of schoolhouses, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise money to pay amounts overdrawn the past year, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for payment of town charges, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for payment of town officers' bills for the past year, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 10. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of poor, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of highways and bridges for the ensuing year, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for breaking roads the past winter, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for abatement of taxes for the ensuing year, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$15.00 for Memorial purposes.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1930.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate and raise for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of the ways, highways and bridges, under the provisions of Sec. 19, Chapter 28, of the Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Sec. 22, Chapter 28, of the Revised Statutes of 1930.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes if, in their judgment, it is necessary.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of Mothers' Aid and dependent children.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise \$413.00 for Third Class maintenance, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 20. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for cutting bushes along the highways for the ensuing year in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for patrol service, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise \$25.00 to help pay for the County Nurse, and proceed to raise the same.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey property.

Art. 24. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen not to pay only one-half of money due any resident taxpayer until his taxes are paid and to give preference to such residents.

Art. 25. To see what sum, if any, the town would recommend to take from the Joint State Aid account for the purpose of applying bituminous surface treatment to State Aid roads, in excess of the requirements of Sec. 2, Chapter 132, P. L. 1935.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire up to Three Thousand Dollars, for the term of one year, the money so hired to be applied toward the payment of the Three Thousand Dollar loan at Phillips National Bank, due April 10, 1936.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$ for the 50-50 repair of State Aid roads.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote the sum of \$15.00 to continue the service of the Cooperative Health Union Health officer.

Art. 29. To see what action the town will take towards starting a movement to build and equip a grade school building to stop the expense in part of an increasing expense of support of schools.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise \$100.00 to cooperate with the State and Federal Government in the control of White Pine Blister rust.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to accept as a town road the new road from the State Aid highway to the home of H. Cecil Voter as laid out by the selectmen.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to buy a snowplow for a truck to be used on the Mile Square when needed, the price not to exceed \$350.00.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to rebuild a fence on all sides of the Town House lot, according to deed specifications.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to elect or instruct the Selectmen to appoint one or more road commissioners.

Art. 35. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town House, in said town, on above date, at nine o'clock A. M. for the purpose of revising the voting list.

Given under our hands this first day of March, A. D. 1936.

WM. S. KELLEY,  
GEORGE WOTTON,  
H. CECIL VOTER,

*Selectmen of Avon.*

# Assessors' Report

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*To the Citizens of Avon:*

We hereby submit the following report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending Mar. 1, 1936.

## VALUATION

Real Estate, resident	\$ 67,771 00
Real Estate, non-resident	108,591 00
Personal Estate, resident	13,384 00
Personal Estate, non-resident	780 00
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Total of Real and Personal Estate	\$190,486 00

## DESCRIPTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

LIVESTOCK TAXED	NO.	VALUE
Horses and mules	63	\$5,350 00
Colts, under 4 yrs. old	1	25 00
Cows	159	4,762 00
Oxen	25	1,427 00
Three years old	33	745 00
Two years old	55	1,105 00
Poultry (over 50 in number)	100	50 00
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		\$13,464 00

## EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	NO.	VALUE
One year old	62	\$795 00
Sheep (to 35 in number)	61	315 00
Swine (to 10 in number)	27	318 00
Poultry (to 50 in number)	605	304 00
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		\$1,732 00



## ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

	NO.	VALUE	
Radios	8	\$160 00	
Other property	3	450 00	
		<hr/>	\$610 00
Rate per cent		.072	
Number of polls taxed		95	
Poll tax		\$3.00	

On the 15th day of May, 1935, the lists of the above assessments were committed to Chester A. Wing, Collector for the town.

Collector's commission .015

## REGULAR ASSESSMENTS

On the above polls and estates, the following assessments have been made:

For State tax	\$1,378 30
County tax	474 95
Support of Schools	2,800 00
Town Officers' bills	700 00
Support of poor	1,000 00
Highways and bridges	800 00
Snow removal	1,000 00
Abatement of taxes	200 00
Patrol service	340 80
Overdrafts	1,160 32
Town charges	800 00
Memorial purposes	15 00
Bank loan	1,000 00
Third Class repair	490 00
Snow fence	100 00
State aid	600 00
Overlay	67 98
Mother's Aid and Dependent Child	650 00

School repairs	\$50 00
50-50 repair of roads	94 00
Health officer	15 00
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	\$13,767 57

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. KELLEY,  
GEORGE WOTTON,  
H. CECIL VOTER,

*Assessors of Avon.*

The above was committed to Chester A. Wing for collection  
May 15th, 1935.

# Report of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1936

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Avon:*

We do hereby submit the following receipts and expenditures:

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Appropriation	\$700 00	
Added to tax deeds costs	314 64	
From Town charges	25 91	
	<hr/>	\$1,040 55

## EXPENDITURES

Wm. S. Kelley	\$112 60	J. B. Morrison	\$ 25 00
George Wotton	53 00	Cecil Voter	3 00
D. W. Wells	40 50	C. A. Wing	589 45
B. F. Savage	65 50	Charles Howard	50 00
Wm. Stinchfield	20 00		<hr/>
T. A. DeCosta	81 50		\$1,040 55

## TOWN CHARGES

Appropriation	\$800 00	
Charles Howard, cash	55 00	
Excise tax	342 12	
Paul Hunt	76 60	
Overlay	289 02	
Supplementary tax	173 40	
	<hr/>	\$1,736 14

## EXPENDITURES

C. A. Wing	\$ 10 00	Henry Hamlin	\$ 21 00
E. P. Knapp	103 86	D. F. Hoyt	2 00
Knowlton, McLeary Co.	74 46	R. H. Trecartin	45 00
Phillips Nat'l Bank	357 50	R. E. Rowe	2 70
Cecil Voter	372 90	J. W. Russell	21 93
Pleasant St. Garage	3 10	Phillips Farmers' Union	9 24
Town of Strong	38 00	McCone's Garage	18 00
W. S. Kelley	61 41	Phillips Hdw. Co.	7 42
George Wotton	21 68	H. E. Salsberg	35 00
Wallace Moody	7 35	W. S. Lovejoy	7 10
Ray Welts	7 35	Blanche Beal	3 00
Floyd Mitchell	6 50	Paul Hunt	31 36
J. B. Morrison	20 00	To Highway & Bridge	
Ben. P. Branham	2 00	acct.	22 11
Etta Stinchfield	4 60	To Snow Removal	
Loring, Short & Harmon	50	acct.	156 48
Clifford Cushman	9 00	To Town Officers' acct.	25 91
C. A. Wing	11 50	To Worthley School	
Vinton Voter	30 00	acct.	51 94
Mrs. Blanche Hood	20 50	Unexpended	60 39
Dr. C. W. Bell	39 00		
F. R. Wing	1 00		<u>\$1,736 14</u>

## SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Rec'd from State, Coolong Acct.	127 82
Guerin Acct.	192 71
Brown Acct.	91 00
Ward Jackson	12 00
Rec'd from Sam Trask	82 09
Rec'd from State Pension, R. Crocker	60 00
	<u>\$1,565 62</u>
Overdraft	687 77
	<u>\$2,253 39</u>
Due from State	30 00
	<u>\$2,283 39</u>

## EXPENDITURES

Harold Hunt	\$347 70	Everett Wilcox	\$30 00
A. Hunt	75 00	Austin Phillips	82 69
Rose Crocker	305 00	Wayland Phillips	23 00
Harry Thomas	350 19	Robert Orbeton	92 00
Warren Knowles	223 55	Ward Jackson	37 00
Mrs. Bart Luce	217 86	Clayton Brown	91 00
Ed. Guerin	143 96	David Bursiel	8 00
Chas. Coolong	152 57		
Sam Trask	80 57		
Elbridge Marson	23 30		
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			\$2,283 39

## MOTHERS' AID AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$650 00
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## EXPENDITURES

State Health and Welfare, Mothers' Aid	\$402 50	
State Health and Welfare, Dep. Child	137 26	
Unexpended	110 24	
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		\$650 00

## TRUST FUNDS

Edwin Bates	\$109 93
Lucy B. Hunt No. 987	10 29
Lucy B. Hunt No. 978	10 98

## SNOW FENCE

Appropriation	\$100 00
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## EXPENDITURES

To snow removal	\$100 00
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## MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$15 00	
Unexpended, 1934	1 26	
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		\$16 26

## EXPENDITURES

Waldo Bubier	\$ 3 50	
C. L. Mills	2 50	
Unexpended	10 26	
	<hr/>	\$16 26

## STATE TAX

Paid State Treasurer	\$1,378 30
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## COUNTY TAX

Paid County Treasurer	\$474 95
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## PEASE AND SAMPSON CEMETERIES

Unexpended balance	\$54 20
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## STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Appropriation	\$340 80
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## EXPENDITURES

State Highway Dept.	\$340 80
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## WORTHLEY SCHOOL HOUSE

From Town Charges	\$51 94
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## EXPENDITURES

Phillips Hdw. Co.	\$51 94
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## SAFE

Unexpended	\$5 00
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## SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Received from State	784 00	
From Snow Fence appro.	100 00	
Town Charges	156 48	
	<hr/>	\$2,040 48

## EXPENDITURES

O. A. Dunham	\$ 2 52	Roger Bailey	\$ 2 50
S. R. & R. L. R. Co.	5 00	Waldo Bubier	29 87
Ramon Hanson	6 00	Rex Bubier	18 10
Charles Cushman	15 00	Charles McDonald	3 00
Clayton Brown	6 00	Austin Phillips	5 25
Horace Beal	31 88	J. E. Noble	3 32
Theodore Beal	62 56	Lester Gould	11 75
M. G. Bubier	25 00	Henry Hawbold	31 10
Ralph Flagg	6 92	Wallace Moody	3 90
C. L. Mills Jr.	7 80	Ray Welts	3 90
Ernest Mills	16 06	Everett Cook	2 50
Robert Mills	45 28	B. F. Beal Est.	4 00
Truman Masterman	107 36	Cooper & Co.	176 50
Frank Weston	9 40	Delbert Cook	5 00
Ernest Bachellor	108 34	Charles Berry	8 75
Percy A. Cook	852 78	H. E. Vining	32 00
Floyd Mitchell	52 25	W. A. Arnold	2 50
Robert Masterman	5 13	Paul Hunt	8 10
Elmon Tyler	16 00	Erlon Richardson	18 00
George Wotton	55 32	Vinton Voter	12 15
M. Dunham	8 05	M. M. Flagg	7 78
Guy W. Cushman	60 96	Benj. Mitchell	25 00
R. E. Rowe	18 35	Fred Dyer	12 25
Cecil Voter	22 70	John Wyman	13 45
Clifford Cushman	7 50	Alton Pease	20 00
Charlie Huff	16 00		
Clifford Wilcox	10 00		
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			\$2,040 83

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$800 00	
From Town Charges	22 11	
	<hr/>	\$822 11

## EXPENDITURES

Waldo Bubier	\$ 15 19	Floyd Mitchell	\$228 16
Farmington Farmers' Union	15 60	R. R. Express Co.	75
C. J. Dustin	33 21	Dyar Sales Mch. Co.	4 50
Robt. Orbeton	24 75	Cecil Voter	17 10
		George Wotton	60 30

Ray Welts	\$ 2 70	Horace Beal	\$ 4 05
Lester Gould	5 40	John Wyman	6 75
Charles Bangs	4 50	Rex Bubier	1 15
Erlon Richardson	10 12	Cliff Cushman	29 90
Wallace Moody	5 40	Burnham White	2 10
Chas. L. Mills	9 80	Berst-Forster-Dixfield Co.	5 40
Percy Cook	8 84	John Storer	7 42
Est. C. V. Starbird	13 69	H. E. Vining	2 70
Charles Huff	83 52	Alton Pease	18 00
George Hood	8 10	Delbert Cook	12 50
Everett Cook	36 00	Bancroft Martin Co.	19 04
Guy Cushman	18 90	Dana Witham	14 25
M. G. Bubier	36 45	Phillips Hdw. Co.	28 31
Theodore Beal	1 35	Unexpended	7 51
Fred Richmond	1 35		
Charles Cushman	2 70		\$822 11
Harold Beedy	14 85		

## CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Unexpended 1934	29 43	
		\$129 43

## EXPENDITURES

Wallace Moody	\$18 90	
Ray Welts	13 50	
Clarence Fairbanks	21 90	
Clifford Cushman	24 60	
Montell Hinkley	4 05	
Unexpended 1935	46 48	
		\$129 43

## THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$490 00	
Unexpended 1934	67	
		\$490 67



## EXPENDITURES

Phillips Hdw. Co.	\$ 1 20	Delmar Hinkley	\$ 1 50
R. E. Rowe	13 05	Erlon Richardson	28 74
Horace Beal	10 62	Ray Welts	8 40
George Wotton	29 70	Wallace Moody	5 70
Charles L. Mills	11 96	Dana Sweet	4 05
Ernest Mills	10 00	John Storer	8 03
Robert Mills	36 00	Robt. Orbeton	3 60
Lester Gould	19 60	Burnham White	1 95
Henry Hawbold	5 00	W. S. Kelley	9 40
Mac Bubier	2 50	Vinton Voter	1 20
Ralph Flagg	2 50	Alton Pease	5 00
Rex Bubier	2 50		
Waldo Bubier	5 00		
Bancroft & Martin Co.	24 15	Unexpended 1935	\$331 17
Percy A. Cook	13 02		159 50
Charles Huff	38 69		
Floyd Mitchell	28 11		\$490 69

## STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Received from State	\$128 97	
Appropriation	94 00	
		\$222 97
Overdraft		113 06
		\$336 03

## EXPENDITURES

Percy A. Cook	\$ 33 06	Ralph Flagg	\$5 40
Charlie Huff	26 85	Clifford Cushman	6 00
Ernest Bachellor	2 70	Truman Masterman	1 20
Henry Hamlin	6 40	Wallace Moody	2 70
John Storer	2 70	Paul Hunt	9 45
Floyd Mitchell	118 08	Town of Avon	9 00
Robert Orbeton	2 70	Cecil Voter	8 10
Clarence Fairbanks	18 90	Phillips Farmers' Union	7 64
George Wotton	42 90	Rex Bubier	4 20
Vinton Voter	6 90	Howard Huff	4 50
W. S. Kelley	11 65		
Erlon Richardson	5 00		\$336 03

## STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation by Town	\$ 600 00
Appropriation by State	1,995 00
Appropriation, Third Class, by State	1,527 29
Due from State, Special Resolve	850 00
Unexpended 1934	67 48
Due from State on Overdraft	376 85
Town Overdraft	117 47
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	\$5,534 09

## EXPENDITURES

Cecil Voter	\$ 60 00	Burnham White	\$ 53 20
Bancroft & Martin	337 70	Clarence Fairbanks	65 10
Robert Masterman	211 60	C. W. Cook	22 61
C. C. Hagerman	77 40	Vinton Voter	57 93
Elwin Kelley	342 81	Lee Stinchfield	7 04
Delmar Hinkley	4 72	Everett Pillsbury	9 80
Ray Welts	151 81	D. T. Harnden	262 70
Durwood Hinkley	6 30	Clifford Cushman	67 90
Conrad Gould	34 30	Rex Bubier	42 80
Wallace Moody	93 08	Montell Hinkley	39 90
Percy A. Cook	653 33	James Vining	14 00
W. A. Hartford	110 40	Waldo Bubier	28 00
Charlie Huff	276 88	Truman Masterman	35 60
Chas. L. Mills, Jr.	115 05	Lizzie Lambert	5 20
Robert Orbeton	2 70	Wilson Campbell	8 00
Guy Cushman	27 65	Walter Hall	8 00
Horace Beal	73 33	A. G. Eustis Est.	3 14
Wm. Stinchfield	113 64	E. L. Kingsley	1 40
Alton Pease	204 59	Phillips Hdw. Co.	46 49
Floyd Mitchell	563 52	W. W. Small Co.	31 50
Lester Gould	116 38	W. S. Kelley	9 50
George Wotton	123 03	Phillips Farmers' Union	40
Erlon Richardson	181 69	State of Maine	728 84
Howard Huff	66 73		<hr/>
Elbridge Vining	36 40		\$5,534 09

## RESOURCES

Due from Tax Collector, 1929 taxes	\$ 98 36	
1930 taxes	241 74	
1931 taxes	55 08	
1932 taxes	229 34	
1933 taxes	357 01	
1934 taxes	21 70	
Due from State, Everett Wilcox acct.	30 00	
Special Resolve, 1936	850 00	
3½ to 1 part of overdraft	376 85	
Tax deeds	2,613 63	
Securities	33 55	
Due from Tax Collector, 1935 taxes	487 65	
Tax deeds	198 56	
	<hr/>	\$5,593 47
Due Phillips Nat. Bank	\$3,000 00	
Bal. in favor of town	2,593 47	
	<hr/>	\$5,593 47

# Treasurer's Report

TOWN OF AVON, YEAR 1935

Cash to start		\$644 57
Chas. L. Mills, refund	\$ 11 96	
Austin Phillips, refund	2 25	
H. Vining, payment on note	12 00	
J. E. Noble, payment on note	70 00	
Paul Hunt, refund	112 82	
Ralph Flagg, refund	5 40	
Town, State Aid roads	9 00	
Temporary loans	8,000 00	
Excise tax	342 12	
1930 taxes	22 45	
1931 taxes	20 00	
1932 taxes	10 55	
1933 taxes	108 08	
1934 taxes	137 29	
1935 taxes	13,880 71	
Tax deeds	84 46	
State of Maine, Pensions	60 00	
Porcupine bounty	8 80	
Snow removal	784 00	
Poor	423 53	
State Aid roads	2,817 45	
50-50 roads	128 97	
School Funds	1,227 29	
R. R. & Tel. tax	1 80	
Dog License Refund	25 43	
Town Clerk, dog tax	50 00	
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		\$28,356 36
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Total available		\$29,000 93
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Selectmen's Warrants paid		\$29,132 25
Cash overdraft		131 32
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		\$29,000 93

*To the Inhabitants of Avon:*

This report, due to the absence of the Town Treasurer, was made from the records of your Treasurer in order to have some form of a report for your annual meeting. The cash balance was not reconciled by us, as apparently your check account had not been reconciled with the bank each month. This can be done later if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT,

By H. E. CRAWFORD.



NON-RESIDENT  
1932  
Mrs. M. T. Toothaker \$19 10

RESIDENT  
1931  
Harold Beedy \$ 3 92  
Leo Kenniston 9 76  
Wayland Phillips 3 00  
H. E. Vining 32 80

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\$49 48

RESIDENT  
1930  
W. H. Bubier, bal. \$ 17 55  
Walter Bump 3 00

W. Deraps \$ 57 28  
Mrs. Ward Jackson 8 22  
Heirs of Dana Stinch-  
field 43 75  
Ed. White, bal. 10 69  
R. R. Wilcox, bal. 101 25

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\$241 74

RESIDENT  
1929

W. Deraps \$62 36  
Austin Phillips, bal. 5 80  
R. R. Wilcox 30 20

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\$98 36

#### ABATEMENTS

Appropriation \$200 00

#### EXPENDITURES

TO

C. A. Wing \$232 11  
M. Dunham 6 81

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\$238 92

1935  
Ernest Bachellor \$ 3 00  
C. W. Cook 3 00  
Oscar Kennedy 3 00  
Seward Kennedy 3 00  
Robt. Mills 3 00  
Ernest Mills 3 00  
Alfred Presby 3 00  
Basil Rowe 3 00  
George True 3 00  
R. R. Wilcox 3 00  
Harold Beedy 3 00  
J. A. Blake 10 52  
D. F. Hoyt 2 00  
Fred Mitchell 18 72

Alton Pease \$19 44  
Fred Ross 36 00  
Charles Coolong 4 80  
Harold Cook 3 00  
Mrs. Ward Jackson 1 80  
Charles Wyman 3 00

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\$132 28

1933

Wm. Welch \$ 51  
Mrs. Ward Jackson 6 30

1931

Fred Kenniston \$91 48

1928

Austin Phillips \$2 75

# Vital Statistics

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## BIRTHS

1935

April 17, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Phillips, a daughter, Ella Josie.

Jan. 29, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Vining, a son.

June 11, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. John Korhonen, a son, Robert John.

June 12, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. Basil Rowe, a daughter, Dianne Dorris.

June 13, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Douglass, a son, Myron Augustus.

Oct. 19, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wilcox, a daughter, Winona Viola.

Nov. 19, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hunt, a son, Edward Hood.

Dec. 11, 1935, to Mr. and Mrs. Alton P. Edwards, a son, Ronald Alton.

Jan. 15, 1936, to Mr. and Mrs. Burnham White, a daughter, Dawn Violette.

## DEATHS

Feb. 17, 1935, Arthur W. Storer, age 65 years, 11 months, 7 days.

May 13, 1935, Evelena Horn, age 77 years, 2 months, 7 days.

Aug. 14, 1935, Evelyn C. Wilbur, age 68 years, 10 months, 10 days.

Oct. 20, 1935, Chas. T. Wyman, age 75 years, 2 days.

Nov. 24, 1935, George M. Horn, age 72 years, 4 months, 12 days.

Dec. 15, 1935, Lizzie Pratt Goodwin, age 71 years, 25 days.

## MARRIAGES

Mar. 23, 1935, at Phillips, by Harry R. Bowman, Burnham W. White of Avon and Olena M. Stevens of Strong.

Aug. 8, 1935, at Coutocook, N. H., by Rev. D. D. Johnson, Oliver Johnson of Avon and Margaret E. Wells of Franklin, N. H.

Aug. 11, 1935, at Kingfield, by G. A. Woodcock, Durward L. Hinckley and Ruth Grover, both of Avon.



# Report of Superintendent of Schools

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*To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Avon:*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

It is a pleasure for me to present to you my fourth annual report of the progress made in the schools of your town during the past year. While this report must necessarily be brief, I wish that it might be possible to make it interesting enough so that it would be perused by every voter in the town, as the more interest we have in the schools, the better they will be and fewer mistakes will be made by school officials.

**INSTRUCTION:** We have continued our schools with the same teaching corps as that of last year and I feel that the work has been of a satisfactory nature, although we have been interrupted to a great extent by the condition of the roads and very severe weather. This was unavoidable and while all concerned did their very best to help, still this amount of schooling was lost by these pupils and our only remedy is to make an attempt to make up the work during the coming months.

**CONVEYANCE:** Of course everyone understands that it is incumbent today upon the town to provide a suitable conveyance for children who live remote from the school. We had three children living on the Mount Blue road whom it seemed advisable to board because no conveyance could be secured and would mean the changing of these children from one school to another twice during the year. This matter was taken up with the State Department of Education and their advice was that the best thing to do, taking everything into consideration, was to board the children. They have been boarded at a rate of \$2.50 per week and have been in constant attendance at school during the year.

The conveyance team coming to the Phillips school still continues to make two trips, one on each side of the river, and brings in about

30 children. A part-time conveyance has to be provided for some of the children coming to the Valley School, however this is a very nominal expense. The state requires that we furnish conveyance, as well as requiring that we furnish instruction and over unreasonable distances we cannot get along without providing conveyance teams any more than we can get along without providing teachers in the schools.

FINANCES: Following is a table that shows our expenditures for schools during the last six years. The small expenditures of 1934-1935 were possible because of large unexpended balances that had accumulated but under normal conditions it will readily be seen that we cannot conduct our schools and have less than \$2,800 for an appropriation.

YEAR ENDING	APPROPRI- ATION	STATE FUND	TOTAL EXP.	TEACHERS	CONVEY- ANCE	TUI- TION	REPAIRS
Feb., 1931	\$3,500	\$1,243	\$5,880	\$1,185	\$1,035	\$2,842	\$291
Feb., 1932	3,900	1,283	5,498	1,027	760	2,451	1
Feb., 1933	3,200	1,325	3,798	1,050	431	1,467	42
Feb., 1934	1,800	1,156	3,932	1,050	390	2,295	50
Feb., 1935	2,000	1,257	3,969	752	595	2,264	162
Feb., 1936	2,800	553	4,293	1,064	583	2,242	84

It is interesting to note that the average appropriation for the years 1931-1933 was \$3,533 and the average for the last three years, 1934-1936, has been \$2,200, a decrease of \$1,333. This directly indicates that the schools are being run at a smaller cost to the town.

We now have attending the elementary schools in Phillips 37 boys and girls who are given the schooling at a tuition rate of \$.75 per week, which makes a total of approximately \$1,000 a year and we have 10 secondary school students at approximately \$800. In Strong we have 4 high school students and 2 common school students, so our tuition alone amounts to about \$2,200 a year. The total amount of high school tuition has been paid up to July 1, 1935. It is absolutely necessary to do this from year to year in order to receive the state stipend for high school tuition which amounts to about \$700 per year. Now the amount of tuition due Phillips and Strong is only for the past fall term.

It can readily be seen from the above table that our schools are costing less today than they have cost for many years. Instruction

in the Phillips schools costs \$.75 per week and the instruction in the Avon schools costs \$.85 per week.

We have continued our schools for a period of 36 weeks for all pupils. You will remember that it has been pointed out in past reports that it seemed very unfair to school some children for 36 weeks and others only 32.

Following this report is our financial statement. This will not agree with the account submitted by the selectmen, as I understand that a conveyance bill that we have charged to this account has not been paid, also a board of pupils bill and the fall tuition which amounts to \$747.50 to the town of Phillips and \$202.50 to the town of Strong have not been paid by the municipal officers. However, they have been charged off against the school account.

**TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES:** Our local schools seem to be well supplied with all the necessary materials to carry on the work and these supplies and books are as necessary a part of our school progress as are the teachers. The following is quoted from Dr. Packard's foreword in the Maine State School Bulletin of November, 1935: "It seems to me to be the duty and responsibility of school officials to take the lead in convincing the citizens that it is more or less a waste of money to expect to secure the best results on the part of the teacher when she lacks proper textbooks and equipment with which to work. It requires an exceedingly small expenditure of money to secure these needed things in the schoolroom and once the people are convinced of the necessity, I believe they will cheerfully make arrangements to see that the necessary working tools of the schoolroom are provided."

**REPAIRS:** Our schools at present are in an excellent state of repair, both having been painted on the exterior and interior and a new floor laid in the Valley School. Of course there are always minor repairs to be made and if we have a \$50 appropriation available for this department during the coming year it seems to me that it should be adequate for all our needs.

**CONCLUSION:** It is customary to write the recommendations of the coming year in this part but it has already been outlined in detail in the foregoing that it will be necessary for us to have for our school fund an appropriation of at least \$2,800 and for repairs \$50. Every attempt is made to provide the boys and girls of Avon with excellent instruction and no extravagance is practiced in any way, shape, or manner. Our youngsters have only the essentials that are needed to carry on the work in a satisfactory way. The school officials are ready

and willing to discuss school problems with parents and voters and in fact welcome such opportunities.

If I may at this time add a personal note, I would like to state that I have appreciated the co-operation of the citizens and school officials of the town of Avon that has been extended to me during the last four years.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. DeCOSTA.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1936

### SCHOOL FUND

#### RESOURCES

Appropriated	\$2,800 00	
State School Fund	1,253 12	
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#### EXPENDITURES

Teachers	\$1,092 00	
Fuel	61 00	
Janitors	3 00	
Conveyance	583 15	
Tuition (Common School)	1,017 00	
Tuition (High School)	1,224 00	
Board of Pupils	257 50	
Textbooks	24 96	
Supplies	30 51	
	<hr/>	\$4,293 12
Overdraft, February, 1935		263 71
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Total resources		\$4,556 83
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Overdraft		4,053 12
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		\$503 72

## DETAILED EXPENDITURES

## TEACHERS

Thelma Hammond	\$532 00	
Adeline Hewitt	532 00	
Henry Richardson	28 00	
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## FUEL

Theodore Beal	\$18 00	
Wilfred Deraps	5 50	
Lawrence Sultz	1 00	
Guy Cushman	32 75	
Ernest Kennedy	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$61 00

## JANITORS

Phebe Beal		\$3 00
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## CONVEYANCE

Cecil Voter	\$400 00	
Birdena Duley	74 25	
Ralph Flagg	32 40	
Adeline Hewitt	33 00	
Howard E. Keyes	43 50	
	<hr/>	\$583 15

## TUITION

Town of Phillips (Common School)	\$963 00	
Town of Phillips (High School)	814 00	
Town of Strong (Common School)	54 00	
Town of Strong (High School)	410 00	
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## BOARD OF PUPILS

J. E. Noble		\$257 50
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TEXTBOOKS

American Book Co.	\$4 95	
Ginn and Company	4 97	
Lyons and Carnahan	7 74	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	7 30	
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SUPPLIES

L. M. Glover	\$ 4 25	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	2 97	
A. B. Dick Co.	2 00	
Maine Public Health Ass'n.	22	
T. A. DeCosta	2 20	
Milton Bradley Co.	18 87	
	<hr/>	\$30 51

REPAIRS

Appropriated	\$100 00	
Unexpended, Feb. 1935	4 52	
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EXPENDITURES

Phillips Hardware Co.	\$14 11	
Phillips Farmers' Union	1 40	
William Kelley	23 90	
J. W. Russell	45 13	
	<hr/>	\$84 54

Unexpended, Feb., 1936 

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