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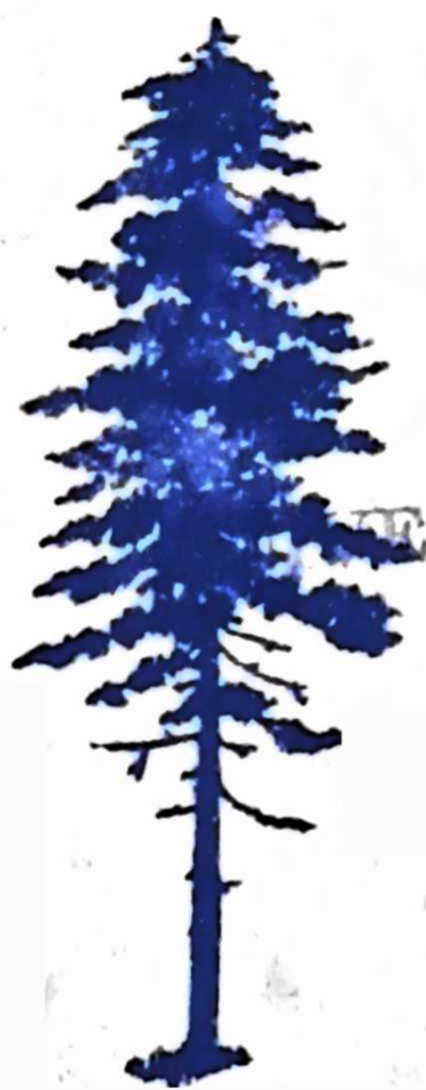
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF AVON



For the Year Ending
March 1, 1938

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR

WM. S. KELLEY REX RAYMOND PERCY A. COOK

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RAY WELTS

HAROLD BEEDY

HAYDEN FAIRBANKS

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE

C. A. WING

AGENT

J. BLAINE MORRISON

TREASURER

BEULAH COOK

TOWN CLERK

MRS. ETTA STINCHFIELD

HEALTH OFFICER

B. L. ARMS, M. D.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

NATHANIEL HARNDEN

FIRE WARDEN

REX RAYMOND

FIRE WARD

REX RAYMOND

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TOWN WARRANT

To Chester A. Wing, a Constable of the Town of Avon, County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Avon, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Avon Town House, in said town, on Monday the twenty-first day of March A. D. 1938, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles namely:

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, and Clerk, and the other town officers.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00, more or less, for making and repairing roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Road Construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges) under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930; or under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 more or less, for Winter and Spring roads for the past year, and also for Winter and Spring roads for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$457.00 for Third Class Maintenance for the ensuing year.

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Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for school expenses, both high and common, for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1250.00, more or less, for the relief of poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00, more or less, for miscellaneous Town Charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00, more or less, for Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00, more or less, for cutting bushes along the highways for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To raise the sum of \$340.80 for State Patrol for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for State Aid Road repairs and maintenance for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for Health Officer for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for dependent children for the ensuing year.

Art. 17. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey property.

Art. 18. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to issue town notes not exceeding one year, to an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, the avails to be used in payment of current expenses of the town; provided the same becomes necessary during the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay the Road Commissioner and laborers on town roads for the ensuing year.

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Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to pay to residents of the town, for compensation due them by the town, one half in cash the other half to pay on taxes due until said taxes are paid.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road from the buildings now owned by Benj. Mitchell to the Valley road, so called.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$150.00 for abatement of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the above named Town House on Monday the day of said meeting, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, from 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon until the close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifth day of March A. D. 1938.

Wm. S. Kelley } Selectmen
Rex E. Raymond } of
Percy A. Cook } Avon

Attest C. A. Wing
Constable of Avon

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Auditor's Report

Augusta, Maine, March 14, 1938.

To the Inhabitants Town of Avon, Maine:

As requested, we have audited the accounts of your Treasurer, Tax Collector and Board of Selectmen for the year ended March 5th, 1938, and hereby certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief, the records have been kept correctly.

We have submitted herewith reports of the Treasurer and Tax Collector and Summary of Accounts.

We offer our thanks to the town officers for the co-operation given us during the audit of the records.

Respectfully submitted,

State Dept. of Audit

By E. H. Shute.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Avon, March 5, 1938

Cash balance Mar. 1, 1937		\$526 75
Excise Tax	\$356 04	
1937 Taxes	13,923 35	
Taxes previous years	4,301 38	
Town Charges	12 26	
Town Officers	62 30	
Highways and Bridges	72 10	
Unimproved Roads	395 13	
Snow Removal	157 41	
Third Class Cont.	1,542 24	
State Aid Cont.	1,022 95	
50-50 Repair	118 03	
Support of Poor	875 15	
Dog Tax	35 00	
Support of Schools	1,284 00	
Temporary Loan	8,000 00	

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Total Receipts	\$32,157 34
Total Available	<u>\$32,684 09</u>
Warrants drawn	31,778 40
Cash Balance March 5, 1938	<u>\$905 69</u>

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Avon, March 5, 1938

Commitment	\$15,297 31
Supplementary Tax	143 60
Overlay	356 03
	<u>\$15,796 94</u>
Paid Treasurer 1937	\$13,546 02
Abatements	377 33
Tax Deeds	1,664 81
Uncollected	208 78
	<u>\$15,796 94</u>

Uncollected 1937, See Collector's List Elsewhere

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Towns of Strong & Phillips (Tuition overpaid)	\$ 36 05
State of Maine, Poor	557 27
Town of Farmington, Poor	2 45
Town of Jay, Poor	62 08
Town of Rangeley, Poor	21 25
State of Maine, Bounty	19 50
State of Maine, State Aid Road	712 41
	<u>\$1,411 01</u>

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Phillips Hardware, School account	\$11 05
S. Grover, School account	4 00
T. A. DeCosta, Supt. Salary	8 15
Minot Flagg, School account	6 00
Maine Public Health Assoc., School account	73
S. Foresman, School account	2 46
Loring, Short & Harmon, School account	35
	<u>\$32 74</u>

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SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

	Overdraft	Unexpended
Town Charges		\$10 02
Town Officers	\$270 72	
Highways and Bridges		10 61
Snow Removal	346 10	
Cutting Bushes	9 53	
Third Class Road Maintenance		21 97
Third Class Road Construction		143 67
State Aid Road Construction		17 88
Support of Poor		35 94
Mothers' Aid & Depend. Children		74 84
Fire Control	51 50	
Vault Construction	283 56	
Abatements	52 86	
50-50 Road		17 64
Net Overdraft		681 80
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	\$1,014 37	\$1,014 37

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Report of Assessors.

To the Citizens of Avon.

We hereby submit the following report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending March 1st, 1938.

VALUATION.

Real Estate, resident	\$ 58,771	
Real Estate, non-resident	108,751	
Total Real Estate		\$167,522 00
Personal Estate, resident	\$13,734	
Personal Estate, non-resident	210	
Total Personal Estate		\$13,944 00
Total Personal and Real Estate		\$181,466 00

DESCRIPTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

LIVE STOCK TAX	NO.	VALUE	
Horses and Mules	64	\$5,355 00	
Cows	155	4,524 00	
Oxen	15	1,260 00	
Three years old	41	1,205 00	
Two years old	44	890 00	
Poultry (over 50 in no.)	60	30 00	
Total amount			\$13,464 00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

	NO.	VALUE	
One-year-old	58	\$580 00	
Sheep (to 35 in number)	37	204 00	
Swine (to 10 in number)	8	117 00	
Poultry (to 50 in number)	593	296 50	
Total Amount			\$1,397 50

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

	NO.	VALUE	
Radios	17	\$205 00	
Other Property		275 00	
Total amount			480 00

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Rate per cent of taxation	084
Number of polls taxed	101
Poll tax	\$3.00
Collector commission	.01

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State Tax	\$ 1,437 32	
County Tax	475 60	
Support of Schools	3,900 00	
Town Officers' bills	800 00	
Support of Poor	1,500 00	
Highways and Bridges	600 00	
Snow Removal	750 00	
Abatement of Taxes	200 00	
Patrol Service	340 80	
Overdrafts	2,294 98	
Town Charges	800 00	
Memorial Purposes	5 00	
Third Class Maintenance	414 00	
State Aid construction	300 00	
Mothers' Aid and Dep. Children	200 00	
Cutting Bushes	75 00	
Toward \$3,000.00 Note	1,000 00	
State Aid Repair	125 00	
School Repairs	25 00	
Health Officer	25 00	
Overlay	353 00	
Total Assessment		\$15,619 00

On the 14th day of June, 1937, the above assessments were committed to C. A. Wing, Collector.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. KELLEY	}	Assessors of Avon
REX E. RAYMOND		
PEROY A. COOK		

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Selectmen's Report

TOWN CHARGES

Appropriation	\$800 00	
Pine Blister Rust Acc't.	100 00	
Dog License & Tel. Tax	12 26	
Excise Tax	315 34	
Supplementary Tax	143 60	
General Fund	89 98	
	<hr/>	\$1,461 18
Expended		\$1,461 18

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$800 00	
Town of Temple	62 30	
General Fund	270 82	
	<hr/>	\$1,133 12
Expended		\$1,133 12

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$600 00	
Unexpended 1936	146 80	
Gravel	72 10	
	<hr/>	\$818 90
Expended		808 29
		<hr/>
Unexpended 1937		\$10 61

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$750 00	
State Of Maine	157 41	
	<hr/>	\$907 41
Expended		1,253 51
		<hr/>
Overdrawn		\$346 10
Paid bills to be reimbursed in '38 (1938 bills)		407 56
		<hr/>
Unexpended actual		\$61 46

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SPECIAL RESOLVE for UNIMPROVED ROADS

Received from State of Maine	\$395 13
Expended	395 13

CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation	\$75 00	
Unexpended 1936	57 77	
General Fund	<u>9 53</u>	
		\$142 30
Expended		142 30

STATE PATROL

Appropriation	\$340 80	
Expended		\$340 80

STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION, 1938

Accounts received	\$712 41
Expended	712 41

NOTES PAYABLE

Balance	\$3,000 00	
Rec'd from Phillips' Nat. Bank	7,000 00	
Rec'd from 1st Nat. Bank, Farm.	<u>1,000 00</u>	
Total		\$11,000 00
Paid Phillips' Nat. Bank		8,000 00
Balance due Phillips Nat. Bank	\$2,000 00	
Balance due Farm. 1st Nat. Bank	<u>1,000 00</u>	
Total due		\$3,000 00

TOWN DEBT

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Transferred to Surplus	1000 00

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Unexpended	\$54 20
Expended 1937	<u>5 00</u>
Unexpended 1937	\$49 20

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MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$5 00	
Unexpended, 1936	7 26	
	<u> </u>	
Available		\$12 26
Expended		<u>2 40</u>
Unexpended 1937		\$9 86

STATE AID 50-50 REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$125 00	
State of Maine	118 03	
	<u> </u>	
		\$243 03
Expended		<u>225 39</u>
Unexpended 1937		\$17 64

SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriation	\$1,500 00	
Received from State & Towns	875 15	
Accounts Received	643 05	
	<u> </u>	
		\$3,018 20
Expended		<u>2,982 26</u>
Unexpended 1937		\$35 94

ENCISE TAX

Received		\$356 04
Cost of Collecting	\$40 70	
To Town charges	<u>315 34</u>	
		\$356 04

DOG TAX

Received	\$35 00	
Paid State of Maine	<u>33 00</u>	
Due State		\$2 00

FIRE CONTROL

From General Fund		\$51 50
Expended		51 50

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VAULT CONSTRUCTION

General Fund	\$283 56
Expended	283 56

OVERDRAFTS

Appropriation	\$2,294 98
From Surplus	2,294 98

MORTGAGE LIENS

\$191 01

HEALTH OFFICER

Appropriated	\$25 00
Expended	25 00

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$414 00
Unexpended 1936	152 06
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	\$566 06
Expended	544 09
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Unexpended 1937	\$21 97

THIRD CLASS CONSTRUCTION

Unexpended 1936	\$113 06
State of Maine	1,542 24
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	\$1,655 30
Expended	1,511 63
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Unexpended 1937	\$143 67

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$300 00
Unexpended 1936	13 97
Refund	1 95
State of Maine	1,021 00
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	\$1 336 92
Expended	1,318 02
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Unexpended 1937	\$18 90

EXPENDED FOR RELIEF

Rose Crocker	\$275 00
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Warren Knowles	\$466 72
Paul Hunt	31 93
W. Bubier	2 80
Health Asso.	16 50
S. D. Grover	6 79
Austin Phillips	160 45
Robert Orbeton	89 57
Ralph Flagg	57 59
Delbert Cook, Jay	62 18
Everett Cook	14 15
M. Haley, Inv.	45 69
M. Kennedy, Inv.	102 00
Harry Thomas	6 75
Mrs. Bart Luce	153 01
Harry Williams	43 50
Ward Jackson, (State)	262 97
Chas. Coolong, (State)	168 76
Veteran No. 1 (State)	460 67
Clayton Brown, (State)	30 00
Walter Bump	138 49
John Bachelder,	118 15
E. Wilcox	108 00
Joseph Ellis	60 10
Mrs. Wyman, (F.)	11 56
Richard Niles, (R.)	21 25
Harry Ross, (R.)	67 68
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	\$2,982 26

PORCUPINE BOUNTY

Paid out	\$19 50
Accounts received	19 50

MOTHER'S AID & DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$200 00
Unexpended 1936	87 68
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	\$287 68
Expended	202 84
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Unexpended 1937	\$74 84

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SUPPORT of SCHOOLS, (See Supt. report)

Appropriation	\$3,900 00	
Unexpended 1936	126 07	
State of Maine	<u>1,284 00</u>	
		\$5,310 07
Expenditures		<u>5,590 39</u>
Overdrawn 1938		\$280 32

SCHOOL REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$25 00	
Expenditures	<u>28 29</u>	
Overdrawn		\$3 29

ABATEMENTS

Appropriation		\$200 00
Appropriation Sam Trask tax		29 75
Overlay		<u>385 78</u>
	Total	\$615 53
Abated on 1937 taxes	\$377 33	
1936 taxes	75 47	
1935 taxes	25 60	
1932 taxes	58 64	
1931 taxes	25 10	
1930 taxes	43 75	
Sam Trask tax	<u>29 75</u>	
		\$635 64
	Overdraft	<u>\$20 11</u>

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ABATEMENTS

1937

Ernest Bachellor		\$3 00
Charles Berry		3 00
M. G. Bubier		3 00
Waldo Bubier,	mistake in assessment	20 00
Fred Dyer		3 00
C. L. Mills Jr.		2 40
Austin Phillips		3 00
George True		3 00
D. W. Wells		3 00
H. H. Field & Mitchell,	mistake in assessment	270 91
Heirs of Baxter Hutchins,	mistake in assessment	11 08
Blaine Morrison	“ “ “	12 60
Chas. Tachocks	“ “ “	1 90
George Dunham	paid in Phillips	3 00
Adelbert Cook		3 00
L. Goldsmith	paid in Phillips	3 00
Joe Belanger		3 00
John Batchelder		3 00
Harry Dyer		3 00
Robert Orbeton		5 10
Harry Ross		3 00

1936

Joe Brinzo		3 00
Adelbert Cook		3 00
Harold Cook		3 00
Charles Coolong		1 86
C. L. Mills Jr.		7 65
Delmont Merrill		3 00
Austin Phillips		3 00
Harry Ross		4 55
Clint Staples		3 00
Wallace Seavy		3 00
Roy Trask		3 00
Everett Wilcox		1 55
Ralph Newell		3 00

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Frank Douglas		\$1 86
John Doe		31 00
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		\$75 47
	1935	
Donald Chick		\$3 00
Ralph Newell		13 60
Wayland Phillips		3 00
Ernest Williams		3 00
Edwin Tyler		3 00
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		\$25 60
	1932	
Nettie Savage		4 55
Roy Trask		40
Erlon Lake		3 00
Henry Lake		5 13
Mrs. M. Toothaker		19 10
Fred Kenniston		22 53
Wilfred Deraps		20 03
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		\$74 74
	1931	
Wayland Phillips		\$3 00
Harold Beedy		3 00
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		\$6 00
	1930	
Heirs of Dana Stinchfield		\$43 75

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

	1937	
Clayton Brown		\$ 90
Charles Coolong		3 00
Shermon Grover		3 00
Ramon Hanson		8 00
Paul Hunt		3 00
Levi Litchfield		4 00
Chas. MacDonald		3 00
Raymond Orbeton		1 35
Erlon Richardson		34 08
H. E. Vining		39 70
Elbridge Vining		3 00
James Vining		3 00

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W. H. Vining	\$3 00
Hiram Vining	3 00
Floyd Whitney	4 33
Alfred Weston	4 54
Frank Weston	3 00
Fairbanks and Hunter	20 76
Clifford Kennedy	4 44
H. P. Dill Estate	4 20
F. N. Blanchard	60 48

\$208 78

1936

Sherman Grover	\$2 15
Chas. McDonald	50
Robert Orbeton	5 17
B. F. Savage, bal.	5 00
Hiram Vining	3 00
W. H. Vining	3 00
Oecil White	3 00
Burnham White	4 82
A. Weston	2 48
H. Vining	9 44
Chas. Oolong	3 00

\$41 56

H. Vining \$20 00

1935

S. H. Grover	\$ 4 44
Ramon Hanson	8 15
H. E. Vining	22 08
Roy Trask	3 00

\$37 67

1934

S. H. Grover 98

1932

H. E. Vining \$49 86

1931

H. E. Vining \$7 59

Respectfully yours,

Wm. S. Kelley	} Selectmen of Avon
Rex E. Raymond	
Percy A. Cook	

Report of Treasurer

Beulah M. Cook, Treasurer

Cash on hand	\$ 526 75	
Temporary Loans	8,000 00	
Rec'd. on Tax Deeds	2,739 77	
Tax Liens	663 45	
Pauper Accounts refunds	222 05	
Town Clerk, dog licenses	35 00	
Town of Temple, running lines	62 30	
Excise Tax	356 04	
D. W. Wells, 1936 taxes	289 81	
Maxelle Dunham, 1933 taxes	285 90	
C. A. Wing, 1931 taxes	92	
C. A. Wing, 1932 taxes	5 63	
C. A. Wing, 1934 taxes	26 00	
C. A. Wing, 1935 taxes	58 34	
C. A. Wing, 1937 taxes	13,546 02	
State of Maine, snow removal	157 41	
State Aid	1,022 95	
Special Road	395 13	
Third Class	1,542 24	
Town gravel	72 10	
State Aid Repair	118 03	
Equalization Fund	60 00	
Paupers	653 10	
Dog License & R. R. & Tel. Tax	12 26	
Abatements 1930—1937	608 89	
School Fund	1,224 00	
	<hr/>	\$32,684 09
Warrants paid		<hr/> 31,778 40
Cash on hand		\$905 69

Report of Union Health Officer

To the Selectmen of Avon :

During 1937 there were reported in Avon 48 cases of mumps, 6 of whooping cough and 1 of pneumonia, the cases of mumps and whooping cough were visited.

Toxoid was given to 11 and 7 were vaccinated. Tuberculin tests were given to 30, a Dick test to one and a Schick to one.

With Miss Barry two infant and preschool conferences were held, one at Mile Square school house and the other at the Valley school, Dr. Currier examining the children at Mile Square and Dr. Thompson at the Valley, a total of 26 being examined by them.

Two Avon citizens were taken to the chest clinic, one of them also being taken for an X-ray.

15 pupils were inspected at the request of the teachers.

Very sincerely yours,

B. L. ARMS, M. D.

Director Cooperative Health Union.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee
and Citizens of the Town of Avon.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is my sixth annual report as to the condition of the schools that are under my supervision.

FINANCIAL. In the last report it was pointed out that with an appropriation of \$3,900.00, it would be possible to pay all of our bills up to date. We have done this and had it not been for an increase in the amount spent for conveyance, which was unforeseen, we would not have had an overdraft. However, now with our tuition bills paid up to date, that is, to the beginning of the winter term, we are in a position to ask for a smaller appropriation. An estimate of next year's budget follows:

Teacher's	\$1,050 00	
Fuel	50 00	
Janitors	10 00	
Conveyance	677 00	
Tuition (Elementary)	1,000 00	
Tuition (Secondary)	1,600 00	
Textbooks	25 00	
Supplies	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,437 00
RESOURCES		
State School Fund	\$1,224 00	
Equalization Fund	60 00	
	<hr/>	1,284 00
TO APPROPRIATE		<hr/> \$3,153 00

Of course these estimates cannot be accurate but it is felt that with an appropriation of \$3,200.00 for the coming year, a reduction of \$700 over that of last year, we will be able to take care of our expenditures and reduce the overdraft and pay our bills up to date.

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Our schools have seemed to run along in about the same manner as in former years with an excellent quality of instruction.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. DeCosta

Superintendent of Schools

DETAILED EXPENDITURES

TEACHERS

Thelma Hammond	\$210 00	
Adeline Hewitt	210 00	
Dorris Morgan	294 00	
Frances Savage	294 00	
Henry Richardson	42 00	
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		\$1,050 00

FUEL

Alfred Weston	\$14 00	
Theodore Beal	18 00	
Richard Beal	1 00	
Guy Cushman	2 00	
Berst-Forster-Dixfield Co.	69	
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		\$65 69

JANITORS

Laura Bubier	\$6 00	
Guy Cushman	5 00	
Mrs. Floyd Whitney	4 00	
E. P. Knapp Estate	74	
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		\$15 74

CONVEYANCE

Rex Raymond	\$455 80	
Percy Cook	97 00	
C. L. Knapp	29 69	
Birdena Duley	53 40	
Sherman Grover	20 00	
Ralph Flagg	18 00	
Minot Flagg	6 00	
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		\$679 89

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TUITION

Town of Phillips (Elem.)	\$1,371 75	
Town of Strong (Elem.)	<u>114 00</u>	\$1,485 75
Town of Phillips (Sec.)	\$1,538 95	
Town of Strong (Sec.)	<u>641 70</u>	\$2,180 65
BOARD OF PUPILS		
J. E. Noble		\$45 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Year Ending March 1, 1938

SCHOOL FUND

Resources

Unexpended 1937	\$126 07	
Appropriated	3,900 00	
State School Fund	1,224 00	
State Equalization Fund	<u>60 00</u>	\$5,310 07

Expenditures

Teachers	\$1,050 00	
Fuel	65 69	
Janitors	15 74	
Conveyance	680 89	
Tuition (Elementary)	1,485 75	
Tuition (Secondary)	2,180 65	
Board of Pupils	45 00	
Textbooks	38 36	
Supplies	<u>29 31</u>	\$5,590 39

Overdrawn 1938 \$280 32

REPAIRS

Appropriated \$25 00

Expenditures

Phillips Hardware Co.	\$11 05	
Overdrawn, 1937	<u>17 24</u>	\$28 29
Overdrawn 1938		<u>\$3 29</u>

Vital Statistics

Avon, Maine., March 7, 1938

Citizens of the Town of Avon;

The following Vital Statistics of the Town of Avon have been recorded by me for the fiscal year 1937

BIRTHS

Avon, Me., April 12, 1937, to Bessie Bachelder & Lawrence Harnden, a daughter, Zelda Ada Bachelder.

Avon, Me., April 24, 1937, to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Bump, a daughter, Donna Belle.

Avon, Me., July 26, 1937, to Mr. & Mrs. Maxelle Dunham, a son, Bruce Halsted

Avon, Me., Sept. 14, 1937, to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ellis, a son, Joseph Ellis Jr.

Avon, Me., Sept. 30, 1937, to Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Savage, a daughter, Yoland Patricia.

Farmington, Me., Dec. 4, 1937. to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mills, a daughter, Constance Leatrice.

Farmington, Me., Dec. 14, 1937, to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williamson, a son.

Avon, Me., Dec. 21, 1937, to Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Gordon, a son, Lawrence Reland.

Avon, Me., Jan. 10, 1938, to Ada Belle Harnden, a son, John Clinton.

DEATHS

Farmington, Me., Mar. 28, 1937, Zelda M. Marden, wife of Sumner Huff, age 39 years, 9 months.

Avon, Me., April 4, 1937, Amelia Bursiel, wife of Bartlett Luce, age 72 years, 3 months, 1 day.

Avon, Me., May 27, 1937, Jennie Soper, age 70 years.

Bath, Me., May 30, 1937, Margaret Worthley, wife of Francis Morrill, age 86 years, 16 days.

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Avon, Me., August 21, 1937, Sarah J. Blodgett, age 75 years, 2 months, 20 days.

Avon, Me., Sept. 14, 1937, Harry E. Batcheller, age 64 year, 5 months, 4 days.

Avon, Me., Nov. 15, 1937, Mittie F. Tyler, wife of Daniel Wells, age 70 years, 2 months, 6 days.

Farmington, Me., Dec. 14, 1937, Baby boy, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Williamson.

Avon, Me., Jan. 14, 1938, Vernon Blodgett, age 57 years, 8 months, 20 days.

MARRIAGES

Phillips, Me., May 1 1937, by Rev. H. A. Bowman.

Frank Weston of Avon and Muriel Moores of Freeman.

Madison, Me. August 14, 1937, by J. F. Witthe, J. P. :

Leslie Pinkham and Viona Gordon, both of Avon.

Respectfully yours,

Etta Stinchfield, Town Clerk

Historical Records Survey

To the Citizens of Avon:

Having learned through your town officials that a fire proof vault is being built in which to preserve your town records, we take this opportunity to relate to you something of what the work being done by the Historical Records Survey has accomplished, which must be of especial interest to the town.

In the first place officials and custodians of records have been aroused to a larger realization of the importance of preserving these records all over the United States and the significance of this work caused the interest and cooperation of nearly all librarians, historians, and officials in high authority. A survey of the records of the town of Avon has recently been completed by workers on the Historical Records Survey.

This is a nation wide federal project concerned with the discovery, making accessible and preservation of historical records. As all written history must or should be taken from authentic sources, the records of a town whether in volumes or loose papers constitute the only original material. The Survey is interested in this material. It is not uncommon for us to find a towns most valuable records scattered around in chambers and garrets, old barns, garages, hen houses etc., and in the near by town of Madrid we found nine volumes of clerk's records in a deserted house, a part of which were early birth records. In Farmington and Carthage we found one volume each of clerks early minutes of town meetings, which many supposed to be destroyed and as will be realized, records in such conditions are very likely to be over-looked and finally lost. All of these records have of course been returned to the respective town clerks.

In Penobscott County a town clerk kept his records in a store. When the workers came to the town, after completing their check, the records were not returned

to the store as it was near town meeting time and the clerk expected to turn his records over to his successor in office. During the night a fire destroyed the building and contents. The records of the town were saved due solely to the workers on the Survey.

The Survey has the very active backing of the American Historical Association.

In one nearby town early records were quite recently being used to kindle fires while in your own town rumor has it that in 1861 nearly all of Avon's records except the vital statistics and current ones were sold for rag paper at 5c per pound.

Legislation provides that completed volumes shall be placed in fireproof safes for protection from fire but your town has advanced even farther and provided a vault which may easily protect your records for a long time. We judge that you are fortunate to have officials who are zealous for the preservation of these records and we feel thankful that our work among you has been the cause for the construction of this vault which should be the pride of every citizen in Avon. We thank you for your kindly assistance and courtesy which has made our labor a pleasure and the inventory thus completed, and we should make mention of a former town official, Mr. Henry Hamlin whose efforts and painstaking care has contributed so much to the welfare of your records.

Mrs. Katheen Lambert

Mrs. Auvana Currier

Miss Florence Mills

Mr. Ozro Swett

Mr. George Randell