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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Municipal Officers

# TOWN of AVON

## Year Ending February 15, 1948



# Town Officers 1947

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Clerk

RUTH KINNEY

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

PERCY A. COOK

JOHN A. STORER

CONRAD A. GOULD

School Committee

VERA FLAGG

BERTHA HUFF

GUY CUSHMAN

Collector and Constable

CHARLIE PINKHAM

Treasurer

BEULAH COOK

Health Officer

DR. G. I. FLINT

Fire Warden

CONRAD GOULD

Fire Ward

JOHN STORER

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Farmington, Maine

The Knowlton & McLeary Co., Printers

1948

# Assessors' Report

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To the Citizens of Avon:

Valuation of property and number of polls in town taxed April 1st, 1947.

Valuation of Real Estate, Resident	\$86,240 00	
Valuation of Real Estate, Non-Resident	78,275 00	
	<hr/>	\$164,515 00
Valuation of Personal Estate, Resident	\$14,370 00	
Valuation of Personal Estate, Non-Resident	2,145 00	
	<hr/>	\$16,515 00
Grand Total		<hr/> \$181,030 00

Number of Polls taxed	97
Number of Polls not taxed	3
Poll Tax rate	\$3.00
Rate of Taxation	\$64 per \$1,000

## TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Value
Horses and mules	58	\$4,640 00
Colts	1	50 00
Cows	179	6,200 00
Oxen	11	335 00
Three year olds	32	898 00
Two year olds	57	1,255 00
Poultry (over 50 in no.)	324	242 00
Goats	7	35 00
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Total amount		\$13,655 00

## EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Value
One year olds	79	\$1,340 00
Sheep (to 35 in no.)	12	60 00
Swine (to 10 in no.)	13	230 00
Poultry (to 50 in no.)	574	429 00
Chickens, 2 mos. & younger	225	43 00
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Total		\$2,102 00

## ALL OTHER KINDS OF PROPERTY

	No.	Value
Stock in trade		\$1,750 00
Radios	62	620 00
Tractors not excised	1	40 00
Machinery and Equipment		75 00
Other Property		375 00
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Total		\$2,860 00

## MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED

	1947	1946
State Tax	\$1,320 52	\$1,314 47
County Tax	473 20	396 86
Support of Poor	<hr/>	100 00
Town Charges	600 00	555 00
Snow Removal	800 00	800 00
Cutting Bushes	200 00	200 00
Collection of Taxes	250 00	250 00
State Aid Construction	450 00	250 00
Maintenance 3rd Class Roads	440 00	500 00
Support of Schools	4,000 00	5,600 00
Town Officers	600 00	625 00
County Nurse	<hr/>	30 00
Health Officer	25 00	25 00
Bonds for Treas. and Collector	50 00	50 00
School Committee Salary	30 00	30 00
State Patrol Service	679 60	619 30
Abatement of Taxes	150 00	100 00
Overlay	308 58	364 85

	1947	1946
Snow Fence	\$ 200 00	\$ 400 00
Interest on Loans	100 00	150 00
Carrying High School Scholars		25 00
Pine Blister		25 00
Maine Publicity		25 00
Highways and Bridges	1,200 00	1,600 00
Overdraft of Schools		577 90
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	\$11,795 48	\$14,813 78

On the 9th day of June, 1947, the above assessments were committed to Charlie Pinkham, Collector, for collection.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY A. COOK,  
JOHN STORER,  
CONRAD A. GOULD,

Assessors.

# Selectmen's Report

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## STATE TAX

Assessed by Town		\$1,320 52
Warrant to Treasurer	\$1,320 52	

## COUNTY TAX

Assessed by Town		\$473 20
Warrant to Treasurer	\$473 20	

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$1,200 00	
Strong Wood Turning Co.	16 00	
Town of Phillips	1 80	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	39 64	
Supplementary Tax	24 90	
	<hr/>	\$1,276 34

Warrants to Treasurer	\$1,272 52	
Unexpended	3 82	
	<hr/>	\$1,276 34

## Detailed Expenditures

Lester E. Gould	\$165 75
Rex Bubier	6 75
Strong Wood Turning Co.	35
Irving Kelly	30 25
Everett Wilcox	9 00
Conrad Gould	20 75
Waldo Bubier	181 00
Lester P. Gould	22 50
Nathan Lake	12 75
Leslie Kelly	26 62

Theodore Beal	\$203 04
Lawrence Cook	193 25
Starbird Lumber Co.	197 80
Guy Cushman	74 50
Albert McKenney	33 75
A. G. Eustis Est.	2 70
Robert Orbeton	48 37
Phillips Hardware	2 89
Ben Savage	5 25
Reginal Savage	5 25
Llewellyn Huff	14 25
W. A. Arnold	15 75
	<hr/>
	\$1,272 52

## SNOW REMOVAL.

Appropriation	\$800 00
State of Maine	958 58
Town of Phillips	36 58
Overlay	288 31
Excise	647 90
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	\$2,731 37

Warrants to Treasurer	\$2,665 09
Unexpended	66 28
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	\$2,731 37

## Detailed Expenditures

Lester E. Gould	\$325 87
Waldo Bubier	76 50
George Sanders	194 95
Lawrence Cook	242 15
Lawrence Kelly	67 85
Raymond Orbeton	31 30
Horace Beal	72 53
Theodore Beal	159 62
Harold Abbott	4 00
Conrad Gould	72 70



Alfred Stefano	\$397 87
Town of Strong	38 00
Robert Orbeton	22 00
Charlie McDonald	9 45
State Highway Com.	227 20
Rex Bubier	14 25
Irving Kelly	49 25
B. F. Savage	10 00
Carroll Dustin	7 50
Murtie Dustin	7 50
Ronald Abendschien	80
Conley Gould	80
Percy Cook	67 33
Leslie Kelly	17 25
Town of Phillips	3 20
Doughty's Service Station	25 70
Lewis Bernstum Inc.	50 50
John Storer	41 50
Richard Beal	45 00
Charlie Lisherness	10 00
Howard Kyes	38 40
Ford and Smiley	18 00
Guy Cushman	134 65
Alfred Presby	6 00
Main St. Garage	12 29
Richard Stinchfield	10 00
Raymond Berry	2 20
Lester P. Gould	10 88
Newton Gould	15 00
Ivan Gould	3 00
Roy Ainsworth	12 00

## TOWN CHARGES

Appropriated		\$600 00
Warrants to Treasurer	\$572 07	
Unexpended	27 93	
	<hr/>	\$600 00

## Detailed Expenditures

First National Bank	\$ 13 50
Marks Printing House	22 35
David F. Daley	1 00
Howard Pinkham	21 55
Knowlton & McLeary Co.	83 60
Dept. of Audit	137 65
Maine Municipal Asso.	15 00
Frank E. Knowlton	15 95
Currier Holman	37 41
Ray Kinney	3 00
Conrad Gould	39 70
Percy Cook	51 36
John Storer	17 50
Beulah Cook	13 16
Waldo Bubier	15 00
Branham Printing Co.	1 00
Charles Pinkham	23 36
Ruth Kinney	9 13
Ralph Trecartin	40 85

## UNIMPROVED

State of Maine 1947	\$684 20	
State of Maine 1946	10 65	
	<hr/>	\$694 85
Warrants to Treasurer	\$494 56	
Unexpended	200 29	
	<hr/>	\$694 85

## Detailed Expenditures

Lester E. Gould	\$ 73 00
Leslie Kelley	29 25
Horace Beal	16 75
Lester P. Gould	16 50
Theodore Beal	61 29
Waldo Bubier	30 75

Percy Cook	\$120 00
N. E. Mutual Culvert Co.	83 46
Linwood Beal	27 24
Irving Kelley	36 32

## THIRD CLASS

Appropriation		\$440 00
Warrants to Treasurer	\$388 31	
Unexpended	51 69	
	<hr/>	\$440 00

## Detailed Expenditures

Lester Gould	\$72 54
Rex Bubier	9 75
Lawrence Cook	73 00
William Kelley	2 25
Lester P. Gould	3 00
Leslie Kelley	15 00
Irving Kelley	43 62
Richard Beal	75
Ivan Gould	2 25
Theodore Beal	73 00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	79 28
Guy Cushman	13 87

## STATE AID

Appropriated by Town 1945	\$ 300 00
Appropriated by Town 1946	450 00
Appropriated by Town 1947	450 00
Appropriated by State 1945	1,050 00
Appropriated by State 1946	1,575 00
Appropriated by State 1947	1,575 00
Received from Fred Koch	54 90
Received from Overlay	20 27
Balance from State 1942	80 09
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	\$5,555 26

Warrants to Treasurer	\$4,381 28	
State unexpended balance	1,173 98	
		\$5,555 26

## Detailed Expenditures

N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	\$187 02
Lester Gould	224 06
Theodore Beal	259 92
Ray Starbird	940 50
Alfred Presby	104 50
Leslie Kelley	113 62
Lester P. Gould	101 62
Conrad Gould	5 62
Waldo Bubier	37 50
A. G. Eustis Est.	15 45
W. W. Small Co.	15 52
Irving Kelley	147 66
Sumner Huff	6 00
Town of Avon	125 00
Frank Beal	111 23
Leslie Adley	103 28
Strong Wood Turning Co.	131 66
Fred Koch	155 55
Town of Phillips	107 10
Lawrence Cook	56 10
Everett Mitchell	44 26
Clyde Abbott	54 90
Horace Beal	69 75
Milton Stinchfield	456 00
Arthur Robbins	109 65
Milt Havey	93 50
Fred Frederics	102 00
Robert Parlin	10 21
State Highway Com.	372 10
Percy Cook	120 00

## SPECIAL RESOLVE or THIRD CLASS RECONSTRUCTION

From State	\$213 92
Warrants to Treasurer	\$213 92

## Detailed Expenditures

N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	\$96 86
Lester Gould	36 45
Horace Beal	13 50
Theodore Beal	7 87
Lawrence Kelley	16 87
Lester P. Gould	16 87
Alfred Presby	13 50
Irving Kelley	12 00

## TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$600 00
Warrants to Treasurer	\$577 81	
Unexpended	22 19	
	<hr/>	\$600 00

## Detailed Expenditures

Elliott Diggle	\$ 82 81
Conrad Gould	75 00
John Storer	95 00
Percy Cook	200 00
Ruth Kinney	25 00
Beulah Cook	100 00

## SUPPORT OF POOR

Received from the State	\$ 11 49	
Appropriated 1946	89 60	
Due from Wilton	302 79	
Due from State	17 03	
Overdrawn	98 51	
	<hr/>	\$519 42
Horace Watson	\$302 79	
Emma Cushman	199 60	
Walter Bachelder	17 03	
	<hr/>	\$519 42

## TAX AND PENSION ACCT.

Received from School & Town Officers acct.		\$231 72
Warrants to Treasurer	\$192 52	
Unexpended	39 20	
	<hr/>	\$231 72

## INTEREST

Appropriation		\$100 00
Warrants to Treasurer	\$67 83	
Unexpended	32 17	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

## STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Appropriation	\$679 60	
Overdraft	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$695 60
Warrant to Treasurer	\$695 60	

## COLLECTION OF TAXES

Appropriation		\$250 00
Warrants to Treasurer	\$246 99	
Unexpended	3 01	
	<hr/>	\$250 00

## H. S. CONVEYANCE

Appropriation 1946		\$25 00
Warrant to Treasurer	\$25 00	

## SCHOOL BOARD

Appropriation		\$30 00
Warrants to Treasurer	\$30 00	

Vera Flagg	\$15 00	
Bertha Huff	10 00	
Guy Cushman	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 00

## CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation		\$200 00
Unexpended	\$200 00	

## SNOW FENCE

Appropriated		\$200 00
Warrants to Treasurer	\$200 00	

## HEALTH OFFICER

Appropriated		\$25 00
Paid Dr. G. I. Flint, Health Officer	\$25 00	

## INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriated		\$100 00
Warrants to Treasurer	\$67 83	
Unexpended	32 17	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL REPAIRS

See Supt. Elliott Diggle's report

## BONDS FOR OFFICERS

Appropriated		\$50 00
Warrants to Treasurer	\$50 00	

## TRUCK

Loan		\$1,600 00
Warrant to Treasurer	\$1,600 00	

## ABATEMENTS

Appropriation		\$150 00
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Warrants to Treasurer	\$73 56	
Unexpended	76 44	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

## Detail of Expenditures

Rollins, Basil, double ass. 1945	\$16 60
White, Wendell, veteran	3 00
Mecham, Kenneth, 1943	17 38
Savage, Cecil Hanson, 1945	4 20
Weston, Frank, 1945	3 00
Hogan, Jack, veteran 1947	3 00
Landers, Mrs. Ben, 1941	6 88
Vining, Elbridge, 1941	19 50

## TAX LIENS

	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942
Litchfield, Levi	\$ 35 28	\$ 29 75			
Forster Mfg. Co.				\$46 40	
McDonald, Charles	43 50				
Mitchell, Benj.	25 28				
Reed, Linwood	91 30				
Savage, Benj. F.	156 14	98 70	\$143 88		
Richardson, Erlon	66 40	136 50	87 70		
Walker, Chester			73 10		
Weston, Frank		72 10			
Wilcox, Everett	275 28				
Takash, Charles & Marcus					\$81 90
Landers, Mrs. Ben					55 13
Wing, Milton J.		549 50			

## PRIOR YEARS TAXES RECEIVABLE

	1946	1945	1944	1943
Bubier, Waldo	\$ 4 98	\$ 4 55		
Boyd, Fred				8 80
Campbell, Reuben	13 70			
Litchfield, Levi		2 10		
Weston, Frank		3 00		
White, Perley		13 30	17 20	4 14



## 1947 UNPAID TAXES (RESIDENT)

Jobie Bachelder, balance	\$ 5 44
Waldo Bubier, balance	38 72
Cyrus Barker, balance	24 00
Ethel Campbell	27 20
Ruben Campbell	7 16
Raymond Hayward	12 80
Basil W. Haines	12 80 *
Montell Hinkley	3 00
Ward Jackson, balance	4 48
Esteanne Leavitt, balance	8 00
Levi Litchfield	27 20
Charles McDonald, balance	32 00
Philip Morgan, balance	6 52
Robert Orbeton, balance	11 20
Benj. Savage	136 76
Clifford Wilcox, balance	9 44
Everett Wilcox, balance	219 20
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	\$595 64
Clifford Wilcox	20 00 *
John Wyman	15 04 *

## 1947 UNPAID TAXES (NON-RESIDENT)

Mrs. Ben Landers, balance	\$ 9 80
Benj. F. Mitchell	32 00
Dwight Moody	85 44
Marcus Neal	136 00
Linwood Reed	70 40
Milford B. & Glennie Richardson	19 20
Ervin Weston	35 20
Milton Wing	502 40
Donald & Delphia Whitney	4 80
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	\$895 24

Mrs. Ada Lee

\$3 20 \*

\* Paid since books closed.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY COOK,  
JOHN STORER,  
CONRAD GOULD,

Selectmen.

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 TOWN PROPERTY

Woodland and pasture north of Mile Square Road, Lot 14, Range 12	\$115 00	20 acres
Woodland and pasture south of Mile Square Road, Lot 14, Range 12	85 00	43 acres
Voter gravel pit	500 00	
School lot gravel pit	300 00	
East part Lot 3 — Range 12	75 00	38 acres

# Treasurer's Report

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Cash on hand	\$1,738 20
Received from:	
Gravel	142 80
Fred Koch	54 90
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	39 64
Veteran's Service	22 14
Phillips Snow Rem.	36 58
Supp. Tax	24 90
Town Prop.	50 00
Tax Deed	35 00
Accounts Receivable	2 09
School for Pension acct.	217 65
Town Officers acct.	14 07
Loans	8,600 00
State of Maine	
Pauper	11 49
Snow Removal	958 58
Improved Road Fund	494 56
State Aid	3,106 11
Special Resolve	213 92
R. & R. Tax	2 52
School Fund	2,067 93
Educational Aid Fund	150 00
Charlie Pinkham, 1947 Taxes	10,371 78
Howard Pinkham, 1946 Taxes	2,062 38
Fred Toothaker, Taxes	125 40
Liens & Interest	713 57
Excise	647 90
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	\$31,904 11
Warrants to Treasurer	\$31,611 81
Cash on hand	292 30
	<hr/>
	\$31,904 11

BEULAH M. COOK, Treasurer.

# Statement of Audit

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March 6, 1948

Board of Selectmen  
Avon, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 80, Section 116, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Avon have been audited by Auditor R. M. Stetson for the period February 28, 1947 to February 25, 1948, inclusive.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the town appear to have been appropriately handled.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report impartially present the financial position of the town and the result of its operations for the period designated.

Comments and other data incorporated in this report may prove of interest to you. All of which is respectfully submitted,

Very truly yours,

RICHARD M. STETSON,

Auditor.

## COMMENTS

Re: Audit of Accounts — Town of Avon  
March 1, 1947 to February 25, 1948

## CASH

All cash receipts were checked in detail and found to have been properly recorded.

All expenditures were made by check from properly authorized warrants.

The Treasurer's checkbook balance was reconciled with the bank statement and this balance plus cash on hand amounting to \$70.43 agreed with the cash balance at the end of the year.

## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

This account included reimbursements due from the State and from the Town of Wilton on Charities. It also included money due from the Excise Tax Collector, consisting of \$25.57 due on Receipt No. 8 of the 1948 receipts and of \$2.50 on Receipt No. 112 of the 1947 receipts.

## TAXES RECEIVABLE

The 1947 Tax Commitment Book was added and found to check with the Valuation Book and the Warrant of Commitment. Approximately 87% for the current commitment was collected and one abatement of \$3.00 was made. Detail of taxes remaining unpaid at the close of the books appears in Schedule A-10.

Payment of prior years' taxes left an unpaid balance of \$58.34. Detail of this amount is shown in Schedule A-11.

## TAX LIENS

All transactions affecting tax liens were checked and the unpaid liens were listed. Detail appears in Schedule A-12.

## TAX LIEN COSTS

This account amounting to \$20.50 was carried forward from the previous year and remains unchanged.

## TAX DEEDS

Tax Deeds amounting to \$49.73 were carried forward from the previous year and remain the same.

**TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY**

Tax acquired property of \$35.00 was sold during the fiscal year. There remains no tax acquired property on February 25, 1948.

**RESERVE FOR LOSSES**

Tax Liens of prior years were written off in the amount of \$47.96, leaving a balance of \$247.01 in this reserve.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

This account consists of \$6.69 due Howard Pinkham; \$2.37 overpayment on excise taxes and \$4.32 overpayment on 1946 commitment.

**NOTES PAYABLE**

This consists of a note amounting to \$1,600.00 with the National Bank of Commerce, Portland, Maine. In a special town meeting, authority was given the Selectmen to hire this money for the purchase of a truck.

**SURPLUS**

Operations during the fiscal year caused a decrease in the Unappropriated Surplus, leaving a balance of \$1,902.03. Analysis of change appears in Exhibit E.

**TRUST FUNDS**

Cemetery perpetual care fund investments were checked and details of same appear on Schedules A-8 and A-9.

**GENERAL**

Corporate surety bonds were furnished by the tax collector and treasurer.

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Exhibit A

**TOWN OF AVON**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

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February 25, 1948

February 28, 1947

**GENERAL FUND****ASSETS**

Cash in Bank	\$ 292 30	\$1,738 20
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-1)	347 89	2 09

	February 25, 1948	February 28, 1947
Taxes Receivable: (Sch. A-2)		
Current Year	\$1,529 12	\$2,038 46
Prior Years	58 34	183 74
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	\$1,587 46	\$2,222 20
Tax Liens (Sch. A-3)	2,088 74	1,744 93
Tax Lien Costs	20 50	20 50
Tax Deeds (Sch. A-4)	49 73	49 73
Tax Acquired Property		35 00
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$3,746 43	\$4,072 36
Less — Reserve for Losses	247 01	294 97
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	3,499 42	3,777 39
<b>TOTAL ASSETS — GEN. FUND</b>	<b>\$4,139 61</b>	<b>\$5,517 68</b>
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<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>		
Cash on Deposit (Sch. A-8)	\$184 87	\$181 27
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS — TRUST FDS.</b>	<b>\$184 87</b>	<b>\$181 27</b>
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<b>GENERAL FUND LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable (Sch. A-5)	\$ 6 69	\$499 79
Due Governmental Agencies (Sch. A-6)	39 20	
Notes Payable (Sch. A-7)	1,600 00	
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Total Liabilities	\$1,645 89	\$ 499 79
<b>SURPLUS</b>		
Appropriated (Ex. D)	\$ 591 69	\$2,014 89
Unappropriated (Ex. E)	1,902 03	3,003 00
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	2,493 72	5,017 89
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SUR- PLUS — GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$4,139 61</b>	<b>\$5,517 68</b>
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	February 25, 1948	February 28, 1947
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>		
Principal (Sch. A-9)	\$120 00	\$120 00
Unexpended Income (Sch. A-9)	64 87	61 27
	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES —</b>		
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>	<u>\$184 87</u>	<u>\$181 27</u>

## VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen of the Town of Avon:

The following Vital Statistics of the Town of Avon have been recorded by me for the fiscal year ending March 1st, 1948.

Births	14
Marriages	6
Deaths	5

### DEATHS

Avon, Me., March 28, 1947, Leonard B. Kinney, aged 76 yrs., 7 mos., 11 days.

Avon, Me., Aug. 8, 1947, Carrie Presby, aged 62 yrs., 8 mos., 16 days.

Farmington, Me., Oct. 10, 1947, Edmund Alphonzo Goodwin, aged 76 yrs., 2 mos., 7 days.

Avon, Me., Jan. 24, 1948, Mabel L. Bump, aged 70 yrs., 5 mos., 13 days.

Portland, Me., Jan. 27, 1948, Grace Leighton, aged 65 yrs., 8 mos., 8 days.

RUTH KINNEY,

Town Clerk.



# Report of Health Officer

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To the Citizens of the Town of Avon:

I hereby submit my report as School Physician and Health Officer for the term April 1, 1947 to March 1, 1948.

Last spring smallpox vaccination and diphtheria inoculations were done on all those wishing to take advantage of this service. As usual there were many who were desirous of this valuable protection.

Routine physical examination of all pupils in the Valley school was done and results were recorded. Those having defects of any nature received notices so that the parents could attend to the necessary corrections. During the course of my recent examination of the pupils I found that many previously noted defects had been corrected. The principal defects are teeth, tonsils, and eyes. These conditions if not properly attended to can cause serious results and it is the wise parent who seeks the advice of their Physician and follows it thereby safeguarding the future health of their children.

The health of the Townspeople as a general rule was good. The reportable diseases were pneumonia, measles, and whooping cough. This year whooping cough appeared to be the leading disease but there were no serious results.

During my several visits to the school this year I noticed the great interest the children took in the preparation of the hot lunches and how they thoroughly enjoyed them. This is a step forward in building better and healthier bodies and I earnestly hope that the parents will continue to give their sanction and support to such worthy program.

I wish to thank the parents and teacher also the pupils for their fine cooperation in my work this past year.

Respectfully,

GEORGE I. FLINT, D. O.

# School Department, Town of Avon

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## Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Avon:

We are gradually awakening, as a nation, to the complexities of living in this atomic era. Daily we discover that a return to the old ways of doing things is not always the proper or successful method of attacking our new problems. The boys and girls now in school must be prepared to live in a far more complex civilization than was ever dreamed of ten or more years ago. Hence, school administrators and school officials must investigate and re-examine the aims and purposes of public elementary and secondary education. Unquestionably, the citizens of Avon want their children to be better prepared to meet the demands that successful democratic society is going to demand of them. Your schools have always considered enlightened citizenship as one of its primary aims. That your schools have not always been successful should not be surprising. There are two chief reasons why. In the first place, schools have been concerned only with academic ability and academic achievement. Many lawyers, doctors and other professional men would be failures today had their education been concerned only with mechanical ability and mechanical achievement. They would have left school at an early age because they did not possess the type of ability the school demanded of them. So too, many of our boys and girls dropped out of school this past year because they did not possess the academic ability or the academic interests that were demanded. Secondly, schools have always measured citizenship in terms of what a person knows. We have the human failing of confusing that which we wish for and that which really is. There are but few who act in accordance with the best that they know. Reciting the creed for a good citizen does not insure that a person will perform as a good citizen. Behavior is governed by factors other than just knowing. Attitudes, understandings and ideals more often determine our decisions. These we must actually teach for, rather than to assume that they will accom-

pany knowing. No town or city can properly fulfill its obligations and responsibilities to the boys and girls that does not come to grips with these problems.

The Hot Lunch program at the Valley School is in need of your financial assistance. Perhaps the educational advantages of the program should be brought to your attention. The school lunch provides an opportunity for the children to learn nutrition, proper food habits and good social behavior. It should also be considered a part of the school health program. I have previously explained the methods of raising funds to carry on this program. They are totally inadequate due to rising food costs. Since last September, expenditures have exceeded income by approximately ten dollars each month. If the town were to weigh the advantages of the program against an appropriation of one hundred dollars, they would consider their money well spent. The alternative of not appropriating funds can only result in a discontinuance of the program and loss of equipment given to the school by the Federal government. I hope you will give this matter serious consideration before town meeting time.

In closing, I should like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the splendid co-operation extended me by School Committee members, citizens of Avon, your sincere and conscientious teacher, Mrs. Cousineau, and the boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIOTT A. DIGGLE,

Superintendent of Schools.

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## Financial Statement

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 6, 1948

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### RESOURCES

Balance unexpended from 1946-47	\$1,552 29
Appropriation	4,000 00
State Equalization Fund	150 00

State School Fund:	
Closed Schools	\$200 00
School Enrollment	248 60
Teaching Position	850 00
High School Tuition	769 33
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	\$2,067 93
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	\$7,770 22

## EXPENDITURES

Teachers, Elem.	\$1,354 63
Fuel	9 00
Janitor	148 50
Conveyance	1,986 64
Tuition, H. S.	1,124 30
Tuition, Elem.	2,129 00
Textbooks	38 49
Supplies	55 30
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	\$6,845 86
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Unexpended balance	\$924 36

## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES

*Teachers, Elementary*

Helen Cousineau	\$1,283 81
Vera Wing (Sec'y to Supt.)	27 30
G. I. Lamb	43 52
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	\$1,354 63

*Fuel*

Nathan Lake	\$9 00
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*Janitor*

Nathan Lake	\$139 00
Vera Flagg	4 75
Esther Bachelder	4 75
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	\$148 50

*Conveyance*

Lawrence Voter	\$1,021 44	
J. Blaine Morrison Agency	54 40	
Rex Raymond	880 00	
Mrs. Sumner Huff	30 80	
	<hr/>	\$1,986 64

*Tuition, H. S.*

Town of Phillips		\$1,124 30
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*Tuition, Elem.*

Town of Phillips		\$2,129 00
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*Textbooks*

American Book Company	\$11 39	
The Macmillan Company	15 42	
Wilcox and Follett	5 51	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	6 17	
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*Supplies*

Town of Phillips	\$25 65	
George Sanders	3 90	
Helen P. Hanscom	10 00	
World Book Co.	3 15	
Ginn and Company	5 11	
Rangleley Lakes Motor Express	60	
W. B. Arnold Co.	2 95	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	3 94	
	<hr/>	\$55 30

# **Warrant for Annual Town Meeting of Avon, Maine, March 15, 1948**

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To Charlie Pinkham, 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 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 15th day of March, A. D. 1948, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

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

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Art. 3. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay the various Town Officers for the ensuing year, what compensation for labor on public roads.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00, more or less, for repairing Roads and Bridges, for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00, more or less, for Third Class Maintenance for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. 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 Sections 25 and 29, Chap. 20, R. S. 1944, as amended.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00, more or less, for Winter and Spring Snow Removal for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for all School Expenses, both High and Common, for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00, more or less, for the relief of Poor, for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the necessary sum of money for Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00, more or less, for Miscellaneous Town Charges, for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Cutting Bushes, for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$695.60 for State Patrol, for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for Health Officer, for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of property acquired by the town by tax process, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute municipal quit claim deeds for such property.

Art. 17. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan, or loans, in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the town; such loan or loans to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current year by taxes.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to pay note of the Town in the sum of \$800.00 maturing November 12, 1948.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for interest on notes issued by the Selectmen.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30.00 to pay the School Board for their services for the ensuing year.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00, more or less, for Abatements, for the ensuing year.

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Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to bond the necessary Town Officers, for the ensuing year.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum necessary to pay for Collection of Taxes, for the ensuing year.

Art. 24. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for School Lunches in Avon for the ensuing year.

Art. 25. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$300.00, more or less, for School Lunches of Avon children in Phillips.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to install one or more fire Hydrants between Phillips-Avon town line and Valley road and vote to raise money for same.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Fire Fighting Equipment.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00, more or less, for Maine Publicity.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road from the Bailey place to the Town line.

Art. 30. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the above named Town House on Monday, March 15th, the day of said meeting, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters: from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until the close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 6th day of March, 1948.

PERCY A. COOK,  
JOHN A. STORER,  
CONRAD GOULD,

Selectmen of Avon.

Attest:

CHARLIE PINKHAM,  
Constable of Avon.