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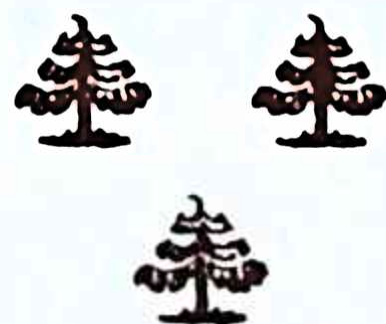
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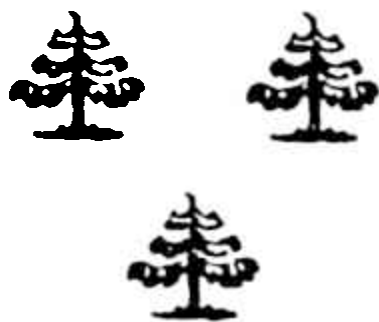
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Auditor's Report

Augusta, Maine
January 13, 1939

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Blanchard:

This is to certify that this department, represented by Mr. F. A. Doble, has completed an audit of the accounts of your town officials for the municipal year ended March 1, 1939.

Our auditor reports that he found the records of your town officers in excellent condition and that he was able to verify all transactions very easily.

The only criticism which we can offer is in regard to the practice of the Selectmen in crediting collections on back taxes to their Town Charges account. This is not proper, as the actual credit covered by these back taxes has already been used in previous years and if used again when the money is actually received by your Treasurer, it would tend to increase, rather than decrease, any indebtedness which your town might have.

We have removed the credits from your Town Charges and placed them in the proper accounts.

The schedules contained in this report are as follows:

Comparative Balance Sheet with Proof of Change in Net Debt.

Report of Treasurer with Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance.

Report of Tax Collector with List of Tax Deeds.

Summary of Overdraft and Unexpended Balances.

List of Cemetery Trust Funds.

Summary of Accounts and Comparative Balance Sheets.

We wish to thank your town officials for the cooperation given us during the course of this audit.

Respectfully submitted,
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT,
Harold E. Crawford,
Chief Auditor.

Town Warrant

To M. W. Bishop, a Constable of the Town of Blanchard, in the County of Piscataquis,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Blanchard, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town hall in the said town in Monday, the twenty-seventh day of March, A. D. 1939, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

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

Art. 3. To hear all reports to be made at said meeting.

Art. 4. To receive and act on all bills against the town.

Art. 5. To choose three selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor for the ensuing year and determine their compensation.

Art. 6. To choose a town treasurer for the ensuing year and determine his compensation.

Art. 7. To choose one member of the school committee for a term of three years.

Art. 8. To choose an auditor for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year and determine his compensation.

Art. 10. To choose a road commissioner for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To choose all other officers required by law to be chosen at the annual meeting, or authorize the selectmen to appoint such officers.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for elementary and secondary schools, including teachers' wages, fuel, janitor services, tuition, textbooks, and school supplies.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of superintendent of schools.

Art. 14. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs and insurance on school house.

Art. 15. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of poor.

Art. 16. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for town charges.

Art. 17. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for ways and bridges.

Art. 18. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State aid maintenance and patrol.

Art. 19. To see what action the town will take regarding filling in road both sides of Blackstone Brook on the Carroll Oakes road, so-called, and raise and appropriate money for same.

Art. 20. To see what action the town will take regarding filling up two or three mud holes on the Carroll Oakes road, so-called.

Art. 21. 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 19, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937.

Art. 22. 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 Section 2, Chapter 132, Public Laws of 1935.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not less than \$126.00 for the maintenance of improved section of third class roads, or to be used in conjunction with the State apportionment for the construction of third class roads.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money under Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, as amended by Chapters 162 and 231 of the Public Laws of 1937, for the removal of snow from improved highways and town ways, provided said roads or a portion of the same are accepted as winter routes by the State Highway Commission.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen on behalf of the town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, or such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to paint the town hall and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to buy an adding machine and vote to raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to sell the town office, and if so what price they would put on it.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay Monson Band for Memorial Day at Blanchard.

Art. 30. To see what action the town will take regarding extending the town way on Carrol Oakes' road, so-called.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the services of the public health nurse.

Art. 32. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance on town hall.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$41.16 for interest on school fund.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15.00 for the purpose of paying dues to the Maine Municipal Association.

Art. 35. To see what discount the town will allow on taxes paid on or before a specified date, and to see what time the collector will be required to settle in full with the town, and to see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 36. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen and town treasurer to hire money for town purposes in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 38. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for buying snow fence.

Art. 39. To see what the town will do in regard to the care of both cemeteries and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 40. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of Memorial Park.

Art. 41. To see what action the town will take in regard to paying for bonds for town officers, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen will be in session at said town hall at 12:30 P. M. on the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Hereof fail not, and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of March, A. D. 1939.

GEORGE A. BARTLETT,
JOSEPH EVANS,
Selectmen of Blanchard.

Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

GEORGE A. BARTLETT

FRED ORTH

JOSEPH EVANS

Town Clerk

M. W. BISHOP

Tax Collector

CLAIR B. BRAY

Road Commissioner

C. M. MITCHELL

School Committee

HUGH ALLEN FOX

PERCY RICHARDSON

ISOLA DECKER

Health Officer

FRED ORTH

Superintendent of Schools

C. L. SIDELINGER

Town Treasurer

CLAIR B. BRAY

Auditor

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

GEORGE A. BARTLETT

HUGH ALLEN FOX

IRVING E. GOODALE

Report of Assessors

VALUATION, APRIL 1, 1938

Real Estate, Resident	\$20,008 00	
Real Estate, Non-resident	78,971 00	
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Total Real Estate		\$ 98,979 00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$ 1,323 00	
Personal Estate, Non-resident	100 00	
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Total Valuation		\$ 100,402 00
Tax Rate .055		
No. of Polls taxed 46		
No. of Polls not taxed 4		
Real Estate \$98,979.00 x .055	\$	5,443 85
Personal Estate \$1,423.00 x .055		78 27
46 Polls @ \$3.00		138 00
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Total Commitment		\$5,660 12

GEORGE A. BARTLETT,
JOSEPH EVANS,
Assessors of Blanchard.

Report of Selectmen

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS MARCH, 1938

Common schools	\$	550	00
High school tuition		100	00
School supplies		30	00
Textbooks		50	00
Salary of Superintendent of schools		74	00
Interest on school fund		41	16
Repair on school house		100	00
Insurance on school house		18	75
Support of poor		350	00
Town charges		800	00
Ways and bridges		700	00
State Aid road		150	00
State Aid maintenance		200	00
Maintenance of 3rd class		116	00
Snow removal		450	00
Town hall debt		250	00
Oakes' road		200	00
Care of Cemeteries		50	00
Care of Memorial Park		10	00
Health Nurse		15	00
Maine Municipal League		15	00
Getting industries in town		100	00
	<hr/>	\$	4,369 91
State tax			935 67
County tax			258 00
Overlay			96 54
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Total commitment		\$	5,660 12

Report of Tax Collector

Real Estate, resident	\$ 20,008 00	
Real Estate, non-resident	78,971 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 98,979 00
Resonal Estate, resident	\$ 1,323 00	
Personal Estate, non-resident	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,423 00

Total valuation	<hr/>	\$ 100,402 00
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Tax Rate .055

No. of Polls taxed 46

No. of Polls not taxed 4

Real Estate \$98,979.00 x .055=\$ 5,443 85

Personal Estate \$1,423.00 x .055= 78 27

46 Polls @ \$3.00 =138 00

<hr/>	\$ 5,660 12
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Cash paid to Treasurer	\$ 5,660 12
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In the \$5,660.12 is included a warrant to Treas.
covering

Tax Deeds	\$130 88
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Abatements	13 64
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Discounts	119 07
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Excise Taxes collected	\$ 117 18
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Report of Treasurer

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Feb. 20, 1938		\$	576 98
Taxes	\$	5,660 12	
Excise taxes		117 18	
Tax Deeds		205 59	
		<hr/>	\$ 5,982 89

Departmental Receipts:

Highways	\$	2,220 09	
Charities		196 83	
Education		398 95	
Municipal Bldg.		12 00	
Temporary Loans		1,500 00	
		<hr/>	\$4,327 87
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			\$ 10,887 74

EXPENDITURES

Administration	\$	928 30
Health & Sanitation		15 00
Highways		3,498 67
Charities		436 57
Education		1,458 20
Interest		80 89
Municipal Indebtedness		1,750 00
State Tax		935 67
County Tax		258 00
Care of Cemeteries		50 00
Care of Memorial Park		9 54
Maine Municipal Ass'n		15 00

Promotion of Industries	100 00	
Abatements & Discounts	132 71	
Town hall account	178 15	
1938 Tax Deeds	130 88	
Accounts payable	248 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,226 33
Cash on hand		661 41
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		\$ 10,887 74

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

	1937	1938
Treasurer's Cash	\$ 576 98	\$ 661 41
1938 Tax Deeds		130 88
1937 Tax Deeds	264 66	59 07
Notes Receivable	55 94	55 94
Acc'ts Receivable, State		61 86
Acc'ts Receivable, Town		49 08
School Fund	686 00	686 00
Overdrafts bro't forward	532 53	
Liabilities over Assets	1,384 95	302 91
Trust Funds	596 25	596 25
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	\$ 4,097 31	\$ 2,603 40

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable	\$ 1,250 00	\$ 1,000 00
Due School Fund	686 00	686 00
School Fund	686 00	
Acc'ts Payable	300 00	
Trust Funds	596 25	596 25
Unexpended balances bro't for'd	579 06	321 15
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	\$ 4,097 31	\$ 2,603 40

CHANGE IN NET DEBT

Net debt at beginning of year		\$	1,384 95
Less Town hall note paid	\$	250 00	
School Fund entered twice		686 00	
Net Unexpended balances bro't to net debt		145 94	
		<u>\$</u>	<u>1,081 94</u>
Net debt at end of year		\$	303 01

General Government

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$	800 00	
Overdraft carried to summary of account		128 30	
		<hr/>	\$ 928 30

EXPENDITURES

Officers' Salaries			
Percy Richardson (town clerk)	\$	10 00	
Fred Orth (health officer)		15 00	
George A. Bartlett (selectman)		100 00	
Fred Orth (selectman)		40 00	
Joseph Evans (selectman)		40 00	
Allen Fox (school committee)		5 00	
Percy Richardson (school committee)		5 00	
Isola Decker (school committee)		5 00	
Clair Bray (treasurer)		50 00	
Clair Bray (tax collector's commission)		169 34	
		<hr/>	\$ 439 34

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Printing and stationery	\$	110 90	
Express on Federal food		32 57	
Surety bonds for officers		28 30	
Telephone and postage		30 13	
Care of tramps		5 25	
Transfers		60	
Service charges at bank		6 80	
		<hr/>	\$ 214 55

MISCELLANEOUS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Election expenses	\$	14	50
Rent for Sealer of Weights and Measures outfit		10	00
Legal services		62	50
Dog licenses		23	00
Auditing town books		45	16
Travel expense		108	00
Road signs		10	00
Vital statistics		1	25
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	\$	274	41
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	\$	928	30

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$	15 00
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EXPENDITURES

Paid R. W. Davis, treas.	\$	15 00
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$	700 00
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EXPENDITURES

Payrolls	\$	263	57	
Trucks		191	29	
Materials and Supplies		197	54	
Unexpended balance carried				
to summary of accounts		47	60	
		<u> </u>		
	\$			700 00

MAINTENANCE OF UNIMPROVED ROADS

RECEIPTS

Received from State	\$	77 79
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Overdraft carried to summary
of accounts

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—————	\$ 77 80

EXPENDITURES

Paid payrolls	\$ 24 80	
Trucks	42 30	
Materials and supplies	10 70	
	—————	\$ 77 80

STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$ 150 00	
Rec'd from State treasurer	833 15	
Rec'd from State treasurer	5 62	
	—————	\$ 988 77

EXPENDITURES

Overdrafts bro't forward	\$ 526 93	
Payrolls	16 93	
Trucks	25 32	
Materials	6 50	
State of Maine, use of loader	6 00	
State of Maine, application of tar	401 49	
Unexpended carried to summary	5 60	
	—————	\$ 988 77

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$ 200 00	
Received from State of Maine	166 50	
Overdraft carried to summary	178 22	
	—————	\$ 544 72

EXPENDITURES

Payrolls	\$ 217 05
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Trucks	242 92	
Materials and supplies	84 75	
	<u> </u>	\$ 544 72

THIRD CLASS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

RECEIPTS

Received from State	\$ 677 03	
Transferred from 3rd Class road	39 91	
	<u> </u>	\$ 716 94

EXPENDITURES

Payrolls	\$ 383 11	
Trucks	304 53	
Materials and supplies	29 30	
	<u> </u>	\$ 716 94

MAINTENANCE OF THIRD CLASS ROAD

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$ 116 00	
State Treasurer reimburse-		
ment payroll	106 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 222 00

EXPENDITURES

Payrolls	\$ 34 85	
Trucks	37 12	
Materials and supplies	4 05	
Carried to 3rd class construction	39 91	
Unexpended carried to summary	106 07	
	<u> </u>	\$ 222 00

REPAIRS TO OAKES' ROAD

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$ 200 00	
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EXPENDITURES

Payrolls	\$	106 48	
Trucks		62 48	
Materials and supplies		31 00	
Unexpended carried to summary		04	
		<u> </u>	\$ 200 00

SNOW REMOVAL

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$	450 00	
Received from State		354 00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 804 00

EXPENDITURES

Town Roads

Payrolls	\$	47 98	
Trucks		117 78	
		<u> </u>	\$ 165 76

State Aid Roads

Payrolls	\$	53 02	
Trucks		277 98	
		<u> </u>	\$ 331 00

3rd Class & Taylor Road

Payrolls	\$	15 74	
Trucks		82 40	
		<u> </u>	\$ 98 14

Sanding Town Roads

Payrolls	\$	7 87	
Trucks		6 75	
Materials and supplies		5 50	
		<u> </u>	\$ 20 12

State Aid Roads

Payrolls	\$	21 00	
Trucks		36 00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 57 00

Third Class and Taylor Road

Payrolls	\$	70	
Trucks		2 25	
		<u> </u>	\$ 2 95

Snow Fence

Payrolls	\$	69 25	
Trucks		30 37	
		<hr/>	\$ 99 62
Unexpended carried to summary			29 41
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	\$		804 00

CHARITIES

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$	350 00
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EXPENDITURES

Reuben Bartlett account	\$	44 86	
Leon Knowlton		30 00	
Veteran No. 1		53 94	
Unexpended carried to summary		221 20	
		<hr/>	\$ 350 00

STATE POOR

RECEIPTS

Received from State of Maine	\$	151 11	
Due from State		61 86	
		<hr/>	\$ 212 97

EXPENDITURES

Nellie Lambert account	\$	111 35	
John Watt account		101 62	
		<hr/>	\$ 212 97

OTHER TOWNS' POOR

RECEIPTS

Received from Town of Bradley	\$	45 72	
Due from Town of Bradley		12 08	
Due from Town of Orono		37 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 94 80

EXPENDITURES

Paid account Ervin Spencer	\$ 47 72	
Flora LeClair	47 08	
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NOTES AND INTEREST

Temporary Loans

RECEIPTS

Received from Guilford Trust Co.	\$ 1,500 00
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EXPENDITURES

Paid Guilford Trust Co.	\$ 1,500 00
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INTEREST ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Overdraft carried to summary	\$ 80 89
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EXPENDITURES

Interest on Hall note	\$ 7 50	
Interest on Permanent Loan	50 00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	23 39	
	<hr/>	\$ 80 89

SCHOOL FUND INTEREST

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$ 41 16
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EXPENDITURES

Paid School Dept.	\$ 41 16
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OVERLAY AND SUPPLEMENTARY TAX

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$ 96 54
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EXPENDITURES

Unexpended balance carried to summary	\$ 96 54
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EXCISE TAX**RECEIPTS**

Received from collector	\$	117 18
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EXPENDITURES

Unexpended balance carried to summary	\$	117 18
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TOWN HALL ACCOUNT**RECEIPTS**

Unexpended balance bro't for'd	\$156 97	
Hall rent	12 00	
Overdraft carried to summary	9 18	
	<u> </u>	\$ 178 15

EXPENDITURES

Paid for fuel	\$	10 00
Materials and supplies		94
Janitor service		7 00
Insurance		75 00
Painting and repairs		85 21
	<u> </u>	\$ 178 15

MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION**RECEIPTS**

Appropriation	\$	15 00
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EXPENDITURES

Paid Maine Municipal Association	\$	15 00
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PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIES**RECEIPTS**

Appropriation	\$	100 00
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EXPENDITURES

Paid Irving E. Goodale	\$	100 00
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ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS**RECEIPTS**

Overdraft carried to summary of Accounts

Abatements \$ 13 64

Discounts 119 07

\$ 132 71**EXPENDITURES**

Paid tax collector \$ 132 71

STATE TAX**RECEIPTS**

Appropriation \$ 935 67

EXPENDITURES

Paid State of Maine \$ 935 67

COUNTY TAX**RECEIPTS**

Appropriation \$ 258 00

EXPENDITURES

Paid State of Maine \$ 258 00

CARE OF CEMETERIES**RECEIPTS**

Appropriation \$ 50 00

EXPENDITURES

Paid Cemetery committee \$ 50 00

CARE OF MEMORIAL PARK**RECEIPTS**

Appropriation \$ 10 00

EXPENDITURES

Labor \$ 6 05

Materials	3 49	
Unexpended carried to summary	46	
	<u> </u>	\$ 10 00

TOWN HALL NOTE**RECEIPTS**

Appropriation	\$ 250 00
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EXPENDITURES

Paid Guilford Trust Co.	\$ 250 00
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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**RECEIPTS**

Estimated at end of last year	\$ 300 00
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EXPENDITURES**Officers' salaries:**

George A. Bartlett	\$ 100 00	
Irving E. Goodale	40 00	
Joseph Evans	40 00	
M. W. Bishop	13 75	
Clair B. Bray	50 00	
H. L. Fox	5 00	
Balance carried to summary	51 25	
	<u> </u>	\$ 300 00

SUMMARY OF OVERDRAFTS AND UNEXPENDED BALANCES

	Overdrafts	Unexpended
Accounts Payable	\$	\$ 51 25
Administration	128 30	
Highways and Bridges		47 60
Unimproved Roads	01	
State Aid Road		5 60
State Aid Maintenance	178 22	
Maintenance 3d Class Road		106 07
Snow Removal		29 41

Repairs to Oakes		04
Poor Account		221 20
Interest	80 89	
Care of Memorial Park		46
Abatements and Discounts	132 71	
Overlay		96 54
Excise Taxes		117 18
Town Hall Account	9 18	
Net unexpended balances carried to net debt	146 04	
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	\$ 675 35	\$ 675 35

GEORGE A. BARTLETT,
JOSEPH EVANS,
Selectmen of Blanchard.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Blanchard:

I am submitting herewith my annual report as your superintendent of schools. In our annual reports one can discuss but briefly the school condition and needs in the town. As citizens you are deeply interested in the matter of giving to your youth the highest type of educational opportunity consistent with financial resources.

TAX RATES AND EQUALIZATION

Tax rates in a measure determine the right of towns to share in the distribution of the equalization fund. The purpose of this fund is to improve educational opportunities beyond those made possible by local tax levies in towns where school maintenance and municipal rates equal or exceed the average of the rates for the state. This year the average of the school rates for the state is .01270 while the average of the municipal rate is .057. The school rate for the town is .00565 while the municipal rate is .055. You can see that the school rate for the town is less than one half the average of the school rates for the state while the municipal rate for the town is just below the average of the rates for the state.

SCHOOL PROGRESS

We have no plans for making any radical changes in the school program for the present. The town is main-

taining only one school and we find very few changes in school conditions since last year. There are only thirty persons in the town of school age, so the school enrollment in the town can never be very large. However, we should give as much attention to the school program of a small school as we would to a school program for a large school.

During the last decade investigators of reading difficulties have brought into use a new term—reading readiness. They have demonstrated that in order for a child to read successfully he must possess certain abilities, otherwise any effort to read is bound to end in some degree of failure. This becomes of vital significance to those interested in children just beginning with reading. Early in the fall term this reading readiness program was introduced in our schools. While this procedure in most cases means postponing the introduction to reading it also means that each child will have a reasonable assurance of success in his later venture in actual reading.

The program of safety education in the schools has become very important. Highway safety is foremost in the minds of most people because of the rapid increase in the use of highways for mechanized transportation. Perhaps the great stress on highway safety comes through the large publicity given to highway accidents. There should be a never-ending vigilance exerted to the end that the accidents and deaths with their accompanying burden of economic and personal loss may be reduced to the very minimum. In planning a safety program we must keep in mind that there are other dangers in our modern life which are exacting their toll from careless or unsuspecting victims. Due to the heavy teacher loads in our schools it is impossible to use full periods for safety teaching, but through intergradation the schools do good safety work.

During the present school year the Commissioner of

Education called attention to the desirability of including the fine arts, such as music, drawing, painting, dancing, dramatics and the like, wherever possible in school curriculums. In many ways it may be desirable and essential that these courses be made available for all of our pupils. One may think of the art subjects as possessing merely avocational possibilities, but the opportunity for the people to have some knowledge of the art subjects in the way of lucrative employment is becoming almost unlimited. It is claimed that it is not at all difficult for any community to make provision for these courses.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL

In addition to funds for textbooks and school supplies there should be funds available for purchasing reference material, supplementary reading, equipment, maps, globes and charts, all of which are essential as working tools of any school. The town raises each year small sums for textbooks and for supplies, but the town has not been raising any funds specially for some of the other items included in instructional material. From funds raised last March for textbooks and supplies we have been able to furnish the school with some new reference material. The expenditure for textbooks was so large during the year that no money was available for supplementary reading. From fund raised for the coming year we should plan to purchase for the school some supplementary reading and one new globe. I think the appropriations for textbooks and supplies should be as large for the coming year as they were for this year. In estimating the possible need for new textbooks for the coming year I have in mind the unusual large enrollment in the third grade. Many new books will be needed for this class during the new year.

SCHOOL FUNDS

In planning the new school budget we may assume that expenditures for teachers' salaries, fuel, and janitor purposes will remain about the same as they have been for the past year. If conveyance is needed there should be money raised for that purpose also. The amount now unexpended in the elementary school account will not be sufficient to pay for any increase in the cost for maintaining the school and for a large part of the cost of conveyance. Therefore, any money that may be needed for elementary school purposes during the year should be raised at the annual meeting in March.

At the present time there are five students from the town attending high school which means an annual cost of \$375 or more. A small sum should be raised for tuition purpose so that there may be at least \$375 available for that purpose.

During the past year considerable work was done on the roof of the school building and that of the wood shed. It is possible that you may need to shingle the rest of the roof this coming summer. Based on the cost for the part of the roof already shingled considerable money will be needed to finish with the shingling. In case money was raised to finish with the shingling and later it was not thought necessary to do that this coming year, the money might well be used to start with painting the outside of the building.

A small sum will be needed for insurance on the school building. As the present policy is with a mutual company the cost for a new policy will be reduced one-fifty from the usual cost.

SCHOOL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Estimate for Expenditures:

Teachers' wages	\$	615 00	
School fuel		40 00	
Janitor purposes		50 00	
School conveyance		170 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 875 00

Estimate for Receipts:

State funds and interest	\$	200 00	
Appropriation by town		675 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 875 00

Appropriations suggested:

Elementary school account	\$	675 00
High school account		175 00
Free textbook account		50 00
School supply account		30 00
School insurance account		30 00
School repairs account		75 00
School nurse account		15 00
Superintendence account		68 40

Under the heading of Financial Statistics is given information regarding funds raised by the town for school purposes, funds received from the state and applied to school accounts, together with expenditures made during this municipal year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER,

February 20, 1939.

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1938-1939

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1937	\$	186 02	
Raised by town		550 00	
State School Fund		165 62	
Interest receipts		41 16	
		<hr/>	\$ 942 80

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' wages:			
Beatrice E. Bray		\$	612 00
Fuel account:			
Fritz Elliott	\$	27 50	
Sheldon Blanchard		5 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 32 50
Janitor purposes:			
Beatrice E. Bray	\$	36 00	
Veda Bartlett		8 00	
C. F. Blanchard		4 20	
		<hr/>	\$ 48 20
School conveyance:			
Edward Bray		\$	135 00
Unexpended, 1938		\$	115 10
		<hr/>	\$ 942 80

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1937	\$	223 17	
Raised by town		100 00	
State School Fund		233 33	
		<hr/>	\$ 556 50

EXPENDITURES

Higgins Classical Institute:

Marion Bartlett	\$	60 00	
Kenneth Blanchard		60 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 120 00

Monson Academy:

Charles Mitchell	\$	45 00	
Rachel Blanchard		75 00	
Reginald Blanchard		30 00	
Karlene Blanchard		30 00	
Barbara Richardson		30 00	
Phyllis Richardson		30 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 240 00

Unexpended, 1938		\$	196 50
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		\$	556 50

FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1937	\$	60	
Raised by town		50 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 50 60

EXPENDITURES

Ginn and Company	\$	15 43	
American Book Company		4 73	
Row, Peterson & Co		8 65	
Silver Burdett Company		9 23	
John C. Winston Co.		6 48	
R. W. Wagner Company		5 40	
Unexpended, 1938		68	
		<hr/>	\$ 50 60

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1937	\$	4 96	
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Raised by town	30 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 34 96

EXPENDITURES

C. L. Sidelinger	\$ 6 25	
R. W. Wagner Company	3 90	
J. L. Hammett Company	5 12	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	14 40	
Unexpended, 1938	5 29	
	<u> </u>	\$ 34 96

SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1937	\$ 7 34	
Raised by town	100 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 107 34

EXPENDITURES

C. F. Blanchard	\$ 2 61	
Kenneth Blanchard	22 50	
Charles Decker	34 00	
C. C. Brown	34 00	
C. L. Sidelinger	10 65	
Unexpended, 1938	3 58	
	<u> </u>	\$ 107 34

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Raised by town	\$ 18 75	
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EXPENDITURES

F. M. Hescock	\$ 18 75	
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SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Raised by town	\$ 74 00	
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EXPENDITURES

Overdraft, 1937	\$	5 60	
C. L. Sidelinger, salary		68 40	
		<hr/>	\$ 74 00

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Blanchard, Maine:

Following is a report of public health nursing service given by the county organization to your town during the past year:

HEALTH EDUCATION in the home and in the school with special attention to symptoms of defects needing correction found at school inspection and which may later be handicapping to the child as well as to problems of tuberculosis prevention has been our prime accomplishment in your town this past year.

During the summer several office calls from Blanchard residents received attention and arrangements were made for tuberculin testing of school children later in the season.

In October the Tuberculosis Clinic Nurse from the Bureau of Institutions came to the county for the purpose of giving the Von Pirquet Test in the rural areas. Blanchard was included in this group and tests were given to 16 of your school children. Two days later another visit was paid to the school for reading the tests and no reactors were found. No cases of pulmonary tuberculosis have been reported to me as being in your town for many years and it is reasonable to suppose there is no ground for worry about this disease there for the present at least.

In November the annual physical inspection was given to 19 pupils in school. Statistics are as follows:

Underweight but gaining sufficiently	1
Pupils who passed the vision test suc- cessfully	17
Pupils who passed the hearing test successfully	19
Pupils who showed no sign of dental defects	11
Pupils who showed no sign of nose or throat defects	12
Pupils who appeared to be well and properly nourished	14
Correction of defects noted at last inspection	
Vision	1
Teeth	1
Throat	1

Stress was put upon postural habits. Notices of symptoms of defects were sent to parents and in some instances taken up with a member of the family.

Inquiry showed that several of the school children in Blanchard have already received immunization against diphtheria and small pox. I was much pleased to note this progressive step. Altho' we have not in recent years been visited by the severe epidemics of olden days, we may have them descend upon us unexpectedly and too late to receive sufficient immunization. These are modern procedures in school and community health and may be had at a very low cost. It would seem that immunizations are topics to be considered in our health program this coming year and if sufficient people are interested in taking these measures of precaution either as a project in school health or community welfare, and will make known their interest, arrangements can be made for this.

It is desirable that all children entering school, unless contra-indicated by the family physician for a good and sufficient reason, have these immunizations before they start school, but since there are so many in the

schools who have not been immunized a general project is to be considered.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the cooperation of all persons who have contributed in any way to the work of our organization whether it be by supporting town appropriations or purchasing Christmas Seals as these two methods are our means of meeting the budget necessary to carry on the work.

Respectfully submitted,
PISCATAQUIS COUNTY NURSING SERVICE,
by Louise B. Nichols.

BLANCHARD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Mar. 1938	\$	85	47
Rec'd from Town Treasurer			
appropriation		50	00
Rec'd dividends from Trust funds		13	77
		<u> </u>	\$ 149 24

EXPENDITURES

Paid Geo. Bartlett, on lawnmower	\$ 6 00	
Alden Warman, canvass	3 50	
Chas. Decker, labor in cemetery	5 00	
Geo. Bartlett, labor in cemetery	20 00	
A. R. Day, repairs on lawnmower	3 00	
Geo. Bartlett, labor in cemetery	25 50	
Geo. Pullen, supplies	9 60	
Geo. Bartlett, labor in cemetery	22 00	
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	\$	94 60

Cash on hand	54 64
In Bank Guilford Trust Co (Book 3660)	253 97
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Total	\$ 308 61

TRUST FUNDS

Henry Packard	\$ 100 00	
Flora C. Blackstone	100 00	
Etta Williams	100 00	
Carrie Patten	50 00	
Elizabeth B. Pullen		
in Bank \$125.00)		
(cash on hand 21.25)	146 25	
Frank Searing	50 00	
Vern Knapp	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 696 25

IRVING E. GOODALE, Treas.

MEMORIAL PARK

RECEIPTS

Cash in treasury	\$ 79 83	
Interest	4 77	
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EXPENDITURES

Labor and truck, 2 days	\$ 18 00	
Labor, 2 days	6 00	
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Cash in treasury	\$	60 60
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	\$	84 60

Truck, H. Perkins
Labor, S. Blanchard

FRED ORTH, Treas.
E. B. FARIN, Pres.
ISOLA DECKER, Vice Pres.