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STATE OF MAINE
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
Division of Municipal Accounts
Augusta

February 19th, 1940

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Blanchard:

This is to certify that your Board of Selectmen has made application to this department for an audit of their 1939 accounts.

Due to the rush of work in this department at the present time, it is impossible for us to get one of our men to your town before your annual town meeting.

Your audit will be taken care of as soon as possible after April 1st.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
Harold E. Crawford, Chief Auditor

Town Warrant

To H. A. Fox, 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 on Monday, the eleventh day of March, A. D. 1940, 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 and determine his compensation.

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. And to see if the town will vote to pay them five dollars a year on condition they visit school at least twice a year.

Art. 8. To choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year and determine his compensation.

Art. 9. To choose a road commissioner for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To choose all other officers required by law to be chosen at the annual meeting, or authorize the selectmen to appoint such officers.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of elementary schools.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for secondary school purposes.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for free textbooks.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for school supplies.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of superintendent of schools.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs and insurance on schoolhouse.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of poor.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for town charges.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for ways and bridges.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid maintenance and patrol.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money 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 if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not less than \$137.00 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. 23. To see if the town will 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. 24. To see if the town will vote to paint the town hall and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 25. To see what the town will do about fire protection and raise money for the same.

Art. 26. 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. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the services of the public health nurse.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64.80 for insurance on town hall.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41.16 for interest on school fund.

Art. 30. 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. 31. 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. 32. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars for the perpetual care of the John Ames lot in Blanchard Cemetery.

Art. 33. To see if the town is in favor of exempting the Central Maine Power Co. from taxes for a period of ten years if they put up an electric line in town.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to have electric lights installed in town buildings and to see what sum of money they will raise for the same.

Art. 35. To see if the town is in favor of having the road commissioner remove rocks and sods to some suitable place rather than throw them on fields, pastures and along fences where they are objectionable to land owners.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money 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 what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be used for the construction of an electric light line in town.

Art. 38. 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. 39. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for buying snow fence.

Art. 40. To see what the town will do in regard to the care of both cemeteries and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 41. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of Memorial Park.

Art. 42. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay on the permanent loan.

Art. 43. 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 twenty-fourth day of February A. D. 1940.

S. H. BLANCHARD
JOSEPH EVANS
Selectmen of Blanchard.

Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

S. H. BLANCHARD

FRED ORTH

JOSEPH EVANS

Town Clerk

M. W. BISHOP

Tax Collector

CLAIR B. BRAY

Road Commissioner

C. M. MITCHELL

School Committee

PERCY RICHARDSON

ISOLA DECKER

ELISLE ELLIOTT

Health Officer

F. W. ELLIOTT, JR.

Superintendent of Schools

C. L. SIDELINGER

Town Treasurer

CLAIR B. BRAY

Auditor

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT

Cemetery Committee

HUGH ALLEN FOX

IRVING E. GOODALE

NINA BLANCHARD

Report of Assessors

VALUATION, APRIL 1, 1939

Real Estate, Resident	\$20,534 00	
Real Estate, Non-resident	78,595 00	
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Total Real Estate		\$ 99,129 00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$1,426 00	
Personal Estate, Non-resident	100 00	
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Total Personal Estate		\$ 1,526 00
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Total Valuation		\$100,655 00
Total taxes Assessed and com- mitted on resident and non- resident estates @ .054	\$5,435 37	
46 polls @ \$3.00	138 00	
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Total Assessment		\$ 5,573 37
5 polls not assessed.		

ABATEMENTS

William Watt, Jr.	\$12 07	
Leonard Watt	3 00	
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		\$ 15 07

S. H. BLANCHARD
JOSEPH EVANS
Assessors of Blanchard.

Report of Tax Collector

Real Estate resident	\$20,534 00	
Real Estate, non-resident	78,595 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 99,129 00
Personal Estate, resident	\$1,426 00	
Personal Estate, non-resident	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,526 00
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Total Valuation		\$100,655 00
Tax Rate, .054		
Real Estate, \$99,129.00 x .054,	\$5,352 97	
Personal Estate, \$1,526.00 x .054,	82 40	
46 Polls @ \$3.00	138 00	
	<hr/>	
Total Commitment		\$ 5,573 37
Receipts from Treasurer for:		
Tax Deeds	\$ 117 24	
Abatements	15 07	
Discounts	118 16	
Cash	5,322 90	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,573 37
Excise Taxes collected		\$ 87 96

Respectfully submitted,
CLAIR B. BRAY, Collector.

Treasurer's Account

Debits	
To amount on hand, March 27, 1939	\$ 661 41
To amount received from State Treasurer for:	
John Watt, pauper	306 79

Wm. Meahear, pauper	5 00
Nellie Lumbert, pauper	52 90
Reimbursement snow roads	412 94
Reimbursement, highway payroll	161 65
Maintenance unimproved roads	70 64
State Aid road construction	2,281 67
State school fund	410 80
Dog license refund	6 27
To amount received from tax collector for:	
1939 taxes	5,332 37
Discounts before July 1, 1939	118 16
Abatements	15 07
Stanley J. Hinch, tax deeds	107 77
Excise tax	87 96
To amount received from:	
Guilford Trust Co., short term note	1,000 00
Edward Bray, overp'd on school conveyance	12 00
Earl Davis, abated 1938 poll tax	3 00
Joseph LeClair, abated 1938 tax	3 82
Hugh Allen Fax, 1938 tax deed	34 28
A. L. Taylor, 1937 tax deed	59 07
Florence Watters, 1938 tax deed	30 42
John Ferguson, poll tax not assessed	3 00
Town of Orono, Mrs. Joseph LeClair acct.	37 00
Monson Fire Dept., hall rent	2 00
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	\$11,215 99
Credits	
Paid selectmen's warrants	\$10,185 61
Bank service charge	3 26
Hedgehog bounty	2 00
Cash on hand February 24, 1940	1,025 12
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	11,215 99
Held by Treasurer: 1938 tax deed on O. E.	
Gilman farm for	\$ 66 18

Respectfully submitted,

CLAIR B. BRAY, Treasurer.

Report of Selectmen

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS MARCH, 1939

Common schools	\$625 00	
High school tuition	125 00	
Textbooks	50 00	
Schools supplies	30 00	
Salary of Supt. of Schools	68 40	
Repairs on schoolhouse	50 00	
Insurance on schoolhouse	30 00	
Support of poor	350 00	
Town charges	800 00	
Ways and bridges	550 00	
State Aid road	600 00	
State Aid maintenance	250 00	
Maintenance of 3rd class road	126 00	
Snow removal	425 00	
Carrol Oakes road	100 00	
Interest on school fund	41 16	
Town hall insurance	75 00	
Maine Municipal Association	15 00	
Care of cemeteries	50 00	
Memorial Park	10 00	
Health nurse	15 00	
Monson band	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,395 56
State tax		921 11
County tax		218 42
Overlay		38 28
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Total commitment		\$ 5,573 37

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Receipts

Appropriation	\$800 00	
Overdraft carried to summary	26 96	
	<u> </u>	\$ 826 96

Expenditures

M. W. Bishop, town clerk 1938-39	\$ 20 00
John Williams, 1938-39	98 00
Hugh A. Fox, constable 1938-39	8 00
Fred Barrows, town reports 1938-39	48 40
State Audit 1938-39	45 18
Percy Richardson, town clerk	15 75
M. W. Bishop, town clerk	20 00
Percy Richardson, school committee	5 00
Isola Decker, school committee	5 00
Elisle Elliott, school committee	5 00
Clair B. Bray, treasurer	50 00
Joseph Evans, selectman	40 00
Fred Orth, selectman	40 00
S. H. Blanchard, selectman	100 00
Clair B. Bray, commission	163 20
Clair B. Bray, excise tax	2 64
F. W. Elliott, Jr. health officer	7 90
Fred Orth, health officer	5 00
Fox & Ginn, express	21 33
Marks Printing House	23 40
Clair B. Bray, postage	4 45
Registry of deeds, transfers	80
G. M. Crockett, officers bonds	23 00
Harold M. Hayes, coll. town of Orono	5 55
Car Market Report	1 50
Dr. Wm. Kerr, health doctor	24 00
Nina Blanchard, election clerk	3 00
Della Humphrey, election clerk	3 00
Charles Watt, labor	2 00
C. F. Blanchard, fire equipment supplies	3 72

Monson Garage, fire equipment		
repairs	2	00
Guy B. Durrel, fire equipment repairs	7	03
Dustin Donahue, fire equipment		
labor	10	00
Maine Municipal Assn., rubber stamp	1	16
F. M. Hescocock, sealer of weights		
and measures	3	00
Charles Decker, work on railroad sign	2	45
Charles Decker, janitor town hall	5	00
Charles Decker, repairing lock	1	50
		\$ 826 96

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 550 00
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Expenditures

C. M. Mitchell	\$64 00
W. H. Mitchell, tractor	30 00
L. L. Mitchell, truck	90 65
H. L. Perkins, truck	19 60
Clinton Evans, labor	1 50
Fred Elliott, Jr., labor	1 50
Scott Watt, labor	13 50
Dustin Donahue, labor	4 50
Charles Conley, labor	3 00
Austin Melia, labor	4 50
Artemas Fitzgerald, labor	16 50
Christopher Mercier, labor	6 00
Caleb Knowlton, labor	13 50
Clarence Knowlton, labor	12 00
Leon Knowlton, labor	9 00
Abner Knowlton, labor	9 00
George Bartlett, labor	14 25
Charles Decker, labor	9 75
Charles Mitchell, Jr., labor	15 00
John Knowlton, labor	10 50
Wm. Watt, Jr., labor	10 50

Carrol Oakes, labor	7 50	
William Mitchell, labor	9 00	
William Marshall, labor	10 50	
Stephen Blanchard, labor	9 00	
Joseph Evans, labor	12 00	
Alexander Watt, labor	3 00	
Allen Fox, labor	3 00	
C. F. Blanchard, supplies	38 31	
Unexpended balance carried to summary	98 94	
	<u> </u>	\$ 550 00

MAINTENANCE OF UNIMPROVED ROADS

Receipts

Received from State		\$ 70 64
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Expenditures

John White, gravel	\$ 7 80	
L. L. Mitchell, truck	19 60	
H. L. Perkins, truck	18 00	
C. M. Mitchell, labor	8 44	
Caleb Knowlton, labor	5 60	
Charles Decker, labor	5 60	
Clarence Knowlton, labor	5 60	
	<u> </u>	\$ 70 64

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Receipts

Appropriation	\$250 00	
Rec'd from State Treasurer	161 65	
	<u> </u>	\$ 411 65

Expenditures

C. M. Mitchell, supervision	\$ 27 00	
L. L. Mitchell, truck	191 24	
Allen Fox, labor	5 60	
Charley Decker, labor	11 90	
George Bartlett, labor	15 40	
Sheldon Blanchard, labor	2 80	
Wm. Watt, Jr., labor	5 60	

Charles Conley, labor	1 40	
Joseph Evans, labor	10 15	
Fred Elliott, Jr., labor	3 50	
Clinton Evans, labor	2 10	
Dustin Donahue, labor	1 40	
Austin Melia, labor	1 40	
Scott Watt, labor	5 60	
Clarence Knowlton, labor	2 80	
Caleb Knowlton, labor	2 80	
William Marshall, labor	5 60	
William Mitchell, labor	2 80	
Lecia Knowlton, labor	2 80	
Abner Knowlton, labor	2 80	
Artemas Fitzgerald, labor	13 30	
John White, gravel,	3 80	
Fred Orth, gravel	1 50	
Unexpended carried to summary	88 36	
	\$	411 65

MAINTENANCE OF THIRD CLASS ROAD

Receipts

Appropriation	\$	126 00
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Expenditures

L. L. Mitchell, truck	\$52 86	
Clinton Evans, labor	70	
Fred Elliott, Jr., labor	70	
C. M. Mitchell, labor	5 75	
Charley Decker, labor	2 80	
Allen Fox, labor	5 60	
K. S. Blanchard, labor	5 60	
Charles Mitchell, Jr., labor	2 80	
Joseph Evans, labor	3 15	
Artemas Fitzgerald, labor	2 10	
George Bartlett, labor	70	
Bancroft and Martin	32 86	
John White, gravel	1 60	
Unexpended carried to summary	8 78	
	\$	126 00

STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 600 00	
Rec'd from State Treasurer	2,281 67	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,881 67

Expenditures

Transferred to Old Age Assist- ance	\$ 164 60	
Payroll	2,567 07	
Unexpended carried to summary	150 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,881 67

Payroll in Detail

C. M. Mitchell, supervision	\$127 68
L. L. Mitchell, truck	262 76
Fred Finley, truck	105 35
H. L. Perkins, truck	174 94
Town of Monson, truck	75 33
Elwood Smith, truck	74 72
William Ranta, truck	90 65
Arlie Gourley, truck	55 74
Henry Cowan, truck	58 19
Carl Merrill, truck	26 33
Joseph Evans, labor	39 20
Allen Fox	53 02
Fred Elliott, Jr.	47 60
Charles Watt	11 20
Carroll Oakes	63 70
Charles Mitchell, Jr.	12 60
Alexander Watt	25 90
Scott Watt	39 77
John Knowlton	34 30
Charley Decker	42 00
Leon Knowlton	56 65
George Bartlett	42 00
Abner Knowlton	51 10
William Watt, Jr.	39 20
Austin Melia	46 72

Dustin Donahue	51 27
Artemas Fitzgerald	42 00
William Mitchell	11 90
Tom Kelly	111 60
Tom Farrin, gravel	45 50
Fred Elliott, Jr., gravel	78 15
State shovel	570 00
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	\$2,567 07

SNOW REMOVAL

Receipts

Appropriation	\$425 00	
State Treasurer	412 94	
	<hr/>	\$ 837 94

Expenditures

C. M. Mitchell	\$ 95 13
L. L. Mitchell, truck	389 35
William Ranta, truck	10 12
H. L. Perkins, truck	4 50
Caleb Knowlton, labor	15 75
Joseph Evans, labor	2 80
Carroll Oakes, labor	5 60
John Knowlton, labor	5 60
Clarence Knowlton, labor	15 75
Leon Knowlton, labor	7 00
Abner Knowlton, labor	7 00
Charles Watt, labor	9 10
Artemas Fitzgerald, labor	9 10
William Marshall, labor	14 35
George Bartlett, labor	5 95
Charles Decker, labor	8 05
Wm. Watt, Jr., labor	2 80
Allen Fox, labor	2 80
William Mitchell, labor	3 15
Charles Conley, labor	1 40
Clinton Evans, labor	1 40

Clement Downs, labor	3 85	
Austin Melia, labor	70	
G. E. Annis, salt	21 88	
John White, sand	3 70	
Fred Orth, sand	2 70	
Unexpended carried to summary	188 41	
	<u> </u>	\$ 837 94

ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS

Receipts		
Abatements	\$ 15 07	
Discounts	118 16	
	<u> </u>	
Overdraft carried to summary		\$ 133 23
Expenditures		
Paid Tax Collector		\$ 133 23

REPAIRS TO OAKES' ROAD

Receipts		
Appropriation		\$ 100 00
Expenditures		
W. H. Mitchell, tractor	\$10 50	
C. M. Mitchell, labor	6 00	
Joseph Evans, labor	9 00	
Fred Elliott, Jr., labor	9 00	
Charles Decker, labor	3 00	
William Marshall, labor	6 00	
George Bartlett, labor	6 00	
William Mitchell, labor	6 00	
Scott Watt, labor	6 00	
L. L. Mitchell, truck	14 70	
H. I. Perkins, truck	14 70	
Fred Orth, gravel	9 10	
	<u> </u>	\$ 100 00

CARE OF MEMORIAL PARK

Receipts		
Appropriation		\$ 10 00
Expenditures		
Paid Fred Orth, treasurer		\$ 10 00

MONSON BAND

Receipts

Appropriation		\$	10 00
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Expenditures

Paid Monson Band		\$	10 00
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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Receipts

Appropriation		\$	15 00
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Expenditures

Paid R. W. Davis, Treas.		\$	15 00
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CHARITIES

Receipts

Appropriation	\$350 00		
Overdraft carried to summary	57 84		
		\$	407 84

Expenditures

H. L. Perkins, groceries	\$ 14 05		
Veteran:			
Hospital	\$ 16 50		
Medicine	2 40		
Groceries	7 82	26 72	
William Watt,:			
Groceries & clothes	95 99		
7 cords wood	38 50	134 49	
Leon Knowlton:			
R. C. Stuart, M. D.	12 00		
Wm. Watt, Jr.:			
Groceries	15 53		
Dr. F. E. Hanscom	34 75		
F. J. Pritham, M. D.	35 00		
Paul Beede	10 00		
Wood	1 90		
Orville C. Harvey	110 00		
Dean Hospital	13 40	220 58	
		\$	407 84

WOOD ACCOUNT

Receipts

5 cords wood Wm. Watt	\$27 50	
Due from A. L. Taylor	64 50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 92 00

Expenditures

Paid Leon Knowlton	\$86 00	
Paid Chas. Watt	6 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 92 00

OTHER TOWNS' POOR

Receipts

Town of Orono	\$37 00	
Due from Town of Bradley 1938-39	12 08	
Due from Town of Bradley 1939-40	15 45	
	<u> </u>	\$ 64 53

Expenditures

Town of Orono 1938-39	\$37 00	
Town of Bradley 1938-39	12 08	
Clothes for Nye children	15 45	
	<u> </u>	\$ 64 53

STATE POOR

Receipts

Received from State of Maine	\$364 69	
Due from State of Maine	28 45	
Bill not allowed by State	25 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 418 14

Expenditures

John Watt account	\$233 62	
Nellie Lumbert account	77 90	
William Meagheah account	5 00	
Due from last year	101 62	
	<u> </u>	\$ 418 14

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Receipts

Transferred from State Aid Account	\$ 164 00	
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Expenditures

Paid State Treasurer	\$96 04	
Unexpended carried to summary	68 56	
	<u> </u>	\$ 164 00

TOWN HALL INSURANCE

Receipts

Appropriation		\$ 75 00
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Expenditures

Paid Straw & Martin	\$64 80	
Unexpended carried to summary	10 20	
	<u> </u>	\$ 75 00

NOTES RECEIVABLE

Receipts

Carried to next year		\$ 55 94
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Expenditures

Due from John Knowlton	\$50 00	
Due from H. L. Perkins	5 94	
	<u> </u>	\$ 55 94

NOTES AND INTEREST

Permanent Loan

Receipts

Due Guilford Trust Co.		\$ 1,000 00
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Expenditures

Carried forward to next year		\$ 1,000 00
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Temporary Loans

Receipts

Received from Guilford Trust Co.		\$ 1,000 00
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Expenditures

Paid Guilford Trust Co.		\$ 1,000 00
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Interest Account

Receipts

Overdraft carried to summary		\$ 62 50
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Expenditures

Interest on Permanent Loans	\$50 00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	12 50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 62 50

School Fund Interest

Receipts

Appropriation		\$ 41 16
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Expenditures

Paid School Dept.		\$ 41 16
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MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Receipts

Appropriation		\$ 15 00
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Expenditures

Paid Maine Municipal Association		\$ 15 00
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CARE OF CEMETERIES

Receipts

Appropriation		\$ 50 00
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Expenditures

Paid Cemetery Committee		\$ 50 00
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STATE TAX

Receipts

Assessment		\$ 921 11
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Expenditures

Paid State Treasurer		\$ 921 11
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COUNTY TAX

Receipts

Assessment		\$ 218 42
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Expenditures

Paid County Treasurer		\$ 218 42
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EXCISE TAX

Receipts

Received from collector		\$ 87 96
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Expenditures

Unexpended balance carried to summary		\$ 87 96
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OVERLAY AND SUPPLEMENTARY TAX

Receipts

Assessment overlay	\$38 28	
Supplementary tax	9 82	
	<u> </u>	\$ 48 10

Expenditures

Unexpended balance carried to summary	\$	48 10
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1937 TAX DEEDS

Receipts

Received from A. L. Taylor	\$	59 07
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Expenditures

Brought forward from last year	\$	59 07
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1938 TAX DEEDS

Receipts

Received from Florence Watters	\$30 42	
Received from Hugh A. Fox	34 28	
Carried forward to next year	66 18	
	<u> </u>	\$ 130 88

Expenditures

Brought forward from last year	\$	130 88
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SUMMARY OF OVERDRAFTS & UNEXPENDED
BALANCES

	Overdrafts	Unexpended
Discounts	\$118 16	\$
Abatements	15 07	
Overlay		38 28
Excise tax		87 96
Town Charges	23 95	
Highways and Bridges		89 94
State Aid Road		150 00
State Aid Road Maintenance		88 36
Third Class Maintenance		8 78
Town Poor	57 84	
Snow Removal		188 41
Supplementary Tax		9 82
State poor not allowed by State	25 00	
Town Hall Insurance		10 20
Old Age Assistance		68 56
Interest Acct.		62 50
Balance	562 79	
	\$802 81	\$802 81

S. H. BLANCHARD
JOSEPH EVANS
Selectmen of Blanchard.

Report of Public Health Nurse

To Selectmen and Citizens of Blanchard, Maine:

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

Our objectives have been:

1. Prevention of disease by health education and location of need.

2. Assistance if possible in correction of defects.

3. Cooperation with all public health and welfare agencies.

Emphasis has been placed on the child of school age and tuberculosis.

Annual physical inspection of Blanchard students attending Monson Academy have been given during the year and will be included this year's inspection there. Annual inspection has been made at Blanchard Village Schools with statistics as follows:

Pupils inspected,	26
Weighed and measured,	26
Vision failures,	3
Vision corrections,	1
Symptoms of nasal defects,	6
Symptoms of enlarged glands,	7
Symptoms of defective throats,	10
Symptoms of defective teeth,	
Temporary,	6
Permanent,	10
Corrected,	3
Inflamed gums,	2

It will be seen that the number of children having symptoms of defective teeth and throats is about the same, and is a large percentage. This may be due to lack of local facilities for correction of these defects. Parents are urged to seek the advice of the family physician in regard to throat defects, which if allowed to go on uncorrected may prove disastrous to general health later on. The nurse would be glad to assist in any way possible to get these defects corrected.

Since there were no tuberculosis reactors it was not necessary to arrange for X-rays.

We wish to express our appreciation for the fine cooperation of Blanchard citizens through the support of town appropriation and purchase of Christmas Seals which make up our service budget.

Respectively submitted,

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

affiliated with

The Maine Public Health Association

By Louise B. Nichols

Public Health Nurse

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Blanchard:

I am submitting herewith the annual report as superintendent of schools. In the annual reports it is possible to present but briefly conditions pertaining to school needs. It seems as citizens we must devise a satisfactory school program for our youth. We appropriate and expend money through public taxation for many and varied types of activities. An appropriation for public education is the only one in that category which is an investment in the future.

The average of the school rates this year for the state is .01275, while the average of the municipal rates is .05995. The last legislature amended the law relating to equalization so as to remove the limitation with respect to the municipal rate. The only limitation now is the school rate. If towns have a rate for school maintenance equal to or exceeding .01275, they will share in equalization in December 1940, provided the basis measure of .0125 on state assessed valuation of the towns fail to provide the minimum educational program.

This year the school rate for the town is .00653, while the municipal rate is .0540. Based on school rates the town is raising but a small sum for school support when compared with what the state as a whole is doing. If the basic measure of .0125 on assessed valuation were required, the annual appropriation of the town for school support would be approximately twelve hundred dollars. The amount appropriated last March for school support was eight hundred thirty dollars.

SCHOOL PROGRESS

During the past year there have been very few changes from the established school program. At the start of this school year in September there were twenty-nine pupils to enroll in the school. Two or three of those then enrolling have since had to leave the school, but the enrollment in the school at the present time is very much larger than it was last year or what it has been for several years. In addition to the usual school curriculum, the school is being supplied with copies of the Safety Educational Bulletin. This is a pamphlet published each month by the State Educational Department, and it is being issued for the purpose of supplying the schools with an outline for work in safety education.

When we consider the fact that practically all of the youth of the town between the ages of five and eighteen are attending school, we begin to realize the importance of so adapting the curriculum of the school as to best meet the needs of the individual boy or girl. We have come to recognize as the American ideal in education a program for the child so arranged as to best meet the needs of his individual capacity and ability. A program of this type must necessarily cost far more than the set and formal program found in earlier years.

It is necessary in the modern school program to recognize the physical needs of the child and through suitable games, exercises and recreational activities develop his physical and mental health.

A vital responsibility devolving upon the schools is the development of good character habits and the instilling in the minds of our youth a love of country and the principles of good citizenship. In a type of government like ours it is essential that our pupils understand and appreciate the type of government under which we live and the resulting freedom of action and thought which is possible in such a government.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL

In addition to providing funds for purchasing the usual textbooks and school supplies, the town should make available funds for purchasing reference material, supplementary reading, equipment, maps, globes and charts, all of which are essential as working tools for any school. At the present time, you have enrolled in the upper grades in your school, pupils who are making much use of reference works and supplementary books. The only set of reference books available to them is a set of books that was considered as being about useless for reference books for Monson Academy because of the early edition of the books, but they are being of some use to the school for want of something better. We do have in the school single copies of several different books from which much material is being selected for supplementary work.

It would seem advisable to make plans for securing a late edition of a set of books especially adapted for elementary schools, and try to add new books to the list of those we already have for supplementary work. In the school budget I am suggesting for appropriation a sum which seems a reasonable amount for purchasing what regular textbooks and school supplies may be required during the year. Extra funds should be provided if you see the need for supplying the school with some special material.

SCHOOL FUNDS

In planning the school budget for the ensuing year, we may assume that expenditures for most of the school needs will be about as they have been for the past year. Providing school conveyance for the two winter terms seems to have become an established thing with the people of the town and it becomes necessary for the town to raise money for any school conveyance that may be authorized. As the amount of money being carried forward this year for elementary school purposes is so small it would seem that very

careful consideration should be given as to the amount that should be raised for elementary school purposes.

Quite a number of the young people of the town are now attending some high or secondary school, and considering the number now enrolled in the eighth grade in your school we can expect that there will be eight to attend such schools this coming year. We should expect the tuition bills for next year to be about five hundred dollars. On the basis of the amount being paid for tuition this year, the state funds next December for high school tuition purposes will be about three hundred dollars. The town should raise or appropriate two hundred dollars for tuition purposes.

During the summer windows were placed in the walks to the outbuildings and the large schoolroom was painted. Some repairs were made about the outside door and steps to the building. One of the things we should consider as work needing to be done is that of fixing the rock foundation under the woodshed. A year ago a part of the roof of the school building was shingled, and it is possible that the other part of the roof may have to be shingled this coming summer. Also, we must think of having some new steps for the building soon.

SCHOOL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Estimate for Expenditures:

Teachers' wages	\$615 00	
School fuel	60 00	
Janitor purposes	60 00	
School conveyance	190 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 925 00

Estimate for Receipts:

State funds and interest	\$200 00	
Appropriation by town	725 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 925 00

Appropriations suggested:

Elementary School Account	\$	725 00
High School Account		200 00
Free Textbook Account		50 00
School Supply Account		30 00
School Repairs Account		75 00
School Nurse Account		15 00
Superintendence Account		68 40

The problem of financing education is of vital concern to every responsible adult today. It is a time when he desires to provide children with excellent educational facilities and at the same time he faces the necessity of using extreme caution in spending money. Such a time demands straight thinking and a careful regard for values.

—Selected

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER

February 20, 1940

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1939-1940

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1938	\$115 10	
Raised by town	625 00	
State School Fund	160 80	
Interest receipts	41 16	
Funds returned	12 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 954 06

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries:		
Beatrice E. Bray	\$	612 00
School fuel:		
Fritz Elliott, 1939 and 1940	\$71 50	
Sheldon Blanchard	6 00	
Charles Decker	3 50	
Dana L. Brown	4 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 85 00

Janitor services:	
Beatrix E. Bray	\$42 00
C. F. Blanchard	3 17
Janie Watt	8 00
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School conveyance:	
Edward Bray	\$84 00
Clement Downs	84 00
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Total expenditures	\$ 919 17
Unexpended, 1939	34 89
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	\$ 954 06

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1938	\$196 50
Raised by town	125 00
State School Fund	250 00
	<hr/> \$ 571 50

Expenditures

Monson Academy:	
Rachel Blanchard	\$75 00
Reginald Blanchard	75 00
Karlene Blanchard	75 00
Phyllis Richardson	75 00
Barbara Richardson	75 00
Richard Downs	30 00
	<hr/> \$ 405 00
Unexpended, 1939	166 50
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	\$ 571 50

FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1938	\$ 68
Raised by town	50 00
	<hr/> \$ 50 68

Expenditures

Scott, Foresman & Co.	\$ 7 55	
Charles Scribner's Sons	8 64	
Row, Peterson & Co.	10 07	
Ginn & Company	21 83	
	<u> </u>	\$ 48 09
Unexpended, 1939		2 59
		<u> </u>
		\$ 50 68

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1938	\$ 5 29	
Raised by town	30 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 35 29

Expenditures

C. L. Sidelinger	\$ 7 50	
J. L. Hammett Company	17 20	
Unexpended, 1939	10 59	
	<u> </u>	\$ 35 29

SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1938	\$ 3 58	
Raised by town	50 00	
Overdraft, 1939	4 25	
	<u> </u>	\$ 57 83

Expenditures

E. E. Cousins & Co.	\$10 26	
C. F. Blanchard	7 93	
Charles Decker	20 50	
C. L. Sidelinger	19 14	
	<u> </u>	\$ 57 83

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Receipts

Raised by town	\$ 30 00	
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Expenditures

F. M. Hescock	\$ 30 00	
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SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Receipts

Raised by town	\$ 68 40	
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Expenditures

C. L. Sidelinger	\$ 68 40	
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Blanchard Cemetery Association

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Mar. 1939	\$54 64	
Cash rec'd from Town Treasurer	50 00	
Cash rec'd, dividends from Trust funds	2 31	
	<u> </u>	\$ 106 95
Expenditures		
Paid:		
K. S. Blanchard, labor	\$49 75	
Davison & Hammond, Monson	3 80	
C. F. Blanchard, linseed oil	38	
G. P. Pullen, lawn mower, shears	10 50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 64 43
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		\$ 42 58
Cash in bank (Book 2660)		257 78
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Total in Treasury		\$ 300 36

TRUST FUNDS

Henry Packard	\$101 50	
Flora C. Blackstone	101 51	
Manley Mitchell	102 51	
Carrie Patten	51 24	
Etta Williams	102 51	
Elizabeth B. Pullen	149 07	
In Bank, \$127.82.		
Cash on hand, \$21.25		
Frank Spearen	50 00	
Verne Knapp	50 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 708 34

IRVING E. GOODALE, Treasurer.

Memorial Park

Receipts

Rec'd from Treasurer \$ 10 00

Expenditures

Labor:

Charles Decker	\$2 00	
Walter Nye	3 00	
Fertilizer D. S., 50 lbs.	1 50	
Flower seeds	70	
1 box Portulaca	25	
	<hr/>	\$ 7 45
Cash on hand		2 55
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		\$ 10 00

TRUST FUND

Cash in Piscataquis Savings Bank	\$60 60	
Interest	4 07	
	<hr/>	\$ 64 07

FRED ORTH, Treasurer
E. B. FARRIN, President
ISOLA DECKER, Vice Pres.

Preserve This Report

A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.