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*Annual Report*  
OF THE  
**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**  
OF THE  
**Town of**  
**MONSON**  
**MAINE**  
FOR THE YEAR  
1932



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FOR THE  
**Municipal Year 1932 - 1933**

# Municipal Officers, 1932

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## Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

W. A. Bray      W. Harry Hughes      Paul A. Jackson

## Road Commissioner

Thomas H. Mountain

## Town Clerk

W. Harry Hughes

## Town Treasurer

Fred M. Hescock

## Tax Collector

Arthur L. Brown

## School Committee

Martha Crane

Mary Davis

A. L. Bray

## Superintendent of Schools

Claude L. Sidelinger

## Sexton

D. C. Weeks

## Health Officer

Harry W. Davis

## Sealer of Weights and Measures

Fred M. Hescock

## Town Auditor

Harry W. Wing

# Report of Selectman

## Valuation April 1, 1932

Real Estate, resident	\$176,075.00	
Real Estate, non-res.	160,960.00	
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Total Real Estate		337,035.00
Personal Estate, resident	41,295.00	
Personal Estate, non-res.	39,917.00	
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Tot. amt. of Personal Est.		81,212.00
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Grand Total Amount		\$418,247.00
Raised by town at annual meeting		20,188.00
State tax 1932		3,386.09
County tax 1932		710.28
Overlay		265.46
Rate of taxation .056		
Polls taxed 376		
Polls not taxed 16		

## PERSONAL PROPERTY—LIVE STOCK

59 Horses	\$ 4,435.00
133 Cows	4,930.00
7 Bulls	175.00
32 Three Year Olds	1,020.00
45 Two Year Olds	985.00
306 Poultry	153.00
<b>EXEMPT LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY</b>	
38 One Year Olds	385.00
103 Sheep	425.00
23 Swine	204.00
1353 Poultry	676.00

## RAISED BY TOWN MARCH 1932

Incidental Acct.	\$ 1,500.00
Town Poor	2,000.00
Roads and Bridges	5,000.00
Mothers' Aid	370.00
Fire Department	250.00
Street Lights	550.00
Interest	700.00
State Aid Road	533.00

## TOWN OF MONSON

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School Nurse	100.00
Public Library	50.00
Monson Band	50.00
Common School	4,500.00
High School	2,800.00
Text Books	400.00
School Supplies and Equip.	350.00
School Repairs	200.00
Ins. and Lights (School)	315.00
Superintendent	420.00
School Physician	100.00

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 20,188.00

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

Raised by town \$ 1,500.00

## Received:

For use of Sealer's outfit	2.00
For Cemetery lots	195.00
For use of Town hall	6.00
R. R. and Tel. tax	10.56
From dog tax, refund	4.42
Tax on bank stock	160.07
Overdraft	431.44

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 \$ 2,309.49

## Paid out:

Overdraft	622.91
Loring, Short & Harmon	19.15
Printing Town reports	69.25
Insurance. Straw & Martin	25.90
Dorothy Finley, 1931	5.00
Oscar Carlson, hall rent	2.00
Gas for beacons	26.00
Labor watching fires	15.50
Cemetery payrolls	151.89
Cemetery fence	8.93
Tramps	24.50
Night watch, July 3 and 4	12.00
Labor and wood for Town bldg.	31.45
Ballot clerks	48.00
G. E. Dore, M. D., Vital statistics	1.75
H. P. Pullen, repairs and sup.	22.56
John P. White, legal advice	6.00

R. M. Hescocck, Welfare Dept.	1.95
F. L. Varney, M. D., Vital statistics	4.25
Harry Davis, attendance officer	10.00
Harry Davis, Forest fire warden	5.75
Harry Davis, Plumbing inspector	2.00
Harry Davis, Health officer and postage	41.00
A. L. Brown, Moderator	4.00
Harry W. Wing, auditor	5.00
Martha Crane, School committee	20.00
Mary Davis, School committee	20.00
A. L. Bragg, School committee	20.00
F. M. Hescocck, salary	90.00
F. M. Hescocck, postage	5.90
W. A. Bray, Selectman	300.00
W. A. Bray, Cemetery deeds, etc.	24.48
W. Harry Hughes, Selectman	112.50
W. Harry Hughes, postage, etc.	4.61
W. Harry Hughes, Town Clerk	25.00
W. Harry Hughes, Vital stat. and postage	20.19
Paul A. Jackson, Selectman	103.50
Paul A. Jackson, labor on flour	2.50
A. L. Brown, commission	394.07
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	\$ 2,309.49

## TOWN POOR ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	\$ 2,000.00
Discount A. L. Bray	1.20
Rec'd from State for paupers	330.45
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Total	\$ 2,331.65
Overdraft 1932	3,813.54
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	6,145.19

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Overdraft 1931	\$ 656.50	
Paid Account		
Morris Johnson	199.15	
Henry Kimball	277.47	
Edmund Richards	237.18	
Walter Robinson	167.38	
Harland Johnson	128.02	
B. Austin and T. Anderson	23.94	
Lyle Forbus	54.78	
Marion Boulier	154.26	
Maria Johnson	260.00	
Carl Brazier	68.50	
Albert Beatham	110.12	
Volney Frost	69.08	
John Drugge	30.94	
John A. Johnson	147.96	
Fred Simmons	104.02	
Philius Casey	98.33	
Gunnard Mattson	226.74	
Chas. Grover	228.45	
Alfred Akerson	264.81	
Steve Wlsuk	111.03	
John E. Nelson	19.96	
P. Rogers and V. Photo	139.56	
Wm. Conley	76.57	
Phil. Shaw	25.78	
Max Shaw	167.28	
Alfred Nesberg	101.63	
Chas. Harding	177.14	
Guy Brown	56.10	
Oscar Mackie, Jr.	109.31	
Albert Anderson	183.20	
Maimie Spencer	217.13	
Oscar Anderson	505.49	
Edwin Frost	14.71	
Francis Dudley, girls	328.29	
Miss Steward	22.50	
Medical supplies, schools	9.25	
John Arnold	77.00	
Aslek Hansen	42.32	
Total		5,238.38
Relief to Foreign War Veterans		
Paid Account		
Wm. Mackie	26.39	

Paul Nelson	.70	
Urban Jones	223.22	
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Total		250.31
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Grand Total		6,145.19

### HIGHWAY, ROADS & BRIDGES

Unexpended 1931	\$ 264.03	
Raised by Town	5000.00	
Rec'd for lumber	5.00	
Rec'd from State, Bal. on plowing	160.13	
Rec'd for Trucks (local)	30.50	
Rec'd for Trucks from State	1548.00	
Rec'd Monson Academy	6.25	
Rec'd School Repairs	6.25	
Rec'd from State (Trucks)	99.00	
Rec'd from State Aid Acc't.	66.62	
Rec'd from State 50-50 Acc't.	50.00	
Rec'd from State (Gravel)	115.00	
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		7,350.78
Paid out:		
Payrolls	2,380.05	
Ins. Gas, Oil & Repairs	591.50	
Gravel & Materials	378.84	
Storage	29.00	
Chase & Kimball (truck)	790.00	
State Road Maintenance	846.90	
Winter Plowing 1932-1933	808.25	
Unexpended	1526.24	
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		7,350.78

### STATE AID & SPECIAL RESOLVE ROADS

Raised by Town	\$ 533.00	
Rec'd from State	1726.25	
Error by Overdraft	7.68	
Due from State on bills	44.67	
Credit by Gravel	.31	
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		2,312.91
Paid Out:		
Payrolls	1,397.97	

## TOWN OF MONSON

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Material	609.05
Compressor & board	50.96
Transferred to Highway Acct.	66.62
Unexpended	188.31

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 2,312.91

## THIRD CLASS ROAD

Unexpended 1931	\$ 168.35
Credit on Cement	6.60
Due from State on bills	14.74
Rec'd from State	1648.03
Unexpended Maintenance	439.25
Overdraft	304.20

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 Total 2,581.17

## Paid Out:

Payrolls	1918.38
Materials	643.59
Dynamite & Trucking	19.20

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 2,581.17

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised by Town	\$ 250.00
Overdraft	63.66

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 313.66

## Paid Out:

Overdraft 1931	30.22
Payrolls	32.50
Chemical	50.00
Supplies	43.30
Fuel	60.00
M. H. Grover care of engine room	50.00
M. H. Grover services and supplies	47.14

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 313.16

## STREET LIGHTS

Raised by Town	\$ 550.00
Overdraft	25.51

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 575.51

Paid Out:			
Overdraft, 1931	\$	17.21	
Monson Light & Power Co.		558.30	
		<hr/>	575.51

**MOTHERS' AID ACC'T.**

Raised by Town		370.00	
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Paid State 1931 Overdraft		9.00	
Paid State 1932		360.00	
Unexpended		1.00	
		<hr/>	370.00

**MONSON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Raised by Town		50.00
Expended by Town 1932		50.00

**MONSON BAND**

Raised by Town		\$50.00
Expended by Town, 1932		50.00

**SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL TABLET**

Unexpended 1931		50.00
Unexpended 1932		50.00

**WOOD ACCOUNT**

Rec'd from Common School	\$	136.00	
Rec'd from Poor Acc't.			
Chas. Grover		8.00	
Rec'd from Poor Acc't.			
Fred Simmons		4.00	
Rec'd from Poor Acc't.			
Albert Anderson		24.00	
Rec'd from Incidental Acc't.		20.00	
Rec'd from Monson Academy		64.00	
Wood on Hand (32 cords)		128.00	
		<hr/>	384.00
Paid Out:			
P. W. Smith			

TOWN OF MONSON

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(Stumpage & Hauling)	\$ 288.00
Augustine Buldoc (cutting)	22.00
Steve Wlsuk	32.50
Fred Simmons	17.50
Alfred Akerson	3.50
Chas. Harding	17.50
Oscar Mackie, Jr.	3.00

384.00

INTEREST ACC'T

Raised by Town	\$ 700.00
Int. on Bank Deposits	32.49
Rec'd from A. L. Brown	96.12

828.61

Paid Out:	
Overdraft, 1931	\$ 105.51
Maude Bray	120.00
Nettie Pullen	50.00
W. W. Pullen	40.00
Guilford Trust Co.	210.00
D. C. Weeks, on cemetery funds	54.00
Int. Common School Fund	34.16
Int. on Academy Loan	157.00
Unexpended	57.94

828.61

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACC'T.

To 1932 Commitment	\$24,555.83
Interest on Taxes	96.12

Total Commitment		24,651.95
Abatements	\$17.52	
Errors in Assessment	41.84	
Net tax returned to Treas.	19,706.67	

Delinquents

L. O. Anderson, Heirs	5.60
Matt Anderson	23.44
Leon Anderson	3.00
Barney Austin	3.00
Augustine Buldoc	3.00
Ira F. Bishop	4.96

Guy Brown	6.36	
Alvin Cowan	3.00	
Anna Cowan	5.60	} \$10.56
Frank Cowan	4.96	
Frank Crockett	3.00	
Earl Carr	5.52	
Wm. Conley	9.16	
Maurice Crockett	3.00	
Gordon Carlson	3.00	
John Drugge	3.00	
Louis Dumont	3.00	
Rudolph Erickson	11.40	
August Erickson	3.00	
John Erickson	3.00	
Cecil Evans	3.00	
Oscar Edfast	3.00	
William H. Fogg	3.00	
Fred Finley	3.00	
Edwin Frost	7.20	
Robert Finley	3.00	
Howell Hughes	3.00	
Hadley Heaney	3.00	
Mildred Heaney	6.44	
Ben Hanson	4.96	
Leo Holmstrom	5.24	
Charles Harding	3.00	
Alton Huff	5.80	
Sam Hunt	3.00	
Merle Hill	8.60	
Axel E. Johnson	3.00	
John H. Johnson	3.00	
Urban Jones	18.12	
William Jacobson	4.40	
John A. Johnson	6.36	
<del>Robert Johnson</del>	3.00	
Volney Kalgren	5.52	
Arvo Korsman	7.20	
William A. Lindie	3.00	
Roy Lloyd	6.36	
Raymond Labree	8.60	
Elwood Lord	3.00	
Axel Larson	9.16	
Albert Lloyd	3.00	
William Lindahl	3.00	
Hayden Lombard	3.56	
Henry Lane	3.00	

## TOWN OF MONSON

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Emil Mackie	7.20
Oscar Mackie, Jr.	3.00
Felix Mattson	3.00
Verde Leighton	2.24
John Mackie	6.36
Waino Mackie	3.00
Toiva Mutanen	5.80
Sam Nesbit	6.36
Paul Nelson	8.60
Frank Nelson	7.76
Arthur Nelson	5.80
Chas. Nason	3.00
John E. Nelson	3.00
Herbert Wyman	3.00
Ernest Nesberg	3.00
Hugo Austrom	3.00
Egan Austrom	1.36
John Ponkala	3.00
John Pitkanen	3.00
William Partinen, Jr.	3.00
Carl Partinen	3.00
Pete Rogers	9.44
Edw. Richards	6.36
Gust Suomi, Sr.	8.32
Gust Suomi, Jr.	3.00
Urho Soumi	3.00
Clair Sargent	3.00
Bruce Steward	3.00
Ryna Steward	3.00
Fred Stanchfield	7.48
Perley Stevens	11.40
John Strom	10.84
C. E. Shaw	3.00
Neseton Sivula	3.00
Walter Storer	3.00
Max Shaw	3.00
Fred Simmons	4.96
Milton Stanchfield	5.24
William Tuomi	9.44
S. E. Ulman	6.08
Frank Ursitalo	3.00
Albion Utterstrom	7.20
Etta Williams	14.56
Haki Waino	11.96
Harry Warren	3.00

Ralph Wentworth	6.36	
Alton Wentworth	6.36	
Steve Wlsuk	3.00	
Ellis M. Jones	3.00	
Monson Maine Slate Co	4,364.92	
		<u>\$24,651.95</u>

#### AUTOMOBILE EXCISE TAX

Total Tax	\$1245.76	
Less Commission	24.92	
		<u>\$1,220.84</u>

#### MONEY LEFT IN TRUST FOR CARE OF CEMETERY LOTS

Carroll Pullen	\$ 50.00
A. W. Chapin	200.00
A. F. Jackson	100.00
Elizabeth Pullen (Patten lot)	200.00
Harriett Crafts	70.00
John Randall	100.00
Chas. Baker	100.00
Sarah Haynes	100.00
Sarah Pennington	200.00
B. M. Packard	100.00
Peter E. Johnson	100.00
Lovisa Chapin	100.00
Flora Varney	50.00
Mrs. F. J. Wilkins	100.00
Mrs. Delia Steward	100.00
David Kervinen Est.	100.00
Sanfred Larson	100.00
	<u>1,870.00</u>

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets	
Estimated value of Town Bldg.	\$ 3,500.00
Estimated value Fire Engine	1,000.00
Estimated value Hearse	200.00
Road Tools	250.00
Hose Pipe and Hydrants	4,000.00
Safe	300.00

## TOWN OF MONSON

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Town Trucks	900.00
Gravel bank	50.00
Fire Pump and equipment	5,000.00
Wood on hand, (32 cords)	128.00
Cash on hand	1,824.38
Uncollected Taxes	4,885.92
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	22,038.30
	Liabilities
Monson Academy, at 4%	3,925.00
Common School fund	854.00
Nettie Pullen, loan at 4%	1,200.00
W. W. Pullen, loan at 4%	1,000.00
Maude Bray, loan at 4%	3,000.00
Guilford Trust Co.	4,000.00
Balance due on State Tax	1,216.62
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	\$15,195.62

A sufficient number of the reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. Please bring your copy to the Town Meeting with you.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BRAY,  
W. HARRY HUGHES,  
PAUL A. JACKSON,

Selectmen of Monson, Maine

March 13, 1933.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

To Amount on hand	\$ 2,909.10
A. L. Brown, Coll.	19,706.67
A. L. Brown, Excise Tax	1,220.84
Monson Academy	116.15
Poor account	11.20
Int. on deposits	32.49
Town Clerk, acct. dog taxes	73.00
Use of Sealer's outfit	2.00
Rent of hall	6.00
D. C. Weeks, cemetery lots	195.00
Hired of Guilford Trust Co.	7,000.00
Int. Common School acct.	34.16
David Kervinen Estate	100.00
Sanfried Larson Estate	100.00
Thomas Mountain highway	199.50
State Treas., snow removal	457.50
"  "  highways	1,828.10
"  "  highways	1,821.38
"  "  school fund	2,899.58
"  "  tax on bank stock	160.07
"  "  R. R. and Tel. tax	10.56
"  "  Free Public Library	5.00
"  "  dog tax refund	4.42
"  "  porcupine bounties	55.50
"  "  bear bounties	300.00
"  "  blind pensions	324.00
"  "  support paupers	330.45
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	39,902.67

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By Paid orders	\$37,128.13
Bear bounties	350.00
Porcupine bounties	191.50
Treas. Public Library	5.00
Blind pensions	324.00
State Treas., dog tax	73.00
Refund on poolroom license	6.66
Cash on hand to balance	1,824.38
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	\$39,902.67

F. M. HESCOCK, Treas.  
Monson, Maine

**Joint Report by the School Physician and School Nurse  
March 1, 1932 to March 1, 1933**

To the Citizens of Monson:

We are pleased to submit the following report:

During the spring term of 1932 the children were urged to have defects corrected in order that they might be eligible for Gold Star buttons which were to be given out in May. They were also well trained by the teachers to present a Health Day program during Child Health Week. At this time diplomas were presented to the seventh and eighth grade girls who completed the course in Infant Hygiene during the winter term. Seventy-four pupils were winners of Gold Star buttons. A small admission charge was made for the Health entertainment. After expenses were paid, the remainder was used to help pay for glasses for school children. We would like to see this Health Program made an annual event, and the money so made be set aside as a Health Fund to be used for emergencies or special health projects in the schools.

In October of the fall term the pupils of all the schools were given a thorough health examination at the doctor's office. Defects found were as follows: eyes, 25; ears, 6; nose, 9; throat, 31; mouth, 141; skin, 11; chest, 1; weight, 52; not vaccinated, 118. We are sorry to state very few defects have been corrected to date, but we feel sure the parents will have these attended to as soon as they are able. We have had a great deal of trouble from skin diseases this year, many having developed after the examinations were made. Most of these have been scabies and impetigo. The former has been confined to a few families, but has been very persistent and hard to cure. We have tried to protect other children by disinfecting in the rooms where cases were found. While school was closed during the winter term every desk, chair, door-knob, window sill and toilet was thoroughly washed with a strong disinfectant solution, and books have been destroyed or put aside for disinfection in an effort to keep these skin troubles from spreading. We have urged both teachers and pupils to report suspicious cases. Home visits have been made to explain the proper treatment and care to the parents. Ointment has been furnished by the doctor and the health officer.

When the flu epidemic first started visits were made to the schools and short health talks given on prevention and care. The children seemed to suffer less from this epidemic than the grown-ups.

Health charts have been placed in all the schools in order that each teacher and child may know the defects that need correction before the child is eligible for a Gold Star. As fast as the corrections are made these are so indicated on the chart and gold stars placed beside the pupil's name. We are hoping there will be many gold stars by the first week in May when the Gold Star buttons are distributed. Vaccination will be offered again in April.

The course in Infant Hygiene is being given the girls in the junior and senior classes of the academy at the present time.

We have found it almost impossible to keep accurate record of the number of calls made to the schools, to the homes, and those seen at the office, but we feel safe in saying there are very few school days pass that we are not called upon to serve in one way or another. and again we wish to thank all those who have co-operated so kindly with us in our work of the year just passed.

Respectfully,

Fred L. Varney, M. D., School Physician  
Laura J. Varney, R. N., School Nurse.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Monson:

I submit herewith my annual report as your superintendent of schools. The year has been a time for rigid economy in all that pertains to the expenditures of public funds and your school expenditures have been reduced so far as seemed possible without lowering the efficiency of the schools. In this report I shall try to present briefly the conditions relating to the schools together with suggestions as to the needs of the schools.

This year the average of the school rates for the state is .01135 while the average of the municipal rates is .05145. It is of considerable interest to study the rates for this year a little more in detail. The average reduction in school maintenance for the entire state this year was \$1.62 per thousand dollars of valuation, while the average of municipal rates for all purposes was reduced by \$2.69 per thousand dollars of valuation. It will be noted that in the entire reduction of \$2.69 the public schools took a cut of \$1.62 and all other municipal purposes took a cut of only \$1.07. In view of the fact that approximately 30 cents of the taxpayer's dollar goes for the support of the schools it would seem that the public schools are bearing an unequal part in this effort to reduce public expenditures.

The school rate for the town of Monson this year is .01812 while the municipal rate is .056. In comparing with rates given in my last report we find that a reduction of \$4.08 per thousand dollars of valuation was made in the funds raised last March for school maintenance and that no reductions were made in funds raised for all other municipal activities. Had the same percentage of reduction been made for all municipal purposes that was made for school maintenance, you would have achieved a reduction of at least \$12.50 per thousand dollars of valuation. This statement is based on the fact that less than one-third of the money raised in the town through taxation goes for the support of the schools.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

There are only six elementary schools in the town at this time. In addition to a regular teacher for each of these schools there is a special teacher for Music. This special teacher, however, teaches in the elementary schools less than one-half of each school day. The rest of the day this teacher is one of the regular teachers in the Academy. This arrangement makes it possible for us to carry on a reasonable amount of work with music in the elementary schools and provides a teacher for the extra work in the Academy. As no change was made in the teaching force I can report that your schools are in charge of well-trained and experienced teachers. With such capable teachers you can feel assured that your schools are being maintained at a reasonable standard of efficiency. The school enrollment is approximately the same, although we do find a larger enrollment in some of the rooms and a smaller enrollment in other rooms.

Reference was made in my last report to the new curriculum prepared for the elementary schools. The outlines for each of the subjects in the new curriculum present some problems which we have not fully worked out in the town schools. In some cases changes in textbooks will be necessary. In other cases are outlines for work in Health and Physical Education which calls in a large measure for new work in our schools. Changes in textbooks are being made in cases when new books seem advisable because of the condition of the books being used.

We are well aware of the fact that effort has been made in places to achieve tax reduction through a curtailment or in some instances crippling of public school activities. While this may not have been a serious attempt on the part of any group of people it has succeeded in accomplishing in many instances disastrous results. This question of maintaining public education at a reasonable standard of efficiency is a serious one and effects the future of all the boys and girls in our public schools. Time lost in preparing our children to take their place in the world cannot be made up. There are only certain years in which the great majority of them can attend school and any crippling of school activities during those years becomes a permanent loss to them.

## MONSON ACADEMY

The growth of the secondary school within the past decade has brought an entirely new group of problems regarding the aims and programs of studies. Formerly the problem was concerned chiefly with the scholarly minded or the economically favored. Today the problem concerns a large part of the boys and girls of high school age. Modern society has set up certain cardinal aims in secondary education and defines clearly the services of the school to the community and the state. The program relates to all the work offered by the school. Formerly this program was concerned chiefly with fitting a comparatively small group for entrance to college. Today the program relates to the kind of training most needed by the pupils who will attend the High school. It is obvious that the contents of this program must change from time to time in order to better fulfill its purpose.

We need to realize more fully that conditions in our Academy have changed during the past decade and that some changes in the program have been necessary. Seven years ago we were planning a program for less than fifty students while today we must plan one for nearly seventy-five students. Without question much more work is involved in carrying out a program to meet the needs of this larger number of students. Most of the time the program of the Academy has been carried on by the principal and his two assistants. For the last two years there has been a part time assistant who has taught in the Academy for three or four periods of the school day. This extra assistant seemed necessary that we might carry out the plans for a better program for the Academy. It is with a great deal of satisfaction to me to be able to point out that the enlargement of the program for the Academy has been brought about without asking for a larger appropriation by the town. On the contrary the appropriation by the town has been reduced by seven hundred dollars. It is my hope that the plan to maintain a better program for the Academy will have your approval and support. In that section of the school report by Principal Carson you will find details relating to the work of the Academy for the present year.

**SCHOOL FUNDS**

Due to the lowering of the state valuation and to the shrinkage in the income from tax on savings banks and trust companies the State School Fund faces a loss in income amounting to approximately two hundred sixty thousand dollars. Because of this decrease in income the apportionment of the State School Fund in December, 1933, as compared with December, 1932, will entail a shrinkage of approximately 18 to 20 per cent. On the basis of these figures you can safely reckon that your State School Fund apportionment will be reduced by approximately five hundred dollars, as compared with the apportionment for December, 1932. In the preparation of your budget for the next fiscal year it will be necessary to take into consideration this reduction in the State School Fund. Ordinarily it would be necessary for the town to raise funds through appropriations to wipe out any shrinkage in state funds in order to be in the same position as to school funds. However, I have prepared a conditional budget for this report which, I think, will not cripple school activities nor does it call for any increase in appropriations.

The appropriation suggested for elementary school purposes is \$1,300 below the sum raised for 1931-1932 and that suggested for high school purposes is \$600 below the sum raised that year. There has been a slight reduction in the cost for new textbooks for the past year. However, the reduction is so small that it does not seem advisable to try to reduce funds for new textbooks for the new year. There has been no reduction in the price of new textbooks by the publishers. The sum of three hundred dollars was raised last March for school supplies, while the expenditures during the year have been about \$325. It is very doubtful if less than three hundred dollars could be made to do for the coming year. A small sum is recommended for school equipment. Some chairs and a table were bought for the schools during the past year.

**INSURANCE AND REPAIRS**

Through an oversight on my part in not including it in my budget funds were not raised last March to renew the insurance on the three district school build-

ings. The committee thought it advisable to renew the policies for one year and raise the money in March. It will, therefore, be necessary to raise for this year a larger sum than usual for insurance. The following statement is given to show the insurance needs:

For present overdraft,	\$ 36.63
For village school buildings,	118.75
For district school buildings,	101.25
For two pianos	22.62
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	\$279.25

A comparatively small sum has been used during the year for making repairs about school buildings. Quite a sum has been used for making repairs on the school pump. It is more than likely that we shall have to buy a new pump very soon, and I think it will be a saving to the town to plan to do so this year. In my report for amount needed for school repairs I have included funds for a new pump and funds for general repairs and fixtures. I have specified in the account for repairs the principal items for which expenditures have been made during the year.

#### REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF MONSON ACADEMY

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It is my purpose in submitting to you my third annual report of Monson Academy, to outline briefly the work completed in the school this first half year.

School opened Sept 6 with one of the largest enrollments in its history, there being 74 regular students in classes as follows: Class of 1933, 13; 1934, 16; 1935, 17; 1936, 28; and two students doing post-graduate work. This number of students taxes the Academy building to its limit.

Two new courses were added to the curriculum this year. Review Math. and Modern History were the new courses. The course of study which now meets the requirements of the College Certification board is the same as last year with the exception of the several studies given in alternate years.

The attendance for the fall term was very good, the average being 72.58. This mark seems high when we realize that a number of the students have to travel quite a distance to school. The influenza epidemic will

lower the attendance for the winter term.

Scholastically, I believe the average marks obtained by the students this year compare favorably with the average marks obtained by the students in the past two years.

This year much material and a number of pieces of new apparatus have been added to the laboratory equipment. This material is valuable in class work as well as in performing experiments. The Physics, General Science and Biology classes now use the laboratory for their work in the Sciences. Some chemicals are needed for next year's work in Chemistry. New textbooks have been purchased in other courses, also work-books, drill pads and other supplementary material. The ever-useful Compton's Encyclopedia and other reference books placed on the new reading table in the front of the main room are being made use of by students in all courses.

Last year some mention was made of trying to obtain the Certificate privilege of college entrance. This provides that a student may be certified into college without the customary, much-dreaded examinations. Most larger high schools and preparatory schools have been certifying their students for some time. Monson Academy was granted this privilege last year. To continue to have this privilege means two things: that we must exercise sound judgment in certifying students, certify only those who have done good work in the Academy and that we feel can do college work; secondly, those students that have been certified must do their best in college to help Monson Academy maintain that privilege.

More than half the Alumni from the last two graduating classes have entered institutions of higher learning. Reports from these various institutions indicate that Monson Academy students rank favorably with students from other schools. Good reports mean that these girls and boys are bringing honor to their Alma Mater and that they are preparing themselves with one thing that cannot be taken away from them, an education. Of the 28 students graduating in the last two years, the following are now or have been furthering their education in the following institutions: Maine School of Commerce, 4; Colby College, 2; U. of M., 1; Beals Business College, 1; Nursing, 3; Farm-

ington Normal, 3; Bangor Theological Seminary, 1; Post-Graduate at Monson Academy, 2.

Our plan to close the gap between parents, teachers and students and their relation to the school and its problems has been somewhat narrowed by group meetings after each ranking period. At the present we have had two such meetings. Entertainment was furnished by the junior and sophomore classes. Plans are to hold at least two more meetings with the freshmen and seniors presenting the program.

The annual prize speaking contests will be held in the near future. The junior class have been working on the school paper which we are in hopes to have published this term. The basketball team, made up of new men, have already made a good showing.

In closing it is my purpose to express my appreciation of all help accorded me by teachers, parents and townspeople this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. CARSON, Principal.

### SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1933-1934 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

The estimate for expenditures:

Teachers' wages	\$4,662.00
Fuel for schools	300.00
Janitor and janitor supplies	535.00
School conveyance	1,453.00

\$ 6,950.00

The estimate for resources:

State School Fund	\$1,400.00
Equalization fund. (?)	500.00
Funds unexpended	550.00
Funds raised by town	4,500.00

\$ 6,950.00

### HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

The estimate for expenditures:

Teachers' wages	4,470.00
Fuel and janitor	380.00

Library and laboratory	150.00	
		5,300.00
The estimate for resources:		
Possible Academy funds	2,000.00	
State School Fund	500.00	
Funds raised by town	2,800.00	
		5,300.00
Summary of appropriations suggested:		
Elementary school account		4,500.00
High school account		2,800.00
Free textbook account		400.00
School supplies (\$300) and equipment (\$50)		350.00
School repairs account		150.00
Insurance account		280.00
Light and power account		80.00
Superintendent of Schools, salary		400.00

You would expect your school officials to co-operate to the fullest extent in reducing school expenditures in so far as such reductions would not curtail or cripple essential school activities. I do not, however, consider it the office of the school officials to propose reductions that would result in the lowering of standards attained through years of persistent effort. The citizens can ill afford to permit any reductions that would impel lowered standards of educational opportunity for their children.

In closing I wish to thank the town officials, citizens, teachers and pupils for their interest and support in the success of the schools. It is only through the co-operation of all that we can achieve the best results.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER,

Superintendent of Schools.

February 27, 1933.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

	Receipts	
Unexpended 1931		\$1,406.89
Raised by town		4,500.00

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TOWN OF MONSON

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State School Fund 1,755.58  
 Equalization fund 644.00  
 Interest 34.16

\$ 8,340.63

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Expenditures

Teachers' wages:  
 Bernice E. Fogg 949.20  
 Manda E. Mattson 745.80  
 Esther Pennington 745.80  
 Vivienne E. Bray 711.90  
 Margaret LeClair 678.00  
 Agnes I. Holmbom 255.00  
 Beatrix E. Jackson 591.30  
 Anna T. Dymond 552.50

36) 756  
 72  
 36  
 36

5,229.50

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 231  
 216  
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 144  
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School fuel:  
 H. A. Davis 22.50  
 W. J. Champion 15.00  
 C. C. Simpson 21.00  
 Town of Monson 136.00  
 Labor on wood 61.25

255.75

Janitor and janitor supplies:  
 Village schools, janitor 413.40  
 District school, janitors 57.00  
 Cleaning 40.50  
 Supplies 22.42

533.32

School conveyance:  
 W. W. Pullen 105.00  
 A. R. Day 380.00  
 Mrs. Verena Drake 186.75  
 Mrs. Roy Lloyd 254.25  
 Arthur Bjork 172.00  
 O. E. Cronk 140.00  
 Harry Kirk 72.00  
 Milford Copeland 10.00  
 Mrs. Olga Haggstrom 8.00

1,328.00

Town of Abbot, tuition

36.00

Unexpended, 1932	958.06
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\$ 8,340.63

### HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

#### Receipts

Unexpended, 1931	500.00
Raised by town	2,700.00
State School Fund	500.00

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3,700.00

#### Expenditures

Monson Academy:	
Account of contract	3,200.00
Unexpended, 1932	500.00

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3,700.00

### LIBRARY AND LABORATORY ACCOUNT

#### Receipts

Unexpended, 1931	132.93
Raised by town	100.00

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232.93

#### Expenditures

Library account:	
Reference books	31.25
School magazines	29.50

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60.75

Laboratory account:	
Supplies and equipment	75.71

Unexpended, 1932:	
Library account	41.24
Laboratory account	55.23

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96.47

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232.93

### FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

#### Receipts

Unexpended, 1931	40.26
Raised by town	400.00
Monson Academy	35.00

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475.26

## TOWN OF MONSON

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## Expenditures

Books for elementary schools	188.12	
Books for high school	239.98	
		428.10

Unexpended, 1932 47.16

## SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1931	77.02	
Raised by town	300.00	
		377.02

## Expenditures

Supplies for elementary schools	185.79	
Supplies for high school	140.00	
		325.79
Unexpended, 1932		51.23

## SCHOOL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1931	3.55	
Raised by town	50.00	
		53.55

## Expenditures

Kindergarten chairs, 6	11.96	
Library table	11.90	
Folding chairs, 12	23.99	
		47.85
Unexpended, 1932		5.70

## SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1931	63.44	
Raised by town	200.00	
Monson Academy, fixtures	10.90	
		274.34

## Expenditures

General repairs	59.45	
Repairs on pump	21.50	

Repairs in toilets	22.65	
G. P. Pullen, material	39.00	
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		142.60
Unexpended, 1932		131.74

**INSURANCE ACCOUNT**

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1931	1.37	
Raised by town	240.00	
Overdraft, 1932	36.63	
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		278.00

## Expenditures

For grammar school building	237.50	
For district school buildings	40.50	
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		278.00

**LIGHT AND POWER ACCOUNT**

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1931	26.14	
Raised by town	75.00	
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		101.14

## Expenditures

Monson Light and Power Co.	83.33	
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Unexpended, 1932		17.78

**SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT**

## Receipts

Unexpended, 1931	18.00	
Raised by town	420.00	
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		438.00

## Expenditures

C. L. Sidelinger, salary	436.80	
Unexpended, 1932	1.20	
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		438.00

**FLAG ACCOUNT**

Unexpended, 1931	23.25	
Hammet and Company, flag	7.83	

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Unexpended, 1932 15.42

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Raised by town 100.00  
Paid Dr. F. L. Varney 100.00

SCHOOL NURSE

Raised by town 100.00  
Paid Mrs. F. L. Varney 100.00

Annual Town Warrant

To A. L. Brown, a Constable in the Town of Monson, in the county of Piscataquis: GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Monson, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in Carlson's hall in said town of Monson the 27th day of March A. D. 1933 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

ARTICLE 1 *R. C. Gilbert*

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2 *W. H. Brown*

To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3 *W. H. Brown*

To see if the town will vote to accept the town report as printed.

ARTICLE 4

To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5 *3,500*

To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools.

ARTICLE 6 *4000.00*

To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of poor. *2.40 per Tax*

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ARTICLE 7

To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges, and how the same shall be expended.

3500

ARTICLE 8

To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray all incidental and town charges and for miscellaneous purposes.

1500

ARTICLE 9

To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of sidewalks and how the same shall be expended.

2000

ARTICLE 10

To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay interest on town debts.

200.00

ARTICLE 11

To see what sum of money the town will raise for free text books.

400.00

ARTICLE 12

To see what sum of money the town will raise for the Superintendent of Schools Salary.

350.00

ARTICLE 13

To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for free high school and how the same shall be expended, and to authorize the school committee to contract with the trustees, of Monson Academy.

5400.00

ARTICLE 14

To see what sum of money the town will raise for school supplies and equipment.

350.00

ARTICLE 15

To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair of schoolhouses.

150.00

ARTICLE 16

To see what sum of money the town will raise for Memorial Day services.

Pass

ARTICLE 17

To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to state aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1930.

ye

ARTICLE 18

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1066.00 for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways and bridges, the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provision of Section 18 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the town will vote to authorize the assessors to rescind any amounts appropriated by the town for State Aid Highway construction in excess of the amount required to meet State apportionments.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money for the maintenance of the so-called "50-50" State Patrol Roads.

ARTICLE 21

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 built within the past five years in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 271 P. L. of 1931.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes from July 15th remaining unpaid Sept. 15th.

ARTICLE 23

To see what sum of money the town will raise for street lights for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for Monson Free Public Library.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the town will vote to instruct the superintending school committee to continue the suspension of the school in the Long District.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to be paid to Monson Band for evening concerts.

## ARTICLE 27

To see what sum of money the town will raise for the fire department. *250,00*

## ARTICLE 28

To see if the town will vote to raise one hundred dollars for School Health Nurse and authorize the Selectmen to hire the same. *100,00*

## ARTICLE 29

To see what sum of money the town will raise for insurance on school buildings and for power and lights. *360,00*

## ARTICLE 30

To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money for town purposes. *Gas*

## ARTICLE 31

To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine. *Pass*

## ARTICLE 32

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay on town debts. *Pass*

## ARTICLE 33

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Mothers' Aid. *450,00*

## ARTICLE 34

To see if the town will vote to have the dogs kept off the streets from May to May 1st, 1934. *Pass*

## ARTICLE 35

To see what part of the winter roads the town will vote to have plowed and raise money for the same. *all money*

## ARTICLE 36

To see if the town will vote to instruct the Road Commissioner to purchase some kind of a snow plow outfit for one of the town trucks, to be used for town work and pay for same out of Highway money. *Pass*

## ARTICLE 37

To see if the town will vote to pay Dr. F. L. Varney one hundred dollars for services in connection with

Health Officer and School Nurse and raise money for *100.00*  
the same.

ARTICLE 38

To see if the town will authorize and instruct the *W. H. H.*  
Selectmen *Selectmen*  
to buy stumpage to provide fuel and labor  
for the town poor, if necessary.

ARTICLE 39

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate *2000*  
\$574.00 for the maintenance of improved section of  
third class road, or to be used in connection with third  
class apportionment made by the state for the  
improvement of third class roads.

ARTICLE 40

To see if the town will vote to withhold sums of *2000*  
money due from the town until such time as any in-  
debtedness shall have been paid. *W. H. H. Selectmen*

ARTICLE 41

To see if the town will allow discount and how much *2000*  
on taxes paid prior to June 15th, 1933.

ARTICLE 42

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select-  
men to work those receiving town aid, the same work  
to be credited to their indebtedness to the town.

ARTICLE 43

To transact any other business that may legally come  
before the meeting.

Given under our hands at Monson, Maine, this 18th  
day of March A. D. 1933.

W.A. BRAY,  
W. HARRY HUGHES,  
PAUL A. JACKSON,  
Selectmen of Monson, Maine.

