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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF MONSON MAINE

FOR THE YEAR 1935



Observer Publishing Company Dover-Foxcroft, Maine



OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF

MONSON

MAINE

FOR THE YEAR 1935 - 1936



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Municipal Officers, 1935

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor EUGENE H. FLINT

> HARRY W. WING EARLE H. JACKSON

Road Commissioner THOMAS H. MOUNTAIN

Town Clerk W. HARRY HUGHES

Town Treasurer FRED M. HESCOCK

Tax Collector ARTHUR L. BROWN

School Committeee
MARTHA CRANE

MARY DAVIS

ARTHUR L. BRAY

Superintendent of Schools CLAUDE L. SIDELINGER

Sexton ARTHUR HAGGASTROM

> Health Officer HARRY W. DAVIS

Sealer of Weights and Measures FRED M. HESCOCK

Town Auditor FRANCIS G. MARSHALL

Report of Selectmen

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1935 Real Estate, resident 179,240.00 Real Estate, non-res. 160,960.00 Total Real Estate Personal Estate, resident 37,008.50 Personal Estate, non-res. 25,424.00 Total Amt. of Personal Estate Grand Total Amount Raised by Town at Annual Meeting State Tax, 1935	$\begin{array}{r} 340,200.00\\ \hline 62,432.50\\ \hline 402,632.50\\ 19,741.00\\ 3,058.54\end{array}$
County Tax, 1935 Overlay Rate of Taxation .057 Polls taxed 334 Polls not taxed 25	649.79 503.98
PERSONAL PROPERTY LIVE S	TOCK
 53 Horses 146 Cows 5 Bulls 40 Three years olds 32 Two year olds 117 Poultry 	$\begin{array}{r} 4,135.00\\ 4,595.00\\ 155.00\\ 1,160.00\\ 595.00\\ 58.50\end{array}$
EXEMPT LIVE STOCK AND POU	LTRY
 29 One years olds 94 Sheep 31 Swine 1267 Poultry 	$365.00 \\ 283.00 \\ 490.00 \\ 633.50$
RAISED BY TOWN MARCH 19	35
Incidental Town Poor Roads and Bridges Winter Plowing Fire Department Street Lights Interest State Aid Road	$\begin{array}{c} 1,500.00\\ 3,000.00\\ 4,000.00\\ 500.00\\ 500.00\\ 350.00\\ 1,066.00\end{array}$

Common Schools Free High School	4,000.00 2,500.00
Text Books	350.00
School Supplies and Equipment	350.00
School Light Power and Insurance	335.00
School Repairs	150.00
Mothers' Aid	150.00
Supt. Schools Salary	300.00
School Nurse	50.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Public Library	50.00
Monson Band	25.00
School Flag and Staff	15.00
Town Debts	500.00

19,741.00

INCIDENTAL ACC	COUNT
	,500.00
Excise Tax, 1935	914.00
Rec'd. E. H. Flint	24.07
" Oscar Carlson, rink license	2.50
" Grange rent	8.50
" Dog License refund	32.91
" R. R. and Telephone Tax	3.42
" Use of Sealer's Outfit	3.00
" Porcupine Bounty	76.60
" Overdraft	796.92

3,361.92

713.76
49.95
22.35
15.00
244.84
223.58
63.47
51.20
2.00
3.25

and Dog Licenses	69.13
W. E. Howard, slating Town Bldg.	5.00
Oscar Carlson, hall rent	5.00
W. Harry Hughes, soda and oil	0.00
E.R.A.	.48
W. H. Fogg, night watch, 3 nights	9.00
Alvin Cowan, night watch, 5 lights	5.00
	13.40
painting	13.40 120.00
Stanley S. Stevens, night watch	42.48
R. B. Dunning & Co., chloride	42.40
Eric L. Erickson, service officer,	F 0.0
school	5.00
Brooks Brick Co. chimney brick	15 0.0
E.R.A.	45.00
Louis Judkins, work on chimney,	
E.R.A.	9.35
Orin Cowan, tending brick layer	
E.R.A.	3.15
J. W. Tarr, ballot clerk	4.00
W. H. Fogg, ballot clerk	4.00
F. W. Nelson, ballot clerk	4.00
A. L. Bray, ballot clerk	4.00
Mary Davis, gravel	6.90
John R. Smith, labor	1.50
John R. Smith, driving truck,	
W.P.A.	129.00
P. W. Smith, wood	11.00
G. E. Dore, M. D. for health officer	16.00
Harry W. Davis, health officer an	
fire warden	42.55
E. H. Flint, express E.R.A.	27.64
D. H. Fillt, express E.R.A.	3.50
P. W. Smith, plowing school yard	9.90
H. W. Wing, telephone, E.R.A	7.05
	7.95
A. R. Day, gas, oil and repairs	91.00
W.P.A.	31.20
Wm. Gobeli, blacksmith work	17.90
W.P.A.	17.30
W. Harry Hughes, salary, postage	
and services	46.34
F. M. Hescock, sealer weights and	
measures, town treasurer and	
postage	100.75
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Martha Crane, school committee	20.00
Mary Davis, school committee	20.00
A. L. Bray, school committee	20.00
F. G. Marshall, auditor	6.00
E. H. Flint, selectman, chairman	200.00
H. W. Wing, selectman	250.00
E. H. Jackson, selectman	100.00
A. L. Brown, com. 1935 Tax	470.88
A. L. Brown, com 1934-33-32 Tax	1.46
A. L. Brown, Excise Tax Com.,	
Reference Book	19.78
Transferred to Cemetery Account	79.78

3,361.92

3,928.28

TOWN POOR ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	3,000.00
Rec'd., Town of Lincoln	200.00
" Matilda Anderson	5.00
Overdraft, 1935	723.28

Overdraft, 1934 883.37 Alfred Akerson, labor credit 13.20133.95Albert Anderson, 817.15 Matilda Anderson, cash credit 5.0042.92Oscar Anderson 41.74John Arnold 237.00Albert Beatham 268.57Marion Boulier 120.07William Conley, credit witness service 4.60266.67Harding Child Dudley Girls Perry Frost, labor credit 7.00 John A. Johnson 156.00 155.7774.6941.72Maurice Johnson 236.77Albert Kronholm 4.84 Max Shaw .50 Phil Shaw 16.00Mary Spencer 197.07

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Edward Richards, labor credit 20.80 Tramps	194.05 15.10
Total	3,903.95
Relief to Foreign War Veterans Paid Account	24.33

3,928.28

STATE POOR ACCOUNT

Due from State 1934 acct.	128.51
Maria Johnson	195.00
Oscar Bennett	758.30
Andrew Kurki	133.34
Philias Casey	161.87
Annie Reed	57.00
Laurence Lovejoy, son of Marshall Lovejoy	190.00

Rec'd. from State	1,300.01
Due from State	324.01

1,624.02

1,624.02

HIGHWAY, ROADS AND BRIDGES

Unexpended, 1934	409.06
Raised by Town	4,000.00
Received:	
Trucks, (S.A.)	618.62
Trucks, (3rd Class)	496.57
State Highway Dept.	38.25
State, snow removal	1,230.19
State (50-50)	50.00
State, Town Trucks	35.99
State, rental Snow Fence	243.40
Acct. T. H. Mountain, gravel	4.85
Due from State, snow removal	337.20

7,464.13

TO PAID:	
Payrolls	2,302.34
Gas, Oil and Repairs	524.45
Insurance	44.88

Truck	900.00
Materials	282.86
Snow Plowing	2,270.57
Patrol Maintenance	875.70
Unexpended	263.33

7,464.13

	STATE	AID	ACCOUNT
Raised by Town State Apport.	1		1,066.00 2,025.40

3,091.40

Payrolls	1,411.32
Materials	442.02
Town Trucks	618.62
State Shovel	526.50
State Compressor	30.60
Recording	2.00
Unmatched	53.30
Unexpended	7.04
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3,091.40

SPECIAL RESOLVE ROAD

State Apport. for Leeman Brook	
Bridge and Approaches for 1935	550.00
State Apport. for Leeman Brook	750.00
Bridge and Approaches for	
1936	750.00

TO PAID:

TO PAID:

IU I AID.	
State Treasurer, Leeman Brook	
Bridge and Approaches	694.50
Credit, State Apport. 1935	750.00
Due from State, 1936	55.50

1,500.00

1,500.00

THIRD CLASS ROAD

Apportioned by State 1,552.89

Maintenance	447.07	
Total		1,999.96
TO PAID:		
Payrolls	1,048.95	
Materials	309.24	
Town Trucks	496.57	
State Compressor	145.20	
	140.20	
		1,999.96
FIRE DEPART	MENT	
Unexpended 1934	92.99	
Raised by Town	500.00	
Total		592.99
TO PAID:		
R. B. Dunning & Co.	160.86	
Monson R. R. Co., fght.	12.11	
Stanley J. Leen, hose	109.02	
A. R. Day, labor and Prestone	5.70	
W. Cushing & Co., coal	29.00	
G. P. Pullen, supplies	4.56	
J. A. McCarthy Co., chemicals	7.11	
Harry Davis, attending fires	4.00	
C. C. Brown, wood		
D. C. Brown, wood	3.00	
D. C. Weeks, bill rendered	121.15	
Unexpended	136.48	
		592.99
	TRO	
STREET LIGH		
Unexpended, 1934	45.15	
Raised by Town	500.00	
Total		545.15
TO PAID:		0 10/10
Monson Power & Light Co.	496.16	
Unexpended	48.99	
onexpended	-10.00	
		545.15
MOTHERS' AID A	COUNT	
MUTHERS' AID A	COUNT	
1 in arran and a d 1094	66 00	

Unexpended 1934

10

66.00

Raised by Town	150.00	
		216.00
TO PAID: State Treasurer Unexpended	200.00 16.00	
		216.00
MONSON PUE	BLIC LIBRARY	
Raised by Town Expended by Town		$\begin{array}{c} 50.00\\ 50.00\end{array}$
MONSO	N BAND	
Raised by Town Expended by Town		$25.00 \\ 25.00$
* *	IAL DAY	
Raised by Town	IAL DA I	50.00
Expended by Town		50.00
	MORIAL TABLET	
Unexpended 1934 Unexpended, 1935		$\begin{array}{c} 50.00\\ 50.00\end{array}$
SCHOOL NUI	RSE ACCOUNT	
Unexpended 1934	56.00	
Raised by Town	50.00	
Total TO PAID:		106.00
Piscataquis Nursing Servic Mrs. Laura J. Varney	e 87.00 19.00	
		106.00
SCHOOL	PHYSICIAN	
Unexpended, 1934		100.00
TO PAID:		
N. H. Nickerson, M. D. Unexpended	$\begin{array}{r} 15.00 \\ 85.00 \end{array}$	
Onexpended	00.00	
		100.00

TRUST FUND FOR CARE OF CEMETERY LOTS

	Fund			In-	Ex-	Unex-
				terest	pended	pended
A. F. Jackson	100.00	(0)	4%	4.00	2.00	2.00
Carroll Fullen	50.00	Q	4%	2.00	2.50	50
A. W. Chapin	200.00	Q	4%	8.00	5.00	3.00
Elizabeth Pullen						
(Patten Lot)	200.00	Ŵ	4%	8.00	5.00	3.00
Harriett Crafts	70.00	Ø	4%	2.80	2.13	.67
John Randall	100.00	0	4%	4.00	4.50	50
Charles Baker	100.00	Ø	4%	4.00	2.00	2.00
Sarah Haynes	100.00	0	4%	4.00	2.00	2.00
Sarah Pennington	200.00	Ø	4%	8.00	5.00	3.00
B. M. Packard	100.00	Q	4%	4.00	2.25	1.75
Peter E. Johnson	100.00	Ŵ	4%	4.00	3.50	.50
Lovisa Chapin	100.00	Ø	4%	4,00	2.00	2.00
Flora Varney	50.00	0	4%	2.00	2.00	
Mrs. F'. J. Wilkins						
(Frank Gates Lot)	100.00	10	4%	4.00	2.50	1.50
Mrs. Delia Steward	100.00	(a)	446	4.00	2.00	2.00
David Kervinen Est.	100.00	Q	4%	4.00	2.00	2.00
Sanfrid Larson	100.00	Q	4%	4.00	2.25	1.75
Harry Daw, Est.	100.00	41	4%	4.00	8.75	-4.75
	1970.00			78.80	57.38	21.42

LABOR AND UPKEEP OF CEMETERY

Interest on Fund			78.80
Rec'd. sale of lots			65.00
Transferred from	Incidental	Acet.	79.78

-999) = 0
440	3.58

TO PAID:	
Payroll, labor	130.40
Perpetual Care of lots	57.38
Surveying New lots	24.05
A. E. Haggstrom, sale of lots	5.00
W. A. Bray, making deeds	6.75

223.58

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

23,953.31	
26.10	
130.56	
22.67	24,109.97
	26.10 130.56

Non.Res. Delinquen	t Liens	27.08
	Delinqu	ents
Matilda Anderson		27.08
Alfred Akerson		3.00
Guy Brown		5.14
Frank Cowan		5.71
John Drugge		4.43
Riner Erickson		3.00
Morrill Forbus		4.28
Perry Frost		3.00
Charles Harding		3.00
Albert Lloyd		3.00
Oscar Anderson		3.00
William Mackey		5.57
John B. Nelson	1	3.00
John Ponkala		3.00
Carl Partinen		3.00
Edward Richards		3.00
William Suomi		3.00
Paid		3.00
Net Tax Returned	1935	23,544.01

24,109.97

3.00

3.00

3.00

4.71

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCTS. OF DELINQUENT TAXES, 1934

Total Delinquent Abatements	Taxes	3.00
	Delinquents	
Alfred Akerson		3.00
Guy Brown		3.00
Albert Beatham		3.00
Frank Crockett		3.00
Frank Cowan		5.57
Hedley Heaney		3.00
Charles Harding		3.00
Albert Lloyd		3.00
William Mackey		5.85

Waino Mackey

John B. Nelson

Edward Richards

John Ponkala

104.54

Phil Shaw	3.00
Harold R. Thombs	5.88
B. C. Thomas	4.43
Alton Wentworth	5.85
Net Tax Returned, 1934	36.25

104.54

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCTS. OF DELINQUENT TAXES, 1933

Total Delinquent	Taxes	
Abatements		9.18

39.28

Delinquents

Albert Lloyd	3.00
Edward Richards	3.00
Peter Rogers	9.10
Max Shaw	3.00
Phil Shaw	3.00
Net Tax Returned, 1933	9.00

39.28

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCTS. OF DELINQUENT TAXES, 1932

Total Delinquent Taxes		142.81
Errors in Assessment	4.62	
Abatements	39.61	

Delinquents

	-	
Augustine Bolduc		1.35
Guy Brown		6.36
Frank Crockett	-	3.00
John Drugge		3.00
Rudolph Erickson		11.40
Charles Harding		3.00
Albert Lloyd		3.00
Sam Nesbit		6.36
John B. Nelson		3.00
John Ponkala		3.00
Peter Rogers		7.19
Edward Richards		6.36
Max Shaw		3.00

Fred Simmons	4.96
Frank Ursitala	3.00
Axel E. Johnson	3.00
Net Tax Returned, 1932	27.60

142.81

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1934	213.81
Raised by Town	350.00
Rec'd. Interest on Accepted Note	70.00
Rec'd. A. L. Brown, 1935 Tax	130.56

764.37

TO PAID:	
Maude Bray	120.00
George L. Brown	62.25
Nettie Pullen	50.00
Guilford Trust Co.	120.00
W. W. Pullen	40.00
Interest, Common School Fund	34.16
Interest on Academy Loan	157.00
Interest, Cemetery Trust Fund	78.80
Unexpended	102.16

764.37

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ASSETS

Estimated Value of Town Bldg.	5,500.00
Estimated Value of Fire Engine	1,000.00
Estimated Value of Hearse	100.00
Road Tools	100.00
Hose, Pipe and Hydrants	4,200.00
Safe and Vault	450.00
Town Trucks	1,000.00
Gravel Banks	50.00
Fire Pump and Equipment	5,000.00
Uncollected Taxes, 1932	115.21
Uncollected Taxes, 1933	21.10
Uncollected Taxes, 1934	65.29
Uncollected Taxes, 1935	88.21
Due from State, acct. State Paupers	324.01

Due from State, winter plowing Due from State, snow fence rental Due from State, Special Resolve Cash on hand	$337.20 \\ 243.40 \\ 694.50 \\ 3,418.18$
and an	22,707.10
LIABILITIES	
Monson Academy Loan @ 4%	3,925.00
Common School Fund @ 4%	854.00
Nettie Pullen Loan @ 4%	1,250.00
W. W. Pullen Loan @ 4%	1,000.00
Maude Bray Loan @ 4%	3,000.00
W. A. Bray Loan @ 4%	1,000.00
H. A. Davis, Est. Loan @ 4%	1,000.00
unfail orders E. R. A. PROJECT	12,029.00
E. R. A. PROJECT	13,586,00
Received Federal Checks	2,156.17
To paid from Incidental funds	621.06
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W. P. A. PROJECT

Received Federal checks To paid from Incidental funds 1,519.44178.85

In regard to Federal Projects attention is called to the following improvements: Remodeling Town Hall and cement basement, repairing sidewalks, work in Grammar School basement, grading school grounds, laying 600 feet hydrant pipe, work on highway all on E. R. A.

The W. P. A. Project has reconstructed the Bray road, made a large fill at the Hebron Pond cove and reconstructed the cottage road.

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

Respectfully submitted.

EUGENE H. FLINT HARRY W. WING EARLE H. JACKSON Selectmen of Monson, Maine.

March 4, 1936

I have examined the books of your Town officers and find them to be correct.

F. G. MARSHALL, Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT, MONSON ME.

F. M. Hescock, Treas.

Cash on hand	3,538.37
Received:	
Monson Me. Slate Co. Acct. note	2,800.00
Monson Me. Slate Co. Int. on note	70.00
Town clerk, dog tax	68.00
Use of Sealer's outfit	3.00
Cemetery lots	65.00
Int. common school	34.16
Gravel sold	4.00
Rent of Hall	8.50
Monson Academy	35.00
J. H. Mountain, Highway	.85
Mrs. Matilda Anderson	5.00
E. H. Flint, unexpended A. Anderson Acct.	2.57
Town of Lincoln, Beatham Acct.	200.00
E. H. Flint, Incidental	21.50
Oscar Carlson, Skating Rink License	2.50
Hired of W. A. Bray	1,000.00
Hired of H. A. Davis	1,000.00
State Treasurer:	
Blind Pensions	504.00
Bank Stock	52.41
State Paupers	1,300.01
Use of Trucks	35.99
Highway	4,623.97
50-50 Pay Roll	50.00
Snow Removal	1,230.19
State School Fund	2,177.63
Porcupine Bounty	76.60
Free Public Library	5.00
Dog license refund	32.91
R. R. & Tel. Tax	3.42
A. L. Brown, Coll. Taxes	23,544.01
Excise Tax	914.00

Delinquent	72.85
	43,481.44
CR.	
By Paid Orders State Treasurer:	36,895.56
Use of Shovel	526.50
Use of Compressor	175.80
Town's Apportionment	1,012.70
Highway Patrol	875.70
Dog License	68.00
Blind Pensions	504.00
Treas. Public Library	5.00
Cash on hand to bal	3,418.18
	43,481.44

I have examined the books of your Town Treasurer and find them to be correct.

F. G. MARSHALL, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Monson:

I submit herewith my annual report as your superintendent of schools. In this annual report I shall try to give rather briefly information pertaining to the condition of the schools and stress somewhat school needs and school funds.

This information in regard to tax rates may be of interest to citizens in seeing how the tax rates for the town compare with the tax rates for the state. This year the average of the school rates for the state is .01171 while the average of the municipal rates is .05535. These figures will determine the right of the several towns to participate in the Equalization Fund. The purpose of this fund is especially to assist towns where the school maintenance and municipal rates equal or exceed the average of the rates for the state.

The school rate for this town is .01714 while the municipal rate is .057. The municipal rate remains the same as it was last year but the school rate is an increase of \$.35 p er thousand over the rate for last year. This town will participate in the Equalization Fund to be allotted for this coming year.

The support of education in this state is based almost wholly on the amount of tangible property in each municipality. Under a system in which the support of education is based upon the amount of tangible property there must be wide variations in ability to support an educational program. Under such conditions the abler communities can maintain a satisfactory educational program at a comparatively low rate of taxation. In communities of average wealth a satisfactory program is possible through a fairly high rate of taxation. In poorer communities a satisfactory minimum program is hardly possible with exceedingly high rate of taxation. The town of Monson is able to maintain a fairly satisfactory educational program only by a rather high rate of taxation.

It is claimed that we have in Maine on the part of the state an inequitable and unjust system of school support. It is claimed in our modern civili-

zation a fair principle that education, up to a decent minimum standard, becomes the responsibility of the state and that it further becomes the duty of the state to tax equitably and fairly the wealth of the state wherever it may be found in order to educate children wherever they may reside. Until the state accepts this responsibility the support of education must devolve upon the municipalities, and it will continue to be the duty and responsibility of these municipalities to see that necessary funds are made available for the support of the public schools.

We are hearing again this year considerable discussion relative to a new state plan for financing the public schools. With such a plan in operation the state guarantees to every community a decent minimum educational program on a reasonable rate of taxation. The plan under consideration is based on the assumption that tax on real property as the major source of revenue for school support is no longer equitable, that income for school support must come from a larger source, and that it be distributed on the basis of actual school needs.

SCHOOL CONDITIONS

During the past year there has been no radical change or departure from the usual school program. Largely due to the fact that most of our present teachers have been connected with the schools for several years and are well acquainted with their procedure and practice the school work has continued efficiently and without interruption. The total enrollment in the schools for this year is not quite as large as the enrollment for last year. The average attendance continues very good. Because the number of pupils to attend the Vinton School is not large enough to make possible an average daily attendance of eight pupils special action on the part of the voters of the town is necessary in order that the committee may legally maintain that school for the coming school year. It was found possible to send two pupils to schools in Abbot and Guilford at less expense than it would be to arrange for them to attend school in town.

One of the fundamental needs of a school system

is to develop and carry on a progressive educational program. A school curriculum that meets the needs of the schools today must include courses in health and physical education, exact science, social studies, fine arts and vocational studies. Education is thought of as a total experience which cannot be separated, for example, into reading, geography, arithmetic, history, English, health education and physical education. We must think of the child as a total individual and whatever we attempt to teach we must consider just what it has to contribute to the physical, mental and social growth and development of the child during the important years of his life.

Perhaps one of the more important needs of our town school system is to find the means whereby we may carry on a better program of health and of physical education. Programs of health and physical education are now believed to be a necessary part of the complete education of the child. In accordance with this belief these programs provide activities that will contribute to the child's physical, mental and social deve'opment and educate him for an intelligent and pleasurable use of leisure time.

Consideration is now being given to Education for Safe Living. The terrific and steadily mounting toll of traffic accidents has focussed attention upon some means of reducing both the crippling aftermath and unwarranted death. Attention has been given to the schools and demands for the inclusion of courses in safety and in automobile driving are being insisted upon by lay interest-groups, including chambers of commerce. Unfortunately this problem is not so simple that it can be solved at once by the schools. However, there can be carried on in the schools an effective program which will stress safety in the home, in industry, on the highway, in fact, in every phase of human activity.

We shall soon be doing something about sight conservation. It is estimated that the acquisition of an education under present day lighting methods cost at least twenty per cent of our school children, coming through our present system, a very dear price in the form of defective vision. This is due, primarily, to the poor lighting conditions under which they are forced to work, both in the classroom and in the home. School authorities and parents need to provide for their children the proper intensity of glareless light, properly controlled, if we are to have safe seeing conditions for their eyes.

Secondary School Progress

The people of the United States are now getting a new conception of education. They are coming to look upon education as a preparation for citizenship and for daily life rather than for the money return which comes from it. They are looking upon the secondary school as a place for their boys and girls to profit at a period when they are not acceptable to industry.

The extent to which people are taking advantage of the opportunities offered through the secondary schools is well shown by the fact that during the past thirty years the enrollment has increased from a little over ten per cent of the population of secondary school age to more than fifty per cent of that population. The following figures indicate that the job of the public school has almost doubled since 1900. Children enrolled in the elementary schools have increased from fifteen million to more than twenty million; in the secondary schools the enrollment has increased from one-half million to almost seven million. Students attending higher institutions increased from 91,000 to 496,000.

The secondary schools are stressing the ideal of education for citizenship in an ever-changing civilization. Although handicapped to some extent by rigid college entrance requirements, nevertheless, a relaxation of collegiate standards has given encouragement to the introduction of a more varied program of studies to fit the pupils in our high and secondary schools, so that each pupil, in the light of his ability and inclination, may be prepared for some useful employment and leadership in society.

School Funds

In the January issue of the Maine State School Bulletin the Commissioner of Education mentions the need for increased appropriations being made available for the support of schools. In many communities, it seems, teachers' wages are still ridiculously low, and in many cases there is a distressing lack of suitable textbooks and well nigh absence of reference books and necessary equipment like maps, globes and charts. The people of the town have been doing very well towards supplying suitable text-books, reference books and necessary equipment.

Through the usual school budget I have attempted to show what the estimated cost of the schools will be for the coming year, the fixed receipts and the appropriations the town will need to make. Due partly to the new school schedule adopted wages for this municipal year have been paid for only thirty-three weeks. The figures in the budget are larger as they are made on the basis of thirty-six weeks.

Due to the fact that an extra assistant has been decided upon for the Academy the appropriation for maintaining the Academy must be increased somewhat. I might add that this extra assistant was employed because several of the citizens urged it upon the Academy trustees. Now that we have this extra assistant it seems the only thing to do is to get the additional funds. This additional sum need not be very large for this year.

The usual appropriations should be made for textbooks and school supplies. If a school system keeps its list of textbooks up-to-date it is necessary to plan for changes in some books each year. This plan would require about five years to make changes in all textbooks in use in the schools. In such a way this changing of textbooks means practically no extra cost as five years is about as long as most textbooks will wear in a schoolroom. The appropriation recommended for school supplies is intended to provide three hundred dollars for school supplies and fifty dollars for equipment. The expenditures for school supplies include various items as you will see indicated in the financial statements.

Two insurance policies on school buildings expire this year and funds should be raised at this time so that the policies may be renewed. In addition funds

should be raised to renew policies on two pianos in the schoolrooms. The cost for insurance for this year will be \$163.50, but the appropriation for insurance may be less because of a small sum now unexpended.

Last year plans were reported for doing some work in the grammar school basement as a FERA Project. Enough blasting and cleaning out was done to make it possible to move the furnace to a better location in the basement for all purposes. The cost to the town for what has been done so far has not been very large. It would be a good move on the part of the town if money could be raised so that this blasting and cleaning out could be continued. As you will perhaps recall whenever we are considering the need of money for repairs on school buildings I always mention the need for new floors in two of the schoolrooms. The sum I am suggesting in the budget as the amount you need to raise is intended for general needs only. You have quite a large school plant to maintain and it is not possible to keep the buildings in good condition with only one hundred fifty dollars a year.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF MONSON ACADEMY

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I hereby submit my first report as Principal of Monson Academy.

School opened September 3rd with an enrollment of 71 students, in classes as follows: Seniors 13, Juniors 15, Sophomores 13, Freshman 28 and 2 post graduate students.

The attendance this year has been good. During the fall term there were 39 students neither absent nor tardy. The average attendance since September has been about 67. The schedule of studies has been maintained which meets the requirements of the College Certification Board. In this respect it is gratifying to note that all students certified to college proveable to their college work without trouble.

We have been greatly aided this year by the addition of a part time assistant to the faculty. Pupils are now able to have a greater choice of studies than was possible with only three teachers. It also permits a more elastic schedule and additional subjects in the curriculum. Since it gives each teacher a spare period it also makes for better teaching with a resultant benefit to the students.

This has been reflected in students' ranks to quite a degree. A greater number of students have made the honor roll consistently this year than for sometime before. There seems to be growing among the student body an appreciation of what their studies should mean to them and a greater interest in Academic work. This is a healthy sign of growth in the school and the cooperation of the parents in fostering this interest is very pleasing.

This year chemical and some new apparatus has been added to the science laboratory making it adequate for carrying on experiments in Chemistry and Biology. New textbooks have been added in other courses also drill pads, work books and other supplementary material.

A number of books have been added to the library this year, among them a gift of 21 books donated by the class of 1928. Our library is growing slowly each year. Three magazines and a daily paper are provided for the students which enables them to keep up on the current events of the world.

The Junior and Senior Classes have presented plays this year. The Dramatic Club has been active and will present a series of plays during the spring. It is hoped that Monson Academy may enter again the State One Act Play Contest. The school paper the "Pharetra" will go to press in March.

The Freshman and Sophomore prize speaking contests were held in February and were well attended. The quality of the contests seems to improve each year indicating that the Public Speaking Courses are proving their worth. We expect to be represented in the County Speaking Contest to held at Brownville Junction in April.

Our basket ball season has been successful this year the team being runners-up for the county championship.

At this time I want to express the Academy's appreciation of the unselfish work of George Larson in coaching the basket ball team. Under his able tutelage Monson Academy has certainly hung up an enviable record since 1929.

I also want to thank the towns-people for their support of our extra curricula activities. These must be self supporting and your patronage has enabled us to carry on our program. These fill a very important place in stimulating interest in school among the students and I am firmly convinced that they have served as an incentive to make students to do better scholastic work.

We regret sincerely the death of Mr. Edward P. Blanchard, one of our Academy trustees. His passing leaves a gap that cannot easily be filled.

In closing I want to express my thanks to you, to the school officials, to the teachers, to the parents and towns-people who have given me their assistance and co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. STINCHFIELD, Principal.

SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1936-1937

Elementary School Account

Estimate for Expenditures:		
Teachers' wages,	\$3,700.00	
Fuel account,	400.00	
Janitor account,	425.00	
Conveyance account,	1,125.00	
Tuition account,	150.00	\$5,800.00
Estimate for Receipts:		
State School Fund,	\$1,300.00	
Equalization Fund,	300.00	\$1,600.00
Balance for town to approp	oriate,	\$4,200.00
ACADEMY A	CCOUNT	
Estimate for Expenditures:		
Teachers' wages,	\$4,150.00	

Fuel and janitor account,	425.00	\$4,575.00
Estimate for Receipts: Estimate Academy Funds: State School Funds, Tuition Receipts,	\$1,100.00 375.00	\$1,475.00
Balance for town to appropri-	ate,	\$3,100.00
Source of town funds: State School Fund, Equalization Fund, Appropriation by town, List of School Appropriation Su	\$ 400.00 150.00 2,550.00	\$3,100.00
Elementary School Account,		to \$4,200.00
	2,400.00	to 2,600.00
Library and Laboratory Acco	unts,	150.00
Free Textbook Account, School Supply Account:		350.00
Regular school supplies,	\$300.00	
School equipment,	50.00	350.00
School Repairs Account: For general repair needs, For special repairs,	\$150.00 200.00	350.00
School Insurance Account, Light and Power Account,	\$140.00 95.00	235.00
Superintendence Account,		300.00

Under the heading of Financial Statements are to be found statements of funds raised by the town for school purposes, the amount of funds received from the state to be used for school purposes, together with disbursement made for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER,

February 25, 1936.

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1935-1936

Elementary School Account

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1934	\$266.60	
Raised by town,	4,000.00	
State School Funds,	1,296.63	
Equalization Fund,	356.00	
Interest receipts,	34.16	\$5,953.39

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' wages: Bernice E. Fogg, Manda E. Mattson, Esther Pennington, Vivienne E. Bray, Margaret LeClair, Beatrix E. Jackson, Kathleen M. Earley,	\$ 693.00 577.50 577.50 561.00 528.00 154.00 286.00	\$3,377.00
School fuel account: A. L. Bray, C. C. Simpson, coal, W. J. Champion, Labor on fuel,	\$ 374.38 46.00 14.00 67.50	\$ 401.88
Janitor services and supplies: Village schools, Vinton School, Cleaning schoolrooms, Supplies for janitors,	\$ 335.50 39.00 30.95 15.67	- 333.50 ** \$ 419.12
School conveyance: Arthur Bjork, Mrs. Verena Drake, Mrs. Opal Nelson, E. L. Erickson, E. H. Jackson, insurance,	\$ 693.00 184.00 102.00 6.00 63.75	\$1,048.75
Tuitions paid: Town of Abbot,	\$83.00	

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Town of Guilford. 61.25 \$ 144.25 Unexpended, 1935, \$ 562.39 \$5,953.39 **High School Account** RECEIPTS Unexpended, 1934. \$ 500.00 Raised by town, 2.350.00 State School Fund. 425.00Equalization Fund. 100.00 \$3,375.00 EXPENDITURES \$2,875.00 Treasurer Monson Academy, Unexpended, 1935, 500.00 \$3,375.00 Library and Laboratory Accounts RECEIPTS 67.97 Unexpended 1934. \$ Raised by town, 150.00\$ 217.97 EXPENDITURES Library Account: Set Reference Work, s 24.00Periodicals and Magazines, 33.75 Library Books, 4.05\$ 61.80Laboratory Account: Supplies and equipment, S 61.54 Chemical supplies, 16.942.1280.60 Express charges. \$

Unexpended, 1935: Library Account, \$ 47.69 Laboratory Account, 27.88 \$ 75.57

Free Textbook Account

RECEIP	\mathbf{TS}			
Unexpended, 1934,	\$	108.62		
Raised by town,		350.00		
Monson Academy,		17.50	\$	476.12
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EXPENDIT	URI	ES		
Textbooks for Elementary				
Schools,	\$	274.27		
Textbooks for Academy,		108.28	\$	382.55
Unexpended, 1935,			\$	93.57
			s	476.12
School Supply	1.00	ount	Ŧ	
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Unexpended, 1934,	99			
Raised by town,		300.00	đ	400.00
Monson Academy,	_	17.50	\$	408.99
EXPENDIT	IIP.	FS		
Paper supply,	\$	82.36		
School materials,	φ	120.84		
Examination booklets,		36.65		
Paper towels,		18.00		
Office expenses,		31.00		
Work Books,		34.25		
Trucking,		7.00		
Supplies for school nurse,		8.40	\$	338.50
Unexpended, 1935,			\$	70.49
			\$	408.99
School Equipment Account				
RECEI	TS			
Unexpended, 1934,	-	\$ 2.19		
Raised by town,		50.00	\$	52.19

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	EXPENDIT	URF	2S	
Maps in Tilting Unexpended 193	Racks, 2 sets			\$ 52.19
S	chool Repairs	Acc	ount	
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Unexpended, 193 Raised by town,		\$	$\begin{array}{c} 66.98\\ 150.00 \end{array}$	
Overdraft, 1936,	1.		9.05	\$ 226.03
	EXPENDIT	URI	TS	
Work on school h Other repairs an	asement,	\$		\$ 226.03
Sa	hool Insuranc		aount	
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Unexpended, 193	RECEI	PIS \$.60	
Raised by town,	-,	Ŧ	237.00	\$ 237.6 0
F. M. Hescock,	EXPENDIT	URI \$		
E. H. Jackson,		φ	95.00	
Unexpended, 193	35,		23.85	\$ 237.60
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Unexpended, 193		s s	20.58	
Raised by town,	<i>,</i>	φ	98.00	\$ 118.58
	EXPENDI		aa	
Monson Light &		UR. \$	98.02	
Unexpended, 193		Ψ	20.56	\$ 118.58
Superintendence Account				
	RECEI	PTS		
Unexpended, 193	34,	\$	40.80	

Raised by town,	300.00	\$ 340.80
EXPENDITUI	RES	
C. L. Sidelinger, salary,	§ 282.00	
Unexpended 1935,	58.80	\$ 340.80
School Flag Ac RECEIPTS		
Unexpended, 1934,	\$ 2.83	
Raised by town,	15.00	\$ 17.83
Amount unexpended, 1935,		\$ 17.83

Annual 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 Town Hall in said town of Monson the 16th day of March A. D. 1936 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:-

Art. 1, To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the town report as printed.

Art. 4. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what action the town will take in regard to installing a heating plant in the Town building and raise money for the same.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of poor.

Art. 8. 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.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray all incidental and town charges and for miscellaneous purposes.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of sidewalks and how the same shall be expended.

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350,00 Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay interest on town debts.

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Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will 540,00 raise for free text books.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will 9.30.00 raise for the Superintendent of Schools Salary. apper 12

Art. 14. 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.

To see what sum of money the town will Art. 15. raise for high school library and laboratory.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will raise for school supplies and equipment.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair of schoolhouses.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will raise for Memorial Day services.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money 10/2:70 necessary to entitle the town to state aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1930.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the improvement of the sec-12257 tion 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.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the assessors to transfer any amounts appropriated by the town for State Aid Highway construction in excess of the amount required to meet State apportionments, to the Highway account.

To see if the town will vote and raise a Art. 22. sum of money for the maintenance of the so-called "50-50" State Patrol Roads.

Art. 23. 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.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to allow a sliding scale of discount and how much on taxes paid prior to August 15, 1936.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid September 15, 1936, interest to begin on September 1, 1936, and what rate of interest shall be charged.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will raise for street lights for the ensuing year.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for Monson Free Public Library.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to authorize the superintending school committee to use their discretion in regard to maintaining schools in those districts where there are less than the required number of scholars.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for purchase of school flags.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to be paid to Monson Band for evening concerts.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the fire department.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for School Health Nurse and authorize the Selectmen and Supt. of Schools to hire the same.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for services of School Physician, in connection with Health officer and School Nurse, and authorize the Selectmen to hire the same.

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Art. 34. To see what sum of money the town will raise for insurance on school buildings and for power 235.00 and lights.

Art. 35. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money for town purposes.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money during the present municipal year in anticipation of, and to be paid out of, the taxes of the current year 1936 and 1937, and to execute and deliver the negotiable promissory note or notes of the town therefor.

Art. 37 To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of Seventy-five (\$75.00) for the Cemetery account.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Sexton to collect payment of the sale of Cemetery lots and for making deeds of same.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote NOT to accept sums of money less than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for perpetual care of cemetery lots.

Art. 40. 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.

Art. 41. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and pay on town debts.

Art. 42. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Mother's Aid.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to have dogs kept off the streets from May 1, 1936 to May 1, 1937.

Art. 44 To see what part of the winter roads the town will vote to have plowed and raise money for the same.

Art. 45. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to buy stumpage to provide fuel and labor for the town poor, if necessary.

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Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to withhold sums of money due from the town until such time as any indebtedness shall have been paid.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money 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.

Art. 48. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to work those receiving town aid, the same work to be credited to their indebtedness to the town.

Art. 49. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars from the estate of the late Ellis M. Jones, to be held in trust, the income to be used for perpetual care of the Cora Roberts cemetery lot.

Art. 50. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at Monson, Maine this 7th day of March, A. D. 1936.

EUGENE H. FLINT HARRY W. WING EARLE H. JACKSON

Selectmen of Monson, Maine.

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