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MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, 1936

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor
HARRY W. WING

EARLE H. JACKSON
BERNARD F. SANBORN

Road Commissioner
THOMAS H. MOUNTAIN

Town Clerk
W. HARRY HUGHES

Town Treasurer
FRED M. HESCOCK

Tax Collector
ARTHUR L. BROWN

School Committee
GEORGE P. PULLEN
ARTHUR L. BRAY
MARTHA CRANE

Supt. Schools
CLAUDE L. SIDELINGER

Sexton
ARTHUR E. HAGGSTROM

Health Officer
HARRY W. DAVIS

Sealer of Weights and Measures
FRED M. HESCOCK

Town Auditor
ARTHUR L. BRAY

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1936

Real Estate, resident	186,265.00	
Real Estate, non-res.	155,205.00	
Total Real Estate		341,470.00
Personal Estate, resident	38,936.00	
Personal Estate, non-res.	14,265.00	
Total Amt. Personal Estate		53,201.00
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Grand Total Amount		394,671.00
Raised by Town at Annual Meeting		18,817.70
State Tax, 1936		3,058.54
County Tax, 1936		649.79
Overlay		938.26
Rate of Taxation .057		
Polls taxed 334		
Polls not taxed 25		

PERSONAL PROPERTY—LIVE STOCK

60 Horses	5,585.00
143 Cows	5,340.00
3 Bulls	80.00
17 Three year olds	530.00
21 Two year olds	505.00
96 Poultry	48.00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

26 One year olds	330.00
61 Sheep	183.00
32 Swine	480.00
1435 Poultry	717.50

RAISED BY TOWN MARCH 1936

Incidental	2,500.00
Town Poor	2,500.00
Roads and Bridges, Winter Plowing	
Apply Excise Tax	3,500.00
State Aid Road	1,012.70
Sidewalks	50.00
Fire Department	500.00
Street Lights	450.00
Interest	350.00
Common Schools	4,000.00

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Free High School	1,500.00
Library and Laboratory	150.00
Text Books	350.00
School Supplies and Equipment	350.00
School Lights, Power and Insurance	235.00
School Repairs	150.00
Supt. Schools Salary	230.00
School Nurse	100.00
School Physician	15.00
Mothers' Aid	150.00
Cemetery Account	75.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Monson Free Public Library	50.00
Monson Band	50.00
Town Debts	500.00

 18,817.70

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	2,500.00
Rec'd. Evander McIver,	
school house	12.00
" Hall rent	26.00
" Victualer's Licenses	5.00
" Pool-Room License	10.00
" Use of Sealer's Outfit	3.00
" Bank Stock	52.20
" Dog Tax refund	23.87
" R. R. and Tel.	2.84
Overdraft	392.64

 3,027.55

PAID:

Overdraft 1935	796.92
Monson Light and Power Co.	45.44
Bert Flint, trucking	4.25
John Smith, W.P.A.	75.00
Thomas Mountain, W.P.A.	29.80
William Ranta, W.P.A.	32.50
Elwood Smith, W.P.A.	65.00
Mary Davis, gravel, W.P.A.	64.67
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies	10.85
A. L. Brown order of	
John Conley	4.60

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A. L. Bray, ballot clerk	12.00
J. Willis Tarr, ballot clerk	12.00
Frank Nelson, ballot clerk	12.00
William Fogg, ballot clerk	12.00
W. S. Darley Co. constable badges	2.89
Observer Publishing Co. town reports	59.66
Oscar Carlson, night watchman	4.50
Stanley Stevens, night watchman	4.50
Elmer Lindie, night watchman	4.50
A. C. Dyer, transfers	2.10
A. G. Crockett, labor and material on flush closets	90.00
E. R. Squibb & Sons, vaccine	3.71
E. H. Jackson, Ins. on Town Hall	91.58
Erick L. Erickson, service officer	5.00
Harry Lindie, helping constable	4.00
Marks Printing House, books	15.00
Elwood Lord, labor	1.75
G. P. Pullen, lock, saw and frame, Town Bld'g.	4.00
John R. Flint, wood for Town Bld'g.	7.00
W. and L. E. Gurley, sealers	4.50
G. P. Pullen, school committee	20.00
A. L. Bray, school committee	20.00
Martha Crane, school committee	20.00
Guy E. Dore, M. D., vital statistics	1.00
H. W. Davis, health department	13.85
H. W. Davis, forest fire dept.	14.00
W. A. Bray, water rent, Town Bld'g.	7.34
W. Harry Hughes, salary, postage & services	44.00
D. C. Weeks, labor & material Town Hall	2.00
F. M. Hescocock, sealer weights and measures, town treasurer and postage	102.00
A. L. Brown, Col. com. 1936 Tax	458.67
A. L. Brown, Coll. com. 1935-34-32 Tax	1.13
A. L. Brown, Coll. Excise Tax reference book	1.50
H. W. Wing, postage, telephone	

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and adding machine ribbon	9.34
A. L. Bray, auditor	6.00
Bernard F. Sanborn, selectman	75.00
Earle H. Jackson, selectman	125.00
Harry W. Wing, selectman	600.00
Verrill, Hale, Booth & Ives	25.00

 3.027.55

TOWN POOR ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	2,500.00
Edwin Frost, refund	44.27
H. E. Smith, refund	1.15
A. & P. Tea Co., refund	3.16
Overdraft, 1936	1,060.45

 3,609.03

Overdraft, 1935		723.28
Alfred Akerson		
labor credit	5.50	76.35
Oscar Anderson		7.74
Matilda Anderson		20.26
John Arnold		94.50
Marion Boulier		141.53
Harding Child		156.00
Dudley Girls, Aug. 1933 to		
Feb. 1935		680.43
Dudley Girls		258.07
Lyle Forbus		75.00
Perry Frost		154.90
John A. Johnson		107.05
Maurice Johnson family		221.81
Albert Kronholm		121.79
Leland Kimball,		
labor credit	15.10	88.10
Albert Lloyd		36.18
Sam Nesbit		64.33
Edward Richards		93.86
Matt Roman, burial expenses		87.50
Mary Spencer		164.17
Viola Stanchfield		33.72
Charles Harding, burial expenses		85.00
Tramps		7.90
Relief to Foreign War Veterans		

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Paid Account	109.56
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3,609.03

STATE POOR ACCOUNT

Due from State 1935 acct.	324.01
Oscar Bennett	837.11
Annie H. Reed	177.00
Marshall Lovejoy	253.08

1,591.20

Rec'd. from State	1,487.35
Due from State	103.85

1,591.20

HIGHWAYS, ROADS AND BRIDGES

Unexpended, 1935	263.33
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Raised by Town	3,500.00
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Rec'd.

Trucks, (S.A.)	505.92
Trucks, (3rd class)	564.73
State Highway Dept. snow removal, rental snow fence	874.60
State (50-50)	50.00
State, Town Trucks	9.00
State, cutting bushes	7.00
Ethel Holmquist	6.00
T. H. Mountain	25.65
Town of Blanchard	2.50
Town of Greenville	2.50
Tarring Streets	46.82
Sidewalk fund	50.00
Excise Tax	1,013.66
Due from State, snow removal	456.06
Due from State, snow fence rental	165.00

7,536.77

PAID:

Payrolls	2,323.49
Materials	513.65
Gas, Oil and Repairs	742.59
Snow Plowing	1,306.05
Trans. to Third Class road	410.63

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Patrol Maintenance	885.00
Unexpended	1,355.36

7,536.77

STATE AID ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	1,012.70
State Apport.	2,025.40
Unmatched, 1935	53.30
Unexpended, 1935	3.27

3,094.67

PAID:

Payrolls	1,427.36
Materials	406.06
Town Trucks	505.92
State Shovel	480.38
State Compressor	87.60
Unmatched, 1936	53.30
Unexpended, 1936	134.05

3,094.67

THIRD CLASS ROAD

Apportioned by State	1,631.04
Maintenance from Highway Acc't.	410.63

2,041.67

PAID:

Payrolls	1,058.26
Materials	317.93
Town Trucks	564.73
State Compressor	94.20
E. A. Orr, truck	4.95
T. H. Mountain	1.60

2,041.67

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Unexpended 1935	136.48
Raised by Town	500.00

Total	636.48
PAID:	

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Justin McCortly* Co.	6.16
R. B. Dunning Co.	6.93
Payroll, labor	9.00
C. B. Hardy	19.60
W. Cushing & Co., coal	22.66
D. C. Weeks, care Fire Equip.	50.00
D. C. Weeks, Grover fire and chimney fires	49.17
Unexpended	472.96

636.48

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	50.00
Trans. from Highway Acct.	1.10

Total

51.10

PAID:

Payrolls	46.30
Gravel	4.80

51.10

STREET LIGHTS

Unexpended 1935	48.99
Raised by Town	450.00

Total

498.99

PAID:

Monson Power & Light Co.	497.00
Unexpended	1.99

498.99

MOTHERS' AID ACCOUNT

Unexpended 1935	16.00
Raised by Town	150.00
Overdraft, 1936	14.00

Total

180.00

PAID:

State Treasurer	180.00
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MONSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Raised by Town	50.00
Expended by Town	50.00

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MONSON BAND

Raised by Town	50.00
Expended by Town	50.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Raised by Town	50.00
Expended by Town	50.00

SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL TABLET

Unexpended, 1935	50.00
Unexpended 1936	50.00

SCHOOL NURSE ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	100.00
PAID:	
Mrs. Laura J. Varney	100.00

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN ACCOUNT

Unexpended 1935	85.00	
Raised by Town	15.00	
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Total		100.00
PAID:		
N. H. Nickerson, M. D.	15.00	
State Treasurer, X-Ray	21.00	
Dr. W. R. Kerr	50.00	
Unexpended	14.00	
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		100.00

SCHOOL FLAG AND STAFF ACCOUNT

Unexpended 1935		17.83
PAID:		
J. L. Hammett Co.	12.90	
Unexpended 1936	4.93	
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		17.83

TRUST FUND FOR CARE OF CEMETERY LOTS

	Fund		Int.	Unexp. 1935	Total	Exp'd. 1936	Unexp. 1936
A. F. Jackson	100.00	@ 4%	4.00	2.00	6.00	3.00	3.00
Carroll Pullen	50.00	@ 4%	2.00	— .50	1.50	2.00	— .50
A. W. Chapin	200.00	@ 4%	8.00	3.00	11.00	6.00	5.00
Elizabeth Pullen (Patten Lot)	200.00	@ 4%	8.00	3.00	11.00	6.50	4.50
Harriett Crafts	70.00	@ 4%	2.80	.67	3.47	2.50	.97
John Randall	100.00	@ 4%	4.00	— .50	3.50	3.00	.50
Charles Baker	100.00	@ 4%	4.00	2.00	6.00	6.50	— .50
Sarah Haynes	100.00	@ 4%	4.00	2.00	6.00	3.50	2.50
Sarah Pennington	200.00	@ 4%	8.00	3.00	11.00	4.00	7.00
B. M. Packard	100.00	@ 4%	4.00	1.75	5.75	2.25	3.50
Peter E. Johnson	100.00	@ 4%	4.00	.50	4.50	3.25	1.25
Lovisa Chapin	100.00	@ 4%	4.00	2.00	6.00	2.50	3.50
Flora Varney	50.00	@ 4%	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
Mrs. F. J. Wilkins (Frank Gates Lot)	100.00	@ 4%	4.00	1.50	5.50	3.50	2.00
Mrs. Delia Steward	100.00	@ 4%	4.00	2.00	6.00	2.50	3.50
David Kervinen Est.	100.00	@ 4%	4.00	2.00	6.00	5.00	1.00
Sanfrid Larson	100.00	@ 4%	4.00	1.75	5.75	3.00	2.75
Harry Daw Est.	100.00	@ 4%	4.00	— .75	3.25	2.50	.75
	<u>1,970.00</u>		<u>78.80</u>	<u>25.42</u>	<u>104.22</u>	<u>63.50</u>	<u>40.72</u>
Error Cora Roberts lot						3.00	
						<u>66.50</u>	

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	75.00	
Int. on Trust Fund	78.80	
Rec'd. sale of Cemetery lots	170.35	
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Total		324.15
PAID:		
E. H. Flint, rakes	4.00	
Payrolls	116.79	
Repairing Maniac's work in Old Cemetery	10.65	
Arthur Haggstrom, Perpetual care of lots	66.50	
Arthur Haggstrom, sale of lots	8.00	
Marks Printing House, record book	11.75	
W. A. Bray, making deeds	10.80	
Error, use of truck Perpetual care lots 1935	4.00	
Unexpended 1936	91.66	
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		324.15

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

To 1933 Commitment	23,496.56	
Supplementary	39.21	
Received on Interest	116.37	
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Net Tax Commitment		23,652.14
Errors in Assessment	22.51	
Discounts Allowed	534.27	
Abatements	6.00	
Non-Res. Delinquent Liens	17.39	
Non-Res. Delinquent real est.	62.70	
Res. Delinquent real est.	32.78	
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Delinquents		
Alfred Akerson	3.00	
Albert Beatham	3.00	
Riner Erickson	3.00	
Leland Kimball	3.00	
Albert Kronholm	5.28	
Albert Lloyd	3.00	
Paul Metcalf	3.57	

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John B. Nelson	3.00
John Ponkala	3.00
Edward Richards	3.00
Fred Russell	7.28
Carroll Smith	3.00
Net Tax returned, 1936	22,933.36

23,652.14

**TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCTS. OF DELINQUENT
TAXES 1935**

Total Delinquent Taxes	88.21
Rec'd. on Interest	.99

Net Tax Commitment	89.20
Abatements	4.43

Delinquents

Oscar Anderson	3.00
Matilda Anderson	27.08
Alfred Akerson	3.00
John Drugge	3.00
Perry Frost	3.00
Albert Lloyd	3.00
William Mackey	5.57
John B. Nelson	3.00
Edward Richards	3.00
Net Tax Returned, 1936	31.12

89.20

**TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCTS. DELINQUENT TAXES
1934**

Total Delinquent Taxes	65.29
Abatements	19.31

Delinquents

Alfred Akerson	3.00
Guy Brown	3.00
Albert Beatham	3.00
Frank Cowan	5.57
Albert Lloyd	3.00
William Mackey	5.85
John B. Nelson	3.00
Edward Richards	4.71
Phil Shaw	3.00

Alton Wentworth	5.85
Net Tax Returned, 1936	6.00

65.29

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCTS. DELINQUENT TAXES
1933

Total Delinquent Taxes	21.10	21.10
Abatements	21.10	

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCTS. DELINQUENT TAXES
1932

Total Delinquent Taxes	70.98
Received on Interest	2.06

Net Tax Commitment		73.04
Abatements	44.22	
Assumed by Tax Collector		
A. L. Brown	9.36	
Net Tax Returned	19.46	

73.04

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1935	102.16
Raised by Town	350.00
Rec'd. A. L. Brown, 1936-35-34-32 Taxes	119.42

571.58

PAID:

Maude Bray	120.00
W. A. Bray	40.00
W. W. Pullen	40.00
Mary Davis	40.00
Nettie Pullen	50.00
Int., Cemetery Trust Fund	78.80
Int., Common School Fund	34.16
Int., Monson Academy Loan	157.00
Unexpended, 1936	11.62

571.58

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

Estimated Value of Town Building	5,600.00
Estimated Value of Fire Engine	200.00
Estimated Value of Hearse	100.00
Estimated Value of Road Tools	100.00
Hose, Pipe and Hydrants	4,200.00
Safe and Vault	450.00
Town Trucks	1,000.00
Gravel Bank	50.00
Fire Pump and Equipment	5,000.00
Uncollected Taxes, 1932	9.36
Uncollected Taxes, 1934	39.98
Uncollected Taxes, 1935	53.65
Uncollected Taxes, 1936	156.00
Due from State, acct. State Paupers	103.85
Due from State, acct. winter plowing	450.06
Due from State, acct. snow fence rental	165.00
Cash on Hand	1,365.22
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	19,043.12

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
Mary Davis Loan @ 4%	1,000.00
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	12,029.00

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,

HARRY W. WING
 EARLE H. JACKSON
 BERNARD F. SANBORN
 Selectmen of Monson, Maine.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Monson, Maine, March 9, 1937.

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

A. L. BRAY, Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT, MONSON, MAINE

F. M. Hescock, Treasurer

Cash on hand	3,418.18
Received:	
Town clerk, dog tax	74.00
Use of Sealer's outfit	3.00
Cemetery lots	170.35
Interest Common School Fund	34.16
Gravel sold	9.00
Rent of Town Hall	26.00
Monson Academy	25.00
T. H. Mountain, Highway	25.65
Poor Account	1.15
Mrs. Edwin Frost, Poor account	44.27
A. & P. Tea Co Store, refund	3.16
Sale of Schoolhouse	12.00
Victualer's licenses	5.00
Pool Room license	10.00
Town of Greenville, highway	2.50
Town of Blanchard, highway	2.50
Tar	46.82
Est. of Ellis Jones, int, to be used for care of cemetery lot	100.00
Est. Sam Ulman, int., to be used for care of cemetery lot pending vote of town	100.00
Est. of Dr. Harry W. Sampson, int. to be used for care of cemetery lot, pending vote of Town	100.00
Mrs. Pearl Swanton, int. to be used for care of cemetery lot, pending vote of town	100.00
STATE TREASURER:	
Blind Pensions	588.00
Bank Stock	52.20
State Paupers	1,487.35

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Use of Trucks	9.00
Highway	3,786.42
50-50 Payroll	50.00
State School Fund	1,803.10
Free Public Library	5.00
Dog license refund	23.87
R. R. and Tel. Tax	2.84
Third Class Highway	1,631.04
Equalization School Fund	476.00
A. L. Brown, Coll. Taxes	22,989.94
Excise Tax	1,013.66
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	38,231.16

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By Paid Orders	30,903.93
STATE TREASURER:	
Use of Shovel	480.38
Use of Compressors	181.80
Town's Apportionment	1,012.70
Snow Removal	360.80
Inst. acct. State Tax	4.33
Highway Patrol	885.00
Dog licenses	74.00
Blind Pension	588.00
Treasurer Free Public Library	5.00
Cemetery Trust Fund	2,070.00
Pending acceptance by Town for Cemetery Trust Fund	300.00
Cash on hand to balance	1,365.22
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	38,231.16

I have examined the books of the Treasurer of the Town of Monson and find them correct.

A. L. BRAY, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**To the School Officials and Citizens of Monson :**

I hereby submit my annual report as superintendent of your schools. The part of this report relating to school conditions in the town has purposely been made very brief. Figures pertaining to tax rates are given for general information. In addition I have pointed out some of the features of a new school finance bill which is being considered at this time.

This year the average of the school rates for the state is .01214 while the average of the municipal rates is .05626. The school rate for the town of Monson is .01541 while the municipal rate is .057. These figures will determine the right of the several towns to participate in the equalization fund. The purpose of this fund is to assist towns where the school maintenance and municipal rates equal or exceed the average rates for the state.

The new school finance bill which has been formulated and is now before the Legislature is an act to guarantee a minimum educational program and to provide for the equalization of educational opportunity for the youth of the state. The bill provides for greater participation on the part of the State in financing the educational activities of all communities. It would establish a foundation program the support of which would be borne one half by the State and one half by the community. In dollars it would cost \$783 per elementary school unit and \$1,305 per high school unit. The bill further provides that the State would share on the same basis the cost of transportation and board of pupil.

This paragraph is to show how the new bill would affect the school funds for Monson. These figures have been compiled by the Department of Education from their latest reports. The appropriation of \$7223 for 1935-36 required a tax rate of .01714. The increase of \$2,941 in state subsidy under the new bill makes it possible for the town of Monson to maintain schools at the same level as 1935-36 with an appropriation of less than \$7223. The increased subsidy may be used to improve the educational opportunity or to decrease the town's appropriation for school support thereby decreasing the property tax and relieving the town to that extent.

SCHOOL PROGRESS

The school procedure during the year has been largely one of carrying on with a program already established. It seems that a policy of following a definite program leads to better progress on the part of the pupils. Although no important changes have been made in the school program more stress has been given to certain phases of school work. At the beginning of the school year the Commissioner of Education called to the attention of school officials certain matters which should be especially emphasized in the school program this year. An account of these matters is given in the following paragraphs.

A special effort is being made to stress the importance of safety as it relates itself to the use of automobiles on our highways. The waste of property and loss of life in this country because of the mis-use of motor driven vehicles is ever increasing. In an endeavor to bring about improved conditions the public schools have an important part, and the Commissioner of Education has called attention to this important phase of school work and has emphasized the fact that in every school a suitable type of program for safety education should become effective.

Again the Commissioner of Education points out the importance of following very closely the State Elementary School Curriculum in all elementary schools in the state. The state law provides that the Department of Education shall furnish a course of study for all elementary schools unless a municipality has developed its own course of study which has been approved by the State Department. We have a helpful course of study and teachers have been urged to become thoroughly familiar with its content and follow it closely.

Because of the widespread demand on the part of teachers, superintendents, parents and citizens in general for an outline study in temperance to be used in the public schools of the State a comprehensive course of study in temperance has been issued by the State Department of Education, and copies have been received and placed in the schools. The course is entitled, The Science of Living, which implies good citizenship and the necessity of practicing total abstinence from all things harmful and moderation in all phases of

human activity. The main objective of the program is to develop correct habits, right attitudes and clear thinking on the part of our school pupils which will lead them to become masters of themselves. For only through such mastery can real contentment and happiness in life be attained. We will have in this curriculum material which will be of value in developing a real science of living. Through the right type of instruction much may be expected in the way of improvement for the youthful citizens of our State.

SCHOOL FUNDS NEEDED

In the January issue of Maine State School Bulletin the Commissioner of Education explains that according to reliable statistics Maine has recovered in prosperity appreciably from the low point of 1933. He calls to the attention of school officials the necessity of providing at the coming March meetings for increased appropriations for support of public schools. He maintains that costs are increasing along all lines and that the school dollar will not anywhere near begin to purchase as much as a school dollar in 1933 when costs were at a low point. He thinks that all school budgets should be planned in such a way as to provide for these increased costs, otherwise educational facilities in our schools will be diminished and a corresponding loss of educational services result for our pupils.

The school budget which has been planned for your consideration shows what it will cost to maintain your schools if salaries remain as they are now. I feel that your school officials cannot assure you that you can expect to secure teachers for your schools at the same salaries you were paying in 1933 when salaries were at a low point. It is to be hoped that some appropriation may be agreed upon which will be fair to the teachers and reasonable to the tax payers.

Very likely we will be having in the near future notices that the prices of textbooks and school supplies have been advanced, but I look for no increases that cannot be taken care of through the usual appropriations this year. The recommendation for school repairs not only includes a sum for regular school repairs, but contains an estimate on the cost for painting the grammar school building.

**REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF
MONSON ACADEMY****To the Superintendent of Schools:**

I hereby present my second annual report as Principal of Monson Academy.

The fall term began September 8 with an enrollment of 66 students in classes as follows: Seniors 12, Juniors 12, Sophomores 21 and Freshmen 21. The average attendance for the fall term was 63.83. There were 30 students who were not absent for any session. We have been more fortunate than many schools in not having any serious outbreak of colds or contagious diseases.

The average number of students making the honor roll each period has been 21. This comprises one third of our present student body which is a very good percentage. Other students have lacked only a few points of making the honor roll and undoubtedly could make it with a little more effort.

Two students were certified under the New England College Certification Board, and both are doing very creditable work in college. Certification of those students maintaining a certain rank is certainly an asset to the school, and a constant incentive to keep the calibre of work in Monson Academy on a high level.

This year there are twelve former students of Monson Academy attending institutions of higher learning. This is equal to the number to be graduated in June. These 12 students are enrolled in the following institutions: Northeastern University 1, Farmington Normal 3, Colby College 1, University of Maine 1, Maine School of Commerce 2, Eastern Maine General Hospital 1, State Hospital 1, and Massachusetts General Hospital 1.

Since the students who have graduated from professional schools in recent years have been able to get positions it would seem that in the light of better economic conditions professional training will prove to be a very valuable investment. To prepare students for professional training and for taking their places in the community even without further study is the very important function of Monson Academy.

New apparatus for the Physics and General Science Courses has been added this year as well as new textbooks in Junior and Senior English. Other textbooks have been replaced, and the school has been well fur-

nished with work books and supplies.

Our laboratory is so small that it is impossible for all students to do individual experiments or even give them working space at the tables, but they are able to observe and gain a good general knowledge of the course.

We have taken advantage of the State Lending Library this year and have purchased a number of books for our library which is under the supervision of a student librarian. We also have subscriptions to several magazines and to a daily paper.

Five Students have had employment on student aid projects through the NYA which has been a help both to them, and in supplementing the work of the teachers and janitor. In no way does this work lessen the duties of either but it does make possible extra services.

The Senior Class has presented a 3 Act play this year and has been active in other ventures to raise money for graduation.

The Dramatic Club will present a One Act Play for the State Contest. The school paper, The Pharetra, with a complete alumni list will be published in April.

The Freshmen Prize Speaking Contest was held in February and the Sophomore Prize Speaking will be held early in March. The practice of the Academy Trustees in awarding prizes is appreciated by the students and townspeople.

A toboggan slide was erected by the Athletic Association in cooperation with the class in Problems of American Democracy.

The basketball team, made up largely of inexperienced players, was not as successful as past teams coached by George Larson, but a large number of boys were afforded good recreation by the sport. For the second time a freshman team was sponsored by the school.

It would be very desirable to have a girls' basketball team in the school, but the cost of practice has prohibited it during the past few years.

The need for a gymnasium in connection with Athletics and Recreational Work, especially when it is necessary to develop inexperienced players, is increasingly felt.

The activities carried on by the Academy have been made possible this year by the very excellent support

of the people of Monson. We intend to make all extra curricula work self-supporting, and we hesitate sometimes to increase our activities lest we impose upon their patronage.

In closing may I again express my appreciation to you, to the school officials, to the parents and townspeople, and to the teachers of Monson who have given me their assistance and cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. STINCHFIELD.

SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1937-1938

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
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Estimate for Receipts:		
State School Fund	1,300.00	
Equalization Fund	400.00	1,700.00
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Town to appropriate		4,100.00

High School Account

Estimate for Expenditures:		
Teachers' wages	4,150.00	
Fuel and Janitor account	425.00	4,575.00
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Estimate for Receipts:		
Academy: State Funds	1,125.00	
Academy: Tuitions	325.00	1,450.00
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Funds provided by town		3,125.00
Source of Town Funds:		
State School Fund	525.00	
Equalization Fund	50.00	575.00
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Funds provided appropriation		2,550.00
List of Appropriations:		
Elementary School Account		4,100.00
High School Account		2,500.00

Library and Laboratory		150.00
Free Textbook Account		350.00
School Supply Account:		
Supplies	300.00	
Equipment	50.00	350.00
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School Repairs Account:		
General	150.00	
Painting	350.00	500.00
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Insurance Account,	118.75	
Light & Power Account	101.25	220.00
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Superintendence Account		400.00

Under the heading of Financial Statements are given detailed information as to funds raised by the town for school purposes, the amount of funds received from the state for school purposes, together with disbursements for the municipal year.

Respectfully yours

C. L. SIDELINGER,

Superintendent of Schools.

February 22, 1937

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1936-1937

Elementary School Account

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1935	562.39	
Raised by town, 1936	4,000.00	
State School Fund	1,303.10	
Equalization Fund	426.00	
Interest Funds	34.16	6,325.65

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' wages:		
Bernice E. Fogg	756.00	
Manda E. Mattson	630.00	
Esther Pennington	630.00	
Vivienne E. Bray	612.00	
Margaret LeClaire	576.00	
Kathleen M. Earley	392.00	
Laurene G. Carlson	98.00	3,694.00

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Fuel account:		
W. J. Champion	22.50	
Milford Copeland	234.00	
C. C. Simpson, coal	55.00	
Labor on fuel	42.50	354.00
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Janitor account:		
Village Schools	333.50	
Vinton School	31.25	
Cleaning at buildings	25.20	
Janitor supplies	36.21	426.16
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School conveyance account:		
Arthur Bjork	294.00	
Arthur R. Day	484.00	
Mrs. Verna Drake	180.00	
Mrs. Opal Nelson	108.00	
Town of Guilford	27.00	
Town of Abbot	54.00	
Ins. on conveyance	14.47	1,161.47
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Tuition paid to towns:		
Town of Guilford	36.00	
Town of Abbot	33.00	69.00
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Unexpended, 1936		621.02
Total funds available		<hr/> 6,325.65

High School Account

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1935	500.00	
Raised by town, 1936	1,500.00	
State School Fund	500.00	
Equalization Fund	50.00	2,550.00
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EXPENDITURES

To Treasurer Monson		
Academy	2,050.00	
Unexpended, 1936	500.00	2,550.00
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LIBRARY AND LABORATORY ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1935	75.57	
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Raised by town, 1936	150.00	225.57
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EXPENDITURES

Expenditures for library:

Reference books	24.00	
Assorted library books	25.61	
Reading table	12.45	
Periodicals, papers, etc,	33.75	95.81

Expenditures for laboratory:

Laboratory equipment	49.80	
Laboratory supplies	16.93	66.73

Unexpended, 1936:

Library Account	26.88	
Laboratory account	36.15	63.03

FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1935	93.57	
Raised by town	350.00	
Monson Academy	12.50	456.07

EXPENDITURES

Elementary school textbooks	192.49	
High school textbooks	159.12	
Unexpended, 1936	104.46	456.07

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1935	70.49	
Raised by town	300.00	
Monson Academy	12.50	382.99

EXPENDITURES

Paper supply	93.81	
General supplies	133.32	
Workbooks	30.42	
Trucking	7.00	
Office account	29.85	
Graduation certificates	7.80	302.20

Unexpended, 1936		80.79
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**SCHOOL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT
RECEIPTS**

Unexpended, 1935	4.81	
Raised by town	50.00	54.81

EXPENDITURES

Water cooler	4.75	
Clock for schoolroom	9.33	
Unexpended, 1936	40.73	54.81

**SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT
RECEIPTS**

Raised by town		150.00
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EXPENDITURES

Overdraft, 1935	9.05	
Material for floors	31.80	
Material for repairs	46.05	
Paid in account of labor	53.55	
Unexpended, 1936	9.55	150.00

**SCHOOL INSURANCE ACCOUNT
RECEIPTS**

Unexpended, 1935	23.85	
Raised by town	140.00	163.85

EXPENDITURES

Policies on two pianos	18.40	
Policy on Vinton building	26.25	
Policy on Grammar building	118.75	
Unexpended, 1936	.45	163.85

**LIGHT AND POWER ACCOUNT
RECEIPTS**

Unexpended, 1935	20.56	
Raised by town	95.00	115.56

EXPENDITURES

Monson Light & Power Co.	99.76	
Unexpended, 1936	15.80	115.56

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SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1935	58.80	
Raised by town	230.00	288.80

EXPENDITURES

C. L. Sidelinger	282.00	
Unexpended, 1936	6.80	288.80

SCHOOL FLAG ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1935		17.83
Paid :Two flags	12.90	
Unexpended, 1936	4.93	17.83

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 Town Hall in said town of Monson the 22nd day of March A. D. 1937 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 see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of the Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

ART. 5. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. 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. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of poor.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges, and how the same shall be expended.

ART. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray all incidental and town charges and for miscellaneous purposes.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the care of sidewalks and how the same shall be expended.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest on town debts.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for free text books.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Superintendent of Schools Salary.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for free high school and how the same shall be expended, and to authorize the school committee to make a contract with the Trustees of Monson Academy.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for high school library and laboratory.

ART. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school supplies and equipment.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of schoolhouses.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Memorial Day services.

ART. 20. 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.

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the improvement of the 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. 22. To see if the town will vote to author-

ize 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.

ART. 23. 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.

ART. 24. 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. 25. To see if the town will vote to accept a W. P. A. project of repairing and surfacing, suitable for tar surface, the North Guilford road and raise money for the same.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to allow a sliding scale of discount and how much on taxes paid prior to August 15, 1937.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid September 15, 1937, interest to begin on September 1, 1937, and what rate of interest shall be charged.

ART. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for street lights for the ensuing year.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Monson Free Public Library.

ART. 30. 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. 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for purchase of school flags.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of Money to be paid to Monson Band for evening concerts.

ART. 33. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the fire department.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to raise one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for School Health Nurse and

authorize the Selectmen and Superintendent of Schools to hire the same.

ART. 35. 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.

ART. 36. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for insurance on school buildings and for power and lights.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to authorize and instruct the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money for town purposes.

ART. 38. 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 1937 and 1938, and to execute and deliver the negotiable promissory note or notes of the town therefor.

ART. 39. 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. 40. 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. 41. To see what action the town will take in regard to the purchase of land for a new cemetery plot and make arrangements for payment of same.

ART. 42. 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. 43. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and pay on town debts.

ART. 44. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Mother's Aid.

ART. 45. To see what part of the winter roads the town will vote to have plowed and raise money for the same.

ART. 46. 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.

ART. 47. 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. 48. 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. 49. 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. 50. To see what action the town will take in regard to repairs on Town Road signs and raise money for the same.

ART. 51. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars to be used for Athletic purposes in Monson Academy, the same to be expended through the Academy Athletic Association under the direction of the Principal.

ART. 52. To see what action the town will take in regard to the purchase of a 500 gal. Pumping Fire Engine and raise money for same, if necessary.

ART. 53. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars each, the same to be held in trust, the income to be used for perpetual care of the cemetery lots of Sam Ulman, Dr. Harry W. Sampson, William H. Fogg, John L. Johnson and Mrs. Pearl Swanton, the money to be paid to the Town Treasurer by May 1, 1937.

ART. 54. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at Monson, Maine this 13th day of March, A. D. 1937.

HARRY W. WING

EARLE H. JACKSON

BERNARD F. SANBORN

Selectmen of Monson, Maine.



