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Annual Report
of the
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
of the
Town of
MONSON
MAINE

For the year 1937-1938



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Annual Report
of the
TOWN OF MONSON, MAINE.
by the
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
Including
Report of Superintendent of Schools
for the
Municipal Year 1937-1938

Municipal Officers, 1937-1938

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

PAUL A. JACKSON

A. L. BRAY

BERNARD F. SANBORN

Road Commissioner

THOMAS H. MOUNTAIN

Town Clerk

W. HARRY HUGHES

Town Treasurer

FRED M. HESCOCK

Tax Collectors

ARTHUR L. BROWN

C. C. BROWN

School Committee

A. L. BRAY

MARTHA CRANE

GEORGE P. PULLEN

Superintendent of Schools

CLAUDE L. SIDELINGER

Sexton

ARTHUR E. HAGGSTROM

Fire Chief

D. C. WEEKS

Health Officer

HARRY W. DAVIS

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRED M. HESCOCK

Town Auditor

F. G. MARSHALL

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN
VALUATION APRIL 1, 1937

Real Estate, resident	192,775.00	
Real Estate, non-res.	156,065.00	
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Total Real Estate		348,840.00
Personal Estate, resident	36,641.00	
Personal Estate, non-res.	13,745.00	
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Total Amt. Personal Est.		50,386.00
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Grand Total Amount		399,226.00
Raised by Town at Annual Meeting		20,972.70
State Tax, 1937		3,048.78
County Tax, 1937		840.12
Overlay		114.96
Rate of Taxation	.06	
Polls taxed	341	
Polls not taxed	24	

PERSONAL PROPERTY—LIVE STOCK

48	Horses	4,640.00
128	Cows	4,685.00
5	Bulls	200.00
14	Three year olds	420.00
10	Two year olds	265.00
236	Poultry	118.00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

31	One year olds	425.00
35	Sheep	105.00
33	Swine	268.00
1582	Poultry	791.00

RAISED BY TOWN MARCH 1937

Incidentals	2,000.00
Town Poor	2,500.00
Roads & Bridges, Winter Plowing	
Apply Excise Tax	3,000.00
State Aid Road	1,012.70
Sidewalks	50.00
Fire Engine	2,000.00
Street Lights	500.00

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Mothers' Aid	375.00
Monson Free Public Library	50.00
Monson Band	50.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Repairs on Town Road Signs	60.00
Town Debts	500.00
Interest	575.00
Common Schools	4,100.00
Free High School	2,000.00
School Supplies and Equipment	350.00
Supt. Schools Salary	280.00
Text Books	350.00
School Library & Laboratory	150.00
School Repairs	500.00
School Light, Power & Insurance	220.00
School Nurse	150.00
School Physician	50.00
Athletic Purposes, Monson Academy	100.00

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	2,000.00
Received:	
Hall Rent	7.50
Victualer's License	3.00
Pool Room License	10.00
Use of Sealer's Outfit	2.00
Aslek Hanson, on Burma School	60.00
Tax on Bank Stock	56.37
Dog Tax Refund	14.13
R. R. & Tel. Tax	2.96
Overdraft, 1937	1.11

 2,157.07

PAID:	
Overdraft, 1936	392.64
J. H. Gilbert, postage	3.00
E. H. Jackson, town reports	59.60
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books	28.75
Expenses of Fire Committee	6.55
A. C. Dyer, transfers	3.70
Monson Light & Power Co.	42.14
Mrs. Walter Robinson, storage	5.00

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Laura J. Varney, vaccine	2.00
Stanley Stevens, Night Watch, July 2, 3, 4	13.50
Charles Holmquist Night Watch, July 2, 3, 4	13.50
Edward Johnson, voting lists	1.00
J. Willis Tarr, ballot clerk	4.00
Frank W. Nelson, ballot clerk	4.00
Merton H. Grover, ballot clerk	4.00
A. L. Bray ballot clerk	4.00
W. A. Bray, Water for Town Bldgs.	12.00
Francis G. Marshall, Ins. on Firemen	85.00
W. Harry Hughes, Ins. on Town Hall	27.75
W. & L. E. Gurley, Supplies for Sealer	.78
County Treasurer, Barrows Falls Bridge	24.30
G. P. Pullen, Supplies for Town Bldg.	16.23
D. C. Weeks, Supplies and Labor on Town Bldg.	17.65
Erick L. Erickson, Attendance Officer	5.00
G. P. Pullen, School Committee	20.00
Martha Crane, School Committee	20.00
A. L. Bray, School Committee	20.00
D. C. Weeks, Payrolls on Fires	24.50
F. M. Hescoek, Town Treas., Sealer and Postage	102.00
W. Harry Hughes, Clerk, Vital Statistics, etc.	48.44
A. L. Brown, moderator	4.00

Bernard F. Sanborn, Wood Town Bldg.	10.00	
Harry Davis, Wood Town Bldg.	12.00	
Harry Davis, Forest Fire Service	12.00	
Harry Davis, Health Officer	18.45	
Paul A. Jackson, Salary, Postage, etc.	302.29	
A. L. Bray, Salary, Postage, etc.	151.25	
Bernard F. Sanborn, Salary	125.00	
A. L. Brown, Coll. Commission 1937 Tax	342.85	
A. L. Brown, Coll. Commission, Excise Tax	23.95	
C. C. Brown, Coll. Commission, 1937 Tax	134.12	
C. C. Brown, Coll. Commission, Excise Tax	.13	
F. G. Marshall, Town Auditor	10.00	
		2,157.07

TOWN POOR ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	2,500.00	
John A. Johnson, on Acct.	5.00	
O. A. Nesberg, on acct.	30.00	
Overdraft, 1937	884.73	
		3,419.73
PAID:		
Overdraft, 1936	1,060.45	
Mary Spencer	104.40	
Gunnard Mattson	10.00	
Dudley Girl	161.77	
John A. Johnson	82.93	
Maurice Johnson	216.57	
Leland Kimball	144.16	
Ed Richards	306.14	
Marion Boulier	175.48	

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Perry Frost	149.00
Albert Kronholm	205.55
John Arnold	112.50
Oscar Anderson	16.61
Florence Jackson	18.16
Sam Nesbit	490.21
Tramps	9.80
Harding child	156.00

3,419.73

STATE POOR ACCOUNT

Due from State, 1936 Acc't.	103.85
Oscar Bennett	487.10
Marshall Lovejoy	125.18
Herbert Rose	28.53

744.66

Rec'd. from State	639.90
Dr. Marsh,	
(Refund Oscar Bennett)	2.00
H. W. Wing,	
(Refund, Lovejoy boy)	1.14
Due from State	101.62

744.66

HIGHWAYS, ROADS AND BRIDGES

Unexpended, 1936	740.30
Raised by Town	3,000.00
Rec'd:	
Sidewalk Account	50.00
Trucks, State Aid	306.25
Trucks, Third Class	123.72
Trucks, Unimproved Roads	183.75
Excise Tax	1,204.03
Trucks, Local	49.50
Trucks, T. H. Mountain	22.15
State Aid Cement Acc't.	12.00
Tarring, A. S. Knight	10.30

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State, 50—50	50.00	
State, Trucks	247.21	
State, Snow Payroll	981.50	
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Overdraft, 1937	1,164.30	8,145.01
PAID:		
Payrolls	2,686.31	
Materials	532.30	
Winter Plowing	1,863.75	
Gas, Oil & Repairs	1,292.33	
Ins. on Trucks, E. H. Jackson	44.42	
Maintenance	890.10	
Maintenance, Unimproved road	27.47	
State Aid	447.53	
State, for Winter Plowing	360.80	8,145.01
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STATE AID ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	1,012.70	
Unmatched, 1936	53.30	
Unexpended, 1936	134.05	
Error, Unexpended 1936	2.50	
State Apport., 3rd Class	1,495.12	
State Apportionment	1,066.00	
From Highway	447.53	
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		4,211.20

PAID:		
Payrolls	1523.73	
Materials	757.52	
Third Class Acc't.	746.65	
Error, Overpaid Payrolls	.40	
State Shovel	317.25	
State Compressor	26.40	
Trucks	306.25	
Unmatched, 1937	533.00	
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		4,211.20

THIRD CLASS ROAD

State Aid Account	746.65
PAID:	

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Payrolls	425.03	
Materials	53.90	
State Shovel	144.00	
Trucks	123.72	
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		746.65

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT

Raised by Town		50.00
Transferred to Highway Acc't.		50.00

STREET LIGHTS

Unexpended, 1936	1.99	
Raised by Town	500.00	
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		501.99

PAID:

Monson Light & Power Co.	497.77	
Unexpended, 1937	4.22	
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		501.99

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Unexpended, 1936	472.96	
R. B. Dunning, Refund	12.26	
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		485.22

PAID:

R. B. Dunning	44.79
G. P. Pullen	24.82
American LaFrance Co., (Hose)	156.00
A. R. Day, repairs	33.85
C. C. Brown, lumber	10.57
Fay & Scott	9.95
Arthur H. Blanchard Co.	36.00
W. Cushing Co., coal	27.00
H. E. Smith	1.50
Ed Dutra	5.90
D. C. Weeks, care Fire Equip.	50.00
D. C. Weeks,	
Chimney Fires & Labor	37.30
Mrs. Reuben LeClaire	

(Fire Whistle)	5.00	
Unexpended	42.54	485.22

Report of Chief of Fire Department

At the Town meeting in March 1937 a committee was appointed to buy a fire engine. This committee attended to their duties, inspected several engines at different towns and finally decided to buy a Buffalo engine mounted on a Ford chassis.

This new engine was delivered in June, and in my opinion it adds a great deal to the protection of the town.

Shortly after the new engine was delivered a new Fire Company, of sixteen men, was organized. At their first meeting it was voted to go out for practice at four o'clock each Thursday afternoon. I wish to call your special attention to the fact that no man has received pay while at practice, which I think will relieve some of the people of the town to know that no money has been spent for this purpose.

In the Fall the Company voted to hold a regular meeting at the Town Hall on the first Thursday of each month.

Two dances have been held by the Company which were very successful and the sum of \$72 was cleared. We wish to thank all those that helped to make these dances a success.

Nine rubber coats and six rubber hats have been purchased by the Department and we have been given one coat.

We have made a twenty-four foot extension ladder for use on a long roof.

I feel that the practice that the men got last summer will be a great help to them if they should be called for fire duty.

We have had twenty-two chimney fires, two forest fires, and two building fires which have amounted to a very small loss.

We recommend to the School Committee that a telephone be installed in the Academy building for use in case of fire, and that fire drills be held in all the schools.

Respectfully submitted.

D. C. WEEKS, Chief.

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MOTHERS' AID ACCOUNT

Raised by Town		375.00
PAID:		
Overdraft of 1936	14.00	
State Treasurer	180.00	
Unexpended 1937	181.00	
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		375.00

MONSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Raised by Town		50.00
Expended by Town		50.00

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, 1936		50.00
Unexpended, 1937		50.00

REPAIRS ON TOWN ROAD SIGNS

Raised by Town		60.00
PAID:		
Materials	5.04	
A. M. McKusick (Lettering)	16.00	
Unexpended	38.96	
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		60.00

FIRE ENGINE

Raised by Town	2,000.00	
Hired by Town	1,500.00	
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		3,500.00
PAID:		
Buffalo Fire Appliance Corp.	2,814.73	

A. R. Day, (Ford Chassis)	659.70	
Unexpended	25.51	
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CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1936	91.66	
Interest on Trust Funds	102.80	
Rec'd. sale of Cemetery Lots	46.35	
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PAID:		
Payrolls	125.16	
Arthur Haggstrom, Perpetual care	84.25	
Arthur Haggstrom, Sale of lots	3.00	
W. A. Bray, making deeds	4.05	
Unexpended	24.35	
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TRUST FUND FOR CARE

A. F. Jackson	100.00
Carroll Pullen	50.00
A. W. Chapin	200.00
Elizabeth Pullen (Patien Lot)	200.00
Harriet Crafts	70.00
John Randall	100.00
Charles 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 (Frank Gates Lot)	100.00
Mrs. Delia Steward	100.00
David Kervinen Est.	100.00
Sanfred Larson	100.00
Harry Daw Est.	100.00
Cora Roberts	100.00
Sam Ulman	100.00
Dr. Harry W. Sampson	100.00
William H. Fogg	100.00
John L. Johnson	100.00
Mrs. Pearl Swanton (Crawford Lot)	100.00
	2,570.00

OF CEMETERY LOTS, 1937

	Unexpend.		Total	Expended	Unexpend.
	Int.	1936		1937	1937
4%	4.00	3.00	7.00	3.50	3.50
4%	2.00	— .50	1.50	2.50	— 1.00
4%	8.00	5.00	13.00	7.00	6.00
4%	8.00	4.50	12.50	7.00	5.50
4%	2.80	.97	3.77	2.75	1.02
4%	4.00	.50	4.50	3.50	1.00
4%	4.00	— .50	3.50	3.50	
4%	4.00	2.50	6.50	3.50	3.00
4%	8.00	7.00	15.00	6.50	8.50
4%	4.00	3.50	7.50	4.00	3.50
4%	4.00	1.25	5.25	3.75	1.50
4%	4.00	3.50	7.50	3.50	4.00
4%	2.00		2.00	2.00	
4%	4.00	2.00	6.00	3.75	2.25
4%	4.00	3.50	7.50	3.00	4.50
4%	4.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
4%	4.00	2.75	6.75	4.00	2.75
4%	4.00	.75	4.75	3.50	1.25
4%	4.00	— 3.00	1.00	1.00	
4%	4.00		4.00	3.50	.50
4%	4.00		4.00		4.00
4%	4.00		4.00	3.50	.50
4%	4.00		4.00	2.50	1.50
4%	4.00		4.00	3.50	.50
	<u>102.80</u>	<u>37.72</u>	<u>140.52</u>	<u>84.25</u>	<u>56.27</u>

MAINTENANCE OF UNIMPROVED ROADS

State Apportionment	445.68	
From Highway Account	27.47	
		473.15

PAID:		
Payrolls	249.40	
Materials	40.00	
Trucks	183.75	
		473.15

SCHOOL NURSE ACCOUNT

Raised by Town		150.00
PAID:		
Mrs. Laura Varney		150.00

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN'S ACCOUNT

Unexpended 1936	14.00	
Raised by Town	50.00	
Mrs. Laura Varney Refund	3.00	
		67.00
PAID:		
Norman H. Nickerson, M. D.	30.00	
Treasurer of State X-Rays	12.00	
Unexpended	25.00	
		67.00

ATHLETIC PURPOSES MONSON ACADEMY

Raised by Town		100.00
Expended by Town		100.00

TOWN DEBT

Raised by Town		500.00
Paid on Guilford Trust Co. Note		500.00

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Unexpended 1936	11.62	
		759.98

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PAID:

Mary Davis Order No. 76	40.00
Maude Bray Orders Nos. 45, 46 and 1,086	120.00
W. A. Bray, Order No. 66	40.00
W. W. Pullen, Order No. 1,055	40.00
Nettie Pullen	50.00
Guilford Trust Co.	176.02
Common School Account	34.16
Interest on Academy Loan	157.00
Interest on Cemetery Trust Funds	102.80

759.98

Raised by Town	575.00
Received C. C. Brown, Collector	93.10
Interest on P. W. Smith Note	1.98
Interest on Harry Davis Note	9.00
Overdraft, 1937	69.28

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

To 1937 Commitment	24,976.56
Supplementary	3.00

Net tax commitment to A. L. Brown	24,979.56
Net Tax Returned A. L. Brown	17,142.35
Balance Due	7,837.21

24,979.56

To 1937 Commitment	7,837.21
Supplementary	15.00
Received on Interest, C. C. Brown	93.10

Net Tax Commitment to C. C. Brown	7,945.31
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Errors in Assessment	21.90
Abatements	27.63
Non-Resident Delinquent	8.70
Non-Resident Delinquent Liens	104.80
Resident Delinquent Liens	109.00

DELINQUENTS

Carl and Harry Brasier	30.00
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Carl Brasier	19.50
Earl Brasier	3.00
Charles Bean	3.60
John Conley	10.00
Alvin Cowan	3.60
George Carlson	3.00
C. E. Choate	333.00
Ernest Deggerstrom	28.80
John Drugge	3.00
Perry Frost	3.00
Morrill Forbus	4.50
William Jacobson	3.00
Walter Storer	16.00
Fred Russell	3.00
Richard Ravel	9.50
Margarette Poole	29.10
John B. Nelson	3.00
William Mackie	7.20
Emil Mackie	4.80
Raymond LaBree	7.20
Albert Lloyd	3.00
Rudolph Erickson	5.00
Ryner Erickson	3.00
Phil Shaw	7.50
Harold Smith	9.00
Leon Wilkins	6.90
Eastern Gum Co.	51.00
Harry Davis	354.00
Net Tax Returned	6,706.08

7,945.31

**TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCTS. OF DELINQUENT
TAXES, 1936**

Total Delinquent Taxes	43.13
Delinquents	
Alfred Akerson	3.00
Albert Beatham	3.00
Ryner Erickson	3.00
Leland Kimball	3.00
Albert Lloyd	3.00
Paul Metcalf	3.57
John B. Nelson	3.00

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John Ponkala	3.00
Edward Richards	3.00
Fred Russell	7.28
Carroll Smith	3.00
Albert Kronholm	5.28

 43.13

 TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCTS. OF DELINQUENT
TAXES, 1935

Total Delinquent Taxes	53.65
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 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 Mackie	5.57
John B. Nelson	3.00
Edward Richards	3.00

 53.65

 TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCTS. OF DELINQUENT
TAXES, 1934

Total Delinquent Taxes	39.98
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Abatements	3.00
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 Delinquents

Alfred Akerson	3.00
Albert Beatham	3.00
Frank Cowan	5.57
Albert Lloyd	3.00
William Mackie	5.85
John B. Nelson	3.00
Edward Richards	4.71
Phil Shaw	3.00
Alton Wentworth	5.85

 39.98

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets

Estimated Value of Town Bldgs.	5,600.00
Road Tools	100.00
Hose, Pipe and Hydrants	4,200.00
Safe and Vault	450.00
Town Trucks	700.00
Gravel Bank	50.00
Elec. Fire Pump and Equip.	5,000.00
Buffalo Fire Pumper	3,500.00
Uncollected Taxes, 1934	36.98
Uncollected Taxes, 1935	53.65
Uncollected Taxes, 1936	43.13
Del. Real Est and Liens, 1936	112.87
Uncollected Taxes, 1937	967.20
Del. Real Est. and Liens, 1937	222.50
Due from State Acct. State Paupers	101.62
Due from State Winter Plowing	233.60
Due from State snow fence rental	165.00
Cash on hand	944.04

22,480.59

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
Long Term Note Guilford Trust @ 5%	1,000.00

13,029.00

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,

PAUL A. JACKSON

A. L. BRAY

BERNARD F. SANBORN

Selectmen of Monson, Maine.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Monson, Maine, March 8, 1938

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, Treasurer, 1937

Cash on hand	1,365.22
Cash on hand cemetery trust fund	2,370.00
Received:	
Town Clerk dog tax	75.00
Use of sealers' outfit	2.00
Cemetery Lots	46.35
Interest common school account	34.16
Rent of Town Hall	7.50
Monson Academy Tuition	20.00
Poor Account	35.00
Victualers' licenses	3.00
Poolroom account	10.00
Sale of Burmah school house	60.00
Refund State Paupers	3.14
Refund School account	3.00
Gravel sold	2.00
Monson Me. Slate Co. use of truck	34.00
Refund R. B. Dunning Co.	12.23
Interest on notes	10.98
Town of Blanchard Highway	13.50
Tarring account	10.30
T. H. Mountain Highway	34.15
Mrs. J. L. Johnson Estate inst. to be used for care of cemetery lot	100.00
Arthur Fogg, inst. to be used for care of W. H. Fogg cemetery lot	100.00
Hired of Guilford Trust Co.	5,500.00
A. L. Brown Coll. taxes	17,142.35
A. L. Brown, Coll. excise tax	1,197.64
A. L. Brown 1934 Delinquent tax	5.90
C. C. Brown, Coll. tax	6,706.08
C. C. Brown Coll. excise tax	6.39

Received State Treasurer:

Blind Pensions	504.00
Bank Stock	56.37
State Paupers	639.90
Use of Truck	240.21
Highway	3,888.15
50-50 Pay Roll	50.00
Snow Payroll	981.50
State School Fund	1,782.57
Dog License refund	14.13
Free Public Library	5.00
R. R. & Tel. Tax	2.96
Equalization school fund	442.00

43,516.71

By Paid Orders

40,308.75

State Treasurer:

Use of Shovel	461.25
Use of Compressor	26.40
Town's Apportionment	533.00
Snow Removal	360.80
General Tar Acct.	204.80
Dog Licenses	75.00
Treasurer Free Public Library	5.00
Blind Pensions	504.00
Bank Checking privilege fee,	4.92
Porcupine Bounties	88.75
Amount on Hand to Balance	944.04

43,516.71

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

F. G. MARSHALL, Auditor.

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

I am submitting herewith my annual report as your superintendent of schools. In these annual reports we attempt to briefly review the activities of the schools for the past year and give in some detail the needs of the schools for the coming year. In this report mention is being made of several matters pertaining to the school program.

Tax rates largely determine the right of the several towns to participate in the distribution of the Equalization Fund. This year the average of the school rates for the state is .01243 while the average of the municipal rates is .05736. The school rate for the town is .01702 while the municipal rate is .060. Many towns have high tax rates and the maintenance of satisfactory schools become a real sacrifice on the part of the tax payer. Citizens should realize, however, that the appropriation of funds for the education of their children is the most important function of a municipality. Appropriations for other purposes, no matter how important they may be, should not be made at the expense of the appropriation for public education.

Due to the increase in the amount of the Equalization Fund through emergency action at a special session of the Legislature held late in October, 1937, a more generous distribution has been made available to many towns. Because of the fact that in many towns expenditures for teaching, equipment and instructional material had been decreased during the past five or six years it was considered advisable to utilize a substantial amount of the Equalization Fund for these purposes.

I understand that some changes may be made by the State Department in the manner of distribution of this fund for December, 1938. There is no assurance that towns will receive an amount in 1938 similar to that received in 1937. Towns may be allocated smaller or larger amounts depending upon the educational needs of the receiving towns. It seems that it will be the purpose of the Department to work out a plan whereby the Equalization Fund will be allocated to those towns

where school rates considerably in excess of the average of rates for the state fail to produce a satisfactory minimum of educational efficiency.

SCHOOL PROGRESS

There have been no material changes in school conditions and school procedure during the year. The same schools are being maintained and there have been no changes in teachers. The enrollment at the beginning of the school year in September was as follows: Upper Grammar School, 39; Lower Grammar School, 40; Intermediate School, 37; Upper Primary School, 19; Lower Primary School, 28; and Vinton School, 6. At this time we are not planning for any great changes in school procedure for the coming year. Each teacher is furnished with a copy of the State Elementary School Curriculum and we are endeavoring to adapt the work therein to the needs of the community.

Our school program must concern itself with the all-round happy and satisfying development of our children. It includes, of course, giving children a mastery of those aspects of the three R's and of history, geography and science necessary to effective living in the world as it is. It includes the development of sound bodies and sound personalities. It includes the development of special aptitudes and interests. It includes helping children to develop a deep-rooted social consciousness that is essential to character and essential to citizenship.

To succeed with this broader type of education it is essential that the schools be in charge of efficient and well-trained teachers. At this time there seems to be a shortage of this type of teacher with the result that better salaries must be paid or else schools will be in charge of inefficient and poorly trained teachers. Because of this shortage of teachers and the higher costs of living, many are unwilling to accept positions in communities offering only a low wage scale. Your town is very fortunate in being able to secure the present teachers at the low wage scale you now have. If you had to depend upon teachers from other places, the wage scale would have to be increased at least 20 per cent. One of the present needs is for funds with

which to encourage the teachers to attend summer schools by offering them increases in salaries.

Because of the fact that in many towns expenditures for textbooks, supplies, teaching equipment, reference material, library and laboratory supplies, and equipment have been deaced materially during the past few years, the Commissioner of Education considered it advisable to utilize a substantial amount of the Equalization Fund for these purposes. Your town has made its usual appropriation annually for these purposes but the cost for textbooks, supplies and other school material has increased considerably, and without the help we are having from the Equalization Fund you could not continue to supply the schools as we have been doing without making larger appropriations for them.

THE PROLONGATION OF EDUCATION

Public education for a majority of young people in a generation has gone forward from the 14th to the 18th year. It has long been held that schools are maintained for the good of the individual, that is, so that young people of persistence and ability may be able to prepare themselves as scholars or as professional or administrative leaders. It has also been held that schools are maintained so that the state itself may be safe in the hands of those who direct it. Until the present century, these two objectives were the ones most commonly considered.

Now a third objective for the public schools has been well established. It gives less consideration to the ambitions of the individual and to the developmental needs of the state as an organization. It looks rather to the social welfare of all pupils. It holds that a purpose of public schools is to train children so that they will live more safely, more productively, and more happily than they would without their school education.

For each decade since 1890 the enrollment of children between the fourteenth and eighteenth years has doubled and a primary reason for this is the fact that in each decade the number of jobs available for immature youth has rapidly and consistently decreased.

It is a necessary development as it alone keeps from idleness a majority of young people through the restless years of fourteen to eighteen. The high school of a decade ago was a school of preparation for personal advantage. The high school of today is of necessity a school for the development of all young people. Since there are now enrolled in the high schools those who will perform the manual, the mechanical, the monotonous labor of the state and those who will become the civic, the social, and the political workers, the high school must be organized not for the earlier selected group, but for the much larger one which will pass from the high school into common citizenship. These need an education that recognizes that for most of us, this is a world not of books but of machines and people.

SCHOOL REPAIRS

At the last annual meeting in addition to the amount raised for general repairs and material for the up-keep of the school buildings funds were raised for painting the village school building. As you know this building was painted two coats during the summer and the cost for material and labor was not quite three hundred, fifty dollars. This does not include the cost for some repair work that had to be done before the painting. The greater part of cost given for general repairs was for material including material used on the floors.

Anyone working about the school buildings can see considerable work that should be done in the way of repairs and yet can be left for another year. There are the two floors which we have mentioned in several annual reports and which are becoming no better because of wear and time. Only a small sum is being raised annually for purchasing material and making general repairs. That really is not much when one stops to consider just what has to be done about the buildings. As we have already mentioned in connection with expenditures for last year a large part of the appropriation is used for purchasing material.

School Funds

The present distribution of the Equalization Fund is not to be considered in any way as a tax reduction measure. The law clearly determines this in stating

that the Equalization Fund shall be allocated for improving educational standards beyond those provided by current appropriations. No part of the fund can be utilized for reducing appropriations at the annual meeting of the town. Towns at their annual meetings in 1938 should make appropriations at least on a level with those made in 1937. Otherwise they may forfeit any right to share in the distribution of the Equalization Fund in 1938.

It appears that in order to share in the distribution of the Equalization Fund for December, 1938, we must plan appropriations on a level with those made in 1937. As a matter of fact there seems nothing else you can do and provide for the school needs. Even with an equal appropriation for elementary school purposes quite a sum must be taken from the amount now unexpended in order to maintain the present wage scale. The funds available for high school purposes for last year were made up from an appropriation of two thousand dollars and an unexpended sum of five hundred dollars. To provide an equal amount of twenty-five hundred dollars for the coming year all of the twenty-five hundred dollars must be appropriated at the annual meeting.

The appropriations recommended for textbooks and school supplies are on a level with those made in March, 1937. Funds allocated from the 1937 Equalization Funds will, most likely, off-set for the present the increase in the cost of textbooks and supplies. A definite appropriation for the high school library and laboratory is a state requirement. The amount that can be used for school repairs will depend on the amount you think you can appropriate. The amount of insurance on school buildings renewed last year was only twenty-five hundred dollars. The amount of insurance to be renewed this coming year is just double that amount. Therefore a larger appropriation must be made for insurance. The changes in the rates for power reduces the cost for lights and power for school use, and a smaller appropriation for light and power than you have been making is possible for this year.

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

I hereby present my first annual report as Principal of Monson Academy. Facts concerning the first part of the fall term have been taken from records left by Mr. Stinchfield.

Monson Academy opened its 90th year on September 7 with an enrollment of sixty-four students. Of this number 11 are Seniors, 13 are Juniors, 21 are Sophomores, and 19 are Freshmen. The attendance has been good this year. Nearly one third of the total enrollment have not missed a session.

Principal Philip A. Stinchfield and Miss Ruth R. Russell both returned in the fall. Mr. Roy Sinclair of Stratton, a graduate of Bates College, was elected to take the place of Harold Smith, who resigned to become Principal of Winter Harbor High School. Mr. Sinclair was Principal of Flagstaff High School for two years and for the past two years was Sub-master of Sabattus High school.

Mr. Ralph Wentworth of Bangor received his degree from the University of Maine in the class of 1937. He was active in language clubs and musical work at the University. Mr. Wentworth has taken over the position left vacant by the resignation of Miss Charlotte LeClaire, who is now an assistant at Brownville High School. The addition of Mr. Wentworth to the faculty as a full time teacher has enabled the school to offer a full group of studies in English, the Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences each year, where it has been necessary to alternate some of them in the past.

In addition to the regular course of study Mrs. Laura Varney has given a course in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick to the girls of the Senior and Junior classes. This class met three hours each week during the first semester and the girls were given practical demonstrations in methods of caring for small children and invalids.

Mr. Stinchfield left at the Thanksgiving recess. I took over his work here at that time.

There are twelve graduates of Monson Academy attending institutions of higher learning. Of this number three are at the University of Maine, three at Farm-

ington Normal school, two at Gray's Business college in Portland, and one each at Eastern Maine General Hospital, Northeastern University, State Street Hospital and Hartford Academy of Hairdressing. All reports from these institutions have been extremely good.

Some new apparatus for the Science Course has been added to the existing supply this year. Many valuable additions have been made to the library in reference books, fiction and biography. We are using books from the State Library again and find them helpful in that they increase the variety of books we can offer the students. We have subscriptions to several magazines and to a daily paper.

Three students have employment through the N. Y. A. which helps them as well as providing some extra services at the school.

The new game of six man football was tried out in the fall under the direction of Mr. Stinchfield and Mr. Sinclair. Only one game was played but a large number of boys practiced regularly. We feel that this sport has a future in schools of our size. The basketball team, coached by Mr. Sinclair, and made up of inexperienced boys, was not as successful as in years past, but managed to win six games in County competition. Games have been played by the Freshman team and by a second team. In all twenty-five boys have taken part in this program. Plans are underway for a Winter Sport Carnival, which will consist of events for both boys and girls.

In non-athletic activities the school has also been active. The Senior Class gave their annual play in the fall and have held food sales, candy sales, and a supper to raise money for graduation. The Freshman and Sophomore classes have held their speaking contests. The editorial staff of the Pharetra are at work on that publication which will appear in March or April. The Dramatic Club will enter a one-act play in the State Contest.

We have appreciated the assistance given our extra-curricula activities by the people of Monson. The money raised by the town helped the school to keep a full list of activities where otherwise it might have been impossible to do so.

In closing, I want to thank the school officials, the parents and townspeople, and teachers of Monson who have given their assistance and cooperation, which is so essential to the continued success of our school.

Respectfully submitted,

LINDON E. CHRISTIE, Principal.

THE SCHOOL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
THE SCHOOL BUDGET

1938-1939

Elementary School Account

Estimate for Expenditures:

Teachers' salaries	3,925.00
Fuel account	400.00
Janitor account	500.00
Conveyance account	1,020.00
Abbot and Guilford account	155.00

6,000.00

Estimate for Receipts:

State School fund	1,250.00
Equalization Fund	500.00
Town funds needed	4,250.00

6,000.00

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Estimate for Expenditures:

Teachers' salaries	4,570.00
Fuel and janitor needs	430.00

5,000.00

Estimate for Receipts:

Academy:

State Academy Funds	1,725.00
Tuition receipts, 1937	150.00
From 1937 state funds	50.00

1,925.00

Town:

State School fund	525.00
Equalization Fund	50.00

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Appropriation by Town	2,500.00	
		3,075.00
		5,000.00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1938-1939

Elementary School Account	4,100.00 to	4,250.00
High School Account		2,500.00
Library and Laboratory Account		150.00
Free Textbook Account		350.00
School Supply Account		350.00
School Repairs Account		150.00
Insurance Account	200.00	
Light and Power Account	50.00	
		250.00
Superintendence Account		345.00

Under the heading of Financial Statements for 1937-1938 will be found detailed information as to amounts raised by the town for school maintenance the amount of funds received from the state and applied to school accounts, together with summary of school expenditures for the municipal year.

There is now due from the State Treasurer four hundred forty-two dollars which was apportioned from the 1937 Equalization Fund and which will be received by the Town Treasurer early in this year. The greater part of the money has been allocated for purchasing instructional material. A detailed statement of all expenditures from this fund must be filed with the Commissioner of Education on or before June 30, 1938.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER,

February 23, 1938.

Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1937- 1938

Elementary School Account

Receipts

Unexpended, 1936	621.02
Raised by town	4,100.00

State School Fund	1,257.57
Equalization Fund, available	392.00
Interest receipts	34.16

6,404.75

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries:

Bernice E. Fogg	778.00
Manda E. Mattson	652.00
Esther Pennington	652.00
Vivienne E. Bray	634.00
Margaret LeClaire	598.00
Kathleen M. Bryenton	428.00
Lurene G. Carlson	98.00

3,840.00

Fuel Account:

W. J. Champion	18.00
Arthur C. Dutton	26.00
W. Cushing & Co.	45.00
P. W. Smith	252.00
Labor on 1937 wood	56.50
Labor on 1938 wood	36.00

Janitor Account

433.50

Janitor services:

Janitor services	405.65
Cleaning school buildings	25.75
Janitor supplies	68.75

500.15

School Conveyance:

A. R. Day	836.00
Mrs. Verena Drake	178.00
Mrs. Opal Nelson	42.00
Town of Abbot	54.00
Town of Guilford	27.00

1,137.00

Tuition to towns:

Town of Abbot	31.80
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Town of Guilford	36.00	
Unexpended, 1937		67.80
		426.30
		6,404.75

**High School Account
Receipts**

Unexpended, 1936,	500.00	
Raised by town	2,000.00	
State School Fund	525.00	
Equalization Fund	50.00	
		3,075.00

Expenditures

Treasurer Monson Academy	3,075.00
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Library and Laboratory Accounts

Receipts

Unexpended, 1936	63.03	
Raised by town	150.00	
		213.03

Expenditures

Library Account:		
Papers and magazines	27.40	
University series, 13 vol.	13.00	
Universal World History, 10 vol.	15.16	
Books for library	18.65	
		74.21

Laboratory Account:		
Supplies	19.47	
Apparatus	23.73	
		43.20

Unexpended, 1937:		
Library account	27.67	
Laboratory account	67.95	
		95.62
		213.03

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Free Textbook Account

Receipts

Unexpended, 1936	104.46
Raised by town	350.00
Academy funds	10.00

464.46

Expenditures

For elementary school use	210.03
For high school use	150.92
Unexpended, 1937	103.51

464.46

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1936	80.79
Raised by town	300.00
Academy funds	10.00

390.79

Expenditures

Paper for schools	92.34
Material for schools	109.87
Special workbooks	47.17
Desk supplies	65.83
Office, freight and express	32.00
Unexpended, 1937	43.58

390.79

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1936	40.73
Raised by town	50.00

90.73

Expenditures

Purchase of bookcases	19.00
Kindergarten table	6.50
Repairing school clocks	2.75

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Unexpended, 1937 62.48

90.73

School Repair Account
Receipts

Unexpended, 1936 9.55
Raised by town 500.00

509.55

Expenditures

Labor painting building 245.00
Material for painting 98.00
General repairs 134.45
Unexpended, 1937 32.10

509.55

Light and Power Account
Receipts

Unexpended, 1936 15.80
Raised by town 101.25

117.05

Expenditures

Monson Light and Power Co. 67.30
Unexpended, 1937 49.75

117.05

Insurance Account
Receipts

Unexpended, 1937 .45
Raised by town 118.75

119.20

Expenditures

F. M. Hescoek 57.00
Jackson Insurance Agency 47.50
Unexpended, 1937 14.70

119.20

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**Superintendence Account
Receipts**

Unexpended, 1936	6.80
Raised by town	280.00
Overdraft, 1937	21.60

308.40

Expenditures

C. L. Sidelinger, salary	308.40
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School Flag Account

Receipts

Unexpended, 1936	4.93
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Expenditures

Unexpended, 1937	4.93
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Annual Town Warrant

To S. S. Stevens, 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 21st day of March A. D. 1938 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 elect three Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To elect a Fire Chief and to authorize him to form his department with complete authority over the same.

Art. 7. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. 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. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools. 41 00

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of poor. 25 00

Art. 11. 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. *426.50*

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray all incidental and town charges and for miscellaneous purposes. *250.00*

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the care of sidewalks and how the same shall be expended. *50 Expense from Highway money*

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest on town debts. *6.00, 00*

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for free text books. *350.00*

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Superintendent of Schools Salary. *345.00*

Art. 17. 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. *2500*

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for high school library and laboratory. *150.00*

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school supplies and equipment. *350.00*

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of schoolhouses. *150.00*

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Memorial Day services. *Passed*

Art. 22. To see what sum the town will appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937."

Art. 23. 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. *yes*

Art. 24. 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. 25. To see what sum, if any, the town would recommend to take from the Joint state aid account for the purpose of applying bituminous surface treatment to state aid roads, in excess of the requirements of Section 2, Chapter 132, P. L. 1935. *passed*

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

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid September 15, 1938, interest to begin on September 1, 1938, and what rate of interest shall be charged.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for street lights for the ensuing year. *5000*

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the Monson Free Public Library. *50,000*

Art. 31. 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. *yes*

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to be paid to Monson Band for evening concerts. *50,000*

ART. 33. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the fire department. *45000*

ART. 34. To see if the people of the town will vote

to charge \$25.00 for out of town calls including first hour and \$3.00 per hour thereafter for the fire pumper.

ART. 35. To see what action the town will take regarding the drainage from the intersections of Wilkins and Pleasant Streets to the Pond and raise money for the same.

ART. 36. To see what action the town will take regarding the Barrows Falls Bridge. The County Commissioners having ordered the Bridge be replaced by October 1st, 1938.

ART. 37. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for School Health Nurse and authorize the Superintending School Committee to hire the same.

ART. 38. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the services of School Physician, in connection with Health officer and School Nurse, and authorize the Superintending School Committee to hire the same.

ART. 39. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for insurance on school buildings and for power and lights.

ART. 40. To see if the town will vote to authorize and instruct the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money for town purposes.

ART. 41. 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 1938 and 1939, and to execute and deliver the negotiable promissory note or notes of the town therefor.

ART. 42. 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. 43. 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. 44. 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. 45. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and pay on town debts.

ART. 46. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Mothers' Aid.

ART. 47. To see what part of the winter roads the town will vote to have plowed and raise money for the same.

ART. 48. 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. 49. 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. 50. 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. 51. 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. 52. To see what action the town will take in regard to repairs on Town Road signs and raise money for the same.

ART. 53. To see what sum of money the town will raise 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. 54. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, the same to be held in trust, the income to be used for perpetual care of the cemetery lot of H. A. Davis, the money to be paid to the Town Treasurer by May 1, 1938.

ART. 55. 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. 1938.

PAUL A. JACKSON

A. L. BRAY

BERNARD F. SANBORN

Selectmen of Monson, Maine

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