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Town of 

STOW

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF STOW

FOR THE

Year Ending February 9,

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Advertiser Print, Norway, Maine

Warrant For Town Meeting

To F. P. Bickford, Constable of the Town of Stow, County of Oxford, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Stow qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town house in said town on Monday, the third day of March, A. D. 1924, 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 allow accounts.
- Art. 4. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year and vote their compensation.
- Art. 5. To choose a Town Treasurer for ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To choose a School Committee for three years.
- Art. 7. To choose a Road Commissioner for ensuing year.
- Art. 8. To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 9. To see what sums of money the town will vote to grant and raise for schools for ensuing year.
- Art. 10. To see what sums of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the repair of roads and bridges for ensuing year.
- Art. 11. To see what sums of money the town will vote to grant and raise to defray town charges for ensuing year.
- Art. 12. To see what sums of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the support of poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 13. To see what sums of money the town will vote to grant and raise for school books, apparatus and appliances for ensuing year.
- Art. 14. 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 19, of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 15. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of (\$300.00) three hundred dollars for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 18 of Chapter 25 of Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise money, and what sum for the maintenance of State Aid Highways during the ensuing year within the limits of the town under the provisions of Section 18 of Chapter 130 of Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 17. To see what sums of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the repair of schoolhouses for the ensuing year.

Art. 18. To see what sums of money the town will vote to grant and raise to pay overdrawn bills.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Barbour road from Simon Smith's house to the Henry Johnson house from Dec. 1 to May 1 every year.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to sell the schoolhouse in the Emerson district.

Art. 21. To see what action, if any, the town will take regarding the Lufkin bridge (so called).

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to pay a discount on taxes paid before July 1st, and how much.

Art. 23. To see what sums of money the town will vote to grant and raise for High School purposes.

Art. 24. To transact other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town House for the purpose of correcting the list of voters on Monday, Mar. 3, A. D. 1924, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under our hands at Stow this 9th day of February 1924.

H. S. EMERSON
HAROLD PITMAN

Selectmen of Stow.

Selectmen's Report

VALUATION

Real estate, resident	\$ 44,330 00
Real estate, non-resident	106,283 00
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Total real estate	\$150,613 00
Personal estate, resident	\$15,085 00
Personal estate, non-resident.....	1,945 00
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Total personal estate	\$ 17,030 00
Grand Total	\$167,643 00

ASSESSMENTS

State tax	\$1,220 14
County tax	343 18
Schools	1,400 00
Roads and bridges	800 00
Town charges	300 00
Support of poor	100 00
School books	95 00
State road	215 00
Maintenance	250 00
Repair of schoolhouses.....	350 00
For town house roof.....	75 00
Overdrawn bills	300 00
Overlay	226 96
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Total	\$5,675 28
No. polls taxed, 48, poll tax \$3.00.....	\$144 00
No. polls not taxed, 7.	
Rate of taxation, .033.	

 NUMBER AND AVERAGE VALUE OF TAXABLE LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses	68	\$ 76 17	\$5,180 00
Colts, 2 to 3 years.....	2	40 00	80 00
Colts under 2 years.....	1	25 00	25 00
Cows	169	30 03	5,075 00
Oxen	8	51 87	415 00
Three year olds.....	22	27 27	600 00
Two year olds.....	35	21 57	755 00
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Total amount			\$12,130 00

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Automobiles, 22	\$3,225 00
Musical instruments, 9.....	675 00
Stock in trade.....	1,000 00
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Total	\$4,900 00
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Total amount of personal property.....	\$17,030 00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
One year old.....	29	\$ 11 13	\$323 00
Sheep	22	5 36	118 00
Swine	30	13 63	409 00
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Total amount			\$850 00

SUPPORT OF POOR

Balance from last year.....	\$107 75
Amount raised by town	100 00
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Total amount available	\$207 75

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

ORDERS DRAWN

T. Thayer, supplies for Percy Smith.....	\$ 5 00
Fred Harriman, medicine for Percy Smith's girl	1 75
Estimated outstanding bills.....	200 00
Total	\$206 75

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS DRAWN

F. W. Sanborn, printing town reports.....	\$ 38 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books.....	9 25
Town of Fryeburg, supplies for sealer of weights and measures	8 30
Harold Pitman, trip to Brownfield.....	3 50
Mrs. Winslow Walker, public watering place....	4 00
Hastings & Son, counsel.....	3 00
Roger Emerson, express	60
C. L. Clement, postage and telephone.....	2 14
H. S. Emerson, meeting State assessors and look- ing over lots	5 00
H. S. Emerson, recording, postage and express.	4 45
Harold Pitman, meeting state assessors and look- ing over lots	5 00
F. P. Bickford, postage.....	4 36
F. P. Bickford, discount on taxes paid before July 1, 1923	41 20
Benj. Day for fighting fire and money paid Frank Day	10 00
Simon Smith, fighting fire and money paid Mil- lard Smith	4 00
Total	\$143 30

WORK ON TOWN HOUSE

Raised by town	\$ 75 00
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ORDERS DRAWN

Elmer Brackett, roofing, nails and washers.....	\$ 58 06
Harold Pitman, work on house.....	4 00
H. S. Emerson, work on house.....	4 00

Roger Emerson, cartage	1 35
C. W. Day, lumber	1 50
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Total expended	\$ 68 91
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Balance unexpended	\$ 6 09

ORDERS DRAWN FOR TOWN OFFICERS

C. L. Clement, services as Supt. of Schools	\$65 70
Charles A. Snow, services as Supt. of Schools ..	57 96
H. S. Emerson, services as selectman	25 00
H. S. Emerson, services as clerk	7 00
Harold Pitman, services as selectman	12 00
Fred Harriman, services as selectman	15 00
C. W. Day, services as ballot clerk	2 00
Irving Bryant, services as ballot clerk	2 00
F. P. Bickford, services as treasurer	12 00
F. P. Bickford, services as constable	5 00
F. P. Bickford, services as collector of taxes ...	85 12
W. H. Richardson, services as sealer of weights and measures	5 00
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\$293 78

ABATEMENTS

Augustus Smith, 1922 poll tax	\$3 00
Silas Smith, tax on auto 1922	1 30
J. M. Smith, 1923 tax	8 10
Augustus Smith, 1923 tax	3 83
Wesley Smith, 1923 poll tax	3 00
A. L. Hutchins, overtax 1923	26 40

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

Resources

Cash in treasury\$1,233 89
Due from town of Chatham, tuition 100 00

Total\$1,333 89

Liabilities

Money hired of H. S. Emerson\$800 00
Estimated outstanding bills 200 00

\$1,000 00

Balance in favor of town\$333 89

H. S. EMERSON
H. A. PITMAN

Selectmen of Stow.

Treasurer's Report 1923-24

Dr.

Feb. 7, 1923, Balance in Treasury	\$ 945 80
Rec'd from Edwin McKeen	91 36
Chatham, for tuition	180 00
State, Bear Bounty	5 00
C. P. Smith, tuition	20 00
State, School Fund	477 69
Dog license refunded	12 69
Highway Dept.	226 63
Imp. State road	775 66
Chatham, gravel	11 20
For use of Town Hall	8 00
From U. S. Trust Co. interest to date	21 76
State, County and town tax	5,675 28
Interest on cemetery funds	27 24
	\$8,478 01

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Paid H. S. Emerson, Interest on note	\$ 32 00
Frank Charles, care of cemetery	27 24
Herman Heald, bounty on bear	5 00
County tax	343 18
State Treas., acc't State Highway Commission	331 70
Dog license	14 00
State tax	1,220 14
Town orders to date	5,270 86
Feb. 5, 1924, Balance in Treasury	1,233 89
	\$8,478 01

FRANK P. BICKFORD, Treasurer.

Road Commissioner's Report

Money expended on State Road:

Labor on State Road

John A. Crabtree	\$ 3 00
Rasmus Anderson	3 00
C. W. Day	18 00
Erville Fernald	12 00
Fred Eastman	42 00
Maurice Eastman	48 00
Wallace Guptill	48 00
F. A. Guptill	28 00
W. P. McKeen	42 00
H. S. Emerson	42 00
Erville Fernald	9 00
Lyman Meader	24 00
Lester Fernald	19 50
Percy Jones, cartage	5 00
Penn Metal Co., culverts	185 62

Labor on State Road

Kenneth Emerson	21 00
Fred Eastman	33 00
F. A. Guptill	45 50
Maurice Eastman	63 00
C. E. Seavey, cement	22 90
H. S. Emerson, labor on State road	60 00
C. W. Day, labor on State road	28 50
C. W. Day, cement	4 20

Labor on State Road

Norman Rose	24 00
Samuel Bryant	48 00
B. F. Charles	1 50
Lawrence Eastman	24 00
John Eastman	90 00
Harold Pitman	33 00
Louville Heald	24 00

Fred Eastman	42 33	
Wallace Guptill	42 00	
Maurice Eastman	18 00	
F. P. Bickford, spikes	80	
Jones & Buzzell, gravel	18 40	
John Eastman, gravel	46 35	
L. A. Stevens, bridge railing	46 00	
F. A. Guptill, labor and blacksmithing	38 08	
Inspection estimated	16 00	
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Total expended		\$1,319 68
Amount raised by town	\$300 00	
Amount raised by State	798 00	
Third class fund	226 63	
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		\$1,324 63
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Balance unexpended		\$4 95

SUMMER WORK, 1923

Erville Fernald	\$ 24 00
F. A. Guptill	35 00
George Flint	3 00
Sidney Sanborn	18 00
Erville Fernald	9 00
Lyman Meader	45 00
F. A. Guptill	20 00
Fred Eastman	6 00
G. A. Yeaton, use of derrick	5 00
Wallace Guptill	90 00
F. A. Guptill	40 00
Erville Fernald	12 00
Lyman Meader	39 00
H. S. Emerson	34 50
Sidney Sanborn	6 00
Fred Harriman	51 00
Fred Charles, hauling derrick	20 00
Maurice Eastman	46 50
L. H. Eastman, labor on bridge	45 00
Erville Fernald	6 00
F. A. Guptill	31 00
Fred Eastman	6 00

Wallace Guptill	30 00
W. H. Littlefield, bridge plank.....	30 00
C. E. Seavey, cement	27 60
W. P. McKeen	12 00
Lyman Meader	10 50
W. P. Chandler	6 00
Roger Smith	6 00
F. P. Bickford, trip to Conway.....	5 00
Benjamin Day, cutting bushes.....	9 00
N. H. Bryant	9 00
J. A. Hanscom	6 00
Wallace Guptill	9 00
F. P. Bickford, spikes and turpentine.....	2 50
Merton Eastman, bridge plank.....	15 96
F. A. Guptill, labor 4 days, and blacksmithing..	24 00
Ed. Hodgdon, cutting bushes.....	18 00
Onslow Smith	18 00
H. L. Hutchins, paint and dynamite.....	5 08
M. M. Eastman	2 00
Walter Pinkham, gravel	6 15
A. E. Watson	33 00
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Whole amount expended	\$876 79
Amount raised by town.....	\$800 00
Amount unexpended last year.....	12 82
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	\$812 82
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Overdrawn	\$ 63 97

SNOW BILLS, 1923

W. L. Pinkham	\$ 4 50
H. S. Emerson.....	1 00
Wallace Guptill	6 66
Fred Eastman	6 66
Frank Wiswell	3 00
W. P. McKeen.....	1 80
W. H. Smith	49 50
O. N. Smith	7 00
J. O. Eastman	6 66

F. A. Guptill	10 50
Bert W. Bemis	4 50
W. H. Smith	31 50
Fred Eastman	1 00
W. P. McKeen	6 00
H. S. Emerson	3 00
Roger Smith	3 00
J. A. Hanscom	3 00

\$149 28

SNOW BILLS 1924

C. W. Day	\$ 24 50
John Eastman	24 50
M. M. Eastman	14 00
Cory Wales	63 00

Total\$126 00

Report submitted by

H. S. EMERSON,
HAROLD PITMAN,

Selectmen of Stow.

School Department

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR OF 1923 COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources

Appropriation	\$1,400 00	
State of Maine	285 19	
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Expenditures

Paid Teachers	\$1,032 00	
Fuel	85 00	
Janitors	39 50	
Conveyance	183 30	
Tuition	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,429 80
Balance on hand	255 39	
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COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES ITEMIZED

Teachers:

Annie Graves	\$480 00	
Georgia Jones	183 00	
Gertrude Foster	72 00	
Mary Later	297 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,032 00

Fuel:

Virgil Smith	\$ 40 00	
James Smith	5 00	
Harold Pitman	40 00	
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Janitors:

Nellie Sampson	\$ 2 50
Gladys Harriman	2 50
James Smith	3 00
Gertrude Foster	10 00
Annie Graves	7 50
Mary Later	7 00
Harold Pitman	3 00
F. P. Bickford.....	4 00

\$ 39 50

Conveyance:

O. S. Smith	\$ 93 00
Fred Harriman	45 50
Lyman Meader	44 80

\$183 30

Tuition:

Town of Chatham, N. H.	\$ 72 00
Town of Fryeburg	18 00

\$ 90 00

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources:

Balance Feb. 8, 1923	\$285 50
State of Maine	200 00
Tuition received	180 00

\$665 50

Expenditures:

Paid Teachers	\$579 00
Janitors	7 00
Tuition	75 00

\$661 00

Balance on hand.....	4 50
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\$665 50

 HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES ITEMIZED

Teachers:

Gertrude Foster	\$198 00	
Georgia Jones	57 00	
Kathleen Poland	324 00	
		\$579 00

Janitor:

Kathleen Poland	\$ 7 00	
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Tuition:

Fryeburg Academy	\$ 75 00	
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TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Resources:

Balance Feb. 8, 1923.....	\$ 7 68	
Appropriation	95 00	
		\$102 68

Expenditures:

Expended	\$101 76	
Balance on hand	92	
		\$102 68

TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES ITEMIZED

Starkey & Toner.....	\$ 3 75
American Book Co.....	4 08
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	6 46
Allyn & Bacon	14 34
American Book Co.	7 48
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	7 34
Hand Stamp Co.	2 04
World Book Co.	27 18
J. L. Hammett Co.	90

Newell White	2 10	
American Book Co.	5 00	
Starkey & Toner	10 68	
Newell White	1 39	
Ginn & Co.	4 62	
The A. N. Palmer Co.	4 40	
		\$101 76

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Resources:		
Appropriation		\$350 00
Expenditures:		
Expended	\$ 51 50	
Balance on hand	298 50	
		\$350 00

REPAIR ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES ITEMIZED

J. M. Smith	\$ 50 00	
Alfred Chase	1 50	
		\$ 51 50

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Total Resources:		
Common School account	\$1,685 19	
High School account	665 50	
Textbook account	102 68	
Repair account	350 00	
		\$2,803 37

Total Expenditures:	
Common School account	\$1,429 80
High School account	661 00
Textbook account	101 76
Repair account	51 50
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	\$2,244 06
Total balance on hand.....	559 31
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	\$2,803 37

After careful consideration, with due investigation of the needs of our schools, we recommend that the following amounts be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Common school account.....	\$1,400 00
High school account	525 00
Textbook account	100 00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. BICKFORD,
HAROLD PITMAN,

School Committee.

CHARLES A. SNOW, Secretary.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Stow:

Herewith is my first annual report of the progress, conditions and needs of the schools of the town of Stow. In this report I shall attempt to cover only that part of the school year which has passed since the beginning of my administration, July 1, 1923.

Teachers: Schools opened Sept. 14, 1923 with the following teachers in charge:

Union Hill, Mrs. Annie Graves, Fryeburg.

Stow Village Elementary, Miss Mary Later, Whitefield.

Stow High, Miss Kathleen Poland, Livermore Falls.

The fall term was of fifteen weeks duration at Union Hill and fourteen at the village. The winter term will be eleven weeks long in all schools. With ten weeks for the spring term at Union Hill and eleven at the village we shall have a full school year of 36 weeks.

Attendance: Thus far during the year the attendance has been very good. This is as it should be. Irregular attendance, in addition to interference with school progress, begets irregular habits in many ways. Another important reason for punctual and regular attendance at school is the fact that under the new school law a part of the town's apportionment of State Funds is based on aggregate attendance.

Repairs: The roof of the building at Union Hill should be shingled.

High School: The high school work at the village was continued in the second year and a first year class was started and is in operation. The high school curriculum for the first two years of high school work, which is all we offer, is based on the work carried on at standard secondary schools in Maine and is nearly, if not quite, parallel with it. It would not be feasible to carry on more than the work of the first two years of the secondary school curriculum because of the lack of facilities and equipment for the required work in the sciences.

It would appear from the present enrollment in grade eight and first year high that the high school work could not profitably be carried on after the close of the present school year.

Textbooks: We are in need of many new textbooks. Many of those in use are in poor condition. Furthermore they are quite largely obsolete and out-of-date. We need, particularly, new Geographies Arithmetics and Physiologies. New Readers are always in order. There should be a sufficient number of books so that pupils in each grade in either school may study the same text at the same time. In this way, only, may some approach to uniformity be secured. We have made a start in this direction by the purchase of new Grammars and new Palmer Method Writing Books. Small numbers of other textbooks have been purchased as the need arose.

School Improvement League: I cannot commend too highly the interest shown by parents, pupils and teachers in their attempt to make their schools pleasanter, more efficient and happier by their work in and for the School Improvement League. This important branch of school life has a large place in our schools and should be a source of pride to all concerned.

For the tables of enrollment, attendance and list of honor pupils, you are referred to the tabulations in another section of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. SNOW,

Superintendent of Schools.

 TABULATIONS

Winter Term, 1923

School	Teacher	Wks.	Salary	No. Reg.	Av. Att.
Union Hill.....	Annie Graves.....	7	\$14 00	8	7.9
Village High.....	Gertrude Foster...10		18 00	11	10.
Village Elementary.	Georgia Jones....10		16 00	13	12.7
Aggregate			\$48 00	32	30.6
Average			\$16 00	10.6	10.2

Spring Term, 1923

School	Teacher	Wks.	Salary	No. Reg.	Av. Att.
Union Hill.....	Annie Graves.....	9	\$14 00	11	8.8
Village High.....	Gertrude Foster...11		18 00	10	9.8
Village Elementary.	Georgia Jones....11		16 00	13	11.6
Aggregate			\$48 00	34	30.2
Average			\$16 00	11.3	10.

Fall Term, 1923

School	Teacher	Wks.	Salary	No. Reg.	Av. Att.
Union Hill.....	Annie Graves.....	15	\$17 00	9	7.4
Village High.....	Kathleen Poland..14		18 00	7	6.5
Village Elementary.	Mary Later.....14		16 50	17	15.5
Aggregate			\$51 50	33	29.4
Average			\$17 16	11	9.8

Pupils not absent during a term: Ora Smith, Lyndon Emerson, Cleveland Sampson, Eleanor Bryant (2), Marion Guptill, Helen Emerson (2), Mary Sampson, Harriet Bickford, Laurence Eastman (2), Eva Eastman (2), Gladys Harriman (2), Harold Smith (2), Norman Smith (2), Doris Harvey, Florence Bryant, Ruth Eastman, Philip Hodsdon.

School Census, April 1, 1922, persons in town between the ages of 5 and 21 years, Boys 14, Girls 27, Total 41.

 ENROLLMENT BY GRADES NOV. 28, 1923

High School:

First Year	1
Second Year	6
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Total	7

Elementary Schools:

Grade I	4
Grade II	2
Grade III	4
Grade IV	3
Grade V	0
Grade VI	8
Grade VII	3
Grade VIII	2
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Total	26

High School	7
Elementary	26
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Total	33

Per capita cost per pupil per year exclusive of conveyance, fuel, equipment and administration	\$57.812
Same for one week	1.6058
Same for one day	0.32116

Town Clerk's Report

A record of births, deaths and marriages which have been recorded in the town of Stow for the year ending, Feb. 9, 1924:

BIRTHS

1923

Feb. 19, to the wife of Luther A. Smith, a son, Luther Earl.
Mar. 24, to the wife of Harold Pitman, a daughter, Therla Myrtle.
Aug. 3, to the wife of Simon Smith, a daughter, Nellie Ellen.

1924

Jan. 5, to the wife of Frank C. Day, a daughter, Rosa Emma.

DEATHS

1923

Apr. 10, Frank Carlton, at Stow, Me., age 62 years.
Oct. 25, Neil William Heald, at Bridgton, age 1 year, 7 months.

MARRIAGES

1923

May 27, at Fryeburg Harbor, Frank C. Day of Hiram, Me., and Georgie A. Smith both of Stow, Me.
Sept. 13, at Fryeburg Harbor, Alfred Chase and Florence M. Knight both of Stow.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. EMERSON, Clerk.

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