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ANNUAL REPORT



STOW



1939-40

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF STOW

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1st., 1940

Advertiser-Democrat Print, Norway, Maine

1940

Officers

Selectmen

H. S. EMERSON

ERVILLE A. FERNALD

WALTER A. SAMPSON

Treasurer

RUTH BRYANT

Clerk

H. S. EMERSON

Road Commissioner

IRVING SMITH

Tax Collector

IRVING BRYANT

Superintendent of Schools

CHARLES A. SNOW

School Committee

MAURICE EASTMAN

IRVING BRYANT

ELIZABETH FERNALD

Constable

IRVING BRYANT

Auditor

M. W. BRAGDON, State Dept. of Audit

Warrant for Town Meeting

To Irving Bryant, 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 fourth day of March A. D. 1940 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.

Art. 5. To choose a school committee for three years.

Art. 6. To choose a town treasurer for the ensuing year and vote the compensation.

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 sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for common schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the support of poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for town officers' bills for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for school books, apparatus and appliances for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise and 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. 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the assessors to rescind any amounts appropriated by the town for State Aid Highway construction in excess of the amount required to meet state apportionments.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise money and what sum, for maintenance of State Aid Highways during the ensuing year, within the limits of town, under the provisions of Section 18, Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to pay overdrawn bills.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for repair of schoolhouses for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for high school purposes for the ensuing year.

Art. 20. To see if the town will raise money for maintenance of third class road. Such sum cannot be less than \$204.00 as per state requirements.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for cutting bushes on State Aid highway within the limits of the town.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise \$120.00 for Mothers' Aid.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise \$138.00 for electric lights.

Art. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$5.00 for public health work in Stow, said sum to be expended by the Bureau of Health, State Department of Health and Welfare in cooperation with local authorities.

Art. 25. To see what disposal the town will vote to make of any money received from the Federal Reserve during the present fiscal

year, such money must be used for roads or schools to be according to law.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying the indebtedness of the town, such notes to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxes.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to give a two per cent discount on all taxes paid before July 1, 1940.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote for one half of all orders drawn after June 1st to be turned in on taxes until paid.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of any property acquired through tax deeds or liens.

Art. 30. To see what action the town will take in regard to covering the roof of the tractor house and raise money for same.

Art. 31. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town House on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1940, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to revise the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Stow this 10th day of February, 1940.

H. S. EMERSON,

E. A. FERNALD,

W. A. SAMPSON,

Selectmen of Stow.

Selectmen's Report

VALUATION

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Real estate, resident | \$35,365 00 | |
| Real estate, non-resident | 80,103 00 | |
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| Total real estate | | \$115,468 00 |
| Personal estate, resident | \$ 8,225 00 | |
| Personal estate, non resident | 2,785 00 | |
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| *Total personal estate | | 11,010 00 |
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| Total valuation | | \$126,478 00 |

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

| | No. | Av. Val. | Total Val. |
|-----------------|-----|-----------|-------------|
| Horses | 26 | \$107 00+ | \$2,785 00 |
| Colts | 2 | 50 00 | 100 00 |
| Cows | 90 | 40 00+ | 3,890 00 |
| Oxen | 4 | 62 00+ | 250 00 |
| Three year olds | 15 | 35 00+ | 530 00 |
| Two year olds | 43 | 23 00+ | 995 00 |
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| Total value | | | \$ 8,550 00 |

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Stock in trade | \$ 600 00 | |
| Gas tanks and pumps, 5 | 160 00 | |
| Tractor, 1 | 100 00 | |
| Gas engines and machinery | 200 00 | |
| Electric light line | 1,400 00 | |
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| Total value | | 2,460 00 |
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| *Total value of personal property | | \$11,010 00 |

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

| | No. | Av. Val. | Total Val. |
|--------------------|-----|----------|------------|
| One year olds | 26 | \$11 00— | \$280 00 |
| Sheep | 2 | 4 00 | 8 00 |
| Swine | 15 | 11 00+ | 166 00 |
| Poultry | 258 | 50 | 129 00 |
| Total value exempt | | | \$583 00 |

ASSESSMENTS

| | |
|---|------------|
| State tax | \$928 15 |
| County tax | 409 46 |
| Common schools | 653 00 |
| Roads and bridges | 550 00 |
| Support of Poor | 200 00 |
| Town Officers' bills | 500 00 |
| School books | 100 00 |
| State Aid road | 450 00 |
| State Aid patrol | 225 00 |
| Overdrawn bills | 500 00 |
| High school | 700 00 |
| Third Class Maintenance | 204 00 |
| Cutting bushes on State Aid road | 100 00 |
| Mother's Aid | 120 00 |
| Electric lights | 138 00 |
| Overlay | 172 38 |
| Total assessment | \$5,949 99 |
| Supplementary assessment | \$ 9 00 |
| Number of polls taxed, 44; \$132.00. | |
| Number of polls not taxed, 2. | |
| Rate of taxation .046, rate of collection .01¼. | |

MOTHER'S AID

Orders drawn:

State Treasurer, for Winnie Bryant, Jan., Feb.,

March

\$ 30 00

| | | |
|--|-------|----------|
| State Treasurer, for Winnie Bryant, Apr., May, June | 30 00 | |
| State Treasurer, for Winnie Bryant, July, Aug., September | 30 00 | |
| State Treasurer, for Winnie Bryant, Oct., Nov., December | 30 00 | |
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| Total | | \$120 00 |
| Raised by Town | | \$120 00 |

SUPPORT OF POOR

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Raised by Town | \$200 00 | |
| Received from Town of Paris | 74 84 | |
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| | | \$274 84 |

Orders drawn:

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| Rodney Crouse, groceries furnished Jason Smith | \$ 6 66 | |
| Rodney Crouse, supplies furnished Jason Smith | 13 83 | |
| Rodney Crouse, supplies furnished Jason Smith | 10 57 | |
| J. W. McIntire, rent of Abbott house for Jason Smith | 10 00 | |
| Rodney Crouse, supplies furnished Jason Smith | 16 53 | |
| Rodney Crouse, supplies furnished Jason Smith | 6 25 | |
| J. W. McIntire, rent of Abbott house for Jason Smith | 10 00 | |
| Maurice Eastman, wood for Jason Smith | 1 00 | |
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| Total | | \$ 74 84 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Unexpended | | \$200 00 |

HIGHWAY PATROL

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Raised by town | | \$225 00 |
| Orders drawn for patrol | \$ 45 04 | |
| Orders drawn for old age credit to patrol | 82 98 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total orders drawn | | \$128 02 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Unexpended | | \$ 96 98 |
| Old age payments for balance of year at \$13.83 per month | 82 88 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 14 10 |

STATE TAX

| | |
|--|----------|
| Raised by town | \$928 15 |
| Order to State Treasurer for State tax | \$928 15 |

COUNTY TAX

| | |
|--|----------|
| Raised by town | \$409 46 |
| Order to County Treasurer for County tax | \$409 46 |

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS

| | |
|---|----------|
| Advertiser Democrat, printing town reports | \$ 50 56 |
| H. S. Emerson, money paid for record book | 1 60 |
| Loring, Short & Harmon, town books and stationery | 10 25 |
| Maurice Eastman, flags for Memorial Day | 1 80 |
| Asa O. Pike 2nd & Son, bonds for town officers | 30 50 |
| Marks Printing House, excise book | 50 |
| Hutchins Bros., town order book | 2 45 |
| Olive Goldthwaite, recording liens and postage | 4 09 |
| Hastings & Son, legal advice | 1 00 |
| Kezar Falls National Bank, note and interest | 510 21 |
| Asa O. Pike, 2nd & Son, insurance | 32 85 |
| Branham Printing Co., auto reference book | 1 00 |
| Maurice Eastman, care of cemetery | 9 11 |
| Loring, Short & Harmon, books and stationery | 4 55 |
| State Treasurer, dog tax | 9 00 |
| Irving Bryant, discount on taxes | 45 92 |

\$715 39

TOWN OFFICER BILLS

| | |
|--|----------|
| Arthur Hodsdon, auditor | \$ 20 00 |
| Charles A. Snow, superintendent of schools | 153 00 |
| D. C. Towle, sealer of weights and measures | 5 00 |
| State Dept. of Audit, M. W. Bragdon services and expenses | 22 45 |
| Erville Fernald, part salary as selectman | 35 00 |
| William Sanborn, services as ballot clerk | 2 50 |
| Walter Sampson, services as selectman | 50 00 |
| H. S. Emerson, collecting excise tax | 9 45 |
| H. S. Emerson, services as selectman | 100 00 |
| H. S. Emerson, services as town clerk | 10 00 |
| H. S. Emerson, recording births, deaths and marriages | 1 20 |
| H. S. Emerson, postage and express | 4 11 |
| Erville Fernald, balance of pay as selectman | 15 00 |
| Irving Bryant, services as constable | 5 00 |
| Ruth Bryant, services as treasurer | 35 00 |
| Ruth Bryant, postage | 6 10 |
| Irving Bryant, collecting taxes | 74 49 |
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| Total | \$548 30 |
| Raised by town | \$500 00 |
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| Overdrawn | \$ 48 30 |

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | |
|---|----------|
| Credit from State Highway Dept. on Patrol Bill | \$165 86 |
| Orders drawn: | |
| State Treasurer, \$13.83 a month for six months | 82 98 |
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| Due for old age assistance | \$ 82 88 |

ELECTRIC LIGHTS

| | |
|--|----------|
| Raised by town | \$138 00 |
| Balance from 1938 | 59 75 |
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| Total available | \$197 75 |
| Paid Central Maine Power Co., for lights | 48 20 |
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| Balance | \$149 55 |

RECEIPTS

| | |
|--|----------|
| White Mountain Forest Reserve | \$103 05 |
| Hall rent | 10 00 |
| Mrs. O. W. Osgood, 1938 tax | 9 66 |
| Hazen Wiley, 1938 poll tax | 3 00 |
| Bridge Construction Corp., dynamite, fuse and caps | 2 95 |
| Herbert Emerson, auto tax | 184 45 |
| Bridge Construction Corp., plowing snow with tractor | 13 50 |
| Dana McAlister, 1938 tax | 69 |
| Leroy Smith, 1938 poll tax | 3 00 |
| Fidelity Trust Co., dividend | 5 96 |
| Kezar Falls National Bank, loan | 500 00 |
| Chester Smith, 1938 tax | 20 09 |
| Carroll Penley, 1938 tax | 15 65 |
| State, balance 1937 hedgehog bounty | 2 64 |
| State, 1938 hedgehog bounty | 18 25 |
| Herbert Emerson, dog tax | 9 00 |
| Town of Paris, support of poor | 74 84 |
| State, unimproved road | 195 27 |
| State, Bank stock tax | 5 26 |
| State, snow removal | 457 07 |
| Phineas Seavey, 1937 tax | 16 52 |
| State, State Aid road | 1,222 51 |
| State, by receipt Highway Patrol | 45 04 |
| State, dog license refund | 8 78 |
| State, school fund | 693 10 |
| Emma Smith, W. H. Smith 1938 tax | 18 83 |
| Casco Bank & Trust Co., cemetery fund | 9 11 |
| Ervile Fernald, Thos. Smith 1938 tax | 23 84 |
| C. E. Fox, W. H. Smith 1938 tax | 5 58 |
| Irving Bryant, 1939 taxes | 5,661 03 |
| Irving Bryant, by order discount on taxes | 45 92 |
| Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1939 | 1,465 84 |

Total receipts

\$10,850 43

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Teachers | \$ 720 00 | |
| Fuel | 38 50 | |
| Janitors | 5 00 | |
| Text books and supplies | 110 49 | |
| Conveyance | 414 00 | |
| High school tuition | 686 00 | |
| Common school tuition | 98 00 | |
| Repairs of schoolhouse | 83 74 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total for schools | | \$ 2,155 73 |
| Snow removal after Feb. 1, 1939 | \$517 72 | |
| Snow removal 1939-40 | 499 96 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total for snow removal | | \$ 1,017 68 |
| | | |
| Town road | \$ 548 99 | |
| Third Class Maintenance | 199 50 | |
| Highway patrol | 45 04 | |
| Unimproved road, State Aid | 195 28 | |
| Sand for tar on State Aid road | 122 62 | |
| State Aid Road construction | 1,595 65 | |
| Cutting bushes on State Aid Road | 118 02 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total for roads | | \$2,825 10 |
| | | |
| Town officers bills | \$ 548 30 | |
| Mother's Aid | 120 00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 715 39 | |
| Electric lights | 48 20 | |
| Support of poor | 74 84 | |
| State Tax | 928 15 | |
| County Tax | 409 46 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 82 98 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | 2,927 32 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total orders drawn | | \$ 8,925 83 |
| Bal. in Treas., Feb. 1, 1940 | | 1,924 60 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$10,850 43 |

DUE TOWN FOR TAXES

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Simeon Charles Heirs, 1936 | \$ 40 | |
| Simeon Charles Heirs, 1937 | 44 | |
| | | 84 |
| Due for 1938 taxes: | | |
| Chester Emerson | \$ 10 35 | |
| Phineas Seavey | 13 80 | |
| Simeon Charles Heirs | 46 | |
| Roland Charles Heirs | 46 | |
| | | 25 07 |
| Total due on taxes prior to 1939 | \$ 25 91 | |

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

Resources

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bal. in Treas., Feb. 1, 1940 | \$ 1,924 60 | |
| Due from taxes, previous years | 25 91 | |
| Due from 1939 taxes | 252 04 | |
| Due from State, snow removal to date | 202 78 | |
| | | \$ 2,405 33 |

Liabilities

| | | |
|---|-----------|--------|
| Central Maine Power Co. | \$ 140 15 | |
| Old Age Assistance to be paid before Aug. 1 | 82 88 | |
| | | 223 03 |

Bal. in favor of town \$ 2,182 30
 The books and accounts will be audited by the State Auditor later.

H. S. EMERSON,
 E. A. FERNALD,
 W. A. SAMPSON,

Selectmen of Stow.

Tax Collector's Report

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Original commitment | \$5,949 99 | |
| Supplementary taxes | 9 00 | |
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| | | \$5,958 99 |
| Cash paid to town treasurer | \$5,661 03 | |
| Discount on taxes | 45 92 | |
| Delinquent taxes, resident: | | |
| Chester Smith, homestead | 18 40 | |
| Thomas Smith, poll tax | 3 00 | |
| Henry Wardwell, poll tax | 3 00 | |
| William Russell, Jr., poll tax | 3 00 | |
| Ned Bryant, heirs of | 116 41 | |
| Irving Bryant, personal property | 37 49 | |
| Irving Bryant, balance real estate | 17 38 | |
| Alger Drew, personal property | 2 53 | |
| Alger Drew, real estate | 32 20 | |
| Non-resident real estate: | | |
| Phineas Seavey | 13 80 | |
| Dana McAllister | 69 | |
| Georgia McAlister | 3 22 | |
| Simeon Charles, heirs of | 46 | |
| Roland Charles, heirs of | 46 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$5,958 99 |

IRVING BRYANT, Collector.

Treasurer's Report

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|--|------------|
| Feb. 1, 1939, balance in treasury | \$1,465 84 |
| White Mt. Forest Reserve | 103 05 |
| Hall rent | 10 00 |
| Mrs. O. W. Osgood, 1938 tax | 9 66 |
| Hazen Wiley, 1938 poll tax | 3 00 |
| Bridge Construction Co., fuse and caps | 66 |
| Herbert Emerson, auto tax | 184 45 |
| Bridge Construction Co., plowing with snow plow and tractor | 13 50 |
| Bridge Construction Co., dynamite, caps and fuse | 2 29 |
| Dana McAllister, 1938 tax | 69 |
| Leroy Smith, 1938 poll tax | 3 00 |
| Fidelity Trust Co., dividend | 5 96 |
| Kezar Falls National Bank, loan | 500 00 |
| Chester Smith, 1938 tax, cost and interest | 20 09 |
| Carroll Penley, 1938 tax | 15 65 |
| State, balance 1937 hedgehog bounty, 16 per cent | 2 64 |
| State, 1938 hedgehog bounty | 18 25 |
| Herbert Emerson, dog tax | 9 00 |
| Town of Paris, support of poor | 74 84 |
| State, maintenance unimproved roads | 195 27 |
| State, bank stock tax | 5 26 |
| State, snow removal | 457 07 |
| Phineas Seavey, 1937 tax, cost and interest | 16 52 |
| State Aid road | 1,222 51 |
| State, by receipts of highway patrol | 45 04 |
| State, dog licenses refunded | 8 78 |
| State, school fund | 693 10 |
| Emma Smith, W. H. Smith, 1938 tax, cost and interest | 18 83 |
| Casco Bank & Trust Co., trust fund interest | 9 11 |
| Erville Fernald, Thomas Smith 1938 tax, cost and interest | 23 84 |
| C. E. Fox, balance W. H. Smith 1938 tax, cost and interest | 5 58 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Received from tax collector | 5,661 03 | |
| Received by order, discount on taxes | 45 92 | |
| | | |
| Total receipts | | \$10,850 43 |
| Town orders paid | \$8,925 83 | |
| Balance in treasury | 1,924 60 | |
| | | |
| | | \$10,850 43 |

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH G. BRYANT, Treasurer.

Road Work

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Wallace Guptill, 22 hours labor, self and truck | \$ 22 00 | |
| Cleveland Sampson, 22 hours, labor | 7 70 | |
| Cleveland Sampson, 8 hours, labor | 2 80 | |
| Cleveland Sampson, 15 hours, labor | 5 25 | |
| Wallace Guptill, 31 hours, labor, self and truck | 31 00 | |
| Wallace Guptill, 9 hours, labor, self and truck | 9 00 | |
| Cleveland Sampson, 49 hours, labor | 17 15 | |
| Wallace Guptill, 40 hours, labor, self and truck | 40 00 | |
| Cleveland Sampson, 36 hours, labor | 12 60 | |
| Wallace Guptill, 40 hours, labor, self and truck | 40 00 | |
| Hugh Hastings, 80 yards gravel @ 15c | 12 00 | |
| | | |
| Total | | \$199 50 |
| Amount raised by town | | 204 00 |
| | | |
| Unexpended | | \$ 4 50 |

SNOW REMOVAL FOR 1939-40

| | |
|--|---------|
| Wallace Guptill, 40 hrs. plowing and 1 hr. sanding | \$61 12 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 40 hrs. plowing and 1 hr. sanding | 14 35 |
| Wallace Guptill, 16 hrs. plowing, 2 hrs. sanding | 26 25 |
| Wallace Guptill, 13 hrs. plowing | 19 50 |

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| Cleveland Sampson, 29 hrs. plowing, 2 hrs. sanding | 10 85 |
| Wallace Guptill, 21 hrs. sanding | 23 62 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 21 hrs. sanding | 7 35 |
| Maurice Eastman, 6 hrs. sanding | 2 10 |
| Wallace Guptill, 36 hrs. plowing | 54 00 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 36 hrs. plowing | 12 60 |
| Hugh Hastings, 74 yds. sand for sanding ice | 11 10 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 14 hrs. plowing, 4 hrs. sanding | 6 30 |
| Wallace Guptill, 14 hrs. plowing, 4 hrs. sanding | 25 54 |
| Erville Fernald, 3 hrs. sanding | 3 37 |
| Maurice Eastman, 4 hrs. sanding | 1 40 |
| Herbert Emerson, 3 hrs. sanding | 1 05 |
| Philip Andrews, 3 hrs. sanding | 1 05 |
| Wallace Guptill, 4 hrs. plowing, 8 hrs. sanding | 15 00 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 4 hrs. plowing, 8 hrs. sanding | 4 20 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 45 hrs. plowing | 15 75 |
| Wallace Guptill, 45 hrs. plowing | 67 50 |
| Erville Fernald, 15 hrs. stock piling sand | 16 87 |
| Simon Smith, 23 hrs. stock piling sand | 8 05 |
| Corridon Smith, 23 hrs. stock piling sand | 8 05 |
| Fred Eastman, 8 hrs. stock piling sand | 9 00 |
| Kenneth Emerson, 26 hrs. stock piling sand | 9 10 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 34 hrs. stock piling sand | 11 90 |
| Wallace Guptill, 31 hrs. stock piling sand | 34 87 |
| Hugh Hastings, 150 yds. sand for ice | 22 50 |
| Wallace Guptill, one trip to Bridgton, bolts and labor on plow | 5 50 |
| Wallace Guptill, 11 hrs. plowing, 2 hrs. sanding | 18 75 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 11 hrs. plowing, 2 hrs. sanding | 4 55 |
| Wallace Guptill, 4 hrs. sanding | 4 50 |
| Wallace Guptill, 11 hrs. sanding | 12 37 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 15 hrs. sanding | 5 25 |
| Maurice Eastman, 15 hrs. sanding | 5 25 |
| Wallace Guptill, 4 hrs. plowing, 8 hrs. sanding | 15 00 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 4 hrs. plowing, 5 hrs. sanding | 3 15 |
| Maurice Eastman, 8 hrs. sanding | 2 80 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 4 hrs. plowing, 5 hrs. sanding | 3 15 |

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| Wallace Guptill, 4 hrs. plowing, 5 hrs. sanding | 11 62 |
| Maurice Eastman, 5 hrs. sanding | 1 75 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 13 hrs. plowing, 2 hrs. sanding | 5 25 |
| Wallace Guptill, 13 hrs. plowing, 2 hrs. sanding | 21 75 |
| Wallace Guptill, 32 hrs. plowing, 10 hrs. sanding | 59 25 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 32 hrs. plowing, 10 hrs. sanding | 14 70 |
| Maurice Eastman, 8 hrs. sanding, 3 hrs. shoveling snow | 3 85 |
| Wallace Guptill, 5 hrs. plowing, 12 hrs. sanding | 21 00 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 5 hrs. plowing, 12 hrs. sanding | 5 95 |
| Maurice Eastman, 12 hrs. sanding | 4 20 |
| W. H. Harding, blacksmithing for tractor | 1 00 |
| Fred Watson, labor and welding on tractor | 17 50 |
| Charles Forrest, shoveling door yard | 5 00 |
| M. H. Young, labor and material for tractor | 12 57 |
| R. M. Crouse, gas for tractor | 9 78 |
| Philip Andrews, 29½ hrs. plowing and work on tractor | 11 80 |
| H. S. Emerson, 33½ hrs. plowing and work on tractor | 13 40 |
| Rodney Crouse, gas for tractor | 19 55 |
| H. S. Emerson, 39 hrs. plowing and labor on tractor | 15 60 |
| Lyndon Emerson, 15 hrs. plowing and labor on tractor | 6 00 |
| Rodney Crouse, gas for tractor | 3 76 |
| Irving Smith, 36½ hrs. plowing on tractor | 14 60 |
| Ernest Watson, 8 hrs. plowing on tractor | 3 20 |
| South Western Ref. Co., oil for tractor | 32 19 |
| Erville Fernald, trucking and bagging salt | 3 75 |
| Town of Fryeburg, 2 tons road salt | 22 20 |
| New England Grain Co., 2 tons road salt | 36 00 |
| Watson's Garage, welding and bolts for tractor | 15 34 |
| M. H. Young, labor and material for tractor | 34 10 |
| H. S. Emerson, 8 hrs. work on tractor | 2 80 |
| Wallace Guptill, 2 hrs. sanding | 2 25 |
| Cleveland Sampson, 2 hrs. sanding | 70 |
| Maurice Eastman, 2 hrs. sanding | 70 |

Total

\$1,017 68

Road Commissioner's Report

TOWN ROAD

| | |
|---|---------|
| Leroy Smith, 11 hours, with truck | \$ 8 80 |
| Irving Smith, 16 1-2 hours, with horses | 13 20 |
| Irving Smith, 13 1-2 hours | 5 54 |
| Simon Smith, 16 hours | 5 60 |
| Erville Fernald, 19 1-2 hours, with truck | 19 50 |
| Van Hodsdon, 8 hours | 2 80 |
| Irving Smith, 27 hours, with horses | 21 87 |
| Erwin Hodsdon, 5 hours | 1 75 |
| Van Hodsdon, 8 hours | 2 80 |
| Irving Smith, 13 1-2 hours, with truck | 10 70 |
| Lyndon Emerson, 11 1-2 hours | 4 03 |
| Philip Andrews, 16 hours | 5 60 |
| Simon Smith, 8 hours | 2 80 |
| William Russell, Sr., 8 hours | 2 80 |
| Erville Fernald, 8 hours, with truck | 8 00 |
| Irving Smith, 12 hours | 4 92 |
| Irving Smith, 8 hours, with horses | 6 48 |
| Fred Eastman, 8 hours, with truck | 8 00 |
| Gus Wiley, 8 hours | 2 80 |
| Cory Smith, 8 hours | 2 80 |
| Erville Fernald, 8 hours, with truck | 8 00 |
| Irving Smith, 14 1-2 hours | 15 23 |
| Irving Smith, 8 hours | 3 28 |
| Van Hodsdon, 4 hours | 1 40 |
| Simon Smith, 8 hours | 2 80 |
| Cory Smith, 8 hours | 2 80 |
| Philip Hodsdon, 8 hours | 2 80 |
| Simon Smith, 9 hours | 3 15 |
| Cory Smith, 9 hours | 3 15 |
| Horace Smith, 9 hours, with horses | 6 75 |
| Horace Smith, 3 1-2 hours | 1 23 |
| Philip Andrews, 9 hours, with horses | 6 75 |
| Irving Smith, 9 hours | 3 69 |
| Van Hodsdon, 16 hours | 5 60 |
| Simon Smith, 16 hours | 5 60 |
| Francis Ryerson, 16 hours | 5 60 |
| William Russell, Sr., 9 hours | 3 15 |
| Merton Eastman, 9 hours, with horses | 6 75 |
| John Gerry & Son, bridge plank | 10 00 |
| Fox Brothers, bridge plank and spikes | 50 50 |

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|---|-------|----------|
| Irving Smith, 16 hours | 10 40 | |
| Simon Smith, 11 1-2 hours | 4 02 | |
| Irving Smith, 25 1-2 hours | 10 46 | |
| Irving Smith, 12 1-2 hours, with truck | 13 13 | |
| Cory Smith, 13 1-2 hours | 4 73 | |
| Simon Smith, 16 hours | 5 60 | |
| Cory Smith, 8 hours | 2 80 | |
| Erville Fernald, 26 1-4 hours, with tractor | 31 50 | |
| Hilton McAllister, 8 hours | 2 80 | |
| Fred Eastman, 8 hours, with truck | 8 00 | |
| Gus Wiley, 8 hours | 2 80 | |
| Simon Smith, 13 1-2 hours | 4 73 | |
| Van Hodsdon, 13 1-2 hours | 4 73 | |
| Gus Wiley, 40 1-2 hrs., 40 1-2 yds. gravel | 6 08 | |
| Lyndon Emerson, 8 hours | 2 80 | |
| Fox Brothers, bridge plank and spikes | 36 75 | |
| Irving Smith, 7 hours | 2 87 | |
| Irving Smith, 8 hours with truck | 9 20 | |
| Cory Smith, 8 hours | 2 80 | |
| Erville Fernald, 8 hours with truck | 8 00 | |
| Ed. Hodsdon, 8 hours | 2 80 | |
| Irving Smith, 6 1-2 hours with truck | 6 50 | |
| Irving Smith, 3 hours, with truck | 4 05 | |
| Irving Smith, 7 1-2 hours, with truck | 4 88 | |
| Irving Smith, 6 1-2 hours | 2 67 | |
| Irving Smith, 6 1-2 hours, with truck | 6 88 | |
| Erville Fernald, 6 1-2 hours, with tractor | 7 80 | |
| Simon Smith, 6 1-2 hours | 2 28 | |
| J. O. Flint, 6 spades | 10 00 | |
| Fox Brothers, bridge plank | 4 50 | |
| Wallace Gupstill, 2 1-2 hours | 88 | |
| Philip Andrews, road machine wheels | 2 00 | |
| Walter Pinkham, 3 hours | 1 05 | |
| Gus Wiley, 36 hours | 11 60 | |
| Cory Smith, 36 hours | 11 60 | |
| Irving Smith, 8 hours | 3 28 | |
| Hugh Hastings, 20 yards gravel | 3 00 | |
| | | \$548 99 |
| Raised by town | | 550 00 |
| Balance | | \$ 1 01 |

R. F. D. ROAD

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| Simon Smith, 16 hours | \$ 5 60 | |
| Cory Smith, 16 hours | 5 60 | |
| Van Hodsdon, 6 1-2 hours | 2 28 | |
| Simon Smith, 16 hours | 5 60 | |
| Cory Smith, 24 hours | 8 40 | |
| Horace Smith, 22 1-2 hours with horses | 16 88 | |
| Philip Andrews, 30 1-2 hours, with horses | 22 88 | |
| Irving Smith, 38 1-2 hours | 15 79 | |
| William Russell, Sr., 22 1-2 hours | 7 88 | |
| Merton Eastman, 21 hours, with horses | 15 75 | |
| Simon Smith, 9 hours | 3 15 | |
| Cory Smith, 6 hours | 2 10 | |
| Van Hodsdon, 16 hours | 5 60 | |
| Gus Wiley, 16 hours | 5 60 | |
| Cory Smith, 16 hours | 5 60 | |
| Simon Smith, 16 hours | 5 60 | |
| Lyndon Emerson, 16 hours | 5 60 | |
| Fred Eastman, 16 hours with truck | 18 00 | |
| Town of Chatham, use of road machine | 2 50 | |
| Hugh Hastings, 24 yds. of gravel | 3 60 | |
| Erville Fernald, 3 1-4 hours with tractor | 3 90 | |
| Erville Fernald, 16 hours, with tractor | 18 00 | |
| Irving Smith, 19 hours | 7 79 | |
| Irving Smith, 10 1-2 yards gravel | 1 58 | |
| | | \$195 28 |
| Available from State | | 195 30 |
| Balance | | \$ 02 |

CUTTING BUSHES ON STATE ROAD

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Van Hodsdon, 34 hours | \$ 11 90 |
| Horace Smith, 34 hours | 11 90 |
| William Russell, Sr., 34 hours | 11 90 |
| Cory Smith, 32 hours | 11 20 |
| Gus Wiley, 8 hours | 2 80 |
| Simon Smith, 8 hours | 2 80 |
| Irving Smith, 26 hours | 10 66 |
| Lyndon Emerson, 34 hours | 11 90 |

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|------------------------------|------|----------|
| Fred Eastman, 28 hours | 9 70 | |
| Simon Smith, 8 hours | 2 80 | |
| Cory Smith, 8 hours | 2 80 | |
| Van Hodsdon, 22 1-3 hours | 7 82 | |
| Irving Smith, 4 hours | 4 20 | |
| Lyndon Emerson, 22 1-3 hours | 7 82 | |
| Gus Wiley, 6 1-3 hours | 2 22 | |
| Simon Smith, 8 hours | 2 80 | |
| Cory Smith, 8 hours | 2 80 | |
| | | \$118 02 |
| Raised by town | | 100 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Overdrawn | | \$ 18 02 |

STATE AID ROAD

Resources

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Raised by town | \$ 450 00 | |
| Apportioned by State | 1,575 00 | |
| Transferred from third class | 663 75 | |
| Balance from 1938 | 274 21 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Joint Fund | | \$2,962 96 |

Liabilities

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Sand for tar | \$ 122 62 | |
| Loader | 8 80 | |
| State bill for tarring | 868 55 | |
| State Aid construction | 1,596 53 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2,596 50 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance State Aid Fund | | \$ 366 46 |

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SAND FOR TAR

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Hugh Hastings, sand | \$ 18 75 | |
| Wallace Guptill, 11 hours with truck | 11 00 | |
| Herbert Emerson, 11 hours, labor | 3 85 | |
| Maurice Eastman, 11 hours, labor | 3 85 | |
| Bert Nelson, 11 hours, labor | 3 85 | |
| William Russell, Sr., 11 hours, labor | 3 85 | |
| Joe Nelson, 11 hours, labor | 3 85 | |
| Barton Files, 11 hours, labor | 3 85 | |
| John Files, 11 hours, labor | 3 85 | |
| Van Hodsdon, 11 hours, labor | 3 85 | |
| Cleveland Sampson, 11 hours, labor | 3 85 | |
| Simon Smith, 11 hours, labor | 3 85 | |
| Ervile Fernald, 11 hours labor, with truck | 12 37 | |
| Irving Smith, 11 hours, labor, with truck | 12 37 | |
| Fred Eastman, 11 hours, labor, with truck | 12 37 | |
| Willis Bryant, 6 1-2 hours, labor, with truck | 7 31 | |
| Thaxter Littlefield, 8 hours, self and truck, 3 hours truck | 9 95 | |
| Total | | \$122 62 |

ORDERS DRAWN FOR STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

| | |
|--|---------|
| Irving Smith, 48 hours | \$24 00 |
| Leroy Smith, 48 hours | 16 80 |
| Gus Wiley, 48 hours | 16 80 |
| Cory Smith, 48 hours | 16 80 |
| Simon Smith, 40 hours | 14 00 |
| Fred Eastman, 8 hours with horses | 6 00 |
| Fred Eastman, 32 hours, with truck | 36 00 |
| Irving Smith, 46 1-2 hours | 23 25 |
| Leroy Smith, 46 1-2 hours | 16 28 |
| Cory Smith, 46 1-2 hours | 16 28 |
| Gus Wiley, 46 1-2 hours | 16 28 |
| Maurice Eastman, 94 1-2 hours | 33 80 |
| Lyndon Emerson, 86 1-2 hours | 30 28 |
| Everett Day, 82 1-2 hours | 28 88 |
| Simon Smith, 38 1-2 hours | 13 48 |
| Fred Eastman, 38 1-2 hours, with truck | 43 31 |

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| Erville Fernald, 66 1-2 hours, with truck | 74 81 |
| Van Hodsdon, 46 1-2 hours | 16 28 |
| Irving Smith, 40 hours | 20 00 |
| Cory Smith, 40 hours | 14 00 |
| Gus Wiley, 32 hours | 11 20 |
| Maurice Eastman, 32 hours | 11 20 |
| Lyndon Emerson, 32 hours | 11 20 |
| Everett Day, 32 hours | 11 20 |
| Simon Smith, 40 hours | 14 00 |
| Van Hodsdon, 8 hours | 2 80 |
| Erville Fernald, 16 hours, with truck | 18 00 |
| Horace Smith, 72 hours with horses | 54 00 |
| Horace Smith, 39 hours, horses | 15 60 |
| F. Bachelder, 5 hours with compressor | 15 00 |
| New England Metal Culvert Co. | 95 07 |
| Stiles-Fitton Hardware Co., dynamite, fuse and caps | 52 13 |
| Irving Smith, 48 hours | 24 00 |
| Cory Smith, 48 hours | 16 80 |
| Gus Wiley, 48 hours | 16 80 |
| Maurice Eastman, 32 hours | 11 20 |
| Lyndon Emerson, 28 hours | 9 80 |
| Everett Day, 32 hours | 11 20 |
| Simon Smith, 44 hours | 15 40 |
| Erville Fernald, 48 hours, with truck | 54 00 |
| Wallace Guphill, 48 hours, with truck | 58 80 |
| William Russell, Sr., 38 hours | 13 30 |
| Fred Eastman, 40 hours, with truck | 45 00 |
| Van Hodsdon, 24 hours | 8 40 |
| Fred Eastman, 28 hours, with truck | 31 50 |
| Simon Smith, 29 hours | 9 80 |
| Gus Wiley, 28 hours | 9 80 |
| Erville Fernald, 28 hours, with truck | 31 50 |
| Van Hodsdon, 8 hours | 2 80 |
| Irving Smith, 28 hours | 14 00 |
| Wallace Guphill, 12 hours, with truck | 14 70 |
| Cory Smith, 72 hrs. | 25 20 |
| Simon Smith, 44 hrs. | 15 40 |
| Irving Smith, 44 hrs. | 22 00 |
| Everett Day, 34 hrs. | 11 90 |
| Wm. Russell, Sr., 52 hrs. | 18 20 |
| Fred Eastman, 23 hrs. with truck | 29 25 |

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|---|---------------|
| Lyndon Emerson, 52 hrs. | 18 20 |
| Maurice Eastman, 8 hrs. | 2 80 |
| Herbert Emerson, 70 1-2 hrs. | 24 68 |
| Wallace Guphill, 24 hrs. with truck | 29 40 |
| Horace Smith, 15 hrs. with horses | 11 25 |
| Erville Fernald, 2 hrs. with tractor | 2 40 |
| Erville Fernald, 27 hrs. with truck | 30 38 |
| Mrs. W. Thompson, 114 yds. gravel | 11 40 |
| Maurice Eastman, 450 yds. fill | 45 00 |
| Hugh Hastings, 513 1-2 yds. base | 77 03 |
| J. O. Flint, 3 pick handles and 3 balls twine | 2 00 |
| Ernest Gerry, sharpening tools | 2 75 |
| R. Crouse, kerosene | 48 |
| Irving Smith, 10 hrs. | 5 00 |
| Erville Fernald, 2 hrs. with tractor | 2 40 |
| Cleve Sampson, 4 hrs. | 1 40 |
| Virgil Smith, 8 hrs. | 9 80 |
| Everett Day, 28 hrs. | 9 80 |

\$1,595 65

IRVING SMITH,

Road Commissioner.

School Department

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 8, 1940

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

| Resources | | |
|-----------------------------|----|------------|
| Balance Feb. 8, 1939 | \$ | 50 21 |
| Appropriation | | 653 00 |
| State of Maine, School Fund | | 643 10 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,346 31 |

| Disbursements | | |
|-----------------|----|------------|
| Paid teacher | \$ | 720 00 |
| Paid fuel | | 38 50 |
| Paid cleaning | | 5 00 |
| Paid conveyance | | 414 00 |
| Paid tuition | | 98 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,275 50 |
| Balance | | 70 81 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,346 31 |

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS ITEMIZED

| | | |
|---|----|------------|
| Teacher, Mildred C. Andrews, 36 weeks | | |
| @ \$20.00 | \$ | 720 00 |
| Fuel, Simon Smith, 5½ cords @ \$7.00 | | |
| (delivered, sawed, stored) | | 38 50 |
| Conveyance, Rodney Crouse, 18 weeks @ \$10.00 | | |
| Rodney Crouse, 18 weeks @ \$12.00 | | 396 00 |
| William Russell Jr. 9 weeks @ \$2.00 | | 18 00 |
| Tuition, Town of Fryeburg | | 62 00 |
| Chatham School District | | 36 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,275 50 |

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

| Resources | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Balance Feb. 8, 1939 | \$ | 39 |
| Appropriation | | 700 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$ | 700 39 |
| Disbursements | | |
| Fryeburg Academy, tuition charges | \$686 | 00 |
| Balance | | 14 39 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$ | 700 39 |

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

| Resources | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|
| Balance Feb. 8, 1939 | \$ | 46 |
| Appropriation | | 100 00 |
| State of Maine, School Fund | | 50 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$ | 150 46 |
| Disbursements | | |
| Expended | \$110 | 49 |
| Balance | | 39 97 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$ | 150 46 |

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS ITEMIZED

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Hutchins Bros., printing | \$ | 60 |
| The John C. Winston Co., text books | | 9 35 |
| Edw. E. Babb & Co., supplies | | 2 48 |
| Hutchins Bros., stationery | | 4 31 |
| Beckley-Cardy Co., text books | | 2 08 |
| Silver Burdett & Co., text books | | 6 28 |
| Hutchins Bros., printing | | 50 |
| The Welles Publishing Co., magazines | | 2 50 |
| Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies | | 10 47 |
| Howard & Brown, diplomas | | 90 |
| Beckley-Cardy Co., text books | | 66 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Edw. E. Babb & Co., supplies | 24 70 | |
| Milton Bradley Co., supplies | 1 08 | |
| Allyn & Bacon, work books | 5 16 | |
| Lyons & Carnahan, work books | 1 72 | |
| Scott Foresman Co., work books | 60 | |
| Hutchins Bros., printing | 75 | |
| Chas. A. Snow, expense account | 4 65 | |
| Martin Company, supplies | 1 44 | |
| Ginn & Company | 1 53 | |
| National Education Society, index | 2 85 | |
| The Arlo Publishing Co., text books | 3 56 | |
| Allyn & Bacon, text books | 3 21 | |
| Silver Burdett & Co., text books | 10 79 | |
| O. H. Toothaker, library books | 1 23 | |
| Rand MacNally & Co., text books | 1 25 | |
| American Book Co., text books | 1 26 | |
| Hutchins Bros., printing | 1 20 | |
| Scott Foresman Co., text books | 2 62 | |
| The John C. Winston Co., text books | 76 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$110 49 |

REPAIR ACCOUNT

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| | Resources | |
| Federal Reserve | | \$103 05 |
| | Disbursements | |
| Overdraft, 1938 | \$ 17 84 | |
| Expended | 83 74 | |
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| | | \$101 58 |
| Balance | | 1 47 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$103 05 |

REPAIR ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS ITEMIZED

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| C. E. Seavey, roofing material | \$71 84 |
| Maurice Eastman, labor | 2 80 |
| Sherman Charles, labor | 2 50 |
| Hutchins & Webb, window shades | 1 40 |

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|-------------------------------|------|----------|
| Chesley L. Cotton, brooms | 65 | |
| Walter Sampson, labor | 4 00 | |
| Hutchins & Webb, window shade | 55 | |
| | | \$ 83 74 |

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

| Account | Resources | Expended | Balance |
|---------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Common School | \$1,346 31 | \$1,275 50 | \$ 70 81 |
| High School | 700 39 | 686 00 | 14 39 |
| Text Book | 150 46 | 110 49 | 39 97 |
| Repairs | 103 05 | 101 58 | 1 47 |
| | \$2,300 21 | \$2,173 57 | \$126 64 |

RECOMMENDATIONS

For the ensuing fiscal year we recommend that the following amounts be appropriated for school purposes:

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| Common School Account | \$550 00 | |
| High School Account | 800 00 | |
| Text Book Account | 75 00 | |
| Repair Account | 10 00 | |
| | | \$1,435 00 |

We further recommend that the amount now available from the Federal Reserve be allocated to the Repair Account. The amount is \$67.52 and with this money we would be able to paint the exterior of the schoolhouse and to handle small minor repairs if such became necessary. In such case there would be no need of the appropriation of \$10.00 as listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE EASTMAN,
ELIZABETH FERNALD,
IRVING BRYANT,
Committee.

CHAS. A. SNOW, Secretary.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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

Herewith my seventeenth annual report of the progress, condition and needs of the school department.

The school year of 1939-40 opened on September 11, 1939 with Mrs. Mildred C. Andrews as teacher. It would appear that this teacher is meeting with the approval of all the patrons of the school. While Mrs. Andrews makes of the school a happy and efficient institution, she requires good behavior and secures it. We have no trouble with disciplinary problems. We contemplate a school year of 36 weeks as usual.

Last year we commented somewhat at length upon the matter of reading habits, more particularly concerning the desirability of creating a desire to read. The efforts of the teacher have been continued towards this objective and very successfully. Pupils who, a year or so ago, found reading to be just another task to be performed, now read for the sake of reading. They read of their own accord and apparently enjoy doing so. This new found pleasure in reading has resulted in some measure in the purchase of more reading books than usual. A short time ago we observed a boy in grade two reading a good story published for upper grade or adult readers. This, it seems to us, is quite remarkable. We plan to continue this emphasis on good reading in and out of school.

In the three other towns of this school union there has been organized a sub-primary grade which is now the almost universal practice for beginning pupils. This, in effect, makes the elementary course nine years in length for most pupils. We advise the sub-primary grade for Stow when any new beginning pupils appear in the school.

This winter the pupils are enjoying instruction in music through the kindness of Mrs. Ethel Guphill who is giving her time and efforts for that purpose. There appears to be much music talent among our pupils and we are grateful to Mrs. Guphill for her interest and assistance. Ten copies of a good music book were presented by one of our neighboring towns.

During the year the south side of the roof was newly covered, this time with metal roofing, thereby completing that project. If the funds now available in the Federal Reserve be granted for school purposes, we advise that the building be painted outside. Some patching is necessary on the roof of the Union Hill building in order to preserve the property.

TABULATIONS

Winter Term, 1939

| School | Teacher | Weeks | Salary Week | No. Reg. | Ave. Att. |
|---------|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Village | Mildred C. Dickey | 14 | \$20 00 | 22 | 18 |

Spring Term, 1939

| | | | | | |
|---------|-------------------|---|-------|----|------|
| Village | Mildred C. Dickey | 7 | 20 00 | 20 | 19.5 |
|---------|-------------------|---|-------|----|------|

Fall Term, 1939

| | | | | | |
|---------|--------------------|----|-------|----|------|
| Village | Mildred C. Andrews | 14 | 20 00 | 20 | 18.7 |
|---------|--------------------|----|-------|----|------|

SCHOOL CENSUS

Persons in town on April 1, 1939 from 5 to 21 years of age: Girls, 35; boys, 14; total, 49. Decrease of 1 from 1938.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

| | |
|---|---------|
| Fall term began Sept. 15, 1939, closed Dec. 15, 1939 | 14 wks. |
| First period winter term began Jan. 1, 1940, closed Feb. 18, 1940 | 7 wks. |
| Second period winter term begins Feb. 26, 1940, closes April 12, 1940 | 7 wks. |
| Spring term begins April 22, 1940, closes June 14, 1940 | 8 wks. |
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| | 36 wks. |

SCHOOL HOURS

8:30 A. M. to 11:30 A. M. 12:30 P. M. to 3:30 P. M.

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

| Grade | | 1938 | 1937 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| I | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| II | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| III | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| IV | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| V | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| VI | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| VII | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| VIII | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 20 | 25 | 23 |

We have one tuition pupil at North Fryeburg and one at Fryeburg Harbor at \$1.00 each per week. Tuition items last year cost the town \$98.00, when there were three such tuition pupils at Fryeburg and Chatham.

Total enrollment of Stow pupils:

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Stow elementary | 20 |
| Fryeburg tuition | 2 |
| Fryeburg Academy | 8 |

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30 which is 4 less than last year

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES A. SNOW, Superintendent of Schools.

Town Clerk's Report

Births, marriages and deaths, which have been recorded in the town of Stow for the year ending February 1st, 1940.

BIRTHS

1939

May 11, to the wife of Philip Andrews, a daughter, Patricia Jean.

May 27, to the wife of Elwood Wentworth, a daughter, Joanna Elizabeth.

Aug. 13, to the wife of Rodney Crouse, a son, David Arthur.

MARRIAGES

1939

March 12, at Stow, Charles E. Kimball of Chatham, N. H., and Christina M. Bean of Tamworth, N. H.

May 9, at Lovell, Philip Hodsdon and Edna Smith, both of Stow.

July 15, at Fryeburg Harbor, Leroy Smith of Stow and Dorothy Smith of South Paris.

DEATHS

1939

Jan. 16, at Cumberland, Me., Cora A. Farr, age 72 years, 9 months, 17 days.

Nov. 12, at Stow, Annette Josephine Gilman, age 80 years, 1 month, 1 day.

H. S. EMERSON, Clerk of Stow.

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| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Deposits | \$1,641,267.71 |
| Reserve | 170,000.00 |
| Undivided Profit | 38,548.57 |
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| Total | \$1,849,816.28 |

President, George L. Curtis

Vice President, Stuart W. Goodwin

Secretary-Treasurer, Clayton E. Heath

TRUSTEES

G. L. Curtis, J. N. Favor, S. W. Goodwin, L. H. Cushman,
R. L. Sturgis, L. F. Pike, D. J. Andrews

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES

In Electrically Protected Vault