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# Annual Report



## Town of **STOW**



*Year Ending December 31st*

*1950*

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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

## **MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

**OF THE**

## **TOWN OF STOW**

**FOR THE**

**Year Ending December 31st**

**1950**

# Town Officers

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## *Selectmen*

H. S. EMERSON

M. M. EASTMAN

G. G. GILMAN

## *Treasurer*

RUTH BRYANT

## *Clerk*

H. S. EMERSON

## *Road Commissioner*

SIMEON CHARLES

## *Tax Collector*

IRVING BRYANT

## *Superintendent of School*

MERLE S. JONES

## *School Committee*

IRVING BRYANT

ERVILLE FERNALD

DORIS BRYANT

## *Constable*

IRVING BRYANT

## *Health Officer*

IRVING BRYANT

## *Auditor*

L. EVERETT OUTHOUSE

# Warrant for Town Meeting

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To Irving Bryant, Constable of the Town of Stow, County of Oxford, Greetings:

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 fifth day of March, A. D. 1951 at seven o'clock in the evening, 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.
- Art. 7. To choose a road commissioner for the 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 school books, apparatus and appliances for the ensuing year.
- Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for repairs of schoolhouse for the ensuing year.
- Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for high school purposes for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for repairs of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for support of poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for town officers' bills for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts 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 29, Public Laws 1937

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in the control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chapter 32, Section 54.

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

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise \$60.00 for electric lights.

Art. 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$10.00 for public health work in Stow, said sum to be expended by the Bureau of Health, State Department of Health and Welfare, in co-operation with local authorities.

Art. 21. To see what disposal the town will vote to make of any money received of the Federal Reserve during the present fiscal year, such money must be used for schools or roads to comply with the law.

Art. 22. 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 by taxes.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise money for music in the school, and, if so, how much.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote for one-half of all orders drawn after June 1, 1951, to be turned in on taxes until paid.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of any property acquired through tax deeds or liens.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise money and how much for the care of the Stow Corner Cemetery and the Emerson Cemetery.

Art. 27. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money and, if so, how much for the North Fryeburg Fire Co.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to hold the town meeting in the evening or in the morning next year.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise money for Civilian Defense and, if so, how much.

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 fifth day of March, 1951, at six o'clock in the evening, to revise the list of voters. Given under our hands at Stow, January 26, 1951.

H. S. EMERSON,  
G. G. GILMAN,  
Selectmen of Stow.

# Selectmen's Report

## VALUATION

Real Estate, resident	\$ 38,400 00	
Real Estate, non-resident	71,129 00	
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Total Real Estate		\$109,529 00
Personal Estate, resident	\$ 9,545 00	
Personal Estate, non-resident	8,645 00	
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Total Personal Estate		18,190 00
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Grand Total Valuation		\$127,719 00

## TAXABLE LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Value	Total Valuation	
Horses	5	\$105	\$ 525 00	
Steers	2	45	90 00	
Cows	74	90+	7,000 00	
Heifers, over 2 yrs.	14	62+	865 00	
Heifers, 18 mo. to 2 yrs.	6	40	240 00	
Domestic Fowl over 50 in number	1,570	1	1,570 00	
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Total amount				\$10,290 00

## OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade		\$ 1,000 00	
Portable Mill		1,000 00	
Lumber	350M	5,600 00	
Gasoline Pumps	3	300 00	
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			\$ 7,900 00
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Total Amount Personal Property			\$18,190 00



## EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Cattle under 18 months	21	20	\$ 420 00
Goats	2	10	20 00
Swine to 10 in number	6	12+	75 00
Domestic Fowl to 50 in number	191	1	191 00
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Total Amount			\$ 706 00

## ASSESSMENTS

Common Schools	\$ 2,420 00
School Books and Supplies	150 00
High School purposes	200 00
Roads and Bridges	500 00
Town Officers' Bills	600 00
State Aid Road	300 00
Snow Removal	700 00
Health Nurse	10 00
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Amount Raised by Town	\$ 4,880 00
State Tax	\$ 928 36
County Tax	442 88
Overlay	233 71
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	1,604 95
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Total Assessment	\$ 6,484 95
Supplemental	3 00
Number of Polls Taxed, 33.	
Number Polls not Taxed, 8.	
Rate of Taxation, .05; Rate of Collection, .0175.	

## SUPPORT OF POOR

Balance from last year	\$ 200 00
Received from Town of Otisfield	43 89
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Total Available	\$ 243 89

Paid Armand Pepin, groceries for Grover Family	\$ 21 09	
Paid Sears Roebuck, clothing for Grover Family	22 80	
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Total		\$ 43 89
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Balance Unexpended		\$ 200 00
STATE TAX		
Raised by Town		\$ 928 36
Paid State Treasurer		928 36
COUNTY TAX		
Raised by Town		\$ 442 88
Paid County Treasurer		442 88
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE		
Raised by Town		\$ 10 00
Paid State Treasurer		10 00
ELECTRIC LIGHTS		
Balance from last year	\$ 111 87	
Paid Central Maine Power Co.	62 00	
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Balance unexpended		\$ 49 87
CARE OF CEMETERIES		
Balance from last year	\$ 37 50	
Paid Lyndon Emerson, mowing cemetery	\$ 5 00	
Paid Louville Heald, mowing cemetery	9 00	
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		\$ 14 00
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Balance unexpended		\$ 23 50
WITHHOLDING TAX		
Withheld from pay rolls		\$ 176 45
Paid Collector of Internal Revenue		176 45
TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND		
Withheld from pay rolls		\$ 81 60
Paid Teachers' Retirement Association		81 60

## TEMPORARY LOAN

Hired of Casco Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 2,000 00	
Paid Casco Bank & Trust Co., note and interest	2,038 19	
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Overdrawn		\$ 38 19

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

L. Everett Outhouse, 1949 audit	\$ 54 70	
Merle S. Jones, Superintendent of School	255 48	
Ruth Gilman, clerical work	10 00	
William Sanborn, ballot clerk, June and Sept.	6 00	
Irving Bryant, ballot clerk, Sept.	3 00	
G. G. Gilman, services as Selectman	50 00	
M. M. Eastman, services as Selectman	50 00	
H. S. Emerson, services as Selectman	100 00	
H. S. Emerson, services as Town Clerk	10 00	
H. S. Emerson, Collecting Excise Taxes	11 40	
H. S. Emerson, Postage and Telephone	5 35	
Ruth Bryant, services as Treasurer	50 00	
Ruth Bryant, Postage	7 54	
Irving Bryant, services as Constable	5 00	
Irving Bryant, Collecting Taxes	111 81	
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Total amount		\$ 730 28
Raised by Town		600 00
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Overdrawn		\$ 130 28

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Marks Printing House, book and stationery	\$ 15 05
S. T. Oliver, small pox vaccine and antitoxin	21 60
Advertiser-Democrat, printing town reports	86 25
Asa O. Pike, 2nd & Son, Town Officers Bonds	20 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, flags for Memorial	3 50
Lovell Fire Co., Andrew Anderson fire	36 00

Saco Valley Fire Co., Andrew Anderson fire	25 00	
Lloyd G. Davies, examination of school children	10 00	
Lester Walker express and cartage on ballots	1 64	
Casco Bank & Trust Co. check book	4 01	
Asa O. Pike, 2nd & Son insurance	29 25	
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Total amount		\$ 252 80

## EXPENDITURES

Teacher	\$ 1,599 84	
Conveyance	1,104 00	
Fuel	101 00	
Janitor	94 00	
Repair of schoolhouse	142 88	
Common school tuition	108 00	
High school tuition	533 40	
Textbooks and supplies	157 66	
Music teacher	50 40	
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Total for schools		\$ 3,891 18
Snow removal	\$ 2,021 13	
Town roads and bridges	669 30	
Town road improvement	530 48	
Special resolve	416 01	
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Total for roads		\$ 3,636 92
Health Nurse	\$ 10 00	
Officers Bills	730 28	
Electric Lights	62 00	
Teachers' Retirement	81 60	
Withholding tax	176 45	
State tax	928 36	
County tax	442 88	
Care of Cemeteries	14 00	
Support of Poor	43 89	
Loan	2,038 19	
Miscellaneous bills	252 80	
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Total warrants		\$12,308 55

## RECEIPTS

Mildred Andrews, withholding tax	\$ 176 45	
Mildred Andrews, Teachers retirement fund	79 20	
Charles Heffernan, Teachers' retirement fund	2 40	
Irving Bryant, 1948 taxes	17	
Irving Bryant, 1949 taxes	168 37	
State Treasurer, bear bounty	60 00	
Herbert Emerson, auto tax	429 82	
State Treasurer, bal. 1949 school fund	61 01	
State Treasurer, National Forest Fund	183 07	
Casco Bank & Trust Co., loan	2,000 00	
State Treasurer, snow removal	1,176 65	
State Treasurer, bank stock tax	7 80	
State Treasurer, special resolve road	398 41	
State Treasurer, Town road improvement	503 68	
Town of Otisfield, supplies for Grover family	43 89	
State Treasurer, school fund	884 54	
State Treasurer, dog license refund	3 07	
Irving Bryant, 1950 taxes	5,839 70	
Cash in Treasury January 1, 1950	1,880 56	
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Total Receipts		\$13,898 79
1950 Warrants		12,308 55
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Cash in Treasury Dec. 31, 1950		\$ 1,590 24

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1951	\$ 1,590 24	
Due from State, snow removal	175 00	
Due from Irving Bryant, 1949 taxes	10 50	
Due from Irving Bryant, 1950 taxes	648 25	
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Total resources		\$ 2,423 99
Balance in favor of town		\$ 2,423 99

H. S. EMERSON,  
G. G. GILMAN

Selectmen of Stow

# Tax Collector's Report

1950

Original Commitment	\$6,484 53
Supplementary poll tax	3 00
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	\$6,487 95

Cash paid Town Treasurer	\$5,839 70
Cash held by Collector	99 00
Delinquent taxes, resident:	
Bryant, Ned, heirs of, real estate	110 00
Bryant, Ned, heirs of, personal estate	23 50
Clark, Burton P. & Ruth J., real estate	47 50
Forest, Everett, real estate	6 25
Forest, Everett, poll tax	3 00
Foster, Norman, poll tax	3 00
Non-resident:	
Burnham, Charles E., real estate	1 25
Charles, Mrs. Dexter, heirs of, real estate	25 00
Emerson, Clifford, real estate	15 00
Emerson, Roger, real estate	95 00
Emerson, Roger, personal estate	87 25
Kinnie, L. T., real estate	47 50
Layne, Sumner, real estate	35 00
Merrill, Ira	50 00
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	\$6,487 95

1949 Delinquent taxes	
Grover, Clarence, poll tax	3 00
Nickerson, Tracy, poll tax	3 00
Nickerson, Tracy, personal estate	4 50
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	\$ 10 50

IRVING BRYANT, Collector.

# Treasurer's Report

1950

January, 1950, balance in treasury	\$ 1,880 56	
Arthur Hill, 1949 tax	31 50	
Mildred C. Andrews, withholding tax	176 45	
Mildred C. Andrews, Teachers Ret. System	79 20	
Charles Heffernan	2 40	
State, bear bounty	60 00	
Irving Bryant, bal. Chas. E. Burnham, 1948 tax	17	
Chas. E. Burnham, 1949 tax	1 13	
Merrill Safford, 1949 tax	1 57	
Zach McAllister, heirs, 1949 tax	67	
Herbert Emerson, auto tax	429 82	
State, bal. 1949 school fund	61 01	
State, National Forest Funds	183 07	
Clifford Emerson, 1949 tax	13 50	
Casco Bank & Trust Co., loan	2,000 00	
Sumner Layne, 1949 tax	31 50	
Waldo Seavy, 1949 tax	72 00	
State, snow removal	1,176 65	
State, bank stock tax	7 80	
Leon Blake, 1949 tax	16 50	
State, Town Road Improvement	503 68	
State, special resolve	398 41	
Town of Otisfield, Me., food and clothing for Clarence Grover family	43 89	
State, dog licenses refunded	3 07	
State, school fund	884 54	
Received from Irving Bryant, Coll.	5,839 70	
		\$13,898 79
Warrants paid Nos. 1 to 42 inclusive	\$12,308 55	
Balance in treasury	1,590 24	
		\$13,898 79

Respectfully submitted,  
RUTH G. BRYANT, Treasurer

# Roads

## SNOW REMOVAL

Wallace Guptill, plowing and sanding with truck	\$1,005 10	
Wallace Guptill, stockpiling sand with truck	120 00	
Ralph Guptill, plowing and sanding	288 75	
Ralph Guptill, stockpiling sand	60 00	
Nelson Eastman, plowing snow with tractor	66 00	
Carroll Haley, repairs on snow plow	6 44	
Graves Garage, plowing snow	171 50	
Wesley Buswell, repairs on snow plow	17 74	
W. B. Richardson, repairs on snow plow	124 90	
Armand O. Pepin, plowing Deer Hill road	16 20	
Charles Forest, shoveling door yard	6 00	
W. H. Shurtleff, 5 tons salt	120 50	
Hugh Hastings, 120 yds. sand	18 00	
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Total		\$2,021 13
Raised by town	\$ 700 00	
Received from State snow removal	1,176 65	
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Total		\$1,876 65
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Overdrawn		\$ 144 48

WALLACE GUPTILL

## TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE

Howard Bryant, labor	\$ 6 00
Sumner Hamilton, labor	15 00
Merton Charles, self and truck	164 25
A. F. Wiley, labor	82 50
Neil Bryant, self and tractor	86 00
Simcon Charles, foreman	119 00



John Payne, labor	6 00	
Lyndon Emerson, labor	15 00	
Fred Eastman, labor	4 50	
Erville Fernald, bridge plank	5 00	
H. Clyde Pendexter, work on Deer Hill road	20 00	
Wallace Guptill, self and truck	86 00	
Ralph Guptill, labor	32 25	
Albert Graves, self and tractor	12 50	
H. S. Emerson, labor	6 00	
Hugh Hastings, 50 yds. gravel	7 50	
Raymond Haley, 18 yds. gravel	1 80	
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Amount expended on town road		\$ 669 30
Raymond Haley, 268 yds. gravel on town road improvement	\$ 26 80	
Raymond Haley, 164 yds. gravel on special resolve	16 40	
Erlon Jones, 12 yds. gravel special resolve	1 20	
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		\$ 44 40
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		\$ 713 70
Raised by town		500 00
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Overdrawn		\$ 213 70

## TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Lyndon Emerson, foreman	\$ 79 00	
A. F. Wiley, labor	58 50	
Erville Fernald, with truck and tractor	125 05	
Sumner Hamilton, labor	39 75	
Fred Eastman, labor	33 00	
Merton Charles, self and truck	112 20	
New England Metal Culvert Co., culvert	40 18	
Herbert Emerson, self and tractor	16 00	
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		\$ 503 68
Available from State		522 67
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Balance unexpended		\$ 18 99

LYNDON EMERSON, Foreman

## SPECIAL RESOLVE

Town of Fryeburg, road machine and man	\$ 9 00	
New England Metal Culvert Co., culverts	51 94	
Lyndon Emerson, foreman	56 70	
Sumner Hamilton, labor	41 63	
A. F. Wiley, labor	34 88	
Erville Fernald, self and tractor	25 50	
Erville Fernald, self and truck	53 00	
Merton Charles, self and truck	95 63	
Fred Eastman, labor	16 13	
Herbert Emerson, self and tractor	14 00	
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Total		\$ 398 41
Available from State		400 00
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Balance unexpended		\$ 1 59

LYNDON EMERSON, Foreman

# Report of School Department

School Committee:  
ERVILLE FERNALD  
IRVING BRYANT  
DORIS BRYANT

Superintendent:  
MERLE S. JONES

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Resources	
Appropriations	\$2,770 00
Appropriated from Forest Reserve	75 00
State, February 1950	61 01
State School Fund	884 54
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	\$3,790 55
Disbursements	
Overdraft January 1, 1950	\$ 325 51
Teaching	1,650 24
Fuel	101 00
Janitor and cleaning	94 00
Conveyance	1,104 00
Elementary tuition	108 00
Secondary tuition	533 40
Textbooks and supplies	157 66
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	\$4,073 81
Overdraft January 1, 1951	\$ 283 26

### ABOVE ACCOUNTS PARTIALLY ITEMIZED

Mildred C. Andrews, teaching	\$1,599 84
Charles Heffernan, music	50 40
Elizabeth Fernald, conveyance	924 00
Horace Gray, conveyance	180 00
Elementary tuition, Fryeburg	108 00
Secondary tuition, Fryeburg A.	533 40

### REPAIR ACCOUNT

Resources	
Balance January 1, 1950	\$ 45 00
From Forest Reserve	108 07
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	\$ 153 07
Paid on order	142 88
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Balance January 1, 1951	\$ 10 19

Your school enrollment at the present time is as follows:

Sub.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total	
	3	6	4	3	2	3	4	1	2	28

At present there are four children attending Fryeburg Academy.

### PROPOSED BUDGET

Need		
Teacher's salary		\$1,700 00
Music		75 00
Fuel		100 00
Janitor and cleaning		100 00
Conveyance		1,188 00
Secondary tuition		728 00
Elementary tuition		108 00
Textbooks and supplies		200 00
To reduce overdraft		101 00
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		\$4,300 00
Sources		
State school fund		\$1,000 00
To be raised by the town		3,300 00
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		\$4,300 00

### BREAKDOWN FOR APPROPRIATIONS

Common schools	\$2,900 00
Secondary tuition	200 00
Textbooks and supplies	200 00

### Other Budget Needs

Repair	\$ 100 00
Physical examinations	10 00

I know how pleased you people must be with the repair work which was done last summer. The new ceiling makes the room so much more attractive. Let's take this space to express our appreciation to Mr. Andrews. I hope this year we may be able to improve the walls. It is a question whether the present walls can be smoothed and decorated or whether a new covering of wall board will be necessary. The chalk-board space needs to be improved and the orange crate book cases should be replaced with permanent shelves.

Just a note in defense of the proposed budget.

We must face realities. Teachers' salaries must be increased and where all teachers in my union, with the exception of a high school graduate, are getting from \$1,700 to \$1,880 with possible increases for the next year we must pay \$1,700. Conveyance has been extended more and more and many more children are conveyed, so we see no way to reduce that cost. High school tuition is considerably more than for past years, but this is reflected in an increased state school fund, and we should be pleased to have so many of our boys and girls continue beyond the grades.

I am more than pleased with what you have been doing for your children. You are offering them all the advantages possible for a rural school. You have a music program, lunch program and a health program that is usually found in only larger schools. Keep it up. Your boys and girls are as good and need as many advantages as other children.

# **Annual Report of Public Health Nursing Services Stow - 1950**

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One of the most important methods of securing and maintaining optimum health for a community is through the protection of its children. Health education is an ever expanding subject and should be shared with every citizen in the community.

Your public health nurse in visiting in the families of your community has tried to explain the advantages of vitamins and a well-balanced diet for growing boys and girls.

Eight children from the first, fourth and seventh grades were given a physical examination during the year. Where defects were discovered by the physician, parents have been urged to secure correction.

Gratitude is expressed to the Town Officials and all interested citizens who have cooperated with your public health nurse in the community health work for the town of Stow.

Respectfully Submitted,

ELEANOR C. MESERVE, R. N.  
Public Health Nurse