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Annual Report

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF
BENEDICTA
MAINE

**For The Year Ending
March 1, 1945**

Annual Report of the Municipal Officers of



BENEDICTA



For the Municipal Year Ending March 1, 1945

Houlton Publishing Company, Houlton, Maine

TOWN OFFICERS

Clerk

MRS. MARY E. QUALEY

Selectmen, Assessors Overseers of the Poor

L. H. QUALEY

FRANCIS QUALEY

RAY CUMMINGS

Treasurer

EVERETT J. McAVOY

School Committee

HARRY CUMMINGS

EVERETT J. McAVOY

G. P. DUFFY

Constables

B. E. DUFFY

A. F. QUALEY

Collector of Taxes

ANDREW F. QUALEY

Superintendent

ERNEST G. TUPPER

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Real Estate, Resident	\$620.10	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	176.36	
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Total Real Estate		\$796.46
Personal Estate, Resident	\$179.60	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	1.92	
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Total Personal Estate		\$181.52
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Total Personal and Real Estate		\$977.98
Number of Polls taxed, 55		
Number of Polls not taxed, 4		

On above Polls and Estate as per warrant from State Treasurer and County Treasurer and per vote of the Town at the annual meeting held March 20, 1944, the following assessments were made:

State Tax	\$ 857.03
County Tax	177.19
Schools	2,000.00
Supt.'s Salary	160.00
Painting School Building	307.40
Rental of School Building	150.00
Roads and Bridges	500.00
Maintenance 3rd Class Road	34.00
State Aid Roads	300.00
Snow Removal	700.00
Incidentals	700.00
Town Lights	60.00
Anti-Tuberculosis	10.00
School Nursing	15.00
Maine Publicity Bureau	15.00

To Purchase Snow Plow	1,000.00	
To Erect Honor Roll	150.00	
Interest on School Fund	50.00	
Overlay	314.23	
	<hr/>	\$7,499.85
Tax Rate on \$1.00—.075		
55 Polls @ \$3.00	\$ 165.00	
Tax on Real and Personal Est.	7,334.85	
	<hr/>	\$7,499.85

**REPORT OF SELECTMEN
ROADS AND BRIDGES**

Receipts

To Appropriation	\$500.00	
From County for Rent of Road Machine	36.00	
	<hr/>	\$536.00

Expenditures

J. F. Rogan	\$ 3.85	
H. D. Cummings	12.00	
Frances Qualey	10.00	
W. F. Perry	7.50	
D. J. Crowe	28.60	
A. F. Qualey	7.00	
Paid State for Patrol	222.90	
Bal. Unexpended Mar. 1, 1945	244.15	
	<hr/>	\$536.00

FOR GRAVELING AND TARRING 1.6 MILE
OF TOWN ROAD

Appropriation 1943	\$1,500.00	
Raised State Aid 1944	300.00	
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		\$1,800.00
State Treasurer, Steam Shovel	\$ 20.50	
Kopper's Company for Tar	911.32	
Lloyd Merrill, gravel	41.25	
To the State, applying tar	131.38	
Herbert Qualey	8.00	
J. H. Rush	37.50	
Steve Rush	20.00	
H. D. Cummings	22.32	
Pat Hines	13.95	
Fin Hines	13.95	
Andrew Gantnier	8.37	
Joe Gantnier	5.58	
Everett McAvoy	22.32	
Ralph Rush	12.50	
Andrew Rush	5.58	
Geo. P. Duffy	11.16	
Reginald Darling	5.58	
Frances Qualey	79.33	
Albert Qualey	56.25	
W. F. Perry	5.00	
L. H. Qualey	22.32	
B. A. Rivers	11.16	
Geo. Rivers	11.16	
Pat Brown	5.58	
Robert Brown	5.58	
Roy McAvoy	13.95	
Geo. McAvoy	12.50	

Leonard Cummings	20.00	
Gilbert Bolin	4.00	
Zeack Fugate	4.00	
Anderson Marchall	4.00	
Estil Bolin	4.00	
Paid out of Town Trucks	222.58	
Balance Unexpended Mar. 1, 1945	27.33	
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		\$1,800.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Receipts

Unexpended Bal. Mar. 1, 1944	\$ 176.19	
To Appropriation	700.00	
Received from State	1,241.75	
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		\$2,117.94

Expenditures

Herbert Qualey	\$1,056.25
Herbert Qualey hauling gravel	12.00
Herbert Qualey, labor on snow fence	120.50
Robert Brown	20.00
John McAvoy	9.10
H. D. Cummings	24.50
Geo. Rivers	7.00
Geo. Qualey	47.00
H. S. Shurteff, snow fence	264.98
Frances Qualey	37.33
Everett McAvoy	15.55
Andrew Gantnier	12.25
Joe Gantnier	38.50
Joe McAvoy	17.50

Leo McAvoy	70.00	
Albert Qualey	24.50	
Louis C. Qualey	10.50	
Dan Rush	4.75	
Edward Rush	4.75	
L. H. Qualey	17.50	
Herbert Rush	7.00	
Albert Rush	7.00	
Henry Rush	7.00	
Robert Qualey	10.00	
J. P. Rush, supplies	23.25	
John Rogan	19.05	
Dan Crowe	23.30	
J. H. Rush	11.55	
Leonard Cummings	12.50	
Balance Unexpended Mar. 10, 1944	183.33	
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		\$2,117.94

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT

To Appropriation		\$160.00
Overdrawn March 1, 1944	\$ 1.08	
Paid Superintendent	157.76	
Balance Unexpended Mar. 1945	1.16	
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		\$160.00

TOWN LIGHTS

Bal. Unexpended 1944	\$ 1.17	
Appropriation	60.00	
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		\$61.17

Paid:		
Maine Pub. Service Co.	\$57.00	
Balance Unexpended 1945	4.17	
	<hr/>	\$61.17

RENTAL OF SCHOOL BUILDING

Appropriation	\$150.00
Paid Rev. Geo. Dulac	\$150.00

TOWN OFFICERS AND INCIDENTALS

Receipts

Appropriation	\$700.00	
Excise Tax	281.43	
Bear Bounty from State	50.00	
Overdrawn Mar. 1, 1945	466.06	
	<hr/>	\$1,497.49

Expenditures

Overdrawn Mar. 1, 1944	\$ 692.05
W. C. Heath, Sealer of Weights and Measures	6.00
Town of Island Falls Ration Board	12.14
A. F. Qualey, Bear Bounty	50.00
Treasurer of State	4.25
Marks Printing House, Town Books	19.45
Everett McAvoy, Treas. Fee	60.00
Ray Cummings, 2nd Selectman	30.00
Ray Cummings, Collector's Bond	5.00

Ray Cummings, Treasurer's Bond	10.00	
Patten Academy, Town Reports	34.00	
Mrs. M. E. Qualey, Town Clerk Fee	20.80	
L. H. Qualey, 1st Selectman	110.00	
L. H. Qualey, Meeting State Assessors	5.00	
L. H. Qualey, Telephone and Postage	5.80	
Everett McAvoy, Postage and Fee	6.00	
B. E. Duffy, Ballot Clerk	5.00	
B. E. Duffy, Constable Fee	20.00	
B. A. Rivers, Ballot Clerk	15.00	
A. F. Qualey, Collecting Tax of 1944	300.00	
A. F. Qualey, Collecting Excise Tax	22.00	
H. D. Cummings, Services on School Committee	15.00	
L. H. Qualey, Attending 3 Elections	15.00	
Frances Qualey, Ballot Clerk	5.00	
Frances Qualey, 3rd Selectman	30.00	
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		\$1,497.49

HONOR ROLL

To Appropriation	\$150.00	
Overdrawn Mar. 1, 1945	16.78	
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		\$166.78
Infioriate Sign Co.	\$150.00	
Bemis Express	7.98	
J. P. Rush, Cement	8.80	
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		\$166.78

PAINTING SCHOOL BUILDING

To Appropriation	\$307.40
Paid Rev. Geo. Dulac	\$307.40

Repairs on School Building	\$33.45
Paid Rev. Geo. Dulac	\$33.45

Rebate on Taxes of 1921 and 1922	\$333.13
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FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN

Uncollected Tax of 1938	\$ 40.24	
Uncollected Tax of 1939	160.72	
Uncollected Tax of 1940	256.71	
Uncollected Tax of 1941	302.44	
Tax Liens and Deeds held by Town	493.19	
Notes on School House No. 2	150.00	
Cash in Treas. March 12, 1945	3,550.38	
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		\$4,953.68
Outstanding Town Orders	\$ 100.00	
School Fund	1,000.00	
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		\$1,100.00
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Balance		\$3,853.68

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. QUALEY
RAY CUMMINGS
FRANCES QUALEY

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1944-45

Commitment	\$7,499.85
Treasurer's Receipts	\$7,499.85

A. F. QUALEY, Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Check Book Bal. of March 1, 1944	\$3,486.32	
1944 Tax	7,499.85	
Interest on 1944 Tax	32.90	
Excise Tax	281.43	
Bank Stock Tax	3.75	
Snow Removal	1,241.75	
County Treasurer, use of Road		
Machine	36.00	
Tuition of Children in Unorganized		
Town	202.00	
Equalization Fund	298.00	
State School Fund	1,252.77	
Dog License Refund	.27	
Refund on Account Overpaid		
to Date	100.00	
Bear Bounty	50.00	
Total Cash Receipts	\$14,485.04	
Warrants Paid	10,934.66	
Balance March 1945		\$3,550.38

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance		
Bank Balance of Feb. 24, 1945	\$4,241.17	
Total Deposits not credited to date	1,871.80	
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	\$6,112.97	
Total Outstanding Checks	2,562.59	
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Check Book Balance Mar. 12, 1945		\$3,550.38

Respectfully submitted,
EVERETT J. McAVOY, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the members of the Superintending School Committee
and Citizens of the town of Benedicta:

I hereby submit for your consideration my first report as Superintendent of your schools.

During my first year as your Superintendent I have endeavored to familiarize myself with your school system. After considerable investigation I am convinced that the type of education which you are offering is very good. It meets the needs of your town and compares favorably with that of other sections. You are fortunate indeed not to be hampered by the extreme teacher shortage which prevails throughout the state.

I have found the Sisters, who are teaching in your schools, most cooperative and always working for the interest of the boys and girls which they have in their care.

Last fall at a meeting of the school committee it was thought advisable to increase the salary of each teacher by five dollars per week to make the amount which you are paying comparable with that paid in other schools throughout the state.

The average school rate in the state is gradually increasing.

Towns that do not keep their teachers' salaries and general school expenditures on an approximate level with those in other towns cannot be assured of a continuation of their equalization fund.

The salaries of your teachers are as follows:

Sister Jeannette	\$30.00 per week
Sister Veronica	\$30.00 per week

Enrollment of pupils by grades for the school year beginning September 1944 is as follows:

Sub-Primary	7
First Grade	4
Second Grade	3
Third Grade	7
Fourth Grade	7
Fifth Grade	4
Sixth Grade	10
Seventh Grade	4
Eighth Grade	3
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Total	49

In closing, I want to express my appreciation for your cooperation during the year; and to assure you of my desire to serve you well.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST G. TUPPER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT GENERAL FUND

Receipts

Unexpended Balance	\$ 591.07	
State School Fund	1,252.77	
Elementary Tuition	202.00	
Interest on Land Fund	50.00	
Equalization Fund	298.00	
Appropriation	2,000.00	
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		\$4,393.84

Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries	\$1,994.10	
Fuel	407.32	
Janitor and Cleaning	411.18	
Text books	113.33	
Supplies	131.24	
Tuition	1,034.78	
Unexpended Balance 1945	301.89	
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		\$4,393.84

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Receipts

Appropriation	\$150.00
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Expenditures

Rev. George Dulac	\$150.00
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REPAIRS

No Appropriation Overdraft	\$33.45
Expenditures	
Labor and Material	\$33.45

ESTIMATE OF SCHOOL BUDGET

March 1945 to March 1946

Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries	\$2,160.00	
Fuel	450.00	
Janitor and Cleaning	450.00	
Text Books and Supplies	200.00	
High School Tuition	1,200.00	
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		\$4,460.00

Estimated Receipts

Unexpended	\$ 301.89	
State School Fund	1,253.00	
State Equalization Fund	20.00	
Interest on School Fund	50.00	
Elementary Tuition	150.00	
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		\$1,774.89
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Necessary Appropriation		\$2,685.11