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1946/47 **ANNUAL REPORT**

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*Municipal Officers of*

*Benedicta, Maine*

*Year Ending March 1, 1947*

Annual Report of the Municipal Officers of the

Town of  
**BENEDICTA**  
MAINE

For the Municipal Year Ending March 1, 1947

Houlton Publishing Company, Houlton, Maine

## **TOWN OFFICERS**

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Town Clerk

**MRS. MARY E. QUALEY**

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor

**L. H. QUALEY**

**RAY CUMMINGS**

**FRANCIS QUALEY**

Treasurer

**EVERETT J. McAVOY**

School Committee

**EVERETT J. McAVOY**

**JERRY BRENNAN**

**GEORGE P. DUFFY**

Constables

**B. E. DUFFY**

**ANDREW P. RUSH**

Collector of Taxes

**ANDREW P. RUSH**

Superintendent of Schools

**ERNEST G. TUPPER**

## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Real Estate, Resident	\$62,351.00
Real Estate, Non-resident	17,331.00
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Total Real Estate	\$79,682.00
Personal Property, Resident	\$17,718.00
Personal Property, Non-resident	350.00
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Total Personal Property	\$18,068.00
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Total Personal and Real Estate	\$97,750.00
No. Polls Taxed, 62	
No. Polls not Taxed, 6	

On the above Polls and Estates as per warrant from State Treasurer and County Treasurer and per vote of the Town at the annual meeting held March 18, 1946, the following assessments were made:

State Tax	\$834.02
County Tax	150.60
Schools	2,400.00
Superintendent's Salary	160.00
Rental of School Building	250.00
Repairs on School Building	100.00
Roads and Bridges	500.00
State Aid Road	450.00
Maintenance of Third Class Road	34.00
Snow Removal	900.00
Tarring "Forty-One Hill"	2,000.00
Town Officers and Incidentals	600.00
Town Lights	80.00
Anti-Tuberculosis	10.00
School Nursing	15.00

Maine Publicity Bureau	25.00	
Interest on School Fund	50.00	
Overlay	33.88	
		\$8,592.50
Tax Rate on \$1.00, .086		
62 Polls at \$3.00	\$ 186.00	
Tax on Real and Personal Estate	8,406.50	
		\$8,592.50

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### REPORT OF SELECTMEN

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES

##### Receipts:

Bal Unexpended March 1, 1946	\$ 91.83	
To Appropriation	500.00	
Received from State	100.00	
County Treas., Rent Road machine	39.00	
Overdrawn March 1, 1947	7.17	
		\$738.00

##### Expenditures:

Arthur Qualey	\$ 3.50
Louis C. Qualey	3.50
Fred McAvoy	178.50
Leo McAvoy	45.50
Hildred McAvoy	10.50
Ray Cummings	36.00
L. H. Qualey	10.00
Frances Qualey, Culvert	60.00

Billie Cameron, Putting in Culvert	20.00	
Paid State for Patrol	297.20	
Herbert Qualey	73.30	
		\$738.00

## SNOW REMOVAL

Bal Unexpended March 1, 1946	\$218.07	
To Appropriation	900.00	
Rec. from State	1,178.75	
Jerome Gantnier, Snow Fence	30.00	
L. H. Qualey, Snow Fence	15.00	
		\$2,341.82

## Expenditures:

Herbert Qualey, Plowing Road	\$1,056.25
Herbert Qualey, Hauling Gravel and Labor on Snow Fence	126.00
Geo. A. Hall Co., Wire	14.00
J. P. Rush, Salt	22.00
R. M. Lightbody, Snow Fence	367.00
Geo. Rivers	7.77
Thos. Gantnier	14.00
Philip Gantnier	10.50
Jackie Boyce	7.00
Albert Rush	7.00
Edward Rush	14.00
Harold Rush	7.00
Richard Rush	7.00
J. F. McAvoy	31.50
Basil McAvoy	91.00

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Joseph Gantnier	24.50	
Leo McAvoy	42.00	
Fred McAvoy	59.50	
Caroll Rush	29.00	
Louis C. Qualey	40.35	
Dan McDonald	14.00	
Everett McAvoy	7.00	
Arthur Qualey	28.00	
Andrew Gantnier	10.50	
Frances Qualey	2.25	
Edward Qualey	3.12	
Joseph McAvoy	46.50	
Balance Unexpended	253.08	
		<hr/> \$2,341.82

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NO. I ROAD

Balance Unexpended March 1, 1945		\$427.46
Expenditures:		
Fred Shannon	\$10.00	
Lyman Carr	9.00	
Peter Cody	9.00	
Earl Lanscatt	9.00	
Elmer Baker	22.50	
Ray Cummings, Gravel	5.00	
Balance Unexpended Mar. 1, 1947	362.46	
		<hr/> \$427.46

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TARRING NO. 41 HILL

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Cash in Treasury to Balance		\$2,000.00



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**STATE AID ROADS**

To Appropriation	\$450.00	
Available from State	1,575.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,025.00

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**THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE**

Balance Unexpended Mar. 1, 1946	\$20.30	
To Appropriation	34.00	
	<hr/>	\$54.30
Balance Unexpended 1947		\$54.30

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**TOWN LIGHTS**

To Appropriation		\$80.00
Paid Maine Public Service Co.	\$72.00	
Balance Unexpended Mar. 1, 1947	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$80.00

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT**

Balance Unexpended Mar. 1, 1946	\$ 1.38	
Appropriation	160.00	
Overdrawn Mar. 1, 1947	.57	
	<hr/>	\$161.95
Paid E. G. Tupper		\$161.95

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 MAINE PUBLICITY BUREAU

Appropriation	\$25.00
Paid State Treasurer	\$25.00

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 SCHOOL NURSING

Appropriation	\$15.00
Paid Health Nurse	\$15.00

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 ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS

Appropriation	\$10.00
Paid Anti-Tuberculosis Association	\$10.00

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 TOWN OFFICERS AND INCIDENTALS

To Appropriation	\$600.00	
Excise Tax	403.09	
Bear Bounty from State	70.00	
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		\$1,073.09
Overdrawn March 1, 1946	\$168.11	
Marks Printing House, Town Books	10.80	
Seth Campbell, writing Tax Deed	3.50	
George P. Duffy, Bear Bounty	10.00	
Eugene Duffy, Bear Bounty	10.00	
Marks Printing House, Treas.		
Supplies	1.80	
H. P. Snowman, Treas. Stamps	2.10	

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A. F. Qualey, Bear Bounty	40.00
Houlton Pub. Co., Town Reports	35.20
Sherman Lumber Co., wood for B. E. Duffy	24.00
Everett J. McAvoy, Treas. fee	60.00
Floyd Martin, Bear Bounty	10.00
Ray Cummings, Services Second Selectman	30.00
Ray Cummings, Ballot Clerk	5.00
Frances Qualey, Third Selectman	30.00
B. A. Rivers, Ballot Clerk	10.00
Mrs. Mary E. Qualey, Town Clerk fee	26.29
B. E. Duffy, Constable fee	10.00
L. H. Qualey, First Selectman	110.00
L. H. Qualey, Meeting State Assessors	5.00
L. H. Qualey, attending two Elections	10.00
L. H. Qualey, Telephone & Postage	6.20
H. D. Cummings, Ballot Clerk	5.00
W. C. Heath, Sealer of Weights and Measures	6.00
Hutchins Bros.	.75
Everett McAvoy, Postage	6.25
A. P. Rush, Collecting Tax, 1946	324.28
A. P. Rush, Collecting Excise Tax	26.00
A. P. Rush, Tax Bills	2.05
George P. Duffy, Third Year School Committee	15.00
Balance Unexpended Mar. 1, 1947	69.76

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\$1,073.09

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 FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

Uncollected Tax of 1938	\$ 40.24	
Uncollected Tax of 1939	128.51	
Uncollected Tax of 1940	256.71	
Uncollected Tax of 1944	281.25	
Tax Liens and Deeds held by Town	421.90	
Notes on School House No. 2	150.00	
Cash in Treas. Mar. 8, 1947	7,099.24	
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		\$8,377.85
Outstanding Town Order	\$ 100.00	
School Fund	1,000.00	
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		\$1,100.00
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		\$7,277.85

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

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## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1946

Commitment	\$8,592.50
Treasurer's Receipts	\$8,592.50
ANDREW RUSH, Collector	

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Check Book Balance March 7, 1946	\$3,831.87
1946 Tax	8,592.50
Interest on 1946 Tax	55.03

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Excise Tax	403.09
Bank Stock Tax	4.27
1939 Tax	32.21
Interest on 1939 Tax	12.88
1941 Tax	21.19
Interest on 1941 Tax	5.94
Tax Liens and Interest	115.28
State for Town Roads	110.00
Snow Removal	1,178.75
Jerome Gantnier for snow fence	30.00
L. H. Qualey for snow fence	15.00
County Treasurer for use of road machine	39.00
Tuition of children in unorganized town	108.00
State School Fund	1,898.80
Equalization Fund	444.00
Bear Bounty	70.00
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Total Cash Receipts	\$16,967.81
Dog Licenses Deficiency	4.90
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	\$16,962.91
Total Warrants Paid	9,863.67
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Balance March 8, 1947	\$7,099.24

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT J. McAVOY

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the members of the Superintending School Committee  
and citizens of Benedicta :

I herewith submit, for your consideration, my third  
report as superintendent of your schools.

Through the achievement tests, given to all pupils  
last spring it was shown that your schools are doing the  
work that is required, and that their work compares fav-  
orably with the standard set by the state.

I am sure that you are fortunate to have such well-  
trained and capable teachers. Sister Celeste's work  
continues to be very good indeed ; and Sister Emerita, who  
this year succeeded Sister Jeanette is doing an excellent  
job. Sister Emerita is one of the few elementary teach-  
ers, in the state of Maine, who have the degree of Bach-  
elor of Arts.

If a bill, now pending in the State Legislature, is  
passed—as now seems probable—it will be necessary to  
increase the salary of your teachers from the present  
\$1080.00 per year to \$1500.00 per year, if you are to con-  
tinue to receive the maximum subsidy from the state. With  
this in mind, I am asking for an increase in the appropri-  
ation for schools. Then we will be assured of the contin-  
uation of Benedicta's participation in the equalization  
fund.

The enrollment of pupils, by grades, at the present  
time is as follows :

Grade I	6
Grade II	5
Grade III	5
Grade IV	3
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	19
Teacher—Sister Celeste	
Grade V	6
Grade VI	8
Grade VII	3
Grade VIII	11
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	28

Teacher—Sister Emerita.

Total number of pupils in grades—47.

With sincere thanks for your courtesy and cooperation during the past year, this report is respectfully submitted,

ERNEST G. TUPPER

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### GENERAL FUND

#### Receipts

Appropriation	\$2,400.00
State School Fund	1,898.80
State Equalization Fund	444.00
Elementary Tuition	108.00

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Trust Fund	50.00	
Unexpended 1946	582.57	
	<hr/>	\$5,483.37

	Expenditures	
Teachers' Salaries	\$2,160.00	
Fuel	331.25	
Janitor & Cleaning	619.00	
Textbooks	60.46	
Supplies	59.23	
Secondary Tuition	1,293.10	
Unexpended 1947	960.33	
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REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$100.00
	Expenditures	
J. P. Rush	\$65.00	
Unexpended	35.00	
	<hr/>	\$100.00

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RENT AND INSURANCE

Appropriation		\$250.00
	Expenditures	
Rev. George Dulac		250.00



## ESTIMATE OF SCHOOL BUDGET

March 1947 to March 1948

## Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries	\$3,000.00	
Fuel	450.00	
Janitor & Cleaning	700.00	
Textbooks & Supplies	250.00	
High School Tuition	1,400.00	
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		\$5,900.00

## Estimated Receipts

State School Fund	\$1,800.00	
Equalization Fund	294.00	
Interest on School Fund	50.00	
Unexpended 1947	960.33	
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		\$3,104.33
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Necessary Appropriation		\$2,795.67

Rent	\$250.00
Repairs	??