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BENEDICTA, MAINE

Annual Report Of The Municipal Officers

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1947

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
of the
TOWN OF BENEDICTA
Maine
for the municipal year ending
MARCH 1, 1948

Houlton Publishing Company, Houlton, Maine

TOWN OFFICERS

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

Jerry Brennan

Everett J. McAvoy

George Rush

CONSTABLES

B. E. Duffy

Andrew P. Rush

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Andrew P. Rush

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Ernest G. Tupper

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ASSESSORS REPORT

Real Estate, Resident	\$63,490.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	18,261.00	
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Total Real Estate		\$81,751.00
Personal Property, Resident	\$17,723.00	
Personal Property Non-Resident	423.00	
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Total Personal		\$18,146.00
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Total Personal and Real Estate		\$99,897.00
No. Polls Taxed, 56		
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 17, 1947, the following assessments were made:

State Tax	\$ 841.62
County Tax	147.32
Schools	2,700.00
Supt. Salary	160.00
Rental of School Building	250.00
Repairs on School Building	600.00
Roads and Bridges	500.00
State Aid Road	450.00
Maint. of Third Class Roads	34.00
Tarring on Pond Road	1,000.00
Repairs on Mill Road	150.00
Snow Removal	900.00
Town Officers and Incidentals	600.00
Town Lights	75.00
School Nursing	20.00
Anti-Tuberculosis	10.00

Interest on School Fund	50.00	
Overlay	71.40	
		<u>\$8,559.34</u>
Tax Rate on \$1.00, .084		
56 Polls at \$3.00	\$ 168.00	
Tax on Real and Personal Estate	8,391.34	
		<u>\$8,559.34</u>

REPORT OF SELECTMEN
ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Overdrawn March 1, 1948	96.97	
		<u>\$596.97</u>
Expenditures:		
Overdrawn 1947	\$ 7.17	
Herbert Qualey	72.00	
Leo McAvoy	28.00	
Justin McAvoy	105.00	
Vaughn Duffy	28.20	
Donald Bragdon	7.65	
Gerald Patterson	7.65	
Everett Hamnington	7.65	
Albert Qualey	7.65	
Town of Sherman	13.50	
Alvin O'Neal	7.65	
Frank Brawn	7.65	
State for Patrol	297.20	
		<u>\$596.97</u>

STATE AID ROAD

State Aid Fund 1946	\$2,025.00
State Aid Fund, 1947	2,025.00
Special Resolve 1946-47	300.00
Town Appropriation 41 Hill	2,000.00
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	\$6,350.00
Chester Morgan	\$ 220.80
Vaughn Duffy, Shovel	1,065.18
Vaughn Duffy, Truck	367.20
Albert Qualey	187.43
Dan Bragdon	82.88
Frank Brawn	15.30
George Duffy	169.58
Gerald Patterson	73.95
Frank Darling	153.00
Alvin O'Neal	99.00
Town of Sherman	201.00
Hrebert Qualey	3.00
Lloyd McKinney	58.65
Anthony Hunter	68.85
Lawrence Conroy	109.65
William Dunbar	89.25
Herbert Morgan	101.98
Lloyd Merrill	124.95
Everett Hamnington	147.50
Myra Mitchell	153.00
Gerald Duffy	58.65
Thomas Waters	10.20
Lewis Denvoise	36.98
Jesse Crockett	127.25
Dwight Caldwell	64.13
Ivan Patterson	40.50
Thomas Gantnier	37.13

L. H. Qualey	33.75
Shirley Brackett	10.88
Wallace Brackett	10.88
Fred Brackett	10.88
Derwood Humphrey	9.75
Robert Mayo	9.75
George Rivers	21.20
Hollis Morgan	14.25
Dean Durgan	14.25
Millard Morgan	20.63
Sherwood Crocker	14.25
Joseph Gantnier	14.63
George Hall Co., Culverts	109.32
New England Metal Culvert Co.	333.30
Walter Heath, Gravel	133.76
Hugh Cummings, Gravel	88.64
J. P. Rush, Supplies	9.59
Balance Unexpended March 1	1,623.30
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	\$6,350.00

SNOW REMOVAL ACCOUNT

Balance Unexpended 1947	\$ 253.08
To Appropriation	900.00
Received from State	1,313.50
P. J. Rogan, Snow Fence	7.50
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	\$2,474.08
Expenditures:	
Herbert Qualey, Plowing Roads	\$1,056.25
Herbert Qualey, labor on snow fence	151.00
Vaughn Duffy, sand for roads	90.00

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W. H. Shurlette, snow fence and salt	267.00	
Walter Heath, sand	5.04	
Andrew Gantnier, labor	3.50	
Thomas Gantnier, labor	10.50	
Philip Gantnier, labor	7.00	
L. H. Qualey, labor	5.00	
B. E. Duffy, labor	38.50	
Joe Burby, labor	24.50	
Edward Rush, labor	7.00	
Basil McAvoy, labor	99.00	
Robert Qualey, labor	24.50	
Joe Gantnier, labor	7.80	
Arnold Hines	7.00	
Robert Johnson	17.50	
Joseph McAvoy	1.56	
Leo McAvoy, labor	35.00	
Ted Gerald, labor	21.00	
Bert Rogerson, labor	49.00	
Nat Gerald, labor	45.50	
Basil Tedford, labor	81.08	
June Mullus, labor	7.00	
Dave McClure, labor	3.70	
Allen Tedford, labor	6.04	
Milade Shaw	16.18	
Balance Unexpended March 1, 1948	386.93	
		<u>\$2,474.08</u>

THIRD CLASS ROAD

Received from State	\$429.57	
Paid by Town	129.88	
		<u>\$559.45</u>

Expenditures:	
Vaughn Duffy, shovel	\$190.42
Vaughn Duffy, trucks	104.56
Geo. Duffy	48.45
Herbert Morgan	44.63
Town of Sherman, Grader	43.50
Shirley Brackett	6.00
Fred Brackett	6.00
Jesse Crockett	11.25
Geo. Rivers	11.25
L. H. Qualey	6.75
Chester Morgan	32.40
Ralph Rush, Gravel	54.24
	\$559.45

MAINTENANCE OF UNIMPROVED ROADS

Received from State	\$552.25
Overdrawn March 1, 1948	2.11
	\$554.36

Expenditures:	
Chester Morgan	\$ 22.80
Vaughn Duffy, shovel	123.30
Vaugrn Duffy, truck	91.80
Gerald Patterson	45.90
Alvin O'Neal	42.08
Donald Bragdon	33.15
Everett Hannington	19.00
Albert Qualey	16.58
Town of Sherman	28.50
Irving Patterson	13.50
Jesse Crockett	13.50

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Dwight Caldwell	13.50	
L. H. Qualey	6.75	
Geo. A. Hall Co., Culverts	84.00	
	<hr/>	\$554.36 ✓

MILL ROAD ACCOUNT

To Appropriation		\$150.00
Expenditures:		
Carroll Rush	\$ 29.90	
Francis Qualey	34.65	
Forest Gardner	22.50	
Albert Qualey	15.30	
Louis C. Qualey	4.68	
Vaughn Duffy	9.00	
Bal. Unexpended 1948	33.97	
	<hr/>	\$150.00 ✓

SPECIAL RESOLVE POND ROAD

Received from State	\$ 57.92	
Overdrawn March 1, 1948	6.57	
	<hr/>	\$64.49
Vaughn Duffy, shovel	8.00	
George Duffy, truck	22.95	
Herbert Morgan, truck	22.95	
L. H. Qualey	6.75	
Walter Heath, gravel	3.84	
	<hr/>	\$64.49 ✓

 TARRING POND ROAD

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Paid State for Tar	\$860.72	
Balance Unexpended	139.28	
	<hr/>	\$1,000.00 ✓

 TOWN LIGHTS

To Appropriation	\$75.00	
By Unexpended March 1, 1947	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$83.00
Paid Maine Pub. Service Co.	\$65.80	
Bal. March 1, 1948	17.20	
	<hr/>	\$83.00

 SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$160.00	
Overdrawn March 1, 1948	20.43	
	<hr/>	\$180.43
Overdrawn March 1, 1947	\$.57	
Paid E. G. Tupper	179.86	
	<hr/>	\$180.43

 SCHOOL NURSING

Appropriation	\$20.00
Paid Health Nurse	\$20.00

 ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS

Appropriation	\$10.00
Paid Anti-Tuberculosis Asso.	\$10.00

 STATE TAX

Per Warrant from State of Maine	\$841.62
Paid State Treasurer	\$841.62

 COUNTY TAX

Warrant from County Commissioners	\$147.32
Paid County Treasurer	\$147.32

 TOWN OFFICERS AND INCIDENTALS

To Appropriation	\$ 600.00	
Bal. Unexpended 1947	69.76	
Excise Tax 1947	787.70	
Bear Bounty from State	30.00	
		<hr/> \$1,487.46

Expenditures:

Houlton Pub. Co., Town Reports	\$ 40.45	✓
Loring, Short and Harmon, Town Books	12.30	✓
Everet McAvoy, Treas. fee	60.00	✓
Everett McAvoy, Postage and Fee	5.67	✓
L. H. Qualey, 1st Selectman	110.00	✓
L. H. Qualey, meeting State Assessors	5.00	✓
L. H. Qualey, Telephone and Postage	4.90	✓
B. E. Duffy, Health Officer	15.00	✓

B. E. Duffy, Constable Fee	10.00 ✓	
Ray Cummings, 2nd Selectman	30.00 ✓	
Francis Qualey, 3rd Selectman	30.00 ✓	
A. J. Qualey, Bear Bounty	30.00 ✓	
A. P. Rush, Coll. Tax 1947	320.97	
A. P. Rush, Coll. Excise Tax	27.75	
A. P. Rush, Tax Bills	2.20	
State Treasurer, Dog Tax Deff.	5.80 ←	
Bal. Unexpended March 1, 1947	777.42	
		\$1,487.46

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 1941	281.25	
Tax Liens and Deeds held by Town	344.20	
Notes on School House No. 2	150.00	
Cash in Treas., March 6, 1948	6,741.38	
		\$7,942.29
Outstanding Town Order	\$ 100.00	
School Fund	1,000.00	
		\$1,100.00
Balance March 6, 1948		\$6,842.29

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. QUALEY
RAY CUMMINGS
FRANCIS QUALEY

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1947

Commitment	\$8,559.34
Treasurer's Receipts	\$8,559.34

ANDREW P. RUSH, Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Check Book Balance March 8, 1947	\$7,099.24	
1947 Tax	8,559.34	✓
Interest on 1947 Tax	66.40	✓
Excise Tax	787.70	✓
Bank Stock Tax	8.85	✓
Tax Liens	77.70	✓
Interest on Tax Liens	38.72	✓
State for Snow Removal	1,313.50	
Special Resolve	57.92	✓
Town Roads	552.25	✓
State Aid Roads	3,450.00	✓
Third Class Roads	429.57	✓
P. J. Rogan for Snow Fence	7.50	✓
State School Fund	2,210.16	✓
Equalization Fund	294.00	✓
Tuition of Pupils in Unorganized Town	162.00	✓
St. Benedict's Convent for 5 tons of coal	84.05	✓
Bear Bounty	30.00	✓
Old Checks not paid	60.29	✓
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Total Cash Receipts	\$25,289.19	
Total Warrants Paid	18,547.81	—
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Balance March 6, 1948	\$ 6,741.38	

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Respectfully submitted,
 EVERETT J. McAVOY

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Members of the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Benedicta:

I herewith submit, for your consideration, my fourth report as Superintendent of your schools.

I am glad to report that your schools are running smoothly and efficiently, with your teachers, Sister Emerita, and Sister Celesti, deeply interested in the progress of the pupils under their care, and willing at all times to offer help and encouragement. You are very fortunate to have these well trained and certified teachers in your schools.

The enrollment of pupils is as follows:

Sub-primary	4
Grade 1	3
Grade 2	8
Grade 3	6
Grade 4	5
Total	26

Teacher, Sister Celesti

Grade 5	2
Grade 6	6
Grade 7	8
Grade 8	2
Total	19

Teacher, Sister Emerita

The problem of conveyance has been brought to my attention and I believe it would be very desirable to have your pupils conveyed. After the first year, the expense would be very little—much less than it is now costing the parents to convey their own children. Since the State will allow us \$100 for each of the 4 rural schools which were closed when the consolidated school was built; and since, as long as we remain an equalization town, one half the cost of convey-

ance will be paid by the State, the actual cost of the town for conveyance would not be very heavy.

The cost alone is, of course, not the only thing to consider. The benefit conveyance would be to both parents and children is the major consideration. The distance that some of the children have to walk is much too great and discourages them from continuing through high school. I hope you will give this problem careful thought before your regular town meeting, and will then take whatever action seems best for the greatest good to all.

I wish to thank you all for your courtesy and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST G. TUPPER

Patten, Maine, March 1, 1948.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
General Fund

Receipts:

Appropriation	\$2,700.00	
State School Fund	2,210.16	
State Equalization Fund	294.00	
Elementary Tuition	162.00	
Trust Fund	50.00	
St. Benedict's Convent	84.05	
Unexpended 1947	960.33	
		\$6,460.54

Expenditures:

Teachers' Salaries	\$2,929.71
Fuel	504.26
Janitor	630.00
Textbooks	141.01
Supplies	103.37
Secondary Tuition	1,775.91

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Unexpended 1948 376.28

\$6,460.54

Repairs Account

Receipts:
Appropriation \$600.00
Unexpended Balance 1947 35.00

\$635.00

Expenditures:
J. P. Rush \$412.50
Herschel Alberts 214.00
Unexpended 1948 8.50

\$635.00 ✓

Rent and Insurance

Receipts:
Appropriation \$250.00
Expenditures:
Rev. George Dulac \$250.00

Estimate of School Budget

Expenditures:
Teachers' Salaries \$3,200.00
Fuel 500.00
Janitor 600.00
Textbooks 100.00
Supplies 50.00
Tuition 2,100.00

\$6,550.00

Receipts:
State School Fund \$2,400.00
Equalization Fund 513.00
Interest on School Fund 50.00
Unexpended 1948 376.28

\$3,339.28

Necessary Appropriation \$3,210.72
Rent:—\$250.00