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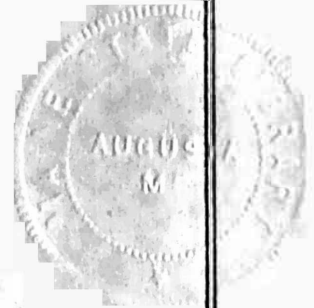
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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
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# Town Warrant

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To W. E. Reynolds, a Constable of the Town of Burnham in the County of Waldo, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Burnham, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Burnham Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the 11th day of March, A. D. 1940, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports as submitted by the several town officers.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for support of schools.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for salary of school board.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town officers' salaries. (Recommend \$900.00.)

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for support of poor. (Recommend \$1500.00.)

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town charges. (Recommend \$300.00.)

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for payment on town debt. (Recommend \$1,000.00.)

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for payment of interest. (Recommend \$1150.00.)

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote

and raise for abatement and discount of taxes. (Recommend \$300.00.)

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for highways and bridges. (Recommend \$350.00.)

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the maintenance of State, State Aid, and Third Class roads. (Necessary, \$920.00. State and State Aid \$433.00. Third Class, \$487.00. Total, \$920.00.)

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to contract for snow removal for a period of five years more or less.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for snow removal for the ensuing year. (Recommend \$1,250.00.)

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for removal of bushes on improved roads. (Recommend \$150.00.)

Art. 17. To see what sum the town will vote to 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 5, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937. (Recommend \$799.50.)

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the insurance of town property. (Recommend \$250.00.)

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the care of cemeteries. (Recommend \$60.00.)

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 to be held as a cemetery trust fund, the income from same to be used for the care of the J. Walter Scribner cemetery lot.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for street lights for the ensuing year. (Recommend \$240.00.)

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of twenty-five dollars for school nursing.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to abate the tax for a period of ten years on any transmission line built by the Central Maine Power Company during the ensuing year for the purpose of extending lights to the farmers in the easterly part of the town or take any act in relation thereto.

Art. 24. To see what action the town will take, if any, in regard to the Abbie Bagley property, so called.

Art. 25. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on all 1940 taxes paid before May 1st, said discount to be five percent.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen and treasurer to make temporary loans for the town to be paid during the current year by taxes and the selectmen to issue notes for and in the name of the town for the loans made and to issue bonds when necessary.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to deduct 50% on all vouchers issued for labor or material to those owing taxes, to be credited on taxes.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for W. P. A. to be used for the purchase of material and labor not supplied by W. P. A. funds. (Recommend \$1,000.00.)

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to execute for and in behalf of the town a deed releasing the town's interest in those lots of real estate on which the town has acquired an interest by enforcement of tax liens when the tax on such lots are paid.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to authorize a majority of the Selectmen to sell at such consideration as they deem advisable all the town's title and interest, now and hereafter acquired under tax liens, and authorize the Town

Treasurer to execute for and in behalf of the town a deed conveying the town's title and interest thereof to the purchaser.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$300.00 for dependent children.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$240.00 for Mothers' Aid.

Art. 35. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the above named hall and place of meeting on Monday, the day of said meeting, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, from 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon until the polls are closed.

CHARLES A. HUFF

RONELLO REYNOLDS

GEO. I. LESTER

Selectmen of Burnham

Attest: W. E. Reynolds, Constable of Burnham

# Selectmen's Report

## INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ASSESSED

Real estate, resident	\$136,955 00	
Real estate, non-resident	148,105 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$285,060 00
Personal estate, resident	\$ 20,250 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	2,175 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 22,425 00
Total Property Assessed		<u>          </u> \$307,485 00
Tax at .075	\$ 23,061 37	
152 polls at \$3.00	456 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$23,517 37
Commitment		\$23,517 37
Supplementary Tax		222 75
		<u>          </u> \$23,740 12
Value of property assessed 1938		\$311,365 00
Value of property assessed 1939		\$307,485 00

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## APPROPRIATIONS

Schools	\$8,330 00
Repairs—Schools	100 00
Salary School Board	30 00
Town Officers' Bills	850 00
Support of Poor	1,500 00
Town Charges	300 00
Town Debt	1,000 00
Interest	1,100 00
Discount and Abatements	300 00
Highways and Bridges	250 00
Maintenance State and State Aid road	457 20
Third Class road	455 00
Snow Removal	1,250 00
Cutting Bushes	125 00
State Aid Road	799 50
W. P. A.	1,000 00
Insurance	250 00



Cemeteries	60 00	
Street Lights	225 00	
School Nursing	47 00	
Aid to Dependent Children	300 00	
Mothers' Aid	240 00	
		<u>\$ 18,968 70</u>
County Tax		1,060 98
State Tax		2,409 19
Overlay		1,078 50
		<u>\$ 23,517 37</u>
Supplementary Tax		222 75

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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Appropriated by Town	\$850 00	
Trans. from Town Charges	100 77	
		<u>\$ 950 77</u>
Expended:		
Chas. A. Huff, salary and expense	\$205 00	
Ronello Reynolds, salary and expense	90 00	
Geo. Lester, salary and expense	80 00	
Iva McNelly, Treas. salary and expense	85 00	
C. E. McAllister, Moderator	5 00	
F. E. Brown, Health Officer	25 00	
D. A. Dyer, Town Clerk	40 33	
Karl McKechnie	166 64	
Maud Mudgett, Ballot Clerk	3 00	
J. B. Reynolds, Ballot Clerk	3 00	
Freeman Patterson, School Board	15 00	
School Board salaries	30 00	
W. E. Reynolds, Tax Collector	202 80	
		<u>\$ 950 77</u>

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TOWN CHARGES

Appropriated by town		\$300 00
Receipts:		
Railroad and Telegraph Tax	\$ 7 40	
Tax on Bank Stock	29 66	
J. B. Reynolds	55 00	
J. B. Reynolds, interest	10 75	
Town Property	57 00	
Tax Liens	1,113 07	

Fees	32 22	
Town Hall, rent	25 00	
		<u>\$ 1,330 10</u>
		<u>\$1,630 10</u>

Expended:

E. E. Davis, services	\$ 18 50	
Register of Deeds	2 06	
Pittsfield Advertiser, Inc.	50 00	
W. E. Reynolds, Reg. Liens	70 50	
Mae Watson, Legal Exp.	28 75	
Dept. of Audit	30 51	
Marks Printing Co.	29 10	
Burnham Hall Exp.	15 00	
Pittsfield Hardware, exals.	38 41	
D. F. Humphrey	4 40	
Dr. Bartholomew	1 25	
F. P. Shaw	3 50	
W. E. Reynolds, supplies	9 20	
J. A. McDonough, Town Audit and State Report	102 00	
Geo. Lester, Coll. Exp.	25 00	
W. E. Reynolds, Tax Coll. Com.	202 80	
Del. Exp. Surplus Com.	110 92	
		<u>\$ 741 90</u>
Trans. to Town Poor	145 10	
Trans. to Town Roads	396 95	
Trans. to Cutting Bushes	101 80	
Treasurer's Bond	20 00	
Trans. Town Officers	100 77	
Special Resolve Road (gravel)	123 58	
		<u>\$1,630 10</u>

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Appropriated by Town	\$1,100 00	
Trans. from Town Charges	198 55	
		<u>\$1,298 55</u>
Expended by Town	\$1,298 55	

TOWN DEBT

Appropriated by Town	\$1,000 00	
Expended by Town	\$ 624 27	
Unexpended	375 73	
		<u>\$1,000 00</u>

ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS

Appropriated by town		\$300 00
Discount allowed	\$ 589 87	
Abatement	891 28	
	\$1,481 15	
Abated in excess of appropriation	1,181 15	\$300 00

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Appropriated by town	\$250 00	
Trans. from Supp. Tax	319 00	
	\$253 19	
Expended by town		\$253 19

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriated by town		\$225 00
Expended by town	\$ 21 67	
Unexpended	203 33	
	\$225 00	

CEMETERIES

Appropriated by town	\$60 00	
Expense assigned to trust	24 00	
	\$84 00	
Expended by town		\$84 00

MAINTENANCE OF UNIMPROVED ROADS

Apportioned by State	\$353 40	
Payment 1938 account	130 19	
	\$223 21	
Expended by town	\$219 80	
Balance	3 41	
	\$223 21	

MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVED ROADS

Appropriated by town		\$457 20
Expended by State	\$430 43	
Unexpended	26 77	
	\$457 20	

TOWN ROADS

Appropriated by town	\$250 00	
Trans. from Town Charges	396 95	
	\$646 95	
Expended by town		\$646 95

CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriated by town	\$125 00	
Trans. from Town Charges	101 80	
		<u>\$226 80</u>
Expended by town		\$226 80

THIRD CLASS ROAD

Overdraft 1938	\$477 15	
Expended by town, 1939	1047 15	
		<u>\$1,524 30</u>
Apportioned by State	\$1,072 35	
Due from State	451 95	
		<u>\$1,524 30</u>

SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING

Appropriated by town	\$1,250 00	
Received from State	793 97	
		<u>\$2,043 97</u>
Expended by town	\$2,495 20	
Due from State	451 23	
		<u>\$2,043 97</u>

SPECIAL RESOLVE ROAD

Expended by town	\$907 43	
Assumed by town (gravel)	307 45	
		<u>\$599 98</u>
Appropriated by State	\$625 00	
Supervision	23 00	
		<u>\$602 00</u>
Expended balance	2 02	
		<u>\$599 98</u>

BRIDGE ACCOUNT

Expended by town (repairs)	\$624 56
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W. P. A. ACCOUNT

Appropriated by town	\$1,000 00	
Transferred from overlay	1,078 50	
Transferred from Supp.	20 20	
		<u>\$2,098 70</u>
Expended by town	\$2,098 70	\$2,098 70

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Appropriated by town	\$ 799 50	
Apportioned by State	1,599 00	
		\$2,398 50
Expended by town	\$ 933 71	
Over expended, 1938	1,665 85	
		\$2,599 56
Over expended		201 06
		\$2,398 50

TOWN POOR

Appropriated by town	\$1,500 00	
Reimbursed by relief clients	191 44	
Trans. from Town Charges	145 10	
		\$1,836 54
Expended:		
Ray Perkins	\$ 187 50	
O. Chandler	68 00	
R. Winn	128 00	
L. Dodge	115 00	
Stella Dyer	8 24	
Ben Flood	150 50	
Franklin Doherty	239 44	
Abbie Bagley	71 37	
Institutional service	103 71	
Others, including dependent soldiers	411 42	
Tramps	152 55	
		\$1,635 73
Unexpended	200 81	
		\$1,836 54

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

Irving Ingersoll, Belfast		
Due from Belfast '38	\$ 23 20	
Expended 1939	302 76	
		\$ 325 96
Received from Belfast	\$328 36	
Excess payment	2 40	
		\$ 325 96
Charles Wells, Clinton		
Balance 1938	\$186 05	
Expended 1939	24 00	
		\$210 05

Received from Clinton	\$209 37	
Correction 1938 account	68	
		<u>\$210 05</u>

Arthur Wyman, Pittsfield, Hartland

Balance 1938	\$91 34	
Expended 1939	181 93	
		<u>\$273 27</u>

Received from Pittsfield	\$165 07	
Received from Hartland	109 60	

	\$274 67	
Excess payment	1 40	
		<u>\$273 27</u>

James Anderson, Pittsfield

Expended 1939	\$14 50	
Received from Pittsfield	\$14 50	

Mrs. Charles Tucker, Knox

Expended 1939	\$124 50	
Received from Knox	\$124 50	

Helen Gullifer, Waterville

Expended 1939	\$31 33	
Due from Waterville	\$31 33	

STATE POOR

Due and received from the State	\$1,986 31	
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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriated by town	\$300 00	
Trans. from Supp. tax	23 60	
		<u>\$323 60</u>
Expended by State (Reynolds-Bowden)	\$323 60	

MOTHERS' AID

Appropriated by town	\$240 00	
Trans. from Supp. Tax	75 00	
		<u>\$315 00</u>
Expended by State (Reynolds)	\$315 00	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. HUFF

RONELLO REYNOLDS

GEORGE I. LESTER

Selectmen of Burnham



State of Maine, State Municipal All.	430 43
State of Maine, Fish and Game Dept.	107 79
State of Maine, Welfare Dept.	1,986 31
State of Maine, Education Dept.	1,593 00
State of Maine, Education Dept.	1,748 40
J. Walter Scribner, trust	100 00
Tax liens	1,112 87
Fees	32 22
Tax collector	18,304 64
Excise tax	481 99
Dog tax	71 00
Railroad and telegraph tax	7 40
Bank tax	29 66
Bank dividend, closed bank	32 70
Interest trust funds	63 69
Temporary loans	170 00
	<hr/> \$32,336 21
Disbursements:	
On Selectmen's warrants	\$31,238 36
Bond	220 02
Coupon interest	547 50
Interest trust funds	16 53
J. Walter Scribner trust	100 00
Dog tax	89 00
Cash on hand	124 80
	<hr/> \$32,336 21

IVA McNELLY, Treasurer

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSETS And LIABILITIES  
ASSETS

	1940	1939
CASH	\$ 124 80	\$ 163 43
Accounts Receivable:		
Outside town poor relief	27 53	300 59
Town owned property	170 00	225 00
State of Maine Highway Dept.	1,104 24	2,935 53
State of Maine Welfare Dept.		1,227 48
State of Maine Fish and Game Dept.		102 50
	<hr/> \$ 1,301 77	<hr/> \$ 4,791 10
OTHER ASSETS		
Tax liens	\$ 1,199 95	\$ 968 78
Town owned property	525 00	525 00
Cow	50 00	50 00
	<hr/> \$ 1,774 95	<hr/> \$ 1,543 78



DUE FROM COLLECTOR FOR TAXES		
Assessed in 1939	\$ 5,963 29	\$
Assessed in 1938	530 77	3,827 49
Assessed in 1937	221 89	483 13
Assessed in 1936	272 09	365 30
Assessed in 1935 and prior	330 03	564 44
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	\$ 7,318 07	\$ 5,241 36
CAPITAL ASSETS		
Town Hall	\$ 2,000 00	\$ 2,000 00
Town Farm	1,800 00	1,800 00
Schools	10,000 00	10,000 00
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	\$13,800 00	\$13,800 00
TRUST FUNDS		
	1,430 66	1,314 13
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$25,750 25	\$26,853 80

#### LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Warrants unpaid	\$ 2,265 29	\$2,797 18
State and County tax	1,825 49	3,099 30
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	\$ 4,090 78	\$ 5,896 48
BONDS AND NOTES		
Bonds payable	\$12,729 98	\$12,950 00
Notes payable	12,993 92	13,398 17
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	\$25,723 90	\$26,348 17
TRUST FUNDS		
	\$1,430 66	\$ 1,314 13
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$31,245 34	\$33,558 78
NET DEFICIT	\$ 5,495 09	\$6,704 98

#### CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

C. E. Sherman	\$ 151 87
Rufus Reynolds	101 25
E. W. Crawford	101 25
John Hart	101 21
James Braley	50 62
Jotham Jacobs	102 41
Edward Davis	105 07
Alberto Chandler	616 36
J. Water Scribner	100 62
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	\$1,430 66

UNPAID TAXES, 1932-1935

RESIDENT \$274.81 NON-RESIDENT \$54.12

UNPAID TAXES, 1936

Resident		Kenney, Orrin	3 00
Basford, Clarence	\$18 28	McGray, C. L.	14 93
Cookson, Roy	3 00	McAllister, F. A.	
Emerson, Lawrence	1 33	heirs	18 62
Emerson, Sidney	3 00	Murphy, Eldon	3 00
Harding, John	25 17	Sidelinger, Earl	39 30
Hunt, Dwinal	7 20	Wells, Charles	2 65
Hunt, Pearl	3 00	Wood, Guy	8 81
Hunt, Boyce	70 25	NON-RESIDENT	
Hunt, Marguerite	7 95	Draper, Fred	42 60

UNPAID TAXES, 1937

RESIDENT		Hunt, Arthur	2 24
Bickford, Archie	3 00	Hunt, Dwinal	3 36
Brown, Sherman	1 00	McGray, C. L.	9 72
Chase, Walter	1 70	Miles, Ralph	28 39
Cookson, Roy	3 00	Murphy, Eldon	6 40
Emerson, Lawrence	4 40	Sidelinger, Earl	2 24
Flood, Percy	5 80	Small, Walter	12 17
Grant, Hartley	31 00	Wood, James	12 90
Harding, John	26 60		

UNPAID TAXES, 1938

RESIDENT		Ingersoll, Irving	3 00
Basford, Clarence	17 01	Kenney, Orrin	19 20
Bickford, Archie	27 03	Lasselle, Avon	2 00
Brown, James	3 00	Lester, Clair	9 52
Brown, Sherman	3 00	McAllister, Carroll	6 76
Cookson, Roy	3 00	McAllister, Wm.	3 00
Dyer, John	8 11	McGray, C. L.	1 72
Emerson, Lawrence	1 35	Miles, Ralph	5 16
Emerson, Sidney	1 00	Reynolds, Joshua	3 51
Estes, Prince	33 78	Reynolds, Nathan	1 61
Flood, Percy	5 70	Rollins, Freeman	3 00
Fowler, Alton	21 75	Sebasticook Grange	10 80
Hunt, Boyce	1 98	Sidelinger, Earl	24 86
Hunt, A. J.	3 00	Small, Walter	24 60
Hunt, Dyer	3 00	Wright, Homer	3 00
Hunt, Dwinal	2 16	Wells, Charles	3 91
Hunt, Madeline	15 12		
Hunt, Pearl	3 00	NON-RESIDENT	
Houston, E. L.	3 00	Davis, L. A. heirs	64 80

UNPAID TAXES, 1939

RESIDENT			
Bachelor, Fred	\$115 50	McGray, C. L.	21 75
Bickford, Archie	8 63	McGray, Mrs. C. L.	19 75
Basford, Clarence	38 75	McQuillan, Roy	18 00
Braley, Walter	48 62	Mitchell, Alba	106 50
Brown, Sherman	3 00	Miles, Frank	26 75
Chadwick, Ivan	20 25	Miles, Ralph	80 62
Chase, Walter	15 00	Mosher, Paul	47 25
Cookson, Roy	3 00	Page, L. J.	26 12
Corson, Roy	8 75	Reynolds, Earl	3 00
Davis, Jacob	3 00	Reynolds, Joshua	3 00
Dyer, John	53 63	Reynolds, Maurice	3 00
Emerson, Fred	35 62	Reynolds, Nathan	50 62
Emerson, Lionel	3 00	Rollins, Freeman	63 00
Emerson, Lawrence	1 88	Sayward, E. C. heirs	50 00
Emerson, Sidney	3 00	Sayward, Frank	23 56
Estes, Prince	45 75	Seabasticook Grange	15 00
Flagg, P. J.	35 63	Shakespeare, Geo.	9 00
Flood, Lester	7 50	Sidelinger, Earl	44 25
Flood, Percy	6 75	Small, Walter	22 50
Fowler, Alton	29 25	Watson, Mae	33 75
Fowler, Mrs. Alton	7 10	Wells, Charles	6 75
Gilmore, Geo.	56 25	Wells, Marion	30 00
Goodblood, Percy	16 50	Wright, Homer	3 00
Goodwin, Lawrence	10 25	Wyman, Arthur	3 00
Harding, John	35 62	Walker, Ada	29 00
Hunt, A. J.	48 75	Wood, James	48 00
Hunt, Boyce	30 00	Wilson, Alton	3 00
Hunt, Clayton	3 00	Richardson, Elmer	27 00
Hunt, Dwinal	4 87	Hunt, Dyer	30 00
Hunt, Ernest	37 50	Hunt, Madeline	90 00
Hunt, Pearl	3 00	Young, Julia	67 50
Hunt, Madeline	101 25	NON-RESIDENT	
Houston, E. L.	63 00	Carr-McDowell, Inc.	97 50
Ingersoll, Georgiana	7 50	Coffin, W. I.	112 50
Ingersoll, Irving	3 00	Doe, Lillian	75 00
Jones, Percy	3 00	Gifford, Frank	11 25
Jones, Wendall	10 50	Grant, Hartley	93 75
Kenney, Orrin	4 87	Holt, Irving	33 75
Lasselle, Avon	9 38	Johnston, Percy	15 00
Lester, Clair	40 50	Libbey, E. C. heirs	165 00
McAllister, C. E.	189 37	Mitchell, Lawrence	48 75
McAllister, Carroll	3 00	Perkins, Mark	3 00
McAllister, Mrs F. A.	16 88	Rose, A. L.	75 00
McAllister, Lizzie	51 00	Stoddard, Mrs. Walter	14 50
McAllister, Wm.	10 55	Susi, Dominic-H. F.	
		Co.	527 20

# Auditor's Report

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Burnham.

This is to certify that I have made an audit of the accounts of your town officers for the municipal year ending Feb. 10, 1940, in accordance with Chapter 216, Public Laws of 1937:

That the report herewith submitted was prepared from said accounts and does in my opinion properly reflect the true financial condition of your municipality as of the above date.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. McDONOUGH

Public Accountant

Augusta, Maine

February 26, 1940

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# Report of Superintendent of Schools

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To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Burnham:

I hereby submit the following report on the conditions of your schools for the fiscal year 1939-40.

I am glad to report that your schools are in good condition due to the fact that with the aide of equalization money allotted to us this fall we have been able to buy new textbooks and some equipment which was very badly needed. There is still some more things needed and which will be bought this coming year from the equalization money.

Another factor was the extending of the school year to 36 weeks giving us the same amount of schooling as in other towns.

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

I am glad to say that all of the tuition has been paid up to the beginning of this school year. The following vouchers

have been drawn and charged against the school accounts for this year but the money has not been paid to the various towns.

Maine Central Institute	\$ 900 00
Town of Unity	270 00
Town of Clinton	330 00
City of Belfast	28 50
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Total	\$1,528 50

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Resources	
Unexpended balance	\$ 47 80
Appropriated	7,180 00
State fund	1,748 40
Equalization fund	1,593 00
Refund, Palmer Co.	1 76
Refund, Howard and Brown	4 05
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Total available	\$10,575 01

Expenditures		
	Common	High
Teachers	\$2,579 80	\$
Fuel	284 13	
Janitor—Cleaning	445 10	
Conveyance	847 82	
Tuition		4,184 28
Textbooks	719 48	
Supplies	221 55	
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Total expended	\$5,097 88	\$4,184 28
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Balance		\$9,282 16
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		\$1,292 85

REPAIRS	
Appropriated	\$100 00
Less overdraft	10 24
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Available	\$ 89 76
Expended	132 15
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Overdraft	\$42 39

## SCHOOL BUDGET

Following is an itemized budget giving the amounts and expenditures for the coming year.

Teachers' salaries	\$3,024 00
Conveyance	1,020 00
Janitors	472 00
Fuel	200 00
Textbooks and supplies	300 00
Tuition	2,600 00
	\$7,616 00
Total expenditures	
Estimated Resources:	
State fund	\$1,740 00
Equalization	1,346 00
	\$3,086 00
Subtract	
	\$4,530 00
Necessary to raise	

I recommend that \$4,500.00 be raised this year. This will give us a school rate of .0135 mills for 1941 and will mean that our equalization money will be about \$700. If we drop much below this figure we will lose our equalization entirely.

Last year we raised \$8,330.00 for schools. This year we ask for \$4,500.00 or a cut of \$3,830.

The cost of running the Mount and Eelweir schools was \$1,080. The cost of closing those schools to the town would be \$360, or a saving of \$720.00.

### REPAIRS

The committee recommends \$300.00 for repairs. At present time there is an overdraft of \$42.39.

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Grade	Sub	P.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Village	1-1	3-1	3-1	2-3	1-1	1-1	4-2	2-2	3-1		20-13
Reynolds Cor.	3-4	3-3	2-6	3-0	2-5	6-1	1-6	4-2	1-2		25-29
Mount	1-2	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-2	0-1	2-1	1-1	1-1		8-11
Eelweir	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-1		6- 8

The above should be read Village Sub Primary 1 boy and 1 girl. There is an increase of 15 pupils over last year in the elementary schools. There will be 12 in the graduating class. The number of tuition students 34, or about the same as last year. There may be a slight increase in number tuition students another year.

## CONCLUSION

Due to action taken at the last legislature the school rate only forms the basis for allotting equalization money to the various towns. Last May we were notified that we would receive \$1,593.00 in December. This amount really increased the amount that had to be spent for schools by that much. Not wishing to waste this money by spending for things which we did not need at this time I find that we have considerable of a balance left over. Our plans call for the using of this money this coming year besides what we are asking for in the regular appropriation. As the school rate determines the amount of equalization money a town may receive it would be advisable to keep our school rate at a reasonable figure so as to continue receiving this money. There has been excellent cooperation on the part of the citizens, officials and superintendent this year in our school affairs. It is deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

KARL H. McKECHNIE

Superintendent of Schools, 1940

**Births Recorded in the Town of Burnham from Feb. 15, 1939 to Feb. 15, 1940**

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Parents	Residence of Parents
1939					
Feb. 28	Burnham	Dorothy Mae	F	Charles and Lottie Tucker	Knox
March 8	Burnham	Jacqueline Verna	F	Clarence and Vera Basford	Burnham
April 1	Burnham	Jerry Ivan	M	Lawrence P. and Doris Goodwin	Burnham
April 7	Burnham	Avis Christine	F	Percy and Alice M. Jones	Burnham
April 23	Burnham	Geraldine Fay	F	Adrian A. and Lena M. Henry	Burnham
July 16	Burnham	Percy Ray	M	Percy R. and Emily Goodblood	Burnham
Dec. 25	Burnham	Mary Lucelle	F	Manley H. and Doris Mae Huff	Burnham
Dec. 25	Burnham	Marie Lucey	F	Manley H. and Doris Mae Huff	Burnham



**Marriages Recorded in the Town of Burnham from Feb. 15, 1939 to Feb. 15, 1940**

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom	Name of bride	Residence of Groom	Residence of Bride
1939					
Feb. 16	Burnham	Edson D. Hubbard	Rose June Reopelle	Unity	Burnham
May 1	Burnham	Luther B. Murphy	Alice E. Foster	Madison	Madison
Apr. 9	Waterville	Carroll McAllister	Shirley A. Strickland	Burnham	Fairfield
May 27	Newport	Edward E. Davis	Florence P. Sanborn	Burnham	Burnham
June 11	Unity	Ezra W. Harnish	Euginia O. Drago	Rochester, N. Y.	Brighton, Mass.
July 23	Burnham	Walter L. Dyer	Rose A. Soleno	Portland	Portland
Aug. 26	Clinton	Chas. Alfred Sanborn	Marion E. Hunt	Burnham	Burnham
Aug. 30	Clinton	Joseph Accardi	Delia Mae Henry	Clinton	Burnham
Sept. 5	Burnham	Reginald E. Warren	Marion E. Libby	Otis	Charleston
Sept. 15	Pittsfield	Lionel V. Emerson	Ferne Maxine Hall	Burnham	Burnham
Oct. 24	Palmyra	Newell R. Humphrey	Marion J. Shakespear	Palmyra	Burnham
Dec. 23	Pittsfield	James V. Patterson	Faustina L. Hunt	Benton	Burnham

**Deaths Recorded in the Town of Burnham from Feb. 15, 1939 to Feb. 15, 1940**

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of deceased	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	Place of Birth	Place of Cemetery	Burial Town
1939								
March 2	Burnham	Winnie W. Munroe	88	1	24	Burnham	Hollis	Troy
March 8	Burnham	Jacqueline V. Basford	0	0	0	Burnham	Mount	Burnham
March 18	Augusta	Prescott A. Wood	86	2	12	Burnham	Riverside	Augusta
March 20	Bangor	Carrie Reynolds	74	0	0	Burnham	Village	Unity
May 28	Burnham	Arthur L. Wyman	0	11	4	Burnham	Pine Grove	Hartland
June 2	Burnham	Geo. F. Wyman	90	1	26	Benton	Mount	Burnham
June 3	Machias	Lottie Mae Tucker	21	10	6	Burnham	Reynolds	Burnham
May 13	Unity	Rose M. Whitehouse	73	7	25	Burnham	Pond	Unity
April 20	Machias	Dorothy M. Tucker	0	1	22	Burnham	Reynolds	Burnham
March 5	Harmony	Ira G. Butler	86	6	11	Burnham	South Rd.	Harmony
Aug. 2	Burnham	Christine M. Flagg	44	3	4	Belfast	Grove	Belfast
Dec. 20	Burnham	Abby M. Bagley	77	11	18	Burnham	Greenlawn	Clinton
Dec. 26	Burnham	Mary Lucy Huff	0	0	1	Burnham	Mount	Burnham

DANIEL A. DYER, Town Clerk