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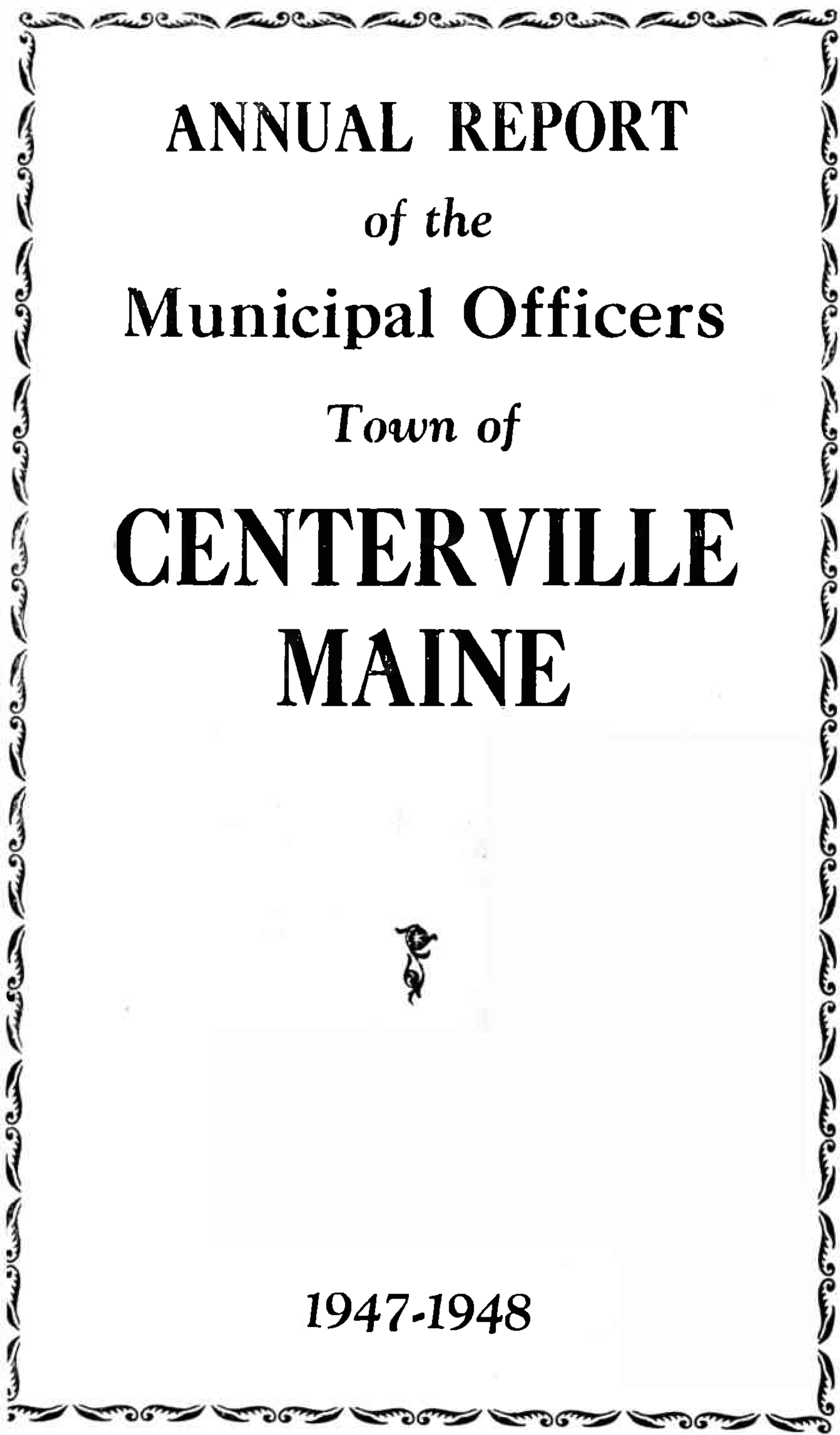
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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Municipal Officers
Town of
CENTERVILLE
MAINE



1947-1948

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

of the TOWN of

CENTERVILLE, MAINE

for the

YEAR 1947-1948

Parlin Printing Co.,—Machias

AUDITOR'S REPORT

M. F. McFARLANE

Public Accountant and Auditor

Ellsworth, Maine

July 3, 1947

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Centerville:

As requested by your town officials as required by law I herewith submit the report of your municipality for the year ended March 1, 1947.

The report is compiled from your town records and shows the finances of your town as of the above date. Except for your Assessors' report, which shows some variances, I believe all other statements were correctly handled.

The data obtained is summarized in the following:

Exhibit A Comparative Balance Sheet

B Treasurer's Report

C Assessors' Report

D Analysis of Appropriation Accounts

Schedule 1 Overdrawn & Unexpended Balances

2 Proof of Surplus

There are no outstanding taxes.

Officers bonded in reliable companies.

Treasurer's cash verified and correct.

For the agreeable courtesy shown me, I am grateful.

Respectfully yours,

M. F. McFARLAND

Public Accountant & Auditor

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
EVERETT FOSTER

Treasurer
JULIA GAUDETTE

Selectmen
FRANK FLAHERTY **ALFRED CALER**
HARRIS CALER

Assessors
RICHARD WORCESTER **CALVIN CALER**
CHARLES BAGLEY

Overseer
EVERETT FOSTER

School Committee
VERDI BAGLEY **CHARLES BAGLEY**
FRANK FLAHERTY

Constable
VERDI BAGLEY

Fire Ward
CHARLES BAGLEY

Town Clerk
CHARLES CALER

Tax Collector
NORA FOSTER

Health Officer
JOHN FOSTER

DISCOUNT ON TAXES

Appropriated	\$450.00
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Expenditures

Erwin Caler	\$.18
C. H. Gay	.63
C. H. Caler	.18
Eugene Caler	.18
Leroy Caler	.74
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	3.36
D. W. Hartford	1.37
Lillie Ramsdell	.21
St. Regis Paper Co.	244.86
Harold Monaghan	1.26
Eastern Pulpwood Co.	83.58
Mary Barton	2.25
Bessie Stanley	.76
W. E. Bailey	3.36
Frank H. Leighton	3.74
Frank Flaherty	5.54
D. I. Moffett	5.38
George Frye	6.30
Domestic Peat Co.	26.34

Total expenditures	\$390.22
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Balance undrawn	\$ 59.78
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TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE

Appropriated by Town \$ 550.00

Expenditures

Everett Foster, moderator	\$ 2.00
Eugene Caler, moderator	2.00
Frank Flaherty, 1st selectman	100.00
Alfred Caler, 2nd selectman	25.00
Harris Caler, 3rd selectman	25.00
Richard Worcester, 1st assessor	45.00
Calvin Caler, 2nd assessor	45.00
Charles Bagley, 3rd assessor	50.00
Everett Foster, overseer	50.00
Verdi Bagley, school committee	4.00
Charles Bagley, school committee	4.00
Frank Flaherty, school committee	4.00
Verdi Bagley, constable	15.00
Charles Bagley, fire ward	4.00
Charles Caler, town clerk	50.00
Melvin Tenney, health officer	2.50
John Foster, health officer	2.50
Julia Gaudette, treasurer	125.00

Total expended \$ 555.00

Overdrawn \$ 5.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Appropriated by Town \$ 300.00

Expenditures

Frances Worcester, treasurer's bond	\$25.00
Marks Ptg. House, town bks. & sup.	15.30
Calvin Caler, posting warrant	1.50
Verdi Bagley, posting warrant	1.50
Parlin Ptg. Co., town reports	33.53
M. F. McFarland, audit town books	40.00
Nina Davis, flags	1.50
F. N. Flaherty, placing flags	2.00
Charles Bagley, 2 trips to Machias to meet State Assessors, with car	14.00
Eastern Trust & Banking Co., int. on note and charges for checking account	20.52
Benj. Flaherty, 2 trips to Machias with car	5.00
Julia Gaudette, postage	3.50
F. N. Flaherty, tel. and postage	5.50

Total expenditures \$ 168.85

Balance undrawn \$ 131.15

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POOR ACCOUNT

Appropriated by Town \$ 500.00

Expenditures

Alfred Caler, board of Irving Caler \$432.00
Edward Foss, clothing 28.40
Treasurer of State, Mothers Aid for
Eva Caler 213.00

Total expenditures \$ 673.40

Overdrawn \$ 173.40

TAX COLLECTOR

Appropriated by Town \$ 225.00

Expenditures

Nora Foster, collecting tax \$216.32
Nora Foster, 1 trip to Machias 4.00
Leonell Mitchell, to Machias with car 4.00
Nora Foster, 1 trip to Machias 3.00
Erwin Caler, to Machias with car 5.00
Nora Foster, 1 trip to Addison 2.00
Leonell Mitchell, to Addison with car 2.00
Bernard Henrahen, property liens 3.00
Nora Foster, postage 1.77

Total expenditures \$ 241.09

Overdrawn \$ 16.09

*Annual Town Report***APPROPRIATIONS 1947**

Town Officers	\$ 550.00	
Town Road	1,000.00	
Snow Removal	300.00	
Support of School	1,200.00	
Superintendent	156.00	
Fire	100.00	
Discount on Taxes	450.00	
State Nurse	6.00	
Collecting Tax	225.00	
Miscellaneous	300.00	
Poor	500.00	
Insurance	143.40	
Lights	500.00	
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		\$5,430.40
State Tax		1,131.19
County Tax		702.00
Overlay		12.86
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Total Commitment		\$7,276.45

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STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Appropriated by town 1943	\$ 450.00
State's proportional part	1,575.00
Balance 1942	.62

Total \$2,025.62

Expenditures

Harry Hall, foreman	\$ 152.10
Frank Flaherty, laborer	91.60
Erwin Caler, laborer	60.75
George Floyd, laborer	47.25
Lawrence Reynolds, laborer	37.13
Cecil Foster, laborer	37.13
Harold Floyd, laborer	43.88
Leonell Mitchell, laborer	33.75
Paul Gaudette, laborer	37.13
Delmont Seavey, laborer	40.50
Lester Seavey, laborer	40.50
Angus Gaudette, laborer	20.25
Charles Caler, laborer	10.50
Benjamin Flaherty, laborer	10.13
Eugene Caler, truck and driver	136.50
Ronald Flaherty, truck and driver	44.00
Wilbur Grant, truck	38.25
Clayton Grant, truck driver	33.75
Thurman Caler, truck	55.13
Theodore Bagley, truck driver	55.13
Ernest Bagley, truck	.75
Albert Fernald, truck driver	.75
Highway Comm., gas shovel	582.55
Margaret Foster, gravel	70.10
State Highway Comm., applying tar	340.05

Total expended \$2,019.56
Balance undrawn \$ 6.06

TOWN ROAD

Appropriated	\$1,000.00
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Expenditures

Fred Pineo, lumber for bridge	\$ 18.72
Erwin Caler, labor on bridge	3.75
Charles Caler, labor on bridge	3.75
Eugene Caler, labor on bridge	1.50
Frank Flaherty, labor on bridge	1.50
Harris Caler, labor on bridge	1.50
D. N. Ramsdell, nails	.90
Frank Flaherty, taking down markers	3.00
State Treasurer, patrol	258.00

Total expended	\$ 292.62
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Balance undrawn	\$ 707.38
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SNOW AND ICE ACCOUNT

Appropriated	\$ 300.00
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Expenditures

Stock Pile

State Treas., salt for stock pile	\$ 19.50
John Foster, hauling salt & sand	44.80
Frank Flaherty, helper	18.00
H. A. Barton, weighing salt	.35
D. W. Hartford, Sr., sand	3.60

Sanding

John Foster, with truck	39.20
Benj. Flaherty, helper	18.39

Plowing Snow

Hathaway Bros., plowing snow	430.00
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Snow Fence

Thurman Caler, hauling snow fence	4.00
George Floyd, helper	2.00

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Harris Caler, taking down and putting up snow fence and posts	23.25	
Frank Flaherty, hauling posts and stakes	1.50	
Erwin Caler, taking down and housing fence	6.75	
Calvin Caler, hauling and driving posts and stakes	10.50	
Benj. Flaherty, hauling and putting up snow fence	7.88	
John Foster, hauling snow fence	4.00	
Brown and Heritage, nails Markers	1.40	
Frank Flaherty, cutting, hauling and placing markers	6.00	
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Total expenditures		\$ 641.12
Credit—State Treas., balance paid Town on snow removal		175.27
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Net total expenditures		\$ 465.85
Overdrawn		\$ 165.85

FIRE ACCOUNT

Appropriated		\$ 100.00
	Expenditures	
Eastern Fire Equipment Co., 4 fire guns		\$ 58.25
Balance undrawn		\$ 41.75

STATE NURSE ACCOUNT

Appropriated		\$ 6.00
	Expenditures	
Treasurer of State		\$ 6.00

UNIMPROVED ROAD ACCOUNT

Appropriated by State	\$ 200.40
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Expenditures

New Eng. Met. Cul. Co., culvert	\$ 117.40
Frank Flaherty, labor	22.50
Benj. Flaherty, labor	9.00
Harris Caler, labor	9.00
Calvin Caler, labor	6.00
Algie Caler, labor	12.00
Eugene Caler, truck and driver	5.25
John Foster, truck and driver	4.00
State Treasurer, gas shovel	15.25
Margaret Foster, gravel	3.00

Total expended	\$ 203.40
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Overdrawn	\$ 3.00
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ELECTRICITY FOR SCHOOL

Appropriated by Town	\$ 500.00
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Expenditures

Fred Champion, wiring school building	\$ 155.70
Balance undrawn	\$ 344.30

VALUATION

Resident Real Estate	\$ 5,165.00	
Non-Resident Real Estate	96,570.00	
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Total value of Real Estate		\$101,735.00
Resident Personal Estate	\$ 1,400.00	
Total value of Personal Estate		\$ 1,400.00
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Total Valuation		\$103,135.00
Total value of Land	\$94,400.00	
Total value of Buildings	\$ 7,335.00	
Number of Polls	20	
Tax Rate per \$1,000	\$70.00	

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

State of Me., plowing snow and sanding ice	\$ 380.00
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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Eastern Trust & Banking Co., note	\$1,000.00
Amount to be paid by Town on fire bill	\$1,031.35
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	\$2,031.35

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

Cash	\$4,083.04	
Accounts Receivable	380.00	
School Fund Invested	934.24	
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	Liabilities	
Min'l School Fund Principal	\$ 934.24	
Accounts Payable	2,031.35	
	<hr/>	\$2,965.59

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK FLAHERTY
ALFRED CALER
HARRIS CALER

Selectmen of Centerville

TREASURER'S REPORT 1947-48**Receipts**

March 1, 1947, balance in bank	\$ 2,003.07
Nora Foster, Coll., taxes	6,765.33
Nora Foster, discount on taxes	390.22
Nora Foster, excise tax	55.52
Treas. of State, Dept. of Education refund	19.60
Treas. of State, snow removal	175.27
Treas. of State, abated and refund on State tax	1,131.19
Treas. of State, Town Road Improvement	200.40
Treas. of State, State School Fund	450.31
Eastern Trust & Banking Co., loan	1,000.00
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Total receipts	\$12,190.91

Payments

Total Warrants	\$ 8,107.87
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February 28, 1948, balance in bank	\$ 4,083.04

JULIA M. GAUDETTE

Town Treasurer

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of the

Public Schools

of

Centerville

for the

FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1948

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Superintending School Committee

Frank N. Flaherty	Term of office expires March 1948
Charles J. Bagley	Term of office expires March 1949
Verdi P. Bagley	Term of office expires March 1950

Verdi P. Bagley—Chairman

R. L. Brown—Secretary

Charles J. Bagley—Attendance Officer

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens
of Centerville

I am submitting herewith a report of the public schools of this town covering the fiscal year 1947-48. An examination of our finances reveals that for the first time in many years we have operated with an overdraft, the overdraft being in the amount of \$390.53. This is accounted for by an overdraft of \$361.52 in the support of schools account, \$4.89 in the repair account, and \$24.12 in the superintendence and office expense account. At the last session of the State Legislature, a Teacher Minimum Salary Law was passed setting up \$1500 for a certified teacher of two years of post high school professional training, \$1600 for three years, \$1700 for four years, and \$1800 for five years of post high school professional training. Affie Look Knight of Jonesboro, a graduate of the three year course of Washington State Normal School, was employed as our teacher for the 1947-48 school year and as conveyer of the children of E. I. Foster, her annual salary for teaching being \$1600 and \$144 for the conveyance job. These increased costs of teaching and conveyance over those of the previous year, combined with the increased cost of fuel, account for the overdraft. Mrs. Knight is unusually well qualified for teaching by reason of her three years of professional training and two years of previous teaching experience. I am pleased to report that the tone of the school is good and that the pupils seem responsive and appreciative of their teacher's efforts.

Our financial needs for the coming year will be somewhat larger than usual due to this year's overdrafts (\$361.52), and the likely increased cost of services and materials for the coming year. My recommendations for the fiscal year 1948-49 are as follows:

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Support of Schools	\$2,000.00
School Repairs	500.00
Superintendence and Office Exp.	210.00
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Total	\$2,710.00

This past summer temporary repairs were made on the foundation wall of the school and out-building. A thorough job was impossible due to the fact that the sills were badly decayed. The sills gave way under the jack screw head so as to make it necessary to use timber between the jack head and sill. The sills, at least under part of the building, will have to be replaced this summer and the foundation walls repaired. Certain minor repairs will have to be made on the doors inside. The interior of the school building was redecorated this last summer, the ceilings in white and the walls in two-tone buff. This is a very attractive job and adds materially to the appearance of the room and the comfort of the children. The labor and materials cost about \$150. The school room has been wired for electric lights, which adds greatly to the comfort and convenience of the pupils especially during dark days and the short days of the winter months. This is a great improvement in our school house facilities and denotes progress and foresight on the part of the citizens of the town. Our thanks to those responsible for this improvement.

The writer takes advantage of this opportunity to express his appreciation of the cooperation of the school committee and to thank the citizens for their support of our educational program for the youth of this town.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH L. BROWN

Superintendent of Schools

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SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

(Elementary)

Receipts

Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
State School Fund	450.31	
Income Permanent School Fund	17.93	
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		\$1,668.24
Expenditures		2,029.76
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Overdraft		\$ 361.52

Expenditures

Elementary Teachers

Christiana C. Champion	\$ 376.60	
Christiana C. Champion	21.00	
Christiana C. Champion	22.40	
Affie L. Knight	818.36	
Affie L. Knight	47.05	
Affie L. Knight	85.60	
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		\$1,371.01

Elementary Fuel

Charles Bagley	\$ 105.00	
M. H. Emerson	6.75	
Verdi Bagley	133.00	
Hathaway Bros.	11.00	
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		\$ 255.75

Elementary Janitors

Mrs. C. H. Caler	\$ 45.00	
Town of Jonesport	1.00	
R. L. Brown	.15	

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Brown & White Paper Co.	3.30	
Town of Jonesboro	3.95	
V. P. Bagley	12.00	
Treasurer, State of Maine	3.25	
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Elementary Conveyance		
Christiana C. Champion	\$ 28.00	
Affie L. Knight	85.60	
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Elementary Textbooks		
American Book Co.	\$ 1.10	
Lyons & Carnahan	3.11	
Webster Publishing Co.	5.94	
D. C. Heath Co.	1.80	
Row, Peterson & Co.	3.84	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	3.72	
Silver, Burdett Co.	3.79	
Ginn & Company	6.54	
The Macmillan Co.	2.20	
F. A. Owen Publishing Co.	6.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 38.24
Elementary Supplies		
Gledhill Bros., Inc.	\$ 5.07	
J. L. Hammett Co.	3.35	
Town of Jonesport	.68	
Hutchins Brothers	1.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 10.25
Office Secretary		
Town of Jonesport	\$ 33.67	\$ 33.67
Overdraft 1947		\$ 138.59
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Total expenditures Support of Schools		\$2,029.76

SCHOOL REPAIRS

Receipts

Balance unexpended March 1947	\$ 259.62	\$ 259.62
Expenditures		264.51
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Overdraft		\$ 4.89

Expenditures

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$ 2.65	
Addison Grain Co.	4.20	
Melvin Tenney	36.00	
Charles J. Bagley	36.00	
Verdi Bagley	18.90	
R. L. Brown	12.85	
Ernest Thompson	128.00	
Town of Jonesport	25.91	
	<hr/>	\$ 264.51

INSURANCE

Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 103.40	\$ 103.40
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Expenditures

Albert D. Richard	\$ 103.40	\$ 103.40
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SUPERINTENDENCE, COMMITTEE AND
OFFICE EXPENSE**Receipts**

Appropriation	\$ 156.00	\$ 156.00
Expenditures		180.12
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Overdraft		\$ 24.12
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Expenditures

R. L. Brown (Salary)	\$ 169.80	
R. L. Brown (Off. Exp.)	5.15	
Charles Bagley	5.00	
Overdraft 1947	.17	
	<hr/>	\$ 180.12

SUMMARY

Account	Amt. Avail.	Amt. Expend.	O'draft
Support of Schools	\$1,668.24	\$2,029.76	\$ 361.52
School Repairs	259.62	264.51	4.89
Insurance	103.40	103.40	
Supt. & Off. Expense	156.00	180.12	24.12
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Totals	\$2,187.26	\$2,577.79	\$ 390.53