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MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, 1944—1945**Selectmen and Overseers of Poor**

Lyle C. Towne Edwin A. Holmbom L. Pete Gattrell

Assessors

Lyle C. Towne Edwin A. Holmbom Stanwood H. Pullen

Town Clerk

W. Harry Hughes

Town Treasurer

Fred M. Hescock

Tax Collector

Lyman E. Davidson

School Committee

Arthur L. Bray Edith R. Jackson George P. Pullen

Superintendent of Schools

Claude L. Sidelinger

Sexton

Arthur E. Haggerstrom

Fire Chief

Dennis C. Weeks

Health Officer

Harry W. Davis

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Fred M. Hescock

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Valuation April 1, 1944

VALUATION:

Real Estate, Resident	\$194,730.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	164,859.00	
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TOTAL REAL ESTATE		\$359,589.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$35,705.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	6,175.00	
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TOTAL PERSONAL ESTATE		41,880.00
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TOTAL VALUATION		\$401,469.00
Total Value of Land	\$182,024.00	
Total Value of Buildings	177,565.00	
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		\$359,589.00

COMMITMENT:

Number of Polls Taxed, 223 @ \$3.00	\$669.00	
Number of Polls not Taxed, 53 @ \$3.00		
Valuation x Rate		
\$401,469 x .064	\$25,694.02	
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TAX COMMITMENT	\$26,363.02	
Supplemental Tax	24.00	
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TOTAL DUE FROM COLLECTOR		\$26,387.02
Credits to Collector:		
Cash to Treasurer	\$25,988.20	
Discounts	272.42	
Abatements	30.72	
Liens	95.68	
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		\$26,387.02
TOTAL EXCISE TAXES		
Lyman E. Davidson, Collector	\$435.12	
Cash to Treasurer	\$435.12	

Personal Property, Live Stock

14 Swine	\$ 35.00
40 Horses	3,725.00
99 Cows	4,345.00
4 Oxen	180.00
15 Three Year Olds	465.00
31 Two Year Olds	820.00
790 Poultry	395.00

\$9,965.00

Exempt Live Stock and Poultry

27 Yearlings	\$270.00
71 Sheep	213.00
47 Swine, 5,955 lbs.	
892 Poultry	446.00

\$929.00

Raised by the Town, March 1944

Civilian Defense	\$ 50.00
Common Schools	5,250.00
Town Poor	1,200.00
Highways	5,500.00
Incidentals	2,200.00
Text Books	300.00
Supt. Schools Salary	460.00
Free High School	3,100.00
School Supplies and Equipment	250.00
School Repairs	200.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Street Lights	550.00
Monson Free Public Library	50.00
Monson Band	100.00
Fire Department	700.00
School Nurse	100.00
School Physician	25.00
School Light, Power and Insurance	250.00
Aid to Dependent Children	150.00

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Cemeteries	75.00	
Athletic Purposes, Monson Academy	50.00	
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Total Appropriations		\$20,610.00
State Tax	\$3,869.15	
County Tax	714.57	
Overlay	1,169.30	
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		\$5,753.02
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Total, 1944		\$26,363.02

HIGHWAY

Appropriation	\$5,500.00	
RECEIVED:		
State Treasurer		
Snow Removal	\$590.20	
50-50	49.90	
Truck Rental	6.75	
Collector Internal Revenue (Refund)	23.00	
Third Class Maint. (Truck)	66.48	
Excise Tax	435.12	
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		\$6,671.45
PAID:		
Third Class Maintenance	\$ 450.83	
50-50 Account	69.22	
Payrolls	1,323.67	
Storage	40.00	
Materials	18.85	
Gas, Oil	111.66	
Repairs	70.80	
Equipment (Truck)	11.75	
Equipment (Scraper)	25.95	
Tools and Supplies	2.65	
Salt	11.00	
Insurance (Truck)	20.00	
Patrol Maintenance	912.30	

Plowing	3,097.61
Snow Removal	306.70
Sanding	25.15
Snow Fence	96.93
Withholding Tax	45.96
Express	3.52
Unexpended	26.90

\$6,671.45

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

From Highway Account		\$450.83
PAID:		
Payrolls	\$158.50	
Gravel	3.85	
Tar	222.00	
Truck	66.48	

\$450.83

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$2,200.00
RECEIVED:	
Hall Rent	\$ 9.00
Victualer's License	1.00
State Treasurer:	
Bank Stock	65.55
Bear Bounty	60.00
Use of Sealer's Outfit	2.00

\$2,337.55

PAID:	
Lyle C. Towne, First Selectman	\$500.00
Edwin A. Holmbom, Second Selectman	125.00
L. Pete Gattrell, Third Selectman	200.00
Stanwood Pullen, Assessor	25.00
Fred M. Hescoek, Treasurer	90.00
W. Harry Hughes, Clerk	25.00

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Lyman E. Davidson, Coll, Com.	671.34
School Committee	60.00
Health Officer's Expense	9.85
Town Officers' Expense	4.00
Moderator	4.00
Printing	72.03
Town Books & Etc.	36.56
Register of Deeds	4.30
Light and Power (Town Buildings)	97.20
Telephone (Town Building)	27.35
State Audit	81.85
Storage (Hearse)	3.00
Ballot Clerks	48.00
Bank Check Privilege	6.55
Surety Bonds	65.00
Bear Bounty	60.00
Maine Municipal Asso. (Dues)	30.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	8.75
Town Hall Repairs	7.75
Vital Statistics	15.24
Insurance, Town Buildings	27.75
Unexpended	32.03

\$2,337.55

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Appropriation	\$50.00
1943 Banance, Unexpended	61.62

\$111.62

PAID:

Airplane Warning Post Phone (I. Bishop)	\$ 9.89
Air Raid Warning Headquarters Phones	41.00
Unexpended	60.73

\$111.62

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$550.00
Overdrawn	4.00

\$554.00

PAID:

Monson Light & Power Co., Contract	\$474.00
Power Contract	\$474.00
Lamps	77.60
Labor	2.00
Supplies	.40

\$554.00

MONSON BAND

Appropriation	\$100.00
Expended by the Town	100.00

MONSON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$50.00
State Stipend	5.00

\$55.00

Expended by the Town

\$55.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$50.00
Expended by the Town	\$50.00

ATHLETIC PURPOSES—MONSON ACADEMY

Appropriation	\$50.00
Appropriation	\$50.00

POOR—RELIEF

Appropriation	\$1,200.00
Overdrawn	32.55

\$1,232.55

PAID:

Harding Child	\$153.00
Hemmie Strom	206.84
Edward Gore	313.69

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Leland Kimball	29.40
Guy Pratt (deceased)	385.94
Emma Wilkins	126.68
Leon Wilkins	17.00

\$1,232.55

OTHER TOWN POOR

RECEIVED:

Town of Woodville (Accounts Re- ceivable, 1943)	\$69.75
Town of Woodville	28.81
Accounts Receivable	91.71

\$190.27

PAID:

Accounts Receivable	\$ 69.75
Madeline Beatham	120.52

\$190.27

CEMETERIES

Appropriation	\$75.00
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RECEIVED:

Sale of Lots	\$ 57.65
Interest Trust Funds (perpetual care)	204.80
Unexpended	132.48

\$569.93

PAID:

Payrolls	\$148.48
Truck	12.00
Perpetual Care	174.00
Making Deeds	2.70
Sale of Lots	1.00
Supplies	7.57
Withholding Tax	5.57
Wentworth Cemetery Lot	24.00

Unexpended	194.61	
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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$150.00	\$150.00
PAID:		
Maude Johnson	\$120.00	
Unexpended	30.00	
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STATE POOR

RECEIVED:		
State Treasurer	\$55.17	
PAID:		
Hillary Young	\$55.17	

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL TABLET

Unexpended from 1943	\$50.00	
Transferred to Monson Honor Roll	\$50.00	

MONSON HONOR ROLL

From Soldiers' Memorial Tablet Account		\$50.00
PAID:		
Power and Lights	\$4.00	
Lamps	1.14	
Unexpended	44.86	
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INTEREST ACCOUNT

Appropriation	None	
RECEIVED:		
L. E. Davidson, Coll.	\$ 85.07	
Liens	77.24	
Burmah School House Account	1.15	
Overdrawn	279.44	
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PAID:

Interest on Note (1942)	\$ 13.33
Temporary Loans	15.61
Library Note	18.00
Cemetery Trust Funds	204.80
Monson Academy Loan	157.00
Common School Fund	34.16

\$442.90

TEMPORARY LOANS

RECEIVED:

W. W. Pullen	\$3,000.00
From Notes Payable (W. W. Pullen)	\$3,000.00

DISCOUNT ON TAXES

From Overlay	\$272.42
Discount Allowed	272.42

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

From Overlay	\$30.72
Abatements Allowed	30.72

STATE TAX

Appropriation	\$3,869.15
Expended:	
State School Fund	\$2,277.39
R. R. and Tel. Tax	22.70
State Treasurer	1,569.06

\$3,869.15

COUNTY TAX

Assessment	\$714.57
Paid County Treasurer	\$714.57

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

In making my annual report for the year I will say that the Department has been quite busy the past year.

It has been called out twelve times. There have been two sets of buildings burned. The department

could do but very little in trying to save them, as at one there was very little water available, and the other fire had gained a great deal of headway before we arrived.

We are planning on making some repairs on the Engine House and think that by putting insulating board on it will save on fuel.

I wish the town would consider putting in a heating plant of some kind, as it is hazardous at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

DENNIS C. WEEKS, Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$700.00	
Cash Rebate	14.00	
Overdrawn	60.01	
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PAID:		\$774.01
Payrolls	\$219.50	
Supplies	67.55	
Hose	210.60	
Fuel	34.38	
Gas and Oil	15.59	
Express, Postage, etc.	1.89	
Tending Station	100.00	
Chimney Fires	16.50	
Insurance on Firemen	100.00	
Miscellaneous	8.00	
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		\$774.01

**SUMMARY OF UNEXPENDED AND OVERDRAFT
BALANCES**

Incidentals	\$	32.03	
Roads, Bridges		26.90	
Aid to Dependent Children		30.00	
Supplemental		24.00	
Overlay		1,110.42	
Fire Department	\$		60.01
Street Lights			4.00
Interest			279.44
Town Poor			32.55
Abatements			30.72
Discount			272.48
Net Unexpended to Net Debt			544.15
		\$1,223.35	\$1,223.35

ASSETS

Cash			\$4,008.61
1941 Taxes			45.04
1940 Taxes			93.08
1939 Taxes			57.86
1938 Taxes			54.71
1944 Tax Liens			95.68
1943 Tax Liens			73.92
1942 Tax Liens			65.67
1941 Tax Liens			410.24
1940 Tax Liens			389.40
1939 Tax Liens			332.31
1938 Tax Liens			332.31
Accounts Receivable			
State			369.93
Town of Woodville			91.71
Supt. of Schools' Salary			25.00
Wentworth Trust Fund			900.00
Net Debt			5,730.27
			\$13,075.74

LIABILITIES

Monson Academy Loan	\$3,925.00	
School Fund	854.00	
Wentworth Trust Fund	900.00	
Due Trust Funds	5,520.00	
Unexpended Balances Brought Forward:		
Tax Lien Costs	40.17	
Civilian Defense	60.73	
Honor Roll	44.86	
Cemeteries	194.61	
Common Schools	627.42	
School Physician	48.00	
School Light, Power, Insurance	80.76	
Textbooks	292.13	
Supplies and Equipment	268.63	
Repairs	219.43	
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		\$13,075.74

LIEN COSTS

Brought Forward	\$40.17	
Lien Costs Collected	15.71	
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		\$58.88
PAID:		
Tax Collector	\$15.71	
Carried Forward to 1945	40.17	
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		\$58.88

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

State of Maine	
Paid to State Poor	\$369.93
Due from State (Uncollectable)	369.93
Other Towns	
Received:	
Town of Woodville	\$98.56

Balance Due	91.71	
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		\$190.27
Paid:		
Other Town (Woodville) Poor	\$120.52	
1943 Balance	69.75	
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		\$190.27

ANNUAL REPORT FOR MONSON

Bureau of Health Nursing Service

January 1 to December 31, 1944

With the passing of each year of the war, there is an increased need for Good Health and fewer resources for obtaining it. This makes the requirement greater for communities to find ways to help themselves. Scarcity of Doctors, Nurses, wartime restrictions on travel and rationing of food, means that maintenance of good health standards on the home front is becoming more important. Communities that use Health Resources at their command such as Pediatric and Crippled Childrens' Clinics, Child Health Conferences and Immunization Clinics find that better health can be maintained.

During the past year your Bureau of Health Nurse made home visits to mothers stressing the importance of continuous medical supervision and giving health guidance before and after the birth of the baby. Visits were made to assist parents of infants and small children with health problems. Parents were urged to take their children to the family physician for physical examination and immunizations.

The services of the Crippled Childrens' Clinics and Pediatric Clinics of the Bureau of Health have been made available to children in this community.

The Sanitary Engineering Division services have been used by your Community during the past year. This

health protection is always available and contributes to the Community safety.

One Child Health Conference and two immunization clinics were held. Thirteen infants and preschool children were examined by a physician and recommendations made for the correction of defects when found. Three were vaccinated against smallpox, four immunized against diphtheria and eight against whooping cough.

The cooperation of all who assisted at the Conferences has aided in the promotion of health in Monson.

JENNIE A. YORK
Bureau of Health
Public Health Nurse

SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS (CEMETERY)

	Amt.	Rate	Bal 1943	Ex. 1944	Bal. 1944
A. F. Jackson	\$100.00	4%	\$ 5.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 6.00
Carroll Pullen	50.00	4%		2.00	2.00
A. W. Chapin	200.00	4%	11.00	19.00	7.00
Eliz. Pullen (Patten)	200.00	4%	10.00	18.00	8.00
Harriet Crafts	70.00	4%	1.82	4.62	3.50
John Randall	100.00	4%	6.00	10.00	3.00
Charles Baker	100.00	4%	5.00	9.00	3.00
Sarah Haynes	100.00	4%	3.00	7.00	6.00
Sarah Pennington	200.00	4%	11.50	19.50	5.00
B. M. Packard	100.00	4%	7.50	11.50	3.00
Peter E. Johnson	100.00	4%	4.50	8.50	3.50
Lovisa Chapin	100.00	4%	3.00	7.00	3.00
Flora Varney	50.00	4%		2.00	2.00
Mrs. F. J. Wilkins (Gates)	100.00	4%	3.75	7.75	3.50
Mrs. Delia Steward	100.00	4%	10.00	14.00	3.00
David Kervinen, Est.	100.00	4%	9.00	13.00	5.00
Sanfred Larson	100.00	4%	5.25	9.25	3.00
Harry Daw, Est.	100.00	4%	4.75	8.75	3.50
Cora Roberts	100.00	4%	1.50	5.50	4.00
Sam Ulman	100.00	4%	2.50	6.50	3.50
Dr. Harry W. Sampson	100.00	4%	4.00	8.00	4.00
William H. Fogg	100.00	4%	1.50	5.50	5.50
John L. Johnson	100.00	4%	11.00	15.00	2.00
Mrs. Pearl Swanton	100.00	4%	1.50	5.50	4.00
Mary F. Davis	100.00	4%	3.00	7.00	4.00
Charles Smith	100.00	4%	3.50	7.50	4.00
Arthur Pennington	200.00	4%	14.50	22.50	5.00
Peter Nelson	100.00	4%	2.50	6.50	6.00
John Pullen	100.00	4%	3.50	7.50	3.50
Calvin Sears	150.00	4%	7.50	13.50	4.00
John Burgeson	100.00	4%	3.00	7.00	3.00
O. A. Nesberg	100.00	4%	2.00	6.00	3.00
Mary Daw	100.00	4%	2.00	6.00	3.00
Maude G. Johnson	100.00	4%	4.00	8.00	3.00
A. Walter Farrar	100.00	4%	5.00	9.00	3.00
Henry Grover	100.00	4%	2.00	6.00	3.50
Alvah L. Rogers	100.00	4%	1.00	5.00	3.00
Lilla Lambert	100.00	4%	1.00	5.00	3.00
Henry A. Anderson	100.00	4%	2.00	6.00	3.00
Mrs. J. H. Mathews	100.00	4%	1.00	5.00	3.00
Alfred S Thomas	100.00	4%	1.00	5.00	3.00
Hanson C. Sibley	100.00	4%	1.00	5.00	3.00
Mrs. Hilma J. Danielson	100.00	4%		4.00	3.00
Hugh Carlson	100.00	4%		4.00	3.00
Mrs. Lillian Bodge	100.00	4%		4.00	3.00
Frank Libby	100.00	4%		4.00	3.00
Nelson Sherman	100.00	4%		4.00	3.00
Nelson Cushman	100.00	4%		4.00	3.00
	\$5,120.00		182.57	387.37	174.00
					213.37

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

To 1944 Commitment	\$26,363.02	
Supplemental	24.00	
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Net Tax Commitment to Lyman E. Davidson, Collector		\$26,387.02
Net Tax Returned, Lyman E. Davidson, Collector	\$25,988.20	
Discounts Allowed	272.42	
Abatements	30.72	
1944 Liens (See Liens)	95.68	
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		\$26,387.02
To 1941 Commitment		\$50.28
Net Tax Returned	\$5.24	
Delinquent:		
Adelle LaBree	\$3.20	
Victor Leeman	3.00	
A. A. Brown, Heirs	1.60	
Hugh Hall	1.28	
Frank Hall	1.28	
Joe Jardine	1.28	
Frank Jardine	1.28	
William McDonald	1.28	
Mary Charmes & Grace Prescott	6.40	
Andrew Kurki	24.44	
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		\$45.04
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To 1940 Commitment		\$50.28
Net Tax Returned	\$6.50	\$99.58
Delinquents:		
Leon Anderson	\$ 3.00	
Alfred Akerson	1.20	
Albert Boyer	1.20	

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Albert Beatham	3.00	
Frank Cowan	4.28	
Alvin Cowan	3.00	
Guy Dore	3.00	
Eastern Gum	6.00	
Morrill Forbus	4.50	
Henry French	30.90	
Andrew Kurki	6.00	
Leland Kimball	3.00	
Albert Lloyd	3.00	
John B. Nelson	3.00	
Emma Willer	3.00	
William Wickman	3.50	
A. A. Brown, Heirs	1.50	
Hugh S. Hall	1.20	
Frank M. Hall	1.20	
Joe Jardine	1.20	
Howard Jardine	1.20	
Frank Jardine	1.20	
John Jardine	2.40	
William McDonald	1.20	
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	\$93.08	
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		\$99.58
To 1943 Tax Liens		\$250.24
Collected by Treasurer		176.32
Uncollected Liens:		
Mary Charmes and Grace Prescott	\$ 6.40	
Ruby Lindie	5.12	
A. A. Brown, Heirs	1.60	
Haven Lumbert	18.56	
Adelle LaBree	37.12	
Elwood Smith	5.12	
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		73.92
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		\$250.24
To 1942 Liens		\$245.85

Collected by Treasurer		180.18
Uncollected Liens:		
Adelle LaBree	\$38.28	
Haven Lumbert	19.14	
A. A. Brown, Heirs	1.65	
Mary Charms & Grace Prescott	6.60	
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		\$65.67
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		\$245.85
To 1941 Liens		\$584.96
Collected by Treasurer		174.72
Uncollected Liens:		
Adelle LaBree	\$ 37.12	
General Slate Co.	373.12	
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		\$410.24
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		\$584.96
To 1940 Liens		\$420.19
Collected by Treasurer		30.79
Uncollected Liens:		
Rudolph Erickson	\$ 4.39	
Mary Charms & Grace Prescott	6.00	
General Slate Co.	349.80	
Eastern Gum Co.	29.21	
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		\$389.40
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		\$420.19
To 1939 Liens		\$353.27
Collected by Treasurer		20.96
Uncollected:		
General Slate Co.		332.31
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		\$353.27

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To 1938 Liens	\$371.36
Collected by Treasurer	39.05
Uncollected:	
General Slate	332.31
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	\$371.36

To 1939 Tax Commitment	\$57.86
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Delinquents:

Alfred Akerson	\$3.00
Albert Beatham	3.00
Alvin Cowan	3.00
Frank Cowan	1.23
Carrie Davidson	3.42
Morrill Forbus	4.28
Axel Johnson	3.00
Leland Kimball	.40
Albert Lloyd	3.00
William Mackie	3.42
John Mackie	1.43
Leon Wilkins	3.86
A. A. Brown, Heirs	1.43
Hugh Hall	1.14
Frank Hall	1.14
Joe Jardine	1.14
Howard Jardine	1.14
Frank Jardine	1.14
John Jardine	2.28
William McDonald	1.14
Andrew Kurkie	7.28
William Wickman	2.28
Mrs. Oscar Bickford	1.71
Perry Frost	3.00
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\$57.86

To 1938 Tax Commitment		\$61.99
Net Tax Returned	\$7.28	
Delinquents:		
Guy Brown	\$3.00	
Alvin Cowan	3.57	
John Drugge	.20	
Ryner Erickson	3.00	
Morrill Forbus	4.28	
Ben Hanson	2.00	
Winnie Hughes	4.28	
William Mackie	6.71	
John Mackie	4.71	
Leon Wilkins	6.71	
A. A. Brown, Heirs	1.43	
Hugh Hall	1.14	
Frank Hall	1.14	
Joe Jardine	1.14	
Howard Jardine	1.14	
Frank Jardine	1.14	
John Jardine	2.28	
Eastern Gum	5.70	
William McDonald	1.14	
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	\$54.71	
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		\$61.99

LIEN ACCOUNTS

To 1944 Liens		\$95.68
UNCOLLECTED LIENS:		
A. A. Brown, Heirs	\$ 1.60	
Isabella Brown	26.88	
Mary Charmes & Grace Prescott	6.40	
Adelle LaBree, Heirs	37.12	
Ruby Lindie	5.12	
Haven J. Lumbert	18.56	
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		\$95.68

TREASURER'S REPORT, TOWN OF MONSON

1944-1945

F. M. Hescocck, Treasurer

Cash on Hand	\$3,492.78
Use of Sealers Outfit	2.00
Cemetery Lots	57.65
Sale of Burmah School House	59.00
Fire Department	14.00
Town of Woodville	98.56
Town of Monson	
Interest, Common School Fund	34.16
Interest, Cemetery Trust Funds	204.80
Taxes and Liens Adjusted	58.88
Monson Academy, Books	35.00
Rent of Hall	9.00
Victualer's License	1.00
C. L. Sidelinger, Tuition	138.60
Elliottsville Plantation, Tuition	114.40
W. W. Pullen, Loan	2,000.00
Harry F. Wilkins, Perpetual Care on Cemetery	
Lot	100.00
Mrs. Emil Carlson, Perpetual Care on Cemetery	
Lot	100.00
Olga Haggerstrom, Perpetual Care on Cemetery	
Lot	100.00
Mrs. Chas. Anderson, Perpetual Care on Cemetery	
Lot	100.00
1938 Tax Lien	42.05
Interest	14.11
1940 Tax Lien	18.60
1941 Tax Lien	176.22
Interest	31.25
1942 Tax Lien	181.68
Interest	21.45
1943 Tax Lien	179.32
Interest	10.43
Lyman E. Davidson, Collector	

1944 Taxes	25,988.20
Excise Tax	435.12
Interest	85.07
State Treasurer	
Rental of Truck	6.75
50-50 Highway Account	49.90
Withholding Tax Refund	23.00
Snow Removal	590.20
Bank Stock Tax	65.55
Monson Free Library Stipend	5.00
Bear Bounties	60.00
State Paupers	55.17
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Total	\$34,758.90
	Credit
By Paid Warrants	\$30,750.29
Cash on Hand to Balance	4,008.61
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	\$34,758.90

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Monson:

I am submitting herewith the annual school report. In making any school report at this time it seems expedient that the situation resulting from the state-wide shortage in teaching personnel be taken into consideration. In addition consideration should be given to the local schools and their needs. As a part of this report is one submitted by the Principal of Monson Academy.

Probably the educational problem of most immediate concern is finding sufficient number of teachers to fill vacancies in the schools. Even before Pearl Harbor manpower demands began to have a serious effect upon the supply of available teachers and upon the enrollments in the teacher-training institutions on which we depend for our future supply of teachers. To meet this drain on teaching personnel various steps have been taken during the past three years. State and local appropriations have been increased, though not enough to meet the competition from other states and from war industries. Intensive recruiting campaigns have been conducted to secure the services of former teachers and to enroll promising high school graduates in our normal schools. Students from these normal schools have enlisted in "cadet teacher" programs whereby they have taught in rural schools as a part of their teacher-training program. As conditions became worse, appeals have been made by the State Department of Education, urging school officials to close non-essential units and transport the children to nearby schools, wherever conditions made it possible to do so.

Despite the various measures taken to meet the teacher crisis, the situation has grown steadily worse. Courses of study in health, physical education, shop work, agriculture, music, etc., have been dropped in some

schools because no one could be found to teach them. Teaching staffs have been reduced and teaching loads increased. But probably the greatest sacrifice of all has been occasioned by the reduction in qualifying teaching standards. Slowly, and over a period of many years, teaching requirements have been raised for the purpose of improving the efficiency of our schools. However, conditions required that these standards be sacrificed in order that the schools could be opened. "Permits" are being granted to persons who lack the minimum training requirement for teaching, and more recently the department has been compelled to "sanction" the employment of persons having little or no education whatever beyond the high school level.

Poor teaching means poor education. Democracy relies upon education to train its citizens. Good education demands competent teachers. It is the responsibility of school officials to bring to the attention of the public the serious decline in teaching efficiency resulting from conditions which make it impossible to employ properly trained teachers. It is also their responsibility to exert every effort in correcting this situation as soon as conditions permit.

Probably no institution serving the public has undergone more from the impact of war conditions than the schools. It is important that the weakness of our educational structure be remedied as soon as the war emergency is over. To that end the people must plan for a peace-time system of public education designed not only to remedy the defects caused by the present emergency but also to provide a system of public education that will be adequate to the needs of the future.

You have a picture of the critical teaching situation resulting from the shortage in teaching personnel. School officials, who can fill all teaching positions readily with former teachers, may feel assured that school work will proceed without interruption. Such is the favorable situation in the town schools as all teaching positions are

filled with competent teachers. Just what that means may be better understood when we know the situation in Maine. If reports can be repeated as printed, there are at present more than 250 vacancies in teaching positions and the number is increasing daily. In addition 5,000 children are without properly qualified teachers. As a temporary measure to partially relieve the situation 250 persons, not qualified at all, are teaching on temporary permits. Plans are now underway in the State Department of Education for revising the Elementary School Curriculum so as to more nearly meet the present and future needs of our public school system.

Education for New Tasks

Many new tasks confront us today. Our immediate task is to help bring the war to an early and victorious end. In this effort the schools are playing a vital role. At the same time they are laying the foundation for the years of peace to come. They are preparing children and young people for the new tasks which confront our country, making postwar readjustments, maintaining economic security at home, improving intergroup relationships, assuring justice to minority groups, adapting our life to the new technology, improving community life, doing our share to build an enduring peace. Only a people of intelligence, character, goodwill, and earnestness can meet these issues with success. The development of such a people is the great goal of the schools and one in which they must not fail.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF MONSON ACADEMY

To the Superintendent of Schools and Trustees of Monson Academy:

The present school year of Monson Academy opened on September 5, 1944, with an enrollment of forty-one students. By classes the enrollment is 7 Seniors, 6 Juniors, 15 Sophomores, and 13 Freshmen.

This relatively small opening enrollment may be attributed for the most part to the wartime conditions

and is to be expected in any primarily non-industrial community at the present time. With the coming of peace and the return to normality we may expect somewhat greater enrollments in the secondary schools of the country.

The faculty of Monson Academy is the same as the latter half of last year, consisting of Mrs. MacPherson of Monson, Mrs. Shorey of Dover-Foxcroft, and the writer.

We are maintaining our standing as a class A school and as a member of the New England College Board and entitled to send accredited students to member colleges without an examination.

The schedule of classes being maintained this year is as follows:

Mr. Houston	Mrs. MacPherson	Mrs. Shorey
English 12	French 10	Gen. Math. 9
Physics 11 and 12	Pub. Spkg. 9, 10	Alg. 11 and 12
English 10	English 9	W. Hist. 10
Am. Hist. 11	Citiz. 9	English 11
Gen. Science 9	Economics 11, 12	Alg. 10
Soc. Problems 12	French 11	Latin 9
		Bus. Math. 10, 11

Extra curricula activities have been maintained with Movies, Curtis Magazine Contest, Basketball, and Winter Carnival. Preparation of the "Phraetra", Track, Graduation, and Senior Play will be the chief activities of the Spring term.

Monson, as so many other communities all over America, has been affected by the war. Naturally the present feeling that all which hinders, or at least fails to contribute rather directly to the war effort, must be of secondary importance has been experienced in Monson Academy. Coincident with this attitude, students sometimes feel that school is of secondary importance and question the part that education plays in a world at war.

An answer to this question can not be given completely in this brief report; however let me state just a few reasons why education is vital to a people at war and eventually, God willing, to one at peace: 1. Embryonic technicians are created in the schools of America. 2. War plants continually emphasize that with people possessing the fundamentals of a secondary education the more or less highly specialized skill can be mastered in much less time. 3. A permanent peace is dependent upon a world of intelligent, educated citizens.

May I express my appreciation for the aid shown me by the Citizens of Monson.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HOUSTON

School Funds and Needs

Among the education bills presented at this session of the legislature is an act to increase the minimum Teachers' Salary from \$720, as defined in the Equalization Law, to \$1,000 a year. This bill, if passed by the legislature, would provide for allocation to the towns and cities of the state an additional \$280 per teaching position, which added to the present \$190, would provide a total state subsidy of \$470 for each teaching position. Other bills have been presented for the same purposes, but which differ as to the amounts of increases. It now seems most likely that the legislature will increase the minimum salary law as well as increase the state subsidy for each teaching position. The school budget, which we have prepared, does not include anything for making increases in teachers' salaries but which may be needed.

Appropriations for all school purposes are necessary, the list of appropriations that seem necessary has been included with the school budget. The appropriation suggested for the high school account is not changed from that of last year. That suggested for the textbook account and that for the school supply account are not as

large as you have been raising. This year the cost for renewing the insurance on school buildings will be less.

The expenditures for repairs on school buildings have not been very large this past year. Only a small sum was expended for labor. The rest of the expenditures was for various sorts of material that were needed. Much work will need to be done on the buildings as soon as conditions will permit. Hence it seems reasonable to continue to make appropriations for school repairs each year, even though it may not be needed for that municipal year.

SCHOOL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Elementary School Account

Estimates for Needs:

Teachers' Salaries	\$5,100.00	
Fuel for School Purposes	900.00	
School Janitor Purposes	550.00	
School Conveyance	1,650.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,200.00

Estimate for Receipts:

State School Fund	\$2,000.00	
Probable Tuition Receipts	200.00	
Appropriations	6,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,200.00

High School Account

Estimate for Expenditures:

Teachers' Salaries	\$5,000.00	
Library and Laboratory Purposes	150.00	
Fuel and Janitor Purposes	650.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,800.00

Estimate for Receipts:

Academy: State Funds	\$1,500.00	
Receipts from Tuition	700.00	
Town: State School Fund	500.00	
Appropriation by Town	3,100.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,800.00

Appropriations Suggested:

Elementary School Account		\$6,000.00
High School Account		3,100.00
Free Textbook Account		200.00
School Supply Account		200.00
School Repairs Account		200.00
School Insurance Purposes	\$115.00	
Light and Power Purposes	60.00	
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Public Health Nurse Account		100.00
School Physician Account		25.00
Superintendence Account		483.00

Under the heading of Financial Statements for 1944-1945 may be found information about the funds raised by the town for school purposes, funds coming from the state to be used for school purposes, together brief statements for disbursements for the municipal year just closing.

Quote: "If the American people want the schools to be kept open, if they want their children to have good educational opportunities, they must expect to pay for these services. And by far the most economical way of buying these services is by public action through general taxation. The schools owe no apology to the taxpayer. On the whole, their services have been built up in response to demands dictated by the needs and wishes of the people. Their services have been supplied at a fair and reasonable price."

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER

February 15, 1945

Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1944-1945

Elementary School Account

Receipts

Unexpended, 1943	\$1,131.29
Raised by Town, 1944	5,250.00

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State School Fund	1,777.39	
Tuition from Elliottsville	253.00	
Annual Interest	34.16	
	<hr/>	\$8,445.84

Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries:

L. Pete Gattrell	\$1,088.90	
Manda E. Mattson	948.70	
Esther Pennington	952.20	
Vivienne E. Bray	937.70	
Margaret LeClaire	899.00	
Withholding Tax, 1944 acct.	22.40	
	<hr/>	\$4,848.90

School Fuel:

Purchase of Wood	\$283.50	
Purchase of Coal	426.54	
Trucking Wood	55.62	
Labor on Wood	71.20	
	<hr/>	\$836.86

Janitor Purposes:

Janitors' Wages	450.00	
Cleaning at Buildings	33.50	
Janitor Supplies	45.46	
	<hr/>	\$ 528.96

School Conveyance

Unexpended, 1944		1,603.70
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	<hr/>	\$8,445.84
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High School Account

Receipts

Raised by Town, 1944	\$3,100.00	
State School Fund	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,600.00

Expenditures

Monson Academy by Contract		\$3,600.00
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Library and Laboratory Account

Receipts

Unexpended, 1943		\$202.57
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Expenditures

Library Purposes:

Library Needs	\$ 67.96	
Treas. Monson Academy	16.60	
	<hr/>	\$84.56

Laboratory Purposes:

Laboratory Needs	31.86	
Treasurer, Monson Academy	86.15	
	<hr/>	\$118.01

\$202.57

Free Textbook Account

Receipts

Unexpended, 1943	\$191.36	
Raised by Town, 1944	300.00	
Academy Funds	17.50	
	<hr/>	\$508.86

Expenditures

Elementary School Purposes	\$140.17	
High School Purposes	76.56	
	<hr/>	\$216.73
Unexpended, 1944		292.13

\$508.86

School Supply Account

Receipts

Unexpended, 1943	\$241.20	
Raised by Town, 1944	250.00	
Academy Funds	17.50	
	<hr/>	\$508.70

Expenditures

Office Account	\$ 26.00	
Graduation Certificates	12.36	
Cleaning Material	37.25	
Workbooks	51.52	
Paper and Supplies	154.94	
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Unexpended, 1944	226.63
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	\$508.70

School Equipment Account
Receipts

Unexpended, 1943	\$42.00
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Expenditures

Unexpended, 1944	\$42.00
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School Repairs Account
Receipts

Unexpended, 1943	\$157.85	
Raised by Town, 1944	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$357.85

Expenditures

Myco Sheen for Floors	\$15.92	
Supply of Deoderant	18.76	
Supplies and Fixtures	53.20	
Labor Account	50.54	
	<hr/>	\$138.42
Unexpended, 1944		219.43
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\$357.85

Light and Power Account
Receipts

Unexpended, 1943	\$58.60	
Raised by Town, 1944	60.00	
	<hr/>	\$118.60

Expenditures

Monson Light and Power Co.	\$54.77	
Unexpended, 1944	63.83	
	<hr/>	\$118.60

School Insurance Account
Receipts

Unexpended, 1943	\$ 16.93	
Raised by Town, 1944	190.00	
	<hr/>	\$206.93

Expenditures		
Fred M. Hescocock	\$95.00	
Jackson Insurance Agency	95.00	
	<hr/>	\$190.00
Unexpended, 1944		16.93
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		\$206.93

Superintendence Account

Receipts		
Raised by Town, 1944	\$460.00	
Overdraft, 1944	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$485.00
Expenditures		
Overdraft, 1943	\$ 40.00	
Superintendent's Salary, 1944	445.00	
	<hr/>	\$485.00

School Nurse Account

Receipts		
Raised by Town, 1944		\$100.00
Expenditures		
Account of Public Health Nurse		\$100.00

School Physical Account

Receipts		
Unexpended, 1943	\$48.00	
Raised by Town, 1944	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$73.00
Expenditures		
Dr. Wm. R. Kerr	\$25.00	
Unexpended, 1944	48.00	
	<hr/>	\$73.00

The following is the annual report of health service rendered Monson for the period January 1, 1944 to Jan. 1, 1945.

The major part of the program is concerned with the health of the child of school age and with Tuberculosis Prevention.

Tuberculosis Prevention:

New Cases Admitted	1
Home Visits to Suspect Cases	4
Home Visits to Contact Cases	6
Patients X-rayed at Greenville	10
Re-X-Rayed	2

Transportation was furnished by the nurse for these patients.

Immunization and Tests:

The nurse assisted Dr. Stanhope in giving tuberculin tests to 79 students and one adult.

School Health Service:

The annual inspection was made of the school children in the grades by the nurse.

Number of pupils inspected by the nurse	104
Number of pupils with granulated eyelids	4
Number of pupils with defective hearing	1
Number of pupils with defective throats	21
Number of pupils with defective teeth	65
Number of pupils with unclean teeth	51
Number of pupils with defective speech	1
Number of pupils with orthopedic defects	2

Corrections made:

Refraction of vision	1
Teeth	5
Throat	1

Assistance of the nurse was given Dr. Kerr in making the physical examination of the Basketball boys and girls.

Home and follow up visits were made to 12, and two visits to crippled children.

In planning our Health Program for the coming year, it is hoped some provision can be made for a much needed dental clinic.

Appreciation is extended to all who have helped to make this service possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Piscataquis County Tuberculosis and
Health Association

By: Nellie R. Gibbons, R. N.
Public Health Nurse

ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT

To Lyman E. Davidson, a constable in the Town of Monson, in the County of Piscataquis:

GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Monson, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in Town Hall in said Town of Monson the 16th day of March A. D. 1945, at seven o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles to wit:—

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

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the Town Clerk. 4-11-00

Art. 3. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Report.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor. 8-22-00

Art. 6. To elect Three Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To elect three Assessors for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To elect three Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To elect a Fire Chief and to authorize him to form his department with complete authority over the same in behalf of the Town of Monson.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the Town Treasurer. 11-15-00

Art. 11. To elect a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Interest account. 350.00

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools. 600.00

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor. 1200.00

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges, and how the same shall be expended. 300.00

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray all incidentals and town charges for miscellaneous purposes. 2200.00

Art. 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to the firemen's pay.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for sidewalks. 100.00

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay on the Town Debt.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to have a Town Manager form of government, and raise money for the same.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for textbooks. 200.00

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Superintendent of Schools' salary. 483.00

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for high school purposes, that the superintending school committee be authorized to contract with the trustees of Monson Academy for the tuition of the high school students of the town, and that the sum raised plus any

money that may be allocated from the State School Fund be appropriated for high school purposes.

Art. 25. To see what action the town will take in regard to a heating plant for the Town Hall.

200.00
Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school supplies and equipment.

200.00
Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of school houses.

50.00
Art. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Memorial Day Services.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate and raise 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 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer any amounts appropriated by the town for State Aid Highway construction in excess of the amounts required to meet State apportionments, to the Highway Account.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the maintenance of the so called "50-50" State Patrol Roads.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount and how much on taxes paid prior to Aug. 15, 1945.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid September 15, 1945 and interest to begin on that date and rate of interest to be charged.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen on its behalf to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon,

on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Street Lights for the ensuing year.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Fire Department.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to be paid the Monson Band for evening concerts.

Art. 38. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Monson Free Public Library.

Art. 39. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for School Health Nurse and authorize the superintending School Committee to hire the same.

Art. 40. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the insurance of school buildings and for power and light.

Art. 41. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Services of the School Physician, in connection with the Health Officer and Health Nurse, and authorize the Superintending School Committee to hire the same.

Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to hire money for town purposes.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money during the present year in anticipation of, and to be paid out of the taxes of the current year 1945 and 1946, and to execute and deliver negotiable promissory note or notes on the town therefor.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Sexton to collect payments for the sale of Cemetery lots and for making deeds of the same.

350.00
750.00
100.00
100.00
100.00
1750.00
250.00

Art. 45. To see what rate of interest the town will vote to set on future Cemetery Trust Funds (such sums that might be brought in this present fiscal year ensuing).

Art. 46. To see what action the town will take regarding the acceptance of money left in trust for perpetual care of Cemetery lots and how the same shall be carried.

150.00
Art. 47. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Aid to Dependent Children.

Art. 48. To see what part of the winter roads the town will vote to plow or have plowed and raise money for the same.

Art. 49. To see if the town will elect a Committee of Three to hire or contract for snow plowing and to be in charge of the same.

Art. 50. To vote to see if the town will remove snow from the business section of the Main Street, and raise a sum of money for the same.

Art. 51. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to buy stumpage to provide fuel and labor for the Town poor, if necessary.

Art. 52. To see if the town will vote to buy a snow plow and equipment and raise a sum of money for the same.

Art. 53. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or Snow Plow Committee to sign a long term contract for snow plowing.

Art. 54. To see if the town will vote to withhold sums of money due from the town until such time as indebtedness shall have been paid.

Art. 55. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of improved section of third class road, or to be used in connec-

tion with third class apportionment made by the State for the improvement of third class roads.

Art. 56. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to work those receiving town aid, the same work to be credited to their indebtedness to the town.

Art. 57. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for cemeteries. 150.00

Art. 58. To see if the town will vote to sand town roads and what roads and to raise a sum of money for the same.

Art. 59. To see if the town will vote to purchase surety bonds for necessary town officers rather than accept local bondsmen.

Art. 60. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising our natural resources, advantages and attractions, under the provisions of Chapter 5, Section 82 of the Revised Statutes, said money to be expended through the State of Maine Publicity Bureau. 50.00

Art. 61. To see what the town will vote to do with the uncollected taxes for the years, 1938, 1939 and 1940.

Art. 62. To see if the town will vote to set a wage scale for town labor.

Art. 63. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), the same to be held in trust, the income to be used for perpetual care of the cemetery lot of F. J. Wilkins, the money already having been paid to the Town Treasurer.

Art. 64. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), the same to be held in trust, the income to be used for perpetual care of the cemetery lot of Olga Haggstrom, the money already having been paid to the Town Treasurer.

Art. 65. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), the same to be held in trust, the income to be used for perpetual care of the cemetery lot of Richard Johnson, the money already having been paid to the Town Treasurer.

Art. 66. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), the same to be held in trust, the income to be used for perpetual care of the cemetery lot of Charles F. Johnson, the money already having been paid to the Town Treasurer.

Art. 67. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen the righte to dispose of the Town Hearse.

Given under our hands at Monson, Maine this 5th day of March A. D. 1945.

LYLE C. TOWNE

EDWIN A. HOLMBOM

L. PETE GATTRELL

Selectmen of Monson, Maine

A true Copy, attest

LYMAN E. DAVIDSON

Constable of the Town of Monson, Maine.

