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Annual Report
Of the
Municipal Officers
of the
Town of Unity
Maine



For the Municipal Year
1946

Hutchins Brothers, Thorndike, Maine

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—G. R. Hunter

Town Clerk—Charles L. Carr

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

C. W. Taylor Norman Bridges H. L. Glines

Tax Collector—Margaret Stevens

Treasurer—L. W. Tozier

School Committee

Merton Reynolds Margaret Vickery Ethel Ward

Constable—Alton McCormick

Road Commissioner—Clarence N. Bradeen

Superintendent of Schools

Karl H. McKechnie

SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS' REPORT

Real Estate, Resident	\$342,270.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	102,180.00	
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Total Real Estate		\$444,450.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$59,350.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	10,860.00	
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Total Personal Estate		\$70,210.00
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Total Valuation		\$514,660.00
Total Value of Land	\$181,695.00	
Total Value of Buildings	262,755.00	
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Total Value		\$444,450.00

Taxable Livestock and Poultry

Horses and Mules	99	\$10,300.00
Colts	5	175.00
Bulls and Steers	32	1,100.00
Cows	512	20,185.00
Heifers, over 2 years old	104	3,120.00
Heifers, 18 months to 2 years	78	2,005.00
Goats	5	25.00
Domestic Fowl	7294	5,380.00
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Total Amount		\$42,290.00

All Other Kinds of Personal Property

Stock in Trade		\$13,650.00
Boats	35	350.00

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Gasoline	21	1,880.00
Radios	186	2,790.00
Tractors not Excised	3	300.00
Machinery and Equipment		6,700.00
Other Property		2,250.00
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Total		\$27,920.00
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Total Personal Property		\$70,210.00
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Tax Rate		63
Polls		221

Appropriations

Voted to take \$1,000.00 from the Excise tax to pay Town Officers for the ensuing year	
Town Roads	\$1,500.00
State Aid Roads	799.50
Third Class Maintenance	509.00
Resolve Road Maintenance	200.00
Patrol Road Maintenance	858.00
Street Lights	390.00
Care of Cemeteries	100.00
Care of Poor	500.00
Schools	10,333.00
Industrial Education	3,336.00
Insurance on School Property	261.62
Repairs on School Buildings	700.00
Lights and Power, Schools	125.00
Mothers' Aid and Dependent Children	400.00
Plowing Snow	3,000.00
Supt. of Schools Salary	457.76
Fire Equipment	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000.00
Public Health Nursing	75.00
Sidewalks	100.00
Maine Publicity Bureau	50.00

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State Tax	3,844.06
County Tax	1,775.36
Overlay	272.28
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	\$33,086.58

Abatements

Walter Gerald, Paid Elsewhere	\$3.00
Stone Beckman, Deceased	3.00
Pearl Wing, Deceased	3.78
Ben Tweedie, Over 70 Years	3.00
Clayton Berry, Paid Elsewhere	3.00
Justin C. Bickford, Deceased	3.00
Lester Jones, Whereabouts Unknown	3.78
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Total	\$22.56

Town Officers

Norman Bridges, Selectman	\$ 10.00
Edith Stevens, Ballot Clerk	5.00
Norris Pushor, Ballot Clerk	5.00
Dorothy VanDeets, Ballot Clerk	5.00
Flora Bradeen, Ballot Clerk	5.00
H. L. Glines, Election Official	5.00
N. L. Bridges, Election Official	5.00
C. W. Taylor, Election Official	5.00
Edith Stevens, Ballot Clerk	5.00
Flora Bradeen, Ballot Clerk	5.00
Norris Pushor, Ballot Clerk	5.00
Dorothy VanDeets, Ballot Clerk	5.00
H. L. Glines, Election Official	5.00
N. L. Bridges, Election Official	5.00
C. W. Taylor, Election Official	5.00
Chas. Carr, Clerk	5.00
Dr. Frank E. Hanscom, School Physician	10.00
J D. Reed, Health Officer	20.00

Margaret Stevens, Tax Collector	200.00
Norman Bridges, Selectman	50.00
C. W. Taylor, Selectman	150.00
L. W. Tozier, Treasurer	125.00
Merton Reynolds, School Committee	20.00
Ethel Ward, School Committee	20.00
Margaret Vickery, School Committee	20.00
Chas. L. Carr, Town Clerk	58.80
Alton McCormick, Collecting Excise Tax	65.27
Alton McCormick, Constables Services	25.00
M. Fortier	25.00
C. W. Taylor, Selectman	100.00
Norman Bridges, Selectman	50.00
H. L. Glines, Selectman	100.00
G. R. Hunter, Moderator	5.00
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	\$1,129.07
Paid Supt. of Schools	562.50
Appropriation	457.76
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Overdrawn	\$104.74

Town Roads

Available Resources	
Balance from 1945	\$ 85.99
Appropriated by Town	1,500.00
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Total	\$1,585.99
Paid, Labor and Material	1,680.32
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Overdrawn	\$94.33

Resolve Road Maintenance

Balance from 1945	\$ 3.43
Appropriated by Town	200.00
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Total	\$203.43

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Paid for Labor and Material	203.58
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Overdrawn	\$.15

Third Class Road Maintenance

Balance from 1945	\$141.01	
Appropriated by Town	509.00	
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Total		\$650.01
Paid for Labor and Material		810.12
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Due from State		160.11

Patrol Road

Balance from 1945	\$ 5.00	
Appropriated by Town	858.00	
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Total		\$863.00
Paid State Treasurer		848.00
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Unexpended		\$15.00

Unimproved Roads

Balance from 1945	\$ 2.41	
Apportioned by State	540.26	
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		\$542.67
Paid for Labor		253.15
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Unexpended		\$289.52

Snow Removal and Sanding

Paid—	
H. M. Brown	\$5,000.00
Labor and Material on Snow Fence	204.98
State Highway Comm. for Salt	50.41

C. N. Bradeen, Trucking Salt	12.80	
Stock Pile and Sanding	822.24	
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Total Cost.		\$6,090.43
Appropriated by Town	\$3,000.00	
Received from State	2,341.40	
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Total		\$5,341.40
Overdrawn		749.03

Waning Road Resolve

Appropriation from State	\$648.00	
Paid Labor	595.65	
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Unexpended		\$52.35

Fire Department

Brooks Fire Department, Carter Fire	\$77.00	
Vaughn Hunter, Watching Carter Fire	3.58	
Norman Bridges, Watching Carter Fire	3.58	
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Total		\$84.16

Fire Equipment

H. M. Brown, Expense	\$ 10.00
Norman Bridges, Expense	6.00
C. W. Taylor, Expense	8.00
Norman Bridges, Expense	10.00
H. L. Glines, Expense	5.00
A. R. Curtis, Expense	37.00
Eastern Fire Equipment	15.12
Blanchard Associate, Inc.	1,510.97
B. N. Blanchard, Fire Truck	400.00
H. M. Brown, Truck Insurance	28.95
L. H. Adams, Supplies	27.00
Blanchard Associates, Inc.	45.70

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M. O. Fortier, Supplies	17.29	
Eastern Fire Equipment	37.69	
T. W. Dick, Booster Tank	91.35	
Eastern Fire Equipment	40.09	
Eastern Fire Equipment	65.75	
M. O. Fortier, Equipment and Supplies	35.56	
O. J. Harding, Equipment	26.12	
John Edgerly, Expense	41.00	
Wing's Electric Shop, Equipment	4.95	
Eastern Fire Equipment	5.62	
Blanchard Associates, Equipment	10.00	
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Total		\$2,491.66
Appropriated by Town		2,500.00
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Unexpended		\$8.34

Report of Overseers of the Poor

Town Poor

Mae Crosby		
Paid—Betty Daggett	\$285.30	
Dr. E. I. Whitney	28.82	
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		\$314.12
Edison Hubbard		
Paid—Warren Bridges, Wood	\$ 7.00	
H. M. Brown, Wood	13.00	
M. B. Winters, Groceries	95.41	
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		\$115.41

Tramps	\$6.65	
Expended		\$436.18
Balance from 1945	\$426.29	
Appropriated by Town	500.00	
Total		\$926.29
Unexpended		\$490.11

State Poor

Elwin Wood		
Paid—Josephine	\$203.18	
Harold Keay	14.70	
		\$217.88
Chas. and Cleo Bennett Family		
Paid—Clyde Shorey, Board	\$104.70	
Mrs. Clyde Shorey, Care	30.00	
Walter Bradeen, Labor	9.95	
Harold L. Keay, Clothing	27.70	
Maxine Tweedie, Rent	8.00	
Robert C. Elwell, Milk	33.60	
Maxine Tweedie, Rent	8.00	
Maplewood Store, Groceries	96.67	
D. R. Clifford, Fuel	9.97	
Maplewood Store, Groceries	29.52	
Robert Elwell, Milk	22.00	
J. D. Reed, Medicine	.35	
Maxine Tweedie, Rent	8.00	
Mrs. Ethel Rines, Board, Child	14.00	
Mrs. Ethel Rines, Board, Child and Clothing	33.68	
		\$436.14
Total		654.02

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Received	597.31
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Due from State	<u>597.31</u> \$143.29
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Mothers' Aid

Appropriated by Town	\$400.00
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Paid Treasurer, State	423.10
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Overdrawn	<u>423.10</u> \$23.10
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Public Nursing

Appropriated by Town	\$75.00
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Paid Treasurer, State	75.00
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State of Maine Publicity Bureau

Appropriated by Town	50.00
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Paid Publicity Bureau	50.00
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County Tax

Appropriated	\$1,775.36
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Paid Treasurer of Waldo County	1,775.36
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State Tax

Appropriated	3,844.06
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Paid Treasurer, State	3,844.06
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Sidewalks

Appropriated by Town	\$100.00
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Paid—Labor and Material	77.33
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Unexpended	<u>22.67</u>
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Street Lights

Appropriated by Town	\$390.00
Paid Central Maine Power Co.	390.00

Insurance

Paid—Federal Trust Company	\$184.20
Federal Trust Company	47.87
Federal Trust Company	29.55

Total	\$261.62
Appropriated by Town	261.62

Cemeteries

Balance from 1945	\$ 4.48
Appropriated by Town	100.00

Total	\$104.48
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Paid—Frank Haskell	\$ 7.92
Norman Bridges	4.00
Wallace Blanchard	5.00
Merton Reynolds	5.00
Everett Haskell	10.50
Alton Reynolds	5.00

Total	\$37.42
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Unexpended	\$67.06
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Perpetual Care

Paid—Alton McCormick	\$81.00
Everett Haskell	6.00

Total	\$87.00
Received	87.00

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Farwell Benevolent Fund

Paid	\$50.00
Received	50.00

Temporary Loans

Received from Federal Trust Co.	\$12,000.00
Paid—Federal Trust Co.	12,000.00

Interest on Temporary Loans

Received, Interest on Tax Liens	\$ 45.01
Paid—Federal Trust Co.	228.56

Schools

Balance from 1945	\$ 940.57
Appropriated	10,333.00
State Fund	3,812.92
Equalization	2,817.00
Tuition, Troy	1,611.15
Tuition, Burnham	400.00
Tuition, Detroit	150.00
Tuition, Dixmont	100.00
Tuition, Thorndike	150.00
State, Unity Township	180.00
Tuition, Freedom	36.00
Tuition, Walter Heald	36.00
Conveyance, Unity Township	234.00
Special Project	15.00

Total Available	\$20,815.64
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Paid—El. Teachers	\$6,812.80
High Teachers	5,733.90
Fuel	1,186.78
Janitor and Cleaning	953.43
Conveyance	4,122.54

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Textbooks	531.68	
Supplies	469.38	
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Total		\$19,810.51
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Unexpended		\$1,005.13
Repairs		
Appropriated	\$700.00	
Overdrawn, 1945	6.67	
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Amount Available		\$693.33
Expended		667.39
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Unexpended		\$25.94
Lights and Power		
Appropriated by Town	\$125.00	
Expended	126.15	
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Overdrawn		\$1.15
Insurance		
Appropriated		\$216.62
Expended		261.62
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Industrial Arts		
Balance from 1945	\$ 61.62	
Appropriated	3,336.00	
State Subsidy	1,000.00	
Refund, M. T. Shop	148.97	
Refund, Agr. Shop	55.00	
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Total Available		\$4,601.39
Expenditures		
Home Ec. Teacher	\$1,588.95	

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Home Ec. Equipment	28.20
Manual Training Teacher	845.00
Manual Training Equipment	104.34
Agr. Teacher	1,802.00
Agr. Equipment	187.63

Total Expended	\$4,556.12
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Unexpended	\$45.27
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Miscellaneous

Ethel Ward	\$ 5.00
Margaret	6.09
C. W. Taylor	1.00
Maplewood Store	1.00
Loring, Short & Harmon	2.16
C. W. Taylor	10.00
Hutchins Brothers	77.60
Norman Bridges	15.00
C. W. Taylor	5.00
J. D. Reed & Son	4.30
Marks Printing House	29.30
W. T. Vickery	20.00
W. T. Vickery	17.50
Georgie Grant	5.00
Marks Printing House	9.24
Norman Bridges	10.00
C. W. Taylor	1.00
Unity Telephone Co.	18.88
Marks Printinig House	2.90
Hutchins Brothers	6.15
Marks Printing House	7.50
Hutchins Brothers	5.80
Maine State Guard	12.00
Federal Trust Co.	3.60
Marks Printing House	4.50
Ethel Ward	1.50

Geo. Meservie	1.50
C. W. Taylor	5.50
C. W. Taylor	1.00
C. W. Taylor	7.50
Norman Bridges	4.50
Norman Bridges	3.30
Norman Bridges	4.00
Federal Trust Co.	63.17
Maine Municipal Association	30.00
Alton McCormick	8.18
Edwin Parkhurst	11.21
H. L. Glines	14.00
Unity Telephone Co.	16.16
Paul A. Smith	219.13
Harry Stanhope	35.00
C. W. Taylor	10.00
Star in the West Lodge	5.00
C. W. Taylor	1.00
L. W. Tozier	4.98
Marks Printing House	.84
Federal Trust Co.	2.93
Unity Telephone Co.	12.32
Federal Trust Co.	159.39
Federal Trust Co.	6.00
J. D. Reed	12.75
Margaret Stevens	17.20
Georgie Grant	50.00
C. W. Taylor	1.25
C. W. Taylor	5.25
Norman Bridges	2.00
J. H. Farwell & Son	2.70
C. W. Taylor	6.20
E. S. Farwell	5.00
Margaret Stevens	1.10
Federal Trust Co.	11.59
Chas. L. Carr	14.51
Alton McCormick	1.04

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Unity Telephone Co.	10.42	
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Total		\$1,048.95
Balance from 1945	\$ 73.95	
Appropriated by Town	1,000.00	
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		\$1,073.95
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Unexpended		\$25.00

Financial Statement

Cash on Hand	\$3,109.94	
Uncollected Taxes, 1946	1,107.93	
Tax Acquired Property	70.30	
Bills Receivable	1,152.20	
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Total		\$5,440.37

Liabilities

Unexpended School Balance	\$1,005.13	
Industrial Education Balance	45.27	
State Aid Road Money	1,599.00	
Tar Road Balance	274.09	
Town Poor	490.11	
Sidewalk Account	22.67	
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		\$3,436.27
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Balance in Favor of Town		\$2,004.10

Respectfully Submitted,

C. W. TAYLOR

N. L. BRIDGES

H. L. GLINES

Selectmen of Unity

SCHOOL REPORT

To the Superintending School Committee and citizens of Unity.

I hereby submit the following report on the conditions of your schools for the fiscal year, 1946-1947.

COMMON SCHOOLS

The list of teachers in our elementary schools are as follows. Seventh and eighth grades, Mrs. Erskine with 24 years experience; fifth and sixth grades, Miss Moulton With 30 years experience; second, third, and fourth grade, Mrs. Morgan with 10 years experience; primary and first grades, Mrs. Reynolds with 13 years experience. Woods school, Mrs. Nickless with 2 years experience.

It can be seen from the above that we have an able, experienced staff of teachers who are producing good results.

HIGH SCHOOL

The high school faculty is as follows: Principal Mr. Hicks, Colby, A. B., M. S. with 10 years experience; assistant, Mrs. McKechnie, Colby, A. B. with 8 years experience; assistant, Mrs. Hicks, Colby, A. B. with 16 years experience; Home Economics Miss Kelley, Farmington Teachers College, B. S. with 2 years experience; Agriculture, Mr. Bagley, University of Maine, B. S. with 2 years experience.

We have an excellent group of teachers who are maintaining a high standard of instruction. Your high school has a very high rating with the State Department of Education, both from the stand point of instruction and type of courses offered. The high school teachers and Mrs. Erskine have enrolled in the workshop extension

course and are devoting one night per week attending classes at Waterville.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

Miss Kelley returned to teach Home Economics again this year. Her girls have shown much improvement in their class work. She also supervises the preparation of the hot lunches for the high school students. Mr. Farrow resigned as Manual Training teacher and we were fortunate to be able to hire Mr. Bagley to teach agriculture. We had to drop this course during the past four years due to shortage of teachers. Mr. Bagley is doing an excellent job in starting the course again in this school. He also has charge of the Veterans on the Farm Training class.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

At present time we are using three buildings for school purposes. All these buildings are in need of extensive repairs if they are to meet the requirements of the law. The school committee have investigated carefully the condition of these buildings and listed below are things which in their minds need immediate attention.

Grade School Building—

1. Heating Plant
2. Painting Outside
3. New Plumbing in Toilets
4. New Lighting System
5. Sixty New Seats

High School Building—

1. Painting Outside and Roof
2. Repair of Foundation
3. Refitting and Weatherstripping Windows
4. Rebuilding Stairways
5. Finishing Off of Attic Room on West Side
6. Lighting System
7. One Hundred New Seats
8. New Plumbing in Toilets

Woods—

1. Shingling Roof
2. Rebuilding Chimney

In the grade building the heating plant is in bad condition and may play out at any time.

The last time the building was painted was twelve years ago. It has weathered badly.

The toilets are set on flooring which has rotted out and is unsanitary. More flush closets should be added.

For years the pupils have had to study in poorly lighted rooms. An up-to-date lighting system is needed.

New seats are needed to replace worn out and broken ones and to take care of the increase in pupils.

The high school building presents a problem in where to begin first. As we reported last year, the foundation has rotted out in the basement and allowed the building to settle in the center. This has thrown the stairways out of line and caused the treads to spread. It has thrown the whole building out of line, affecting doors, windows and cracked the walls. This condition has become worse during the past year.

The building was last painted outside nine years ago. The roof should also be painted to preserve it.

Refitting of windows and rebuilding stairways should be done after foundation has been fixed.

The west attic room will be needed within the next two years to take care of increased enrollment in elementary and high schools.

The lighting system can be improved at less expense than in the grade building. New seats are needed to replace worn out and broken ones and to take care of increased enrollment.

The toilets are inadequate to take care of the number of pupils and should be raised above the level at which they are now set.

At the Woods school, the roof needs shingling and probably will need new boarding also. The chimney

should be rebuilt to be safe to use. It now presents a fire hazard.

All the above repairs should be done within the next two years. These things have been accumulating during the past 8 or 10 years and nothing has been done about it.

It is the duty of the town to provide proper school facilities. It is the duty of the school committee to recommend proper facilities so they can keep the schools going under the law.

The above repairs will cost the town a lot more money now than if they had been taken care of when they first began to develop and spread over a period of years. All the things listed above can be plainly seen by any citizen who cares to investigate the matter.

Financial Statement

Resources	
Balance	\$ 940.57
Appropriated	10,333.00
State Fund	3,812.92
Equalization	2,817.00
Tuition, Troy	1,611.15
Burnham	400.00
Detroit	150.00
Dixmont	100.00
Thorndike	150.00
Elem., Unity Twp.	180.00
Freedom	36.00
Walter Heald	36.00
Conveyance, Unity Twp.	234.00
Special Project	15.00
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Total Available	\$20,815.64

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Expenditures

	Common	High
Teachers	\$6,812.80	\$5,733.90
Fuel	786.78	400.00
Janitor-Clean	493.43	460.00
Conveyance	4,122.54	
Textbooks	331.68	200.00
Supplies	319.38	150.00
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	\$12,866.61	\$6,943.90
Total Expenditures		\$19,810.51
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Cash Balance		\$1,005.13

Accounts Receivable

Cash Balance	\$1,005.13	
Tuition, Thorndike	100.00	
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Total		\$1,105.13
Accounts Payable:		
Teacher Retirement		\$292.10
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Net Standing		\$813.03

Repairs

Appropriated	\$700.00	
Less Overdraft	242.93	
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Available	\$457.07	
Expended	\$431.13	
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Balance		\$25.94

Lights and Power

Expended	\$126.15	
Appropriated	125.00	
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Overdraft		\$1.15

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Insurance

Appropriated	\$261.62
Expended	261.62

Industrial Arts

Resources

Balance	\$ 61.42
Appropriated	3,336.00
State Subsidy	1,000.00
Refund, M. T. Shop	148.97
Refund, Agri. Shop	55.00

Total Available \$4,601.39

Expenditures

Home Ec. Teacher	\$1,588.95
Home Ec. Equip	28.20
M. T. Teacher	845.00
M. T. Equip.	104.34
Agri. Teacher	1,802.00
Agri. Equip.	187.63

Total Expended \$4,556.12

Cash Balance	\$45.27
Accts Payable, Teacher Ret.	52.35

Net Standing, Minus \$7.08

Budget

The school committee submits the following budget for the school year 1947-1948. The total on Repairs covers new heating plant for grade building, fixing foundation, high school building and general repairs and upkeep.

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Expenditures

High School Teachers	\$6,369.00
Elem. Teachers	7,271.00
Fuel	1,400.00
Janitor-Cleaning	1,075.00
Conveyance	4,475.00
Textbooks-Supplies	1,000.00
Library	75.00
Laboratory	75.00
Accts. Payable, Téacher Ret.	292.10

Total Expenditures	<u>\$22,032.10</u>
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Resources

Cash Balance	\$1,005.13
Accts. Receivable, Thorndike	100.00
State Fund, Est.	3,400.00
Equalization	3,806.00
Tuition	2,600.00

Total Resources	<u>\$10,911.13</u>
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Necessary to Raise	<u>\$11,120.97</u>
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Industrial Arts

Expenditures

Home Ec. Teacher	\$1,800.00
Agriculture Teacher	2,768.00
Travel Allowance	200.00
Equipment	200.00
Accts. Payable, Teacher Ret.	52.35

Total Expenditures	<u>\$5,020.65</u>
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Resources

Cash Balance	\$ 45.27
Subsidy, Home Ec.	500.00

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Subsidy, Agriculture	1,380.00	
Total Resources		\$1,925.27
Necessary to Raise		\$3,095.33

Recommended Appropriations

Schools	\$11,120.00
Repairs	4,500.00
Lights and Power	130.00
Insurance	261.62
Industrial Arts	3,100.00

School Enrollment

										Total
Grade	P.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Village	10-8	10-7	9-7	5-5	5-3	7- 9	9-4	4-6	8-7	67-56
Woods	1-4	0-0	2-1	0-0	3-2	0- 1	1-0	0-0	1-2	8-10
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	11-12	10-7	11-8	5-5	8-5	7-10	10-4	4-6	9-9	75-66

The above should be read, Village Primary, 10 boys, 8 girls.

Unity High School

Freshmen, 11 boys, 6 girls; Sophomores 7 boys, 11 girls; Juniors, 6 boys, 7 girls; Seniors, 4 boys, 5 girls; Post Graduate, boy, 1.

It is expected that the elementary enrollment will increase slightly next year.

Unless unforeseen factors develop the high school enrollment should increase to about 80 students next year.

Conclusion

The teacher shortage is still acute and will continue to be so unless we can attract more people into the teaching profession. To do this, I believe we should—1. Pay higher salaries. 2. provide better working conditions.

3. provide better security for teachers. 4. provide adequate pension. These things can not all come at once but a start is being made by the Maine Legislature to provide higher salaries and better pensions. Better working conditions and more security for teachers on the job will have to be provided by the various towns at present time.

I would like to point out again as I did last year that the amount of Insurance coverage on our school buildings is very inadequate to even partially cover any loss by fire. We should take heed by what happened in Freedom.

I would also like to mention that school costs and services demanded by the citizens of the town have gone up this year same as in other things. This, of course increased your budget and school appropriations. Your school rate will be about 21 mills, based on appropriation asked for by your school committee in their budget. This equalization money from the state which amounts to \$3,800 this year.

I wish to extend at this time, my sincere thanks to the teachers, school committee and citizens of the town for their cooperation in making the schools of Unity of such high standard.

Respectfully submitted,

KARL H. McKECHNIE

Superintendent of Schools

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

To Tax Commitment, June 1, 1946	\$33,086.58	
To Supplement Tax Committed	263.56	
		\$33,350.14
By 1946 Tax Collected Feb. 15, 1947		
(Cash to Treasurer)	\$32,236.20	
By 1946 Tax Uncollected	1,107.93	
Abatements	6.00	
		\$33,350.14

Taxes Remaining Unpaid

Roland Brillard	\$ 7.10
Hazel Barnes	18.90
A. J. & Suzanna Carlisle	85.05
Romain Clevette	145.85
Jessie Coran	3.00
Howard Cornforth	58.70
B. F. Chase	30.87
Patrick Doucette	3.95
Aarad Drew	113.25
Donald Furrow	3.00
Edison Hubbard	9.30
Everett Haskell	21.40
Albert Hubbard	18.90
Albert Libby	3.15
Eli Moulton	78.75
Mark Myrick	.95
Clair Pomeroy	12.45
Shirl Reynolds	32.30
Silas Reynolds	59.85
Vinal Rines	3.15
Percy Sylvester	9.93
Albert Tweedie	3.00

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James Tweedie

28.20

 \$751.00

Non-Resident

H. H. Fulsom	\$ 3.48
Sam Bryant	18.90
A. D. Peters	6.30
Father Carey	2.21
Herbert H. Shaw	12.60
Heirs of Edward P. Hunt	9.45
Heirs of W. A. Giles	11.03
George Webb.	6.30
Minnie McL. Woodworth	226.80
Minnie McL. Woodworth	20.48
Paul L. Woodworth	14.18
Paul L. Woodworth	25.20

 \$356.93

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET W. STEVENS

Tax Collector

1945 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

To 1945 Tax Account	\$1,402.66
By 1945 Tax Collected, Feb. 1947	
(Cash to Treasurer)	\$751.68
By 1945 Tax Liens	619.86
By 1945 Tax Uncollected	31.12

 \$1,402.66

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET W. STEVENS

Tax Collector

AUDITOR'S REPORT

PAUL A. SMITH

Public Accountant

Bangor, Maine

May 25, 1946

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Unity:

In accordance with the request from your Board of Selectmen, we have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Unity, Maine for the Municipal Year ended February 28, 1946. We have reviewed the accounting system and tested or examined accounting records and supporting evidence of transactions for the Municipal Year, to the extent appropriate in view of the system of internal control. We performed all necessary work for the audit.

As part of our report, we submit to you the following statements:

- Exhibit A Comparative Balance Sheet as at February 28, 1946 and February 15, 1945.
- Exhibit B Cash Receipts and Disbursements.
- Exhibit C 1945 Valuation, Assessment, Commitment and Collection.
- Exhibit D Statement of Departmental Accounts.
- Exhibit E Analysis of Change in Surplus.
- Schedule 1 Transactions in Uncollected Taxes.
- Schedule 2 Transactions in Tax Liens.
- Schedule 3 Transactions in Tax Acquired Town Property.
- Schedule 4 Accounts Receivable.
- Schedule 5 Accounts Payable.
- Schedule 6 Transactions in Trust Fund Balances.

Based upon our examination, and subject to comments appearing in this report, we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Related Financial Statements present the financial condition of the Town of Unity as of Febraury 28, 1946 and the results of its operations for the year ended that date.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL A. SMITH

Public Accountant

The auditors report from Feb. 1945 to Feb. 15, 1946 is on file at the Selectmen's office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lloyd W. Tozier, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Unity, 1946—1947

Debits

Balance, Feb. 15, 1946	\$2,376.96
Received from—	
M. W. Stevens, Collector	
1945 tax	\$ 751.68
1946 tax	32,236.20
1945 tax liens	596.70
Abatements	22.56
A. L. McCormick, Collector	
Excise Tax	1,704.43
State Treasurer	
Industrial Education	148.97
Education	234.00
Tuition	180.00
Equalization Fund	2,817.00
Teachers transp.	15.00
School Fund	3,812.92
Industrial Education	1,000.00
Railroad and telephone tax	139.67
Health and welfare	744.83
Snow removal	2,341.40
Bank stock tax	85.67
Fire Department, from Town of	
Freedom fire	52.50
Federal Trust Co., loan for Fire	
Dept. expenses	135.00
Withholding Tax account	151.80
Cemetery Perpetual Care, Lots	
Curtis Mitchell	200.00

Dr. C. M. Whitney	250.00	
B. P. Hurd	100.00	
Interest from cemetery funds, Bonds	112.50	
Cemetery funds for care of lots	72.50	
Cemetery funds for care of lots	14.50	
Interest of Bonds, Farwell fund acct.	62.50	
Farwell fund for benevolences	50.00	
Federal Trust Co., temporary loans	12,000.00	
High School, Refund, Agri. account	55.00	
Cancelled bank check	7.20	
Sale of Real Estate	129.12	
Accounts Receivable	30.75	
Tuition, other towns	2,483.15	
Cash for 1944 tax liens	495.01	
Cash for interest on same	41.82	
Cash for expense on same	15.00	
Cash for 1945 tax liens	241.80	
Cash for interest on same	4.89	
Cash for expense on same	6.00	
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		\$65,919.03

Credits

By town warrants paid	\$62,809.09	
By cash in hands of treas. Feb. 15	3,109.94	
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		\$65,919.03

Treasurer's Tax Lien Account

To 1944 tax liens per list of Feb. 15, 1946	\$497.76	
Cr. by cash collected on same	\$495.01	
Cr. by cash, Ola F. Thayer, tax lien sold	2.75	
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		\$497.76
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To 1945 Tax Liens from Tax Collector	\$596.70	

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Cr. by cash collected on same	\$241.80
Cr. by outstanding tax liens	354.90
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	596.70

List of Outstanding Tax Liens

Minnie McL. Woodworth	\$ 16.90
Minnie McL. Woodworth	187.20
Paul L. Woodworth	11.70
Paul L. Woodworth	20.80
W. A. Giles	9.10
James Tweedie	20.80
Hazel Barnes	15.60
Aarad Drew	72.80
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	\$354.90

List of Tax Liens That Have Expired and Become Town Property

Hazel Barnes, 1940 and 1941 liens \$2.40 and \$2.45	\$ 4.85
Hattie A. Harmon, 1938 Lien	13.20
Eunice Means, 1938 Lien	1.10
Albert Tweedie, 1937 Lien	13.20
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	\$32.35

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD W. TOZIER, Treas.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Unity, Maine**DEATHS, 1946**

James Everett Cook	February 3
Roscoe C. Ward	March 6
Ora Ethelyn Ward	March 13
Perley S. Wing	May 14
Eva Prentiss Perry	June 14
Josephine M. Vickery	July 2
James Wardell Libby	July 29
Frank P. Haskell	November 2
Avis C. Smith	November 21

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Unity, Maine, March 10, 1947

To Alton McCormick, a constable of the Town of Unity in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Unity, in said Waldo County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lower Hall, Odd Fellows Building, in said town on Monday the Tenth Day of March, A. D. 1947 at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, Superintendent of Schools, Clerk and other Town Officers.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$799.50 for construction of State Aid Road, under the provisions of the statutes for State Aid highway construction.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for repairs of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$509.00 for maintenance of im-

proved sections of our third class roads, or to be used for the construction of third-class roads if not needed for actual maintenance purposes.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the maintenance of our resolve roads.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$858.00 for Patrol maintenance for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see whether or not the Town will vote to enter into a contract with Central Maine Power Company for a term of ten (10) years, whereby, in consideration of the furnishing of street lighting service to the town during the term of said contract, all as more fully set forth in the contract, copy of which has been presented to this meeting, the town will pay for such street lighting service in accordance with the Company's municipal street lighting rate-contract basis.

Art.10. To see what action the Town will take with reference to authorizing the Selectmen to execute and deliver the contract referred to in the preceeding article.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lighting in Unity Village for the ensuing year, on contract basis it is \$390.00.

Art. 12. To see whether or not the Town will vote to enter into a contract with Central Maine Power Company for a term of twenty (20) years, whereby, in consideration of the extension by the Company of its lines along the Waterville Road, in said Town, and in consideration of such additional line extensions as may be constructed along said road or roads in said town under the terms of the contract, and in consideration of the Company's furnishing electric energy during the term of the contract for lighting the Grammar School in said town,

the town will pay to the Company for the term of the contract for the electric service furnished in connection with lighting said Grammar School in accordance with the Company's schedule of rates for the type and character of service rendered and, in addition, will pay to the Company annually during the term of the contract, beginning with the effective date thereof, a sum equal to all taxes assessed, imposed or levied by the Town upon the line extensions constructed under the terms of the contract.

Art. 13. To see what action the Town will take with reference to authorizing the Selectmen to execute and deliver the contract referred to in the preceeding article.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the care of Cemeteries in the Town of Unity for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the care of the poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for elementary teachers for the ensuing year.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for High School teachers for the ensuing year.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for conveyance for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for schools, including Fuel, Janitor Service, Textbooks, Reference Books and school supplies for desk and laboratory use.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Industrial Education

(including Home Economics, Manual Training or Agriculture).

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$261.62 for insurance on school property for the ensuing year.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to build a safety fence along the highway in front of the grade school building and raise money for same.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a school building committee of five to make a survey of the school situation and report at the next Special or Regular Town Meeting.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs on school buildings for the ensuing year.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for lights and power for schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the school committee to appoint a school physician for the ensuing year.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for Mothers' Aid and care of dependent children for the ensuing year.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for plowing snow in the Town of Unity for the ensuing year.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to pay Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of Superintendent of schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will, by its vote, set the time when its taxes assessed and committed to the tax collector for the year 1947, shall become due.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to contract with some reliable party to plow snow on our roads in Unity, or act thereon as they see fit.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for miscellaneous expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell all property acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes and give deed for same.

Art. 35. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the collection of taxes for the ensuing year and establish the price of same.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to issue Town notes for a time not exceeding one year, the avails in payment of current expenses of the Town provided the same becomes necessary during the ensuing year.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for Public Health Nursing in Unity, the said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health for local services.

Art. 38. To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) to be paid to the State Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for repairs on road from

John Edgerly's Corner by Grady's to the Albion Town Line.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for construction of a sidewalk from L. H. Adams' store to the school house grounds.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for maintenance of Fire Department.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for Fire Hose and Nozzles.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen in behalf of the Town to accept the by-laws of the Unity Volunteer Fire Department.

Art. 44. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to secure land for a Town Dump or act thereon as they see fit.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will adopt an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Prohibiting the Dumping of Waste Material" which proposed ordinance shall read as follows:

An Ordinance prohibiting the Dumping of Waste Material. Sec. 1. No person, firm, partnership or corporation shall dump waste material of any kind, within the limits of any public way. Sec. 2. Whoever violates the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135.00, the amount, authorized at our Special Town Meeting held January 23, 1947 to pay for Fuel, Lights and insurance for Fire House.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$200.00 from Annie Morton,, said sum to be invested and the income of same to be used for the perpetual

care of the Gustavus Hunt lot in Pond Cemetery, so called.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$150.00 from Sadie M. Pillsbury, said sum to be invested and the income of same to be used for the perpetual care of the James O. Pillsbury lot in Pond Cemetery, so called.

Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$200.00 from Mary H. Blair, said sum to be invested and the income of same to be used for the perpetual care of the Benjamin Bartlett lot in Pond Cemetery, so called.

Art. 50. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$200.00 from Ada M. Longley, said sum to be invested and the income of same to be used for the perpetual care of the Ethel G. Brown lot in Pond Cemetery, so called.

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 from the estate of J. A. Adams, said sum to be invested and the income of same to be used for the perpetual care of the J. A. Adams lot in Pond Cemetery, so called.

Art. 52. To choose any committee, hear the report of any and act thereon.

The selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the selectmen's office from one o'clock until four o'clock P. M. on the three secular days preceeding the town meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands, this 15th day of February
A. D. 1947.

C. W. TAYLOR
N. L. BRIDGES
H. L. GLINES

Selectmen of the Town of Unity