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# Annual Report of the Municipal Officers of the Town of Unity Maine for the Municipal Year 1947-48

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

**OF THE**

**TOWN OF UNITY**

**MAINE**

**For the Municipal Year 1947 - 48**

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF UNITY  
MAINE

For the Municipal Year 1947



Hutchins Brothers, Thorndike, Maine

IN MEMORY OF

C. W. TAYLOR

BORN NOVEMBER 6, 1893

DIED FEBRUARY 21, 1948

SERVED THE TOWN OF UNITY AS

SELECTMAN 15 YEARS

AND

CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECTMEN

SINCE 1945

**Town Incorporated June 22, 1804**

## **TOWN OFFICERS**

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**Moderator**—G. R. Hunter

**Town Clerk**

Charles L. Carr, July 4, 1947, Deceased  
Jennie L. Carr, July 4, 1947 to Nov. 19, 1947  
Edith F. Stevens, Since Nov. 19, 1947

**Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor**

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

**Excise and Tax Collector**—Margaret W. Stevens

**Treasurer**—L. W. Tozier

**School Committee**

Margaret Vickery      Ethel Ward      A. R. Curtis

**Constable**—Blake Good

**Road Commissioner**—Maurice P. Reynolds

**Superintendent of Schools**—Karl H. McKechnie

**Fire Ward**—Maxwell O. Fortier

**Auditor**—Caroline Lowell

## SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS' REPORT

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Real Estate, Resident	\$350,690.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	106,610.00	
Total Real Estate		\$457,300.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$62,567.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	11,260.00	
Total Personal Estate		\$73,827.00
Total Real and Personal Estate, Resident and Non-Resident		\$531,127.00
Total Value of Land	\$185,195.00	
Total Value of Buildings	272,105.00	
Total Value of Land and Buildings		\$457,300.00

### Taxable Livestock and Poultry

Horses and Mules	101	\$9,950.00
Colts	4	225.00
Bulls and Steers	17	685.00
Cows	577	22,210.00
Heifers, over 2 years old	110	3,510.00
Heifers, 18 months to 2 years old	65	1,725.00
Swine	6	60.00
Domestic Fowl	5,763	4,302.00
Total Amount		\$42,667.00

**All Other Kinds of Personal Property**

Stock in Trade		\$16,175.00
Lumber		200.00
Boats	46	460.00
Gasoline Pumps	21	1,955.00
Musical Instrument	1	300.00
Radios	198	2,970.00
Tractors, Not Excised	2	150.00
Machinery and Equipment		6,400.00
Other Property		2,550.00
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Total Amount		\$31,160.00
Total Amount Personal Property		\$73,827.00
Tax Rate	72	
Polls	230	

**Appropriations**

Voted to appropriate \$1,000.00 from the excise tax to pay the town officers for the ensuing year.

State Aid Roads	\$ 799.50
Town Roads	2,000.00
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	300.00
Elementary Teachers	4,084.00
High School Teachers	3,168.00
Conveyance	2,164.00
Fuel, Janitor Service, Textbooks, Reference Books and School Supplies for Desk and Laboratory Use	1,704.00
Industrial Education, Home Economics, Manual Training or Agriculture	3,100.00

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Insurance on School Property	261.62
Repairs on School Buildings	1,000.00
Lights and Power, Schools	130.00
Mothers' Aid and Dependent Children	800.00
Plowing Snow	3,500.00
Supt. of Schools Salary	562.50
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000.00
Public Health Nursing	75.00
Repairs of Grady Road	300.00
Sidewalk Construction	200.00
Maintenance of Fire Department	500.00
Fire Hose and Nozzles	350.00
Fuel, Lights and Insurance for Fire House	135.00
State Tax	3,880.96
County Tax	2,006.25
Heating System, Lighting System and Toilets for Grade School	4,034.00
Overlay	819.31
	\$38,931.14
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	

**Abatements**

Albert Tweedie, Over 70 Years	\$3.00
Frank Curtis, Over Assessed	1.08
George Moran, Over 70 Years	3.00
Almon Ellis, Deceased	3.00
Veteran's Widow, Over 62 Years	21.60
Albert Graffem, Assessed to Other Persons	28.80
	\$60.48

**Town Officers**

C. W. Taylor, Selectman	\$ 50.00
Caroline Lowell, Auditor	100.00
Margaret Stevens, Tax Collector	100.00
Jennie L. Carr, Town Clerk	40.15



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N. L. Bridges, Selectman	65.00	
C. W. Taylor, Selectman	200.00	
Margaret Stevens, Tax Collector	100.00	
M. W. Stevens, Excise Tax Collector	91.00	
Margaret S. Vickery, School Committee	20.00	
Ethel Ward, School Committee	20.00	
A. R. Curtis, School Committee	20.00	
N. L. Bridges, Selectman	60.00	
H. L. Glines, Selectman	100.00	
G. R. Hunter, Moderator	5.00	
L. W. Tozier, Treasurer	150.00	
M. O. Fortier, Fire Ward	50.00	
Blake Good, Services as Constable	25.00	

Expended		\$1,196.15
Taken from Excise Tax		1,000.00

Overdrawn		\$196.15
Paid Superintendent of Schools	\$628.00	
Appropriated by Town	562.50	

Overdrawn		\$65.50
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**Town Roads and Bridges**

Available Resources	
Appropriated by Town	\$2,000.00
Paid, Labor and Material	2,144.94

Overdrawn		\$144.94
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**Resolve Road Maintenance**

Appropriated by Town	\$200.00
Paid, Labor and Material	234.16

Overdrawn		\$34.16
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**State Aid Road**

Appropriated by Town	\$2,398.50	
Appropriated by State	4,798.82	
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Total		\$7,197.32
Paid—Labor	\$3,451.85	
Power Shovel	1,218.95	
Culverts	2,364.08	
Material	293.92	
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Total		\$7,328.80
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Overdrawn		\$131.48

**Third Class Road Maintenance**

Appropriated by Town	\$ 509.00	
Apportioned by State	1,514.79	
Unexpended Tar Balance	274.09	
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Total		\$2,297.88
Paid for Labor, Tar and Material	\$1,512.74	
State, Furnishing and Applying Tar and Spreading Cover	1,179.49	
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Total		\$2,692.23
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Due State		\$394.35

**Patrol Road**

Balance from 1946	\$ 15.00	
Appropriated by Town	858.00	
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Total		\$873.00
Paid State Treasurer		886.00
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Overdrawn		\$13.00

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**Unimproved Road**

Balance from 1946	\$ 289.52	
Apportioned by State	1,195.40	
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Total		\$1,484.92
Paid for Labor		1,256.60
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Unexpended		\$228.32

**Snow Removal and Sanding**

Appropriated by Town	\$3,500.00	
Received from State	2,102.60	
Due from State	242.40	
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		\$5,845.00
Paid—H. M. Brown, Plowing Snow	\$5,000.00	
Kenneth Tozier, Plowing Snow	8.00	
Almon Bell, Plowing Snow	12.00	
Labor and Material on Snow Fence	329.45	
State Highway Comm. for Salt	52.39	
Stock Pile and Sanding	552.70	
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Total Cost		\$5,954.54
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Overdrawn		\$109.54

**Waning Road Resolve**

Balance from 1946	\$139.71	
Apportion from State	648.00	
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		\$787.71
Paid Labor		764.39
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Unexpended		\$23.32

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**Grady Road**

Appropriated by Town	\$300.00
Paid, Labor and Material	299.15

			\$ .85
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**Sidewalks**

Appropriated by Town	\$200.00
Paid, Labor and Material	191.95

			\$8.05
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**Forest Fire**

Paid by Town	\$69.46
Received from State	34.44

			\$35.02
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**Fire Department**

Balance from 1946	\$ 59.34
Appropriated for Maintenance	500.00
Appropriated for Hose and Nozzles	350.00
Received from Other Towns	247.73
Due from Other Towns	55.00

			\$1,212.07
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**Paid—**

Alton McCormick, Fire Truck Equip- ment	\$ 54.81
W. T. Vickery, Insurance	105.00
C. S. Shorey, Hose and Equipment	432.25
M. O. Fortier, Cash Expense	52.72
M. O. Fortier, Supplies	137.16
F. B. Wing, Supplies	58.32

Alton Libby, Supplies	2.65	
Cooper & Marden, Supplies	2.40	
Central Maine Power Co., Lights	9.27	
Austin Jewett, Labor	10.00	
Unity Hardware Co., Supplies	7.96	
Blanchard Associates, Inc., Supplies	53.85	
Bangor Roofing and Sheet Metal Co., Supplies	15.00	
American LaFrance Corp., Truck Parts	10.54	
H. M. Brown, Insurance	38.40	
C. W. Taylor, Supplies .	40.00	
American LaFrance Corp., Motor Parts	259.97	
George Tweedie, Supplies	1.44	
City Garage, Labor	71.91	
Lombard Traction Engine Co., Labor	19.93	
Alton McCormick, Fuel	127.64	
Maplewood Store, Supplies	3.68	
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Total		\$1,514.90
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Overdrawn		\$302.83

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

### Town Poor

Aubine Reynolds—	
Paid, Town of Fairfield, Rent and Wood	\$92.35
Maxine Tweedie—	
Paid, Alton McCormick, Fuel	\$28.41
Paid, Maplewood Store, Groceries	19.07

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## Tramps—

Paid Woodbine Terrace	\$3.00	
M. O. Fortier	4.30	
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Expended		\$147.13
Appropriated by Town	\$300.00	
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Total		\$300.00
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Unexpended		\$152.87

## State Poor

## Elwin Wood—

Paid Josephine Sanborn, Board	\$270.24	
Harold Keay, Clothing	23.30	
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		\$293.54

## Maxine Bennett—

Paid Mrs. Lester E. Rines, Board	\$351.83	
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		\$351.83

## Gerald Giggey—

Paid Waldo County Hospital	\$95.40	
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		\$95.40

## Case Number 1—

Paid Harold Keay, Clothing	\$ 14.76	
Maplewood Store, Groceries	140.15	
J. D. Reed & Son, Medical Supplies	1.95	
Dr. Frank E. Hanscom	42.00	
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		\$198.86

Lankford Barton—

Paid Maplewood Store, Groceries      \$49.09

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\$49.09

Minnie Ryant—

Paid Ethel M. Rines, Use of Car      \$60.00

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\$60.00

Alfred C. Knox—

Paid L. H. Adams, Groceries      \$24.62

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\$24.62

Case Number 2—

Paid Alton McCormick, Fuel      \$ 7.45

L. H. Adams, Groceries      10.63

Clifford Oil Co., Fuel      4.62

Maplewood Store, Groceries      2.63

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\$25.33

Expended

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\$1,098.67

Received from State

\$844.13

Total Received

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\$844.13

Due from State

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\$254.54**Mothers' Aid**

Appropriated by Town      \$800.00

Paid State Treasurer      678.02

Unexpended

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\$121.98

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**Public Nursing**

Appropriated by Town	\$75.00
Paid State Treasurer	75.00
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**Health Department**

Paid J. D. Reed and Son	\$32.77
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**County Tax**

Appropriated	\$2,006.25
Paid Treasurer of Waldo County	2,006.25
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**State Tax**

Appropriated	\$3,880.96
Paid State Treasurer	3,880.96
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**Street Lights**

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

Appropriated by Town	\$261.62
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\$261.62

Paid—Federal Trust Co.	\$184.20
Federal Trust Co.	29.54
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Expended

\$213.74

Unexpended

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\$47.88



**Cemeteries**

Appropriated by Town	\$100.00	
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		\$100.00
Paid—Everett Haskell	\$76.98	
Lester Jackson	5.00	
Merton Reynolds	10.00	
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Expended		\$91.98
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Unexpended		\$8.02

**Perpetual Care**

Received	\$108.11	
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		\$108.11
Paid—Everett Haskell	\$ 5.00	
Alton McCormick	108.11	
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Expended		\$113.11
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Due from Perpetual Care Lots		\$5.00

**Farwell Benevolent Fund**

Received	\$50.00
Paid	50.00
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**Temporary Loans**

Authorized at Special Town Meeting Jan 23, 1947	
Appropriated by Town	\$135.00
Paid Federal Trust Co.	135.00
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Received from Federal Trust Co.	\$18,000.00
Paid Federal Trust Co.	18,000.00

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## Interest on Temporary Loans

Received, Interest on Tax Liens	\$ 31.27
Paid Federal Trust Co.	297.39

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## Schools

Balance from 1946	\$ 1,005.13
Appropriated	12,120.00
State Fund	4,757.99
Equalization	3,806.00
Tuition, Thorndike	425.00
Burnham	525.00
Troy	2,281.80
Dixmont	200.00
Unity Township	100.00
Unity Township, Elem.	264.00
Unity Township, Conveyance	252.00
Heald	36.00
Refund, Freedom School Sec'y	74.00
Lights and Power	131.00

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Total Available . . . . . \$26,102.92

## Expenditures

Paid—Elem. Teachers	\$7,463.10
High Teachers	6,602.50
Fuel	1,074.51
Janitor and Cleaning	1,313.86
Conveyance	4,486.25
Textbooks	1,200.99
Supplies	881.33
Lights and Power	206.44

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Total . . . . . \$23,228.98

Unexpended . . . . . \$2,873.94

**Repairs**

Appropriated by Town	\$1,000.00	
Received from Veterans Training	93.00	
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Amount Available		\$1,093.00
Expended		\$1,357.52
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Overdrawn		\$264.52

**Lights and Power**

Appropriated by Town	\$130.00	
Received, Central Maine Power Co.	1.00	
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Total		\$131.00
Expended	\$206.44	
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Total Expended		\$206.44
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Overdrawn		\$75.44

**Insurance**

Appropriated by Town	\$261.62	
Paid—Federal Trust Co.	213.74	
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Unexpended	\$47.88	

**Industrial Arts**

Balance from 1946	\$ 45.27	
Appropriated by Town	3,100.00	
State Subsidy, Agri.	1,222.10	
State Subsidy, Home Ec.	600.00	
Refund, Books	4.16	
Refund, Shop Supplies	113.75	
Refund, School Fund	50.00	
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Total		\$5,135.28

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Expenditures

Home Ec. Teachers and Equipment	\$1,920.19	
Agri. Teacher and Equipment	3,087.76	
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Total Expended		\$5,007.95
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Unexpended		\$127.33

Veterans Training Account

Available from Tuition	\$5,900.00	
Expended	4,872.08	
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Unexpended		\$1,027.92

Special Repair Fund (Schools)

Building Committee

Appropriated by Town	\$4,034.00	
Authorized Selectmen to borrow	2,800.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	37.35	
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Total Available		\$6,871.35
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Expended		\$5,125.81
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Unexpended		\$1,745.54

Miscellaneous

C. W. Taylor	\$ 6.10
Marks Printing House	1.50
Hutchins Brothers	83.76
H. L. Glines	5.00
Norman Bridges	14.00
Georgie Grant	5.00
C. W. Taylor	16.35
Alton McCormick	1.17

C. W. Taylor	1.10
Herman Raven	3.00
Charles Lint	3.00
Marks Printing House	9.78
C. W. Taylor	5.80
N. L. Bridges	10.00
Hutchins Brothers	.90
Marks Printing House	24.10
W. T. Vickery	17.50
W. T. Vickery	20.00
L. W. Tozier	3.44
M. W. Stevens	37.73
Unity Hardware Co.	7.96
Maine Municipal Assn.	30.00
H. L. Glines	16.75
N. L. Bridges	8.00
C. N. Bradeen	30.00
K. E. Tozier	3.15
Wing's Electric Shop	2.50
C. W. Taylor	5.50
Federal Trust Co.	3.60
C. W. Taylor	1.00
N. L. Bridges	2.00
C. W. Taylor	12.75
Blake Good	5.00
C. W. Taylor	7.00
Federal Trust Co.	83.16
Hutchins Brothers	6.50
N. L. Bridges	7.73
Unity Telephone Co.	32.55
H. L. Glines	15.00
J. H. Farwell & Son	4.30
H. L. Glines	12.50
C. W. Taylor	5.00
Jennie L. Carr	7.85
J. H. Farwell & Son	1.35
L. W. Tozier	7.70

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Alton McCormick	12.73	
C. W. Taylor	15.40	
Francis Sullivan	25.00	
Journal Office Supply Co.	10.56	
N. L. Bridges	4.00	
Unity Hardware Co.	6.60	
Federal Trust Co.	172.08	
Blake Good	9.00	
Maplewood Store	11.95	
Federal Trust Co.	3.43	
Georgie Grant	50.00	
Robert Wing	6.35	
L. W. Tozier	7.50	
Dr. M. G. Collins	4.25	
N. L. Bridges	2.25	
C. W. Taylor	13.50	
Alton McCormick	12.32	
E. S. Farwell	5.00	
Federal Trust Co.	13.01	
Marks Printing House	3.50	
M. W. Stevens	3.47	
Alton McCormick	8.12	
Federal Trust Co.	37.00	
Ethel Ward	1.50	
Federal Trust Co.	8.33	
LeRoy Hunter	18.00	
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Total Expended		\$1,052.93
Appropriated by Town	\$1,000.00	
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		\$1,000.00
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Overdrawn		\$52.93

**Financial Statement**

	<b>Resources</b>	
Cash in Hands of Treasurer	\$1,639.77	

Uncollected Taxes, 1947	2,255.62	
Uncollected Taxes 1946	8.95	
Tax Acquired Property	53.15	
Due from State, Poor Account	254.54	
Due from State, School Fund	1,017.43	
Due from State, Highway Account	2,851.36	
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Total		\$8,080.82

			Liabilities
Unexpended School Balance	\$2,873.94		
Industrial Education Balance	127.33		
Veterans Training Account	1,027.92		
Miscellaneous Bills Payable	635.50		
G. S. Flood Co., Heating Plant	2,349.18		
Federal Trust Co., Note, Special Repair Fund for High School	2,800.00		
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Total			\$9,813.87
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Liabilities Exceed Resources			\$1,733.05

#### Veterans' Training Account

Available from Tuition	\$5,900.00	
Expended	4,872.08	
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Unexpended		\$1,027.92

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. BRIDGES

H. L. GLINES

Selectmen of Unity

**REPORT OF UNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**

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12	Chimney Fires in Town
6	Chimney Fires Out of Town
2	Automobile Fires in Town
2	Flooded Oil Burners in Town
1	Short Circuited Lighting Fixture in Town
5	Grass Fires in Town
3	Grass Fires Out of Town
1	Building Fire in Town
5	Building Fires out of Town
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37	Total Calls

Signed, M. O. FORTIER, Chief



## SCHOOL REPORT

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To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Unity.

I hereby submit the following report on the condition of your schools for the fiscal year 1947-1948.

### COMMON SCHOOLS

The teaching staff is as follows: 7-8 grades, Mrs. Erskine; 5-6 grades, Miss Robinson; 2-3-4 grades, Mrs. Willey; P-1 grades, Mrs. Reynolds; Woods School Mrs. Nickless. There has been an improvement in the standard of teaching this year due to better facilities and additional training which the teachers have had during the year.

### HIGH SCHOOL

Prin. Mr. Hicks, Asst. Mrs. Hicks, Asst. Mrs. McKechnie, Home Ec., Miss Bradstreet; Agriculture Mr. Bagley. The same high standard that prevailed in past years have maintained this year. The courses and teaching has been fitted to the individual rather than trying to fit the pupil to a hard rigid program beyond his level of attainment.

### INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Miss Bradstreet replaced Miss Kelley as teacher in Home Economics. She is understanding and efficient in her first year of teaching. She also coaches Girls' Athletics.

Mr. Bagley is completing his second year as Agriculture Instructor. It should be remembered that the course was started last year after a four year period, and that it

takes time to work up the course to its fullest efficiency. Mr. Bagley coaches Boys' Basketball.

#### VETERANS' TRAINING COURSE

This is a new course given under the direction of the State Department of Education and the Veterans' Administration to those Veterans of World War II who qualify for this training. There is no expense to the Town for running this course as the Government supports it under the G. I. Training program. Some 25 Veterans are enrolled at present time.

#### SCHOOL BUILDINGS

An excellent program of repairs and remodeling was approved by the Town last spring at the special town meeting. The Building Committee and the School Committee carried out certain projects during the summer. The program is about one half finished and it is hoped that it may be completed this year. What has been done seems to meet with the approval of the Citizens who have inspected the buildings. A report on the work done and costs will be found in the report of the building committee.

#### Financial Statement

	Resources
Balance	\$ 1,005.13
Appropriated	12,120.00
State Fund	4,757.99
Equalization	3,806.00
Tuition-Thorndike	425.00
Burnham	525.00
Detroit	125.00
Troy	2,281.80
Dixmont	200.00
Unity Twp.	100.00
Unity Twp., Elem.	264.00
Unity Twp. Con.	252.00
Heald	36.00

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Refund, Freedom, School Sec.	74.00
Lights and Power	131.00
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Total Resources	\$26,102.92

Expenditures		
	Common	High
Teachers	\$7,463.10	\$6,602.50
Fuel	582.26	492.25
Janitor- Cleaning	813.86	500.00
Conveyance	4,486.25	
Textbooks	500.99	700.00
Supplies	400.00	481.33
Lights-Power	100.00	106.44
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	\$14,346.46	\$8,882.52
Total Expenditures		\$23,228.98
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Cash Balance		\$2,873.94
Accts. Pay Pensions		159.20
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Net Standing		\$2,714.74

**Industrial Arts**

Resources		
Balance	\$	45.27
Appropriated		3,100.00
Subsidy, Agr.		1,222.10
Subsidy, Home Ec.		600.00
Refund, Books		4.16
Refund, Shop Supplies		113.75
Refund, School Fund		50.00
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Total Resources		\$5,135.28

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Expenditures

Home Ec., Teacher, Equip.	\$1,920.19	
Agri., Teacher, Equip.	3,087.76	
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Total Expenditures		\$5,007.95
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Cash Balance		\$127.33

Accounts Payable

Teacher Pensions	\$ 44.20	
Agr. Travel Allow.	100.00	
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Total		\$144.20
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Net Standing, Minus		\$16.87

School Repairs

Appropriated	\$1,000.00	
Rec. Veteran Training	93.00	
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Available		\$1,093.00
Expended		1,357.52
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Overdraft		\$264.52

Special Repair Fund (Building Committee)

Appropriated	\$6,834.00	
Misc. Receipts	37.35	
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Available		\$6,871.35
Expended		5,125.81
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Balance		\$1,745.54
Accts. Payable, Heating Plant		\$2,349.18
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Overdraft		\$603.64

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**Insurance**

Appropriated	\$261.62	
Expended	213.74	
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Balance		\$47.88

**Veterans' Training Account**

Available for Tuition	\$5,900.00	
Expended	4,872.08	
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Balance		\$1,027.92

**Lights and Power**

Appropriated	\$130.00	
Rec. C. M. P. Co.	1.00	
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Available	\$131.00	
Expended	206.44	
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Overdraft		\$75.44

Lights and Power are a part of cost of school maintenance by law. Resources and expenditures are included with the regular school appropriation this year.

**Budget**

The School Committee submits the following budget for 1948-1949:

	Schools	
	Expenditures	
H S. Teachers	\$8,378.00	
Elem. Teachers	9,544.00	
Liability Ins.	20.00	
Janitor	1,095.00	

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Cleaning	50.00	
Conveyance	4,654.00	
Conveyance Ins.	100.00	
Fuel	1,300.00	
Textbooks	1,200.00	
Supplies	750.00	
Library	75.00	
Laboratory	75.00	
Lights and Power	250.00	
Accts. Pay Pensions	159.20	
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Total Expenditures		\$27,650.20

Resources, Estimated

Balance	\$2,800.00	
State Fund	5,409.00	
Equalization	1,530.00	
Tuition, H. S.	3,760.00	
Tuition, Elem.	324.00	
Conveyance, Plt.	327.00	
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Total Resources		\$14,150.00
Necessary to Raise		\$13,500.20

Industrial Arts

Expenditures

Home Ec. Teacher	\$1,954.00	
Agr. Teacher	2,920.00	
Travel Allowance	200.00	
Accts. Pay Tr. Allowance	100.00	
Equipment, Supplies	300.00	
Accts. Pay Pensions	44.20	
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Total Expenditures		\$5,518.20

Resources (Estimated)

Balance	\$ 127.00
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Subsidy, Agr.	1,480.00
Subsidy, Home Ec.	600.00
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Total Resources	\$2,207.00
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Necessary to Raise	\$3,311.00

## School Repairs

## Expenditures

Overdraft	\$264.00
School Desks	640.00
Painting Inside H. S.	150.00
Blackboards	80.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
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Appropriation	\$1,334.00

## Recommended Appropriations

Schools-Lights-Power	\$13,500.00
Industrial Arts	3,311.00
School Repairs	1,334.00
Insurance	261.62

## School Enrollment

	P.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Vill.	7-12	9-10	8-11	10-7	6-6-	8-4	9-8	10-5	5-6	72-69
Woods	1-2	1-4	0-0	2-2	0-0	3-2	0-1	4-1	1-0	12-12
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	8-14	10-14	8-11	12-9	6-6	11-6	9-9	14-6	6-6	84-81

The above should read village primary 7 boys and 12 girls.

## Unity High School

Freshmen, 19 boys-12 girls; Sophomores, 8 boys-5 girls; Juniors, 6 boys-9 girls; Seniors, 5 boys-8 girls.

How to take care of the increase in school enrollment with the present school facilities is our number one problem at present.

A comparison of figures show last year a total of 141 elementary students and 57 H. S. This year we have a total of 165 elementary and 72 H. S. Students. This seems to be only the beginning of a larger school enrollment. The present facilities will be inadequate to take care of all pupils . I have recommended to the School Committee that the 5-6th grades be moved to the H. S. Building in the Attic room which it is planned to finish off this summer, and hire an extra elementary teacher. In 1951 if the trend continues as at the present the 5-6th grades will have to be split with one grade to a room. This will take one of the rooms which the high school is now using. This would mean dropping either the Home Ec course or the Agriculture course. In 1953 the 7-8th grades would have to be separated to a room each thus taking a second room from high school use. This would mean dropping all Vocational courses and crowding 80 H. S. Students into 3 rooms.

We who are charged with providing schedules and programs to run the school as efficiently as possible have to face the facts, and unless added school facilities are provided in the near future then the above housing arrangement will in all probability have to be carried out.

## Conclusion

The teacher shortage is more acute than it was a year ago. In spite of higher salaries and better working conditions it will be several years before we will be able to secure enough qualified teachers for our classrooms.

School costs are going to be much higher than they are now. In spite of the fact that the State has assumed more of the cost than ever before, the increasing burden



of taxes on real estate to carry the local cost is apparent to everyone. It would seem that broadening the tax base would help in taking the load off local property taxes to some extent

Good progress has been made in our schools this year. If we can continue to go forward I believe we can more nearly meet the needs of the individual than ever before.

I wish to thank the teachers, the school committee, the building committee and the citizens for their cooperation and help during the past year.

Respectfully submitted

Karl H. McKechnie

Superintendent

## **REPORT OF UNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

To the Citizens of Unity:

We hereby submit the following report on the activities of committee for the fiscal year 1947-1948.

### **Repairs**

The repairs made on the school buildings this year are:

#### **GRADE BUILDING\***

1. New lighting system
2. New hot air heating plant
3. Toilets moved from basement to first floor
4. Completely renovated inside by school committee

#### **HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING :**

1. New foundation

2. Stairways rebuilt
3. Boiler room fire-proofed
4. All windows refitted
5. Replaced one classroom ceiling
6. Fire doors cut thru from both end rooms into Home Economics room on 2nd floor

The committee has had to take on extra repairs that were not considered at the time of the special town meeting so that the overall cost has been greater than the money appropriated.

#### Financial Statement

Appropriated	\$6,834.00	
Misc. Income	37.35	
Total Available	\$6,871.35	
Expended	5,125.81	
Balance	\$1,745.54	
Due on heating plant when finished	2,349.18	
Overdraft		\$603.64

#### UNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE SURVEY

Your committee has made a survey of further repairs needed on High School Building and estimated cost of same:

1. Rebuilding back wall
2. Refinishing attic classroom
3. Changing windows in 7-8 grade room to comply with building code
4. Painting or covering outside with some type of shingle
5. Moving fire escape to back wall of building (required by state)
6. Front porch to be rebuilt

- 7. Heating for new attic room
- 8. Lights for new attic room

ESTIMATE OF COST

Labor, High School	\$2,100.00
Front Porch, Labor	200.00
Shingling, Labor, Materials	700.00
Materials, All Other	3,000.00
Heating Attic Room	250.00
Lights, Attic Room	100.00

Total	\$6,350.00
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The Committee realizes that this is an expensive program but feels that it will have to be accomplished soon if the Town is going to meet school needs during the next two or three years.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaunce Hunter, Chairman

Merton Reynolds

Kenneth Murch

Lloyd Tozier

Cliff Jones

Unity Building Committee

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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To Tax Commitment, June 14, '47	\$38,931.14	
To Supplement Tax Committed	267.60	
		\$39,198.74
By 1947 Tax Collected Feb. 15, 1948		
(Cash to Treasurer)	\$36,914.54	
By 1947 Tax Uncollected	2,255.62	
By Abatement	28.80	
		\$39,198.96

### Taxes Remaining Unpaid

Roland Brillard	\$ 12.00
Lankford Barton	3.00
James Bowerman	1.08
Gideon Bowerman	4.08
G. W. Bridges	30.96
Romain Clevette	117.88
B. F. Chase	42.48
Donald Crowell	78.24
Walter Clark	3.00
Douglas Bros.	142.00
Lester Dalton	3.00
Arad Drew	100.80
Edison Hubbard	10.20
Everett Haskell	10.88
Melvin Hubbard	19.08
Albert Hubbard	21.60
Charles Jellison	4.08
Albert Libby	3.00
Margie Lowell	97.20

Charles Lint	4.08
Carl Lawless	3.00
Heirs of Samuel Myrick	8.80
John O'Brien	4.08
Clyde Rennebu	11.52
Silas Reynolds	83.88
Walter Rich	32.40
Fred Rich	72.68
William Reynolds	42.48
Vinal Rines	3.30
John Reynolds	3.00
Percy Sylvester	10.92
George Sargent	51.48
Heirs of George Taylor	43.20
Mercil Woods	3.00
Lura West	36.00

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\$1,118.38

Non-Resident

Walter Braley	\$ 10.80
Bernard Cook	3.60
Father Carey	2.52
Russell K. Franz	263.52
Federal Land Bank	136.80
Heirs of W. A. Giles	12.60
Heirs of Edward Hunt	10.80
Robert Hall	36.00
Arthur Jackson	86.40
Heirs of Burnham Kelley	14.40
Ralph Kenney	79.20
Lester Perry	7.20
Clair Pomeroy	10.80
Eugene Papolus	21.60
Edith Small	36.00
Hubert Shaw	27.00
Clarence Tyler	7.20

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Earl Webber	14.40
George Webb	7.20
Minnie McL. Woodworth	282.60
Paul L. Woodworth	45.00
Hazel Barnes	21.60

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\$1,137.24

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET W. STEVENS

Tax Collector

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**1946 Tax Collector's Report**

To 1946 Tax Account	\$1,107.93
By 1946 Tax Collected, Feb. 15, 1948	
(Cash to Treas.)	\$494.17
By 1946 Tax Liens	604.81
By 1946 Tax Uncollected	8.95

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\$1,107.93

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET W. STEVENS

Tax Collector

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By 1947-48 Excise Tax Collected	\$2,143.23
(Cash to Treas.)	

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET W. STEVENS

Excise Collector

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Unity :

In accordance with the request of your Board of Selectmen, I have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Unity, Maine, for the Year ended February 15, 1947.

My report, herewith submitted, was prepared from your town records and, to the best of my knowledgs and belief, properly reflects the true financial condition of your municipailty as of that date.

The data I obtained is summarized in the following :

Comments

Exhibit A Balance Sheet

Exhibit B Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Exhibit C 1946 Valuation, Assessment; Commitment and Collection

Exhibit D Statement of Departmental Accounts

Exhibit E Analysis of Change of 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 Credits Held by the State for the Town of Unity

Schedule 7 Transactions in Trust Fund Balances

Schedule 8 Details of 1946 Uncollected Taxes

Schedule 9 Other Unreconciled Taxes

Schedule 10 Details of Outstanding Tax Liens

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE LOWELL

The auditor's report from February 15, 1946 to February 15, 1947 is on file at the Selectmen's Office.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Lloyd W. Tozier, Treasurer, in account with the Town of  
Unity 1947-1948—

### Debits

Balance, February 15, 1947	\$3,108.35
Received From—	
M. W. Stevens, Collector:	
1946 Tax	\$ 494.17
1946 Tax Liens	604.81
1947 Tax	36,914.54
Excise Tax	2,143.23
Abatement	28.80
1946 Tax Acct. Receivable	5.26
Alton McCormick, Excise Tax Collector	509.64
1945 Tax Liens Paid	334.10
Cash for Interest on Same	29.10
Cash for Expense on Same	10.50
1946 Tax Liens Paid	211.05
Cash for Interest on Same	2.72
Cash for Expense on Same	10.50
State Treasurer:	
School Account	2,438.10
School Account, Equalization	3,806.00
School Account, School Fund (Part of)	3,740.56
Health and Welfare	844.13
Highway	6,106.15
Bank Stock Tax	87.69
Forest Fire Account	34.44
Railroad and Telephone Tax	140.40
From Other Towns, School Tuition	2,592.80
Central Maine Power Co.	1.00



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School Repair Account	37.35
Bruce Publishing Co., Refund	4.16
School Agri. Dept.	113.75
School Account	50.00
Veterans' Training Program	5,892.50
School Account from Veterans Training Program	100.50
Federal Trust Company, School Special Repair Note	2,800.00
Town of Freedom, School Sec.	74.00
L. W. Tozier, Refund	37.33
Withholding Tax Account	187.40
Federal Trust C., Temporary Loans	18,000.00
Fire Department, Attending Fires in Other Towns	247.73
Farwell Fund for Benovolences	50.00
Farwell Fund for Interest on Govt. Bonds	62.50
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:	
Mary H. Blair, Benj. Bartlett Lot	200.00
Ada M. Longley, Ethel G. Brown Lot	200.00
Est. J. A. Adams, J. A. Adams Lot	100.00
Sadie M. Pillsbury, James O. Pillsbury Lot	150.00
Annie B. Morton, Gustave Hunt Lot	200.00
U. S. Govt. Bond, Interest	112.50
Augusta Savings Bank, Withdrawal, care of Lots	15.11
Federal Trust Co., Withdrawal, Care of Lots	93.00
Federal Trust Co., For Deposit in Augusta Savings Bank	1,702.76
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	\$95,628.63

**Credits**

By Town Warrants Paid	\$93,988.86
By Cash in Hands of Treas., Feb. 15, 1948	1,639.77
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	\$95,628.63

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**Treasurer's Tax Lien Account**

To 1945 Tax Liens as per list, Feb. 15, 1947	\$354.90
Cr. by Cash Collected	\$334.10
Cr. by Outstanding Tax Liens	20.80
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	\$354.90
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To 1946 Tax Liens from Tax Coll.	\$604.81
Cr. by Cash Collected on Same	\$211.05
Cr. by Outstanding Liens	393.76
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	\$604.81

**List of Outstanding Tax Liens**

Paul L. Woodworth	\$ 25.20
Paul L. Woodworth	14.18
Minnie McL. Woodworth	226.80
Minnie McL. Woodworth	20.48
Aarad Drew	88.20
Hazel Barnes	18.90
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	\$393.76

**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 Harmon, 1938 Lien	13.20
Eunice Means, 1938 Lien	1.10
Albert Tweedie, 1937 Lien	13.20
James Tweedie, 1945 Lien	20.80

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. TOZIER, Treas.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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### Deaths in Unity, 1947-1948

Alfred Warren Clark	Jan. 3, 1947
Lois A. Varney	Jan. 23, 1947
Mott Cromwell Fernald	Feb. 22, 1947
H. Walter Hurd	Feb. 22, 1947
E. Moulton	March 1, 1947
Isaac Dalton	March 14, 1947
Gleniss F. Ware	June 6, 1947
Lena West	June 13, 1947
Fred Wesley Webber	June 21, 1947
Nellie Foster	June 29, 1947
Charles L. Carr	July 4, 1947
Shirley Reynolds	July 5, 1947
Elizabeth E. Kelley	Sept. 3, 1947
William Gary Hunter	Sept. 26, 1947
Isabel R. Joy	Oct. 1, 1947
Wayne Delmon Powell	Dec. 11, 1947
Alice E. Chase	Dec. 28, 1947
Cora Elizabeth Douglass	Feb. 3, 1948
Sarah Ellen Whitney	April 21, 1947
Ellen Goodale	May 5, 1947
Myrtie Gerrish	July 13, 1947

EDITH STEVENS, Town Clerk

**WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
UNITY, MAINE, MARCH 8, 1948**

**To Blake Goode, 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 Eighth day of March A. D. 1948 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 improved sections of our third class roads.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the maintenance of our resolve roads for the ensuing year.

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

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the care of the poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for elementary and secondary schools, including teachers' wages, fuel, janitor services, conveyance, textbooks, reference books, school supplies for desk and laboratory use and lights and power.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Industrial Education, (including Home Economics and Agriculture).

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$261.62 for insurance for school property for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs on school buildings for the ensuing year, (to be used by School Committee).

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to have a school building committee of five members appointed by the moderator and authorize this committee to look after repairs and make a further study of the school situation.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the school committee to appoint a school physician for the ensuing year.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for Mothers' Aid and Care of Dependent Children for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. 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. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100.00 to pay Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 21. 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. 22. 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 1948, shall become due.

Art. 23. 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. 24. 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. 25. 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. 26. 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. 27. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to issue Town notes for a time not exceeding one year, the avails to be used in payment of current expenses of the town, provided the same becomes necessary during the ensuing year.

Art. 28. 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. 29. 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 8, Section 95 of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to use State Aid Road money to complete the road leading from Farwells' Corner to Thorndike town line.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00, more or less, to complete road leading from Farwells' Corner to Thorndike town line.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for maintenance of the Fire Department.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 to pay loan authorized at Special Town Meeting held May 23, 1947 to repair

foundation, windows and stair ways in the High School building.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for further repairs on High School building.

Art. 35. 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 last secular day preceeding the Town Meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this 24th day of February, A. D., 1948.

N. L. BRIDGES

H. L. GLINES

Selectmen of the Town of Unity



**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUDGET  
COMMITTEE**

**Unity, Maine, February 23, 1948**

	Appropriation	
	1947	1948
State Aid Road	\$ 799.50	\$ 799.50
Repair Town Roads and Bridges	2,000.00	2,000.00
Third Class Maintenance	509.00	509.00
Resolve Road Maintenance	200.00	250.00
Patrol Road Maintenance	858.00	858.00
Street Lights	390.00	390.00
Care of Cemeteries	100.00	100.00
Town Poor	300.00	400.00
Mothers' Aid	800.00	900.00
Plowing Snow	3,500.00	3,500.00
Schools	12,120.00	11,500.00
Industrial Education	3,100.00	3,200.00
Insurance on School Buildings	261.62	261.62
Repairs, School Buildings	1,000.00	1,100.00
Town Officers	1,000.00	1,100.00
Superintendent of Schools	562.50	628.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00
Public Health Nursing	75.00	75.00
State Publicity Bureau		50.00
Fire Department Maintenance	500.00	600.00
Repair High School Building	2,800.00	2,500.00
Note Due		2,800.00

Approved,

G. R. HUNTER

H. M. BROWN

J. H. EDGERLY

E. D. CHASE

F. E. HANSCOM

Budget Committee