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# Annual Report

of the Municipal Officers of the

Town of

# LEVANT

Maine

For the Current Year

1944-1945



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1945

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# TOWN WARRANT

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Penobscott, ss.

Levant, Maine, Feb. 27, 1945.

*To M. P. Roberts, a Constable in the Town of Levant, in  
said Counyt.* GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Levant, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Grange Hall in said town, on Monday, the twelfth day of March, A. D. 1945, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the town report as printed.

Article 4. To elect three selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, and fix compensation.

Article 5. To elect a member of the superintending school committee to serve for three years.

Article 6. To elect a road commissioner or commissioners.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for roads and bridges for summer work.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for snow and ice removal.



Article 9. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for support of common schools.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for repair of school houses.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for school appliances.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for high school tuition.

Article 13. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for patrol maintenance.

Article 14. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for support of poor.

Article 15. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for contingent expenses.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for memorial purposes, care of cemeteries and interest on local school fund.

Article 17. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for cutting and burning bushes.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of \$477.00 for maintenance of third class road.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of \$50.00 for public health nursing in Levant, said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local services.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of \$1,800.00 to apply on outstanding notes, or act anything relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$300.00 for interest.

Article 22. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise to purchase snow fence.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to discontinue permanently the roads closed for the winter by the County Commissioners, or act anything relatively thereto.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise money to purchase a dump body to the snow plow truck, or act anything relative thereto.  
act anything relative thereto.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to work the Auto-Car truck in the summer, or act anything relative thereto.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to recind the vote taken at the special town meeting to repair the International truck, or act anything relative thereto.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to sell the International truck, as is, or act anything relative thereto.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise money and say how much, to build a house for the Auto-Car truck, or act anything relative thereto.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to buy another snow plow, and raise money for the same, or act anything relative thereto.



Article 30. To see if the town will vote to contract the plowing, or act anything relative thereto.

Article 31. To see if the town will grant and raise money to cover the overdraft.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to give the Selectmen authority to give quit claim deed, or rent or lease such property as the town may become possessed of through tax liens, or such other procedures as are usual in acquiring tax titles to property.

Article 33. To elect a tax collector and fix compensation.

Article 34. To elect a treasurer and fix compensation.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the consent of the selectmen, to hire money necessary to meet bills during the municipal year in anticipation of, and to be paid out of the current year's taxes, and to execute and deliver the negotiable promissory note, or notes, of the town therefor.

Article 36. To elect constables and all other necessary town officers.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise money, and say how much, to tar the third class road, beginning at the Kenduskeag town line to Wing's corner, or act anything relative thereto.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to buy additional land for the Waugh Cemetery and the South Levant Cemetery, and raise money for the same, or act anything relative thereto.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to insure the school buildings and plowing equipment, or act anything relative thereto.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Grange Hall at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Fail not to make due service of this warrant and return your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Levant, this 27th day of February, A. D. 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. PHILLIPS

F. W. QUINN

H. A. BRICKETT

*Selectmen of the Town of Levant.*

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Levant:*

The following detailed account of the revenue and disbursements of your town during the past year is herewith respectfully submitted for the year ending February 27, 1945:

Real Estate, resident	\$131,000.00	
Real Estate, non-resident	23,600.00	
	\$154,600.00	
Personal Estate, resident	38,387.00	
Personal Estate, non-resident	210.00	
	38,597.00	
Grand total		\$193,197.00

### ASSESSMENT

Tax at 65 mills on the dollar	\$12,557.80	
120 polls at \$3.00 each	360.00	
	\$12,917.80	
Raised for:		
Roads and Bridges	\$1,000.00	
Snow Removal	1,000.00	
Common Schools	2,800.00	
Repair of School Houses	100.00	
School Appliances	205.00	
High School Tuition	2,000.00	
Patrol Maintenance	345.60	
Support of Poor	500.00	
Contingent	1,000.00	
Memorial Day	10.00	
Care of Cemeteries	50.00	
Interest on local School Fund	84.73	



Cutting and burning bushes	100.00	
Maintenance of Third Class Roads	477.00	
Public Health Nurse	50.00	
Interest	200.00	
Snow Fence	200.00	
Tar for Third Class Road	500.00	
Mason Bridge	100.00	
State Tax	1,714.99	
County Tax	404.19	
Overlay	76.29	
		12,917.80
Supplemental		149.25
		\$13,067.05

#### RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

Cash on hand, March 1, 1944	\$4,194.18
Received from:	
Helen A. Higgins, excise tax	522.25
Eugene Ross, property acquired	76.16
Earl Garland, property acquired (Harris)	314.64
Harley Adams, property acquired	114.10
Omar Adams, property acquired	80.90
Thelma Nix, property acquired	28.70
Helen Temple, property acquired (Hawes)	155.00
N. A. Pomroy, property acquired	200.00
James R. Mitchell, property ac- quired (Wing)	183.30
I. M. Pierce Land Co., prop- erty acquired (Johnson)	153.30
Percy Campbell, property acquired	35.00
Carl Peterson, property acquired (Nickerson)	200.00
Myrtle Snow, property acquired	50.00

H. L. Pomroy, property acquired	130.20
E. I. Lane, property acquired (Rogan)	39.10
Henry Harvey, property acquired	100.00
Gerald Nowell, Temp. loan	2,000.00
Vernice Parkhurst, Cemetery lot	25.00
Mrs. Freeman Houston, Cemetery lot	25.00
Helen A. Higgins, Withholding Tax	602.71
Helen A. Higgins, Teacher's Retirement	145.11
Received from State:	
Snow removal	1,252.75
Bank stock tax	6.98
Equalization fund	2,758.00
School fund	2,501.45
Dog license refund	15.60
R. R. and Tel. tax	30.48
Special Resolve	424.76
Highway No. 18	23.34
Received from:	
Heirs of H. W. Weston, 1942 lien	97.50
Joseph Wheaton, 1942 lien (Randall)	27.10
Alace O'Donnell, 1943 lien (Gray)	55.90
C. O. Henderson, 1942 lien	96.56
Norbert Overlock, 1942 lien	7.90
Carlton Henderson, 1943 lien	8.30
A. W. Phillips, Oscar Milliken Account	30.82
Evelyn Taylor, Old Age As- sistance checks	160.00
Gerald Nowell, truck loan	2,400.00
Town of Levant, Int. on local school fund	84.73

D. E. Mason, 1944 taxes	11,663.67	
D. E. Mason, 1943 taxes	617.07	
D. E. Mason, 1942 taxes	73.12	
D. E. Mason, 1941 taxes	117.30	
D. E. Mason, 1940 taxes	24.34	
Ruth Goodwin, 1939 taxes	2.07	
W. C. Goodwin, 1938 taxes	6.50	
W. C. Goodwin, 1937 taxes	7.20	
W. C. Goodwin, 1936 taxes	12.00	
Helen A. Higgins, 1935 taxes	70.35	
D. E. Mason, abatements	172.15	
		\$32,122.59

### DISBURSEMENTS

Contingent	\$1,643.80
Roads and Bridges	1,966.75
State Aid No. 18	176.96
Patrol Maintenance	345.60
Cutting and burning bushes	172.50
Mason Bridge	99.88
Special Resolve	497.89
Snow removal	5,176.37
Snow plow truck	2,425.78
Maintenance of Third Class Road	454.89
Snow fence	157.50
Poor relief	801.15
Common schools	8,266.25
High school tuition	1,980.39
School appliance	227.91
School house repair	247.45
Care of Cemeteries	42.00
Cemetery Trust Funds	7.00
Public Health Nurse	50.00
Memorial Day	13.40
Teacher's Retirement	121.50
Withholding tax	564.10



Interest	158.75	
Reduction of debt	2,500.00	
Interest on local school fund	84.73	
State tax	1,714.99	
County tax	404.19	
Cost of tax liens	15.00	
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		\$30,316.73
Cash in the treasury		1,805.86
		<hr/>
		\$32,122.59

## CONTINGENT

Raised by the Town	\$1,000.00	
Received from:		
Vernice Parkhurst, Cemetery lot	25.00	
State, bank stock tax	6.98	
State, dog license refund	15.60	
State, R. R. and Tel. tax	30.48	
Mrs. Freeman Houston, Cemetery lot	25.00	
Supplemental taxes	155.25	
O. E. Milliken	30.82	
Overlay	76.29	
Overdraft	278.38	
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		\$1,643.80

*Expended*

Office expense and supplies	\$104.35	
Administration	1,104.74	
Miscellaneous	118.92	
Printing	78.00	
Street lights	13.00	
Abatements	172.15	
Auditor	52.64	
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		\$1,643.80

## ROADS AND BRIDGES

Raised by the Town	\$1,000.00	
Overdrawn	966.75	
	<hr/>	\$1,966.75

*Expended*

Trucks	\$828.40	
Team	10.80	
Hand labor	459.00	
Gravel	11.10	
Plank	241.00	
Road machine repairs	101.48	
Culverts	288.00	
Miscellaneous	26.97	
	<hr/>	\$1,966.75

## PATROL MAINTENANCE

Raised by the Town		\$345.60
Paid State Treasurer		\$345.60

## STATE AID NO. 18

Received from the State	\$23.34	
Overdrawn	153.62	
	<hr/>	\$176.96

*Expended*

Trucks	84.80	
Hand labor	23.36	
Gravel	36.00	
Shovel	32.80	
	<hr/>	\$176.96

## SNOW REMOVAL

Raised by the Town	\$1,000.00	
Received from the State	1,252.75	
Overdraft	2,923.62	
	<hr/>	\$5,176.37

*Expended*

Hand sanding	\$151.20	
Trucks	1,259.47	
Wingman	660.53	
Sand and salt	16.60	
Liphts, tractor, plow and truck repairs	836.56	
Gas and oil	434.29	
Plow operator	349.50	
Team	38.00	
Hand shoveling	1,430.22	
	<hr/>	\$5,176.37

## SNOW FENCE

Raised by the Town		\$200.00
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*Expended*

Paid for snow fence	\$157.50	
Unexpended	42.50	
	<hr/>	\$200.00

## SNOW PLOW TRUCK

Loan from Gerald Nowell	\$2,400.00	
Overdrawn	25.78	
	<hr/>	\$2,425.78
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Paid Dysart for truck		\$2,425.78

## CUTTING AND BURNING BUSHES

Raised by the Town	\$100.00	
Overdraft	72.50	
	<hr/>	\$172.50



*Expended*

Hand labor	\$51.46	
Tractor mowing machine	121.04	
	<hr/>	\$172.50

## MASON BRIDGE

Raised by the Town		\$100.00
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*Expended*

Truck	\$63.21	
Hand labor	25.42	
Gravel	1.65	
Stakes	9.60	
Unexpended	.12	
	<hr/>	\$100.00

## TAR FOR THIRD CLASS ROAD

Raised by the Town		\$500.00
Nothing expended.		

## STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Balance from 1943		\$533.00
Nothing being expended, balance for 1945		\$533.00

## 50-50 ROAD

Balance from 1943		\$50.00
Nothing being expended, balance for 1945		\$50.00

## MAINTENANCE OF THIRD CLASS ROAD

Raised by the Town		\$477.00
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*Expended*

Truck	\$278.42	
Hand labor	161.59	

Gravel	6.95	
Culvert	4.00	
Miscellaneous	3.93	
Unexpended	22.11	
	<hr/>	\$477.00

## SPECIAL RESOLVE

Received from the State Treasurer	\$424.76	
Overdraft	73.13	
	<hr/>	\$497.89

*Expended*

Trucks	\$244.76	
Hand labor	93.62	
Shovel	102.00	
Gravel	53.00	
Supervision	4.51	
	<hr/>	\$497.89

## POOR RELIEF

Raised by the Town	\$500.00	
Received from Evelyn Taylor, Old Age Assistance checks	160.00	
Overdrawn	141.15	
	<hr/>	\$801.15

*Expended*

Graves children	\$267.17	
Guy Henderson	30.00	
Albert Felker	15.00	
Evelyn Taylor	488.98	
	<hr/>	\$801.15

## COMMON SCHOOLS

Balance from 1943	\$127.50	
Raised by the Town	2,800.00	
Equalization fund from the State	2,758.00	
State school fund	2,501.08	
Interest on local school fund	84.73	
	<hr/>	\$8,271.68

*Expended*

Teachers	\$4,840.58	
Conveyance	2,178.00	
Janitors	379.50	
Fuel	307.00	
Textbooks and supplies	484.65	
Lights	35.44	
Bus insurance	41.08	
Unexpended	5.43	
	<hr/>	\$8,271.68

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Raised by the Town	\$2,000.00
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*Expended*

Higgins Classical Institute	\$210.00	
Bangor High School	1,048.83	
East Corinth Academy	66.76	
Hermon High School	410.80	
Brewer High School	174.00	
Carmel High School	70.00	
Unexpended	19.61	
	<hr/>	\$2,000.00

## SCHOOL APPLIANCE

Raised by the Town	\$205.00	
Overdrawn	22.91	
	<hr/>	\$227.91



*Expended*

Salaries		\$227.91
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**SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIR**

Raised by the Town	\$100.00	
Balance from 1943	234.43	
	<hr/>	\$334.43

*Expended*

Labor	\$145.48	
Material	101.97	
Unexpended	86.98	
	<hr/>	\$334.43

**CARE OF CEMETERIES**

Raised by the town		\$50.00
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*Expended*

Waugh Cemetery	25.00	
Page Cemetery	5.00	
South Levant Cemetery	12.00	
Unexpended	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$50.00

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**

Due from the bank		\$7.00
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*Expended*

Lake lot	\$2.00	
Booker and Hubbard lot	3.00	
Mason and Smart lot	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$7.00

*Interest*

Raised by the town		\$200.00
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*Expended*

Permanent loan	\$158.75	
Unexpended	41.25	
	<u>          </u>	\$200.00

## LOCAL SCHOOL FUND

Raised by the town		\$84.73
Transferred to Common school fund	\$84.73	
	<u>          </u>	\$84.73

## WITHHOLDING TAX

Deducted from payrolls		\$735.51
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*Expended*

Paid Collector of Internal Revenue	\$564.10	
Due Collector of Internal Revenue	171.41	
	<u>          </u>	\$735.51

## TEACHER'S RETIREMENT

Deducted from payrolls		\$222.54
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*Expended*

Paid State treasurer	\$121.50	
Due state treasurer	101.04	
	<u>          </u>	\$222.54

## 1943 TAX LIENS

Received from D. E. Mason, liens	\$489.55	
Costs	15.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$504.55

Received	\$64.20
Transferred to property acquired	28.70
Due on tax liens	411.65
	<u>                    </u> \$504.55

#### TEMPORARY LOAN

Received from Gerald Nowell	\$2,000.00
Nothing expended	

#### REDUCTION OF DEBT

Appropriated from the treasury	\$2,500.00
Paid Smith, White & Stanley	2,500.00

#### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Raised by the town	\$50.00
Paid State Treasurer	50.00

#### STATE TAX

Raised by the town	\$1,714.99
Paid State Treasurer	1,714.99

#### COUNTY TAX

Raised by the town	\$404.19
Paid County Treasurer	404.19

#### MEMORIAL DAY

Raised by the town	\$10.00
Overdrawn	3.40
	<u>                    </u> \$13.40

#### *Expended*

Flags	\$8.40
Rev. W. S. Davis	5.00
	<u>                    </u> \$13.40



## STANDING OF THE TOWN

*Assets*

Cash in treasury, February 27, 1945	\$1,805.86
Property acquired by tax liens	1,006.68
Delinquent taxes	3,176.43
Cemetery trust funds	938.59
Unpaid tax liens	411.65
Due from town of Glenburn, plowing snow	24.00
Due from bank, interest on Cemetery Trust Funds	7.00
	<hr/> \$7,370.21

*Liabilities*

Due the Common school fund	\$5.43
Due High school tuition	19.61
Due schoolhouse repair	86.98
Due state, teacher's retirement	101.04
Due Collector of Internal Revenue	171.41
Due Smith, White & Stanley	2,000.00
Due Cemetery Trust Funds	938.59
Due local school fund	1,412.25
Due state aid construction	533.00
Due 50-50 fund	50.00
Due Gerald Nowell, loan	4,400.00
	<hr/> \$9,718.31
Liabilities over assets	\$2,348.10

## 1943 LIENS UNPAID

Mrs. George Carrow	\$10.23
W. S. Fletcher	111.92
W. K. Foss	31.90
Earl French	105.00
Oscar Milliken	83.10
Heirs of Ada Sawyer	69.50
	<hr/> \$411.65

## ABATEMENTS 1943

George Overlock, paid in Conn.	\$3.00
R. B. Dow, error	47.60
F. L. Nickerson, error	57.80
Lester Gray, left town	3.00
	<hr/> \$111.40

## ABATEMENTS, 1944

G. W. Brann, paid in Corinna	\$3.00
Walter White, paid in Corinth	3.00
Fred Nickerson, error	48.75
Lester Gray, left town	3.00
W. C. Smith, paid in Brewer	3.00
	<hr/> \$60.75
	<hr/> \$172.15

## DELINQUENT TAXES—1931-32

Harry Snow	\$24.74
Ervin Graves	48.50
Lowell Lufkin	3.00
Bert Mayhew	28.60
Alton Mayhew	1.82
S. T. Rose	106.22
Percy Teague	35.95
	<hr/> \$248.83

## DELINQUENT TAXES—1943

N. A. Pomroy	\$29.88
Sumner Rose	50.00
Percy Teague	.83
	<hr/> \$80.71

## DELINQUENT TAXES—1934

F. M. Colbath	\$16.80
J. G. Goodwin	61.90

B. H. Mayhew	6.52
Sumner Rose	105.60
Harry Snow	3.00
Percy Teague	57.50
	<hr/> \$251.32

#### DELINQUENT TAXES—1935

F. M. Colbath	\$15.80
J. G. Goodwin	106.21
B. H. Mayhew	46.10
Harry Snow	3.00
Percy Teague	60.80
	<hr/> \$231.91

#### DELINQUENT TAXES—1936

Earl French	\$34.40
C. R. Thompson	5.00
	<hr/> \$39.40

#### DELINQUENT TAXES—1937

C. E. Parkman	\$10.40
Harry Snow	2.00
C. R. Thompson	3.00
Willie Thomas	3.00
	<hr/> \$18.40

#### DELINQUENT TAXES—1938

Stanley Kalloch	\$12.80
C. R. Thompson	2.00
	<hr/> \$14.80

#### DELINQUENT TAXES—1939

C. R. Thompson	\$3.00
Willie Thomas	3.00
	<hr/> \$6.00



## DELINQUENT TAXES—1940

W. S. Fletcher	\$250.80
Ralph Hawes	3.00
Jarvis Thomas	9.50
C. R. Thompson	3.00
Bessie Thompson	72.20
M. P. Roberts	82.58
	<hr/> \$421.08

## NON-RESIDENT

Heirs of W. W. Cole (too be paid by Byron Bonney)	\$45.40
J. U. Day	7.60
	<hr/> \$53.00
	<hr/> \$474.08

## DELINQUENT TAXES—1941

Harley Adams	\$19.64
E. L. Corson	3.00
Clifton Crocker	17.96
E. J. French	51.57
Ralph Hawes	3.00
N. A. Pomroy	36.96
M. P. Roberts	5.04
Percy Teague	26.36
C. R. Thompson	3.00
Norman Thompson	4.84
Willie Thomas	3.00
Robert Hichborn	3.00
H. L. Hichborn	38.20
Carlton Henderson	3.00
	<hr/> \$218.57
	NON-RESIDENT
J. U. Day	8.80
	<hr/> \$227.37

## DELINQUENT TAXES—1942

Harley Adams	\$1.00
Vern Boyd	3.00
E. L. Corson	3.00
M. B. Ellis	22.52
E. J. French	21.15
Merton Harris	24.52
Ralph Hawes	3.00
Percy Teague	17.92
Willie Thomas	3.20
	<hr/> \$99.31

## DELINQUENT TAXES—1943

Harley Adams	\$21.16
Vern Boyd	3.00
J. P. Clement	30.51
E. L. Corson	3.00
R. B. Dow	3.68
M. B. Ellis	16.60
E. J. French	13.74
R. E. Foss	20.34
Merton Harris	41.82
Ralph Hawes	3.00
Norman Thompson	.34
Willie Thomas	8.84
	<hr/> \$166.03

*Non-Resident*

Charles Harlow	\$1.70
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	\$167.73

## DELINQUENT TAXES—1944

Harley Adams	\$80.35
Omar Adams	16.20

Vern Boyd	3.00
J. P. Clement	120.32
F. M. Colbath	4.50
Percy Campbell	3.00
E. L. Corson	3.00
Perley Drinkwater	3.32
M. B. Ellis	20.22
E. J. French	101.66
W. S. Fletcher	224.70
Merton Harris	31.58
O. E. Milliken	65.00
Lyndon Overlock	65.00
George Overlock	9.50
Heirs of W. E. Randall	26.00
A. O. Sawyer	7.80
Heirs of Ada Sawyer	65.00
Bert Stickney	20.15
Bessie Thompson	61.75
Willie Thomas	17.30
Raymond Tardiff	30.55
Jos. Wheaton	4.63
Heirs of H. W. Weston	97.50
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	\$1,082.03

*Non-Resident*

Wm. Embleton	\$2.60
C. O. Henderson	91.97
Donald Nix	7.15
Ralph Perkins	22.75
N. A. Pomroy	39.00
H. L. Read	24.00
Asbury Thomas	6.50
J. O. Tilley	39.00
Charles Harlow (Roy Wing)	1.63
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	\$234.60
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	\$1,316.63



## TREASURER'S REPORT

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### *Debit*

Cash on hand March 1, 1944		\$4,194.18
Received, excise tax	\$522.25	
Received, Eugene Ross, property acquired	76.16	
Received, Earl Garland, property acquired (Harris)	314.64	
Received, Harley Adams, property acquired	114.10	
Received, Omar Adams, property acquired	80.90	
Received, Thelma Nix, property acquired	28.70	
Received, Helen Temple, property acquired (Hawes)	155.00	
Received, N. A. Pomroy, property acquired	200.00	
Received, James Mitchell, property acquired (Lunt)	183.30	
Received, I. M. Pierce Land Co., property (Johnson)	153.30	
Received, Percy Campbell, property acquired	35.00	
Received, Carl Peterson, property acquired (Nickerson)	200.00	
Received, Myrtle Snow, property acquired	50.00	
Received, H. L. Pomroy, property acquired	130.20	
Received, E. I. Lane, property acquired (Rogan)	39.10	

Received, Henry Harvey, property acquired	100.00
Received, Gerald Nowell, loan	2,000.00
Received, Vernice Parkhurst, ceme- tery lot	25.00
Received, Mrs. Freeman Houston, cemetery lot	25.00
Received, Helen A. Higgins, with- holding tax	602.71
Received, Helen A. Higgins, teacher's retirement	145.11
Received, State, snow removal	1,252.75
Received, state bank stock tax	6.98
Received, state school equalization	2,758.00
Received, state, school fund	2,501.45
Received, state dog license refund	15.60
Received, state R. R. & Tel. tax	30.48
Received, state special resolve	424.76
Received, state highway No. 18	23.34
Received, heirs of H. W. Weston, 1942 lien	97.50
Received, Joseph Wheaton, 1942 lien (Randall)	27.10
Received, Alice O'Donnell, 1943 lien (Gray)	55.90
Received, C. O. Henderson, 1942 lien	96.56
Received, Norbert Overlock, 1942 lien	7.90
Received, Carlton Henderson, 1943 lien	8.30
Received, A. W. Phillips, O. E. Milli- ken account	30.82
Received, Evelyn Taylor, old age as- sistance checks	160.00
Received, Gerald Nowell, truck loan	2,400.00
Received, town of Levant, interest on local school fund	84.73
Received, D. E. Mason, 1944 taxes	11,663.67

Received, D. E. Mason, 1943 taxes	617.07
Received, D. E. Mason, 1942 taxes	73.12
Received, D. E. Mason, 1941 taxes	117.30
Received, D. E. Mason, 1940 taxes	24.34
Received, Ruth Goodwin, 1939 taxes	2.07
Received, W. C. Goodwin, 1938 taxes	6.50
Received, W. C. Goodwin, 1937 taxes	7.20
Received, W. C. Goodwin, 1936 taxes	12.00
Received, Helen A. Higgins, 1935 taxes	70.35
D. E. Mason, abatements	172.15
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	\$32,122.59

*Credit*

Warrants Paid,	\$30,316.73
Cash on hand, Feb. 27, 1945	1,805.86
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	\$32,122.59

Respectfully submitted,

Helen A. Higgins,

*Treasurer of the Town of Levant.*



## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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*To the School Committee and Citizens of Levant:*

I am pleased to submit herewith a report of the schools of Levant for the past year together with the report of the public health nurse, Miss Georgina Patterson.

### ENROLLMENT

The enrollment for the present school year includes 67 boys and 65 girls or a total of 132 students. The enrollment by grades is as follows:

Sub-Primary	22
Grade 1	13
“ 2	19
“ 3	14
“ 4	14
“ 5	12
“ 6	14
“ 7	13
“ 8	11
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Total	132

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

According to tuition bills which have been presented we have ten students attending Bangor High, five at Hermon High, four at Fifth Street Junior High, one at John Bapst, two at Carmel High, two at Brewer High and two at Higgins Classical Institute. The tuition charge at all of these schools is well over \$100.00 per year and in most cases \$125.00 per year. In order to meet the increased cost of high schools tuitions we are asking for an increase of

\$200.00 per year making the necessary appropriation for high school tuition this year \$2,200.00.

### TEACHERS

The citizens of Levant are most fortunate in having excellent local teachers who are willing to neglect their home duties in order that they may help carry on the schools during this period when the shortage of teachers is so critical. Only two changes were necessary in the teaching staff this year. It was our good fortune to be able to secure two normal graduates with successful experience to fill these vacancies. Mrs. Gertrude Mayhew was engaged for the Village Grammar and Miss Anna Myers for the West Levant Grammar. Miss Adel Eveleth of Bangor was engaged as supervisor of music for Hampden, Hermon, and Levant. Miss Eveleth teaches in Hampden two days each week, in Hermon two days, and in Levant one day.

It seems to be necessary and right for the teachers to be given a small increase in salary for the coming year. In the budget which has been prepared plans have been made to increase the salaries of all teachers to \$25.00 per week. Even at that figure we will find it very difficult to secure any one except local teachers for our schools. If we cannot retain our local teachers, we will, without a doubt, have to pay considerably higher salaries if all schools are to be kept open.

### REPAIRS

During the past year only minor repairs have been made. For the most part these have consisted of repair and varnishing of seats and painting the inside of several school rooms. The building at South Levant needs quite extensive repairs such as outside painting, shingling of the roof, and repairs to the foundation. The village school needs painting on the outside. The school building at West Levant seems to be in good condition and no major repairs there are



contemplated. The \$200.00 we are asking for repairs will not take care of all the needs I have listed above but probably will be sufficient to take care of all we will be able to get done this year due to the shortage of labor.

### APPROPRIATION FOR COMMON SCHOOLS

We find it necessary to ask for a considerable increase in the appropriation for common schools this year. One reason as I have stated above is to provide a small increase in teachers' salaries. The second reason is that no increase was made last year in the appropriation but the cost of conveyance and janitor service has increased appreciably. Consequently we had only enough money to pay the operating cost of schools for 34 weeks instead of the usual 36. This of course means an extra burden on next year's appropriation. The cost of operating schools like any other business, is necessarily much greater in war time and it is apt to continue to increase each year until we get back to normal times again.

### CONSOLIDATION

The consolidation of rural schools seems to offer a plan for providing better educational opportunities for the children of rural communities. If Levant had a centrally located consolidated school the cost of maintenance and operation would be considerably less than the present cost of running our schools. Four or five teachers would be sufficient to take care of all the children. Each teacher would have not more than two grades which would make for more effective teaching and instruction. The cost of transportation, fuel, and janitor service would not be any more than at present. The cost of upkeep would be considerably less. Of course consolidation at the present time is out of the question, but it is a method of improving our schools. After the war is over we may expect that the state and federal government will give liberal financial assistance to those communities



which are ready for the program. Let's think and talk this matter over for I know that the people of Levant are interested in any matter which effects the welfare of their children.

### WAR SAVING STAMPS

All schools are cooperating in the war effort by selling War Saving Stamps and Bonds. The report of sales from Sept. 1st to Feb. 16th is as follows:

School	Am't sold	Average per pupil	P. C. pupils buying reg.
Village Grammar	\$229.25	9.96	69
Village Primary	60.90	2.03	33
West Levant Grammar	100.00	5.25	33
West Levant Primary	58.00	3.05	73
South Levant Grammar	4.50	.28	none
South Levant Primary	4.80	.34	50

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the members of the school committee, town officers, parents, teachers, citizens, and the school children for their help, advice, inspiration, and cooperation in making our school program a worthwhile and successful undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl C. McGraw,  
Supt. of Schools

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## TEACHERS' PAYROLL

Gertrude Mayhew, Village Grammar	\$472.50
Doris White, Village Primary	765.00
Anna Myers, West Levent Grammar	525.00
Esther Strong, West Levant Primary	765.00
Louise McLaughlin, South Levant Grammar	765.00
Eda Thompson, South Levant Primary	765.00
Adel Eveleth, Music	114.00
Floy Bemis	292.50
Lelia Stubbs	312.00
Vina McGraw	64.58
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## CONVEYANCE

Earl Tozier	\$195.00
Guy Mullen	870.00
Avanelle Corbin	169.00
Evelyn Call	169.00
B. C. Higgins	69.00
Doris Griffin	273.00
H. L. Pomeroy	433.00
Conveyance insurance	41.08
Total	<hr/> \$2,219.08

## JANITORS' PAYROLL

Guy Mullen	\$4.00
Seavey Watson	139.00
Stella Brick	51.00
Mrs. Glen Withee	101.00
Avanelle Corbin	1.50
Esther Strong	33.00
Clifford Nelson	12.00
Alma Speed	3.00

Harry Marston	4.00
W. L. Watson	18.00
L. L. Tibbetts	13.00
Total	<u>          \$379.50</u>

## FUEL

Guy Mullen	\$9.00
W. C. Brown	160.00
John Bragg	128.00
A. J. McGown & Sons	10.00
Total	<u>          \$307.00</u>

## LIGHT

Central Maine Power Co.	\$35.44
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## TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Loring, Short and Harmon	\$112.81
E. E. Babb & Co.	122.32
Beckley-Cardy Co.	73.22
Mrs. E. E. Stubbs	4.19
American Education Press	40.09
Oval & Koster	7.20
Floy Bemis	.84
MacMillan Co.	13.51
Silver Burdett Co.	20.12
J. L. Hammett Co.	32.06
American Book Co.	8.24
Furbush-Roberts Printing Co.	1.61
Continental Press	18.60
Ginn & Co.	3.97
D. C. Heath & Co.	6.12
Bemis Bros.	18.60
World Book Co.	1.15
Total	<u>          \$484.65</u>



## SUMMARY FOR COMMON SCHOOLS

*Receipts*

Balance, 1943-44	\$127.50
Interest on school fund	84.73
Appropriation	2,800.00
State School Fund	2,501.45
Equalization Fund	2,758.00
Total receipts	<u>\$8,271.68</u>

*Expenditures*

Teachers' payroll	\$4,840.58
Fuel	307.00
Janitoring and cleaning	379.50
Conveyance payroll	2,219.08
Lights	35.44
Textbooks and supplies	484.65
Total expenditures	<u>\$8,266.25</u>
Balance	<u>\$5.43</u>

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

*Receipts*

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
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*Expenditures*

Higgins Classical Institute	\$210.00
City of Bangor	1,048.83
East Corinth Academy	66.76
Brewer School Department	174.00
Town of Hermon	410.80
Town of Carmel	70.00
Total expenditures	<u>\$1,980.39</u>
Balance	<u>\$19.61</u>

## REPAIRS

*Receipts*

Balance 1943-44	\$234.43
Appropriation	100.00
Total receipts	<u>          \$334.43</u>

*Expenditures*

Guy Mullen	\$25.87
R. L. Brick	53.75
Dunham-Hanson	8.60
James Speed	63.24
L. L. Tibbetts	45.89
H. S. Watson	7.25
Bemis Bros.	38.35
E. H. Rowell	4.50
Total expenditures	<u>          \$247.45</u>
Balance	<u>          \$86.98</u>

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Common schools	\$4,000.00
High school tuition	2,200.00
Repairs	200.00
Appliance	300.00

## REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

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January 1 to December 31, 1944

The effectiveness of a community health service depends to a large extent on the interest in and the understanding of the Public Health Program by all citizens of the community. It is essential that they appreciate the value of that service. From a personal standpoint they should be interested in the program because the health of every citizen in the community affects the health of other citizens and because the cost of service is directly or indirectly borne by the individual taxpayers of the community.

Visits were made to the expectant mother for the purpose of helping her secure necessary equipment for confinement, a diet suitable for growth and development of the baby and to help carry out doctor's orders. Medical attention has been urged early in pregnancy, as care at this time is most beneficial.

Visits were made after the baby was born to emphasize the importance to the mother of proper rest, diet and a return visit to the doctor.

Several visits were made to infants in your community to help the mothers set up daily routine for feeding and care of the baby. Importance of a visit to the doctor has been stressed. Mothers were helped in introducing new foods into the baby's diet to promote growth. Special emphasis was given to the prevention of communicable diseases.

Importance of the preschool examination was stressed to mothers of children entering school in the fall. This is valuable in order that defects may be discovered and corrected before the child begins his school life.



During the month of March fourteen school children were vaccinated against smallpox. The hearing test with the audiometer was given in all the schools this fall. Follow-up visits have been made to those children to explain need of dental and vision corrections and to advise on control of communicable diseases.

Necessary visits to contacts of persons with tuberculosis have been made.

Georgina J. Patterson,  
Bureau of Health, Public Health Nurse

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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July 12, 1944

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Levant:*

In accordance with instructions from your Board of Selectmen, we have examined the books and accounts of your town officials for the municipal year ended February 15, 1944, and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested the accounting records of your town officials and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent that we deemed appropriate, and in our opinion, based upon such examination the accompanying exhibits and schedules fairly present the financial condition of your municipality as at February 15, 1944 and the results of its operations for the municipal year then ended, subject to the terms of this report.

We submit herewith the data obtained by us as summarized in the following:

### COMMENTS

Exhibit A—Balance sheet as at February 15, 1944 and February 15, 1943.

Exhibit B—Cash receipts and disbursements.

Exhibit C—Valuation, assessment, commitment and collection.

Exhibit D—Statement of departmental accounts.

Exhibit E—Analysis of change in surplus.

Schedule 1—Reconciliation of treasurer's cash balance.

Schedule 2—Uncollected taxes.

Schedule 3—Tax liens.

Schedule 4—Tax acquired town property.

Schedule 5—Trust funds.

Schedule 6—Excise taxes.

Respectfully yours,

Paul A. Smith,  
Public Accountant and Auditor

