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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Bethel

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31

1944

1945

The Oxford County Citizen

Bethel, Maine

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor

ERNEST F. BISBEE CARROLL E. ABBOTT
RODNEY K. HOWE

Clerk

ALICE J. BROOKS

Deputy Clerk

D. GROVER BROOKS

Treasurer

JOHN M. HARRINGTON

Tax Collector

WALTER E. BARTLETT

Road Commissioner

EUBERTO P. BROWN

Superintendent of Schools

CARRIE M. WIGHT

Superintending School Committee

EARL A. DAVIS MARGUERITE C. BARTLETT
ELMER E. BENNETT

Truant Officer

HARRY T. SAWIN

School Physician and Health Officer

WIDD B. TWADDLE, M. D.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

WESLEY WHEELER

Dog Constable

FRANK A. HUNT

Weigher, Town Scales

RUEL S. CHAPMAN

Fire Ward

LLOYD E. LUXTON

Moderator

FRED B. MERRILL

Constables

WALTER E. BARTLETT LESLIE E. DAVIS
ALBERT S. GROVER GEORGE H. HAMMOND
ROBERT S. YORK

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

PERCY O. BRINCK FRED L. EDWARDS
LESLIE E. DAVIS DURWARD H. MASON
B. W. KIMBALL GUY PRATT HUGH D. THURSTON

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STATEMENT OF ASSESSORS

Valuation of Property and number of Polls as taken April 1st, 1944:

Valuation of Real Estate	
Resident Owners	\$946,365 00
Non-Resident Owners	168,260 00
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Total Value of Real Estate	\$1,114,625 00
Valuation of Personal Estate	
Resident Owners	\$186,405 00
Non-Resident Owners	21,500 00
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Total Value of Personal Estate	\$207,905 00
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Grand Total of Real and Personal Estate	\$1,322,530 00

Total Value of Land	\$476,325.00
Total Value of Buildings	638,300.00
Increase in Valuation over 1943	13,365.00
Rate of Taxation	.044
Poll Tax Rate	\$3.00
Number of Polls Taxed	486
Number of Polls Not Taxed	185
Percentage Paid Collector	.01
Collecting Excise Tax	.15

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1944

	1944	1943
For State Tax	\$9,607 38	\$9,607 38
County Tax	3,443 38	3,443 38
Miscellaneous Account	1,900 00	1,900 00
Town Officers' Bills	4,000 00	3,800 00

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Treasurer's Bond	35 00	35 00
Collector's Bond	20 00	20 00
Abatements	172 64	271 65
Fire Department	500 00	500 00
Public Health Work	100 00	75 00
Sewers	250 00	500 00
Roads and Bridges	3,000 00	3,000 00
Winter Roads	3,000 00	3,000 00
State and State Aid Maintenance	1,130 00	1,130 00
Third Class Maintenance	925 00	925 00
Tarvia for Roads and Streets	700 00	700 00
Pine Blister Rust Control	none	200 00
Support of Poor	3,000 00	3,000 00
Common Schools	12,500 00	12,500 00
Secondary Schools	9,000 00	9,000 00
School Supplies	724 00	724 00
Text Books	400 00	400 00
School Repairs	300 00	600 00
School Insurance	200 00	213 75
School Physician	100 00	100 00
Superintendent's Salary	741 65	600 00
Old Cemeteries	75 00	75 00
Bethel Public Library	400 00	400 00
Memorial Day Observance	50 00	50 00
Bethel Band	200 00	200 00
Interest on Loans	300 00	300 00
Motor Vehicle Insurance	150 00	150 00
Land Damage for Tyler Street	151 00	none
Tyler Street Construction	250 00	none
Overlay	2,321 27	2,751 74
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	\$59,646 32	\$60,171 90
Tax Assessed as Follows		
\$1,322,530.00 Valuation @ .044	\$58,191 32	
485 Polls @ \$3.00	1,455 00	
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		\$59,646 32
Excise Tax Collected		
Supplementary Tax 1943	\$1,978 93	
Supplementary Tax 1944	21 00	
	67 14	
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		\$2,067 07

EXTRACT FROM ASSESSORS' REPORT

Live Stock Taxed

Horses	104	\$11,015 00	
Colts, under 2 years old	1	75 00	
Cows	356	28,195 00	
Oxen	4	370 00	
3 years old	61	4,545 00	
2 years old	131	6,350 00	
Goats	18	90 00	
Swine, over 10 in no.,	53	335 00	
Poultry, over 50 in no.	2,545	2,545 00	
			\$53,520 00

Live Stock Not Taxed

Yearlings	178	\$6,230 00	
Sheep (to 35 in no.)	76	380 00	
Swine (to 10 in no.)	244	1,464 00	
Poultry (to 50 in no.)	3191	3,191 00	
			\$11,265 00

All Other Personal Property

Stock in Trade		\$35,750 00	
Unmanufactured Material in Mills		4,000 00	
Portable Mills	1	1,500 00	
Logs		5,245 00	
Lumber		20,600 00	
Wood and Bark		20 00	
Boats	19	630 00	
Gasoline Pumps and Attachments	52	3,925 00	
Musical Instruments	111	6,795 00	
Radios	414	7,165 00	
Furniture		28,550 00	
Finished Products in Mills		6,000 00	
Tractors	45	9,225 00	
Machinery and Equipment		19,075 00	
Other Property		5,905 00	
			\$154,385 00
Grand Total of Personal Property			\$207,905 00

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ABATEMENTS, 1937

Brooks, Henry, paid in Peru	\$3 00	\$3 00
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ABATEMENTS, 1938

Bragdon, Frank, unable to collect	\$3 00	
Saunders, Hersey, unable to collect	5 33	
	<hr/>	\$8 33

ABATEMENTS, 1939

Cole, Nelson, unable to pay	\$3 00	
Saunders, Hersey, unable to collect	5 30	
Stevens, Joseph, unable to collect	35 19	
Wheeler, Charles, unable to pay	5 30	
	<hr/>	\$48 79

ABATEMENTS, 1940

Bennett, Asiel, unable to find	\$3 68	
Decoster, David V. in U. S. Service	3 00	
Saunders, Hersey, unable to collect	3 00	
Stevens, Joseph, unable to collect	40 08	
Wheeler, Charles, unable to pay	5 28	
	<hr/>	\$55 04

ABATEMENTS, 1941

Merrick, Joseph, in U. S. Service	\$3 00	
Stevens, Joseph, unable to collect	3 00	
Vashaw, Stanley D. in U. S. Service	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$9 00

ABATEMENTS, 1942

Anderson, Charles E., in U. S. Service	\$3 00	
Baker, Romeo, in U. S. Service	3 00	
Dorey, Tracey J., in U. S. Service	3 00	
Foster, Richard, bankrupt	118 43	
Gilbert, Shirley B., in U. S. Service	3 00	
Hamlin, Henry C., bankrupt	3 90	
Manning, John, unable to collect	3 00	
Morgan, Wallace E., in U. S. Service	3 00	
Stearns, Newton E., paid in Portland	3 00	

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Therriault, Martin A., in U. S. Service	3 00
Vashaw, Harry Z., in U. S. Service	3 00
Tripp, Ralph A., paid in Liberty	3 00

\$152 33

ABATEMENTS, 1943

Luxton, George E., in U. S. Service	\$3 00	\$3 00
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ABATEMENTS, 1944

Chamberlin, Harold, error in valuation	\$4 40
Flagg, James, paid in Naples	3 00
Fogg, Arthur F., error in valuation	11 00
Goodrich, James, non-resident	3 00
Grover, John, paid in Stoneham	3 00
LeClair, J. Syll, error in valuation	8 80
Morse, Leppien W., paid in South Portland	3 00
Waterhouse, Rodney T., paid in Swanton, Vermont	3 00

\$39 20

\$318 69

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

W. E. Bartlett, Collector of Taxes, in account with the
Town of Bethel.

Dr.

To State, County and Town Taxes committed for collection July 1st, 1944	\$59,646 32	
To Supplementary Taxes	67 14	
To Amount Overpaid	01	
		\$59,713 47

Cr.

By Amount paid Town Treasurer	\$56,249 85	
By Errors in Valuation and Abatements	39 20	
By Uncollected Taxes	3,424 42	
		\$59,713 47

(Overpaid Town Treasurer .01)

1935-1936-1937-1938-1939-1940-1941-1942-1943 Tax Account

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

Dr.

To Total Unpaid Taxes as per previous Town Report	\$5,117 77	
To Supplementary Taxes, 1943	21 00	
		\$5,138 77

Cr.

By Total Amount paid Town Treas.	\$4,343 07	
By 1943 Tax Liens filed with Town Treasurer	353 02	
By Abatements	279 49	
By Uncollected Taxes	163 19	
		\$5,138 77

EXCISE TAXES ON TRUCKS AND AUTOMOBILES

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

Dr.		
To Total Amount Collected	\$2,109 85	
	<hr/>	\$2,109 85
Cr.		
By Amount paid Town Treasurer	\$1,978 93	
By Amount paid County Treasurer	123 12	
By Issuing 52 Receipts to persons in Unorganized Townships	7 80	
	<hr/>	\$2,109 85

UNPAID TAXES, 1944

Bartlett, Harold L.	\$10 48	Merrill, Freeman	48 40
Bean, Bert H.	3 00	Merrill, Joel F.	15 62
Benson, Harry	34 24	Merrill, Walter & Free-	
Brinck, Ernest W.	3 00	man	13 20
Buckman, Clifford A.	7 14	Morgan, Gerry C.	4 54
Childs, Donald D.	3 00	Newell, Nellie D.	6 08
Coolidge, W. Edgar	56 24	Philbrick, Benjamin F.	25 00
Cummings, Lincoln L.	14 20	Plant, Clyde A.	3 00
Deschaine, Joseph J.	3 00	Rich, Lawrence E.	3 00
Emery, Walter G.	80 66	Rowe, Herbert R.	61 60
Emery, Kenneth	3 00	Stearns, Elmer J.	144 10
Enman, Lester R.	18 26	Stimans, Harold A.	3 00
George, Gertrude, Ten-		Sweetser, Wilbur	4 10
ant in possession	52 80	Tyler, Leonard A.	5 94
Harding, Roland L.	66 00	Vashaw, Harry	3 00
Harthorne, Roderick	8 80	Verrill, Lewis O.	101 64
Haselton, Charles &		Waterhouse, Alice	17 60
Eugenia	35 20	Waterhouse, Cleveland	5 64
Hinkley, Daniel	3 00	Westleigh, G. Reginald	8 94
Hinkley, Merle L.	5 64	Wheeler, Roger W.	53 68
Jodrey, Norman	3 00	Wilson, Benjamin W.	7 04
Littlehale, Frank	3 00	Winslow, Lyman E.	3 00
Mason, Alfred	13 64	Non-Resident	
Mason, Herman	13 20	Chapman, Mrs. Marion	
Merrill, Florence P.	11 37	Braddish	3 52

Grover, S. O. Heirs of	2 20	Amount collected from Jan. 1, 1945 to time this report print-	ed	2,129 51
Hastings, St. John De-				
visees of	167 20			
Kilgore, Wallace W.	19 80			
Kimball, Ceylon Heirs		Total Unpaid Jan. 1		
of	88 00	1945		\$3,424 42
MacKenzie, Jack A.	6 60	(Balance Unpaid		\$1,294.91)
Rounds, Ward B.	17 60			

UNPAID TAXES, 1943

Childs, Donald D.	\$3 00	Amount collected from Jan. 1, 1945 to time this report printed	15 69
Coolidge, W. Edgar	15 32		
Hatfield, Roland S.	3 00		
Hinkley, Merle L.	5 69	Total Unpaid Jan. 1	
Merrill, Freeman	8 60	1945	\$106 85
Rich, Victor P.	3 00	(Balance Unpaid	\$91.16)
Stearns, Elmer J.	52 55		

UNPAID TAXES, 1942

Brown, Walter C.	\$3 00	
Hatfield, Herbert H.	3 00	
Amount collected from Jan. 1, 1945 to time this report printed.	3 00	
Total Unpaid Jan. 1, 1945		\$9 00
(Balance Unpaid \$6.00)		

UNPAID TAXES, 1941

Hatfield, Roland S.	\$3 00	
Hinkley, Merle L.	3 90	
Parker, Eugene	3 00	
Wilkins, Philip	3 00	
Total		\$12 90

UNPAID TAXES, 1940

Bates, Leslie L.	\$3 00
Hatfield, Roland S.	3 00
Hanscom, Lee	3 00
McMillin, Bernard	3 00

Raimey, Perry	3 00
Sweatt, Vernon C.	3 00

Total		\$18 00
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UNPAID TAXES, 1939

Baker, Joseph C. Jr.	\$3 69
Bates, Leslie S.	3 00
Rolfe, Nelson	3 00

Total		\$9 69
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UNPAID TAXES, 1937

Baker, Joseph C. Jr	\$6 75
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Total		\$6 75
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UNPAID TAXES

L. E. Davis, Collector, 1933

Walter Balentine	\$8 13	I. Farrar	3 00
Harold Bartlett	6 69	Chas. Frost	5 05
Ralph Berry	7 10	Clyde Hall	19 20
Clayton Blake	3 00	Hollis Grindle	3 00
H. O. Blake	15 58	Earl Williamson	3 00
Geo. H. Brown, G. Hill	3 00	C. Waterhouse	3 00
Walter Brown	3 00	Sherman Haselton	8 54
Harry Brown, G. Hill	3 00	Raymond Harthorne	3 00
Leo Bubier	3 00	Roderick Harthorne	3 00
Shirley Chase	8 74	Richard Lawrence	3 00
Edgar Coolidge	10 89	E. P. Lyon	91 15
Robert Clough	7 10	Hollis Hutchinson	3 00
Roger Clough	3 00	Archie Lovejoy	3 00
Edgar Cross	9 56	Alfred Mason	3 00
Archie Cole	3 00	Glen Mason	3 00
C. L. Davis	16 40	Wm. Mason	3 00
Moses Davis	12 84	Earl Morgan	3 00
Wm. Day	3 00	Chas. Melville	3 00
Lester Enman	3 00	Harry Newell	5 05
Lewis Etheridge	3 00	Ola Olson	10 79
Clarence Enman	3 00	Chas. Reed	16 74

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Albert Skillings	12 64	Vinton C. Tibbetts	8 53
G. N. Stearns	5 05	Oscar Tibbetts	3 00
Hedley Wheeler	3 00	Geo. Tibbetts	3 00
E. J. Stearns	20 02	Clyde Whitman	14 07
Russell Swan	22 48	L. E. Winslow	5 26
Joseph Stevens	9 97	T. E. Westleigh	15 30
Merle Swan	3 00		
Bernard Swan	3 00		
			\$462 87

L. E. Davis, Collector, 1932

Roland Annis	\$18 22	Chas. Melville	3 00
Walter Balentine	9 76	Harry Newell	5 46
Harold Bartlett	8 74	Linwood Newell	3 00
Clayton Blake	3 00	Frank Osgood	7 72
H. O. Blake	16 81	Ola Olson	9 15
Walter Brown	3 00	Chas. Reed	16 12
F. W. Buck	20 63	Albert Skillings	9 12
Leo Bubier	3 00	George N. Stearns	5 05
Robert Clough	7 10	E. J. Stearns	40 93
Edgar Cross	11 06	Joseph Stevens	6 69
Edgar Coolidge	11 61	Carlton Saunders	4 64
Leslie Estes	3 00	Vinton Tibbetts	3 41
Lester Enman	3 00	B. S. Tyler	8 74
Alton Enman	3 00	Geo. Tibbetts	3 00
L. D. Farrar	6 08	Guy Vail	5 05
Chas. Frost	5 05	Allen Walker	4 28
Hollis Grindle	3 00	Hershall Walker	3 00
Henry Hall	18 38	L. E. Winslow	6 69
Sherman Haselton	8 54	Curtis Winslow	3 00
Raymond Harthorne	3 00	Cleve Waterhouse	3 00
Hollis Hutchinson	3 00	Wm. Young	3 00
Alfred Hodgkins	3 00	Harry Brown, G. Hill	3 00
E. P. Lyon	93 20	Geo. Brown, G. Hill	3 00
Alfred Mason	3 00	Clyde Whitman	15 71
Wm. Mason	3 00		
J. Merrill	3 00		
			\$449 94

L. E. Davis, Collector, 1931

H. O. Blake	\$27 39	Robert Clough	5 45
Harry Brown, G. Hill	3 00	Edgar Coolidge	19 17
Geo. Brown, G. Hill	3 00	Irwin Farrar	3 00

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Lester Enman	4 23	Albert Skillings	23 58
Charles Frost	5 45	Fred Wheeler	11 58
Charles Mason	3 00	Clyde Whitman	22 60
Alfred Mason	4 72	L. E. Winslow	7 90
J. Merrill	3 00	Wm. Young	3 00
Ola Olson	15 25		
Joseph Stevens	3 00		
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			\$168 32

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

Appropriation for Care of Poor	\$3,000 00
Amount Expended	2,066 54
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Unexpended	\$933 46

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

Amount Expended	\$416 97
Amount received from Gilead	221 00
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Balance due from Buckfield	\$195 97

STATE POOR

Amount Expended	\$1,364 42
Amount received from State	673 24
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Balance due from State	\$691 18

SUMMARY, STATE POOR

Paid	
Bird, Elbridge E.	\$26 11
Briggs, Fannie E.	100 00
Brown, Henry J.	185 00
Child, Donald D.	15 32
Child, Isaac J.	3 95
Cummings, Allen E.	14 00
Fogg, Llewellyn G.	6 71
Hickford, Howard F.	192 00
Marshall, James L.	100 00
Mitchell, Susie D.	530 47
Murphy, Fred E.	190 86
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	\$1,364 42

TOWN RELIEF CASES

	Food Board & Care	Rent	Fuel	Clothing	Medical	Burial	Misc.	Total	
Brown, Elsie, Mechanic Falls	\$376 95	....	....	....	\$2 50	....	....	\$379 45
Badger, Sam	....	....	....	....	48 00	....	....	48 00
Dutton, Erlon W.	35 50	....	....	....	....	....	....	35 50
Gordon, Harry, Child, Paris	....	....	....	....	....	110 00	....	110 00
Harrington, George F.	....	....	....	....	....	100 00	....	100 00
Haselton, Ethel M.	\$122 98	....	61 60	....	....	....	....	184 58
Hatfield, Roland, Child	15 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	15 00
Heath, Claude W. & Family, Gilead	....	23 00	....	....	40 00	....	....	63 00
Hobbs, Mrs. Alfred, Minot	323 00	....	....	....	16 00	....	....	339 00
Kimball, John W.	....	....	....	....	5 00	....	....	5 00
Osgood, Frank L. & Family	....	....	....	....	6 00	....	....	6 00
Mason, William, Children of, Mechanic Falls	262 00	....	....	33 05	62 00	....	....	357 05
Veteran No. 1, Family of, Mechanic Falls	128 04	45 00	53 90	....	....	....	\$17 02	243 96
Tramps	....	....	....	....	....	....	180 00	180 00
	<u>\$251 02</u>	<u>\$1012 45</u>	<u>\$68 00</u>	<u>\$115 50</u>	<u>\$33 05</u>	<u>\$179 50</u>	<u>210 00</u>	<u>\$197 02</u>	<u>\$2066 54</u>

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation	\$3,443 38
Paid County Treasurer	3,443 38

STATE TAX

Appropriation	\$9,607 38
Paid State Treasurer	9,607 38

CANCELLED WARRANTS

Numbers 1 to 53 incl.	\$102,950 91
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MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$150 00
Reimbursements	32 13

Paid Stuart W. Goodwin	\$182 13
	\$143 74

Unexpended	\$ 38 39
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TEMPORARY LOAN

Rec'd Bethel National Bank	\$15,000 00
Paid Bethel National Bank	15,000 00

INTEREST

Appropriation	\$300 00
Rec'd Interest	416 45

Expended	\$716 45
Paid Interest	\$211 11

Unexpended	\$505 34
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BETHEL BAND

Appropriation	\$200 00
Unexpended	\$200 00

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Appropriation		\$50 00
Paid American Legion		\$50 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$400 00	
State Stipend	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$440 00
Paid Treasurer Bethel Library		\$440 00

OLD CEMETERIES

Appropriation	\$75 00	
F. E. Gordon Trust Fund	5 00	
	<hr/>	80 00

Expended

Paid on Old Grover Hill Cemetery	20 00	
Paid F. E. Gordon lot	5 00	
Paid on Flat Cemetery	15 00	\$40 00
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Unexpended		\$40 00
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WITHHOLDING TAX

Received Town Employees		\$1,987 75
Paid Collector of Internal Revenue		\$1,987 75

SEWER ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$250 00	
Rec'd Raymond Dexter, Connecting	20 00	
Rec'd Carl L. Brown, Connecting	20 00	
Rec'd H. D. Thurston, Connecting	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$310 00

Expended

Paid		
Payroll, labor,	\$212 50	
1 cellar pump	112 43	
Tile	1 60	
Supplies	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$328 53

Overdrawn		\$18 53
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PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

Appropriation	\$100 00
Paid State Treasurer	\$100 00

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

An object of Public Health Nursing is to provide a program which meets the health needs of the community. Six Child Health Conferences, with an average attendance of fourteen, were conducted by the Local Health Officer. Free immunizations, totaling 72 Smallpox vaccinations and 16 Diphtheria immunizations, were given at these Conferences.

In the school nursing program the Public Health Nurse acts as consultant to the Superintendent of Schools and the school personnel. The pupils in all grades have been examined by the school physician, assisted by the Public Health Nurse. Health conditions of the pupils have improved. There has been a marked improvement in the correction of dental and vision defects. There is a real need for corrections of defective tonsils. Pupils have been examined for several years, but we still find many uncorrected defects. Your nurse makes home visits in an effort to help secure needed corrections. The cooperation of all parents in sending children to school free from infection will help to make it a safe place for all children.

School lunches will again be sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association. This project meets a real need for many pupils.

Servicemen's families are visited to give instruction in general and infant hygiene upon request.

Four crippled children have been visited periodically by the nurse and they have also attended the Crippled Children's Clinic held at the Rumford Community Hospital.

Interested persons and service club members have acted as hostesses at Child Health Conferences and also at the school health examinations. One service club has donated a layette for an emergency case.

Through the combined efforts of all the people of Bethel, the Public Health Nursing Program has been very successful this year,

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH W. HOPKINS, R. N.

LIGHT ACCOUNT

Paid		
West Bethel St. Lights	\$189 88	
Blinker, Church and R. R. Streets	44 04	
Office	12 52	
Lock-up	12 00	
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Carried to Miscellaneous Account		\$258 44

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Rec'd Town of Gilead	375 00	
Rec'd Town of Newry	250 00	
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		\$1,125 00
	Expended	
Telephone	\$37 45	
Gas and Oil	105 45	
Mayville Hydrant	30 00	
Supplies	65 33	
Five Tires and Tubes	242 00	
Repairs on Pumper	236 92	
Fire Alarm	50 00	
Pumper Fire Insurance	10 00	
Janitor Fire House	66 00	
Payrolls	1,310 76	
Labor	4 00	
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		\$2,157 91
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Overdrawn		\$1,032 91

FIRE HOSE ACCOUNT

821 ft. 2½ inch Double Jacket Hose	\$338 90
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REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER

The Company during the past year was called out by 21 general alarms and 31 still alarms for chimney and grass fires.

Five of the general alarms were for out-of-town fires, as follows:

May	3	Church sheds, Gilead
June	2	Woods fire, Gilead
	8	Farm buildings, Newry
	24	Woods fire, Gilead
July	12	Olson buildings, Newry

The Pumper Crew members are:

Lloyd E. Luxton, Chief

Dr. E. L. Brown, Engineer; Fred Douglass, Engineer

Robert Blake, Captain

Everett Merrill, 1st Lieut.

Earl Davis, 2nd Lieut.

Drivers: Clarence Bennett, Ray Crockett, William Chapman, Ray York.

Crew: Alton Hutchinson, Erwin Hutchinson, Frank Hunt, Gard Brown, Robert York, Ted Gallant, Charles Freeman.

Fire Police: Bert Grover.

It will be noted that the number of general alarms has increased greatly during this year. In fact the Department has never before received so many calls in any one year. Many of these fires have been particularly serious and costly: the town having suffered a loss of nearly \$88,000 in valuation of property.

The fire alarm system has been changed during the year and is now as follows:

Fires outside the village—Two (2) blasts of the siren followed by two (2) blasts of the air whistle repeated three times.

Fires in the village—One (1) blast of the siren followed by one (1) blast of the air whistle repeated three times.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD E. LUXTON, Chief

COLLECTOR'S BOND

Appropriation		\$20 00
Paid Walter E. Bartlett		\$20 00

TREASURER'S BOND

Appropriation		\$35 00
Paid Stuart W. Goodwin		\$35 00

ABATEMENTS

Appropriation		\$172 64
Abatements		\$172 64

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Unexpended 1943 balance	\$667 67	
Expended	270 43	
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Unexpended		\$397 24

CUTTING PULP ON TOWN FARM

Unexpended 1943 balance	\$462 23	
Paid, cutting pulp	221 00	
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Unexpended		\$241 23

E. L. BARTLETT TRUST FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$571 61	
Interest, 1944	17 26	
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		\$588 87

ALCINA GROVER TRUST FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$68 78	
Interest, 1944	2 05	
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		70 83

FRED E. GORDON TRUST FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$524 02	
Interest, 1944	15 82	
		\$539 84
Paid to Old Cemeteries Account		5 00
		\$534 94

MARY S. WILEY TRUST FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$206 04	
Interest, 1944	6 22	
		\$212 26

MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$3,121 61	
Interest, 1944	94 33	
		\$3,215 94

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT**Credit**

Appropriation	\$1,900 00	
Tax Lien Costs	66 00	
Alice J. Brooks, Victualers' Licenses	13 00	
Dog License Refund, State Treasurer	40 24	
R. R. and Tel. Tax, State Treasurer	111 92	
Bank Stock Tax, State Treasurer	591 77	
J. B. Chapman, Bowling Alley License	10 00	
Real Estate Sold, Maxine Lovejoy	50 00	
		\$2,782 93

Expended

Paid		
The Van Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$63 15	
Postage and Office Supplies	107 06	
Oxford County Citizen, Town Reports	241 25	

Printing and publishing	169 05	
Town Scales	9 34	
Town Books and Forms	114 32	
Maine Municipal Assoc. Dues	45 00	
Vital Statistics	32 50	
Office Rent, 1 year	175 00	
Town Officers' Expense	15 51	
Town Farm Expense	17 33	
State Treas. Aid to Dependent Children	937 50	
Election Expenses	165 00	
Expenses of Lock-up Repairs	73 35	
Expense, Board of Health	4 50	
State Treas.. Auditing Books	106 66	
Excise Tax to B. V. Corporation	185 62	
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	\$2,462 14	
Street Light Acc't forwarded	258 44	
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		\$2,720 58
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Unexpended		\$62 35

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$4,000 00
Paid		
E. F. Bisbee, 1-1-44 to 12-31-44	\$1,520 00	
Carroll E. Abbott, 1-1-44 to 12-31-44	382 50	
Rodney K. Howe,	25 00	
E. P. Brown, Road Com., 1944	860 25	
Alice J. Brooks, Clerk	75 00	
John M. Harrington, Treas.,	300 00	
Wesley Wheeler, Sealer of W & M	38 65	
W. B. Twaddle, M. D., Health Officer	35 00	
Walter E. Bartlett, Coll.	710 02	
Constables	10 50	
Harry Sawin, Truant Officer	2 00	
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		\$3,958 92
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Unexpended		\$ 41 08

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Town of Bethel, Debtor to Wesley Wheeler for
services as Sealer of Weights and Measures
from June 1, 1943 to May 31, 1944 \$75 00

Credits as follows:

Fees collected	\$21 35
Use of Standards	15 00

\$36 35

Carried to Town Officers' Account \$38 65

Respectfully submitted,

WESLEY WHEELER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FINANCIAL STANDING

Assets

Cash in hands of Treas., Jan. 1, 1945	\$14,347 63		\$14,347 63
Due, L. E. Davis, Collector, 1931	168 32		
Due, L. E. Davis, Collector, 1932	449 94		
Due, L. E. Davis, Collector, 1933	462 87		\$1,081 13
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1937	6 75		
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1939	9 69		
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1940	18 00		
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1941	12 90		
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1942	9 00		
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1943	106 85		
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1944	3,424 41		\$3,587 60
Tax Deeds, prior to 1931	566 86		
Tax Deeds, 1931	315 77		
Tax Deeds, 1932	447 07		
Tax Deeds, 1933	503 16		
Tax Deeds, 1934	273 53		\$2,106 39
Tax Liens, 1935	38 25		
Tax Liens, 1936	76 50		
Tax Liens, 1937	187 51		
Tax Liens, 1938	195 13		
Tax Liens, 1939	291 40		
Tax Liens, 1940	471 16		

Tax Liens, 1941	473 25	
Tax Liens, 1942	397 35	
Tax Liens, 1943	317 18	\$2,450 73
Due, Newton & Tebbets, Inc., Mortgage	991 40	991 40
Due, State Poor Account	753 80	753 80
Due, Town of Buckfield, Poor	195 97	195 97
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		\$25,514 65

BALANCE SHEET

	Overdraft	Unexpended
Miscellaneous Account	\$ 62 35
Town Officers' Bills	.....	41 08
Fire Department	\$1,032 91	.....
Fire Hose Account	838 90	.....
Sewers	18 53	.....
Roads and Bridges	466 20	.....
Winter Roads	1,035 30	.....
State and State Aid Maintenance	156 10	.....
Third Class Maintenance	.....	1 42
Tarvia for Roads and Streets	138 07	.....
Support of Poor	.....	933 46
Motor Vehicle Insurance	.....	38 39
Old Cemeteries	.....	40 00
Interest Account	.....	505 34
New Truck, Body and Snow Plow	1,567 78
Overlay	2,321 27
Supplementary Tax	88 14
Excise Tax Collected	1,978 93
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	\$5,253 79	\$6,010 38
Balance Unexpended carried to Surplus		\$756 59

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST F. BISBEE
 CARROLL E. ABBOTT
 RODNEY K. HOWE

Selectmen



REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Shovel Rental	220 50
Received State Treas., Truck Rental	171 98
Received County Treas., Truck Rental	351 87
Third Class Maint., Truck Rental	112 56
Tarvia Sold	606 70
Supplies Sold	9 67

\$4,473 28

Expended

Paid	
Labor Payrolls	\$2,101 84
Gas and Oil	694 51
Repairs and Garage Bills	652 27
Bitumuls	222 35
Supplies	53 88
Gravel	130 15
Gas shovel rental	131 54
Bulldozer rental	125 00
Truck Hire	16 25
Lumber	78 77
Fuse, caps and dynamite	66 00
Tarvia	666 92

\$4,939 48

Overdrawn

\$466.20

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Rec'd Town of Greenwood, plowing	64 95
Rec'd State Treas., Snow removal	4,495 53

\$7,560 48

Expended**Paid**

Labor, Payrolls	\$3,543 11
Gas and Oil	1,387 79
Repairs and Garage bills	2,444 29
Supplies	130 52
Town of Woodstock, plowing Milton and Gore roads	232 92
State Treas., State Highway plowing and sanding	590 40
Sand	37 30
Salt	72 25
Lumber	7 20
Rental Tractor House 12 months	150 00

\$8,595 78

Overdrawn

\$1,035 30

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Unexpended, 1942 \$999 00

STATE AND STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$1,130 00
Paid State Treasurer	1,286 10

Overdrawn

\$156 10

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$925 00
Rec'd Town of Woodstock	5 00

\$930 00

Expended**Paid**

Labor Payrolls	\$195 40
Sand and Gravel	23 10
Truck Rental	112 56
The Barrett Co., Tarvia	597 52

\$928 58

Unexpended

\$1 42

TARVIA FOR ROADS AND STREETS

Appropriation		\$700 00
	Expended	
Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$219 85	
Sand	28 40	
The Barrett Co., Tarvia	589 82	
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		\$838 07
Overdrawn		<hr/> \$138 07

NEW TRUCK, BODY AND SNOW PLOW

Paid Bennett's Garage	\$1,567 78
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LAND DAMAGE TYLER STREET EXTENSION

Appropriation	\$151 00
Paid	
Fritz J. Tyler	\$1 00
Charles Bryant	150 00
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	\$151 00

CONSTRUCTION TYLER STREET EXTENSION

Appropriation	\$250 00
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Respectfully submitted

E. P. BROWN

Road Commissioner

REPORT OF TREASURER

Cash on hand, January 1, 1944 \$8,970 24

Received :

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

1935 Town Taxes	\$22	13	
1936 Town Taxes	44	41	
1937 Town Taxes	51	75	
1938 Town Taxes	62	64	
1939 Town Taxes	82	85	
1940 Town Taxes	66	84	
1941 Town Taxes	61	28	
1942 Town Taxes	117	39	
1943 Town Taxes	3,833	78	
1944 Town Taxes	56,249	85	
1943 Excise Taxes	4	00	
1944 Excise Taxes	1,760	60	
1945 Excise Taxes	214	33	62,571 85

State Treasurer

Library Stipend	\$40	00	
Dog Licenses Refunded	. 40	24	
Railroad and Telegraph Tax	111	92	
Truck Rental	392	48	
Bank Stock Tax	591	77	
Pauper Account	750	24	
Common School Tuition	1,036	50	
State Equalization Fund	3,456	00	
State School Fund	4,923	18	
Winter Roads	4,495	53	15,837 86

Bethel National Bank, Demand Notes 15,000 00

Newton and Tebbets, Inc.

Interest on Note	\$198	05	
Reduction of Principal	1,001	95	1,200 00

Withholding Tax

Casual Labor	\$7	90	
Town Officers	27	00	
Roads	423	20	
School Department	1,529	65	1,987 75

Tax Liens		
Billings, Everett C.	\$27 60	
Blouin, John	9 30	
Cummings, Lincoln	24 75	
Curtis, Alfred	334 81	
Day, Ernest C.	71 25	
Leighton, George E.	71 84	
Russell, Alonzo W.	22 50	
Verrill, Lewis O.	192 38	
York, Edwin H.	186 55	940 98
Interest on Tax Liens		
Billings, Everett C.	\$6 30	
Blouin, John	2 46	
Cummings, Lincoln	1 47	
Curtis, Alfred	82 92	
Day, Ernest C.	20 22	
Leighton, George E.	2 52	
Russell, Alonzo W.	1 44	
Verrill, Lewis O.	10 32	
York, Edwin H.	34 22	161 87
Reimbursement of Costs on Tax Liens		61 50
Tax Deeds		
Abbott, Carroll E.	\$24 13	
Billings, B. R. Agent	67 34	
City Savings Bank	625 13	
Harding, Roland L.	81 47	
Kendall, Clayton	35 35	
Wheeler, Wesley	64 36	897 78
Interest on Tax Deeds		
Harding, Roland		43 53
Account of L. E. Davis, Uncollected Taxes		
Abbott, Carroll E.	\$9 70	
Davis, L. E.	55 37	
Verrill, Lewis O.	97 51	162 58
Sale of Real Estate		
Godwin, Henry S.	\$160 00	
Lovejoy, Mrs. Maxine	50 00	210 00
Reserve for Uncollectibles		
Fogg Brothers	\$43 30	
Gilbert, Robert	4 97	
Hutchinson, Hollis	7 64	
Kendall, Heirs of Warner	5 04	60 95

School Supplies			
Town of Gilead	\$5	50	
Town of Greenwood	39	75	
Town of Newry	7	93	53 18
Textbooks			
Town of Greenwood	\$13	55	
Town of Upton	16	61	
Carrie M. Wight	1	53	31 69
Conveyance			
Town of Newry	\$255	00	
Carrie M. Wight	15	00	270 00
Common School Tuition			
Town of Greenwood	\$408	00	
Town of Newry	270	00	678 00
Fire Department			
Town of Gilead	\$375	00	
Town of Newry	250	00	625 00
Licenses			
Bowling Alley			
J. B. Chapman	\$10	00	
Victualers			
W. E. Bosserman	\$1	00	
H. W. Boyker	1	00	
Harold Chamberlin	1	00	
A. R. Farwell & L. F. Wight	1	00	
Mrs. Ella G. Hale	1	00	
Hattie E. Hutchinson	1	00	
The Bethel Inn	1	00	
Daisy E. Kimball & Ivy C.			
Philbrook	1	00	
Mary E. Ladd	1	00	
Florice G. Paul	1	00	
Mrs. Arthur Ramsdell	1	00	
Mabel Robertson	1	00	
Kathryn D. Thurston	1	00	13 00
23	00		
Connecting Sewer			
Carl L. Brown	\$20	00	
Raymond Dexter	20	00	
H. D. Thurston	20	00	60 00
Reimbursement			
Account of Leslie Bates	\$5	00	
Edith Clement	40	00	
Elmira Doyen	1	25	
Blanche Flint	23	96	70 21

Pauper Account			
Town of Gilead	\$824	25	
Town of Greenwood	10	66	834 91
Tarvia			
Walter E. Bartlett	\$10	64	
Ernest F. Bisbee	13	85	
Gardiner L. Brown	25	00	
Gould Academy	203	68	
The Bethel Inn	243	51	
Laurence Lord	10	64	
Guy H. Morgan	51	40	
Susie A. Plaisted	10	64	
George N. Thompson	13	85	
Raymond R. Tibbetts, M. D.	23	49	606 70
Truck Rental			
Oxford County Treasurer	\$351	87	
Town of Woodstock	5	00	
Third Class Maintenance	112	56	469 43
Walter E. Bartlett, Fire Damage			4 35
Fred E. Gordon Trust Fund			5 00
Stuart W. Goodwin, Rebate Auto Liability Insurance			8 17
Louis Van Den Kerckhoven, Plank			9 67
Town of Greenwood, Snow Removal			64 95
			\$111,921 15
Paid Warrants, Nos. 1 to 53, inclusive			\$97,573 52
Cash on hand, January 1, 1945			14,347 63
			\$111,921 15

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HARRINGTON, Treasurer

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and have found them correct.

ERNEST F. BISBEE
 CARROLL E. ABBOTT
 RODNEY K. HOWE

Selectmen of Bethel

WILLIAM D. HAYES, C. P. A.
STATE AUDITOR

HAROLD E. CRAWFORD
MUNICIPAL AUDITOR
MAURICE G. PRESBEY
DEPARTMENTAL AUDITOR



STATE OF MAINE
State Department of Audit
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August 18th, 1944

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL:

In accordance with the request of your municipal officers, this department, represented by M. G. Allen and C. E. Young, has completed an examination of the accounts of your town officials for the municipal year ended December 31, 1943.

In our opinion, based upon such examination, the accompanying exhibits and schedules fairly present the financial condition of your municipality as of that date, and summarize its fiscal transactions during the municipal year then ended.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT

Harold E. Crawford

Municipal Auditor

COMMENTS

CASH

All receipts as recorded were examined and the cash for same was found to have been deposited in the bank currently, as summarized on Exhibit B.

Expenditures were made by check from properly authorized warrants, supported by invoices and payrolls on file as summarized on Exhibits B and D.

The cash balance was reconciled with the bank, as per detail shown on Schedule 1.

TAXES—PROPERTY AND POLL

The 1943 tax commitment was found to be in agreement with the Assessors' records. The balance due from the Collector on this commitment is represented by unpaid taxes taken from the records as summarized on Schedule 2, with supporting detail being shown on Schedule 2-a. The unpaid prior years' taxes are also shown on Schedules 2 and 2-a.

Payments recorded as received during the year on tax liens appeared to have been applied against the proper items and those still remaining unpaid are summarized on Schedule 3, with supporting detail being shown on Schedule 3-a.

As no payments were received during the year on tax deeds and the list is the same as printed in our last year's audit report, we have not included same in this report.

The cash collection of the current year's taxes was 92.7%; while all taxes collected during 1943, both current and prior, amounted to 103.1%, as referred to the current commitment.

EXCISE TAX

The excise tax collections were verified with the copies of the receipts as follows:

1943—Receipts No. 1 to No. 668	\$2,322.82
1944—Receipts No. 1 to No. 59	252.53
PAID TO TREASURER (Exhibit B) AND TRANS- FERRED TO NET SUR- PLUS (Exhibit E)	<u>2,575.35</u>

TRUST FUNDS

The trust fund investments were examined and are shown in detail on Schedule 6. All income withdrawn appeared to have been properly expended and the balance was left on deposit.

NET SURPLUS

Reference to Exhibit A indicates that as of the close of the municipal year there was a net surplus in the amount of \$16,884.16 as compared to a net surplus of \$17,056.48 shown the year previous. This represents a reduction in net surplus of \$172.32, which is analyzed on Exhibit E of this report.

GENERAL

Our test check of paid invoices and payrolls indicated they were proper charges and correctly recorded.

Victory and Withholding Tax deductions were examined and appeared to be properly recorded. Deductions were made, receipts issued for same and payments deposited in the local bank currently.

The records of dog licenses issued by your Town Clerk showed collections in the sum of \$308.50, which amount was paid to the State Treasurer. This figure includes collections for Bethel, Albany and Mason.

With the exception of cash and trust funds, no external verification was made of your asset and liability accounts.

TOWN OF BETHEL

BALANCE SHEET—December 31, 1943
(compared with December 31, 1942)

A S S E T S

Subsidiary Schedules:	December 31, 1943	December 31, 1942
1 Cash	\$8,970.24	\$3,187.63
Tax Accounts Uncollected:		
2 Taxes	\$6,428.82	\$8,494.07
3 Tax Liens	3,181.19	3,118.68
Tax Deeds	2,970.78	2,970.78
	<u>\$12,580.79</u>	<u>\$14,583.53</u>
Less: Reserve for Collection	1,827.92	1,827.92
	<u>\$10,752.87</u>	<u>\$12,755.61</u>
4 Accounts Receivable	758.53	2,761.13
5 Real Estate Mortgage	1,993.35	2,223.96
	<u>\$22,474.99</u>	<u>\$20,928.33</u>
6 Trust Fund Investment	4,492.06	4,355.07
TOTAL ASSETS AND TRUST INVESTMENT	<u>\$26,967.05</u>	<u>\$25,283.40</u>
L I A B I L I T I E S		
Due 1943 Collector	\$49.20	
	<u>\$49.20</u>	
6 Trust Fund Reserve	\$4,492.06	\$4,355.07
Surplus Accounts		
Ex. D Departmental Balances		
Forward (net)	5,541.63	3,871.85
Ex. E Net Surplus	16,884.16	17,056.48
	<u>\$22,425.79</u>	<u>\$20,928.33</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES TRUST RESERVE AND SURPLUS AC- COUNTS	<u>\$26,967.05</u>	<u>\$25,283.40</u>

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Bethel:

I herewith submit my report of your schools for the year 1944.

When we consider the difficulties involved in the successful operation of the public schools in these days of stress and uncertainty, we must feel that Bethel has been fortunate indeed. In spite of the critical teacher shortage our schools have lost no time for lack of teachers.

Some changes were made in the teaching staff in the winter term of 1944 when Mrs. Doris Lord, Miss Ruth Davis, Mrs. Eva Carter and Mrs. Iva Hutchinson resigned. Mrs. Lord's place, as Principal of the Bethel grammar school, was filled by Miss Gwendolyn Stearns, Mrs. Ruth Hastings succeeded Miss Ruth Davis in the fifth grade. The remaining vacancy in the grammar school was filled by Mrs. Elmira Doyen who had been in the South Bethel school for several years. Mrs. Ethel Ward succeeded Mrs. Doyen at South Bethel. When Mrs. Eva Carter resigned as teacher of the West Bethel grammar school, this school was discontinued and the West Bethel pupils, above the fourth grade, were conveyed to Bethel village. Mrs. Mary Billings succeeded Mrs. Hutchinson in the primary room at West Bethel.

Because of the small attendance at the East Bethel grammar school the State Department of Education advised the closing of this school in September and the East Bethel pupils above the fourth grade are being conveyed to the village this school year.

The schools opened in September with the same teaching staff as when they closed in June with one exception. Miss Helen Varner of Auburn succeeds Mrs. Edith Clement who resigned her position in the Bethel grammar school to accept a position at the Gorham Normal School.

Our teachers are each and every one, efficient and faithful. Bethel is indeed fortunate in having so many well-

trained local teachers. Were it not for the large number of local teachers, it is probable that some positions could not be satisfactorily filled.

The conveyance arrangements for the year seem to have worked out quite satisfactorily. Right here I would like to express my appreciation to each and every conveyor for the splendid cooperative service they have rendered. For the cooperation of the parents of pupils conveyed I would also express my appreciation. It is worthy of note that in most cases the conveyed pupils maintain an attendance record higher than that of the pupils who live nearer the same schools.

Our janitor in the village schools again merits our deep appreciation for his faithful service. Not only the teachers but the pupils as well, recognize his helpfulness in contributing to their comfort and happiness.

The attendance in some of the schools is larger than last year. This is especially true in the Bethel grammar school since all the grammar grade pupils of the town are now in this school. It is believed that the advantage which these older children are receiving in the village school will guarantee an easier adjustment to their new surroundings when they enter the Academy.

Before the opening of schools in September Gould Academy took the initiative in planning for a program in the Bethel grammar school which your superintending school committee, as well as your superintendent, believes will meet the approval of everyone interested in the welfare of our boys and girls. As a result of the suggestion made by Headmaster Ireland with the approval of the trustees of Gould Academy, pupils of the seventh and eighth grades are receiving instruction in music and physical education under the direction of the teachers of those courses in the Academy.

Those who know the work of Miss Ann Griggs as a music teacher can understand that our boys and girls are receiving superior instruction in music as she comes to their classrooms spending two forty-five minute periods per week with each of the seventh and eighth grades. In addition to this she spends one period a week with the grammar school orchestra.

The boys and girls of the seventh and eighth grades go

to the Academy for work in physical training under the instruction of the efficient teachers of that subject, Mr. Roderick and Miss Newman. In addition to each grade's having two forty-five minute periods per week, Mr. Roderick meets the boys regularly after school for coaching in seasonal sports.

The above program is provided for our boys and girls without expense to the town but it merits an appreciation which your school committee and superintendent would like to see recognized in a tangible way. They are therefore placing an article in the warrant for town meeting to see if the town does not wish to make a contribution which will express our appreciation to Gould Academy and in a very small degree compensate the teachers for the service they are rendering to pupils of the town.

In considering the school budget for the next year, the committee makes approximately the same recommendations as in recent years. Although there is a large balance on the common school account due to the closing of schools before mentioned, our allotment from the State equalization will be considerably less next year.

The repairs of the past year included the refinishing of the interior of the Bethel grammar building and East Bethel primary room.

Some attempt has been made to improve the grammar school yard by leveling and grading the playground. This has been done with little expense to the school department due to the free service rendered toward the project. To Mr. P. H. Chadbourne we owe a debt of gratitude for his generous assistance in providing equipment for the work. It is hoped that additional work will be done on the playground the coming summer.

The health program has been carried on with physical examinations and preventative measures administered in the form of tests and toxoids.

The school lunch sponsored in the village schools by the Parent Teacher Association proved very successful last winter and will continue this year. The schools are deeply grateful to all who have cooperated in providing the lunch and especially to the members of the committee from the Parent

Teacher Association, who were, and are untiring in their efforts to make their project a success. We would also express our appreciation to parents and citizens who in various ways contributed to the support of the project. To the Chamber of Commerce, which provided the delivery of the lunch to the two schools, we are deeply grateful.

The schools outside the village are provided with a hot lunch during the winter through the cooperative generosity of the parents and interested citizens in the communities.

The teachers and pupils of Bethel have responded splendidly to the demands made upon the schools along different lines for winning the war. War bonds and stamps to the amount of over \$10,000 have been purchased during the past year. The schools have had several paper collections bringing the total collected to about fifteen tons.

Once more I want to express to all who have directly or indirectly contributed to the welfare of our schools. Especially would I express to the superintending school committee my appreciation for their helpfulness. Great changes will be made in the post war period in the administration and instruction of our schools in order that the boys and girls may meet the problems of a rapidly changing world. Bethel has never failed to do her best for her schools and I am confident that she will be ready for any service which will improve the educational program.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE M. WIGHT

Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Expenditures

Teachers

Gwendolyn Stearns	\$1,205 62
Ruth Davis	27 77
Doris Lord	61 10

Edith Clement	673 16
Elmira Doyen	1,047 33
Ruth Hastings	1,105 04
Ethel Bisbee	1,209 16
Maxine Brown	1,043 23
Blanche Howe	1,098 16
Alice Ballard	1,043 23
Helen Varner	441 75
Eva Carter	277 80
Mary Billings	977 82
Florence Hastings	611 16
Helen Newmarker	1,048 08
Ethel Ward	865 00
Iva Hutchinson	94 44
Ferol Godwin	138 90
Marguerite Clark	12 00
Mary Abbott	12 00
Bernice Noyes	12 00
Bertha Mills	16 00
Treasurer of State of Maine (Teachers' Retirement)	245 73

\$13,266 48

Janitors

Harry Sawin	\$1,355 10
Leonard Lovejoy	43 60
Richard Rolfe	35 00
George Olson	17 70
Warren Hastings	22 50
Leslie Noyes	3 00
H. B. Lowell	7 50
Frank E. Brooks	3 00
Francis Brooks	2 00
Reginald Kneeland	12 00
Freeman Merrill	9 00
Kenneth Mason	9 90
Ralph Berry	2 00
Carrie M. Wight	4 50
Gail Curtis	6 30

\$1,533 10

Conveyance

Blanche Flint	\$1,288 00
Jorgen Olson	550 00
John Deegan	185 00
Gard Bennett	970 00
Roderick MacMillan	422 00
L. C. Stevens	650 00
Mrs. Jorgen Olson	310 00
Karl Stearns	60 00
Rumford School Department	14 00
Treas. of State of Maine	108 00

\$4,557 00

Fuel

Thomas Westleigh	\$220 00
Ralph Berry	6 25
Bethel Feed & Grain	16 00
Edith Howe	1 50
P. H. Chadbourne Company	52 00
Newton Tebbetts, Inc.	3 20
Shirley Bartlett	4 00
Burton Rolfe	3 30
Kenneth Mason	2 00
G. K. Hastings & Sons	65 00
E. F. Bisbee	759 33

\$1,132 58

Common School Tuition

Town of Woodstock	\$129 00
Rumford School Department	17 50
Town of Greenwood	16 00

\$162 50

SUMMARY OF COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT**Resources**

Balance January 1, 1944	\$2,531 06
Appropriation	12,500 00
State Fund	4,223 18
Equalization Fund	2,500 00

Common School Tuition rec'd:

Town of Newry	\$270 00	
Town of Greenwood	408 00	
State of Maine	1,036 50	1,714 50

Received for conveyance		270 00
Refund on Teacher Account		41 25

\$23,779 99

Expenditures

Teachers	\$13,266 48	
Janitors	1,533 10	
Conveyance	4,557 00	
Fuel	1,132 58	
Common School Tuition	162 50	

\$20,651 66

Balance

\$3,128 33

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Balance January 1, 1944	\$406 10	
Appropriation	9,000 00	
State Fund	700 00	
Equalization Fund	300 00	

\$10,406 10

Expenditures

Gould Academy	\$9,320 05	
Town of Woodstock	133 60	
Town of Paris	54 45	
City of Portland	250 00	
Rumford School Department	30 00	9,788 10

Balance

\$618 00

TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1944	\$130 34	
Appropriation	400 00	
Equalization	250 00	
Received for textbooks sold	31 69	

\$812 03

Expenditures

The John C. Winston Company	33 93	
Allyn and Bacon	45 77	
The L. W. Singer Company	14 25	
D. C. Heath & Company	6 08	
American Book Company	256 66	
Lyons and Carnahan	6 37	
Ginn & Company	122 87	
Frontier Press and Company of Boston	21 74	
Webster Publishing Company	1 86	
Morgan-Dillon Company	1 06	
Beckley-Cardy Company	3 01	
Silver, Burdett Company	54 90	
The Macmillan Company	74 84	
Scott, Foresman & Company	24 75	
Row, Peterson & Company	12 22	
Town of Greenwood	7 79	
		<u>\$688 10</u>
Balance		<u>\$123 93</u>

LIBRARY AND REFERENCE MATERIAL

Balance January 1, 1944	\$75 33	
Equalization	250 00	
		<u>\$325 33</u>

Expenditures

Lyons & Carnahan	\$1 63	
The John C. Winston Company	19 16	
L. W. Singer Company	6 37	
American Education Press	103 70	
D. C. Heath & Company	3 90	
American Book Company	3 30	
Ginn & Company	35 05	
Book Supply Company	66 83	
		<u>\$239 94</u>
Balance		<u>\$85 39</u>

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1944	\$229 17	
Appropriation	724 00	
Equalization Fund	156 00	
Received for supplies sold	53 18	
		\$1,162 35

Expenditures

Van Tel. & Tel. Company	\$67 03	
Central Maine Power Co.	97 76	
Bethel Water Company	200 00	
Geo. B. Robbins Disinfectant Co.	22 00	
The Bethel Citizen	20 94	
Loring, Short & Harmon	15 59	
Valley Forge Flag Company	2 60	
Gledhill Bros., Inc	55 63	
Howard & Brown	5 25	
Justin A. McCarthy Company	61 00	
R. M. Beuttel	5 00	
Harry Sawin	1 25	
E. Ward Steady	4 00	
The Papercrafters	16 90	
Edward E. Babb & Company	74 92	
World Book Company	11 95	
The C. B. Dolge Company	15 99	
J. L. Hammett Company	76 33	
M. F. Bragdon Paint Company	18 80	
Denoyer - Geppert Company	26 00	
Carrie M. Wight	38 25	
D. Grover Brooks	21 13	
Morgan - Dillon Company	1 37	
Bennett's Garage	24 00	
Bigelow Printing Company	9 00	
The Classroom Teacher, Inc.	6 34	
		899 03

Balance

\$263 32

REPAIR ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1944	\$240 02
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Appropriation	300 00
Received from Walter Bartlett	4 35

\$544 37

Expenditures

D. Grover Brooks	\$59 76
D. C. Philbrook	4 00
Maine Hardware & Plumbing Supply Company	12 95
Charles E. Merrill	11 01
G. E. Mason	36 11
H. N. Head	1 80
Herbert Swan	5 85
F. R. Bartlett	1 50
S. H. Browne	269 70
F. A. Gibson	60 20
Carroll Curtis	5 00
Bethel Feed & Grain Co.	5 95
Earl Davis	10 00
Bethel Trucking Company	5 50

\$489 33

Balance

\$55 04

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Appropriation	\$100 00
Paid Dr. W. B. Twaddle	100 00

INSURANCE

Balance January 1, 1944	\$15 00
Appropriation	200 00

\$215 00

Paid W. E. Bartlett

198 75

Balance

\$16 25

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$741 65
Paid Carrie M. Wight	\$679 11	
Overdraft	41 65	
		<hr/>
		\$720 76
Balance		<hr/> \$20 89

SCHOOL STATISTICS

School Census		493
Number of pupils enrolled, present school year		347
Number of teaching positions during year		13
Average salary of teachers		\$29 22
Village janitor's average salary per week		\$25 92
Rural janitors' average salary per week.		\$1 61
Number of conveyed pupils		116
Number of common school tuition pupils		5
Number of pupils graduated from grammar school		24
Number of pupils registered in secondary schools during year		129
Number of pupils graduated from secondary school		23
Pupils enrolled, present school year:		96
Seniors	19	
Juniors	31	
Sophomores	23	
Freshmen	23	

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1945

Common School	\$12,500
High School Tuition	9,000
Textbooks	500
Supplies (including water tax)	600
School Physician	100
Superintendence	650
Insurance	182 50
Repairs	600

E. A. DAVIS
MARGUERITE BARTLETT
ELMER BENNETT
Superintending School Committee

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1943

June 20, In Bethel, Maine to Mr and Mrs Philip W. Daye, a daughter, Tamarra Mae, 11th child.

1944

Jan. 20, In Bethel, Maine to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bennett, a daughter, Diana Lee, 2nd child..

Jan. 26, In Rumford, Maine to Mr and Mrs Henry J. Lombard, a son, Ronald Raymond, 2nd child.

Feb. 1, In Norway, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Newell, a daughter, Bertha Arlene, 2nd child.

Feb. 6, In Bethel, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A. Tyler, a son, Leonard A., fifth child.

Feb. 8, In Bethel, to Annie Chapman, a daughter, 2nd child.

Feb. 12, In Bethel, Maine to Mr. and Mrs Leland B. Coolidge, a son, Philip Ray, fourth child.

Feb. 21, In Bethel, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. John Frederick McMillin, a son, Delma Frederick, first child.

March 11, In Rumford, Maine to Mr. and Mrs. Garey P. York, a daughter, Sharon Ann, first child.

March 24, In Bethel, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Buckman, a son, Francis Elwood, fifth child.

March 28, In Rumford, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Sweetser, a daughter, Beverley Ann, first child.

April 20, In Rumford, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Wheeler, a daughter, Betty Ann, first child.

April 21, In Albany Twp., to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Leighton, a daughter, Alfreda Elaine, fifth child.

April 27, In Bethel, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Merrill, a son, Emerson Henry, fifth child.

May 6, In Norway, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Brown, a daughter, Bobbie Anne, first child.

May 21, In Rumford, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Scothorne, a son, Brian Ernest, first child.

May 27, In Bethel, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. George Reginald Westleigh, a daughter, Florence May, third child.

June 10, In Rumford, Maine to Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Tyler, a son, Richard Francis, first child.

July 14, In Bethel, Maine to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Easter, a daughter, Faith Vivian, second child.

July 15, In Rumford, Maine to Mr. and Mrs John M. Nowlin, a daughter, Sharon Dorothy, first child.

Aug. 20, In Rumford, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haines, a son, Charles Bertrand, third child.

Sept. 5, In Rumford, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs Laurence A. Lord, a son, Dwight Ordway, third child.

Sept. 18, In Rumford, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ferguson, of Bethel, a daughter, Margaret Sandra, fourth child.

Sept. 29. In Berlin, N. H., to Mrs. Frank H. Swan, of Bethel, a son, Frank William, first child.

Sept. 29, In Rumford, Maine, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kimball of Bethel, a son, Dale Gilbert, second child.

Oct. 8, In Berlin, N. H., to Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Davis, a son, Peter Seth, second child.

Nov. 4, In Lewiston, Maine to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Stevens of Bethel, a daughter, Florence Anne, fifth child.

Nov. 12, In Rumford, Maine, to Mrs. Cecil Earl Parker, a son, Don Elmer, first child.

MARRIAGES

1944

Feb. 4, Married at Berlin, N. H., by Ira W. Thayer, Justice of the Peace, Carl E. Eagle of Bethel, Maine, and Leona Barlow of Hanover, Maine.

Feb. 10, Married at Norway, Maine, by Rev. H. Travers Smith, Richard Houle and Doris Davis Kimball, both of Bethel, Maine.

Feb. 16, Married at Portland, Maine, by Rev. Cornelius E. Clark, Charles Gilbert Hamlin of Gorham, N. H., and Kathryn Alma Davis of Bethel, Maine.

May 17, Married at Bethel, Maine, by Rev. John J. Foster, Harry Kuzyk of New York, N. Y., and Barbara Augusta Lyon of Bethel, Maine.

May 20, Married at Norway, Maine, by Rev. J. Francis Brady, Joseph A. Hatstat of Albany, Maine, and Laura M. Wilson of South Paris, Maine.

May 27, Married at South Paris, Maine, by Rev. Rensel H. Colby, Guy E. Rice and Edith Stanley, both of Bethel, Maine.

June 1, Married at Rumford Center, Maine, by Rev. William Penner, Joel F. Merrill and Annie Bradbury, both of Bethel, Maine.

June 10, Married at Gray, Maine, by Rev. Paul E. Syster, Ola Olson and Margaret Barlow Emery, both of Bethel, Me.

Aug. 22, Married at Bangor, Maine, by Rev. Lester L. Boobar, Wallace Ernest Saunders of Bethel, Maine, and Frances Patricia Miller of Brownville, Maine.

Sept. 3, Married at Bethel, Maine, by Rev. John J. Foster, George A. Wheeler and Hazel Estelle Grover, both of Bethel.

Sept. 8, Married at Bethel, Maine, by Rev. John J. Foster, Daniel Frederick Sawyer, Yarmouth, Maine, and Marcia Twitchell Smith of Bethel, Maine.

Sept. 14, Married at Bethel, Maine, by Isaac W. Dyer, 2nd, Notary Public, Kimball H. Dunton and Elaine M. Davis, both of Rumford, Maine.

Sept. 16, Married at West Paris by Rev. Eleanor Bicknell Forbes, Frank O'Neil Robertson and Mabel Flora Bean Kirk, both of Bethel, Maine.

Sept. 24, Married at Bethel, Maine, by Rev. Chester B. Oliver of Bath, Me., John Clark Anderson and Flora Belle Gibbs, both of Bethel.

Oct. 6, Married at Bethel, Maine, by Rev. Karl G. Wilkner of So. Paris, Oiva Edwin Whitman of South Paris and Gertrude Eliza Curtis of Bethel, Maine.

Oct. 21, Married at Bethel, Maine, by Rev. William Penner, Earl Leadrew Morgan and Sarah Alice Mace, both of Bethel.

Oct. 23, Married at Bethel, Maine, by Rev. William Penner, Lloyd Arthur Morey of Greenwood and Pauline Joyce Abbott of South Paris, Maine.

Nov. 4, Married at Albany, Maine, by Lillian L. Brown, Justice of the Peace, Will H. McAllister and Wilma E. Felton, both of Albany.

Nov. 14, Married at Lewiston, Maine, by Rev. Norman L. Kellett, Dale C. Thurston of Bethel, Maine, and Madelene Sise of Lewiston, Maine.

Dec. 26, Married at Bethel, Maine, by Rev. William Penner, Donald Seth Brown and Arlene Maerice Greenleaf, both of Bethel.

DEATHS

1944

Jan. 2, In South Paris, Maine, William B. Adams of Albany, age 81 yrs., 20 days. Cause of death, acute bronchitis.

Jan. 13, In Rumford, Maine, Chester Wheeler of Bethel, Maine, age 74 yrs., 8 mos., 15 days. Cause of death, lobar pneumonia.

Jan. 13, In Bethel, Maine, Ralph Lee Herrick, age 71 yrs., 11 mos., 15 days. Cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

Jan. 21, In Lewiston, Maine, Mrs. Ethel Hastings, age 64 yrs., 5 mos., 5 days. Cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

Jan. 23, In Rumford, Maine, Stora Elmer Wright of Bethel, age 59 yrs., 9 mos., 3 days. Cause of death, pulmonary embolism.

Jan. 28, In Bethel, Maine, Albion Wilmont Herrick, age 86 yrs., 3 mos., 9 days. Cause of death, cardiac failure. arteriosclerotic heart disease.

Jan. 29, In Auburn, Maine, Addie A. Mixer, age 97 yrs., 3 mos., 7 days. Birthplace, Bethel, Maine. Cause of death, acute ruptured gall bladder.

Feb. 2, In Bethel, Maine, John Francis Lord, age 73 yrs., 9 mos., 7 days. Cause of death, angina pectoris.

Feb. 10, In Albany, Maine, James Leonard Marshall, age 71 yrs. Cause of death, suicide by firearms. Burial in Bethel.

Feb. 25, In Gilead, Maine, Alice Mindona Robbins Leighton, age 77 yrs., 5 mos., 4 days. Cause of death, broncho pneumonia.

Feb. 26, In South Paris, Maine, Daniel C. Swett, age 91 yrs., 2 mos., 9 days. Birthplace, Bethel, Maine. Cause of death, congestion of lungs.

March 1, In Bethel, Maine, Ann Maria Robertson, age 101 yrs., 11 days. Cause of death, senility.

March 4, In Bethel, Maine, (Milton Plantation) Ella Russell Bowker, age 74 yrs., 11 mos., 25 days. Cause of death, generalized arterio sclerosis.

March 5, In Bethel, Maine, Belle P. Hutchinson, age 78 yrs., 2 mos., 29 days. Cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

March 7, In Bethel, Maine, George Kimball Hastings, age 80 yrs., 2 mos., 7 days. Cause of death, suicide by firearms.

March 14, In Rumford, Maine, Stillborn infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kimball of Albany.

March 22, In Rumford, Maine, Ruth Bell Verrill, age 10 mos., 23 days. Cause of death, meningitis. Burial at East Bethel.

March 23, In Bethel, Maine, Marshus Alonzo Philbrick, age 42 yrs., 2 mos., 23 days. Cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis of spine.

April 13, In Auburn, Maine, Florence N. Stevens, age 89 yrs., 2 mos., 3 days. Birthplace, Bethel, Maine. Cause of death, chronic myocarditis.

April 20, In Gilead, Maine, Fred Howard Taylor, age 49 yrs., 3 mos., 19 days. Cause of death, pneumonia.

April 23, In Bethel, Maine, George Henry Shirley Chase, age 51 yrs., 6 mos. Cause of death, arterio hypertension.

April 25, In Rumford, Maine, Elliott Isaac Estes, age 71 yrs., 10 mos., 9 days. Cause of death, carcinoma.

May 6, In Bartlett, N. H., Guy E. Johnson, age 54 yrs., 11 mos., 22 days. Burial in Riverside Cemetery, Bethel.

May 19, In Rumford, Maine, Susan Graham Kimball, age 74 yrs., 10 mos., 27 days. Cause of death, carcinoma of liver.

May 29, In West Bethel, Maine, Lura Ella Westleigh, age 88 yrs., 4 mos., 13 days. Cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

June 1, In Berlin, N. H., Harry Carter of Bethel, age 72 yrs., 10 mos. Cause of death, broncho pneumonia.

June 7, In Lewiston, Maine, Joseph Baker of Bethel, age 63 yrs., 10 mos., 17 days. Cause of death, uremia, chronic nephritis.

June 14, In Augusta, Maine, Hazel J. Johnson, age 46 yrs., 6 mos., 29 days. Birthplace, Bethel, Maine. Cause of death, exhaustion from acute mental disease.

July 15, In Greenwood, Maine, Catherine Wynackt Raimy, age 85 yrs., 2 mos., 29 days. Cause of death, chronic myocardial disease. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Maine.

July 17, In Bethel, Maine, Cecil Earl Parker, age 22 yrs., 10 mos., 26 days. Cause of death, suicide by hanging.

July 21, In Bellows Falls, Vt., Joseph L. Spinney, age 67 yrs., 8 mos., 7 days.

July 31, In Northwest Bethel, Maine, Mary Dunham Benson, age 72 yrs., 5 mos, 16 days. Cause of death, chronic myocardial disease.

Aug. 20, In Rumford, Maine, Mrs. Florence Pearl Merrill, age 57 yrs., 24 days. Cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

Aug. 21, In Togus, Maine, Frank Swan of Bethel, age 24 yrs., 7 mos., 30 days. Cause of death, hypertension arterial.

Sept. 16, In Lewiston, Maine, Will Goodwin, age 62 yrs., 11 mos., 6 days. Cause of death, cerebral accident.

Sept. 21, In Albany, Maine, Joseph C. Flanders, age 52 yrs., 3 mos., 2 days. Cause of death, aneurism.

Oct. 2, In Shirley, Mass., Robert L. Moore of Bethel, age 26 yrs., 10 mos., 6 days. Cause of death, tuberculosis peritonitis.

Oct. 17, In Bethel, Maine, Joseph W. Bragdon, age 87 yrs., 4 mos., 25 days. Cause of death, cancer.

Oct. 21, In Rumford, Maine, Maenette Littlehale Flint of Bethel, age 71 yrs., 3 mos., 23 days. Cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

Nov. 21, In Bethel, Maine, John M. Britt, age 90 yrs., 11 mos., 29 days. Cause of death, senile debility.

Oct. 30, In Bethel, Maine, Irene Suzanne Luxton, age 46 yrs., 5 mos., 27 days. Cause of death, lupus erythematosus.

Oct. 31, In South Paris, Maine, Clarence E. Briggs, age 69 yrs., 7 mos., 16 days. Cause of death, endocarditis.

Aug. 4, In Rumford, Maine, Ruth M. Evans, age 94 yrs., 10 mos., 22 days. Cause of death, senility.

Nov. 3, In Lewiston, Maine, Ethel Mae MacKenzie, age 67 yrs., 8 days. Cause of death, nephritis.

Nov. 28, In Bethel, Maine, Clarence Merle Swan, age 55 yrs., 7 mos., 6 days. Cause of death, coronary occlusion.

Dec. 1, In Mason, Maine, Eli A. Grover, age 66 yrs., 5 mos., 8 days. Cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

Dec. 9, In Mexico, Maine, Arthur Hewey Jordan, age 65 yrs., 4 mos., 10 days. Cause of death, cardiac failure.

Dec. 18, In Bethel, Maine, True J. Brown, age 74 yrs., 6 mos., 26 days. Cause of death, arterio sclerosis.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To Carl L. Brown, a Citizen of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford.

GREETINGS—In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Odeon Hall, in said Town of Bethel, on Monday, the fifth day of March, A. D. 1945, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Polls will open for balloting on elective officers upon order of the Moderator and will be closed at five o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Art. 2. To hear and act on reports of the several town officers, for the year ending December 31, 1944.

Art. 3. To establish the price the following officers shall receive for their services: (a) Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor; (b) Town Clerk; (c) Treasurer; (d) Road Commissioner

Art. 4. To establish the price to be paid for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of Common Schools, for the year 1945.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Secondary Schools for the year 1945.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Textbooks for the year 1945.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for School Supplies for the year 1945.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs on school houses for the year 1945.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance on school houses for the year 1945.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for services of a School Physician for the year 1945.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of School Superintendent, for the year 1945.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the Northwest Bethel school lot and raise and appropriate \$1.00 to pay for same, this purchase to be made on condition that the lot be kept fenced by the Town.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the East Bethel school lot and raise and appropriate \$1.00 to pay for same, this purchase to be made on condition that the lot be kept fenced by the Town.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to close the upper grade room at the West Bethel school.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to close the upper grade room at the East Bethel school.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be paid to Gould Academy as an expression of appreciation for making possible the opportunities afforded the seventh and eighth grade pupils for instruction in music and physical education, this amount to be shared by the three members of the Gould faculty who teach the above named subjects to the grammar school pupils.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a lot of land, approximately 45 sq. rd. adjoining the present East Bethel school lot and raise and appropriate \$50 to pay for same, this lot, if purchased to be included in the Town's fencing of the entire school lot.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 for public health nursing in Bethel, said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health for local service.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repair of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1945.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Winter Maintenance of Roads, for the year 1945.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Bituminous Surfacing of Roads and Streets, for the year 1945.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges) under the provision of Section 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1286.10 for the joint expenses for maintenance on State and State Aid Highways as provided by Chapter 28, Section 9, and Section 18 of the Revised Statutes of 1930, as amended by Chapter 149 P. L. 1935.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$925. for the Maintenance of the Third Class Roads for the year 1945 as required by law in Section 44 and 46, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes 1930 as amended by Section 4 and 5 of Chapter 229 Public Laws 1937.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to finish construction of Tyler Street.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2234.24 to pay for the Chevrolet truck, dump body and plow purchased in November 1944.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new truck, body and plow in 1945 if priority can be obtained.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of sewers for the year 1945.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of poor, for the year 1945.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' bills, for the year 1945.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to take care of abatements as made by the Assessors.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day observance.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Treasurer's Bond.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Collector's Bond.

Art. 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expense of fire pumper and fires for 1945.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$838.90 to pay for 821 ft. of fire hose purchased after the Davis fire.

Art. 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended for care of old cemeteries during the year 1945.

Art. 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to procure from the Bethel Library Association the free use of books during the coming year for all inhabitants of the Town under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good use of the books.

Art. 42. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to care for the interest on notes and temporary loans for 1945.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to purchase Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance on any or all of the motor driven vehicles owned by the Town of Bethel and raise money for same.

Art. 44. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to obtain money by loan to pay the debts of the Town and to take up outstanding notes against the Town or to renew the same with new notes, and to execute and deliver the notes of the Town therefor signed by its Treasurer and countersigned by the municipal officers of the Town.

Art. 45. To see if the Town, for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of the Town of Bethel to pay indebtedness of said Town due and to become due during the present municipal year, the same to be paid out of money raised by taxation during the present municipal year, will authorize and direct its Treasurer to borrow from time to time a sum of money, or sums of money, not exceeding \$50,000, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor signed by its Treasurer and countersigned by the municipal officers of the Town.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to sell and convey real estate owned by the town under tax deeds or under tax liens to such persons for such prices and upon such terms as said Selectmen and Treasurer in their judgment and discretion may determine for the best interests of the Town and to execute in behalf of the inhabitants of said Town such deeds or other instruments of conveyance as may be required to complete such sales and conveyances.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of 12 to be known as the Budget Committee.

Art. 48. To choose by ballot the following Town officers for the ensuing year, to wit: Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Three Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, one member of the School Committee for three years, Tax Collector, and Road Commissioner.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session in the Selectmen's Office on Monday, March 5th, 1945 for the purpose of correcting the list of voters from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until time for the polls to close.

Hereof fail not and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this 16th day of February, A. D. 1945.

ERNEST F. BISBEE
CARROLL E. ABBOTT
RODNEY K. HOWE

Selectmen of Bethel

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